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Babineaux, Johnson & Peterson Selected To 2006 NCAA All-Mideast Region Team

Flames place region-best two players on first team.

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Chicago, Ill.- The spectacular individual performances of UIC baseball standouts [Bart Babineaux](#) (New Iberia, La./Catholic H.S.), [Justin Johnson](#) (Chaska, Minn./Chaska H.S.) and [Zach Peterson](#) (Minnetonka, Minn./Minnetonka H.S.) during the 2006 campaign were recognized on Tuesday morning when all three were named to the 2006 American Baseball Coaches Association & Rawlings NCAA All-Mideast Region teams.

UIC was the only school in the Mideast Region to have two players on the first team with the selections of Babineaux and Johnson. Peterson was selected to the All-Mideast Region Second Team.

Babineaux led the Horizon League in two of the three Triple Crown categories, belting 18 home runs while driving in 65 RBI. His home run and RBI outputs were both UIC single-season school records.

A right-handed hitting senior outfielder, Babineaux hit .340 (67-197) in 54 games, slugging .695 and stealing a team-leading 10 bases in the process.

Johnson, a left-handed hitting senior catcher who was selected by the Baltimore Orioles in last week's Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft, hit .395 (73-for-185) in 50 contests to go with a career-best 11 home runs and 57 RBI. He led the Horizon League in slugging percentage with a .703 clip.

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Senior RF Bart Babineaux (pictured) joined fellow senior Justin Johnson on

Peterson went 9-3 in 15 starts in 2006, posting a 2.42 ERA. The junior right-hander led the league in wins, ERA, innings pitched (107.2), strikeouts (73) and complete games (four).

All three players were 2006 All-Horizon League First Team selections. UIC's three selections gave the Horizon League five All-Mideast Region honorees, with UW-Milwaukee OF Mike Goetz and Wright State RHP Joe Smith earning the other two slots.

As a result of earning All-Mideast Region First Team honors, both Babineaux and Johnson are now eligible to earn ABCA & Rawlings All-America accolades. The All-American teams will be selected at the 2006 College World Series.

the 2006 NCAA All-Mideast Region First Team.

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