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2013 PREVIEW GUIDE

Team Name: University of Maryland (D1)

Mascot: Terrapins

Location: College Park, MD

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Michael Boushell- Head Coach. Koby Cavanagh- Assistant Coach. Tejus Kulkarni- Assistant Coach.

2012 Performance:

- Record: **16-7**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **2nd in MAC North, 5th Overall**
- Notables: **5 players on all-conference team, 1 all-american.**

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 14 returning players (2 players from 2012 MAC all-conference team).

Players to Watch: Mitch Fennell, Senior, First Base. Tejus Kulkarni, Junior, Pitcher. Andrew Dane, Junior, Outfielder/Pitcher. Ben Strack, Sophomore, Shortstop.

New additions: Caldwell Clarke, Freshman, C/3B. Matt Shin, Freshman, 3B/2B. Pat O'Keefe, Senior, Pitcher.

Biggest Rival: The entire MAC North

Best Player Nickname: Stracktus

2013 Season Outlook: Very strong fall season. Lots of depth at pitching. The team this year is loaded with young talent that should get the Terps over the top and into the Regionals and World Series.

Manager Quote: "Don't let the feat of striking out get in your way." - Babe Ruth



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Team Name: University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Mascot: 49er

Location: Charlotte, NC

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Will Smith

2012 Performance:

- Record: **12-9**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **4th in M.A.S.**
- Notables:

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

Players to Watch: Brock Elgin, Chris Beyer, Will Smith

New additions: Matt Thorburn, Sean Mas, Nic Ferri, Dexter Allen, Carlos Matos, Max Hoffman, Andrew Schneider, Andrew Poston, Ben Hinson.

Biggest Rival: ECU

Best Player Nickname: Meatball

2013 Season Outlook: Hopeful to win conference. I believe we have the talent and personel to do so, we just have to remain consistent and show up every weekend.

Manager Quote: Every day, in every way, I'm getting better and better. -Emile Coue



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Team Name: Appalachian State University

Mascot: Yosef

Location: Boone, NC

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Daniel Mason (President), Curtis Batten (Treasurer)

2012 Performance:

- Record: **17-5**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **Went 0-2 in World Series play**
- Notables: **Regional Champions**

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 12

Players to Watch: Josh Kelly, Curtis Batten, Kyle Cesareo

New additions: Drew Street, Patrick Sekel, Nick Vaughn

Biggest Rival: University of Kentucky

Best Player Nickname: Keith "Sweat" Walsh

2013 Season Outlook: Looking to get back to the World Series and improve on last year's performance there.

Manager Quote: Score! Score! Score!



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Team Name: East Carolina University

Mascot: Pirates

Location: Greenville, NC

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Head Coach Joe Caracci, Asst Coach Ben Fox, Asst Coach Brandon Smith

2012 Performance:

- Record: **33-5**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **Conference Champion, 9th National Ranking**
- Notables: **2nd Conference Championship in 3 years. 3 outs away with a 4 run lead for 2nd straight World Series Berth and chance to defend National title. Spent entire 2012 Regular season ranked #1 Nationally. Didn't lose a series all year long. Won 17 straight games at one point.**

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 15 returning players, 5 All Region, 1 All American

Players to Watch: Veteran players that have been there before like Cory Shackelford, Jim Leggett, Jesse Desanto, Nick Thrasher, Justin Lassiter, Walt Sherwood, John McFarling, Mark Brown, and Juan Gloria will provide great leadership on and off the field. Watch for a huge breakout years from Mark Brown, Justin Lassiter, Cory Shackelford and Nick Thrasher.

New additions: In typical ECU fashion a lot was lost from the previous years standout squad. Despite those losses we look to be as strong as ever as we have reloaded with some fantastic JUCO transfers and a few immediate impact Freshman. The Transfers include SS Casey Johns from Lenior CC, Catcher David Troutman from Brookdale CC in NJ, Starting Pitcher Brandon Denton from Pitt CC, and Outfielder Colton Fulghum from Pitt CC. First year impact players include 1B and Pitcher Corey Case, LHP Brandon Taylor, OF Jake Trump, RHP Tanner Duncan, and C Carson Camps.

Biggest Rival: Utah State University

Best Player Nickname: ROBO-Pratt



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2013 Season Outlook: The losses of perennial All-Americans Brian Burgess, Nash Blackley, and Alan Swain are formidable. We look forward to the challenge. Led by veteran players who have reached the ultimate goal before, reinforced with transfers that have the ability to have All-American type seasons, and infused with enthusiastic young talent, we are poised for another memorable season.

