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### **NCBWA's 24TH ANNUAL NCAA DIVISION I PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA TEAMS REFLECT SOLID NATIONAL TALENT FOR 2025 SEASON**

**DALLAS** – With NCAA transfers abounding and NCAA Division I talent levels at a possible all-time high, the 2025 National Collegiate Baseball Writers Preseason All-America teams (24th annual) prove the balance available throughout the nation as teams vie for one of the coveted eight places in the 78<sup>th</sup> NCAA World Series in Omaha, Nebraska, on June 13-22/23.

Defending champion Tennessee and '25 NCBWA preseason No. 1 Texas A&M (runnerup last June) bring back some of the leading standouts on the preseason dream team, along with several of their rival Southeastern and Atlantic Coast Conferences' members.

Tennessee relief ace Nate Snead earned a spot on the first unit, while Virginia 2B Henry Godbout, Texas A&M's OF Jace LaViolette and starting pitcher Ryan Prager joined the Volunteers' standout on that topping squad.

Other notable names among the first team are fellow '24 CWS participant North Carolina pitcher Matthew Matthijs, along with Texas SS Jalin Flores, Florida State starting pitcher Jamie Arnold and second team All-America designated hitter Cole Hage of Kentucky.

Dozens of others are vying for one of those treks to Omaha in June, and this includes a cavalcade of starting pitchers on the first team with a combined win-loss record of 46-8 for five teams that made the NCAA tourney field in 2024.

Among the first unit power hitters are DBU catcher Grant Jay (grandson of for MLB Cincinnati Reds pitching great Joey Jay), with 21 dingers and 57 RBI, 1B Tanner Thach, of UNCW, with 27 homers and 75 RBI, 1B Jared Jones, of LSU, with 14 doubles, 28 round trippers and 58 RBI, 3B Daniel Cuvet, of Miami (Fla.), with 24 home runs and 75 ribbies, OF Drew Burress, of Georgia Tech, with 25 HR and 67 RBI, LaViolette, with 29 homers and 78 RBI and Oklahoma State's Nolan Schubart, with 23 home runs and 68 RBI.

Burress topped all first teamers with a .381 average, while top unit relief pitchers posted 27 total saves and had a composite win-loss mark of 33-9, while entering several games from mid-contest through the ninth inning. First team utility player Noah Sullivan of Mississippi State showed his versatility with an 8-1 pitching record, .324 batting average, 17 home runs and 57 RBI in 56 outings.

In all, there are 46 different schools and 16 NCAA Division I conferences represented on the 2025 All-America teams, which also have individuals honored from 23 teams ranked in various preseason polls.

Previous NCBWA postseason All-America teams from 1996-2024 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, 1B-3B Charlie Condon of Georgia, and 1B-P Brendan McKay of Louisville, among others.

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[www.ncbwa.com](http://www.ncbwa.com). The preseason All-America squads are considered the first step toward the eventual selection of the 2025 Dick Howser Trophy presented by the Game Headwear and voted upon for 23 seasons by members of the NCBWA.

## 2025 NCBWA Division I Preseason All-America Team

### FIRST TEAM (2024 Statistics)

Pos. Name, School, Year	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	2B-3B-HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB/SB
C Jacob Ference, Virginia, Grad.	.350	54	200	55	70	13-4-17	43	33	47	12/15
C Grant Jay, DBU, Jr.	.300	60	213	50	64	12-0-21	57	34	82	7/8
1B Jared Jones, LSU, Jr.	.301	66	229	56	69	14-2-28	59	59	76	3/3
1B Tanner Thach, UNCW, Jr.	.324	61	250	59	81	11-1-27	75	30	54	4/6
2B Henry Godbout, Virginia, Jr.	.372	51	172	51	64	18-1-9	47	29	20	6/9
SS Jalin Flores, Texas, Jr.	.340	60	241	52	82	22-0-18	56	21	56	2/3
3B Daniel Cuvet, Miami (FL), So.	.351	57	231	52	81	15-1-24	75	26	63	2/2
OF Drew Burruss, Georgia Tech, So.	.381	58	218	73	83	15-3-25	67	58	37	8/10
OF Jace LaViolette, Texas A&M, Jr.	.305	68	259	87	79	16-3-29	78	64	81	7/9
OF Nolan Schubart, Oklahoma State, Jr.	.370	49	173	55	64	10-1-23	68	49	62	0/0
OF Cam Cannarella, Clemson, Jr.	.337	58	246	58	83	16-3-11	60	34	44	0/2
DH Brandon Compton, Arizona State, r-So.	.354	52	189	45	67	16-0-14	51	23	54	3/4
DH Mike Mancini, Vanderbilt, Jr.	.329	61	237	61	78	10-3-15	49	34	55	29/34
UT Noah Sullivan, Mississippi State, Jr.	.324	57	204	52	66	8-0-17	56	37	31	5/5

