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Hunter Scantling to Play Baseball at Florida State

November 14, 2007, Jacksonville, Florida – Episcopal senior Hunter Scantling has officially signed this morning to continue his athletic career with Florida State University's baseball team. A student at Episcopal since the sixth grade, Scantling has excelled in football, basketball and baseball, but chose to focus on baseball during his senior year.

Scantling's statistics for the 2007 season illustrate why he will continue his career at a nationally-ranked Division-I school. In 54 innings pitched, Scantling had a stellar ERA of 1.81; opposing hitters averaged just .209 against him. He was responsible for 48 strikeouts while allowing just 20 walks. Scantling also contributed at the plate: he hit for an impressive .324 batting average and drove in 14 runs, tying for third on the team.

Episcopal baseball coach Mike Jones said of Scantling, "I have had the pleasure of coaching him for the past five seasons. Hunter is not only a tremendous athlete, but even a better person. He is never without a smile on his face and always has a kind word for everyone. Hunter is a great role model to our underclassmen, and a leader on and off the athletic field." Coach Jones continues, "In my seven years at Episcopal, I have never heard a negative comment from anyone in reference to Hunter. Athletically, the sky is the limit for him, and I know that his efforts helped lead the baseball team to Episcopal's state championship in 2006. He will have a tremendous career at Florida State, and should be on track to play at the professional level after that. Hunter will be missed after he graduates, not because he is a great athlete, but because he is a great human being."

Hunter will be honored in a school-wide ceremony in February for National Signing Day, and again at the end of the year with other college-bound Episcopal athletes.

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