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2026 WORLD COLLEGIATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



UNITED STATES [3-0] VS. JAPAN [2-1]

Date	July 15, 2026
Location	Taichung City, Taiwan
Site	Intercontinental Stadium
First Pitch	6:30 p.m. local/6:30 a.m. ET
TV	MLB.com



2026 WORLD COLLEGIATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE/RESULTS

DATE	MATCHUP	TIME/RESULT
July 12	Chinese Taipei	W, 10-6
July 13	Japan	W, 3-2
July 14	Korea	W, 10-0 (7)
July 15	Japan (Finals)	6:30 a.m. ET

2026 WORLD COLLEGIATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

United States	3-0
Japan	1-1
Korea	1-2
Chinese Taipei	0-3

TEAM USA VS. JAPAN ALL-TIME RECORD: 158-127-2 [LAST 10 MEETINGS]

DATE	EVENT	RESULT
7/8/23	International Friendship Series	W, 8-5
7/9/23	International Friendship Series	W, 5-0
7/11/23	International Friendship Series	L, 4-3
7/12/23	International Friendship Series	L, 6-2
7/8/25	International Friendship Series	L, 6-1
7/9/25	International Friendship Series	L, 8-1
7/11/25	International Friendship Series	L, 2-0
7/12/25	International Friendship Series	L, 6-5
7/13/25	International Friendship Series	L, 6-5
7/13/26	World Collegiate Baseball Championship	W, 3-2

HISTORY AGAINST JAPAN

The U.S. and Japan have a long-standing history that dates back to 1972. The two nations have played in a head-to-head friendship series, the USA vs. Japan Collegiate All-Star Championship Series, 45 times. The U.S. leads the overall series 24-21 and owns a 135-110-2 advantage in overall games played. The teams met last year for the 45th edition of the series in Japan, and Japan swept the U.S. in five games. The last time the teams met outside of the USA vs. Japan Collegiate All-Star Championship Series was in 2022 at Honkbalweek Harlem in The Netherlands. The two teams matched up on July 9 in the tournament opener and again on July 15 in the bronze medal game. Japan won the opener, 1-0, but the U.S. secured a 5-1 victory in the medal round. The two nations most recently matched up in the pool play portion of the World Collegiate Baseball Championship, and the U.S. snapped a seven-game loss streak to Japan with a 3-2 win.

BACK IN THE RED, WHITE, AND BLUE

This year's roster is highlighted by three national team alumni. For Ryan McPherson (Mississippi State), this is his third national team appearance after playing on USA Baseball's 2021 15U National Team and last year's Collegiate National Team. 2024 18U National Team gold medalists Trent Grindlinger (Tennessee) and Nico Partida (Texas A&M) have been reunited and will play together for the second time in their careers.

ABOUT THE WORLD COLLEGIATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

USA Baseball, Chinese Taipei Baseball Association (CTBA), and Japan University Baseball Federation (JUBF) jointly created the World Collegiate Baseball Championship (WCBC), and 2026 marks the inaugural event. As the founding federations, USA Baseball, Chinese Taipei Baseball Association, and Japan University Baseball Federation will compete in the event each year, while the fourth team will be a wild card participant selected by the host country. The host country, as well as the wild card participant, will rotate annually. This year's host country, Chinese Taipei, has invited Korea, who will represent the Korea Baseball Softball Association (KBSA), as the wild card team.

SETTING THE TONE

In Team USA's WCBC opener against Chinese Taipei on July 12, Gavin Kelly turned in a game-best 5-for-6 performance. His five hits ties the program's single-game hit record. He is the first player since Heston Kjerstad in

2019 to accomplish the feat, and it is just the 11th five-hit performance all-time in program history.

STAR OF THE SHOW

Reliever Easton Hawk was the star of the show against Japan on July 13. He threw four hitless innings and was credited with the save. Hawk was backed by the timely hitting early on and strong defense through the final frames. He took over in relief in the sixth inning with runners at the corners and no outs, and managed to retire all 16 batters he faced while picking up the save.

TEAM USA IN THE MLB DRAFT

Collegiate National Team members Kolby Branch and Luke Harrison were both selected in the eighth round of the MLB Draft on July 12. Harrison was the 234th overall pick and Branch went 237th.

USA Baseball saw 20 of its alumni get selected in the first round of this year's Draft. Eight of the first 10 picks have played on a past national team, headlined by 2025 Collegiate National Team member and 2026 Golden Spikes Award finalist Roch Cholowsky from UCLA. Program alums Vahn Lackey (1-3), Zion Rose (1-6), Drew Burress (1-8), AJ Gracia (1-9), and Tyler Bell (1-10) also went in the top 10 of the MLB Draft.

2026 ROSTER BREAKDOWN

Twenty-one schools and five conferences in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) are represented on the 2026 Collegiate National Team roster. Florida leads all schools with three players apiece, the most of all schools, while Auburn, Mississippi State, Oregon, Texas, and UCLA have two representatives each on the list. The Southeastern Conference (SEC) boasts 15 athletes on the roster to lead all conferences, followed by the Big Ten with six, the Big 12 with four, the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) with two, and the Sun Belt Conference with one.

RUNS IN THE FAMILY

For Collegiate National Team members Tague Davis and Landon Hairston, baseball runs in the family. Davis's dad, Ben, played on USA Baseball's 18U National Team in 1994 and was the second overall pick of the 1995 MLB Draft by the San Diego Padres. He played seven years in the big leagues with the Padres, Mariners, and White Sox. Hairston comes from a long line of big-league players. His dad, Scott, is an 11-year MLB veteran, while his great uncle, Johnny, uncle, Jerry Jr. grandfather, Jerry, and great grandfather, Sam, all had stints in the big leagues.

2026 USA BASEBALL COLLEGIATE NATIONAL TEAM NEWS AND NOTES

COLLEGIATE NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION PROCESS

The primary pool of players under consideration for the Collegiate National Team is comprised of non-draft-eligible players currently playing baseball at the collegiate level. A selection of the year's USA Baseball Collegiate National Team field staff and USA Baseball staff members evaluate data from the current college season, as well as possibly data from the prior summer collegiate wood bat leagues, to select 56 players to travel to Cary, North Carolina, for a training camp. The players participate in workouts, practices, and intrasquad scrimmages, and at the conclusion of the training camp a final roster is determined based on that year's competition and roster size limit.

