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2014 PREVIEW GUIDE

Team Name: University of Alabama

Mascot: Crimson Tide

Location: Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Cody Skewes, Scottie Schmidt, Dan Ogilvie

2013 Performance:

- Record: **15-9**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **District VI West Runner-ups (D2)**
- Notables: **Coming off first ever post-season appearance, Finished ranked 15th**

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

Players to Watch: Some returning players to watch will be starting and ace pitcher Dan Ogilvie. Dan will return for his third season as the number 1 pitcher for the Tide. Dan will look to take the Tide deep into games and rack up the K's. Two offensive players returning to watch will be three and four hitters Sam Bass and Cody Skewes. Cody and Sam will provide the deep ball threat along with being able to take walks and get base hits when needed.

New additions: With a lot of new additions a few to watch will be infielders Chase Brashier and Zack Edel. Chase and Zack will be providing solid gloves in the infield, both with the ability to play multiple positions and the ability to hit any where in the line-up. Another new key addition will be 3rd baseman/pitcher Paul Chisolm. Paul will provide the Tide with a consistent glove at 3rd then has the ability to come in the game and give as many innings as needed. The final new key additions will be pitchers Justin Thomas and Zach Imburgia. As newcomers both bring great arms with the ability to throw as many innings as needed and both will be new to the starting rotation.

Biggest Rival: Kennesaw St. because Auburn still has no team. Also with the addition of a team at LSU this should soon become a new rivalry.



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Best Player Nickname: DADDY- Justin Thomas, Melo- Anthony Cinello, Golden Arm- Dan Ogilvie's right arm

2014 Season Outlook: The Tide are very confident in the move up from D2 to D1. With the return of all but one starter the Tide feel very confident in their offense and defense this year. The Tide are already very familiar with their new conference. In making the move up with Kennesaw and also in playing Vandy the last two seasons, sweeping them in both. The Tide also played Georgia Tech two years ago. Even with the move from D2 to D1 the same expectations are around and the Tide are hoping to make some noise and make a post-season appearance.

**Manager Quote: "Might as well" -Cody Skewes
"What hurts more, the pain of hard work or the pain of regret?"**

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Team Name: Clemson

Mascot: Tigers

Location: Clemson, South Carolina

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Pat Twomey

2013 Performance:

- Record: **18-10**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **T-1st, Lost in South Atlantic Regionals**
- Notables:

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

Players to Watch: A power hitting combo who will split time at DH and 1B, Jack McLaughlin and Chase Warren. Protecting them in the lineup is Marist's favorite son, the slugger Kevin Gale (OF).



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New additions: The Tigers welcome a talented new crop of players, beginning with a heavy dose of pitchers. Charles Link, Keegan Gorman, and David Pope bolster what will be a rebuilt starting rotation and bullpen. Key additions Jeff Pullen (C/3B), Tommy Farren (UTIL), Mike Conner (OF), and Brandon Stinson (IF) will add depth to the lineup, and are a welcome mix of freshman, sophomore and junior talent.

Biggest Rival: The Chickens, rather, University of South Carolina

Best Player Nickname: Plenty to chose from here, including: Darshmellow/Slater, Digglet, B-Woo and C-Woo, Big Mac, KG, Skam Daddy, Steve the Pirate, Dicky T, The Barnacle, Tombstone, Keegstand, Tommy John,

2014 Season Outlook: The Tigers, fresh off the worst coaching performance in NCBA history, look to rebound from their worst record in over a decade (18-10). A fusion of new talent has bolstered the team at its foundation, and fans can look forward to seeing a junior laden lineup in 2014, led by Jack McLaughlin, Chase Warren, and Kevin Gale. After losing CUCB HOF family, the Padgetts, what the Tigers lack in booster support will be made up for with speed on the base paths from the likes of Jack Tillman, Jordan Eysen, and former Merrimack College stud Dan Bresciani. Finally, the CUCB pitching staff has 5 pitchers who could be starters, so pitching should be a position of strength with Steve Gannon leading the way. Keep your eye out for some Tigers coming off injuries who could be poised for a solid season.

