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## FERNANDO MENDOZA OF INDIANA SELECTED AS THE 2025 HEISMAN TROPHY WINNER

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Fernando Mendoza of Indiana was selected as the 91st winner of the Heisman Memorial Trophy as the Outstanding College Football Player in the United States for 2025.

William J. Dockery, Heisman Trustee, announced the selection of Mendoza on Saturday evening, December 13, 2025, on a nationally televised ESPN sports special live broadcast from the Jazz at Lincoln Center in New York City.

The victory for the 6'5", 225-pound Mendoza represents the first winner from Indiana. He is the 43rd quarterback to win the Heisman.

Mendoza, of Miami, FL, completed 71.5% of his passes for 2,980 yards and 33 touchdowns, with just six interceptions, for a passer rating of 181.4 in his first year starting at Indiana. Mendoza added another 240 rushing yards and six touchdowns on the ground. Mendoza leads college football with 33 passing touchdowns and set the Indiana school records for total touchdowns (39), passing yards (2,980) and all-purpose yards (3,220).

Mendoza was named the Associated Press college football player of the year and the Davey O'Brien Award winner as the top quarterback in the country, becoming Indiana's first winner of each award. Additionally, Mendoza was named the Maxwell Award winner as the most outstanding college player and the Walter Camp Award winner as the top college player of the year, becoming the second Indiana player to win each award, following Anthony Thompson in 1989. Mendoza also earned all-conference honors as the Big Ten Most Valuable Player, Offensive Player of the Year, and Quarterback of the Year.

Ballots were emailed to 870 media personnel across the nation plus 59 Heisman winners and one fan ballot, for a total of 930 electors. The ballots were received and tabulated by the independent accounting firm of Deloitte & Touche LLP. Mendoza polled 2,362 points to capture the award over Diego Pavia of Vanderbilt (1,435 points), Jeremiyah Love of Notre Dame (719 points) and Julian Sayin of Ohio State (432 points). The point total is reached by a system of three points for a first place vote, two for second and one for third.

Fernando Mendoza will be officially honored at the 91st annual Heisman Legends Brunch on Sunday, December 14, 2025, at the Glasshouse in New York.

For more information, contact Tim Henning at 212-425-7000.

**THE FINAL TABULATION OF THE 2025 HEISMAN MEMORIAL TROPHY AWARD BALLOTING  
AS RECEIVED AND TABULATED BY DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP**