GOING FOR GOLD

The Collegiate National Team will be playing for a gold medal at the World Collegiate Baseball Championship. The last time the program won a gold medal was at Haarlem Baseball Week in 2014, which was also the last time it was in a gold medal game. Since 2014, the program has played in one other international tournament, Honbalweek Haarlem, and it earned a bronze-medal finish. The 13 gold medals that the Collegiate National Team has won are as follows:

2014: XXVIII Haarlem Baseball Week
2009: World Baseball Challenge
2008: XXV Haarlem Baseball Week
2008: IV FISU World University Games
2006: FISU World University Championships
2004: FISU World University Championships
2002: XXII Haarlem Baseball Week
2000: XXI Haarlem Baseball Week
1995: National Baseball Congress World Series
1988: Seoul 1988 Olympic Games
1974: XXIII Baseball World Cup
1973: XXII Baseball World Cup
1967: V Pan American Games

THE GREATEST SHOW ON DIRT

Five players on this year's Collegiate National Team participated with their respective schools in the NCAA Men's College World Series in Omaha, Nebraska: Kolby Branch (Georgia), Walker Hooks (Ole Miss), Luke Harrison (Texas), Anthony Pack Jr. (Texas), and Gavin Kelly (West Virginia).

GOING WAY BACK

For Landon Hairston and Ryker Waite, this summer isn't the first time they have played together on the same team. They go way back as they are both from Queen Creek, Arizona, and played together on travel ball from eight years old through their high school years. They played for rival high schools and matched up against each other annually, as Hairston played at Casteel and Waite played at Queen Creek.

2026 COACHING STAFF

This year's team is led by manager Dan Hartleb, and he is assisted by pitching coach Matt Hobbs and assistants Jonathan Hernandez, Tracy Smith, and Tom Walter. Together they have a combined 150 years of coaching experience across the high school and collegiate levels of the game. Hernandez, who was recently named the Southwestern Athletic Conference Coach of the Year for the second consecutive season, just completed his eighth season at the helm of Bethune-Cookman, and Hobbs just wrapped up his eighth season as pitching coach for Arkansas. Hartleb, who has been the head coach at Illinois for 21 seasons, is the winningest head coach in program history, while Smith and Walter each own more than three decades of coaching experience. Smith is currently the head coach at Michigan while Walter has been at the helm of Wake Forest's program since 2010.

2026 COLLEGIATE NATIONAL TEAM ROSTER

NO.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POS.	B/T	HT.	WT.	DOB	HOMETOWN	SCHOOL	YEAR	PRONUNCIATION
2	Kelly	Gavin	UTL	R/R	6-0	180	12/13/05	Pittsburgh, Pa.	West Virginia	SO	
3	Waite	Ryker	INF	S/R	5-10	180	8/25/06	Queen Creek, Ariz.	Vanderbilt	SO	
5	Harrison	Luke	LHP	L/L	6-2	220	2/27/03	Friendswood, Texas	Texas	GR	
6	Stein	JD	INF	R/R	5-8	170	12/31/06	Carmel, Ind.	South Carolina	FR	
7	Fralick	Chase	C/1B	L/R	6-2	225	9/2/05	Peachtree City, Ga.	Auburn	SO	FRAY-lick
9	Branch	Kolby	INF	R/R	6-0	200	2/11/03	Allen, Texas	Georgia	SR	
10	Partida	Nico	INF	R/R	6-0	205	11/6/06	Pearland, Texas	Texas A&M	FR	
12	Barberi	Jackson	RHP	R/R	6-4	210	9/6/06	Snellville, Ga.	Florida	SO	BAR-bur-ee
15	Grindlinger	Trent	UTL	R/R	6-2	220	7/14/06	Huntington Beach, Calif.	Tennessee	FR	Grin-LING-ur
16	Whritenour	Joshua	RHP	L/R	6-3	215	12/8/05	Tampa, Fla.	Florida	FR	Written-our
17	Hooks	Walker	LHP	L/L	6-4	265	11/2/05	Brandon, Miss.	Ole Miss	SO	
18	Valincius	Tomas	LHP	L/L	6-2	220	9/11/05	Lockport, Ill.	Mississippi State	SO	Vuh-LINK-us
21	Pack Jr	Anthony	OF	L/L	5-10	190	12/19/06	Lakewood, Calif.	Texas	FR	
23	Harris	Grayden	LHP	R/L	6-1	215	9/25/06	Central, La.	Southern Miss.	SO	
25	Lund	Ethan	LHP	R/L	6-5	220	8/8/05	Fishers, Ind.	Oklahoma State	SO	
26	Sanford	Will	RHP	R/R	6-0	200	8/6/05	San Diego, Calif.	Oregon	SO	
27	Hairston	Landon	OF	L/L	6-0	200	1/13/06	Queen Creek, Ariz.	Arizona State	SO	
28	McPherson	Ryan	RHP	R/R	6-3	220	1/5/06	Hollywood, Fla.	Mississippi State	SO	
29	Pitts	Derrick	OF	R/R	6-3	215	4/28/06	Saint Louis, Mo.	Cincinnati	SO	
30	Bradley	Tanner	RHP	R/R	6-2	195	7/22/06	Cotati, Calif.	Oregon	SO	
32	Davis	Tague	INF	L/L	6-4	225	10/11/05	West Chester, Pa.	Louisville	SO	Taygue
33	Moss	Wylan	RHP	R/R	6-4	200	2/8/06	North Tustin, Calif.	UCLA	SO	WHY-lun
35	Sanders	Jackson	LHP	L/L	6-3	210	1/7/06	Opelika, Ala.	Auburn	SO	
37	Hawk	Easton	RHP	R/R	6-3	210	9/27/05	Northridge, Calif.	UCLA	SO	
43	Johnson	Andrew	RHP	S/R	6-3	210	1/17/06	San Juan Capistrano, Calif.	Southern Cal	SO	
45	King	Aidan	RHP	L/R	6-2	205	6/10/06	Bryceville, Fla.	Florida	SO	
47	Denny	Hogan	UTL	R/R	6-0	210	11/18/05	Mooresville, Ind.	Indiana	SO	
48	Johnson	Rett	OF	L/R	5-9	160	4/3/06	Youngsville, N.C.	NC State	FR	

COACHING STAFF

NO.	NAME	POSITION
24	Dan Hartleb	Manager
46	Matt Hobbs	Pitching Coach
31	Jonathan Hernandez	Assistant Coach
14	Tracy Smith	Assistant Coach
38	Tom Walter	Assistant Coach

ADMINISTRATION

NAME	POSITION
Eric Campbell	General Manager
Makenzie Kelly	Assistant Director, Baseball Operations
Rawley Hector	Coordinator, Baseball Operations
Lizzie Hattrich	Director, Athletic Communications
Manny Portugal	Assistant Director, Systems & Analytics
James Motter	Coordinator, Creative Services
Bryan Simpson	Certified Athletic Trainer
Vince Delgado	RSA
Rob Shabansky	Technical Commissioner

USA BASEBALL ALUMNI ON THE 2026 COLLEGIATE NATIONAL TEAM

ORGANIZATION	PLAYERS
15U National Team	Ryan McPherson
18U National Team	Trent Grindlinger, Nico Partida
Collegiate National Team	Ryan McPherson

2026 COLLEGIATE NATIONAL TEAM ROSTER BREAKDOWN BY POSITION

POSITION	NUMBER
Pitchers	15
Infielders	5
Catchers	1
Outfielders	4
Utility	3

2026 COLLEGIATE NATIONAL TEAM ROSTER BREAKDOWN BY SCHOOL

STATE	NUMBER
Arizona State	1
Auburn	2
Cincinnati	1
Florida	3
Georgia	1
Indiana	1
Louisville	1
Miss State	2
NC State	1
Oklahoma State	1
Ole Miss	1
Oregon	2
South Carolina	1
Southern Cal	1
Southern Miss	1
Tennessee	1
Texas	1
Texas A&M	1
UCLA	2
Vanderbilt	2
West Virginia	1

2026 USA BASEBALL COLLEGIATE NATIONAL TEAM TV ROSTER



#2 GAVIN KELLY



#3 RYKER WAITE



#5 LUKE HARRISON



#6 JD STEIN



#7 CHASE FRALICK



#9 KOLBY BRANCH



#10 NICO PARTIDA



#12 JACKSON BARBERI



#15 TRENT GRINDLINGER



#16 JOSHUA WHRITENOUR



#17 WALKER HOOKS



#18 TOMAS VALINCIUS



#21 ANTHONY PACK JR.



