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13TH ANNUAL NCBWA PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA TEAM HIGHLIGHTS TRENDS, BEST OF 2013 DIVISION I DIAMONDMEN

IRVING, Texas – Coming off a year filled with surprises such as Stony Brook's and Kent State's first trips to the NCAA World Series and several other national developments, the 13th annual National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association preseason All-America team highlights the always exciting world of the nation's best baseball student-athletes for 2013.

Next month's practices signify the 154th season of college baseball with the 2013 All-America squad signify the direction that Division I baseball continues to go – clutch hitting, solid defense and pinpoint control pitching.

With defending NCAA World Series champ Arizona hit heavily by graduation and signings, the upcoming crop of stars hails from the talented Pac-12 diamond tradition as well as 19 conferences and 43 schools nationwide.

Returning first team standouts from the post-2012 NCBWA All-America team embody this DI diversity as New Mexico 3B and 2012 co-Mountain West Conference Player of the Year (with teammate and first team pre-2013 catcher Mitchell Garver) and LSU OF Raph Rhymes, the '12 SEC Player of the Year, lead the way.

In consultation with individual schools' media relations offices, the NCBWA All-America committee for pre-2013 had many difficult decisions at defensive positions filled with potential superstars and one of the deepest pools of pitching nominees in the two decades of NCBWA All-America crews chosen prior to playing seasons.

First team hurlers include starters and returning All-America righthander Mark Appel of Stanford, 2012 NCBWA Freshman Pitcher of the Year Carlos Rodon of NC State, Adam Plutko of NCAA World Series entry UCLA, Army's Chris Rowley, and Missouri State's Nick Petree. That quintet combined for a 52-10 overall mound record, .839 winning percentage and 568 strikeouts in 570 innings pitched.

Relief standout of NCAA runnerup South Carolina – Tyler Webb – also garnered second team honors with 39 appearances, a 1.56 ERA, 6-1 record, three saves, and 58 whiffs in 57 2/3 innings of work. He was part of a second team pitching group with a 12-game winner, an 11-contest winner and three relief specialists with earned run averages under 2.10.

Notables among the first team hitters are Wichita Satté's slugging first baseman Johnny Coy, Stephen F. Austin shortstop Hunter Dozier, NCAA regional contenders OF Michael Conforto of Oregon State and Dallas Baptist's boomin' Boomer Collins along with West Coast Conference Player of the Year Marco Gonzales. He batted .325 as a regular while posting a 8-2 record and 1.55 ERA in 12 starts as a pitcher. New Mexico's Peterson paces the first unit in home runs and RBI with 17 and 78, respectively, while LSU's Rhymes led the nation in batting throughout the season and ended atop the stats with a .431 batting average.

2012 NCBWA Freshman All-America pitcher Mike Compton (12-2) of Florida State also paced the third team with the most wins among that group. Miami (Ohio) OF Matt Honchel topped the second team with a heady .395 batting average.

Last season the scribes' committee chose Florida All-America catcher Mike Zunino to the preseason A-A team, and he delivered with the 2012 Dick Howser Trophy (first Gator to hold this honor, .322-19 HR-67 RBI for the season), paced the Gators to the CWS and was consensus All-America. There may be a Zunino-like appearance on the horizon for 2013 after last spring's extraordinary happenings.

Many of these stars will appear on the first ballot for the 27th annual Dick Howser Trophy, presented by Easton Foundations and the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Area Chamber of Commerce and voted upon by the NCBWA membership. The Howser Trophy will be awarded in Omaha, Neb., in June 2013, just before the start of the 66th annual NCAA World Series.

