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NCBWA ANNOUNCES 2019 STOPPER OF THE YEAR PRESEASON WATCH LIST

GREENVILLE, N.C. (NCBWA) – Seventy-five players have been named to the initial Watch List for the 15th annual National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Stopper of the Year Award, given to the top relief pitcher in NCAA Division I Baseball, the association announced Monday.

Sophomores Jack Little (Stanford) and Chris Mauloni (Jacksonville) headline this year's list after being named finalists a year ago for an award that was captured by Florida's Michael Byrne. Little notched 16 saves while sporting a 0.60 ERA in 25 games in 2018, while Mauloni tied for the national lead last year (20 saves) and posting a 2.97 ERA in 29 contests – both were tabbed as first-team preseason All-Americans.

The Southeastern Conference had the most representation with 12 players finding their names on the watch list. That group is headlined by preseason All-America selection Parker Caracci (Ole Miss/second-team), who registered 10 saves with a 2.25 ERA in 27 appearances. Little and Jake Mulholland (Oregon State/first-team) led seven Pac-12 members on the list, while the Colonial Athletic Association had six hurlers including Layne Looney (Richmond/third-team) who logged eight saves in 23 games posting with a 0.60 ERA.

Fourteen players recorded double-digit saves a season ago with nine of those earning inclusion to the 2019 NCBWA Preseason All-America team. Other preseason All-America notables include Matt Cronin (Arkansas/third-team), Brandon Eisert (Oregon State/third-team), Casey Legumina (Gonzaga/second-team), Max Meyer (Minnesota/second-team), Zach Schneider (Florida Atlantic/third-team) and Dylan Thomas (Hawaii/second-team).

In total, 26 conferences are represented on this list with at least two players coming from 17 different leagues.

Texas hurler J. Brent Cox won the inaugural Stopper of the Year Award in 2005, with Don Czyn of Kansas claiming the honor in 2006 and Luke Pihoda of Sam Houston State winning it in 2007. Georgia's Joshua Fields topped the field in 2008, San Diego State's Addison Reed grabbed the honor in 2009 and Texas' Chance Ruffin earned the honor in 2010. The Longhorns' Corey Knebel won in 2011, with Southeastern Louisiana's Stefan Lopez picking up the honor in 2012. UCLA's David Berg was crowned the winner in 2013, Louisville's Nick Burdi took home the 2014 honor and Berg became the award's first two-time winner in 2015. Miami (Fla.)'s Bryan Garcia was honored as the 2016 recipient followed the Cardinal's Lincoln Henzman in 2017 and Byrne last year.

The NCBWA, founded in 1962, presents the Dick Howser Trophy to the nation's top player. It also selects All-America Teams for all Divisions, a Division I Freshman All-American team, Division I, II and III Players of the Week and Division I, II and III Players of the Year.

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2019 NCBWA Preseason Stopper of the Year Watch List

RELIEF PITCHERS (75)

