

# 2017 PREVIEW GUIDE

**Team Name:** Craven CC

**Mascot:** Panther

**Location:** New Bern NC



**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Coach Jim Griffiths  
Captain Chris Johnson  
Captain Trey Winstead

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

- 2015-2016 Season Record: **10-2**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **Won our division/National Poll Ranking 32**
- Notables: **Won District 3 East**

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

- 2016 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): 2-1
- Notables: **Went 2-1 in Greenville Invitational defeating UNCW 7-6, Kennesaw State 16-1, and losing 16-3 to Georgia Southern**

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners):** 4

**Players to Watch:** Chris Johnson, Robbie Moore

**New additions:** Blake Toler

**Biggest Rival:** ECU

**Best Player Nickname:** Chris (Wildcat) Johnson, Robbie (Hollywood) Moore

**2017 Season Outlook:** To repeat winning our division

**Manager Quote:** "One pitch at a time"

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**Team Name:** Virginia Commonwealth University

**Mascot:** Rams

**Location:** Richmond, Virginia

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** John Cotsonas, Taylor Bonney, Ben Clines



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

- 2015-2016 Season Record: **11-11(8-4)**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **2<sup>nd</sup>**
- Notables:

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

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

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

**Players to Watch:** Shota Kato, Jacob Jackson, Patrick Carty, Jay Buckner

**New additions:** Shota Kato, Jacob Jackson, Patrick Carty, Jay Buckner, Aaron Cyr, Andrew Harris, Ben Sifen

**Biggest Rival:** Longwood

**Best Player Nickname:** Shota "Showtime" Kato

**2017 Season Outlook:** After a good start in the fall, the team is ready to make another run at the world series. Key returners and a host of new starters are looking forward to challenge ECU and Longwood.

**Manager Quote:** We are excited to join a new conference this season and looking to make it to the district playoff and world series. Expect strong pitching seasons from veterans Ryan Hiser and Alex Fowler and strong hitting out of the heart of our lineup with Ben Clines, Evan Clay and Teddy Bachert.

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**Team Name:** Longwood University

**Mascot:** Lancers

**Location:** Farmville, VA

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Dallas Turner, Mitchell Martin, Chris Beshai



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

- 2015-2016 Season Record: **9-3**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **1<sup>st</sup> in Conference, lost in Regionals**
- Notables: **Zack Ayoub, Dylan Caruso**

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

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

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

**Players to Watch:** Mitchell Martin, Danny Bonner, Bailey Russell

**New additions:** Logan Byrd, Michael Lamons,

**Biggest Rival:** VCU

**Best Player Nickname:** Nubs (He has one hand)

**2017 Season Outlook:** Looking to repeat as Conference Champs

**Manager Quote:**

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**Team Name: Old Dominion**

**Mascot: Monarchs**

**Location: Norfolk, Va**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Wade Yeary, Stephen Baratta**



**2015-16 Performance:**

- Record: **3-9**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results:
- Notables:

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

**Players to Watch:**

**New additions:**

**Biggest Rival: Longwood**

**Best Player Nickname: Pizza Steve**

**2017 Season Outlook:**

**Manager Quote: "Hope we can find a field to use this year. "**

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**Team Name:** Western Carolina University

**Mascot:** Catamounts

**Location:** Cullowhee, North Carolina

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Zach White/Evan Cofone



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

- 2015-2016 Season Record: **11-7**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **2<sup>nd</sup> Place Conference**
- Notables: **UTK 2-1 series victory**

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

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

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

**Players to Watch:** All of us

**New additions:** 6 new players

**Biggest Rival:** UTK

**Best Player Nickname:** Crayig & Space Cowbo

**2017 Season Outlook:** Decent

**Manager Quote:** Try Not To Suck

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**Team Name:** Emory Eagles

**Mascot:** Swoop

**Location:** Atlanta, GA

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Andrew Schaengold (President) & Eric Breer (Vice President)

