

# 2008 HUSKIES

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## QUICK FACTS

### SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name.....Northern Illinois University  
 Location.....DeKalb, Ill.  
 Founded.....1895  
 Enrollment.....25,208  
 Nickname.....Huskies  
 Colors.....Cardinal and Black  
 Affiliation.....NCAA Division I  
 Conference.....Mid-American/West Division  
 President.....Dr. John G. Peters  
 Assoc. V.P./Dir. of Athletics.....Dr. Jim Phillips  
 Website.....www.niuhuskies.com

### STADIUM INFORMATION

Facility.....Ralph McKinzie Field (1,500)  
 Dimensions (L to R).....312-368-395-368-322  
 Press Box Phone.....815-753-8094

### BASEBALL HISTORY

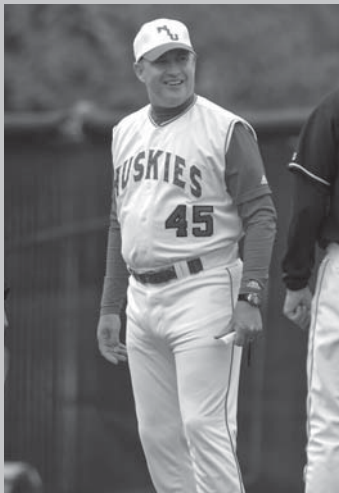
First Baseball Year.....1900  
 All-Time Record.....1,163-1,270-26 (.478)  
 NCAA Appearances.....2 (1972, 1996)

### COACHING STAFF

Head Coach (Yr.).....Ed Mathey (6th)  
 Record at NIU (Years).....139-143-1 (5 years)  
 Career Record.....344-314-3 (14 years)  
 Baseball Phone.....815-753-2225  
 Contact Coach.....Through SID  
 Head Assistant Coach/  
 Recruiting Coordinator (Yr.).....Steve Joslyn (6th)  
 Assistant Coach.....Tom Carcione (1st)  
 Assistant Coach.....Ray Napientek (2nd)

### TEAM INFORMATION

2007 Record.....34-24  
 Home/Road/Neutral.....11-4 / 15-17 / 8-3  
 Conference Record (Finish).....16-11 (3rd/West)  
 Lettermen Returning/Lost.....16/8  
 Starters Returning/Lost.....7/2  
 Starting Pitchers Returning/Lost.....4/1  
 Pitchers Returning/Lost.....6/2  
 Newcomers.....10



Head coach Ed Mathey enters his sixth season at Northern Illinois just five wins away from becoming the school's all-time winningest coach.

## HUSKIES "MAKE PITCH" TO IMPROVE ON RECORD-SETTING CAMPAIGN

If the baseball adage of "pitching and defense wins championships" holds true, Northern Illinois should be in the thick of the race for the Mid-American Conference Championship in 2008. The Huskies return a veteran cast of 16 letterwinners from a record-setting squad that established school marks for Division I victories and MAC wins and finished third at the conference tournament, one win from playing for the championship. Leading the way this season is a pitching staff stocked with weekend-caliber starters that helped NIU record its best team ERA in three decades.

Ultimately to equal or better the success of 2007, the Huskies will need to find replacements for four key members of that squad. All-American closer and NIU career saves leader Matt German, swingman pitcher and MAC career appearances leader Mark Badgley, four-year starter and MAC career hit king Scott Simon, and team MVP and All-MAC selection Jesse Seykora all have graduated. It will be up to the returning veterans and a group of talented and eager young players to fill the void.

"One of the cornerstone goals of our program is to get into the top tier of the MAC on a consistent basis and last year's success and MAC Tournament finish helped us get back toward that level," said head coach Ed Mathey, now in his sixth season.

### PITCHING ROTATION

Three of Northern Illinois' four conference starters return from a year ago, led by senior Trevor Feeney, a 39th-round selection in the 2007 Major League Draft who returned to complete his college eligibility. The righthander was the Huskies No. 1 starter last season and totaled six wins in 14 starts while matching up against the opponent's top hurlers.

A pair of lefthanders who started during conference play will fight for weekend positions this season - senior Matt Jernstad won four of his six decisions and pitched well down the stretch and junior Brandon Copp won five games and pitched in the Cape Cod League during the past two summers.

The Huskies welcome back Brian Smith, perhaps the team's best starter during his first two seasons, after missing the 2007 campaign because of surgery to remove bone spurs from his throwing elbow. Smith, a team captain, owns 10 career victories and has logged over 150 career innings in two years.

"The injury Brian had was not structural and we decided to shut him down because we wanted to make sure that he was fine," said Mathey. "He bounced back with a great summer and a strong fall for us."

Also in the mix is senior Adam Holdenrid, who is two years removed from Tommy John surgery and was a weekend starter before his injury.

Those five pitchers will compete for three weekend rotation spots leaving the Huskies with an abundance of quality to fill in midweek starts and shore up the bullpen.

"I am confident in our starting pitchers," said Mathey. "We have a very healthy competition that will be wide open and someone will have to come out of the bullpen. Feeney is a very polished pitcher, Jernstad is a workhorse who wants the ball, Smith has an increased fastball and hunger to return and will be a big boost, Copp has the ability to dominate with his stuff, and Holdenrid is regaining confidence and can win some games for us."

### BULLPEN

Experienced hurlers Andy Deain and Dave Nykiel anchor the Huskie bullpen. Deain enters the season on the Brooks Wallace Award Watch List for national player of the year and is coming off a season in which he tied for the team-lead with six victories while racking up 33 relief appearances.

Nykiel is a senior who pitched in 27 games last season and 66 for his career.

"Deain and Nykiel are two veterans who have pitched big innings in big situations for us," said Mathey. "We would love to see Deain take the closer role after doing an outstanding job last season as the set-up man and we feel that Nykiel shores up our bullpen quite well."

The loss of German, one of the nation's premier closers and Badgley, an all-situation pitcher who could start, close and do everything in between, sets up a number of open and undefined roles that will be sorted out as the season goes along. Returnees Cody Beck, who pitched in six games as a freshman last season, and senior Dan Atkinson are the most experienced middle relievers. Sophomore lefthander Dave Reynolds appeared in only two games a year ago but may see additional duty this season after a strong showing as a closer during the summer.

Three newcomers will also be in the mix for 'pen duty. Junior college transfer Nick Badgley (brother of Mark) will likely see mound duty in addition to playing in the outfield. Freshmen Tom Zelasko and Brad Allen, who may also see time in the infield, figure to get work as well.

"We lost an All-American closer and someone of that caliber doesn't come around everyday," said Mathey. "We'll assume a lot of new roles, but I like what our pitchers are capable of doing."

### CATCHERS

Northern Illinois will have depth, experience and versatility behind the plate. Junior Matt Behren made 36 starts last season and led the Huskies in hitting with a .352 average. In addition to providing a solid bat from the left side, Behren was named a team captain and is a steady influence on the team's pitching staff. Justin Behm provides a powerful bat from the right side and will split time between catcher and designated hitter. The junior belted five home runs and had strong showing with seven RBI in four MAC Tournament games, including a grand slam.

"Behren has been a solid staple in our lineup," said Mathey. "In addition to being a good hitter, he calls a great game and is a solid receiver. He understands what is going on behind the plate and has worked on his throwing. Behm is one of the guys who could be a consistent run producer for us and when he is going well, is as good a power hitter as we have."

Backing up Behren and Behm will be a pair of newcomers. Sam Kapacinskas transferred from the junior college ranks and possesses a strong arm and outstanding defensive skills. Freshman Kevin Smith provides depth and may see time.

### INFIELD

The Huskies will have big shoes to fill on the corners with the loss of mainstays Simon and Seykora. Helping to offset the void is 2007 Freshman All-American Jordin Hood, who moves over to third base, his more natural position.

Hood was one of four freshmen to earn All-MAC honors after a season that included six home runs and a .309 conference batting average. As well as Hood played during his rookie season, he expects to take another step in his development as one of the team's offensive leaders while making a smooth transition from second base.

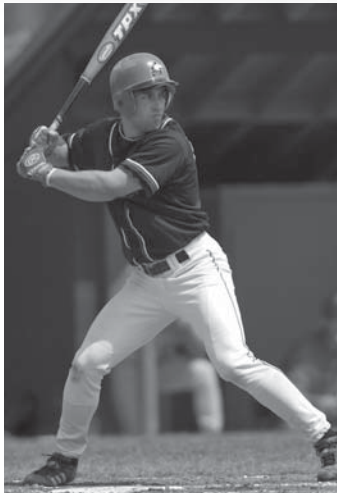
"Jordin has a good understanding of playing third base and did well there during the summer so he is ready to go. We expect him to maintain his proficiency at the plate. He has a great swing and worked hard to improve and get stronger. He is a two-way threat for us because he can hit for power and can also run."

Third-year shortstop Bobby Stevens returns to anchor the left side of the infield and remains a fixture up the middle. The highly-touted junior and 2008 team captain missed



Trevor Feeney (left) and Matt Jernstad (right) combined for 10 wins last season and return to lead the Huskies' starting rotation in 2008.





**3B Jordin Hood (left) and SS Bobby Stevens (right) were listed as MAC "Players to Watch" by Collegiate Baseball and give the Huskies one of the most dynamic left side infield combinations in the league.**

Third-year shortstop **Bobby Stevens** returns to anchor the left side of the infield and remains a fixture up the middle. The highly-touted junior and 2008 team captain missed significant time with a hand injury before returning to make an impact at the MAC Tournament despite not playing at 100 percent. Now healthy, Stevens possesses range and a strong arm defensively and provides power and speed at the plate.

"Bobby has been a consistent player for us and is potentially an all-conference caliber player," said Mathey. "He has been very good defensively and at times has been an offensive dynamo. He is a leader who takes charge, plays hard and possesses a great knowledge and understanding of the game."

The most competitive spot on the infield is at second base where a trio of players, each of whom bring different strengths, will vie for time. Offensively, **Tim Kamin** is the frontrunner. Defensively it's **Marvin Sanchez**. In terms of all-around contributions, **Joe Buonavalanto** may be best suited.

Kamin emerged at the end of the season by hitting .588 with three home runs and 13 RBI over the season's final two weeks while earning MAC West Player of the Week honors during that stretch. The senior brings a strong lefthanded bat and experience.

Sanchez, a highly-touted freshman, showed tremendous work ethic and defensive abilities during the fall, and can switch-hit at the plate. Buonavalanto hit .400 in limited time last season while backing up multiple infield positions as a freshman.

"I anticipate that each player will get time early in the season and who plays most may ultimately depend on the situation and whether the team needs more offense or defense or a righthanded or lefthanded bat in the lineup," said Mathey. "Kamin did very well with his opportunities last season and shows more veteran savvy. Marvin has a lot of great tools - great defensive instincts, great hands, a strong arm, and runs very well. Joe does a lot of things well, is a student of the game, and swings a good bat with the ability to drive the ball."

Reynolds, who may also see time on the mound, will take over first base duties after hitting .341 with 15 RBI in 44 at-bats as a backup last season. Beyond his ability to hit to all fields, Reynolds is an accomplished fielder after seeing late-inning defensive duty a year ago.

"Dave did a great job at first base last season behind Scott Simon," said Mathey. "He is the best defensive first baseman I have had since I've been here. He made the most of his opportunities offensively and has a great knowledge of the game. He's a baseball player."

In addition to interchanging middle infield depth as needed, freshmen **Allen** and **Joe Etcheverry** will be the primary reserves at the corner positions.

"Allen will provide depth for us at third and Etcheverry has the ability to step in and will get some opportunities at first base."

## OUTFIELD

All three of Northern Illinois' starting outfielders return for 2008, but will need to win their jobs while being pushed for playing time in an open competition for positions.

**Jeff Thomas** started 39 games and **Pat Minogue** 54 contests in left and center, respectively, last season and both are looking to regain their form of 2006 when they were table setters and ranked among the team's offensive leaders. Thomas has enjoyed successful stashes and Minogue is a two-year starter who was named a team captain. **Danny Reed** returns in right field where he started 52 games and ranked second on the team with six home runs in his first season after transferring from the junior college ranks.

"Our outfield competition is wide open," said Mathey. "Jeff has been pretty brilliant at times and has a contagious attitude and approach and a real passion for the game. If he can put everything together he could be a real spark plug for us. Pat is a vocal leader and may be our fastest runner with a great ability to cover the gaps in the outfield. Danny has the ability to be a middle of the lineup guy and top RBI producer. He is an all-around performer and a good rightfielder with power, the ability to run, and a good arm. We anticipate that he will continue to build on the solid season he had last year."

**Anthony Mazuir** emerged during the fall after serving primarily as a pinch-runner who scored nine runs in limited duty during his freshman season.

"Mazuir is an aggressive baserunner with deceptive power at the plate and the ability to play either left or center field," said Mathey. "He has been waiting for his opportunity to show what he can do."

Also factoring into the outfield mix will be Smith and Badgley, both of whom will see mound time. Smith hit .245 in two seasons as a reserve outfielder and designated hitter and Badgley was a junior college All-America a year ago. Freshman **Brandon House** is a speedy outfielder who had a good fall and will provide depth.

## OFFENSE

With the departures of Simon and Seykora from the middle of the lineup, the Huskies figure to take advantage of an aggressive speed game, especially while the pieces of the batting order take shape over the course of the season.

"I like our overall team speed and not only does that bode well for us defensively, but it will put pressure on the opposing defense," said Mathey. "A lot of our offense will depend on what evolves through the middle of the lineup and who becomes our run producers. I think our speed has increased throughout the lineup and that will give us the ability to stay aggressive."

With versatility and depth throughout the infield and outfield, Mathey will have plenty of lineup options to choose from on a daily basis.

"I see tremendous versatility when I look at our offensive lineup," said Mathey. "We have speed at a number of positions and guys who can consistently drive the baseball. We can put a lot of combinations out there, including an entirely lefthanded or righthanded lineup if we need to."

## SCHEDULE

Northern Illinois will face a challenging slate that features 29 games against 13 teams who reached the postseason in 2007, including three conference champions and a pair of NCAA qualifiers. Among the early non-conference highlights are the season-opening series at Texas Tech, the annual intrastate series with Southern Illinois and a spring trip to Texas that includes a neutral site game against Oklahoma.

Back north, the Huskies will host Horizon League champion and NCAA participant UIC at Kane County, play a Big Ten foe (at Iowa) and total eight games against teams from the Missouri Valley Conference.

In the always competitive and unpredictable MAC, NIU gets the benefit of having three of its five West Division series at home and hosts defending tournament champion and NCAA qualifier Kent State from the East Division.

"The MAC will be a dogfight, especially in our division," said Mathey. "Eastern Michigan won the regular season title last year, returns several very good players and has a new coach who is very familiar with the league. Central Michigan is loaded again. Toledo has been building the last couple of years and has a veteran team. Ball State's 2007 season was an anomaly and I expect them to bounce back. Western Michigan has solid pitching and a nucleus of young position players back from last year."

## PLAYER INFORMATION

### Starters Returning (7)

- C Matt Behren (.352, 1 HR, 31 RBI)
- SS Bobby Stevens (.250, 3 HR, 20 RBI, 15 SB)
- 3B Jordin Hood (.294, 6 HR, 29 RBI, 11 SB)  
*Freshman All-American/2nd team All-MAC*
- LF Jeff Thomas (.228, 2 HR, 24 RBI, 8 SB)
- CF Pat Minogue (.264, 3 HR, 31 RBI, 8 SB)
- RF Danny Reed (.319, 6 HR, 31 RBI, 7 SB)
- DH Justin Behm (.273, 6 HR, 29 RBI, 7 2B)

### Other Key Position Players Returning

- IF Tim Kamin (.467, 3 HR, 15 RBI in 30 AB)
- IF Joe Buonavalanto (.400, 5 RBI, in 15 AB)
- 1B Dave Reynolds (.341, 1 HR, 15 RBI, in 44 AB)
- OF Anthony Mazuir (.273, 9 R, 4 RBI in 11 AB)

### Starting Pitchers Returning (5)

- R Trevor Feeney (6-7, 4.30, 98.1 IP, 61 K)
- L Matt Jernstad (4-2, 4.39, 80 IP, 66 K)
- L Brandon Copp (5-3, 5.22, 58.2 IP, 44 K)
- R Brian Smith ('07 redshirt; 10 career wins)
- L Adam Holdenrid (1-3, 6.37, 35.1 IP, 20 K)

### Other Key Pitchers Returning

- R Andy Deain (6-1, 2.03, 33 G, 1 SV)
- R Dave Nykiel (1-0, 7.48, 27.2 IP, 19 K)

### Key Losses

- P Matt German (5-2, 1.76, 34 G, 13 SV)  
*All-America, All-Region and All-MAC*
- P Mark Badgley (4-4, 4.27, 23 G, 84.1 IP)
- 1B Scott Simon (.329, 73 H, 3 HR, 37 RBI)  
*MAC career hit leader, Academic All-MAC*
- 3B Jesse Seykora (.320, 50 R, 8 HR, 42 RBI)  
*2nd-team All-MAC*
- OF Daniel Jewett (.326, 26 R, 17 RBI, 12 SB)

### Newcomers (10)

- Brad Allen, IF/RHP (Fr.)
- Nick Badgley, OF/RHP (Jr.-Tr.)
- Joe Etcheverry, 1B (Fr.)
- Brandon House, OF (Fr.)
- Sam Kapacinskas, C (So., '07 Redshirt)
- Zach Oates, RHP (Fr.)
- Marvin Sanchez, IF (Fr.)
- Kevin Smith, C (Fr.)
- Tom Zelasko, RHP (Fr.)



