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## **2013 PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: UAlbany Great Danes**

**Mascot: Great Dane**

**Location: Albany, NY**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Adam Lowenthal, Mike Zachar, Sam Walsh**

**2012 Performance:**

- Record: **6-8**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results:
- Notables: **Johnny Wong, Ryan Scanlan, Brian Cioffi, Mike Zachar**

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

**Players to Watch: Brian Cioffi, Nick Soto, Anthony Licata, Adam Lowenthal**

**New additions: Anthony Licata, Eric Pesavento, Nick Soto, Mike Wakalowski, Danny Johanson**

**Biggest Rival: Cortland**



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**Best Player Nickname: Scantron (Ryan Scanlan)**

**2013 Season Outlook: The 2012 year was a step in the right direction for the Albany Club Baseball team. After finishing the spring of 2012 with a disappointing record of 3-6, the Danes have come out hot in the fall of 2012 by posting a 3-2 conference record during their two series against Cortland and Cornell. The team has a potent offense, along with some talented new pitching. They will be a serious contender to win the North Atlantic North conference this season.**

**Manager Quote: "Like I said last year, by my graduation date of May 2013, Albany will be able to call themselves North Atlantic North Champions. --Adam Lowenthal"**

## **2013 PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: Drexel University Dragons**

**Mascot: Mario the Dragon**

**Location: Philadelphia, PA**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Captains: (C) Brian Iannuzzi, (A) Sean McPartland, (A) Cam Goodell Coaches: Head Coach: Matt Mansur, Assistant Coach: Jack Eller**



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**2012 Performance:**

- Record: **15-11**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **First Ever Regional Berth, Finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in NAR East**
- Notables: **Key Wins: Missouri, Colorado, Florida Tech, Delaware, Towson**

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 18 Returners including conference award winners: SS Chris Commons, RF Mike Zinno, C Cam Goodell**

**Players to Watch: SS Chris Commons, C Cam Goodell, RF Mike Zinno, CF/P Matt Nelson, 3B/1B Sean Gallagher**

**New additions: SS/P Augie Legido, 1B Zack Gross, 3B/P Chris Martin, C/P Vince Boyle, OF Tyler Foerst, OF Dan Slavin**

**Biggest Rival:** Delaware Blue Hens

**Best Player Nickname:** DOE

**2013 Season Outlook:** The core of our team returns with all eyes on our first conference championship and 2<sup>nd</sup> regional berth in as many years

**Manager Quote:** JustWin.



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**Team Name: Lafayette College**

**Mascot: Leopard**

**Location: Easton, PA**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Jim Kaminek - Captain; Chip Nataro - Head Coach; Tommaso Marsella - Assistant Coach**

### **2012 Performance:**

- Record: **9-11**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **T-4th**
- Notables:

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 14 including 3<sup>rd</sup> team all-conference players Dan Valladares (SP), Kevin McAndrew (SS) and Rich Mullin (OF).**

**Players to Watch: Greg 'Mad Dog' Hadley (CL), Hamish 'Danish' MacPhail (OF-1B), Jon 'Tex' Morgan (1B), Jim 'Shoeless Jimbo' Kaminek (3B-RP), Rich 'Hammer' Mullin (OF-RP), Dan 'Nair' Valladares (SP-OF), Kevin McAndrew (SS), Dave Root (SP-3B)**



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**New additions: Tim Andrews (C), Tory Bingaman (MI), Bruce Castor (SP), Mike Coniglio (OF), Brett Lederer (OF), Andrew Rosen (C), Brian Sullivan (3B)**

**Biggest Rival:** North Atlantic - East

**Best Player Nickname:** Magic Mike Coniglio

**2013 Season Outlook:** With our 4-year starter at C graduated and his assumed replacement abroad, catching duties will likely be turned over to two freshmen. We've added some quality players in the outfield, depth in the middle of the infield and a recent signing at the hot corner. Pitching is going to be the primary concern.

