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NCBWA ANNOUNCES 2014 DIVISION I PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA TEAMS

14th annual NCBWA Preseason All-America Team

Features array of 2013 NCAA World Series Participants, National Standouts

FORT WORTH, Texas – With solid representation from defending baseball champion, UCLA, and 2013 runner-up, Mississippi State, the 14th annual National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association preseason All-America team premieres the top student-athletes from NCAA Division I, which opens the season in less than two months – on Feb. 14, 2014.

If the 155th season of intercollegiate baseball is anything like the previous campaign, the 2014 All-America units should shine for weeks leading up and into the NCAA DI World Series in Omaha, Neb., on June 14-24/25 and with strong-armed pitching in every corner. The Bruins and Bulldogs, in fact, have five players on all the first two squads, while 2013 NCAA World Series participants Indiana, Louisville, LSU, North Carolina, NC State, and Oregon State are represented by a total of 12 standouts on the three teams. In all, there are players from 17 conferences and 35 schools nationwide.

Returning first-team standouts from the post-2013 NCBWA All-America team are power-hitting Indiana catcher Kyle Schwarber (18 home runs for second-most among the honorees) and four pitchers (two starters, two relievers), who all held opposing hitters under .200 batting averages.

UCLA righty, 2013 CWS Most Outstanding Player and Team USA standout David Berg leads this pack with an NCAA-record 24 saves, 7-0 record and an 0.88 ERA. The other three returning first unit pitchers – Vanderbilt's Tyler Beede, Mississippi State's Jonathan Holder and LSU's Aaron Nola - were a combined 28-2 on the hill with 315 strikeouts and 21 saves by Holder.

Joining them on the elite first crew are starters Thomas Eshelman and Justin Garza of Cal State Fullerton, UC Irvine's Andrew Morales, and NC State's Carlos Rodon (A-A-leading 170 strikeouts in 118-plus innings pitched. 2013 postseason second team All-America relief man Nick Burdi of Louisville brings back 16 saves and an 0.78 ERA to compliment the six first-team rotation pitchers, who own a composite 69-7 record.

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The first squad also has representation from three UC Irvine Anteaters – 1B Connor Spencer, 3B Taylor Sparks and Morales. They all come from the same California high school programs, which produced 2013 consensus All-America and Dick Howser Trophy winner, Kris Bryant of the University of San Diego.

The first team chosen by consultation with individual schools' media relations offices and the NCBWA All-America committee features returning post-2013 second team All-America designated hitter Nick Backlund of Mercer and 2013 SEC Freshman of the Year and Brooks Wallace Award winning SS Alex Bregman of LSU. Utility player Drew Reynolds of East Carolina adds a .322 batting average and 14 saves in 28 relief appearances.

The pitching-rich second squad boasts another sterling group of moundmen such as Big 12 Conference Pitcher of the Year Harrison Musgrave of West Virginia, Pac-12 Conference Freshman Pitcher of the Year and 14-game winner Andrew Moore of Oregon State, 12-1 starter Trent Thornton of UNC, and Mississippi State's Ross Mitchell, who led relief pitchers on all college levels with 13 wins as a sophomore.

These youngsters also are the core of nominees for the initial ballot for the 28th annual Dick Howser Trophy, presented by the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Area Chamber of Commerce and voted upon by the NCBWA membership. The Howser Trophy will be awarded in Omaha, Neb., June 13, 2014, prior to the opening of the 67th annual NCAA World Series.

2014 NCBWA Division I Preseason All-America Team

FIRST TEAM (Statistics Are From 2013 Season)

