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# 2019 All-Big 12 Baseball Awards Announced

**OKLAHOMA CITY -** The 2019 All-Big I2 Baseball Awards have been unveiled by the Conference, as selected by a vote of the league's head coaches. Coaches are not permitted to vote for themselves or their own players.

Baylor's Davis Wendzel and Texas Tech's Josh Jung shared Big I2 Player of the Year honors, while West Virginia's Alek Manoah was bestowed with Pitcher of the Year.

K-State's Jordan Wicks became the second Wildcat to earn Freshman of the Year and TCU's Jake Guenther is the first Horned Frog to earn Newcomer of the Year. For the first time during his tenure, West Virginia head coach Randy Mazey was selected as Coach of the Year.

Texas Tech, the 2019 Big I2 Conference regular-season champions, led the way with eight All-Big I2 selections and three All-Freshman Team honorees. Baylor, who finished second, followed with seven All-Big I2 honors and an All-Freshman Team pick.

Wendzel leads the Conference with a .385 batting average (60-of-156) and a .500 on-base percentage, while his slugging percentage of .647 ranks third in the league. The junior's .404 batting average (23-of-57) in conference-only action also leads the league. He has registered a total of 17 doubles and eight homers for 25 extra-base hits and 39 runs-batted-in. Wendzel is the fifth Player of the Year selection from Baylor and the first since catcher Josh Ludy in 2012.

Jung ranks in the top-five in the league in seven different statistical categories: 2nd in doubles (20), 2nd in RBIs (49), 2nd in walks (46), 2nd in on-base percentage (.47I), T-3rd in runs scored (I.00), fourth in total bases (III) and fifth in slugging percentage (.597). The junior is the fourth Red Raider and the third in the last four seasons to win Player of the Year honors. He joins Red Raiders Joe Dillon (1997), Eric Gutierrez (2016) and Hunter Hargrove (2017) on that illustrious list.

Manoah, a unanimous selection, registered a I.9I earned run average in I4 games and fanned I25 during that span. He became the first Big I2 pitcher since at least 2003 to record I5 or more strikeouts in back-to-back Conference games. The junior finished with an 8-3 record and registered the nation's IIth-best WHIP (0.90) during the regular-season. The Miami, Florida, native is the second Mountaineer to win Pitcher of the Year, joining Harrison Musgrave who won the award in 2013.

Wicks led all Big I2 freshmen with a 3.20 ERA and produced a 6-2 record in 81.2 innings pitched for the Wildcats. He struck out 82, which ranked eighth in the league, and allowed just 24 walks during that span. Wicks is the second K-State pitcher to win Freshman of the Year, joining Jake Matthys who won the distinction in 2013.

After playing two seasons at Sacramento City College, Guenther had an outstanding first season at TCU. The redshirt junior reached base in his first 50 games played – which is the third longest reached base streak in a single-season in Big I2 history. Guenther's .348 batting average and .470 on-base percentage was third in the Big I2.

A total of five student-athletes earned unanimous All-Big I2 First Team distinction. In addition to Jung, Manoah and Wendzel, Baylor catcher Shea Langeliers and reliever Kyle Hill were unanimous first team selections.

On the All-Freshman Team, Texas Tech led the way with three honorees: right-handed pitcher Clayton Beeter, right-handed pitcher Micah Dallas and catcher Cole Stilwell. Unanimous All-Freshmen selections included K-State's Wicks, Tech's Dallas, Baylor's Chase Wehsener and Texas' Eric Kennedy.

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#### 2019 ALL-BIG 12 BASEBALL AWARDS

Player of the Year: Davis Wendzel, Baylor, Jr., INF, San Clemente, Calif./Jserra Catholic

Josh Jung, Texas Tech, Jr., INF, San Antonio, Texas/MacArthur

**Pitcher of the Year:** Alek Manoah\*, West Virginia, Jr., RHP, Miami, Fla./South Dade Senior **Newcomer of the Year:** Jake Guenther, TCU, R-Jr., INF, Oshkosh, Wis./Sacramento City College

Freshman of the Year: Jordan Wicks, K-State, Fr., LHP, Conway, Ark./Conway

Coach of the Year: Randy Mazey, West Virginia

### **ALL-BIG 12 FIRST TEAM**

Name, School	Pos.	CI.	Hometown/Previous School
Shea Langeliers, Baylor*^&	С	Jr.	Keller, Texas/Keller
Nick Loftin, Baylor+%	INF	So.	Corpus Christi, Texas/W.B. Ray
Davis Wendzel, Baylor* <sup>1</sup> !	INF	Jr.	San Clemente, Calif./Jserra Catholic
Jake Guenther, TCU	INF	R-Jr.	Oshkosh, Wis./Sacramento City College
Josh Jung, Texas Tech*^&	INF	Jr.	San Antonio, Texas/MacArthur
Cameron Warren, Texas Tech	INF	Sr.	Midwest City, Okla./Seminole State Junior College
Richard Cunningham, Baylor+!	OF	Sr.	Austin, Texas/Stephen F. Austin HS
Trevor Boone, Oklahoma State@	OF	Jr.	Tulsa, Okla./Memorial
Gabe Holt, Texas Tech <sup>^</sup> %	OF	So.	Bonaire, Ga./Veterans
Cade Cavalli, Oklahoma	UTL	So.	Bixby, Okla./Bixby
Andy Thomas, Baylor+	DH	Jr.	Murrieta, Calif./Murrieta
Ryan Zeferjahn, Kansas+	RHP	Jr.	Topeka, Kan./Seaman
Nick Lodolo, TCU+%&	LHP	Jr.	LaVerne, Calif./Damien
Caleb Kilian, Texas Tech <sup>^</sup>	RHP	Jr.	Flower Mound, Texas/Flower Mound
Alek Manoah, West Virginia*	RHP	Jr.	Miami, Fla./South Dade Senior
Kyle Hill, Baylor*	RHP	Sr.	Corpus Christi, Texas/Calallen
Taylor Floyd, Texas Tech	RHP	Jr.	Frisco, Texas/Grayson Community College

