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BASEBALL COACHES SELECT SAN JOSÉ STATE TO CLAIM 2024 MOUNTAIN WEST TITLE

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – San José State has been predicted to win the 2024 Mountain West baseball title, as voted on by the league's seven head coaches. The Spartans received four first-place votes and 33 points overall, while Fresno State is five points behind with 28 points and two first-place votes.

Air Force is in third place with 27 points and the final first-place vote. Rounding out the poll is San Diego State in fourth place (19), New Mexico and UNLV tied for fifth (15) and Nevada in seventh (10).

San José State returns 16 letterwinners from a 2023 squad that won the Spartans' first MW championship title and made the program's first NCAA regional appearance since 2002. Among San José State's returners are three 2023 All-Mountain West selections in senior infielder **Theo Hardy**, senior infielder **Hunter Dorraugh** and senior pitcher **Mickey Thompson**.

The Spartans led the league with four preseason All-Mountain West selections. Fresno State landed three on the preseason team, while Air Force and San Diego State each had two and New Mexico and UNLV had one each.

The 2024 Mountain West baseball season begins Friday, Feb. 16, with all seven teams in action.

2024 MOUNTAIN WEST BASEBALL PRESEASON COACHES POLL

Rank	leam (1 st -place votes)	Points
1.	San José State (4)	33
2.	Fresno State (2)	28
3.	Air Force (1)	27
4.	San Diego State	19
5.	New Mexico	15
5.	UNLV	15
7.	Nevada	10

2024 MOUNTAIN WEST BASEBALL PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

<u>name</u>	Class	Position	<u>Institution</u>
Sam Kulasingam	Sr.	INF	Air Force
Jay Thomason	Sr.	INF	Air Force
Jake Dixon	Gr.	Р	Fresno State
Murf Gray	So.	INF	Fresno State
Tommy Hopfe	Jr.	UTL	Fresno State
Reed Spenrath	Sr.	INF	New Mexico
Chris Canada	Jr.	Р	San Diego State
Omar Serrano	Jr.	Р	San Diego State
Hunter Dorraugh	Sr.	INF	San José State
Robert Hamchuk	Sr.	OF	San José State
Theo Hardy	Sr.	INF	San José State
Mickey Thompson	Sr.	Р	San José State
Rylan Charles	Sr.	OF	UNLV

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