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Horizon League Announces Baseball All-League Teams and Specialty Award Winners

Wright State's Oeder Player of Year; UIC's Peterson named top pitcher

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INDIANAPOLIS — Senior infielder **Ross Oeder** of **Wright State University** earned Player of the Year honors and senior right-hander **Zach Peterson** of the **University of Illinois at Chicago** was named Pitcher of the Year as the Horizon League announced its baseball All-League Teams and specialty award winners Tuesday night (May 22).

University of
Illinois at Chicago

UIC swept the rest of the top individual awards as junior outfielder **Micky Pingree** (Newcomer of the Year) and sophomore teammate **David Cales** (Relief Pitcher of the Year) received top honors on the field and Flames dugout boss **Mike Dee** received the Coach of the Year award for a League-record seventh time. All five honors are the result of voting by League head coaches, and were announced prior to the League Championship tournament which begins in Chicago on Wednesday morning (May 23).

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University Chicago

Oeder leads the League in home runs (eight), runs scored (74) and stolen bases (25), pacing the Raiders to a 34-20 record which includes a 21-9 mark in the League. Oeder, who also tops the circuit with a .494 on-base percentage and a .656 slugging percentage, ranks second on the League charts with a .410 batting average and recorded 29 multi-hit games during the regular season.

University of
Wisconsin-Green Bay

Peterson overcame a slow start in 2007, winning his last six decisions since April 10 to post a 6-3 overall record in 2007. All six victories came in League play, as the senior right-hander compiled an unblemished record with a 2.83 earned-run average against loop foes. Overall, Peterson---who won the League's Pitching Triple Crown in 2006---tops the circuit in innings pitched (92.1) while fashioning a 3.51 ERA which is sixth-best in the League.

University of
Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Pingree posted a .422 batting average in League games, the second-best mark in the circuit. The junior outfielder from Boise, Idaho, owns a .336 overall average and ranks fifth in the League in doubles (16) and runs batted in (40), with 30 of those RBI coming in 23 loop contests. Pingree's honor gives UIC six Newcomer of the Year awards since 1997, including current senior shortstop **Chad Schroeder**, who won the honor in 2006.

Wright State
University

Cales captured the inaugural Relief Pitcher of the Year plaque after recording a 3-0 record with six saves and 0.90 earned-run average against League foes as the Flames' closer. Cales' overall numbers include 11 saves with a matching 0.90 ERA as he has struck out 25 batters while walking only one in 30 innings this spring. The Chicago native held opponents to a .170 batting average during the regular season.

Youngstown State
University

Dee was named Coach of the Year for the third season in a row after guiding the Flames to a sixth consecutive regular-season League title and the top seed in this week's League Championship. UIC enters the loop summit at 31-19 on the season, including 21-6 in the League. The 31 victories mark the school's eighth consecutive season with 30 or more triumphs.

Wright State placed a League-high four players on the All-League First Team, with sophomore first baseman **Jeremy Hamilton**, sophomore designated hitter **Justin Parker** and senior right-

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handed pitcher **Erich Schanz** joining Oeder among the Raider contingent. UIC had three First-Team selections in Peterson, Pingree and senior outfielder **Larry Gempp Jr.**, while junior second baseman **Jesse Hart** and sophomore utility player **Josh Groves** represented the **University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee** on the top team. **Butler University** also boasts two First-Team selections in senior catcher **Joe Dempsey** and senior outfielder **Dustin Bucalo**, while **Youngstown State University** sophomore third baseman **John Koehnlein** completed the 12-member First-Team group.

Peterson and Gempp are repeat honorees on the First Team, while Koehnlein and Dempsey were both Second-Team picks in 2006. Gempp also won First-Team notice in 2005, becoming the eighth player in League history to receive three First-Team All-League citations.

The Second-Team All-League unit includes four players from UW-Milwaukee in senior outfielders **Ross McCoy** and **Rob Brockel** along with junior shortstop **Grant Berkovitz** and senior left-handed pitcher **Robert Michalkiewicz**. Wright State's trio of honorees include junior third baseman **Dan Biedenharn**, a First-Team selection in 2006, along with senior outfielder **Brian Shoup** and freshman catcher **Gerald Ogrinc**.

Cales and sophomore first baseman **Jake Carr** represented UIC on the All-League Second Team, with Youngstown State placing two players on the Second Team in junior designated hitter **Erich Diedrich** and junior utility player **Josh Page**. Butler freshman second baseman **Jason Jamerson** completes the second team.

The All-Newcomer Team features four Youngstown State freshmen in third baseman **Lee Bainbridge**, shortstop **Anthony Munoz**, first baseman **Tom Clayton** and outfielder **Ryan Dunlap**. Butler's Jamerson rounds out the infield, with Pingree and Wright State freshman **Aaron Fields** in the outfield. Ogrinc and freshman utility player **Casey McGrew** also represent WSU on the newcomer honor roll.

Pingree, Cales and freshman right-handed pitcher **Steve Crnkovich** gave UIC three All-Newcomer honorees. Crnkovic leads the League with a 2.44 earned-run average this season. UWM freshman catcher **Shaun Wegner** completes the 12-player team.

The 2007 Horizon League Baseball Championship is scheduled for Wednesday through Sunday, May 23-27, at Les Miller Field on the UIC campus. First pitch each day is 11 a.m. (Central time / noon Eastern), with single-day tickets available for \$8 (adults) and \$6 (senior citizen and youth), while all-tournament passes are \$25 and \$20, respectively. For additional ticket information, contact the UIC athletic department at (312) 413-8421.

