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BAYLOR'S DAVION MITCHELL IS THE RECIPIENT OF THE 2021 LEFTY DRIESELL NATIONAL DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

BOSTON, MA -- Baylor's Davion Mitchell is the recipient of the 2021 Lefty Driesell award.

The 6-foot-2 junior earned the nickname "Off Night," because the player he guards almost always has an off night. The native of Hinesville, GA ranked second in the Big 12 in steals with 2.0 per contest. He led the conference in assists (5.4/game) and field goal percentage (.521), ranks second in assist-to-turnover ratio (2.07), seventh in 3-pointers made (2.3/game) and 12th in scoring (32.8).

"It's simple. Davion Mitchell is the best on-ball defender in college basketball and it's really not even close," said Angela Lento Vice President of CollegeInsider.com. "The young man they call "Off Night" is special."

Mitchell has also been named an All-America Third Team honoree by the AP, NABC and Sporting news, and he is the first player in program history named Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year.

The Lefty Driesell Award, which is presented annually to the top defensive player in Division I basketball, is named in honor of the legendary former coach.

Driesell won 786 games in 41 years at Davidson, Maryland, James Madison and Georgia State. He ranks eighth on the NCAA career Division I coaches victories list and his teams at each stop were known for playing tenacious defense. From 1969-1986 at Maryland, his teams posted a 348-159 record, won two Atlantic Coast Conference regular season titles and one tournament title.

Driesell also led Davidson, Georgia State and James Madison to the NCAA tournament, making him one of three coaches to reach the NAAs with four different programs. His teams won a total of 16 regular season championships and six tournament championships.

2020-21 LEFTY DRIESELL DEFENSIVE ALL-AMERICA TEAM

Jose Alvarado	6-0	Sr.	Georgia Tech
Theo Akwuba	6-11	Jr.	Louisiana
Fardaws Aimaq	6-11	So.	Utah Valley
Charles Bassey	6-11	Jr.	Western Kentucky
Flynn Cameron	6-5	Jr.	UC Riverside
Kihei Clark	5-9	Jr.	Virginia
Elijah Cuffee	6-4	Sr.	Liberty
Chris Duarte	6-5	Sr.	Oregon
Enrique Freeman	6-7	So.	Akron
Marcus Garrett	6-5	Sr.	Kansas
Jacob Gilyard	5-9	Sr.	Richmond
Tre Gomillion	6-4	Jr.	Cleveland State
Brison Gresham	6-8	Sr.	Houston
Devontae Jones	6-1	Jr.	Coastal Carolina
Herb Jones	6-8	Sr.	Alabama
Josh Mballa	6-7	Jr.	Buffalo
Miles McBride	6-2	So.	West Virginia
Brandon McKissic	6-3	Sr.	Kansas City
Isaiah Miller	6-0	Sr.	UNCG
DAVION MITCHELL	6-2	Jr.	BAYLOR
Evan Mobley	7-0	Fr.	USC
Grayson Murphy	6-2	Jr.	Belmont
KC Ndefo	6-7	Jr.	Saint Peter's
Yves Pons	6-6	Sr.	Tennessee
Neemias Queta	7-0	Jr.	Utah State
Dru Smith	6-3	Sr.	Missouri
Anthony Tarke	6-6	Sr.	Coppin State
Aher Uguak	6-7	Sr.	Loyola Chicago
Tyson Walker	6-0	So.	Northeastern
Lucas Williamson	6-4	Sr.	Loyola Chicago