Wentz Named to ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® Second Team

FARGO, N.D.--North Dakota State’s Zach Wentz was named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® University Division baseball second team Tuesday, May 25, by a vote of 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 is the sixth NDSU baseball player to be named and only the second at the Division I level behind catcher Kole Zimmerman, who was a third-team pick in 2008.

Wentz made all 52 starts this year and was NDSU’s leading hitter with a .389 batting average. He also led the team in at-bats (193), runs (41), hits (75), doubles (17), home runs (7), RBIs (42), total bases (113), slugging percentage (.585), on-base percentage (.466) and stolen bases (4).

On the mound, Wentz was 5-2 with a 4.21 ERA in 10 appearances including eight starts. He was a two-time Summit League Player of the Week and was Summit League Pitcher of the Week after throwing a four-hit shutout at IPFW in April. He threw four complete games and was 5-1 in six league starts.

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 finished 22-30 overall and tied with Southern Utah for sixth place in The Summit League with an 11-16 record. The 22 wins were the most for NDSU in six seasons of Division I baseball.
2010 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® Baseball Team
University Division

First Team
P—Austin Fleet, Coastal Carolina, 3.78, Business Management
P—Matt Ridings, Western Kentucky, 3.74, Business Management
C—Jim Klocke, Southeast Missouri State, 3.94, Business Administration
INF—C.J. Cullen, Portland, 3.99, Computer Science
INF—Paul Hollman, East Tennessee State, 3.93, Mathematics
INF—Matt Payton, Western Kentucky, 3.82, Exercise Science
INF—David Towamicky, Appalachian State, 4.00, Banking/Finance/Risk Insurance Management
OF—D.J. Belfonte, Nebraska, 3.72, Finance
OF—Preston Hale, North Florida, 3.71, Criminal Justice
OF—John Lee, South Dakota State, 3.89, Chemistry
DH—Ian Choy, Canisius, 3.52, Economics

Second Team
P—Jordan Cooper, Wichita State, 3.65, Criminal Justice
P—Danny Hultzen, Virginia, 3.37, Undeclared
C—Matt Rice, Western Kentucky, 4.00, Mechanical Engineering
INF—Wes Cunningham, Murray State, 3.35, History
INF—Drew Lee, Morehead State, 3.57, Industrial Engineering Technology
INF—Curtis Wagner, Santa Clara, 3.80, Economics
INF—Zach Wentz, North Dakota State, 4.00, Physical Education
OF—Ryan Enos, Dallas Baptist, 3.66, Finance
OF—Tim Patzman, Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 3.53, Kinesiology
OF—Chris Slater, Baylor, 4.00, Business
DH—Russell Moldenhauer, Texas, 3.34, Kinesiology

Third Team
P—Kyle Gumieny, Southeast Missouri State, 3.97, Engineering Technology
P—Greg Houston, Mississippi State, 3.96, Mechanical Engineering
P—David Lutz, Penn State, 3.67, Master of Health Administration
C—Clint Ewing, Louisiana Tech, 4.00, Civil Engineering
INF—Derek Dietrich, Georgia Tech, 3.40, Management
INF—Zack Cox, Arkansas, 3.34, Communication
INF—Karson Klauer, San Jose State, 3.91, Business Management
INF—Rob Segedin, Tulane, 3.75, Finance and Business Management
OF—Elliott Blair, Oklahoma, 3.66, Petroleum Engineering
OF—Brandon Eckerle, Michigan State, 3.97, General Business Administration/Pre-Law
OF—Ben Koenigsfeld, Army, 3.55, American Legal Studies
DH—Russ Sneed, Mississippi State, 3.52, Master of Business Administration

Academic All-American of the Year: Jim Klocke, Southeast Missouri State