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NCBWA RELEASES 22nd ANNUAL 2022 NCAA DIVISION I PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA TEAMS

DALLAS – With a solid group of super seniors and youngsters who decided to stay with their 2022 squads in hopes of gaining the coveted NCAA Championship in Omaha, Neb., the 21st annual National Collegiate Baseball Writers preseason All-America teams bring ample all-star talent into the 164th season of intercollegiate baseball.

Defending NCAA champion Mississippi State returns a pair of NCAA World Series all-tournament selections among the All-America selections. Relief ace Landon Sims (5-0 record, 1.44 earned run average, 13 saves, 100 strikeouts in 56-plus innings) is a first team member and may be used in a starting role this season. Junior catcher Logan Tanner (.287, 15 home runs, 53 RBI) joins his mate as a second team choice.

Numerous other 2021 World Series participants also return as All-America honorees. 2021 runner-up Vanderbilt has three representatives in first baseman Dominic Keegan (.345-15-57) and outfielder Enrique Bradfield Jr. (.336-1-38, 47 stolen bases) on the first unit and second teamer relief star Nick Maldonado (1-2, 2.31, 59 whiffs in 50-plus innings). CWS entry Texas 1B Ivan Melendez (.319-13-51) joins Longhorns pitchers Pete Hansen (9-1, 1.88, 80 strikeouts), Tristan Stevens (11-3, 3.31, 77 strikeouts), and Aaron Nixon (4-3, 2.12 9 saves) on one of the three pre-2022 squads.

Other familiar names from the 2021 national final eight contenders are NC State pitcher Sam Highfill (9-2, 3.66, 84 strikeouts), Tennessee pitcher Blade Tidwell (10-3, 3.74, 90Ks) and OF Jordan Beck (.264-15-64), Arizona catcher Daniel Susac (.335-12-65), and Stanford OF Brock Jones (.311-18-62) as they seek to bring their respective squads back to Omaha.

From this sterling group, there are 23 different conferences represented, along with 13 conference championships teams and 21 NCAA Regional teams from '21, 23 total conferences and 60 different schools. The SEC, with 16 All-America choices, Big 12 with 12, and Atlantic Coast Conference with nine standouts topped all circuit selections.

Besides the CWS returnees, such stars as Texas Tech sophomore 2B Jace Jung (2021 Big 12 Conference Freshman of the Year, .331-21-67, leading home run hitter on the first team), Central Michigan pitcher Andrew Taylor (11-4, 1.87, 125 strikeouts in 94-plus innings, most wins of pre-2022 first team starters), Ole Miss shortstop Jacob Gonzalez (.355-12-55), and two LSU standouts – OF Dylan Crews (.362-18-42) and DH Jacob Berry (.352-17-70, RBI leader on the first team) - also grace the NCBWA dream teams.

Previous NCBWA All-America teams from 1996-2021 also have featured the likes of 3B Kris Bryant of San Diego, P Stephen Strasburg of San Diego State, 1B Mark Teixeira of Georgia Tech, RHP Mark Prior of USC, SS-2B Rickie Weeks of Southern U., 3B Alex Gordon of Nebraska, P David Price of Vanderbilt, C Buster Posey of Florida State, catcher Mike Zunino of Florida, OF Andrew Benintendi of Arkansas, and 1B-P Brendan McKay (2017 Dick Howser Trophy) of Louisville, among others.

Founded in 1962, the NCBWA is dedicated to the advancement of college baseball. Membership is open to writers, broadcasters and publicists of the sport. For more information about the NCBWA, visit the association's official website www.ncbwa.com. The preseason All-America squads are considered the first step toward the eventual selection of the 2022 Dick Howser Trophy presented by the Game Headwear and voted upon for 25 seasons by members of the NCBWA.

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2022 NCBWA Division I Preseason All-America Team

FIRST TEAM (2021 Statistics)

Pos.	Name, School, Class	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	2B-3B-HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB/SB
C	Daniel Susac, Arizona, So.	.335	61	242	48	81	24-1-12	65	19	47	0/0
1B	Dominic Keegan, Vanderbilt, Sr.	.345	60	232	56	80	17-3-15	57	30	74	0/1
1B	Ivan Melendez, Texas, r-Jr.	.319	59	204	38	65	13-3-13	51	34	65	1/1
2B	Jace Jung, Texas Tech, So.	.337	56	208	55	70	10-1-21	67	49	45	4/6
SS	Jacob Gonzalez, Ole Miss, So.	.355	67	262	73	93	16-1-12	55	38	34	2/6
3B	Austin Knight, Charlotte, Jr.	.342	60	234	59	80	29-1-11	63	15	49	13/13
OF	Dylan Crews, LSU, So.	.362	63	246	64	89	16-2-18	42	39	44	12/15
OF	Brock Jones, Stanford, Jr.	.311	56	206	56	64	13-1-18	62	49	59	14/19
OF	Enrique Bradfield Jr., Vanderbilt, So.	.336	67	244	60	82	8-4-1	38	45	42	47/53
OF	Dylan Beavers, California, Jr.	.303	55	211	44	64	11-2-18	49	32	53	10/12
OF	RJ Schreck, Duke, Sr.	.337	54	208	49	70	8-0-18	52	27	43	11/12
DH	Jacob Berry, LSU, So.	.352	63	247	54	87	19-5-17	70	33	58	2/4
UT	Paul Skenes, Air Force, So.	.410	48	188	49	77	21-0-11	43	22	45	0/3

