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2025 NCBWA STOPPER OF THE YEAR MIDSEASON WATCH LIST REVEALED

DALLAS – With the second half of the 2025 collegiate regular season now underway, the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) announced Wednesday that 56 of the nation's top relief pitchers have been named to the Midseason Watch List for the 20th annual Stopper of the Year award. Relief pitchers not included on the midseason list remain eligible to be considered as finalists for the award.

Nine of the 56 players were on the preseason watch list, released in February, including Luke Broderick (Nebraska, 8 saves), Kade Brown (Sacramento State, 11), Peyton Cariaco (Kent State, 9), Dominick Carbone (Coastal Carolina, 4), Miller Green (Vanderbilt, 5), Cal Higgins (Western Kentucky, 5), Landon Kruer (Navy, 7), Walter Quinn (Grand Canyon, 7) and Nate Snead (Tennessee, 3). Snead (first team) and Brown (second team) were named to the Preseason NCBWA All-America Team.

Clemson's Lucas Mahlstedt leads the country with 14 saves in 32.1 innings pitched and holds a 1.11 earned run average. Carson Ozmer from Alabama follows with 13 saves in 26.0 innings pitched (1.38 ERA). Sacramento State's Brown follows with 11 saves (33.0 innings pitched, 2.18 ERA) and Bowling Green's Connar Penrod has 10 saves (20.1 innings pitched, 2.21 ERA).

There are 21 conferences represented on the list, with the Southeastern Conference leading the way with nine. The Atlantic Coast Conference follows with eight, while the Big 12 Conference has five. Other multiple-selection leagues include: the American Athletic Conference (3), the Atlantic Sun Conference (3), the Big East (2), the Big Ten Conference (3), the Big West Conference (2), Conference USA (3), the Mid-American Conference (3), the Ohio Valley Conference (2), the Southern Conference (2), the Summit Conference (2) and the Western Athletic Conference (2).

The NCBWA will announce the finalists on Wednesday, June 4, with the winner being named on Friday, June 13 at the 2025 College World Series.

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2025 NCBWA Midseason Stopper of the Year Watch List (stats as of 4.20.25)

RELIEF PITCHERS (56)

