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2021 NCBWA ALL-AMERICA FEATURES FIVE HOWSER TROPHY FINALISTS, DIVISION I'S MOST OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

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DALLAS – Paced by the five finalists for the 2021 Dick Howser Trophy presented by The Game Headwear, the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association 23rd Division I All-America baseball squads (first, second and third teams) feature a true Who's Who of the best in college baseball this spring.

Standouts from 47 different schools and 19 conferences join Howser Trophy finalists Jace Jung of Texas Tech, Kevin Kopps of Arkansas, Jack Leiter and Kumar Rocker of Vanderbilt and Matheu Nelson of Florida State – all first-team selections – on this dream team of collegiate diamondmen.

Among some of the conference players of the year are FSU's Nelson of the Atlantic Coast Conference, Arkansas' Kopps (SEC Pitcher of the Year and Collegiate Baseball magazine Player of the Year), Big 12 Conference Freshman of the Year Jung, and probable consensus All-America righthanders Leiter and Rocker.

Nelson is tied with South Carolina's Wes Clarke prior to the NCAA World Series June 19-29/30 in Omaha, Nebraska, for the national lead in home runs with 23. Kopps tops all Division I hurlers with a 0.90 earned run average, and Leiter and Rocker enter Vandy's trek to the World Series Nos. 1 and 2 nationally in strikeouts with 156 and 155, respectively. Jung, the 2021 NCBWA Freshman Hitter of the Year, also led the Big 12 in home runs with 21 for Tech's Super Regional entry.

Fans and media will have a chance to see many of these All-America choices in the World Series at TD Ameritrade Park in Omaha. Southeastern Conference Player of the Year Tanner Allen of Mississippi State nailed down a first team outfield slot for his Omaha-bound Bulldogs while teammate and relief ace Landon Sims joined him on the top unit.

Outfielder Jonny Butler (second team) of NC State, which upended No. 1 seed Arkansas to make it to the CWS, Big 12 Conference Pitcher of the Year Ty Madden of Texas (making a NCAA-record 37th trip to Omaha), pitcher Blake Bales of Virginia, and pitchers Brendan Beck and Zach Grech of Stanford all paced their teams to berths in the Final Eight of Division I baseball. NCBWA national Freshman Pitcher of the Year and the Co-National Freshman of the Year by Collegiate Baseball Andrew Taylor of Central Michigan also was a first-team honoree.

The U.S. Service Academies also are represented on the first team by Air Force's Mountain West Conference Freshman of the Year and Collegiate Baseball's Co-National Freshman of the Year utility player Paul Skenes with a .410 batting average, 11 home runs and 11 saves in relief.

This group sports some of the most impressive pitching in the 23-year history of NCBWA All-America selections. The starting pitching first teamers are a composite 65-13 (combined .833 winning percentage) with 10-plus strikeouts per nine innings pitched. The first unit relief staff has a combined 21-5 mound record and 68 saves.

The second team is equally impressive with starting pitchers logging a total of 65 wins against just 16 losses and a relief corps with a composite record of 16-12 in 133 appearances and 46 total saves.

The 2021 All-America team announcement precedes the presentation of the 34th Dick Howser Trophy presented by The Game Headwear. The winner will be announced on Friday, June 18, first on MLB Network at 11:15 a.m., EDT, and then at a national news conference via Zoom call at a time to be determined just prior to the 74th NCAA College World Series at TD Ameritrade Park in Omaha, Nebraska. The announcement of the NCBWA 2021 Stopper of the Year and National Coach of the Year also will take place on Friday via online national release.

NCBWA membership includes writers, broadcasters and publicists. Designed to promote and publicize college baseball, it is the sport's only college media-related organization, founded in 1962.

