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NATION'S BEST FEATURED AS NCBWA REVEALS 23rd ANNUAL 2024 NCAA DIVISION I PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA TEAMS PRESENTED BY THE GAME HEADWEAR

DALLAS (NCBWA) – In times when the NCAA transfer portal and NIL sometimes cause confusion in Division I athletics, the 2024 National Collegiate Baseball Writers Preseason All-America teams, presented by The Game Headwear, reflect loyalty to contending universities and some of the nation's most talented diamond standouts.

West Virginia's J.J. Wetherholt, Preseason Big 12 Conference Player of the Year, and Jac Caglianone, Southeastern Conference standout and fellow 2023 Dick Howser Trophy presented by The Game Headwear finalist, head a solid list of returning post-2023 NCBWA All-America selections

Wetherholt earned consensus DI A-A laurels with a nation-leading .449 batting average, 101 hits in 225 times at-bat, 24 doubles, 16 home runs, 60 runs-batted-in and 36 stolen bases (tied for 10th nationally).

Caglianone posted similarly exceptional numbers with a .323 batting average, 738 slugging percentage, 91-for-282 plate work with 33 home runs (tops nationally), two triples, 14 doubles, 90 RBI, 74 runs, and four stolen bases. The 2023 ABCA Position Player of the Year also was a weekend starting hurler for the Gators with 18 starts, a 7-4 mound mark, 4.34 ERA, .190 opponents' batting average, and 87 strikeouts over 74-2/3 innings pitched for the 2023 NCAA runnerup to LSU.

Pitcher Josh Hartle of NCBWA-No. 1-ranked for 2024 Wake Forest, leads the first team starting pitchers with an 11-2 mound mark, 2.81 earned run average, 102-plus innings pitched over 17 starts, 140 strikeouts, 91 hits allowed and just 24 walks for just 2.1 walks per nine innings.

The five starting pitchers on the NCBWA first team had a combined record of 43-9 with 536 strikeouts in 443-plus innings while the exemplary relief corps compiled a composite 36 saves and average over one strikeout per inning pitched.

Some other returnees of note on the NCBWA dream team are Texas Tech catcher Kevin Bazzell with a .348 average, 10 homers and 62 RBI; Hartle's Wake Forest teammate 1B Nick Kurtz with a .353 hitting norm, 24 dingers and 69 RBI; Oregon State 2B Travis Bazzana with a .374 average, 11 homers, 55 RBI and 36 stolen bases; and outfielder Charlie Condon (2023 SEC Freshman of the Year) with a .386 average, 25 homers (tops among all NCAA Division I freshmen in 2023) and 67 RBI.

Defending NCAA champion LSU suffered some extensive player losses from '23 but still boasts returning All-America 3B Tommy White with a nation-co-leading 105 RBI, 198 total bases (third nationally) 102 hits (sixth in DI) and 24 home runs (tied for 11th in the country).

In all, there are 45 different schools and 16 DI conferences represented on the 2024 DI All-America teams, which also have individuals honored from 22 teams ranked in various preseason polls.

Previous NCBWA postseason All-America teams from 1996-2023 have featured the likes of several Dick Howser Trophy presented by The Game Headwear recipients: RHP Paul Skenes of LSU, 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 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.

2024 NCBWA Division I Preseason All-America Team

FIRST TEAM (2023 Statistics)

Pos.	Name	School	Class	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	2B-3B-HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB/SB
C	Kevin Bazzel	Texas Tech	So.	.348	63	250	55	87	24-1-10	62	61	27	4/5
1B	Nick Kurtz	Wake Forest	Jr.	.353	56	190	76	67	10-0-24	69	63	50	5/5
2B	Travis Bazzana	Oregon State	Jr.	.374	61	238	78	89	20-3-11	55	59	47	36/39
SS	JJ Wetherholt	West Virginia	Jr.	.449	55	225	67	101	24-2-16	60	26	22	36/44
3B	Tommy White	LSU	Jr.	.374	66	273	64	102	24-0-24	105	23	41	0/0
OF	Charlie Condon	Georgia	r-So.	.386	56	210	61	81	10-1-25	67	33	45	0/0
OF	Braden Montgomery	Texas A&M, (Stanford)	Jr.	.336	64	244	70	82	14-1-17	61	51	64	6/9
OF	Ethan Petry	South Carolina	So.	.376	63	221	55	83	10-0-23	75	33	59	4/6
OF	Nolan Schubart	Oklahoma State	So.	.338	61	216	55	73	20-0-17	74	43	75	1/1
DH	Derek Bender	Coastal Carolina	Jr.	.341	62	252	61	86	13-2-19	83	16	4	2/3
UT	Jac Caglianone	Florida	Jr.	.323	71	282	74	91	14-2-33	90	17	58	4/6