**Andy Deain won six games out of the bullpen in 2007 and was named to the preseason Brooks Wallace Award (National Player of the Year) Watch List.**

# ROSTERS

## 2008 NORTHERN ILLINOIS BASEBALL ROSTER

### NUMERICAL

No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	Yr/Exp.	Hometown (Last School)
1	Danny Reed	OF	R/R	6-0	185	Sr./1L	Lindstrom, Minn. (North Iowa Area CC)
2	Marvin Sanchez	IF	S/R	6-0	165	Fr./HS	Chicago, Ill. (Clemente Academy)
3	Joe Buonavolanto	IF	R/R	5-8	180	So./Sq	Willowbrook, Ill. (Hinsdale South)
4	Jeff Thomas	OF	L/L	5-9	185	Sr./2L	Loves Park, Ill. (Harlem)
5	Joe Etcheverry	1B	L/L	6-2	210	Fr./HS	Bakersfield, Calif. (Centennial)
6	Brian Smith	P/OF	L/R	6-3	185	Jr./2L	Chicago Ridge, Ill. (Richards)
7	Brandon House	OF	R/R	5-9	170	Fr./HS	Richton Park, Ill. (Marian Catholic)
10	Sam Kapacinskaskas	C	R/R	6-0	200	So./Sq	DeBary, Fla. (St Johns River CC)
11	Bobby Stevens	SS	R/R	6-0	190	Jr./2L	Chicago, Ill. (Guerin Prep)
13	Dave Reynolds	1B/P	L/L	6-1	170	So./1L	Orland Park, Ill. (Sandburg)
14	Jordin Hood	3B	R/R	6-0	175	So./1L	Hawthorn Woods, Ill. (Lake Zurich)
15	Pat Minogue	OF	R/R	6-0	175	Jr./2L	Crystal Lake, Ill. (Central)
17	Kevin Smith	C	R/R	6-0	175	Fr./HS	Wheaton, Ill. (North)
18	Dan Atkinson	P	R/R	6-3	220	Sr./3Sq	Orland Park, Ill. (Sandburg)
20	Andy Deain	P	R/R	6-0	190	Jr./2L	Crystal Lake, Ill. (Prairie Ridge)
21	Dave Nykiel	P	R/R	6-2	190	Sr./3L	Tinley Park, Ill. (Andrew)
22	Adam Holdenrid	P	L/L	6-0	170	Sr./2L	Mendota, Ill. (Mendota)
23	Nick Badgley	P/OF	R/R	6-1	195	Jr./Tr	McHenry, Ill. (McHenry CC)
24	Matt Behren	C	L/R	5-11	185	Jr./2L	Elmwood Park, Ill. (Holy Cross)
25	Matt Jernstad	P	L/L	6-1	235	Sr./3L	Oswego, Ill. (Oswego)
26	Tom Zelasko	P	R/L	6-0	200	Fr./HS	Lansing, Ill. (Mt. Carmel)
28	Brad Allen	P/IF	L/R	6-4	215	Fr./HS	Geneva, Ill. (Geneva)
29	Zach Oates	P	R/R	6-7	220	Fr./HS	Wheaton, Ill. (North)
30	Justin Behm	C	R/R	6-3	220	Jr./2L	Downers Grove, Ill. (North)
31	Tim Kamin	IF	L/R	6-1	180	Sr./3L	Oak Lawn, Ill. (Richards)
32	Trevor Feeney	P	R/R	6-1	185	Sr./3L	Channahon, Ill. (Joliet Catholic)
33	Cody Beck	P	L/L	5-11	185	So./Sq	Bartlett, Ill. (Bartlett)
34	Anthony Maziur	OF	L/L	6-0	175	So./1L	Oak Forest, Ill. (Oak Forest)
50	Brandon Copp	P	L/L	6-1	205	Jr./2L	Aurora, Ill. (West)

### ALPHABETICAL

Name	No.	Pos.
Allen, Brad	28	RHP/IF
Atkinson, Dan	18	RHP
Badgley, Nick	23	RHP/OF
Beck, Cody	33	LHP
Behm, Justin	30	C
Behren, Matt	24	C
Buonavolanto, Joe	3	IF
Carcione, Tom	16	AC
Copp, Brandon	50	LHP
Deain, Andy	20	RHP
Etcheverry, Joe	5	1B
Feeney, Trevor	32	RHP
Holdenrid, Adam	22	LHP
Hood, Jordin	14	3B
House, Brandon	7	OF
Jernstad, Matt	25	LHP
Joslyn, Steve	8	AC
Kamin, Tim	31	IF
Kapacinskaskas, Sam	10	C
Mathey, Ed	45	HC
Maziur, Anthony	34	OF
Minogue, Pat	15	OF
Napientek, Ray	9	AC
Nykiel, Dave	21	RHP
Oates, Zach	29	RHP
Reed, Danny	1	OF
Reynolds, Dave	13	1B/LHP
Sanchez, Marvin	2	IF
Smith, Brian	6	RHP/OF
Smith, Kevin	17	C
Stevens, Bobby	11	SS
Thomas, Jeff	4	OF
Zelasko, Tom	26	LHP

### Coaching Staff

- #45 Ed Mathey, 6th Season, Head Coach
- #8 Steve Joslyn, 6th Season, Assistant Coach
- #16 Tom Carcione, 1st Season, Assistant Coach
- #9 Ray Napientek, 2nd Season, Assistant Coach

### PRONUNCIATIONS

Badgley..... BADGE-lee  
 Behm ..... BAME  
 Behren ..... BEAR-in  
 Buonavolanto.... BONE-uh-vo-lon-to  
 Carcione ..... Car-SEE-own  
 Deain ..... DEAN  
 Etcheverry..... ETCH-uh-very  
 Kamin..... KAY-min  
 Kapacinskaskas .....CAP-uh-sin-skus  
 Mathey ..... MATH-ee  
 Maziur ..... MAY-zur  
 Minogue..... Mih-NOGUE  
 Napientek..... NAP-ee-en-teck  
 Nykiel ..... NYE-kul  
 Zelasko ..... Zuh-LAS-ko

### HOMEGROWN TALENT

*A total of 26 Huskies (90 percent) hail from the Land of Lincoln.*

Hometown	Player	High School
Aurora	Brandon Copp	West
Bartlett	Cody Beck	Bartlett
Channahon	Trevor Feeney	Joliet Catholic
Chicago	Marvin Sanchez	Clemente Academy
	Bobby Stevens	Guerin Prep
Chicago Ridge	Brian Smith	Richards
Crystal Lake	Andy Deain	Prairie Ridge
	Pat Minogue	Central
Downers Grove	Justin Behm	North
Elmwood Park	Matt Behren	Holy Cross
Geneva	Brad Allen	Geneva
Hawthorn Woods	Jordin Hood	Lake Zurich
Lansing	Tom Zelasko	Mt. Carmel
Loves Park	Jeff Thomas	Harlem
McHenry	Nick Badgley	McHenry
Mendota	Adam Holdenrid	Mendota
Oak Forest	Anthony Maziur	Oak Forest
Oak Lawn	Tim Kamin	Richards
Orland Park	Dan Atkinson	Sandburg
	Dave Reynolds	Sandburg
Oswego	Matt Jernstad	Oswego
Richton Park	Brandon House	Marian Catholic
Tinley Park	Dave Nykiel	Andrew
Wheaton	Zach Oates	North
	Kevin Smith	North

### ROSTER BREAKDOWNS

By Class	No.
Seniors	8
Juniors	8
Sophomores	6
Freshmen	7

By State	No.
Illinois	26
California	1
Florida	1
Minnesota	1

Pitchers	No.
Righthanded	8
Lefthanded	6

Hitters	No.
Right	10
Left	8
Switch	1





**BRAD  
allen**  
**28**

Pitcher-Infielder / Fr. / HS  
6-4 / 215 / L-R  
Geneva, Ill. / Geneva HS

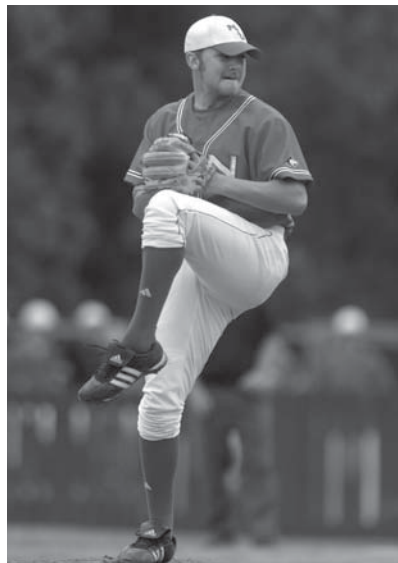
**High School:** A two-time first team all-area and all-conference selection ... Listed 51st among state's senior players by *Illinois Prep Baseball Report* ... Garnered first team all-area recognition by the *Daily Herald*, *Kane County Chronicle* and *Aurora Beacon-News* and special mention all-state by the *Chicago Tribune* after his senior campaign ... Named Western Sun Conference MVP and high school's Male Athlete of the Year after compiling a 6-5 record with 1.80 ERA while striking out 115 against just 20 walks and 54 hits in 78 innings of work as pitcher and hitting .325 with 11 doubles, five home runs and 30 RBI at the plate as a senior ... Posted 6-3 record with 1.81 ERA, five complete games and one save in 62 innings while fanning 81 and hit .378 with 15 RBI to go along with 31 hits and 24 walks to earn all-conference and all-area honors as a junior ... Batted .305 with two home runs and 22 RBI and went 1-2 with 3.77 ERA for varsity team as a sophomore ... Hit .417 with two home runs and 20 RBI while posting 5-2 record with 1.71, three complete games and one save while striking out 61 in 45 innings during freshman year.

**Personal:** Business major and journalism minor ... Born March 26, 1989 in Elk Grove, Ill. ... Parents are Brian and Kelly Allen ... Aunt, Kim Wallner, is a member of the North Central College Athletics Hall of Fame ... Admires Albert Pujols.



**DAN  
atkenson**  
**18**

Pitcher / Sr. / 3Sq  
6-3 / 220 / R-R  
Orland Park, Ill. / Sandburg HS



**2007:** Made five appearances and struck out nine in his 6.2 innings of work ... Fanned four in 2.1 innings during NIU's spring trip ... Struck out three in 2.0 innings while allowing one hit against New Jersey Tech (3/15) ... Worked 3.0 innings and struck out two at UW-Milwaukee (5/2) ... Struck out two in one inning of work vs. Chicago State (5/15) ... Racked up seven victories for the Crestwood Panthers of the Chicago Suburban Baseball League during the summer season.

**2006:** Made two appearances, totaling 2.1 innings on the season ... Tossed 2.0 innings at Nevada (3/18) ... Threw 0.1 innings in lone MAC outing vs. Kent State (4/8).

**2005:** Pitched in five games, totaling 7.2 innings with eight

DAN ATKENSON'S SENIOR MOMENTS

**Favorite Mathey-ism ...** When he walks out to the mound to the Knight Rider theme music.

**Baseball hero growing up ...** Roger Clemens.

**Favorite baseball movie ...** Field of Dreams. It really gets to the meaning behind the great game of baseball.

**Best baseball prank ...** A couple of years ago during summer ball, a teammate of mine blew a bubble of gum, then stuck it on top of a teammate's hat. He went out to the field the next inning with it still on his hat and had no idea.

**Most famous player played with or against ...** Alando Tucker (Phoenix Suns). My high school basketball team faced against Lockport when he played for them.

**If I was not playing baseball, I'd be playing ...** Probably football. I don't know how well I would do, but I am always willing to try anything.

**Favorite class at NIU ...** Probably yoga because it has really helped me with baseball, in particular my flexibility and weight training.

**If I could have dinner with three people in history (living or dead) they would be ...** Peyton Manning, Roger Clemens, and Walter Payton because they are the three hardest workers I have ever seen in their sports.

**My parents were right when they told me ...** I can't really pinpoint one thing because everything they ever told me has been right and I don't know where I would be without them. My dad and mom tell me all the time to "Always take pride in your work, no matter what situation you are in." I will believe that for the rest of my life.

**If a movie were made of my life, the actor that would play me is ...** Mark Wahlberg because he is one of my favorite actors.

**What people don't know about me is ...** I am a huge fan of "Two a Days", the show on MTV the past couple years. I hope they come out with a third season.

strikeouts on the year ... Made collegiate debut with a one-inning stint, striking out two, at Texas Tech (2/12) ... Threw 4.1 innings in appearance at Western Michigan (4/8) ... Pitched two scoreless innings while fanning two against Central Michigan (4/23).

**2004:** Redshirted.

**High School:** Named Most Valuable Player of Illinois High School Association Tournament after a record-setting one-hit shutout of Edwardsville in state championship game during his senior season ... Only pitcher in school history to earn wins in two Supersectional games, including a victory over Tinley Park Andrew as a senior ... Served as team captain and went 5-4 with 3.65 ERA while pitching 46.0 innings and striking out 30 during his senior campaign ... Went 8-2 with 2.40 ERA, eight complete games and 55 strikeouts in 59.2 innings as a junior ... Won seven games and posted a 2.08 ERA during his sophomore season ... Went 9-0 with nine complete games as a freshman ... Named to Honor Roll all eight semesters.

**Personal:** Preventive and rehabilitative exercise science major ... Four-time Huskie Scholar (3.0-3.49 cumulative GPA) ... Born Oct. 12, 1984 ... Son of Walter and Susan Atkenson ... Hobbies include working out and "staying fit" ... Nicknamed "Danamal."

ATKENSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

YR	W	L	SV	ERA	G/GS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HBP	
2007	0	0	0	10.80	5/0	0	6.2	13	9	8	5	9	1
2006	0	0	0	27.00	2/0	0	2.1	5	8	7	2	1	3
2005	0	0	0	10.57	5/0	0	7.2	10	11	9	6	8	2
Career	0	0	0	12.96	12/0	0	16.2	28	28	24	13	18	6

ATKENSON'S CAREER HIGHS

Innings Pitched: 4.1, at Western Michigan, 4/8/05  
Strikeouts: 3, vs. New Jersey Tech, 3/15/07



**NICK  
Badgley**  
**23**

Pitcher-Outfielder / Jr. / Tr  
6-1 / 195 / R-R  
McHenry, Ill. / McHenry CC

**Summer 2007:** Led the Chicago Suburban Baseball League with a .444 batting average ... Totaled 12 hits and drove in eight runs in 27 at-bats for the Crystal Lake Cardinals.

**Junior College:** Earned first team ABCA/Rawlings NJCAA Division II All-American honors and first team All-Illinois Skyway Collegiate Conference selection as a sophomore ... Hit .455 with 5 HR and 35 RBI while stealing 24 bases and scoring 34 runs during sophomore year ... Played two seasons for the Fighting Scots.

**High School:** A two-time all-area selection by the *Northwest Herald* and earned a pair of all-conference accolades ... Hit .405 and went 3-4 with a 3.50 ERA to earn all-area and all-conference honors as a senior ... Named team MVP and captain during his final prep campaign ... Went 3-0 with

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4.44 ERA and hit .387 to earn all-area and all-conference recognition as a junior ... Named team's Most Improved Player and served as captain during his junior campaign ... Earned three letters in baseball and two in basketball ... Honor Roll member as a senior and junior.

**Personal:** History major ... Born Sept. 9, 1986 in Arlington Heights, Ill. ... Two brothers pitched for Northern Illinois, Dan (1997-2001), and Mark (2003-07), who signed with the Florida Marlins organization following his college career ... Younger brother, Zach, signed a National Letter of Intent with NIU in November and will be a freshman on the 2009 team ... The Huskies have had a Badgley on their baseball roster every season except one (2002) since 1997 ... Son of Phil Badgley and has 11 siblings ... Aspires to become a history teacher ... Hobbies include bowling ... Admires Frank Thomas and Michael Jordan.



**CODY  
BECK**  
33

Pitcher / So. / Sq  
5-11 / 185 / L-L  
Bartlett, Ill. / Bartlett HS

**2007:** Appeared in six games and made two starts with a 0-2 record ... Fanned five in 7.2 innings of work on the season ... Made collegiate debut and struck out one in 0.1 innings vs. New Jersey Tech (3/13) ... Tossed one inning vs. Fordham (3/16) ... Hurled scoreless inning at Chicago State (3/20) ... Made first collegiate start and struck out three, allowing four hits and five earned runs in 3.2 innings for loss vs. St. Xavier (4/17) ... Tossed scoreless inning of relief with strikeout in MAC debut at Central Michigan (4/21) ... Made start at UW-Milwaukee (5/2) ... Went 1-0 with one save and a 1.12 ERA for the Crystal Lake Cardinals of the Chicago Suburban Baseball League during the summer season.

**High School:** A two-time all-region, all-conference and academic all-conference selection ... First team All-Fox Valley Region and All-Upstate 8 Conference selection and earned team's MVP and Fireman Award after posting 6-2 record with two saves and a 1.14 ERA while striking out 97 and allowing only 23 hits in 57 innings as a senior ... Batted .381 and slugged .702 with three home runs and 22 RBI while collecting 32 hits and scoring 26 runs during his senior campaign ... Collected first team All-Fox Valley Region, honorable mention all-conference and team Fireman Award honors after posting 5-3 record with 2.66 ERA and 65 strikeouts in 50 innings during his junior season ... Named varsity team's Rookie of the Year and batted .318 with 21 hits as a junior ... Earned team's pitching award while helping squad to conference championship as a sophomore.

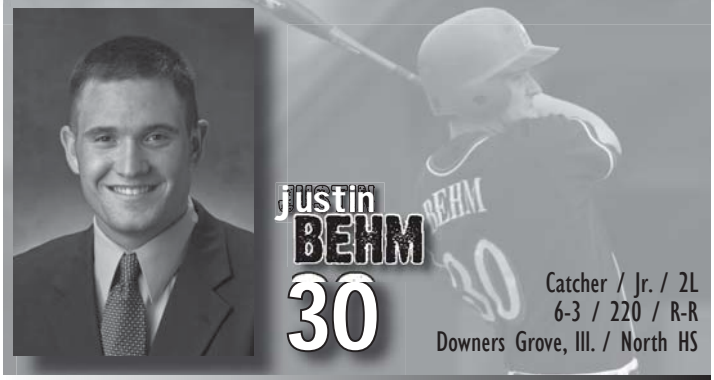
**Personal:** Liberal arts and sciences major ... Born April 4, 1988 in Montgomery, Ala. ... Son of Michael and Jody Beck ... Hobbies include rock climbing.

### BECK'S CAREER STATISTICS

YR	W	L	SV	ERA	G/GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HBP
2007	0	2	0	16.43	6/2	0	7.2	12	14	14	9	5	2
Career	0	2	0	16.43	6/2	0	7.2	12	14	14	9	5	2

### BECK'S CAREER HIGHS

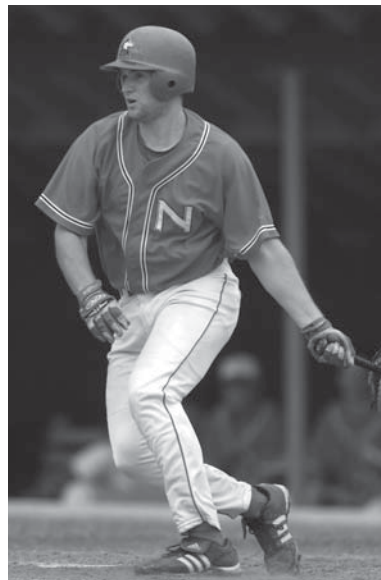
Innings Pitched (start): 3.2, vs. St. Xavier, 4/17/07  
 Innings Pitched (relief): 1.0, 3x, last at Central Michigan, 4/21/07  
 Strikeouts: 3, vs. St. Xavier, 4/17/07



**JUSTIN  
BEHM**  
30

Catcher / Jr. / 2L  
6-3 / 220 / R-R  
Downers Grove, Ill. / North HS

**2007:** Ranked fourth on NIU squad with five home runs ... Hit .273 with seven doubles and 22 RBI in 39 games including 32 starts ... Batted .372 and slugged .535 with four doubles, one home run and five RBI in 15 MAC games ... Five of his eight multi-hit games came in league contests ... Drove in seven runs in four games at the MAC Tournament ... Hit safely in seven consecutive games (3/31-4/20) ... Hit .435 with three doubles and two home runs in 23 at-bats when leading off an inning ... Collected 14 RBI in 19 at-bats with runners in scoring position and two outs ... Went two-for-three as a pinch-hitter for a team-best .667 average ... Blasted a solo home run estimated at 425+ feet over the center field wall in a 3-for-4 outing at Texas Tech (2/24) ... Drove in two runs and scored a run vs. Maine (3/10) ... Homered and had two RBI vs. New Jersey Tech (3/15) ... Scored two runs and doubled in a 2-for-2 performance vs. Ohio



(3/24) ... Had a RBI double and went 2-for-3 against Ohio (3/25) ... Doubled in a two-hit game at Akron (3/31) ... Had a pinch-hit RBI single vs. Eastern Michigan (4/29) ... Delivered a pinch-hit at UW-Milwaukee (5/2) ... Homered as part of a three-hit, three-RBI outing with two runs scored vs. Chicago State (5/15) ... Belted a solo home run and went 2-for-4 at Toledo (5/18) ... Collected two hits, including a double, and two runs scored at Toledo (5/19) ... Blasted a grand slam and produced five RBI and two runs scored vs. Toledo at the MAC Tournament (5/24) ... Had two hits, including a double, with two RBI and a run scored vs. Miami at the MAC Tournament (5/25) ... Played in 27 games and had two home runs with seven RBI for the Green Bay Bullfrogs of the Northwoods League during the summer season.