#23 GRAYDEN HARRIS



#25 ETHAN LUND



#26 WILL SANFORD

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#27 LANDON HAIRSTON



#28 RYAN MCPHERSON



#29 DERRICK PITTS



#30 TANNER BRADLEY



#32 TAGUE DAVIS



#33 WYLAN MOSS



#35 JACKSON SANDERS



#37 EASTON HAWK



#43 ANDREW JOHNSON



#45 AIDAN KING



#47 HOGAN DENNY



#48 RETT JOHNSON

2026 USA BASEBALL COLLEGIATE NATIONAL TEAM COACHING STAFF



DAN HARTLEB

MANAGER

University of Illinois Head Coach Dan Hartleb will manage the 2026 Collegiate National Team. This year will mark Hartleb's managerial debut, but he is no stranger to USA Baseball as he has coached in a multitude of roles with national team programming for more than a decade. His USA Baseball resumé includes serving as an assistant coach at last year's Collegiate National Team Training Camp and as an assistant coach for the 2021 Collegiate National Team.

Hartleb will head to Cary after wrapping up his 21st season as head coach at Illinois and 36th on the coaching staff. He is the winningest head coach in program history, as he owns 625 wins across his tenure with the school. Prior to taking the head coaching role in 2006, he was the pitching coach and associate head coach from 1991-2005. He has led the Illini to three Big Ten titles, five appearances in the NCAA Tournament, and the program's first Super Regional appearance in 2015. Thanks to the team's historic 2015 season, Hartleb was named Big Ten Coach of the Year, ABCA Midwest Region Coach of the Year, a National Coach of the Year finalist, and eventually the Big Ten Coach of the Decade for the 2010s.

In his 36 seasons in Champaign, Hartleb has established consistent success and has been instrumental in player development. Every Illini that has played four years for Hartleb has left with a winning percentage of .500 or better, and his teams have finished with a record of .500 or better in 18 of 20 seasons under his leadership. Since joining the staff in 1991, Hartleb has produced a combined 34 All-Americans, seven Big Ten Players of the Year, five Big Ten Pitchers of the Year, and 47 All-Big Ten First Team selections. Additionally, 76 players have been selected in the MLB Draft, including 24 in the first 10 rounds, and 13 have reached the major leagues.

Hartleb has previously worked with USA Baseball on numerous occasions, including as a member of the staff at the 14U and 17U National Team Development Programs (NTDP) in 2014 and 2016, respectively, as an assistant coach for the 2021 Collegiate National Team, as the manager of Team Light Blue at the 2023 16U/17U NTDP, and most recently as the bench/hitting coach at the 2025 Collegiate National Team Training Camp.

Hartleb began his coaching career as a graduate assistant coach at Southern Illinois University in 1989-90. A two-year letterwinner at SIU, Hartleb finished his playing career with a .305 batting average. As a senior, Hartleb appeared in 56 contests as a catcher. Hartleb transferred to Southern Illinois from John A. Logan Community College, where he was a junior college all-star catcher. At Hamilton High School in Hamilton, Ohio, Hartleb was a standout athlete in both baseball and football. He was inducted into Hamilton High School's Hall of Fame in February 2002.



MATT HOBBS

PITCHING COACH

Matt Hobbs, the 2024 D1Baseball Assistant Coach of the Year, will join this year's Collegiate National Team staff as pitching coach. He brings more than 20 years of coaching experience with him to the stars and stripes, highlighted by eight seasons with college baseball powerhouse Arkansas where he currently serves as the program's pitching coach.

Hobbs has put together an illustrious coaching career with the Razorbacks, as he has helped develop 10 All-Americans, 12 All-SEC honorees, including two conference pitchers of the year, and 30 MLB draft selections since joining Arkansas ahead of the 2019 campaign. Under Hobbs' tutelage, Kevin Kopps won both the Golden Spikes Award and Dick Howser Trophy in 2021, and Hagen Smith developed into the unanimous national pitcher of the year and became the highest-drafted pitcher in program history in 2024. Since Hobbs joined the Razorback coaching staff, Arkansas has made three trips to the College World Series (2019, 2022 & 2025), clinched a pair of overall SEC championships (2021, 2023) and captured four SEC Western Division titles (2019, 2021, 2023, 2024).

Before Arkansas, Hobbs spent four years at Wake Forest, joining in 2014 and staying on staff through the 2018 season. In each of his first three years in Winston-Salem, the Demon Deacons improved in ERA (5.73 to 5.24 to 4.11), strikeouts (364 to 435 to a program-record 559), walks per nine (5.03 to 4.35 to 3.83) and opponent batting average (.281 to .280 to .247). While at Wake Forest, Hobbs was a coach at USA Baseball's 2015 Tournament of Stars.

Before arriving at Wake Forest, Hobbs spent four years (2011-2014) as the pitching coach at Missouri, his alma mater. During his four years in Columbia, Hobbs had seven of his pitchers drafted and guided four players to all-conference honors. Hobbs has also made stops in his coaching career at San Francisco (2010), UC San Diego (2007-2009), and Santa Barbara City College (2005-2006).

Over the course of Hobbs' coaching career, more than 50 of his pitchers have either been drafted or signed pro contracts. Hobbs has also helped develop numerous big leaguers over his college coaching career, including Dylan Axelrod (Santa Barbara City College), Isaiah Campbell (Arkansas), Guido Knudson (UC San Diego), Matt Stites (Missouri), Rob Zastryzny (Missouri), and Kyle Zimmer (San Francisco).

Hobbs pitched at Missouri from 1999-2002, where he won 13 games and struck out 125 batters. Hobbs was drafted twice, first by the San Diego Padres in 2001 and then by the Kansas City Royals in 2002.

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TOM WALTER

ASSISTANT COACH

Wake Forest Head Coach Tom Walter will make his national team coaching debut by joining the 2026 Collegiate National Team staff as an assistant coach. Walter has had previous touch points with USA Baseball's national team programming, as he was a coach at the 2016 17U National Team Development Program and the 2018 18U National Team Training Camp.

