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2018 PREVIEW GUIDE

Team Name: Illinois State University D2

Mascot: Redbirds (reggie)

Location: Bloomington, Normal, IL

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Coach - Donny Kirk, Captains - SR Austin Lovelady, SO Adam Lake

2016-17 Performance (LAST SEASON):

- 2016-2017 Season Record: **8-4**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **2nd in conference**
- Notables: **First year as a Division 2 program.**

Fall 2017 Performance (Should it be applicable)

- 2017 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): **2-4**
- Notables: **Beat our rival U of I 2 out of 3**

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): we have 11 returners coming back and ready to make an immediate impact. Out of those 11 we had 2 conference of the week players (pitcher of the week- Austin Lovelady), and (player of the week - Danny Berendt).

Players to Watch: Seniors, Austin Lovelady, Danny Berendt. Juniors, Thomas Dubicki, Mike Settle, Austin Wells, and Alex Williams. Sophomores, Alex Gutter, Jon panzica, Adam lake, and Tanner saddler. Freshman, Carson Morgan, Ben Kordek, and Braden Rehkemper.

New additions: We went out and got plenty of good young talent that competes and gives it there all out there and they are as followed: Austin Wells, Ben Kordek, Braden Rehkemper, Brett Becker, Carson Morgan, Matt Channel, Mike Settle, Rich Williams, Tanner Saddler, and Thomas Dubicki.

Biggest Rival: University of Illinois

Best Player Nickname: Alex Gutter - Gutterball



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2017-2018 Season Outlook: We are very excited to have a full season this year, including a full conference schedule and our spring break trip to Florida. After an eventful fall semester, we are excited to see what the spring season offers us, which hopefully includes advancing to the regional playoffs.

Manager Quote: “Winning only matters in baseball if you have a collective group of brothers to enjoy it with.” - Donny Kirk



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Team Name: The Ohio State University DII

Mascot: Buckeyes

Location: Columbus, Ohio

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Joseph Juza, Patrick Riley, Zach Uzzel

2016-17 Performance (LAST SEASON):

- 2016-2017 Season Record: **24-6**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **15-0, 3rd Place in NCBA DII World Series**
- Notables: **District VI- East Conference Champs, District Champions, 3rd Place in NCBA DII WS, Ranked 2nd out of 168 teams**

Fall 2017 Performance (Should it be applicable)

- 2017 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): **5-1**
- Notables: **38 game consecutive conference win streak snapped by Xavier in a 5 to 4 loss.**

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 15, Including All-Americans Joseph Juza, Zach Uzzel

Players to Watch: SR- Zach Uzzel (Career: 9-1, 71 K's in 65 inn - .316/.460/.890), Eric Pfeifer (7-1, 42 K's in 45 inn) JR- Nate Grady (Career: .345/.462/.887), Moe Lathan, Joseph Juza (2-1, 1.12 WHIP, 21K's in 15 innings), Brett Gibson (7-0, 1.21 WHIP in 54 innings) SO-Kevin Mingus (.342/.467/.994), Matthew Jeffers (2-2, 24 K's in 25 innings) FR- Noah Wulforst, Peter Fisher

New additions: Cole Buehner (FR), Jake Dupler (SO), Matt Miles (FR), Michael Hritz (JR), Michael Starkman (FR), Moe Lathan (JR), Noah Wulforst (FR), Peter Fisher (FR),

Transfers -Joey Bates (SO-John Carroll Football NCAA DIII , Roger Tisby (JR-Edison Community College NJCAA DII, .370/.564/1.157), Jake Ellowitz (SO-Mohawk Valley Community college NJCAA DIII, .222/.356/.634)

Biggest Rival: Dayton

Best Player Nickname: Zaj, Gibby, Fish



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2017-2018 Season Outlook: The Buckeyes finished the fall season 5-1 after taking the first two conference series of the year. This year's squad will be more seasoned than last year's World Series team returning 15 players. They will play a difficult spring schedule with games against Toledo, Illinois, and The Ohio State DI team to help prepare them for a run at a Conference, District, and National title. They will also make the annual trip to the NCBA Spring Training Showcase in March.