Player	School	Class	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Andrew Abbott	Virginia	So.	3.18	3-4	24	1	0	6	51.0	42	21	18	16	78
Cody Allen	UIW	Sr.	3.28	2-5	21	0	0	5	46.2	39	20	17	12	48
Brett Ayer	James Madison	r-Jr.	0.45	2-2	13	0	0	1	20.0	8	4	1	13	31
John Barr	New Orleans	Sr.	2.04	6-3	30	0	0	0	66.1	48	24	15	25	68
Fineas Bonta-Smith	San Jose St.	Sr.	3.99	5-3	21	2	0	5	47.1	48	24	21	22	54
Kyle Brennan	Belmont	So.	2.83	3-3	28	0	0	2	47.2	51	27	15	17	38
Saywer Bridges	South Carolina	Jr.	1.35	2-1	21	0	0	5	33.1	27	7	5	9	25
Jordan Buster	The Citadel	Gr.	4.43	4-4	23	0	0	3	40.2	35	23	20	27	59
Parker Caracci-2	Ole Miss	r-Jr.	2.25	5-2	27	0	0	10	48.0	38	16	12	14	73
Matt Cronin-3	Arkansas	Jr.	3.54	2-2	25	0	0	14	48.1	25	19	19	14	59
Matt Eardensohn	Coastal Carolina	Sr.	2.18	7-0	20	1	0	6	57.2	38	16	14	14	51
Christian Edwards	Jacksonville State	So.	1.91	3-1	19	0	0	3	33.0	11	9	7	19	55
Brandon Eisert-3	Oregon State	Jr.	2.53	5-3	27	0	0	5	57.0	44	19	16	12	52
Ryan Erickson	Lamar	Sr.	1.66	3-1	25	0	0	4	48.2	29	13	9	15	60
Braidyn Fink	Oklahoma	Jr.	1.71	0-0	28	0	0	1	21.0	15	4	4	9	28
Will Frank	Canisius	Jr.	3.02	4-1	23	0	0	3	41.2	26	16	14	20	48
James Giambalvo	ETSU	Sr.	3.38	3-3	23	0	0	6	37.1	36	20	14	14	38
Jackson Gillis	Vanderbilt	Jr.	4.81	4-1	20	1	0	1	33.2	33	19	18	17	44
Cole Gordon	Mississippi State	Gr.	4.26	4-3	30	1	0	4	61.1	51	29	29	32	68
Tyler Grauer	Indiana State	Jr.	3.91	3-0	21	0	0	3	25.1	28	14	11	7	20
Zach Greene	South Alabama	Sr.	3.79	2-4	23	2	0	5	57.0	53	28	24	13	80
Cody Greenhill	Auburn	So.	2.30	6-3	21	0	0	5	58.2	53	17	15	19	55
Carter Henry	Houston	Sr.	2.09	5-1	28	0	0	6	47.1	36	16	11	23	51
Kyle Hill	Baylor	Sr.	2.62	4-1	25	3	0	1	55.0	36	20	16	32	47
Gavin Hollowell	St. John's	Jr.	2.16	3-0	25	0	0	5	33.1	15	8	8	10	34
Sam Kessler	West Virginia	Jr.	2.86	4-0	25	0	0	4	28.1	25	17	9	12	32
Zach King	Vanderbilt	Jr.	3.46	1-4	21	3	0	3	52.0	45	22	20	21	51
Kent Klyman	NC State	Jr.	2.34	8-2	31	0	0	4	61.2	46	22	16	25	67
Joe LaSorsa	St. John's	Jr.	2.09	4-0	26	0	0	7	51.2	51	17	12	12	36
Cody LeCompte	TAMU-CC	Sr.	2.55	2-2	20	1	0	2	35.1	22	14	10	19	29
Casey Legumina-2	Gonzaga	Jr.	2.77	3-3	26	0	0	13	48.2	45	16	15	7	52
Zach Linginfelter	Tennessee	Jr.	3.93	3-4	18	4	0	2	55.0	45	28	24	38	71
* Jack Little-1	Stanford	Jr.	0.60	3-0	25	0	0	16	45.1	26	5	3	8	58
Layne Looney-3	Richmond	Sr.	0.60	1-0	23	0	0	8	30.0	19	5	2	13	51
Connor Lunn	USC	Jr.	2.97	2-2	22	0	0	8	30.1	26	11	10	9	32
Grey Lyttle	High Point	So.	3.55	2-0	17	1	0	2	38.0	36	16	15	16	45
Reeves Martin	New Orleans	Jr.	3.40	2-5	28	4	0	9	47.2	45	20	18	15	55
John Matthews	Kent State	Jr.	2.51	1-1	22	1	0	3	28.2	18	9	8	13	37
* Chris Mauloni-1	Jacksonville	So.	2.97	3-2	29	0	0	20	33.1	27	11	11	12	48
Max Meyer-2	Minnesota	So.	2.06	2-3	26	0	0	16	43.2	25	13	10	13	54
Andrew Misiaszek	Northeastern	Sr.	2.70	2-2	29	0	0	12	56.2	48	21	17	13	64
Nikoh Mitchell	Fresno State	So.	3.28	4-3	24	7	0	1	57.2	40	23	21	29	53
Jake Mulholland-1	Oregon State	Jr.	2.20	2-2	31	0	0	16	45.0	30	12	11	11	42
Ryne Nelson	Oregon	Jr.	3.86	3-1	16	0	0	4	23.1	21	11	10	14	37
Caden O'Brien	North Carolina	So.	2.63	7-0	30	2	0	0	48.0	30	17	14	27	52
Aaron Ochsenbein	Eastern Kentucky	r-Sr.	4.70	2-2	25	4	0	9	51.2	50	33	27	25	71
Nathan Ocker	College of Charleston	Sr.	2.03	2-4	21	0	0	10	44.1	25	10	10	7	56
Cam Opp	Army	Sr.	2.66	5-2	25	6	0	4	61.0	48	29	18	25	72
Seth Owens	Charleston Southern	Jr.	2.93	0-1	29	0	0	0	27.2	31	11	9	14	22
Jacob Palisch	Stanford	So.	1.72	4-1	26	0	0	4	47.0	33	11	9	12	36
Todd Peterson	LSU	Jr.	4.40	1-2	24	3	0	6	47.0	48	24	23	11	38
Holden Powell	UCLA	So.	3.51	2-1	29	0	0	6	33.1	28	14	13	8	22
% Spencer Price	Mississippi State	r-Jr.	2.91	4-1	31	0	0	14	34.0	24	13	11	19	40
Austin Roberts	Sacramento St.	Jr.	1.83	4-2	29	1	0	2	54.0	37	14	11	13	55
Nick Robertson	James Madison	r-So.	1.96	0-1	15	1	0	3	23.0	16	5	5	13	33
Henry Ryan	UNCW	Jr.	1.11	3-0	17	0	0	0	24.1	12	4	3	11	23
Zach Schneider-3	Florida Atlantic	Sr.	2.61	7-1	24	1	0	15	31.0	30	13	9	14	21
Brian Schrimmer	Bradley	Sr.	1.33	1-0	18	0	0	2	20.1	7	6	3	18	31
Aaron Schunk	Georgia	Jr.	3.00	2-2	20	0	0	8	30.0	25	10	10	5	31
Connor Sechler	Missouri State	So.	2.98	7-1	32	0	0	8	54.1	41	18	18	22	59
Chase Smith	Pitt	So.	3.16	1-1	22	0	0	1	31.1	21	15	11	19	20
Shane Smith	Miami (Ohio)	Sr.	2.77	4-2	18	1	0	3	48.2	44	17	15	17	36
Nick Spear	Mercer	Sr.	3.52	2-2	32	0	0	5	38.1	29	18	15	31	60
Carson Spiers	Clemson	Jr.	2.08	2-2	29	0	0	4	43.1	22	10	10	19	39
Colton Springs	Presbyterian	Sr.	3.34	2-3	15	4	0	2	29.2	15	13	11	27	44

