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Newport Gull Michael Seander earns Freshman All-America Team honor

(courtesy of Duke University Sports Information)

DURHAM, N.C. – Duke University closer Michael Seander, a member of the Newport Gulls pitching staff, was named to the 2007 Louisville Slugger Freshman All-America Team by the Collegiate Baseball newspaper on Wednesday.

Seander, one of six relief pitchers to be named to the team, becomes the seventh Blue Devil in school history to earn freshman All-America honors and the first since 2002. A native of Pawtucket, R.I., Seander recorded nine saves this spring, which ranks second on Duke's single-season chart and tied for third on the school's career saves list.

Seander was one of 40 relievers named to the midseason watch list for the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Stopper of the Year Award, which honors the top relief pitcher in Division I college baseball. The right-hander had a 1.61 ERA on the year, while opponents hit just .229 against him. He led the Duke pitching staff in appearances (28), ranked second in strikeouts (46) and sixth in innings pitched (50.1).

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