Walter is in his 17th season at the helm of the Demon Deacons and has led the program to five straight postseason appearances (seven total), highlighted by a trip to the Men's College World Series in 2023. The 2023 season was historic for Walter and the Deacs, as they captured the ACC regular season title, set program records in regular season wins (45), ACC wins (22), ACC series wins (10), postseason wins (9), and overall wins (54), and made an appearance in Omaha for the first time since 1955. Additionally, Walter was named the ACC Coach of the Year and the National Coach of the Year thanks to the team's success.

Earlier this season he earned his 500th win at Wake Forest and owns the second-most wins in program history as the Deacs have finished with a winning record in 13 of the last 14 seasons. During his tenure in Winston-Salem, Walter has helped 64 players get drafted or sign pro contracts over the last 10 years, including 14 Deacs drafted among the top 50 picks and nine first rounders since 2020. Additionally, he has guided 23 players to All-America honors, 47 to All-ACC honors, and four players to conference, regional, and national superlatives. Will Craig was named the ACC Player of the Year (2015) and National Player of the Year (2016), Bobby Seymour was named the 2019 ACC Player of the Year, Rhett Lowder was the two-time ACC Pitcher of the Year (2022-2023) and the NCBWA District 4 Player of the Year in 2023, and Chase Burns earned ACC Pitcher of the Year honors in 2024.

Walter also spent time as the head coach at the University of New Orleans (2005-2009), and George Washington University (1997-2004), and is one of just three active head coaches in the country to lead three different programs to the NCAA Division I Tournament. During his time at New Orleans, he helped the Privateers to consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances in 2007 and 2008. At George Washington, Walter averaged 39 wins at season and is the school's all-time wins leader with 273 wins, led the Colonials to an NCAA Tournament appearance in 2002, and saw 26 players go on to play professionally. While he was there, Walter also was the head coach for the Cotuit Kettlers of the Cape Cod Baseball League in the 1997 and 1998 seasons, leading the Kettlers to the playoffs in 1997. At Cotuit, Walter coached eight players who went on to the majors and 25 players who signed professional contracts.

Walter also was a head coach of the New Market (Va.) Rebels during the summer of 1994 while he was an assistant coach for the Colonials, where he led the team to the Shenandoah Valley League title. Before going to GW, Walter spent two years as an assistant general manager with the Greensboro Bats, performing various duties for the then-New York Yankees Class A affiliate.

Walter played at Georgetown University and started all four seasons either behind the plate or in the outfield. He served as team captain in 1990 and 1991 and was named to the 1991 Big East Conference All-Academic Team.



JONATHAN HERNANDEZ

ASSISTANT COACH

Bethune-Cookman Head Coach Jonathan Hernandez will return to USA Baseball this summer as an assistant coach for the 2026 Collegiate National Team. This summer will be his second time on a national team coaching staff after serving as the manager for the Stripes Team and Collegiate National Team Prospects squad at last year's Training Camp. Hernandez has been involved with the organization in a coaching capacity since 2012, as he has been a part of various Task Force teams for identification events and was a pitching coach at the 2015 14U National Team Development Program.

Hernandez, the 2025 and 2026 Southwestern Athletic Conference Coach of the Year, has held the head coaching position at Bethune-Cookman since 2019. He owns 190 wins and counting, including four consecutive 30-win seasons. The 2025 season was historic for the program, as the Wildcats won their first-ever Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) championship title to give the Wildcats its first NCAA Regional berth since 2017.

During his time at Bethune-Cookman, he has produced three SWAC Relief Pitchers of the Year, two Newcomers of the Year, one Player of the Year, one Pitcher of the Year, and one Co-Hitter of the Year.

Hernandez joined Bethune-Cookman after four years at ASA College in Miami. He served as the school's first head coach after being named to the post in May 2014. He was responsible for all of ASA's program aspects and helped ASA to a Division 2 Region 8 Conference runner-up finish in 2016 and a conference championship title in 2017. During those two seasons he guided a combined 11 players to All-Region 8 District Team distinction. Prior to the appointment at ASA, Hernandez was the head coach for six years at Hialeah High School in his hometown of Miami from 2008-2014. During his stint with the Thoroughbreds, his 2011 team reached the State Final Four, and in 2013 he was named the Miami Dade High School Class 8-A District 13 Coach of the Year. He had a number of his former players go on to play college and professional baseball, including Rangel Ravelo and Nestor Cortes. Both were drafted out of Hialeah High by the Chicago White Sox and New York Yankees.

2026 USA BASEBALL COLLEGIATE NATIONAL TEAM COACHING STAFF



TRACY SMITH

ASSISTANT COACH

Michigan Head Coach Tracy Smith will make his national team coaching debut this summer when he joins the 2026 Collegiate National Team staff as an assistant coach. Smith recently wrapped up his fourth season at the helm of the Wolverines program and has nearly three decades of head coaching experience, including 932 career wins, that he will bring with him to the stars and stripes. He is just one of three active coaches all-time to bring three different Division I schools to the NCAA Tournament.

Smith has made a name for himself with developing talent, as he has produced a combined 90 MLB Draft selections in his head coaching career, with Wolverine alums Mitch Voit (2025) and Connor O'Halloran (2023) being his latest draftees. Since taking over at Michigan, he has led 18 Wolverines to All-Big Ten teams, highlighted by O'Halloran being named the 2023 Pitcher of the Year. Voit was the first player in his tenure to collect multiple All-America honors before being selected as a first-round pick by the New York Mets.

Prior to Michigan, Smith spent seven seasons at Arizona State (2015-2021) where he led the Sun Devils to an NCAA Tournament appearance four times in six seasons. While at ASU he saw 30 players selected in the MLB Draft, including the No. 1 overall pick of Spencer Torkelson in 2020 and fellow first rounders Alike Williams (2020) and Hunter Bishop (2019).

While at Indiana from 2006-2014, Smith earned National Coach of the Year and Big Ten Coach of the Year honors in 2013 after leading Indiana to the school's only Men's College World Series appearance in a 49-win campaign. Smith mentored two Big Ten Players of the Year, three Big Ten Pitchers of the Year, and a pair of Big Ten Freshman of the Year in his time with the Hoosiers. He also mentored Kyle Schwarber, who was Indiana's highest draft pick in program history when he was selected fourth overall to the Chicago Cubs in 2014. While in Bloomington, he coached at USA Baseball's 2013 14U National Team Development Program.

Before his time at Indiana, Smith led his alma mater, Miami University (Ohio), for nine seasons (1997-2005). He compiled eight consecutive 30-win seasons, two NCAA Regional appearances, and advanced to the Mid-American Conference Tournament finals six times.

He began his coaching career as head coach at Miami University-Middletown in 1990, served as an assistant coach at Miami (Ohio) from 1993-1994, and was the pitching coach at Indiana from 1995-1996.

