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NCBWA DENOTES 20th ANNUAL 2020 NCAA DIVISION I PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA TEAMS

DALLAS – Graced by 20-plus standouts from the NCAA World Series, NCAA Regionals and conference championship squads, the 19th annual National Collegiate Baseball Writers preseason All-America teams represent the literal cream of the NCAA Division I crop prior to the start of the 162nd season of intercollegiate baseball.

Defending NCAA champ Vanderbilt sports three first teamers and one second team selection on this “dream” team. 2019 NCAA World Series Most Outstanding Player Kumar Rocker (12-5 overall, 114 strikeouts in 99-plus innings) of Vandy heads this foursome along with fellow first teamers starting pitcher Mason Hickman 9-0. 2.05 ERA) and relief pitcher Tyler Brown (3-1, 2.19 ERA, 17 saves). Second team choice for the Commodores is third baseman Austin Martin (.392-10 home runs-46 RBI, 105 hits to lead all standouts).

Defending NCAA runnerup Michigan also had solid representation on the three groups with first team outfielder Jordan Nwogu (.321- 12 HR- 46 RBI), second team outfielder Jesse Franklin (.262-13 HR-55 RBI) and starting pitcher Jeff Criswell (7-1, 2.72 ERA, 116 strikeouts) and third team reliever Willie Weiss (2-2, 2.97 ERA, nine saves).

The top unit features such power hitters as first baseman Spencer Torkelson of Arizona State with 23 home runs, outfielder Heston Kjerstad of Arkansas with 17 round-trippers and outfielder Chris Lanzilli of Wake Forest with 16 dingers. The first team starting pitchers were a composite 61-17 on the hill in 2019 while the four relief hurlers notched 65 saves – topped by Illinois bullpen ace Garrett Acton with 19.

There are 20 different conferences are represented along with 12 conference championships teams, 23 NCAA Regional squads, and 12 individuals who were their conference players or pitchers of the year in '19.

One of the most versatile stars on the first unit is East Carolina’s utility standout Alec Burtleson with a .370 batting average, nine home runs, 61 RBI, a 6-2 pitching record 68 strikeouts in 60-plus innings, five saves, and a 3.28 earned run average as a first team All-American Athletic Conference choice last spring.

The 2020 NCBWA first team pitching staff besides Rocker (son of NFF College Hall of Fame defensive lineman and Outland Trophy recipient Tracy Rocker of Auburn) and Hickman are top wins’ total starter All-Atlantic Coast Conference Reid Detmers of Louisville (13-4, 2.78 ERA, 167 whiffs in 113-plus innings), All-Southeastern Conference moundmen Asa Lacey (8-4, 2.13 ERA, 130 strikeouts in just under 89 innings) of Texas A&M and Emerson Hancock (8-3, 1.99 ERA, 07 strikeouts in 90-plus innings) and All-Western Athletic Conference Grand Canyon stalwart Kade Mechals with a 11-1 record, 2.16 ERA and 100 strikeouts in nearly 92 innings. Along with Acton and Brown, relief stars Gonzaga’s Alek Jacob and UCLA’s Holden Powell on the first team combined for 29 saves.

Top squad designated hitter All-Pac-12 Conference slugger Matthew Dyer of Arizona logged a .393 batting average – tops among the top 11 position players and DH.

Previous NCBWA All-America teams from 1996-2019 also have featured the likes of 3B Kris Bryant of San Diego, P Stephen Strasburg of San Diego State, 1B Mark Teixeira of Georgia Tech, RHP Mark Prior of USC, SS-2B Rickie Weeks of Southern

U., 3B Alex Gordon of Nebraska, P David Price of Vanderbilt, C Buster Posey of Florida State, catcher Mike Zunino of Florida, OF Andrew Benintendi of Arkansas, and 1B-P Brendan McKay (2017 Dick Howser Trophy) of Louisville, among others.

Founded in 1962, the NCBWA is dedicated to the advancement of college baseball. Membership is open to writers, broadcasters and publicists of the sport. For more information about the NCBWA, visit the association's official website www.ncbwa.com. The preseason All-America squads are considered the first step toward the eventual selection of the 2020 Dick Howser Trophy presented by the Game Headwear and voted upon for 23 seasons by members of the NCBWA.