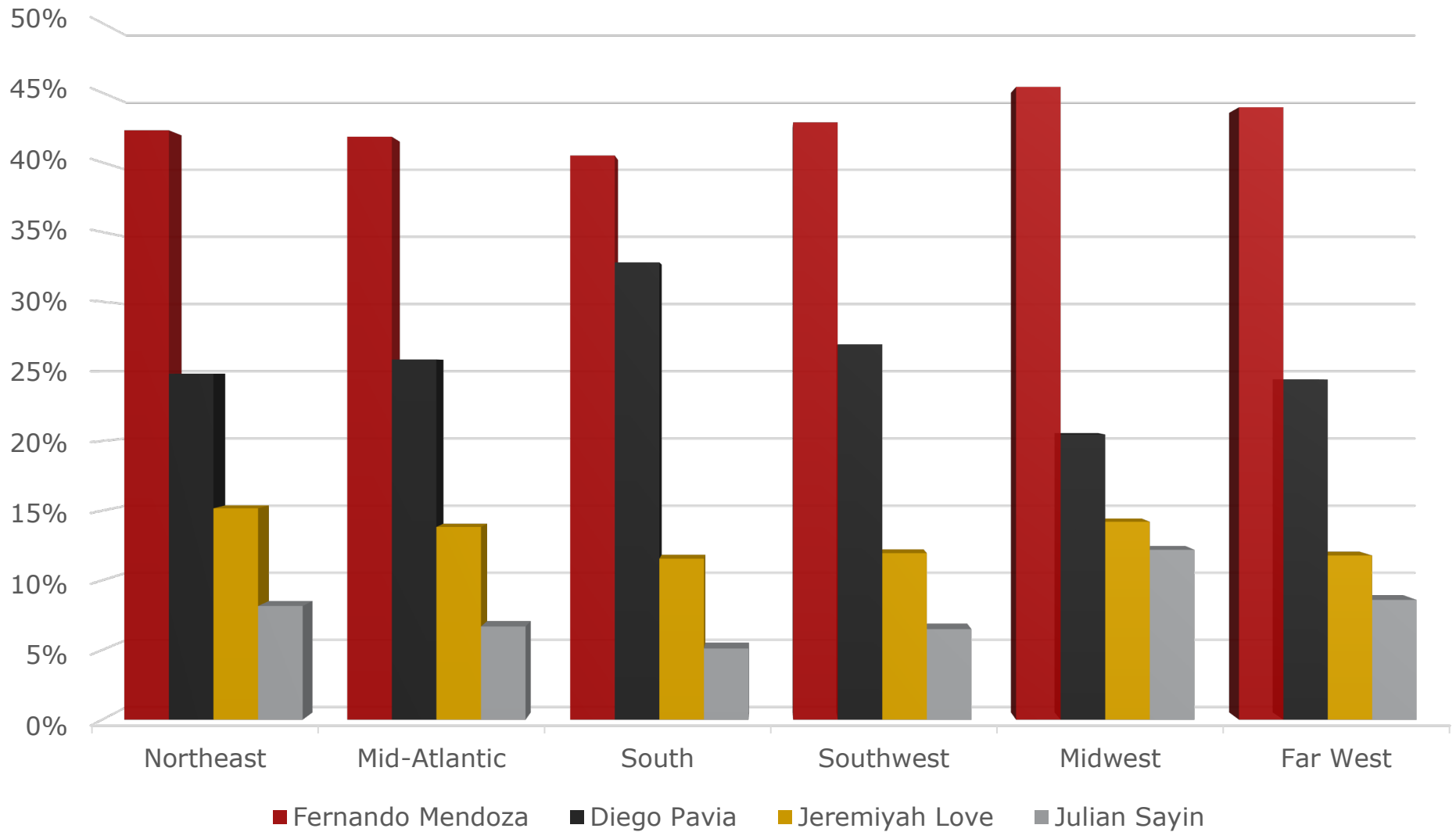
	Name	School	Total Votes			Total Points
			1st	2nd	3rd	
<b>1.</b>	<b><i>Fernando Mendoza</i></b>	<b><i>Indiana</i></b>	<b><i>643</i></b>	<b><i>191</i></b>	<b><i>51</i></b>	<b><i>2,362</i></b>
2.	Diego Pavia	Vanderbilt	189	352	164	1,435
3.	Jeremiyah Love	Notre Dame	46	157	267	719
4.	Julian Sayin	Ohio State	8	118	172	432
5.	Jacob Rodriguez	Texas Tech	17	56	132	295
6.	Jeremiah Smith	Ohio State	4	18	36	84
7.	Gunner Stockton	Georgia	3	6	22	43
8.	Trinidad Chambliss	Ole Miss	2	5	7	23
9.	Caleb Downs	Ohio State	2	3	10	22
10.	Haynes King	Georgia Tech	2	1	10	18

The number of points by region and position within each are as follows for the four finalists:

Name	Northeast		Mid-Atlantic		South		Southwest		Midwest		Far West	
	Pts.	Pos.	Pts.	Pos.	Pts.	Pos.	Pts.	Pos.	Pts.	Pos.	Pts.	Pos.
<b>1. <i>Fernando Mendoza</i></b>	<b><i>368</i></b>	<b><i>1</i></b>	<b><i>369</i></b>	<b><i>1</i></b>	<b><i>396</i></b>	<b><i>1</i></b>	<b><i>409</i></b>	<b><i>1</i></b>	<b><i>406</i></b>	<b><i>1</i></b>	<b><i>414</i></b>	<b><i>1</i></b>
2. Diego Pavia	216	2	228	2	321	2	257	2	183	2	230	2
3. Jeremiyah Love	132	3	122	3	113	3	114	3	127	3	111	3
4. Julian Sayin	71	4	59	4	50	4	62	5	109	4	81	4