8-1, 4.88 ERA, 14 GP, 12 GS, 0 CG, 1 SV, 75.2IP, 76H, 42R, 41ER, 22BB, 51K, .262 Opp BA

Pos. Name, School, Year	W-L	ERA	APP	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	OPP BA
SP Jamie Arnold, Florida State, Jr.	11-3	2.98	19	18	0	1	105.2	90	45	35	26	159	.224
SP Tyler Bremner, UC Santa Barbara, Jr.	11-1	2.54	19	9	1	0	88.2	57	27	25	21	104	.182
SP Ryan Prager, Texas A&M, r-Jr.	9-1	2.95	19	19	1	0	97.2	83	36	32	20	124	.226
SP Aidan Knaak, Clemson, So.	5-1	3.35	15	15	0	0	83.1	67	34	31	29	108	.221
SP Colby Allen, Southern Miss, Jr.	10-2	3.58	27	2	0	7	65.1	62	32	26	18	82	.242
RP Ben Abeldt, TCU, Jr.	3-0	1.83	26	1	0	8	44.1	29	10	9	16	54	.186
RP Brian Curley, Georgia, Jr.	6-0	2.87	19	0	0	3	78.1	74	28	25	35	78	.253
RP Matthew Mathijs, North Carolina, Jr.	12-4	3.72	36	0	0	0	58.0	49	29	24	18	56	.232
RP Nate Snead, Tennessee, Jr.	10-2	3.11	29	1	0	6	75.1	71	28	26	26	61	.251
RP Stone Cushing, BYU, Sr.	2-3	3.93	29	0	0	10	34.1	20	18	15	25	46	.175

### SECOND TEAM

Pos. Name, School, Year	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	2B-3B-HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB/SB
C Caden Bodine, Coastal Carolina, Jr.	.328	60	241	50	79	20-0-9	71	31	23	3/3
C Luke Stevenson, North Carolina, So.	.284	64	215	43	61	8-2-14	58	48	55	2/2
1B Luke Gaffney, Clemson, So.	.359	53	209	62	75	15-3-13	64	29	32	2/2
1B Jacob Tobias, Arizona State, Sr.	.322	58	227	52	73	14-0-18	58	33	53	1/4
2B Wyatt Henseler, Texas A&M, Sr.	.360	49	200	64	72	9-2-22	56	28	28	0/0
SS Mason White, Arizona, Jr.	.305	59	239	55	73	10-2-19	65	33	85	5/6
SS Aiva Arquette*, Oregon State, Jr.	.325	48	209	45	68	14-1-12	36	17	40	6/9
3B Gavin Grahovac, Texas A&M, So.	.298	67	285	83	85	16-0-23	66	36	95	4/5
OF Devin Taylor, Indiana, Jr.	.357	59	241	67	86	11-1-20	54	37	38	5/6
OF Max Belyeu, Texas, Jr.	.329	59	210	50	69	15-1-18	53	27	44	3/5
OF Ethan Conrad, Wake Forest, Jr.	.389	55	226	55	88	18-13-9	52	27	32	19/24
OF Kien Vu, Arizona State, Jr.	.413	47	150	53	62	11-2-14	56	21	43	12/13
OF Henry Ford, Virginia, So.	.336	61	253	60	85	13-1-17	69	29	53	3/3
OF Brendan Summerhill, Arizona, Jr.	.324	58	238	50	77	18-6-8	59	31	36	7/13
DH Cole Hage, Kentucky, Sr.	.329	42	161	52	53	10-2-13	38	27	28	6/9
UT Austin Smith, San Diego, Sr.	.317	56	205	44	65	12-0-7	38	30	27	3/8

