

## 2024 PREVIEW GUIDE

**Team Name:** University of Akron

**Mascot:** Zips

**Location:** Akron, Ohio

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Alec Haas, Zach Ortner,

**2022/2023 NCBA Season Performance (Last Year):**

- 2022/2023 NCBA Season Record: **4-14**
- Final Conference Ranking: **4-7**
- Regional Tournament Results? **N/a**
- World Series Results? **N/a**
- Notables: **N/a**

**Fall 2023 Performance (If Applicable)**

- 2023 Fall Record (*NCBA Sanctioned Games Only*): **2-6**
- Notables: 2-1 win over WVU

**Number of Returning Players:** 14

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

**Players to Watch:** Alec Haas, Augustine Holben,

**New additions:**

**Biggest Rival:** Kent State

**Best Player Nickname:** Ogg

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**2024 Spring Season Outlook:** Akron returns a young squad for the spring. The team began finding their groove towards the end of the fall, and are capable of competing with anyone when they have good pitching.

**Manager Quote:** I am very excited to see what the spring looks like for the Akron Zips.

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**Team Name:** California University of Pennsylvania

**Mascot:** Vulcans

**Location:** California, PA

**Coach(s):** Nick Arnoni (Head Coach), Brady Benedetti, Nate Weir

**Captain(s):** Ryan Jacobs, Owen Lane, Chad Petrush

### 2022/2023 NCBA Season Performance (Last Year):

- 2022/2023 NCBA Season Record: (15 - 5)
- Final Conference Ranking: (10 - 2) 2nd
- Regional Tournament Results: 2nd round elimination in regional with national champion OSU DII
- World Series Results: N/A
- Notables:

### Fall 2023 Performance (If Applicable)

- 2023 Fall Record (*NCBA Sanctioned Games Only*): (10 - 0) Overall (6 - 0) In conference
- Notables: Also, we made it to the finals for the 3rd straight year at the NCBA Charleston Fall Invitational

**Number of Returning Players:** 6

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

- Owen Lane: 2023 First Team All-Region & First Team All-American
- Logan Simmons: 2022 First Team All-Region & 2023 First Team All-Region
- Ryan Jacobs: 2022 First Team All-Region & 2023 Second Team All-Region

**Players to Watch:** Everyone

**New additions:** Avery Ball, Brad Banaszak, CJ Novotney, Erik Panebianco, Gavin Sykora, Johnathan Riley, Lorenzo Glasser, Luke Hostetter, Ryan Covelens, Shaun Kellermann, Tyson Dingle

**Biggest Rival:** New Penn - Central

**Best Player Nickname: The Rizzard**

**2024 Spring Season Outlook: We look to take on the spring just as we did this fall, do what it takes to win.**

**Manager Quote: “I’ve coached a good amount of teams for this program; some had a lot of returning players, others had very little returning players, this team has a good mix of returners and new players but they all gelled together quickly and are led in all the right directions. They make efforts that are even beyond what I ask of them, that’s a testament to this groups character. I look forward to seeing what magic these guys work for and create.”**

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**Team Name: Carnegie Mellon**

**Mascot: Tartan**

**Location: Pittsburgh**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Jake Sherwindt/Claudio Reilsono**

**2022/2023 NCBA Season Performance (Last Year):**

- 2022/2023 NCBA Season Record: **7 and 9**
- Final Conference Ranking: **3rd**
- Regional Tournament Results? **NA**
- World Series Results? **NA**
- Notables: **Pitcher of the year - Max Nitke**

**Fall 2023 Performance (If Applicable)**

- 2023 Fall Record (*NCBA Sanctioned Games Only*): **1 and 8**
- Notables: **Jake Sherwindt and Max Nitke lead the country in Innings Pitched (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>)**

**Number of Returning Players: 16**

**Returning Past All Region/NCBA All American Award Winners (Please list player names, specific accolades & years won): no comment**

**Players to Watch:**

**Josh Winick (his legend continues to grow in the wake of his walk off shot versus Toledo in 2023)**

**New additions: Ryan Scheftic, Mani Minerva, Mason Brownrigg, Hayden Lee, Hugo Lee, Max Nitke, Sean Lee**

**Biggest Rival: Toledo**

**Best Player Nickname: Mani Minerva "If Mickey Mantle and Mike Trout Fathered A Son"**

**2024 Spring Season Outlook: The CMU boys look to go undefeated**



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**Manager Quote: Good hands, better head!**

