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Brentz named Golden Spikes Semifinalist

Sophomore standout one of 30 semifinalist for national award

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DURHAM, N.C. - Sophomore [Bryce Brentz](#) has been named a semifinalist for the 2009 Golden Spikes Award as announced by USA Baseball on Tuesday.

Brentz is one of 30 semifinalists for the 2009 USA Baseball Golden Spikes Award (GSA). This year will mark the 32nd consecutive year that the award has been presented to the nation's premier amateur baseball player.

Brentz is currently leading the Blue Raiders with a .482 batting average as he has 106 hits, 19 doubles, two triples, 28 home runs and 72 RBI. On the mound, he has an ERA of 4.78 with a 5-3 record in 14 appearances with 57 strikeouts.

Today also marks the second year in a row that GoldenSpikesAward.com - powered by MLB Advanced Media (MLBAM), the interactive media and Internet company of Major League Baseball - will be the online home for the award. The Web site features content devoted exclusively to the GSA, including news, voting history, past-winner photo galleries, and photographs and video highlights for the 2009 semifinalists. Fans can follow online at GoldenSpikesAward.com as the list of 30 players is narrowed to five finalists on Tuesday, June 2, en route to the announcement of this year's winner on Tuesday, July 14.

The 2009 GSA will be awarded live at MLB's All-Star FanFest in St. Louis as part of a production by Major League Baseball and MLBAM. Online footage of the event will be found shortly thereafter, exclusively at GoldenSpikesAward.com and MLB.com.

Headlining this year's semifinalists are Dustin Ackley (North Carolina), Chris Dominguez (Louisville), Stephen Strasburg (San Diego State), and Alex White (North Carolina), all of whom were also 2008 GSA semifinalists.

In 2007, USA Baseball instituted a new selection and balloting procedure for the most prestigious award in amateur baseball, and it will follow the same model again in 2009. After accepting nominations from sports information directors across the country, a committee voted to determine the 30 semifinalists. The names of the 30 semifinalists will now be forwarded to a voting body of 125 who will select the five finalists and the eventual 2009 USA Baseball Golden Spikes Award winner.

"USA Baseball is proud to recognize the 30 semifinalists and their respective baseball programs for the 2009 USA Baseball Golden Spikes Award," said Paul Seiler, USA Baseball Executive Director/CEO. "With 25 schools and 14 conferences represented, it is clear that the level of competition within college baseball and for the Golden Spikes Award is as high as ever."

A list of the 30 semifinalists is below.

Name	School	Year	Position	Conference
1	Dustin Ackley	North Carolina	Junior 1B	ACC
2	Eric Arnett	Indiana	Junior RHP	BIG TEN
3	Buddy Baumann	Missouri State	Junior LHP	MISSOURI VALLEY
4	Kyle Bellamy	Miami	Junior RHP	ACC
5	Daniel Bibona	UC Irvine	Junior LHP	BIG WEST
6	Bryce Brentz	Middle Tennessee State	Sophomore OF/RHP	SUN BELT
7	Louis Coleman	LSU	Senior RHP	SEC
8	Chris Dominguez	Louisville	Junior 3B	BIG EAST
9	Josh Fellhauer	Cal State Fullerton	Junior OF	BIG WEST
10	Kyle Gibson	Missouri	Junior RHP	BIG XII
11	Jason Kipnis	Arizona State	Junior OF	PAC 10
12	Marc Krauss	Ohio	Junior IF/OF	MID-AMERICAN
13	Mike Leake	Arizona State	Junior RHP	PAC 10
14	Justin Marks	Louisville	Junior LHP	BIG EAST
15	Bryan Marquez	New Mexico State	Senior 2B	WAC
16	Kent Matthes	Alabama	Senior OF	SEC
17	Deck McGuire	Georgia Tech	Sophomore RHP	ACC
18	Tommy Mendonca	Fresno State	Junior 3B	WAC
19	A.J. Morris	Kansas State	Junior RHP	BIG XII
20	Josh Phegley	Indiana	Junior C	BIG TEN



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- 21 Rich Poythress Georgia Junior 1B SEC
- 22 Brooks Raley Texas A&M Sophomore LHP/OF BIG XII
- 23 Addison Reed San Diego State Sophomore RHP MOUNTAIN WEST
- 24 Anthony Rendon Rice Freshman 3B CONFERENCE USA
- 25 Tony Sanchez Boston College Junior C ACC
- 26 Angelo Songco Loyola Marymount Junior OF WEST COAST
- 27 Stephen Strasburg San Diego State Junior RHP MOUNTAIN WEST
- 28 Alex White North Carolina Junior RHP ACC
- 29 Alex Wimmers Ohio State Sophomore RHP BIG TEN
- 30 J.T. Wise Oklahoma Senior C/INF BIG XII

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