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### **Flames Baseball Team Mid-East Champs**

NASHVILLE, TN—The Free Will Baptist Bible College Flames baseball team finished the season ranked number one in the Mid-East Region of the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA), according to first-year head coach Joey McGlashan. The team was preparing to travel to Knoxville and compete in the regional tournament when inclement weather caused the tournament to be cancelled.

This marks the first time the Flames have won the Mid-East Region. Their 5-2 regional record includes three wins over last year's regional champions, Cincinnati Christian University. The team's overall record (9-12) reflects losses to several non-conference teams from larger colleges.

Coach McGlashan said, "This has been a great year for us. We struggled at times, because we only have 11 players on the roster. I'm really proud of these guys. They're an iron-man squad; everybody goes all-out every game. They worked hard and were good ambassadors for the college. They pulled together when things got tough and brought the regional banner home."

McGlashan plans to wave the championship banner far and wide as a means to attract baseball players to FWBBC. "Four of our players graduate this spring, so we'll need more players next fall. I'll be contacting young men across the denomination about enrolling at FWBBC and joining the Flames baseball team."

Athletic Director Mike Phillips said, "Winning this championship is a great confidence builder for the team. I'm excited for the squad and for the college. This will help put FWBBC on the baseball map, and it will go a long way toward stabilizing the school's baseball program."

The college fielded a baseball team in 1993 which competed on a club sport level rather than as an intercollegiate varsity program. Although the Flames went head-to-head with NCCAA varsity teams in those early days, they did not report to the league. FWBBC dropped baseball after a few years before restarting the program in 2003 as an intercollegiate varsity level sport.

If the Flames manage to win the Mid-East Region next year, they hope to compete in the national tournament.

Photo Identification:

Front Row: (L-R) James Judkins, Jerod McNeal, Dan Brown, Derrick Parker, Jamie Futrell, Brandon Roysden, Sean Mercer (not on team).

Back Row: (L-R) Assistant Coach Kent Berkley, Samuel Donahue, Donald Kelley, Brandon Davis, Daniel Robinson, Assistant Coach David Teague, Head Coach Joey McGlashan.

Not Pictured: Craig Batts