Pos.	Name, School, Class	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	2B-3B-HR	RBIs	BB	SO	SB/SBA
C	Kyle Schwarber, Indiana, Jr.	.376	58	221	63	83	10-1-18	54	42	30	4/7
1B	Connor Spencer, UC Irvine, Sr.	.373	55	212	42	79	19-3-0	35	21	21	3/5
2B	Ross Kivett, Kansas State, Sr.	.360	64	261	57	94	15-4-3	39	29	27	26/36
3B	Taylor Sparks, UC Irvine, Jr.	.360	55	222	38	80	11-4-10	50	6	40	7/10
SS	Alex Bregman, LSU, So.	.369	67	282	59	104	18-7-6	52	24	25	16/17
OF	Mike Papi, Virginia, Jr.	.381	55	176	57	67	15-3-7	57	45	25	6/8
OF	Casey Roche, Pittsburgh, Sr.	.339	58	233	53	79	12-2-9	65	27	41	10/13
OF	DJ Stewart, Florida State, So.	.364	60	225	50	82	25-2-5	59	38	40	8/12
DH	Nick Backlund, Mercer, Sr.	.326	61	242	45	79	22-0-13	68	35	50	0/0
UT	Drew Reynolds, East Carolina, Sr.	.322	54	211	30	68	13-0-0	22	11	22	5/6

3-0, 2.92 ERA, 28 App, 0 GS, 0 CG, 14 SV, 40.0IP, 35H, 19R, 13ER, 19BB, 36K

Pos.	Name School	W-L	ERA	APP	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	B/Avg.
SP	Tyler Beede, Vanderbilt, Jr.	14-1	2.32	17	17	0	0/1	0	101	64	32	26	63	103	.187
SP	Thomas Eshelman, Cal St.-Fullerton, So.	12-3	1.48	17	16	2	0	0	115.2	86	26	19	3	83	.204
^SP	Justin Garza, Cal St.-Fullerton, So.	12-0	2.03	17	17	0	0	0	115	84	27	26	17	95	.205
^SP	Aaron Nola, LSU, Jr.	12-1	1.57	17	17	5	3/2	0	126	83	30	22	18	122	.188
SP	Andrew Morales, UC Irvine, Sr.	10-0	1.89	17	13	0	0/4	0	95.1	78	20	20	21	85	.227
SP	Carlos Rodon, NC State, Jr.	9-2	3.19	17	17	2	1/1	0	118.1	85	47	42	42	170	.201
^RP	David Berg, UCLA, So.	7-0	0.88	46	0	0	0/6	21	71.1	49	7	7	8	73	.194
RP	Nick Burdi, Louisville, Jr.	3-3	0.78	28	0	0	0/1	16	34.2	25	4	3	13	61	.197
RP	Jonathan Holder, Mississippi State, Jr.	2-0	1.65	34	0	0	0/3	21	54.2	33	15	10	17	90	.153

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SECOND TEAM

Pos.	Name, School, Class	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	2B-3B-HR	RBIs	BB	SO	SB/SBA
C	Mark Zagunis, Virginia Tech, Jr.	.341	62	232	62	79	14-3-9	51	32	29	19/24
1B	Zach Stephens, Tennessee Tech, Sr.	.336	57	229	59	77	17-1-15	71	38	74	0/0
2B	Oscar Sanay, CSU Bakersfield, Sr.	.362	59	224	48	81	13-6-1	45	25	22	4/6
3B	Joey Pankake, South Carolina, Jr.	.311	62	238	40	74	9-1-11	42	29	29	7/11
SS	Trea Turner, NC State, So.	.368	56	228	66	84	13-4-7	42	38	31	30/36
OF	Skye Bolt, North Carolina, So.	.321	54	212	48	68	14-2-6	51	32	28	10/13
OF	Dylan Davis, Oregon State, Jr.	.335	63	257	45	86	22-3-5	61	19	35	9/12
OF	Brandon Downes, Virginia, Jr.	.315	61	253	67	80	20-7-10	59	27	60	6/7
DH	Kurt Wertz, Towson, Sr.	.338	57	222	43	75	14-7-13	65	31	36	8/13
UT	Ashton Perritt, Liberty, Jr.	.343	40	172	34	59	7-2-6	17	9	4	18/21