Player	School	Class	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Brad Afthim	UConn	Sr.	1.40	1-1	15	0	0	8	25.2	22	7	4	12	40
Nick Anello	Jacksonville	Jr.	2.30	0-1	14	0	0	8	15.2	11	4	4	11	17
Kaleb Applebey	Austin Peay	R-So.	3.18	2-1	13	0	0	7	22.2	17	8	8	15	31
Reese Bassinger	West Virginia	Sr.	2.93	4-0	17	0	0	5	40.0	27	14	13	7	29
Luke Broderick [^]	Nebraska	Jr.	4.00	2-1	15	0	0	8	18.0	15	9	8	12	24
Terry Busse	Mercer	Sr.	3.70	2-1	19	0	0	6	24.1	10	13	10	15	32
MJ Bollinger	Florida Atlantic	So.	2.17	2-2	18	0	0	8	29.0	24	7	7	8	27
Kade Brown (2)	Sacramento State	R-So.	2.18	2-2	16	0	0	11	33.0	17	9	8	12	41
Bryce Calloway	New Orleans	Sr.	3.86	1-1	12	0	0	8	16.1	15	7	7	5	13
Peyton Cariaco	Kent State	Sr.	4.26	1-2	19	0	0	9	25.1	25	13	12	8	26
Dominick Carbone	Coastal Carolina	So.	2.28	3-0	15	0	0	4	23.2	16	6	6	5	30
Brendan Conner	UAB	Fr.	3.06	1-1	16	1	0	5	32.1	29	14	11	6	22
Zac Cowan	LSU	Jr.	1.21	2-0	14	0	0	6	37.1	23	8	5	6	46
Gabe Craig	Baylor	R-Sr.	1.00	2-0	16	0	0	6	18.0	8	3	2	2	29
Dylan Crooks	Oklahoma	Sr.	1.31	2-0	15	0	0	9	20.2	14	3	3	8	20
Ty Cunningham	New Mexico	Jr.	3.70	1-1	16	0	0	8	24.1	21	10	10	13	21
Andrew Cutler	George Washington	So.	1.89	4-0	13	0	0	5	33.1	31	8	7	13	31
Reid Easterly	Duke	Gr.	2.30	6-1	23	0	0	4	47.0	34	19	12	13	41
Cason Evans	LSU	Fr.	0.67	2-0	12	0	0	6	27.0	18	3	2	9	41
Kade Eudy	TCU	Fr.	2.84	1-0	12	0	0	4	19.0	16	6	6	5	19
Conner Floyd	Oral Roberts	R-Sr.	4.20	1-0	13	0	0	6	15.0	14	8	7	4	23
Sam Frizzi	Southern Illinois	Jr.	1.88	2-2	16	0	0	6	24.0	21	11	5	7	23
Miller Green	Vanderbilt	So.	3.71	1-2	13	0	0	5	17.0	13	8	7	6	20
Max Grubbs	Texas	Jr.	1.50	6-0	12	0	0	4	36.0	28	8	6	9	36
Lucas Hartman	WKU	Sr.	1.67	4-0	12	1	0	2	32.1	19	7	6	10	39
Garrett Harker	Ball State	Sr.	3.94	4-1	16	0	0	7	29.2	28	13	13	10	36
Sawyer Hawks	Vanderbilt	Sr.	1.34	3-0	12	0	0	6	33.2	17	5	5	7	46
Ethan Hedges	Southern California	Jr.	3.27	0-1	11	0	0	8	11.0	7	4	4	7	11
Cal Higgins	WKU	Sr.	1.50	0-1	14	0	0	5	24.0	16	5	4	4	30
Blake Hooks	Louisiana Tech	Sr.	2.08	3-0	17	0	0	7	21.2	17	5	5	12	25
Sebastian Holt	Maine	R-Jr.	1.61	1-1	14	0	0	7	22.1	18	4	4	6	15
Tyler Horvath	Michigan State	Gr.	4.85	3-2	15	0	0	6	26.0	28	16	15	14	23
Kaden Humphrey	North Florida	Jr.	2.45	1-1	16	0	0	9	18.1	10	5	5	10	27
Aidan Keenan	Stanford	So.	2.92	1-1	16	0	0	4	24.2	18	9	8	9	31
Jackson Kranawetter	Southeast Missouri	Jr.	2.25	1-1	17	0	0	6	32.0	27	13	8	6	44
Landon Kruer	Navy	Sr.	1.96	3-1	14	0	0	7	23.0	18	5	5	7	28
Danny Lachenmayer	North Dakota State	Fr.	3.54	1-2	14	0	0	6	20.1	12	9	8	12	30
Brandon Langley	Western Carolina	Jr.	1.48	1-0	16	0	0	6	24.1	15	5	4	13	31
Garrett Langrell	Creighton	Gr.	2.10	4-1	17	0	0	8	30.0	24	7	7	3	31
Michael Lombardi	Tulane	Jr.	1.59	3-0	17	2	0	9	22.2	11	10	4	12	45
Lucas Mahlstedt	Clemson	Sr.	1.11	2-0	17	0	0	14	32.1	24	5	4	5	46
Max Martin	UC Irvine	Jr.	3.52	1-0	16	0	0	9	23.0	20	9	9	4	20
Toby McDonough	Notre Dame	Gr.	1.62	2-0	13	0	0	5	22.2	22	5	4	8	21
Walker McDuffie	North Carolina	Fr.	3.53	3-1	17	0	0	4	35.2	24	15	14	14	47
Chase Meyer	West Virginia	So.	2.48	7-1	12	1	0	1	29.0	11	8	8	18	44
Carson Ozmer	Alabama	Gr.	1.38	3-0	20	0	0	13	26.0	14	4	4	14	33
Mason Patel	Georgia Tech	Gr.	2.44	8-1	13	0	0	3	44.1	30	14	12	8	40
Connor Penrod	Bowling Green	Sr.	2.21	3-2	16	0	0	10	20.1	16	6	5	9	27
Walter Quinn	Grand Canyon	R-Jr.	4.43	2-3	14	0	0	7	22.1	20	13	11	14	24
Joey Ryan	Boston College	Gr.	2.93	2-2	12	0	0	6	27.2	24	9	9	5	32
Tanner Sagouspe	Cal Poly	R-Jr.	2.40	3-2	19	0	0	6	30.0	17	11	8	14	38
Andrew Shaffner	NC State	Jr.	2.28	3-1	14	1	0	5	27.2	25	8	7	5	31
Nate Snead (1)	Tennessee	Jr.	3.37	3-0	13	1	0	3	34.2	34	16	13	12	28
Juan Vargas	Tennessee Tech	So.	2.17	2-1	13	0	0	6	29.0	20	12	7	14	38
Dylan Volantis	Texas	Fr.	1.05	3-0	15	1	0	9	34.1	20	6	4	5	46
Sean Youngerman	Oklahoma State	Jr.	2.20	1-1	15	2	0	4	28.2	17	7	7	1	35

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(2) = Preseason NCBWA All-America Second-Team