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11TH ANNUAL NCBWA PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA TEAM FEATURES LARGE NEW CROP OF 2011 STALWARTS

IRVINE, Calif. – Loaded with several standouts from the 2010 NCAA World Series, the 11th annual Pro-Line Athletic National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association preseason All-America team is one of the most impressive groups in the two decades of selections.

Returning Dick Howser Trophy winner 3B Anthony Rendon of Rice leads a team of collegiate standouts along with World Series returnees from the last stand at historic Rosenblatt Stadium in Omaha, Neb: champion South Carolina's CWS Most Outstanding Player OF Jackie Bradley, Jr., and relief ace Matt Price, pitchers Matt Purke, Steven Maxwell, Kyle Winkler and OF Jason Coats of TCU, Florida State's all-purpose utility standout Mike McGee, SP Gerrit Cole of UCLA, Florida's Austin Maddox and Preston Tucker, Clemson OF Jeff Schaus, and Oklahoma 3B Garrett Buechele.

As Division I baseball looks toward the new 2011 venue in downtown Omaha – TD Ameritrade Stadium – and some innovations in playing rules (a 30-second timer kept between pitches by a digital clock or a base umpire, subject to the NCAA Baseball Rules Committee's final recommendation) and all the returning talent, the upcoming season promises to be one of the most interesting campaigns in recent history.

Rendon, the 2010 consensus college player of the year as well as Howser Trophy recipient, helped Rice advance to Super Regionals in 2009 as NCBWA Freshman of the Year and to the NCAA Austin Regional last spring. His statistics virtually speak for themselves with a Conference USA-leading .394 batting average, 26 home runs, 85 RBI, stolen bases, and two-time conference player of the year laurels (first freshman ever to garner C-USA top honors in this regard) for coach Wayne Graham's Owls.

The makeup of the 11th annual preseason All-America squad again includes the heartbeat of American with 17 different conferences and 37 schools represented from every corner of the country.

And if great pitching can get a team deeply into the postseason, defending NCAA third-place finisher TCU is represented well by its trio of returning All-America moundmen.

Purke (first team) was 2010 NCBWA Freshman of the Year with a DI-best 16-0 record, 3.02 earned run average, 116 1/3 innings pitched, and Mountain West Conference-high 142 strikeouts. The sophomore lefty also started and won the Horned Frogs' first-ever NCAA World Series contest against Florida State. Maxwell and Winkler combined for a 23-5 record on the hill for 2010 NCBWA National Coach of the Year Jim Schlossnagle's squad.

Bradley, who had two homers and nine RBI during the 2010 CWS as its top player, and Price (5-1, 2.26 ERA, 10 saves for coach Ray Tanner's Gamecocks) add zest to three teams of current and potential superstars.

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FSU's McGee, another first team member of the Pro-Line Athletic NCBWA post-2010 squad, pitched and batted coach Mike Martin's Seminoles to yet another trek to Omaha. His .328 average, 17 home runs and 73 RBI were a perfect compliment to 4-1 pitching, 13 saves, 20 appearances, and 33 strikeouts in 27 innings as the bullpen ace for Florida State.

Cole garnered first unit honors on the basis of a 11-4 record, 19 starts, and a nation-returning-best 153 strikeouts in 123 innings last year. He was a key cog in the Bruins' first appearance in the NCAA DI diamond championship round under coach John Savage.

By point of comparison, the pre-2010 first team starting pitching staff was a composite 67-12 while its pre-2011 counterpart is a combined 74-11 with one of the top strikeouts-to-walks' ratios since the NCBWA began selecting preseason All-America units in 2000. Over a dozen of the standouts on all three '11 teams were either Player/Hitters of the Year or Pitchers of the Year in their conferences last spring.

Most of these preseason standouts will be nominated for the historic 25th annual Dick Howser Trophy, presented by Easton Foundations and the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Area Chamber of Commerce and voted upon by the NCBWA membership. The Howser Trophy will be awarded at a national media setting in 2011 at a date and site to be determined.

