MIAMI SHORES, Fla.—Sixth-three players from 43 different institutions earned All-America honors on the 2009 Daktronics, Inc., All-America Baseball Team.

A pair of players from the northeast headline the squad as catcher Matt Adams of Slippery Rock and pitcher Gabriel Duran were selected as Player and Pitcher of the Year respectively.

Adams compiled the highest batting average by an NCAA Division II player this spring when he hit a school-record .495. He also ranked fifth nationally in on base percentage with a .566 mark, eighth in both slugging percentage (.853) and total doubles (24), ninth in doubles per game (0.47) and 10th in total hits (91). Adams, who ranked 12th in total bases with 157, also ranked in the top 50 nationally in six other statistical categories: runs per game (1.25, 34th), total runs (64, 35th), runs batted in per game (1.25, 37th), runs batted in (64, 40th), total home runs (14, 48th) and home runs per game (0.27, 49th).

In his sophomore year as a Golden Lion, Duran, the ECC Pitcher of the Year and First Team All-Conference selection, led the Dowling pitching staff this year, compiling an impressive 9-1 record and a save during the regular season. The Brooklyn, NY native currently leads the nation in earned run average (0.82) and hits allowed per nine innings (3.71). Duran has tallied 75 strikeouts and held his opponents to a .141 batting average in 77 innings pitched. The righthander also threw a no-hitter in his first start of the season against Felician College, striking 14 batters in the process.

Adams was joined on the first-team by infielders Jon Alia (1B-Cal State Dominguez Hills), Cannon Lester (2B-Southern Arkansas), Matt Bodenchuk (SS-Mesa State), Yan Gomes (3B-Barry), outfielders Jason Forbes (Colorado State-Pueblo), Brandon Decker (Valdosta State) and Adam Darby (Harding), designated hitter Travis Howard (South Carolina-Aiken), and utility player Matt Costello (Valdosta State).

Duran was joined on the pitching staff by starters Chris Armijo (Incarnate Word), Dan Wright (Lynn), and Hayden Simpson (Southern Arkansas) and reliever Chris Matlock (Central Missouri).

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First Team

STARTING PITCHER: GABRIEL DURAN, So., Dowling (Brooklyn, N.Y.)
Leads Division II in ERA and Hits Allowed per nine innings; threw a no-hitter with 14 strikeouts in his first start
W-L S ERA CG ShO IP H R ER BB K
9-2 2 1.45 5 3 80.2 42 16 13 29 79

STARTING PITCHER: CHRIS ARMijo, Jr., Incarnate Word (San Antonio, Texas)
Ranks 29th in ERA, tied for second in victories, and sixth in hits allowed per game (6.0 average).
W-L S ERA CG ShO IP H R ER BB K
11-0 0 2.22 5 2 81.0 54 24 20 37 81

STARTING PITCHER: DAN WRIGHT, Jr., Lynn (West Palm Beach, Fla.)
Leads Division II in wins and is sixth in strikeouts and 15th in hits allowed per nine innings
W-L S ERA CG ShO IP H R ER BB K
13-2 0 2.32 6 4 108.2 77 33 27 33 109

STARTING PITCHER: HAYDEN SIMPSON, So., Southern Arkansas
Second in the nation in wins and strikeouts and fourth in hits allowed per nine innings
W-L S ERA CG ShO IP H R ER BB K
12-1 0 2.32 6 4 108.2 69 36 28 44 132

RELIEF PITCHER: CHRIS MATLOCK, Sr., Central Missouri (Springfield, Mo.)
Third in the nation in saves with the best strikeout/walk ratio in the country
W-L S ERA CG ShO IP H R ER BB K
6-2 14 1.19 0 0 53.0 22 7 4 7 79

CATCHER: MATT ADAMS, Jr., Slippery Rock (Philipsburg, Pa.)
Leads the nation in hitting, fifth in on base percentage, eighth in both slugging percentage and total doubles (24)
AVG AB R H 2B 3B HR RBI SLUG BB K OBP SB FLD
.495 184 64 91 24 0 14 .653 31 17 .566 0 .981

FIRSTBASE: JON ALIA, Sr., Cal State Dominguez Hills (Newbury Park, Calif.)
Third nationally in hits, eighth in average and ninth in doubles; CCAA Player of the Year
AVG AB R H 2B 3B HR RBI SLUG BB K OBP SB FLD
.467 210 61 98 25 2 20 .78 .583 33 34 .548 4 .992

