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2007 Baseball All-HCAC

Manchester's Tarnowski Named HCAC Baseball Most Valuable Player

GREENWOOD, IN – Manchester College's Scott Tarnowski (Roanoke, IN/Huntington North) has been named the 2007 Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Most Valuable Player in baseball. The senior outfielder helped guide the Spartans to a berth into the HCAC tournament.

Tarnowski, a first-team All-HCAC selection in 2004, 2005, and 2006 hit .414 (29-for-70) during conference play and delivered 22 RBI, 22 runs, four doubles, four home runs, and 13 stolen bases. He had a .643 slugging percentage against conference foes and a .511 on-base percentage.

Overall in 2007, Tarnowski hit .427 (61-for-143) and had 45 runs, 46 RBI, seven doubles, 10 home runs, and 27 stolen bases. He finished with a slugging percentage of .727 and an on-base percentage of .505.

Defiance College's Tim Pitro (Gahanna, OH/Gahanna Lincoln) has been selected as Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Freshman of the Year. Pitro, a second baseman for the Yellow Jackets, hit .364 (24-for-66) in conference play and had eight runs, 14 RBI, a double, a stolen base, and three home runs. He had a .515 slugging percentage and a .425 on-base percentage.

Pitro hit .378 (45-for-119) with 20 runs, 27 RBI, four doubles, a triple, and three homeruns overall in 2007. He had a slugging percentage of .504 and an on-base percentage of .444 for the Jackets who finished the season 12-25 overall and 7-15 in conference play.

The HCAC has also awarded the 2007 Coach of the Year award to Transylvania Interim Head Coach Chris Campbell. In his first year with the Pioneers, Campbell guided his team to the school's first ever HCAC regular season baseball championship. Transylvania established new school records for both season wins and conference wins during the 2007 season, finishing with a 29-12 overall record and a 16-6 conference mark.

Tarnowski and Pitro join 21 other players on the All-HCAC First Team. There are also 14 players on the All-HCAC Second Team. The All-HCAC Honorable Mention list includes 28 athletes.

A complete list of award recipient follows:

Most Valuable Player: Scott Tarnowski, Manchester College

Freshman of the Year: Tim Pitro, Defiance College

Coach of the Year: Chris Campbell, Transylvania University

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All-HCAC First Team

Matty Miller	Manchester	C
Nick Moser	Transylvania	C
Jim Swienconek	Franklin	1B
Joe Cravens	Hanover	1B
Dillon Lawson	Transylvania	1B
Seth DeBra	Mt. St. Joseph	1B
Matt Talarico	Manchester	2B
Pete Whiting	Anderson	SS
Bryan Vasse	Transylvania	3B
Mitch Kuczek	Transylvania	OF
Phil Blakely	Transylvania	OF
Michael Mayer	Mt. St. Joseph	OF
Tony Moore	Bluffton	OF
Kellen Hurst	Rose-Hulman	OF
Zach Sounhein	Anderson	OF
Tim Kay	Bluffton	DH
Matt Salisbury	Rose-Hulman	DH
Andy Clark	Franklin	P
Tyler Wolfe	Manchester	P
Eric Smith	Anderson	P
Adam Wilkins	Transylvania	P

All-HCAC Second Team

Ryan East	Franklin	C
Zac Bireley	Manchester	1B
Ryan Meyer	Mt. St. Joseph	2B
Grant Choler	Anderson	3B
Joe Imhoff	Mt. St. Joseph	3B
Nick Weimer	Mt. St. Joseph	SS
Lance Noel	Franklin	OF
Danner Partridge	Manchester	OF
Will Pappano	Hanover	OF
Cody McPherson	Bluffton	OF
David Jackson	Defiance	DH
Zach Fields	Transylvania	P
Ben Luking	Transylvania	P
Sam Deters	Rose-Hulman	P

Honorable Mention

Anderson: Brad Lantz (So., C); Stephen Jones (Jr., OF); Justin Decker (So., 2B); Justin Woolsey (Sr., P)

Bluffton: Matt Perkins (So., P); Tyler Sprunger (Jr., P)

Defiance: Brad Timofeev (So., 3B); LeTroy Harris (Fr., OF); Mike Hill (Sr., OF); Dustin Zizelman (So., P);
Brandon Portales (Fr., P)

Franklin: Nick Ostergaard (So., 2B); Lance Labonte (Sr., OF); Dustin Eck (Sr., P); Adam Blackburn (So., SS)

Manchester: Colin Denihan (So., P); Kaz Kalita (Fr., SS); Josh Buell (Fr., OF)

Mount St. Joseph: Nick Katsetos (Sr., C); Josh Strittholt (Jr., P); Neil Gamble (Sr., OF); Matt Hall (So., OF);
Chris Waite (Sr., P); Tim Murphy (So., P)

Rose-Hulman: Chandler Kent (Fr., 3B); Adam Knaack (Sr., C)

Transylvania: Chance Cianciola (Sr., 2B); Korey Colyer (Fr., P)

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