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Association of Division III Independents
Names 2009 All-Independent Baseball Teams

KANSAS CITY, MO.--- Chapman University third baseman Tristan Phillips and University of Dallas pitcher Philip Carkhuff earned top honors on the 2009 All-Independent Baseball teams named today by the Association of Division III Independents.

Phillips, a senior from El Cajon, CA, was named the player of the year after he hit a team-leading .436 with eight home runs and 60 runs batted in. His .436 average is the second-highest in school history. Phillips scored 39 runs and led the team with 75 hits, including 14 doubles.

Carkhuff, a sophomore from Marietta, GA, was named pitcher of the year after he went 8-3 with a 2.72 earned-run average. In nine starts, he pitched six complete games and two shutouts. He also notched 70 strikeouts in 72.2 innings.

Chapman, which received an at-large bid to the NCAA Division III Baseball Championship, placed six players on the first team for the second consecutive year. Chapman head coach Tom Tereschuk, who led Chapman to its seventh consecutive NCAA tournament appearance, was named the coach of the year for the third straight year. Chapman is the four-time West Region defending champions but is an underdog this year as the fifth seed.

Josh Ostrom, a pitcher from Nebraska Wesleyan University, and Jon Mendez, a catcher from St. Joseph's College (Brooklyn), were named co-rookies of the year. Ostrom was a perfect 6-0 on the mound with a 2.91 ERA. He also was the starting shortstop for NWU. Mendez started all 33 games for St. Joseph's (Brooklyn) and hit .345 with two home runs and 39 RBI.

The players were selected by baseball coaches at member institutions of the Association of Division III Independents.

First Team

Pitcher – Philip Carkhuff, Sophomore, University of Dallas (Marietta, GA)
Pitcher – Jordan Sigman, Sophomore, Chapman University (Santa Monica, CA)
Pitcher – Chris Coffey, Junior, St. Joseph’s College (Brooklyn) (Brooklyn, NY)
Pitcher – Wayde Kitchens, Senior, Chapman University (Oceanside, CA)
Pitcher – Matt McCormick, Junior, California State University, East Bay (Cupertino, CA)
First base – (tie) Zach Atkins, Junior, University of Dallas (Grand Prairie, TX); and
Patrick Ohail, Senior, Chapman University (Yorba Linda, CA)
Second base – Tyler Delaney, Junior, University of Maine-Presque Isle (Truro, Nova Scotia, Canada)
Third base – Tristan Phillips, Senior, Chapman University (El Cajon, CA)
Shortstop – (tie) Halston Barcelo, Junior, Chapman University (Tustin, CA); and
Brian Lloyd, Senior, California State University, East Bay (Knightsen, CA)
Catcher – Max Hubka, Senior, Nebraska Wesleyan University (Lincoln, NE)
Designated hitter – Cory Hilgenkamp, Junior, Nebraska Wesleyan University (Lincoln, NE)
Outfield – Devin Grigg, Junior, California State University, East Bay (Alameda, CA)
Outfield – John Semel, Sophomore, Chapman University (Palos Verdes, CA)
Outfield – Stephen Gatehouse, Junior, California State University, East Bay (Pleasanton, CA)
Utility – Corey Harding, Sophomore, University of Maine-Presque Isle (Plymouth, ME)

Second Team

Pitcher – Zane Cascini, Junior, Nebraska Wesleyan University (Lincoln, NE)
Pitcher – Josh Ostrom, Freshman, Nebraska Wesleyan University (Fremont, NE)
Pitcher – Cory Hilgenkamp, Junior, Nebraska Wesleyan University (Lincoln, NE)
Pitcher – Corey Harding, Sophomore, University of Maine-Presque Isle (Plymouth, ME)
First base – Anthony Langone, Freshman, St. Joseph’s College (Brooklyn) (Staten Island, NY)
Second base – Tyler Stephenson, Senior, Nebraska Wesleyan University (Lincoln, NE)
Third base – (tie) Mark Marelich, Senior, California State University, East Bay (Incline Village, NV)
AJ Pennartz, Junior, University of Maine-Presque Isle (Birch Harbor, ME)
Shortstop – Tom Fogerty, Senior, University of Dallas (Parker, CO)
Catcher – Jon Mendez, Freshman, St. Joseph’s College (Brooklyn) (Brooklyn, NY)
Designated hitter – Ben Owens, Freshman, Chapman University (Irvine, CA)
Outfield – Chris Davidson, Junior, St. Joseph’s College (Brooklyn) (San Carlos, CA)
Outfield – A.J. Passione, Freshman, St. Joseph’s College (Brooklyn) (Brooklyn, NY)
Outfield – Ryan Precht, Junior, Chapman University (Los Alamitos, CA)
Utility – Josh Ostrom, Freshman, Nebraska Wesleyan University (Fremont, NE)

Third Team

Pitcher – Louis Curcio, Junior, Lancaster Bible College (Hatfield, PA)
Pitcher – Gabe Sandersius, Junior, University of Dallas (Tempe, AZ)
Pitcher – John Volk, Sophomore, California State University, East Bay (Lancaster, CA)
First base – Corey Petersen, Senior, Nebraska Wesleyan University (Omaha, NE)
Second base – Tyler Hadzinsky, Freshman, Chapman University (San Clemente, CA)
Third base – Zach Kraehmer, Freshman, Lancaster Bible College (Newburgh, NY)
Shortstop – Joseph Boccia, Freshman, St. Joseph’s College (Brooklyn) (Westwood, NJ)
Catcher – (tie) Tyrel Fuller, Sophomore, Lancaster Bible College (Middlebury Center, PA)
Jake Walter, Junior, California State University, East Bay (Oakland, CA)
Designated hitter – Mario Noriega, Freshman, St. Joseph’s College (Brooklyn) (Los Angeles, CA)

Outfield – Kenny Curiel, Sophomore, La Sierra University (Riverside, CA)
Outfield – Keith Jurcich, Junior, St. Joseph’s College (Brooklyn) (San Mateo, CA)
Outfield – Brian Shelburne, Freshman, University of Dallas (Portsmouth, RI)
Utility – Chris Pope, Senior, La Sierra University (Colton, CA)

The Association of Division III Independents consists of 17 Division III independent institutions that have joined together to recognize student-athletes at independent institutions, and to provide exempted postseason championship competition in seven sports in 2008-09. The Association recognizes outstanding athletic achievements of its student-athletes on a weekly, monthly and annual basis. The Association provides statistical services for its members in seven sports. In addition, it will announce All-Independent teams at the conclusion of eight other sports this year.

More information about the Association of Division III Independents is available at <http://www.d3independents.org>.

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