The Howser Trophy was created in 1987, shortly after Howser's death. Previous winners of the Howser Trophy are Mike Fiore, Miami, 1987; Robin Ventura, Oklahoma State, 1988; Scott Bryant, Texas, 1989; Alex Fernandez, Miami-Dade Community College South, 1990; Frank Rodriguez, Howard College (Texas), 1991; Brooks Kieschnick, Texas, 1992 and 1993; Jason Varitek, Georgia Tech, 1994; Todd Helton, Tennessee, 1995; Kris Benson, Clemson, 1996; J.D. Drew, Florida State, 1997; Eddy Furniss, LSU, 1998; Jason Jennings, Baylor, 1999; Mark Teixeira, Georgia Tech, 2000; Mark Prior, Southern California, 2001; Khalil Greene, Clemson, 2002; Rickey Weeks, Southern, 2003; Jered Weaver, Long Beach State, 2004; Alex Gordon, Nebraska, 2005; Brad Lincoln, Houston, 2006; David Price, Vanderbilt, 2007; Buster Posey, Florida State, 2008; Stephen Strasburg, San Diego State, 2009; Anthony Rendon, Rice, 2010; Taylor Jungmann, Texas, 2011; Mike Zunino, Florida, 2012 and Kris Bryant, San Diego, 2013; A.J. Reed, Kentucky, 2014; Andrew Benintendi, Arkansas, 2015; Seth Beer, Clemson, 2016; and Brendan McKay, Louisville, 2017; Brady Singer, Florida, 2018; Adley Rutschman, Oregon State, 2019.

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2021 NCBWA Division I All-America Team

FIRST TEAM (Statistics Through June 15)

Pos.	Name	School	Class	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	2B-3B-HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB/SBA
C	Matheu Nelson	Florida State	r-So.*	.330	53	194	50	64	17-0-23	66	31	58	4/6
1B	Tyler Hardman	Oklahoma	r-Jr.	.397	55	224	49	89	19-2-12	49	34	59	3/5
2B	Jace Jung	Texas Tech	Fr.*	.337	56	208	55	70	10-1-21	67	49	45	4/6
SS	Ryan Bliss	Auburn	Jr.	.365	50	211	50	77	14-1-15	45	23	30	6/11
3B	Christian Encarnacion-Strand	Oklahoma State	So.#	.361	56	227	47	82	17-3-15	66	20	50	4/6
OF	Tanner Allen	Mississippi State	Jr.*	.392	60	232	64	91	15-5-10	62	22	30	9/12
OF	Enrique Bradfield Jr.	Vanderbilt	Fr.#	.356	60	216	57	77	8-3-1	36	42	36	46/52
OF	Mason McWhorter	Georgia Southern	r-Sr.*	.372	57	226	50	84	16-1-18	52	27	51	3/4
OF	Aaron Zavala	Oregon	So.*	.392	55	199	64	78	14-3-9	38	50	31	11/13
OF	Kyler Fedko	Connecticut	So.*	.398	52	196	57	78	14-2-12	53	28	37	7/11
DH	Jacob Berry	Arizona	Fr.	.359	61	237	53	85	18-5-17	70	33	54	2/4
UT	Paul Skenes	Air Force	Fr.*	.410	48	188	49	77	21-0-11	43	22	45	0/3

1-1, 2.70 ERA, 18APP, 0GS, 0CG, 0/1SHO, 11SV, 216.2IP, 20H, 10R, 8ER, 9BB, 30K, .208OPPBA

Pos.	Name	School	W-L	ERA	APP	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	OPP	BA
SP	Jack Leiter	Vanderbilt	So.	10-3	2.16	16	16	1	1/1	0	96.0	41	27	23	41	156	.127
SP	Kumar Rocker	Vanderbilt	Jr.	13-3	2.46	17	17	1	0/4	0	106.0	59	32	29	36	155	.157
SP	Gavin Williams	East Carolina	Jr.^	10-1	1.88	15	12	1	1/3	1	81.1	57	18	17	21	130	.193
SP	Doug Nkhazy	Ole Miss	Jr.	12-2	2.45	16	15	1	1/2	0	92.0	62	30	25	31	142	.186
SP	Andrew Taylor	Central Michigan	r-Fr.^#	11-4	1.81	15	15	5	2/2	0	94.1	64	21	19	24	125	.189
SP	Matt Mikulski	Fordham	Sr.^	9-0	1.45	11	11	5	2/1	0	68.1	29	11	11	27	124	.127
RP	Nick Jones	Georgia Southern	Sr.	1-0	1.48	29	0	0	0	17	42.2	34	8	7	5	67	.213
RP	Taylor Broadway	Ole Miss	Sr.	4-3	3.44	30	1	0	0/4	16	49.2	46	20	19	9	66	.242
RP	Kevin Kopps	Arkansas	r-Sr.^	12-1	0.90	33	1	0	0/3	11	89.2	50	9	9	18	131	.162
RP	Carson Palmquist	Miami	Fr.	1-1	0.68	25	0	0	0	14	44.2	22	11	11	8	75	.143
RP	Landon Sims	Mississippi State	So.	3-0	1.28	20	0	0	0/3	10	42.1	22	6	6	13	81	.149