Manager Quote: "BOOM"



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Team Name: James Madison University Dukes

Mascot: Duke Dog

Location: Harrisonburg Va

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Greg Victor/ Driss Bernoussi/ Daniel Shill

2012 Performance:

- Record: **10-7**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **0-2 eliminated in Regional Tournament**
- Notables: **Conference Champions**

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 14 returners, 7 returning starters, 4 returning league award winners

Players to Watch: Joe Capobianco, Zack Cutter, Andrew Green, Henry Brandmark

New additions: Henry Brandmark, Jon O Conner, Steve Dombrowski, Zack Jernigan, John Wilson, Josh Jewell, Rob Guenther, Mike Formica, Kevin Kasilowski, Jake Winters, Jon Petrakakos

Biggest Rival: Maryland

Best Player Nickname: The Dark Knight.. Mitchell Bowers

2013 Season Outlook: Only the winners get trophies.

Manager Quote: "Real excited for the spring season, the team is focused, compatible, and driven to complete our goals."

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Team Name: University of Kentucky

Mascot: Wildcats

Location: Lexington, Kentucky

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Alex Marmitt, Bryan Leist, Troy Spaulding, Danny Marston, and Davis Rhodes

2012 Performance:

- Record: 12-5
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **2nd in Conference**
- Notables: Troy Spaulding, Danny Marston, Davis Rhodes.

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 6

Players to Watch: Troy Spaulding, Danny Marston, Taylor Levi

New additions: Evan Bray, Conner Paas

Biggest Rival: Appalachian State

Best Player Nickname: 2 for 1 Troy (Troy Spaulding)

2013 Season Outlook: We have a strong group of returning along with a new additions to the team, who look to contribute to the team. Hopefully we can build off the success we had last year.

Manager Quote: Our program is growing. We are going to be a lot more flexible with the addition of new talent, which will allow us to be more competitive at each position.



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Team Name: Vanderbilt University

Mascot: Commodores

Location: Nashville, TN

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Sam Heyman, Jordan Friedman / Matt Pike

2012 Performance:

- Record: **7-5**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **3rd in Mid Atlantic West**
- Notables: **n/a**

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

Players to Watch: Andrew Vancura(Jr. ,SS), Phil Queller (Sr. OF), Jake Books (Jr. 2B/OF), Jordan Friedman (So. 3B)

New additions: 12 new members, including 10 freshman. Jalen Chang(Fr. P), Dominic Plageman (Fr. 3B/P), Jake Lee (Fr. C/3B/P)

Biggest Rival: Belmont/ Tennessee

Best Player Nickname: Cooter

2013 Season Outlook: Continuing to improve over the last 2 years, including a winning record in 2012, a new crop of talent will give the Commodores a good chance to take the division is everyone stays healthy.

Manager Quote: We have the talent to go far this year, we just need to come together as a team and stay healthy. We have made great strides in the last 2 years to greatly improve the program.



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Team Name: Virginia Cavaliers

Mascot: Cavalier

Location: Charlottesville, VA

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Pat Piccolo
Chris Copeland**

2012 Performance:

- Record: **7-6**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **Finished middle of Conference**
- Notables:

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 8

Players to Watch: Sean McAuliffe; Kevin Radford

New additions: There are a lot.

Biggest Rival: James Madison University

Best Player Nickname: Either "Batman" for Paul Bateera or "the Bayliff" for Greg Bayliss.

2013 Season Outlook: Feeling very confident. We retained our top pitcher, were able to add a couple good arms, and have maintained the majority of our defense, which served us well in 2012. Offense will be the question, as we lost two of our major run producers last year, but we are hoping for a few bats to step up, and some of our young players showed this past fall that they can swing it.

Manager Quote: We have always had the arms. We have always had the ability to beat anybody in the conference. We hope to translate this talent and confidence to cross a threshold this spring and win the MAC.



