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## **2008 DAKTRONICS ALL-NORTH CENTRAL REGION TEAM**

***MINARD AND CRAVENS NAMED PLAYER AND PITCHER OF THE YEAR***

**INDIANAPOLIS** – Saint Joseph's led all teams with six players on the Daktronics, Inc. All-North Central Region baseball teams released on Wednesday. The Pumas placed five student-athletes on the first team.

Saint Joseph's Blaine Cravens was selected as the North Central Region Pitcher of the Year and Ashland's Ben Minard was tapped the region's Player of the Year in a vote of sports information directors.

Cravens, a senior from Buffalo, Illinois, has led the Pumas to a 44-16 record and 24-8 Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) mark. He is 8-2 overall and has posted a 2.00 earned run average. Cravens, in 67 2/3 innings, has limited opponents to a .271 batting average while striking out 6.65 per nine innings.

He was named the GLVC Pitcher of the Year and leads the league in earned run average. Cravens has led the Pumas to the No. 2 seed for the NCAA Division II North Central Regional and has accumulated three complete games and two shutouts.

Minard is batting .459 this season and has led the Eagles to the North Central Regional as the No. 4 seed. The 2008 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Player of the Year is ranked fourth in the country in batting average and has belted eight home runs, 12 doubles and racked up 52 RBI and 42 runs scored.

The sophomore from Delaware, Ohio leads the GLIAC in batting average and on-base percentage (.525) and has posted a .703 slugging percentage. In addition, Minard, who spent last season solely as a pitcher, was also Ashland's top hurler in 2008. He led the GLIAC in innings pitched, had 13 starts and a 7-6 record. Minard has helped Ashland to a 35-15 overall record and to its third straight berth to the NCAA Division II tournament. The Eagles finished second in the GLIAC with a 17-7 mark.

Joining Minard and Cravens on the first team was Bellarmine's Patrick Brady (2B); Grand Valley State's Derek Hinke (OF); Indianapolis' Seth Paul (C) and Chris Saroff (3B); Northern Kentucky's Ryan Schmidt (SP); Saginaw Valley State's Reed Welker (OF); Saint Joseph's Matt Reimer (SS), Mike Staehle (DH), Matt Wille (OF) and Clay Tingley (RP); Southern Indiana's Jeremy Kehrt (SP); and Wayne State's Anthony Bass (SP) and Adam Kaminski (UT).

The second team is comprised of Ashland's Chris Haycox (SS), Jacob Petkac (3B) and David Quiroga (OF); Findlay's Brian Sampsel (1B), George Rohan (OF) and Caleb Meyer (SP); Grand Valley State's Casey Robrahn (UT) and Andre Benjamin (SP); Northern Kentucky's Kevin Dusold (OF) and Dave Middendorf (SP); Saint Joseph's Chase Sonen (SP); Saginaw Valley State's Max Bell (C); and Southern Indiana's Josh Huebner (2B) and Shaun Larsen (RP).

All 15 first-team All-Region selections will now be placed on the national ballot for All-America consideration. The All-America teams are scheduled to be released on Thursday, May 23. The complete Daktronics North Central Region teams can be found on the following page.

**FIRST TEAM**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>
Seth Paul	Indianapolis	Senior	Catcher	Muncie, Ind.
Ben Minard	Ashland	Sophomore	First Base	Delaware, Ohio
Patrick Brady	Bellarmine	Sophomore	Second Base	Lexington, Ky.
Matt Reimer	Saint Joseph's	Senior	Shortstop	Downers Grove, Ill.
Chris Saroff	Indianapolis	Freshman	Third Base	Crown Point, Ind.
Adam Kaminski	Wayne State	Junior	Utility	Clinton Twp., Mich.
Mike Staehle	Saint Joseph's	Senior	Designated Hitter	Dyer, Ind.
Derek Hinke	Grand Valley State	Senior	Outfield	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Matt Wille	Saint Joseph's	Senior	Outfield	Crystal Lake, Ill.
Reed Welker	Saginaw Valley State	Senior	Outfield	Toledo, Ohio
Blaine Cravens	Saint Joseph's	Senior	Starting Pitcher	Buffalo, Ill.
Jeremy Kehrt	Southern Indiana	Senior	Starting Pitcher	Plainfield, Ind.
Anthony Bass	Wayne State	Junior	Starting Pitcher	Trenton, Mich.
Ryan Schmidt	Northern Kentucky	Sophomore	Starting Pitcher	Decatur, Ind.
Clay Tingley	Saint Joseph's	Junior	Relief Pitcher	Edon, Ohio

**SECOND TEAM**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>
Max Bell	Saginaw Valley State	Senior	Catcher	Goodrich, Mich.
Brian Sampsel	Findlay	Junior	First Base	Coshocton, Ohio
Josh Huebner	Southern Indiana	Junior	Second Base	Evansville, Ind.
Chris Haycox	Ashland	Senior	Shortstop	Springfield, Ill.
Jacob Petkac	Ashland	Sophomore	Third Base	Middleburg Heights, Ohio
Casey Robrahn	Grand Valley State	Junior	Utility	Jenison, Mich.
David Quiroga	Ashland	Senior	Outfield	Toledo, Ohio
George Rohan	Findlay	Senior	Outfield	North Lima, Ohio
Kevin Dusold	Northern Kentucky	Junior	Outfield	Cincinnati, Ohio
Dave Middendorf	Northern Kentucky	Freshman	Starting Pitcher	Cincinnati, Ohio
Caleb Meyer	Findlay	Senior	Starting Pitcher	Toledo, Ohio
Andre Benjamin	Grand Valley State	Junior	Starting Pitcher	Grand Ledge, Mich.
Chase Sonen	Saint Joseph's	Junior	Starting Pitcher	Cary, Ill.
Shaun Larsen	Southern Indiana	Junior	Relief Pitcher	Tell City, Ind.