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LEFTY DRIESELL NATIONAL DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

BOSTON, MA -- The 2020-21 Lefty Driesell Award finalists were announced on Thursday.

The Lefty Driesell Award, given 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.

The recipient of the 2021 award will be announced on April 1.

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
Brisson 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