ON THE MOUND

STARTERS PERFORMANCES

DATE	ROUND	OPPONENT	STARTER	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR
July 12	Pool Play	Chinese Taipei	Luke Harrison	W	5.0	3	2	2	1	6	1	0	0
July 13	Pool Play	Japan	Ryan McPherson	ND	3.1	4	1	1	2	0	0	0	0
July 14	Pool Play	Korea	Wylan Moss	ND	4.0	1	0	0	0	6	0	0	0
July 15	Finals	Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

#5 LUKE HARRISON - LHP [TEXAS]

DATE	OPPONENT	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HBP	HR	TP	
July 12	Chinese Taipei	W	5.0	3	2	2	1	6	1	0	79	• Picked up the win against Chinese Taipei at the WCBC on July 12, throwing 5.0 innings and surrendering two runs on three hits, and threw the final four innings in shutout fashion.
July 13	Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	• Threw 4.1 scoreless innings across two relief appearances at Training Camp, striking out a team-high 10 batters
July 14	Korea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	• Gave up just two hits at Training Camp and held opponents to a .133 batting average
July 15	Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	• Tossed 83.1 innings, finishing year with a 6-4 record and three saves in 2026 at Texas
												• Posted a 4.10 ERA, allowing 45 runs, 38 earned, on 70 hits with 100 strikeouts and 35 walks
												• Struck out a career-high 11 batters in his final collegiate start against Georgia at the Men's College World Series on June 16

#12 JACKSON BARBERI - RHP [FLORIDA]

DATE	OPPONENT	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HBP	HR	TP	
July 12	Chinese Taipei	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	• Made two one-inning appearances at Training Camp out of the bullpen and did not allow a hit in either appearance
July 13	Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	• Posted a 3.13 ERA across 19 appearances, finishing the year with a 5-2 record and two saves
July 14	Korea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	• In 37.1 innings, allowed 16 runs, 13 earned, on 21 hits with 55 strikeouts and 17 walks while holding opponents to a .156 batting average
July 15	Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	• Threw a career-high seven strikeouts at then-No. 4 Arkansas on March 28
												• Named to the ABCA/Rawlings Second Team Southeast All-Region

#16 JOSHUA WHRITENOUR - RHP [FLORIDA]

DATE	OPPONENT	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HBP	HR	TP	
July 12	Chinese Taipei	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	• Made three relief appearances at Training Camp, threw an inning in each one, and did not allow a hit while racking up three strikeouts
July 13	Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	• Appeared in 25 games for the Gators in 2026, finishing with a 4-4 record and seven saves
July 14	Korea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	• Struck out 49 batters and walked fourteen over 36.2 innings pitched
July 15	Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	• Threw a career-high five strikeouts against No. 20 Florida State on March 10

#17 WALKER HOOKS - LHP [OLE MISS]

DATE	OPPONENT	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HBP	HR	TP	
July 12	Chinese Taipei	ND	2.2	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	41	• Threw 2.2 shutout innings against Chinese Taipei to close out the game on July 12. Ended his outing with a 1-2-3 inning in the ninth.
July 13	Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	• Made three relief appearances at Training Camp and allowed one earned run on three hits across a combined 4.1 innings
July 14	Korea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	• Recorded seven saves and finished the regular season leading the SEC in ERA (1.73), WHIP (0.80), and appearances during conference play
July 15	Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	• In 52.2 innings, allowed 17 runs, 13 earned, on 34 hits with 58 strikeouts and 11 walks
												• Named to the 2026 All-SEC Baseball First Team and helped Ole Miss reach the College World Series

#18 TOMAS VALINCIUS - LHP [MISSISSIPPI STATE]

DATE	OPPONENT	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HBP	HR	TP	
July 12	Chinese Taipei	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	• Racked up six strikeouts in two starts and 4.1 scoreless innings at Training Camp
July 13	Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	• Finished the 2026 regular season with a 9-2 record and a 2.93 ERA over 14 appearances, all starts
July 14	Korea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	• Struck out 120 batters in 86.0 innings pitched, walking just 17
July 15	Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	• Recorded a career-high 14 strikeouts against Vanderbilt on March 21
												• Named to the 2026 All-SEC First Team

#23 GRAYDEN HARRIS - LHP [SOUTHERN MISS]

DATE	OPPONENT	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HBP	HR	TP	
July 12	Chinese Taipei	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	• Threw a team-high five innings in two starts at Training Camp; did not allow a run to score while striking out eight batters
July 13	Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	• Emerged as the Friday night starter throughout the season, making 17 starts for the Golden Eagles in 2026
July 14	Korea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	• Recorded a 4.02 ERA with 107 strikeouts, while allowing just 39 earned runs on 92 hits and 19 walks
July 15	Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	• Named the 2026 Sun Belt Conference Pitcher of the Year

#25 ETHAN LUND - LHP [OKLAHOMA STATE]

DATE	OPPONENT	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HBP	HR	TP	
July 12	Chinese Taipei	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	• Allowed one run over 5.0 innings (two appearances) in relief, and fanned seven batters at Training Camp
July 13	Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	• Pitched in 17 games, with 16 starts in 2026 at Oklahoma State
July 14	Korea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	• In 84.1 innings pitched, allowed 52 runs, 50 earned, on 66 hits with 137 strikeouts and 53 walks
July 15	Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	• Tallied a career-high 14 strikeouts against Sam Houston on February 28

#26 WILL SANFORD - RHP [OREGON]

DATE	OPPONENT	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HBP	HR	TP
July 12	Chinese Taipei	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
July 13	Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
July 14	Korea	W	3.0	1	0	0	0	8	0	0	44
July 15	Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

- Went 3.0 innings in relief against Korea on July 14, racking up a tournament-best eight strikeouts
- Made two starts at Training Camp, threw a combined 5.0 innings and did not give up an earned run; Held opposing batters to a .111 clip and tallied six strikeouts
- Started in 17 games for the Ducks in 2026, posting a 3.74 ERA
- In 84.1 innings, allowed 38 runs, 35 earned, on 57 hits with 126 strikeouts and 46 walks while holding opponents to a .186 batting average
- Earned the honor of Most Valuable Player for the Eugene Regional after Oregon's win over Washington State, where he recorded 14 strikeouts and only allowed one hit in 6.1 innings pitched
- Named to the 2026 All-Big Ten Second Team

#28 RYAN MCPHERSON - RHP [MISSISSIPPI STATE]

DATE	OPPONENT	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HBP	HR	TP
July 12	Chinese Taipei	ND	3.1	4	1	1	2	0	1	0	57
July 13	Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
July 14	Korea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
July 15	Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

- Making his third USA Baseball national team appearance after playing on the 2021 15U National Team and 2025 Collegiate National Team
- Made two starts at Training Camp and tossed 4.2 scoreless innings, yielding just one hit
- Held opposing batters to a .071 average and tallied four strikeouts at Training Camp
- Appeared in eight games for Mississippi State, all starts, with a 3-1 record and 2.70 ERA
- In 36.2 innings, struck out 43 batters, walking just 10, while holding opponents to a .212 batting average
- Threw a career-high 11 strikeouts in six innings versus Delaware on February 20

