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2024 NCBWA STOPPER OF THE YEAR MIDSEASON WATCH LIST ANNOUNCED

DALLAS – With the final stretch of the 2024 collegiate regular season underway, 60 of the sport's top relief pitchers were named to the Midseason Watch List for the 19th annual National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Stopper of the Year award, members of the association announced Wednesday. Relievers who are not on the midseason list still have an opportunity to be named a finalist for the award.

Fourteen of the 60 players were on the preseason watch list, released in February, including Evan Aschenbeck (Texas A&M, 5), Micah Ashman (Utah, 10), Ethan Bates (Louisiana Tech, 11), Chris Beilenson (Duke, 9), Mason Burns (Western Kentucky, 12), Chandler David (Sam Houston, 7), Alton Davis II (Alabama, 4), Johnny Hummel (Kentucky, 5), Noah Manning (Troy, 2), Dalton Pence (North Carolina, 3), Joshua Romero (CSUN, 6), Rashad Ruff (UCLA, 6), Nate Snead (Tennessee, 3) and Nathan Ward (Grand Canyon, 7). Ashman (third team), Manning (third team) and Romero (second team) were all named to the Preseason NCBWA All-America Team.

WKU's Burns leads the nation with 12 saves in 26.2 innings pitched. Fellow Conference USA competitor Bates of Louisiana Tech is second with 11 saves while Utah's Micah Ashman follows in third with 10. East Carolina's Wyatt Lunsford-Shenkman currently leads the nation with a 1.00 earned run average, while Little Rock's Jacob Weatherley is 25th with a 2.39 ERA and UTSA's Ruger Rijoas 29th with a 2.49 mark.

There are 20 conferences represented on the list, with the Southeastern Conference leading the way with 11 relief pitchers. The Pac-12 Conference and Sun Belt Conference followed with six, while the Big West Conference had five selections. Other multiple-selection leagues include the American Athletic Conference (4), Conference USA (4), the Atlantic Coast Conference (3), the Big 12 Conference (3), the Missouri Valley Conference (3), the Southern Conference (3), the Coastal Athletic Association (2) and the Southland Conference (2). In all, 12 of the 20 conferences have multiple selections.

The NCBWA will announce the finalists on Wednesday, June 5 with the winner being named on Friday, June 14 at the 2024 College World Series.

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2024 NCBWA Midseason Stopper of the Year Watch List (stats as of 4.22.24)

RELIEF PITCHERS (60)