1-1, 2.70 ERA, 18 APP, 0GS, 0CG, 0/1SHO, 11 SV, 16.2IP, 20 H, 10 R, 8 ER, 9 BB, 30 K, .208 OPPBA

Pos.	Name School	W-L	ERA	APP	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	OPP BA
SP	Justin Campbell, Oklahoma State, So.	7-2	2.57	14	13	1	1/2	0	84.0	66	28	24	27	102	.214
SP	Andrew Taylor, Central Michigan, So.	11-4	1.87	15	15	5	2/2	0	94.1	64	21	19	24	125	.189
SP	Parker Messick, Florida State, r-So.	8-2	3.10	16	16	0	2/0	0	90.0	81	38	31	23	126	.234
SP	Carson Whisenhunt, ECU, r-So.	6-2	3.77	13	13	0	0/0	0	62.0	50	28	26	22	79	.220
SP	Pete Hansen, Texas, r-So.	9-1	1.88	19	14	0	0/0	0	91.0	66	22	19	23	80	.201
SP	Hunter Barco, Florida, So.	10-3	4.01	16	16	1	0/1	0	83.0	77	43	37	26	94	.239
SP	Blade Tidwell, Tennessee, So.	10-3	3.74	18	18	0	0/1	0	98.2	84	49	41	34	90	.234
RP	Landon Sims, Mississippi State, So.	5-0	1.44	25	0	0	0/4	13	56.1	29	9	9	15	100	.149
RP	Carson Palmquist, Miami (Fla.), So.	1-1	2.22	25	0	0	0/0	14	44.2	22	11	11	14	63	.216
RP	Aaron Nixon, Texas, So.	4-3	2.12	27	0	0	0/0	9	34.0	26	8	8	10	35	.211
RP	Nick Maldonado, Vanderbilt, Jr.	1-2	2.31	28	0	0	0/4	9	50.2	32	13	13	7	59	.173

SECOND TEAM

Pos.	Name, School, Class	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	2B-3B-HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB/SB
C	Logan Tanner, Mississippi State, So.	.287	67	244	45	70	13-0-15	53	39	48	0/1
1B	Tre Morgan, LSU, So.	.357	63	249	64	89	16-4-6	42	25	41	15/21
2B	Robert Moore, Arkansas, Jr.	.283	61	233	59	66	10-3-16	53	41	51	6/7
SS	Brooks Lee, Cal Poly, r-So.	.342	55	222	48	76	27-3-10	57	18	34	3/4
3B	Ethan Long, Arizona State, So.	.340	51	162	42	55	11-0-16	54	18	46	0/0
3B	Tyler Locklear, VCU, So.	.345	54	194	69	67	12-3-16	66	46	40	8/12
OF	Jud Fabian, Florida, Jr.	.249	59	225	51	56	10-0-20	46	40	79	6/8
OF	Gavin Cross, Virginia Tech, r-So.	.345	51	203	48	70	13-5-11	35	17	48	9/13
OF	Jace Grady, Dallas Baptist, Jr.	.337	49	178	46	60	17-3-4	40	23	33	15/18
OF	Jordan Beck, Tennessee, Jr.	.271	67	258	42	70	16-2-15	64	24	60	8/9
OF	Kevin Graham, Ole Miss, Sr.	.342	67	260	58	89	15-0-14	56	31	36	2/3
DH	Tim Elko, Ole Miss, Sr.	.325	49	160	41	52	8-0-16	55	29	53	0/0
UT	Isaac Coffey, Oral Roberts, Jr.	.316	34	38	10	12	2-0-2	7	12	15	0/1

9-2, 2.81 ERA, 14 APP, 14 GS, 4 CG, 2 SHO, 0 SV, 86.1 IP, 73 H, 32 R, 27 ER, 13 BB, 92 K, .225 OPPBA

Pos.	Name School	W-L	ERA	APP	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	OPP BA
SP	Tristan Stevens, Texas, r-Sr.	11-3	3.31	18	18	0	0/3	0	111.1	105	41	41	23	77	.248
SP	Austin Krob, TCU, Jr.	8-1	3.81	16	16	0	0/0	0	85.0	80	39	36	37	96	.252
SP	Cam Schlittler, Northeastern, So.	8-1	1.88	13	13	0	0/1	0	76.2	58	18	16	20	85	.209
SP	Jace Kaminska, Wichita State, So.	8-1	2.32	12	10	2	0/1	0	62.0	51	18	16	19	51	.225
SP	Sam Highfill, NC State, So.	9-2	3.66	16	15	0	0/1	0	93.1	77	44	38	26	84	.224
SP	Michael Frias, UC Irvine, r-Sr.	9-2	3.36	17	14	2	2/0	0	85.2	65	34	32	24	91	.206
RP	Kevin Davis, USC Upstate, r-Sr.	1-1	1.57	22	0	0	0/0	11	28.2	15	5	5	20	42	.155
RP	Marcus Johnson, Duke, Jr.	5-3	3.05	30	0	0	0/2	7	56.0	40	22	19	12	59	.196
RP	Jake Rappaport, NJIT, Sr.	8-2	3.71	28	0	0	0/1	11	51.0	48	22	21	14	35	.241
RP	Jonah Ulane, Kansas, r-Sr.	3-0	1.44	22	0	0	0/2	11	25.0	11	5	4	18	29	.139