2011 Preseason NCBWA All-America Team (2010 Stats)

First Team

Player	School	Class	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB-SBA
C Peter O'Brien, Bethune-Cookman, Jr.			.384	57	203	51	78	13	0	20	56	18	40	0/3
1B Jordan Ribera, Fresno State, Sr.			.343	63	251	65	86	20	2	27	69	24	35	1/1
2B *Zack MacPhee, Arizona State, Jr.			.389	57	229	67	89	8	14	9	64	41	39	20/24
3B *Anthony Rendon, Rice, So.			.394	63	226	83	89	12	1	26	85	65	22	14/18
SS Adam Bryant, Troy, Sr.			.356	61	250	70	89	16	6	23	65	26	38	4/4
OF *Alex Dickerson, Indiana, So.			.419	55	236	62	99	19	0	24	75	20	35	3/5
OF Jeremy Baltz, St. John's, So.			.396	63	240	64	95	16	1	24	85	28	44	6/6
OF Jackie Bradley, Jr. South Carolina Jr.			.368	67	242	56	89	12	1	13	60	41	37	7/10
DH *C.J. Cron, Utah, Jr.			.431	49	197	55	85	16	0	20	81	17	23	0/0
UT Mike McGee, Florida State, Sr.			.328	68	250	61	82	15	1	17	73	44	53	5/8

Pitching: 4-1, 2.96 ERA, 20pp, 1GS, 0CG, 13SV, 27IP, 13h, 10R, 9ER, 18BB, 33K

Pitchers

	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SV	IP	BB	SO
SP ^Anthony Meo, Coastal Carolina, Jr.	2.61	13-3	18	16	0	0	96	34	94
SP ^Danny Hultzen, Virginia, So.	2.78	11-1	16	16	1	0	106.2	24	122
SP ^Cole Green, Texas, Jr.	2.74	11-2	17	16	4	0	111.2	27	75
SP Matt Purke, TCU So.	3.02	16-0	20	18	1	0	116.1	42	142
SP Gerrit Cole, UCLA Jr.	3.37	11-4	19	19	0	0	123.92	52	153
SP Noe Ramirez Cal State Fullerton, Jr.	2.54	12-1	16	14	1	0	106	19	119
RP John Stilson, Texas A&M, So.	0.80	9-1	33	0	0	10	79	23	114
RP Collin Cargill, Southern Miss, Sr.	1.75	4-2	27	0	0	9	46	11	36
RP Chris Dennis, Portland, Jr.	1.88	5-1	30	0	0	14	43	11	51

Second Team

Player	School	Class	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB-SBA
C Jeff Bandy, Arizona, Jr.			.367	55	210	52	77	22	0	6	42	20	19	4/4
1B *Paul Hoilman, East Tenn. State, Jr.			.421	60	235	79	99	24	2	25	84	51	41	1/1
2B Ryan Wright, Louisville, Jr.			.366	57	238	57	87	17	2	15	77	19	23	9/10
3B Garrett Buechele, Oklahoma, Jr.			.359	65	262	55	94	16	2	17	65	20	51	3/4
SS B.A. Vollmuth, Southern Miss, So.			.386	60	236	72	91	17	2	20	76	43	51	4/6
OF Brian Barnett, Nevada Sr.			.348	58	224	52	78	21	2	18	71	18	64	9/10
OF Brandon Meredith, San Diego State, Jr.			.383	51	201	53	77	11	0	7	54	28	40	10/12
OF Jeff Schaus, Clemson, Sr.			.320	70	284	69	91	14	2	15	87	32	26	9/13
DH Austin Maddox, Florida, So.			.333	61	255	48	85	16	0	17	71	7	41	0/1
UT Andy Mee, Florida Atlantic, Jr.			.378	61	262	58	99	17	5	8	55	20	35	4/5

Pitching: 1-2, 2.96ERA, 21App, 0GS, 0CG, 11SV, 24.1IP, 26h, 9R, 8ER, 12BB, 22K

Pitchers

	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SV	IP	BB	SO
SP Taylor Jungmann, Texas, Jr.	2.02	8-3	17	17	1	0	120	41	129