7-4, 4.34 ERA, 18 GP, 18 GS, 0 CG, 0 SV, 74.2 IP, 51 H, 40 R, 36 ER, 55 BB, 87 K, .190 OPP BA

Pos.	Name	School	Year	W-L	ERA	APP	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	OPP BA
SP	Drew Beam	Tennessee	Jr.	9-4	3.63	17	17	1	0	84.1	88	49	34	23	88	.267
SP	Brody Brecht	Iowa	Jr.	5-2	3.74	17	16	0	1	77.0	37	32	32	61	109	.143
SP	Josh Hartle	Wake Forest	Jr.	11-2	2.81	18	17	0	0	102.1	91	38	32	24	140	.237
SP	Dominic Niman	Kentucky, (Central Conn. St.)	Gr.	12-2	2.77	15	15	2	0	104.0	86	38	32	26	94	.225
SP	Trey Yesavage	East Carolina	Jr.	7-1	2.61	16	14	0	1	76.0	53	24	22	23	105	.193
RP	Brandon Neely	Florida	Jr.	2-3	3.58	34	0	0	13	55.1	46	26	22	22	72	.223
RP	Tyson Neighbors	Kansas State	Jr.	5-1	1.85	25	0	0	11	48.2	22	11	10	16	86	.135
RP	Fran Oschell III	Duke	Jr.	6-0	0.69	22	0	0	0	39.1	18	4	3	18	66	.133
RP	James Tallon	Duke	So.	1-1	1.64	23	0	0	12	33.0	22	12	6	11	54	.185

SECOND TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Class	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	2B-3B-HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB/SB
C	Caden Bodine	Coastal Carolina	So.	.367	56	215	65	79	17-1-11	47	34	21	1/1
C	Ike Irish	Auburn	So.	.361	58	238	48	86	24-1-6	50	26	45	3/3
1B	Ethan Anderson	Virginia	Jr.	.375	65	259	71	97	26-0-15	66	42	32	3/4
1B	Anthony Martinez	UC Irvine	So.	.394	55	231	54	91	19-0-11	60	25	27	0/1
2B	Chase Mora	Texas State	So.	.316	53	196	39	62	13-1-17	57	13	53	2/4
3B	Billy Amick	Tennessee (Clemson)	Jr.	.413	46	167	37	69	17-2-13	63	13	32	2/2
3B	Carson DeMartini	Virginia Tech	Jr.	.323	52	189	58	61	13-4-10	57	46	42	9/13
SS	Wehiwa Aloy	Arkansas (Sacramento State)	So.	.376	56	234	69	88	15-5-14	46	15	44	2/3
SS	Griff O'Ferrall	Virginia	Jr.	.396	65	273	76	108	20-2-1	42	29	38	16/18
OF	Lawson Harrill	Campbell	r-Sr.	.371	58	213	61	79	17-0-22	69	31	63	6/6
OF	Anthony Donofrio	UNC, Gr. (Quinnipiac)		.364	56	228	54	83	17-4-16	64	30	46	31/37
OF	Cam Cannarella	Clemson	So.	.388	59	250	72	97	16-3-7	47	33	39	24/29
OF	Porter Brown	Texas	Sr.	.323	64	235	46	76	14-1-12	59	40	55	11/15
OF	Mike Sirota	Northeastern	Jr.	.346	55	214	73	74	9-4-18	54	44	49	19/21
DH	Alex Lane	Northeastern	r-Sr.	.318	59	223	53	71	12-1-16	58	29	54	6/8
DH	Slade Wilks	Southern Miss	Sr.	.289	65	249	50	72	12-2-20	58	30	65	1/1
UT	Justin Murray	Houston	Sr.	.379	57	219	51	83	11-2-11	58	17	44	20/29

5-0, 3.07 ERA, 25 GP, 0 GS, 0 CG, 10 SV, 41.0 IP, 39 H, 14R, 14ER, 10BB, 49K, .253 OPP BA

9-3, 4.62 ERA, 15G, 14GS, 2CG, 0SV, 85.2 IP, 81H, 49R, 44ER, 19BB, 97K, .245 Opp BA

Pos.	Name	School	W-L	ERA	APP	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	OPP BA	
SP	Chase Burns	Wake Forest (Tennessee)	Jr.	5-3	4.25	18	8	0	2	72.0	60	37	34	22	114	.222
SP	Reese Dutton	Kansas, (USC Upstate)	Sr.	10-3	3.29	15	15	0	0	90.1	80	38	33	30	102	.234
SP	Sebastian Gongora	Louisville, (Wright State)	Sr.	10-1	3.25	15	15	0	0	88.2	74	35	32	31	81	.226
SP	Kole Klecker	TCU	So.	10-4	3.72	19	17	0	0	96.2	78	42	40	30	72	.216
SP	Hagen Smith	Arkansas	Jr.	8-2	3.64	18	11	0	2	71.2	56	30	29	42	109	.217
RP	Austin Anderson	Oregon	Sr.	4-0	0.66	23	0	0	0	27.1	10	2	2	25	39	.111
RP	Hudson Barrett	UC Santa Barbara	So.	5-1	1.92	21	4	0	6	61.0	42	14	13	32	82	.195
RP	Joshua Romero	CSUN	Sr.	0-2	3.29	23	0	0	13	27.1	22	12	10	11	31	.216
RP	AJ Russell	Tennessee	So.	2-0	0.89	24	1	0	0	30.1	9	4	3	7	47	.095

