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Due to an act of Congress in 1978, USA Baseball is the National Governing Body for the sport and represents baseball in America as a member of the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) and the International Baseball Federation (IBAF).

Virtually every major national amateur baseball organization in America is united as a USA Baseball National Member. As a result, USA Baseball governs more than 12 million amateur players in ballparks and playgrounds across the country.

USA Baseball is responsible for promoting and developing the game of baseball on the grassroots level, both nationally and internationally. As the commissioner’s office for amateur baseball, USA Baseball is a resource center for its various membership groups, fans, and players.

**World Baseball Classic** (Professional)

Since 1998, USA Baseball has been selecting teams of Professional-level minor league players to represent the United States in various International competitions. In 2006, USA Baseball selected its first team comprised of Major League Baseball players. The team featuring such stars as Roger Clemens, Derek Jeter and Alex Rodriguez represented the United States in the inaugural World Baseball Classic.

**Olympic Games** (Professional)

The USA Baseball Olympic Team last competed at the 2000 Summer Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia and captured the gold medal with a historic, 4-0 shutout over the two-time defending Olympic champions from Cuba. Team USA was managed by Hall of Famer Tommy Lasorda and brought home the USA’s first ever official gold medal in baseball since the sport was granted official Olympic medal status in 1992. Team USA consisted of professional level players for the first time ever. For their accomplishment, the USA Baseball Olympic Team was named the 2000 Team of the Year by the United States Olympic Committee.

At the 1996 Atlanta Centennial Olympic Games, the USA Baseball Olympic Team defeated Nicaragua for the bronze medal. It was the first official Olympic medal in USA Baseball history. When baseball was played as a demonstration sport, the United States captured a silver and gold medal in 1984 and 1988, respectively.

**National Team** (Collegiate)

The USA Baseball National Team consists of the top collegiate baseball players in the country. The team performs each summer in a schedule of exhibition games across America and overseas, versus the world’s top baseball talent. They also take on the Japanese Collegiate All-Stars in an annual five-game series, and lead the all-time series between the two countries by an 20 -14 margin - having never lost the series on home soil. Players who have worn the Red, White, and Blue for the National Team and have gone onto Major League Baseball success include such notables as Mark Prior, Nomar Garciaparra, Jason Varitek, Todd Helton, Troy Glaus, Tino Martinez, Jason Jennings, Bobby Crosby, Ryan Howard and Huston Street.
Junior National Team (18-Under)

Comprised of the nation's top players aged 18 years and younger, the USA Baseball Junior National Team is a perennial power on the international baseball scene. In the 21-year history of the IBAF Junior World Championship, the United States medaled a record 20 times. The USA winnings include five gold medals, nine silver medals, and six bronze medals.

The team competes in two major events in bi-yearly cycles - the COPABE Junior Pan Am Championship and the IBAF World Junior Championship. Each year, USA Baseball and its competing National Member Organizations invite the top high school aged players in America to the Tournament of Stars, where players vie for one of 18 spots on the USA Baseball Junior National Team.

Current major leaguers Alex Rodriguez, Mike Mussina, Shawn Green, and Ryan Klesko, as well as 2000 Olympic Gold Medalists Brent Abernathy and Brad Wilkerson, have all worn the USA jersey as juniors.

Youth National Team (16-Under)

Having already established itself as an international powerhouse, the USA Baseball Youth National Team has become a golden lightning rod. USA Baseball began selecting and training an official National Team in the 16-under age category in the summer of 1997. Since then, the program has captured seven straight medals in tournament play, including four golds.

In 2005, the USA Baseball Youth National Team captured their fourth consecutive medal at the IBAF World Youth Championships, and will go after their fourth world title in 2007.

Junior Olympic Baseball Championships

Members of the USA Baseball Youth National Team are selected exclusively from the pool of more than 2,500 players that participate in the USA Junior Olympic Baseball Championships. USA Baseball conducts both an J.O. East Championship in Palm Beach County, Florida, along with a J.O. West Championship in Peoria, Arizona. Both tournaments are held simultaneously in June. The USA Junior Olympic Baseball Championships are grassroots Olympic Developmental Programs which were launched in 1996 by USA Baseball in cooperation with the U.S. Olympic Committee.

Women’s National Team (16-Over)

The USA Baseball Women’s National Team was established in 2004 when USA Baseball began selecting and training an official National Team for women. An 18-player team was chosen following open tryouts across the nation, and the squad went on to capture the gold medal in the first-ever IBAF Women’s World Cup in Edmonton, Canada. Team USA defeated Japan in the title game, 2-0. The second IBAF Women’s World Cup will take place in Taiwan this summer.

