

Houston picked second in AAC; 3 Cougars earn preseason honors

STAFF REPORT

The University of Houston baseball team was selected to finish second in the American Athletic Conference Preseason Coaches Poll, the conference announced Wednesday.

The Cougars earned 39 votes from the conference's head coaches behind only East Carolina who had 49. Houston beat out UCF for second place as the Knights tallied 38 votes in third. The full poll can be seen below.

Along with the Cougars' second-place nod, junior catcher Anthony Tulimero, redshirt senior shortstop Ian McMillan and junior third baseman Zach Arnold were selected to the Preseason All-Conference Team.

McMillan, a Scottsdale, Ariz. native, was a unanimous selection after a standout season in 2022. He finished the season batting .302 and was second on the team in home runs (10). The 2022 Brooks Wallace Award

Semifinalist closed out his 2022 campaign with 40 runs, 64 hits and 40 RBI and was a unanimous selection to the Preseason All-Conference team.

Houston's backstop, Tulimero, returns for another season leading the Cougars. A 2022 Buster Posey Collegiate Catcher of the Year semifinalist, Tulimero led the conference in runners caught stealing with 23 while also leading the team in batting average (.326) and hits (76). During the 2022 season, the California native had 21 multiple-hit games and posted 44 runs, 39 RBI, 11 stolen bases and a .994 fielding percentage.

Arnold, the Cougars starting third baseman, was also selected to the Preseason All-Conference team. The California native was a 2022 Gold Glove Finalist and the American's lone third baseman with one or no errors in 160-plus chances. Arnold posted a .283 batting average in 2022 with 44 runs, 65 hits, 10 home runs, 45 RBI and nine stolen bases.



COURTESY UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON ATHLETICS
Anthony Tulimero, Ian McMillan and Zach Arnold were chosen to the preseason All American Athletic Conference team.

PRESEASON COACHES POLL	
East Carolina (7)	49
Houston	39
UCF	38
Tulane	26
Wichita State	24
South Florida (1)	21
Cincinnati	19
Memphis	8
First-place votes in parenthesis	
Preseason Player of the Year	
Brock Rodden, Jr., 2B, Wichita State	
Preseason Pitcher of the Year	
Carter Spivey, Sr., East Carolina*	
Preseason All-Conference Team	
P - Ben Vespi, Jr., UCF	
P - Carter Spivey, Sr., East Carolina*	
P - Dylan Carmouche, Jr., Tulane	
P - Cameron Bye, Jr., Wichita State	
RP - Kyle Kramer, R-Sr., UCF	
C - Anthony Tulimero, R-Jr., Houston	
1B - Ryan Nicholson, R-Jr., Cincinnati	
2B - Brock Rodden, Jr., Wichita State*	
SS - Ian McMillan, R-Sr., Houston*	
3B - Zach Arnold, R-Jr., Houston	
OF - Jacob Jenkins-Cowart, So., East Carolina*	
OF - Drew Bratcher, Jr., South Florida	
OF - Chuck Ingram, Jr., Wichita State	
DH - Payton Tolle, So., Wichita State	
* denotes unanimous selection	

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