**2006:** Played in 38 games with 15 starts and batted .246 with five doubles, one home run and 19 RBI on 17 hits in his first collegiate season ... Started nine of 19 MAC games played and hit .289 with a home run and 12 RBI on 11 hits ... First collegiate at-bat resulted in a RBI ground out at Arizona State (2/3) ... Went 2-for-3 with two RBI and a run scored at Nevada (3/17) ... Delivered his first collegiate pinch hit at Nevada (3/19) ... Hit his first collegiate home run and had two RBI in game two of a doubleheader at Ohio (3/25) ... Drove in two runs on a single at Ohio (3/26) ... Delivered a game-winning walk-off sacrifice fly in the eighth-inning of game one of a doubleheader vs. Bradley (3/28) ... Collected three RBI on his double vs. Akron (4/2) ... Had a hit, RBI, and a run scored vs. Illinois State (4/4) ... Doubled twice and scored two runs with one RBI at UW-Milwaukee (5/2) ... Went 2-for-3 with a run scored at Western Michigan (5/7) ... Had a RBI double and one run scored vs. Ball State (5/13) ... Went 3-for-4 with two RBI and a run scored vs. Toledo (5/19) ... Delivered a RBI on a pinch-hit sacrifice fly vs. Toledo (5/20).

**High School:** Named to Illinois High School Baseball Coaches Association "Cream of the Crop" team as a senior ... Member of Team Illinois and considered one of the state's top catching prospects ... Tabbed as an all-area selection by the *Daily Herald* and All-West Suburban Silver Conference choice after hitting .427 with four home runs and 59 RBI as a senior co-captain ... Hit .375 with three home runs during his junior season ... Earned three letters in basketball and was all-conference as a junior and team captain as a senior.

**Personal:** Marketing major ... Born Dec. 7, 1986 in Houston, Texas ... Son of Michael and Mae Behm ... Admires Michael Jordan and Jorge Posada.

### BEHM'S CAREER STATISTICS

YR	AVG	G/GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	BB	SO
2007	.273	39/32	121	17	33	7	0	5	22	0	12	23
2006	.246	38/15	69	10	17	5	0	1	19	0	11	20
Career	.263	77/47	190	27	50	16	0	6	41	0	23	43

Long Hit Streak: 7 (2007); Grand Slams: 1 (2007)

### BEHM'S CAREER HIGHS

Hits: 3, 3x, last vs. Chicago State, 5/15/07  
 Runs Batted In: 5, vs. Toledo (MAC Tournament), 5/24/07  
 Runs Scored: 2, 6x, last vs. Toledo (MAC Tournament), 5/24/07  
 Doubles: 2, at Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 5/2/06  
 Home Runs: 1, 6x, last vs. Toledo (MAC Tournament), 5/24/07



**MATT  
BEHREN**

**24**

Catcher / Jr. / 2L  
 5-11 / 185 / L-R  
 Elmwood Park, Ill. / Holy Cross HS

### Named a team captain for 2008.

**2007:** Earned team's Most Improved award ... NIU's leading hitter with a .352 average and owned the team's top on-base percentage at .443 while setting career highs with 31 RBI and 10 doubles ... Would have placed seventh in the MAC in hitting but ended the season 37 at-bats short of qualifying ... Led the Huskies with a .373 average and 16 RBI in MAC games ... Hit .482 (27-for-56) with 17 RBI and 15 runs scored over the season's final 19 games, including a season-best 10-game hit streak (5/5-25) during that stretch ... Hit safely in the final six MAC contests of the year ... Posted a .406 average with 28 hits and 19 RBI during season's second half ... Hit .467 with a .622 slugging percentage during the month of May and had a .375 average in four games at the MAC Tournament ... Ranked fourth on the team with eight multi-RBI games ... Posted a team-high .471 average against left-handed pitchers and team-best batting marks in day games (.370) and road contests (.355) ... Hit .500 (3-for-6) with eight RBI and two doubles with the bases loaded ... Went 2-for-3 in the season opener at Texas Tech (2/23) ... Had two hits, including a double, and a RBI at Southern Illinois (3/2) ... Went 2-for-5 with two runs scored, a double and one RBI at Southern Illinois (3/4) ...



Collected four RBI with a pair of doubles and one run scored in a 2-for-3 performance vs. Long Island (3/11) ... Doubled with two RBI at Chicago State (3/20) ... Walked, scored and had a RBI vs. Ohio (3/23) ... Went 3-for-4 with two runs scored and a RBI at Akron (3/30) ... Went 2-for-3 with a run scored vs. Eastern Michigan (4/27) ... Drove in four runs and scored three times in his 3-for-4 performance vs. Eastern Michigan (4/28) ... Doubled and drove in two runs in a 2-for-2 outing at UW-Milwaukee (5/2) ... Drove in three runs, doubled and scored while going 3-for-3 vs. Western Michigan (5/6) ... Had two hits with a RBI and a run scored at Ball State (5/11) ... Went 4-for-5, including a solo home run, with four runs scored and two RBI at Toledo (5/19) ... Drove in two in a 2-for-3 outing vs. Kent State at the

MAC Tournament (5/23) ... Collected three hits, including a double, and scored vs. Toledo at the MAC Tournament (5/24) ... Had a RBI single and a run scored vs. Miami at the MAC Tournament (5/25) ... Drove in nine runs in 87 at-bats for the Madison Mallards of the Northwoods League during the summer season.

**2006:** Played in 41 games and made 24 starts while batting .217 with one home run and 14 RBI in his first collegiate campaign ... Walked 16 times for a .343 on-base percentage and scored 15 runs ... Homered and totaled six RBI in conference play ... Had his first collegiate RBI at Arizona State (2/5) ... Made his first collegiate start and went 1-for-3 with a run scored at Southern Illinois (3/4) ... Delivered a RBI triple and scored a run at Nevada (3/15) ... Went 1-for-2 with a RBI and a run scored at Nevada (3/17) ... Collected two hits and one RBI in game one of a doubleheader at Ohio (3/25) ... Went 1-for-2 with a RBI and a run scored in game one of a doubleheader vs. Bradley (3/28) ... Scored three runs and had two hits vs. Kent State (4/7) ... Walked twice and stole a base at Northern Iowa (4/12) ... Belted his first collegiate home run and scored two runs in a 2-for-3 performance against Central Michigan (4/23) ... Drove in two runs and scored a run with a single, walk and stolen base vs. Chicago State (4/26) ... Had a RBI single and a stolen base at Western Michigan (5/6).

**2005:** Redshirted.

**High School:** A three-time all-conference selection, earning Chicago Catholic League honors as a senior and East Suburban Catholic Conference accolades after his junior and sophomore years ... Named team's Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year and hit .434 with 13 doubles, five triples and four home runs during his senior campaign ... Earned team's Player of the Year award after batting .446 with a .652 slugging percentage as a junior ... Helped team capture consecutive regional titles while serving as captain during each of his final two seasons ... Member of High Honor Roll and National Honor Society ... Prep teammate of fellow Huskie Bobby Stevens.

**Personal:** Accountancy major ... Three-time Huskie Scholar (3.0-3.49 cumulative GPA) ... On schedule to graduate after completing the 2008 fall semester and will begin work on his master of accountancy science degree in the spring of 2009 ... Born Oct. 16, 1985 ... Son of Shelley and Richard Behren ... Attended the same high school as legendary NIU running back Garrett Wolfe.

### BEHREN'S CAREER STATISTICS

YR	AVG	G/GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	BB	SO
2007	.352	49/36	128	28	45	10	0	1	31	0	19	20
2006	.217	41/24	83	15	18	3	1	1	14	4	16	16
Career	.299	90/60	211	43	63	13	1	2	45	4	35	36

Long Hit Streak: 10 (2007)

### BEHREN'S CAREER HIGHS

Hits: 4, at Toledo, 5/19/07  
 Runs Batted In: 4, twice, last vs. Eastern Michigan, 4/28/07  
 Runs Scored: 4, at Toledo, 5/19/07  
 Doubles: 2, vs. Long Island, 3/11/07  
 Home Runs: 1, twice, last at Toledo, 5/19/07



**JOE  
BUONAVOLANTO**

**3**

Infielder / So. / Sq  
 5-8 / 180 / R-R  
 Willowbrook, Ill. / Hinsdale South HS

**2007:** Played in 16 games and hit .400 with five RBI during his freshman season ... Had a .500 on-base percentage and scored four runs ... Hit .455 on five hits with three RBI in 11 non-conference at-bats ... Batted 1.000 with two RBI in three at-bats with runners in scoring position and two outs ... Hit .600 with five RBI in five at-bats with runners in scoring position ... Had a .500 average in his two starts and went two-for-three for a team-best .667 average as a pinch-hitter ... Hit .667 (4-for-6) in May and .556 (5-for-9) in road games ... Made his collegiate debut and had a sacrifice bunt at Southern Illinois (3/2) ... Recorded his first collegiate hit with a single at Southern Illinois (3/3) ... Drove in two runs, scored

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a run and had his first MAC hit after coming off the bench at Central Michigan (4/21) ... Went 2-for-2, including a double, and scored a run at UW-Milwaukee (5/2) ... Drove in three runs on a double in two at-bats vs. Chicago State (5/15) ... Delivered a pinch-hit single vs. Eastern Michigan at the MAC Tournament (5/25).

**High School:** A first team all-state, all-region and all-suburban choice and two-time all-conference selection ... Named first team all-state by the Illinois High School Baseball Coaches Association and second team by the *Chicago Sun-Times* as a senior ... Collected all-regional, all-suburban, first team All-West Suburban Conference, team MVP and squad's most valuable hitter honors after belting a school-record 10 home runs with a .427 average, .779 slugging percentage, 56 hits, 15 doubles, 40 RBI, 43 runs, and 17 stolen bases as a senior ... Served as captain for regional championship team during his senior campaign ... First team all-conference and all-suburban after hitting .410 with 47 hits, four home runs, 35 RBI, 40 runs scored and 21 stolen bases as a junior ... Batted .405 with two home runs as a sophomore ... Earned first team all-state hockey selections during both his senior and junior seasons ... Was a Dean's List honoree during all eight semesters of high school.

**Personal:** Accounting major and business administration minor ... Earned Huskie Scholar (3.0-3.49 cumulative GPA) selection during first freshman year ... Born May 2, 1988 ... Son of Joe and Debbie Buonavalanto ... Parents own the Buona Beef restaurants in the Chicagoland area ... Nicknamed "Beef" ... Admires Dustin Pedroia ... Aspires to be a sports agent.

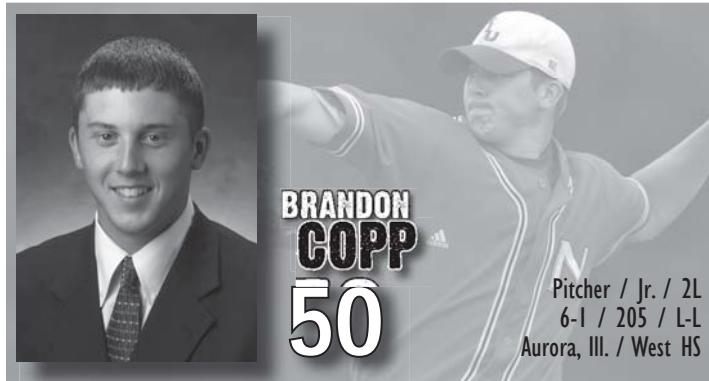
## BUONAVOLANTO'S CAREER STATISTICS

YR	AVG	G/GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	BB	SO
2007	.400	16/2	15	4	6	2	0	0	5	0	3	4
Career	.400	16/2	15	4	6	2	0	0	5	0	3	4

Long Hit Streak: 3 (2007)

## BUONAVOLANTO'S CAREER HIGHS

Hits: 2, at UW-Milwaukee, 5/2/07  
 Runs Batted In: 3, vs. Chicago State, 5/15/07  
 Runs Scored: 1, 4x, last vs. Chicago State, 5/15/07  
 Doubles: 1, twice, last vs. Chicago State, 5/15/07



**2007:** Finished the season ranked ninth in the MAC with 6.75 strikeouts per game ... Tied for third among NIU pitchers with five victories and tied for fourth on the team with 11 starts ... Went 5-0 in his non-conference starts ... Posted a 4.25 ERA and held opponents to a .275 batting average, both bests among NIU's starting pitchers, in non-conference games ... Struck out 16 in 22.2 innings during conference play ... Won his only decision and posted a 1.80 ERA with 13 strikeouts and two walks in three home starts ... Had a 3.80 ERA with two victories during the month of March ... NIU went 9-2 (.818) in his 11 starts, the best record on the staff ... Totaled 5.1 innings and scattered three hits with three earned runs in a no-decision at Texas Tech (2/24) ... Earned the win and allowed one earned run on six hits with three strikeouts and no walks in 7.1 innings vs. Maine (3/10) ... Notched the victory with 6.0 innings and four strikeouts while yielding seven hits and two earned runs vs. Fordham (3/15) ... Gave up just one earned run on six hits and one walk while striking out three over 6.0 innings in a no-decision vs. Ohio (3/24) ... Took the loss in 4.0 innings with 5 hits, four earned runs and five strikeouts at Akron (3/31) ... Started and went 1.1 innings before game was suspended by snow at Kent State (4/7) ... Struck out six in 5.2 innings with four hits, two earned runs and one walk in a no-decision vs. Miami (4/14) ... Took the loss after 1.1 innings in a start at Central Michigan (4/21) ... Earned the win with 5.0 innings, four hits, two earned runs and three strikeouts at UIC (4/24) ... Notched the victory with 5.0 innings, seven hits, three earned runs, and three strikeouts at Northwestern (5/1) ... Tossed 1.1 innings of relief with one strikeout at Ball State (5/11) ... Won third consecutive



decision and fanned four in 3.1 shutout innings vs. Chicago State (5/15) ... Took the loss in relief after 2.1 innings of work with four hits and one earned run at Toledo (5/18) ... Struck out three in 2.0 relief innings vs. Toledo at the MAC Tournament (5/24) ... Fanned four in 1.2 innings of scoreless relief vs. Eastern Michigan at the MAC Tournament (5/25) ... Pitched in the Cape Cod League for the second consecutive season and struck out eight in 7.2 innings over two appearances for the Falmouth Commodores during the summer season ... Also notched two victories with a 3.63 ERA and fanned 34 in 34.2 innings of work for the DuPage Dragons of the Central Illinois Collegiate League.

**2006:** Set the NIU freshman record and tied for the MAC lead with 32 appearances ... Went 3-2 with a 5.88 ERA and earned wins in each of his two starts ... Racked up 35 strikeouts in 33.2 innings of work on the year ... Was 0-1 with a 4.76 ERA in 15 MAC games, totaling 12 strikeouts over 11.1 innings ... Made his collegiate debut at Arizona State (2/3) ... Retired his only batter faced in consecutive appearances at Arizona State (2/4 and 2/5) ... Struck out the two batters he faced at Evansville (2/25) ... Set down the side with one strikeout at Southern Illinois (3/3) ... Threw 1.2 innings at Nevada (3/17) ... Took the loss in a 0.1-inning stint in game one of a doubleheader at Ohio (3/25) ... Tossed a scoreless inning with one strikeout vs. Kent State (4/7) ... Notched his first collegiate win with 2.2 innings of scoreless relief while fanning three at Northern Iowa (4/12) ... Earned the win in his first collegiate start by throwing 5.0 innings with five hits, three earned runs, one walk and three strikeouts vs. Wheaton (4/18) ... Notched a victory by throwing 5.0 innings while yielding four earned runs on eight hits while fanning four against one walk vs. Chicago State (4/26) ... Struck out three in 2.2 innings at Eastern Michigan (4/29) ... Tossed 1.2 scoreless innings with two strikeouts at UW-Milwaukee (5/2) ... Worked 1.1 scoreless innings with one strikeout at Western Michigan (5/6) ... Tossed a scoreless inning, recording all three outs via strikeout, vs. Toledo (5/19) ... Pitched 2.1 innings of hitless relief with strikeout vs. Toledo (5/20) ... Became the first NIU player in nearly two decades to play in the prestigious Cape Cod League by joining the Falmouth Commodores in mid-July of the 2006 summer season ... Tossed a perfect game with 15 strikeouts while pitching for the Crystal Lake Cardinals of the Chicago Suburban Baseball League earlier in the summer.

**High School:** Named the Pitcher of the Year and all-area by the *Aurora Beacon-News* as a senior and was a three-time all-conference selection ... Tabbed all-area and all-conference after posting a 8-3 record and 1.29 ERA with 118 strikeouts and 24 walks in 72 innings during his senior season ... Earned all-area and all-conference honors from the *Beacon-News* after a 4-2 record as a junior ... Combined to compile a 9-5 record with a 2.33 ERA, 145 strikeouts and just 40 walks during his junior and sophomore seasons ... A first team all-conference selection after posting a 1.81 ERA during his sophomore season ... Was a key reserve for the 2003-04 basketball team that finished third at the Class AA State Championship, was ranked sixth nationally, and featured current Illinois center Shaun Pruitt.

**Personal:** Education major ... Born Nov. 4, 1986 ... Son of Dennis Kellen and Judy Harreld ... Mother is a police officer ... Uncle, Bill Copp, was a pitcher at Triton (Ill.) C.C. and Iowa State, a seventh round draft choice of the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1986, and reached the Triple A level during his pro career ... Has worn the number "five-o" since age 13 ... Hobbies include playing video games.

## COPP'S CAREER STATISTICS

YR	W	L	SV	ERA	G/GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HBP
2007	5	3	0	5.22	18/11	0	58.2	70	47	34	23	44	9
2006	3	2	0	5.88	32/2	0	33.2	33	23	22	17	35	6
Career	8	5	0	5.46	50/13	0	92.1	103	70	56	40	79	15

## COPP'S CAREER HIGHS

Innings Pitched (start): 7.1, vs. Maine, 3/10/07  
 Innings Pitched (relief): 2.2, twice, last at E. Michigan, 4/29/06  
 Strikeouts: 6, vs. Miami (Ohio), 4/14/07



**ANDY DEAIN**  
**20**

Pitcher / Jr. / 2L  
6-0 / 190 / R-R  
Crystal Lake, Ill. / Prairie Ridge HS



Enters 2008 on the Brooks Wallace Award (National Player of the Year) Watch List as selected by the College Baseball Foundation.

