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TCU TOPS 20TH ANNUAL PRESEASON NCBWA POLL

DALLAS – The National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association continued its tradition of NCAA Division I polls for the 19th year with its 2016 weekly surveys. This season’s polls have been circulated from Feb. 22-July 1 following the 70th annual NCAA World Series in Omaha, Neb., as Coastal Carolina captured the 2016 NCAA championship and top spot in the final survey.

The National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association continues its tradition of NCAA Division I polls for the 20th year with its 2017 weekly surveys as TCU tops this year’s preseason survey for the second time in NCBWA history.

Coach Jim Schlossnagle’s Horned Frogs also were No. 1 prior to the 2011 campaign and will be shooting for their third straight trip to the NCAA World Series.

Florida, which was first nationally before the 2012 season, holds down the No. 2 spot among the well represented Southeastern Conference.

Defending NCAA champion Coastal Carolina is No. 11 after winning its first NCAA team title and the first NCAA team championship in Southland Conference history. The Chanticleers, who had some heavy graduation losses after 2016, have moved to the Sun Belt Conference for all sports starting in 2017.

The 2017 poll voters come from among 40 college baseball writers and related media persons from regions throughout the nation. After a preseason Top 35 listing, the remainder of the polls will feature a national Top 30 during the regular season.

Previous No. 1 entries on the preseason NCBWA rankings have been LSU in the 1998, 2001 and 2009 polls, Southern California (1999), Miami (Fla.) (2000), Stanford (2002), Texas (2003, 06, 10), Rice (2004, 07), Cal State Fullerton (2005, 14), Arizona State (2008), North Carolina (2009), TCU (2011, 17), Florida (2012), Arkansas (2013), and Vanderbilt (2015).

The current survey has representation by 10 different conferences among the 300 baseball-playing schools in the 2017 NCAA Division I ranks. The rankings of 2016 had 16 different DI conferences rated at least one week. For more information or to join the NCBWA, please go to <http://www.ncbwa.com>.

2017 Preseason NCBWA Poll

Current Ranking, School	Conference	Overall (2016)	Previous
1 TCU	Big 12	49-18	3
2 Florida	Southeastern	52-16	6
3 LSU	Southeastern	45-21	12
4 Florida State	Atlantic Coast	41-22	13
5 South Carolina	Southeastern	46-18	14
6 Vanderbilt	Southeastern	43-19	19

7	Oregon State	Pacific-12	35-19	-
8	Louisville	Atlantic Coast	50-14	10
9	East Carolina	American Athletic	38-23-1	15
10	NC State	Atlantic Coast	38-22	17
11	Coastal Carolina	Sun Belt	55-18	1
12	North Carolina	Atlantic Coast	34-21	-
13	Clemson	Atlantic Coast	44-20	18
14	Cal State Fullerton	Big West	36-23	29
15	Louisiana-Lafayette	Sun Belt	43-21	20
16	Arizona	Pacific-12	49-24	2
17	Texas Tech	Big 12	47-20	5
18	Miami, Florida	Atlantic Coast	50-14	8
19	Virginia	Atlantic Coast	38-22	22
20	Texas A&M	Southeastern	49-16	9
21	UC Santa Barbara	Big West	43-20-1	7
22	Oklahoma State	Big 12	43-22	4
23	Stanford	Pacific-12	31-23	-
24	Rice	Conference USA	38-24	26
25	Maryland	Big Ten	30-27	-
26	Washington	Pacific-12	33-23	-
27	Ole Miss	Southeastern	43-19	21
28	Long Beach State	Big West	38-22	-
29	Georgia Tech	Atlantic Coast	38-25	30
30	UNC Wilmington	Colonial	41-19	-
31	Dallas Baptist	Missouri Valley	44-19	24
32	Mississippi State	Southeastern	44-18-1	11
33	Tulane	American Athletic	41-21	23
34	Houston	American Athletic	36-23	-
35	Arizona State	Pacific-12	36-23	-

Others receiving votes (listed alphabetically): Alabama State (38-17), Arkansas (26-29), Auburn (23-33), Boston College (35-22), Bryant (47-12), BYU (37-17), Cal Poly (32-25), Florida Atlantic (39-19), Fresno State (36-22), Georgia Southern (36-24), Gonzaga (36-21), High Point (32-24), Houston Baptist (24-29), Kent State (44-14), Liberty (31-28), Lipscomb (31-27), Louisiana Tech (42-20), Michigan (36-21), Missouri (26-30), Nebraska (37-22), New Mexico (39-23), Ohio State (44-20-1), Oregon (29-26), Rhode Island (31-27), Sam Houston State (42-22), San Diego (27-29), South Alabama (42-22), Southeast Missouri State (39-21), Southeastern Louisiana (40-21), Southern California (28-28), Southern Miss (41-20), St. John's (28-26-1), Texas (25-32), UC Irvine (31-25), UCLA (25-31), UT Arlington (30-28), Utah (26-29), Wake Forest (35-27)

By conference: Atlantic Coast 8, Southeastern 7, Pacific-12 5, American Athletic 3, Big 12 3, Big West 3, Sun Belt 2, Big Ten 1, Colonial 1, Conference USA 1, Missouri Valley 1