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A-State's MacDonald Named ABCA All-Region

JONESBORO, Ark. (6/13/18) – Arkansas State first baseman Kyle MacDonald has been named to the American Baseball Coaches Association/Rawlings Central All-Region First Team as the selections were released by the ABCA Wednesday.

A native of Mississauga, Ont., MacDonald led the Red Wolves in a multitude of offensive categories in his first season after transferring from Crowder College and was named the Sun Belt Conference Newcomer of the Year for his efforts. He posted a triple-slash line of .346/.464/.665 with the .665 slugging percentage representing the seventh-best in school history and ranking as the best in the SBC along with 22nd in the nation.

MacDonald's junior campaign included 15 home runs, tied for the second most in school history, to go along with 50 RBI, which is the 10th most in A-State history. Additionally, he recorded 66 hits, scored 50 runs, hit 12 doubles, legged out two triples, walked 39 times, and tallied 127 total bases.

A First-Team All-SBC honoree, MacDonald becomes the 12th A-State player to earn ABCA All-Region honors and is the first since Zach George took home ABCA First-Team All-Region accolades in 2015.

The Chair of the ABCA NCAA Div. I All-America & Coach of the Year Committee is Tommy Raffo of Arkansas State University. Also on the committee is Dean Ehehalt of Monmouth University, Brian O'Connor of the University of Virginia, Butch Thompson of Auburn University, Jim Penders of the University of Connecticut, Steve Jaksas of Central Michigan University, Dan Heefner of Dallas Baptist University and George Horton of the University of Oregon.

The ABCA, founded in 1945, is the primary professional organization for baseball coaches at the amateur level. Its over 9,600 members represent all 50 states and 23 countries. Since its initial meeting of 27 college baseball coaches in June 1945, Association membership has broadened to include eight divisions: NCAA Division I, II and III, NAIA, NJCAA, Pacific Association Division, High School and Youth. The 75th annual ABCA Convention will be held Jan. 3-6, 2019 in Dallas, Texas.

For the latest on A-State baseball follow the team by logging onto the Arkansas State Baseball Facebook page or by following the team on Twitter (@AStateBaseball) and Instagram ([arkansasstatebaseball](https://www.instagram.com/arkansasstatebaseball)).

NCAA Div. I Central All-Region First Team

Pos.	Player	Cl.	School	State
C	Carter Perkins	Jr.	South Alabama	AL
1B	Kyle MacDonald	Jr.	Arkansas State	AR
2B	Eddie Silva	Jr.	Florida International	FL
3B	Ray Hernandez	Sr.	Alabama State	AL
SS	Tyler Frank	Jr.	Florida Atlantic	FL
OF	Travis Swaggerty	Jr.	South Alabama	AL
OF	Joey Denison	Sr.	Troy	AL
OF	Matt Heck	Sr.	Houston Baptist	TX
DH	Joe Davis	Jr.	Houston	TX
P	Colten Schmidt	Sr.	Louisiana	LA
P	Logan Bailey	Jr.	Louisiana Tech	LA
P	Matt Canterino	So.	Rice	TX
RP	Zach Schneider	Jr.	Florida Atlantic	FL

NCAA Div. I Central All-Region Second Team

Pos.	Player	Cl.	School	State
C	Jose Garcia	Fr.	Florida International	FL
1B	David Fry	Sr.	Northwestern State	LA
2B	Gaudencio Lucca	Sr.	Texas Southern	TX
3B	Drew Frederic	So.	Troy	AL
SS	Matt Sanders	Sr.	Troy	AL
OF	Drew Avans	Sr.	Southeastern Louisiana	LA
OF	Kamren Dukes	Sr.	Texas Southern	TX
OF	Jacob Rhinesmith	Jr.	Western Kentucky	KY
DH	Rafael Ramirez	So.	Grambling State	LA
P	Trey Cumbie	Jr.	Houston	TX
P	David Leal	Jr.	Louisiana Tech	LA
P	Matthew McCollough	Sr.	Houston Baptist	TX
P	Bryan Warzek	Jr.	New Orleans	LA
P	Tyler Gray	Sr.	Central Arkansas	AR
RP	Dakota Mills	Sr.	Sam Houston State	TX