3-2, 2.09 ERA, 22 App, 1 GS, 0 CG, 10SV, 38.2IP, 27H, 11R, 9ER, 13 BB, 37K

Pos.	Name School	W-L	ERA	APP	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	B/Avg.
SP	Andrew Moore, Oregon State, So.	14-2	1.79	19	18	3	3/3	1	131	93	33	26	28	72	.207
^SP	Harrison Musgrave, West Virginia, Jr.	9-1	2.17	14	14	3	3/2	0	95.1	65	24	23	29	81	.197
SP	Bryan Radziewski, Miami, Fla., r-Jr.	9-3	1.78	15	14	2	2/3	0	91	53	24	18	30	109	.175
SP	Trent Thornton, North Carolina, So.	12-1	1.37	29	6	0	0/3	8	91.2	69	22	14	19	81	.204
SP	Grant Watson, UCLA, Jr.	9-3	3.01	18	17	0	0/2	0	92.2	93	36	31	16	55	.266
RP	Trace Dempsey, Ohio State, Jr.	3-0	1.02	31	0	0	0/5	17	35.1	22	6	4	11	28	.180
RP	Brian Miller, Vanderbilt, Jr.	5-2	1.58	32	0	0	0/1	16	57	37	13	10	11	48	.180
RP	Ross Mitchell, Mississippi State, Jr.	13-0	1.53	34	0	0	0/1	2	94	72	22	16	29	44	.214

THIRD TEAM

Pos.	Name, School, Class	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	2B-3B-HR	RBIs	BB	SO	SB/SBA
C	Tyler Baker, Wichita State, Jr.	.328	65	238	41	78	15-3-4	46	26	39	1/1
1B	Michael Katz, William & Mary, Sr.	.358	55	212	49	76	23-1-5	47	31	32	3/4
2B	Ryan Lindemuth, William & Mary, Sr.	.351	63	251	61	88	14-2-4	49	17	20	3/7
3B	Kevin Kramer, UCLA, Jr.	.278	66	245	41	68	11-2-3	42	30	30	9/18
	Chesny Young, Mercer, Jr.	.401	61	262	56	105	18-3-4	65	28	25	9/12
SS	Aaron Attaway, Western Carolina, Sr.	.363	59	267	68	97	15-5-12	54	16	34	12/15
OF	Garrett Bayliff, Wichita State, Sr.	.379	63	240	44	91	9-1-0	39	24	38	11/16
OF	Mark Payton, Texas, Sr.	.393	50	178	27	70	11-8-0	29	28	23	3/6
OF	Chad Carroll, James Madison, Jr.	.389	51	193	50	75	14-8-3	55	13	31	21/24
DH	Chase Raffield, Georgia State, Sr.	.382	52	186	42	71	19-0-19	51	21	23	4/5
UT	Clinton Freeman East Tenn. State, Sr.	.335	60	239	39	80	18-4-10	57	27	36	2/5

7-1, 3.04 ERA, 25 App, 3GS, 0CG, 8SV, 56.1IP, 62H, 20R, 19ER, 15BB, 51K

Pos.	Name School	W-L	ERA	APP	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	B/Avg.
SP	Daniel Gossett, Clemson, Jr.	10-4	2.56	16	16	1	1/4	0	98.1	78	40	28	38	91	.213
SP	Cole Irvin, Oregon, So.	12-3	2.48	16	16	4	2/0	0	116	105	37	32	22	60	.248
SP	Ryan Kellogg, Arizona State, So.	11-1	3.15	16	15	1	1/1	0	103	96	39	36	17	54	.246
SP	Preston Morrison, TCU, Jr.	7-3	1.51	15	15	1	0/2	0	107	85	27	18	18	64	.217
SP	Luke Weaver, Florida State, Jr.	7-2	2.29	17	15	0	0/1	0	98.1	78	26	25	19	119	.221
RP	Zech Lemond, Rice, Jr.	7-2	2.02	32	1	0	0/7	14	75.2	56	19	17	21	71	.207
RP	Sutter McLoughlin, Sacramento State, So.	1-3	2.11	28	0	0	0	17	38.1	27	13	9	9	26	.196
RP	Ryan Thompson, Campbell, Sr.	9-1	0.88	31	0	0	0	10	71.2	51	9	7	15	57	.201
RP	Josh Walker, New Mexico, Sr.	11-1	3.68	29	4	1	1/1	7	78.2	76	37	32	22	55	.258

*-Conference player of the year

^-Conference pitcher of the year