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Frew Named MVP, Kessinger Top Pitcher on All-NCC Baseball Team

Bryan Frew of Nebraska-Omaha was named the league's Most Valuable Player and teammate Chris Kessinger was tabbed as the Most Valuable Pitcher to highlight the All-North Central Conference baseball team announced today by the conference office.

Frew led the league in runs scored (86), stolen bases (29) and on base percentage (.502), finished second in walks (40), third in homeruns (10, tied), fourth in hits (63) and total bases (106) and fifth in runs batted in (38) and slugging percentage (.620) in all-games statistics. Kessinger led the league in wins (10), complete games (5, tied) and opponent batting average (.191), finished third in strikeouts (78) and games started (11, tied) and fourth in innings pitched (61.1).

Frew is making his third appearance on the team while teammates Evan Porter and Chris Weimer and North Dakota's Chris Gulsvig is a two-time selection. The select squad features a rare set of brothers that play on different teams in Chris and Ryan Kessinger. As mentioned earlier Chris plays for Nebraska-Omaha while Ryan plays at Augustana.

Bob Herold tallied Coach of the Year honors. It is the third time, that Herold, in his eighth year at Nebraska-Omaha has been honored by his peers. He led Nebraska-Omaha to the second seed in the NCAA Central Region tournament that begins Thursday in Emporia, Kan. The Mavericks won both the NCC regular-season standings and NCC Championship tournament and finished the NCC season with a 22-1 record, including an amazing 18-game NCC winning streak.

Honors were voted on by the NCC coaches.

2008 All-North Central Conference Baseball Team

Overall Stats Thru 5/6

Name	School	Pos	Yr.	Avg.	HR	RBI	Hometown
Jabby Bakhit	North Dakota	IF	So.	.344	0	13	Omaha, Neb.
Geno Glynn	Minnesota State	IF	Jr.	.333	2	22	Waseca, Minn.
Chris Gulsvig*	North Dakota	IF	Sr.	.359	2	17	Bismarck, N.D.
Evan Porter*	Nebraska-Omaha	IF	Jr.	.399	13	66	Omaha, Neb.
Kyle Resser	St. Cloud State	IF	Sr.	.433	10	37	Bonney Lake, Wash.
Brian Strawn	Nebraska-Omaha	IF	Jr.	.398	3	30	Bellevue, Neb.
Bryan Frew^	Nebraska-Omaha	OF	Jr.	.368	10	38	Grand Island, Neb.
Luke Johnson	Minnesota Duluth	OF	Sr.	.353	1	21	Shoreview, Minn.
Jake Pole	Augustana	OF	Sr.	.383	7	40	Decorah, Iowa
Chris Weimer*	Nebraska-Omaha	OF	Sr.	.414	15	59	Iowa City, Iowa
Nate Baumann	Augustana	C	Fr.	.407	7	32	Marshall, Minn.
Mat Eikmeier	Nebraska-Omaha	DH	Jr.	.348	4	34	Howells, Neb.
Ryan Kessinger	Augustana	DH	Sr.	.298	4	33	Sioux Falls, S.D.
Brandon Dahl	Nebraska-Omaha	RP	So.	2-0, 1.65 ERA, 3 Saves			Omaha, Neb.
Tim Huber	Nebraska-Omaha	P	Sr.	7-1, 3.32 ERA, 83 Ks			Omaha, Neb.
Chris Kessinger	Nebraska-Omaha	P	Jr.	10-1, 3.08 ERA, 78 Ks			Sioux Falls, S.D.
Dustin Koca	Nebraska-Omaha	P	Sr.	5-2, 2.95 ERA, 54 Ks			Papillion, Neb.
Chris Odegaard	Minnesota State	P	So.	6-2, 2.79 ERA, 79 Ks			Glencoe, Minn.

* - indicates second year on All-NCC team, ^ - indicates third year on All-NCC team

Coach of the Year: Bob Herold, Nebraska-Omaha

Most Valuable Pitcher: Chris Kessinger, Nebraska-Omaha

Most Valuable Player: Bryan Frew, Nebraska-Omaha

By Schools: Augustana (3), Minnesota Duluth (1), Minnesota State (2), Nebraska-Omaha (9), North Dakota (2), St. Cloud State (1).

By Class: Senior (8), Junior (6), Sophomore (3), Freshman (1)

Honorable Mention: **Augustana:** Ian Strum, Mason Vig; **Minnesota Duluth:** David Olson, Tony Doherty, Cole Hytjan, Kyle Zweber; **Minnesota State:** Jay Bresnahan, Kosuke Hattori, Nathan Kafka, Zach Danelson, Danny Miller; **Nebraska-Omaha:** Josh Shirk, Brian Goliber, Dustin Koca (OF); **North Dakota:** Sean Cooley, Mike Lueck; **St. Cloud State:** Ryan Sturm, Tim Radmacher, Dave Deminsky.