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## **NCBWA ANNOUNCES 16th ANNUAL 2016 NCAA DIVISION I PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA TEAMS**

**DALLAS** – Filled with returning standouts from 2015 NCAA postseason play, the 16<sup>th</sup> annual 2016 National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association preseason All-America team features a virtual “Who’s Who” of the cream of college baseball crop.

Leading the illustrious group are 2015 postseason NCBWA luminaries such as catcher Chris Okey (.315-12 HR-57 RBI) of Clemson and ’15 Florida Freshman All-America backstopper JJ Schwartz (.332-18-73).

Familiar All-America names starting pitchers Kyle Funkhouser (8-5, 104 strikeouts in 120 innings pitched) of Louisville, and Atlantic Coast Conference 2015 Pitcher of the Year Mike Shawaryn (13-2, 1.71 ERA, 138 strikeouts in 116 IP) of Maryland join junior first team post-2015 All-America utility player Carmen Benedetti (.352-5-71, 1.84 ERA, three saves in 18 relief pitching appearances) of Michigan as other key returnees.

Although a large post-2015 senior class and junior signees moved onto the professional baseball ranks, the pre-2016 NCBWA edition still raises many eyebrows with sterling pitching stats along the first unit.

Shawaryn is joined by 2015 LSU National Freshman Pitcher of the Year Alex Lange (12-0, 1.97 ERA, 131 strikeouts in 114 IP), South Alabama’s Kevin Hill (10-0, 1.73 ERA, Sun Belt Conference Pitcher of the Year), TCU’s Mitchell Traver (9-2, 1.89 ERA, first team All-Big 12 Conference), and Houston’s Andrew Lantrip (9-3, 2.62 ERA, first team All-American Athletic Conference hurler) on the top squad. That fivesome represents a composite record of 53-7 and earned run average just above the 2.00 mark in 2015.

Other key position players such as second baseman Stefan Trosclair (.338-16-53) of Louisiana and Wake Forest SS Will Craig (.382-13-58) add power numbers to a talent-laden first team. Among the top-of-the-line outfielders, the all-underclass group of Corey Ray (.325-11-56) of Louisville, Kyle Lewis (.367-17-56) of Mercer, Nick Banks (.364-8-48) of Texas A&M, and 2015 Freshman All-America choice Keston Hiura (.330-7-52) of UC Irvine provide enviable hitting stats to another sterling preseason group.

Many of the standouts also were involved with dramatics 2015 NCAA finishes such as TCU’s 16-inning victory over Texas A&M 5-4 in the NCAA Fort Worth Super Regional to propel the Horned Frogs to the Division I World Series. The winning pitcher in that game incidentally was pre-2016 All-America first teamer Traver in a rare relief outing.

Florida’s Schwartz, Arkansas second team relief ace Zach Jackson, third team Miami (Fla.) catcher Zack Collins and Hurricanes’ relief standout Bryan Garcia, and additional LSU third team A-A pitcher Jared Poche all helped their squads gain dream berths to the CWS in Omaha, Neb.

From 2015 first-time NCAA champion Virginia catcher Matt Thaiss (.323-10-64) was a vote-receiving nominee for ’16 by the NCBWA selection committee while UVa teammate Connor Jones (7-3, 113 strikeouts in 115-plus innings) was a pre-

2016 second team starting pitcher. 2014 NCAA winner and 2015 NCAA runnerup Vanderbilt placed OF Bryan Reynolds (.318-5-49) on the '16 second team.

There are a total of 34 different schools and 16 conferences represented in the pre-2016 All-America mix.

These selections prior to the start of the historic 158th season of Division I intercollegiate baseball on Friday, Feb. 19, help start the selection process for 30<sup>th</sup> annual Dick Howser Trophy presented by the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Chamber of Commerce and the Eastons Foundation and voted upon by the NCBWA.

Several of the two-ballot nominees for post-2016 NCBWA All-America honors and the Howser Trophy will be competing in the historic 70<sup>th</sup> annual NCAA Division I World Series in Omaha, Neb., on June 18-28/29. The prestigious Dick Howser Trophy will be announced on Saturday, June 18, at a national news conference at the CWS home TD Ameritrade Stadium.

