

2009 NCAA Division I All-Independent Baseball Team

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FARMVILLE, Va. -- Dallas Baptist University shortstop **Ryan Goins** has been selected as the **Division I Independent Baseball Player of the Year**, Bryant University right-hander **Eric Polvani** was chosen as **Pitcher of the Year**, Dallas Baptist head coach **Dan Heefner** is **Coach of the Year**, and Utah Valley University outfielder **Billy Burgess** was picked as **Newcomer of the Year**. Voting was conducted among both the head coaches and sports information directors at the 16 Independent schools for selecting the **2009 Division I All-Independent Baseball Team**.

Goins, a junior from Round Rock, Texas, hit .371 with 22 home runs, 17 doubles, 70 RBI, and a .765 slugging percentage while helping DBU to a record of 38-17. A left-handed slugger, he ranked 13th in Division I home runs, 15th in runs (76), 16th in both slugging percentage and total bases (169), 28th in walks (46), and 38th nationally in RBI.

Polvani, a junior from Wallingford, Connecticut, was 8-2 on the mound with a 2.04 ERA through 79.1 innings with one save and 58 strikeouts for the Bulldogs. A former closer, he finished the season 6-0 with a 1.33 ERA over 54.0 innings with one save and 42 strikeouts in his final eight appearances while making seven starts.

Heefner led Dallas Baptist to a record of 38-17 in his second year as head coach, and is now 75-36 with the Patriots, including an at-large invitation to the 2008 NCAA Tournament. DBU had wins this season past Big 12 Conference members Baylor, Texas A&M, and Texas Tech.

Burgess, a freshman from Alpine, Utah, hit .381 with eight home runs, eight doubles, and 42 RBI for Utah Valley.

The complete All-Independent Team is listed below, while the *2009 Independent Baseball All-Academic Team* follows.

FIRST TEAM

Position	Name, School	Year	Hometown	Statistics
First Base	Jake Magner, North Dakota	Sophomore	Grand Rapids, Minnesota	.393, 10 HR, 13 2B, 51 RBI, 4-6 SB
Second Base	Josh Street, SIU-Edwardsville	Senior	Defiance, Missouri	.387, 15 HR, 12 2B, 59 RBI, 3-5 SB
Shortstop	Ryan Goins, Dallas Baptist	Junior	Round Rock, Texas	.371, 22 HR, 17 2B, 70 RBI, 11-14 SB
Third Base	Jace Brinkerhoff, Utah Valley	Junior	Spanish Fork, Utah	.433, 5 HR, 19 2B, 39 RBI, 2-3 SB
Outfield	Billy Burgess, Utah Valley	Freshman	Alpine, Utah	.381, 8 HR, 8 2B, 42 RBI, 2-2 SB
Outfield	Ryan Enos, Dallas Baptist	Junior	Highland Village, Texas	.376, 17 HR, 20 2B, 56 RBI, 13-21 SB
Outfield	Erik Hegstad, Northern Colorado	Senior	Greeley, Colorado	.353, 11 HR, 16 2B, 41 RBI, 1-2 SB
Catcher	Jeff Vigurs, Bryant	Junior	S. Windsor, Connecticut	.389, 9 HR, 23 2B, 70 RBI, 7-11 SB
DH/Utility	Jason Krizan, Dallas Baptist	Sophomore	Pflugerville, Texas	8-2, 2.04 ERA, 79.1 IP, 58k, 1 save
Starting Pitcher	Eric Polvani, Bryant	Junior	Wallingford, Connecticut	8-4, 4.73 RA, 91.1 IP, 91k
Starting Pitcher	Justin Smith, Utah Valley	Junior	Pleasant Grove, Utah	8-4, 4.73 RA, 91.1 IP, 91k
Relief Pitcher	Mark Andrews, Bryant	Sophomore	Hillsborough, New Jersey	2-4, 10 saves, 4.38 ERA, 24.2 IP, 20k

SECOND TEAM

Position	Name, School	Year	Hometown	Statistics
First Base	Casey Havers, Longwood	Junior	Thorofare, New Jersey	.391, 5 HR, 14 2B, 38 RBI, 5-6 SB
Second Base	Brant Jones, Longwood	Sophomore	Richmond, Virginia	.387, 7 HR, 17 2B, 44 RBI, 7-7 SB
Shortstop	Pat McKenna, Bryant	Senior	Orange, Connecticut	.338, 12 HR, 14 2B, 43 RBI, 4-8 SB
Third Base	Effrey Valdez, NYIT	Sophomore	Flushing, New York	.401, 11 HR, 10 2B, 40 RBI, 0-2 SB
Outfield	Nick Campbell, Bryant	Junior	Raynham, Massachusetts	.375, 3 HR, 11 2B, 42 RBI, 5-7 SB
Outfield	Chris Edmondson, Le Moyne	Junior	Johnson City, New York	.322, 13 HR, 12 2B, 46 RBI, 8-9 SB
Outfield	Ryan Thompson, Dallas Baptist	Junior	Littleton, Colorado	.346, 8 HR, 13 2B, 48 RBI, 9-11 SB
Catcher	Jonathan Quigley, Longwood	Senior	Annandale, Virginia	.371, 9 HR, 13 2B, 47 RBI, 3-6 SB
DH/Utility	Kevin Sandberg, Northern Colorado	Senior	Aurora, Colorado	.351, 20 HR, 13 2B, 64 RBI, 0-0 SB
Starting Pitcher	Victor Black, Dallas Baptist	Junior	Amarillo, Texas	6-4, 4.16 ERA, 88.2 IP, 99k
Starting Pitcher	Kevin Cobb, Bryant	Senior	Acton, Massachusetts	7-0, 3.35 ERA, 80.2 IP, 62k
Relief Pitcher	Michael Smith, Dallas Baptist	Freshman	Mansfield, Texas	6-0, 0 saves, 5.15 ERA, 50.2 IP, 40k