Player	School	Class	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Davis Aiken	College of Charleston	Jr.	2.61	0-0	21	0	0	7	20.2	11	7	6	5	15
Evan Aschenbeck	Texas A&M	Sr.	1.85	4-0	16	0	0	5	39.0	26	8	8	5	49
Micah Ashman (3)	Utah	Jr.	2.21	1-1	18	0	0	10	20.1	15	5	5	2	19
Ethan Bates	Louisiana Tech	Sr.	2.90	1-1	22	0	0	11	31.0	22	11	10	12	41
Charlie Beilenson	Duke	Gr.	2.06	5-2	20	0	0	9	39.1	28	12	9	12	57
Mason Burns	Western Kentucky	Sr.	3.37	2-2	21	0	0	12	26.2	32	12	10	10	40
Ryan Cabarcas	FIU	R-Sr.	1.93	5-3	14	1	0	5	32.2	29	11	7	6	44
Zach Cameron	Niagara	Gr.	3.12	5-1	15	0	0	8	34.2	27	15	12	13	39
Chase Centala	UCF	Sr.	3.96	3-0	13	0	0	7	25.0	21	12	11	13	28
Grant Cunningham	Washington	So.	1.36	3-2	14	1	0	1	39.2	28	11	6	9	45
Stone Cushing	BYU	Jr.	2.70	0-0	17	0	0	7	16.2	6	6	5	11	27
Chandler David	Sam Houston	Sr.	3.86	2-3	17	0	0	7	32.2	28	17	14	8	40
Alton Davis II	Alabama	So.	5.01	4-1	15	0	0	4	23.1	23	16	13	14	29
Nick Davis	Georgetown	Gr.	3.00	1-0	14	0	0	6	24.0	19	11	8	10	21
Joey DeChiaro	Rutgers	Gr.	2.35	1-1	15	0	0	5	15.1	8	4	4	15	22
Chandler Dorsey	USF	So.	4.71	2-1	18	0	0	6	21.0	13	11	11	9	32
Tanner Douglass	Portland	So.	2.10	2-0	17	0	0	7	25.2	18	7	6	12	30
Gabe Gaeckle	Arkansas	Fr.	2.81	2-2	14	0	0	6	25.2	13	8	8	9	35
Garrett Gainey	South Carolina	Sr.	3.60	0-2	12	0	0	5	20.0	17	8	8	3	30
Ryan Ginther	Vanderbilt	Jr.	2.41	1-0	13	0	0	4	18.2	12	5	5	8	19
Jacob Gomez	Old Dominion	Sr.	1.83	1-1	11	1	0	7	34.1	21	7	7	6	42
Simon Gregersen	Indiana State	R-Jr.	3.20	0-0	15	0	0	5	25.1	20	9	9	10	31
Stone Hewlett	Arkansas	Sr.	1.80	1-0	17	0	0	4	10.0	4	2	2	3	18
Bridger Holmes	Oregon State	Jr.	1.25	2-3	16	0	0	8	21.2	11	7	3	10	31
Matthew Holzhammer	Louisiana	Jr.	2.95	3-1	17	0	0	4	21.1	18	7	7	10	21
Johnny Hummel	Kentucky	Gr.	0.92	2-0	14	0	0	5	19.2	6	2	2	6	29
Owen Kovacs	East Tennessee State	Gr.	3.12	2-0	13	0	0	6	26.0	24	9	9	11	20
LP Langevin	Louisiana	Jr.	2.53	4-0	15	3	0	5	42.2	21	13	12	21	74
Reece Lawler	UIC	R-Jr.	3.00	2-1	18	0	0	6	24.0	23	9	8	5	22
Wyatt Lunsford-Shenkman	East Carolina	Jr.	1.00	3-1	20	0	0	5	45.0	35	7	5	16	77
Izaak Martinez	UC San Diego	R-Sr.	1.22	4-1	18	0	0	8	44.1	24	7	6	12	47
Logan Mercado	Oregon	Sr.	3.54	0-0	17	0	0	6	28.0	25	11	11	15	32
Noah Manning (3)	Troy	Sr.	2.96	6-0	14	0	0	2	27.1	25	10	9	8	23
Matthew Matthijs	North Carolina	So.	3.50	11-3	23	0	0	0	36.0	32	18	14	8	36
Will McEntire	Arkansas	R-Sr.	3.21	2-0	19	0	0	4	42.0	36	17	15	9	53
Bradley Mullan	Oregon	Sr.	1.42	4-0	18	0	0	4	25.1	21	6	4	16	27
Austin Neal	Lamar	Jr.	4.13	2-1	12	0	0	6	24.0	17	11	11	12	33
Zachary Nichols	Bryant	Gr.	3.31	2-0	15	0	0	8	16.1	17	7	6	9	16
Bryant Olson	Mercer	Jr.	3.57	0-2	14	0	0	7	17.2	20	9	7	13	24
Dalton Pence	North Carolina	R-So.	1.76	2-1	21	0	0	3	30.2	17	8	6	19	37
Andres Perez	Lamar	Jr.	1.25	2-0	15	0	0	5	20.0	13	3	2	12	23
Owen Pierce	William & Mary	So.	2.76	0-1	13	0	0	5	29.1	24	11	9	9	31
Anthony Pron	Southern Illinois	Sr.	3.62	1-2	19	0	0	7	27.1	21	11	11	19	28
Ruger Riojas	UTSA	So.	1.92	7-0	16	1	0	6	47.0	36	13	10	10	51
Joshua Romero (2)	CSUN	Sr.	1.98	7-2	16	0	0	6	27.1	27	9	6	9	23
Rashad Ruff	UCLA	Gr.	3.47	2-3	22	0	0	6	36.1	30	16	14	10	47
Tanner Sagouspe	Cal Poly	R-So.	2.51	3-2	18	0	0	6	32.1	22	9	9	10	41
Brayden Sanders	Memphis	Jr.	3.05	1-3	16	0	0	7	20.2	16	10	7	13	30
Brennan Seiber	Vanderbilt	Fr.	2.74	2-0	14	1	0	4	23.0	16	9	7	8	23
Nate Snead	Tennessee	So.	3.37	6-1	13	0	0	3	42.2	44	17	16	13	35
Jonathan Todd	Western Carolina	Sr.	3.16	1-1	17	1	0	6	25.2	16	9	9	8	38
Ricky Tibbett	UC Irvine	Gr.	4.23	2-1	19	0	0	8	27.2	28	13	13	11	33
Jack VanDoran	LIU	Gr.	4.30	0-2	16	0	0	8	23.0	22	12	11	9	28
Mike Villani	Long Beach State	Jr.	2.41	1-2	16	0	0	7	18.2	14	7	5	6	23
Joe Vogatsky	James Madison	Sr.	3.42	3-1	15	0	0	6	26.1	20	10	10	14	30
Nathan Ward	Grand Canyon	Sr.	2.70	1-1	11	0	0	7	13.1	15	4	4	9	17
Jacob Weatherley	Litte Rock	Sr.	2.40	3-2	17	0	0	8	45.0	37	14	12	17	55
Jackson Wentworth	Kansas State	R-So.	3.00	3-1	20	1	0	6	48.0	32	19	16	9	70
Grant Wood	South Alabama	R-Jr.	3.60	0-0	16	0	0	8	15.0	18	8	6	11	22
Brian Zeldin	Georgia	Gr.	2.10	3-1	15	0	0	5	30.0	21	8	7	13	30

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