2013 NCBWA Preseason All-America Team

FIRST TEAM

Pos.	Name, School, Class	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	2B-3B-HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB/SBA
C	Mitchell Garver, New Mexico, Sr.	.377	61	268	68	101	27-3-10	57	25	28	6-9
1B	Johnny Coy, Wichita State, Sr.	.344	59	227	43	78	17-3-9	63	30	53	0-0
2B	Michael Felton, Campbell, Sr.	.424	59	243	52	103	12-3-1	45	20	23	11-14
3B	DJ Peterson, New Mexico, Jr.	.419	61	248	57	104	21-3-17	78	33	29	1-2
SS	Hunter Dozier, Stephen F. Austin, Jr.	.357	59	227	43	81	22-1-10	37	29	42	8-14
OF	Raph Rhymes, LSU, Sr.	.431	61	232	44	100	11-0-4	53	22	13	2-6
OF	Michael Conforto, Oregon State, So.	.349	58	218	45	76	14-1-13	76	24	37	1-4
OF	Boomer Collins, Dallas Baptist, Sr.	.374	60	235	62	88	23-1-13	58	37	46	15-18
DH	Nick Backlund, Mercer, Jr.	.381	59	223	51	85	16-0-16	58	33	37	3-4
UT	Marco Gonzales, Gonzaga, Jr.	.325	43	151	23	49	10-0-2	29	11	21	0-0

8-2, 1.55 ERA, 12 App, 12 GS, 3CG, 1/2 SHO, 0 SV, 92.2IP, 63H, 18R, 16ER, 23BB, 92K

Pitchers

Pos.	Name School	W-L	ERA	APP	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO.
SP	Carlos Rodon, NC State, So.	9-0	1.57	17	16	2	2	0	114.2	71	29	20	41	135
SP	Nick Petree, Missouri State, Jr.	10-4	1.01	16	16	3	6	0	115.1	85	22	13	36	114
SP	Mark Appel, Stanford, Sr.	10-2	2.56	16	16	5	1	0	123	97	39	35	30	130
SP	Chris Rowley, Army, Sr.	11-1	2.40	15	15	6	0	0	97.1	64	30	26	22	80
SP	Adam Plutko, UCLA, Jr.	12-3	2.48	18	18	2	0	0	119.2	91	35	33	47	99
RP	Jimie Sherfy, Oregon, Jr.	5-3	2.20	36	0	0	0	19	61.1	36	18	15	34	93
RP	Michael Wagner, San Diego, Jr.	5-2	2.58	31	2	0	1	19	59.1	57	20	17	20	53
RP	Jonathan Holder, Mississippi State, So.	2-1	0.32	24	0	0	1	9	28.1	17	2	1	5	30

SECOND TEAM

Pos.	Name, School, Class	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	2B-3B-HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB/SBA
C	Mark Zagunis, Virginia Tech So.	.344	49	189	35	65	13-2-5	34	21	25	17-22
1B	Jared Hammer, Hofstra, Sr.	.376	55	213	47	80	18-0-4	66	39	20	12-14
2B	Christian Stringer, Rice, Sr.	.343	59	236	58	81	12-3-3	36	38	28	6-11
3B	Trea Turner, NC State, So.	.336	63	259	72	87	13-2-5	43	41	38	5-6
SS	Adam Frazier, Mississippi State, Jr.	.371	64	245	45	91	16-1-0	26	50	4	9-15
OF	Bill Cullen, VCU, Jr.	.347	59	259	62	90	25-9-5	40	24	47	11-17
OF	Matt Honchel, Miami (Ohio) So.	.395	59	233	43	92	7-2-0	26	15	13	10-20
OF	Aaron Judge, Fresno State, Jr.	.308	58	201	47	62	14-2-4	27	48	42	13-15
DH	Michael Pritchard, Nebraska, Jr.	.387	57	212	51	82	10-0-0	22	21	10	6-9
UT	Michael Lorenzen, Cal State Fullerton, Jr.	.297	57	232	38	69	20-3-3	43	14	42	14-19