THIRD TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Class	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	2B-3B-HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB/SB
C	Cole Messina	South Carolina	Jr.	.307	62	231	62	71	18-1-17	65	40	48	8/8
C	Jacob Cozart	NC State	Jr.	.301	52	196	39	59	14-2-10	42	24	38	0/1
1B	Gavin Kash	Texas Tech	So.	.327	64	263	67	86	12-3-26	84	34	57	2/2
1B	Sam Kulasingam	Air Force	Sr.	.426	59	235	71	100	28-4-6	51	50	25	6/10
2B	Christian Moore	Tennessee	Jr.	.304	63	214	66	85	13-0-17	50	50	67	16/18

2B	Jacob Starling, East Carolina, Sr.	.311	64	241	60	75	15-1-10	52	44	50	19/20
SS	Jake Rainess, Houston, (Maine), Sr.	.321	53	212	73	68	14-1-16	47	35	55	38/46
SS	Anthony Silva, TCU, So.	.330	61	227	53	75	11-0-7	50	23	33	17/19
3B	Brandon Eike, VCU, Sr.	.346	55	231	50	80	24-2-11	71	21	39	6/6
3B	Jay Thomason, Air Force, Sr.	.344	58	227	55	78	21-1-21	74	31	40	6/10
OF	Daalen Adderly, Loyola Marymount (TX Southern), Jr.	.421	51	178	65	75	16-1-6	42	33	29	17/21
OF	Treyson Hughes, Ole Miss, (Mercer), Jr.	.387	58	222	74	86	15-0-11	52	47	35	9/11
OF	Seaver King, Wake Forest (Wingate), Jr.	.408	51	223	65	91	21-5-11	53	18	26	13/14
OF	Jace LaViolette, Texas A&M, So.	.287	64	223	50	64	10-2-21	63	48	75	18/22
OF	Shane Lewis, Troy, Jr.	.286	62	217	62	62	6-2-27	77	45	82	4/5
OF	Cam Maldonado, Northeastern, So.	.353	56	215	45	76	13-5-13	45	30	55	32/33
DH	Ryan Cesarini, Saint Joseph's, Jr.	.392	52	199	49	78	17-2-8	56	26	31	12/13
DH	Jack Hay, Alabama State, Sr.	.385	56	221	55	85	10-1-10	61	36	37	0/0
UT	Cole Mathis, Coll. of Charleston, Jr	.330	57	200	48	66	20-1-9	51	44	37	8/11

5-1, 3.45 ERA, 14GP, 10GS, 0CG, 1SV, 60.0IP, 60H, 27R, 23ER, 17BB, 52K, .254 Opp BA

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>APP</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>ER</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>OPP BA</u>
SP	Matt Ager,	UC Santa Barbara, Jr.	5-4	3.12	15	15	0	0	92.1	71	35	32	26	115	.210
SP	Aiven Cabral,	Northeastern, So.	9-4	2.58	19	16	1	0	83.2	78	27	24	14	69	.245
SP	Andrew Healy,	Duke, So.	5-1	2.32	19	11	0	0	42.2	40	19	11	7	45	.244
SP	Lebarron Johnson Jr.,	Texas, r-Jr.	8-4	2.91	20	13	1	1	86.2	73	31	28	38	98	.231
SP	Michael Massey,	Wake Forest, Jr.	3-1	2.59	27	1	0	1	41.2	23	12	12	16	76	.161
SP	Mason Molina,	Arkansas, (Texas Tech), Jr.	6-2	3.67	16	16	0	0	83.1	63	39	34	35	108	.208
RP	Ben Abeldt,	TCU, So.	3-4	3.60	32	1	0	2	55.0	49	34	22	24	71	.237
RP	Micah Ashman,	Utah, Jr.	1-3	3.63	23	0	0	9	34.2	33	19	14	5	38	.250
RP	Chris Lotito,	Jacksonville, r-Jr.	1-1	3.65	25	0	0	14	24.2	19	11	10	13	37	.216
RP	Noah Manning,	Troy, Sr.	3-3	3.74	34	1	0	11	45.2	53	28	19	16	41	.293
RP	Mason Moore,	Kentucky, Jr.	4-1	1.80	22	0	0	4	55.0	31	12	11	30	54	.164

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