

2022 PREVIEW GUIDE

Team Name: CSUN Matadors

Mascot: Matador

Location: California State University Northridge

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Coach: Alex Stellplue. Captain: Scott Arrowsmith

2019/2020 NCBA Season Performance:

- 2019/2020 NCBA Season Record: **2-6-3**
- Notables: **Andres Garcia hitting .500, three players hitting above .400. Erik Palos throwing a complete game against CSUSM**

Fall 2021 Performance (If Applicable)

- 2021 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only):
- Notables:

Number of Returning Players: 7

Returning Past All Region/NCBA All American Award Winners (Please list player names, specific accolades & years won): 0

Players to Watch: Erik Palos, Antonio Rojas, Isaac Carranza, William Tamkin

New additions: Antonio Rojas, Adam Grimaldi, John Mejia, Calvin Nastor, Connor Bernstein, Isaac Carranza, Joe Flores, Jose Rodriguez, Jose Santos, Juan Romero, Junior Delgado, Miles Kirshner, Ryan Romero, William Tamkin

Biggest Rival: CSUCI

Best Player Nickname:

2021-2022 Season Outlook: A big turnover in terms of new members. Looking to bounce back strong after missing almost two full seasons of baseball. Young talent will be given the chance to prove themselves and create a new culture.

Manager Quote: Our team has not played the last two seasons, there is a lot to look forward to this year. With much time to prepare, our team is ready to hit the field and bring another conference title to Northridge

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Team Name: CSU Channel Islands

Mascot: Dolphins

Location: Camarillo, CA

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Jake Castellanos and Sergio Castellanos

2019/2020 NCBA Season Performance:

- 2019/2020 NCBA Season Record: **4-5**
- Notables: **Robert Bravo, Cody Gallagher, Austin Miller**

Fall 2021 Performance (If Applicable)

- 2021 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): **3-0-2, Fullerton Tournament champions**
- Notables: **Kyle Miranda, Alex Chavez, Landon Thomas**

Number of Returning Players:

7

Returning Past All Region/NCBA All American Award Winners (Please list player names, specific accolades & years won): none

Players to Watch: Ryan Figueroa, Kyle Miranda, Alex Chavez, Landon Thomas, Brandon Carrillo

New additions: Kyle Miranda, Alex Chavez, Landon Thomas

Biggest Rival: CSU Northridge or San Diego

Best Player Nickname: CT (for Chris Terriquez)

2021-2022 Season Outlook: Although we fly under the radar, we hope to make a lot of noise this year. We won a tournament with much bigger schools, and we were complete underdogs.

Manager Quote: "The fundamentals win ballgames." - Sergio Castellanos

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Team Name: University of San Diego

Mascot: Toreros

Location: San Diego

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Eli Roberts, Eric McGaw(Captains), Alec Weber (Coach)

2019/2020 NCBA Season Performance:

- 2019/2020 NCBA Season Record: **5-1 before COVID ended season**
- Notables:

Fall 2021 Performance (If Applicable)

- 2021 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only):
- Notables: **Though not part of NCBA sanctioned games, USD won the CSUF Wood bat tournament taking down D1 teams CSU Fullerton, Northern Arizona, and San Diego State on the way to victory.**

Number of Returning Players: 7

Returning Past All Region/NCBA All American Award Winners (Please list player names, specific accolades & years won): None

Players to Watch: Eli Roberts, Addison Pearlman, Patrick Walker, Aidan Pearce, Adam Bretch, Dustin Greenwood, Dominyck Bullard, Tyler Joaquin, Jacob Fernandez

New additions: Several, minus about 7 players, the rest are new but very very talented

Biggest Rival: After a testy final in the CSU Fullerton fall tournament, and a disputed champion, USD and CSU Channel Islands have forged quite the rivalry. USD will host a three-game non conference series with CSUCI at the beginning of February in what is sure to be a hard fought and highly contested series.

Best Player Nickname: Washburn 1 and Washburn 2



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2021-2022 Season Outlook: Driven by what projects to be one of the best, if not the best pitching staff on the west coast, USD Club Baseball once again has its eyes set on Pittsburg. It is a team as deep as it is talented. While the rotation is a nightmare for opposing hitters, the bullpen does not provide any breaks. The D2 finesse pitchers does not exist on this team; USD's pitching staff boasts several pitchers who sit mid 80s and a few who can run it up there at low 90s velocity. That is to discredit the offense. Not only do 1-9 rake, but several players who come off the bench have the ability to change the game with one swing of the bat. The combination of on-base skills, speed, and power in USD's lineup can at times be overwhelming even for the manager who needs to find playing time for several top-tier players. USD's defense is no slouch either. With natural shortstops manning third and second base, a plethora of arms in the outfield, and a veteran presence behind the plate and at first base, USD is poised to be one of the most dangerous teams in the country.