SP ^Seth Maness, East Carolina, Sr.	4.17	10-3	17	15	1	1	101.1	16	90
SP ^Steven Maxwell, TCU, Sr.	2.70	11-2	18	18	0	0	103.1	34	93
SP Sonny Gray, Vanderbilt, Jr.	3.48	10-5	19	16	1	1	108.2	48	113
SP Tyler Anderson, Oregon, Jr.	2.98	7-5	17	16	1	0	102.2	33	105
RP Trever Vermeulen, So. Dakota St, Sr.	1.45	9-1	35	0	0	10	68.1	19	62
RP Matt Price, South Carolina, So.	2.26	5-1	31	0	0	10	55.2	19	83
RP Kevin McKague, Army, Sr.	1.33	0-0	17	0	0	13	20.1	7	26

Third Team (Ties in Voting)

Player	School	Class	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB-SBA
C Mac Doyle, Wofford Jr.			.377	54	220	46	83	23	6	16	75	16	54	8/8
1B Mike Nemeth, Connecticut, Sr.			.386	64	254	63	98	20	1	15	84	38	24	1/2
1B Preston Tucker, Florida, Jr.			.331	64	245	50	81	17	2	11	49	43	29	8/8
2B Kevin Tokarski, Illinois State, Jr.			.412	53	204	70	84	25	3	8	53	53	40	32/37
3B Jason Esposito, Vanderbilt, Jr.			.359	66	262	65	94	25	1	12	64	34	35	31/35
3B Jacob Tanis, Mercer, Jr.			.388	62	268	69	104	25	1	22	88	22	50	7/10
SS *Garrett Wittels, FIU, Jr.			.413	56	242	47	100	21	2	2	60	22	19	4/5
OF *Nick Martini Kansas State, Jr.			.416	59	231	49	96	17	4	4	59	41	21	19/24
OF Jason Coats, TCU, Jr.			.361	67	274	68	99	23	4	13	69	20	57	8/10
OF Taylor Dugas, Alabama, Jr.			.395	67	243	70	96	15	5	2	37	59	21	18/21
OF George Springer, Connecticut, Jr.			.337	64	243	84	82	16	4	18	62	60	70	33/35
UT Nick Ramirez, Cal State Fullerton, So.	.346	64	260	62	90	28	1	16	75	19	50	6/6		
Pitching: 1-3, 3.50ERA, 27App, 1GS, 0CG, 11SV, 43.2IP, 41h, 17R, 17ER, 8BB, 38K														
DH Victor Gomez, Marshall, Sr.			.364	58	220	39	80	15	0	17	63	12	36	7/7
DH Chad Oberacker, Tennessee Tech, Sr.	.452	56	239	67	108	29	5	6	70	34	23	14/18		

Pitchers

	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SV	IP	BB	SO
SP Kyle Winkler, TCU, So.	3.39	12-3	19	19	2	0	116.2	36	92
SP Drew Smyly, Arkansas, Jr.	2.80	9-1	18	14	2	0	103	36	114
SP Tim Kelley, Wichita State, Sr.	3.94	11-2	16	15	2	0	96	26	80
SP Todd McInnis, Southern Miss, Sr.	3.30	6-5	16	16	0	0	95.1	34	87
SP Nick Trapeano, Stony Brook, Jr.	2.44	8-4	14	14	7	0	99.2	29	106
SP Alex Panteliodis Florida, Jr.	3.51	11-3	18	16	0	0	100	23	82
RP James Allen, Kansas State, Jr.	2.28	5-1	28	0	0	9	47.1	14	42
RP Brian Hamilton, Charlotte, Sr.	2.07	4-0	24	0	0	2	31.1	5	40
RP Lex Rutledge, Samford, So.	1.71	5-1	33	0	0	11	47.1	19	65

* Conference Player of the Year; ^ Conference Pitcher of the Year

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