Golden Spikes Award

For the past 28 years, USA Baseball has honored the top amateur baseball player in the country with the Golden Spikes Award. The Award is presented each year to the player who exhibits exceptional athletic ability and exemplary sportsmanship. Past winners of this prestigious award include current Major League Baseball stars Mark Prior, Khalil Greene, Phil Nevin, J.D. Drew, Travis Lee, Mark Kotsay, Jason Varitek, and Jason Jennings. The 2005 winner was Alex Gordon, an infielder at the University of Nebraska.

The Golden Spikes Award is sponsored by the Major League Baseball Players Association, underscoring the commitment of Major League Baseball players to grassroots development of baseball programs around the world. The MLBPA supports USA Baseball’s ongoing efforts to provide instruction for youth baseball players, coaches, and volunteers, and to prepare amateur athletes for professional competition.

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This will be Corbin’s second tour of duty with USA Baseball, but his first as a head coach. Corbin served as an Assistant under Mike Gillespie on the 2000 USA Baseball National Team that posted an overall record of 27-3-1 and included such players as Mark Teixeira, Mark Prior, Bobby Crosby, Ryan Howard, Xavier Nady, Chris Burke, and Kirk Saarloos.

"To represent the USA in any capacity is certainly an honor, and to represent this country in baseball is an extreme privilege and one that I am very grateful for," said Corbin. "This is especially so in a year where USA Baseball lost one of it's most gracious and best ambassadors in Coach Rod Dedeaux."

In three seasons at the helm of Vanderbilt baseball, Corbin has put the Commodore program into the national spotlight and heightened expectations with the team’s success on the diamond. Last season, Corbin directed the squad to its second consecutive 30-win season, an achievement that had not been done in over 15 years. Thus far, he has amassed 106-68 record at Vanderbilt, which makes him the winningest coach in school history through three seasons.
Alvarez was the Boston Red Sox 14th round pick in 2005 … He was named the 2006 Southeastern Conference Freshman of the Year, named First Team All-SEC as a third baseman and was part of the SEC All-Freshman Team after leading all Vandy hitters in average (.361), Hits (44), Doubles (14), HR (7), RBI (27), Total Bases (79) and BB (23) in conference play … Also named Collegiate Baseball’s National Freshman of the Year and a Freshman All-American … During the entire regular season, slugged a school-record 17 home runs during to go with 17 doubles, 55 RBI and a .330 average … Was one of four Commodores who made the SEC All-Tournament Team … Named National Player of the Week (for week ending April 18) by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association after a Home Run Derby-like week that included 6 HR, 17 RBI, and a .500 average (9-for-18).

Baseball America named him a 2006 Second Team All-American … Earned First-Team All-Mountain West Conference honors and was named MWC Co-Pitcher of the Year after posting conference-best 12 wins, leading the conference in ERA (2.07), opposing batting average (.220) and batters struck out looking (36) … Named Second-Team selection on the NCBWA All-America Team as selected by the National College Baseball Writers Association … Went 13-4 with a 2.45 ERA overall during the regular season, striking out 103 in 102.2 IP … Was named Mountain West Conference Pitcher of the Week three times this season (Feb. 13, May 8, May 22) … Needed just 59 pitches to get 18 outs over six innings in TCU’s Mountain West Conference-clinching win over New Mexico … Hurled first collegiate complete-game shutout May 5 against Utah, a game in which he struck out 11 Utes in a 2-0 TCU win … Drafted by the Cincinnati Reds in the 31st round of the 2004 MLB First-Year Player Draft while at Plano (Texas) East HS, then drafted in the 26th round in 2005 by the Milwaukee Brewers after a season at Weatherford (Texas) Junior College.

J.P. Arencibia
Position: Catcher
School: Tennessee
Year: Sophomore
Bats: R ThROWS: R
Born: Jan. 5, 1986
Height: 6'1"
Weight: 195 lbs.
Hometown: Miami, FL

Pedro Alvarez
Position: Infield
School: Vanderbilt
Year: Freshman
Bats: L ThROWS: R
Born: Feb. 6, 1987
Height: 6'2"
Weight: 210 lbs.
Hometown: New York, NY

J.P. Arencibia
Position: Pitcher
School: TCU
Year: Sophomore
Bats: R ThROWS: R
Born: March 6, 1986
Height: 6'4"
Weight: 225 lbs.
Hometown: Plano, TX

