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Hjelle Selected ABCA/Rawlings All-America Third Team



GREENSBORO, N.C. – University of Minnesota Crookston baseball player [Reed Hjelle](#) (Jr., 1B, East Grand Forks, Minn.) earned his second All-America honor as announced Tues., May 29. He was selected American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA/Rawlings) Division II All-America Third Team. Hjelle was previously named National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) Division II All-America Third Team. Hjelle is the first All-American in the history of the Minnesota Crookston baseball program. Earlier this post-season, he was named ABCA/Rawlings All-Central Region First Team and Central Region Position Player of the Year.

Hjelle is the most decorated baseball student-athlete in Minnesota Crookston history, earning Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) Player of the Year accolades, ABCA (American Baseball Coaches Association)/Rawlings Central Region Position Player of the Year, ABCA/Rawlings All-Central Region First Team, D2CCA (Division II Conference Commissioners Association) All-Central Region First Team, NCBWA All-Central Region First Team, and All-NSIC First Team, along with his pair of All-America nods.

Hjelle was also the first person in school history to earn three All-Central Region First Team honors, NSIC Player of the Year honors, and Central Region Player of the Year recognition.

He finished his stellar junior season by hitting .436 on the season with 38 runs scored, 19 doubles, five triples, 10 home runs and 50 RBIs. Hjelle led the NSIC in batting average (at least 100 at-bats), hits, doubles, home runs, total bases, on-base percentage and slugging percentage. He was second in the league for RBIs and triples. Hjelle performed well in NSIC play as he hit .389 with 11 doubles, three triples, seven home runs and 22 RBIs. He was a two-time NSIC Player of the Week selection. In addition, Hjelle earned National Collegiate Baseball Writer's Association (NCBWA) Central Region Player of the Week March 16 after hitting .643 with nine runs, four doubles, one triple, two home runs and 14 RBIs in seven games during Minnesota Crookston's trip to Florida for spring training baseball. Hjelle finished the season ninth in NCAA Division II for batting average, 18th for hits, 16th for total bases and 18th for slugging percentage.

Hjelle has one more season left with the Golden Eagles. He is competing this summer for the as Rochester Honkers of the Northwoods League, one of the premier collegiate summer wood bat leagues. He has been a three-year starter for Minnesota Crookston. In his career, Hjelle has 205 hits, 109 runs, 39 doubles, 11 triples, 17 home runs and 114 RBIs in his career. He is first all-time for home runs, doubles, and RBIs.

The ABCA All-America team was first recognized in 1949 and now includes nine divisions: NCAA Divisions I, II and III, NAIA, NJCAA Divisions I, II and III, Pacific Association Division, and high school. ABCA/Rawlings Gold Glove teams were first recognized in 2007.

The Chair of the ABCA NCAA Div. II All-America Team is Lynn Gant (University of Minnesota Crookston). Also on the committee are Jim Gantt (Catawba College), Rick Giannetti (Dominican College), Rob Penders (St. Edward's University), Kyle Pendergast (University of Minnesota Crookston), and Jamie Detillion (Grand Valley State University).

The ABCA, founded in 1945, is the primary national organization for college baseball coaches. Its over 9,600 members represent all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. The ABCA 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.

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2018-ABCA/Rawlings All-America Teams

NCAA Div. II All-America First Team

Pos.	Player	Cl.	School	State
C	Mikey Gangwish	Jr.	Colorado School of Mines	CO
1B	Zack Shannon	Sr.	Delta State	MS
2B	Kyle Marsh	Jr.	Embry-Riddle	FL
3B	Trey Jacobs	Fr.	UNC Pembroke	NC
SS	Patrick Dorrian	Sr.	Lynn	FL
INF	Jared Melone	Jr.	West Chester	PA
OF	Matt Diesel	Sr.	Felician	NJ
OF	Brenton Doyle	So.	Shepherd	WV
OF	Zander Clarke	Jr.	UC San Diego	CA
OF	Drake McNamara	Sr.	Southern Indiana	IN
DH	Nick Stokowski	Sr.	Illinois Springfield	IL
P	David Lebron	Sr.	Tampa	FL
P	Kolton Ingram	Jr.	Columbus State	GA
P	Chris Vallimont	Jr.	Mercyhurst	PA
P	Josiah Gray	Jr.	Le Moyne	NY
RP	J.T. Hintzen	Sr.	Florida Southern	FL

NCAA Div. II All-America Second Team

Pos.	Player	Cl.	School	State
C	Tyler Walters	Sr.	Slippery Rock	PA
1B	Chance Bowden	Sr.	Catawba	NC
2B	Cody Birdsong	Jr.	Quincy	IL
3B	Jacob Richardson	Sr.	Southern Arkansas	AR
SS	Cole Taylor	Sr.	Illinois Springfield	IL
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OF	Bryce Fischer	Sr.	Emporia State	KS
OF	Blake Adams	Sr.	Tarleton State	TX
OF	Trevor Kehe	So.	Colorado School of Mines	CO
DH	AJ Walden	Sr.	Alabama Huntsville	AL
UT	Logan Browning	Sr.	Florida Southern	FL
P	Charlie Hecht	Sr.	Georgia College	GA
P	Tanner Lawson	Jr.	St. Edward's	TX
P	James Varela	Jr.	LIU Post	NY
P	Joe Ryan	Sr.	Stanislaus State	CA
RP	Zach Vennaro	Sr.	Mount Olive	NC

NCAA Div. II All-America Third Team

Pos.	Player	Cl.	School	State
C	Jake Anchia	Jr.	Nova Southeastern	FL
1B	Reed Hjelle	Jr.	Minnesota-Crookston	MN
2B	Daulton Martin	So.	Tusculum	TN
3B	Kaleo Johnson	Jr.	Montana State Billings	MT
SS	Ben Walsh	Jr.	Le Moyne	NY
INF	Mike Rothmund	Sr.	Illinois Springfield	IL
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UT	Andrew Bash	So.	Cal Baptist	CA
P	Gus Varland	Jr.	Concordia-St. Paul	MN
P	Jacob Blank	Sr.	Augustana	SD
P	Tyler Jandron	Sr.	Northwood	MI
P	Tucker Burgess	Jr.	North Greenville	SC
RP	Daniel Jang	Sr.	Biola	CA
RP	Zach Reeg	Sr.	Augustana	SD

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PLAYERS MENTIONED ▾

#33 Reed Hjelle

1B / 6' 2" / Junior / R

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