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Brentz receives third All-America honor

Freshman named Third Team All-America by ABCA

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OMAHA, Neb. - Freshman Bryce Brentz has been named Third Team All-America by the American Baseball Coaches Association as announced on Sunday.

This is the fifth postseason honor for Brentz, who has also received two Freshman All-America honors.

Brentz played the final two-thirds of the season at the designated hitter position batting .329 with 18 home runs, 14 doubles, 68 RBI and 49 runs scored.

The Knoxville, Tenn., native is the first Blue Raider freshman to hit 18 home runs since Chris Whitehead did it in 1986.

Brentz also saw action on the mound as he went 1-0 in 28.2 innings of work with seven appearances. Brentz posted an ERA of 2.20 with batters hitting just .178 against him.

Brentz and South Alabama's Ryne Jernigan were the only Sun Belt players named to the third team.

There were three Sun Belt players named Second Team All-America by the committee as five total players in the conference received All-America honors.

The ABCA All-America Committee met in conjunction with the 2008 College World Series which began on Saturday in Omaha, Neb.



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2008 ABCA/Rawlings NCAA Division I All-Americans

**ABCA/Rawlings Player of the Year*

FIRST TEAM

RHP Aaron Crow, Jr., Missouri
RHP Scott Gorgen, Jr. UC-Irvine
LHP Chris Hernandez, Fr., Miami
LHP Brian Matusz, Jr., San Diego
RHP Stephen Strasburg, So., San Diego State
Relief RHP Andrew Cashner, Jr., TCU
**C Buster Posey, Jr., Florida State*
1B Justin Smoak, Jr., South Carolina
2B Jemile Weeks, Jr., Miami
SS Gordon Beckham, Jr., Georgia
3B Brett Wallace, Jr., Arizona State
DH Ben Carlson, So., Missouri State
OF Sawyer Carroll, Sr., Kentucky
OF Tim Fedroff, So., North Carolina
OF Chris Shehan, Jr., Georgia Southern
OF Brian Van Kirk, Sr., Oral Roberts
Util Ike Davis, Jr., Arizona State

SECOND TEAM

RHP Eric Beaulac Jr. Le Moyne
RHP Tim Clubb So. Missouri State
RHP Bryan Cryer Sr. New Orleans
RHP Chris Fetter Jr. Michigan
RHP Alex White So. North Carolina
Relief RHP Joshua Fields Sr. Georgia
C Josh Phegley So. Indiana
1B Yonder Alonso Jr. Miami
2B Josh Satin Sr. California
SS Brandon Douglas Jr. Northern Iowa

3B Chris Dominguez So. Louisville
3B Jeremie Tice Jr. College of Charleston
DH Ty Wright Jr. Georgia Southern
OF Collin Cowgill Jr. Kentucky
OF Kyle Jensen So. St. Mary's
OF Jason Kipnis So. Arizona State
OF Mike McKenna Sr. Florida Atlantic
OF Bryan Miller Sr. Troy
Util Zach Putnam Jr. Michigan

THIRD TEAM

LHP Shane Davis Fr. Canisius
LHP Christian Friedrich Jr. Eastern Kentucky
RHP Brad Holt Jr. UNC-Wilmington
LHP Justin Marks So. Louisville
LHP Bob Musgrave Sr. Wichita State
Relief RHP Eric Pettis So. UC-Irvine
Relief LHP Cole St. Clair Sr. Rice
C Mark Carver Sr. UNC-Wilmington
C Jason Castro Jr. Stanford
1B Nate Recknagel Sr. Michigan
1B Mike Sheridan Jr. William & Mary
2B Ryne Jernigan Sr. South Alabama
2B Kevin Mailloux Jr. Canisius
SS Ryan Jackson So. Miami
SS Tyler Kuhn Sr. West Virginia
3B Conor Gillaspie Jr. Wichita State
DH Alex Avila Jr. Alabama
DH Bryce Brentz Fr. Middle Tennessee
OF Andy Dirks Sr. Wichita State
OF Chris Edmondson So. Le Moyne
OF Kyle Hudson Jr. Illinois
OF Erik Komatsu Jr. Cal State Fullerton
OF Brett Sellers Jr. James Madison
Util Jason Buursma Sr. Bucknell

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