The team lost several key players including former President Nick Bowden and captain Devin Levan, and last season's All-American outfielder Cody Kutler who was called up to the DI team. The pitching depth rivals it's 2015 and 2016 teams who posted outstanding numbers. They return 5 key pitchers including: Eric Pfeifer (7-1), Zach Uzzel (2016 All-American, 6-0), Matthew Jeffers (2-2), Jackson Jennings (2-0, 1.94 ERA before injury in 2017), and All-American Joseph Juza who had a 1.47 ERA and a 1.12 WHIP including a fantastic performance in the World Series elimination game vs National Champs Slippery Rock.

Also returning is Brett Gibson (career 7 - 0, 54 inn, 3.35 ERA, 51K's) who missed all of last Spring with an ankle injury. These 6 returning pitchers will look to continue the pitching excellence the team has exhibited since 2014. The Buckeyes staff is also looking forward to seeing newcomers Cole Buehner, Michael Starkman and Matt Miles step on the bump this year in various roles.

The offense will be led by Kevin Mingus (.342 AVG, 24 RBI, .462 OBP), Nate Grady (.391 AVG, .517 OBP), Patrick Riley (.386 AVG, .481 OBP), and James Zajaczowski (.325 AVG, 20 RBI, and 41 TB) and a full season from Diego Irizarry. Fall season has already showcased four newcomers in Roger Tisby (.500/.571/1.238), Moe Lathan (.500/.600/1.767), Peter Fisher (.385, 4 SB, 1 triple), and freshman Noah Wulforst. The roster is loaded with talent with a mix of players competing for starting spots including Jaret Quinn, Michael Hritz, Jay Wilhelm, Joey Bates, Noah Gernter, Andrew Shrake, Jake Elowitz and Jake Dupler

Manager Quote: "Excited to bring back a great group of guys that accomplished a lot last year, but are still hungry to go win the World Series. Really looking forward to see the newcomers having a impact early and often on the new season. We are ready to defend our Conference Championship and make a deep run in this year's playoffs and having fun while doing it. We play our best when we are relaxed and having fun. We can't wait start the season." -Joseph Juza



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Team Name: Oklahoma State

Mascot: Cowboys

Location: Stillwater Oklahoma

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Jacob Betzen

2016-17 Performance (LAST SEASON):

- 2016-2017 Season Record: **9-7**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **7-4**
- Notables: **First Season**

Fall 2017 Performance (Should it be applicable)

- 2017 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): **3-3**
- Notables:

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 11

Players to Watch: Andrew Wise, Garrett Stark, Matthew Mino, Blake Bauer, Blake Kirk, Jake Ward

New additions: Andrew Wise, Garrett Stark, Blake Bauer, Trevor Middleton, Ryan Murphy, Jordan Forister, Drew Butterbaugh, Jacob Ravelo, Joaquin Rodriguez, Carlos Gilson

Biggest Rival: Tulsa

Best Player Nickname: Matthew 'mino' Mino

2017-2018 Season Outlook: After a tough first series versus University of Arkansas the boys put it together taking 2 of 3 from the defending league champs UCA. Returning a large number of veterans with an addition of some talented freshman the team has a combined batting average of .402; additionally, young players such as Andrew Wise have been performing well off the mound boasting an ERA under 3 through all games including a scrimmage against South Dakota State and two league games against the



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first and second place teams of the division last year. With plenty of old and new talent for this year OSU Club Baseball is looking to take the step toward being recognized as a legitimate contender.

Manager Quote: "Our guys are ready to take this program to the next level. We have already seen a level of commitment far and above what we received last year and I believe it really showed in the series versus Central Arkansas. We have a good mix of power and speed throughout the line up and an influx of more pitching it will be exciting to see what we do over the spring"- Betzen



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Team Name: Pittsburg State University

Mascot: Gorillas

Location: Pittsburg, Kansas

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Nate Grimaldi, Drew Roy, Luten Warrick

2016-17 Performance (LAST SEASON):

- 2016-2017 Season Record: **10-4**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **3rd***
- Notables: **Won every series, placed 3rd due to rain outs and forfeits**

Fall 2017 Performance (Should it be applicable)

- 2017 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): **2-1**
- Notables: **Placed 3rd at Wood Wars**

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 14

Players to Watch: Brandon Martinkus, Blaine Fisher, Blake Vail, Sam Grant, Nicholas George, Kyle Sellers, Aaron Cooper

New additions: Blaine Fisher (OF/P), Blake Vail (SS/P), Sam Grant (P/UT)

Biggest Rival: UCA

Best Player Nickname: Tink (Brandon Martinkus)

2017-2018 Season Outlook: Looking to return to Indiana and make our first WS appearance

Manager Quote: A good bunch of the guys who were around for the start of this program are in their senior year, and we look to make some noise and play a World Series at home this year. We have a bit of a chip on our shoulder from how last season ended, and we hope to make sure theres no question on who should be advancing to regionals this year.



