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Franklin Pierce Tabbed Favorite in NE-10 Baseball for 2010

South Easton, Mass. – For the third straight year, the Franklin Pierce University baseball team has been selected to claim the 2010 Northeast-10 Regular Season title as voted by the conference’s 14 head coaches. The Ravens collected 11 of the possible 14 first-place votes for 167 points.

Franklin Pierce (37-18, 24-6 NE-10) won its third straight Northeast-10 championship last year after claiming its third regular season title in four years. The Ravens also earned the second seed in the NCAA Division II East Regional and hosted the regional for the fifth straight season.

Northeast-10 newcomer, Adelphi University (34-16, 17-7 ECC) and Southern Connecticut State University (25-20, 20-10 NE-10) both received a total of 139 points and finished tied for second place. Adelphi won the East Coast Conference championship last year and is in its first season as a member of the Northeast-10.

<u>2010 Baseball Preseason Coaches’ Poll</u>			
<u>Rank</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Overall/Conf. 2009 Record</u>
1.	Franklin Pierce (11)	167	37-18/24-6
t-2.	Adelphi	139	34-16/17-7 *
t-2.	So. Connecticut	139	25-20/20-10
4.	UMass Lowell (1)	137	25-21/15-15
5.	New Haven	113	22-21/16-14
6.	Assumption (2)	110	33-21-1/20-9-1
7.	Bentley	106	28-22/19-11
8.	Pace	81	20-30-1/13-17
9.	Stonehill	69	24-22/14-16
t-10.	Saint Rose	57	21-27/14-16
t-10.	So. New Hampshire	57	14-26-1/11-18-1
12.	Saint Anselm	50	16-31/11-19
13.	Merrimack	34	20-27/11-19
14.	American Int’l	15	8-34/6-24

() - First place votes

* Member of the East Coast Conference in 2009

The University of Massachusetts Lowell (25-21, 15-15 NE-10) is slated to finish fourth after picking up one-first place vote and 137 points, while the University of New Haven (22-21, 16-14 NE-10) rounds out the top five with 113 points.

Assumption College (33-21-1, 20-9-1 NE-10) picked up 110 total points, and the final two first-place votes for a sixth place showing, as the Greyhounds edged out Bentley University (28-22, 19-11 NE-10) by four votes. The Falcons are picked to finish seventh after collecting 106 points. Pace University (20-30-1, 13-17 NE-10) received 81 points for an eighth place finish, while Stonehill College (24-22, 14-16 NE-10) is picked for ninth place with 69 points. The College of Saint Rose (21-27, 14-16 NE-10) and Southern New Hampshire University (14-26-1/11-18-1 NE-10) tied for tenth place with 57 points each.

Saint Anselm College (16-31, 11-19 NE-10) is picked to finish 12th with 50 points and is followed by Merrimack College (20-27, 11-19 NE-10) (13th - 34 pts) and American International College (8-34, 6-24 NE-10) (14th - 15 pts).

The 2010 season gets underway on Saturday, Feb. 13 as Bentley travels south to face Rollins College. The next day on Feb. 14, American International and Southern Connecticut jump start their season in Petersburg, Va. (.)

The first Northeast-10 conference contests are slated for Tuesday, March 16 and the Northeast-10 Championship will begin on Thursday, May 6 and will conclude on Sunday, May 9 with the championship final.

For more information on the 2010 season visit the Northeast-10 website throughout the season at www.northeast10.org.

With 16 member institutions the Northeast-10 shares the distinction of being the largest Division II conference in the country along with the PSAC and WVIAC. Its 23 championship sports provide athletic opportunities for over 5,500 student-athletes, the largest such program of any Division II conference.

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