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### OLERUD TWO-WAY PLAYER WATCH LIST RELEASED

**LUBBOCK, Texas** — The College Baseball Foundation 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 2 as part of the College Baseball Awards Show.

“We’re very excited to present the inaugural Olerud Award this year,” said Randy Norman, Olerud Award committee co-chair. “John Olerud was a great two-way player at Washington State and we look forward to honoring a player who will carry on that legacy.”

Danny Hultzen of the University of Virginia also is on the CBF’s Pitcher of the Year Award watch list. Sam Roberts from Virginia Military Institute also appears on the CBF’s Brooks Wallace Shortstop of the Year Award watch list.

Joe Leonard, a third baseman and pitcher at Pittsburgh, has a .455 batting average in a 176 at-bats. He also has 56 RBIs, seven home runs and 19 doubles, along with a 3.60 ERA and six saves.

Mike McGee of Florida State has the lowest ERA on the watch list (0.53 in 17.0 innings pitched). The right-handed outfielder also has a .327 batting average with nine home runs and 41 RBIs.

The SEC leads all conferences in representation on the watch list with four players. Three players from Ohio Valley Conference schools made the list.

Cal State Fullerton features two players on the watch list – Tyler Pill and Nick Ramirez.

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“A lot of schools don’t even have one two-way player,” Norman said. “For one school to have two players on this list is pretty impressive.”

The College Baseball Awards Show will take place on July 2 in Lubbock, Texas, as part of a nearly weeklong schedule of festivities sponsored by the College Baseball Foundation. The events also include the induction ceremony for the National College Baseball Hall of Fame.

## OLERUD AWARD WATCH LIST

Name	School	Conference
Jake Smith	Alabama	SEC
Brett Eibner	Arkansas	SEC
Ben Koenigsfeld	Army	Patriot
Kolbrin Vitek	Ball State	MAC
Brooks Pinckard	Baylor	Big 12
Tyler Pill	Cal State Fullerton	Big West
Nick Ramirez	Cal State Fullerton	Big West
Josh Conway	Coastal Carolina	Big South
Andrew Heck	Duquesne	Atlantic 10
Bo Reeder	East Tennessee State	Atlantic Sun
Tom Heithoff	Evansville	Missouri Valley
Mike McGee	Florida State	ACC
Brian Johnson	Florida	SEC
Jerrud Sabourin	Indiana	Big 10
Braden Kapteyn	Kentucky	SEC
Justin Robichaux	Louisiana Lafayette	Sun Belt
Justin Guidry	Middle Tennessee State	Sun Belt
Michael Bottoms	Morehead State	OVC
David Mills	Notre Dame	Big East
Joe Leonard	Pittsburgh	Big East
Billy Barber	Richmond	Atlantic 10
Michael Adamson	Southeast Missouri	OVC
Chad Oberacker	Tennessee Tech	OVC
Danny Hultzen	Virginia	ACC
Sam Roberts	Virginia Military	Big South