A veteran of international play having been a member of the 2005 USA Baseball National Team … Named First-Team member of 2006 All-SEC Team after hitting .352, leading all Tennessee hitters with 52 RBI, 17 doubles, a .583 slugging percentage and sharing the team lead with 11 home runs … First-Team All-America selection by the College Baseball Foundation … SEC Player of the Week (May 15) after hitting .571 (8-for-14) and driving in seven runs while scoring five more himself … Led all Tennessee batters with a .360 batting average in SEC play … 2006 Baseball America Preseason All-American … Was the 2005 SEC Freshman of the Year … His 14 HR broke Todd Helton’s school record for most homers by a freshman … Named 2005 Baseball America Freshman All-American … Led all 2005 USA Baseball National Team members in average (.404), hits (23) and slugging percentage (.579).
Darwin Barney
Position: Infield
School: Oregon State
Year: Sophomore
Bats: R
Throws: R
Born: 
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 175 lbs.
Hometown: Beaverton, OR

Named to 2006 All-Pac-10 Team last season as a sophomore … Reeled off an impressive 17-game hitting streak from March 3 to April 6 … Oregon State picks Barney as the Pac-10’s No. 5 prospect for 2007 … Returned to center field—his natural position—last season after playing left as a freshman the year before … Batted .366 average ranked third among all SEC hitters … Earned Second Team All-SEC honors … Led the Vols in batting average, runs (45), hits (86), triples (5) and stolen bases (19) … Those 86 hits ranked second in the conference … Leadoff hitter for Vols, whose 19 stolen bases in 25 attempts ranked fourth in the conference … Got hot for a long stretch, compiling a 17-game hitting streak—longest of any Tennessee hitter this season … Clock at 6.29 in the 60-yard dash … Fittingly, lists Speedy Gonzalez as his favorite cartoon character … Laid down a team-best 10 bunt singles … Was Tennessee’s nominee for SEC Baseball Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award.

Mike Bianucci
Position: Outfield
School: Auburn
Year: Freshman
Bats: R
Throws: R
Born: June 26, 1986
Height: 6'1"
Weight: 212 lbs.
Hometown: Fairfax, VA

Was a big-time impact player as a Freshman in 2006 … Named to 2006 All-Southeastern Conference First Team by conference coaches as a DH … Also named Freshman All-American by Collegiate Baseball as a DH after hitting a team-high .359 with 8 HR and 31 RBI for the Tigers … Went from the high school playing field to playing for the Reston Hawks in the Clark Griffith Collegiate Baseball League, setting single-season home run mark with 12 round-trippers while leading the league with a .792 Slugging Percentage—all before his first day of college … His brother, Tony, was a 2002 Draft Pick (47th round) by the Boston Red Sox.

Julio Borbon
Position: Outfield
School: Tennessee
Year: Sophomore
Bats: L
Throws: L
Born: Feb. 20, 1986
Height: 6'1"
Weight: 184 lbs.
Hometown: Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Named to 2006 All-Southeastern Conference Second Team by SEBaseball.com … Struck out 98 and walked 24 in 111.1 innings pitched and collected four wins in Southeastern Conference play … Worked at least seven innings in 13 of his 15 starts … Made nine appearances as a freshman in 2005, but did not get a decision in 16 innings pitched … Struck out a school-record 123 batters as a senior at Sebastian (Fla.) River High School … Already received national attention even before his senior year of high school when he was named a First Team Preseason All-American. 

Bryan Augenstein
Position: Pitcher
School: Florida
Year: Sophomore
Bats: R
Throws: R
Born: July 11, 1986
Height: 6'5"
Weight: 225 lbs.
Hometown: Sebastian, FL

Though he was just a sophomore last season, he still anchored the Gators’ pitching rotation, finishing with a 9-6 mark, 3.07 ERA and limited opponents to a .241 batting average … His nine wins ranked second in the Southeastern Conference … Selected to All-Southeastern Conference Second Team in vote of league’s 12 head coaches … Also chosen to the All-Southeastern Conference Second Team by SEBaseball.com … Struck out 98 and walked 24 in 111.1 innings pitched and collected four wins in Southeastern Conference play … Worked at least seven innings in 13 of his 15 starts … Made nine appearances as a freshman in 2005, but did not get a decision in 16 innings pitched … Struck out a school-record 123 batters as a senior at Sebastian (Fla.) River High School … Already received national attention even before his senior year of high school when he was named a First Team Preseason All-American.
Outfielder started all 61 games for the Wildcats last season … Named Second-Team Academic All-American by the College Sports Information Directors of America … Batted second in the Wildcats’ lineup, finishing the season at .298-16-61 … The 61 RBI ranked second on the team … Got whacked by pitches a team-high 13 times … First-Team All-South Region selection by the American Coaches Association … In 2005, Baseball America named him the Top Prospect of the Valley League Summer College League after he led the league in home runs (14), RBI (39), slugging percentage (.659) and total bases (116) … Was Kentucky's Mr. Baseball during his senior year at Henry Clay HS in Lexington … His brother, Michael, was a second baseman at James Madison before being drafted by the Minnesota Twins (40th round) this year.

