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## REDS SIGN TOP 2 DRAFT PICKS, RHP MIKE LEAKE & RHP BRAD BOXBERGER

CINCINNATI - The Cincinnati Reds today signed their first two picks of the 2009 first-year player draft, eighth selection overall **RHP Mike Leake** (6-0, 180) from Arizona State University and supplemental first-round pick **RHP Brad Boxberger** (6-2, 185) out of the University of Southern California.

**Leake, Boxberger** and Reds President of Baseball Operations and General Manager **Walt Jocketty** will be available to the media tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. in the Reds' dugout at Great American Ball Park.

**Leake**, 21, was named the National Player of the Year by the American Baseball Coaches Association. He is the 14th Sun Devils player to be named National Player of the Year and the first since Paul Lo Duca in 1993.

The junior from Fallbrook, California, finished the 2009 season with a 16-1 record, the most wins by any pitcher in the country, and a 1.71 ERA. His 40 wins is tied for the most ever by a 3-year player at ASU and is tied for third-most in school history.

**Leake** was named the Pac-10 Pitcher of the Year in each of the last 2 seasons, the first ever back-to-back winner. He was a unanimous first-team All-American selection and was a finalist for the Golden Spikes Award, Howser Award and Pitcher of the Year award presented by the College Baseball Foundation.

**Leake** was the first pitcher selected by the Reds in the first round since **RHP Homer Bailey** in 2004. He was the first collegiate pitcher selected by the Reds in the opening round since **RHP Ryan Wagner** in 2003. The Reds had selected a position player with their first pick in each of the previous four drafts: **1B Yonder Alonso** (2008), **C Devin Mesoraco** (2007), **OF Drew Stubbs** (2006) and **OF Jay Bruce** (2005).

**Boxberger**, 21, was selected in the supplemental first round (43rd overall). In his 3-year career with the Trojans, he went 11-12 with a 3.81 ERA. He was an All-Pac 10 selection as a junior and was a freshman All-America second-team pick.

In 2009, **Boxberger** went 6-3 with a 3.16 ERA in 14 starts for Southern Cal.

His father, **Rod Boxberger**, went 12-1 with a 2.00 ERA and earned College World Series Most Valuable Player honors for the 1978 USC national championship squad that went 54-9.

### LEAKE'S CAREER AT ARIZONA STATE

Yr	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2007	13-2	3.69	25	13	2	1	127.0	126	59	52	29	94
2008	11-3	3.49	19	16	2	1	121.1	118	61	47	20	104
2009	16-1	1.71	19	18	7	0	142.0	95	31	27	24	162
Career	40-6	2.91	63	47	11	2	390.1	339	151	126	73	360

### BOXBERGER'S CAREER AT USC

Yr	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2007	3-5	3.20	14	14	0	0	90.0	78	37	32	34	72
2008	2-4	6.12	18	9	0	3	50.0	54	37	34	26	52
2009	6-3	3.16	14	14	1	0	94.0	69	42	33	50	99
Career	11-12	3.81	46	37	1	3	234.0	201	116	99	110	223

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