Manager Quote: “Gentlemen, this game has highs and lows. That’s baseball. But any day you come out to the ballpark and have the opportunity to play this game, it’s gonna be a good day. Today is one of those days. There’s grass on the field, let’s play ball”

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Team Name: University of San Francisco

Mascot: Dons

Location: San Francisco, CA

Captain(s)/Coach(s): James Burke

2019/2020 NCBA Season Performance:

- 2019/2020 NCBA Season Record: 1-2
- Notables: Nick Hanhan, Mario Valenzuela, Daniel Cortes, Samuel Therrien

Fall 2021 Performance (If Applicable)

- 2021 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only):
- Notables:

Number of Returning Players:

2

Returning Past All Region/NCBA All American Award Winners (Please list player names, specific accolades & years won):

Players to Watch: Aidan Patterson, Wesley Warren, Ryoto Kaneda, Cody Tam, Will Spencer

New additions: Cody Tam, Jeremy Ong, Gregor Gillen, Carl Levy III, Will Melton, Will Spencer, Ian Kimura, John Meyerott, Gunnar Bash, Ryoto Kaneda, Alexander Franco-Schmidt

Biggest Rival: Stanford

Best Player Nickname:

2021-2022 Season Outlook: This is the youngest roster we've had ever. We are looking to go undefeated this season and take the conference title for the first time in our program's history. Having a young roster is a huge benefit for this team's future.



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Manager Quote: "The talent is there, we just need to piece everything together and work on the small things to make us a great squad."

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Team Name: CSUSM Baseball Club

Mascot: Cougars

Location: San Marcos, CA

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):
Theron Papakalos and Micheal Navarro**

2019/2020 NCBA Season Performance:

- 2019/2020 NCBA Season Record: 1-6
- Notables: Micheal Navarro, Theron Papakalos, Erick Gutteriez, Cody Imsande

Fall 2021 Performance (If Applicable)

- 2021 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): N/A
- Notables: Micheal Navarro, Bradley Jio, Luc Slater, Theron Papakalos, Chase Schrinier

Number of Returning Players: 5

Returning Past All Region/NCBA All American Award Winners (Please list player names, specific accolades & years won): N/A

Players to Watch: Micheal Navarro, Theron Papakalos, Luc Slater, Bradley Jio, Chase Schrinier, Gabe Lara, Erick Gutteriez

New additions: Luc Slater, Brian Richards, Alex Rojas, Bradley Jio, Chase Schrinier, Gabe Lara, Micheal Barone, Victor Johnson, Jacob Guadian

Biggest Rival: USD

Best Player Nickname: Theron Papkalos-Thanos

2021-2022 Season Outlook: We are an extremely young team, due to the COVID shortened season and no season in 2020-2021, we lost most of the returners and basically had to start from scratch. Although this team is young, they are eager to get out there and win. This is a passionate group of men who want to compete and reach their full potential. What they lack in experience they make up for in energy.

Manager Quote:

“Run out everything hard because you never know what might happen” -Theron Papakalos

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Team Name: Saint Mary's College of California

Mascot: Gaels

Location: Moraga, California

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Captain/Coach: Brian Kahmar

2019/2020 NCBA Season Performance:

- 2019/2020 NCBA Season Record: 2-8 (0-6 in conference)
- Notables: 2 wins in Vegas NCBA tournament

Fall 2021 Performance (If Applicable)

- 2021 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): 2-1 (2-1 in conference)
- Notables: Conference series win vs. Humboldt St. coming off winless conference schedule in 2019/2020 (shortened due to pandemic of course however)

Number of Returning Players: 7

Returning Past All Region/NCBA All American Award Winners (Please list player names, specific accolades & years won): N/a

Players to Watch: Jacoby Henning: Speedy lefty at the top of lineup, patrols center field like a hawk. Patrick Anderson: Shaping up to be the team's #1 starting pitcher for season, incredibly poised and plays solid defensive third base. Brian Kahmar: One of the few fourth year members of the team, solid middle of order hitter, good defensive catcher.

New additions: Patrick Anderson, Andrew Domecus, Jack Gemmer, Jacoby Henning, Nicolas Kiesal, Joseph Miyashita, Nicolas Niculescu, Rex Rodriguez, Josh Silvanic

Biggest Rival: Cal, Stanford (in conference)

Best Player Nickname: Jacoby Henning (the milkman)

2021-2022 Season Outlook: The Gaels are coming off of a couple rough seasons but come into the 2021-2022 year poised for change. With newcomers providing a spark, the Gaels have already secured a conference series win vs Humboldt St, notable since the team went 0-6 and 3-9 in conference play in the seasons prior. Keep an eye out for the Gaels, who are expected to fly under people's radar, and are ready to compete this season.

Manager Quote: "Focus on what you yourself can control, and let everything else fall into place".