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Preston Clark

Position: Catcher
School: University of Texas
Year: Freshman
Bats: R Throws: R
Born: Aug. 16, 1985
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 210 lbs.
Hometown: Rockwall, TX

Collin Cowgill

Position: Outfield
School: Kentucky
Year: Sophomore
Bats: R Throws: L
Born: May 22, 1986
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 190 lbs.
Hometown: Lexington, KY

Zack Cozart

Position: Infield
School: Ole Miss
Year: Sophomore
Bats: R Throws: R
Born: Aug. 12, 1985
Height: 6'1"
Weight: 181 lbs.
Hometown: Collierville, TN

Looking to become the 11th Longhorns player to make the USA Baseball National Team. Last year’s team featured two of Clark's Texas teammates: pitcher Kyle McCulloch and outfielder Drew Stubbs … Was red-shirted his freshman year … His advanced hitting approach makes him a rarity at any level of baseball: a catcher who bats leadoff … Exceptional defensive catcher who finished with .991 fielding percentage in 28 Big 12 starts, and .900 over 57 starts overall during the season … Committed just four errors in 412 chances during the regular season … Gunned down 17 would-be base stealers for the Longhorns … Don't stray too far off the base; During the 2006 season, Clark picked off six base runners who thought their lead was safe … Unselfish player who laid down 13 sacrifice bunts last season … Selected by the Cleveland Indians in the 39th round of the 2004 MLB First-Year Player Draft, but opted to play at Texas … As a senior at Rockwall High School, was a member of the 2004 Class 5A Texas All-State Baseball Team.

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Ramon Corona

Position: Infield/Outfield
School: NC State
Year: Sophomore
Bats: R Throws: R
Born: Aug. 10, 1985
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 193 lbs.
Hometown: Coral Gables, FL

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A kid from the heart of Miami-Florida territory playing well for NC State … First-Team All-Atlantic Coast Conference selection … Ranked in top three among all Wolfpack hitters in several offensive categories. Ranked first in slugging percentage (.544), triples (5), total bases (141) and tied for first in hits (94) … Ranked second in RBI (57), doubles (19) and runs (70) and third in average (.353) … Named Collegiate Baseball Third-Team All-American … Slugged a home run, drilled two doubles and tied a single-game career high with 5 RBI in the Wolfpack’s 24-3 win over UNC Greensboro March 15 … As a freshman, earned Second-Team All-ACC honors.

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Named to 2006 All-Southeastern Conference First Team as a shortstop, as voted by conference coaches … NCBWA Third-Team All-American as selected by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association … Hit .347-9-61 in conference play for the SEC-tournament champion Rebels … Led all UM hitters with 140 Total Bases, while his .338 average and 64 RBI overall ranked second on the team … In 2005, set Ole Miss Freshman records for Runs (53), At-Bats (221) and Total Bases (110) … Named Freshman All-American. His great Freshman season also included 2005 All-SEC honors from SEC coaches and SEBaseball.com … If you're going to play one-on-one with him, better go with the tight "d" behind the three-point line. At Collierville (Tenn.) High School, he was an all-metro basketball player who led the conference in three-point shots made as a sophomore … In baseball, helped his school win the 2004 Class 5A state championship, hitting .459 and being named a First Team member on the All-State Team.
Freshman shortstop named All-PAC-10 Honorable Mention … Opened the season as the Bruins’ nine-hole hitter. Two months later, he was the team’s regular leadoff hitter … Started all 58 of Bruins’ games, leading team in hits (77), triples (6), total bases (121) and tied for team lead in home runs (6) and walks (24) … His .318 average ranked third among all UCLA hitters with at least 140 at-bats …

Slugged grand-slam to help UCLA to 9-5 win over Washington State April 7. The grand-slam was the Bruins’ first in three years … One week later, led off game vs. Arizona with home run and finished 3-for-5 in a 4-3 loss to Wildcats … Before season opener, named one of the nation’s Top 50 Freshman players by Baseball America … Three-year letterwinner at Foothill High School in Pleasanton, Calif. Also two-year letterwinner in football as quarterback and safety.

