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FWBBC Athlete Named 'Player of the Year'

NASHVILLE, TN—Jerod McNeal, a Free Will Baptist Bible College graduating senior from Lake Butler, Florida, and member of the Flames baseball team, has been named the 2008 NCCAA Mid-East Region Player of the Year, according to Athletic Director Mike Phillips.

McNeal finished the season ranked number one in batting average (.571), slugging percentage (1.21), on-base percentage (.641), runs batted in per game (1.73), and in almost every other offensive category.

Flames coach Lynn Bracey, who has coached baseball more than 20 years, said, "Jerod is one of the best, if not the best baseball player I've ever seen. He is one of the most respectful players on the team and exhibited good Christian character all season."

McNeal's teammates praised his knowledge of the game as well as his leadership ability. A banner recognizing McNeal's accomplishments will be placed in the Picirilli Activities Building on the FWBBC campus.

Jerod McNeal graduated May 9 with a B.S. degree in business administration.

PHOTO: Jerod McNeal (L) and Mike Phillips display banner.