

2011 RHODE ISLAND BASEBALL SEASON RECAP

Team Notes

For the second time in the last three years, URI has had the best RPI in the Atlantic 10, checking in at #70 this year and #55 in 2009. Since Jim Foster became head coach in 2006, Rhody has had the league's best RPI three times (2011, 2009, 2006). The other three seasons (2010, 2008, 2007), Charlotte was the conference's top team.

Making their league-leading ninth consecutive appearance at the Atlantic 10 Championship, the Rams - who were picked to finish fifth in the preseason coaches poll - earned a first-round bye for the second time in three years by way of their second-place (16-8) finish in conference play.

With a combined 130 wins since the beginning of the 2008 season, this year's senior class became the winningest class in Rhode Island baseball history.

Additionally, the Rhody Baseball Class of 2011 is URI's first ever to post four consecutive 30-win seasons.

URI's series at Florida marked the second consecutive season where the Rams traveled to take on the No. 1 team in the country as the 2010 squad made the trip to Charlottesville for a three-game set with the top-ranked Virginia Cavaliers.

The Rams also traveled to Columbia, S.C. for a March 23 matchup against the defending National Champion South Carolina Gamecocks, who went on to capture the 2011 NCAA Baseball title in a best-of-three series against Florida.

Head coach Jim Foster's Rams have competed against four of the eight teams that advanced to Omaha for the 2011 College World Series. URI traveled to California in 2007, Virginia in 2010 and both Florida and South Carolina in 2011.

Rhody has collected seven victories over nationally-ranked teams in the last three years. This past season, the Rams picked up a pair of wins over No. 19 Connecticut (18-3) and No. 20 College of Charleston (3-2). The 2010 Rams took two-of-three games from No. 27 Charlotte (6-2 and 5-3). In 2009, Rhode Island posted a 3-0 victory at No. 8 Miami (Fla.) while also downing No. 11 Oklahoma State (5-4) and No. 25 Ohio State (8-6).

Newly Established Team Records

Triples (Season): 24 (2011)

Four-Year Win Total: 130 (Class of 2011)

Individual Honors & Awards

Jim Foster: Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year, NEIBA All-Star Game Manager

Milan Adams: Johnny Bench Award Preseason Watch List

Greg Annarummo: CB360 Primetime Performers Weekly Honor Roll (3/23), Atlantic 10 Player of the Week (4/4), ECAC Player of the Week (4/5), Atlantic 10 First Team, NEIBA All-New England Second Team

Kyle Borden: Baseball America's Preseason All-Conference Team, NEIBA All-New England Second Team

Kenny Burns: Joe Abarr Unsung Hero Award

Jeff Cammans: Atlantic 10 Player of the Week (3/1), Atlantic 10 Second Team, Atlantic 10 All-Championship Team, NEIBA All-New England Second Team

Tom Coulombe: Atlantic 10's Best Pure Hitter - CollegeBaseballInsider.com Preseason Preview of the A-10, Baseball America's Preseason Player of the Year in the A-10, Baseball America's Preseason All-Conference Team, NEIBA All-New England First Team

Ken Graveline: Baseball America's Preseason All-Conference Team

Dan Haverstick: Atlantic 10 Player of the Week (5/9)

Gardner Leaver: National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) Stopper of the Year Preseason Watch List

Mike LeBel: Atlantic 10's Best Infield Arm - CollegeBaseballInsider.com Preseason Preview of the A-10, Baseball America's Preseason All-Conference Team, Baseball America's Top-5 MLB Draft Prospects from the Atlantic 10, Atlantic 10 Second Team, Atlantic 10 All-Academic Team

Jeff Roy: Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week (3/21, 4/18), Atlantic 10 All-Rookie Team

Stephen Peterson: Atlantic 10 Pitcher of the Week (4/18), Atlantic 10 Second Team, NEIBA All-New England Second Team, Rick Ligi MVP Award, Signed with Milwaukee Brewers

Newly Established Individual Records

Runs Scored (Career): 159, Tom Coulombe (2008-11)

Doubles (Game): 3, Tom Coulombe vs. Connecticut (3/18/11)

Home Runs (Career): 24, Mike LeBel (2009-11)

Sacrifices (Season): 15, Tom Coulombe (2011)

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