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## **2014 PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: University of Colorado - Boulder**

**Mascot: Buffaloes**

**Location: Boulder, CO**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Coach Tucker Hincliffe, President Logan Bannon**

**2013 Performance:**

- Record: **10-11**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **6-8 Conference**
- Notables: **Went 4-3 against rival CSU**

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

**Players to Watch: Forrest Jordan, Drew MacMillan, Brett Spencer, Logan Bannon, Christian Nelson, Ryan Van Hooker**

**New additions: Most of our team**

**Biggest Rival: CSU**

**Best Player Nickname: Ryan Van Hooker - Sketch Guy**

**2014 Season Outlook: We are looking to take the Mid-America by storm this year with a largely rebuilt roster. We have many talented freshman coming in. Our pitching staff looks to make progress as our young pitching staff has gained more experience. A lineup built with top to bottom hitting ability looks to put constant pressure on opposing defenses.**

**Manager Quote: "Welcome Aboard!" - Tucker Hincliffe**



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## **2014 PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name:** Colorado State University

**Mascot:** Rams

**Location:** Fort Collins, CO

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Head Coach: Nick Childs, Hitting Coach: Brian Dilley, Bench Coach: Kevin McMillan

**2013 Performance:**

- Record: **17-28 (7-7 conf)**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **Regional Birth**
- Notables: **Began season 1-16, finished 16-12 after coaching change**

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

**Players to Watch:** Brad Spies, Matt Smith, Greg Hart, Travis Childs, Brett Bogner, Alex Marshall, Tate Hughes, Riley Hughes, Zach Gehler, Keenan Garcia, Matt Davis, Phil Miller, Mike Medina

**New additions:** Zach Gehler (transfer from Trinidad St.), Keenan Garcia (transfer from Central Arizona), Phil Miller (transfer from Mars University), Mike Medina (transfer from Mesa State), Matt Smith (Freshman)

**Biggest Rival:** University of Northern Colorado

**Best Player Nickname:**

**2014 Season Outlook:** Rams will be returning 6 starting position players as well as the entire starting pitching staff and core relief pitchers. Last year, every starter carried an ERA below 3.3. New additions include two junior college transfers and two NCAA Div II transfers that will figure to play a big role in



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**2014.** This will mean the Rams will be very solid on the mound (especially with addition of the hard-throwing Phil Miller to the bullpen), and the lineup has been solidified by the other three transfers. With the lineup and coaching staff firmed up (addition of NCBA great, Brian Dille), the Rams offense will be much improved from last year and will look more like CSU teams from four or five years ago and pursue the program's 7<sup>th</sup> National Championship.

**Manager Quote:**

## **2013 PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name:** Iowa State University

**Mascot:** Cyclones

**Location:** Ames, Iowa

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Ethan Schroeder

**2012 Performance:**

- Record: **13-9, 10-2 conference**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **2<sup>nd</sup> in conference**
- Notables:

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners):** 18 returning

**Players to Watch:** Kyle Tjossem, Erik Rasmussen, Chad Allman

**New additions:** Troy Kettwick, Justin Kelm, Ian Probst, Matt Odland, Alex Restemeyer, Thomas Weissbeck

**Biggest Rival:** University of Iowa

**Best Player Nickname:** Kmart



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**2013 Season Outlook: High expectations, looking to contend for conference and have a birth in the regional tournament**

**Manager Quote: "Started from the bottom, now we here"**

## **2014 PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: Iowa Hawkeyes**

**Mascot: Herky the Hawk**

**Location: Iowa City, Iowa**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Presidents: Sean Smith, Jason Avallone, Scott Nowicke. Vice-Presidents: Ryan Leslie, Chris Jennings**

### **2013 Performance:**

- Record: **20-6**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **Finished 6<sup>th</sup> at the World Series**
- Notables: **2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-American: Jason Avallone. 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Regional: Ian Barber, Nick Navin, Logan Cimmiyotti, Brendan Schumaker, Jason Avallone. 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Regional: Scott Nowicke, Sean Smith, Nick Panvino. 3<sup>rd</sup> Team All-Regional: Nick Peterson, Jacob Hernandez**

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



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**Players to Watch:**

**Scott Nowicke, OF:** Nowicke has been a consistent source of power and average over the past 2 seasons hitting .383 with 17 RBI in 2013. Last season he made the Mid-American 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Regional and he will definitely be a key factor to the Hawkeyes success in 2014.

