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2021 NCBWA ALL-AMERICA FEATURES FIVE HOWSER TROPHY FINALISTS, DIVISION I'S MOST OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

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DALLAS – Paced by the five finalists for the 2021 Dick Howser Trophy presented by The Game Headwear, the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association 23rd Division I All-America baseball squads (first, second and third teams) features a true Who's Who of the best in college baseball this spring.

Standouts from 47 different schools and 19 conferences join Howser Trophy finalists Jace Jung of Texas Tech, Kevin Kopps of Arkansas, Jack Leiter and Kumar Rocker of Vanderbilt, and Matheu Nelson of Florida State – all first-team selections – on this dream team of collegiate diamondmen.

Among some of the conference players of the year are FSU's Nelson of the Atlantic Coast Conference, Arkansas' Kopps (SEC Pitcher of the Year and Collegiate Baseball magazine Player of the Year), Big 12 Conference Freshman of the Year Jung, and probable consensus All-America righthanders Leiter and Rocker.

Nelson is tied with South Carolina's Wes Clarke prior to the NCAA World Series June 19-29/30 in Omaha, Nebraska, for the national lead in home runs with 23. Kopps tops all Division I hurlers with a 0.90 earned run average, and Leiter and Rocker enter Vandy's trek to the World Series Nos. 1 and 2 nationally in strikeouts with 156 and 155, respectively. Jung, the 2021 NCBWA Freshman Hitter of the Year, also led the Big 12 in home runs with 21 for Tech's Super Regional entry.

Fans and media will have a chance to see many of these All-America choices in the World Series at TD Ameritrade Park in Omaha. Southeastern Conference Player of the Year Tanner Allen of Mississippi State nailed down a first team outfield slot for his Omaha-bound Bulldogs while teammate and relief ace Landon Sims of the Bulldogs joined him on the top unit.

Outfielder Jonny Butler (second team) of NC State, which upended No. 1 seed Arkansas to make it to the CWS, Big 12 Conference Pitcher of the Year Ty Madden of Texas (making a NCAA-record 37th trip to Omaha), pitcher Blake Bales of Virginia, and pitcher Zach Grech of Stanford all paced their teams to berths in the Final Eight of Division I baseball. NCBWA national Freshman Pitcher of the Year and the Co-National Freshman of the Year by Collegiate Baseball Andrew Taylor of Central Michigan also was a first-team honoree.

The U.S. service academies also are represented on the first team by Air Force's Mountain West Conference Freshman of the Year and Collegiate Baseball's Co-National Freshman of the Year utility player Paul Skenes with a .410 batting average, 11 home runs and 11 saves in relief.

This group sports some of the most impressive pitching in the 23-year history of NCBWA All-America selections. The starting pitching first teamers are a composite 65-13 (combined .833 winning percentage) with 10-plus strikeouts per nine innings pitched. The first unit relief staff has a combined 21-5 mound record and 68 saves.

The second team is equally impressive with starting pitchers logging a total of 65s against just 16 losses and a relief corps with a composite record of 16-12 in 133 appearances with 46 total saves.

The 2021 All-America team announcement precedes the presentation of the 34th Dick Howser Trophy presented by The Game Headwear. The winner will be announced on Friday, June 18, first on MLB Network and then at a national news conference via Zoom call at a time to be determined just prior to the 74th NCAA College World Series at TD Ameritrade Park in Omaha, Nebraska. The announcement of the NCBWA 2021 Stopper of the Year and National Coach of the Year also will take place on Friday via online national release.

NCBWA membership includes writers, broadcasters and publicists. Designed to promote and publicize college baseball, it is the sport's only college media-related organization, founded in 1962.

The Howser Trophy was created in 1987, shortly after Howser's death. Previous winners of the Howser Trophy are Mike Fiore, Miami, 1987; Robin Ventura, Oklahoma State, 1988; Scott Bryant, Texas, 1989; Alex Fernandez, Miami-Dade Community College South, 1990; Frank Rodriguez, Howard College (Texas), 1991; Brooks Kieschnick, Texas, 1992 and 1993; Jason Varitek, Georgia Tech, 1994; Todd Helton, Tennessee, 1995; Kris Benson, Clemson, 1996; J.D. Drew, Florida State, 1997; Eddy Furniss, LSU, 1998; Jason Jennings, Baylor, 1999; Mark Teixeira, Georgia Tech, 2000; Mark Prior, Southern California, 2001; Khalil Greene, Clemson, 2002; Rickey Weeks, Southern, 2003; Jered Weaver, Long Beach State, 2004; Alex Gordon, Nebraska, 2005; Brad Lincoln, Houston, 2006; David Price, Vanderbilt, 2007; Buster Posey, Florida State, 2008; Stephen Strasburg, San Diego State, 2009; Anthony Rendon, Rice, 2010; Taylor Jungmann, Texas, 2011; Mike Zunino, Florida, 2012 and Kris Bryant, San Diego, 2013; A.J. Reed, Kentucky, 2014; Andrew Benintendi, Arkansas, 2015; Seth Beer, Clemson, 2016; and Brendan McKay, Louisville, 2017; Brady Singer, Florida, 2018; Adley Rutschman, Oregon State, 2019.

