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## **2017 PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: University of Dayton**

**Mascot: Flyers**

**Location: Dayton, OH**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): President- Grant Hagedorn**

**2015-16 Performance (LAST SEASON):**

- 2015-2016 Season Record: **18-15**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results:
- Notables:

**Fall 2016 Performance (Should it be applicable)**

- 2016 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): **5-10**
- Notables:

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 21**

**Players to Watch: Brandon Witt- CF Senior, Lance Brockman- 1B/3B Junior**

**New additions: Brad Nowak- C/OF Frosh, Matt Kozar- 2B/SS Frosh, Andrew Winsch- P Frosh, Matt Trybus- 3B Soph**

**Biggest Rival: Wright State**

**Best Player Nickname:**

**2017 Season Outlook: Univeristy of Cincinnati, Ball State, Toledo, OSU DII, Louisville**

**Manager Quote:**



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## 2017 PREVIEW GUIDE

**Team Name: University of Illinois DII**

**Mascot: Fighting Illini**

**Location: Champaign, Illinois**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Jacob Jarvis, Dillon Wallace**

**2015-16 Performance (LAST SEASON):**

- 2015-2016 Season Record: **15-9**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **10<sup>th</sup> Overall in final NCBA top 20 poll**
- Notables: **N/A**

**Fall 2016 Performance (Should it be applicable)**

- 2016 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): **8-0**
- Notables: **N/A**

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 18**

**Players to Watch: Chris Johnson, Dillon Wallace, Nick Amaya, Dylan Lidge**

**New additions: Lukas Kerstein, Daryl Murphy, Chance Coats, Dylan Beketic**

**Biggest Rival: Southern Illinois Carbondale**

**Best Player Nickname: Lukas "Beavis" Kerstein**

**2017 Season Outlook: After a disappointing loss to Windsor in the district championships, we are aiming to make it back to the playoffs. With many of our starters returning and getting off to a good start in the fall, we look forward to a successful spring season.**

**Manager Quote: Like the late, great band Fifth Harmony once said..."You don't gotta go to work, work, work. But you gotta put in work, work, work."**



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**Team Name: Illinois State**

**Mascot: Redbirds**

**Location: Normal, IL**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Kevin Koehler (President), Donny Kirk (Coach), Dalton Neumann (Coach)**

**2015-16 Performance (LAST SEASON):**

- 2015-2016 Season Record: **N/A**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **N/A**
- Notables: **N/A**

**Fall 2016 Performance (Should it be applicable)**

- 2016 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): **0-3**
- Notables:

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 0**

**Players to Watch:**

**New additions: All**

**Biggest Rival: Illinois/Bradley**

**Best Player Nickname:**

**2017 Season Outlook:**

**Manager Quote:**



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## 2017 PREVIEW GUIDE

**Team Name:** IUPUI

**Mascot:** Jaguars

**Location:** Indianapolis, IN

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** James Salmon, Kolin McCord

**2015-16 Performance (LAST SEASON):**

- 2015-2016 Season Record: N/A
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: N/A
- Notables: **This year is our first season ever.**

**Fall 2016 Performance (Should it be applicable)**

- 2016 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): **5-1**
- Notables: **First season ever - almost swept both of our first series but lost game 2 to Xavier.**

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

**Players to Watch:**

**Mitchell Sorrells - P, CF**

**Brad Guilinger - 2B**

**Kolin McCord - P, OF**

**Adam Schroeder - P**

**Colin Miller - P**

**New additions:** All team members

**Biggest Rival:** N/A - yet.

**Best Player Nickname:** Colin "Dale (Earnhardt Jr.)" Miller - aka just "Dale" or "Junior" - this nickname comes from his striking resemblance of the NASCAR driver.