**Sean Smith, 3B:** Sean was a vital part of the Hawkeyes road to the 2013 World Series as he went 7-11 with 2 triples, 1 double, 4 runs scored and 6 RBI in the Regional Tournament. His strong performance at regionals made him the first Hawkeye to ever be named national player of the week by the NCBA.

**Jason Avallone, P:** In 2013 Avallone made the 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-American list becoming the first Hawkeye ever to make an All-American team. He posted a 1.09 ERA and finished the season with 58 strikeouts in 45 innings. Avallone will have a significant role in the Hawkeyes hunt to reach the World Series for a 3<sup>rd</sup> time in 4 years.

**Nick Navin, OF:** Navin had an impressive rookie season in 2013 hitting .380 while leading his team in RBI (23) and homeruns (3) en route to making the 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Regional. Navin will look to build on his strong start and continue to provide the Hawkeyes with power and average in 2014.

**New additions:** Jack Frakes, Jake Gallucci, Dan Zampa, Mike Allen, Brian Orrick, Zach Throckmorton, John Chignoli, Dean Lee, Nick Carmody, Colin Baker

**Biggest Rival:** Iowa State Cyclones

**Best Player Nickname:** Ryan "The Whale Hunter" Leslie

**2014 Season Outlook:** The Hawkeyes lost a few key players at the end of the 2013 season, but a strong rookie class and the return of many veterans has them poised to make a run at a 3<sup>rd</sup> World Series appearance in 4 years.

**Manager Quote:** "Winning is not a sometimes thing"

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**Team Name: Kansas State**

**Mascot: Wildcats**

**Location: Manhattan, KS**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Brandon Lamarche, Ross Fergerson, Thomas Bugner, Ryan Ackerman**

**2013 Performance:**

- Record:
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results:
- Notables:

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

**Players to Watch:** After taking a year off last year to focus on his studies, Ryan Ackerman looks to take back his spot as the lead off hitter and captain of our outfield this season. Senior Ross Fergerson looks to cap off his last year with us with a solid season at the plate. We are also excited to see how some of our new additions will play out with a very talented freshman class. So far freshman standouts Kyle Rohrman and Darren Partee look to settle in at spots in the field to help aid this talented Wildcat team.

**New additions:** Eric Rogowski, Kyle Rohrman, Cole Burnside, Justin Thomas, Alexander Maryman, Darren Partee, Ben Prill, Luke Slugger, Andrew DeBrie

**Biggest Rival:** Kansas University

**Best Player Nickname:**

**2014 Season Outlook:** Kansas State looks to build off of the struggles from last year and with the help of a talented incoming freshman class to make this season the best in our programs history since our first winning season two years ago. The team has grown almost double in size from last year with only losing one senior. The K-State Wildcats have added a few more pitchers and power hitters that will be great additions to what will be the best club team K-State will have put on a field.



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**Manager Quote:** "Play every game like it is your last, cause you don't know when you will get another opportunity to do something great." - Brandon Lamarche  
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## **2014 PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name:** Mizzou

**Mascot:** Tigers

**Location:** Columbia, Missouri

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Brendan Buenger, Yoshi Haynie, Jimmy Benoist

**2013 Performance:**

- Record: **16-7**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **1<sup>st</sup> in Conference**
- Notables:

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

**Players to Watch:** Brendan Buenger, Yoshi Haynie, Jimmy Benoist, Daniel Els, Keith Coulson, Eric Judd, Nolan Komnick

**New additions:** Torrence Sumerlin, William Wilson, Matt Binz, Jon Willie, Daniel Define, Connor Brett

**Biggest Rival:** Kansas

**Best Player Nickname:**

**2014 Season Outlook:** We have a good amount of returning players that should play as the core to the team, but also a few new players that will provide a solid group. We expect to have a good season.



