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Baseball All-HCAC

Mount's Matre Named HCAC Baseball Most Valuable Player

GREENWOOD, IN – College of Mount St. Joseph's **Steve Matre (Cincinnati, Ohio/Purcell Marian)** has been named the 2008 Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Most Valuable Player in baseball. The sophomore pitcher helped guide the Lions to the regular season HCAC championship.

Matre did not allow a single earned run in conference play, posting a 0.00 ERA, 24 strikeouts, and a HCAC record eight saves in 17.2 innings of work. In those appearances, his opponents only mustered four hits against him in conference play.

Overall in 2008, Matre had a 0.84 ERA in 20 appearances. He recorded 10 total saves and struck out 39 opponents in 32 innings of work. His opponents only hit .150 against him at the plate this season.

Mount's **Ben Stroube (North Bend, Ohio/St. Xavier)** has been selected as the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Freshman of the Year. Stroube, an outfielder for the Lions, hit .423 (33-for-78) in conference play and had 20 runs, 16 RBI, 13 doubles, a triple, and two home runs. He had a .692 slugging percentage and a .434 on-base percentage.

Stroube hit .356 (48-for-135) with 27 runs, 24 RBI, 17 doubles, three triples, and four home runs overall in 2008. He had a slugging percentage of .615 and an on-base percentage of .399 for the Lions who finished the season 24-18 overall and 16-5 in conference play.

The HCAC has also awarded the 2008 Coach of the Year award to Mount St. Joseph Head Coach **Chuck Murray**. In his 12th season as the skipper for the Lions, Murray guided his team to the school's third HCAC baseball championship with a 16-5 mark in conference action. Coach Murray also claimed the Coach of the Year award in 2003.

Matre and Stroube join 20 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 17 athletes.

A complete list of award recipient follows:

Most Valuable Player: Steve Matre, College of Mount St. Joseph

Freshman of the Year: Ben Stroube, College of Mount St. Joseph

Coach of the Year: Chuck Murray, College of Mount St. Joseph

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All-HCAC First Team

Brad Lantz	Anderson	Jr.	C
Keenan Long	Rose-Hulman	So.	C
Matty Miller	Manchester	Jr.	1B
Ian Sanders	Franklin	Fr.	2B
Adam Clark	Transylvania	So.	2B
Tim Tepe	Rose-Hulman	So.	SS
Daniel Hiatt	Anderson	So.	SS
Kaz Kalita	Manchester	So.	SS
Chandler Kent	Rose-Hulman	So.	3B
Cody Young	Anderson	So.	OF
Joel Chrobak	Franklin	Jr.	OF
Lance Noel	Franklin	Jr.	OF
Danner Partridge	Manchester	Sr.	OF
Mitch Kuczek	Transylvania	Sr.	OF
Tim Bauman	Transylvania	Sr.	OF
Tim Kay	Bluffton	Sr.	DH
Andy Clark	Franklin	Sr.	P
Jared Applegate	Franklin	Jr.	P
Michael Matsui	Rose-Hulman	Sr.	P
Derek Eitel	Rose-Hulman	So.	P

All-HCAC Second Team

Andy Holzbog	Hanover	Fr.	C
Seth DeBra	Mount St. Joseph	Sr.	1B
Ben Young	Transylvania	So.	1B
Tim Pitro	Defiance	So.	2B/SS
Nick Weimer	Mount St. Joseph	Jr.	2B
Adam Blackburn	Franklin	Jr.	SS
Stephen Jones	Anderson	Sr.	OF
Chris Jarrett	Anderson	So.	OF
Ryan Rodriguez	Mount St. Joseph	Fr.	OF
Phil Blakely	Transylvania	Jr.	OF
Eric Smith	Anderson	Sr.	DH
Matt Holycross	Manchester	Sr.	P
Todd Schwertman	Mount St. Joseph	Jr.	P
Ben Luking	Transylvania	Sr.	P

Honorable Mention

Anderson: Brad Schnepp (So., P); Kyle Dillon (Fr., P)

Bluffton: Jimmy McMonagle (Sr., 1B); Tony Moore, (Sr., OF); Chris Bauman, (Jr., OF); James Hausman (Jr., P)

Defiance: Kirk Jesse (So., 2B/SS)

Franklin: Mike Zuidema (Fr., DH); Derek Smith (So., C)

Manchester: Colin Denihan (Jr., P)

Mount St. Joseph: Matt Flamm (So., 3B); Robert Urmston (Fr., SS); Justin Zieman (Sr., P); Zach Grove (Sr., P)

Rose-Hulman: Andrew Bilse (So., OF); Sam Deters (Sr., P)

Transylvania: Korey Colyer (So., P)

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