**MB** Listed by Collegiate Baseball as a MAC "Player to Watch."

**2007:** Ranked second in the MAC with 33 appearances, equaling the second-highest season total in NIU history ... Tied for the team lead with six victories, ranked second in games pitched, and recorded the third-lowest opponent batting average (.265) ... Led the MAC with 17 conference appearances and won all four league decisions ... Posted a 0.00 ERA in 19.0 innings over 16 non-conference appearances ... Earned a victory and totaled 3.2 scoreless innings in three appearances during the MAC Tournament ... Did not allow an earned run until his 10th outing of the season, a span of 11.2 innings ... Yielded just two earned runs in 18.2 innings and 13 appearances during the first half of the season ... Went 1.1 innings without allowing an earned run, but took the loss at Texas Tech (2/23) ... Fanned two in 1.2 scoreless innings vs. Fordham (3/16) ... Earned his first win of the season by tossing two innings of scoreless relief vs. Ohio (3/24) ... Notched the win with a perfect inning of relief in game one of a doubleheader at Bradley (3/28) ... Tossed four innings with four strikeouts at Akron (3/31) ... Credited with a victory after one inning of scoreless relief vs. Miami (4/15) ... Struck out one in a scoreless inning at Iowa (4/18) ... Had one strikeout in a scoreless inning at Central Michigan (4/22) ... Notched his first career save with a perfect inning at UIC (4/24) ... Fanned four in 2.2 hitless innings of relief at Northwestern (5/1) ... Credited with the win after 0.2 innings and one strikeout vs. Western Michigan (5/5) ... Retired all four batters faced at Ball State (5/11) ... Notched the win by working 3.2 innings at Toledo (5/19) ... Struck out three in 1.2 scoreless innings and picked up the victory vs. Toledo at the MAC Tournament (5/24) ... Retired all five batters faced vs. Miami at the MAC Tournament (5/25) ... Selected to the Central Illinois Collegiate League All-Star Game during the summer season ... Led the league with 16 games finished and ranked second with eight saves ... Struck out 36 in 24.1 innings and 19 appearances for the Quincy Gems.

**2006:** Went 2-1 with a 5.60 ERA in 23 appearances, totaling 24 strikeouts in 27.1 innings during his freshman season ... Pitched in 10 MAC games, striking out 12 in 10.1 innings of work ... Made his collegiate debut with 0.2 innings at Arizona State (2/4) ... Threw 1.1 shutout innings with a strikeout at Nevada (3/19) ... Notched his first collegiate victory with 2.0 innings of scoreless relief in game two of a doubleheader vs. Bradley (3/28) ... Pitched 2.0 innings with three strikeouts vs. Kent State (4/7) ... Threw 1.2 innings of scoreless relief at Northern Iowa (4/12) ... Struck out two in three innings of work at Miami (4/14) ... Struck out the side in his lone inning vs. Central Michigan (4/22) ... Tossed 3.0 scoreless innings, allowing just one hit and fanning three, against Chicago State (4/26) ... Pitched a scoreless inning at Eastern Michigan (4/29) ... Notched the win in relief, going 1.2 innings with one strikeout vs. Northwestern (5/3) ... Threw a scoreless inning with one strikeout at Western Michigan (5/7) ... Tossed a scoreless inning and recorded a strikeout vs. Toledo (5/18).

**High School:** A two-time all-area and all-conference selection ... Did not pitch during his senior year because of an injury ... Combined to post a 21-1 record during his junior and sophomore seasons while earning all-area and all-conference accolades each year ... Totaled a school-record 11 victories as a sophomore ... Helped lead his team to the conference title as a junior and to regional championships during both his junior and sophomore seasons ... Made High Honor Roll all four years of high school.

**Personal:** Liberal arts and sciences major ... 2006 Huskie Scholar (3.0-3.49 GPA) ... Born Oct. 23, 1986 in Fort Worth, Texas ... Son of Dick and Cindy Deain ... Admires Pedro Martinez and Roger Clemens ... Hobbies include fishing.

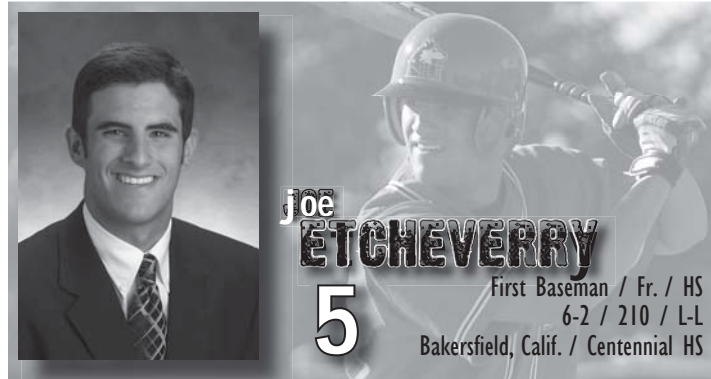
**DEAIN'S CAREER STATISTICS**

YR	W	L	SV	ERA	G/GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HBP
2007	6	1	1	2.03	33/0	0	40.0	40	13	9	11	30	4
2006	2	1	0	5.60	23/0	0	27.1	31	19	17	9	24	7
Career	8	2	1	3.48	56/0	0	67.1	71	32	26	20	54	11

**DEAIN'S CAREER HIGHS**

Innings Pitched: 4.0, at Akron, 3/31/07

Strikeouts: 4, twice, last at Northwestern, 5/1/07

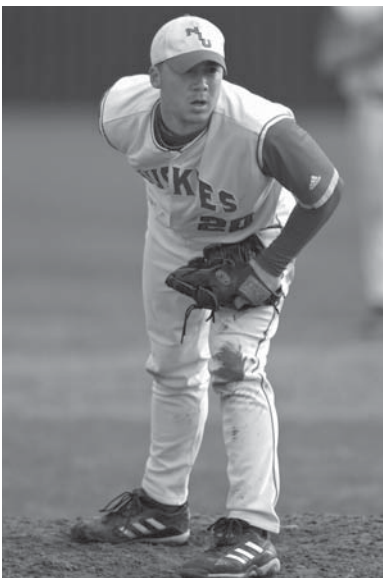


**JOE ETCHEVERRY**  
**5**

First Baseman / Fr. / HS  
6-2 / 210 / L-L  
Bakersfield, Calif. / Centennial HS

**High School:** Earned Area Player of the Year and Southwest Yosemite League MVP accolades as a senior and was a three-time all-area and all-conference selection ... Led his team to the area championship after batting .420 with 10 home runs and 48 RBI while amassing 40 hits, 35 runs and 12 doubles as a senior ... A first team all-area and all-conference selection and was named team's "Hardest Worker" after hitting .333 with six home runs and 12 doubles while helping team to a 26-4 record, a perfect 10-0 league mark and the conference championship during his junior season ... Represented Team California in the Perfect Game World Championship Series in Jupiter, Fla. ... Earned first team all-conference, second team all-area and squad's Rookie of the Year award after establishing a new school sophomore record with 10 home runs and helping his team to the conference championship during his initial varsity campaign.

**Personal:** Physical therapy major ... Born January 20, 1989 in Modesto, Calif. ... Parents are Ray and Julie Etcheverry ... Father played Division II baseball ... Hobbies include sudoku and mind puzzles.



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**TREVOR FEENEY**  
32

Pitcher / Sr. / 3L  
6-1 / 185 / R-R  
Channahon, Ill. / Joliet Catholic HS

**MAC** Listed by Collegiate Baseball as a MAC "Player to Watch."

**2007:** Selected by the Kansas City Royals in the 39th round of the MLB Amateur Draft following his junior campaign ... Led NIU with 14 starts, two complete games, and 98.1 innings, the third-highest season total in school history, while tying for the team lead with six victories ... Completed two of his nine MAC starts and posted a 43:11 strikeout to walk ratio in conference play ... Ranked third in the MAC in innings pitched per game (7.02), starts (14) and complete games (two) while tying for ninth in wins and placing 18th in ERA ... Ranked third in the MAC in complete games (two) during conference play and posted the sixth-highest conference win total (five) and innings total (7.41 per game), ninth-best conference ERA (3.24) and 10th-lowest opponent batting average (.252) ... Went 3-0 with 2.05 and two complete games while striking out 20 and allowing two walks in 26.1 innings over three starts during NIU's second quarter of the season ... Combined for a 1.04 ERA during the first and second innings of his starts ... Totaled 6.0 innings, allowing four hits and four earned runs with one walk and three strikeouts in a no-decision at Texas Tech (2/23) ... Took the loss in 7.0 innings with nine hits and four earned runs at Southern Illinois (3/3) ... Earned the win and fanned seven without issuing a walk, yielding seven hits and three earned runs in 6.0 innings vs. Long Island (3/11) ... Struck out five in 5.0 innings but took the loss vs. Fordham (3/16) ... Notched a complete game victory with five hits, three earned runs, one walk and five strikeouts in the MAC opener vs. Ohio (3/23) ... Hurled his second consecutive complete game, yielding seven hits and three earned runs while striking out three without a walk at Akron (3/30) ... Struck out 12, equaling the second-highest total in school history, with one walk and six hits in 8.1 shutout innings in his win at Kent State (4/6) ... Worked 6.1 innings and struck out six against just one walk in a loss vs. Miami (4/13) ... Took the loss despite 7.1 innings of work with two earned runs and one walk at Central Michigan (4/20) ... Struck out seven while yielding eight hits, three earned runs and one walk in a loss vs. Eastern Michigan (4/27) ... Earned the victory with 7.0 innings, one earned run, two walks and three strikeouts vs. Western Michigan (5/4) ... Worked 6.1 innings with six hits, three earned runs, two walks and four strikeouts in a no-decision at Ball State (5/11) ... Tossed 5.1 innings with nine hits, four earned runs, two walks and two strikeouts in a loss at Toledo (5/17) ... Worked 7.2 innings, yielding 12 hits and six earned runs without allowing a

walk in a first-round loss to Kent State at the MAC Tournament (5/23) ... Won three games and posted a 3.49 ERA in 11 starts for the Madison Mallards of the Northwoods League during the summer season.

**2006:** Posted a 4-4 record with a 6.02 ERA in 14 games with 10 starts ... Struck out 55 in 61.1 innings and ranked eighth in the MAC with 8.07 strikeouts per game ... Went 2-4 in seven league starts, fanning 35 in 37.1 innings ... Ranked sixth in the MAC with 8.44 strikeouts per conference game ... Pitched 3.1 innings of relief while striking out four at Arizona State (2/5) ... Made his first collegiate start and picked up his first career victory with five innings of work, striking out four, at Southern Illinois (3/5) ... Allowed one earned run and struck out four over six innings in a no-decision start at Nevada

(3/15) ... Notched the victory and struck out seven in 5.1 innings at Ohio (3/26) ... Earned a win in 6.0 innings, allowing three earned runs with five strikeouts vs. Akron (4/2) ... Fanned eight in four innings but took the loss in start vs. Kent State (4/8) ... Struck out five in 6.2 innings while yielding three earned runs but took the loss at Miami (4/15) ... Threw 5.2 innings, allowing four earned runs with four strikeouts, in loss vs. Central Michigan (4/22) ... Threw 3.2 innings in a loss at Eastern Michigan (4/29) ... Started and struck out three in 5.0 innings, allowing eight hits and four earned runs in a no-decision at Western Michigan (5/6) ... Victorious in a seven-inning start while fanning six and yielding just one earned run on six scattered hits at Valparaiso (5/16) ... Earned the Central Illinois Collegiate League Second Half Pitcher of the Year Award and was named league's player of the week during the 2006 summer season.

**2005:** Totaled 18 appearances, 15.2 innings and 11 strikeouts as a freshman ... Made his collegiate debut by throwing 0.2 innings at Texas Tech (2/11) ... Struck out two in one inning of work at Louisville (3/15) ... Took the loss in a two-inning outing at Eastern Kentucky (3/19) ... Fanned two in 1.1 innings at Akron (4/30) ... Struck out two in 1.2 innings vs. Miami (5/14).

**High School:** Helped lead his team to the IHSA Class AA title game as a senior ... Appeared in 15 games with five starts and compiled a 2-0 record, two saves and a 2.56 ERA in 26.0 innings with 21 strikeouts and just two walks during his senior season ... Went 4-3 with a 3.47 ERA and 39 strikeouts in 39.2 innings as a junior ... Member of the Mathematics Honor Society.

**Personal:** Biology major ... Born June 4, 1986 ... Son of Kevin and Kristie Feeney.

## FEENEY'S CAREER STATISTICS

YR	W	L	SV	ERA	G/GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HBP
2007	6	7	0	4.30	14/14	2	98.1	108	59	47	18	61	9
2006	4	4	0	6.02	14/10	0	61.1	80	53	41	30	55	5
2005	0	1	0	12.06	18/0	0	15.2	32	23	21	9	11	5
Career	10	12	0	5.60	46/24	2	175.1	220	135	109	57	127	19

Low-Hit Complete Game: 5 (vs. Ohio, 3/23/07)

## FEENEY'S CAREER HIGHS

Innings Pitched (start): 9.0, twice, last at Akron, 3/30/07

Innings Pitched (relief): 3.1, at Arizona State, 2/5/06

Strikeouts: 12, at Kent State, 4/6/07

## TREVOR FEENEY'S SENIOR MOMENTS

**Favorite Mathey-ism ...** His hand gestures.

**Baseball hero growing up ...** Ken Griffey, Jr.  
**My baseball superstition ...** Warming up the same way before every game.

**Favorite baseball movie ...** Major League.

**Best baseball prank ...** The upside-down baseball player by Zach Minor.

**Most famous player played with or against ...** Alex Gordon (Kansas City Royals) while with Nebraska.

**If I was not playing baseball, I'd be playing ...** Madden Football on Playstation.

**Favorite class at NIU ...** Sports Culture and Society.

**If I could have dinner with three people in history (living or dead) they would be ...** Babe Ruth, Michael Jordan and John F. Kennedy.

**My parents were right when they told me ...** Hard work pays off and that you get out what you put in to something.

**If a movie were made of my life, the actor that would play me is ...** Matthew McConaughey.

**What people don't know about me is ...** That I am a world-renowned bull fighter.



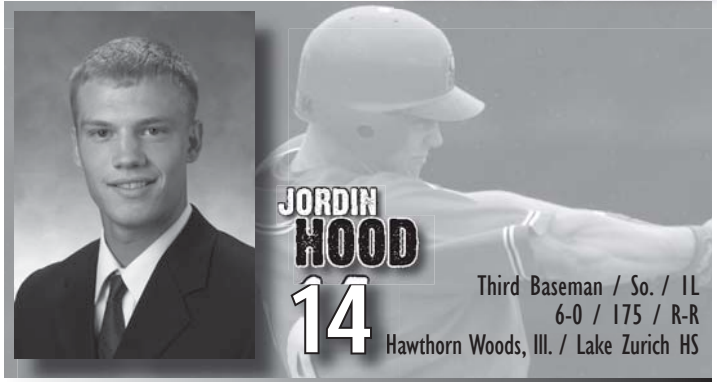
**ADAM HOLDENRID**  
22

Pitcher / Sr. / 2L  
6-0 / 170 / L-L  
Mendota, Ill. / Mendota HS

**2007:** Went 1-3 in eight games and fanned 20 in 35.1 innings after returning from Tommy John surgery ... Made seven starts on the year, including six midweek outings and one at the MAC Tournament ... Held leadoff batters to a .185 average and yielded a .192 average with runners on and two outs during the season ... Posted a 3.86 ERA during the second quarter of the season ... NIU went 3-4 in his seven starts ... Struck out two in one relief inning at Southern Illinois (3/2) ... Made his first start of the season and went 5.0 innings while allowing four hits and six earned



runs with three strikeouts in a no-decision vs. New Jersey Tech (3/15) ... Took the loss after 4.1 innings with three strikeouts and three earned runs in start in the nitecap of a doubleheader at Bradley (3/28) ... Totaled 5.0 innings, allowing one earned run on three hits while fanning three, in a no-decision at Illinois State (4/10) ... Went 5.0 innings with four earned runs, one walk and three strikeouts in a no-decision at UW-Milwaukee (5/2) ... Earned his first collegiate victory with 6.2 innings, six hits two earned runs, four walks and two strikeouts vs. Eastern Illinois (5/16) ... Went 4.1 innings with four hits, four earned runs, one walk and one strikeout in a loss vs. Eastern Michigan at the MAC Tournament (5/25) ... Made six appearances and struck out six in 9.2 innings for the Wilson Tobs of the Coastal Plain League



**JORDIN HOOD**  
**14**

Third Baseman / So. / IL  
6-0 / 175 / R-R  
Hawthorn Woods, Ill. / Lake Zurich HS

**2008 Preseason All-MAC Selection by Rivals.com and listed by Collegiate Baseball as a MAC "Player to Watch."**

**2007:** Freshman All-American by Louisville Slugger/Collegiate Baseball and Ping Baseball ... Earned a second team All-MAC selection and was one of only four freshman to earn league honors ... Named the MAC West Player of the Week on April 9 after hitting .412 and slugging .812 with seven hits, five RBI, two triples, a double and a home run in four games ... Earned team's Newcomer of the Year award ... Tied for second on the team with six home runs while playing in 52 games with 49 starts ... Started 38 games at second base, 10 as DH and one at third ... Totaled 16 multi-hit games and ranked third on the team with a .459 slugging percentage and 11 stolen bases ... Hit .309 with 5 doubles, two triples, two home runs and 12 RBI in 25 MAC games ... Tied for ninth in the MAC with 0.08 triples per conference contest ... Hit safely in 10 consecutive games (4/10-24) to tie for NIU's fourth-longest season hit streak ... Led the team with a .395 average during the season's second-quarter and posted a team-best .347 average during April and a .327 mark in home games ... Made his collegiate debut and had a RBI double for his first hit in a start at Texas Tech (2/24) ... Had two singles and a stolen base at Southern Illinois (3/3) ... Scored three runs at Southern Illinois (3/4) ... Belted his first collegiate home run, a solo shot, vs. New Jersey Tech (3/13) ... Tripled with a RBI and a run scored vs. New Jersey Tech (3/15) ... Went 2-for-4 with two runs, one RBI and a stolen base vs. Manhattan (3/17) ... Delivered a pinch-hit three-run home run at Chicago State (3/20) ... Went 2-for-2, including a solo home run, with two runs scored and a stolen base in game one of a doubleheader at Bradley (3/28) ... Homered as part of a 3-for-4 outing with two runs and two RBI vs. Illinois State (4/3) ... Went 3-for-5 with three RBI, and a stolen base while tying the NIU single-game record with two triples at Kent State (4/7) ... Drove in three and stole a base in a 2-for-3 outing vs. Miami (4/14) ... Belted a solo home run vs. Miami (4/15) ... Went 2-for-4 and stole a base vs. Eastern Michigan (4/28) ... Credited with the game-winning RBI on a bases-loaded walk in the bottom of ninth vs. Western Michigan (5/5) ... Went 2-for-3 with two runs scored and one stolen base at Ball State (5/11) ... Belted a solo home run in a 3-for-5 outing with two RBI at Ball State (5/12) ... Scored three runs and had two hits, including a double, with two RBI and one stolen base vs. Chicago State (5/15) ... Had two hits, one RBI and a run scored at Toledo (5/19) ... Singled, stole a base and scored vs. Kent State at the MAC Tournament (5/23) ... Collected two hits including a double, with one RBI and a run scored vs. Toledo at the MAC Tournament (5/24) ... Hit .393 with 35 runs scored, 31 RBI, 12 stolen bases, seven home runs and a .476 on-base percentage in 44 games for the Crystal Lake Cardinals of the Chicago Suburban Baseball League during the summer season.



and scored vs. Kent State at the MAC Tournament (5/23) ... Collected two hits including a double, with one RBI and a run scored vs. Toledo at the MAC Tournament (5/24) ... Hit .393 with 35 runs scored, 31 RBI, 12 stolen bases, seven home runs and a .476 on-base percentage in 44 games for the Crystal Lake Cardinals of the Chicago Suburban Baseball League during the summer season.

