



# North Atlantic Conference

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### Castleton Chosen as Favorites for NAC Baseball Title

Defending champion Castleton has been chosen as the baseball preseason favorite of the North Atlantic Conference in a vote conducted by the league's coaches. The Spartans, who finished 9-1 in conference play last season but had to battle through the losers bracket to earn their first conference title, received four first place votes and a total of 24 points in the NAC baseball preseason poll. Castleton returns a trio of first-team all-conference performers, senior catcher Kyle Brooks, senior pitcher Rob Turner and the 2008 NAC Rookie of the Year sophomore outfielder Dan Conley.

Husson University, which finished 5-5 in conference play and was the only conference team to defeat Castleton last season, returns seven starters including sophomore shortstop Ethan Guerette a first-team all-conference selection a season ago. The Eagles received one first place vote.

#### 2009 North Atlantic Conference Baseball Pre-Season Poll

Order	Team	2008 NAC/Overall	2008 NAC Finish	Points
1.	Castleton	9-1 / 22-20	1 <sup>st</sup>	24 (4)
2.	Husson	5-5 / 16-23	4 <sup>th</sup>	21 (1)
3.	Thomas	6-4 / 12-19	T-2 <sup>nd</sup>	14
4.	Lyndon State	na / 16-13	na	10
5.	Maine-Farmington	3-7 / 5-22	5 <sup>th</sup>	6

*Note:* Points in are awarded in descending order with first-place votes (in parentheses) earning 5 points through fifth-place votes which are worth one point. Records shown are 2008 conference and overall records with last season's regular season conference finish.