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**The Los Angeles Athletic Club
John R. Wooden Award®
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Announces 2024-25 Women's Preseason Top 50 Watch List

2021 Wooden Award® Winner Paige Bueckers and 2024 Wooden Award® All Americans Georgia Amoore, Bueckers, Hannah Hildago, and Juju Watkins Headline Wooden Watch

LOS ANGELES, Calif. (November 7, 2024) – The Los Angeles Athletic Club John R. Wooden Award®, presented by Principal, announced its Preseason Women's Top 50 Watch List on www.WoodenAward.com, today. Chosen by a preseason poll of national college basketball experts, the list is comprised of 50 student-athletes who are the early front-runners for the most prestigious honors in college basketball, the Wooden Award All American Team™ and Most Outstanding Player Award.

2021 Wooden Award Winner™ and 2024 Wooden Award® All American Paige Bueckers (UConn) headlines the Preseason Top 50, along 2024 Wooden Award All Americans™ Georgia Amoore (Kentucky), Hannah Hildago (Notre Dame), and Juju Watkins (USC). Notre Dame leads all schools with four students on the Wooden Watch List: Sonia Citron, Hannah Hildago, Olivia Miles, and Maddy Westbeld. Four schools have three selections on the Preseason Top 50: LSU (Flau'jae Johnson, Aneesah Morrow, Mikaylah Williams), Texas (Madison Booker, Rori Harmon, and Lalia Phelia), UCLA (Lauren Betts, Charlissee Leger-Walker, and Kiki Rice), and USC (Kiki Iriafen, Talia von Oehlhoffen, and Juju Watkins). Several other schools boast two players on the list: Baylor, UConn, Iowa, Iowa State, North Carolina State, Oklahoma, Ole Miss, Ohio State, and South Carolina.

Of the 50 players on the preseason list, 37 are upperclassmen, including 22 seniors & 15 juniors, and two are graduate students. Nine sophomores were named to the list and the recent trend of recognizing outstanding freshmen continues with two named to the Wooden Award Women's Preseason Top 50.

The players on the list are considered strong candidates for the 2025 John R. Wooden Award® Women's Player of the Year. Players not chosen to the preseason list are still eligible for the Wooden Award® midseason list, late season list, and the National Ballot. The National Ballot consists of 15 top players who have proven to their universities that they meet or exceed the qualifications of the Wooden Award®. Wooden Award™ voters will rank in order 10 of those 15 players when voting opens prior to the NCAA Tournament and will allow voters to take into consideration performance during the tournament's early round games. The Wooden Award All American Team™ will be announced the week of the "Elite Eight" round of the NCAA Tournament. The winner of the 2025 John R. Wooden Award®, presented by Principal, will be presented at the Los Angeles Athletic Club on April 11, 2025.

About the John R. Wooden Award®

Created in 1976, the Los Angeles Athletic Club John R. Wooden Award Program™ hosts the most prestigious honors in college basketball recognizing The Wooden Award® Most Outstanding Player for men and women, The Wooden Award All America™ Teams for men and women and the annual selection of the Wooden Award® Legend of Coaching recipient. Wooden Award® All Americans have proven to their university that they meet or exceed the qualifications of the John R. Wooden Award® as set forth by Coach Wooden and the Wooden Award® Steering Committee, including making progress towards graduation and maintaining at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA. Previous winners include Larry Bird ('79), Michael Jordan ('84), Tim Duncan ('97), Kevin Durant ('07), Candace Parker ('07; '08), Maya Moore ('09; '11), Breanna Stewart ('15; '16), and the last two year's ('23 & '24) recipients, Caitlin Clark of Iowa and Zach Edey of Purdue.

Since its inception, the John R. Wooden Award® has made charitable gifts of nearly one million dollars in the names of the Wooden Award All American recipients and has sent more than 1,000 underprivileged children to week-long college basketball camps. Additionally, the John R. Wooden Award® partners with the Special Olympics Southern California (SOSC) each year to host the Wooden Award® Special Olympics basketball day. The event brings together Special Olympics athletes and Wooden Award® All Americans and coaches in attendance. It is hosted at the Los Angeles Athletic Club during the John R. Wooden Award® Weekend.

The Wooden Award® Legends of Coaching honoree for 2025 is Mark Few of Gonzaga who will be presented his honor along with the Wooden Award® Men's and Women's Players of the Year on April 11, 2025. For up-to-date information on the Wooden Award®, please go to <http://www.woodenaward.com> and follow the Wooden Award® on Facebook at www.facebook.com/woodenaward and @WoodenAward on Twitter and Instagram.

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Women's Preseason Top 50
Alphabetical

First Name	Last Name	School	Year
Georgia	Amoore - #	Kentucky	Grad Student
Sarah	Andrews	Baylor	SR
Sarah Ashlee	Barker	Alabama	SR
Raegan	Beers	Oklahoma	JR
Lauren	Betts	UCLA	JR
Madison	Booker	Texas	SO

Paige	Bueckers - #*	UConn	SR
Haley	Cavinder	Miami	Grad Student
Sonia	Citron	Notre Dame	SR
Audi	Crooks	Iowa State	FR
KK	Deans	Ole Miss	SR
Katie	Dinnebier	Drake	SR
Yvonne	Ejim	Gonzaga	SR
Frida	Formann	Colorado	SR
Azzi	Fudd	UConn	SR
MiLaysia	Fulwiley	South Carolina	SO
Rori	Harmon	Texas	SR
Hannah	Hidalgo - #	Notre Dame	JR
Kiki	Iriafer	USC	JR
Aziaha	James	NC State	SO
Flau'jae	Johnson	LSU	SO
Deja	Kelly	Oregon	SR
Gianna	Kneepkens	Utah	JR
Ta'Niya	Latson	Florida State	FR
Ayoka	Lee	Kansas State	SR
Charlisse	Leger-Walker	UCLA	SO
Darianna	Littlepage Buggs	Baylor	SO
Alexis	Markowski	Nebraska	SR
Cotie	McMahon	Ohio State	SR
Olivia	Miles	Notre Dame	SR

Aneesah	Morrow	LSU	JR
Lucy	Olsen	Iowa	SR
Te-Hina	Paopao	South Carolina	SR
Ajae	Petty	Ohio State	SR
Lalia	Phelia	Texas	SO
JJ	Quinerly	West Virginia	JR
Kiki	Rice	UCLA	SO
Reigan	Richardson	Duke	JR
Saniya	Rivers	NC State	SR
Emily	Ryan	Iowa State	SR
Madison	Scott	Ole Miss	SR
Shyanne	Sellers	Maryland	JR
Hannah	Stuelke	Iowa	JR
Alyssa	Ustby	UNC	SR
Hailey	Van Lith	TCU	JR
Skylar	Vann	Oklahoma	JR
Talia	von Oehlhoffen	USC	JR
JuJu	Watkins - #	USC	JR
Maddy	Westbeld	Notre Dame	SO
Mikaylah	Williams	LSU	JR

Indicates player selected as a 2023-24 Wooden Award All American

* Indicates player selected as a 2020-21 Wooden Award Winner and 2023-24 Wooden Award All American