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George Mason's Looze, Salve Regina's Cirella Head 2004-2005 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® Baseball Teams

WALTHAM, Mass.-- Senior infielder Chris Looze of George Mason University and senior outfielder Eric Cirella of the Salve Regina University head the 2004-2005 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® Baseball Teams, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Looze was selected as the Academic All-America of the Year in the University Division. A product of Amherst, Mass., Looze is a three-time All-Colonial Athletic Association selection. He was instrumental in the Patriots earning a 35-19 record this season, batting .307, with 14 home runs, 64 RBI and 47 runs scored. Looze is George Mason's career leader in home runs (46) and RBI (201) and ranks in the school's career top 10 in hits (214), doubles (49), batting average (.330), slugging percentage (.625) and total bases (405).

In 2004, Looze was selected a second team All-American by the American Baseball Coaches Association and ranked fifth in the nation in RBI per game.

Looze owns a 3.90 grade point average in biology.

There were four repeat members from last year on the university division team, all of whom were first team selections: senior designated hitter Brett Anderson (College of Charleston), junior catcher Brad Canada (Bradley), junior outfielder Phillip Coker (College of Charleston) and junior infielder Ryan Parker (Indiana).

Cirella, a native of Jamestown, R.I., was selected as the Academic All-America of the Year in the College Division. Cirella was named to the Academic All-America® team the past three seasons at three different positions – catcher, infielder and now outfielder. He leads NCAA Division III in batting average (.504; 65-for-129) and bases on balls (49 in 43 games; 1.14 per game) and was named to the All-New England first team for the second consecutive year.

"This is really an incredible honor," said Cirella. "I am humbled just to be on the Academic All-America® Baseball Team."

Cirella graduated magna cum laude (3.87 grade point average) with a degree in business administration four days before he and his Salve Regina teammates competed in the 2005 NCAA Division III Baseball Championships.

Besides Cirella, there were five repeat members on the college division team. Steve Broski (Augustana (Ill.)), Ben Sherer (Gustavus-Adolphus) and Matt Keener (Southern Indiana) were named to the first team, while Mike Larson (California (Pa.)) was named to the second team and Tom McCullen (Rowan) was a third-team selection.

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“The team accomplishments will always stand separate and above individual recognition, but I am incredibly gratified with this achievement,” added Cirella.

Others on the University Division Academic All-America first team squad were Bowling Green’s Burke Badenhop, Texas A & M – Corpus Christi’s Trey Hearne and Jaime Landin, Tennessee’s Chase Headley, West Virginia’s Lee Fritz, and Navy’s Trevor Thompson. The second team was comprised of James Burok of Old Dominion, Jason Determann of LSU, Aaron Izaryk of Maine, Kyle Bohm of Michigan, Kyle Dygert of Ball State, Mike Priest of Campbell, Kurtis Wells of Central Michigan, Daniel Bruce of Nebraska, Kory Knell of BYU, Gabe Scott of Alabama, and Chris Carlson. Rounding out the University Division Academic All-America team were third team members Brian Kappel of Princeton, John Meloan of Arizona, Joe Muich and Phil Napolitan of Wichita State, Andy Hudak of Bowling Green, Andy Hunter of Minnesota, Steve Maiolo of Duquesne, Tommy Manzella of Tulane, Matthew Butler of Michigan, Drew Stubbs of Texas and Zach Daeges of Creighton.

Dietz was joined on the College Division Academic All-America first team were Central Missouri State’s Danny Powers, Central (Iowa)’s Adam Duerfeldt, Augsburg’s Darren Ginther, Lynchburg’s Lucas Jones, Salisbury’s Nick Pegelow, Widener’s Jamie Schild, LeTourneau’s Damon Stokes and Elmhurst’s Pat Moore. The second team was comprised of Scott Akamine of Chapman, Mike Burnett of SUNY Cortland, Ross Boudreaux of Southern Arkansas, Chris Bell of Saint John’s (Minn.), Alex Shelton of Westminster, Andrew Wong of Lawrence, Kevin Haney of Embry-Riddle (Fla.), Noah Welte of Thomas More, and Mike Turchan of Baldwin-Wallace. Rounding out the College Division Academic All-America team were third team members Brad Lightsey of Delta State, Darrell Taylor of Apprentice, Adam Braveman of Rochester, Ryan Corning of Washington (Mo.), Rafael Garabis of John Carroll, Justin Gordon of Emory, Chuck Brehm of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, Andrew Handoff of Edgewood, Mike Welch of York (Pa.), and Walt Goedkoop of Juniata.