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Team Name: Southeast Missouri State University

Mascot: Redhawks

Location: Cape Girardeau, MO

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Alex Viviano

2016-17 Performance (LAST SEASON):

- 2016-2017 Season Record: **5-7**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **4th Place Conference**
- Notables: **Defeated Texas A&M Corps of Cadets by run rule at NCBA Wood Wars Wood Bat Tournament, got 2nd place in pool play with A&M, Texas Tech, and Texas State**

Fall 2017 Performance (Should it be applicable)

- 2017 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): **4-2**
- Notables: **1) Taking 2/3 from rival SIUC, including a 24-6 rubber game Win. 2) 2 walk off losses at DI Tulane University in New Orleans, LA**

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 15

Players to Watch: Jake Minor (SP, 3B) Sean Merk (.387 AVG, .677 SLG) Nick Moehlemkamp (SP)

New additions: Zac Chasteen (P) Nate Owens (CF) Cam Horn (IF/OF) Kade Flemming (SP)

Biggest Rival: SIUC

Best Player Nickname: Tyler Branham --> "Marty Huggins" (from the campaign)

2017-2018 Season Outlook: 3 divisional series' (vs Truman State, vs UCM, @ NW MO ST) Home Field "Capaha Park" playing host to Great American Conference Regional Playoff Tournament

Manager Quote: "Always play like the game is tied"



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Team Name: Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Mascot: Salukis

Location: Carbondale, IL

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Mitch Swatek and Mikey Arriaga

2016-17 Performance (LAST SEASON):

- 2016-2017 Season Record: **5-4**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **3rd in Conference**
- Notables: **2 wins over Notre Dame**

Fall 2017 Performance (Should it be applicable)

- 2017 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): **3-3**
- Notables: **16-3 Win over Maryville University**

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 16

Players to Watch: Nick Gulliford, Cameron Cercone, Beau Baker

New additions: Alex Lilly, Austin Rueth, Beau Baker, Cameron Cercone, Cole Evans, Curtis Ramsey, Eric Gustafson, Nick Gulliford, Noah Redfeairn, Sam Isaacs,

Biggest Rival: SEMO

Best Player Nickname: Noah "Goose" Redfeairn

2017-2018 Season Outlook: The Salukis are hoping to return to 2015-2016 form and get back to the playoffs.

Manager Quote: Once we sure up our pitching we will be ready to compete with any team.



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Team Name: Truman State University

Mascot: Bulldogs

Location: Kirksville, Mo

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Head Coach- Aaron DeRousse Assistant Coach-Ryan Reiling

2016-17 Performance (LAST SEASON):

- 2016-2017 Season Record: **6-6**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **3rd in Conference**
- Notables: **Took 2 of 3 from SEMO**

Fall 2017 Performance (Should it be applicable)

- 2017 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): **6-0**
- Notables: **Swept the season series from Northwest Missouri State, Swept SEMO in 3 Non-Conference games**

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 13

Players to Watch: Jacob Bolstad, Aaron DeRousse

New additions: Austin Brooks, Dillon Gilbert, Jon Heckel, Landon Motley, Zach Weinman

Biggest Rival: SEMO

Best Player Nickname: Jacob Bolstad-The Terminator

2017-2018 Season Outlook: We figure to be at the top of our conference at the end of the year.

Manager Quote: This is the most talented team we've had in the 3 year history of the program and we're eager to prove that on the field.



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Team Name: University of Central Arkansas

Mascot: Polar Bears

Location: UCA; Conway, AR

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Ryan Faulkner, JB Brazeal, Peyton Traywick

2016-17 Performance (LAST SEASON):

- 2016-2017 Season Record: **12-6**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **1/District Playoff Runner-up**
- Notables: **This was our inaugural season in the NCBA. We won our conference and lost in the district playoff championship game to Ohio State, who was eliminated in the semi-finals of the World Series. We were one of the final 16 teams standing, despite finishing just outside the Top 20 to end the season.**

Fall 2017 Performance (Should it be applicable)

- 2017 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): **2-4**
- Notables:

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): We returned 8 guys for the fall, but due to injury and other complications we will only return 5 of the 8 from last year for the Spring.