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2021 NCBWA Division I All-America Team

FIRST TEAM (Statistics Through June 15)

Pos.	Name, School, Class	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	2B-3B-HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB/SBA
C	Matheu Nelson, Florida State, r-So.*	.330	53	194	50	64	17-0-23	66	31	58	4/6
1B	Tyler Hardman, Oklahoma, r-Jr.	.397	55	224	49	89	19-2-12	49	34	59	3/5
2B	Jace Jung, Texas Tech, Fr.*	.337	56	208	55	70	10-1-21	67	49	45	4/6
SS	Ryan Bliss, Auburn, Jr.	.365	50	211	50	77	14-1-15	45	23	30	6/11
3B	Christian Encarnacion-Strand, Oklahoma State, So.#	.361	56	227	47	82	17-3-15	66	20	50	4/6
OF	Tanner Allen, Mississippi State, Jr.*	.392	60	232	64	91	15-5-10	62	22	30	9/12
OF	Enrique Bradfield Jr., Vanderbilt, Fr.#	.356	60	216	57	77	8-3-1	36	42	36	46/52
OF	Mason McWhorter, Georgia Southern, r-Sr.*	.372	57	226	50	84	16-1-18	52	27	51	3/4
OF	Aaron Zavala, Oregon, So.*	.392	55	199	64	78	14-3-9	38	50	31	11/13
OF	Kyler Fedko, Connecticut, So.*	.398	52	196	57	78	14-2-12	53	28	37	7/11
DH	Jacob Berry, Arizona, Fr.	.359	61	237	53	85	18-5-17	70	33	54	2/4
UT	Paul Skenes, Air Force, Fr.*	.410	48	188	49	77	21-0-11	43	22	45	0/3

1-1, 2.70 ERA, 18APP, 0GS, 0CG, 0/1SHO, 11SV, 216.2IP, 20H, 10R, 8ER, 9BB, 30K, .208OPPBA

Pos.	Name School	W-L	ERA	APP	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	OPP BA
SP	Jack Leiter, Vanderbilt, So.	10-3	2.16	16	16	1	1/1	0	96.0	41	27	23	41	156	.127
SP	Kumar Rocker, Vanderbilt, Jr.	13-3	2.46	17	17	1	0/4	0	106.0	59	32	29	36	155	.157
SP	Gavin Williams, East Carolina, Jr. ^	10-1	1.88	15	12	1	1/3	1	81.1	57	18	17	21	130	.193
SP	Doug Nihazay, Ole Miss, Jr.	12-2	2.45	16	15	1	1/2	0	92.0	62	30	25	31	142	.186
SP	Andrew Taylor, Central Michigan, r-Fr. ^#	11-4	1.81	15	15	5	2/2	0	94.1	64	21	19	24	125	.189
SP	Matt Mikulski, Fordham, Sr. ^	9-0	1.45	11	11	5	2/1	0	68.1	29	11	11	27	124	.127
RP	Nick Jones, Georgia Southern, Sr.	1-0	1.48	29	0	0	0	17	42.2	34	8	7	5	67	.213
RP	Taylor Broadway, Ole Miss, Sr.	4-3	3.44	30	1	0	0/4	16	49.2	46	20	19	9	66	.242
RP	Kevin Kopps, Arkansas, r-Sr. ^	12-1	0.90	33	1	0	0/3	11	89.2	50	9	9	18	131	.162
RP	Carson Palmquist, Miami, Fr.	1-1	0.68	25	0	0	0	14	44.2	22	11	11	8	75	.143
RP	Landon Sims, Mississippi State, So.	3-0	1.28	20	0	0	0/3	10	42.1	22	6	6	13	81	.149