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Team Name: Wake Forest University

Mascot: Demon Deacons

Location: Winston-Salem, NC

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Brian Lauer - President, Scott Wilson - Vice President, Dan McLaughlin - Treasurer

2012 Performance:

- Record: **13-9 (5-9)**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **4th**
- Notables: **Alec Christian - 2nd team All Mid-Atlantic Region, Scott Wilson - 2nd team All Mid-Atlantic Region**

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 18, 2 all-conference players

Players to Watch: P/1B Alec Christian (.404/.489/.491), OF Scott Wilson (.462 AVG, .604 OBP), SS/3B Brian Lauer (.286/.333/.500, 3-year starter), P/OF Bryan Willis (led team in HR), C Matt Hamm (.300/.425/.426), 2B Sam Hart (.304/.348/.434), SS/3B Josh Weidie (.333/.400/.474)

New additions: Kevin Ballerini (P), Nick Adams (P), Will Fitzgerald (OF), Collin Palmer (P)

Biggest Rival: UNC

Best Player Nickname: "Pants" -- Mike Otis

2013 Season Outlook: The coming season looks bright after finishing last year with a 13-9 season, and returning all but two starters for the 2013 season. With the addition of ten new players capable of making an instant impact and stepping into the starting lineup, a conference title would not be a stretch for the 2013 Wake Forest Demon Deacons.

Manager Quote: "Close don't count in baseball. Close only counts in horeshoes and grenades" -- Frank Robinson



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Team Name: Virginia Tech

Mascot: Hokies

Location: Blacksburg, VA

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Carter Brown, Max Hilbert, Aaron Sweger, Blake Whited, Frank Barkanic, Greg Giunta

2012 Performance:

- Record: **14-9**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **3rd**
- Notables: **6-0 in Tampa, FL**

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

Players to Watch: Colin Deely, Max Hilbert, Mitch Mahoney, Ben Sweger

New additions: Ross Abbott, Steven Burneson, Jonah Frey, Paolo Guma, Kendall Hammer, Dan Laub, Mitch Mahoney, Ryan Mahoney, Tucker McNally, Chris Schaible, Matt Nerkowski, Cory Ray, Jared Tamulynas

Biggest Rival: James Madison University

Best Player Nickname: Sideburns- Steven Burneson

2013 Season Outlook: A solid lineup of young and healthy talent, backed by effective leadership, sets up a promising spring

Manager Quote: This team is a dangerous mix of relentlessness and grit. I am very excited to see their appetite for winning grow each day on and off the field. And it is our 'never say die' attitude that will serve as our platform for a successful season.



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Team Name: University of North Carolina

Mascot: Tar Heels

Location: Chapel Hill, NC

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Co-Presidents: Chip Lewis & Henry Stapp, Pitching Coach: Pete Chalfin

2012 Performance:

- Record: **6-12**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **5th in Mid-Atlantic South**
- Notables:

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

Players to Watch: David Coffey (P), Kevin Fortier (C/OF)

New additions: David Dwight (3B/P), Garrett Morgan (P), Jonah Keyserling (OF), Max Wasser (SS), Ryan Campbell (2B), Sal Savarese (3B)

Biggest Rival: NC State

Best Player Nickname:

2013 Season Outlook: This is a much different team, and we expect to be significantly better than last year. There is a deeper commitment throughout the entire team, and last year's results are still fresh in our minds. We didn't lose many key players, and we picked up a lot of talent. Furthermore, we are playing almost twice the number of games this year (34 total) to prepare for tough Mid-Atlantic South conference play.

Manager Quote: Nobody was proud of last year, and we think that will show in our play this year. This team is as dedicated as we have seen, and we are anxious to see the strides of success on the practice field transfer to the real deal.

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Team Name: NC State

Mascot: Wolfpack

Location: Raleigh, NC

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Craig Allen (Head Coach), Don Bernard (Asst. Coach), Robert Dudley (Asst. Coach), RJ Deppisch (Asst. Coach)

2012 Performance:

- Record: **24-6**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **2nd in MAC South / MAC Regional Birth / Ranked #10 in final poll**
- Notables: **The highs of a 1-0 and walk off wins in Tampa and the low of dropping a back and forth battle at ECU in the bottom of the 9th.**

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 14 players return from last years squad, many of whom have experience as regular starters in conference play, including 5 All MAC Regional performers.

Players to Watch: 4 year weekend starter & 3rd team All MAC pitcher Steven Baker returns for his final season and will anchor the staff. Octavius Andrews is primed to break into the weekend rotation and build on his undefeated record in 3 starts last season. He will be pushed by returning utility man Carson Frady and a host of live, young arms.