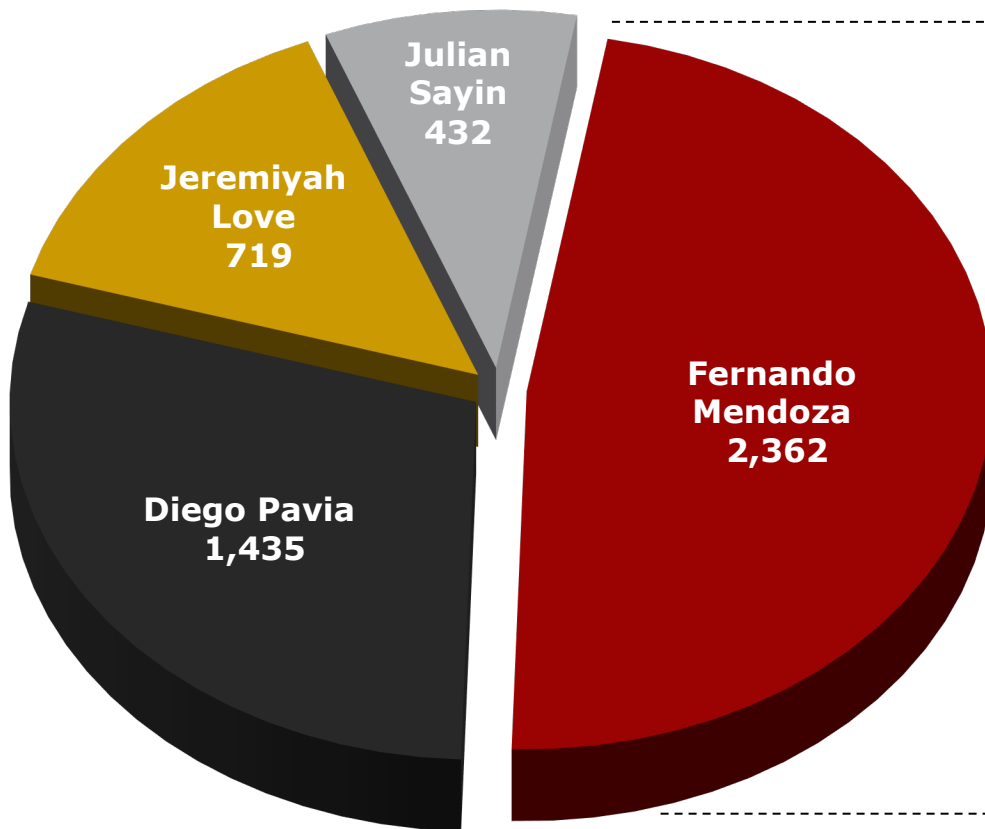
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Results by Region for the Four Finalists  
(Percentage of total possible points)

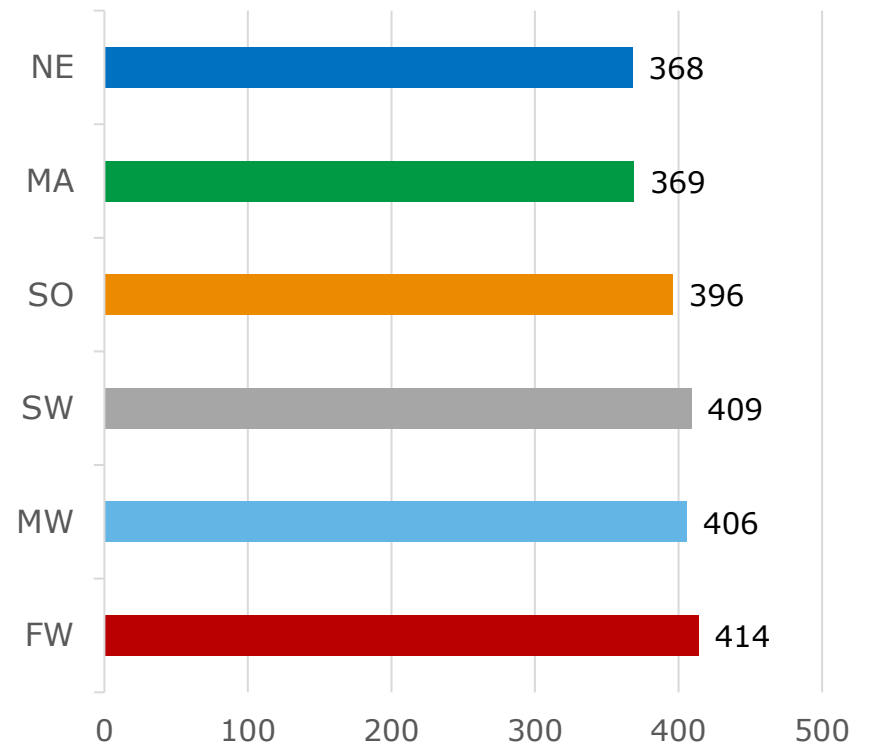


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Total Points for the Four Finalists

