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Omaha, Nebraska – The inaugural Ping!Baseball All Ping! Freshmen Team, Ping! Freshman Player of the Year and Ping! Freshman Pitcher of the Year were announced today by Ping!Baseball. The rosters were selected by the Ping!Baseball staff after countless hours spent searching rosters for the premier freshmen players in the nation. Each year college baseball teams lose hundreds of quality players when their student-athletes graduate or advance their game to the professional level. However every spring a new crop of future stars arises to replenish the lineups. This year's group is especially talented, with a number of competitors being good bets to spend their future summers swinging lumber instead of aluminum in the professional leagues.

This year's offensive team includes the Freshman Player of the Year, North Carolina first baseman Dustin Ackley. Ackley, a Walnut Creek, NC, native, who models his game after another highly lauded first baseman, Pete Rose, has been hitting well over .400 for the entire season with astonishing plate discipline for any player, let alone a freshman. Opposing pitchers have only been able to put Ackley down on strikes sixteen times all season. His ability to put the ball into play has paid off brilliantly for the Heels as they made another run to Omaha. He leads Carolina in nearly every major offensive category including stolen bases.

The rest of the infielders are just as impressive. USC second sacker, Grant Green, hit .316 for the Trojans with double digit doubles and triples. For the hot corner, Ping! selected Hofstra third baseman Matt Prokopowicz. The Pride slugger had similar number to Ackley, batting .416 with only 15 strikeouts in 197 at bats. The final infielder is Mississippi State shortstop Brandon Turner whose talented play was helped the Bulldogs reach the College World Series for the first time since 1998.

Behind the plate, Ping! chose Santa Clara catcher Tommy Medica who hit .373 his first season with the Broncos. The All Ping! outfield is made up of Anthony Gallas of Kent State, Gabe Cohen, of UCLA and Miami Hurricane Mark Sobolewski. The young trio combined to hit .342 with nearly 30 homeruns and each had at least 20 extra base hits. Richard Jones from the Citadel, who mashed 15 homeruns for the Bulldogs, was named the All Ping! designated hitter. Jace Brinkerhoff from Utah Valley State batted .371 when playing third base and also pitched in 12 games, throwing two complete games to help lead the Wolverines to their highest win total since their move to Division I, and was named the First Team utility player.

On the mound, Vanderbilt's Mike Minor was named the Ping! Freshman Pitcher of the Year by the slightest margin over Rice's Ryan Berry. Both hurlers were major reasons their teams were consistently at the top of the rankings since the first pitch of the season. The tandem combined to go 20-3 with more strikeouts (207) and innings pitched (206.2). The Louisville Cardinals may not be headed to Omaha for the first time in school history if it weren't for their freshman ace Justin Marks who went 8-2 and only allowed 66 hits in 93 innings pitched. Arizona State's Mike Leake will also be making the trip to the College World Series in his debut season. The Sundevil hurler has gone 13-1 this season and will be looking to get his 14<sup>th</sup> victory in Rosenblatt Stadium. Other starting pitchers who earned First Team honors include Rex Brothers from Lipscomb who was also named the Atlantic Sun Freshman of the Year, Brad Boxberger of USC who was the Trojans Friday starter for most of the season and Eric Erickson from Miami of Florida who went 10-4 in his first year with a 2.50 ERA.

First team relievers include Matt Bischoff of Purdue, AJ Griffin of San Diego and Stephen Strasburg who closed games for San Diego State. Bischoff, who was named 2007 Big Ten Freshman of the Year, was 3-2 this season with a 2.85 earned-run average and allowed only eight walks in 60 innings pitched. Griffin earned six wins and 11 saves for the Toreros during their breakout season and Strasburg showed a Tony Gwynn coached team can pitch as well as hit, emerging as one of the top closers in the Mountain West Conference, earning co-Freshman of the Year honors and second-team all-MWC accolades.

