

IOWA BASEBALL

HAWKEYES SIGN EIGHT TOP RECRUITS FOR 2008 SEASON

IOWA CITY – Iowa Head Baseball Coach **Jack Dahm** has announced that **Nick Brown, Sean Flanagan, Cory Glieden, Jarred Hippen, Mike McQuillan, Zach Robertson, Phil Schreiber** and **Chett Zeise** have signed National Letters of Intent to attend the University of Iowa.

“We are very excited about our 2008 recruiting class. All coaches will tell you to ask in three years about how good the recruiting class is, but we are very confident these recruits have a chance to make an impact early in their careers,” Dahm said. “This is a very talented group with versatile position players, a group of pitchers with good arms and a good feel for their secondary stuff.”

Brown is a Wheaton, IL, native and attends Wheaton Warrenville South High School. He will serve as a right handed pitcher or DH for the Hawkeyes. Brown received all-Area and conference MVP honors as a junior and was a unanimous all-conference selection his sophomore and junior seasons. Brown hit .472 with nine doubles and four homeruns his junior season. He also had a 2.08 ERA with a 6-4 record and 84 strikeouts. Brown enters his senior season ranked 336th in the country by Perfect Game, 11th best player in the State of Illinois, 121st best pitcher in the country, and he is ranked the 18th best player in Illinois by Prep Baseball Report.

“Nick is a very talented right handed pitcher who has a chance to throw extremely hard. He already throws 90 mph and has a good feel for his secondary pitches,” Dahm said. “He is a very good athlete who will get the opportunity to swing the bat for us.”

Nick Brown Says: “The players I spent time with during my official visit taught me something about this program and showed me how hard they are working to become a great team. I see Iowa as a place where our team can leave a mark of excellence for future generations. I crave to be part of something incredible that is about to occur in this program.”





Flanagan is from Downers Grove, IL, and attends North High School. He will be used as a utility player. He was the number one pitcher on his high school team his junior year with a 1.65 ERA, a 5-0 record. Flanagan played for the Longshots and Cangelosi Baseball last fall. He is ranked 352 in the country by Perfect Game, was the 66th ranked outfielder in country, the 12th best players in state of Illinois and was ranked as the 11th best player in Illinois by Prep Baseball Report.

“Sean is a versatile player who can play anywhere on the field except catcher. We are very excited to have an athlete like Sean coming to our program,” said Dahm. “Sean reminds us of Kevin Hoef, with his size and athleticism, and we feel he can develop into an outstanding infielder or outfielder. Another plus, for us, is that Sean is a very good right handed pitcher and we will give him an opportunity to pitch.”

Sean Flanagan says: “The coaches were the biggest reason I chose Iowa. Of all the coaches I’ve met the last couple years, the Iowa staff was my favorite. Their enthusiasm, honesty, and hard work convinced me they are committed to building something great. That’s the kind of program I want to be a part of.”

Glieden a Chaska, MN native, attends Chaska High School. He is a prototypical leadoff hitter. He received all-Conference and honorable mention all State his junior season. During his junior season he hit .429 with a .576 on base percentage, 16 stolen bases, two triples, seven doubles and 15 RBI in only 20 games. Glieden played for Trent Seaman and the Minnesota Starz in the summer and fall.

“Cory is a very talented left handed hitting middle infielder with a very good arm and great speed,” Dahm said. “Cory already has a good feel for the game and he understands how he needs to play and how to use his abilities. He has a chance to develop into a good leadoff hitter who can steal a lot of bases and be an outstanding defensive middle infielder.”





Corey Glieden says: “I decided on Iowa because I like the style they play. It ties in with how I play the game. I can’t wait until I put on the Hawkeyes uniform for the first time and take the field in front of my new home town.”

Hippen a Rock Falls, IL native, attends Rock Falls High School and is a left handed pitcher. His junior season he had a 0.81 ERA with a 10-1 record with 119 strike outs and only 30 walks. Hippen was an all area and all-conference selection as sophomore and junior. Hippen is ranked 29th in the State of Illinois by Prep Baseball Report and is the sixth best LHP in the State of Illinois, by Prep Baseball Report.

“Jarred is a very talented left handed pitcher with a good fastball and an outstanding breaking ball,” Dahm said. “Anytime you can get a left handed pitcher who throws in the upper 80s with a good breaking pitch, you are very lucky. We believe that Jarred will make an immediate impact in our program,”

Jarred Hippen says: “As a pitcher, I am excited to work under the direction of Pitching (Nick) Coach Zumsande. Coach Zumsande really impressed me. I feel that he can help me grow as a pitcher and get me to the next level.

