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UCLA BASEBALL SIGNS BRANDON LODGE

Bruins ink 11th signee for 2008 season

Los Angeles – Head coach John Savage announced Monday that Brandon Lodge has signed a National Letter-of-Intent to attend school and play baseball at UCLA next season. Lodge, a 6-foot-1 infielder at Tesoro High School, will enroll at UCLA and join 10 other student-athletes in the Bruin baseball program next fall.

“We really think that Brandon is a versatile athlete who can play three infield positions very well,” Savage said. “He’s only going to get better, and he projects to be a very good college player.”

Currently in his senior season at Tesoro High School, Lodge has posted a .403 batting average (27-for-67) with four doubles, one triple, one home run and 14 RBI. Prior to his senior season, Lodge was named one of the “Top Players to Watch in the South Coast League” by the *Orange County Register*.

As a sophomore and junior, he was named one of the “Top Underclassmen to Watch” by the *Orange County Register*. Lodge played for the Los Angeles Elite in the “Slumpbuster” National Tournament in Omaha, Neb. during the 2006 College World Series. In that tournament, he helped lead his team to the semifinals and posted a .600 batting average with 10 RBI, five doubles and six stolen bases. Lodge has also played for the Kansas City Royals’ scout team and earned academic recognition on Tesoro High’s Honor Roll in each of his four years.

As a freshman at Tesoro High, Lodge played on the varsity baseball team which advanced to the CIF Championship, held at Dodger Stadium. A talented student-athlete, Lodge also played football (quarterback) and basketball at Tesoro High and was named the “most athletic” student his senior year.

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