7-0, 3.49 ERA, 17GP, 9GS, 0CG, 3SV, 56.2IP, 47H, 27R, 22ER, 26BB, 49K, .225 OPP BA

Pos. Name, School, Year	W-L	ERA	APP	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	OPP BA
SP Mason McConnaughey, Nebraska, Jr.	9-3	3.45	17	11	0	0	73.0	65	31	28	24	91	.239
SP Kyson Witherspoon, Oklahoma, Jr.	8-3	3.71	17	11	0	1	80.0	69	42	33	40	90	.228
SP Gabe Gaekle, Arkansas, So.	3-3	2.32	22	0	0	7	42.2	26	14	11	19	57	.167
SP Evan Blanco, Virginia, Jr.	8-3	3.62	18	18	0	0	99.1	101	49	40	27	99	.262
SP Ben Jacobs, Arizona State, Jr.	7-3	4.75	20	10	0	0	66.1	61	39	35	36	102	.247
SP Carter Gaston, Portland, Jr.	11-2	3.01	16	11	1	2	80.2	73	29	27	22	65	.239
RP Gavin Guidry, LSU, Jr.	2-0	2.59	22	0	0	4	24.1	14	8	7	18	36	.165
RP Reece Lawler, UIC, r-Sr.	2-1	3.21	27	0	0	12	33.2	32	13	12	12	37	.254
RP Ruger Riojas, Texas, Jr.	10-3	3.25	26	1	0	7	69.1	68	29	25	18	75	.256
RP Kade Brown, Sacramento State, r-So.	3-3	3.72	22	0	0	8	38.2	27	19	16	18	54	.189
RP Cole Tryba, UC Santa Barbara, So.	3-2	3.64	27	1	0	3	47.0	42	25	19	14	65	.240

### THIRD TEAM

Pos. Name, School, Year	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	2B-3B-HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB/SB
C Luis Hernandez, LSU, Sr.	.359	59	248	60	89	14-0-23	76	17	50	5/6
1B Anthony Martinez, UC Irvine, Jr.	.316	59	256	54	81	18-0-9	74	36	29	1/1
1B Chayton Krauss, DBU, Sr.	.358	60	246	55	88	16-1-16	66	20	62	7/8

2B	Daniel Dickinson, LSU, Jr.	.367	58	245	73	90	14-2-18	53	34	28	32/37
SS	Justin Lebron, Alabama, So.	.338	57	216	50	73	9-0-12	37	20	53	7/7
SS	Marek Houston, Wake Forest, Jr.	.326	54	221	57	72	16-1-8	39	38	33	4/5
3B	Ben Miller, Duke, Grad.	.360	55	228	56	82	18-1-15	49	17	47	2/2
3B	Garrett Staton, Alabama, r-Sr.	.319	58	248	67	79	19-1-19	69	25	51	7/11
OF	AJ Gracia, Duke, So.	.305	60	220	56	67	14-0-14	58	48	55	5/6
							OF Assists – 2				
OF	Ethan Petry, South Carolina, Jr.	.306	61	219	57	67	8-1-21	53	51	73	4/6
							OF Assists – 2				
OF	Harrison Didawick, Virginia, Jr.	.292	63	240	78	70	13-1-23	68	41	71	14/20
							OF Assists – 1				
OF	Ben Watson, Virginia Tech, Grad.	.419	54	222	51	93	21-3-4	48	20	24	3/3
OF	Ryley Johnson, East Carolina, Sr.	.339	63	227	75	77	9-5-4	33	43	39	23/26
DH	Tre Phelps, Georgia, So.	.353	42	136	34	48	11-0-12	40	10	15	2/2
UT	DJ Newman, Bowling Green, Jr.	.371	35	143	45	53	6-3-10	37	21	36	10/11
	4-2, 3.61ERA, 8GP, 8GS, 0CG, 0SV, 42.1IP, 37H, 20R, 17ER, 10BB, 42K, .239 OPP BA										
UT	Griffin Palfrey, Columbia, Sr.	.380	35	129	39	49	18-2-6	49	15	20	3/3
	2-2, 2.25ERA, 13GP, 2GS, 0CG, 1SV, 20.0IP, 20H, 11R, 5ER, 10BB, 20K, .256 OPP BA										

Pos.	Name, School, Year	W-L	ERA	APP	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	OPP BA
SP	Grayson Grinsell, Oregon, Jr.	7-2	4.08	17	14	0	0	79.1	54	37	36	44	99	.196
SP	Jason DeCaro, North Carolina, So.	6-1	3.81	18	18	0	0	89.2	74	41	38	44	78	.221
SP	Anthony Eyanson, LSU, Jr.	6-2	3.07	14	9	1	1	82.0	55	29	28	24	85	.190
SP	Dominic Voegele, Kansas, So.	7-2	3.89	15	15	0	0	81.0	72	39	35	29	80	.235
SP	Zach Root, Arkansas, Jr.	6-2	3.56	13	12	0	0	68.1	56	30	27	21	76	.228
SP	Caleb Granger, Florida A&M, Sr.	9-2	2.87	15	15	1	0	87.2	90	35	28	24	73	.269
RP	Gavin Van Kempen, West Virginia, Jr.	7-1	3.14	13	5	0	0	28.2	20	10	10	14	35	.200
RP	Christian Foutch, Arkansas, Jr.	1-0	0.81	20	0	0	1	22.1	19	2	2	7	20	.241
RP	Ethan Norby, East Carolina, So.	4-0	3.79	20	10	0	2	59.1	54	33	25	25	63	.243
RP	David Boisvert, Duke, Sr.	2-1	2.16	18	4	0	0	25.0	13	7	6	10	26	.151

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