McQuillan, an Evergreen Park, IL native, attends Brother Rice High School. He is a three time all-conference selection and was second team all-state his junior year. Last season he hit .430 and broke three school records; most hits (61), most runs scored (49) and most total bases (99). He is described as a very “offensive minded infielder” by Coach Ryan Brownlee. McQuillan goes into his senior season ranked the 24th best player and fifth ranked infielder in Illinois by the Prep Baseball Report.

“Mike is another left handed hitting middle infielder who we believe was one of the best hitters we saw all summer,” Dahm said. “Mike is a throwback type of player who has a passion for the game and finds a way to win.”

Mike McQuillan says: “My decision to attend Iowa was very easy. I did not think that I was going to end up at Iowa. But, one weekend while I was on campus playing with my club team, I drove





around campus and fell in love with the atmosphere. Right after our first game I told my coach I wanted to be a Hawkeye.”

Robertson a Des Moines, IA native, attended Iowa Central High School last season. He is a left handed pitcher and was number one in his rotation on a powerful Iowa Central team. (3.29 ERA, 5-4 W/L, 65 IP, 79 K's, 36 BB, 37 ER). Robertson also had a great summer playing for the Rochester Honkers in the Northwoods league. (2.77 ERA, 6-4 W/L, 68 IP, 74 K's, 34 BB, 21 ER).

“Zach is the only junior college player we signed and we believe he will battle for a spot in our rotation right way,” Dahm said. “Zach is a very talented left handed pitcher who has really developed over the past two years. He is a very good pitcher with command of three pitches. Zach has gained some valuable experience and confidence at Iowa Central and also had a successful summer in the Northwood League.”

Zach Robertson says: “I chose to attend Iowa because I know the coaching staff and feel like I can trust them to make me reach my potential.”

Schreiber, a Kaukauna, WI native, attends Kaukauna High School. He is a power right handed pitcher and has a chance to be dominant on the mound. He pitched for Andy Stack and the Midwest Blazers this past summer. He is ranked 342nd nationally by Perfect Game, the top pitcher in the state of Wisconsin and 124th best pitcher in the country by Perfect Game.

“Phil is a right handed power pitcher who has a chance to develop an outstanding curveball. We really like the way Phil attacks the strike zone when he is pitching,” Dahm said. “Phil’s not your prototypical 6’5” power pitcher, but rather in the mold of a Tom Seaver, being six foot tall and throwing in the low 90’s.”

Phil Shreiber says: “I was impressed by not only the beauty of the campus, but Iowa City in general. It was the best college town I had ever seen. All the people I met and places I saw were just beautiful. But it wasn’t just the town that swayed me; the coaching staff is also just great.”





Zeise, a Sobieski, WI native, attends Green Bay Notre Dame High School. He is a “athletic utility player with a high baseball IQ” says Coach Brownlee. He was an all-conference, all-area and Player of the Year for his conference. His junior season he hit .483 with 29 hits, 23 RBI, 16 stolen bases, only three strikeouts and seven homeruns. Zeise is ranked as the seventh best player in State of Wisconsin by Perfect Game, 859th nationally by Perfect Game and is rated the 151st best infielder in the country.

“Chet is a right handed hitting middle infielder that we believe can play anywhere on the field. The best way to describe Chet is that he is a baseball player,” Dahm said. “He has a very high baseball I.Q. and understands how to play the game hard and at a high level.”

Chet Zeise says: “Choosing Iowa was the most exciting choice I’ve made in my entire life. The character and personality of the players and coaching staff separated Iowa from the rest of the pack. The facilities on campus are excellent and the close-knit Hawkeye community lured my family and I. Academically, Iowa, and the Big Ten, is second to none. Reaching my goal of playing the game at the next level seemed more accessible with the knowledge and leadership of Coach Dahm and Coach Brownlee.”

“Coach Brownlee (recruiting coordinator) and Coach Zumsandee did a great job of putting together another outstanding recruiting class. We know that if we want to be a program that competes for Big Ten Championships and the NCAA regionals on a yearly basis we need to continue to build up our talent level within the program,” Coach Dahm said. “This recurring class will help us do that and at the same time they are all outstanding students that will represent the University of Iowa and the baseball program in a class way. We also need to thank our support staff and players for the job they do when the recruits come on campus. The University of Iowa has so many positives, but a big key in landing the recruits is when they are on campus they need to feel comfortable with the players and support staff.