Offensive catalysts Matt Hardeman, Thomas Dobbins, and Pat Moore will be called upon again to perform at and above last years 1st team All Regional levels, while Marcus Bunnell looks to improve on his 2nd team All MAC season at the plate. Returning former All Region performers Blake Pettit and Chris Mullen are expected to provide offensive punch around the top of the order while returning 0.300+ hitters Dylan Edwards, Corey McNamara, Mike Smith, & Ben Walgenbach all had strong fall seasons at the plate.

New additions: Adam Smith (Inf), Brett Hunt (Inf/OF), Craig Jacobelli (P), Dillon Ashburn (P/1B), Hunter Lohr (P), Jacob Gould (C), Kerry Long (P), Lee Haithcock (P), & Mike Roach (OF/Inf)

Biggest Rival: Complacency, Overconfidence, and the team in the other dugout.

Best Player Nickname: OPH

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2013 Season Outlook: As evidence by the performance of the MAC in the last few World Series, we play in a very competitive region. As we do every year, we expect to compete for our conference and regional championship. There are no easy weekends in the MAC, but we hope to distinguish ourselves by working hard in practice and playing fast and loose on the weekend.

Manager Quote: "Learn from the past, set vivid detailed goals for the future, and live only in the moment of time over which you have any control: now." - Denis Waitley

"By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail" - Benjamin Franklin



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Team Name: George Washington University

Mascot: Colonials

Location: Washington, DC

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Brian Mahl, Jimmy Hilk, Taylor Jaszewski, Sam Meisenberg

2012 Performance:

- Record: **7-10**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results:
- Notables:

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

Players to Watch: Jimmy Hilk - P, Jr. Hilk, a 2012 Player of the Week, took the Fall off to work on a congressional campaign, but now returns to anchor the Colonials pitching staff. The San Francisco native features a good fastball that is made even better by Hilk's commanding presence on the mound.

Stuart Johnson - SS, Sr. Johnson, affectionately known as Stu, has been a mainstay at the Shortstop position for the Colonials. Also from the Bay Area, Johnson will look to cap off his collegiate career by driving in runs for the Colonials from the heart of the order.

Thomas Mase - C, Sr. Mase underwent surgery on his labrum in the offseason and his return will be a welcome sight for the Colonials. His senior leadership behind the plate and power at the plate make him an integral part of this Colonials roster.

New additions: Billy Cartwright - P, Fr. The freshman and Maryland native bolsters a potent Colonials pitching staff with good command and poise on the mound. He may see increased time both as a starter and from the bullpen after his impressive performances in the Fall.

Biggest Rival: Virginia Tech. All 3 games between the Hokies and Colonials were decided by close margins. There also seems to be animosity between George Washington Sophomore Taylor Jaszewski and Virginia Tech Senior pitcher Carter Brown.



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Best Player Nickname: B-Mahl, or Brian Mahl, Senior Second Baseman and Pitcher, the Colonials' fearless leader.

2013 Season Outlook: The Colonials look to continue the momentum from a positive Fall into the Spring season, depending on timely hitting and fundamental defense. George Washington features a very experienced and seasoned roster, and will look to translate that advantage into victories. In addition, the Colonials are excited to be able to utilize George Washington's brand new, all-turf Barcroft Park for their home games.

Manager Quote: "If ya can't bunt, ya can't play." - Brian Mahl



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Team Name: Elon Univeristy Club Baseball

Mascot:

Location: St. Francis Fields, Elon, NC

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Sean Zapatka and Don Muller

2012 Performance:

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

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 25 returning players- Sean Zapatka Player of the Week 2011, No all-conference players

Players to Watch: Don Muller, Sean Zapatka, Ben Koffel, Aubrey Wilkerson, Kyle Meredith

New additions: Connor Collett, Avery Brooks, Aaron Bonertz, Kyle Stanzel, Alex Day, Tres Rogers, Matty Browne, Doug Bauer, Mike Galvin, Matt Albers, Alex O'Neil

Biggest Rival: ECU

Best Player Nickname: Ben "Cuda" Koffel, Matty "Cookie" Browne

2013 Season Outlook: Plays 21-24 games, including 15 home games. Will host Virginia Tech and NC State while traveling to ECU and JMU.

Manager Quote: Experience combines with new, fresh talent to produce the best team Elon has had in a while. Realistically looking to make the conference tournament and receive enough votes to be ranked in the top 20