SECOND TEAM

Pos.	Name, School, Class	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	2B-3B-HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB/SBA
C	Henry Davis, Louisville, So.	.370	50	184	45	68	9-0-15	48	31	24	10/13
1B	Will Frizzell, Texas A&M, Sr.	.343	56	204	46	70	13-0-19	50	39	43	3/4
2B	Connor Norby, East Carolina, So.*	.415	61	246	64	102	15-0-15	51	33	34	18/22
SS	Jacob Gonzalez, Ole Miss, Fr.	.355	67	262	73	93	16-1-12	55	38	34	2/6
	Collin Burns, Tulane, r-So.	.353	55	238	55	84	20-4-8	50	19	42	20/25
3B	Tyler Locklear, VCU, Fr.*	.345	54	194	69	67	12-3-16	66	46	40	8/12
OF	Phillip Sikes, TCU, Jr.	.329	58	213	56	70	19-5-11	63	26	45	12/13
OF	Kyle Battle, Old Dominion, Sr.	.319	59	207	68	66	15-3-18	61	56	37	7/9
OF	Colton Cowser, Sam Houston State, So.*	.374	55	203	61	76	10-2-16	52	42	32	17/20
OF	Jonny Butler, NC State, Jr.	.377	49	191	52	72	12-2-13	48	25	40	16/17
OF	Reed Trimble, Southern Miss, Fr.	.345	59	235	59	81	14-2-17	72	19	46	12/14
OF	Spencer Packard, Campbell, r-Sr.	.371	55	197	53	73	18-0-11	67	32	24	2/3
DH	Wes Clarke, South Carolina, Jr.	.271	57	199	56	54	9-0-23	55	50	73	0/0
UT	Zach Neto, Campbell, r-Fr.*	.405	44	173	50	70	17-3-12	58	17	30	12/16

4-0, 3.43 ERA, 11APP, 1GS, 0CG, 0SHO, 0SV, 21.0IP, 15H, 9R, 8ER, 15BB, 16K, .200OPPBA

Pos.	Name School	W-L	ERA	APP	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	B/Avg.
SP	Nicholas Sincola, Maine, Jr. ^	9-3	2.04	12	12	5	1/1	0	79.1	59	20	18	23	139	.208
SP	Ty Madden, Texas, r-So. ^	7-4	2.41	16	16	1	1/1	0	100.2	67	33	27	39	119	.189
SP	Rodney Boone, UC Santa Barbara, So. ^	11-4	2.31	16	16	1	1/0	0	97.1	55	33	25	39	128	.165
SP	Jeremy Guerrero, Indiana State, r-Sr. ^	10-1	2.08	14	14	2	1/2	0	99.1	65	26	23	14	98	.182
SP	Dominic Hamel, Dallas Baptist, Jr.	13-2	4.22	18	16	0	0/3	1	91.2	68	44	43	34	136	.204
SP	Johnathan Lavallee, Long Beach State, Jr. ^	8-1	1.89	11	9	1	1/2	0	62.0	35	15	13	16	73	.160
SP	Patrick Wicklander, Arkansas, Jr.	7-1	2.09	18	13	0	0	0	77.2	65	22	18	24	85	.226
SP	Brendan Beck, Stanford ^	9-1	2.96	15	14	2	1	0	100.1	762	36	33	23	128	.195
RP	Blake Bales, Virginia, Sr.	3-0	0.71	25	0	0	0/2	0	38.0	17	4	3	15	54	.138
RP	Zach Grech, Stanford, r-Sr.	5-5	3.17	30	1	0	0/2	13	48.1	38	19	17	12	34	.220
RP	Haylen Green, TCU, Sr.	1-3	3.33	25	0	0	0/0	12	48.2	43	24	18	5	55	.234
RP	Jake Mulholland, Oregon State, Sr.	2-2	3.03	29	0	0	0/2	13	32.2	23	12	11	11	25	.198
RP	Vance Vannelle, Arizona, Sr.	5-2	2.64	24	0	0	0/1	8	30.2	31	13	9	10	37	.261

