



**Team Name:** Lafayette College

**Mascot:** Leopards

**Location:** Easton, PA

**Captain(s)/Coach(es):** Coach: Chip Nataro; Captains: Dan Weaver, Bryan Shive

**2006 Performance**

- **Record:** 10-14
- **Final Conference Ranking/ Playoff results:** 2<sup>nd</sup> in New Penn East
- **Notables:** Last game of the season vs. Rutgers determined the conference championship. Went 2-2 at the NCBA Spring Showcase.

**# of Returning Players:** 18

- 1<sup>st</sup> team all-region C: Mike Luciano
- 2<sup>nd</sup> team all-region 1B: Joe Branosky
- 2<sup>nd</sup> team all-region 3B: Dan Weaver
- 2<sup>nd</sup> team all-region SS: Mike Cazzola
- 2<sup>nd</sup> team all-region OF: Rob Restaion
- 3<sup>rd</sup> team all-region P: Kevin Manilenko

**Players to watch:**

LF Chris Sweitzer

**New Additions:**

*Avery Brooks*  
*Rob Hum*

**Biggest Rival:** The team we play on any given day

**Best Nickname:** Mike 'Looch' Luciano

**2007 Outlook:** We did not lose any starters last year and added some much needed depth. With the changes in our conference, it is hard to predict what will happen, but we hope to improve on that second place finish of last year.

**Manager Quote:** Spring ahead fall back.

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**Team Name:** Cabrini Baseball Club

**Mascot:** Cavalier

**Location:** Radnor, PA

**Captain(s)/Coach(es):** Captains Anthony Vellutato & Michael Keating Coach Will Harmon

**2006 Performance**

- **Record:** NA
- **Final Conference Ranking/ Playoff results:** NA
- **Notables:** NA

**Best Nickname:** Clap

**2007 Outlook:** It's our first year in the league. After a tough fall wooden bat men's league season, players are looking to put their improved skills to the test. We are excited for the competition.

**Manager Quote:** Hit it hard.

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**Team Name:** Penn State Baseball Club    **Mascot:** Nittany Lions    **Location:** State College, PA

**Captain(s)/Coach(es):** William Lippert (Coach)

### 2006 Performance

- **Record:** 22 - 6
- **Final Conference Ranking/ Playoff results:** Conference Ranking: #1, World Series Runners Up:
- **Notables:** Ranked #2 in the Nation, most successful season in the history of the Penn State Baseball Club

### # of Returning Players: 19

1<sup>st</sup> Team All-American Pitcher - Pete Chalfin  
3<sup>rd</sup> Team All-American Pitcher - Brian Binder  
1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Region Pitcher Dave Brodeur  
1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Region Pitcher Jason Shirey  
1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Region Catcher Joe Kozlowski

### Players to watch:

Pete Chalfin – P, Brian Binder - P  
Greg Lisa - P, Jason Shirey - P  
Mark Mihalik - 1B, Andrew Jorges - 2B  
Tim Ryan - SS, Dave Brodeur - 3B  
Ryan Fitzgerald - OF, Rudy Hersh – OF  
Ryan Albright – OF

**New Additions:** *The Penn State Baseball Club has augmented its already strong pitching staff by adding rookie Dave Hine and John Parulski to its rotation. Also added to the roster are middle infielders Kris Park and Nick Powden. Rookie catcher Brad Gaugh and outfield Michael Mohns fill out the remainder of the rookie fleet.*

**Biggest Rival:** Virginia Tech

**Best Nickname:** Pete Chalfin - "Tina" named after the llama in Napoleon Dynamite due to his llama like appearance

**2007 Outlook:** After finishing #2 in the country in 2006, the Penn State Baseball Club looks to start the 2007 season right where they left off. The biggest hurdle the club must overcome is finding a way to replace the skills and leadership of Jon Felix, Chris Connors, Nate Decker, Jordan Wagner, and Jason Crandall, all of whom excelled in their last year with the team in 2006, but the nineteen returnees and six rookies of the 2007 squad are up for the challenge.