## *2016 NCBWA Division I Preseason All-America Team*

### FIRST TEAM (2015 Statistics)

Pos.	Name, School, Class	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	2B-3B-HR	RBIs	BB	SO	SB/SBA
C	JJ Schwarz, Florida, So.	.332	70	256	60	85	16-3-18	73	28	46	1/1
1B	Nick Rivera, Florida Gulf Coast, Sr.	.347	55	199	34	69	20-1-10	70	40	34	0/0
2B	Stefan Trosclair, Louisiana, Sr.	.338	60	219	55	74	15-1-16	53	25	41	15/18
SS	Will Craig, Wake Forest, Jr.	.382	53	191	52	73	20-1-13	58	41	24	2/3
3B	Bobby Dalbec, Arizona, Jr.	.319	55	213	43	68	11-2-15	53	32	60	0/2
OF	Nick Banks, Texas A&M, Jr.	.364	63	239	51	87	11-3-8	48	34	58	9/10
OF	Keston Hiura, UC Irvine, So.	.330	56	227	40	75	18-2-7	52	17	41	1/3
OF	Kyle Lewis, Mercer, Jr.,	.367	54	226	49	83	19-0-17	56	19	41	3/8
OF	Corey Ray, Louisville, Jr.	.325	65	265	46	86	15-5-11	56	24	60	34/44
DH	Austin Edens, Samford, So.	.357	55	213	48	76	17-0-16	54	30	44	0/0
UT	Carmen Benedetti, Michigan, Jr.	.352	62	233	37	82	25-2-5	71	28	22	1/2
	0-0, 1.84 ERA, 18GP, 0GS, 0CG, 3SV, 14.2IP, 4H, 5R, 3ER, 13BB, 23K, 0.85 OPP BA										
	Brendan McKay, Louisville, So.	.308	61	211	32	65	14-0-4	34	38	42	4/6
	9-3, 1.77ERA, 20GP, 13GS, 0CG, 4SV, 96.2IP, 53H, 26R, 19ER, 34BB, 117K, .159 OPP BA										

Pos.	Name School	W-L	ERA	APP	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	OPP BA
SP	Kevin Hill, South Alabama, Sr.	10-0	1.73	13	13	4	2/0	0	93.2	70	20	18	38	107	.208
SP	Alex Lange, LSU, So.	12-0	1.97	17	17	2	1/1	0	114	87	28	25	46	131	.212
SP	Andrew Lantrip, Houston, Jr.	9-3	2.62	16	16	3	0/1	0	113.1	106	37	33	23	115	.246
SP	Mike Shawaryn, Maryland, Jr.	13-2	1.71	17	17	0	0/2	0	116.0	85	28	22	29	138	.202
SP	Mitchell Traver, TCU, Jr.	9-2	1.89	16	14	0	0/4	0	76.1	49	23	16	26	77	.184
RP	Nolan Blackwood, Memphis, Jr.	2-1	0.58	25	0	0	0/0	14	34.2	27	2	2	8	16	.225
RP	Zack Burdi, Louisville, Jr.	6-1	0.92	20	0	0	0/2	9	29.1	16	6	3	8	30	.162
RP	Bryan Young, Missouri State, Jr.	7-0	1.30	30	0	0	0/4	16	41.2	30	8	6	14	52	.197

### SECOND TEAM

Pos.	Name, School, Class	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	2B-3B-HR	RBIs	BB	SO	SB/SBA
C	Chris Okey, Clemson, Jr.	.315	61	235	50	74	16-1-12	57	27	49	3/3
1B	K.J. Harrison, Oregon State, So.	.309	58	220	40	68	12-3-10	60	30	53	1/1
2B	Tyler Fullerton, Belmont, Sr	.355	58	211	47	75	19-3-11	58	25	28	6/8
3B	Jake Burger, Missouri State, So.	.342	57	228	41	78	22-3-4	42	13	29	4/7
OF	Heath Quinn, Samford, Jr.	.340	58	238	57	81	11-2-14	56	21	44	8/9
OF	Bryan Reynolds, Vanderbilt, Jr.	.318	72	286	56	91	18-4-5	49	31	67	17/19
OF	Reed Rohlman, Clemson, So.	.356	61	236	43	84	17-0-3	58	23	35	3/5
OF	Justin Wall, Dallas Baptist, Sr.	.301	61	259	45	63	13-4-12	58	27	44	12/14
DH	Paschal Petrongolo, Jacksonville State, Sr.	.368	55	223	48	82	17-3-7	59	34	61	1/3
UT	Matt Fiedler, Minnesota, Jr.	.310	51	200	37	62	7-2-4	31	18	15	18/22
	2-0, 2.86ERA, 15APP, 1GS, 0CG, 1SV, 22.0IP, 13H, 7R, 7ER, 19BB, 20K, .173 OPP BA										