SECONDBASE: CANNON LESTER, Jr., Southern Arkansas (El Dorado, Ark.)
Led the #1-ranked Muleriders in hitting, homers and RBI
AVG AB R H 2B 3B HR RBI SLUG BB K OBP SB FLD
.393 219 69 86 20 2 19 .72 .735 33 34 .548 8 .957

THIRDBASE: YAN GOMES, Jr., Barry (Miami, Fla.)
SSC Player of the Year; Ranked third nationally in RBI, seventh in home runs and total bases
AVG AB R H 2B 3B HR RBI SLUG BB K OBP SB FLD
.405 222 69 90 17 1 21 .72 .775 33 26 .480 2 .964

SHORTSTOP: MATT BODENCHUK, Sr., Mesa State (Boulder, Colo.)
The RMAC Player of the Year ranks fourth nationally in RBI and sixth in slugging percentage
AVG AB R H 2B 3B HR RBI SLUG BB K OBP SB FLD
.441 191 77 92 16 9 7 57 .770 32 14 .560 16 .952

OUTFIELD: JASON FORBES, Sr., Colorado State-Pueblo (Longmont, Colo.)
Ranks sixth nationally in batting and doubles, 13th in hits and 15th in RBI
AVG AB R H 2B 3B HR RBI SLUG BB K OBP SB FLD
.474 196 66 93 27 3 7 76 .750 25 17 .530 9 .953

OUTFIELD: BRANDON DECKER, Jr., Valdosta State (Gulf, Fla.)
Ranks fourth nationally in home runs and ninth in RBI
AVG AB R H 2B 3B HR RBI SLUG BB K OBP SB FLD
.408 223 72 91 6 3 21 .83 .744 36 29 .511 3 .974

OUTFIELD: ADAM DARBY, Sr., Harding (Jackson, Tenn.)
Ranked in the top-50 in five categories, including 35th in batting
AVG AB R H 2B 3B HR RBI SLUG BB K OBP SB FLD
.426 188 52 80 10 3 16 .64 .766 30 16 .515 18 .991

DESIGNATED HITTER: TRAVIS HOWARD, Sr., USC-Aiken (Bonneau, S.C.)
Southeast Region Player of the Year, led the nation in RBI, tying Peach Belt record
AVG AB R H 2B 3B HR RBI SLUG BB K OBP SB FLD
.384 255 61 98 16 3 19 .694 15 42 .424 0 .966

UTILITY: MATT COSTELLO, Jr., Valdosta State (West Barnstable, Mass.)
The South Region Player of the Year ranks 10th in batting while also winning nine games on the mound
AVG AB R H 2B 3B HR RBI SLUG BB K OBP SB FLD
.475 198 64 94 22 1 11 .67 .763 16 18 .556 3 .806

UTILITY: JOHN JAMES, Jr., East Stroudsburg (Easton, Pa.)
Second in the nation in saves; second in wins and shutouts with 12
AVG AB R H 2B 3B HR RBI SLUG BB K OBP SB FLD
.335 150 10 31 1 0 0 .44 .444 10 9 .345 0 .957

CATCHER: JEREMY FLOYD, Jr., Slippery Rock (Philipsburg, Pa.)
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### Honorable Mention

Vance Albitz (SS), California, San Diego; Thomas Bumpass (OF), Abilene Christian; Jason Carr (DH), New Mexico Highlands; Matt Costello (SP), Valdosta State; Sam DiMatteo (OF), California (Pa.); Mike Dowd (C), Franklin Pierce; Kenny Elkind (SP), Angelo State; Nick Fogleman (SP), Pfeiffer; Jereme Johnson (OF), Eastern New Mexico; Mark Letchworth (OF), Wingate; Carlos Leyva (2B), Cal State Dominguez Hills; Ben Minard (SP), Ashland; Justin Moore (RP), Dominican; Jake Schmidt (UT), Concordia (Minn.); Tim Shibuya (SP), California, San Diego; Michael Thompson (SP), Bellarmine; Willie Uechi (SS), Abilene Christian; Derek West (OF), Southwest Minnesota State

### NOTES:

# 2007 1st team selection  
% 2008 2nd-team selection  
* 2008 3rd-team selection  
^ 2008 HM selection

Minard was selected at 1B, Dahlberg at 3B in 2008