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RUSSO NAMED 2008 DAUB AWARD RECIPIENT

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – The New York Collegiate Baseball League announced today that Dan Russo has been chosen as the recipient of the 2008 Eddie and Mini Daub Award. The award, in its' second year, is presented annually for outstanding contributions to the New York Collegiate Baseball League.

Dan Russo has spent the last 10 years as the owner, general manager and president of the Allegany County Nitros. The Nitros are the second-oldest franchise in the Western Division and third oldest in the NYCBL, having joined the league (then Northeastern Collegiate Baseball League) in 1998. Russo's Nitros have won two Western Division regular-season championships and have made four-straight playoff appearances. The 2006 Nitros competed in the NYCBL Championship Series against the Saratoga Phillies.

Three former Nitros are currently playing professional baseball including Toronto Blue Jays reliever Jeremy Accardo. Accardo served as the closer for the 2002 Wellsville Nitros. Twenty-four former Nitros have gone on to sign professional contracts.

In addition to his duties with the Allegany County Nitros, Russo serves as the treasurer for the New York Collegiate Baseball League. He handles the league's day-to-day financial operations.

Russo will be honored in a special ceremony prior to the opening game of the New York Collegiate Baseball League Championship Series.

The award is named after Eddie and Mini Daub, longtime owners of the Northeastern Collegiate Baseball League's Broome Rangers. Eddie Daub also served on the league's executive council.

The New York Collegiate Baseball League, founded in 1978, is a summer wood-bat league sanctioned by the National Alliance of College Summer Baseball (NACSB) and partially funded by Major League Baseball. The league gives college players who have not yet signed a professional contract the opportunity to develop their skills at a high level of play, gain experience with wood bats and be evaluated by professional scouts. The NYCBL is located in scenic upstate New York. For more information, please visit the league web site, <http://www.nycbl.com>.