**Manager Quote:** A Ray Lewis quote was suggested by our team captain, but it makes me ill to consider quoting a Raven.

**We were mediocer last year. No nicknames or recalling all-conference players can change that. We can say we are great in a form, but if the mediocrity of last year can't motivate us, we are going to be at the bottom again.**

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**Team Name:** Pittsburgh Club Baseball



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**Mascot: Waffles the Monkey**

**Location: Pittsburgh, PA**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Rob Perkey - Manager**

**Brandon Uram - Assistant Coach**

**2012 Performance:**

- Record: **27-10 (15-3 Conference)**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **North Atlantic Regional Champions; 2-2 record in NCBA World Series; lost in semi-finals**
- Notables: **First ever Regional Championship and World Series appearance**

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners):23 Returning Players - 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Region: C - Adam Greenfield, 1B - Max Hegedus, OF - Matt Bradburn; 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Region: OF - Adam Weimer, DH - Alex Green, P - Justin Cozza, P - Dan Stauffer; 3<sup>rd</sup> Team All-Region: OF - Marc Foster**

**Players to Watch: 29**

**New additions: Eric McCue - OF, Michael Dugan - IF/P, Zach Eddinger - IF/P, Ryan Thompson - P, Sean Maxwell - P, Joe Poerio - P**

**Biggest Rival: Penn State**



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**Best Player Nickname: "Scrabble" - Tyler Rybarczyk**

**2013 Season Outlook: Players are all-in, and the expectation is to win the World Series. Barring injuries, we should be pretty good.**

**Manager Quote: We could teach 29 monkeys to hit, field, throw and catch. What we can't teach monkeys to do is think like baseball players, and do intelligent things to make the team better. Be a smart monkey. Make yourself better. Make the team better.**

## **2013 PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: Penn State**

**Mascot: Nittany Lions**

**Location: State College, PA**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Head Coach: Adam Verducci, Assistant coach: Bill Lippert**

**2012 Performance:**

- Record: **22-5**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **3rd**



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- **Notables:** The PSBC finished third in the 2012 regional tournament, however it was only a few outs away in both of its last two games from winning the tournament. It lost UMass 1-0 and Pitt 4-3 in a back and forth struggle

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners):** 20 returning guys. Only one player graduated. Including 6 all-conference winners: 1<sup>st</sup> team: Greg Piehler, Chris Drobnick, Andrew Georgeson. 2<sup>nd</sup> team: Dale Johnson, Nathan Saltzer, Kyle Gilbert

**Players to Watch:** The entire pitching staff. 6 out of 7 on the staff are seniors who all have experience pitching in multiple regional tournaments. They often carried the team last year and sported a team 2.79 ERA and averaged 9 strikeouts per game last year. 3 pitchers were also among the top 10 in the country in K/7IP mid-way through last year.

**New additions:** We picked up 3 guys this year, whom we really think can help us out. 2 middle infielders that will give us a much needed upgrade on infield defense. Freshman Tylor Love and a Junior transfer, Andrew Roman, who transferred from Flager university- which is one of the top D2 schools in the country. All 6 of our current pitching staff are graduating his year, so we felt it was essential to pick up another young pitcher, and we found a good one in Freshman Colin Ammon

**Biggest Rival:** Pittsburgh

**Best Player Nickname:** Austin 'T-bone' Thomas

**2013 Season Outlook:** We finished last year at 22-5 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the conference, but were only a few runs away from winning the regional tournament. We only lost one player, and with several key additions in the middle infield and another year of experience under our belts, the only way we can go is up.



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**Manager Quote: "With 20 out of 23 guys returning from last season, 12 of whom are seniors. The experience of the older guys will go a long way. This is the deepest team we have ever had. I have confidence in every guy on this team. The older guys have set a good example for the young guys both on and off the field. We are all on the same page and I have never felt more confident going into a season." -Adam Verducci, Head Coach**

## **2013 PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: Rutgers Club Baseball**

**Mascot:**

**Location: New Brunswick, NJ**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Jake Grimm, Nick Faccenda, Andrew Flores**

**2012 Performance:**

- Record: **6-8**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **3rd**
- Notables:

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



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**Players to Watch: Nick Bucci, Andrew Lichtenstein**

**New additions: Max Emerle, Zack Donohue, Pat Leach, Mike Koviacks, Mike O'byrne**

**Biggest Rival: Delaware**

**Best Player Nickname: Bear (Andrew Flores)**

**2013 Season Outlook: We are looking to have a bounce back year and capitalize on the talent we have. Our goal for this year is to win our conference and make it to regionals.**

**Manager Quote: "It's all about getting back to the basics. We have to commit to getting the small things right in order to be successful." - Jake Grimm**

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**Mascot: Orange**



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**Location:** Syracuse, NY

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Perry Russom, Nick Dellefave / Coach Adam Olinksi

**2012 Performance:**

- Record: **1-5-1**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **1-5**
- Notables: **Made the Final Four in the State College Classic**

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 31**

**Players to Watch:** Isaac Allen, Kevin Mulcahy, Casey Kerr

**New additions:** Jack Finnerty returns from London

**Biggest Rival:** Pitt

**Best Player Nickname:** Chandler "Sandy" Bullock

**2013 Season Outlook:** With Finnerty returning from overseas and the rookies having their feet wet, the Orange will be the team to beat this season.



