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Midwest Conference Baseball

Six Different Schools Represented In 2009 Midwest Conference Awards

RIPON, WIS. -- For the first time since Pitcher of the Year became a separate award in 2001, three different schools are represented in the annual Midwest Conference North Division awards. St. Norbert junior outfielder **Jared Yost** becomes the third consecutive Green Knight to win Player of the Year after taking his squad to a third straight North Division title. Ripon senior **Mike Lloyd** brings home the Pitcher of the Year hardware while **Dave DeGeorge** earns Coach of the Year after leading Beloit to its first MWC Championship.

In the award's 16-year history, Yost is the sixth Green Knight to win Player of the Year after former teammate **Adam Frost**, now in the Detroit Tigers' organization, took home the honor the past two seasons. The junior outfielder went 10-for-20 (.500) with 10 runs scored in a four-game sweep of Lawrence to secure the North Division title and heads into the NCAA Tournament ranked in the top 5 of the league in batting average (.459), slugging percentage (.628), on-base percentage (.509), runs (39), doubles (13), total bases (93), and stolen bases (22).

Lloyd was the ace of the Red Hawk's pitching staff as the senior right-hander was dominant in conference play, posting a 3-1 record in four starts to go along with a 1.82 ERA and 19 strikeouts in 29.2 innings pitched. Lloyd finished the year with an overall record of 4-4 and an ERA of 3.64 with 46 strikeouts in 55 innings pitched.

DeGeorge wins his first Coach of the Year award in his 19th season at the helm of the Beloit program. The Buccaneers captured their first MWC Championship after making the Conference Tournament for the first time since 1995. DeGeorge's club finished the 2009 season with a school-best 28-7 overall record while going 11-5 in league play.

NORTH DIVISION POSITIONAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Jared Yost, St. Norbert College, Junior, Outfielder

NORTH DIVISION PITCHER OF THE YEAR

Mike Lloyd, Ripon College, Senior, RHP

NORTH DIVISION COACH OF THE YEAR

Dave DeGeorge, Beloit College

NORTH FIRST TEAM

Yr.	Pos.	School	
Jordan DeGeorge	P	Beloit College	
Mike Kovach	So.	Util.	Beloit College
Hunter Nelson	Jr.	1B	Beloit College
Ryan Schmitz	Jr.	SS	Beloit College
Scott Slubowski	Jr.	2B	Beloit College
Chris Elliott	Sr.	1B	Carroll University
Aaron Leitner	Fr.	P	Lawrence University
Wes Otte	Jr.	OF	Lawrence University
Nick Beaman	So.	3B	Ripon College
Matt Dwyer	Jr.	P	Ripon College
Mike Lloyd	Sr.	P	Ripon College
Nick Whitty	Jr.	C	Ripon College
Cory Fuller	Sr.	3B	St. Norbert College
Brandon Hinz	So.	OF	St. Norbert College
Tony Jandron	Jr.	SS	St. Norbert College
Jared Yost	Jr.	OF	St. Norbert College

NORTH SECOND TEAM

Yr.	Pos.	School	
Rick Krajewski	P	Beloit College	
Jordan Clark	Sr.	SS	Lawrence University
Frank Forseth	Sr.	Util.	Lawrence University
Bryant Bullock	Jr.	OF	Ripon College
Brett Birkholtz	Sr.	2B	St. Norbert College
Garrick Fisher	Fr.	1B	St. Norbert College
Jordan Vater	Sr.	P	St. Norbert College

RIPON, WIS. -- **Roger Sander** headlines the 2009 Midwest Conference South Division awards, as the Monmouth skipper wins his league-record ninth Coach of the Year award in its 15-year history. Sophomore **Robbie Hinkle** becomes the seventh Fighting Scot to win Pitcher of the Year in nine seasons, while Grinnell's freshman designated hitter **Mike Nodzinski** and Knox's senior outfielder **Kevin Malone** share Player of the Year honors.

Nodzinski made a big impact his first year on the Grinnell campus. The designated hitter becomes only the second freshman to win Player of the Year, joining Monmouth's **Ryan Stabler** (2005), and the first Pioneer to win the award since **Matt Teeters** in 2004. Nodzinski finished the season top 5 in the MWC in slugging percentage (.653), runs batted in (36), home runs (8), and total bases (81).

Malone's stellar play kept Knox in the hunt for the MWC Tournament up until the last week of the season, earning him the Prairie Fire's third Player of the Year in four seasons. The senior outfielder finished top 5 in the league in on-base percentage (.509) and batting average (.426), while also leading his team in runs (20), hits (40), runs batted in (21), slugging percentage (.553), and total bases (52).

Hinkle established himself as one of the conference's top pitchers en route to winning Pitcher of the Year in only his second season on the mound for the Fighting Scots. The right-hander went 5-1 in eight starts while pitching three complete-game shutouts. Hinkle finished his sophomore campaign with a 2.89 ERA and 48 strikeouts in 62.1 innings pitched.

Sander's ninth Coach of the Year award comes after winning Monmouth's 31st South Division title. The Fighting Scots have posted a 289-246-1 record in Sander's 16 years leading the team after Monmouth finished with a 16-17 overall and 8-4 MWC mark in 2009.

CO-SOUTH DIVISION POSITIONAL PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

Mike Nodzinski, Grinnell College, Freshman, Designated Hitter
 Kevin Malone, Knox College, Senior, Outfielder

SOUTH DIVISION PITCHER OF THE YEAR

Robbie Hinkle, Monmouth College, Sophomore, RHP

SOUTH DIVISION COACH OF THE YEAR

Roger Sander, Monmouth College

SOUTH FIRST TEAM

Yr.	Pos.	School	
Ryan Harris	Jr.	P	Grinnell College
Brett Maloney	Sr.	1B	Grinnell College
Ben Mendoza	Sr.	SS	Grinnell College
Mike Nodzinski	Fr.	DH	Grinnell College
Paden Roder	Jr.	OF	Grinnell College
Chad Takabuki	Jr.	2B	Grinnell College
Matt Smerderovac	Jr.	OF	Illinois College
Clint Wherly	Sr.	Util.	Illinois College
Kevin Malone	Sr.	OF	Knox College
Spencer McNeil	Jr.	P	Knox College
George Nicholson	Jr.	C	Knox College
Matt Bourne	Sr.	P	Monmouth College
Billy Herrin	So.	OF	Monmouth College
Robbie Hinkle	So.	P	Monmouth College
Chad Kamm	Fr.	1B	Monmouth College
Caleb Ruyle	Fr.	3B	Monmouth College

SOUTH SECOND TEAM

Yr.	Pos.	School	
Gary Kahn	Sr.	P	Grinnell College
Adam Baran	Jr.	OF	Illinois College
Sam Almohandis	Sr.	P	Knox College
Terry Davis	Fr.	OF	Monmouth College
Kevin Sashko	Sr.	SS	Monmouth College
Tommy Shaver	Jr.	2B	Monmouth College