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**Team Name:** Christopher Newport University

**Mascot:** Captains

**Location:** Newport News, VA

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Zachary Neilson, Steve Johnson

### 2022/2023 NCBA Season Performance (Last Year):

- 2022/2023 NCBA Season Record: 6-6
- Final Conference Ranking: 3
- Regional Tournament Results?
- World Series Results?
- Notables: 2 All Region Team selections

### Fall 2023 Performance (If Applicable)

- 2023 Fall Record (*NCBA Sanctioned Games Only*): 4-8
- Notables:
  - Sweep over 22-23 conference champions
  - 10 batters hitting over .300
  - 6 total team Home Runs

**Number of Returning Players:** 17

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

- Steve Johnson 2022-2023 2nd Team All Region First Baseman

### Players to Watch:

- **Tyler Turman**: Batting .343, OPS of 1.153, with 4 Home Runs and 11 RBIs in 11 games on the Fall season
- **Zachary Wu-Rorrer**: Batting .400, OPS of 1.063, with 10 hits and 10 walks in 11 games on the Fall Season
- **Zachary Neilson**: Batting .357, OPS of 0.973, with 10 hits and 5 doubles in 9 games on the Fall season

**New additions: 13 new players added to the 2023-2024 roster**

**Biggest Rival: Old Dominion University**

**Best Player Nickname:**

**2024 Spring Season Outlook:**

**The Captains finished off the Fall 2023 season on a high note with a three game sweep over last season's conference champions. CNU Club Baseball looks to carry this momentum into the Spring season and make a run for the playoffs. The Captain offense is on a roll with 10 batters hitting over .300 and 6 total team home runs. After a beyond impressive showing in the Fall season finale hitting 3 HRS, Tyler Turman looks to stay hot at the plate this upcoming Spring and help lead CNU to a playoff berth. The CNU Captains look to stay hot as we continue through Spring and hopefully the playoffs.**

**Manager Quote:**

**"I am extremely happy with how our guys finished things off in the fall. I believe that we are going to do even better in the spring, and I am looking forward to seeing what this team is going to accomplish. I am very proud of all of our guys as well. Everyone had worked hard all fall and stepped up when needed. This spring should be a good one."**





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**Team Name: James Madison (DII)**

**Mascot: Dukes**

**Location: Harrisonburg, VA**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Cal Sweeney, VP; Jordan Bussie, Social Media Chair**

**2022/2023 NCBA Season Performance (Last Year):**

- 2022/2023 NCBA Season Record: **6-9**
- Final Conference Ranking: **4<sup>th</sup> out of 5**
- Regional Tournament Results? **N/A**
- World Series Results? **N/A**
- Notables: **Had 1 player of the week (Zay Rich) and 1 pitcher of the week (James Meyer)**

**Number of Returning Players: 16**

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

**Players to Watch: Tyler Walters, P/OF; Casey Drechsler, P/3B; Phil Hunter, P/OF; Aidan Henderson, IF**

**New additions: Jack Warman, P/IF; Nik Santomauro, P**

**Biggest Rival: Salisbury**

**Best Player Nickname: Casey Drechsler - "The Veteran"**

**2024 Season Outlook: New leadership and a new mentality - goal is for everyone to contribute in some way to win games**



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**Manager Quote: We have stronger team chemistry and more pitching depth this year. Hoping to get some wins in Durham against Duke to start our spring season strong and carry some momentum into conference play. We didn't end our season the way we wanted this year, but we have a fresh new look and feel better equipped to make a postseason run this year.**

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**Team Name:** University of Kentucky

**Mascot:** Wildcats

**Location:** Lexington, KY

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Collier Day, Gavin Lobbins, Mark Ribbot

**2022/2023 NCBA Season Performance (Last Year):**

- 2022/2023 NCBA Season Record: **1-11**
- Final Conference Ranking: **Last**
- Regional Tournament Results? **N/A**
- World Series Results? **N/A**
- Notables: **N/A**

**Fall 2023 Performance (If Applicable)**

- 2023 Fall Record (*NCBA Sanctioned Games Only*): **0-1**
- Notables: **N/A**

**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:** 0

**New additions:** 12

**Biggest Rival:** New opponents due to relegation

**Best Player Nickname:** Lonnie B

**2024 Spring Season Outlook:** To bring back greatness to the program/winning record

**Manager Quote:** CATS by 90

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**Team Name:** Ohio State University DII

