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2007 NCT All-Stars

Q&A: Jason Zuffranieri

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Minnesota Captures Third Title in Four Years



University of Minnesota-Twin Cities was led by playoff high scorer Ezra Lyon (seated)

The 2006-2007 season of College Bowl concluded with a spectacular National Championship Tournament. The University of Minnesota-Twin Cities (Region 10) continued their tradition of excellence, capturing their third title in four years.

The Gophers defeated Baylor University (12) in the Winners Bracket final before facing the host USC Trojans (15) in the Championship Final. The Trojans won the first match of the double-elimination match, forcing a winner-take-all final that was one of the most exciting contests in recent program history. The teams played a close game, with Minnesota edging it out by a score of 330-295.

Other NCT competitors included Williams College, Providence College (both Region 1), St. Bonaventure Univ. (2), Seton Hall (3), Univ. Of Maryland-Baltimore County (4), Southern Virginia Univ. (5), Univ. of Florida (6), Ohio State (7), Northwestern (8), Purdue

(9), Univ. of Missouri-Columbia (11), Univ. of New Mexico-Albuquerque (13), and Washington (14).

Hosted by the University of Southern California, the 2007 NCT brought players, staff, and volunteers to Los Angeles for a great weekend of competition and activities. Tournament Directors Patrick Bailey and Jennifer Puccinelli did an amazing job with the event, ensuring guests had a chance

to see Los Angeles and experience USC's beautiful campus. The event began with a fresh-air dining event, complete with a live mariachi band. Saturday, as a special treat, attendees were chauffeured to a dinner at Buca di Beppo and sightseeing on Universal CityWalk.

The high scorers for the tournament were USC's Yogesh Raut (82.33 PPG) in the round robin and Minnesota's Ezra Lyon (66.25 PPG) in the playoffs. See below for a complete list of tournament all-stars.

Jason Zuffranieri of New Mexico was named the 2007 Pat Moonen Sportsman. A CB veteran, Jason joins Q&A for a special interview this issue (see Page 2).

Full results, statistics, and program history are at: collegebowl.com/nct07/results.asp



The Divas, an LA-based mariachi group, entertained opening dinner attendees

All-Star	Team	10	-5	0	Points	Rounds	PPG
Yogesh Raut	USC	133	19	11	1235	15	82.33
Andy Greeley	WASHINGTON	126	31	17	1105	15	73.67
Jason Zuffranieri	NEW MEXICO	119	19	41	1095	15	73.00
Ezra Lyon	MINNESOTA	114	12	1	1080	15	72.00
Jason Mueller	MISSOURI	113	14	15	1060	15	70.67
David Mathias	WILLIAMS	111	16	15	1030	15	68.67
Aaron Kashtan	FLORIDA	109	29	18	945	15	63.00
Erik Dryden	SOUTHERN VA.	102	27	18	885	15	59.00

Q&A

2007 Pat Moonen Sportsperson Jason Zuffranieri

What inspired you to begin with the CB program?

I've always been a competitive type but have never been much more than an average athlete. College Bowl made a perfect fit -- an outlet where I could compete at something I enjoyed anyhow and represent the school, if I were fortunate enough. Furthermore, UNM runs such a great CB program that there was no way I was going to miss this terrific opportunity to play again.

If there is one pursuit in your life that could someday make you the answer to a CB question, what is it?

I have a desire to go into politics at some point, so hopefully a key piece of legislation (and not a scandal) could make me answer-worthy.

What's one silly interrupt that you'll never forget?

There are too many to list! But at one of my first tournaments (a very long time ago), there was a question that began "She uses Calloway golf clubs...". I had just seen

a commercial for one of their products with Celine Dion in it, and buzzed very early with her as my answer. As it turns out, they were looking for a professional golfer from South Korea. Very, very wrong.

What advice can you give to new or returning players?

Once you get the feel for the angles from which the questions come -- knowing what answers are likely and which are just too obscure is key -- the game is all strictly knowledge-based from that point forward. In a sense, it would be great to know *everything*, but we know that's not possible. In building up my knowledge, there are categories I'm able to retain very well and others

where I am hopeless. This usually breaks down along which categories I "enjoy" and which I don't. So in that sense, for players who want to build up their knowledge -- it would be best to start by writing questions and reading up on those categories they enjoy most, as my experience has shown that to deliver the best gains.



Jason accepts his Sportsperson award at CB NCT 2007

CB 2007-08 Key Dates

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