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## 2013 PREVIEW GUIDE

**Team Name: Clemson University**

**Mascot: Tigers**

**Location: Clemson, SC**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Jon Easton**

**2012 Performance:**

- Record: **18-7**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **South Atlantic - North Runner-up; South Atlantic Regional Wildcard**
- Notables: **T-22 in Final 2012 NCBA Poll**

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): This season, we will be returning 14 players, eight of which started in the South Atlantic Tournament games last May. Of those 8, 5 were selected as 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Region. Each of these 14 returners will be expected to make significant contributions this spring.**



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**Players to Watch: Kevin Gale - A 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Region OF, Gale hands down has the most raw power of anyone in our lineup. In his freshman season, Gale hit .348 with 3 HRs and 18 RBIs primarily out of the cleanup spot. While none of those figures led our team, he easily lost more baseballs in batting practice than anyone, hitting them well beyond the fence and into the woods.**

**Jack McLaughlin- McLaughlin, a left-handed 1B, brings great balance to our lineup, routinely hitting a spot in front of Gale. Also a freshman last season, McLaughlin hit .344, drove in 21, and was tied for second on the team with 6 doubles.**

**Matt Haig- At 6'9" Haig is certainly one of the most physically imposing pitchers in our conference. In his 12 appearances last season, Haig compiled a 3-0 record with a 3.86 ERA. With a K/BB ratio of better than 2-to-1, Haig was named 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Region as a relief pitcher. This season, Haig figures to greatly increase his workload and anchor our pitching staff.**

**Jack Tillman- In 2012, Tillman was arguably our offensive MVP, leading the team in both homeruns (4) and RBIs (27). This season, Tillman seeks to repeat those impressive numbers and claim another spot on the All-Region team.**

**Kameron Williams - Williams was yet another of our 9 All-Region performers, leading our team in homeruns for much of the 2012 season. Williams should continue bring pop and average (.333) in what figures to be a deep offensive lineup.**

**Brian Sudduth- With one of the smoothest swings and perhaps the hardest worker on our team, Sudduth would have likely been yet another All-Region honoree were it not for a broken jaw suffered mid-season. This season, Sudduth should be a mainstay at the top of the order thanks to a good combination of average (.326) and speed.**

**Wade Padgett- Serving as club president last year, Padgett not only led our team in average (.410), but also led Clemson back to the postseason after a two year drought. This season Padgett hopes to repeat his offensive output, while also catching a relatively young pitching staff.**

**New additions: This season we added 14 new players, many of which carried impressive prep accolades. Among these 14 new players include former South Carolina All-State honoree, Jordan Eysen. Eysen's smooth left-handed swing will undoubtedly be a great weapon for us this season. Another notablable newcomer is Steve Gannon, a right-handed pitcher our of Pittsburg. After an impressive showing in our fall season, Gannon is making a strong claim to be one of our three starters this spring. We also expect to see a great contribution from Brian Nester, younger sibling of former Clemson star and current Oakland A's player, John Nester. After transferring to**



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**Clemson this past fall, Nester will likely see a good deal of playing time at either corner infield positions.**

**Biggest Rival:** University of Georgia

**Best Player Nickname:** SP Matt Haig - "Haigermeister"

**2013 Season Outlook:** In what could have been a rebuilding year, 2012 saw the Clemson Tigers return to the postseason after finishing second in the South Atlantic - North to World Series participant, University of Georgia. Now returning 5 of our 9 All-Region performers, Clemson seeks to not only equal last year's success, but build on it and earn it's first spot in the NCBA World Series since 2009. Clemson's offensive lineup should be one of the deepest in the conference, and would be no surprise to see any of the players listed above give Clemson yet another All-American at year's end. With high expectations of a young, but talented pitching staff, Clemson has all the tools to compete among the top teams in the country.

**Manager Quote:** Going into the 2012 season, a grand total of 1 of our players had ever had any NCBA postseason experience. This year, now that over half of our team knows what it's like to play into May, we have made it clear that our goal is not just to make it back to Columbus, but do so as conference champions, and give ourselves the best chance possible to make it to the World Series.