SECOND TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Class	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	2B-3B-HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB/SBA
C	Henry Davis	Louisville	So.	.370	50	184	45	68	9-0-15	48	31	24	10/13
1B	Will Frizzell	Texas A&M	Sr.	.343	56	204	46	70	13-0-19	50	39	43	3/4
2B	Connor Norby	East Carolina	So.*	.415	61	246	64	102	15-0-15	51	33	34	18/22
SS	Jacob Gonzalez	Ole Miss	Fr.	.355	67	262	73	93	16-1-12	55	38	34	2/6
	Collin Burns	Tulane	r-So.	.353	55	238	55	84	20-4-8	50	19	42	20/25
3B	Tyler Locklear	VCU	Fr.*	.345	54	194	69	67	12-3-16	66	46	40	8/12
OF	Phillip Sikes	TCU	Jr.	.329	58	213	56	70	19-5-11	63	26	45	12/13
OF	Kyle Battle	Old Dominion	Sr.	.319	59	207	68	66	15-3-18	61	56	37	7/9
OF	Colton Cowser	Sam Houston State	So.*	.374	55	203	61	76	10-2-16	52	42	32	17/20
OF	Jonny Butler	NC State	Jr.	.377	49	191	52	72	12-2-13	48	25	40	16/17
OF	Reed Trimble	Southern Miss	Fr.	.345	59	235	59	81	14-2-17	72	19	46	12/14
OF	Spencer Packard	Campbell	r-Sr.	.371	55	197	53	73	18-0-11	67	32	24	2/3
DH	Wes Clarke	South Carolina	Jr.	.271	57	199	56	54	9-0-23	55	50	73	0/0
UT	Zach Neto	Campbell	r-Fr.*	.405	44	173	50	70	17-3-12	58	17	30	12/16

4-0, 3.43 ERA, 11APP, 1GS, 0CG, 0SHO, 0SV, 21.0IP, 15H, 9R, 8ER, 15BB, 16K, .200OPPBA

Pos.	Name	School	W-L	ERA	APP	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	B/Avg.	
SP	Nicholas Sincola	Maine	Jr.^	9-3	2.04	12	12	5	1/1	0	79.1	59	20	18	23	139	.208
SP	Ty Madden	Texas	r-So.^	7-4	2.41	16	16	1	1/1	0	100.2	67	33	27	39	119	.189
SP	Rodney Boone	UC Santa Barbara	So.^	11-4	2.31	16	16	1	1/0	0	97.1	55	33	25	39	128	.165
SP	Jeremy Guerrero	Indiana State	r-Sr.^	10-1	2.08	14	14	2	1/2	0	99.1	65	26	23	14	98	.182
SP	Dominic Hamel	Dallas Baptist	Jr.	13-2	4.22	18	16	0	0/3	1	91.2	68	44	43	34	136	.204
SP	Johnathan Lavallee	Long Beach State	Jr.^	8-1	1.89	11	9	1	1/2	0	62.0	35	15	13	16	73	.160
SP	Patrick Wicklander	Arkansas	Jr.	7-1	2.09	18	13	0	0	0	77.2	65	22	18	24	85	.226
SP	Brendan Beck	Stanford	^	9-1	2.96	15	14	2	1	0	100.1	62	36	33	23	128	.195
RP	Blake Bales	Virginia	Sr.	3-0	0.71	25	0	0	0/2	0	38.0	17	4	3	15	54	.138
RP	Zach Grech	Stanford	r-Sr.	5-5	3.17	30	1	0	0/2	13	48.1	38	19	17	12	34	.220
RP	Haylen Green	TCU	Sr.	1-3	3.33	25	0	0	0/0	12	48.2	43	24	18	5	55	.234
RP	Jake Mulholland	Oregon State	Sr.	2-2	3.03	29	0	0	0/2	13	32.2	23	12	11	11	25	.198
RP	Vance Vannelle	Arizona	Sr.	5-2	2.64	24	0	0	0/1	8	30.2	31	13	9	10	37	.261