**High School:** A consensus all-state selection as a senior, was a three-time all-area and all-conference honoree and collected three team MVP awards ... Ranked No. 18 among Illinois seniors and was second-team all-state by *Prep Baseball Report* ... Finished first in IHSA Class AA Sectional Hitting Derby and placed fourth in the IHSA State Tournament Hitting Derby as a senior ... Named to Illinois Great Northwest Baseball Team

during the 2007 summer season.

**2006:** Made two starts before his season was cut short by injury ... Started and took the loss at Arizona State (2/5) ... Started and threw 1.1 innings against UW-Milwaukee (2/26).

**2005:** Posted a 3.71 ERA in 13 games with 11 starts during his first collegiate season ... Ranked third on the team with 70.1 IP and walked just 19 ... Made his collegiate debut by totaling one shutout inning over two appearances at Texas Tech (2/11 and 2/12) ... Struck out six and allowed two earned runs over 7.1 innings in his first collegiate start at Eastern Kentucky (3/20) ... Did not allow an earned run in a 5.2-inning stint while fanning four vs. Ball State (4/3) ... Struck out four and yielded one earned run in 7.1 innings at Western Michigan (4/9) ... Totaled nine innings while striking out eight, and allowing two earned runs in a no-decision vs. Bowling Green (4/16) ... Did not allow an earned run in 5.2 innings against Miami (5/14) ... Threw eight innings with three earned runs at Toledo (5/20).

**2004:** Redshirted.

**ADAM HOLDENRID'S SENIOR MOMENTS**

**Favorite Mathey-ism** ... Watching him walk out to the mound to the beat of the Knight Rider theme song.

**Baseball heroes growing up** ... Ken Griffey, Jr., Frank Thomas and Roger Clemens.

**My baseball superstition** ... I always wear two pairs of baseball socks during a game.

**Favorite baseball movie** ... Rookie of the Year.

**Best baseball prank** ... Hot foot or the upside-down baseball player.

**Most famous player played with or against** ... Joba Chamberlain (New York Yankees) and Alex Gordon (Kansas City Royals) when they played for Nebraska.

**If I was not playing baseball, I'd be playing** ... Flag Football.

**Favorite class at NIU** ... Bowling II.

**If I could have dinner with three people in history (living or dead) they would be** ... Michael Jordan, Steve Bartman and Will Ferrell.

**My parents were right when they told me** ... Some day you will miss my meatloaf.

**If a movie were made of my life, the actor that would play me is** ... John Goodman.

**High School:** A first team all-state selection by the Illinois Coaches Association as a senior and was a two-time all-area and all-conference selection by the *LaSalle News Tribune* ... Participated in the Illinois Coaches Association All-State Game after his senior season ... Holds school's career records with 22 victories and 259 strikeouts ... Named team MVP and led squad to a third-place finish at the state tournament after posting a 6-3 record and 1.87 ERA with 98 strikeouts and just nine walks in 48.2 innings during his senior year ... Established school season records for wins (10), ERA (1.02) and strikeouts (106) as a junior ... Honor Roll member.

**Personal:** Liberal arts and sciences major ... Born April 11, 1985 ... Son of Kurt and Christine Holdenrid ... Admires Roger Clemens ... Hobbies include fishing and playing the guitar.

**HOLDENRID'S CAREER STATISTICS**

YR	W	L	SV	ERA	G/GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HBP
2007	1	3	0	6.37	8/7	0	35.1	39	34	25	20	20	8
2006	0	1	0	15.00	2/2	0	3.0	6	5	5	3	2	3
2005	0	4	0	3.71	13/11	0	70.1	80	44	29	19	42	10
Career	1	8	0	4.89	23/20	0	108.2	125	83	59	42	64	21

**HOLDENRID'S CAREER HIGHS**

Innings Pitched (start): 9.0, at Bowling Green, 4/16/05

Innings Pitched (relief): 1.0, at Southern Illinois, 3/2/07

Strikeouts: 8, at Bowling Green, 4/16/05

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and was a second team all-state selection by the *Chicago Tribune* and *Chicago Sun-Times*, first-team all-area by the *Daily Herald*, and earned All-North Suburban Conference and team leadership award recognition during senior year ... Hit .419 and slugged .762 with nine home runs, 41 RBI, 43 runs scored and 11 stolen bases as team captain during his final prep campaign ... Selected as captain of the all-area team by the *Daily Herald*, earned all-area recognition by the *Northwest Herald*, and was All-Lake County by the *Suburban Chicago News* as a junior ... Hit .444 and slugged .758 with 56 hits, seven home runs, 37 RBI and 15 stolen bases while serving as team captain and leading squad to the regional championship during his junior year ... Named to Great Northwest Baseball Team by the *Pioneer Press*, all-conference by the *Fox Valley Labor News*, and all-area honorable mention by the *Daily Herald* after batting .412 with 42 hits as a sophomore ... Received High Honor Roll and Distinguished Scholar awards.

**Personal:** Kinesiology/physical education major ... Born May 31, 1987 in Carrollton, Texas ... Son of Bill and Kim Hood.

### HOOD'S CAREER STATISTICS

YR	AVG	G/GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	BB	SO
2007	.294	52/49	194	32	57	8	3	6	29	11	12	24
Career	.294	52/49	194	32	57	8	3	6	29	11	12	24

Long Hit Streak: 10 (2007)

### HOOD'S CAREER HIGHS

Hits: 3, 3x, last at Ball State, 5/12/07

Runs Batted In: 3, 3x, last vs. Miami (Ohio), 4/14/07

Runs Scored: 3, twice, last vs. Chicago State, 5/15/07

Doubles: 1, 8x, last vs. Toledo (MAC Tournament), 5/24/07

Triples: 2, at Kent State, 4/7/07

Home Runs: 1, 6x, last at Ball State, 5/12/07

Stolen Bases: 1, 11x, last vs. Kent State (MAC Tournament), 5/23/07



**BRANDON  
house**  
7

Outfielder / Fr. / HS  
5-9 / 170 / R-R  
Richton Park, Ill. / Marian Catholic HS

**High School:** A two-time team MVP and earned all-area recognition from the *Daily Southtown* and All-East Suburban Catholic Conference honors as a senior ... Hit .435 with a .600 on-base percentage and 46 hits during his senior season ... Broke the school's 30-year old season stolen bases record with 27 swipes and opened his senior campaign with an 18-game hitting streak before ending the year having hit safely in 33 of 35 games played ... Earned team MVP honors after hitting .406 despite missing most of his junior season because of injury ... Listed as the No. 5 outfielder in the state and among the "Cream of the Crop" as a sophomore ... Helped his team to a 24-6 record and conference championship as a freshman ... Member of Who's Who for his final three years of high school and served on the student council.

**Personal:** Biological science major ... Born Sept. 28, 1989 in Chicago, Ill. ... Parents are Lester and Debra House ... Aspires to be an orthopedic surgeon.



**MATT  
Jernstad**  
25

Pitcher / Sr. / 3L  
6-1 / 235 / L-L  
Oswego, Ill. / Oswego HS

**2007:** Won four of his six decisions while ranking second on the team with 13 starts ... Placed seventh in the MAC with 7.43 strikeouts per game and 19th in ERA ... Went 3-1 with a 4.02 ERA in nine MAC starts and fanned 44 in 56.0 innings ... Ranked 10th in the MAC with 7.07 strikeouts per conference game and placed 15th in league ERA at 4.02 ... Limited lefthanded hitters to a .197 average overall, best among NIU's starting pitchers, and a .186 mark during conference play ... Went 2-0 with a 3.25 ERA while striking out 19 against six walks in 27.2 innings over four home starts ... NIU went 9-4 in his 13 starts, tying for the highest victory total among the team's starting pitchers ... Posted a 2-0 record and 4.08 ERA during the season's second half ... Totaled 6.1 innings and allowed nine hits and five earned runs in a loss at Southern Illinois (3/2) ... Earned the win with 5.0 innings, seven strikeouts, three hits and one earned run vs. New Jersey Tech (3/13) ... Worked 5.0 innings with eight hits and five earned runs while fanning four in a no-decision vs. Manhattan (3/17) ... Collected the victory by going 7.0 innings allowing five hits and one earned run with six strikeouts vs. Ohio (3/25) ... Struck out five in 6.0 innings with four hits, two earned runs and one walk in a no-decision at Akron (4/1) ... Fanned six in 4.1 innings with six hits and four earned runs in a no-decision at Kent State (4/8) ... Worked 5.2 innings and struck out five in a no-decision vs. Miami (4/15) ... Struck out two in one inning of relief at Iowa (4/18) ... Allowed six hits and three earned runs with three strikeouts and one walk over 5.2 innings in a no-decision at Central Michigan (4/22) ... Earned the win with 8.0 innings, four hits, one earned run, one walk and six strikeouts while facing just five over the minimum vs. Eastern Michigan (4/28) ... Totaled 7.0 innings, allowing three earned runs with one walk and two strikeouts in a no-decision vs. Western Michigan (5/5) ... Notched the victory with 6.2 innings, three hits, one earned run, seven walks and five strikeouts at Ball State (5/12) ... Worked 5.2 innings with seven hits, five earned runs, six walks and six strikeouts in a no-decision at Toledo (5/18) ... Struck out seven while logging 6.2 innings with nine hits, three earned runs and one walk in a no-decision vs. Miami at the MAC Tournament (5/25) ... Named to the Central Illinois Collegiate League All-Star Game and was a two-time Pitcher of the Week selection during the summer season ... Tied for the CIGL lead with five wins, ranked fifth in innings pitched with 55.0, sixth in strikeouts with 47 and seventh in ERA at 3.67 ... Helped lead the DuPage Dragons to the CIGL Championship Game.



**2006:** Went 4-1 in 13 games with nine starts and logged 51.2 innings with 32 strikeouts on the year ... Won all four of his decisions in eight non-conference starts ... Pitched in two MAC games and totaled 4.2 innings with four strikeouts ... Tossed two innings and did not allow an earned run at Arizona State (2/4) ... Pitched 2.2 innings of relief vs. UW-Milwaukee (2/26) ... Earned the win in his first start of the season, going 7.1 innings with nine strikeouts while yielding just three hits, one earned run and no walks at San Jose State (3/13) ... Started and threw 5.2 innings, allowing just three hits and two earned runs while fanning three, in game one of a doubleheader vs. Bradley (3/28) ... Went five innings with two earned runs and three strikeouts

## MATT JERNSTAD'S SENIOR MOMENTS

**Favorite Mathey-ism ...** When he walks out to the mound they play the Knight Rider theme and he walks to the beat of the song.

**Baseball hero growing up ...** I always liked watching Ken Griffey, Jr. when he played for the Mariners.

**Favorite baseball movie ...** Sandlot. I used to watch it two times a day. I still watch it a lot because its on HBO.

**Best baseball prank ...** On a road trip during my freshman year a few of us were in our room watching a movie and I came up with the idea of filling one of those little ice buckets up with water and propping the door open and setting the bucket over the door so when someone walked in the water would spill all over them. I was listening for people walking around and the first person that almost walked in was Coach Joslyn. It was a scary moment and I'm glad I stopped him.

**Most famous player played with or against ...** Alex Gordon (Kansas City Royals) while with Nebraska.

**If I was not playing baseball, I'd be playing ...** Definitely football.

**Favorite class at NIU ...** Spanish. You learn something everyday.

**If I could have dinner with three people in history (living or dead) they would be ...** Babe Ruth, Brian Urlacher and Brett Favre.

**My parents were right when they told me ...** That they are always right.

**If a movie were made of my life, the actor that would play me is ...** Mark Wahlberg.

**What people don't know about me is ...** I'm just a big teddy bear.

compiling a 9-4 record and 1.47 ERA in 79.0 innings ... Set school record with 20 strikeouts in an 11-inning complete game victory and established school's strikeout mark for a seven-inning game with 17 ... Earned all-area, all-conference and team MVP accolades after posting eight wins and a 2.41 ERA during his junior year ... An all-area selection in football as linebacker after helping lead his team to the Class 7A state championship ... Earned Honor Roll recognition.

**Personal:** Criminology major ... Born June 6, 1986 in Belle County, Texas ... Son of Glen and Tina Jernstad ... Brother, Mike, was a pitcher at Lindenwood University ... Aspires to coach baseball and football ... Admires Brian Urlacher, Kerry Wood and Barry Zito ... Nicknamed "Jerny."

## JERNSTAD'S CAREER STATISTICS

YR	W	L	SV	ERA	G/GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HBP
2007	4	2	0	4.39	14/13	0	80.0	83	43	39	33	66	7
2006	4	1	0	7.14	13/9	0	51.2	67	45	41	23	32	5
2005	0	3	0	6.89	10/6	0	31.1	47	32	24	21	18	6
Career	8	6	0	5.74	37/28	0	163.0	197	120	104	77	116	18

## JERNSTAD'S CAREER HIGHS

Innings Pitched (start): 8.0, vs. Eastern Michigan, 4/28/07  
 Innings Pitched (relief): 2.2, vs. Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 2/26/06  
 Strikeouts: 9, at San Jose State, 3/13/06



**TIM Kamin**  
**31**

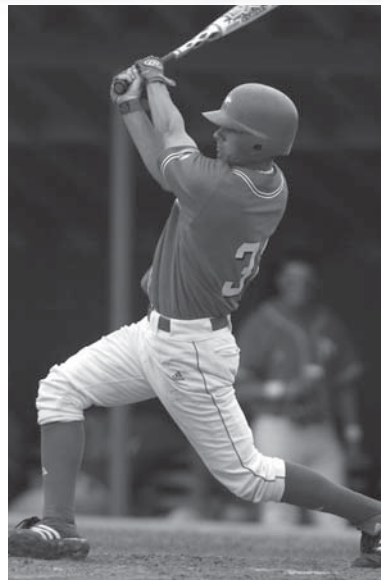
Infielder / Sr. / 3L  
 6-1 / 180 / L-R  
 Oak Lawn, Ill. / Richards HS

**2007:** Named MAC West Player of the Week on May 20 after hitting .636 and slugging 1.364 with two home runs, 10 RBI and six runs scored, a stretch in which he surpassed his previous career totals ...

to earn the win vs. Illinois State (4/4) ... Notched the victory in a 7.1-inning start with six hits, one earned run, no walks and five strikeouts vs. Chicago State (4/19) ... Earned the win with 7.0 innings of work in start vs. UIC (4/25) ... Started and threw 4.0 innings with two strikeouts against Northwestern (5/3) ... Made his first career MAC start and went 3.2 innings with three strikeouts in a loss vs. Ball State (5/13).

**2005:** Pitched in 10 games with six starts while totaling 31.1 innings of work as a freshman ... Tossed 6.2 innings and allowed three earned runs in his first collegiate start at Xavier (3/16) ... Threw two innings and struck out three without yielding an earned run vs. Ball State (4/2) ... Fanned seven in 6.1 innings and allowed one earned run at Illinois-Chicago (4/20).

**High School:** Became the third all-state honoree in school history and was a two-time all-area, all-conference and team MVP selection ... Owns school's career victory and strikeout records ... Named all-state, all-area, all-conference and team MVP after setting school's season record with 127 strikeouts while



neutral-site games ... Went 2-for-2 off the bench at Central Michigan (4/21) ... Collected two hits, including a double, with two runs scored and one RBI vs. Chicago State (5/15) ... Delivered a pinch-hit two-RBI single vs. Eastern Illinois (5/16) ... Blasted a dramatic ninth-inning game-tying grand slam for his first career home run at Toledo (5/18) ... Belted a three-run home run and went 3-for-4 with three runs scored and three RBI at Toledo (5/19) ... Hit a three-run pinch-hit home run vs. Toledo at the MAC Tournament (5/24) ... Delivered a pinch-hit single vs. Miami at the MAC Tournament (5/25) ... Went 1-for-2 with one run scored vs. Eastern Michigan at the MAC Tournament (5/25).

**2006:** Played in 22 games with five starts and appeared in nine MAC games ... Totaled three RBI and two of his five season hits were doubles ... Doubled at Arizona State (2/5) ... Scored a run as a pinch-runner in game two of a doubleheader vs. Bradley (3/28) ... Went 1-for-2 in a start at Illinois State (4/11) ... Scored as a pinch runner at Northern Iowa (4/12) ... Walked and scored a run vs. Central Michigan (4/22) ... Drew a bases-loaded RBI walk vs. Chicago State (4/26) ... Doubled and had two RBI at UW-Milwaukee (5/2) ... Singled in only at bat off bench vs. Toledo (5/20).

## TIM KAMIN'S SENIOR MOMENTS

**Favorite Mathey-ism ...** The way he strides perfectly in-sync to the Knight Rider theme song while walking out to the mound.

**Baseball heroes growing up ...** Mike Piazza and Fred McGriff.

**My baseball superstitions ...** Wearing the same undershirt each game and throwing three pieces of Orbit wintermint flavored gum into my mouth before my first appearance in a game.

**Favorite baseball movie ...** Bull Durham.

**Best baseball prank ...** Upside down man by Zach Minor during my freshman year.

**Most famous player played against ...** As a freshman in high school I played in a pick up game against Dwayne Wade (also a Richards H.S. alumnus) and my team lost.

**Most famous teammate ...** Eric Lis, a former high school teammate, is hands down the best hitter I've ever played with. He is in Twins minor-league system and hit a home run off Roger Clemens when he was making a rehab start.

**If I was not playing baseball, I'd be playing ...** Football.

**Favorite class at NIU ...** Medical Terminology.

**If I could have dinner with three people in history (living or dead) they would be ...** Walter Payton, Denzel Washington and Mickey Mantle.

**My parents were right when they told me ...** They would always be there for me no matter what and that school really does come first.

