

Thursday, May 7, 2009
Baseball All-Conference Team

The Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Athletic Corporation conference office has announced the baseball All-Conference teams.

Manhattanville's Stephen Pinto has been awarded Player of the Year, Matt Ruch of Wilkes has been selected as Rookie of the Year and Shane Zellers of Alvernia was tabbed as Pitcher of the Year. Jeff Caulfield of Manhattanville has been honored by being named Coach of the Year.

Pinto is a two-time Freedom Conference first-team selection and earned first-team All-Skyline Conference honors in his sophomore season. He enters the Freedom Conference Tournament with a .396 batting average and team leading 61 hits and 30 stolen bases.

Ruch ended a fine freshman campaign with a .379 batting average and a team leading 58 hits and second with seven homeruns. Ruch led his team to an overall 28-11 record and the second spot in the Freedom Conference Tournament.

Zellers and his teammates ended their first regular season in the Freedom Conference with a record of 25-15 and the third spot in the Conference Tournament. On the mound Zellers finished with an 8-3 record and a 2.75 ERA giving up only 61 hits over 72 innings.

Caulfield is in his fifth season at the helm of the Valiants. He is a two-time Skyline Conference Coach of the Year. In the team's first season in the Freedom Conference in 2008, he guided his team to regular season champs for the second consecutive season and also earned a berth in the Freedom Conference Championship game.

2009 Freedom All-Conference Baseball Team

First Team Freedom All-Conference

<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown (High School)</u>
Randy Dengler	Wilkes	Catcher	Jr.	Ashland, PA (Tri Valley)
Kevin Murray	Manhattanville	First baseman	Jr.	Valhalla, NY (Arch Bishop Stepinac)
Chris Nastasi	Manhattanville	Second baseman	Jr.	Bayville, NY (The Pendleton School)
Nate Newman	Misericordia	Shortstop	So.	Ulster, PA (Athena Area)
Mike Murphy	Misericordia	Third baseman	Sr.	East Moriches, NY (Center Moriches)
Matt Oliveto	FDU-Florham	Outfield	Jr.	Union, NJ (Union Catholic)
Stephen Pinto	Manhattanville	Outfield	Sr.	Yonkers, NY (Iona Prep)
Dan Pregno	FDU-Florham	Outfield	So.	Andover, NJ (Lenape Valley)
Tom Buckler	Wilkes	Pitcher	Jr.	Plains, PA (Coughlin)
Shane Zellers	Alvernia	Pitcher	Jr.	Wisconisco, PA (Williams Valley)
Joe Walsh	DeSales	Relief pitcher	Jr.	Green Brook, NJ (Watchung Hills)
Andy Garofoli	Wilkes	Designated hitter	Sr.	Altoona, PA (Bishop Guilfoyle)
Mike Isgro	Delaware Valley	Utility	Jr.	Galloway, NJ (Absegami)

Second Team Freedom All-Conference

<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown (High School)</u>
Steve Bealer	Alvernia	Catcher	Jr.	Boyertown, PA (Boyertown)
Chris Stoudt	Alvernia	First baseman	So.	Sinking Spring, PA (Governor Mifflin)
Derek Moyer	DeSales	Second baseman	Jr.	Harleysville, PA (Souderton)
Zach Chodur	Delaware Valley	Shortstop	So.	Nesquehoning, PA (Tamaqua)
Jon Venarchick	King's	Third baseman	Sr.	Lehigh, PA (Lehigh)
Mike Bianca	DeSales	Outfield	Sr.	Ellicott City, MD (Mt. St. Joseph)
Steve DeBarberie	Alvernia	Outfield	Jr.	Drexel Hill, PA (Monsignor Bonner)
Grazjan Kraszewski	King's	Outfield	Jr.	Dallas, PA (Dallas)
Jason Monforte	Manhattanville	Outfield	Jr.	White Plains, NY (Iona Prep)
Kevin Weingart	Delaware Valley	Outfield	Sr.	Belle Mead, NJ (Montgomery)
Dan Jenkins	King's	Pitcher	Jr.	Binghamton, NY (Binghamton)
Christ Stoudt	Alvernia	Pitcher	So.	Sinking Spring, PA (Governor Mifflin)
Sean Flecknoe	Wilkes	Relief pitcher	Fr.	Wilkes-Barre, PA (GAR)
Mike Newland	DeSales	Designated hitter	So.	Frenchtown, NJ (Delaware Valley)
Matt Ruch	Wilkes	Utility	Fr.	Dallas, PA (Holy Redeemer)

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Stephen Pinto, Manhattanville

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR: Matt Ruch, Wilkes

PITCHER OF THE YEAR: Shane Zellers, Alvernia

COACH OF THE YEAR: Jeff Caulfield, Manhattanville

