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2018 PREVIEW GUIDE

Team Name: Ferris State Bulldogs

Mascot: Bulldog

Location: Big Rapids, MI

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Steve Mrak

2016-17 Performance (LAST SEASON):

- 2016-2017 Season Record: **2-14**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **N/A**
- Notables:

Fall 2017 Performance (Should it be applicable)

- 2017 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): **4-2**
- Notables: **First Winning Record after fall season in over 2 years**

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 12

Players to Watch: Jesus Lopez, Bradley Bell, Eric Labahn, Casey O'Dowd, Jacob Rossman

New additions: 9

Biggest Rival: Grand Valley State University

Best Player Nickname: Pudge Pie

2017-2018 Season Outlook: Hoping to finish first in the division

Manager Quote: The team has a lot of young players on it, we plan to grow and get better each day and hope to win a championship this year.



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Team Name: Grand Valley State University

Mascot: Louie the Laker

Location: Allendale, MI

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Coaches - Patrick Boza and Micah Dingman

2016-17 Performance (LAST SEASON):

- 2016-2017 Season Record: **11-3**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **2nd**
- Notables: **N/A**

Fall 2017 Performance (Should it be applicable)

- 2017 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): **5-1**
- Notables: **N/A**

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

Players to Watch: Ryan Prohaska, Zach Gordon, Stephen Ludwig, Brendan Spangler

New additions: Javi Carrillo, Brendan Fick, Stephen Ludwig, Ben Fales, Adam Booth, Andrew Sterling, Austin Franke, Bryant Pettit, Ryan Prohaska, Chance Freed

Biggest Rival: Windsor

Best Player Nickname: Brendan Spangler "Spanks"

2017-2018 Season Outlook: World Series Run

Manager Quote: Saturdays are for the Boys



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Team Name: North Dakota State University

Mascot: Bison

Location: Fargo, ND

Captain(s)/Coach(s):

Captains: Jackson Nelson, Luke Selken, Lane Stadther

Coach: Kole Zimmerman

2016-17 Performance (LAST SEASON):

- 2016-2017 Season Record: 11-4
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: 2nd in our conference
- Notables: Colton meyer all american honor

Fall 2017 Performance (Should it be applicable)

- 2017 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): 4-1
- Notables:

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

12 (Luke Selken and Jackson Nelson national players of the week.
Colton meyer All American)

Players to Watch: Lane stadther, matt hedeem,
justin striefel

New additions: Austin Larson, Justin Striefel,
Frank Kimlinger.

Biggest Rival: SDSU

Best Player Nickname: "Sugar" Shane Steckler (he
is diabetic)

2017-2018 Season Outlook: The bison easily have the most talented team in
the conference, if they can put it together when
the games count the conference is within reach.

Manager Quote:

We are in a good position with the
core of our lineup and our pitching
staff returning for another run at
the conference title. If we play like
we should, we can beat anyone.



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Team Name: South Dakota State University Club Baseball

Mascot: Jackrabbit

Location: Brookings, South Dakota

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Tim Wilhelmsen, Jackson Sudbeck, & Landon Withrow

2016-17 Performance (LAST SEASON):

- 2016-2017 Season Record: **31-15 Overall (12-3 in Conference)**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **1st Place in District V North Conference, 4th Place at the District V Playoffs in Sheboygan, Wisconsin.**
- Notables: **7-3 Victory over the University of Sioux Falls D2 JV team, Sweeping the University of Minnesota (7-0, 4-1, &11-3)**

Fall 2017 Performance (Should it be applicable)

- 2017 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): **14-2 Overall (8-0 in Conference)**
- Notables: **13-10 Victory over SIUE in the Duel in the Dells Fall Tournament. 2nd place at the Duel in the Dells Fall Tournament**
Seth Peterson: 1st Team All American
Adam Walter: 2nd Team All American

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

Cody Franken lead the Nation in Hits with 36 & was 6th overall for Runs Scored with 36.