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## FRESHMEN TEAM 2007

### 2007 Statistics

Catcher	AVE	G	GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	K	SB
Medica, Tommy, Santa Clara	0.373	44	41	161	32	60	9	4	1	23	6	15	5
Second Team													
Cortez, Cole, Jacksonville State	0.357	42	36	126	27	45	8	4	0	31	15	14	14
Klocke, Jim, Southeast Missouri State	0.324	56	56	179	38	58	10	0	4	38	34	13	3
Third Team													
Whitmer, Jace, Kennesaw State	0.293	51	51	191	26	56	13	1	4	43	28	35	1
Lugbauer, Myckie, Maine	0.301	45	41	153	20	46	9	1	5	27	15	31	1
Honorable Mention: Prince, Josh, Texas; Smith, Drew, Saint Josephs; Petro, Danny, Eastern Tennessee; Ochinko, Sean, LSU; Peppenhorst, Kory, Eastern Illinois													
First Base	AVE	G	GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	K	SB
Ackley, Dustin, North Carolina	0.427	63	63	255	63	109	19	3	7	65	24	16	10
Second Team													
Bour, Justin, George Mason	0.366	53	51	202	40	74	17	3	13	50	6	24	0
Kort, Shaun, Nevada	0.392	59	57	222	44	87	17	4	6	50	28	31	5
Third Team													
Krauss, Marc, Ohio	0.369	52	48	187	41	69	19	1	8	42	35	37	6
Gomes, Yan, Tennessee	0.310	59	59	226	48	70	11	0	8	47	31	46	4
Honorable Mention: Aona, Bucky, Southen Utah; Eward, Chris, George Washington; Clayton Tom, Youngstown State													
Second Base	AVE	G	GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	K	SB
Green, Grant, Southern California	0.316	56	56	228	42	72	14	10	2	24	25	51	6
Second Team													
Wells, Randy, Saint Marys	0.354	44	42	178	26	63	11	3	1	37	6	27	5
Thompson, TJ, North Florida	0.326	41	32	132	20	43	10	1	1	23	16	13	1
Third Team													
Hood, Jordin, Northern Illinois	0.294	52	49	194	32	57	8	3	6	29	12	24	11
Zebroski, Tom, George Washington	0.314	52	48	169	32	53	4	0	0	23	19	14	11
Honorable Mention: Brooks, Robert, Auburn; Yoder, Ben, Bucknell; Kovanda, Cory, Ohio State; Carden, Mark, IPFW													
Third Base	AVE	G	GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	K	SB
Prokopowicz, Matt, Hofstra	0.416	54	54	197	41	82	11	1	6	52	17	15	8
Second Team													
Pollock, AJ, Notre Dame	0.372	54	52	196	39	73	7	2	3	28	32	18	11
Stidham, Jason, Florida State	0.366	61	61	235	59	86	17	3	6	48	30	35	5
Third Team													
Powers, Conor, Mississippi State	0.300	54	51	203	37	61	12	2	7	34	14	53	0
Parker, Steve, BYU	0.347	55	55	196	40	68	13	4	6	38	35	52	6
Honorable Mention: Dominguez, Chris, Louisville; Opachich, Chuck, Jacksonville; Campbell, Raynor, Baylor; Belfonte, DJ, Nebraska													