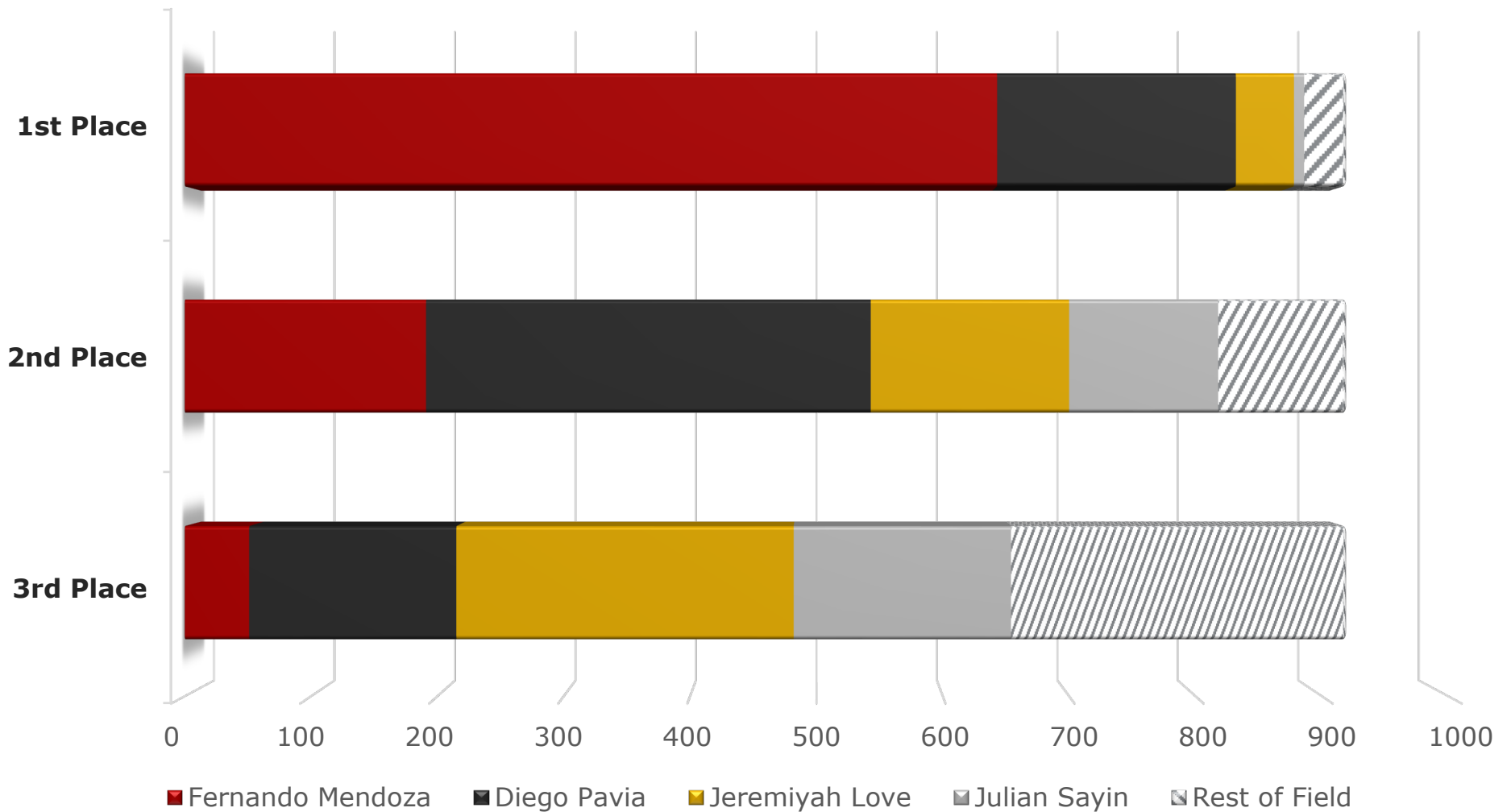


Points by Region for the 2025 Heisman Winner

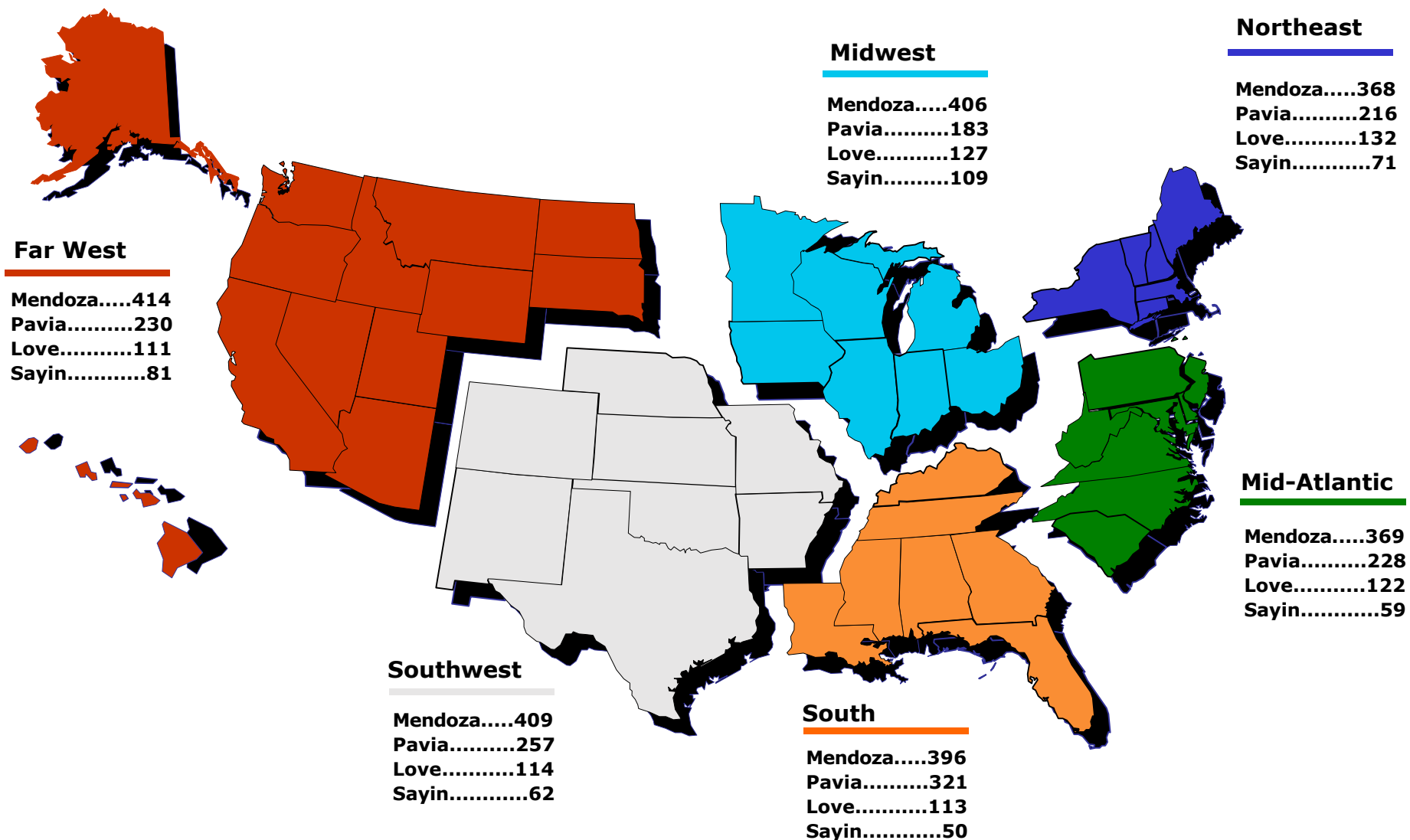


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## Count of Votes Per Place



## 2025 HEISMAN TROPHY Results by Region for the Four Finalists





## **NOTEWORTHY FACTS ABOUT THE 2025 VOTE**

*Percentage of total ballots on which the top four were named:*

Fernando Mendoza	95.16%
Diego Pavia	75.81%
Jeremiyah Love	50.54%
Julian Sayin	32.04%

By comparison -

- The 2024 winner, Travis Hunter, was named on 93.32% of the ballots. Ashton Jeanty, who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> last year, was on 95.04% of the ballots.
- The top 4 finalists in 2025 received 88.7% of the total points available. In 2024, the top 4 finalists received 89.7% of the total points available.

*Number of ballots received and tabulated – 920 of 930 (98.9%)*

*Number of players receiving votes, by place:*

First	14 players
Second	22
Third	30

In 2025, 34 players received votes (33 players received votes in 2024).

*Also of note:*

- Fernando Mendoza is the first Indiana player to win the Heisman Trophy.
- Mendoza finished first in all six Heisman regions, the first to do so since Caleb Williams in 2022.
- Mendoza received 84.66% of total possible points, which is the seventh highest in the history of the Heisman, surpassing Charlie Ward, who received 83.79% in 1993.
- Mendoza was named on 95.16% of all ballots, which is tied with Marcus Mariota in 2014 for the second highest in the history of the Heisman.
- Mendoza is the seventh transfer to win the award in the last nine years, transferring from California to Indiana for the 2025 season.
- Mendoza leads college football with 33 passing touchdowns in 2025 and is second in total touchdowns accounted for with 39, both of which are Indiana school records.
- Mendoza led Indiana to its first Big Ten conference championship since 1967 and first outright conference championship since 1945.