

Adam Tucker ○ A Season To Remember

The Tucker Story

The story of Adam Tucker tells of a miracle, faith, and determination of a young man that never gave up.

Two weeks into the 2003 season, Tucker suffered a shoulder injury that sidelined him for the rest of the year and after a second shoulder surgery was told by doctors that he would never play baseball again.

"What the doctors forgot about was the power of prayer," said head coach Brian Shoop. "We asked God for a miracle and Dr. (James) Andrews performed a second surgery. Adam worked extremely hard with our training staff and we were all thrilled to watch his miracle season."

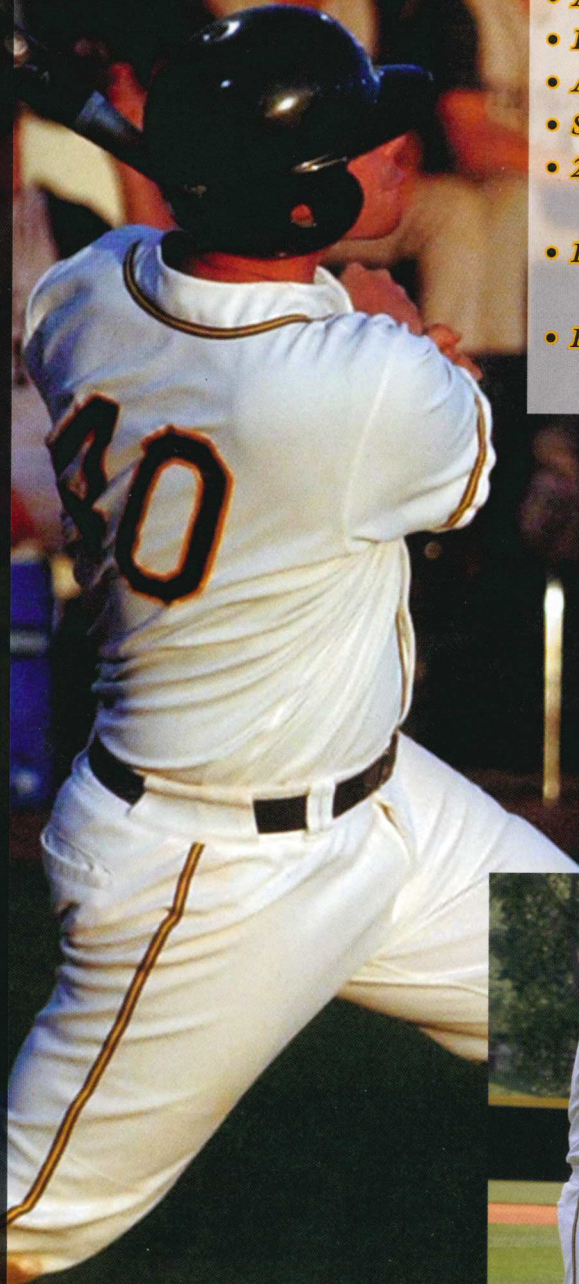
Tucker's shoulder healed and he found himself at the plate for the first time as a pinch-hitter midway through the 2004 season against Washington State, where he belted a home run in his first at bat. BSC went on to win the 2004 Big South Conference Regular Season Championship, finish runner-up in the Big South Conference Tournament and third in the NCAA Athens Regional.

The 2005 season marked his first full season in two years and it was one to remember in the minds of the BSC faithful. The Dothan, Ala., native led the Panthers in nearly every offensive category, hitting .354 with 52 runs scored, 81 hits, 11 doubles, 25 home runs, 73 RBI, 167 total bases and a .729 slugging percentage, playing and starting in all 57 games. Tucker, whose home runs set a new school record, finished as the NCAA Home Run Statistical Champion for home runs per game and was second in the nation in home runs hit behind Matt LaPorta's (Florida) 26. He led the Big South Conference in home runs and slugging percentage and ranked second in RBI, total bases and sac-flies. He ranked ninth in slugging percentage and 13th in RBI in the final NCAA stats.

He earned Second-Team All-Big South Conference, SEbaseball.com All-Big South, ABCA All-South Region, and NCBWA Second-Team All-American laurels and was named a Dick Howser Trophy Semifinalist. He earned Big South Conference Player of the Week twice and Louisville Slugger National Player of the Week once and was recognized on the College Baseball Foundation's Weekly Honor roll three times.

2005 Accomplishments

- *NCAA Home Run Champion*
- *Single Season School Record*
25 Home Runs
- *NCBWA All-American*
- *ABCA All-South Region*
- *Dick Howser Trophy Semifinalist*
- *All-Big South Conference*
- *SEbaseball.com All-Big South*
- *2-Time Big South Conference*
Player of the Week
- *Louisville Slugger*
National Player of the Week
- *Birmingham-Southern*
Co-Male Athlete of the Year



BSC Athletic Director Joe Dean, Jr., presents Adam Tucker with the Birmingham-Southern Co-Male Athlete of the Year Award.