#30 TANNER BRADLEY - RHP [OREGON]

DATE	OPPONENT	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HBP	HR	TP
July 12	Chinese Taipei	ND	1.1	3	4	4	3	3	0	0	45
July 13	Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
July 14	Korea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
July 15	Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

- Racked up six strikeouts in 2.2 hitless innings (two relief appearances) at Training Camp
- Appeared in 31 games as relief, tossing 54.1 innings and finishing the year with a 6-1 record and one save; led his team in appearances, ERA, and batting average against while leading all relievers in innings pitched
- Posted a 1.66 ERA, allowing 12 runs, 10 earned, on 25 hits with 84 strikeouts and just 19 walks
- Recorded a career-high nine strikeouts against Arizona on February 27
- Recognized with NCBWA first-team All-America, Baseball America and D1 Baseball second-team All-America, and Perfect Game third-team All-America honors
- Named to the 2026 All-Big Ten First Team and was named an All-American by four publications

#33 WYLAN MOSS - RHP [UCLA]

DATE	OPPONENT	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HBP	HR	TP
July 12	Chinese Taipei	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
July 13	Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
July 14	Korea	ND	4.0	1	0	0	0	6	0	0	41
July 15	Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

- Threw four shutout innings against Korea on July 14, tallying six strikeouts
- Made two relief appearances at Training Camp, gave up two earned runs in 4.1 innings while tallying six strikeouts
- Pitched in 17 games (six starts) and recorded a 2.49 ERA across 65 innings, tallying 76 strikeouts
- Allowed 21 runs, 18 earned, on 44 hits while holding opposing batters to a .194 batting average
- Named to the 2026 All-Big Ten First Team

#35 JACKSON SANDERS - LHP [AUBURN]

DATE	OPPONENT	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HBP	HR	TP
July 12	Chinese Taipei	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
July 13	Japan	W	1.2	3	1	1	1	2	0	0	33
July 14	Korea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
July 15	Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

- Was credited with the win against Japan on July 13 after tossing 1.2 innings in relief
- Made three appearances in relief at Training Camp, throwing an inning in each one; did not allow a run to score while tallying four strikeouts
- Appeared in 17 games, with seven starts at Auburn in 2026
- Posted a 2.94 ERA with 96 strikeouts, allowing just 23 earned runs on 54 hits and 25 walks
- Named to the 2026 All-SEC Second Team

#37 EASTON HAWK - RHP [UCLA]

DATE	OPPONENT	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HBP	HR	TP
July 12	Chinese Taipei	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
July 13	Japan	SV	4.0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	39
July 14	Korea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
July 15	Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

- Tossed four hitless innings to earn the save against Japan on July 13
- Made three relief appearances at Training Camp, throwing an inning in each one; allowed an earned run across the combined three innings while fanning five batters
- Appeared in 34 games as UCLA's closer, tossing 42 innings and finishing the year with a 7-4 record and 14 saves; Posted a 1.93 ERA, allowing 14 runs, on 29 hits with 52 strikeouts and 19 walks
- Named to the 2026 All-Big Ten First Team and a third team All-American by D1 Baseball

#43 ANDREW JOHNSON - RHP [SOUTHERN CAL]

DATE	OPPONENT	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HBP	HR	TP
July 12	Chinese Taipei	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
July 13	Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
July 14	Korea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
July 15	Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

- Threw a combined five innings across three appearances out of the pen at Training Camp; gave up one earned run on three hits while fanning five batters
- Appeared in 20 games at Southern California in his sophomore season in 2026, with five starts and a 3-2 record
- Recorded a 3.70 ERA, tallying 67 strikeouts and walking just 24 batters in 75.1 innings of work
- Struck out a career-high nine hitters at Northwestern on March 14

#45 AIDAN KING - RHP [FLORIDA]

DATE	OPPONENT	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HBP	HR	TP
July 12	Chinese Taipei	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
July 13	Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
July 14	Korea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
July 15	Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

- Threw five shutout innings across two starts at Training Camp, tallying nine strikeouts
- Recognized as the 2026 SEC Pitcher of the Year and named to the All-SEC First Team
- Appeared in 16 games, all starts, with a 8-2 record and 3.21 ERA in 2026 at Florida
- In 87 innings, allowed 39 runs, 31 earned, on 71 hits with 92 strikeouts and 19 walks while holding opponents to a .218 batting average
- Tallied a career-high 10 strikeouts at Oklahoma on May 1
- Named a 2026 Golden Spikes Award semifinalist, Baseball America College Pitcher of the Year Finalist and was the NCBWA's April National Pitcher of the Month

IN THE FIELD

#2 GAVIN KELLY - UTL [WEST VIRGINIA]

DATE	OPPONENT	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
July 12	Chinese Taipei	6	3	5	0	0	1	4	0	0	0
July 13	Japan	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
July 14	Korea	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
July 15	Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

- Leads all players at the WCBC with eight hits and four RBIs
- Tied the CNT program single-game hit record with a 5-for-6 outing against Chinese Taipei, becoming the first player since 2019 (Heston Kjerstad) to do so and 11th all-time to do so
- Batted .250 with six hits and four RBIs in eight starts at Training Camp
- Led the Mountaineers offensively in 2026 in batting average (.391), home runs (12), RBIs (46), hits (72), OPS (1.178), slugging percentage (.696), and total bases (128)
- Named a semifinalist for the 2026 Golden Spikes Award
- Earned All-America distinction by all five major publications

#3 RYKER WAITE - INF [VANDERBILT]

DATE	OPPONENT	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
July 12	Chinese Taipei	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1
July 13	Japan	4	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
July 14	Korea	2	1	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	0
July 15	Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

- Batted .294 in eight games at Training Camp with a pair of extra-base hits, three RBIs, and a team-high seven runs scored
- Played in all of Vanderbilt's 58 games, all starts in 2026
- Hit .305 with 60 hits, 45 runs, seven home runs, 12 doubles, three triples and 44 RBIs
- Recorded a career-high five RBIs, with a grand slam against Eastern Michigan on February 18

#6 JD STEIN - INF [SOUTH CAROLINA]

DATE	OPPONENT	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
July 12	Chinese Taipei	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
July 13	Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
July 14	Korea	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	0
July 15	Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

- Hit a walk-off inside-the-park home run on July 14 to help the U.S. earn a run-rule win over Korea
- Batted .357 in eight starts at Training Camp, and reached base safely in all eight contests
- Scored a team-high seven runs and went 6-for-7 in stolen bases
- Appeared in 24 games at Wake Forest in the 2026 season, all starts
- Posted a .278 batting average with 12 runs scored, 22 hits, three doubles, one home run, and 20 RBIs

#7 CHASE FRALICK - C/INF [AUBURN]

DATE	OPPONENT	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
July 12	Chinese Taipei	4	0	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
July 13	Japan	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
July 14	Korea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
July 15	Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