**Mascot:** Buckeyes

**Location:** Columbus, OH

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** President: Kent Gordon | Vice President: Nick Potapczak | Treasurer: Joe Hendrix  
| Secretary: Noah Dzierwa | Risk Manager: Cameron Anness | Head Coach: Joe Juza

**2022/2023 NCBA Season Performance (Last Year):**

- 2022/2023 NCBA Season Record: **29-1**
- Final Conference Ranking: **1<sup>st</sup>**
- Regional Tournament Results? **1<sup>st</sup>**
- World Series Results? **1<sup>st</sup> | WS Champions**
- Notables: **Division II World Series Champions. Finishing the season with one single loss to our own Division I team. Division II National Ranking 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Fall 2023 Performance (If Applicable)**

- 2023 Fall Record (*NCBA Sanctioned Games Only*): **3-0**
- Notables: **In our three game series vs Ball State, Bryson Jordan posted 5 hits on 7 at bats amounting 7 total bases. Garrett Wible posted a strong outing on the mound, throwing 5 scoreless innings striking out 7.**

**Number of Returning Players:** 22 - Cameron Anness, Alex Bazzichi, Andrew Bierden, Matthew Cieslewicz, Josh DeCicco, Joseph Dellolio, Noah Dzierwa, Drew Elliot, Kent Gordon, Quentin Halyama, Joe Hendrix, Bryson Jordan, Jack Kammerer, Devon Mclean, Austin Muttillio, Will O'Malley, Connor Panker, Nick Potapczak, Chris Schueler, Colin Scott, Nick Sowers, Garrett Wible.

**Returning Past All Region/NCBA All American Award Winners (Please list player names, specific accolades & years won):** 3B Andrew Bierden 1<sup>st</sup> Team All American, OF Devin Mclean 3<sup>rd</sup> Team All American, 2B Noah Dzierwa 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Region, P Joe Dellolio 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Region, P Chris Schueler 1<sup>st</sup> All-Region, P Garrett Wible 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Region

**Players to Watch:** Andrew Bierden, Devin Mclean, Noah Dzierwa, Chris Schueler, Garrett Wible, Bryson Jordan, Joe Hendrix, Quentin Halyama.

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**New additions: 5 - Joey Harder(1<sup>st</sup> yr - Upper Arlington), Alexander Liroy(1<sup>st</sup> yr - Pioneer), Ryan Moskal(2<sup>nd</sup> yr - Notre Dame Cathedril Latin), Jack Rand(4<sup>th</sup> yr - Long Beach Senior), Ross Wyche(1<sup>st</sup> yr - Coram Deo Academy)**

**Biggest Rival: Cal (PA)**

**Best Player Nickname: Pot, Q**

**2024 Spring Season Outlook: The Buckeyes finished the fall 3-0 overall with a conference sweep of Ball State. Having only graduated 2 seniors from last year's championship team, the Bucks have their eyes set on becoming back-to-back DII WS Champions. They return 22 men from their roster last year, and look forward to dealing major damage in conference and overall. The Bucks did however lose two key arms on the mound, one due to injury and the other due to graduation, so it will be a fresh ration going into the spring. They are looking forward to playing in the NCBA Spring Training Showcase, and tough conference and non-conference play this season. The Bucks are looking to bring the New Penn Central championship back to Columbus for the 8<sup>th</sup> straight season.**

**Even with such strong retainment of last years team, the Buckeyes did lose two pivotal role players. Josh Rattay, our 1<sup>st</sup> team All-Region shortstop, and Drew Lane, our 2<sup>nd</sup> team All-American pitcher and WS MVP have crucial shoes to fill. Lane has returned to our program as an assistant coach and we are grateful to have him in a coaching capacity. He posted an impressive 12-0 record with a 1.54 ERA over 76 innings pitched last year. Some of our more established arms such as Chris Schueler, and Garrett Wible look to fill his shoes.**

**The Buckeyes offense will be lead by Andrew Bierden (.500/.609/.882), Devon Mclean (.468/.531/.608), Noah Dzierwa (.403/.518/.657), and Quentin Halyama (.379/.473/.525). Returners Bryson Jordan (.279/.416/.492), Nick Potapczak (.308/.438/.333), Joe Hendrix (.302/.366/.333), Kent Gordon, Matt Cieslewicz, Nick Sowers, Connor Panker, Colin Scott, Drew Elliott, Josh DeCicco, Alex Bazzichi, and Cam Anness look to make an impact on offense. The Buckeyes are looking forward to seeing what Ryan Moskal, Alex Liroy, and Ross Wyche can do offensively as part of their first season with the team.**