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**Team Name: Coastal Carolina University**

**Mascot: Chanticleers**

**Location: Myrtle Beach, South Carolina**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Jim Swanton-President; Conor Olejarz-Vice President**

**2012 Performance:**

- Record: **12-13 (6-8 conference)**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **5<sup>th</sup> South Atlantic Conference-North**
- Notables: **Sean Mannahan(graduated) Player of the Week**

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

**Players to Watch: Peter Craig, Keith Smith, Dan Morrison, Cody Rice**

**New additions: 14**

**Biggest Rival: Clemson, U of South Carolina**

**Best Player Nickname: Cody Rice -"The RollerCODster"**



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**2013 Season Outlook: Hope to improve on last years record and look to compete for the division this year.**

**Manager Quote: The freshman class is strong this year, especially on the mound where we struggled last season. Our lineup is stacked from top to bottom with talented hitters. I see the playoffs in this club's future. - Jim Swanton**

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**Team Name: University of Florida Club Baseball**

**Mascot: Gators**

**Location: Gainesville**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): President: Matthew Ina. Vice President: Alex Kapacinkas. Treasurer: Anthony Miller. Secretary: Brandon West.**

**2012 Performance:**

- Record: **21-3**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **1<sup>st</sup> in South Atlantic (South)**
- Notables:

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 17**



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**Players to Watch:**

**New additions:**

**Biggest Rival:** Florida State

**Best Player Nickname:**

**2013 Season Outlook:**

**Manager Quote:**

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**Team Name:** Florida State Seminoles

**Mascot:** Seminoles



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**Location:** Tallahassee, Florida

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Jeff Albaneze

**2012 Performance:**

- Record: **12-9**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **3<sup>rd</sup> in the South Atlantic - South**
- Notables:

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

**Players to Watch:** Ryan Todd, Josh Barrocas, Brett Gilman, Jeff Albaneze

**New additions:** Junior Delgado, Jason Wilpon, Kyle Brett, Kristian True, Austin Hickey, Tommy Hanks, Alain Aguiar, Jeff Campbell, Theo Schneider, Brandon Lewis

**Biggest Rival:** University of Florida

**Best Player Nickname:** Jackson "Shredder" Sheddan



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**2013 Season Outlook: After a re-building year in 2012, the Florida State Club Baseball team is looking to win the South Atlantic - South and return to form from the 2011 season with another National Championship run. We have retained nearly our entire team, and added many talented freshman and college program transfers.**

**Manager Quote: UNCONQUERED Go Noles!**

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**Team Name: Georgia Southern University**

**Mascot: Eagles**

**Location: Statesboro, GA**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Kevin Morgan (president), Bryce Chatfield (vice-president), Austin Brown (coach), Marcus Walker (captain)**

**2012 Performance:**

- Record: **2-21**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **Last**
- Notables: **None**

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 3 Starters**



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**Players to Watch: Senior 3B/C Marcus Walker and Junior P Matt Cowart are poised to have a big year after coming off of injury plagued seasons. Outfielders Bryce Chatfield and Ben Morgan look to pick up where they left off last season as 2 of the teams better hitters. Newcomers Greg Robinson (2B), Ryan Edson (P) and Joe Osborne (1B) all look to make immediate impacts for the young squad**

**New additions: Greg Robinson, Ryan Edson, Ronnie Alt, Andrew Broadman, Joe Osborne, Jaylen Clanton, Kevin Leary, Sam Cowan, among many others.**

**Biggest Rival: Macon State**

**Best Player Nickname: Austin "Farva" Brown.... Dude looks just like Farva from supertroopers**

**2013 Season Outlook: While the team is young, it is loaded with talent. After a very disappointing 2012 the eagles will look to rebound in 2013. The team goals are set high, as anything less than competing for a spot in the conference tournament will be considered underachieving. This is an entirely new team with an entirely different outlook and ready to go all the way!**

**Manager Quote: This team has worked harder than any team in our schools history. It's got more talent and more energy. Now its all about how bad theses guys want to win and how much harder they're willing to go the rest of the year. Every thing is there for a special season. Now we just have to wait and see. - Marcus Walker, Captain**



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**Team Name:** University of Miami

**Mascot:** Hurricanes

**Location:** Coral Gables

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** President: Ryan Solow / Head Coach: Mike North

