

## HORIZON LEAGUE - Raise Your Sights

In its 29th year, the Horizon League continues to aspire toward its goal of being one of the nation's leading athletics conferences while being recognized as a leader in the development of student-athletes as leaders and role models.

The Horizon League membership features ten public and private institutions that have impressive academic reputations and a storied tradition of broad-based athletic programs. Current membership includes Butler University, Cleveland State University, the University of Detroit Mercy, the University of Illinois at Chicago, Loyola University Chicago, Valparaiso University, the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Wright State University and Youngstown State University.

The Horizon League's primary focus is on adding value to the educational experience through its four platforms of athletic performance, academic achievement, community outreach, and personal responsibility and accountability. It is the League's belief that athletics is a powerful and visible resource tool that can be used to enhance student-athletes' collegiate experience. The Horizon League's goals are to enhance the holistic university experience for the student-athlete, to create an affiliation of institutions with similar athletic goals, and to adhere to the principals of integrity, diversity, excellence and growth.

The Horizon League sponsors competition in 19 sports – nine for men (baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, swimming and diving, indoor track and field, outdoor track and field and tennis) and 10 for women (basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, indoor track and field, outdoor track and field, tennis and volleyball). In all sports, all teams participate in their respective postseason League championships regardless of regular-season performance, allowing all student-athletes an opportunity to qualify for NCAA championships. The League receives automatic bids to NCAA championships in baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's golf, men's and women's soccer, softball, men's and women's tennis, and women's volleyball.

The Horizon League is headquartered in Indianapolis, the "Amateur Sports Capital of the World," with offices in the Pan American Plaza (201 S. Capitol Avenue), located across the street from the RCA Dome.

## 2007 Horizon League Recap

### FINAL STANDINGS

	Horizon League			Overall			Home	Away	Neut.
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.			
UIC	21	6	.778	35	21	.625	20-5	14-15	1-2
Wright State	21	9	.700	36	22	.621	15-5	19-17	2-0
Milwaukee	16	14	.533	25	32	.439	12-8	11-22	2-2
Cleveland State	10	17	.370	14	44	.241	7-11	5-29	2-4
Butler	10	20	.333	22	33	.400	9-12	13-19	0-2
Youngstown State	9	21	.300	19	37	.339	6-14	11-21	2-2

### 2007 Horizon League Championship (Chicago, Ill. – Les Miller Field)

#### Wednesday, May 23

No. 4 Cleveland St. 6, No. 5 Butler 1  
No. 3 Milwaukee 16, No. 6 Youngstown St. 6

#### Thursday, May 24

No. 6 Youngstown St. 20, No. 5 Butler 7  
No. 2 Wright St. 17, No. 3 Milwaukee 13  
No. 1 UIC 8, No. 4 Cleveland St. 5

#### Friday, May 25

No. 6 Youngstown St. 15, No. 4 Cleveland St. 9  
No. 3 Milwaukee 9, No. 6 Youngstown St. 0  
No. 1 UIC 13, No. 2 Wright St. 3

#### Saturday, May 26

No. 2 Wright St. 12, No. 3 Milwaukee 11 (11 inn.)  
No. 1 UIC 14, No. 2 Wright St. 2 (championship)

#### 2007 Horizon League All-Tournament Team

Name	School	Yr.
David Cales	UIC	So.
Larry Gempp Jr.	UIC	Sr.
Jeremy Hamilton	Wright State	So.
Jesse Hart	Milwaukee	Jr.
John Koehnlein	Youngstown St.	So.
Dan Luczak	Milwaukee	Jr.
Stephen Procner	Cleveland St.	Sr.
Nick Rainwater	UIC	Sr.
Chad Schroeder	UIC	Sr.
Brian Shoup	Wright St.	Sr.
Ryan Zink	UIC	Jr.

#### Horizon League Tournament MVP:

David Cales, UIC

### 2007 ALL-HORIZON LEAGUE HONOREES

#### 2007 All-Horizon League First Team

Name	School	Yr.	Pos.
Zach Peterson	UIC	Sr.	P
Erich Schanz	Wright St.	Sr.	P
Joe Dempsey	Butler	Sr.	C
Jeremy Hamilton	Wright St.	So.	1B
Jesse Hart	Milwaukee	Jr.	2B
John Koehnlein	YSU	So.	3B
Ross Oeder	Wright St.	Sr.	SS
Dustin Bucalo	Butler	Sr.	OF
Larry Gempp Jr.	UIC	Sr.	OF
Micky Pingree	UIC	Jr.	OF
Justin Parker	Wright St.	So.	DH
Josh Groves	Milwaukee	So.	UT

#### 2007 All-Horizon League Second Team

Name	School	Yr.	Pos.
David Cales	UIC	So.	P
R. Michalkiewicz	Milwaukee	Sr.	P
Gerald Ogrinc	Wright St.	Fr.	C
Jake Carr	UIC	So.	1B
Jason Jamerson	Butler	Fr.	2B
Dan Biedenharn	Wright St.	Jr.	3B
Grant Berkovitz	Milwaukee	Jr.	SS
Rob Brockel	Milwaukee	Sr.	OF
Ross McCoy	Milwaukee	Sr.	OF
Erich Diedrich	YSU	Jr.	DH
Josh Page	YSU	Jr.	UT

#### Player of the Year:

Ross Oeder, Wright State

#### Pitcher of the Year:

Zach Peterson, UIC

#### Relief Pitcher of the Year:

David Cales, UIC

#### Newcomer of the Year:

Micky Pingree, UIC

#### Coach of the Year:

Mike Dee, UIC