**If a movie were made of my life, the actor that would play me is ...** Brad Pitt.

**What people don't know about me is ...** I love "chick flicks" and am the slowest eater in the world.

Hit 467 in 30 games and batted .538 in nine MAC contests on the year ... Drove in 15 runs in 30 at-bats and slugged .833 for the season ... Led NIU with four pinch-hits and hit .444 (4-for-9) as a pinch-hitter ... Went 10-for-17 (.588) with three home runs and 13 RBI over his final nine games, including three starts ... Posted a .500 average with one home run and three RBI at the MAC Tournament ... Totaled three home runs and 10 RBI while hitting .833 (5-for-6) against Toledo pitching during the season ... Hit .563 (9-for-16) with runners on base, .600 (6-for-10) with runners in scoring position and .667 (2-for-3) with runners in scoring position and two out ... Homered and walked to total five RBI in two bases-loaded plate appearances during the season ... Combined to hit .523 (11-for-21) in road and

neutral-site games ... Went 2-for-2 off the bench at Central Michigan (4/21) ... Collected two hits, including a double, with two runs scored and one RBI vs. Chicago State (5/15) ... Delivered a pinch-hit two-RBI single vs. Eastern Illinois (5/16) ... Blasted a dramatic ninth-inning game-tying grand slam for his first career home run at Toledo (5/18) ... Belted a three-run home run and went 3-for-4 with three runs scored and three RBI at Toledo (5/19) ... Hit a three-run pinch-hit home run vs. Toledo at the MAC Tournament (5/24) ... Delivered a pinch-hit single vs. Miami at the MAC Tournament (5/25) ... Went 1-for-2 with one run scored vs. Eastern Michigan at the MAC Tournament (5/25).

**2006:** Played in 22 games with five starts and appeared in nine MAC games ... Totaled three RBI and two of his five season hits were doubles ... Doubled at Arizona State (2/5) ... Scored a run as a pinch-runner in game two of a doubleheader vs. Bradley (3/28) ... Went 1-for-2 in a start at Illinois State (4/11) ... Scored as a pinch runner at Northern Iowa (4/12) ... Walked and scored a run vs. Central Michigan (4/22) ... Drew a bases-loaded RBI walk vs. Chicago State (4/26) ... Doubled and had two RBI at UW-Milwaukee (5/2) ... Singled in only at bat off bench vs. Toledo (5/20).

**2005:** Played in 17 games with four starts and totaled 28 at-bats as a redshirt freshman ... Singled in his lone at-bat at Texas Tech (2/12) ... Had a hit and a run scored at Western Michigan (4/8).

**2004:** Redshirted.  
**High School:** A two-time all-area and all-conference selection ... Named all-area by the *Daily Southtown* and *The Reporter* and earned All-SICA North honors after hitting .395 with 39 RBI, 18 stolen bases, 14 doubles, five home runs, four triples as a senior ... An all-area choice by *The Reporter* and an all-conference selection after batting .398 with five home runs and 31 RBI during his junior year ... Owns school's single-season at-bats and assists records ... National Honor Society member.

**Personal:** Liberal arts and sciences major ... Born Aug. 15, 1984 ... Son of Joseph and Marianne Kamin ... Brothers Ken and Phil played for head coach Ed Mathey at North Central College ... Admires Brett Favre, Cal Ripken, Jr., and Michael Jordan.

# 2008 HUSKIES

## KAMIN'S CAREER STATISTICS

YR	AVG	G/GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	BB	SO
2007	.458	24/4	30	10	14	2	0	3	15	0	5	4
2006	.217	22/5	23	3	5	2	0	0	3	0	2	8
2005	.107	17/4	28	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	14
Career	.272	63/13	81	14	22	4	0	3	18	0	8	26

Long Hit Streak: 3 (2007); Grand Slams: 1 (2007)

## KAMIN'S CAREER HIGHS

Hits: 3, at Toledo, 5/19/07  
 Runs Batted In: 4, at Toledo, 5/18/07  
 Runs Scored: 3, at Toledo, 5/19/07  
 Doubles: 1, 3x, last vs. Chicago State, 5/15/07  
 Home Runs: 1, 3x, last vs. Toledo (MAC Tournament), 5/24/07

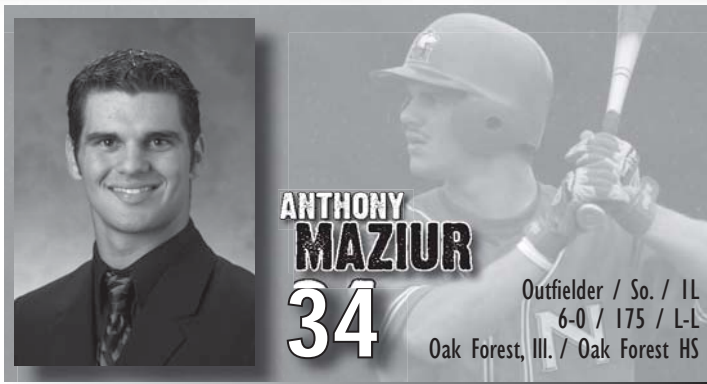


**SAM KAPACINSKIS**  
 10  
 Catcher / So. / Tr  
 6-0 / 200 / R-R  
 DeBary, Fla. / St. Johns River CC

**2007:** Redshirted after transferring to Northern Illinois.  
**Junior College:** Played one season at St. Johns River Community College in Palatka, Fla. ... Known as an excellent defensive catcher and split time throughout the season as team's starting backstop ... Also made late-season appearances on the mound as a relief pitcher.

**High School:** A two-time all-area selection, all-county honoree and two-time captain at Father Lopez H.S. ... Ranked No. 22 among Florida's senior catchers by TeamOneBaseball.com ... Named second team All-Volusia County, ranked in the county's top-15 by the *Daytona Beach News-Journal*, and earned team MVP and best defensive player accolades as a junior ... Honorable mention all-area selection during his sophomore year ... Captained junior varsity team and earned coach's award for leadership during his freshman campaign ... Was a four-year varsity letterwinner in football ... Named Florida's Class 1A Player of the Year, Central Florida All-Star, and team defensive MVP on the gridiron as a senior ... A two-time all-area football selection by the *News-Journal* ... Earned Green Wave Award for leadership on the varsity football team during his sophomore season ... Earned the Air Force Academy nominee by Congressman Mica and was the Crest of Wave Award recipient for athletics, leadership, character and service ... A Dean's List honoree all eight semesters.

**Personal:** Political science major and is enrolled in the teacher certification program ... Born May 22, 1987 in Winfield, Ill. ... Son of Leonard and Holly Kapacinskis ... Grandfather, Glen Van Proyen, won three letters in both basketball and baseball at Western Illinois before signing a pro baseball contract with the St. Louis Browns ... Hobbies include movies, politics and weight lifting ... Admires Ryan Theriot, Barack Obama and Al Gore ... Aspires to teach and coach.



**ANTHONY MAZIUR**  
 34  
 Outfielder / So. / IL  
 6-0 / 175 / L-L  
 Oak Forest, Ill. / Oak Forest HS

**2007:** Played in 23 games and scored nine runs while posting a .529 on-base percentage as a freshman ... Went 1-for-2 (.500) with one RBI at the MAC Tournament ... Hit .667 (2-for-3) with runners in scoring position and .600 (3-for-5) with runners on base ... Led NIU with nine runs scored off the bench ... Scored five runs during the month of May ... Drove in two runs on a double, his first collegiate hit, and scored a run vs. Long Island (3/11) ... Made his collegiate pitching debut with 0.2 innings at Florida Atlantic (3/14) ... Pinch ran and scored a run at Chicago State (3/20) ... Scored a run as a pinch runner in game one of a doubleheader and made his first collegiate start and singled in the nitecap at Bradley (3/28) ... Scored the winning run as a pinch-runner at UW-Milwaukee (5/2) ... Scored two runs and had one RBI vs. Chicago State (5/15) ... Pinch-ran and scored a run vs. Eastern Illinois (5/16) ... Had a RBI single in his lone at-bat vs. Eastern Michigan at the MAC Tournament (5/25).

**High School:** An all-area and two-time all-conference selection ... Captained two conference championship teams ... Named all-area, IHSA Regional All-Area, and All-SICA Central after hitting .355 with four home runs,



21 RBI, 33 runs scored, 32 hits, and was 32-for-32 in stolen base attempts as a senior ... Posted a 7-1 record and one save with a 2.79 ERA while throwing 42.2 innings and striking out 36 during his senior campaign ... Named all-conference after batting .440 and slugging .651 with five home runs, 42 RBI, 34 runs scored and 18 stolen bases while compiling a 5-1 record, 3.38 ERA and five complete games in seven starts with 34 strikeouts in 34.2 innings pitched as a junior ... Hit .395 with three home runs as a sophomore ... Honor roll member all four years of high school and member of National Honor Society as a senior.

**Personal:** Business major ... Born Sept. 8, 1987 ... Son of Peter and Jill Maziur ... Admires Albert Pujols ... Hobbies include drawing, music and cars.

## MAZIUR'S CAREER STATISTICS

Hitting												
YR	AVG	G/GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	BB	SO
2007	.273	23/2	11	9	3	1	0	0	4	0	5	3
Career	.273	23/2	11	9	3	1	0	0	4	0	5	3

Long Hit Streak: 2 (2007)

## Pitching

YR	W	L	SV	ERA	G/GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HBP
2007	0	0	0	0.00	1/0	0	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Career	0	0	0	0.00	1/0	0	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	0

## MAZIUR'S CAREER HIGHS

Hits: 1, 3x, last vs. Eastern Michigan (MAC Tournament), 5/25/07  
 Runs Batted In: 2, vs. Long Island, 3/11/07  
 Runs Scored: 2, vs. Chicago State, 5/15/07  
 Doubles: 1, vs. Long Island, 3/11/07



**PAT**  
**MINOGUE**  
**15**

Outfielder / Jr. / 2L  
6-0 / 175 / R-R  
Crystal Lake, Ill. / Central HS

**C** Named a team captain for 2008.

**2007:** Started 54 games in center field and ranked second on the team with seven sacrifice hits ... Had a career-high 31 RBI and 22 walks on the year ... Led NIU with 12 walks and tied for second on the team with 14 RBI in MAC games ... Had four hits, including three doubles, in four games at the MAC Tournament ... Hit .370 against lefthanded pitching ... Batted .400 (4-for-10) with nine RBI in bases-loaded situations ... Posted a .387 average with runners in scoring position during MAC games, best among NIU regulars ... Collected a team-high 12 RBI and hit .319 during the month of April ... Drove in three runs and had a double vs. Long Island (3/11) ... Doubled, walked twice, stole two bases and scored two runs vs. New Jersey Tech (3/15) ... Went 4-for-5 with a RBI, stolen base and run scored vs. Fordham (3/15) ... Belted a solo home run and scored two runs vs. Fordham (3/16) ... Singled twice, walked twice and drove in two vs. Manhattan (3/17) ... Had two singles and one run scored vs. Ohio (3/25) ... Drove in two runs, singled and scored at Akron (3/30) ... Went 3-for-4 with a double, RBI and run scored at Akron (4/1) ... Homered and doubled vs. Illinois State (4/3) ... Scored two runs and had a RBI single at Kent State (4/7) ... Had two hits, including a RBI single, vs. Miami (4/13) ... Delivered two hits, one RBI and a run scored vs. Miami (4/15) ... Had two hits, including a RBI double, at Central Michigan (4/22) ... Went 3-for-4 and drove in two at UIC (4/24) ... Drove in three runs and scored in a 2-for-4 outing vs. Eastern Michigan (4/28) ... Produced a RBI single and scored the walk-off winning run vs. Western Michigan (5/4) ... Had two hits and one run scored vs. Western Michigan (5/5) ... Collected three hits with two RBI, one run scored and one stolen base vs. Eastern Illinois (5/16) ... Tripled with two RBI and a run scored at Toledo (5/19) ... Had two hits, including a double, and one RBI vs. Toledo at the MAC Tournament (5/24) ... Doubled twice with one RBI and a run scored vs. Miami at the MAC Tournament (5/25) ... Earned Player of the Week honors in the Cal Ripken, Sr. Baseball League during the summer season ... Scored 21 runs and had 21 RBI with five stolen bases in 39 games while helping lead the Bethesda Big Train to the league final.

**2006:** Started all 54 games and hit .292 with four home runs, 27 RBI, and nine stolen bases in his freshman campaign ... Collected 64 hits with eight doubles and had 33 runs scored and five sacrifice hits on the year ... Had 26 hits, drove in seven runs, and stole four bases in 26 MAC games



... Posted a team-best 12-game hit streak (April 29-May 19) and had a separate nine-game streak during the season ... Belted his first collegiate hit, a RBI single, at Arizona State (2/3) ... Had a RBI double and a run scored at Evansville (2/25) ... Went 2-for-4 with a run scored at Southern Illinois (3/3) ... Drove in two runs and scored a run at Southern Illinois (3/4) ... Collected three hits and scored three runs at Southern Illinois (3/5) ... Went 2-for-3 with one run scored at San Jose State (3/13) ... Belted his first collegiate home run in a three-hit, three-RBI outing at Nevada (3/18) ... Had two hits in game one of a doubleheader at Ohio and collected three hits and a run scored in the nitecap (3/25) ... Totaled three hits and one stolen base at Ohio (3/26) ... Had two hits and a RBI in

game one of doubleheader vs. Bradley and collected three hits, two RBI and a run scored in the nitecap (3/28) ... Collected two hits and scored a run vs. Akron (4/2) ... Had two hits with a walk and a run scored vs. Illinois State (4/4) ... Belted a solo home run vs. Chicago State (4/19) ... Went 3-for-5 with a home run and double, two runs scored, one RBI and a stolen base vs. UIC (4/25) ... Blasted a two-run home run vs. Chicago State (4/26) ... Had two hits and one RBI at UW-Milwaukee (5/2) ... Had a RBI single, a stolen base and scored a run vs. Northwestern (5/3) ... Went 2-for-4 with a RBI triple and a run scored at Western Michigan (5/5) ... Went 3-for-3, including a double, with three stolen bases, three runs scored and one RBI at Valparaiso (5/16) ... Named to the Central Illinois Collegiate League All-Star Game during the 2006 summer season ... Earned the CICL's initial Player of the Week honor after posting a five-hit game.

**2005:** Redshirted.

**High School:** A two-time first team All-Area selection by the *Northwest Herald* and twice earned all-conference honors ... Named honorable mention all-state by the *Chicago Sun-Times* honors after hitting .481 with a team-best 43 runs scored, 38 RBI, 13 doubles, and eight home runs as a senior ... Batted .372 with 20 RBI, 14 doubles, two home runs during his junior year ... Participated in the Northwest Suburban Junior Showcase for the area's top junior players ... Honor Roll member all eight semesters.

**Personal:** Corporate communications and political science double major ... Two-time Victory Scholar (3.5 cumulative GPA and above) and earned one Huskie Scholar (3.0-3.49 GPA) selection ... Born Sept. 14, 1985 ... Son of Patrick and Madonna Minogue ... Admires Brett Favre and Derek Jeter ... Hobbies include being in the outdoors and playing guitar.

**MINOGUE'S CAREER STATISTICS**

YR	AVG	G/GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	BB	SO
2007	.265	55/54	212	24	56	10	1	3	31	8	22	33
2006	.292	54/54	219	33	64	8	1	4	27	9	11	36
Career	.278	109/108	431	57	120	18	2	7	58	17	33	69

Long Hit Streak: 12 (2006)

**MINOGUE'S CAREER HIGHS**

Hits: 4, vs. Fordham, 3/15/07  
Runs Batted In: 3, twice, last vs. Long Island, 3/11/07  
Runs Scored: 3, 3x, last vs. Eastern Michigan, 4/28/07  
Doubles: 2, twice, last vs. Miami (MAC Tournament), 5/25/07  
Triples: 1, twice, last at Toledo, 5/19/07  
Home Runs: 1, 6x, last vs. Illinois State, 4/3/07  
Stolen Bases: 3, at Valparaiso, 5/16/06



**dave**  
**NYKIEL**  
**21**

Pitcher / Sr. / 3L  
6-2 / 190 / R-R  
Tinley Park, Ill. / Andrew HS

**2007:** Ranked fifth in the MAC with 27 appearances, the ninth-highest season total in NIU history ... Went 1-0 with a 4.70 ERA in 20 non-conference outings ... Made two appearances at the MAC Tournament ... Posted a 3.68 ERA in six appearances during the month of May and recorded a 3.86 ERA in three February outings ... Held opponents to a .211 average with runners on base and two outs and a .200 mark with runners in scoring position and two outs ... Opened the season by appearing in each of NIU's first five games, including two scoreless outings at Texas Tech (2/23 and 2/25) ... Struck out one in a scoreless inning at Southern Illinois (3/3) ... Tossed one scoreless inning with one strikeout at Florida Atlantic (3/14) ... Notched the win with one inning of hitless relief vs. Manhattan (3/17) ... Pitched 1.1 scoreless innings and struck out two at Bradley (3/28) ... Worked 1.2 innings vs. Illinois State (4/3) ... Threw one hitless inning at Kent State (4/8) ... Struck out one in 1.2 innings at Illinois State (4/10) ... Tossed one hitless inning at Iowa (4/18) ... Worked 1.1 scoreless innings at UW-Milwaukee (5/2) ... Hurlled 2.2 shutout innings with one strikeout vs. Chicago State (5/15) ... Fanned two in 1.1 shutout innings at Toledo (5/17) ... Retired the lone batter he faced vs. Kent State at MAC the Tournament

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(5/23) ... Struck out two in 1.2 innings vs. Eastern Michigan at the MAC Tournament (5/25) ... Earned Central Illinois Collegiate League All-Star Game and Pitcher of the Week selections during the summer season ... Tied for second in the CIGL with 49 strikeouts and 10 starts and ranked fourth with 55.2 innings pitched ... Notched three victories for the Quincy Gems.

**2006:** Tied for fifth in the MAC with 25 appearances while posting a 4.23 ERA and 35 strikeouts in 27.2 innings ... Pitched in 11 MAC games, totaling 11.0 innings with 10 strikeouts ... Hurling one scoreless inning at Arizona State (2/4) ... Pitched two scoreless innings with three strikeouts at St. Mary's (3/10) ... Threw 1.1 shutout innings with a strikeout at Nevada (3/16) ... Tossed 2.2 innings with one earned run and

two strikeouts at Nevada (3/17) ... Pitched 1.1 innings of scoreless relief with one strikeout vs. Akron (4/1) ... Tossed 1.1 scoreless innings while fanning three vs. Illinois State (4/4) ... Struck out five in 2.1 innings at Illinois State (4/11) ... Fanned three in 1.2 scoreless innings vs. Northwestern (5/3) ... Struck out three in 1.1 innings vs. Toledo (5/18) ... Earned Pitcher of the Week honors in the New England Collegiate Baseball League during the 2006 summer season.

**2005:** Posted a 2-0 record with one save in 14 games and two starts while totaling 32.0 innings on the season ... Struck out two in 1.1 scoreless innings at Evansville (3/14) ... Earned his first collegiate victory with three scoreless innings at Eastern Illinois (4/6) ... Made five consecutive appearances without allowing an earned run (3/14-4/10) ... Credited

## DAVE NYKIEL'S SENIOR MOMENTS

**Favorite Mathey-ism ...** "Fridays on the road in the MAC."

**Baseball hero growing up ...** Roger Clemens.

**My baseball superstitions ...** Don't step on the white line and listen to Pantera before the game.

**Favorite baseball movie ...** Major League.

**Best baseball prank ...** When guys on the team took a bite out of Coach McDonough's candy bar before a game.

**Most famous players played against ...** David Price (No. 1 pick in the 2007 MLB Draft) during the 2006 summer and Alex Gordon (Kansas City Royals) while with Nebraska.