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**Brandon Crawford**

- **Position:** Infield/Pitcher
- **School:** UCLA
- **Year:** Freshman
- **Bats:** L
- **Throws:** R
- **Born:** Jan. 21, 1987
- **Height:** 6’2”
- **Weight:** 195 lbs.
- **Hometown:** Pleasanton, CA

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**Tony Delmonico**

- **Position:** Infield
- **School:** Tennessee
- **Year:** Freshman
- **Bats:** B
- **Throws:** R
- **Born:** April 27, 1987
- **Height:** 6’0”
- **Weight:** 185 lbs.
- **Hometown:** Knoxville, TN

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**Ike Davis**

- **Position:** Infield/Pitcher
- **School:** Arizona State
- **Year:** Freshman
- **Bats:** L
- **Throws:** L
- **Born:** March 22, 1987
- **Height:** 6’5”
- **Weight:** 204 lbs.
- **Hometown:** Scottsdale, AZ

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**Ross Detwiler**

- **Position:** Pitcher
- **School:** Missouri State
- **Year:** Sophomore
- **Bats:** R
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Veteran of USA Baseball, having played on the 2005 USA Baseball National Team ... Honored as Atlantic Coast Conference Player of the Year, and First-Team All-ACC as a pitcher ... Also named SEBaseball.com's Player of the Year and a First-Team All-ACC member by SEBaseball.com ... Named to the 2006 College Baseball Foundation All-American Team ... One of three semifinalists for the Brooks Wallace Award given to the top college baseball player in the country by the College Baseball Foundation ... Named a Second-Team All-American by Baseball America ... Also named a Second-Team All-American by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association ... Selected as a "utility" player on the Collegiate Baseball All-American Second-Team ... Started all 58 games for Virginia, moving back and forth from first base to the pitcher's mound ... Hit .308-4-53 for the Cavaliers ... As a pitcher, went 11-1 and led the team with a 1.82 ERA ... His 103 strikeouts (in 86.2 IP) easily led the team ... Named Second-Team All-ACC as a freshman in 2005 ... Earned Freshman All-American honors from Baseball America ... His .347 average with the 2005 USA Baseball National Team ranked second on the team.

Known as “FedEx” to his teammates ... Singled in a run in the Tar Heels' 4-3 win over Oregon State in the first game of the College World Series' three-game championship series ... Slugged a home run against Cal State Fullerton, helping the Tar Heels beat the Titans and advance to the College World Series championship series ... Named Louisville Slugger/Collegiate Baseball Freshman All-American as a catcher after hitting .314-7-45 with 13 doubles for the Tar Heels during the regular season ... Entered the College World Series hitting .313-11-57 ... Was named to the All-Tournament team for the NCAA Chapel Hill Regional after hitting a sizzling .692 ... Strong-armed catcher who loves gunning would-be base stealers ... At Apex HS, was a two-time All-Conference selection.

Named Freshman All-American by Collegiate Baseball ... 2006 Ohio Valley Conference Freshman of the Year ... First-Team All-OHIO Valley Conference pick by conference coaches ... Went 10-2 on the season, and his 1.98 ERA led all conference pitchers ... Fanned 118 batters in 82 innings pitched ... Led all conference pitchers in strikeouts per-game with 13 ... Held opponents to a .204 batting average ... Tossed no-hitter vs. Morehead State on March 26 – the fifth no-hitter in school history and the first since 1992 ... Struck out a career-high 14 against Austin Peay May 19.
Outstanding middle infielder who was chosen as a First Team All-Big East selection as a shortstop ... Started all 54 games at shortstop, and slugged nine home runs in conference play for second straight year ... Hit two more homers in Big East tournament to finish with 11 overall ... His 366 average led all Scarlet Knight hitters, and his .424 average in conference play ranked second overall among all Big East hitters ... Not likely to chase a ball out of the strike zone: He walked (42) as many times as he struck out (42) ... Need some help with that Calculus equation? This is your guy: Twice named to the All-Big East Honor Roll during the 2006 season ... Drafted by the Colorado Rockies in 2004 (39th round), the same year his brother, Jeff, was drafted and signed by the Detroit Tigers. Another brother, Charlie, plays in the Florida Marlins organization ... As a 12-year-old, pitched and batted Toms River East American to a 12-9 win over Japan in the 1998 Little League World Series Championship Game.

**Todd Frazier**

**Position:** Infield  
**School:** Rutgers  
**Year:** Sophomore  
**Bats:** R  
**Throws:** R  
**Born:** Feb. 12, 1986  
**Height:** 6'4"  
**Weight:** 215 lbs.  
**Hometown:** Toms River, NJ

Finished the season 10-3 with a 3.30 ERA, becoming the winningest freshman pitcher in Crimson Tide history ... His 10 wins tied a school freshman record ... Tied for team lead with three complete games ... Named 2006 Louisville Slugger/Collegiate Baseball Freshman All-American ... Also selected to the SEC All-Freshman Team ... Pitched Alabama to its SEC-leading 14th SEC Championship with a 5-1 win over Tennessee in the final game of the 2006 season ... Struck out four and did not issue a walk in the game ... In 117.1 innings pitched, fanned 80 and walked just 22 ... Of his 20 appearances, 16 were starts for the Tide ... Drafted by the Tampa Bay Devil Rays (18th round) in 2005 ... As a senior at Cathedral HS in Indianapolis, Ind., was named the Indianapolis Star Tribune's North Player of the Year.

