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FARGO, N.D.--North Dakota State’s Zach Wentz was named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District 7 University Division baseball first team Thursday, May 6, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Wentz, a sophomore first baseman and pitcher from Bismarck, N.D., has a 4.0 cumulative grade-point average in physical education. He advances to the national ballot for the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® team to be announced Tuesday, May 25.

Wentz has made all 40 starts this year and is NDSU’s leading hitter with a .428 batting average. He also leads the team in runs (35), hits (65), doubles (17), home runs (6), RBIs (34), total bases (100), slugging percentage (.658), on-base percentage (.494) and stolen bases (4).

On the mound, Wentz is 3-2 with a 4.84 ERA in eight appearances including six starts. He is a two-time Summit League Player of the Week this season and was Summit League Pitcher of the Week after throwing a four-hit shutout at IPFW in April. He has thrown two complete games this year.

Also selected to the Academic All-District 7 first team were pitchers Kyle Gumieny of Southeast Missouri State and Jordan Cooper of Wichita State; catcher Jim Klocke of Southeast Missouri State; infielders Carter Jurica of Kansas State, Aaron Senne of Missouri and Josh Nelson of North Dakota; and outfielders D.J. Belfonte of Nebraska, John Lee of South Dakota State, and T.J. Roemmich of Creighton.

To be eligible for CoSIDA Academic All-America® honors, student-athletes must have a 3.30 or better cumulative GPA on a 4-point scale, have sophomore athletic standing, and be a starter or key reserve for their team.

North Dakota State is 17-23 overall and sixth in The Summit League with a 6-9 record. The Bison host fourth-place Oakland in a four-game series beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 7.

2010 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District 7 Baseball Team
University Division

First Team
P—Kyle Gumieny, Southeast Missouri State, 3.97, Engineering Technology
P—Jordan Cooper, Wichita State, 3.65, Criminal Justice
C—Jim Klocke, Southeast Missouri State, 3.94, Business Administration
INF—Zach Wentz, North Dakota State, 4.00, Physical Education
INF—Carter Jurica, Kansas State, 3.44, Marketing
INF—Aaron Senne, Missouri, 3.55, Business
INF—Josh Nelson, North Dakota, 3.82, Marketing
OF—D.J. Belfonte, Nebraska, 3.72, Finance
OF—John Lee, South Dakota State, 3.89, Chemistry
OF—T.J. Roemmich, Creighton, 3.86, Economics