2-0, 1.23 ERA, 20 App, 0GS, 0CG, 0/2SHO, 16SV, 22.0IP, 16H, 3R, 3ER, 5BB, 17K

Pitchers

Pos.	Name School	W-L	ERA	APP	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO.
SP	Trevor Williams, Arizona State, Jr.	12-2	2.05	16	15	2	1	0	109.2	90	33	25	13	59
SP	Buck Farmer, Georgia Tech, Sr.	8-4	3.54	16	16	1	0	0	106.2	100	48	41	37	115
SP	Kent Emanuel, North Carolina, Jr.	8-4	1.96	17	16	0	0	0	110	91	33	24	23	100
SP	Tyler Skulina, Kent State, Jr.	11-3	3.77	18	18	0	0	0	107.1	97	52	45	45	106
SP	Austin Kubitz, Rice, Jr.	6-5	2.69	16	15	0	0	0	80.1	60	32	24	28	73
RP	Tyler Webb, South Carolina, Sr.	6-1	1.56	39	0	0	0	3	57.2	44	12	10	18	58
RP	David Berg, UCLA, So.	5-3	1.46	50	0	0	0	1	74	42	14	12	17	63
RP	Tyler Burgess, Missouri State, So.	5-2	2.08	26	0	0	0	11	39	21	12	9	17	31

THIRD TEAM (ties in voting)

Pos.	Name, School, Class	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	2B-3B-HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB/SBA
C	Alex Swim, Elon, Sr.	.357	59	241	39	86	11-1-3	45	19	13	7-10
1B	Mason Katz, LSU, Sr.	.320	64	241	65	77	15-1-13	52	33	52	8-12
2B	Jordan Hankins, Austin Peay, Jr.	.336	64	250	52	84	16-3-10	66	38	16	3-5
3B	Kris Bryant, San Diego, Jr.	.366	57	213	59	78	17-3-14	57	39	38	9-12
SS	Will Callaway, Appalachian State, Sr.	.320	59	241	54	77	12-3-4	53	21	32	23-27
DH	Zach Stephens, Tennessee Tech, Jr.	.368	53	204	44	75	13-0-18	52	29	52	0-0
OF	Austin Cousino, Kentucky, So.	.319	62	260	61	83	20-2-9	41	26	39	16-16
OF	Jeff Roy, Rhode Island, Jr.	.356	59	236	59	84	15-5-2	38	33	35	22-28
OF	Brandon Thomas, Georgia Tech,	.360	56	211	57	76	15-6-5	44	37	43	12-17
OF	Tim Colwell, North Dakota State, Jr.	.381	60	244	62	93	11-9-1	35	25	15	12-16
DH	Kevin Krause, Stony Brook, So.	.330	61	209	38	69	12-0-3	40	26	31	6-8
UT	A.J. Reed, Kentucky, So.	.300	55	200	29	60	9-0-4	43	24	51	0-1

5-3, 2.52 ERA, 53.2 IP, 16 App, 5 GS, 54 H, 17 R, 15 ER, 9 BB, 51 K

Pitchers

Pos. Name School	W-L	ERA	APP	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
SP Drew Bowen, Oral Roberts, Sr..	7-2	1.95	13	4	1	1	0	87.2	78	27	19	21	68
SP Mike Compton, Florida State, So.	12-2	2.87	18	18	0	0	0	91	89	25	35	28	64
SP Corey Littrell, Kentucky, Jr.	9-2	2.74	16	16	0	0	0	98.2	104	32	30	25	87
SP Preston Morrison, TCU, So.	9-2	2.09	11	11	1	1	0	112.2	88	29	26	12	72
SP Matt Pegler, College of Charleston, Sr.	10-2	2.83	15	15	1	0	0	89	73	37	28	20	66
SP Andrew Vasquez, UC Santa Barbara, So.	6-3	1.93	13	12	0	0	0	88.2	58	31	19	63	104
RP A.J. Salcines, Miami (Fla.), Jr.	3-0	1.40	39	0	0	0	7	38.2	26	10	6	11	44
RP Chad Sobotka, USC Upstate, So.	3-0	1.72	25	0	0	0	12	31.1	21	7	6	16	34
RP Colby Suggs, Arkansas, Jr.	7-1	1.38	30	0	0	0	0	39	26	6	6	19	36
RP Kellen Urbon, Cornell, So.	3-1	0.47	22	0	0	0	9	38.1	23	6	2	13	21

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