Manager Quote: "Low on bones...But who is trying to turn?" -Pat Twomey

2014 PREVIEW GUIDE

Team Name: Coastal Carolina University

Mascot: Chanticleers

Location: Myrtle Beach, SC

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Jim Swanton, player/coach
Conor Olejarz, player/coach



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2013 Performance:

- Record: 7-10
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **4th in South Atlantic- North conference**
- Notables: series sweep against Georgia Tech, beating Clemson at Clemson

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

15 returning players, including 5 players who started regularly

Players to Watch: Kendall Ulmer- he broke out last season with a .421 batting average and has been killing it in the games this past fall. Connor Skrypek- a freshman second baseman who was able to rack up 12 steals in 10 games this fall, as well as two home runs. Ryan Elko- a transfer from Francis Marion University, Elko has big shoes to fill, replacing our All-Conference first baseman. So far this fall he's done nothing but impress, hitting a team-high 4 home runs and having one of the best on-base percentages on the team. Jeff Hutchins- one of the best pitchers on the staff, Jeff was lights out this fall, letting up only three runs in his 12 innings pitched.

New additions: Connor Skrypek, second baseman
Ryan Elko, first baseman
Jared hall, pitcher
Rob Banks, outfielder
Patrick Boyle, third baseman
Brett Cooper, outfielder
Matt Kline, pitcher
Jalen Rice, pitcher
Mike Shadday, pitcher/first baseman/ DH

Biggest Rival: Clemson

Best Player Nickname: Steve "The Pirate" Woloshin

2014 Season Outlook: we have big hopes for this team based on how we performed in the fall season. We will absolutely be in competition for the best record in our conference, and look forward to our first playoff appearance since 2009.



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Manager Quote: "We've always started off the spring season slow, costing us valuable wins in the first months of the season. No this year. We had the most exhaustive fall schedule in the history of this team, and we aren't coming out rusty this time around. Get your sweet tea and biscuits ready, it's going to be a show all season long."

2014 PREVIEW GUIDE

Team Name: Florida State Seminoles

Mascot: Osceola and Renegade

Location: Tallahassee FL

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Matthew Hughes, Jeff Albaneze, Jason Wilpon

2013 Performance:

- Record: **13-5**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **4**
- Notables:

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 18 returning players, 3 of which were award winners (Jason Wilpon - Conference Player of the Week, Matthew Hughes - Conference Pitcher of the Week, Kyle Brett - Conference Pitcher of the Week)

Players to Watch: Kyle Brett and Matt Hughes are both returning starting pitchers that had great years last year. Jason Wilpon will lead the outfield and the batting order. Morgan Cowan, the new starting catcher, will also be a staple in the Noles batting order.

New additions: Dominic Del Monte and Ryan Kammerdener, two strong pitchers that can both start and close, and Matt Zanis, a solid glove at third base. Morgan Cowan has also come in and claimed the job as the starting catcher.

Biggest Rival: UCF

Best Player Nickname: Jackson "Shredder" Sheddan



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2014 Season Outlook: The Noles are looking to go deep in the playoffs this year with new additions that have solidified the lineup and some new pitching to complete the rotation. With 7 returning starters that were position players and 2 returning starting pitchers, the Noles are going to be a team to beat this year.

Manager Quote: The Noles graduated one senior last year and replaced him in his starting position, while taking in new players to sure up the lineup. We look to be a force in our conference and make a push deep into the playoffs.