**Nick Hill**

**Position:** Pitcher  
**School:** Army  
**Year:** Junior  
**Bats:** L  
**Throws:** L  
**Born:** Jan. 30, 1985  
**Height:** 6'1"  
**Weight:** 185 lbs.  
**Hometown:** Bluff City, TN

All-Patriot League First-Team member in 2006, the third straight year he was a First-Team all-conference member ... Drafted by the Boston Red Sox in the 2006 Draft (47th round) ... Two-time Patriot League Pitcher of the Year ... Settled into a serious groove in the final weeks of the 2006 season, allowing one earned run or less in each of his last four starts (26 innings), going 4-0 with 0.69 ERA in that span ... Finished '06 at 6-4, with a 3.34 ERA despite a tough 0-2 start and 7.20 ERA in his first two starts of the season ... Struck out 90 as a sophomore in 2005 ... Set or tied nine individual school and Patriot League records as a sophomore in 2004 ... Tossed 22 consecutive scoreless innings at one point during his sophomore year ... As a freshman in 2004, named NCAA Division I Third-Team All-American by Collegiate Baseball.

**Tommy Hunter**

**Position:** Pitcher  
**School:** Alabama  
**Year:** Freshman  
**Bats:** R  
**Throws:** R  
**Born:** July 3, 1986  
**Height:** 6'4"  
**Weight:** 255 lbs.  
**Hometown:** Indianapolis, IN

Think he caught anyone’s eye with his .359-9-55 freshman season? Named Big 12 Freshman of the Year by the conference coaches, and given the same honor by an impressive list of media including The Dallas Morning News, Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Austin American-Statesman, San Antonio Express-News, Waco Tribune-Herald and The Oklahoman ... Also named an All-Big-12 First-Team selection ... Selected to the Collegiate Baseball Freshman All-American Team ... His 55 RBI led the Red Raiders ... Is a third cousin of former University of Texas two-way standout and USA Baseball alum Brooks Kieschnick.

**Roger Kieschnick**

**Position:** Outfield  
**School:** Texas Tech  
**Year:** Freshman  
**Bats:** L  
**Throws:** R  
**Born:** Jan. 21, 1987  
**Height:** 6'3"  
**Weight:** 200 lbs.  
**Hometown:** Rockwall, TX

Outstanding middle infielder who was chosen as a First Team All-Big East selection as a shortstop ... Started all 54 games at shortstop, and slugged nine home runs in conference play for second straight year ... Hit two more homers in Big East tournament to finish with 11 overall ... His 366 average led all Scarlet Knight hitters, and his .424 average in conference play ranked second overall among all Big East hitters ... Not likely to chase a ball out of the strike zone: He walked (42) as many times as he struck out (42) ... Need some help with that Calculus equation? This is your guy: Twice named to the All-Big East Honor Roll during the 2006 season ... Drafted by the Colorado Rockies in 2004 (39th round), the same year his brother, Jeff, was drafted and signed by the Detroit Tigers. Another brother, Charlie, plays in the Florida Marlins organization ... As a 12-year-old, pitched and batted Toms River East American to a 12-9 win over Japan in the 1998 Little League World Series Championship Game.
Outstanding lefthanded closer who saved 10 games for the Tigers this season ... Those 10 saves led Clemson, as did his 33 appearances ... Finished the season 5-5 with a 2.52 ERA ... His 10th save came after he recorded the final eight outs in Clemson’s 8-6 win over Mississippi State, sending the Tigers to the NCAA Super Regional ... Earned win in Tigers’ 11-8 win over Oral Roberts in the first game of the Super Regional ... Named to Clemson’s Academic Honor Roll ... As a freshman in 2005, made 21 appearances for the Tigers – all in relief ... Finished his freshman season 2-2 with a 5.40 ERA and 15 strikeouts in 16.1 innings pitched.

