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2014 PREVIEW GUIDE

Team Name: Appalachian State Univeristy

Mascot: Mountaineers

Location: Boone, NC

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Ben Duncan, Mike Aiello, Patrick Sekel

2013 Performance:

- Record: **11-5**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **9-3 conference. No regionals**
- Notables: **Win over conference champion Kentucky**

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): Josh Kelly (ace pitcher) Tyler Piercy (#3 pitcher) Ben Duncan (top bullpen guy). Gerrit Vanderhagen (leading hitter) Seth Boyce

Players to Watch: Josh Kelly coming off a summer leading the Carolina Virginia Colliegate Summer League in ERA. Jamey Meeker a freshman shortstop made varisty roster for fall. Seth Boyce middle infielder/outfield former Wingate play

New additions: Jamey Meeker (shortstop made varisty roster) Clark Jones (outfielder/closer) Matt Hodges (former Coacker catcher and pitcher) Michael Dudd (former Western Carolina middle infielder)

Biggest Rival: East Carolina. In 2012 won 2 out of 3 games to win Mid Atlantic Region. East Carolina will be biggest rival entering the move the the Mid Atlantic South

Best Player Nickname: Gatter Vanderhagen (Dutch)

2014 Season Outlook: After a dissapointing 2013 season Appalachian State looks to rebound and get back to the NCBA World Series. With some talent coming back and a solid pitching staff lead by Josh Kelly and Tyler Piercy Appalachian State looks in good shape. Freshman class is really strong along with some other newcomers such as transfers from Western Carolina, Guilford, and Coacker. The new tougher conference will be a real challenge for the Mountaineers.



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Team Name: University of Cincinnati

Mascot: Bearcats

Location: Cincinnati, OH

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Graham Russell, Brock Cousino, Nick Hansman, Timmy Jurowski, Dan Comes

2013 Performance:

- Record: **13-14**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **4th in GLE**
- Notables: **Swept #1 D2 team**

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 13, Garrett Lieb was 3rd Team All Region (returning all 8 starting position players, and top 6 pitchers as well as closer)

Players to Watch: Brock Cousino, Timmy Jurowski, Garrett Lieb, Drew Mesker, Graham Russell

New additions: Dan Harrington, Alex Huey, Danny Kaletta, Chase Meyers, Austin Parker, Shane Ramey

Biggest Rival: Xavier

Best Player Nickname: Schwehm-Dog Millionaire

2014 Season Outlook: Coming off of back to back winniest seasons in school history, UC Club Baseball is optimistic looking for its first conference title. Returning all starting positions and the vast majority of the pitching staff, as well as several key additions confidence is high. Cincinnati will not be overlooked.

Manager Quote: It's not the will to win that matters—everyone has that. It's the will to prepare to win that matters.

What makes something special is not just what you have to gain, but what you feel there is to lose.

Don't do something until you get it right, do it until you can't get it wrong.



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Team Name: University of Dayton Club Baseball

Mascot: N/A

Location: Dayton, OH

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Adam Valko- President, Alex Borgert- Vice President

2013 Performance:

- Record: **5-9**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **4th or 5th, WS:N/A**
- Notables:

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

Players to Watch: Kevin Seals, Alex Borgert, Joe Hannigan, Michael Best

New additions: Michael Best, Joe Delisio, Treg Francis, Grant Hagedorn, Nick Heimbaugh, Eric McGill, Eric Reardon, Brandon Witt

Biggest Rival: Ohio State

Best Player Nickname: Alehouse

2014 Season Outlook: Hoping to earn a bid to the regionals and play for a spot in the World Series.

Manager Quote: "I feel that after getting all of our guys playing time in the fall, we have every piece necessary for a successful spring campaign, and compete for our conference title"



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Team Name: East Carolina University

Mascot: Pirates

Location: Greenville, NC

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Head Coach: Joe Caracci, Associate Head Coach: Ben Fox, Assistant Coach: Tyler Ruffin, Assistant Coach: Seth Moorman, Developmental Head Coach: Josh Williams, Developmental Assistant Coach: Ryan Smith, Manager: Donta Lewis

2013 Performance:

- Record: **29-7**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **3rd in MAR South**
- Notables: **Reached #1 in the Nation for the 3rd straight year. Undefeated against NJCAA opponents. First time in 4 years ECU wasn't in Postseason (lost 4 conference games by 1 run). Set program highs in almost every offensive statistical category, at same time set all time lows in most defensive and pitching categories.**

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 16 returners from 2013 Roster. 2013 All American Kyle Pratt, 2012 All American Jim Leggett. All region performers Kevin Sanders, Trey Euverard, Nick Thrasher, Corey Case, Brandon Denton, Mark Brown, Jim Leggett.