**Our rotation will be highlighted by Chris Schueler, Garrett Wible, Will O'Malley, and Austin Muttillo. Relievers Nick Sowers, Quentin Halyama, and Alex Bazzichi look to make a sizable impact. The Buckeyes are excited to see first year arms Joey Harder and Jack Rand in action this spring.**

**Manager Quote: "After winning the National Championship for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in school history, we are looking forward to going Back-To-Back. Graduating only 2 seniors from last year's team, we are looking forward to having a veteran squad going into the 2024 season. Go Bucks!"**

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**Team Name:** ODU

**Mascot:** Monarchs

**Location:** Norfolk, Va

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Connor Yates

**2022/2023 NCBA Season Performance (Last Year):**

- 2022/2023 NCBA Season Record: **14-10**
- Final Conference Ranking: **1st**
- Regional Tournament Results? **3rd**
- World Series Results? **N/A**
- Notables: **David Taylor, Sean Egan, Aidan Gay, Andrew Dingman, Gavin Levinson**

**Fall 2023 Performance (If Applicable)**

- 2023 Fall Record (*NCBA Sanctioned Games Only*): **2-6**
- Notables: **James Thompson, Jackson Phillips, David Taylor, Thomas Thompson, Micheal Dailey**

**Number of Returning Players:** 13

**Returning Past All Region/NCBA All American Award Winners (Please list player names, specific accolades & years won):** David Taylor, All Region 2<sup>nd</sup> Team SS---Aidan Gay, All Region 2<sup>nd</sup> Team SP

**Players to Watch:** Micheal Dailey, David Taylor, James Thompson, Aidan Gay, Jackson Phillips, Connor Yates

**New additions:** Ben Tomlinson, Brady Johnson, Jack Gattoni, Robert Bradley, Jackson Phillips, Jonathon Porter, Jordan Gibson, Joseph Chipman, Landon Swain, Noah Caliendo, Michael Dailey, Rafe Bene, Colby Watts

**Biggest Rival:** Salisbury

**Best Player Nickname:** Dragon



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**2024 Spring Season Outlook:** Following a strong 2022-23 season, the Monarchs look to repeat their success and reclaim the top spot in the New Penn South Conference. The left side of the infield remaining strong with Connor Yates and David Taylor returning along with new additions on the right side as well as Ben Tomlinson behind the plate. The pitching staff is lead by SP Aidan Gay and relievers Kahner Kirsh, Spencer Fillhart, and Connor Yates. The outfield is a strong combination of new and returning guys with potential to make game changing plays.

**Manager Quote:** "I think that we have a chance to repeat the success we found last year. We have numerous new guys filling in the roles that were lost from last years conference winning team. This along with strong team chemistry gives us potential to really do something special."

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**Team Name:** Salisbury University

**Mascot:** Seagull

**Location:** Salisbury, Maryland

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Josh Adey, Brandon Webber, Connor Eaton, Anthony Marsico, Alex Garvey

**2022/2023 NCBA Season Performance (Last Year):**

- 2022/2023 NCBA Season Record: **10-4**
- Final Conference Ranking: **2nd**
- Regional Tournament Results? **N/A**
- World Series Results? **N/A**
- Notables: **Bryden Steele 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Region**

**Fall 2023 Performance (If Applicable)**

- 2023 Fall Record (*NCBA Sanctioned Games Only*): **3-2**
- Notables: **Aidan Scheper, Dean Carr, Blake Warthen, Ryan Corbin**

**Number of Returning Players:** 19

**Returning Past All Region/NCBA All American Award Winners (Please list player names, specific accolades & years won):** Bryden Steele 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Region (2022-2023)

**Players to Watch:** Ryan Corbin, Shay Geib, Connor Eaton, Brandon Webber, Anthony Marsico, Griffin Harvey, Dean Carr, Blake Warthen, Alex Garvey, Colby Willey, Isiah Price.

**New additions:** Ryan Corbin, Nick Jayner, Luke Kontos, Nate Morseman, Mike Powell, Isiah Price, Brady Reise, Braden Robar, Ben Zak.

**Biggest Rival:** JMU

**Best Player Nickname:** Daddy's Princess

**2024 Spring Season Outlook:** Looking to continue momentum made in the conference after a 3-0 start against CNU and looking forward to a regional appearance.





