

E.J. Liddell Named To Midseason Wooden Award Watch List



Ohio State junior forward E.J. Liddell has been named to the Midseason Top 25 Wooden Award Watch List. The Wooden Award is given annually to the top men's and women's basketball player in the country.

This season, Liddell has averaged 18.9 points, 7.4 rebounds, 2.7 assists and 2.9 blocks per game, all of which lead Ohio State, who sits with a 9-3 record and a 3-1 mark in the Big Ten.

The Big Ten leads all conferences with nine selections, followed by the Pac-12 with four, the Big 12 with three, the ACC, SEC and WCC with two selections each, and the Big East, Mountain West and Summit League each with one selection.

Fifteen players will be named to the National Ballot prior to the NCAA Tournament, and the Wooden Award All American Team will be announced the week of the Elite Eight. The winner of the Wooden Award will then be presented following the conclusion of the NCAA Tournament.

Ohio State has just one previous winner in small forward Evan Turner, who won the prestigious award in the 2009-10 season.

According to Vegas Insider, Liddell is tied for the second-best odds to win the award at +800, tied with Wisconsin's Johnny Davis and behind Gonzaga's Drew Timme.

The full list can be viewed below:

Name	School	Conference	Height	Class	Position
Max Abmas	Oral Roberts	Summit League	6-0	Jr.	G
Ochai Agbaji	Kansas	Big 12	6-5	Sr.	G
James Akinjo	Baylor	Big 12	6-1	Sr.	G

Paolo Banchemo	Duke	ACC	6-10	Fr.	F
Izaiah Brockington	Iowa State	Big 12	6-4	Sr.	G
Kofi Cockburn*	Illinois	Big Ten	7-0	Jr.	C
Johnny Davis	Wisconsin	Big Ten	6-5	So.	G
Hunter Dickinson*	Michigan	Big Ten	7-1	So.	C
Zach Edey	Purdue	Big Ten	7-4	So.	C
Collin Gillespie	Villanova	Big East	6-3	Sr.	G
Chet Holmgren	Gonzaga	WCC	7-0	Fr.	C
Jaden Ivey	Purdue	Big Ten	6-4	So.	G
Trayce Jackson-Davis	Indiana	Big Ten	6-9	Jr.	F
Jaime Jaquez Jr.	UCLA	Pac-12	6-7	Jr.	G/F
Johnny Juzang	UCLA	Pac-12	6-7	Jr.	G
E.J. Liddell	Ohio State	Big Ten	6-7	Jr.	F
Benedict Mathurin	Arizona	Pac-12	6-6	So.	G
Isaiah Mobley	USC	Pac-12	6-10	Jr.	F
Wendell Moore Jr.	Duke	ACC	6-5	Jr.	F
Keegan Murray	Iowa	Big Ten	6-8	So.	F
David Roddy	Colorado State	Mountain West	6-6	Jr.	F
Jabari Smith	Auburn	SEC	6-10	Fr.	F
Drew Timme*	Gonzaga	WCC	6-10	Jr.	F
Oscar Tshiebwe	Kentucky	SEC	6-9	Jr.	F
Trevion Williams	Purdue	Big Ten	6-10	Sr.	F

* indicates player selected as 2020-21 Wooden Award All American