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**2008 DAKTRONICS NCAA DIVISION II BASEBALL
ALL-NORTHEAST REGION TEAMS ANNOUNCED;**

**Southern Connecticut State's Karl Derbacher Named Regional Player of the Year;
Franklin Pierce's Mike Adams Tabbed as Pitcher of the Year**

PHILADELPHIA- PA. – Southern Connecticut State University junior outfielder **Karl Derbacher** and Franklin Pierce University junior pitcher **Mike Adams** have been named the Northeast Region Player of the Year and Northeast Region Pitcher of Year respectively as the 2008 Daktronics Baseball All-Northeast Region team has been announced.

Derbacher, the 2008 Northeast-10 Conference Player of the Year and First Team All-Conference selection, helped lead the Owls to the Northeast-10 Tournament Championship Round after finishing the season second with a 24-6 conference record. The Northford, Connecticut native ranks among the conference leaders in all major offensive categories. **Derbacher** ranks first in doubles (19) and runs batted in (51); second in batting average (.413), hits (83), stolen bases (28) and on-base percentage (.500); third in slugging percentage (.557) and triples (5). He is also ranked among the NCAA Division II leaders in batting average, triples, on-base percentage and stolen bases.

Adams, the 2008 Northeast-10 Conference Co-Pitcher of the Year and First Team All-Conference selection, helped lead the Ravens to the Northeast-10 Championship and the #1 seed in the upcoming NCAA Northeast Regional. **Adams** currently is tied for the conference lead in wins with a 9-1 record. The Orchard Park, New York native also leads all of NCAA Division II with an earned run average of 0.98 in 92 innings of work and has pitched two complete games with 91 strikeouts. **Adams** is second in the NE-10 in innings pitched and third in opposing batting average (.169). Nationally, **Adams** also ranks eighth in hits per nine innings and is amongst the top 20 in strikeouts.

Rounding out the 2008 Daktronics Northeast Region First Team are **Brian Testa** of Wilmington (utility), **Derek Ingui** of Franklin Pierce (designated player), **Jim Fuller** of Southern Connecticut State (starting pitcher), **Brian Honeyman** of Queen's (starting pitcher), **Bobby Kay** of C.W. Post (starting pitcher), **Tyler Bishop** of Franklin Pierce (relief pitcher), **Chris Irwin** of Molloy (catcher), **Cody Levins** of Nyack College (1B), **Mike Baillargeon** of Assumption (2B), **Jason Alexander** of Bryant (3B), **Scott Savistano** of Franklin Pierce (SS), and outfielders **Nick Campbell** of Bryant and **Kevin Renaud** of Franklin Pierce.

The second team consists of: Bryant's **Eric Loh** (SP), **Eric Polvani** (RP) and **Pat O'Connor** (OF); Caldwell's **Robert Casal** (SP), **Gabriel Molina** (3B) and **Adric Saxon** (OF); Pace University's **Dustin Corbett** (SP) and **Jack Cawley** (C); USP's **Michael Curry** (OF) and **Pete LaRocco** (DH); C.W. Post's **Mike Sylvester** (UT); Dominican's **Tommy Maloney** (1B); Dowling's **Brent Lotito** (SP); Molloy's **T.J. Greig** (OF); Philadelphia University's **Tyler Mentzer** (2B); and Southern Connecticut State's **Michael Diaz** (SS).

The 2008 Daktronics All-Northeast Region first team includes several that earned major honors from their respective leagues. In addition to **Derbacher** (Northeast-10 Player of the Year) and **Adams** (Northeast-10 Co-Pitcher of the Year), Southern Connecticut State pitcher **Jim Fuller** was named the Northeast-10 Co-Pitcher of the Year along with Adams. Nyack first baseman **Cody Levins** was named CACC Player of the Year while Molloy College catcher **Chris Irwin** and Queen's College pitcher **Brian Honeyman** were named East Coast Conference Player and Pitcher of the Year respectively. CACC Pitcher of the Year, **Robert Casal** of Caldwell earned second team all-region honors.

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2008 Daktronics Baseball All-Northeast Region Team

FIRST TEAM

Brian Testa, Wilmington University	Senior	Utility
Derek Ingui, Franklin Pierce University	Freshman	Designated hitter
Mike Adams, Franklin Pierce University	Junior	Starting Pitcher
Jim Fuller, Southern Connecticut State Univ.	Sophomore	Starting Pitcher
Brian Honeyman, Queens College	Senior	Starting Pitcher
Bobby Kay, C.W. Post University	Junior	Starting Pitcher
Tyler Bishop, Franklin Pierce University	Senior	Relief Pitcher
Chris Irwin, Molloy College	Senior	Catcher
Cody Levins, Nyack College	Junior	First Base
Mike Baillargeon, Assumption College	Junior	Second Base
Jason Alexander, Bryant University	Senior	Third Base
Scott Savistano, Franklin Pierce University	Junior	Shortstop
Kevin Renaud, Franklin Pierce University	Senior	Outfield
Karl Derbacher, Southern Connecticut State Univ.	Junior	Outfield
Nick Campbell, Bryant University	Sophomore	Outfield

SECOND TEAM

Mike Sylvester, C.W. Post University	Senior	Utility
Pete LaRocco, Univ. of the Sciences in Philadelphia	Freshman	Designated Hitter
Dustin Corbett, Pace University	Senior	Starting Pitcher
Eric Loh, Bryant University	Senior	Starting Pitcher
Robert Casal, Caldwell College	Sophomore	Starting Pitcher
Brent Lotito, Dowling College	Senior	Starting Pitcher
Eric Polvani, Bryant University	Sophomore	Relief Pitcher
Jack Cawley, Pace University	Senior	Catcher
Tommy Maloney, Dominican College	Sophomore	First Base
Tyler Mentzer, Philadelphia University	Sophomore	Second Base
Gabriel Molina, Caldwell College	Freshman	Third Base
Michael Diaz, Southern Connecticut State Univ.	Junior	Shortstop
T.J. Greig, Molloy College	Sophomore	Outfield
Michael Curry, Univ. of the Sciences in Philadelphia	Senior	Outfield
Pat O'Connor, Bryant University	Junior	Outfield
Adric Saxon, Caldwell College	Sophomore	Outfield

(Four outfielders chosen for second team due to ties in the voting)

Daktronics Northeast Region Player of Year: Karl Derbacher,
Southern Connecticut State University

Daktronics Northeast Region Pitcher of Year: Mike Adams, Franklin Pierce University