Seth Peterson and Cody Franken both were tied for 2nd in Nation in doubles at 8.

Adam Walter tied for 6th in RBI at 24.

On the mound Seth Peterson lead the nation in wins at 8, innings pitched at 64.20, and strike outs at 70. and 2nd in complete games.

Players to Watch:

Adam Walter: The Junior from Yankton, South Dakota is poised to lead his team into a deep playoff run this spring. He started out the 2017-2018 season with the Week 1 National Player of the Week. He tied for 2nd place in the Duel in the Dells Home Run Derby. President Walter leads the team in hits (18), doubles (5), HR (3), and RBI (23).

Jacob Blackiston: This super senior has already accomplished many great things in his long baseball career. When he was at NSU he helped the Sharks win the 2016 National Championship in NCAA D2 Baseball. In the



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NCBA he is a two time Player of the Week for the Northern Plains West and leads the team in Batting Average at 0.524 and Stolen Bases at 7.

Jackson Sudbeck: On the mound Jackson Sudbeck has mystified hitters this fall. He leads the team is 4 wins. He also has been awarded the Pitcher of the Week for the Northern Plains West.



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New additions:

Alex Heyd: Freshman Pitcher from Aberddden, SD. Heyd provides depth for the bullpen this fall. Alex is a great pitcher who will look to get more innings in the spring season.

Alex Jeffy: Freshman Infielder from Minneapolis, MN. Jeffy has been successful this fall posting a batting average of 0.364. Alex has been great in field as well in a platoon role for the Jacks.

Alec Gratz: Freshman Infielder/Pitcher from Mankato, MN. Gratz has been busy this fall. He is hitting 0.333, socring 12 runs, and 2 triples. He consistnetly steps up in big games and is ready to continue his succss this spring.

Cole Gross: Freshman Pitcher/Inielder from Volga, SD. Gross has been senstational at the plate. He is hitting 0.500. On the mound Cole has been a solid reliever pitching in 5 games only allowing 5 runs.

Dawson Sudbeck: Freshman Outfielder from Wynot, NE. Dawson has had a limited impact for the Jacks. However, in the spring Sudbeck will look to get more at bats and innings in the spring season.

Derek Hunstad: Freshman Outfielder from Aberdeen, SD. Derek is a major power threat. Derek hit a ball that using the "unofficial" SDSU Statcast that had a launch angle of 29, exit volocity of 150, and a true distance of over 400 feet (no joke, the ball bounced over a house). In additon to his Hercules like strength, he already has Player of the Week for the Northern Plains West under his belt.

Riley Hoffman: Freshman Pitcher/ Outfielder from Platte, SD. Riley Hoffman has played an important role for the Jacks so far this season. He has playing a majority of his 11 games in centerfield and is hitting 0.360. On the mound he has an ERA of 0.995 in 3 games making him one of our best relievers.

Jordan Kathol: Freshman Infielder/Pitcher from Yankton, SD. Kathol has been extremely sucessful this fall at the plate, in the field, and on the mound. Jordan looks to contiune his success this spring.

Noah Dent: Frshman Pitcher from Santa Clarita, CA. Dent has been able to step in and make an immediate positive impact. Noah has been one of the stars of the fall season. He has collected 4 wins on the mound and 16 stirke outs.

Hunter Hewitt: Sophmore Catcher from Wager, SD. Hewitt is poised to take a larger role for the Jacks this spring. With Super Senior Jacob Mulder Cather graduating after the fall semester, Hunter will see his number of innings behind the plate increase dramtically.

Nate Russell: Sophmore First Basemen from Worthington, MN. Nate has played in a limited role for the Jackrabbits because of work conflits. This spring Russell looks to free up more time to help the Jacks.

Derek Soukup: Junior Pitcher/Outfielder from Wager, SD. Soukup has been masterful at the plate. He is hitting 0.450 over 8 games with 1 HR and 8 RBI. He has been a great in the outfield as well.