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**Manager Quote: I think we will have a great team and should be able to compete well in the conference and hopefully make it back to regionals.**

## **2014 PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: Nebraska Cornhuskers**

**Mascot: Herbie Husker**

**Location:**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Head Coach: Tyler Sjoberg    Assistant Coach: Chris Ridl**

**2013 Performance:**

- Record: **14-7**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **2<sup>nd</sup> in Conference**
- Notables:

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

**Players to Watch: Wil Hinze; Trevon McGill; Jesse MaGuire; Jackson Pahlke**

**New additions: Scott Demolli; Jesse MaGuire; Trevon McGill; Travis Sedlak; Brennan Stevenson; Cody Woster**

**Biggest Rival: Missouri**

**Best Player Nickname: Colby**

**2014 Season Outlook: Finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in our conference last year while barely missing the wild card birth really took a toll on our team. We have not been to regionals in a number of years and with the**



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experience of our top returners and the talent of our incoming freshman we look to pave our path into regionals in 2014.

Manager Quote:

## **2014 PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: Southern Illinois University Edwardsville**

**Mascot: Cougars**

**Location: Edwardsville, IL**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): President: Laken Settles, Vice-President AJ Skaer**

### **2013 Performance:**

- Record: **16-3 overall 11-1 Conference**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **1<sup>st</sup>:Conference, 8: DII**
- Notables: **District VI Champions**

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

**Players to Watch: Dakota Curlee, Jon Schad, AJ Skaer, Tyler Calvert, and Josh Lazzarotto**

**New additions: Cory Sanders, Josh Lazzarotto, Daniel Seales, Scott McQuality, Rob Bortoletto, Kaiah Miller, Michael Mayer, Grant Feldt, Nathan Boxdorfer, Brett Montgomery**

**Biggest Rival: Southern Illinois University Carbondale**

**Best Player Nickname: Kaiah "Napster" Miller, Robert "Yogi" Johnson, "Herbie" Hancock, Cody "Bambi" Holmes**



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**2014 Season Outlook:** Being our first season at the DI level, we are looking to compete with the teams in our conference and for a conference title.

**Manager Quote:** Little things lead to big things that make a big difference.

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**Team Name:** UNC Bears

**Mascot:** Bears

**Location:** Greeley, CO.

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Kevin Weed, Mike Atteridge

### **2013 Performance:**

- Record: **18-16**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **1<sup>st</sup> in Mid-America West Conference, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Regional Tournament**
- Notables: **Won conference for the first time in team history. Competed in the regional tournament for the third consecutive season.**

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners):** 13 returning players including Second-team All-Conference winner Jeff Pemberton and 2013 Homerun Derby competitor Luke Jackson.

**Players to Watch:** Niko Blindeagle, Jeff Pemberton, Luke Jackson, Kevin Weed, Edison Rodriguez

**New additions:** Edison Rodriguez, Roland Pussich, John Holland, Jaydin Goldenstein, Collin Magnusson, Mac Malone, Alex Rettmer, Ricky Stinnett, Adrian Tafoya, Josh McElhinny,

**Biggest Rival:** CSU Rams



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**Best Player Nickname: Big Momma's House- Luke Jackson**

**2014 Season Outlook: Win conference again, return to the regional tournament, advance to the World Series.**

**Manager Quote: "This team gained a lot of talented depth this off-season to go with a lot of returning players as well. The team all shares the same goal and that is to bring a World Series back to Greeley."**

## **2014 PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: University of South Dakota**

**Mascot: Coyotes**

**Location: Vermillion, SD**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Trevor Doyle**

### **2013 Performance:**

- Record: **7-17**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **3rd**
- Notables:

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

**Players to Watch: 2B-Chris Zimmer, LF- Kirby Nitzschke, 3B- Pierce Smith, P- Steven Blom, RF- Trevor Doyle, C- Sam Parkinson, P- Ryan Lauseng**