Powerhouse catcher Joe Kozlowski, a 2006 All-Region player, returns for his fourth year behind the dish while Don Howard and rookie Brad Gaugh should both see time backing him up. The righty/lefty tandem of senior Mark Mihalik and junior Vic Evangelist will once again split time at first base, and former pitcher Dave Brodeur will man the opposite corner at third. Leadoff hitter Tim Ryan will once again provide excellent defense from shortstop along with rookie Kris Park, and rounding out the infield, Andrew Jorges moves from short to second, now backed by rookie Nick Powden. Finally, veteran outfielders Rudy Hersh, Ryan Fitzgerald, Joe Halackna, Ryan Albright, and Drew Merritts will all see time in the outfield along with rookie Michael Mohns.

The strongest asset of the 2007 squad is once again its pitching staff. All-American starters Pete Chalfin and Brian Binder, who combined for 12 wins in 2006, anchor the rotation. Senior flame-thrower Greg Lisa looks to bounce back from an injury-ridden 2006 season, and former All-Region starter and current infielder Dave Brodeur should still see some action on the mound again in 2007. Ryan Frankeny, John Garczynski, Grant Gipson, and All-Region reliever Jason Shirey will see action out of the bullpen, and rookie pitchers Dave Hine and John Parulski look to be key contributors as well.

With the leadership of head coach Bill Lippert, who formerly spent four years as a pitcher and two years as a pitching coach for the club, the strong staff is in excellent hands. Between the deep pool of talent among the players and the baseball expertise of Lippert and second year assistant coach Tyler Troutman, the club has all the makings of another World Series contender.

**Manager Quote:** "We graduated five players with a combined 19 seasons of service time from last year's team that reached the championship game. As great as those guys were between the white lines, I think the things we'll miss most about them are their leadership and professionalism. I'm anxious to see how this next generation of Penn Staters carries on our rich tradition. Our pitching staff returns seven arms from last year, and we've added two quality right handers. Positionally, we have some experienced guys returning as well as some new players that will have a chance to make an impact. Regardless of who is wearing the blue and white, our philosophy won't change. We'll pound the

strike the zone, take care of the baseball, and be aggressive at the plate. From top to bottom, the NCBA has never been stronger, and we are expecting to get everyone's best shot each and every week. We are eager to accept that challenge."

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**Team Name:** Cornell

**Mascot:** Big Red

**Location:** Ithaca, NY

**Captain(s)/Coach(es):** Nate Rathbun, Chris Anderson, David Minich

**2006 Performance**

- **Record:**
- **Final Conference Ranking/ Playoff results:** 3<sup>rd</sup> in conference
- **Notables:** Tied for 1<sup>st</sup> going into the last weekend of the season

**# of Returning Players:** 19

**Players to watch:** Chris Anderson (leads nation in HRs for fall season with 3)

Ted DeLio (player of the week for the nation in the fall), Mike Greene (transfer from buffalo playing against old team), Kevin Conlin (returned to club after 2 yrs on varsity)

**New Additions:** *Sean Clemens, Carl Foss, Tom Gowing, Mike Greene, Christian Latimer, Matt Hagen, Joe Magdovitz,*

**Biggest Rival:** SUNY Cortland

**Best Nickname:** Mitch the %@\$#&, Bugout

**2007 Outlook:** 3-0 after the fall season and looking for a strong spring season to win the conference

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**Team Name:** NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

**Location:** New York

**Captain(s)/Coach(es):** Co-captains: Alex Apter, Peter Cowgill, Jamie Miller

**2006 Performance**

- **Record:** 7-13
- **Notables:** Alex Apter 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All- American
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**# of Returning Players:** 15

**2007 Outlook:** The NYU 2007 baseball team lost only a handful of players, most notably team MVP Dan O'Connor and Josh Knapp to graduation. Our clubs will return the bulk of the 2006 roster which is lead by NCBA All- American Alex Apter. With this year's veteran club and talented group of first year players the team expects to keep pace with the top teams in the conference.

NYU looks to improve on a 2006 campaign that jumped out to a good start in Tampa, Florida but under achieved the rest of the way. Returning to the mound will be pitchers Peter Cowgill and Paul Neumaier who will pitch the bulk of NYU's innings this season. Cowgill, Neumaier, Chris Santiago and Marc Brodeur will combine with new comers Sasha Agosta, Ryan Fisher, Anthony Perez and Sam Sarofeen to round out the pitching staff. Brodeur will again pitch out of the bullpen this season.

