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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.

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



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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