The Academic All-America Teams program honors 816 male and female student-athletes annually who have succeeded at the highest level on the playing field and in the classroom. Individuals are selected through voting by CoSIDA (the College Sports Information Directors of America), a 2,000 member organization consisting of sports public relations professionals for colleges and universities in the United States and Canada.

To be eligible, a student-athletes must be a varsity starter or key reserve, maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.20 on a scale of 4.00, have reached sophomore athletic and academic standings at his/her current institution and be nominated by his/her sports information director. Since the program’s inception in 1952, CoSIDA has bestowed Academic All-America honors on more than 14,000 student-athletes in Divisions I, II, III and NAIA covering all NCAA championship sports.

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For more information about the Academic All-America Teams program, please visit www.cosida.com or email ripe@bentley.edu.

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First Team

Pos.	Name	School	Year	Hometown	GPA	Major
P	Burke Badenhop	Bowling Green	Sr.	Perrysburg, Ohio	3.94	Economics
P	Trey Hearne	Texas A&M-Corpus Christi	Sr.	Lufkin, Texas	3.72	Finance
C	Brad Canada	Bradley	Jr.	Fishers, Ind.	3.88	Finance
INF	Chase Headley	Tennessee	Jr.	Fountain, Colo.	3.63	Sport Management
INF	Jaime Landin	Texas A&M-Corpus Christi	Sr.	Brownsville, Texas	3.71	Business
INF	Chris Looze	George Mason	Sr.	Amherst, Mass.	3.90	Biology
INF	Ryan Parker	Indiana	Jr.	Hilliard, Ohio	3.91	Business Management
OF	Phillip Coker	College of Charleston	Jr.	Hanahan, S.C.	3.95	Chemistry
OF	Lee Fritz	West Virginia	Sr.	Waynesburg, Pa.	3.81	Exercise Physiology
OF	Trevor Thompson	U.S. Naval Academy	Sr.	Kent, Wash.	3.95	Honors History
DH	Brett Anderson	College of Charleston	Sr.	Charleston, S.C.	3.50	Communications

Second Team

Pos.	Name	School	Year	Hometown	GPA	Major
P	James Burok	Old Dominion	Sr.	Archbald, Pa.	3.95	Finance
P	Jason Determann	Louisiana State	Jr.	Baton Rouge, La.	3.78	Biology
C	Aaron Izaryk	Maine	Sr.	Markham, Ontario	3.60	Kinesiology/Phys. Education
INF	Kyle Bohm	Michigan	Sr.	Stevens Point, Wis.	3.61	Movement Science
INF	Kyle Dygert	Ball State	Jr.	Angola, Ind.	3.89	Exercise Science
INF	Mike Priest	Campbell	Jr.	Vernon Hill, Va.	3.90	Biology
INF	Kurtis Wells	Central Michigan	Sr.	Grand Rapids, Mich.	3.95	Mechanical Engineering
OF	Daniel Bruce	Nebraska	Sr.	Omaha, Neb.	3.86	English
OF	Kory Knell	Brigham Young	Sr.	Salt Lake City, Utah	3.95	Accounting
OF	Gabe Scott	Alabama	Sr.	Lake Charles, La.	3.60	Finance
DH	Chris Carlson	New Mexico	So.	Topeka, Kan.	3.80	General Management

Third Team

Pos.	Name	School	Year	Hometown	GPA	Major
P	Brian Kappel	Princeton	Sr.	Atlanta, Ga.	3.78	History
P	John Meloan	Arizona	Jr.	Houston, Texas	3.43	Engineering Management
C	Joe Muich	Wichita State	Sr.	Fenton, Mo.	3.60	Sport Administration
INF	Andy Hudak	Bowling Green	Sr.	Toledo, Ohio	3.52	Interpersonal Language Arts
INF	Andy Hunter	Minnesota	Jr.	West St. Paul, Minn.	3.69	Finance
INF	Steve Maiolo	Duquesne	Jr.	Pittsburgh, Pa.	3.95	Special Education and Citizenship
INF	Tommy Manzella	Tulane	Sr.	Chalmette, La.	3.42	Marketing/Legal Studies
OF	Matthew Butler	Michigan	Sr.	Lombard, Ill.	3.50	English
OF	Phil Napolitan	Wichita State	Sr.	Page, Ariz.	3.81	Exercise Science
OF	Drew Stubbs	Texas	So.	Atlanta, Texas	3.70	Undeclared
DH	Zach Daeges	Creighton	Jr.	Harlan, Iowa	3.32	Accounting