**If I was not playing baseball, I'd be competing in ...** Ultimate Fighting.

**Favorite class at NIU ...** Sports History with Stan Arnold.

**If I could have dinner with three people in history (living or dead) they would be ...** Rube Wadell, Ted Williams and Diamond Darrel Abbott.

**My parents were right when they told me ...** College goes by fast and money doesn't grow on trees.

**If a movie were made of my life, the actor that would play me is ...** Alif.

**What people don't know about me is ...** My favorite bands are Iced Earth, Slayer, Pantera and Behemoth.

with his first collegiate save after fanning seven in four innings vs. Chicago State (4/19) ... Struck out four in 1.2 innings at Akron (4/30) ... Made his first collegiate start and went 6.2 innings at Chicago State (5/3) ... Notched the victory in a five-inning start at Toledo (5/22).

**High School:** Considered by many scouts as the No. 2 senior pitcher in the Chicagoland area and was listed among the top eight prospects in the state by the Illinois High School Baseball Coaches Association ... Became the first pitcher in school history to throw two no-hitters ... Finished his prep career ranked third on the school's all-time strikeout list ... Compiled an 18-6 career record as a prep ... Posted a 9-4 record, 3.21 ERA and 104 strikeouts in 86.1 innings as a senior ... Went 9-2 with 3.50 ERA during his junior season.

**Personal:** Sociology major ... Born Aug. 28, 1986 ... Son of David and Dianne Nykiel ... Enjoys music and playing the drums.

## NYKIEL'S CAREER STATISTICS

YR	W	L	SV	ERA	G/GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HBP
2007	1	0	0	7.48	27/0	0	27.2	41	25	23	13	19	4
2006	0	0	0	4.23	25/0	0	27.2	25	16	13	14	35	5
2005	2	0	1	5.06	14/2	0	32.0	43	24	18	9	24	2
Career	3	0	1	5.57	66/2	0	87.1	109	65	54	36	78	11

## NYKIEL'S CAREER HIGHS

Innings Pitched (start): 6.2, vs. Chicago State, 5/3/05

Innings Pitched (relief): 4.0, vs. Chicago State, 4/19/05

Strikeouts: 7, vs. Chicago State, 4/19/05



**High School:** Earned an Illinois top-100 senior ranking by *Prep Baseball Report* ... Was a two-time first-team All-DuPage Valley Conference selection and twice served as team captain ... Posted a 6-4 record, 2.48 ERA and 63 strikeouts in 59.1 innings as a pitcher and hit .333 with a .496 slugging percentage while totaling 39 hits and 12 stolen bases as a first baseman during his senior year ... Earned team's Falcon Award as a senior ... Named first-team all-area as a junior ... Was a two-time academic all-conference selection during his final two prep seasons.

**Personal:** Business major ... Born July 16, 1988 ... Parents are Mike and Nancy Oates ... Brother, Ryan, was a member of the U.S. Junior Olympic volleyball team and plays for BYU ... High school battery mate of fellow Huskie newcomer C Kevin Smith ... Aspires to own his own business and to write a book ... Hobbies include fishing.



**2007:** Tied for second among NIU hitters in home runs and ranked eighth in the MAC with a .422 on-base percentage ... Totaled 14 multi-hit games and nine multi-RBI outings, the Huskies' third-highest totals ... Led NIU with three home runs, tied for the team lead with five multi-RBI games, and tied for second on the squad with 14 RBI in MAC games ... Posted a 15-game hitting streak, equaling the second-longest mark in NIU history (March 2-28) ... Recorded a team-best .363 batting average and totaled three home runs and



17 RBI in non-conference games ... Batted .380 with three home runs and 20 RBI in the first half of the season ... Hit .414 with 14 RBI during the month of March ... Drove in two runs on a single in his Huskie debut in the season opener at Texas Tech (2/23) ... Belted his first NIU home run, a two-run shot, at Southern Illinois (3/2) ... Went 3-for-5 with five RBI including a bases clearing game-winning double in the ninth inning at Southern Illinois (3/4) ... Drove in two runs and doubled in a 3-for-4 performance vs. Maine (3/10) ... Blasted a solo home run in his 2-for-3 outing vs. Fordham (3/16) ... Stole two bases, scored two runs and went 2-for-3 at Chicago State (3/20) ... Went 3-for-4 with a run scored vs. Ohio (3/24) ... Had two hits, including a home

**DANNY REED'S SENIOR MOMENTS**

**Favorite Mathey-ism ...** The hand motions he makes. Once he knows we are mocking him he does them even more.

**Baseball hero growing up ...** Kirby Puckett.  
**My baseball superstitions ...** If we win the day before I wear the same jersey the next day and if I do well the day before I wear the same socks on the same feet. I chew gum in my first at bat and if get a hit I keep it until I can't taste it anymore or if we give up a bunch of runs early it's gone. Never step on foul line. I have a lot of superstitions. That is just a few of them.

**Favorite baseball movie ...** Bull Durham.  
**Best baseball prank ...** Putting a water cup on a players hat. You punch a little hole in the water cup and while the other person is at bat you put it on their hat and you place the cup facing down in the glove. When they are in a hurry to get on the field they don't notice the cup on their hat.

**If I was not playing baseball, I'd be playing ...** Football.

**If I could have dinner with three people in history (living or dead) they would be ...** President Bush, Babe Winkelman and Kirby Puckett.

**My parents were right when they told me ...** Be good, be careful, and don't get into trouble. Take chances.

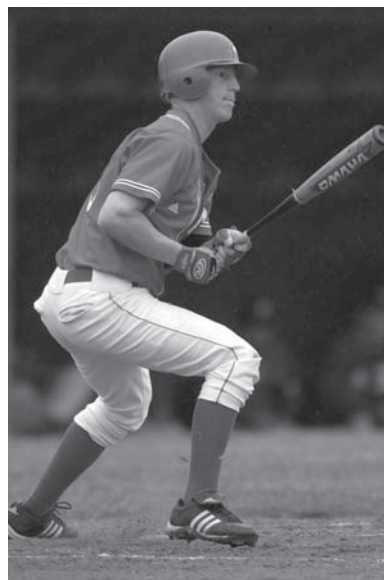
run, with two runs scored vs. Illinois State (4/3) ... Went 2-for-3 with a RBI double at Kent State (4/6) ... Collected two hits and scored a run vs. Miami (4/13) ... Had a RBI single and stole a base at Iowa (4/18) ... Had two hits at Central Michigan (4/20) ... Posted two hits and one stolen base at Central Michigan (4/22) ... Belted a two-run home run vs. Eastern Michigan (4/28) ... Scored three runs, stole a base and doubled in a 2-for-3 outing in game one of a doubleheader at UW-Milwaukee (5/2) ... Drove in two runs, scored twice and had one hit vs. Western Michigan (5/6) ... Doubled in a 2-for-4 performance at Ball State (5/12) ... Went 2-for-3 with a RBI and a run scored vs. Eastern Illinois (5/16) ... Belted a three-run home run as part of two-hit outing at Toledo (5/17) ... Blasted a two-run home run at Toledo (5/19) ... Singled and scored vs. Toledo at the MAC Tournament (5/24) ... Had a single, stolen base and run scored vs. Miami at the MAC



**DAVE Reynolds**  
 13  
 First Baseman-Pitcher / So. / 1L  
 6-1 / 170 / L-L  
 Orland Park, Ill. / Sandburg HS

**2007:** Hit .341 and totaled 15 hits and 15 RBI in 30 games with seven starts as a freshman ... Collected three multi-hit games and three multi-RBI outings on the year ... Led NIU with four RBI as a pinch-hitter ... Slugged .512 and had a .473 on-base percentage for the season ... Had five RBI and four runs scored in 13 MAC at-bats ... Totaled 13 hits and 10 RBI with a .419 average in non-conference games ... Hit .444 (12-for-27) with 14 RBI against righthanded pitching ... Batted .462 with runners on base and two outs and hit .455 with runners in scoring position and two outs ... Hit .438 during the month of March, a span that included his first 10 collegiate games ... Homered and doubled while going 4-for-5 with four RBI and three runs scored in his first collegiate start vs. Fordham (3/15) ... Delivered a key eighth inning two-run game-tying single as a pinch-hitter vs. Ohio (3/24) ... Had a RBI single and scored a run in his start at Illinois State (4/10) ... Made his collegiate pitching debut and went 2.2 innings with two hits, one earned run and two strikeouts at Central Michigan (4/21) ... Drove in four runs and went 3-for-3 at UW-Milwaukee (5/2) ... Went 2-for-3 with a double, RBI and run scored vs. Chicago State (5/15) ... Drew a bases-loaded RBI walk as a pinch-hitter at Toledo (5/18) ... Tied for second in the Central Illinois Collegiate League with eight saves during the summer season ... Posted a 2.35 ERA and struck out 23 in 23.0 innings and 13 appearances for the DuPage County Dragons ... Belted out 34 hits with 20 RBI and totaled 12 stolen bases and seven doubles for the CICL runner-up.

**High School:** An all-state selection and a two-time all-area, all-regional and all-conference choice ... Named third team all-state by the *Chicago Sun-Times*, special mention all-state by the *Chicago Tribune*, all-area by the Illinois High School Coaches Association, *Star Newspapers* and the *Daily Southtown*, and earned all-regional and all-conference selections as a senior ... Compiled an 8-1 record and 0.59 ERA in 10 starts with four complete games while striking out 63 in 59 innings on the mound



and batted .416 with 42 hits, 28 runs scored, three home runs, and 11 stolen bases while leading team to the regional championship during his senior season ... Named all-area, all-regional and all-conference by *Star Newspapers* after hitting .417 with 55 hits, 44 runs, 32 RBI, two home runs and a 1-0 record with three saves and a 1.03 ERA while helping his team to the sectional championship as a junior ... Played on the Southwest Suburban Conference All-Star Team after his junior season ... Was a high school teammate of current Huskie pitcher Dan Atkinson.

**Personal:** Liberal arts and sciences major ... Born July 2, 1988 ... Son of Jim and Lori Reynolds ... Brother, Steve, played basketball at North Park University.

Tournament (5/25) ... Totaled 12 runs, six RBI, and three stolen bases and one home run for the Waterloo Bucks of the Northwoods League during the summer season.

**Junior College:** Named first team JUCO All-America, all-region, and Iowa Community College Athletic Conference Player of the Year as a sophomore ... Became the first player from North Iowa Area C.C. to receive conference player of the year and first team All-America honors ... Established school career records for batting average, hits, RBI and triples ... Set school season records with 80 hits and four triples while batting .432 with five home runs, 63 RBI, 17 doubles, and 16 stolen bases during his sophomore campaign ... Hit .404 with three home runs and 41 RBI while totaling 55 hits, 36 runs scored, 10 doubles, six triples and 16 stolen bases as a freshman.

**High School:** A two-time all-conference honoree and team captain and was the first player to compete on the Chisago Lakes Area High School varsity team as an eighth-grader ... Named all-conference and team MVP after hitting .419 and captained team to conference and section championships as a senior ... An all-conference selection after hitting .338 with five home runs, 21 RBI, and nine stolen bases while compiling a 2-0 record with five saves and a 0.84 ERA during his junior season ... Helped lead team to conference titles during his sophomore and freshman campaigns ... Earned four varsity letters in baseball ... Owns school's career rushing yardage record on the gridiron ... Earned all-state and all-conference selections as both a running back and defensive back during his senior year ... Honorable mention all-conference football selection as a junior.

**Personal:** Business administration major ... Born March 6, 1986 in Chisago City, Minn. ... Son of David and Kathy Reed ... Father competed in track at the University of Minnesota and was a national qualifier in 1979 and 1980 ... Aspires to own his own business ... Hobbies include hunting, fishing and four-wheeling ... Admires Albert Pujols.

**REED'S CAREER STATISTICS**

YR	AVG	G/GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	BB	SO
2007	.319	56/52	188	35	60	9	0	6	31	7	26	50
Career	.319	56/52	188	35	60	9	0	6	31	7	26	50

Long Hit Streak: 15 (2007)

**REED'S CAREER HIGHS**

Hits: 3, 3x, last vs. Ohio, 3/24/07  
 Runs Batted In: 5, at Southern Illinois, 3/4/07  
 Runs Scored: 3, at UW-Milwaukee, 5/2/07  
 Doubles: 1, 6x, last at Kent State, 4/7/07  
 Home Runs: 1, 6x, last at Toledo, 5/19/07  
 Stolen Bases: 2, at Chicago State, 3/20/07

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## REYNOLDS' CAREER STATISTICS

### Hitting

YR	AVG	G/GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	BB	SO
2007	.341	30/7	44	9	15	4	0	1	15	0	11	5
Career	.341	30/7	44	9	15	4	0	1	15	0	11	5

Long Hit Streak: 3 (2007)

### Pitching

YR	W	L	SV	ERA	G/GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HBP
2007	0	0	0	2.45	2/0	0	3.2	2	1	1	3	2	2
Career	0	0	0	2.45	2/0	0	3.2	2	1	1	3	2	2

## REYNOLDS' CAREER HIGHS

### Hitting

Hits: 4, vs. Fordham, 3/15/07  
 Runs Batted In: 4, vs. Fordham, 3/15/07  
 Runs Scored: 4, at UW-Milwaukee, 5/2/07  
 Doubles: 1, 4x, last vs. Chicago State, 5/15/07  
 Home Runs: 1, vs. Fordham, 3/15/07

### Pitching

Innings Pitched: 2.2, at Central Michigan, 4/21/07  
 Strikeouts: 2, at Central Michigan, 4/21/07



### C Named a team captain for 2008.

**2007:** Redshirted after having surgery to remove bone spurs from his right elbow ... Returned to the mound to post a team-high six victories while compiling a 3.31 ERA for the Madison Mallards of the Northwoods League during the summer season ... Made 10 starts with one complete game, logging 65.1 innings in 12 appearances on the mound and added 14 hits, 10 RBI, eight runs and one home run at the plate.

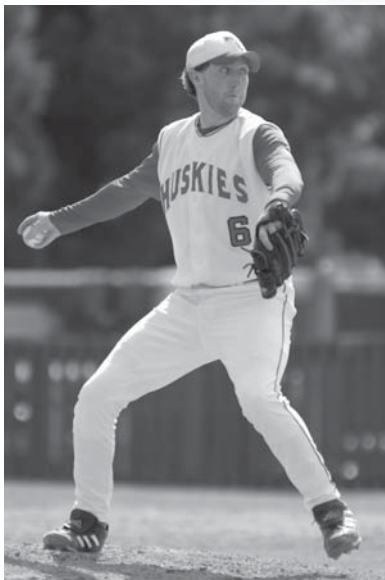
**2006:** Totaled four victories with a 6.03 ERA in 74.2 innings and hit .289 with two home runs and 14 RBI while slugging .444 during the year ... Scored 17 runs and converted all seven stolen base attempts on the season ... Nine of his 26 hits went for extra bases, including six doubles ... Posted a 3-4 record and a 4.71 ERA in eight conference starts and led NIU with 49.2 MAC innings while walking just 10 and striking out 31 ... Batted .277 with 13 hits, six runs, five RBI, and four doubles in MAC play ... Started and threw five innings, allowing five hits and three earned runs while striking out four in a loss at Arizona State (2/3) ... Earned the win and struck out eight in seven shutout innings while yielding just two hits vs. Eastern Illinois (2/24) ... Threw 6.1 innings, allowing five earned runs, in a loss at Southern Illinois (3/3) ... Went 2-for-4 with a home run and two RBI at St. Mary's (3/11) ... Worked 3.2 innings with three strikeouts in a loss at Nevada (3/17) ... Had three hits, including a double and triple, with two RBI, two runs and a stolen base at Nevada (3/18) ... Earned the win with 5.2 innings and four strikeouts in game two of a doubleheader at Ohio (3/25) ... Hit safely in both games of a doubleheader vs. Bradley (3/28) ... Worked 5.2 innings with four strikeouts in a loss vs. Akron (4/1) ... Went 2-for-4 with a run scored vs. Akron (4/2) ... Collected two hits, including a double, with two RBI and two runs scored vs. Kent State (4/7) ... Earned the win by allowing just three hits and one earned run in 7.0 innings vs. Kent State (4/9) ... Tossed 7.0 innings, scattering seven hits and allowing two earned runs with four strikeouts and no walks in a no-decision at Miami (4/16) ... Went 2-for-3 with a double vs. Central Michigan (4/21) ... Notched the win while throwing 6.0 innings, scattering six hits and yielding just two earned runs to go with four strikeouts vs. Central Michigan (4/23) ... Homered and totaled two RBI vs. UIC (4/25) ... Went 3-for-5 with two RBI, one run scored and a stolen base at Eastern Michigan (4/28) ... Threw 6.1 innings and allowed two earned runs in a no-decision at Eastern Michigan (4/30) ... Struck out five without issuing a walk in 6.0 innings, but took the loss at Western Michigan (5/7) ... Stole two bases and scored a run at Valparaiso (5/16) ... Struck out six while allowing four earned runs over 6.0 innings in a loss vs. Toledo (5/18) ... Named to the Northwoods League All-Star game while pitching for the Madison Mallards during the 2006 summer season.

**2005:** Led NIU with six wins, three complete games, and a 2.85 ERA while totaling 82.0 innings pitched, the second-highest team total, as a freshman ... Earned MAC West Pitcher of the Week honors on March 7 and repeated that feat on May 16 ... Had one home run and five RBI in 69 at-bats on the year ... Allowed three earned runs over five innings in collegiate debut at Texas Tech (2/13) ... Earned complete game victory while yielding just two earned runs at Southern Illinois (3/6) ... Earned the win and struck out seven without allowing an earned run vs. Austin Peay (3/12) ... Belted his first collegiate home run at Eastern Kentucky (3/20) ... Notched his first collegiate save against St. Xavier (3/24) ... Fanned four in six scoreless innings against Northern Iowa (3/29) ... Collected two hits and two RBI vs. Illinois State (4/5) ... Tossed 8.1 innings and struck out six to notch the victory against Bowling Green (4/17) ... Hurled nine innings without yielding an earned run in a no-decision at Akron (5/1) ... Completed team's only shutout of season while earning the win at Eastern Michigan (5/7) ... Recorded his second consecutive complete game victory while allowing just four hits and striking out five vs. Miami (5/15) ... Struck out seven in six innings at Toledo (5/21).



**High School:** Ranked as Illinois' No. 57 senior prospect by *Prep Baseball Report* and listed on the *Chicago Tribune* Top 100 area players ... A three-time All-Chicago Public League selection and two-time team MVP ... Earned school's Roberto Clemente Award, presented to top athlete who exhibits excellence in athletics, academics and community service, as a senior ... Three year team captain ... Committed only seven errors in his four prep seasons ... Batted .382 and stole 35 bases during his senior season ... Earned all-conference and team MVP honors in final prep campaign ... Collected 25 steals in his first 13 games as a senior ... Began switch-hitting after his junior season ... Hit .421 with 40 runs scored, 39 stolen bases, 36 hits, 20 RBI, six doubles, three triples and one home run while walking 22 times against just nine strikeouts as a junior ... Earned all-conference and team MVP accolades while helping lead his team to a regional championship and city runner-up finish during his junior campaign ... Named team's MVP as a sophomore.

