

## UTD Baseball Coach Shane Shewmake Named Conference Coach of the Year Adler, Nine Other Comets Named To All-ASC Teams

**RICHARDSON, TX (May 4, 2004)** - University of Texas at Dallas baseball coach **Shane Shewmake** has been selected as the American Southwest Conference East Division Coach of the Year after leading his team to a 33-8 record in just the third year of the program's history.

Shewmake, who started the UTD intercollegiate baseball program from scratch in 2002, led the Comets to their second consecutive ASC Championship Tournament championship game last weekend and a No. 11 ranking in the most recent American Baseball Coaches Association Division III poll. UTD will learn May 16 if it is selected for a berth in the NCAA Division III national playoffs.

He is the second UTD coach to win ASC East Division Coach of the Year this school year. Earlier this spring, Comets men's basketball coach **Terry Butterfield** won the award after leading his team to its first ever divisional championship.

In addition, UTD pitcher **Anthony Adler** (Sr., Dallas) was named the ASC East Pitcher of the Year and Newcomer of the Year after posting an 8-0 record and 1.99 ERA. Adler was also an ASC All-East Division First Team selection along with teammates **Lawrence Valbuena** (Sr., Garland) and **Mike Biguenet** (Sr., Plano). Seven other UTD players were named to the various other ASC East All-Division teams in voting by the conference baseball coaches.

Valbuena, a senior first baseman, led the Comets in batting with a .374 average, including 9 doubles, 1 triple, 3 homeruns and 41 runs batted in. Biguenet, a senior third baseman, finished the season hitting .338 with 12 doubles, 1 triple, 6 home runs and 29 RBI.

Five Comets were selected to the ASC East All-Division second team. They were pitcher **Kevin McKnight** (Jr., Irving), who was 9-2 with a 3.09 ERA; catcher **Justin Price** (Jr., McKinney), who hit .393 in 29 games; shortstop **Johnnie Espree** (Jr., Dallas), a .360 hitter; outfielder **Mark Cardoza** (Sr., Lewisville), who had 8 doubles and 7 stolen bases while hitting .286; and designated hitter **Rob Spencer** (Jr., Bristol, TN), who hit .337 with f5 homeruns.

Named to the ASC East Division Honorable Mention team were pitcher **Gordon Walters** (Jr.; Columbia, TX), who was 7-1 with a 2.68 ERA; and outfielder **Caleb Chandler** (Sr., Tyler), who hit .317 with 9 extra-base hits and 20 RBI.