#### **ALL-BIG 12 SECOND TEAM**

Name, School	Pos.	CI.	Hometown/Previous School
Ivan Gonzalez, West Virginia@\$	С	Sr.	Round Rock, Texas/Stony Point
Benjamain Sems, Kansas	INF	Jr.	Chesterfield, Mo./Westminster Christian
Christian Funk, Oklahoma State@	INF	Sr.	Fresno, Calif./Fresno City Community College
Andrew Navigato, Oklahoma State	INF	Jr.	Riverside, Calif./Cuesta Community College
Brian Klein, Texas Tech	INF	Jr.	Keller, Texas/Timber Creek
Marques Inman, West Virginia@	INF	R-Jr.	Elyria, Ohio/Elyria
Cole Haring, Baylor	OF	Sr.	Katy, Texas/McLennan Community College
Dylan Neuse, Texas Tech	OF	So.	Fort Worth, Texas/ McLennan Community College
Darius Hill, West Virginia+!~	OF	Sr.	Dallas, Texas/Dallas Jesuit
Colin Simpson, Oklahoma State+!	UTL	Sr.	Edmond, Okla./Memorial
Paul McIntosh, West Virginia	DH	So.	Miami Gardens, Fla./Motlow State Community College
Jordan Wicks, K-State	LHP	Fr.	Conway, Ark./Conway
Levi Prater, Oklahoma%	LHP	So.	Ada, Okla./Byng
Jensen Elliott, Oklahoma State\$	RHP	Jr.	Coppell, Texas/Coppell
Bryce Elder, Texas	RHP	So.	Decatur, Texas/Decatur
Jason Ruffcorn, Oklahoma	RHP	Jr.	Cedar Park, Texas/Texas A&M
Clayton Beeter, Texas Tech	RHP	R-Fr.	Colleyville, Texas/Birdville
Sam Kessler, West Virginia!	RHP	Jr.	Mount Sinai, N.Y./Mount Sinai

# **HONORABLE MENTION**

Baylor - Daniel Caruso, Paul Dickens, Ryan Leckich, Chase Wehsener, Jimmy Winston; Kansas - Ryan Cyr, Jaxx Groshans, Rudy Karre; K-State - Zach Kokoska, Caleb Littlejim, Terrence Spurlin, Cameron Thompson; Oklahoma - Tyler Hardman, Brady Lindsly, Nathan Wiles, Brandon Zaragoza; Oklahoma State - Peyton Battenfield, Ben Leeper, Carson McCusker, Hueston Morrill; TCU - Austin Henry, Charles King, Adam Oviedo, Marcelo Perez, Johnny Rizer, Conner Shepherd, Josh Watson, Brandon Williamson; Texas - Lance Ford, Blair Henley, Eric Kennedy, Ryan Reynolds, Zach Zubia; Texas Tech - Braxton Fulford, Dave Haveman, John McMillon; West Virginia - Tyler Doanes, Nick Snyder, Brandon White.

Voting is weighted. Ties in voting created two second team relief pitchers.

\* Unanimous Choice ^2018 First Team Honoree +2018 Second Team Honoree @2018 Honorable Mention %2018 All-Freshman Team #2017 First Team Honoree &2017 Second Team Honoree !2017 Honorable Mention ~2016 Second Team Honoree \$2016 Honorable Mention

## **ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM**

Name, School	Pos.	Hometown/Previous School
Chase Wehsener, Baylor*	INF	San Diego, Calif./Christian
Griffin Hassall, K-State	RHP	New Market, Ontario, Canada/Bill Crothers Secondary School
Jordan Wicks, K-State*	INF/LHP	Conway, Ark./Conway
Ben Abram, Oklahoma	RHP	Georgetown, Ontario, Canada/Georgetown District
Wyatt Olds, Oklahoma	RHP	McLoud, Okla./McLoud
Hueston Morrill, Oklahoma State	INF/RHP	Live Oak, Fla./Suwannee
Brett Standlee, Oklahoma State	RHP	Jenks, Okla./Jenks
Marcelo Perez, TCU	RHP	Laredo, Texas/John B. Alexander
Eric Kennedy, Texas*	OF	Tampa, Fla./Calvary Christian
Clayton Beeter, Texas Tech	RHP	Colleyville, Texas/Birdville
Micah Dallas, Texas Tech*	RHP	Aubrey, Texas/Homeschooled
Cole Stilwell, Texas Tech	С	Rockwall, Texas/Heath