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: RYAN GOINS, DALLAS BAPTIST

PITCHER OF THE YEAR: ERIC POLVANI, BRYANT

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR: BILLY BURGESS, UTAH VALLEY

COACH OF THE YEAR: DAN HEEFNER, DALLAS BAPTIST (38-17)

2009 NCAA Division I Independent Baseball All-Academic Team

Each school submitted up to three student-athletes with at least a 3.30 cumulative grade point average, at least a sophomore in academic standing, and a starter or key reserve of their respective baseball programs.

<u>Name, School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Kellon McFarlin, Chicago State	Senior	Outfield	3.61	Communications	Chicago, Ill.
Preston Pires, Chicago State	Senior	Catcher	3.44	Physical Education	Kalani, Hawaii
Jose Leon, Chicago State	Sophomore	Pitcher	3.50	Accounting	Chicago, Ill.
Jason Kudlock, CSU Bakersfield	Junior	OF/Pitcher	3.38	Psychology	Chandler, Ariz.
Erik Draxton, CSU Bakersfield	Junior	Pitcher	3.42	Business Administration	Park City, Utah
Brandon Bantz, Dallas Baptist	Senior	Catcher	3.56	Kinesiology	Mansfield, Utah
Ryan Enos, Dallas Baptist	Junior	Outfield	3.67	Finance	Highland Village, Texas
Clay Kelly, Dallas Baptist	Senior	Outfield	3.53	Kinesiology	Austin, Texas
Nick Homan, Houston Baptist	Senior	Shortstop	3.76	Marketing	Houston, Texas
Andrew Taccolini, Houston Baptist	Senior	Outfield	3.71	Finance	Sugar Land, Texas
Eric Schiro, Houston Baptist	Senior	Infield	3.53	Marketing	Deer Park, Texas
Rich Brown, Le Moyne	Junior	Catcher/1B	3.93	Biology	Vestal, N.Y.
Jeff Tardiff, Le Moyne	Sophomore	Pitcher	3.36	Biology	Framingham, Mass.
Phil Cerreto, Longwood	Junior	Third Base	3.38	Chemistry	Midlothian, Va.
David Smiy Jr., Longwood	Junior	Outfield	3.90	Business Finance	Chesterfield, Va.
John Walker II, Longwood	Senior	Pitcher	3.45	Athletic Training	Alexandria, Va.
Steven Ace, NJIT	Sophomore	Pitcher	3.57	Industrial Engineering	Beach Lake, Pa.
James D'Aloia, NJIT	Sophomore	Outfield	3.61	Mechanical Engineering	Lakewood, N.J.
Kyle McCarthy, NJIT	Junior	First Base	4.00	Mathematical Science	Collingswood, N.J.
Denten Neill, NYIT	Senior	Outfield	3.73	Engineering Management	Wakefield, Quebec
Jon Eichhorn, NYIT	Senior	Pitcher	3.57	Electronics and Information Security	Sayville, N.Y.
Matthew Doran, NYIT	Senior	Pitcher	3.51	Business Administration	South Ozone Park, N.Y.
Robert Grant, NC Central	Sophomore	Catcher	3.56	Physical Education	Haw River, N.C.
Brandon Oatis, NC Central	Sophomore	Pitcher	3.62	Marketing	Matthews, N.C.
Andy Mees, N. Colorado	Senior	First Base	3.43	Sport & Exercise Science	Phoenix, Ariz.
Mike Raudenbush, N. Colorado	Junior	Outfield	3.40	Business Administration	Lafayette, Colo.
Eric Skufca, N. Colorado	Junior	Pitcher	3.69	Accounting	Denver, Colo.
Josh Lagein, North Dakota	Sophomore	Outfield	3.85	Mechanical Engineering	Devils Lake, N.D.
Josh Nelson, North Dakota	Junior	Infield	3.77	Marketing and Management	Apple Valley, Minn.
Andrew Sadler, North Dakota	Sophomore	Catcher	3.57	Accounting	Grand Forks, N.D.
Coutrevez McTier, Savannah State	Sophomore	Pitcher	3.70	Criminal Justice	Riverdale, Ga.
Brandon Webster, Savannah State	Sophomore	First Base	3.49	Mechanical Engineering	Darien, Ga.
Michael Hopkins, SIU-Edwardsville	Junior	Outfield/1B	3.32	Business	St. Charles, Mo.
Abraham Garcia, UTPA	R-Junior	Second Base	3.43	Kinesiology	McAllen, Texas
Bonham Hough, UTPA	Junior	Outfield	3.62	Communication	Waxahachie, Texas
Tim Tefft, UTPA	Senior	OF/Pitcher	3.86	Psychology	Bellevue, Neb.
Jace Brinkerhoff, Utah Valley	Junior	Third Base	3.48	Exercise Science	Spanish Fork, Utah
Ryan Jones, Utah Valley	Senior	Second Base	3.32	Business Management	Laguna Niguel, Calif.
Brock Sargent, Utah Valley	Junior	Catcher	3.49	Business Management	St. George, Utah

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