Daniel Moskos
Position: Pitcher
School: Clemson
Year: Sophomore
Bats: R  Throws: L
Born: April 28, 1986
Height: 6’2”
Weight: 205 lbs.
Hometown: Alta Loma, CA

David Price
Position: Pitcher
School: Vanderbilt
Year: Sophomore
Bats: L  Throws: L
Born: Aug. 26, 1985
Height: 6’6”
Weight: 215 lbs.
Hometown: Murfreesboro, TN

Set new school record with 155 strikeouts in 110 innings pitched ... Was one of five finalists for 2006 Golden Spikes Award given to college baseball’s best player ... Named Second-Team member on the All-SEC Team ... Twice named Collegiate Baseball’s Pitcher of the Week ... Also named SEC Pitcher of the Week twice during the season ... Named to the American Baseball Coaches Association All-South Region First Team ... Struck out career-high 17 over eight innings, beating Arkansas 7-1 April 8 ... Was First-Team Preseason All-American by Baseball America ... Veteran of international play with USA Baseball who hurled only shutout for 2006 USA Baseball National Team, starting four games and going 2-0 with a 1.26 ERA over 28.2 innings pitched. Led all USA Baseball National Team pitchers with 39 strikeouts.
Posted arguably the greatest freshman season ever at WSU, leading the PAC-10 conference with a .401 average and .492 on-base percentage. Also ranked in the conference Top 10 in RBIs (58 – 3rd), slugging percentage (.618 – 4th), hits (83 – tied for fourth) and runs (50 – 9th) and total bases (118 – 5th). First Washington State freshman to earn First-Team All-PAC-10 honors. Started all 58 of the Cougars’ games. Led Cougars with 30 walks. Was 10-14 in stolen base attempts. Finished 6-2, 4.53 ERA on the mound. Did not allow a walk or earned run in the first 24 innings he pitched last season.

Jared Prince

Position: Pitcher/Outfield
School: Washington State
Year: Freshman
Bats: R Throws: R
Born: May 25, 1986
Height: 6'3"
Weight: 186 lbs.
Hometown: Poulsbo, WA

Started white hot to open the season, never cooled, and the awards came rolling in for 2006. It’s all about the control: Opened the season throwing 65.2 innings pitch without giving up a walk, and walked just four batters in his 125 2/3 innings pitched during the regular season. Was 11-1, 2.07 with 113 strikeouts and four walks during the regular season. A First Team member of the Collegiate Baseball All-American Team. Named to Baseball America’s 2006 All-American Team. Named a First-Team member of the 2006 NCBWA All-American as selected by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association. Named the National Collegiate Baseball Writer’s Association (NCBWA) District IX Player of the Year. No walks, but plenty of hit batters: Set Fullerton school record of 18 hit batters as a freshman in 2005, then topped that in 2006 with 23 batters plunked. In 2005, named Freshman Pitcher of the Year in the Big West Conference.

Wes Roemer

Position: Pitcher
School: Cal State Fullerton
Year: Sophomore
Bats: R Throws: R
Born: Oct. 7, 1986
Height: 6'0"
Weight: 185 lbs.
Hometown: Glendora, CA

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Veteran of USA Baseball, having pitched for the 2004 USA Baseball Junior National Team and the 2005 USA Baseball Junior National Team ... First collegiate win came Feb. 12 when he beat then-No. 12-ranked Long Beach State with nine strikeouts over six innings ... Finished 6-4, 3.19 in 15 starts with the Bears last season ... Also tossed one shutout and one complete game ... With the ’05 USA Junior National Team, was brilliant against Cuba, tossing five innings, allowing no runs and just two hits in a pool game at the COPABE “AAA” Pan American Junior Championships in Mexico ... Named one of college baseball’s Fab-50 Freshman prospects by Baseball America before the season ... Famed California high school pitcher, struck out 18 for Bishop O’Dowd in a 7-1 win over Castro Valley his senior season.

**Tyson Ross**

**Position:** Pitcher  
**School:** California  
**Year:** Freshman  
**Bats:** R  
**Throws:** R  
**Born:** April 22, 1987  
**Height:** 6’5”  
**Weight:** 215 lbs.  
**Hometown:** Oakland, CA

Finished 11-2 for the Rebels, setting a freshman school record for most wins in a season ... His 11 victories easily led the staff ... He can open, close and do everything in-between: Went 4-0 as a starter before moving to the bullpen where he earned two saves ... struck out 46 in 63 innings pitched ... Named to the All-Freshman Southeastern Conference Team ... Also named a 2006 Louisville Slugger/Collegiate Baseball Freshman All-American ... Drafted by the Cleveland Indians (37th round) of the 2005 MLB Draft ... As a senior at Hillcrest Christian HS, was the 2005 Gatorade Player of the Year for Mississippi ... Also a First-Team All-State selection as a senior.

