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OLERUD TWO-WAY PLAYER WATCH LIST RELEASED

LUBBOCK, Texas – The College Baseball Hall of Fame announced today the names of 25 players from across the country featured on the watch list for the John Olerud Two-Way Player of the Year Award.

The Olerud Award, which recognizes a player who makes an impact both on the mound and at the plate, will be presented in Lubbock, Texas, on July 3 as part of the College Baseball Hall of Fame's Night of Champions.

"We're very excited about the 2011 Olerud Award candidates," said Cory Flores, Olerud Award committee co-chair. "Mike McGee set the bar very high last year."

McGee, the inaugural Olerud Award winner, played in every game for Florida State in 2010 making 62 starts in left field while hitting .328 with 82 hits, 15 doubles, 17 home runs and 73 RBI. On the mound, McGee was the Seminole closer and posted a 4-1 record with 13 saves and a 2.96 ERA while leading his team to the College World Series.

Danny Hultzen of the 43-5 Virginia Cavaliers highlights this year's list with a 9-1 record and a 1.19 ERA, with a .333 batting average.

McGee, who returned to Florida State for his senior season, and Hultzen are two of the four ACC players featured on the list - the most of any conference.

Florida, with Austin Maddox and Brian Johnson, is the only school with more than one player on the list.

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“It’s amazing that the Gators have two players of this caliber,” said Randy Norman, Olerud Committee co-chair. “Maddox and Johnson are important reasons why they have been ranked all year.”

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Olerud Award Watch List

Danny Hultzen	Virginia	ACC
Mike McGee	Florida State	ACC
Will Lamb	Clemson	ACC
Marcus Stroman	Duke	ACC
Travis Parker	St. Louis Univ.	Atlantic 10
Bo Reeder	East Tenn. State	Atlantic Sun
DJ Johnson	Mercer	Atlantic Sun
Paul Snieder	Northwestern	Big 10
Josh Dezse	Ohio State	Big 10
Brooks Pinckard	Baylor	Big XII
David Paiz	Texas Tech	Big XII
Mike Genovese	Seton Hall	Big East
Sam Roberts	VMI	Big South
Nick Ramirez	Cal State Fullerton	Big West
Brian Hernandez	UC Irvine	Big West
Jason Ganek	UIC	Horizon
Martin Medina	Cal State Bakersfield	Independent
Chris Briere	Longwood	Independent
Cody Fick	Evansville	MVC
Ben Koenigsfeld	Army	Patriot
Brian Johnson	Florida	SEC
Austin Maddox	Florida	SEC
Jeff McVaney	Texas State	Southland
Casey Selsor	UTSA	Southland
Zack Jones	San Jose State	WAC

