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### **2026 NCBWA STOPPER OF THE YEAR MIDSEASON WATCH LIST ANNOUNCED**

**DALLAS** – As the 2026 collegiate baseball regular season enters its second half, the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) announced Wednesday that 61 of the nation's top relief pitchers have been named to the midseason watch list for the 21st annual Stopper of the Year Award. Relief pitchers not included on the midseason list remain eligible to be considered as finalists for the award.

Eighteen of the 61 players were on the preseason watch list, released in February, including Hunter Alexander (Central Arkansas), Gavin Alveti (Austin Peay), Reese Bassinger (West Virginia), Cody Brasch (Louisiana), Ben Davis (Mississippi State), Gavin DeVooght (Michigan), Turner Doran (Western Michigan), Clayton Freshcorn (Texas A&M), Lucas Hartman (Virginia), Easton Hawk (UCLA), Darin Horn (Coastal Carolina), Brandon Jaenke (Minnesota), Jake Karmner (Purdue), Ryan Kroepel (Utah Tech), Walker McDuffie (North Carolina), Boede Rahe (Kansas), Albert Roblez (Oregon State) and Adam Troy (USC). Mason Patel (Georgia Tech) (first team), McDuffie (third team) and Hartman (fourth team) were named to the Preseason NCBWA All-America Team.

Roblez leads the country with 11 saves in 15.2 innings pitched and holds a 0.57 Earned Run Average. Ryan Kroepel follows with 10 saves in 14 appearances, while Troy also boasts 10 saves in 21.2 innings pitched.

There are 21 conferences represented on the list, with the Big Ten Conference and Southeastern Conference leading the way with eight each. The Big 12 Conference follows with six, while the Atlantic Coast Conference has five and the American and Sun Belt each have four. Other multiple-selection leagues included: the Atlantic Sun Conference (3), Big West (2), Conference USA (3), Metro-Atlantic Athletic Conference (2), Mid-American Conference (2), Ohio Valley Conference (2) and the West Coast Conference (3).

The NCBWA will announce the finalists on Wednesday, June 3, with the winner being named on Friday, June 12, at the 2026 Men's College World Series.

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## 2026 NCBWA Midseason Stopper of the Year Watch List (as of 4.20.26)

