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It's no surprise that **JORDAN WESTBURG** wants to make an impact on the game, but what many don't know is how hard he works behind the scenes.

"For me personally, the work ethic means everything," Westburg said. "I don't think I'd be here right now if I didn't work as hard as I have my whole life. I think I was brought up that way, just to work hard, stay humble, and go about your business in a professional manner."

The New Braunfels, Texas native has made a name for himself at Mississippi State and at the mecca of college baseball, Omaha. Westburg hit the 48th grand slam at the College World Series, the only grand slam in TD Ameritrade Park during the 2018 series.

Back-to-back Omaha trips are a big part of his career, yet it doesn't slight anything he's done in the regular season. He earned SEC Player of the Week last season, as well as finishing 21st nationally and No. 6 in the SEC in runs scored.

His hard work does not yield in any category, Westburg even performs well off the field and in the classroom. His freshman year he earned SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll followed by Spring SEC Honor Roll in his sophomore season.

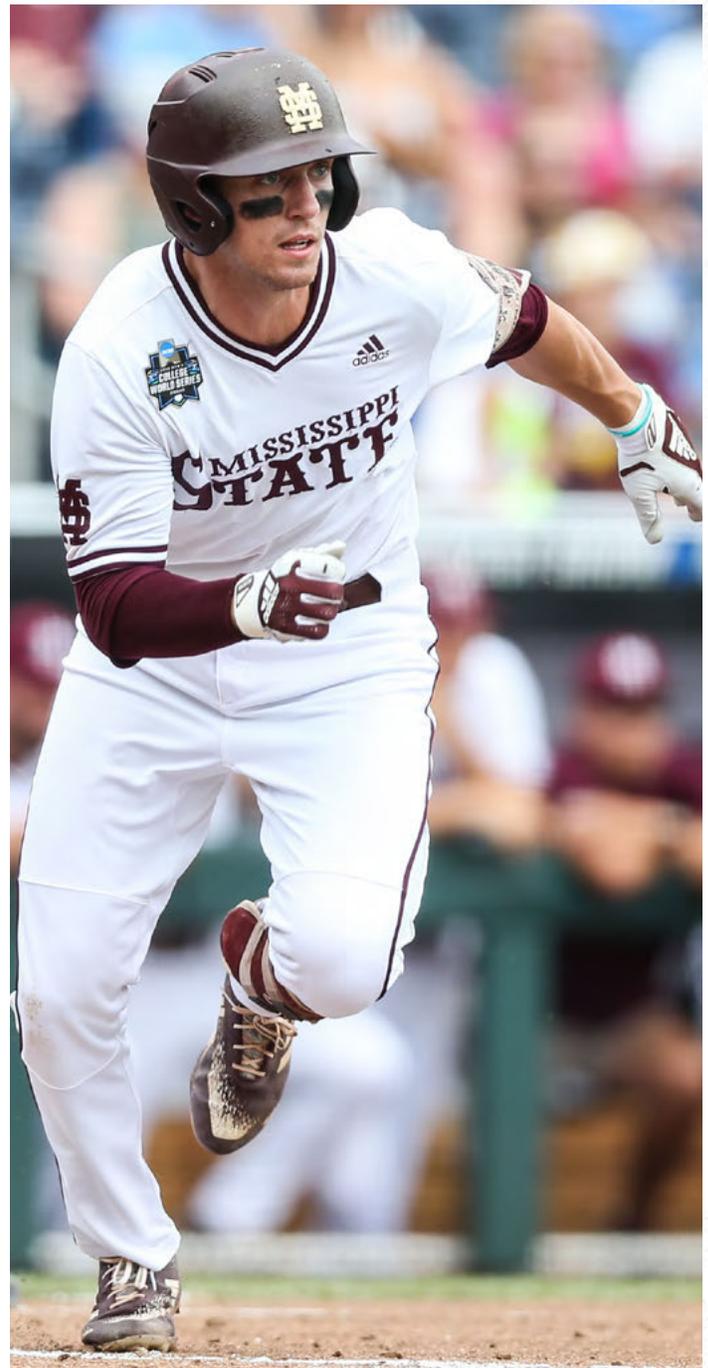
While he may show superstar tendencies, that isn't the kind of legacy he's thinking about while on the field. "Westy" is a true testimony to what it means to play for more the name on his back.

"I don't necessarily need to be remembered as this superstar college player. That's not what I'm worried about at the end of the day," Westburg said. "It's more so about how I've impacted other teammates or the fans, or anybody that I come into contact with. I just try to be a real genuine and honest guy."

Westburg's goals for this season are to become more consistent and to embrace his role as a leader.

"I think I did a very good job of being consistent this offseason and in the summer just improving my game everywhere and in all facets of the game," Westburg said. "I hope that this season I bring a little bit more consistency on defense, offense, in the dugout, off the field, or wherever I'm needed. That's my number one goal."

Aside from all of the love and support he's received from the greatest fans in college baseball, Westburg shares that he's most thankful for the opportunity that his coaches have given him over the years.



"I know that when I got here, I wasn't necessarily the best player," he said. "I wasn't even close to being the best player and was nowhere near what I am right now."

"I know these coaches have given me a fantastic opportunity to just let my game grow each and every day. I'm forever grateful for that because I wouldn't be the player that I am today without them. I'm very lucky and very blessed to be able to play here at Mississippi State and hopefully have a good season."

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