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Team Name: University of Florida

Mascot: Gators

Location: Gainesville, FL

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Coaches: Alex Kapacinkas, Brandon West, Corey Graf, Grayson Pylant. Captains: Andy Jones, Sky Beck, Andrew Stricklin, Matt Ina

2013 Performance:

- Record: **16-11**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **World Series Semi-Finalists**
- Notables:

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 19

Players to Watch: Corey Graf, Andy Jones, Andrew Stricklin, Patrick Pinak, Grayson Pylant, Lee Kinzel

New additions: Taylor Byle, Jordan Sperling, Jeffery Barnes, Gio Ayala, Chris Hancock, Danny Molino, Zack Zaversnik, Rob Hill, Roni Nuesi, Tim Kline



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Biggest Rival: Florida State

Best Player Nickname:

2014 Season Outlook: The 2013 World Series semi-finalist Florida Gators return in 2014 with all 3 starting pitchers, 8 of 9 position players with the most plate appearances, and many key backups all returning. With the addition of a ton of new talent to the returning roster, the Gators will be attempting to return to, and win, the World Series in 2014.

Manager Quote:

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Team Name: Georgia Southern University

Mascot: Eagles

Location: Statesboro, Ga

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Matt Cowart and Ben Smith

2013 Performance:

- Record: **4-18**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results:
- Notables: **Our catcher, Marcus Walker, was named an NCBA All American**

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 7

Players to Watch:

New additions: 10 new players



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Biggest Rival: UGA

Best Player Nickname: Farva

2014 Season Outlook: Looking to have a competitive regular season and qualify for the NCBA playoffs

Manager Quote: " We have a solid team this year, who even though is pretty young, definitely has the potential to compete with any team we face. "

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Team Name: Kennesaw State University

Mascot: Owls

Location: Kennesaw, GA

Captain(s)/Coach(s): John Brinson (Co-HC), Chris Owens (Co-HC), Carl Brown (AC)

2013 Performance:

- Record: **24-2**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **1st in District/D2 National Champions**
- Notables: **Finished undefeated against DII opponents, including 10 come-from-behind victories**

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

Players to Watch: Joshua Orfe P/DH, Brett Jeffares 2B/OF, Jeremy Sanders P/UT

New additions: Brett Jeffares 2B/OF, Chris Chaphe C/P, Stephen Ibar OF/P, Andrew Kuntz P/OF, Wesley Smith 3B, Patrick Kendrick 1B, Dylan Gates 1B

Biggest Rival:



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Best Player Nickname: Chris Farley (Neil Grachek)

2014 Season Outlook: After finally realizing the goal of a DII National Championship and posting a record of 60-14 overall, the Owls are now ready to succeed at the DI level. With an ambitious schedule that includes visits to ECU, South Carolina, , and UGA, Kennesaw State has its eyes on a 4th straight conference championship and a 3rd straight WS appearance.

Manager Quote: "We competed every year at the DII level and we expect this season to be no different in DI. There's going to be challenges along the way, but it is up to me and my coaching staff to have these guys prepared to play every single game. We are here to make some noise and leave our mark on the NCBA."

- John Brinson, Head Coach

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Team Name: University of Miami

Mascot: Hurricanes

Location: Coral Gables

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Dan Briggs - President / Michael North - Head Coach

2013 Performance:

- Record: **14-9**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **6-6 conference record**
- Notables: **Defeated three ranked opponents (FSU, UCF, UF), one win from postseason**

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 15 returners / 2 All-Conference players (Rich Moriarty, Jon Cohn)

Players to Watch: N/A



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New additions: Chandler Andrewson (SS, P), Brian Castles (P, OF), Jake Greenberg (1B), Beau Hauser (INF), Jimmy Maguire (OF), James Oliver (OF), Vince Panvini (P), Austin Sapin (OF), Jake Skolnik (Util.), Adam White (2B)

Biggest Rival: University of Florida

Best Player Nickname: Cohny 2012, J-Smoove, Professor Moriarty, J-Bones

2014 Season Outlook: This is an important year for the University of Miami club baseball team. The club has steadily improved the last few years and hopes to make that final push toward the postseason. Last year, the team was one win away but lost to a talented University of Florida squad on the last day of the season. This year, the Hurricanes hope to turn last year's close losses into wins with an improved offense coupled with a talented pitching staff that returns every starter and reliever.