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**Manager Quote: Practice hard, play harder, party hardest**

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**Team Name:** Towson University

**Mascot:** Tigers

**Location:** Towson, MD

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** President: Ben Berlin Vice President: Zach Hylton Treasurer: Nick Pak  
**Secretary:** Marc Russomanno

**Captains:** James Evans, Chris Bifulco

### **2012 Performance:**

- Record: **8-11**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **Conference: Last World Series: N/A**
- Notables: Going 4-2 at Spring Training in Tampa

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

**1 Award Winner:** Will Joyce ( NAR-East Player of the Week)

**Players to Watch:** Will Joyce (Junior), James Evans (Senior), Adam Pilkerton (Sophomore) Chris Caspar (Freshman, Threw complete game 2 hitter against Loyola)

**New additions:** 13 New players

**Biggest Rival:** In Conference (Delaware) Non-Conference (Loyola)

**Best Player Nickname:** Bieber, One of our freshman looks like Justin Bieber



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**2013 Season Outlook: We are hoping to achieve a winning record, including games in Tampa.**

**Manager Quote: "I think that we have a talented team this year that can help bring a winning record, and hopefully a playoff appearance, something that we have never accomplished before." - Ben Berlin**

## **2013 PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: UConn**

**Mascot: Huskies**

**Location: Storrs, CT**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): John Ponziani (Captain)**

### **2012 Performance:**

- Record: **7-8**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **N/A**
- Notables: **Record in fall 2012 is 4-2**

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

**1B Alex Bryce - NAR All-2<sup>nd</sup> Team**

**C John Jerman - NAR All-2<sup>nd</sup> Team**

**CF Tyler St. Louis - NAR All-3<sup>rd</sup> Team**



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**Players to Watch: 1B Alex Bryce, RF DJ Miller, CF Tyler St. Louis, SS Anthony Viola, P Mitch O'Meara**

**New additions: RF DJ Miller, P/DH Kurt Marut, C/3B John DeDufour, OF Matt Croteau, 2B John Gardner, P Kyle Mahoney, IF Brian Lind**

**Biggest Rival: UMass**

**Best Player Nickname: John "The Prophet" DeDufour**

**2013 Season Outlook: 4-2 in the fall, tied for first place with UMass.**

**Manager Quote: This team has a very good shot at winning the division. We hit very well scoring 57 runs in a 3 game series with Syracuse, and averaging 8.75 runs per game in the fall. DJ Miller leads the team with 2 homeruns, and Alex Bryce leads the way with 13 RBIs and a 1.403 OPS. Leadoff hitter John DeDufour leads the team in batting average at .467. The success of this team boils down to the pitching of returning starters Mitch O'Meara and Brian Rosinski as well as newly added Kurt Marut formerly of the UConn varsity program.**

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**Mascot: Minutemen**

**Location: Amherst**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Coach: Jake Levine, Captains: Rich Casella, Matt Rosenzweig, Colin O'neil, Jeff Stowell**

2012 Performance:

- Record: **19-1**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **1/ Lost in Regional Finals to Pittsburgh**
- Notables: **Paul Cheney was 2nd in the nation in ERA**

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

**14 returning players:**

**Players to Watch: Brandon Kubik, Rich Casella, Matt Smith, John Carroll**

*New additions: John Carroll (Junior RF), Danny Jacques (Freshman IF), Connor Laraway (Freshman OF), Michael Larocque (Junior C), Jacob Tannen (Freshman P)*



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**Biggest Rival:** SUNY Cortland

**Best Player Nickname:** Matt "Swag" Rosenzweig

**2013 Season Outlook:** We've started the season 6-3. We are hungry and eager to get back to the Regional Championship and get the job done this year after a disappointing Championship series against Pittsburgh.

**Manager Quote:**