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**2017 Season Outlook: We surprised ourselves this fall and could not be more excited for what the spring holds for us. I'm not sure if any one of us expected to be 5-1 (and know that we could have won that one game). All but one player on our roster has gone at least a full year without playing baseball on a real field before getting out there for the first time in the fall. Needless to say, we were shaking off a lot of rust, so we will be back and better than last fall! In 2017 we plan to come ready to win some more ball games - who knows how far we'll make it!**

**Manager Quote: "You can't be afraid to make errors! You can't be affraid to be naked before the crowd, because no one can ever master the game of baseball, or conquer it. You can only challenge it." - Lou Brock**

**I hope this wasn't supposed to be an original quote from our manager...**



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## **2017 PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: Northwest Missouri State**

**Mascot: Bearcats**

**Location: Maryville, Mo**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Cal Shillings, Lucas Blum**

**2015-16 Performance:**

- Record:
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results:
- Notables:

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 10**

**Players to Watch: McNelly, Joe Gray, Jay Heiny, Connor Adams**

**New additions: 11**

**Biggest Rival: UCM**

**Best Player Nickname: McNelly**

**2017 Season Outlook: Get to the post-season**

**Manager Quote: You are only going to get what you put in!**



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**Team Name:** The Ohio State University DII

**Mascot:** Buckeyes

**Location:** Columbus, OH

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Nick Bowden, Zach Uzzel, Tom Morehouse

### **2015-16 Performance (LAST SEASON):**

- 2015-2016 Season Record: **25 - 5**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **15 - 0, N/A**
- Notables: **District VI-East Conference Champions, 3<sup>rd</sup> place District Finish, 4<sup>th</sup> straight playoff appearance, #10 Final National Ranking**

### **Fall 2016 Performance (Should it be applicable)**

- 2016 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): **8 - 1, 6 - 0 in Conference**
- Notables: **Outscored opponents 80 to 18 including 3 shutouts. Lone loss to DI Bowling Green, 7 to 5.**

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 14 including All-American Zach Uzzel**

**Players to Watch:** SR-Devin Levan, Nick Bowden | JR-Zach Uzzel, Kiel Pitzer | SO-Brett Gibson, Nate Grady, Joseph Juza, Kevin Mingus, James Zajaczkowski | FR-Cody Kutler.

**New additions:** Alex Greene, Jackson Jennings, Joseph Juza, Cody Cutler, Kevin Mingus, Eric Pfeifer, Jaret Quinn, John Robbins, James Zajaczkowski. Matt Kascandi and Kwang Oh return to the pitching rotation after time off.

**Biggest Rival:** Dayton

**Best Player Nickname:** Jay-Z, Zaj, Gibby

**2017 Season Outlook:** The Bucks finished the fall season undefeated in conference play and 8 and 1 overall. They will feature a solid mix of upper classman leadership and youth, playing a difficult non-



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conference schedule in the Spring to help them prepare for a run at a Conference, District and National Title. They will host Kent State and Slippery Rock and travel to former National Champions, Eastern Kentucky in April for a 4 game series in addition to the annual trip to the NCBA Spring Training Showcase in March.

The team lost several key players including 5 call-ups to DI but have reloaded with a very talented and deep incoming class. The pitching depth rivals it's 2015 team that won 30 games, as evident by it's fall season posting an outstanding 1.76 ERA with 60 K's and 1.22 WHIP in 56 innings with 7 players contributing. Newcomers Jackson Jennings, Eric Pfeifer, and Joe Juza will solidify the rotation along with the return of Kwang Oh and Matt Kascandi. Nick Bowden returns after posting an impressive 1.27 ERA last year before an injury derailed his season and looks to be in similar form having not allowed a run in 6 innings in the Fall. Brett Gibson will look to repeat his stellar freshman season where he was 7 and 0 with a 2.35 ERA striking out 49 in 50 and 2/3 innings. All-American Zach Uzzel will fill multiple roles as closer and spot starter as needed having already racked up 2 wins in the Fall and a no-hitter.

The offense will be led by Devin Levin (.394 AVG), Kiel Pitzer (.441 AVG), Justin Brands (.463 AVG), a new tandem from powerhouse St. Ignatius, Kevin Mingus and James Zajaczkowski, as well as speedy Freshman Cody Kutler. The team is already off to a hot start hitting .332 with a .448 OBP and 20 stolen bases in the Fall after posting a .345/.443/.447 slash line last year with a strong core of players returning from the undefeated conference team.

