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GLVC ANNOUNCES 2009 ALL-GLVC BASEBALL TEAM

INDIANAPOLIS – Bellarmine University's Michael Thompson (Newburgh, Ind./Castle) and Northern Kentucky University's Evan McDole (Cold Spring, Ky.) have been named the Great Lakes Valley Conference Baseball Pitcher of the Year and Player of the Year, respectively. The duo headlines the 2009 All-GLVC Baseball First Team.

Thompson, a senior pitcher for the Knights, helped lead Bellarmine to a return appearance in the GLVC Baseball Tournament. In 13 appearances on the season, Thompson has accumulated an 8-2 overall record and a 3.00 earned run average. He has posted 108 strikeouts, three complete games and one shutout in 87 innings of work on the year.

In league play, Thompson posted a 6-0 record in eight starts. He has limited conference opponents to a .205 batting average and boasts a 2.76 earned run average. Thompson has 71 strikeouts, three complete games and one shutout while notching 62 innings on the hill.

McDole, a junior first baseman for the Norse, is currently hitting .361 overall in 2009. He has posted 52 RBIs, 50 runs, 15 home runs, 17 doubles and a .706 slugging percentage. McDole leads the league in runs, home runs and total bases (127) and ranks second in the league in slugging percentage, RBIs, walks (37) and on-base percentage (.489).

During the GLVC season, McDole drove in 25 runs while batting .351. He recorded 27 runs, 12 doubles, five home runs and finished the conference year with a .595 slugging percentage and .463 on-base percentage.

Joining Thompson and McDole on the All-GLVC First Team is Bellarmine's Patrick Brady and Braxton Graven, Drury's Joe Rohlfing, Indianapolis' Chase Kittinger, Ben Sondgeroth, Cory White and Cory Rupert, Northern Kentucky's Kevin Dusold and Jason Cisper, Rockhurst's Mike Walczuk and Southern Indiana's Alex Thieroff, Chad Werry, Trevor Leach and Shaun Larsen.

Rockhurst's Ryan Porter has been named the 2009 GLVC Freshman of the Year. Porter helped guide the Hawks to a berth in the GLVC Tournament and to a 35-19 overall record. He is currently batting .357 with 45 RBIs, 33 runs scored, 18 doubles, eight home runs, a .630 slugging percentage and a .429 on-base percentage. In league play, Porter batted .347 with 26 RBIs, 19 runs, 13 doubles and five home runs.

Northern Kentucky's Todd Asalon has been named the 2009 GLVC Coach of the Year in a vote of the league's 13 head coaches. Asalon, in his ninth season as head coach of the Norse, has guided his team to a 36-20 overall record and to the top seed in the GLVC Tournament with an 18-6 divisional mark. His teams have accumulated four GLVC crowns in the past seven years and this year's coaching honor marks the third time Asalon has been named GLVC Coach of the Year.

In addition, the GLVC has announced a 16-member All-GLVC Second Team and 16-member All-GLVC Third Team. The complete list of award recipients follows.

FIRST TEAM

C – Chase Kittinger, Indianapolis
1B – Evan McDole, Northern Kentucky
2B – Patrick Brady, Bellarmine
3B – Alex Thieroff, Southern Indiana
SS – Joe Rohlfing, Drury
UT – Ben Sondgeroth, Indianapolis

DH – Mike Walczuk, Rockhurst
OF – Kevin Dusold, Northern Kentucky
OF – Jason Cisper, Northern Kentucky
OF – Braxton Graven, Bellarmine
OF – Chad Werry, Southern Indiana
SP – Cory White, Indianapolis
SP – Michael Thompson, Bellarmine
SP – Trevor Leach, Southern Indiana
SP – Cory Rupert, Indianapolis
RP – Shaun Larsen, Southern Indiana

SECOND TEAM

C – Mike Pericht, Saint Joseph's
1B – Mike Hallam, Quincy
2B – Jordan Myers, Rockhurst
3B – Tyler Knust, Rockhurst
SS – Sean Estand, Saint Joseph's
UT – Tyler Choate, Southern Indiana
DH – Joe Messina, Saint Joseph's
OF – Justin Russell, Indianapolis
OF – Nick Troilo, Rockhurst
OF – Nate Weglarz, Saint Joseph's
OF – Adam Chester, Bellarmine
SP – Joe Scumaci, Lewis
SP – Sean Munninghoff, Northern Kentucky
SP – Jeremy Pope, Rockhurst
SP – Andrew Page, Missouri S&T
RP – Matt Winterhalter, Northern Kentucky

THIRD TEAM

C – Chris McCall, Lewis
1B – Ryan Porter, Rockhurst
2B – Pat Muth, Northern Kentucky
3B – Jeff Bohlen, Northern Kentucky
SS – Mike Finigan, Kentucky Wesleyan
UT – Todd Duckworth, Bellarmine
DH – Andy Heller, UW-Parkside
OF – Thomas McCormick, Missouri S&T
OF – Jack Ambrose, Northern Kentucky
OF – Scott Householder, Lewis
OF – Phil Widel, Missouri-St. Louis
SP – David Middendorf, Northern Kentucky
SP – Ryan Schmidt, Northern Kentucky
SP – Jarrett Casey, Northern Kentucky
SP – Shane Zegarac, Saint Joseph's
RP – Ryan Krull, Bellarmine

FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR – Ryan Porter, Rockhurst
PITCHER OF THE YEAR – Michael Thompson, Bellarmine
PLAYER OF THE YEAR – Evan McDole, Northern Kentucky
COACH OF THE YEAR – Todd Asalon, Northern Kentucky

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