2020 NCBWA Division I Preseason All-America Team

FIRST TEAM (2019 Statistics)

Pos.	Name, School, Class	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	2B-3B-HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB/SBA
C	Adrian Del Castillo, Miami (Fla.), So.	.331	61	236	58	78	22-0-12	72	32	24	3/3
1B	Spencer Torkelson, Arizona State, Jr.	.351	57	242	69	85	17-0-23	66	41	45	1/3
2B	Justin Foscoe, Mississippi State, Jr.	.331	67	275	66	91	22-0-14	60	30	32	2/4
SS	Casey Martin, Arkansas, Jr.	.286	66	283	67	81	21-4-15	57	30	79	10/12
3B	Alex Binelas, Louisville, So.	.291	59	206	54	60	14-5-14	59	27	48	3/3
OF	Heston Kjerstad, Arkansas, Jr.	.327	65	266	53	87	13-1-17	51	21	65	5/5
OF	Chris Lanzilli, Wake Forest, Jr.	.347	57	245	59	85	19-0-16	67	23	53	3/4
OF	Garrett Mitchell, UCLA, Jr.	.349	62	258	57	90	14-12-6	41	27	41	18/22
OF	Jordan Nwogu, Michigan, Jr.	.321	64	246	58	79	14-4-12	46	44	51	16/18
DH	Matthew Dyer, Arizona, Jr.	.393	42	168	46	66	10-4-4	28	22	28	5/8
UT	Alec Burleson, East Carolina, Jr.	.370	63	246	38	91	23-0-9	61	14	24	3/4

3.28 ERA, 6-2, 24GP, 9GS, 0CG, 5SV, 60.1IP, 56H, 22R, 22ER, 26BB, 68K, .246 OppBA

Pos.	Name School, Year	W-L	ERA	APP	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	OPP BA
SP	Reid Detmers, Louisville, Jr.	13-4	2.78	19	18	0	0/4	0	113.1	71	35	35	33	167	.177
SP	Mason Hickman, Vanderbilt, Jr.	9-0	2.05	20	13	0	0/1	3	96.2	64	24	22	28	129	.182
SP	Asa Lacy, Texas A&M, Jr.	8-4	2.13	15	15	2	1/2	0	88.2	49	23	21	43	130	.162
SP	Kumar Rocker, Vanderbilt, So.	12-5	3.25	19	16	1	1/0	0	99.2	88	40	36	21	114	.233
SP	Kade Mechals, Grand Canyon, Sr.	11-1	2.16	16	15	0	0/5	0	91.2	64	24	22	35	100	.193
SP	Emerson Hancock, Georgia, Jr.	8-3	1.99	14	14	1	0/2	0	90.1	58	21	20	18	97	.185
RP	Garrett Acton, Illinois, Sr.	2-3	2.13	30	0	0	0/1	19	33.0	13	11	8	18	34	.127
RP	Tyler Brown, Vanderbilt, Jr.	3-1	2.19	31	0	0	0/3	17	49.1	35	13	12	9	65	.193
RP	Alek Jacob, Gonzaga, Jr.	7-3	2.17	25	4	0	0/2	12	78.2	45	23	19	31	87	.200
RP	Holden Powell, UCLA, Jr.	4-3	1.84	40	0	0	0/6	17	49.0	19	12	10	27	65	.121

SECOND TEAM

Pos.	Name, School, Class	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	2B-3B-HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB/SBA
C	Patrick Bailey, NC State, Jr.	.288	60	236	50	68	17-3-10	46	41	43	1/1
1B	Tristan Peterson, New Mexico State, Sr.	.400	53	195	69	78	10-1-20	90	38	47	0/1
1B	Aaron Sabato, North Carolina, So.	.343	64	230	47	79	25-1-18	63	39	56	0/1
2B	Nick Gonzales, New Mexico State, Jr.	.432	55	220	80	95	19-4-16	80	45	30	7/10
SS	Parker Upton, Creighton, Sr.	.324	51	179	65	58	14-3-10	34	39	57	9/13
3B	Austin Martin, Vanderbilt, Jr.	.392	65	268	87	105	19-4-10	46	40	34	18/23
OF	Ethan Wilson, South Alabama, So.	.345	56	220	59	76	16-4-17	51	36	45	6/10
OF	Daniel Cabrera, LSU, Jr.	.284	59	225	40	64	12-2-12	50	24	54	1/1
OF	Alerick Soularie, Tennessee, Jr.	.357	60	196	52	70	13-1-11	46	37	39	8/9
OF	Jesse Franklin, Michigan, Jr.	.262	68	260	61	68	15-1-13	55	51	54	4/4
OF	Hudson Haskin, Tulane, So.	.372	56	207	54	77	19-4-10	52	26	29	4/5
DH	Shane Muntz, Wake Forest, Jr.	.313	45	144	38	45	6-2-14	40	41	53	0/1
UT	Davis Sharpe, Clemson, So.	.264	38	129	22	34	4-0-3	18	19	35	4/5

