



CITIZEN NAISMITH TROPHY MEN'S WATCH LIST RELEASED

Fifty Players Vying for 2019 Top Player of the Year Honor as Season Tips Off

ATLANTA (November 5, 2018) – Today, the Atlanta Tipoff Club announced 50 men's players to watch for the 2019 Citizen Naismith Trophy Men's Player of the Year honor. A list of the midseason 30 team will be released on Feb. 13, 2019, followed by the 10 national semifinalists and four finalists on March 4, 2019 and March 19, 2019 respectively. The 2019 Citizen Naismith Trophy will be awarded on at the Naismith Awards Brunch on April 7, 2019, during the Final Four in Minneapolis.

"This time of year is filled with excitement, optimism and anticipation as each team is undefeated and the race for the Citizen Naismith Trophy is wide open. These 50 candidates are ones to keep an eye on, but there will be plenty of others who will enter the competition throughout the season," said Eric Oberman, executive director of the Atlanta Tipoff Club. "It's great to have the season tipping off tomorrow."

2019 Citizen Naismith Trophy Men's Preseason Watch List

NAME	CLASS	POSITION	SCHOOL	CONFERENCE
Kamar Baldwin	Jr.	G	Butler	BIG EAST
R.J. Barrett	Fr.	F	Duke	ACC
Tyus Battle	Jr.	G	Syracuse	ACC
Bennie Boatwright	Sr.	F	USC	Pac-12
Bol Bol	Fr.	C	Oregon	Pac-12
Phil Booth	Sr.	G	Villanova	BIG EAST
Ky Bowman	Jr.	G	Boston College	ACC
Barry Brown	Sr.	G	Kansas State	Big 12
Jordan Caroline	Sr.	G/F	Nevada	Mountain West
Clayton Custer	Sr.	G	Loyola of Chicago	Missouri Valley
Mike Daum	Sr.	F	South Dakota State	Summit League
Carsen Edwards	Jr.	G	Purdue	Big Ten
Jon Elmore	Sr.	G	Marshall	Conference USA
Daniel Gafford	So.	F	Arkansas	SEC
Darius Garland	Fr.	G	Vanderbilt	SEC
Jessie Govan	Sr.	C	Georgetown	BIG EAST
Kellan Grady	So.	G	Davidson	Atlantic 10
Quentin Grimes	Fr.	G	Kansas	Big 12
Kyle Guy	Jr.	G	Virginia	ACC
Rui Hachimura	Jr.	F	Gonzaga	WCC
Ethan Happ	Sr.	F	Wisconsin	Big Ten
Markus Howard	Jr.	G	Marquette	BIG EAST
De'Andre Hunter	So.	G	Virginia	ACC

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Keldon Johnson	Fr.	G	Kentucky	SEC
Sagaba Konate	Jr.	F	West Virginia	Big 12
Romeo Langford	Fr.	G	Indiana	Big Ten
Dedric Lawson	Jr.	F	Kansas	Big 12
Nassir Little	Fr.	F	North Carolina	ACC
Caleb Martin	Sr.	F	Nevada	Mountain West
Charles Matthews	Sr.	G	Michigan	Big Ten
Luke Maye	Sr.	F	North Carolina	ACC
Juwan Morgan	Sr.	F	Indiana	Big Ten
Jordan Murphy	Sr.	F	Minnesota	Big Ten
James Palmer Jr.	Sr.	G	Nebraska	Big Ten
Eric Paschall	Sr.	F	Villanova	BIG EAST
Shamorie Ponds	Jr.	G	St. John's	BIG EAST
Cam Reddish	Fr.	F	Duke	ACC
Justin Robinson	Sr.	G	Virginia Tech	ACC
Admiral Schofield	Sr.	G	Tennessee	SEC
Chris Silva	Sr.	F	South Carolina	SEC
Killian Tillie	Jr.	F	Gonzaga	WCC
Reid Travis	Sr.	F	Kentucky	SEC
Dean Wade	Sr.	F	Kansas State	Big 12
P.J. Washington	So.	F	Kentucky	SEC
Tremont Waters	So.	G	LSU	SEC
Lindell Wigginton	So.	G	Iowa State	Big 12
Kris Wilkes	So.	G	UCLA	Pac-12
Grant Williams	Jr.	F	Tennessee	SEC
Zion Williamson	Fr.	F	Duke	ACC
Cassius Winston	Jr.	G	Michigan State	Big Ten

Overall, the ACC tops the list with 10 players represented, while the SEC is a close runner-up with nine candidates on the Watch List. Duke, which has won more Citizen Naismith Trophies (7) than any other school, and Kentucky lead the Watch List with three players apiece. The 2018 Naismith High School Player of the Year award winner, R.J. Barrett, also made this year's college Watch List. Players who do not make the Watch List are still eligible to be selected for the Midseason 30 Team.

ABOUT THE ATLANTA TIPOFF CLUB

Founded during the 1956-57 season, the Atlanta Tipoff Club is committed to promoting the game of basketball and recognizing the outstanding accomplishments of those who make the game so exciting. The Atlanta Tipoff Club administers the Naismith Awards, the most prestigious national honors in all of college and high school basketball. Named in honor of Dr. James Naismith, inventor of the game of basketball, the family of Naismith Awards annually recognizes the top men's and women's college and high school basketball players and coaches. Other Naismith Awards are presented to the men's and women's college basketball defensive players of the year, as well as lifetime achievement awards to basketball officials and outstanding contributors to the game. UCLA's Lew Alcindor received the first Citizen Naismith Trophy in 1969, while the late Anne Donovan (Old Dominion) was the inaugural women's recipient in 1983. Corporate partners of the Naismith Awards include the Citizen Watch Company, Werner Ladder and Bona.

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