Shortstop	AVE	G	GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	K	SB
Turner, Brandon, Mississippi State	0.402	52	48	194	45	78	12	1	2	44	15	25	4
Second Team													
Figuroa, Cole, Florida	0.332	58	58	262	48	87	12	0	11	50	19	29	7
Knight, Austin, Dallas Baptist	0.338	56	56	213	59	72	12	2	1	43	51	33	6
Third Team													
Bellows, Kyle, San Jose State	0.343	60	60	236	48	81	14	0	6	47	24	41	3
Javis, Brandon, Savannah State	0.321	53	53	196	42	63	14	2	7	36	23	18	13
Honorable Mention: Abel, Robert, Arizona; Randhawa, KJ, Air Force													
Outfield	AVE	G	GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	K	SB
Gallas, Anthony, Kent State	0.332	57	55	211	44	70	14	1	10	46	32	52	4
Cohen, Gabe, UCLA	0.348	54	49	198	34	69	11	0	10	36	16	46	4
Sobolewski, Mark, Miami FL	0.347	60	60	251	46	87	16	1	7	52	17	56	14
Second Team													
Songco, Angelo, Loyola Marymount	0.321	56	54	193	36	62	22	3	4	33	30	37	5
Choy, Ian, Canisius	0.358	51	46	173	15	62	12	1	1	26	22	17	2
Henry, Jordan, Mississippi	0.375	63	62	253	59	95	4	2	1	17	22	20	12
Kemp, Brian, St. Johns	0.348	56	56	230	53	80	10	2	1	33	16	24	25
Fedroff, Tim, North Carolina	0.358	54	47	173	44	62	7	5	4	36	18	16	5
Gonzales, Joey, UC Riverside	0.356	54	41	180	41	64	14	0	2	19	19	31	9
Third Team													
Kuzdale, Robby, Hight Point	0.330	57	57	227	51	75	14	3	4	38	22	24	18
Dean, Blake, LSU	0.316	56	56	206	30	65	12	3	7	47	20	25	1
Richard, Myrio, Prarie View A&M	0.329	53	45	155	45	51	10	2	4	35	11	22	23
Foltz, Alex, James Madison	0.309	52	50	175	33	54	9	2	2	15	19	17	20
Roberts, Chris, Michigan State	0.331	44	43	145	23	48	6	1	2	27	19	18	3
Pilkington, Derek, New Mexico	0.342	41	34	120	21	41	9	3	2	16	19	35	3
Roberts, Aaron, Southern Illinois	0.349	56	55	218	52	76	5	1	0	17	19	28	13
Pizzuto, Bobby, Buffalo	0.314	44	41	172	25	54	4	2	1	26	10	27	12
Malloy, John, LaSalle	0.327	48	47	211	28	69	17	2	1	18	14	21	5
Honorable Mention: Smith, Kyle, Texas Southern; Coleman, Trevor, Missouri; Yoder, Luke, Cal Poly; Santomauro, Nick, Dartmouth; Smith, Blake, California; Evans, Darryl, Florida A&M; Wells, Stephen, BYU													
Designated Hitter	AVE	G	GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	K	SB
Jones, Richard, The Citadel	0.335	57	49	200	41	67	11	3	15	61	14	60	2
Second Team													
Roller, Kyle, Eastern Carolina	0.306	39	28	111	22	34	2	2	11	30	16	20	1
Schwamer, Nick, New Orleans	0.353	48	52	133	25	47	3	3	4	23	9	26	3
Third Team													
Palincsar, Tim, UT San Antonio	0.304	58	54	207	56	63	13	3	6	37	30	48	13
Stephan, Michael, Stonybrook	0.328	48	44	134	36	44	7	0	3	16	26	18	0
Honorable Mention: Catricala, Vinnie, Hawaii; Madigan, Sean, UC Irvine; Anderson, Billy, Central Michigan													
Utility	AVE	G	GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	K	SB
Brinkerhoff, Jace, Utah Valley State	0.371	45	42	167	37	62	12	1	4	26	10	31	2
Second Team													
Gilmartin, Mike, Wofford	0.313	57	57	240	51	75	9	0	13	47	18	41	3
Browning, Matt, James Madison	0.393	41	22	107	15	42	10	0	4	31	9	17	1

Third Team													
Allotti, Anthony, Saint Marys	0.320	50	50	172	23	55	2	0	1	37	30	38	2
Kimble, Scott, Longwood	0.336	49	46	149	35	50	9	1	2	29	7	25	9
Honorable Mention: Henderson, Chris, George Mason; Lee, Drew, Morehead State; Derbak, Richie, Eastern Illinois; Dorrell, Wes, Cal Poly; McGrew, Casey, Wright State; Palumbo, Dan, Lockwood, Jeff, Tennessee													