3.20ERA, 7-4, 15GP, 14GS, 0CG, 0SV, 84.1IP, 61H, 36R, 30ER, 33BB, 84K, .205 OppBA

Pos.	Name School	W-L	ERA	APP	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	B/Avg.
SP	CJ Van Eyk, Florida State, Jr.	10-4	3.81	18	18	0	0/1	0	99.1	89	46	42	41	129	.234
SP	Trenton Denholm, UC Irvine, Jr.	9-4	1.81	15	14	4	1/4	0	99.2	61	21	20	20	93	.178
SP	Jeff Criswell, Michigan, Jr.	7-1	2.72	22	17	0	0/1	3	106.0	88	40	32	50	116	.232
SP	Seth Lonsway, Ohio State, r-So.	8-4	3.70	17	17	1	1/1	0	92.1	74	47	38	59	126	.214
SP	John Stankiewicz, Fordham, Jr.	8-4	1.47	17	13	1	0/1	0	92.0	62	21	15	20	102	.190
SP	Brian Van Belle, Miami, r-Sr.	10-2	3.30	16	16	0	0/0	0	95.1	91	41	35	24	84	.247
RP	Redmond Walsh, Tennessee, r-Jr.	2-2	1.38	27	0	0	0/3	9	45.2	38	8	7	13	48	.232
RP	Cody Greenhill, Auburn, Jr.	2-3	3.45	28	0	0	1/2	12	57.1	53	27	22	18	44	.218
RP	Grant Leonard, Iowa, Sr.	2-3	3.37	28	0	0	0/1	14	34.2	38	13	13	9	37	.275
RP	Jason Ruffcorn, Oklahoma, Sr.	2-2	2.43	30	0	0	0/2	11	37.0	30	11	10	13	28	.226
RP	Nick Wohlbold, UT Martin, Jr.	0-2	3.03	24	0	0	0/3	13	35.2	33	15	12	12	44	.244

THIRD TEAM

Pos.	Name, School, Class	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	2B-3B-HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB/SBA
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C	Hunter Goodman, Memphis, So.	.326	55	239	51	78	16-2-13	67	9	55	11/12
C	Austin Wells, Arizona, So.	.353	56	221	73	78	15-7-5	60	46	43	6/6
1B	Bobby Seymour, Wake Forest, Jr.	.377	57	236	51	89	20-0-9	92	26	44	3/3
2B	Brian Klein, Texas Tech, Sr.	.315	66	257	54	81	19-2-3	57	45	44	0/2
SS	Jimmy Glowenke, Dallas Baptist, Jr.	.328	63	244	53	80	16-0-6	43	31	45	2/2
SS	Trei Cruz, Rice, Jr.	.305	58	233	50	71	11-6-9	44	35	54	6/8
3B	Justice Bigbie, Western Carolina, Jr.	.355	53	211	53	75	11-0-12	51	29	43	3/5
OF	Tanner Allen, Mississippi State, Jr.	.349	67	275	56	96	23-1-7	66	34	37	1/2
OF	Colton Cowser, Sam Houston State, So.	.361	56	216	50	78	17-7-7	54	26	29	9/9
OF	Trevor Hauver, Arizona State, Jr.	.339	57	242	60	82	16-1-13	50	39	53	0/4
OF	Randy Bednar, Maryland, Jr.	.288	58	243	48	70	19-2-12	55	29	54	12/15
OF	Tyler Gentry, Alabama, Jr.	.310	56	210	37	65	12-0-13	42	19	51	7/12
DH	Robby Martin, Florida State, So.	.315	63	216	34	68	17-0-4	54	31	55	2/3
UT	Max Meyer, Minnesota, Jr.	.256	35	121	15	31	4-0-1	12	9	28	2/2

2.11ERA, 5-3, 16APP, 11GS, 0CG, 2SV, 76.2IP, 58H, 21R, 18ER, 20BB, 87K, .202OppBA

Pos.	Name School	W-L	ERA	APP	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	B/Avg.
SP	Bryce Jarvis, Duke, Jr.	5-2	3.81	19	11	0	0/2	1	75.2	70	38	32	37	94	.239
SP	JT Ginn, Mississippi State, So.	8-4	3.13	17	17	1	0/0	0	86.1	72	35	30	19	105	.220
SP	Cole Henry, LSU, So.	4-2	3.39	14	11	0	0/0	0	58.1	50	25	22	18	72	.226
SP	Chance Hroch, New Mexico State, Sr.	10-1	2.74	15	15	2	2/0	0	85.1	82	47	26	30	69	.245
SP	Hayes Heinecke, Wofford, So.	10-2	2.65	16	15	1	1/0	0	88.1	82	35	26	15	84	.241
SP	Doug Nikhazy, Ole Miss, So.	9-3	3.31	20	14	0	0/2	1	89.2	78	34	33	33	86	.237
RP	Burl Carraway, Dallas Baptist, Jr.	4-2	2.81	28	1	0	0/1	6	41.2	29	15	13	22	72	.195
RP	Willie Weiss, Michigan, So.	2-2	2.97	27	0	0	0/1	9	39.1	25	15	13	32	50	.180
RP	Thomas Girard, Duke, Jr.	1-5	2.33	28	0	0	0/4	9	46.1	28	12	12	18	61	.176
RP	Reid McLaughlin, BYU, So.	7-1	2.61	25	0	0	0/2	4	51.2	46	16	15	11	46	.245
RP	Carson Spiers, Clemson, Sr.	2-5	3.59	30	0	0	0/0	11	47.2	39	22	19	16	44	.220

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