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

- 2015-2016 Season Record: **7-11**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **6<sup>th</sup>**
- Notables:

**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):** 14

**Players to Watch:** Isaac Goldman, Bryan Klapes, Andrew Schaengold

**New additions:** Andres Rodriguez, Connor Mashman, Matt Gorin, Ryan McCann

**Biggest Rival:** University of North Georgia

**Best Player Nickname:** Grandpa (Bryan Klapes)

**2017 Season Outlook:** Strong cast of returning players and promising new talent

**Manager Quote:** "Simon, break it down for us"

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**Team Name:** The University of Tennessee

**Mascot:** The Voluteers

**Location:** Knoxville, Tn

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Coach Drew Homan



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

- 2015-2016 Season Record: **10-8**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **4<sup>th</sup> in Conference**
- Notables:

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

- 2016 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only):
- Notables: **Stole the last game of a series from a very talented ECU team**

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

**Players to Watch:** Tyler Craig, Adam Hamm, Kory Hayes, Noah Caldwell, Cory Hensly, Matt Wargacki, Jake Lefler, Brian Chrisman, Freeman Johnson

**New additions:** Jack Kopecky, Drew Haliburton, Seth Rogers, Noah Dunlap, Theo Hooper, Noah Cash, Nick Brawner, Nick Beuchat, Luke Annen, Kenny Miller, Jake Mcdougal. Corey Holmes, Carson Gribble, Bradley Moore, Brady Sartain, Aaron Clark

**Biggest Rival:** University of Tennessee Chattanooga

**Best Player Nickname:** Sid The Sloth- Seth Rogers

**2017 Season Outlook:** We're very excited for this coming season due to the young guns we brought in and meshed with our returning players. Our goal is to win the Conference and make it to the post-season.

**Manager Quote:** Stopping for BBQ

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**Team Name:** University of North Georgia

**Mascot:** Nighthawks

**Location:** Dahlonega, Georgia

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Luke Ledford



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

- 2015-2016 Season Record: **0-18**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **4th**
- Notables: **none**

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

- 2016 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): **0-0**
- Notables: **none**

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

**Players to Watch:** Alexander Anderson, Sam Moldenhauer

**New additions:** 7

**Biggest Rival:** Emory University

**Best Player Nickname:** Jake "Flames" McCurry

**2017 Season Outlook:** We hope to compete for a conference championship and world series

**Manager Quote:** Just win

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**Team Name:** FGCU

**Mascot:** Eagles

**Location:** Fort Myers, FL

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Coach - Frank Danis



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

- 2015-2016 Season Record: **24-3**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **Nationally Ranked 9th**
- Notables:

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

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

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

**Players to Watch:** Zach Milton, Mark Maguire, Jason Schaaf

**New additions:** Cam Hilgenberg

**Biggest Rival:** UTC

**Best Player Nickname:** Tip

**2017 Season Outlook:** National Champions

**Manager Quote:** "We're 0 and 0."

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**Team Name:** University of Florida DII

**Mascot:** Gators

**Location:** Gainesville, FL

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Travis Pemberton, Steven Winesett



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

- 2015-2016 Season Record: **12-7**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **2<sup>nd</sup> in Conference**
- Notables: **Win against UW-Eau Claire**

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

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

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

**Players to Watch:** Dyson Pemberton, Kevin Castellano, Connor Hogue, the Bartolotti twins

**New additions:** 13 new additions

**Biggest Rival:** FGCU

**Best Player Nickname:** Papa Johns- Kevin Castellano, Pizza Hut- Tanner Brown

**2017 Season Outlook:** With numerous newcomers added to an already strong roster, a conference championship is the expectations, World Series is the goal.