**Personal:** Sociology major and family and child services minor ... Born March 14, 1989 in Chicago, Ill. ... Parents and Edward and Marangeli Burgos ... Teamed with cousin, Rafael Garcia, now a freshman at UIC, to form double play combination for their teams from age 12 through high school at Clemente ... Admires Roberto Clemente and Jose Reyes ... Aspires to go into social work after his baseball career.



**High School:** A three-time all-area selection, two-time all-state honoree and earned Area Player of the Year by *Star Newspapers* and conference pitcher of the year accolades as a senior ... Earned all-state recognition from the *Chicago Tribune* and the Illinois High School Coaches Association after posting a 10-1 mark, a school-record 1.53 ERA, and 71 strikeouts in 65.1 innings while batting .403 with 22 RBI, 11 doubles and three home runs as a senior ... Second team all-state selection by the *Chicago Tribune* after notching 10 wins, nine complete games, 72 strikeouts and a 1.86 ERA in 64.0 innings while hitting .500 with 51 hits, 39 runs and six home runs during his junior year ... Set school's season victory record as a junior and matched his own mark the following season.

**Personal:** Communications major ... Born July 21, 1986 ... Son of Bill and Therese Smith ... Admires Brett Favre, Roger Clemens and Cal Ripken, Jr.

**SMITH'S CAREER STATISTICS**

**Pitching**

YR	W	L	SV	ERA	G/GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HBP
2006	4	8	0	6.03	13/13	0	74.2	90	69	50	20	47	13
2005	6	6	1	2.85	17/11	3	82.0	98	55	26	23	56	12
Career	10	14	1	4.37	30/24	3	156.2	188	124	76	43	103	25

Low-Hit Complete Game: 4 (at Miami, 5/15/05); Shutouts: 1 (2005)

**Hitting**

YR	AVG	G/GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	BB	SO
2006	.289	37/27	90	17	26	6	1	2	14	7	4	17
2005	.188	22/17	69	6	13	1	0	1	5	1	1	19
Career	.245	59/44	159	23	39	7	1	3	19	8	5	36

Long Hit Streak: 5 (2006)

**SMITH'S CAREER HIGHS**

**Pitching**

Innings Pitched (start): 9.0, three times, last at Miami (Ohio), 5/15/05  
Innings Pitched (relief): 6.0, vs. Northern Iowa, 3/29/05  
Strikeouts: 8, vs. Eastern Illinois, 2/24/06

**Hitting**

Hits: 3, twice, last at Eastern Michigan, 4/28/06  
Runs Batted In: 2, six times, last at Eastern Michigan, 4/28/06  
Runs Scored: 2, twice, last vs. Kent State, 4/7/06  
Doubles: 2, at Western Michigan, 5/6/06  
Home Runs: 1, three times, last vs. Illinois-Chicago, 4/25/06  
Stolen Bases: 2, twice, last at Valparaiso, 5/16/06



**KEVIN SMITH**

17

Catcher / Fr. / HS  
6-0 / 175 / R-R  
Wheaton, Ill. / North HS

**High School:** A two-time all-area, all-conference and academic all-conference selection ... Earned All-DuPage Valley Conference honors after batting .410 with 50 hits, 30 RBI, 25 runs and 12 doubles during his senior season ... First team all-area by *Press Publications* and earned

all-conference and academic all-conference selections after hitting .360 with 40 hits, 26 runs, 23 RBI, 12 doubles and four home runs as a junior ... Academic all-conference honoree after hitting .288 with 25 runs scored, 21 RBI, six doubles and one home run in 31 varsity games during his sophomore season ... Played in six varsity games and hit .250 as a freshman ... High school battery mate of fellow Huskie newcomer Zach Oates.

**Personal:** Liberal arts and sciences major ... Born Sept. 26, 1988 ... Parents are Christopher and Ruth Smith ... Father, Christopher, was a three-sport all-conference performer and scholar-athlete of the year at Elmhurst College ... Played for former Major Leaguer John Cangelosi at the Cangelosi Baseball Academy ... Hobbies include cards, video games, music and billiards.



*MAC* Listed by Collegiate Baseball as a MAC "Player to Watch."

**C** Named a team captain for 2008.

**2007:** Led NIU with 15 stolen bases and totaled 39 runs scored despite being relegated to pinch-running duties for most of the season's final month after sustaining a hand injury ... Placed third in the MAC in stolen bases for both regular season and conference games despite missing nearly a month of games ... Returned to full-time action with two starts at the MAC Tournament and hit .375 with two runs scored during the postseason ... Hit .306 with runners in scoring position on the year ... Had two hits, one stolen base and a run scored in the season opener at Texas Tech (2/23) ... Scored three runs and had two hits, including a double, at Texas Tech (2/24) ... Totaled two hits, including a double, with two runs and one RBI at Southern Illinois (3/4) ... Collected three hits and scored three runs with one RBI vs. Maine (3/10) ... Scored three runs, stole two bases and doubled vs. Long Island (3/11) ... Belted a three-run home run vs. New Jersey Tech (3/15) ... Scored three runs and stole two bases vs. Fordham (3/16) ... Drew a bases-loaded game-winning walk in the 10th inning vs. Ohio (3/24) ... Had two hits, including a double, with two runs scored and a stolen base vs. Ohio (3/25) ... Scored twice with two hits, including a RBI double, at Bradley (3/28) ... Collected three hits and one run scored vs. Illinois State (4/3) ... Scored twice and had a RBI single at Kent State (4/7) ... Homered twice and drove in four runs, including the game-winning three-run round-tripper in the seventh inning against Miami (4/15) ... Went 1-for-2 with a run scored while making his first start in over a month vs. Toledo at the MAC Tournament (5/24) ... Had two hits, including a double, with one RBI and a run scored vs. Miami at the MAC Tournament (5/25) ... Saw time with the Falmouth Commodores of the Cape Cod League during the summer season ... Entered the college season listed as an All-MAC selection by *Baseball America* and as the MAC's No. 4 projected pick for the 2008 MLB Draft by *Perfect Game Crosschecker*.

**2006:** Started all 55 games and hit .254 with four home runs and 23 RBI as a freshman ... Placed fifth in the MAC with 17 stolen bases ... Set a new NIU single season record with 167 assists ... Hit .296 over the season's final 38 games and hit all four of his home runs in the final 30 contests ... Batted .320 with three home runs and 10 RBI on 32 hits in 26 MAC games ... Tied for fourth in the MAC with eight stolen bases in league games ... Delivered his first collegiate hit, a RBI single, and added a stolen base and a run scored in college debut at Arizona State (2/3) ... Stole two bases and had a hit and scored a run vs. Eastern Illinois (2/24) ... Collected three hits with one RBI and a run scored at Nevada (3/17) ... Had two RBI and two stolen bases in game two of a doubleheader at Ohio (3/25) ... Collected two hits, two runs, and two steals at Ohio (3/26) ... Blasted his first collegiate home run and totaled four RBI, two runs scored and two stolen bases against Illinois State (4/4) ... Collected two hits, two runs scored and a RBI vs. Kent State (4/7) ... Scored twice with one RBI and a stolen base at Northern Iowa (4/12) ... Belted a solo

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home run vs. Central Michigan (4/22) ... Scored three runs and singled twice against Chicago State (4/26) ... Homered in a 3-for-4 performance with two runs scored, one RBI and a stolen base at Eastern Michigan (4/28) ... Recorded three hits at Western Michigan (5/5) ... Collected three hits with one stolen base and a run scored at Western Michigan (5/6) ... Had two hits, including a double, vs. Ball State (5/13) ... Drove in two runs and scored a run at Valparaiso (5/16) ... Had a RBI single and scored a run vs. Toledo (5/19) ... Belted out four hits, including a solo home run, scored three runs and had a stolen base vs. Toledo (5/20) ... Listed by *Baseball America* as the No. 3 pro prospect in the Central Illinois Collegiate League after the conclusion of the summer season ... Named

CICL Tournament MVP after leading the Twin City Stars to the league championship by belting the game-winning home run in the title game ... Selected to the CICL's postseason and midseason all-star teams.

**High School:** Rated as the No. 1 shortstop in Illinois by *Prep Baseball Report* ... Hit .423 with seven home runs and stole 25 bases in 25 attempts as a senior ... Played his senior season at Guerin Prep after spending his first three years at Holy Cross High School (the schools combined) ... First team all-conference, team captain and squad's Defensive MVP as a junior ... Hit .489, slugged .761 and had a .541 on-base percentage while totaling 53 runs and 23 RBI during his junior campaign ... Batted .373 as a sophomore and .315 as a freshman, combining for six HR and 24 doubles in his first two prep seasons ... Helped his squad capture consecutive regional championships during his junior and sophomore seasons ... Also competed in football and was a team captain, offensive MVP, and an all-conference selection for the league champions during his junior year ... Prep teammate of fellow Huskie Matt Behren.

**Personal:** Business marketing major ... Earned Victory Scholar (3.5-4.0 cumulative GPA) recognition and Huskie Scholar (3.0-3.49 cumulative GPA) selections ... Born March 30, 1987 ... Son of Robert and Karen Stevens ... Considers father, Robert, who played baseball at Triton Community College, as the person he most admires ... Hobbies include racquetball, music and weight lifting.

## STEVENS' CAREER STATISTICS

YR	AVG	G/GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	BB	SO
2007	.250	44/38	136	39	34	8	1	3	20	15	18	33
2006	.254	55/55	205	39	52	6	2	4	23	17	20	45
Career	.252	99/93	341	78	86	14	3	7	43	32	38	78

Long Hit Streak: 7 (2006)

## STEVENS' CAREER HIGHS

Hits: 4, vs. Toledo, 5/20/06  
 Runs Batted In: 4, twice, last vs. Miami (Ohio), 4/15/07  
 Runs Scored: 3, 6x, last vs. Fordham, 3/16/07  
 Doubles: 2, vs. Toledo, 5/20/06  
 Triples: 1, 3x, last vs. Fordham, 3/16/07  
 Home Runs: 2, vs. Miami (Ohio), 4/15/07  
 Stolen Bases: 2, 6x, last vs. Fordham, 3/16/07



**Jeff Thomas**  
**4**

Outfielder / Sr. / 2L  
 5-9 / 185 / L-L  
 Loves Park, Ill. / Harlem HS

**2007:** Belted a pair of dramatic home runs, the second and third round trippers of his career, in consecutive games against Western Michigan ... Totaled seven multi-hit games and six multi-RBI contests, including four outings with three RBI, on the year ... Hit two home runs, had 10 RBI and scored 10 runs in 17 MAC games ... Went 3-for-5 (.600) with two RBI as a pinch-hitter on the year ... Hit .429 (3-for-7) with seven RBI in bases-loaded situations during the season ... Led NIU with a .429 average and seven runs scored with four RBI in night games ... Singled and scored a run in the season opener at Texas Tech (2/23) ... Scored two runs and had two hits, including double, at Texas Tech (2/24) ... Drove in two runs, scored twice and doubled vs. Maine (3/10) ... Went 3-for-4 with two runs and one RBI at Florida Atlantic (3/14) ... Drove in three runs on two hits, including a double, vs. Fordham (3/15) ... Collected three hits, two runs scored and a stolen base in game one of a doubleheader at Bradley and had a RBI single and run scored in the nitecap (3/28) ... Delivered a clutch pinch-hit RBI single with two strikes and two outs in the ninth to send game into extra innings at Akron (4/1) ... Recorded a pinch-hit RBI single at Illinois State (4/10) ... Had two hits and a stolen base vs. St. Xavier (4/17) ... Had a pinch-hit single and eventually came around to score at Central Michigan (4/21) ... Hit a three-run game-tying home run in ninth inning vs. Western Michigan (5/5) ... Belted a two-run game-tying home run in the seventh inning as part of three-RBI, two-hit game vs. Western Michigan (5/6) ... Had two singles, two runs scored and two stolen bases at Ball State (5/11) ... Scored four runs and went 3-for-4 with a double and a run scored vs. Chicago State (5/15) ... Singled vs. Kent State at the MAC Tournament (5/23) ... Had two RBI vs. Eastern Michigan at the MAC Tournament (5/25) ... Totaled 14 hits, 11 runs scored and four stolen bases for the Wilson Tobs of the Coastal Plain League during the summer season.

**2006:** Earned team's Most Improved Player award ... Hit .294 with 11 doubles, one home run and 23 RBI while starting 47 of 54 games played on the season ... Placed ninth in the MAC with 15 stolen bases ... Had 25 hits and 12 RBI in 26 MAC games ... Tied for fourth in the MAC with eight steals in conference play ... Delivered a pinch-hit single and went 2-for-2 with a run scored at Arizona State (2/3) ... Walked and singled,

## JEFF THOMAS' SENIOR MOMENTS

**Favorite Mathey-ism** ... "Baseball is a game that doesn't care if you're tired. You have to show up and play everyday."

**Baseball heroes growing up** ... Ken Griffey, Jr. and Kenny Lofton.

**My baseball superstition** ... I always jump over the foul line when going out to my position.

**Favorite baseball movie** ... All of the Major League movies.

**Best baseball prank** ... Taking a strip of tape and putting it on the bottom of someone's shoe and lighting it on fire.

**Most famous player played with or against** ... Chris Thomas (former Notre Dame point guard) while in high school.

**If I was not playing baseball, I'd be playing** ... Basketball.

**Favorite class at NIU** ... Yoga.

**If I could have dinner with three people in history (living or dead) they would be** ... Jackie Robinson, Roberto Clemente and Kenny Lofton.

**My parents were right when they told me** ... I'm blessed.

**If a movie were made of my life, the actor that would play me is** ... Mekhi Phifer.

**What people don't know about me is** ... I'm actually a very serious person.

with a RBI and a run scored at Arizona State (2/4) ... Blasted his first career home run as part of a two-hit, two-RBI performance vs. UW-Milwaukee (2/26) ... Had three hits, including a double, and scored a run at Southern Illinois (3/4) ... Belted out four hits, including a double, and scored a run at St. Mary's (3/10) ... Went 2-for-4 with a double and a run at San Jose State (3/13) ... Had two hits with a run scored and a RBI at Nevada (3/18) ... Totaled three hits with a RBI, run scored, and stolen base in game one of a doubleheader at Ohio and added two hits with a RBI, run scored, and a stolen base in the nitecap (3/26) ... Had two hits, including a double, with two runs vs. Kent State (4/9) ... Doubled and tripled with two RBI and a run scored vs. Chicago State (4/19) ... Collected three hits, including a double, with two RBI vs. Central Michigan (4/22) ... Walked, singled, and scored twice vs. Chicago State (4/26) ... Went 3-for-5 with two



RBI, one run scored and a stolen base vs. Northwestern (5/3) ... Singled, scored, and stole a base at Western Michigan (5/5) ... Had a hit, stolen base and run scored vs. Toledo (5/19).

**2005:** Played in 10 games with five starts and hit .250 as a freshman ... Totaled six hits, two runs, and one RBI for the season ... Recorded his first collegiate hit at Western Michigan (4/8) ... Walked twice, singled, and scored a run vs. Chicago State (4/19) ... Reached base on a hit and a walk vs. Central Michigan (4/24) ... Drove in first collegiate RBI against Purdue-North Central (4/26).

**High School:** Named NIC-9 Conference and team Most Valuable Player after hitting .566 with school-record 14 doubles and six triples while adding 13 stolen bases as a senior ... Led team to a 31-7 record and

regional and sectional championships during his senior campaign ... Earned basketball team's MVP award during his senior year on the hardwood.

**Personal:** Preventative and rehabilitative exercise science major ... Born Aug. 6, 1986 ... Son of Michael and Deborah Thomas ... Admires Kenny Lofton and Andruw Jones.

**THOMAS' CAREER STATISTICS**

YR	AVG	G/GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	BB	SO
2007	.228	49/39	162	32	37	5	1	2	24	8	9	17
2006	.294	54/47	180	30	53	11	1	1	23	15	13	18
2005	.250	10/5	24	2	6	0	0	0	1	0	3	5
Career	.262	113/91	366	64	96	16	2	3	48	23	25	40

Long Hit Streak: 7 (2006)

**THOMAS' CAREER HIGHS**

Hits: 4, at Saint Mary's, 3/10/06  
 Runs Batted In: 3, 3x, last vs. Western Michigan, 5/6/07  
 Runs Scored: 4, vs. Chicago State, 5/15/07  
 Doubles: 1, 16x, last vs. Chicago State, 5/15/07  
 Triples: 1, twice, last at Akron, 3/30/07  
 Home Runs: 1, 3x, last vs. Western Michigan, 5/6/07  
 Stolen Bases: 2, at Ball State, 5/11/07



**TOM ZELASKO**  
**26**

Pitcher / Fr. / HS  
 6-0 / 200 / R-L  
 Lansing, Ill. / Mount Carmel HS

**High School:** Ranked 47th among Illinois seniors by *Prep Baseball Report* and listed on the *Chicago Tribune* Top 100 area players list ... A two-time all-area and all-conference selection and earned all-state accolades as a senior ... Earned honorable mention all-state recognition after posting a 6-1 record, 1.44 ERA and 67 strikeouts with 41 hits allowed in 53.1 innings pitched as a senior ... Posted a school-record 37.1-inning scoreless streak during his senior season ... Earned the Ceasar Cirillo King of the Hill Award and first team all-area and honorable mention all-conference accolades after compiling a 6-3 record, 3.15 ERA and 51 strikeouts with just 16 walks in 55.2 innings while helping his team to regional and sectional championships as a junior ... Went 4-1 with a 3.47 ERA and 41 strikeouts in 34.1 innings over 10 appearances during his sophomore season ... Went 2-0 with a 4.20 ERA in three varsity starts and had one complete game while totaling 15.0 innings as a freshman ... Honor roll member for three years and was named to National Honor Society as junior.

**Personal:** History major ... Born August 12, 1988 in Harvey, Ill. ... Parents are Anthony and Lisa Zelasko ... Admires Brett Favre ... Hobbies include weight lifting.



**THE 2008 NORTHERN ILLINOIS HUSKIES**

**Back row (L to R):** Head coach Ed Mathey, Matt Jernstad, Brad Allen, Brian Smith, Zach Oates, Dan Atkenson, Dave Nykiel, Justin Behm, asst. coach Ray Napientek. **3rd row:** Asst. coach Tom Carcione, Bobby Stevens, Brandon Copp, Trevor Feeney, Joe Etcheverry, Tim Kamin, Adam Holdenrid, Andy Deain, Pat Minogue, asst. coach Steve Joslyn. **2nd row:** Mgr. Dan Meidal, Kevin Smith, Ryan Scheidt, Sam Kapacinkas, Danny Reed, Dave Reynolds, Jordin Hood, Nick Badgley, strength coach Clete McLeod. **Front row:** Ryan Wachholder, Matt Behren, Cody Beck, Marvin Sanchez, Tom Zelasko, Anthony Maziur, Jeff Thomas, Brandon House, Joe Buonavolanto.



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