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Youth, Hitters, Edition Of All-Big Five Baseball Stars

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A designated hitter would be a luxury, probably unwanted, on the Fourth Annual Daily Press All-Big Five baseball team.

As one knowledgeable observer from the University of Virginia said: "give me a couple of lefthanded pitchers and I'd take that team into the Atlantic Coast Conference."

Youth and hitting (along with Cavaliers) feature the fourth all-star squad, while the two pitchers can do their job of retiring opposing batters.

Lowest average of the eight "regulars" on the mythical team is .298 carried by Virginia catcher Dan Bernstein.

Bernstein is one of five Cavaliers and one of four sophomores on the club.

Other members are: Corky Bishop, sophomore, William and Mary, first base (.314); Marshall Owen, junior, Richmond, second base (.346); Dean Pallotta, sophomore, Virginia third base (.321); Gene Fornash, sophomore, Virginia Tech, shortstop (.376).

Also, outfielders Steve Sroba, junior, Virginia (.330); Dave Bratt, senior, Virginia (.346); and Hunter Robinson, senior, William and Mary (.398). Bratt probably will win the ACC batting title.

The two pitchers are Richmond's Roger Hatcher (6-3) and an .69 earned run average) and Virginia's Dave LaCross (5-2 and 1.67). Hatcher is listed as a senior but has another year of eligibility while LaCross is a junior so Bratt and Robinson are the only players who doesn't have a chance at repeating.

Pallotta was shifted from his regular position at shortstop where he was first