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Navy's Thompson selected as Patriot League Baseball Scholar-Athlete of the Year

Senior outfielder becomes third Mid to earn the honor

CENTER VALLEY, Pa. – Navy senior outfielder **Trevor Thompson** (Kent, Wash./Kentlake) was named the 2005 Patriot League Baseball Scholar-Athlete of the Year by the League's Sports Information Directors. Thompson earned the distinction for the first time in his career and became the third-ever Mid to claim the honor. **Toby Moore** (1995) and **Dean Farmer** (2003) were both Scholar-Athletes of the Year.

Thompson was recently named an *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-American, marking only the fourth time a Patriot League baseball student-athlete has been named to the first team. The history major graduated at the top of his class and left the Naval Academy with a 3.95 cumulative grade point average, after posting a perfect 4.0 GPA in his first seven semesters.

In the fall Thompson was awarded one of 32 Rhodes Scholarships that are handed out each year by the committee of the Rhodes Trust. The 32 recipients were selected from a pool of 904 applicants. The prestigious honor will allow him to study at Oxford University beginning in October of this year. He was also selected into the Navy SEALS program.

On the field Thompson led Navy with a career-high .322 batting average with 37 hits, 14 RBI and six doubles. Thompson was second in the League with his 18 stolen bases. Navy's team captain was named to the All-Patriot League Second Team, after batting .371 in League games.

To be eligible for this award, a student-athlete must have at least a 3.20 cumulative grade point average and be a starter or key player in his/her sport. Freshmen are not eligible for this honor.

The Patriot League, which was founded on the principles of admitting athletes who are academically representative of their class, is in its second decade of academic and athletic excellence. Participation in athletics at Patriot League institutions is viewed as an important component of the undergraduate experience. The Patriot League, which began as a successful Division I-AA football conference in 1986 and became an all-sport conference in 1990, includes American, Army, Bucknell, Colgate, Holy Cross, Lafayette, Lehigh and Navy as full members and three associate members. These institutions are among the oldest and most prestigious in the nation and their alumni have played leadership roles in the shaping of our country. In the most recent NCAA Graduation Rate Report of student-athletes, the Patriot League ranked FIRST among NCAA Division I conferences.