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Team Name: Stanford University Club Baseball

Mascot: Cardinal

Location: Stanford, CA

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Ben Caven

2019/2020 NCBA Season Performance:

- 2019/2020 NCBA Season Record: **7-0, 6-0 Pacific North**
- Notables: **Wesley Rojas: .478 avg / 1.042 OPS, Steven Azzano: .421 avg / 1.029 OPS, Gregory Block: .429 avg / .976 OPS, Ben Zuercher: .364 avg, Ben Caven: 0.56 ERA / 16 IP / 33 SO**

Fall 2021 Performance (If Applicable)

- 2021 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): **N/a**
- Notables: **N/a**

Number of Returning Players: 14

Returning Past All Region/NCBA All American Award Winners (Please list player names, specific accolades & years won):

Players to Watch:

Cameron Vaughan, RHP

"He's completely rebuilt his body since the last time he was a high-inning, high-volume pitcher" - Wes Rojas

2019-2020 Stats: Injured

Ben Caven, RHP

"If he can return to form, he's going to be probably the best pitcher in NCBA Division 2, without a doubt." - Ben Zuercher

2019-2020 Stats: 16 IP, 0.56 ERA, 33 K, 0.69 WHIP

Wes Rojas, SS

"Leader of the team, able to flash leather with the best of them and a LETHAL combo of speed and contact at the leadoff position"

2019-2020 Stats: 0.478 avg, 1.042 OPS, 8 RBIs

Steven Azzano, OF

"Fast, strong OF that can hit with power from both sides of the plate."

2019-2020 Stats: 0.421 avg, 1.029 OPS, 5 RBIs

Ben Zuercher, INF/DH

"Compact, powerful swing with a big arm. It's no wonder he lead the team in HRs during the last full season".

2019-2020 Stats: 0.364 avg, 0.455 SLG

2018-2019 Stats: 0.542 avg, 1.593 OPS, 12 RBIs, 5 2Bs, 2 HRs

New additions: Donnie Raymond (1B/3B, RHP), Lincoln Willard (1B/OF), Caden Denning (C/OF)

Biggest Rival: Sacramento State

"I showed up late to the Sacramento State game my sophomore year. It was my first game, and I just was not prepared. I thought it was going to be fun. We were losing, I was taking it easy, and I was playing third base and this kid spiked me stealing third. And it was kind of like, 'Oh, damn, like it's serious now.' So then the next game I was locked in now. I was pissed, actually. I got fired up. I pitched like six innings. My arm was going to fall off. That was crazy, it was pure adrenaline at that point. I had never pitched six innings in my life. They brought out the best in our team and what we could do because we weren't taking it that seriously until we realized everyone else was, and so that kind of brought our play up a level." - Ben Zuercher

Best Player Nickname: Dong Father

2021-2022 Season Outlook:

Stanford Club Baseball's most recent loss came in May of 2019.

Since then, Stanford started an undefeated campaign, interrupted by the pandemic, that never resumed. Promise for a 2021 season vanished just as quickly as it arose. The 2022 season finally offers Stanford an opportunity to pave its way back to the postseason.

In the magical season, Stanford reached the playoffs for the first time in program history despite starting the conference schedule with consecutive home losses to Sacramento State. As the story goes, no one on the roster realized there was a playoffs before it was time to pack the bags for the Pacific regional tournament in Lancaster, Calif.

Once there, Stanford kept on winning. Alex Rejto walked off the first game with a mercy rule home run. In the second, Ben Zuercher mashed a walk-off double to beat CMU Montebello and send Stanford to the final. There, the Cinderella run ended.

CMU Montebello won to face Stanford again on Sunday, and Stanford ran out of pitching. In the final game, Stanford lost 26-15. When the vans pulled back into Stanford, dejected, Pittsburg, Kan. felt each and every of the 1,501 miles away.

Now, the roster is raring to get back on the diamond.

"I'm looking forward to getting back on the field with with all the guys who were on the team the last time we played, back before the pandemic," said Wes Rojas, the team's starting shortstop. "And I'm excited to see the mix of new guys we've got this year, which has been one of the strongest contingents of new players we've had in a couple of years here."

The goal is simple: Turn color into black and white, and start laying the road to Kansas, brick by brick.

Stanford only graduated two players since last taking the field. The veteran group, with an impressive influx of young talent, is ready to be tested.

The team's mentality can best be described by senior RHP Ben Caven. During one game, Rojas remembers Caven stepping off the mound after five innings with 10 or 12 strikeouts, visibly upset.

"Caven, what's wrong?" asked Rojas. "What's going on?"

As it turns out, Caven was upset that he was not being forced to go to his secondary pitches more frequently.

With high hopes, Stanford is ready for 2022.

"I think we're going to be really good," Zuercher said. "Watching some of our young guys, I don't have all their names down yet — it's been a while... We got a bunch of them and they are definitely ready to take over. They're going to be guided by by some of the guys who've been there before and who came back specifically to to have one last hurrah."

"I see this team in Kansas at the end of the day," Rojas said.



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Manager Quote: "This is a business meeting. That's why we all wear belts."