**Manager Quote:** "We look to take our group of young guns to defend our Conference Championship and make a deep run in this year's playoffs and have a ton of fun doing it. Our team plays best when we are relaxed and out there as a group of friends. We can't wait to get the season going." - Nick Bowden





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**Team Name:** Southern Illinois University Carbondale

**Mascot:** Salukis

**Location:** Carbondale, IL

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Austin Bammer and Mitchell Swatek

### 2015-16 Performance (LAST SEASON):

- **2015-2016 Season Record:** 32-12
- **Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results:** District VI - Central Champions
- **Notables:** Lost to eventual Runner-up in DII World Series, SLU, in District VI Playoff Finals

### Fall 2016 Performance (Should it be applicable)

- **2016 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only):** 2-1

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

12, including 1st Team, All-American Addison Jobe

### Players to Watch:

1B - Mitchell Swatek, P - Jake Andrews, C - Scott Costello

### New additions:

Utility - Dylan Marinec, OF - Alex Barnes, 3B - Carter Hayden, C - Blayne Street, 2B - Clay Warfel, P - Joe Huscher, P - Nick Burgess, OF/P - Mitchel Hirsch

### Biggest Rival: SEMO

### Best Player Nickname:

Rick and Richard



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### **2017 Season Outlook:**

In completing an abbreviated fall season, the Salukis compiled a 7-5 record against formidable DI and DII opponents. The Dawgs will return two starters that will look to anchor a talented pitching rotation. In the field, the defense will remain stout as SIU returns their entire core up-the-middle and first baseman while plugging in new talent at three corners of the field. The Salukis will look to carryover their fall production at the plate to the spring as the team pushed a total of 63 runs across during their sporadic 12-game fall season. Using their mixture of veterans and newcomers, SIU Carbondale will look to defend their District VI - Central conference championship from 2016.

### **Manager Quote:**

“With good starting pitching, a reliable defense, and an aggressive offense, I think we have the make-up of a team poised to defend our conference championship against a new group of schools. We’ll start conference play in mid-March and take it one weekend at a time. Every conference game will be a must win with the new format of District VI, but with our talent and experience, we should match up well every single game.”



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**Team Name: Central Missouri**

**Mascot: Mules**

**Location: Warrensburg, MO**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Andrew Brenneke  
Mark Hundley**

**2015-16 Performance:**

- Record: **9-7**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **4th/NA**
- Notables:

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

**Players to Watch: Jacob Koelling  
Joe Reinkemeyer  
Hectar Rivera  
Michael Mason**

**New additions: Ryan Christian**

**Ben Cheffey**

**Adam Hinson**

**Cole Stockman**

**Levi Krie**

**Ridge Mathis**

**Biggest Rival: Northwest Missouri, Missouri State**

**Best Player Nickname: Big Green**



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**2017 Season Outlook: With the majority of our starters returning for this season and the additions of some new talent this squad looks fluid and ready to compete.**

**Manager Quote: "It's hard to beat a person who never gives up" - Babe Ruth**



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**Team Name: Xavier Musketeers**

**Mascot: Musketeer/Blue Blob**

**Location: Cincinnati, OH**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Jack Spooner, Ben Brossia, Michael Pica, Jake Bartoszewicz/Chris D'amato**

### **2015-16 Performance (LAST SEASON):**

- 2015-2016 Season Record: **10-12**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **3rd**
- Notables:

### **Fall 2016 Performance (Should it be applicable)**

- 2016 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): **3-10**
- Notables: **Lost 6 senior starters. Missing 4 significant returners due to injury, all of whom will be returning for the spring season.**

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

**Players to Watch: Dean Penman (P), Michael Krauza (P/SS), Ben Brossia (1B/DH/P), Preston Fletcher (UTIL/P), Jared Miller (CF), Steven Meegan (C/DH), Taylor Healey (3B), Matt Markham (P).**

**New additions: Connor Tuite, Tim Kramer, Collin Cooper, Max Willet, Luke Feliciano, Jeff Madden**

**Biggest Rival: Cincinnati**

**Best Player Nickname: Legend-Jared Miller**

**2017 Season Outlook: Excited to begin the spring season. We feel that we were 4 or 5 hits away from being 8-5 in the fall instead of 3-10. We're getting guys on base just not getting them in. A few more hits clutch hits and our confidence is sky high.**



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**Manager Quote: We have a great group of guys, I definitely think the chemistry is there. I am excited to see what this team can do in the spring.**