### RELIEF PITCHERS (61)

Player	School	Class	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
John Abraham	Florida State	Jr.	0.78	1-1	14	1	0	5	34.2	22	5	3	15	48
Caden Aoki	Georgia	Grad.	2.68	5-0	11	2	0	3	40.1	35	14	12	15	54
Hunter Alexander	Central Arkansas	Sr.	2.36	3-1	18	0	0	9	42.0	30	14	11	23	51
Gavin Alveti	Austin Peay	Sr.	2.88	1-2	17	0	0	6	34.1	34	17	11	8	29
Nick Bacura	San Francisco	Grad.	3.24	1-1	15	0	0	7	16.2	13	8	6	11	17
Reese Bassinger	West Virginia	Grad.	2.93	1-1	17	0	0	2	30.2	25	10	10	9	38
Rowen Barnes	UC Davis	Grad.	0.78	2-0	17	0	0	7	23.0	12	2	2	8	21
Devin Bell	Oregon	Sr.	4.42	1-4	17	0	0	9	18.1	15	9	9	8	15
Jack Bennett	Kentucky	Sr.	5.66	1-2	13	1	0	6	20.2	20	13	13	10	19
Nick Bonn	Cal Poly	Sr.	4.78	0-4	17	0	0	9	32.0	30	17	17	14	29
Cody Brasch	Louisiana	Jr.	2.82	3-2	15	2	0	5	38.1	32	12	12	15	53
Caleb Bunch	Baylor	Grad.	2.40	4-2	17	0	0	6	30.0	20	8	8	16	35
Reece Clapp	Illinois State	Grad.	2.70	3-2	15	0	0	7	26.2	14	8	8	14	33
Camden Clark	Southern Miss	So.	1.69	5-0	17	1	0	5	26.2	18	7	5	4	37
Jackson Cleveland	Oklahoma	Sr.	3.42	2-1	16	0	0	6	23.2	21	10	9	7	22
Sam Cozart	Texas	Fr.	1.83	5-0	13	3	0	6	34.1	12	8	7	7	49
Andrew Damiani	Niagara	Sr.	2.40	1-4	19	0	0	9	30.0	17	10	8	10	32
Ben Davis	Mississippi State	Sr.	4.30	0-1	15	0	0	5	29.1	27	15	14	6	35
Gavin DeVooght	Michigan	Jr.	4.50	1-3	18	0	0	8	28.0	27	15	14	17	23
Turner Doran	Western Michigan	Sr.	3.54	1-2	15	0	0	8	20.1	12	13	8	7	19
Tate Evans	Yale	Sr.	2.34	5-1	17	4	0	2	57.2	44	18	15	10	63
Carson Fair	Memphis	Jr.	3.50	1-0	16	0	0	8	18.0	11	9	7	10	19
Clayton Freshcorn	Texas A&M	Jr.	2.00	2-1	17	0	0	7	27.0	23	7	6	4	33
Andrew Gaines	Saint Joseph's	Sr.	2.57	3-1	15	0	0	7	21.0	11	6	6	9	33
Cooper Garrison	Arkansas State	Sr.	3.67	2-1	19	0	0	7	27.0	26	14	11	3	23
Cooper Harrington	Liberty	So.	3.89	2-1	15	2	0	7	34.2	31	15	15	7	44
Easton Harris	SIUE	r-So.	5.74	0-1	14	0	0	8	15.2	19	12	10	8	13
Lucas Hartman (4)	Virginia	Grad.	2.49	8-0	23	0	0	0	47.0	39	21	13	14	49
Easton Hawk	UCLA	So.	2.19	2-1	20	0	0	9	24.2	18	6	6	10	30
Garrett Hicks	Arizona	Sr.	2.35	3-1	15	0	0	6	23.0	17	6	6	9	22
John Higgins	Seton Hall	Grad.	3.54	0-1	15	0	0	7	20.1	15	8	8	9	29
Walker Hooks	Ole Miss	So.	2.48	3-0	15	0	0	4	32.2	18	10	9	6	40
Darin Horn	Coastal Carolina	r-Sr.	3.38	5-0	18	0	0	5	40.0	31	21	15	15	58
Skyler Hutto	Jacksonville State	Jr.	1.29	3-3	19	0	0	9	28.0	11	4	4	12	31
Brandon Jaenke	Minnesota	Sr.	2.49	1-2	16	0	0	3	21.2	12	7	6	10	24
Sean Jenkins	East Carolina	So.	2.72	2-1	16	0	0	6	39.2	33	14	12	12	52
Tyler Kapa	Virginia	Grad.	1.54	1-2	17	0	0	9	23.1	14	4	4	8	28
Kaleb Kantola	Lipscomb	Grad.	2.70	1-0	10	0	0	5	16.2	11	5	5	6	16
Jake Kramer	Purdue	Sr.	3.76	4-3	21	0	0	6	26.1	21	11	11	14	23
Jackson Kranawetter	Southeast Missouri	Sr.	4.13	1-1	13	1	0	8	24.0	29	11	11	3	31
Athan Kroll	Dallas Baptist	So.	6.20	0-1	18	1	0	8	24.2	19	18	17	16	31
Ryan Kroepel	Utah Tech	Jr.	2.95	1-1	14	0	0	10	21.1	18	7	7	7	19
Ryan Maiorano	Fairfield	Jr.	2.57	1-0	15	0	0	8	21.0	17	6	6	7	18
Hadley Maxwell	Bucknell	Sr.	1.40	0-0	15	0	0	9	19.1	16	3	3	9	22
Walker McDuffie (3)	North Carolina	So.	2.30	6-1	22	0	0	3	43.0	26	11	11	25	54
Wylan Moss	UCLA	So.	1.57	4-0	11	0	0	1	34.1	24	7	6	13	42
Mason Patel (1)	Georgia Tech	Grad.	2.86	2-0	8	2	0	4	22.0	23	7	7	6	16
David Perez	West Virginia	Fr.	5.40	2-1	13	0	0	6	15.0	12	12	9	8	18
Boede Rahe	Kansas	r-Jr.	3.45	5-1	15	2	0	5	31.1	26	13	12	13	38
Carson Revay	Pacific	r-Jr.	3.12	3-2	17	0	0	7	34.2	33	15	12	10	39
Albert Roblez	Oregon State	Sr.	0.57	1-0	14	0	0	11	15.2	10	1	1	2	32
Derek Schaefer	Arizona State	Jr.	5.66	0-1	19	0	0	6	20.2	21	13	13	9	26
Sam Simmons	UTSA	Sr.	2.11	6-3	17	0	0	4	47.0	41	14	11	14	34
Mason Snyder	Western Carolina	Jr.	1.30	5-0	16	0	0	2	41.2	27	13	6	15	38
Ethan Sutton	South Florida	r-So.	2.41	2-1	15	1	0	8	33.2	23	11	9	13	44
Adam Troy	USC	Jr.	4.15	1-2	20	0	0	10	21.2	20	13	10	11	26
J'Shawn Unger	Nebraska	So.	3.04	5-1	15	0	0	8	26.2	13	9	9	13	28
Alex Via	Portland	Fr.	3.09	0-3	17	0	0	8	23.1	14	9	8	10	21
Joshua Whritenour	Florida	r-Fr.	4.24	2-2	17	0	0	7	23.1	18	14	11	12	36
Peyton Williams	Kent State	Fr.	2.03	2-0	12	0	0	4	13.1	9	3	3	9	20
Dylan Zentko	Murray State	Sr.	4.30	1-2	13	1	0	7	23.0	22	14	11	7	21

- (1) = Preseason NCBWA All-America First-Team
- (3) = Preseason NCBWA All-America Third-Team
- (4) = Preseason NCBWA All-America Fourth-Team