To follow all the action of this year's League Championship, log on to www.horizonleague.org and click on the Baseball Championship icon. Also, free live video webcasts of all games will be shown on the Horizon League Network. The championship page includes links to CSTV's Gametracker for games in progress, along with complete summaries and box scores as contests are completed.

A complete list of the 2007 Horizon League baseball awards follows.

Comprised of nine public and private institutions of higher learning, the Horizon League is an NCAA Division I athletics conference that sponsors 19 intercollegiate championship sports and is headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana. The League and its member institutions aspire to teach young people, through athletic competition, the value of learning, service to others and personal responsibility.

2007 Horizon League Baseball Awards



Player of the Year

Ross Oeder, Wright State
Sr. * IF * Sandusky, Ohio

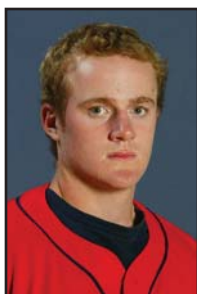
- Batting .410 overall in 2007
- Leads the League in home runs (eight), runs scored (74), stolen bases (25), on-base percentage (.494), slugging percentage (.656)
- 29 multi-hit games in 2007



Pitcher of the Year

Zach Peterson, UIC
Sr. * RHP * Minnetonka, Minn.

- Posted a 6-0 record and 2.83 ERA in League play this spring
- League-high 92.1 innings overall in 2007
- Limited League hitters to a .249 batting average
- 56 strikeouts, ranking fifth in the League overall



Newcomer of the Year

Micky Pingree, UIC
Jr. * OF * Boise, Idaho

- Hit .422 with 30 RBI in League play
- Ranks fifth overall with 16 doubles, 40 RBI
- Recorded 16 multi-hit games, with five three-hit efforts
- Sixth Flame to win top Newcomer honors



Relief Pitcher of the Year

David Cales, UIC
So. * RHP-IF * Chicago, Ill.

- Leads the League with 11 saves, six in loop play
- Recorded a 3-0 record and 0.90 ERA in 30 innings overall
- Boasts 25 strikeouts, with only one walk in 30 innings this spring

First-Team All-League

P	Zach Peterson-#	UIC	Sr.	Minnetonka, Minn.
P	Erich Schanz	Wright State	Sr.	Bakersfield, Calif.
C	Joe Dempsey-&	Butler	Sr.	Stow, Ohio
1B	Jeremy Hamilton	Wright State	So.	Cincinnati, Ohio
2B	Jesse Hart	UW-Milwaukee	Jr.	West Allis, Wis.
3B	John Koehnlein-&	Youngstown State	So.	Toronto, Ohio
SS	Ross Oeder	Wright State	Sr.	Sandusky, Ohio
OF	Dustin Bucalo	Butler	Sr.	Barrington, Ill.
OF	Larry Gemp Jr.-#	UIC	Sr.	Ingleside, Ill.
OF	Micky Pingree	UIC	Jr.	Boise, Idaho
DH	Justin Parker	Wright State	So.	Fort Wayne, Ind.
UT	Josh Groves	UW-Milwaukee	So.	Monona, Wis.



Coach of the Year

Mike Dee, UIC

- Led the Flames to a sixth consecutive regular-season League title (21-6 in loop play)
- UIC posted its eighth consecutive 30-win campaign (31-19 during the regular season)
- League-record seventh Coach of the Year honor

Second-Team All-League

P	David Cales	UIC	So.	Chicago, Ill.
P	Robert Michalkiewicz	UW-Milwaukee	Sr.	Menasha, Wis.
C	Gerald Ogrinc	Wright State	Fr.	Twinsburg, Ohio
1B	Jake Carr	UIC	So.	Chicago Ridge, Ill.
2B	Jason Jamerson	Butler	Fr.	Pendleton, Ind.
3B	Dan Biedenharn-#	Wright State	Jr.	Dayton, Ohio
SS	Grant Berkovitz	UW-Milwaukee	Jr.	Sheboygan, Wis.
OF	Rob Brockel	UW-Milwaukee	Sr.	Pewaukee, Wis.
OF	Ross McCoy-&	UW-Milwaukee	Sr.	Menomonee Falls, Wis.
OF	Brian Shoup	Wright State	Sr.	Tipp City, Ohio
DH	Erich Diedrich-#	Youngstown State	Jr.	Bay Village, Ohio
UT	Josh Page	Youngstown State	Jr.	Plain City, Ohio

All-Newcomer Team

C	Gerald Ogrinc	Wright State	Fr.	Twinsburg, Ohio
C	Shaun Wegner	UW-Milwaukee	Fr.	Watertown, Wis.
1B	Tom Clayton	Youngstown State	Fr.	Poland, Ohio
2B	Jason Jamerson	Butler	Fr.	Pendleton, Ind.
3B	Lee Bainbridge	Youngstown State	Fr.	Steubenville, Ohio
SS	Anthony Munoz	Youngstown State	Fr.	Fostoria, Ohio
OF	Ryan Dunlap	Youngstown State	Fr.	Newark, Ohio
OF	Aaron Fields	Wright State	Fr.	Southfield, Mich.
OF	Micky Pingree	UIC	Jr.	Boise, Idaho
P	David Cales	UIC	So.	Chicago, Ill.
P	Steve Crnkovich	UIC	Fr.	Downers Grove, Ill.
UT	Casey McGrew	Wright State	Fr.	Delaware, Ohio

Note: The All-Newcomer League consists of nine position players (not position-specific), two pitchers and a utility player.

All-League and All-Newcomer awards are voted upon by Horizon League head coaches, who can not vote for their own players.

2006 All-League Honors:

- First-Team All-League in 2006

& - Second-Team All-League in 2006