

Chargers land six on All-GSC teams

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Senior 1B Ryan McCrory picked up his second All-GSC first team honor on Tuesday

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. -- Helping lead the Alabama-Huntsville baseball squad to back-to-back appearances in the Gulf South Conference tournament, six Chargers have been named to the All-GSC East Division teams as announced by the league on Thursday.

Headlining the group are three first-team senior selections in first baseman Ryan McCrory (Mobile), second baseman Nick Huckaby and outfielder Bradley Ray (Auburn). McCrory's selection marks the second time in as many seasons that the slugger has been tabbed by the GSC East coaches as the top first baseman. The lefty leads the Chargers in home runs (12), RBI (61) and slugging percentage.

A former GSC East Freshman of the Year, Huckaby picks up his first, first-team honor at second base after earning second-team honors last season as a junior. The veteran leads the team in hits (58) as well as stolen bases (20). Ray has been a standout as well in his first year in the UAH lineup leading the Chargers with 50 runs scored and five triples.

The GSC Second team selections are senior designated hitter Josh Bolan (Trinity) along with junior third baseman Jordan Parker (Hartselle) and junior closer Dan Lazzaroni (Roswell, Ga.). With a couple of injuries down the stretch opening the door, Bolan took advantage of the opportunity and made himself a mainstay in the middle of the UAH lineup en route to the all-conference honors. The veteran leads the team with a .407 average at the dish and a .778 slugging percentage having notched four homers, six doubles and a triple in only 54 at bats.

Parker picks up his first all-league nod ranking second on the club in hitting at .383 and leads the Chargers with 13 doubles on the season as well as hit-by-pitch (19). Lazzaroni's work on the hill has been nearly perfect this season having allowed only one earned run in 16 innings pitched for a 0.56 ERA. The Georgian has notched five saves and boasts the lowest ERA in the GSC of anyone with 15 appearances or more.

The Chargers open the 2010 GSC Tournament on Saturday taking on top-ranked Southern Arkansas at 4:15 at USA Baseball Stadium in Millington, Tenn.