- One of four players to turn in a multi-hit performance against Chinese Taipei on July 12
- Batted .222 in eight starts at Training Camp, tallying four hits
- Appeared in 54 games at Auburn, with 43 starts at catcher
- In 200 at-bats, notched a .320 batting average with a career-high 13 home runs, 42 RBIs, 15 doubles, and 64 hits
- Homered in five consecutive games from April 24-May 2, becoming the first Auburn player to do so since 1985
- Named a 2026 Buster Posey Award semifinalist and an All-American by Perfect Game

#9 KOLBY BRANCH - INF [GEORGIA]

DATE	OPPONENT	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
July 12	Chinese Taipei	4	1	2	0	0	1	1	2	2	1
July 13	Japan	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
July 14	Korea	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
July 15	Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

- One of three players on the team to have tallied at least one hit in all three WCBC games
- One of two players to homer and one of four with a multi-hit performance against Chinese Taipei on July 12
- Made eight starts in the infield and scored five runs at Training Camp
- Appeared in 73 games for the Bulldogs, and recorded a .267 batting average with 63 runs scored, 68 hits, 19 doubles, 20 home runs, and 60 RBIs
- Named to the 2026 All-SEC Baseball Second Team and to the NCAA Division I Gold Glove Team

#10 NICO PARTIDA - INF [TEXAS A&M]

DATE	OPPONENT	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
July 12	Chinese Taipei	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
July 13	Japan	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
July 14	Korea	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
July 15	Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

- Went 2-for-4 with a run scored against Japan on July 13, one of two players with multiple hits
- Had a sac fly to contribute an RBI to the 10-6 win over Chinese Taipei on July 12
- Led all players with 11 hits, 16 total bases, and a .440 batting average at Training Camp
- Recorded a .317 batting average, launching 12 home runs with seven in conference play, the most among all freshman in the SEC
- Had 41 RBIs, eight doubles, and 41 runs scored during his freshman campaign

#15 TRENT GRINDLINGER - UTL [TENNESSEE]

DATE	OPPONENT	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
July 12	Chinese Taipei	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
July 13	Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
July 14	Korea	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
July 15	Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

- Made three appearances (two starts) and batted .333 at Training Camp
- Appeared in 43 games for the Volunteers in 2026, with 36 starts
- Recorded a .345 batting average with 50 hits, seven doubles, one triple, eight home runs, and 29 RBIs
- Tallied a season-high five RBIs at Vanderbilt on March 29
- Recognized as SEC Co-Freshman of the Week on April 27 after playing a key role in Tennessee's series win over then-No. 13 Alabama, batting .583 with three-multi hit games and five RBIs
- Named to the 2026 SEC All-Freshman Team

#21 ANTHONY PACK JR - OF (TEXAS)

DATE	OPPONENT	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
July 12	Chinese Taipei	4	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
July 13	Japan	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
July 14	Korea	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
July 15	Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

- One of four players with a multi-hit outing against Chinese Taipei on July 12
- Batted .250 across eight starts; hit a grand slam in the first game and tallied a combined five hits
- Boasted a .360 batting average with seven home runs, 67 hits, 16 doubles, and 45 RBIs at Texas
- Led the Longhorns in 2026 with 20 stolen bases, the most by a Texas freshman since 2004
- Named the SEC Freshman of the Year, pacing all qualifying hitters with a conference batting average of .400 and .511 on-base percentage
- Earned All-America honors from Baseball America and Freshman All-America honors from NCBWA and Perfect Game

#27 LANDON HAIRSTON - OF (ARIZONA STATE)

DATE	OPPONENT	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
July 12	Chinese Taipei	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0
July 13	Japan	5	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0
July 14	Korea	4	1	2	0	0	1	2	0	1	0
July 15	Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

- Homered on July 14 against Korea to tally a hit for the second straight game
- Drew a team-high three walks against Chinese Taipei on July 12
- Tallied three hits, including a home run, and four RBIs, in six starts at Training Camp
- Posted a .421 batting average during the regular season at Arizona State in 2026, ranking fourth in the nation
- Recorded a 28-game hitting streak, the fifth-longest in Sun Devil school history
- Named a finalist for the 2026 Golden Spikes Award, 2026 Big 12 Player of the Year and earned All-Big 12 First Team honors
- Named Baseball America's National Player of the Year and a consensus All-American
- Broke Arizona State's long-standing single-season home run record with 28

#29 DERRICK PITTS - OF (CINCINNATI)

DATE	OPPONENT	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
July 12	Chinese Taipei	4	3	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0
July 13	Japan	5	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
July 14	Korea	3	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
July 15	Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

- Has tallied at least one hit and one RBI in all three WCBC games, and ranks second on the team in hits with six
- Turned in a three-hit performance on July 13 against Japan to lead all players
- Led all players on July 12 with three runs scored against Chinese Taipei
- Batted .364 in four starts at Training Camp; two of his four hits were for extra bases
- Is the first player in Cincinnati history to make the Collegiate National Team

#32 TAGUE DAVIS - INF (LOUISVILLE)

DATE	OPPONENT	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
July 12	Chinese Taipei	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
July 13	Japan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
July 14	Korea	3	1	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	0
July 15	Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

- Homered and tallied a game-high three RBIs on July 14 against Korea
- Voted the 2026 ACC Player of the Year and received First Team All-ACC honors
- Named a Golden Spikes Award semifinalist and a first team All-American by four major publications
- Finished the regular season with a .358 batting average and an ACC and Louisville record 34 home runs, and produced a Louisville program record 96 RBIs
- Became the first player in Division 1 to lead the country in both homers and RBIs at the conclusion of the regular season since 2003

#47 HOGAN DENNY - UTL (INDIANA)

DATE	OPPONENT	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
July 12	Chinese Taipei	4	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
July 13	Japan	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
July 14	Korea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
July 15	Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

- Had a pinch-hit single in Team USA's win over Chinese Taipei on July 12
- Played in all eight games at Training Camp, tallying two doubles and a home run
- Made 51 starts for the Hoosiers in 2026, recording a .357 average with a team-leading 74 hits, 63 runs, 18 doubles, 14 home runs, and 44 RBIs
- Started a game at five different positions in 2026, the first Indiana player to do so since 2005
- Named to the ABCA Midwest All-Region Second Team and the 2026 All-Big Ten First Team

#48 RETT JOHNSON - OF (NC STATE)

DATE	OPPONENT	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
July 12	Chinese Taipei	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
July 13	Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
July 14	Korea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
July 15	Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

- Appeared in eight games (five starts) and batted .333 at Training Camp
- Tallied five hits, five runs scored, and three RBIs at Training Camp
- Earned Second Team All-ACC and All-Freshman Team honors in 2026 after a standout freshman season at NC State in 54 games played (53 starts)
- Named a Freshman All-American by NCBWA and Perfect Game
- Posted a .381 batting average, the third best in the conference, with one home run, 31 RBIs, and 53 runs scored
- Led the Wolfpack with a .490 on-base percentage and held a 27-game hitting streak