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Pos.	Name	School	Year	Hometown	GPA	Major
P	Steve Broski	Augustana (Ill.)	Sr.	Rockford, Ill.	4.00	Pre-medicine
P	Danny Powers	Central Missouri State	Sr.	Carl Junction, Mo.	3.86	Secondary Education – Social Studies
C	Adam Duerfeldt	Central (Iowa)	Jr.	Urbandale, Iowa	3.87	Chemistry
INF	Darren Ginther	Augsburg	Jr.	Crystal, Minn.	3.81	Secondary Education/Social Studies
INF	Lucas Jones	Lynchburg	Sr.	Lynchburg, Va.	3.70	Communications
INF	Nick Pegelow	Salisbury	Jr.	Seaford, Del.	3.75	Business
INF	Jamie Schild	Widener	Jr.	Fairport, N.Y.	4.00	Civil Engineering
INF	Ben Sherer	Gustavus Adolphus	Jr.	Bismarck, N.D.	3.93	Biology/Pre-Medicine
OF	Eric Cirella	Salve Regina	Sr.	Jamestown, R.I.	3.87	Business Administration
OF	Matt Keener	Southern Indiana	Sr.	Newburgh, Ind.	4.00	Business Administration
OF	Damon Stokes	LeTourneau	Jr.	Anchorage, Alaska	4.00	Electrical Engineering
DH	Pat Moore	Elmhurst	Sr.	Rockton, Ill.	3.96	Management

Second Team

Pos.	Name	School	Year	Hometown	GPA	Major
P	Scott Akamine	Chapman	Sr.	Anaheim, Calif.	3.77	Legal Studies/Communications
P	Mike Burnett	SUNY Cortland	Sr.	Westfield, N.Y.	3.76	Adolescent Education/Social Studies
C	Ross Boudreaux	Southern Arkansas	Sr.	Church Point, La.	3.87	Exercise Science
INF	Chris Bell	Saint John's (Minn.)	Sr.	Little Falls, Minn.	3.85	Biology
INF	Alex Shelton	Westminster	Jr.	Crocker, Mo.	4.00	Secondary Education – Physical Education K-12
INF	Andrew Wong	Lawrence	Jr.	Wauwatosa, Wis.	3.90	History
OF	Kevin Haney	Embry-Riddle (Fla.)	Sr.	Littleton, Colo.	4.00	Aeronautical Science
OF	Mike Larson	California (Pa.)	Sr.	Weyburn, Saskatchewan	3.85	Criminal Justice
OF	Noah Welte	Thomas More	Sr.	Maysville, Ky.	3.94	History
DH	Mike Turchan	Baldwin-Wallace	Sr.	Mayfield, Ohio	3.52	Sports Medicine/Athletic Training

Third Team

Pos.	Name	School	Year	Hometown	GPA	Major
P	Brad Lightsey	Delta State	Sr.	Batesville, Miss.	3.41	Human Performance
P	Tom McCullen	Rowan	Sr.	Absecon, N.J.	3.65	Elementary Education
C	Darrell Taylor	Apprentice	Sr.	Waverly, Va.	3.45	Electrician
INF	Adam Braveman	Rochester	Sr.	Syracuse, N.Y.	3.83	Political Science
INF	Ryan Corning	Washington (Mo.)	Jr.	Brown Deer, Wis.	3.70	Finance/International Business
INF	Rafael Garabis	John Carroll	Sr.	Upper Arlington, Ohio	3.83	Biology
INF	Justin Gordon	Emory	Jr.	Pittsburgh, Pa.	3.94	Chemistry
OF	Chuck Brehm	Wisconsin-Stevens Point	Jr.	Spencer, Wis.	3.84	Physical Education
OF	Andrew Handorf	Edgewood	Jr.	DeForest, Wis.	3.97	Biochemistry
OF	Mike Welch	York (Pa.)	Jr.	Claymont, Del.	3.84	Accounting
DH	Walt Goedkoop	Juniata	Jr.	Lancaster, Pa.	3.81	Early Childhood/Elementary Education

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