THIRD TEAM

Pos.	Name, School, Class	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	2B-3B-HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB/SB
C	Kevin Parada, Georgia Tech, So.	.318	52	220	42	70	20-2-9	42	17	41	1/2
C	Jimmy Crooks, Oklahoma, r-So.	.287	54	223	53	64	18-0-10	39	31	32	3/3
1B	Caden Grice, Clemson, So.	.317	51	186	40	59	9-1-15	53	28	74	2/3
1B	Nolan Schanuel, Florida Atlantic, So.	.343	55	198	54	68	11-1-11	56	28	21	6/8
2B	Carter Trice, Old Dominion, So.	.355	58	234	57	83	17-3-14	54	28	62	8/10
SS	Pascanel Ferrera, Western Carolina, So.	.329	49	213	56	70	11-2-16	56	24	58	5/5
SS	Jordan Sprinkle, UCSB, So.	.353	58	235	55	83	18-2-7	32	14	39	26/31
3B	Tyler Bosetti, Nevada, Sr.	.328	45	195	46	64	22-3-11	47	13	39	3/4
3B	Brayden Taylor, TCU, So.	.324	58	222	54	72	11-4-12	53	49	46	15/16
OF	Chase DeLauter, JMU, r-So.	.386	26	101	26	39	12-2-6	21	25	14	7/11
OF	Jared McKenzie, Baylor, So.	.383	51	214	62	82	14-4-10	44	15	35	3/4
OF	John Thrasher, Kentucky, Sr.	.369	36	122	37	45	11-3-7	23	15	21	37/40
OF	Brooks Baldwin, UNCW, r-Jr.	.325	54	243	49	79	11-3-15	45	9	39	11/17
OF	Tanner Smith, Oregon, Jr.	.324	55	225	49	73	24-4-5	36	31	32	4/7

DH	Josh Smith, Georgia State, Jr.	.324	55	192	38	59	8-1-10	55	24	32	10/11
DH	Joshua Figueroa, UIC, Gr.	.351	47	174	35	61	14-1-7	54	15	34	0/1
UT	Zach Neto, Campbell, r-So.	.405	44	173	50	70	17-3-12	58	17	30	12/16

4-0, 3.43 ERA, 11 GP, 1GS, 0 CG, 0 SV, 21 IP, 15 H, 9 R, 8 ER, 15 BB, 16 K, .200 OPPBA

Pos.	Name	School	W-L	ERA	APP	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	B/Avg.
SP	Nikelle Galatas,	Jackson State, Sr.	9-2	3.12	15	12	4	1/0	1	86.2	65	38	30	34	89	.206
SP	Nick DeGennaro,	Stony Brook, Jr.	8-3	3.14	14	12	2	1/1	0	77.1	66	30	27	27	92	.231
SP	John Michael Bertrand,	Notre Dame. Gr.	8-2	3.21	15	14	3	1/0	0	92.2	82	38	33	22	68	.234
SP	Jake Noviello,	Fairfield, Sr.	9-0	1.47	10	10	2	2/1	0	67.1	50	14	11	9	59	.203
SP	Jonathan Fincher,	Louisiana Tech, r-Jr.	8-3	3.05	17	16	3	2/1	0	100.1	80	36	34	23	85	.219
SP	Dylan Tebrake,	Creighton, Jr.	8-0	2.72	12	12	0	1/1	0	72.2	59	23	22	24	75	.220
SP	Carter Young,	Grand Canyon, So.	7-1	2.77	15	13	1	1/1	0	68.1	69	24	21	27	59	.263
RP	C.J. Mayhue,	ECU, r-So.	3-1	3.06	34	0	0	0/1	8	50.0	44	24	17	21	76	.228
RP	Jacob Watters,	West Virginia, Jr.	4-1	3.33	29	1	0	0/0	4	27.0	15	11	10	32	53	.165
RP	Devereaux Harrison,	Long Beach State, So.	3-1	1.57	18	0	0	0/1	10	34.1	22	8	6	12	42	.175
RP	Will Brian,	Eastern Kentucky, Sr.	2-1	2.48	25	0	0	0/2	10	32.2	26	9	9	10	48	.224
RP	TJ Brock,	Ohio State, Sr.	0-1	2.08	19	0	0	0/0	9	21.2	15	5	5	16	33	.197
RP	Jacob King,	UC Irvine, r-So.	3-1	1.98	29	0	0	0/3	8	41.0	32	11	9	10	45	.224

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