Manager Quote: "With a constructive fall behind us, the Hurricanes are eagerly anticipating Opening Day against FIU on Feb. 1. Our schedule is challenging and we will know what we have and how we match up with the rest of the conference with our first conference series in Tallahassee. We have great chemistry and a lot of talent. It will be a fun year highlighted by the spring break trip to Tampa and hopefully a return to Tampa for the World Series." -Michael North

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Team Name: University of Central Florida

Mascot: Knights

Location: Orlando, Florida

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Chase Wilcocks, Mike Nast, Skylar Summers

2013 Performance:

- Record: **23-5**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **1st in conference**
- Notables:



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Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 9 returning players: 1 1st team All-region (Stephen Beninato), 2 2nd team All-region (Mike Nast and Skylar Summers), and 1 3rd team all-region (Chase Wilcocks).

Players to Watch: Alex Arellano- 3B. Jason Bahr- P. Austin Tuttle- SS. Stephen Beninato- 2B. Mike Nast- RF. Chase Wilcocks- C. Skylar Summers- CF

New additions: We have a whole new pitching staff with Jason Bahr as game 1 starter. Alex Arellano and Austin Tuttle are Junior transfers who will hold down the left side of the infield.

Biggest Rival: UF

Best Player Nickname: Nasty

2014 Season Outlook: I expect our team to get over the hump and get to the world series this year.

Manager Quote: I think this is most talented team that UCF has put out. Our hitting and defensive will be better than last year. We do not have the aces like we had last year with Seth Brenner and Tyler Willis, but our pitching staff is deeper and I believe they will get the job done.

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Team Name: University of Georgia

Mascot: Bulldogs

Location: Athens, GA

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Nick Keith; Blaine Broth; Trevor Czerniawski



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2013 Performance:

- Record: **15-2 Conference 19-10 Overall**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **Lost in the regional tournament as a top 10 team. We didn't hit the way we had been all year.**
- Notables: **Our conference record was second to none. Our non-conference games were games that allowed us to play our players that might have not been able to play as much as they expected during the year.**

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

Players to Watch: Michael Gustafson, Nick Keith, Blain Broth, Austin Chiang, Trevor Czerniawski, Taylor Harden, Spencer Middleton

New additions: We have about 14 new players in all different positions, some are older and some are younger. These 14 new players have made the team based on their athleticism, ability to fit in, and desire to win.

Biggest Rival: Florida State, Clemson, and Kennesaw St.

Best Player Nickname: Cha-Chang for our centerfielder Austin Chiang

2014 Season Outlook: Making it to regional play is our immediate goal, we have made it the past 5-7 years and we don't plan on missing out this year either. Once we enter regional play, we plan to use our pitching wisely and play some smart baseball so we can advance and win the NCBA World Series.

Manager Quote: We can't be the best by simply going through the motions, we have to successfully carry out our actions better than any other team.

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Mascot: Forty-Niners

Location: Charlotte, NC

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Andrew Poston (Manager/ Vice President), Nate Brown (Bench Coach/Pitching Coach/ Captain/ President), Anthony Campbell (Hitting Coach/ Captain/ Treasurer), Andrew Schneider (Fielding Coach/ Captain/ Secretary)

2013 Performance:

- Record: **12-11**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **Third in Mid-Atlantic West**
- Notables: **Finished above .500, and competed for a conference title until the last weekend.**

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 12-14

Players to Watch: Aaron Bare, Matt Illuminati, Jared Fortune, Nate Brown, Andrew Schneider, Anthony Campbell, Hunter Poston, Nick Harding, Keith Anderson, Chris Callahan, Kendall Kerr, and Campbell "Cooper" Anderson

New additions: Jared Fortune (transfer from Catawba College), Nick Harding (transfer from ECU Club Baseball), Hunter Poston (freshman, NC top 5 in fielding as a senior in HS), Matt Illuminati, Kendall Kerr, Aaron Bare (freshman, 1.47 ERA as a senior in HS), Chris Callahan (freshman, HS team was 24-6 as a senior), Keith Anderson (freshman, best fielder and highest BA on his HS team as a senior), and "Cooper" Anderson (94 RBI, 7 HR, .421 BA in his HS Career, .611 as a HS Senior)

Biggest Rival: Whoever we play next

Best Player Nickname: Illuminati (It is his real last name)

2014 Season Outlook: We look to make a run at a conference title, regional bid, and potentially a World Series berth, we have 27 games scheduled for the 2014 season, and we hope to have a 20+ win season.

