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Loberg Named MVP, Cloyd Top Pitcher on All-NCC Baseball Team

Mike Loberg of Augustana was named the league's Most Valuable Player and Tyler Cloyd of Nebraska-Omaha was tabbed as the Most Valuable Pitcher for the second consecutive year to highlight the All-North Central Conference baseball team announced today by the conference office.

Loberg led the league in on-base percentage (.490), finished second in slugging percentage (.718) and third in batting (.405) in all-games statistics. Cloyd led the league in games started (13), innings pitched (79.0), complete games (6) and shutouts (2, tied), ranked second in innings wins (8, tied) and strikeouts (87) while being third in opponent batting percentage (.231). It is the third consecutive year that a Cloyd has been named the Most Valuable Pitcher award as Tyler's brother, Troy, was the league's Most Valuable Pitcher in 2005.

Five players are making their second appearance on the elite squad.

Dean Bowyer of Minnesota State tallied Coach of the Year honors. It is the 11th time, that Bowyer, in his 30th year at Minnesota State has been honored by his peers. He led Minnesota State to the top seed in the NCAA Central Region tournament that begins Thursday in Warrensburg, Mo. The Mavericks, who have appeared in 10 of the last 12 NCC Championship games, won both the NCC regular-season standings and NCC Championship tournament.

Honors were voted on by the NCC coaches.

2007 All-North Central Conference Baseball Team

Name	School	Pos	Yr.	NCC Stats			Hometown
				Avg.	HR	RBI	
Bryan Frew*	Nebraska-Omaha	IF	Jr.	.337	2	13	Grand Island, Neb.
Nick Gonzalez	Minnesota State	IF	Sr.	.308	3	26	Eagan, Minn.
Kosuke Hattori	Minnesota State	IF	Fr.	.338	0	10	Kanawaga, Japan
Nate Meissner	North Dakota	IF	Sr.	.433	1	16	Brandon, Minn.
David Olson	Minnesota Duluth	IF	So.	.356	5	14	Lakeville, Minn.
Evan Porter	Nebraska-Omaha	IF	So.	.333	6	28	Omaha, Neb.
Dan Skog	St. Cloud State	IF	Sr.	.289	4	29	Anoka, Minn.
Zach Danelson	Minnesota State	OF	Jr.	.350	2	9	Great Falls, Mont.
Mike Loberg*	Augustana	OF	Sr.	.333	1	6	Andover, Minn.
Bruce Thompson	St. Cloud State	OF	So.	.329	2	16	Maplewood, Minn.
Chris Weimer	Nebraska-Omaha	OF	Jr.	.425	10	24	Iowa City, Iowa
Pat Ottum	Minnesota State	C	Sr.	.310	3	20	Bloomington, Minn.
Scott Schmidt	North Dakota	C	Jr.	.356	2	12	Alexandria, Minn.
Jay Bresnahan	Minnesota State	DH	So.	.447	0	16	Edina, Minn.
Nick Fellman*	Minnesota State	RP	Jr.	3-0, 0.59 ERA, 5 saves			Eagan, Minn.
Jon Bjelland	Minnesota State	P	Sr.	5-0, 2.02 ERA, 46 Ks			Barron, Wis.
Tyler Cloyd*	Nebraska-Omaha	P	So.	4-0, 1.54 ERA, 47 Ks			Bellevue, Neb.
Adam McGrane	St. Cloud State	P	Sr.	4-3, 5.72 ERA, 38 Ks			Plymouth, Minn.
Dane Secott*	Minnesota State	P	Sr.	4-1, 1.33 ERA, 48 Ks			West Lafayette, Ind.

* - indicates second year on All-NCC team

Coach of the Year: Dean Bowyer, Minnesota State

Most Valuable Pitcher: Tyler Cloyd, Nebraska-Omaha (Second Consecutive Year)

Most Valuable Player: Mike Loberg, Augustana

By Schools: Augustana (1), Minnesota Duluth (1), Minnesota State (8), Nebraska-Omaha (4), North Dakota (2), St. Cloud State (3).

By Class: Senior (10), Junior (3), Sophomore (3), Freshman (1)

Honorable Mention: **Augustana:** Drew Heithoff, Ian Strum, Ryan Kessinger, DJ Juhlke, Elliot Gleason; **Minnesota Duluth:** Kyle Zweber; **Minnesota State:** Eric Austvold, Josh Simon, Patrick Criss; **Nebraska-Omaha:** Matt Boro; **North Dakota:** Anthony Brenner; Mike Lundeen, Sean Cooley; **St. Cloud State:** Adam McGrane (relief).