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VANDERBILT TOPS 2020 NCBWA DIVISION I PRESEASON POLL

DALLAS – The National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association continues its tradition of NCAA Division I polls for the 23rd year with its 2020 weekly surveys and Vanderbilt tops preseason poll for 2020, followed by Louisville at No. 2 and Texas Tech at No. 3.

Vanderbilt is the preseason favorite for the second-straight season, and previously was the preseason No. 1 pick in 2015. The Commodores return a talented squad as they look to defend their 2019 NCAA College World Series title.

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, 17), Florida (2012, 18), Arkansas (2013), and Vanderbilt (2015, 19).

Louisville was selected second as they bring to the table a talented squad in 2020, followed by Texas Tech at No. 3 for the second-straight season. The Red Raiders finished the 2019 season by advancing to the College World Series for the fourth time in six years.

Georgia comes in a No. 4 while Miami rounds out the top five.

Overall, there are six SEC schools in the top 10, followed by two ACC schools and one Big 12 and Pac-12 program apiece.

Miami is the biggest mover in the poll, going from No. 24 in the final poll of 2019 to preseason No. 5. Both Arizona State and Florida move into the top 10 at No. 7 and No. 8, respectively, after just receiving votes in the 2019 poll.

Wake Forest and Oklahoma jump into the top 25 at No. 23 and No. 24, respectively, after not being represented in the final poll of 2019.

The 2020 poll voters come from among 35 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. 17 NCBWA DI survey.

The current survey has representation by 10 different conferences among the 295 baseball-playing schools in the 2019 NCAA Division I ranks. For more information or to join the NCBWA, please go to www.ncbwa.com.

2020 Feb. 3 NCBWA Poll

Current Ranking	School	Conference	Record	Final 2019 Rank
1.	Vanderbilt	SEC	0-0	1
2.	Louisville	ACC	0-0	3
3.	Texas Tech	Big 12	0-0	4
4.	Georgia	SEC	0-0	16
5.	Miami (FL)	ACC	0-0	24
6.	Arkansas	SEC	0-0	7
7.	Arizona State	Pac-12	0-0	RV
8.	Florida	SEC	0-0	RV
9.	Mississippi State	SEC	0-0	5
10.	Auburn	SEC	0-0	8
11.	UCLA	Pac-12	0-0	9
12.	Michigan	Big Ten	0-0	2
13.	LSU	SEC	0-0	15
14.	Florida State	ACC	0-0	6
15.	Duke	ACC	0-0	17

16.	Stanford	Pac-12	0-0	10
17.	NC State	ACC	0-0	29
18.	Oklahoma State	Big 12	0-0	11
19.	North Carolina	ACC	0-0	14
20.	East Carolina	American Athletic	0-0	13
21.	Texas A&M	SEC	0-0	20
22.	Georgia Tech	ACC	0-0	18
23.	Wake Forest	ACC	0-0	NR
24.	Oklahoma	Big 12	0-0	NR
25.	Ole Miss	SEC	0-0	12
26.	Arizona	Pac-12	0-0	NR
27.	Dallas Baptist	Missouri Valley	0-0	28
28.	TCU	Big 12	0-0	RV
29.	Oregon State	Pac-12	0-0	21
30.	Texas	Big 12	0-0	NR
31.	Southern Miss	Conference USA	0-0	RV
32.	Ohio State	Big Ten	0-0	NR
33.	Miami (Ohio)	Mid-American	0-0	NR
34.	UC Santa Barbara	Big West	0-0	22
35.	West Virginia	Big 12	0-0	19

Also receiving votes: Alabama (0-0), Baylor (0-0), BYU (0-0), Cal State Fullerton (0-0), Clemson (0-0), Coastal Carolina (0-0), Connecticut (0-0), Creighton (0-0), Florida Atlantic (0-0), Fresno State (0-0), Hawaii (0-0), Indiana (0-0), Indiana State (0-0), Lafayette (0-0), Louisiana (0-0), Minnesota (0-0), New Mexico State (0-0), North Carolina A&T (0-0), Old Dominion (0-0), Sam Houston State (0-0), San Diego State (0-0), South Alabama (0-0), Southern (0-0), Tennessee (0-0), UC Irvine (0-0), Virginia (0-0), Washington (0-0),

Dropped out: N/A

Choices by Conference: SEC 9, ACC 8, Big 12 6, Pac-12 5, American Athletic 1, Big Ten 2, Big West 1, Conference USA 1, Mid-American 1, Missouri Valley 1

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