**Manager Quote:** "No one out pizzas the hut"

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**Team Name:** University of South Florida

**Mascot:** Bulls

**Location:** Tampa, FL

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Coach: Bryan Rosenberg, Assistant Coach: Geoff Gonzalez, Captain: Kyle Clark

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

- 2015-2016 Season Record: **4-14**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **4th**
- Notables: **6 forfeits due to lack of home field**

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

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

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

**Players to Watch:** Kyle Clark( Top 10 in county in HR prior to forfeits), Dylan Benedict (Winning Pitcher in 3 of 4 wins)

**New additions:** Max Needham P/3b, Mike Chang (from Taiwan)

**Biggest Rival:** FGCU

**Best Player Nickname:** Bryce ( Kyle Clark- played against Bryce Harper in Nevada High School)

**2017 Season Outlook:** Officially secured a home field and retained a majority of players from previous season, expect to compete in every series, optimistic for 10-5

**Manager Quote:** Be this year's Cinderella Story

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**Team Name: Florida Tech**

**Mascot: Panthers**

**Location: Melbourne, FL**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Matt Katona**



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

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

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

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

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

**Players to Watch: Robbie Rew, Luis Henriquez, Thomas Stevens**

**New additions:**

**Biggest Rival:**

**Best Player Nickname: Jerry**

**2017 Season Outlook:**

**Manager Quote:**

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**Team Name:** High Point University

**Mascot:** Panthers

**Location:** High Point, NC

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Head Coach: Todd Murphy, Assistants: Marc Dillon, Gene Frazier

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

- 2015-2016 Season Record: **12-10 overall; 6-6 conference**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **3<sup>rd</sup> place in District III-East.**
- Notables: **Beat ECU in game one, lost in 11 innings game 2.**

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

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

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 20 returning players. Ineligible for awards last season but had several players stats were better than some of the winners in the league in hitting for avg., hitting for power and number of home runs. 2 pitchers would have led the league in strikeouts.**

**Players to Watch:** Returners, Nick Font, Tommy Raia and John Wilson among multiple talented freshman!

**New additions:** 15 Freshmen

**Biggest Rival:** Craven

**Best Player Nickname:** Squid

**2017 Season Outlook:** 2017 season looks very promising for our team. with the addition of 12 PO's, added speed and a few more power hitters, we are looking to make a statement this season.

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**Team Name:** Furman University

**Mascot:** Paladins

**Location:** Greenville, South Carolina

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Blake Dwyer



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

- 2015-2016 Season Record: **10-8**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **n/a**
- Notables: **2 wins againsts Emory College**

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

- 2016 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): **n/a**
- Notables: **n/a**

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

**Players to Watch:** Jonah Sheats, Zach Roberts, Blake Dwyer

**New additions:** Declan Devens, Haydn Mclaughlin, Lee Gardella

**Biggest Rival:** Wofford

**Best Player Nickname:** n/a

**2017 Season Outlook:** After only losing 3 seniors from the 2016 season, only one of which started regularly, Furman University Club Baseball Team has high expectations for the 2017 season. Pitching depth was a problem last year, with only 4 pitchers expected to tally all 21 expected innings per series. All 4 pitchers will be returning as well as the addition of 3 new freshman pitchers. New freshman are extremely talented and will be taking the starting job from multiple upper-classmen.

**Manager Quote:** n/a

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**Team Name:** Lander

**Mascot:** Bearcats

**Location:** Greenwood, South Carolina

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Coaches: Malik Goodman, Scott Lotze, Matt Gilstrap, William Cantrell  
Captains: Jake Kizer, Trey Childress

**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): N/A
- Notables: N/A

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

**Players to Watch:** Jake Kizer, Alex Gurley, Drew Pridgen, Jordan Bates.

**New additions:** This is our first year.

**Biggest Rival:** N/A

**Best Player Nickname:** William "Waffle" Cantrell, Drew "Big Country" Pridgen

**2017 Season Outlook:** We are a solid group who really likes to swing the bat. We are a fun team with a lot of unique personalities. Looking forward to getting started with NCBA competition.

**Manager Quote:** "You can never give up because quitting is not an option. No matter how dark it is or how weak you get, until you take that last breath, you must fight."