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THIRD TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Class	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	2B-3B-HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB/SB
C	Hunter Goodman	Memphis	So.	.307	56	202	40	62	10-1-21	51	30	53	9/9
	Daniel Susac	Arizona	Fr.	.329	59	234	47	77	21-1-12	61	19	46	0/0
1B	Matthew Christian	Campbell	r-Sr.	.350	50	200	45	70	15-2-16	65	13	42	11/16
	Liam McGill	Bryant	r-Sr.*	.471	37	138	46	65	9-1-9	50	22	23	2/2
2B	Jackson Glenn	Dallas Baptist	Sr.*	.366	59	235	62	86	19-2-21	55	32	33	13/13
SS	Trey Sweeney	Eastern Illinois	r-So.	.382	48	170	52	65	10-2-14	58	46	24	3/5
	Cal Conley	Texas Tech	r-Fr.	.329	56	225	46	74	13-0-15	55	21	38	7/8
3B	Austin Knight	Charlotte	So.*#	.342	60	234	59	80	29-1-11	63	15	49	13/13
OF	Jud Fabian	Florida	r-So.	.249	59	225	51	56	10-0-20	46	40	79	6/8
OF	Christian Franklin	Arkansas	Jr.	.274	61	215	55	59	15-2-13	54	44	78	11/1
OF	Matt Rudnick	San Diego State	r-Jr.	.410	44	178	61	73	8-4-4	41	26	9	17/18
OF	Quincy Hamilton	Wright State	r-Jr.*	.374	48	179	78	67	18-4-15	65	56	32	20/23
OF	Dylan Crews	LSU	Fr.	.362	63	246	64	89	16-2-18	42	39	44	12/15
OF	Dylan Beavers	Cal	So.	.303	55	211	44	64	11-2-18	49	32	53	10/12
DH	Ethan Long	Arizona State	Fr.	.340	51	162	42	55	11-0-16	54	18	46	0/0
UT	Spencer Schwellenbach	Nebraska	Jr.*	.284	48	183	43	52	12-1-6	40	30	44	9/9
UT	Danny Hosley	Norfolk State	Sr.*	.357	47	129	27	46	8-2-1	24	15	9	9/11
	3-1, 0.95 ERA, 18APP, 0GS, 0CG, 0/3SHO, 10SV, 31.2IP, 22H, 2R, 2ER, 8BB, 34K, .198OPPBA												
	7-2, 4.01 ERA, 12APP, 11GS, 6CG, 0SHO, 0SV, 76.1IP, 63H, 39R, 34ER, 19BB, 84K, .216 OPPBA												

Pos.	Name	School	W-L	ERA	APP	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	B/Avg.	
SP	Andrew Abbott	Virginia	Sr.	8-6	3.04	18	16	0	0/2	0	100.2	84	39	34	30	152	.228
SP	Ryan Miller	NC Central	r-So.^	10-0	2.21	13	12	2	2/1	0	73.1	55	26	18	22	74	.204
SP	Parker Messick	Florida State	r-Fr.^	8-2	3.10	16	16	0	0/2	0	90.0	81	38	31	23	126	.234
SP	Sam Bachman	Miami	Ohio, Jr.	4-4	1.81	12	12	1	0	0	59.2	29	15	12	17	93	.147
SP	Landon Marceaux	LSU	Jr.	7-7	2.54	18	17	1	0/2	0	102.2	92	37	29	26	116	.238
SP	Jordan Marks	USC Upstate	Jr.^	10-2	2.54	15	15	1	1/1	0	95.2	85	32	27	20	101	.232
SP	Will Bednar	Mississippi State	So.	7-1	3.53	16	13	0	0/3	0	74.0	67	32	29	20	113	.241
SP	Chad Dallas	Tennessee	Jr.	11-1	4.10	16	16	0	0	0	96.2	87	48	44	19	118	.235
SP	Jonathan Fincher	Louisiana Tech	r-Jr.	8-3	3.05	17	16	3	2/1	0	100.1	80	36	34	23	85	.219
RP	Chase Lee	Alabama	Jr.	7-0	1.33	22	0	0	0	7	40.2	29	8	6	14	51	.201
RP	C.J. Culpepper	Cal Baptist	Fr.#	2-2	3.30	22	0	0	0/0	13	30.0	25	21	11	15	38	.225
RP	Luke Boyd	Baylor	Sr.	1-2	1.27	24	0	0	0/1	8	28.1	15	4	4	11	43	.152
RP	Kolby Sommers	Oregon	Jr.	2-2	3.08	20	0	0	0	11	26.1	14	9	9	14	37	.149
RP	Brett Kerry	South Carolina	Jr.	5-1	2.15	17	3	1	1/2	4	54.1	48	14	13	10	84	.226

*-Conference player of the year

^--Conference pitcher of the year

+--Conference defensive player of the year

!-Conference relief pitcher of the year

- Conference freshman/newcomer of the year

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