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## FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR MATT WALLNER LEADS BASEBALL AMERICA'S 2017 FRESHMAN ALL-AMERICA TEAM

DURHAM, N.C. – Southern Mississippi outfielder Matt Wallner is Baseball America's 2017 Freshman of the Year. Wallner hit .336/.463/.655 with 19 home runs this spring, helping lead the Golden Eagles to the Conference USA title and host a regional for the first time since 2003.

Wallner also highlights the Freshman All-America teams. He is joined on the first team by the two other freshmen who were named to Baseball America's regular All-America teams—North Carolina's Josh Hiatt (relief pitcher) and Texas A&M's Braden Shewmake (second base).

Hiatt is one of three North Carolina players to be named first-team Freshman All-American. Righthander Gianluca Dalatri and DH Ashton McGee joined him.

Louisiana State and Texas Tech were the only other teams to have multiple honorees. In all, 28 schools are represented on the two teams.

East Carolina outfielder Spencer Brickhouse and Dalatri were named Freshman All-Americans a year after earning Baseball America High School All-American honors.

The staff of Baseball America selected the Freshman All-America teams.

### FIRST TEAM

C Shae Langeliers, Baylor  
1B Andrew Vaughn, California  
2B Braden Shewmake, Texas A&M  
3B Josh Jung, Texas Tech  
SS Cam Shepherd, Georgia  
OF Dominic Fletcher, Arkansas  
OF Grant Little, Texas Tech  
OF Matt Wallner, Southern Mississippi  
DH Ashton McGee, North Carolina  
UTL Kevin Milarm, St. Mary's  
SP Gianluca Dalatri, North Carolina  
SP Shane McClanahan, South Florida  
SP Sean Mooney, St. John's  
SP Eric Walker, Louisiana State  
RP Josh Hiatt, North Carolina  
RP Kenyon Yovan, Oregon

### SECOND TEAM

C James Free, Pacific  
1B Drew Mendoza, Florida State  
2B Michael Massey, Illinois  
3B Nick Quintana, Arizona

SS Logan Davidson, Clemson  
OF Spencer Brickhouse, East Carolina  
OF Carlos Cortes, South Carolina  
OF Zach Watson, Louisiana State  
DH Brad Debo, North Carolina State  
UTL Rylan Thomas, Central Florida  
SP Nick Bennett, Louisville  
SP Tyler Blohm, Maryland  
SP Nick Lodolo, Texas Christian  
SP Zach Thompson, Kentucky  
RP Jake Mulholland, Oregon State  
RP Riley Self, Mississippi State