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**WAKE FOREST RANKED NO. 1 IN NCBWA DI PRESEASON POLL**

**DALLAS (NCBWA)** - The National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association continues its tradition of NCAA Division I polls for the 27th year with its 2024 weekly surveys, and Wake Forest rates No. 1 in the preseason poll ahead of No. 2 LSU (defending champion) and No. 3 Florida.

This is the first time the Deacons to have received the NCBWA's preseason nod for No. 1. LSU was the writers' choice in pre-2023 and then won the NCAA championship. The Tigers downed No. 2 Florida in the '23 NCAA World Series title round. Wake Forest has one NCAA crown to its name in 1955.

Some of the other traditional powers among the Top 10 are No. 4 Arkansas, No. 5 Tennessee, No. 6 TCU, No. 7 Vanderbilt, No. 8 Oregon State, No. 9 Texas and No. 10 Texas A&M.

Other previous No. 1 entries on the preseason NCBWA rankings have been LSU (1998, 2001, 2023), Southern California (1999), Miami (Fla.) (2000), Stanford (2002), Texas (2003, 06, 10, 22) Rice (2004, 07), Cal State Fullerton (2005, 14), Arizona State (2008), North Carolina (2009), TCU (2011, 17), Florida (2012, 18, 21), Arkansas (2013) and Vanderbilt (2015, 19, 20).

There are 10 conferences represented in the first 35-team survey with the Southeastern Conference leading the way with nine among 305 schools competing in NCAA Division I. The Atlantic Coast Conference is next with six schools. Last year, there were 15 different conferences with teams in the poll along with a NCBWA-record 19 conferences represented in 2019 surveys.

There were 59 schools and 16 conferences rated or receiving votes among the first Top-30 survey in '24, and the poll will continue with Top 25 teams on Monday, Feb. 19. The final NCBWA poll will be released after the completion of the NCAA World Series in Omaha, Nebraska., June 14-23.

**2024 NCBWA Preseason Poll Top 30 Poll**

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Rank	School	Conference	Record	Pvs.
1	Wake Forest	ACC	54-12	3
2	LSU	SEC	54-17	1
3	Florida	SEC	54-17	2
4	Arkansas	SEC	43-18	17
5	Tennessee	SEC	44-22	5
6	TCU	Big 12	44-24	4
7	Vanderbilt	SEC	42-20	19
8	Oregon State	Pac-12	41-20	26
9	Texas	Big 12	42-22	11
10	Texas A&M	SEC	38-27	25
11	Virginia	ACC	50-15	7
12	Clemson	ACC	44-19	18
13	East Carolina	American Athletic	47-19	22
14	Duke	ACC	39-24	15
15	South Carolina	SEC	42-21	13
16	North Carolina	ACC	36-24	NR
17	Stanford	Pac-12	44-20	8
18	NC State	ACC	36-21	NR
19	Coastal Carolina	Sun Belt	42-21	24
20	Texas Tech	Big 12	41-23	28
21	Iowa	Big Ten	40-16	NR
22	UCLA	Pac-12	28-24-1	NR
23	Alabama	SEC	43-21	16

24	UC Santa Barbara	Big West	35-20	NR
25	Auburn	SEC	34-23-1	NR
26	Oral Roberts	Summit League	52-14	6
27	Kansas State	Big 12	35-24	NR
28	Northeastern	CAA	44-16	NR
29	Oklahoma State	Big 12	41-20	27
30	Southern Miss	Sun Belt	46-20	10

**Also Receiving Votes (Alphabetically):**

Alabama State (41-18), Arizona (33-26), Arizona State (32-23), Bethune-Cookman (33-27), Campbell (46-15), Connecticut (44-17), DBU (47-16), Florida State (23-31), Gonzaga (18-34), Grand Canyon (37-21), Indiana (43-20), Indiana State (45-17), Kansas (25-32), Kentucky (40-21), Louisiana (41-24), Maryland (42-21), Miami (Fla.) (42-21), Mississippi State (27-26), Oklahoma (32-28), Ole Miss (25-29), Oregon (41-22), Texas State (36-23), Troy (40-22), UC Irvine (38-17), UNCW (34-23), USC (34-23-1), West Virginia (40-20), Washington (35-20), Xavier (Ohio) (39-25).

**By Conference**

SEC 9, ACC 6, Big 12 5, Pac-12 3, Sun Belt 2, AAC 1, Big Ten 1, Big West 1, CAA 1, Summit 1.

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