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UNITED STATES 10, CHINESE TAIPEI 6

The Collegiate National Team secured a 10-6 win over Chinese Taipei in its World Collegiate Baseball Championship opener. Team USA got on the board early in the first inning on Chase Fralick's RBI single to left field. Chinese Taipei responded with pair of runs to take the lead in the bottom frame at 2-1. Nico Partida knotted the score at 2-2 in the third on a sacrifice fly. In the fourth, the U.S. plated three runs to take a 5-2 lead. Kolby Branch led off the frame with a home run to center field to bring the go-ahead run across. Anthony Pack Jr. followed up with an outfield single, and later scored on a double to center field by Pitts. Kelly singled in Pitts to cap off the three-run inning. The U.S. tacked on three more runs in the fifth to extend its lead to 8-2. Pack Jr. reached on a double to center field, stole third, and scored on a wild pitch to bring the first run across. With the bases loaded following a hit-by-pitch and pair of walks, Kelly delivered with a two-RBI single to right field. Kelly then hit a solo home run to center field in the seventh, making the score 9-2. Chinese Taipei cut into its deficit in the bottom half of the inning, scoring four runs on as many hits to make it 9-6. The U.S. added one final run in the ninth thanks to Hogan Denny's pinch-hit single to center field. Luke Harrison was credited with the win after tossing five complete innings and surrendering two runs on three hits with one walk. He fanned six batters and threw his final four innings in shutout fashion. Walker Hooks closed out the game with 2.2 innings of shutout baseball, not giving up a run while tallying a pair of strikeouts.

UNITED STATES 3, JAPAN 2

Highlighted by four hitless innings out of the bullpen by Easton Hawk, the Collegiate National Team (2-0) defeated Japan (1-1) 3-2 on Monday afternoon. Team USA plated a pair of runs in the second to get ahead early in the contest. Nico Partida and Kolby Branch led off with back-to-back outfield singles, and started the threat when Anthony Pack Jr.'s sacrifice bunt moved them into scoring position. Ryker Waite delivered with an infield single to bring home Partida, and Derrick Pitts followed up with another run-scoring single to plate Branch. The stars and stripes extended their lead to 3-0 in the third thanks to Pack Jr.'s sacrifice fly to left field. Pack Jr. scored Hogan Denny after he reached on a fielder's choice, advanced to second on Partida's single, and to third on Branch's walk to load the bases. Japan got on the board in the fourth thanks to Takara Yamasoto's RBI single to left field with runners in scoring position. With the bases loaded on one out, Waite caught a line drive and doubled up the runner at second to end the side. Japan made it a one-run game in the sixth. Back-to-back singles by Kai Watabe and Yoshinobu Kuroda started the side, and Yamasoto tallied his second RBI of the game with a sacrifice fly to center field to score Watabe. Hawk kept Japan at bay after it scored its second run of the game with four hitless innings out of the pen, retiring all 16 batters he faced to allow the U.S. to come away victorious and earn the save.

UNITED STATES 10, KOREA 0 (7 INN.)

The Collegiate National Team (3-0) used a seven-run third inning to earn a 10-0 (7 inn.) run-rule win over Korea (1-2). With the victory, the U.S. has secured its spot in the gold medal game on Tuesday, July 15, against Japan. Derrick Pitts led off the side with an infield single, moved to third on Gavin Kelly's double to left field, and after a Trent Grindlinger walk loaded the bases, he scored on Tague Davis's hit-by-pitch. In the third, the stars and stripes put together a seven-run inning on five hits, all with two outs, to take a commanding 8-0 lead. Davis started the scoring with a two-run home run to center field, bringing Nico Partida home after he drew a walk. Kolby Branch and Anthony Pack Jr. singled and walked, respectively, and Ryker Waite drove them both in on his triple to left field to extend the U.S. lead to 5-0. Pitts collected his second infield hit of the game to bring Waite across home plate to tally another run, and then Landon Hairston belted a two-run home run to right field to round out the scoring. Nico Partida led off the seventh inning with a walk, and then JD Stein hit a pinch-hit inside-the-park home run to left field to walk off Korea. Pitchers Wylan Moss and Will Sanford combined for seven shutout innings. Moss went the first four innings and allowed just one hit while striking out six batters, and Sanford tossed the final three and gave up one hit while fanning eight batters.

INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

CATEGORY	NO.	PLAYER	OPPONENT	DATE
At Bats	6	Gavin Kelly	Chinese Taipei	July 12
Runs Scored	3	Derrick Pitts	Chinese Taipei	July 12
Hits	5	Gavin Kelly	Chinese Taipei	July 12
RBIs	4	Gavin Kelly	Chinese Taipei	July 12
Home Runs	1	Most recent: Tague Davis, Landon Hairston, JD Stein	Korea	July 14
Doubles	1	Most recent: Gavin Kelly	Korea	July 14
Triples	1	Ryker Waite	Korea	July 14
Total Bases	8	Gavin Kelly	Chinese Taipei	July 12
Walks	3	Landon Hairston	Chinese Taipei	July 12
Strikeouts (Batting)	2	Most recent: Tague Davis, Kolby Branch, Ryker Waite	Chinese Taipei	July 12
Stolen Bases	1	Six players tied	Chinese Taipei	July 12
Hit By Pitch	1	Ryker Waite	Chinese Taipei	July 12
(Fewest) Runs Allowed	0	Most recent: Wylan Moss, Will Sanford	Korea	July 14
(Fewest) Earned Runs	0	Most recent: Wylan Moss, Will Sanford	Korea	July 14
(Fewest) Walks Allowed	0	Most recent: Wylan Moss, Will Sanford	Korea	July 14
Strikeouts (Pitching)	8	Will Sanford	Korea	July 14
(Fewest) Hits Allowed	0	Easton Hawk	Japan	July 13
Hit Batters	1	Most recent: Ryan McPherson	Japan	July 13

TEAM GAME HIGHS

CATEGORY	NO.	OPPONENT	DATE
At Bats	39	Chinese Taipei	July 12
Runs Scored	10	Chinese Taipei	July 12
Hits	16	Chinese Taipei	July 12
RBIs	9	Chinese Taipei	July 12
Home Runs	2	Chinese Taipei	July 12
Doubles	2	Chinese Taipei	July 12
Triples	1	Korea	July 14
Total Bases	24	Chinese Taipei	July 12
Walks	11	Chinese Taipei	July 12
Strikeouts (Batting)	9	Chinese Taipei	July 12
Stolen Bases	6	Chinese Taipei	July 12
Hit By Pitch	1	Chinese Taipei	July 12
(Fewest) Runs Allowed	0	Korea	July 14
(Fewest) Earned Runs	0	Japan	July 14
(Fewest) Walks Allowed	0	Korea	July 14
Strikeouts (Pitching)	14	Korea	July 14
(Fewest) Hits Allowed	2	Japan	July 14
Hit Batters	1	Most recent: Japan	July 13