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## **Sonoma State stars named Most Valuable Player, Pitcher**

*CSULA.'s Hernandez named top Freshman; SSU's McDaniel Newcomer of the Year; Sonoma State's Golez is Coach of the Year*

WALNUT CREEK — SONOMA STATE nearly cleaned up on the CCAA individual awards as **B.J. Collom** was voted the conference's Most Valuable Player of the Year and **Brent Lysander** named the Pitcher of the Year. In a vote by the league's head coaches, Sonoma State's **Tyrese McDaniel** was selected Newcomer of the Year and **Brian Hernandez** of CAL STATE L.A. was named the Freshman of the Year. Sonoma State's **John Golez** was named the Coach of the Year by his peers.

Collom, a senior outfielder from Gilroy, led the CCAA offensively during the conference season with a batting average of .422. He had 49 hits with 13 doubles, six home runs and drove in 39 against CCAA foes. He also scored 40 times and had an on-base percentage of .535, a league best. Overall, he batted .399 to lead the Seawolves to a 46-10 record and a No. 2 ABCA/Collegiate Baseball ranking this week.

Lysander continues to be among the national leaders in earned run averages as he has been all season long. The sophomore from San Diego posted a 9-1 win-loss record with a 1.52 ERA. He had 79 strikeouts in 88 2/3 innings. In CCAA games, Lysander recorded seven wins with a conference-best 1.49 ERA. Lysander is among eight SSU players to have an ERA less than 3.00 and as a team, the Seawolves staff ranks second in the NCAA in team ERA.

McDaniel batted .340 during CCAA contests and was 33-for-97 with 28 RBIs, scored 20 runs and drew 20 walks. The junior outfielder transferred from Fresno City College to give a Sonoma State a clutch left-handed batter.

Hernandez, a freshman from Sylmar, was named the top freshman after his stellar debut as the Golden Eagles' designated hitter. Hernandez, who also spot-started at third base, was second on the team with a .386 average and is among the top 10 in the CCAA in both batting and slugging averages overall.

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Golez is named the conference coach of the year for the fifth time in his 22-year career – all since 1990. This is his second coach of the year award in the CCAA as he won this honor in 2001. Golez led his Sonoma State team to a 46-10 overall record that included a 22-game winning streak. The Seawolves are currently ranked No. 2 in the nation, the highest ever for the program. In his career, Golez has amassed 735 wins (735-471-5), making him the 12<sup>th</sup> winningest active coach in Division II.

A total of 48 student-athletes were named to the All-CCAA First and Second Teams as well as honorable mention. Sonoma State leads the league with nine First- or Second-team honorees that included three First-team pitchers. **Paige Dumont**, SSU's closer, was the top reliever with an amazing 0.24 ERA, 4-1 record with 16 saves during the year. The nation's top home run hitter **Matt Cantele** of UC SAN DIEGO, CAL STATE L.A. slugger **Jeff Carroll**, CHICO STATE ace **Nick Bryant** are also among the First-team picks. CSU MONTEREY BAY picked up its first-ever CCAA First-Team selection with **Gerry Rommell** being name the top catcher.



**2007 California Collegiate Athletic Association  
Baseball Honors**

**Most Valuable Player of the Year:** B.J. Collom, Sonoma State (SR, OF, Gilroy)  
**Most Valuable Pitcher of the Year:** Brent Lysander, Sonoma State (SO, P, San Diego)  
**Freshman of the Year:** Brian Hernandez, Cal State L.A. (FR, DH/3B, Sylmar)  
**Newcomer of the Year:** Tyrese McDaniel, Sonoma State (JR, OF, Fresno)  
**Coach of the Year:** John Golez, Sonoma State

**AII-CCAA FIRST TEAM**

Pos.	Name	Institution	Year	Hometown
SP	Bryan Oland	Sonoma State	SO	Santa Ana
SP	Nick Bryant	Chico State	SR	Durham
SP	Brent Lysander	Sonoma State	SO	San Diego
SP	Hector Molina	Cal State L.A.	SR	Altadena
RP	Paige Dumont	Sonoma State	SR	Lakeport
C	Gerry Rommell	CSU Monterey Bay	SR	Mission Viejo
1B	Matt Cantele	UC San Diego	SO	Los Altos Hills
2B	Robby Scott	Chico State	SR	San Diego
3B	Jeff Carroll	Cal State L.A.	SR	Apple Valley
SS	Edgar Sedano	Chico State	SR	South Gate
IF	Eli Rimes	Sonoma State	SR	Stockton
DH	Daniel Code	Chico State	SR	Vacaville
OF	B.J. Collom	Sonoma State	SR	Gilroy
OF	Matt Lawson	UC San Diego	SR	Yorba Linda
OF	Mateo Marquez	Cal State Dominguez Hills	SR	Biggs
OF	Kurt Crowell	Cal State L.A.	SR	Downey

**AII-CCAA SECOND TEAM**

Pos.	Name	Institution	Year	Hometown
SP	Isaac Morales	Cal State L.A.	SO	South Gate
SP	Billy Spottiswood	Chico State	SR	Canoga Park
SP	Matt Bush	Sonoma State	SR	Pleasanton
SP	Trevor Decker	UC San Diego	SO	Palo Cedro
RP	Arturo Reyes	Cal State L.A.	SR	San Diego
C	David Morehead	UC San Diego	SR	San Diego
1B	A.J. Valentine	Cal State Stanislaus	SR	Stockton
2B	Garrett Imeson	UC San Diego	SO	Stockton
3B	Chase McGuire	Sonoma State	SR	Chula Vista
SS	Vance Albitz	UC San Diego	FR	Torrance
IF	Houston Hernandez	Cal State Dominguez Hills	SR	La Mirada
DH	Tyler Wightman	Sonoma State	SR	San Diego
OF	Carl Fairburn	Chico State	SR	Lakeview, Ore.
OF	Brad Croxton	Cal State San Bernardino	SR	Redlands
OF	Tyrese McDaniel	Sonoma State	JR	Fresno
OF	Brian Trump	CSU Monterey Bay	SR	Calabasas

**Honorable Mention:** Marquis Fleming, Cal State Stanislaus (JR, SP, Oakland); Jarret Attard, Cal Poly Pomona (FR, SP, Poway); Matt Long, Cal State San Bernardino (JR, SP, Woodland); Kyle Owsley, Cal State L.A. (SR, SP, San Diego); Derek Barham, UC San Diego (SO, RP, Fresno); Patrick Walker, Cal State San Bernardino (SR, C, San Bernardino); Aaron Demuth, Chico State (SR, 1B, Vacaville); Jack Roche, Cal State L.A. (SR, 2B, Upland); Kyle Bonvechio, Cal State Stanislaus (SR, 3B, San Jose); Felipe Gallo, Cal State L.A. (SR, SS, Sylmar); Cody Puckett, Cal State Dominguez Hills (SO, IF, Hesperia); Brian Hernandez, Cal State L.A. (FR, DH, Sylmar); Adam Klein, Cal State L.A. (SR, OF, Los Angeles); Justin Roberson, Cal State San Bernardino (SR, OF, San Pablo); A.J. Cavaletto, Cal Poly Pomona (JR, OF, Santa Barbara); Kyle Boggio, Cal Poly Pomona (JR, OF, Santa Clarita).