



2009 Daktronics, Inc. All-America Baseball Team



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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 ARMUJO, Sr., 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	2.28	4	3	106.2	77	33	27	33	109

STARTING PITCHER: HAYDEN SIMPSON, So., Southern Arkansas (Magnolia, Ark.)

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	7	4	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	64	.853	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	.890	33	34	.543	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	.763	22	35	.487	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	92	.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	103	.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

W-L	S	ERA	CG	ShO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
9-3	2	3.67	2	1	98.0	98	54	40	27	83



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Division II

Second Team

Starting Pitcher	Gary Moran, Sonoma State
Starting Pitcher	Kyle Vazquez, Franklin Pierce
Starting Pitcher	Blake Keitzman, Western Oregon
Starting Pitcher	Tom Cote, Franklin Pierce
Relief Pitcher	Shaun Larsen, Southern Indiana
Catcher	Jordan Schmitt, Abilene Christian
First Base	Zack Solly, Fairmont State
Second Base	Kevin Becker, Mesa State
Third Base	Craig Iyerly, Catawba
Shortstop	Rich Racobaldo, Mount Olive
Outfield	Eric Workman, West Virginia State
Outfield	Matt Cotellese, West Chester
Outfield	J.D. Martinez, Nova Southeastern
Designated Hitter	Keith Towne, Angelo State
Utility	Chris Adamson, Angelo State

Third Team

Starting Pitcher	Ben Watkins, Pittsburgh-Johnstown
Starting Pitcher	Darin Gorski, Kutztown
Starting Pitcher	Cody Walden, Armstrong Atlantic State
Starting Pitcher	Charley Short, Barry
Relief Pitcher	Brandon Graves, Valdosta State
Catcher	Ryan Query, Catawba
First Base	%Rob Dahlberg, West Alabama
Second Base	Drew Cross, St. Edwards
Third Base	Jacob Petkac, Ashland
Shortstop	^Nick Shaw, Barry
Outfield	Jeff Foltz, Ashland
Outfield	Chance Tuttle, Central Missouri
Outfield	Bryan Fogle, Erskine
Designated Hitter	Douglas Toro, Lynn
Utility	Donovan Huffer, Concord

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