**New additions: SS- Hunter Rowe, CF- Jace Holzer, P- Jacob Mihalko**

**Biggest Rival: University of Iowa**



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**Best Player Nickname: Ryan "Ciggy" Kautzman**

**2014 Season Outlook: Once we find the right pieces in our rotation as well as replacing our key lineup spots I think we will be a very competitive team in our conference.**

**Manager Quote: We have to replace the top portion of our lineup this year after losing Peyton Smith, Tommy Berg, and Alex Loes, but I think the guys who are returning as well as our new additions will be able to slide in and provide this team with the production that was lost.**

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**Team Name: University of Wyoming**

**Mascot: Cowboys**

**Location: Laramie, WY**

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

**Head Coach - Skyler Joy**

**Assistant Coach - Will Burger**

**Assistant Coach - Travis Geile**

**Captain - Matt Overton**

**2013 Performance:**

- Record: **17-10**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **District VIII Champions: 1-2 at DII World Series in Paducah, KY**
- Notables: **Finished DII era making WS appearances 5 out of 6 years - finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in 2011**

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

**\*No individual awards in DII\***

**Returning 14 players from 2013:**

**- 5 starting position players**

**- 4 starting pitchers**



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**Players to Watch:**

**New Additions: Casas, O'Grady, Padilla, Robinson**

**Returning:**

**Justin Mette - 2B**

**Beau Hall - SS**

**Matt Overton - C**

**Jeff Crocker - P**

**Tony Goebel - P**

**Rhowe Stefanski - P**

**Dylln Rider - LF**

**New additions:**

Wyoming Legion All-State Players:

Abel Casas - 3B/P - Laramie Rangers

Charlie O'Grady - P - Cheyenne Post 6

NJCAA Transfers:

Wes Padilla - P/UT - Northeastern Junior College (CO)

Kyler Robinson - CF - South Mountain Community College (AZ)

Connor Norton - P/OF - Colby Community College (KS)

Other:

Bobby Davis - 2B - Cherry Creek High School (CO)

Garrett Rinetti - P/OF - Cherry Creek High School (CO)

Matt Lawver - SS - Evanston Outlaws (WY)

Ty Haden - OF - Rock Springs Mustangs (WY)

Chase Lambson - C - Rock Springs Mustangs (WY)

Grant Pulse - P/OF - Cheyenne Post 6 (WY)

Pete Solin - P/OF - Antigo High School (WI)

Adam Hoffdahl - P - Cheyenne Post 6 (WY)

Will Williams - P - Alta High School (OH) \*Former Univ. of Wyoming football player

**Biggest Rival:** Colorado State Rams



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**Best Player Nickname: Assistant Coach Will Burger - "Bitter Bill"**

**2014 Season Outlook: We look to make a new name for ourselves at the D1 level with a revamped roster, full time coaching staff and a new atmosphere focused on becoming one of the best programs in the league.**

**Manager Quote: "'Ride for the Brand' means loyalty, dedication and pride. This is our motto for team chemistry and taking pride in the name on the front of our jersey. I am excited to have a great squad that believes in that going into my first season as a full time coach. Time to bring some Cowboy baseball to Tampa."**

**- Head Coach, Skyler Joy**



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## **2014 PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: Minnesota State University, Mankato**

**Mascot: Mavericks**

**Location: Mankato, MN**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Caleb Hillesheim**

**2013 Performance:**

- Record: **3-4**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **5th**
- Notables: **Chris Erickson with win over #2 ranked PITT**

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

**Players to Watch: Chris Erickson, Luke Sather**

**New additions: Tanner Formanek, Alex Rayman, Jeremy Smith, Jordan Roosa, Nate Buckley**

**Biggest Rival: Iowa**

**Best Player Nickname:**

**2014 Season Outlook: Good team, deep pitching staff. Filled with talent, just need to show it this year.**

**Manager Quote: We have a great team and a lot of talent to work with this year. Hopefully we can get the bats going and back up our good pitching staff. If we make the routine plays behind the mound and hit like I know we can, we could be a tough challenge for a lot of teams this year.**