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### NCBWA ANNOUNCES 15th ANNUAL 2015 NCAA DIVISION I PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA TEAMS

**DALLAS** – One of the youngest, but most talented squads, was honored with the announcement of the 15th annual National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association preseason All-America team Monday. The group features numerous standouts from powers such as defending College World Series champion Vanderbilt, runner-up Virginia and 17 Division I conferences nationwide.

Interestingly, there were no returning position players from the first team of the 18<sup>th</sup> annual 2014 NCAA postseason All-America selections, but returning No. 1 crew starting pitchers Blake Fox (12-0 record, 1.46 ERA) of Rice and Casey Bloomquist (12-2, 1.56 ERA) of Cal Poly highlight a solid group of mound standouts returning for 2015 from the All-America ranks.

They are joined by post-2014 second-team stalwarts outfielder DJ Stewart (.351, 7 homers, 50 RBIs) of Florida State and starting pitchers Kyle Funkhouser (13-3, 1.94 ERA) of Louisville, Atlantic Coast Conference 2014 Pitcher of the Year Nathan Kirby (9-3, 2.06) of Virginia and 2014 Big 12 Conference Pitcher of the Year Preston Morrison (9-4, 1.32 ERA) of TCU on the first unit of the 2015 NCBWA elite squadron.

Also in that set of standouts are starting pitchers Walker Buehler (12-2, 2.64) and Carson Fulmer (7-1, 1.98) of Vanderbilt along with relief aces Riley Ferrell (3-1, 0.79 ERA, 15 saves) of TCU, David Berg (the 2013 NCBWA Stopper of the Year, (3-2, 1.50 ERA, 11 saves) of UCLA, Bryan Garcia (7-4, 1.75 ERA, 15 saves) of Miami (Fla.), and Matt Ditman (5-6, 1.83 ERA, nine saves) of Rice. The entire first team pitching staff consists of underclassmen except for the senior Berg.

Among the first-team position players are such nationally-recognized stalwarts as Florida Gulf Coast 2B Jake Noll (.367, 18 2B, 29 RBI, 25SB), San Diego State 3B Ty France (.356, 18 2B, 5 HR, 45 RBI), Vanderbilt SS Dansby Swanson (.333, 27 2B, 2 3B, 3 HR, 34 RBI), Michigan utility player Jacob Cronenworth (1.75 ERA, 12 saves, 2 HR, 28 RBI, 19 SB), and FSU's Stewart dot the roster.

The initial two units also contain starting pitchers with a combined win-loss mark of 115-26 and relief hurlers with a composite 103 saves. The three teams chosen with consultation with individual schools' media relations offices and the NCBWA All-America committee also boast the likes of 2013 SEC Freshman of the Year and Brooks Wallace Award SS Alex Bregman of LSU, All-Mountain West Conference 1B Austin Byler (.326, 14 2Bs, 14 HR, 54RBIs) of Nevada, All-Big 12 Conference 1B Eric Gutierrez (.302, 18 2B, 12 HR, 58 RBI) of Texas Tech, All-Atlantic Coast Conference OF Joe McCarthy (.301, 16 2B, 6 HR, 49RBI) of Virginia, catchers Zach Collins (.298, 14 2B, 11 HR, 54 RBI) of Miami, Fla., and All-Missouri Valley Conference Paul DeJong (.349, 21 2B, 9 HR, 48 RBI) of Illinois State, and All-Ohio Valley Conference Travis Stout (3-1, 1.82 ERA, 15 saves) of Jacksonville State, among others.

The selections prior to the historic 156th season of intercollegiate baseball will be striving to make the 69<sup>th</sup> annual DI World Series in Omaha, Neb., on June 13-23/24, along with the prestigious Dick Howser Trophy presented by the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, June 13, at TD Ameritrade Stadium.

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Pos.	Name School	W-L	ERA	APP	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	B/Avg.
SP	Christian Trent, Mississippi, Jr.	9-0	2.05	17	17	1	1/0	0	110.0	95	28	25	20	86	.233
SP	James Kaprielian, UCLA, Jr.	7-6	2.29	15	15	1	0/3	0	106.0	76	29	27	35	108	.201
SP	Mike Murray, Florida Gulf Coast, Jr.	13-1	1.85	15	15	2	1/2	0	107.0	92	30	22	14	79	.229
SP	Taylor Clarke, Coll. of Charleston, Jr.	10-4	2.51	18	17	1	0/2	0	104.0	81	33	29	31	92	.216
SP	Tyler Alexander, TCU, So.	10-3	2.36	20	16	2	0/2	0	99.0	88	29	26	11	59	.239
RP	Skylar Hunter, The Citadel, Jr.	2-4	1.67	29	0	0	0/1	15	43.0	22	8	8	23	44	.152
RP	Andres Gracia, Samford, Sr.	2-1	0.79	30	0	0	0/1	14	34.0	26	7	3	12	38	.211
RP	Hayden Stone, Vanderbilt, So.	4-0	1.71	23	0	0	0/3	3	58.0	41	16	11	14	80	.197
RP	Tyler Jay, Illinois, Jr.	4-1	1.94	23	0	0	0/2	10	41.2	28	9	9	13	47	.190

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