



2009 WCC/Rawlings All-Conference Baseball Team

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WCC ANNOUNCES ALL-CONFERENCE BASEBALL HONORS

Four different West Coast Conference programs shared in the All-Conference individual honors, with San Diego's James Meador and Gonzaga's Matt Fields highlighting this year's honorees. Meador and Fields were near unanimous selections as WCC Player and Pitcher of the Year, respectively, while Saint Mary's Troy Channing was a unanimous selection for Freshman of the Year honors, and Pepperdine's Denny Duron took home the second-ever WCC Defensive Player of the Year award. Gonzaga Head Coach Mark Machtolf was named WCC Coach of the Year after leading the Zags to the program's first ever regular season crown.

Meador is the second Torero in three year's to win the conference's top award and the fourth overall. He had a highly productive 2009 campaign as he led the league in batting (.438) hits (39), and total bases (60) during conference play. He was also tied for fifth in RBI (23) and was third in doubles (9) during league play. He was extremely consistent for San Diego as he recorded multiple hits in 15 of 21 league games. Overall, Meador was fourth in the league in batting (.376) and was second in hits (80). The Ramona, CA native was just two hits and three doubles away from entering the Toreros' all-time single season list.

Fields is the second Bulldog to win Pitcher of the Year in three years, following Clayton Mortensen in 2007. He completed conference play with an undefeated 5-0 record to go along with a 2.81 ERA. Overall, Fields finished the season with a 7-1 record and ranked second in the league in ERA at 2.85. Throughout the season he only allowed four earned runs once and didnt allow more than three in any other game that he started and went at least five innings in every game. He also recorded one complete game shutout this season.

Channing is the third Gael to win the award as the conference's top freshman. He had one of the most successfull rookie campaigns in WCC history as he almost became just the third player in conference history to win the Triple Crown, finishing the season ranked first in the league in home runs (20), RBI (75), and second in batting average (.379). Channing also led all freshman nationally in home runs, RBI, total bases (149), and slugging percentage (.723).

Machtolf won the Coach of the Year Award for the second time in Gonzaga history after leading the Zags to their first ever WCC regular seson title. He also guided Gonzaga to its third straight 30+ win season for the first time in program history since joining the WCC. It also marks the first time the school will be hosting the WCC Championship Series.

Duron was named the WCC's Defensive Player of the Year in its second year of existence. He committed just three errors all season and only one during conference play, while compiling a .982 fielding percentage.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: James Meador, San Diego
PITCHER OF THE YEAR: Matt Fields, Gonzaga
FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR: Troy Channing, Saint Mary's
COACH OF THE YEAR: Mark Machtolf, Gonzaga
DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Denny Duron, Pepperdine

All-WCC Team	School	Pos	Yr	Hometown
Dane Braunecker	San Francisco	3B	SR	El Segundo, Calif.
Matt Bywater	Pepperdine	LHP	SO	Thousand Oaks, Calif.
Troy Channing	Saint Mary's	3B	FR	Pleasanton, Calif.
Matt Fields #	Gonzaga	RHP	SR	Everett, Wash.
Nate Garcia *	Santa Clara	RHP	JR	Santa Clara, Calif.
Nick Gaudi *	Pepperdine	RHP	SR	Lancaster, Calif.
A.J. Griffin **	San Diego	RHP	JR	El Cajon, Calif.
Kyle Jensen *	Saint Mary's	OF	JR	Stockton, Calif.
Drew Johnson	San Francisco	OF	SR	Reno, Nev.
Jonathan Johnson	LMU	2B	SO	Lakewood, Calif.
Brian Justice	Saint Mary's	RHP	SR	Issaquah, Wash.
Jon Karcich	Santa Clara	SS	JR	Belmont, Calif.
Zach Kim #	San Francisco	OF	SR	Castro Valley, Calif.
Geoff Klein #	Santa Clara	C	JR	Huntington Beach, Calif.
James Meador # *	San Diego	OF	JR	Ramona, Calif.
Doug Murray #	San Francisco	RHP	JR	El Cerrito, Calif.
Sean Nicol #	San Diego	SS	SR	Scottsdale, Ariz.
Derek Poppert	San Francisco	SS	JR	Walnut Creek, Calif.
Lee Roberts #	LMU	RHP	SR	Hermosa Beach, Calif.
Nate Simon #	Pepperdine	OF	SR	Duval, Wash.
Anthony Synegal	Gonzaga	OF	SR	Hollister, Calif.
Tyson Van Winkle #	Gonzaga	C	JR	Vancouver, Wash.
Zach Walters	San Diego	3B	SO	Las Vegas, Nev.
Ryan Wheeler # *	LMU	1B	JR	Torrance, Calif.
Ryan Wiegand # *	Gonzaga	1B	SR	San Diego, Calif.

*Previous Times an All-WCC First Team Pick

#Unanimous Selection

All-Freshman Team

Kyle Barraclough	Saint Mary's	RHP	Santa Clara, Calif.
Andrew Biancardi	Santa Clara	OF	Aptos, Calif.
Troy Channing	Saint Mary's	3B	Pleasanton, Calif.
Cole Cook	Pepperdine	RHP	Los Angeles, Calif.
Bryan Haar	San Diego	1B	San Diego, Calif.
Ryan Hawthorne	LMU	OF	Granada Hills, Calif.
Brian Humphries	Pepperdine	OF	El Cajon, Calif.
Kris Kauppila	Portland	SS	Glendale, Calif.
Kyle Kraus	Portland	RHP	West Linn, Ore.
Shon Roe	LMU	SS	Palmdale, Calif.

Honorable Mention

GON- Steven Ames; **LMU-** T.J. Bernardy, Ryan Hawthorne, Shon Roe, Kyle Spraker; **PEP-** Scott Alexander, Bryce Uhrig; **POR-** Cort Carpenter, Riley Henricks, Kris Kauppila, Zach Varce; **SMC-** Anthony Aliotti, Brandon Berl, Cory Miller; **USD-** Nick McCoy; **USF-** Bobby Ethel, Matt Hiserman; **SCU-** Matt Long