

Callaway Named Preseason All-America

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Appalachian State University senior shortstop Will Callaway (Greenville, S.C./Eastside) has been tabbed as a third-team preseason all-American by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association, the

NCBWA announced on Wednesday. Callaway started all 59 games at shortstop for Appalachian State in 2012 and hit .320 with 12 doubles, three triples, four home runs, 53 RBI, 54 runs scored and 23 stolen bases. He ranked among the national leaders in several statistical categories, including hits (77 - 168th nationally), runs (87th), RBI (66th), steals (51st) and sacrifice flies (6 - 57th).

Thanks to the sterling junior campaign, Callaway was named first-team all-Southern Conference and was one of 25 candidates for the Brooks Wallace Award, which is presented to college baseball's top shortstop.

He is the second Mountaineer in four years to garner preseason all-America recognition, joining Wes Hobson, who was a Louisville Slugger third-team preseason all-American in 2010.

Callaway helped lead Appalachian State to a school-record 41 victories, its first Southern Conference championship in 25 years, its first NCAA regional berth in 26 years and a No. 29 final national ranking in 2012. The 2013 Mountaineers open the season on Friday, Feb. 15 at NC State. Appalachian's entire 2013 slate will be finalized soon.

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