Players to Watch: JB Brazeal, second year player and was the teams leader in BA, HR, RBI, OBP, SLG, and OPS last season. Caleb Horton, first year infielder that through the fall is the team leader in BA hitting .400 and the team leader in stolen bases.

New additions: Caleb Horton; infielder, Andy Daniels; Corner infield, Caleb Dorsey; Pitcher, Outfield, Evan Phelps; Catcher, Wesley Taylor; Pitcher James Plummer; Infield

Biggest Rival: Missouri State, Arkansas

Best Player Nickname:



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2017-2018 Season Outlook: Being conference winners in our inaugural season, we feel that we have a target on our back and know we will get every team's best shot. We have to find a way with mostly new guys from last season to compete to win our second consecutive conference championship.

Manager Quote: "When you make an error or something doesn't go your way at the plate, you just have to flush it, forget about it, and move on to the next pitch." - Ryan Faulkner



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Team Name: University of Central Missouri

Mascot: Mules

Location: Warrensburg, Missouri

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Ben Cheffey, Alec Verhoff, Michael Mason, AJ Paul

2016-17 Performance (LAST SEASON):

- 2016-2017 Season Record: 8-1 conference, 10-4 overall.
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: 1st in the Great American Region Central
- Notables: Beat Illinois 2-1 in Regionals, Cole Stockman went 4 for 7 with two doubles, a triple, with 4 RBIs against Pitt State. Jacob Koelling was a first team All-American Pitcher

Fall 2017 Performance (Should it be applicable)

- 2017 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only):
- Notables:

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 6

Players to Watch: Alec Verhoff, Ben Cheffey, Alex Millholland, Cole Stockman, Michael Mason, AJ Paul, Ryland Johnson

New additions: Ryland Johnson, Alex Millholland, Chase Hagel, Adam Schonhoff, Alan-Michael Royal, Colten Hosey, Grant Morrow, Jordan Hair, Avery Fowler

Biggest Rival: Truman State

Best Player Nickname: Austin Galbraith "Big Green"



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2017-2018 Season Outlook: After finishing first in the Great American Region Central, and making our 2nd Regional appearance last season, our goal is build off last years success and make it to the World Series. We picked up a couple former college baseball arms who are primed to have great success on the mound this year. We are also returning six starters from last season who will look to continue their dominance at the plate and have another terrific season. Alec Verhoff, Michael Mason, AJ Paul, and Austin Galbraith are four seniors who will strive to finish their last season of club ball as top performers in the conference, while also being leaders for the entire team. Ben Cheffey, and Cole Stockman are two of the juniors on the team who were part of last years team. They played very well last season, and will look to continue their success and help the seniors have a memorable last season. Alex Millholand, Avery Fowler and Ryland Johnson are also juniors, but this will be their first season of club baseball. They all have shown great potential on the mound, and Ryland has looked great at the plate. Grant Morrow, and Jordan Hair are two sophomores, who have great talent, and will both help make the lineup even better than last years team. We will also look to develop our young players, who have shown great progress since the start of the 2017 fall semester. Our last goal for this upcoming season is to make sure all of our guys are having fun playing club ball, and that we continue to grow our club baseball team, in terms of talent on the field, and respect to all players, coaches, umpires, and officials of the National Club Baseball Association.

Manager Quote: You owe it to yourself to be the best you can possibly be in life and in baseball



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Team Name: Xavier Club Baseball

Mascot: Musketeers

Location: Cincinnati, OH

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Dean Penman, Matt Markham

2016-17 Performance (LAST SEASON):

- 2016-2017 Season Record: **3-15 (2-10)**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **6th in Great American - East**
- Notables: **10-0 5 inning mercy rule vs. Wright St.; Tim Kramer .387/.500/.952**

Fall 2017 Performance (Should it be applicable)

- 2017 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): **7-2 (7-2)**
- Notables: **Walk-off win against OSU (down 4-1 in 7th); sweeps of Dayton and Illinois St.**

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 16

Players to Watch: Tim Kramer; Jared Miller; Collin Cooper

New additions: Wil Coughlin; Shane Leonard; James Record

Biggest Rival: Ohio State DII

Best Player Nickname: Cush Daddy

2017-2018 Season Outlook: Expectations to make a playoff run and win each of our remaining conference series.

Manager Quote: We definitely have a different culture this year. We set higher expectations for ourselves and made everyone accountable. It has gone a long way and you can tell it's making a difference.