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**Manager Quote: Very proud of our guys and their performance during the fall season. Many new guys came in and stepped up big when we had some guys go down for injury. Our team did very well in the field and at the plate. Pitchers stepped up big in spots where we needed it most in close games. We are looking to continue in the spring how we ended the fall undefeated in conference play. Cant wait for the spring to come. GO GULLS!**

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**Team Name: VCU Rams**

**Mascot: Rams**

**Location: VCU**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Tyler Wyatt, Anthony Martelino, Jack Kirwan, Will Sherr**

**2022/2023 NCBA Season Performance (Last Year):**

- 2022/2023 NCBA Season Record: 4-14
- Final Conference Ranking: **5th**
- Regional Tournament Results: Didn't Play
- World Series Results: Didn't Play
- Notables: **Beat a very good Salisbury team early in the season**

**Fall 2023 Performance (If Applicable)**

- 2023 Fall Record (*NCBA Sanctioned Games Only*): 3-5
- Notables: **Swept CNU in a non-conference series**

**Number of Returning Players: 18**

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

**Players to Watch: Drew Clements, Anthony Martelino, Tyler Wyatt**

**New additions: Ben Ward, Drew Clements, Brien Burch, Ben Beausoleil**

**Biggest Rival: Salisbury**

**Best Player Nickname: Wings**

**2024 Spring Season Outlook: Lots of new impact players for the Rams should lead to a highly competitive team**

**Manager Quote: "Dogs"**

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**Team Name:** .West Virginia University

**Mascot:** Mountaineers

**Location:** Morgantown, West Virginia

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Charlie Davis, Wesley Shoemaker, Kolby VanWhy, Caleb Jandora

### 2022/2023 NCBA Season Performance (Last Year):

- 2022/2023 NCBA Season Record: **15-4 (9-1 in conference)**
- Final Conference Ranking: **First**
- Regional Tournament Results? **Runner Up**
- World Series Results? **N/A**
- Notables: **Beating Cal U a total of three times, lost by one run to eventual D2 Champion Ohio State**

### Fall 2023 Performance (If Applicable)

- 2023 Fall Record (*NCBA Sanctioned Games Only*): **8-2, 4-1 in conference**
- Notables: **Have a +59 Run Differential through 10 games only allowing 1.8 runs per game thus far.**

**Number of Returning Players:** 22

**Returning Past All Region/NCBA All American Award Winners (Please list player names, specific accolades & years won):** Noah Carter (DH) - 2023 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-American, New Penn 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Region, Anthony Richards (OF) - 2023 New Penn 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Region, Kolby VanWhy (3B) - 2023 New Penn 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Region

**Players to Watch:** Noah Carter, Kolby VanWhy, Michael Taylor, Matt Guyer, Anthony Richards,

**New additions:** Kameron Walters, Alex Heavner, Michael Martin, Nick Menarchek, Jake Morgan

**Biggest Rival:** Cal U

**Best Player Nickname: Cheeks (Noah Carter), Guzzle (Jack Geisel)**

**2024 Spring Season Outlook: We look to defend our conference title and make it to the NCBA World Series. We competed in the regional tournament last season and look forward to taking the next step.**

**Manager Quote: We look to continue our success from the fall and previous season here in the spring leaning on our stellar pitching and experienced bats in the lineup to reach our goal of going to the World Series this May.**

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**Team Name:** Xavier University Club Baseball

**Mascot:** Musketeers

**Location:** Cincinnati, Ohio

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Spencer Tracy, Tyler Zyla

**2022/2023 NCBA Season Performance (Last Year):**

- 2022/2023 NCBA Season Record: Conference (5-4) Overall (5-5)
- Final Conference Ranking: 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Regional Tournament Results? NA
- World Series Results? NA
- Notables:

**Fall 2023 Performance (If Applicable)**

- 2023 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): 1-2 vs. Indiana University
- Notables:

**Number of Returning Players:** 17

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

NA

**Players to Watch:**

John Schweder, Patrick Henning, Pat Deters

**New additions:**

~~Indiana~~

**Biggest Rival:**

Indiana University

**Best Player Nickname:**

Brendan Larbin (Bird)

**2024 Spring Season Outlook:**

Panama City Tournament March 3-9, v Kentucky, @ Ohio St, @ Ball St, @ EKV

**Manager Quote:**