**Cody Satterwhite**

**Position:** Pitcher  
**School:** Ole Miss  
**Year:** Freshman  
**Bats:** R  
**Throws:** R  
**Born:** Jan. 27, 1987  
**Height:** 6’4”  
**Weight:** 195 lbs.  
**Hometown:** Jackson, MS

One of the nation’s most dominating left-handers, he fanned 145 batters in 116.2 innings pitched this season ... The strikeouts were the second-most in a single season in school history, and moved him into fourth spot overall on the Arkansas career strikeout list ... Finished the 2006 season at 9-3 with a 3.01 ERA ... Named 2006 SEC Pitcher of the Year by conference coaches ... Named a First-Team All-American by College Baseball Foundation ... Second-Team All-American selection by Baseball America ... Third-Team All-American selection by the National Collegiate Baseball Coaches Association ... Posted eight double-digit strikeout games in 17 starts ... Was just as dominant as a true freshman in 2005, going 8-2, 2.80 with 89 strikeouts in 99.2 innings pitched ... The 89 wiffs ranked 10th best in a single season in school history, and third-most by a freshman ... Named 2005 First-Team Freshman All-American by Baseball America and by Collegiate Baseball ... As if that wasn’t enough, also named SEBaseball.com’s Freshman of the Year and Newcomer of the Year.

**Cole St. Clair**

**Position:** Pitcher  
**School:** Rice  
**Year:** Sophomore  
**Bats:** L  
**Throws:** L  
**Born:** July 30, 1986  
**Height:** 6’5”  
**Weight:** 225 lbs.  
**Hometown:** Santa Ana, CA

Was named First-Team All-Conference USA as a reliever ... Pitched five innings in a rare start against Miami June 19 in the College World Series, beating the Hurricanes by allowing three hits, one unearned run and striking out six ... The win sent the Owls into the CWS winner’s bracket ... Had also pitched 5 1/3 innings to win the Super Regional, but had entered the game in relief ... One of five finalists for the second annual Collegiate Baseball Writers Association’s Stopper of the Year Award ... Recognized as a First-Team All-American by Baseball America ... Was 6-2 with a 1.82 ERA, 94 strikeouts in 69 innings pitched and 11 saves heading into the CWS ... Held opponents to a .151 batting average this season ... As a freshman, named 2005 Freshman All-American by Collegiate Baseball ... Also led staff with 32 appearances his freshman year—all in relief.

**Nick Schmidt**

**Position:** Pitcher  
**School:** Arkansas  
**Year:** Sophomore  
**Bats:** L  
**Throws:** L  
**Born:** Oct. 10, 1985  
**Height:** 6’5”  
**Weight:** 220 lbs.  
**Hometown:** St. Louis, MO

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First pitch in Missouri Valley Conference history to win both the MVC Pitcher of the Year and Freshman of the Year honors … First-Team All-Missouri Conference selection … Collegiate Baseball selected him a First-Team Freshman All-American … Named Third-Team All-American by Collegiate Baseball … Named to the NCAA All-Regional Team at Norman, Okla … Went 11-3, with a 2.63 ERA and 77 strikeouts in 99.1 innings pitched as a freshman last season … Set school record for most wins by a freshman, and his 11 wins led the Shockers … Selected by the Cleveland Indians (16th round) of the 2005 MLB Draft … Twice named All-State in baseball at Troy Buchanan HS in Moscow Mills, Mo.

AARON SHAFER
Position: Pitcher
School: Wichita State
Year: Freshman
Bats: L Throws: R
Born: Dec. 2, 1986
Height: 6'4"
Weight: 195 lbs.
Hometown: Moscow Mills, MO

JEMILE WEEKS
Position: Infield
School: Miami
Year: Freshman
Bats: B Throws: R
Born: Jan. 26, 1987
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 155 lbs.
Hometown: Altamonte Springs, FL

DAMON SUBLLETT
Position: Infield/Pitcher
School: Wichita State
Year: Sophomore
Bats: L Throws: R
Born: Sept. 22, 1985
Height: 6'1"
Weight: 185 lbs.
Hometown: Wichita, KS

Kyle Weiland
Position: Pitcher
School: Notre Dame
Year: Freshman
Bats: L Throws: R
Born: Sept. 12, 1986
Height: 6'4"
Weight: 175 lbs.
Hometown: Albuquerque, NM

Earned 16 saves last season as a freshman, breaking the old school record of 13 saves … The 16 saves ranked second nationally … His 2.37 ERA ranked fourth-best on the team … Named Freshman All-American by Collegiate Baseball … Second-Team All-Big East selection … Made 30 appearances this year, one short of the Notre Dame record set by USA Baseball alum Aaron Heilman in 1998 … After one year, he already ranks fourth on the Notre Dame career saves list … Averaged 8.8 strikeouts per nine innings … Failed to convert just one save opportunity all season, that coming in mid-April … Hurling a season-high seven innings in the NCAA Lexington Regional, but Notre Dame eventually lost to College of Charleston.