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Baseball All-HCAC

Rose-Hulman's Tepe Named HCAC Baseball Most Valuable Player

GREENWOOD, IN – Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology's **Tim Tepe (Cincinnati, Ohio/Elder)** has been named the 2009 Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Most Valuable Player in baseball. The junior shortstop helped guide the Engineers to the HCAC tournament championship and earn a berth into the NCAA tournament.

Tepe hit .500 (45-for-90) in conference play and had 30 runs, 36 RBI, 13 doubles, four triples, and three home runs. He had a .833 slugging percentage and a .540 on-base percentage during league play.

Overall in 2009, Tepe ranks among the conference leaders in runs scored (54), RBI (57), doubles (18), triples (6), and slugging percentage (.789). The Cincinnati native leads the HCAC in batting average (.482), hits (80), and on-base percentage (.531) heading into the NCAA tournament.

Hanover's **Josh Smith (Georgetown, Ind./Providence)** has been selected as the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Freshman of the Year. Smith, an outfielder for the Panthers, hit .329 (28-for-85) in conference play and had 15 runs, 12 RBI, six doubles, and a home run.

Smith hit .319 (43-for-135) with 25 runs, 18 RBI, nine doubles, and two home runs overall in 2009. He had a slugging percentage of .444 and an on-base percentage of .366 for the Panthers who finished the season 12-25-1 overall and 6-16 in conference play.

The HCAC has also awarded the 2009 Coach of the Year award to Franklin Head Coach **Lance Marshall**. In his 12th season as the skipper for the Grizzlies, Marshall guided his team to the school's third HCAC baseball championship with a 17-4 mark in conference action. Coach Marshall also claimed the Coach of the Year award in 2002 and 2005.

Tepe and Smith join 22 other players on the All-HCAC First Team. There are also 15 players on the All-HCAC Second Team. The All-HCAC Honorable Mention list includes 19 athletes.

A complete list of award recipient follows:

Most Valuable Player: Tim Tepe, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

Freshman of the Year: Josh Smith, Hanover College

Coach of the Year: Lance Marshall, Franklin College

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All-HCAC First Team

John Smolinski	Manchester	So.	C
Keenan Long	Rose-Hulman	Jr.	C
Jim Swienconeck	Franklin	Sr.	1B
Matty Miller	Manchester	Sr.	1B
Ian Sanders	Franklin	So.	2B
Nick Weimer	Mount St. Joseph	Sr.	2B
Adam Blackburn	Franklin	Sr.	SS
Jeremy Hazen	Anderson	Jr.	3B
Chandler Kent	Rose-Hulman	Jr.	3B
Chris Jarrett	Anderson	Jr.	OF
Will Pappano	Hanover	Jr.	OF
Ryan Rodriguez	Mount St. Joseph	So.	OF
Andrew Bilse	Rose-Hulman	Jr.	OF
Ben Kuebbing	Transylvania	So.	OF
Thomas Tolliver	Transylvania	Jr.	OF
Ty Foster	Manchester	So.	DH
Luke Mehringer	Franklin	Jr.	P
Derrick Patterson	Franklin	So.	P
Josh Atkinson	Manchester	Jr.	P
Steve Matre	Mount St. Joseph	Jr.	P
Derek Eitel	Rose-Hulman	Jr.	P
Korey Colyer	Transylvania	Jr.	P

All-HCAC Second Team

Brad Lantz	Anderson	Sr.	C
Cory Wahl	Franklin	Jr.	C
Mark Lakas	Mount St. Joseph	Jr.	1B
Brady Roundtree	Anderson	So.	2B
Kaz Kalita	Manchester	Jr.	SS
Josh Denny	Mount St. Joseph	Fr.	SS
Alex Boone	Franklin	So.	3B
Cody Young	Anderson	Jr.	OF
Kirk Jesse	Defiance	Jr.	OF
Lance Noel	Franklin	Sr.	OF
Chris Stemple	Rose-Hulman	So.	OF
Joel Chrobak	Franklin	Sr.	DH
Drew Ernst	Mount St. Joseph	Fr.	P
Gannon Sadzeck	Rose-Hulman	So.	P
Cody Nees	Franklin	So.	P

Honorable Mention

Anderson: Kyle Dillon (So., P); Aaron Vogel (Jr., P); David Addington (So., 3B); Michael Tucker (Fr., DH)

Bluffton: Stephen Torres (Jr., C); Curt Schroeder (Sr., 1B); Corey Conn (Sr., 2B); Cody McPherson (Jr., DH)

Defiance: Casey Kahsen (Jr., C); Tim Pitro (Jr., 2B); Michael Dushane (Fr., OF); Keith Wade (Jr., 3B)

Franklin: Paul Strack (Jr., OF)

Manchester: Josh Buell (Jr., 2B); Shawn Baker (Sr., OF)

Mount St. Joseph: Trace Norton (So., OF); John Pasquale (So., OF)

Rose-Hulman: Nick Maloney (Jr., P)

Transylvania: Ryan Troehler (Fr., IF)

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