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Pos.	Name School	W-L	ERA	APP	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	B/Avg.
SP	Blake Fox, Rice, Sr.	8-2	3.30	15	15	0	0/1	0	79.0	88	51	29	23	51	.287
SP	Kyle Funkhouser, Louisville, Sr.	8-5	3.20	17	17	1	0/2	0	112.1	97	51	40	45	104	.228
SP	Jacob Hendren, Illinois State, Sr.	10-2	2.80	15	15	3	1/0	0	106.0	91	35	33	24	99	.232
SP	Connor Jones, Virginia, Jr.	7-3	3.19	18	18	0	0/0	0	115.2	94	50	41	52	113	.226
SP	A.J. Puk, Florida, Jr.	9-4	3.81	17	14	0	1/0	0	78.0	59	36	33	35	104	.210
RP	Zach Jackson, Arkansas, Jr.	5-1	2.10	27	3	0	0/1	9	60.0	43	18	14	38	89	.196
RP	Dylan Moore, Louisiana, So.	3-3	1.60	32	0	0	0/1	13	50.2	39	13	9	16	40	.205
*RP	Stephen Nogosek, Oregon, Jr.	6-3	2.02	39	0	0	0/0	0	58.0	38	16	13	34	60	.250
RP	Wyatt Short, Ole Miss, Jr.	4-1	1.38	23	0	0	0/0	10	39.0	28	6	6	12	44	.200

### THIRD TEAM

Pos.	Name, School, Class	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	2B-3B-HR	RBIs	BB	SO	SB/SB
C	Zack Collins, Miami (Fla.), Jr.	.302	66	242	61	73	14-5-15	70	57	64	7/8
1B	Charlie Gould, William & Mary, Sr.	.388	45	170	38	66	15-0-13	52	24	5	0/1
2B	Nate Mondou, Wake Forest, Jr.	.338	53	222	51	75	18-3-0	57	18	30	5/6
SS	Stephen Alemais, Tulane, Jr.	.312	60	250	43	78	11-3-1	22	16	25	27/37
3B	Hunter Swiling, Samford, Jr.	.324	58	238	63	77	15-4-16	56	28	59	9/12
OF	Cole Billingsley, South Alabama, Jr.	.345	55	232	46	80	9-4-2	29	34	30	30/34
OF	Troy Montgomery, Ohio State, Jr.	.317	55	210	54	65	12-6-4	27	38	30	35/41
OF	Kyle Nowlin, Eastern Kentucky, Sr.	.326	50	184	49	60	8-1-19	45	34	47	18/24
OF	Buddy Reed, Florida, Jr.	.305	69	282	51	86	14-5-4	47	27	56	18/26
DH	Kyle Davis, West Virginia, So.	.353	53	224	40	79	17-1-4	31	11	37	4/9

Pos.	Name School	W-L	ERA	APP	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	B/Avg.
SP	Griffin Canning, UCLA, So.	7-1	2.97	15	11	0	0/1	0	63.2	54	27	21	6	66	.226
SP	Joseph Camacho, Alabama State, Sr.	12-0	3.84	13	13	0	0/1	0	84.1	93	41	36	20	76	.283
SP	Kyle Cedotal, SE Louisiana, Sr.	9-2	2.08	15	15	2	1/1	0	99.2	82	32	23	19	95	.219
SP	Daulton Jefferies, California, Jr.	6-5	2.92	14	13	1	0/1	0	80.0	72	28	26	17	74	.239
*SP	Matt Kroom, Oregon, So.	2-1	1.79	8	8	0	0/0	0	45.1	22	12	9	19	60	.148
SP	Jared Poche, LSU, Jr.	9-2	3.05	18	18	0	0/1	0	109.1	104	47	37	25	72	.248
RP	Bryan Garcia, Miami (Fla.), Jr.	6-2	2.50	35	0	0	0/1	10	39.2	29	12	11	20	38	.212
RP	Thomas Hackimer, St. John's, Sr.	4-1	1.92	35	0	0	0/3	15	51.2	31	13	11	23	26	.177
RP	Connor O'Neil, CSUN, Jr.	3-2	1.89	28	3	0	0/0	12	62.0	42	16	13	18	64	.190

\*-2014 Stats