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FLORIDA TOPS PRESEASON NCBWA POLL

DALLAS – The National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association continues its tradition of NCAA Division I polls for the 19th year with its 2016 weekly surveys. Florida tops this year’s preseason poll after finishing No. 3 in the final 2015 rankings. It is the second time in the past five years that the Gators have held the top spot, as they ranked first to begin the 2012 season.

Florida is among nine SEC teams that are ranked in the preseason poll, more than any other league. The SEC also produced four of the top seven schools, with Vanderbilt at No. 3, Texas A&M at No. 4 and LSU at No. 7. Second-ranked Louisville leads a trio of ACC teams in the top eight, with Miami (Fla.) placing sixth and Virginia coming in at No. 8. The Pac-12 had five teams ranked in the poll, while the Big 12 had four.

The poll voters come from 42 college baseball writers and related media persons from throughout the nation. After a preseason Top 35 listing, the remainder of the polls will feature a national Top 30 beginning with the Feb. 22 NCBWA DI survey.

Previous No. 1 entries on the preseason NCBWA rankings have been LSU in the 1998, 2001 and 2009 polls, Southern California (1999), Miami (Fla.) (2000), Stanford (2002), Texas (2003, 06, 10), Rice (2004, 07), Cal State Fullerton (2005, '14), Arizona State (2008), North Carolina (2009), TCU (2011), Florida (2012), Arkansas (2013) and Vanderbilt (2015).

The current survey has representation by 11 different conferences among the 302 baseball-playing schools in the 2016 NCAA Division I ranks. The rankings of 2015 had 16 different DI conferences rated at least one week. For more information or to join the NCBWA, please go to www.ncbwa.com.

2016 Preseason NCBWA Poll

Current Ranking, School	Conference	Overall	Last Week	Previous
1 Florida	Southeastern	52-18	3	
2 Louisville	Atlantic Coast	47-18	9	
3 Vanderbilt	Southeastern	51-21	2	
4 Texas A&M	Southeastern	50-14	10	
5 Oregon State	Pacific-12	39-18	27	
6 Miami, Florida	Atlantic Coast	50-17	6	
7 LSU	Southeastern	54-12	5	
8 Virginia	Atlantic Coast	44-24	1	
9 UCLA	Pacific-12	45-16	15	
10 California	Pacific-12	36-21	24	
11 Oklahoma State	Big 12	38-20	19	
12 TCU	Big 12	51-15	4	
13 Louisiana-Lafayette	Sun Belt	42-23	16	
14 Florida State	Atlantic Coast	44-21	13	
15 Houston	American Athletic	43-20	23	
16 Cal State Fullerton	Big West	39-25	7	

17	Oregon	Pacific-12	38-25	-
18	Southern California	Pacific-12	39-21	21
19	Mississippi State	Southeastern	24-30	-
20	NC State	Atlantic Coast	36-23	-
21	North Carolina	Atlantic Coast	34-24	-
22	Arkansas	Southeastern	40-25	8
23	Coastal Carolina	Big South	39-21	-
24	South Carolina	Southeastern	32-25	-
25	Michigan	Big Ten	39-25	-
26	Rice	Conference USA	37-22	22
27	Maryland	Big Ten	42-24	14
28	Missouri State	Missouri Valley	49-12	12
29	Texas	Big 12	30-27	-
30	Oklahoma	Big 12	34-27	-
31	Dallas Baptist	Missouri Valley	46-15	18
32	Kentucky	Southeastern	30-25	-
33	Ole Miss	Southeastern	30-28	-
34	College of Charleston	Colonial	45-15	20
35	Tulane	American Athletic	35-25	-

Others receiving votes (listed alphabetically): Alabama (32-28), Arizona (31-24), Arizona State (35-23), Auburn (36-26), Columbia (34-17), Duke (31-22), East Carolina (40-22), Florida Atlantic (42-19), Georgia (26-28), Georgia Tech (32-23), Grand Canyon (32-22), Illinois (50-10), Indiana (35-24), Iowa (41-18), Long Beach State (28-26), Loyola Marymount (33-21), Missouri (30-28), Nevada (41-15), New Mexico (32-27), Notre Dame (37-23), Old Dominion (27-29), Pepperdine (32-29), Radford (45-16), San Diego (33-22), San Diego State (41-23), South Alabama (37-20), South Florida (34-26), Southeast Missouri State (36-23), Southeastern Louisiana (42-17), Southern Miss (36-18), St. John's (41-16), Stanford (24-32), Stony Brook (35-16), Texas Tech (31-24), UAB (33-25), UC Irvine (33-23), UC Santa Barbara (40-17), UNC Wilmington (41-18), VCU (40-25), Wake Forest (27-26), Winthrop (40-19), Wright State (43-17)

Dropped Out: None

By conference: Southeastern 9, Atlantic Coast 6, Pacific-12 5, Big 12 4, American Athletic 2, Big Ten 2, Missouri Valley 2, Big South 1, Big West 1, Colonial 1, Conference USA 1, Sun Belt 1