Jacob Blackiston: Senior Infielder from Huntington Beach, CA. Blackiston brings a great veteran pressence to the Jacks. His past experince with the D2 World Series win will greatly benefit the Jacks this spring.



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Biggest Rival: University of Minnesota

Best Player Nickname: Hyde & Seek. Alex Hyde been known to disappear on road trips for small periods of time.

2017-2018 Season Outlook: We have a very strong squad this season. We are currently two wins away from reaching our second playoff appearance in two years. Our rotation is very strong and has a mix of veterans that will be critical for our play off run in the spring. Overall, this team has been great and looks to continue success this spring.

Manager Quote: "He has a ball. You have a bat. Which one would you rather be?" - Manager Landon Withow



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Team Name: Saginaw Valley Club Baseball

Mascot: Cardinal

Location: Saginaw Michigan

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Will Feriend

2016-17 Performance (LAST SEASON):

- 2016-2017 Season Record: **4-8**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **4th/ didn't make it**
- Notables: **n/a**

Fall 2017 Performance (Should it be applicable)

- 2017 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): **4-5**
- Notables: **WOn Wounded Warrior Tournament (preseason)**

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

Players to Watch: Mitch Kennedy, Danny Newton, Ryan Mock

New additions: Nate Naples, Garrett Breault, Evan Fennell, Eric Dalton, Jared Burke, Garrett Zimostrad

Biggest Rival: Grand Valley

Best Player Nickname: Protein Farts

2017-2018 Season Outlook: Decent. We have a small group of incoming freshman but they are great ballplayers

Manager Quote: Baseball is FUN..... We are having FUN!!!!!!!!!!



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Team Name: The University of Toledo Baseball Club

Mascot: Rockets

Location: Toledo, Ohio

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Josh Bushong, Dalton Deckerd/ Nolan Rodman

2016-17 Performance (LAST SEASON):

- 2016-2017 Season Record: **11-14**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **3rd in conference**
- Notables: **beat Slippery Rock and beat Ohio State D2 to finish 2nd in the Battle Creek Blast**

Fall 2017 Performance (If applicable to your team)

- 2017 Fall Record (NCBA Conference & Non-Conference Games Only): **6-0**
- Notables: **Undefeated in conference; won Battle Creek Blast (4-1) , beat the University of Michigan D1 in championship game**

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 17

Players to Watch: Nolan Rodman, Joe Domzalski

New additions: 5

Biggest Rival: Grand Valley State University

Best Player Nickname: Small Dalton

2017-2018 Season Outlook: Looking to beat our rivals in a 3 game series and try to sweep our conference, make it to regionals and advance from there.

Manager Quote: This fall we showed that we're one of the teams to beat in division 2. We returned all of our starters except 1 from the previous year and added a few new pitchers to our already great starting rotation as well as a couple strong hitters. The bats really came alive this fall as well, there really wasn't a



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weak spot anywhere in our lineup, and that showed by the amount of runs we scored each game. To start this fall, we finished first in the Battle Creek Blast, which really set the pace for the rest of the semester. We then went 6-0 in conference play, and now control our own destiny going into the spring. I truly believe we have the best team in our conference, and one of the best teams in the nation. When we play to the best of our abilities, it will be really hard to beat us.



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Team Name: UW - La Crosse

Mascot: Eagles

Location: La Crosse, WI

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Alex Meyerhofer, Jacob Giordana

2016-17 Performance (LAST SEASON):

- 2016-2017 Season Record: **10-5**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **Tied for second in conference**
- Notables: **Took 2 of 3 from Winona State**

Fall 2017 Performance (Should it be applicable)

- 2017 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): **3-1**
- Notables:

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 12

Players to Watch: Alex Meyerhofer, Jacob Giordana, Tanner Langen, Pete Del Fava, Adam Krause and Benjamin Suck

New additions: Brendan Carter, Jordan Ziolkowski, Alex O'Lear, Andrew Klucas, Russell Kady

Biggest Rival: UW- Madison DII

Best Player Nickname:

2017-2018 Season Outlook: We are looking to finish at the top of our conference and compete in the regional tournament to get to the World Series. We want to compete everyday to get better and do the little things right to beat good teams.

