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THE ROGER CLEMENS AWARD

COLLEGE BASEBALL'S PITCHER OF THE YEAR

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HOUSTON – Sixty-two of the best pitchers in collegiate baseball, including 12 who earned all-America status in 2006, have been named to the preseason watch list for the fourth annual Roger Clemens Award.

Heading the list are 2006 first-team all-Americans **Wes Roemer** of Cal. State Fullerton and **Cole St.Clair** of Rice. Roemer was 13-2 with a 2.38 earned run average to take Big West Conference pitcher of the year honors as a sophomore in 2006. A reliever as a sophomore in '06, St.Clair helped the Owls to a deep College World Series run in Omaha, Neb., last June with a 7-2 record, 1.82 ERA and 11 saves. With the USA National team which won the FISU World University Championship in Havana, Cuba, St.Clair was 4-0 with a 0.69 ERA and three saves.

Also on the preseason list is Vanderbilt all-America **David Price**, named *Baseball America's* summer player of the year. The 6-6 left-hander was 5-1 with a 0.20 ERA and 61 strikeouts for Team USA.

Second-team selections from 2006 named to the '07 watch list are **Sean Doolittle** of Virginia, **Jake Arrieta** of Texas Christian, **Joshua Fields** of Georgia, and **Nick Chigges** of the College of Charleston.

Players from 22 NCAA Division 1 conferences are on the list, including 10 players each from the Atlantic Coast and Southeastern conferences. Twelve schools have two players listed: Alabama, Arkansas, Army, Notre Dame, Ohio State, Pepperdine, Rice, TCU, Texas, Tulane, UC-Irvine and Wichita State.

Previous winners of the Roger Clemens Award were **Jered Weaver** of Long Beach State (2004), **Luke Hochevar** of Tennessee (2005) and **Andrew Miller** of North Carolina (2006).

The finalists for the 2007 Roger Clemens Award will be selected in voting by a national panel that includes: all Division 1 head baseball coaches, a selection of national media who cover collegiate baseball, the 16 winners of the R. E. "Bob" Smith Award, which was presented to the top player in the country in Houston in 1988-2003. In addition, the 10 previous finalists for the Clemens Award are also issued ballots. The 2007 award will be presented at a gala dinner next July.

The Roger Clemens Award was named after future Hall of Famer **Roger Clemens**, who began his march to stardom while leading the University of Texas to the College World Series title in 1983. As a major leaguer, Clemens has won 348 games (eighth best in history), fanned more than 4,600 hitters and won seven Cy Young Awards, emblematic as the top pitcher in his league. The Roger Clemens Award is the only award of its kind, honoring the finest pitchers in college baseball.

The event is administered by the Greater Houston Baseball Association, which has donated more than \$300,000 to the charities from the net proceeds from the first three dinners. The GHBA is a non-profit 501.3 (C) organization dedicated to the growth of amateur baseball in the Houston area.



2007 Roger Clemens Award Watch List

College Baseball's Pitcher of the Year

Atlantic Coast Conference

Andrew Brackman – Jr. - North Carolina State
Andrew Carnigan – Jr. – North Carolina
Brett Cecil – Jr. – Maryland
Sean Doolittle – Jr. – Virginia
Brian Henry – Sr. – Florida State
Ben Hunter – Jr. – Wake Forest
Scott Maine – Jr. – Miami (Fla.)
Daniel Moskos – Jr. – Clemson
Jacob Thompson - Soph. – Virginia
Luke Tucker – Sr. - Florida State

Atlantic Sun Conference

Matt Dobbins – Jr. – Jacksonville
Robbie Elsemiller – Jr. – Stetson
Chris Manning – Jr. – Belmont

Atlantic 10 Conference

Jaime Degidio – Jr. – Rhode Island

Big East Conference

Scott Barnes – Soph. – St. John's
Wade Korpi – Jr. – Notre Dame
Kyle Weiland – Soph. – Notre Dame

Big South Conference

Alex Wilson – Soph. – Winthrop

Big 10 Conference

Greg DeLucia – Sr. – Ohio State
Chris Fetter - Soph. - Michigan
J.B. Shuck - Soph. - Ohio State

Big 12 Conference

Randy Boone – Sr. - Texas
Kenn Kasperek – Jr. – Texas
Tony Watson – Jr. - Nebraska

Big West Conference

Blair Erickson – Sr. – UC Irvine
Scott Gorgen - Soph. – UC Irvine
Wes Roemer – Jr. – Cal. State Fullerton
James Simmons – Jr. - UC Riverside

Conference USA

Shooter Hunt – Soph. - Tulane
Daniel Latham – Sr. – Tulane
Joe Savery – Jr. - Rice
Cole St.Clair – Jr. – Rice

Ivy League

Christian Staehely – Jr. – Princeton

Mid-American Conference

Kyle Heyne – Jr. – Ball State

Mid-Continent Conference

Chris Ashman – Sr. – Oral Roberts

Missouri Valley Conference

Aaron Jenkins – Jr. – Northern Iowa
Ross Detwiler – Jr. - Missouri State
Aaron Shafer – Soph. - Wichita State
Damon Sublett – Jr. - Wichita State

Mountain West Conference

Jake Arrieta – Jr. – TCU
Seth Garrison – Jr. - TCU

Northeast Conference

Brad Brach – Jr. – Monmouth

Ohio Valley Conference

Christian Friedrich – Soph. - Eastern Kentucky

Pacific 10 Conference

Elliott Cribby – Jr. – Washington
Eddie Kunz – Sr. - Oregon State

Patriot League

Milan Dinga – Jr. – Army
Mitch Harris – Jr. – Navy
Cole White – Jr. – Army

Southeastern Conference

Tommy Hunter – Soph. – Alabama
Greg Dombrowski – Jr. – Kentucky
Joshua Fields – Jr. – Georgia
Charlie Furbush – Jr. - LSU
Tommy Hunter - Soph. - Alabama
Will Kline – Jr. – Mississippi
Justin Pigott – Jr. – Mississippi State
David Price – Jr. – Vanderbilt
Nick Schmidt – Jr. – Arkansas
Jess Todd – Jr. – Arkansas

Southern Conference

Nick Chigges – Sr. – Coll. Of Charleston

Sun Belt Conference

Josh Dew – Jr. – Troy
Hunter Moody – Jr. – Louisiana-Lafayette

West Coast Conference

Benny Enright – Jr. – Pepperdine
Brett Hunter – Soph. – Pepperdine
Brian Matusz - Soph. - San Diego
Brad Meyers - Jr. - Loyola Marymount
Aaron Peroda – Jr. – San Francisco
Mark Willinsky – Soph. – Santa Clara