Dean Stramara	Towson	Sr.	3.94	2-1	21	4	0	1	59.1	71	32	26	18	48
Aaron Stretch	SE Missouri State	Sr.	4.15	2-2	25	0	0	4	39.0	32	20	18	24	30
T.J. Stuart	Manhattan	Jr.	2.57	6-2	25	2	0	10	63.0	38	20	18	50	27
Dylan Thomas-2	Hawai'i	r-Jr.	1.85	3-2	26	0	0	14	39.0	27	8	8	4	43
Corey Treyes	Coppin State	Jr.	4.05	3-1	18	0	0	8	33.1	30	19	15	13	32
Trey Vickery	FGCU	Jr.	2.21	2-0	20	0	0	1	20.1	15	5	5	9	18
Chase Wallace	Tennessee	Jr.	2.86	1-1	16	0	0	3	28.1	17	14	9	20	16
Jacob Wallace	UConn	Jr.	3.95	1-0	28	0	0	3	43.1	37	24	19	21	63
Brock Whittlesey	New Mexico State	Sr.	2.95	3-5	28	3	0	12	61.0	66	20	20	22	60
Jack Zimmerman	Kent State	So.	2.25	0-1	19	0	0	0	16.0	6	4	4	14	24

* = 2018 Stopper of the Year Finalist

% = 2017 Stats (injured in 2018)

(1) = Preseason NCBWA All-America First-Team

(2) = Preseason NCBWA All-America Second-Team

(3) = Preseason NCBWA All-America Third-Team