Manager Quote: The guys have worked hard all fall to prepare for the spring, our coaching staff has prepared them for what is going to be a challenging, but winnable, spring schedule. We feel as if we have the talent to



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compete between the lines with everyone we face. When UNC Charlotte rolls up, we are coming to challenge you, and we will never back down. Our team is scrappy; our team is tough, and our opponents are going to have to earn every run against us because we don't give out freebies. We want to out heart, out grind, and out play our opponents, and we are looking forward to an exciting spring season, and as always: GO NINERS!

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Team Name: Vanderbilt

Mascot: Commodores

Location: Nashville, TN

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

2013 Performance:

- Record: **4-11**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **4th/5**
- Notables:

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

Players to Watch: Andrew Vancura; Sr; SS, Jake Books; Sr; OF, Jordan Friedman; Jr; 3B, Jalen Chang; So; P

New additions: Kevin Calamari; Christian Gregorich; Tyler Jacks; Eric Kessler; Jack Lubin; Ernie Roth; Ben Sampson; Adam Luftig

Biggest Rival: N/A

Best Player Nickname: Kevin "Squid" Calamari

2014 Season Outlook: We have a talented group of freshman joining the team and they will be a great complement to the veterans on the team. The new conference we were placed in has some great competition and we look forward to making some noise.



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Manager Quote: We plan on making some noise in our new division and grow as a team



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Team Name: University of South Carolina

Mascot: Gamecocks

Location: Columbia, SC

Captain(s)/Coach(s):

Dillon Myers (Captain)

Sean Newell (Captain)

Chad Silcox (Captain)

Keith Anderson (Captain)

Hayden Lipham (Captain)

Sean Merrit (Coach)

2013 Performance:

- Record: **14-10**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **3rd in SAC North**
- Notables: **Ended one win away from regionals**

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

10 Returners

John Arnold (South Atlantic 3rd Team - All Region)

Dillon Myers (South Atlantic 1st Team - All Region, 3rd Team All American)

Players to Watch:

Jeff Granger

Ryan Spiker

Jake Stewart

New additions: Numerous

Biggest Rival: Clemson

Best Player Nickname:

2014 Season Outlook: Coming off the programs best season yet, the Gamecocks look to storm into the 2014 campaign and receive the programs first regional bid.

Manager Quote:



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Team Name: Georgia Tech

Mascot: Yellow Jackets

Location: Atlanta, GA

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Head Coach: Brian Leach

2013 Performance:

- Record: **10-13**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **5th in the South Atlantic - North Division**
- Notables: **Started the season with a sweep of Armstrong Atlantic**

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

17 Returning Players

Players to Watch:

Hunter Wheeler, Chad Pollitt, Garrett Meyer

New additions:

Chad Pollitt, Garrett Meyer, Trey Thomas, Kevin Breslin, Adrian Gonzalez, Chris Lung, Jack Anniños, Bobby Cork, Alan Grusy, Doug Philpott

Biggest Rival:

University of Georgia

Best Player Nickname:

Matt Walton - The Sloth

2014 Season Outlook:

We expect to see modest improvements on last year's record. We've added a lot of new blood, and a few players are returning from time off to pursue employment opportunities. We expect to be above .500 this year.

Manager Quote:

"I am excited and optimistic about the upcoming season. I think we have a great group of young men, and if things work out the way I think they can, we could go on a good run"

-Brian Leach