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CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF EXCELLENCE

RMAC NAMES ALL-TIME BASEBALL TEAM

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. -- **March 25, 2009** -- The top 12 players and head coach in RMAC baseball history have been selected to help celebrate the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference's 100th anniversary in 2009. The RMAC is the fourth oldest conference in the country, and the most historic in the western U.S.

The RMAC All-Time Baseball Team was selected by representatives from the conference's schools that participate in the sport of baseball. Baseball was the first sport ever played in the RMAC, with the first known game taking place in April of 1909.

San Francisco Giants pitcher Sergio Romo leads the team. Romo was RMAC Pitcher of the Year in 2005, while going 14-1 for Mesa State College. Romo is currently in spring training with the Giants in Arizona.

"To be honest, I'm a little surprised," said Romo on the "This Week in the RMAC" radio show. "I've heard of other players who represented the RMAC, they represented their teams well and their hometowns well and they came out and played the game well. I feel privileged to be acknowledged with the guys who played before me."

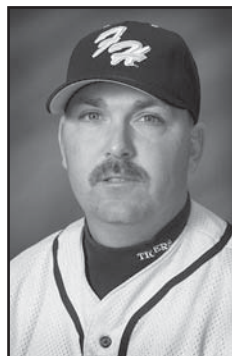
The RMAC All-Time Top Coach is Bob Fornelli, who led Fort Hays State to the championship game of the 2000 College World Series. Fornelli has four RMAC championships on his resume and led the Tigers to six NCAA Division II tournaments in seven seasons.

Eight schools are represented on the 12-man all-time team.

As part of the Centennial Celebration, all-time teams are being selected in 19 RMAC sports. The RMAC's Centennial Celebration will take place on July 11, 2009 at the Cheyenne Mountain Resort in Colorado Springs. A new all-time team will be recognized each month leading up to the celebration.

RMAC Baseball All-Time Team

MVP – Sergio Romo, Mesa State
Cody Lusero, Nebraska-Kearney
Jeff Bieker, Fort Hays State
Sam Christensen, CSU-Pueblo
Sean Van Elderen, Mesa State
Steve Caruso, Regis
Brett Armour, Mesa State
Nate Field, Fort Hays State
Freddy Flores, New Mexico Highlands
Reece Gorman, Metro State
Matt Levering, Regis
Tony Wittmus, CSU-Pueblo
Coach – Bob Fornelli, Fort Hays State



**RMAC BASEBALL
ALL-TIME TOP COACH
Bob Fornelli
Fort Hays State**

- 1996-2003
- 306-113 record at FHSU (.730)
- Guided FHSU to national runner-up in the 2000 College World Series.
- 4 RMAC Championships
- 6 NCAA Tournaments in seven years
- Winningest baseball coach in Fort Hays history

RMAC Baseball All-Time Team



**RMAC BASEBALL
ALL-TIME TOP PLAYER
Sergio Romo
Mesa State**

- 2005
- Starting Pitcher
- RMAC Pitcher of the Year (2005)
- First Team All-American
- 14-1 record, 2.46 ERA with 129 Ks in 124 IP
- Currently with the San Francisco Giants



**RMAC BASEBALL
ALL-TIME TEAM
BRETT ARMOUR
MESA STATE**

- 2006-2007
- Pitcher
- RMAC Pitcher of the Year (2007)
- All-American
- Tied RMAC record for wins in a season (14)
- 19-7 record, 3.09 ERA with 171 Ks in 171 IP, 6 SV



**RMAC BASEBALL
ALL-TIME TEAM
CODY LUSERO
NEBRASKA-KEARNEY**

- 2004-2007
- Second Base
- RMAC Player of the Year (2007)
- RMAC Batting Champion in 2007 (.443)
- First UNK DII All-American
- Academic All-American



**RMAC BASEBALL
ALL-TIME TEAM
NATE FIELD
FORT HAYS STATE**

- 1997-1998
- Relief Pitcher
- RMAC Pitcher of the Year (1998)
- First Team All-American
- Has played in seven MLB seasons, currently in Florida Marlins organization.



**RMAC BASEBALL
ALL-TIME TEAM
JEFF BIEKER
FORT HAYS STATE**

- 2003-2005
- Outfield
- RMAC Player of the Year (2005)
- First Team All-American
- Led NCAA DII in Home Runs in 2005 (23)
- Hit .421 with 56 HR, 191 RBI and 13 SB



**RMAC BASEBALL
ALL-TIME TEAM
FREDDY FLORES
NEW MEXICO HIGHLANDS**

- 1994-1997
- Infielder
- 2-time First Team All-RMAC
- RMAC Batting Champion in 1997 (.463)
- Also played for Western New Mexico before program was dropped in 1994.



**RMAC BASEBALL
ALL-TIME TEAM
SAM CHRISTENSEN
CSU-PUEBLO**

- 2001-2002
- First Base
- 2-time RMAC Player of the Year
- All-American
- NCAA DII record for doubles in a season (32)
- Hit .462 with 10 HR, 138 RBI and 10 SB



**RMAC BASEBALL
ALL-TIME TEAM
REECE GORMAN
METRO STATE**

- 2005-2008
- Catcher
- 2-time First Team All-RMAC
- All-American
- Hit .362 with 19 HR, 157 RBI and 82 SB



**RMAC BASEBALL
ALL-TIME TEAM
SEAN VAN ELDEREN
MESA STATE**

- 2005-2006
- Outfield
- RMAC Player of the Year (2006)
- 2-time First Team All-American
- Hit .402 with 32 HR, 121 RBI and 14 SB



**RMAC BASEBALL
ALL-TIME TEAM
MATT LEVERING
REGIS**

- 2004
- Third Base
- RMAC Player of the Year (2004)
- Led DII in RBI in 2004 (87) and batting average (.507)
- First Team All-American (2004)



**RMAC BASEBALL
ALL-TIME TEAM
STEVE CARUSO
REGIS**

- 1976-1979
- Shortstop
- 2-time First Team All-RMAC
- Led nation in hitting in 1979 (.486)
- Hit .421 for career



**RMAC BASEBALL
ALL-TIME TEAM
TONY WITTMUS
CSU-PUEBLO**

- 2002, 2004
- Outfield
- 2-time 1st Team All-RMAC
- First Team All-American (2004)
- 33-game hit streak (longest in RMAC history)
- Hit .467 with 15 HR, 108 RBI and 79 SB