With a veteran infield led by Jamie Miller and Josh Rubin, defense will be the most important part to NYU's overall success in 2007. Contributions from freshmen Nick Burch, Perez, Sarofeen and veterans Louis Maturana, Chris Santiago, Simon Levy and Ian Riccaboni should play a big role in stopping opposing rallies with solid defense.

The team's outfield returns veterans Evan Charles, Eric Crockett, Justin Donaldson and Nick Lacey. Neumaier will also see some action as well as freshman Chris Ofsthun.

The 2007 team is top heavy with an experienced roster. The coaching staff expects many of the first year players to make an immediate impact and help the team perform at their highest level.

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**Team Name:** TCNJ

**Mascot:** Lions

**Location:** Ewing, NJ

**Captain(s)/Coach(es):** Pete Hayward - Coach

**2006 Performance**

- **Record:** 8-6
- **Final Conference Ranking/ Playoff results:** 3
- **Notables:** Brendan McCaig, Scott Beverly

**# of Returning Players:** 16

**Players to watch:**

Carlos Torres (P)

Rob Mathias (SS)

**New Additions:** *Matt Van Cleve (OF), Matt Kolar (OF), Bill Williams (3B), Kevin Schauer (1B), Anthony Vasta (OF)*

**Biggest Rival:** Delaware

**Best Nickname:** Steve "Juice" Kuzio

**2007 Outlook:** After our first season in the NCBA, we are expecting to improve on last year's performance. We have most of our starters returning from last year, and the newcomers of the team showed a lot of talent during the fall.

**Manager Quote:** I think this coming season will be a lot of fun. The group of guys we have coming back have been excited to start the season, and the new players have fit right in. I think this group can do really well, and we're looking forward to the start of the season.

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**Team Name:** West Virginia University

**Mascot:** Mountaineer

**Location:** Morgantown, WV

**Captain(s)/Coach(es):** aptains: Rob Kepics, Tony Mercurio. Coaches: Rob Kepics, Sam Olujimi

**# of Returning Players:** 2

**Players to watch:** Tony Mercurio-range at SS, George Johnson- pitcher, Matt Rigassio-Great hitter, Mike Orsag-strong arm at 3<sup>rd</sup> and good hitter, Rob Kepics-good glove in CF and good hitter.

**New Additions:** *All but 2 players*

**Biggest Rival:** Carnegie Mellon

**2007 Outlook:** We are a new team and we are still working on team chemistry but this team has the talent to push toward the top of the division.

**Manager Quote:** "We have a lot of talent and i'm looking forward to seeing how we use it toward rising to the top of the division, i think a lot of teams will be surprised by us this spring."

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**Team Name:** Boston University

**Mascot:** Terriers

**Location:** Boston, MA

**Captain(s)/Coach(es):** Captains: Michael Conway and Peter Lawn Coaches: Brian Spadfino and Steve Pinner

**2006 Performance**

- **Record:** 12-2 (NECBA)
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**# of Returning Players:** 15

**Players to watch:** Pete Lawn cf (2 time NECBA MVP)

**New Additions:** *Matt Van Cleve (OF), Matt Kolar (OF), Bill Williams (3B), Kevin Schauer (1B), Anthony Vasta (OF)*

**Biggest Rival:** University of New Hampshire

**Best Nickname:** Starting Pitcher Randy Forrester: Guapo

2ND Baseman Chris McIssac: Egg

Pitcher Brandom Simes: Shrek

1<sup>st</sup> Baseman Jeff Nitz: Shaved Bird

Pitcher Michael Conway: Garbage man

**2007 Outlook:** 5-1 so far in league (quiet confidence on regional birth in first year in league)

**Manager Quote:** We are only worried about one team this year and that is Boston University. If we stay focused and play as a team, there is no limit to what we can achieve.

**Team Name:** UMass Minutemen

**Mascot:** Sam the Minuteman **Location:** Amherst, MA

**Captain(s)/Coach(es):** Danny Barr – Coach Albert Couillard – President Sean Killam - Vice President

**2006 Performance**

- **Record:** 9-6 Overall; 6-1 Conference
- **Final Conference Ranking/ Playoff results:** #1 in Conference

**# of Returning Players:** 15

**Players to watch:**

The UMass Minutemen

**New Additions:** *Eric Putney, Scott Mackenzie, Rich Minkwitz, Mike Brady, Keith Santiago, Brian Kiesman, Chris Underwood, Everett Kordana*

**2007 Outlook:** Two years in a row we've ended on top of our conference and we are looking to do the same thing this season. With some new teams in our conference it will be different from past seasons and interesting to see how things pan out in the end.

