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 Dusty Quattlebaum

Gardner-Webb baseball standout Dusty Quattlebaum was named 2010-2011 Big South Conference Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year Tuesday, marking the second time in the past three years a Runnin'

Bulldog has captured the honor.

Men's Basketball standout Aaron Linn earned the honor for the 2008-2009 academic year. The Scholar-Athletes of the Year are voted on by the Big South Sports Information Directors from a pool of each sport's Scholar-Athlete winners.

Quattlebaum (Boiling Springs, N.C. / Crest HS) is the second consecutive baseball player and fifth overall to be honored by the league. A Capital One/CoSIDA First-Team Academic All-American in 2011, Quattlebaum is the second-straight Big South baseball player to earn First-Team honors and the fourth in League history. He also was the only student-athlete in District III (first or second teams) with a 4.00 cumulative grade point average.

The sports management major batted .320 with six home runs and 49 RBI in 2011, and led the league with 25 doubles – the third best mark in Gardner-Webb history and just three away from tying the Conference's single-season record.

Quattlebaum, who finished 13th nationally in doubles and doubles per game in 2011, was a two-time Big South Player of the Week and was named National Hitter of the Week by the National College Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) in mid-March. He led the Runnin' Bulldogs in home runs and two-out RBI, and was fourth in hitting.

The redshirt-junior also batted .304 in the Big South Baseball Tournament to help Gardner-Webb advance to the Championship game – becoming the first team to reach the title contest from the single-elimination round. He also cleanly handled all 47 fielding chances during the postseason.

Gardner-Webb took the top-two spots in the men's voting, with track & field star Christoph Hutschalik finishing a close second. Gardner-Webb's Carrie Long, also a track & field standout, finished third on the women's side.

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