



2007 WCC/Rawlings All-Conference Baseball Team

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WCC ANNOUNCES ALL-CONFERENCE BASEBALL HONORS

The University of San Diego was rewarded for capturing the WCC regular season title, as senior Shane Buschini was named WCC Player of the Year and Head Coach Rich Hill earned WCC Coach of the Year recognition. Gonzaga right-hander Clayton Mortensen was tabbed for WCC Pitcher of the Year honors, and LMU's Angelo Songco was named WCC Freshman of the Year.

Buschini, an All-WCC first team selection for the second time in his career, becomes just the third Torero to earn WCC Player of the Year honors and the first since WCC/Rawlings 40th Anniversary Team honoree Kevin Herde took home the award in 1993. The San Ramon, CA native turned in a dominant senior campaign, leading the conference with 13 home runs and collecting 55 RBI to rank second in the league. Buschini was even more dominant against conference opponents, pacing the circuit in batting (.418), RBI (26), total bases (55), on base percentage (.500), and slugging percentage (.696) during league play.

Mortensen becomes the first Gonzaga hurler to take home WCC Pitcher of the Year honors after leading the Zags to their first WCC Championship Series since 2001. The senior was outstanding in conference play, posting a perfect 6-0 record in seven starts against league competition. The Rexburg, ID native brandished a 1.60 ERA that ranked second in conference play, and struck out a circuit-best 63 WCC batters. Mortensen notched an 8-2 mark overall, and struck out 116 batters on the season, the fourth-highest single-season total in Gonzaga program history.

Songco is the eighth WCC Freshman of the Year to come from the Loyola Marymount campus, and the first since Sean Smith earned the award following the 2003 season. Songco enjoyed a stellar rookie campaign, batting .321 on the season, including a .392 clip in conference play. The Granada Hills, CA native pounded out a WCC-best 22 doubles on the season, tying him for eighth place on the LMU single-season doubles list, and tied for the league lead with 10 two-baggers in WCC action. In conference play, he ranked second in the WCC in slugging percentage (.635) and sixth in on base percentage (.464).

Hill was tabbed for Coach of the Year honors for the second time in his career, previously earning the distinction in 2002. Hill guided the Toreros to a record-setting campaign, as USD set a program mark with 41 wins and captured the WCC regular season title for the first time. The San Diego squad also garnered a USD-record No. 5 national ranking, and reeled off 17 straight victories against WCC opponents during the 2007 campaign.

The WCC All-Conference team includes eight Toreros and five Pepperdine players, while Gonzaga and San Francisco each placed four players on the All-WCC Team.

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Shane Buschini, San Diego
PITCHER OF THE YEAR: Clayton Mortensen, Gonzaga
FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR: Angelo Songco, LMU
COACH OF THE YEAR: Rich Hill, San Diego

All-WCC Team	School	Pos	Yr	Hometown
Jordan Abruzzo [#]	San Diego	C	SR	El Cajon, Calif.
James Allan	Portland	DH	SR	Gresham, Ore.
Mitchell Bialosky [#]	San Francisco	1B	SR	Yorba Linda, Calif.
Donald Brown	Pepperdine	OF	JR	Camarillo, Calif.
Shane Buschini ^{**}	San Diego	OF	SR	San Ramon, Calif.
Matt Couch	San Diego	RHP	JR	Sacramento, Calif.
Barry Enright ^{**}	Pepperdine	RHP	JR	Stockton, Calif.
Logan Gelbrich	San Diego	DH	JR	Los Angeles, Calif.
AJ Griffin	San Diego	RHP	FR	El Cajon, Calif.
Darin Holcomb	Gonzaga	3B	JR	Spokane, Wash.
Jonnie Knoble [#]	San Francisco	OF	SR	Sandy, Utah
Brian Matusz [#]	San Diego	LHP	SO	Cave Creek, Ariz.
Tommy Medica [#]	Santa Clara	C	FR	San Jose, Calif.
Brad Meyers	LMU	RHP	JR	Yorba Linda, Calif.
Clayton Mortensen [#]	Gonzaga	RHP	SR	Rexburg, Idaho
Jon Norfolk	San Francisco	C	SR	Riverside, Calif.
Adam Olbrychowski	Pepperdine	RHP	JR	Los Angeles, Calif.
Adrian Ortiz	Pepperdine	OF	JR	Bayamon, P.R.
Aaron Poreda [*]	San Francisco	LHP	JR	Moraga, Calif.
Josh Romanski [#]	San Diego	UT	SO	Corona, Calif.
Justin Snyder [#]	San Diego	2B	JR	El Cajon, Calif.
Angelo Songco [#]	LMU	OF	FR	Granada Hills, Calif.
Shawn Wayt [#]	Gonzaga	OF	JR	Beaverton, Ore.
Ryan Wiegand [#]	Gonzaga	1B	SO	San Diego, Calif.
Danny Worth	Pepperdine	SS	JR	Valencia, Calif.

**Previous Times an All-WCC First Team Pick*

***Unanimous Selection*

All-Freshman Team

Nate Garcia	Santa Clara	RHP		Santa Clara, Calif.
AJ Griffin	San Diego	RHP		El Cajon, Calif.
Steve Kalush	Santa Clara	RHP		San Mateo, Calif.
Tommy Medica	Santa Clara	C		San Jose, Calif.
Derek Poppert	San Francisco	3B		Walnut Creek, Calif.
Travis Tartamella	Pepperdine	C		Alta Loma, Calif.
Alex Rivers	Santa Clara	RHP		Lodi, Calif.
Angelo Songco	LMU	OF		Granada Hills, Calif.
Jeremy Stumetz	Gonzaga	RHP		Richland, Wash.
Randy Wells	Saint Mary's	2B		Pittsburg, Calif.

Honorable Mention

GON- Brandon Harmon, Aaron McGuinness, Mike Terry; **LMU-** Eric Farris, DeAndre Miller; **PEP-** Jason Dominguez; **POR-** David Gruener, Given Kutz; **SMC-** JP Musgrove; **USD-** Kevin Hansen, Daniel Magness; **USF-** Brian Chavez, Jason Dufloth, Derek Poppert; **SCU-** Gabe Alcantar, Ryan Conan, Matt Wickswat