Pitchers	ERA	W	L	APP	GS	CG	SH	SV	IP	H	BB	K
Berry, Ryan, Rice	2.71	11	2	21	18	1	0	0	116.1	102	32	119
Brothers, Rex, Lipscomb	3.51	7	4	16	16	1	0	0	95.0	68	57	93
Marks, Justin, Louisville	2.61	8	2	17	16	0	0	0	93.0	66	29	77
Boxberger, Brad, USC	3.20	3	5	14	14	0	0	0	90.0	78	34	72
Minor, Mike, Vanderbilt	3.09	9	1	19	14	0	0	2	90.1	76	18	88
Erickson, Eric, Miami FL	2.50	10	4	16	13	0	0	1	90.0	84	16	63
Leake, Mike, Arizona State	3.57	13	1	22	11	2	0	1	110.2	101	27	85
Bischoff, Matt, Purdue	2.85	3	2	14	6	1	1	2	60.0	55	8	61
Griffin AJ, San Diego	2.70	6	2	34	0	0	0	11	63.1	49	23	65
Strasburg, Stephen, San Diego State	2.43	1	3	25	0	0	0	7	37.0	18	15	47

Second Team													
	ERA	W	L	APP	GS	CG	SH	SV	IP	H	BB	K	
Crnkovich, Steve, UIC	2.39	4	4	18	15	2	0	0	94.0	90	17	54	
Musick, Wes, Houston	3.00	6	5	15	15	0	0	0	93.0	87	34	73	
Buch, Ryan, Monmouth	2.44	9	2	14	13	1	0	0	81.0	67	37	76	
Marciel, Wally, Kansas	3.94	5	3	19	10	0	0	0	59.1	60	18	47	
Roth, Todd, Penn	1.98	6	2	13	9	7	2	0	68.1	57	14	62	
McCully, Nick, Coastal Carolina	3.48	7	3	23	8	0	0	4	54.1	47	18	43	
Claypool, Garrett, UCLA	3.54	3	1	24	7	0	0	4	53.1	44	18	35	
Pendergast, Brian, Manhtattan	3.05	8	1	21	2	0	0	5	56.0	49	17	43	
Kelly, Joe, UC Riverside	1.32	3	1	22	0	0	0	6	27.1	28	11	19	
Matta, Mike, Mount Saint Marys	2.37	4	3	22	0	0	0	8	30.1	33	11	17	
Robinson, Dakota, Centenary	3.16	2	4	30	0	0	0	4	57.0	55	7	37	
Seander, Michael, Duke	1.61	0	2	28	0	0	0	9	50.1	43	12	46	

Third Team													
	ERA	W	L	APP	GS	CG	SH	SV	IP	H	BB	K	
Wymer, Josh, UT Pan American	3.74	5	7	16	16	4	0	0	110.2	106	45	65	
Cropper, Daniel, UNC Wilmington	3.75	5	5	15	15	1	1	0	84.0	80	22	54	
Zielinski, Matt, Richmond	3.30	6	5	15	14	1	0	0	90.0	94	29	70	
Carter, Bart, Western Kentucky	4.13	6	5	19	12	2	1	0	85.0	82	37	64	
Heckathorn, Kyle, Kennesaw State	3.31	4	2	11	11	0	0	0	68.0	60	24	77	
Dechert, Justin, Stetson	4.65	6	3	27	7	0	0	4	69.2	68	28	45	
Perlman, Max, Harvard	2.91	5	1	7	6	3	1	0	43.1	40	8	30	
Valcarcel, Miguel, St. Johns	3.60	6	2	13	6	0	0	0	40.0	39	10	28	
Altbach, Brad, Bradley	2.66	7	2	22	4	0	0	5	61.0	56	22	37	
Toohey, Jake, Illinois	3.63	2	1	22	1	0	0	7	34.2	30	12	30	

Honorable Mention: Tootle, Ben, Jacksonville State; Nathan Baker, Mississippi; Tony Sedlmeyer, Purdue; Dallas Keuchel, Arkansas; Wheeler, Tim, Troy