Manager Quote: "Being our second full year, we are more experienced and have a lot of talent returning. We have added some key young players who have already been key contributors to our success. We look



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to continue to grow our program with the NCBA and make a run at regionals and eventually the World Series. We want to send our founders and seniors off on a good note while continuing to build a strong program." - Alex Meyerhofer



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Team Name: Winona State University

Mascot: Warriors / Swampdonkeys

Location: Winona, MN

Captain(s)/Coach(s): President - Max Jensen, Officers - Connor Theisen, Alex Riles, Zach Brennan

2016-17 Performance (LAST SEASON):

- 2016-2017 Season Record: **15-9**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **3rd in District**
- Notables:

Fall 2017 Performance (Should it be applicable)

- 2017 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): **3-2**
- Notables: **Lost both ends of a doubleheader vs. UW-La Crosse by a combined 3 runs**

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 9

Players to Watch: Adam Davidson -- Freshman P -- Lefty with a good mix from several arm slots and has stepped into the ace role of our staff.

Marcus Stoullil -- Senior OF -- A senior addition who led the team in hitting in the fall with a .500 avg.

Kaine Mertens -- Freshman IF -- Kaine filled the spot left by his injured brother and did well hitting over .450 out of the #2 spot.

Jordan Langness -- 5th year 2B/SS -- A solid defender and leader in the infield, while also leading the team in OBP in the fall hitting leadoff.



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New additions: Marcus Stouilil -- OF

Kaine Mertens -- IF

Collin Scott -- OF

Zachary "Z3" Schonrock -- 1B/P

Matthew "Chef" Curry -- C/OF/DH

Bryant Ziegler -- SS

Drew Noonan -- 3B

Kevin Noonan -- OF

Jason Stouilil -- OF

Steve Clennon -- 3B/P

Carter Willie -- 1B/OF

Biggest Rival: UW - Madison

Best Player Nickname: Michael "Cowboy" Scholl

Honorable Mention -- Drew/Kevin Noonan -- "Twin" and "Other Twin"

2017-2018 Season Outlook: The Swamps dropped the only two conference games officially played against UW -La Crosse. While we still have one game left to finish that series, we will likely need to win most if not all of our remaining games if we hope to take our competitive conference. Currently sitting at 3-2 after 3 forfeit wins, we will hope to take big wins from Madison, Stephens Point and Northern Illinois with the intent of bringing the boys back to the District V/Northern Plains Regional Tournament.

Manager Quote: "Let's go do Baseball stuff."



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Team Name: Wisconsin DII

Mascot: Badgers

Location: Madison

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Austin Grimm

2016-17 Performance (LAST SEASON):

- 2016-2017 Season Record: **24-6 (13-1 conference)**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **Lost in conference championship**
- Notables: **Lost 4-3 in conference title game to World Series runner-up Windsor**

Fall 2017 Performance (Should it be applicable)

- 2017 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): **1-1**
- Notables: **Split doubleheader with UW-La Crosse, a top team in our conference.**

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): Basically the entire team besides our left fielder and third baseman.

Players to Watch: Senior pitcher Alec Nelson, he allowed zero runs in 24 straight innings last season. Center fielder Chris Trafton, hits for average and power. MIF Tyler Behle, returning after an injury-riddled '16-17 season.

New additions: Jackson Preschler should play a prominent role in our outfield. Several new pitchers that will be key bullpen guys.

Biggest Rival: Winona State

Best Player Nickname: Eric Van Wazer: "The Waze Craze"

2017-2018 Season Outlook: We should compete for the conference title and have a legitimate shot at making a World Series run if we stay healthy and perform to our ability. We return basically the entire team from a squad that very easily could have been in the world series with a couple different bounces, and finished No. 9 in last year's final rankings.



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Manager Quote: Our team motto this year: "In order to succeed, we must first believe that we can."