Offensively, defensively, and pitching wise we are looking strong. We lost only three important players from 2006, but we have already ensured that their spots will be filled to the best ability. Although fall season didn't go as expected, we came out of the games with positive attitudes as we were very productive in those games and we can use our mistakes to better us for this spring.

**Manager Quote:** "After finishing on top of our conference, but unable to participate in the playoffs in 2006, UMass is looking to make-up for last season. Overall we are expecting big things from a team with mostly seniors." - Albert Couillard

**Team Name:** Pitt Club Baseball

**Mascot:** Panther

**Location:** Pittsburgh, PA

**Captain(s)/Coach(es):** Mark Guthrie, Les Gies

**Players to watch:** Ryan Novak(IF), John Hay(P), John Kaiser(IF),  
Chris Hartland(C), Nick Homa (P)

**New Additions:** *Everyone*

**Biggest Rival:** Kent State

**Best Nickname:** T.C. Jones A.K.A. Paper Glove...his glove is made of paper and when he bags groceries he never uses plastic

**2007 Outlook:** Reasonable with out a doubt... ask the magic 8 ball

**Manager Quote:** "Whatever conference we may be in, we plan to make our presence felt in our inaugural season in the NCBA."

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**Team Name:** Rider Broncs

**Mascot:** Bronc

**Location:** Lawrenceville, N.J.

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** President: Andrew Infante

Officers: Kevin Malinowski, Mike Caputo, Tim Swavely, Buddy Van Nostrand

2006 Performance:

1 Record: **5-8**

2 Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **Third Place**

3 Notables: **Ari Bluestein - 2nd Team Mid Atlantic All Region**

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

Players to Watch:

**Junior Andrew Infante** - The hard-nosed centerfielder of the Broncs hits with gap-power. Although he wasn't happy with his statistics, Infante consistently came through when the team needed him to. The third-year veteran and president of the club hopes to lead his team to the regional playoffs for the first time in its short history.

**Senior Tim Swavely** - The speedy Swavely is one of the elite base-stealers in the region. Beyond being speedy, Swavely is also very swift in the middle infield and has good control with his bat at the top of the lineup.

**Junior Buddy Van Nostrand** - Van Nostrand was a valuable addition to the 2006 team. The corner infielder's lineman-like power carried a lineup that struggled at times in 2006. Van Nostrand will be most remembered for his home run at Princeton that rolled somewhere between 500-600 feet (no exaggeration).

**Senior Ari Bluestein** - The original president and co-founder of RUBC makes his final round with the Broncs as the team's one-allotted graduate-student player. Bluestein returns from a phenomenal pitching season in which he was second in the nation with a sub-1.00 ERA. He will make an occasional appearance for the Broncs and hopes to help the team to its first playoff berth.

**Senior Sean O'Connell** - This southpaw throws with a finesse that always keeps his team in the game. When O'Connell is in supreme command over the strike zone, opposing teams walk away fuming with frustration. O'Connell is going into his third year with RUBC and will be looking to land a double-digit career win total.

**Biggest Rival: Princeton Tigers** - During RUBC's first two seasons, the two teams separated by 10 minutes on Route 206 have had some heated, tightly contested battles. The all-time NCBA series is knotted at 3-3 between the two squads. Unfortunately, Princeton and Rider are not in the same division this year.

**TCNJ Lions** - TCNJ made a splash in its first year in the NCBA. The Lions took two-of-three from the Broncs last season and Rider hopes to avenge those losses against a team that's five minutes down the road.

**Best Player Nickname: Kevin "Hips" Malinowski**

**2007 Season Outlook:** Bad weather and issues with Mercer County Park (home field) led to a disappointly short schedule with some series spread out over a couple of weeks. However, this is only one of the reasons why the Broncs were unable to establish m omentum. Scattered errors and inconsistent hitting hurt the Broncs, whose losses were by one and two-run deficits. The 2007 team returns an abundance of players, including Infante, Bluestein and Swavely who are hungry to play in the postseason. A strong f all schedule and practices throughout the winter should sharpen up the players in time for its opening series against Rutgers.

**Manager Quote:** Play for today, not tomorrow.