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THIRD TEAM

Pos.	Name	School, Class	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	2B-3B-HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB/SB
C	Hunter Goodman,	Memphis, So.	.307	56	202	40	62	10-1-21	51	30	53	9/9
	Daniel Susac,	Arizona, Fr.	.329	59	234	47	77	21-1-12	61	19	46	0/0
1B	Matthew Christian,	Campbell, r-Sr.	.350	50	200	45	70	15-2-16	65	13	42	11/16
	Liam McGill,	Bryant, r-Sr.*	.471	37	138	46	65	9-1-9	50	22	23	2/2
2B	Jackson Glenn,	Dallas Baptist, Sr.*	.366	59	235	62	86	19-2-21	55	32	33	13/13
SS	Trey Sweeney,	Eastern Illinois, r-So.	.382	48	170	52	65	10-2-14	58	46	24	3/5
	Cal Conley,	Texas Tech, r-Fr.	.329	56	225	46	74	13-0-15	55	21	38	7/8
3B	Austin Knight,	Charlotte, So.*#	.342	60	234	59	80	29-1-11	63	15	49	13/13
OF	Jud Fabian,	Florida, r-So.	.249	59	225	51	56	10-0-20	46	40	79	6/8
OF	Christian Franklin,	Arkansas, Jr.	.274	61	215	55	59	15-2-13	54	44	78	11/1
OF	Matt Rudnick,	San Diego State, r-Jr.	.410	44	178	61	73	8-4-4	41	26	9	17/18
OF	Quincy Hamilton,	Wright State, r-Jr.*	.374	48	179	78	67	18-4-15	65	56	32	20/23
OF	Dylan Crews,	LSU, Fr.	.362	63	246	64	89	16-2-18	42	39	44	12/15
OF	Dylan Beavers,	Cal, So.	.303	55	211	44	64	11-2-18	49	32	53	10/12
DH	Ethan Long,	Arizona State, Fr.	.340	51	162	42	55	11-0-16	54	18	46	0/0
UT	Spencer Schwellenbach,	Nebraska, Jr.*	.284	48	183	43	52	12-1-6	40	30	44	9/9
	3-1, 0.95 ERA, 18APP, 0GS, 0CG, 0/3SHO, 10SV, 31.2IP, 22H, 2R, 2ER, 8BB, 34K, .198OPPBA											
UT	Danny Hosley,	Norfolk State, Sr.*	.357	47	129	27	46	8-2-1	24	15	9	9/11
	7-2, 4.01 ERA, 12APP, 11GS, 6CG, 0SHO, 0SV, 76.1IP, 63H, 39R, 34ER, 19BB, 84K, .216 OPPBA											

Pos.	Name	School	W-L	ERA	APP	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	B/Avg.
SP	Andrew Abbott,	Virginia, Sr.	8-6	3.04	18	16	0	0/2	0	100.2	84	39	34	30	152	.228
SP	Ryan Miller,	NC Central, r-So.^	10-0	2.21	13	12	2	2/1	0	73.1	55	26	18	22	74	.204
SP	Parker Messick,	Florida State, r-Fr.^	8-2	3.10	16	16	0	0/2	0	90.0	81	38	31	23	126	.234
SP	Sam Bachman,	Miami, Ohio, Jr.	4-4	1.81	12	12	1	0	0	59.2	29	15	12	17	93	.147
SP	Landon Marceaux,	LSU, Jr.	7-7	2.54	18	17	1	0/2	0	102.2	92	37	29	26	116	.238
SP	Jordan Marks,	USC Upstate, Jr.^	10-2	2.54	15	15	1	1/1	0	95.2	85	32	27	20	101	.232
SP	Will Bednar,	Mississippi State, So.	7-1	3.53	16	13	0	0/3	0	74.0	67	32	29	20	113	.241
SP	Chad Dallas,	Tennessee, Jr.	11-1	4.10	16	16	0	0	0	96.2	87	48	44	19	118	.235
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
RP	Chase Lee,	Alabama, Jr.	7-0	1.33	22	0	0	0	7	40.2	29	8	6	14	51	.201
RP	C.J. Culpepper,	Cal Baptist, Fr.#	2-2	3.30	22	0	0	0/0	13	30.0	25	21	11	15	38	.225
RP	Luke Boyd,	Baylor, Sr.	1-2	1.27	24	0	0	0/1	8	28.1	15	4	4	11	43	.152
RP	Kolby Somers,	Oregon, Jr.	2-2	3.08	20	0	0	0	11	26.1	14	9	9	14	37	.149
RP	Brett Kerry,	South Carolina, Jr.	5-1	2.15	17	3	1	1/2	4	54.1	48	14	13	10	84	.226

* - Conference player of the year

^ - Conference pitcher of the year

- Conference freshman/newcomer of the year

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