**2012 Performance:**

- Record: **12-9**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **4<sup>th</sup>**
- Notables:

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners):** 15 returning players including two returning Third Team All-Conference players

**Players to Watch:**

**New additions:** 11

**Biggest Rival:** University of Florida



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**Best Player Nickname: Professor Moriarty, Major Tom**

**2013 Season Outlook:** The UM club baseball team recorded its first winning season in the program's eight year history in 2012 and aims to surpass the record posted last year this upcoming season. With a deep pitching staff, a vastly improved defense, and a veteran offense capable of timely hitting, the Hurricanes figure to reach new heights in 2013.

**Manager Quote:** "This team has never been more excited for a season to start. We were young last year, but we're returning 15 players while incorporating the right mix of new guys ready to contribute right away. After a long fall and winter, the Hurricanes are ready to go this season."

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Team Name: University of South Carolina Club Baseball

Mascot: Gamecock

Location: Columbia, SC

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Justin Ide (President/Manager)



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2012 Performance:

- Record:
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results:
- Notables: Under new Management / Coaching

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

6

Players to Watch:

Joey Royoko

New additions:

New Coaches and Staff allowing the program to run more smoothly that previously

Biggest Rival:

Coastal Carolina, Macon State

Best Player Nickname:

Alex (Bear) Doucet

2013 Season Outlook:

In 2013 we plan to make a strong showing. With an entirely revamped program SCClubbasball plans to compete with every team. Our schedule is set up to be extremely challenging including out of conference games against Wake Forest, UNC - Chapel Hill, and ECU.

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Gamecock Club Baseball got off on a bad foot in D1 last year. Understanding the challenges we faced last year we have totally refocused our team goals to not only be competitive in the league, but go out and show everyone that we mean business.

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**Team Name: University Of Central Florida**

**Mascot: Knights**

**Location: Orlando, FL**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Mitchell Johnson, Chase Wilcocks, Ryan Biondoletti, Seth Brenner**

### **2012 Performance:**

- Record: **19-10**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **2012 South Atlantic South - 2nd place, 2012 South Atlantic Regional Finalists**
- Notables: **2012 NCBA Div 1 - 1<sup>st</sup> Team - Chase Wilcocks, 2012 South Atlantic All Region - 2<sup>nd</sup> Team - Seth Brenner, 3<sup>rd</sup> Team - Mitch Johnson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Team - Tyler Willis**
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**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 9**

**Players to Watch: Chase Wilcocks, Ryan Biondoletti, Seth Brenner, Mitch Johnson, Tyler Willis, Derek Jones, Jordan Sperling**



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**New additions: Stephen Beninato, Alex Heller, Aaron Hollowell, Michael Nast, Cory Quackenbush, Andrew Stridfeldt**

**Biggest Rival:** University of Florida / Florida State University

**Best Player Nickname:**

**2013 Season Outlook:** The UCF baseball club has a lot of new and excited young talent. Combined with the experienced returners from last season, the UCF baseball club is set to have a great year. The UCF baseball club also has a handful of junior college transfers which will help contribute their baseball experience to this season's team. The club reached its goals the last two seasons and has set the bar higher than ever. The club is motivated and determined to make sure the NCBA knows where UCF is on the map.

**Manager Quote:** Hard work will pay off.

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**Team Name:** University of Georgia

**Mascot:** Bulldogs

**Location:** Athens, GA



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**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Tyler Jones**

**2012 Performance:**

- Record: **26-6 (17-1)**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **1<sup>st</sup> in SAC conference/ 5<sup>th</sup> in CWS**
- Notables: **Lost to Texas Tech in World Series**

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): Jonathan Vines (All American)**

**Michael Adams (All Region) Evan Laforge (All Region)**

**Players to Watch: Nick Keith, Trevor Czerniawski, Jake Perlmutter, Tyler Jones**

**New additions: Brandon White, Robert Borkhuis, Spencer Middleton**

**Biggest Rival: Clemson**

**Best Player Nickname: Blaine Broth : Vegeta**

**2013 Season Outlook: Looking to get back to where we have been twice in last three years, the world series. Time to finish the drill.**

**Manager Quote: Just win baby!**



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