Players to Watch: Several Returning players will look to lead in 2014 on the field and off, Kevin Sanders who set an ECUCB program record with a .560 batting average in 2013 will anchor the middle of the order once again along with Nick Thrasher. All American Kyle Pratt looks like a lock again to lead things off. Jim Leggett is returning to All American form after suffering an injury in 2013, rehab has gone well. Two way player Corey Case will look to build on a freshman season in which he set freshman program records for average, RBI, hits, and WHIP on the mound.

New additions: 16 returners means there are 17 guys who weren't around last year. We looked to fill some of those pitching and defensive holes in 2013 and think we did so nicely. NINE new pitchers have been added to the staff along 6 returners. The pitching additions are highlighted by NCAA D1 transfer pitchers RC Hubard and Shane Carter who sure up the staff along with NCAA D3 transfer James Pearce and NJCAA transfer Trey Brown. Two freshman will make an immediate impact on the bump as well, relief specialist Shane Garbarino and the highly touted South Meck star Earl Oliver have reserved spots on the 2014 Club Pirates pitching staff. On the position player side NCAA d3 transfer James Pearce will also play middle infield and likely hit near the top or middle of the order, defensive specialist Walker



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Gaddis will hold down the SS position and look to add consistency to the Pirate defense. Four freshman position players join one of the most promising freshman classes since 2007 and will add great depth across the diamond.

Biggest Rival: NCSU, it's one of the best rivalries in the NCBA, why deny it!

Best Player Nickname: "Sauce": Logan Sutton

2014 Season Outlook: A great year ended with a disappointing finish in 2013, it's in the rearview and we are hungry and most importantly humble in 2014. Our iron clad goal is to win the MAR South Conference and return to the postseason. Of course this is no easy task but we feel like our weaknesses have been addressed and if we can have great focus we will give ourselves a chance to accomplish these goals.

Manager Quote: "Here We Go"



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Team Name: Elon Club Baseball

Mascot: N/A

Location: Elon, NC

Captain(s)/Coach(s): President: Ben Koffel, Coaches: Donald Muller & Drew Forte

2013 Performance:

- Record: **Spring '13 1-11, Fall '13 11-3**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **2013 NCBA Mid-Atlantic South 5th**
- Notables: **2013 Greenville Fall Invitation Pool Champion and Tournament Runner-Up**

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

Players to Watch: Michael Roberts (LHP), Sam Bonifant (LHP), Aubrey Wilkerson (OF), Jack Reiland (OF), Bryan Guidal (SS), Matt Browne (2nd)

New additions: Jack Reiland, Bryan Guidal, Sean Tamayo, Justin Cedeno, Chase Davis

Biggest Rival: Eastern Carolina University

Best Player Nickname: Bryan "Caveman" Guidal

2014 Season Outlook: Made tremendous improvements in the Fall and looking to take that momentum into the Spring. The way we see it, the NCBA Mid-Atlantic South is an extremely strong and talented division, but we don't see that as an excuse to compete for a conference title. Check out our new website and promotional video

<http://elonclubbaseball.com/teams/default.asp?u=ELONCLUBBASEBALL&t=c&s=baseball&p=home>

Manager Quote: Never been a huge fan of inspiring through quotes. Our goal this year is to create a winning environment. We can compete with anybody out there if we have an expectation to win.



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Team Name: George Washington

Mascot: Colonials

Location: Washington DC

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Jimmy Hilk, Sam Meisenberg

2013 Performance:

- Record: **4-10**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results:
- Notables: **Ending the season on 2 game win streak over rival Virginia with timely hitting.**

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

Players to Watch: Jimmy Hilk, Pitcher

New additions: Rob Costello, Pitcher

Biggest Rival: Virginia

Best Player Nickname: Jimbo Slice

2014 Season Outlook: The Colonials look to continue to be competitive in the highly elite Mid Atlantic North conference. A cast of new players will need to fill the gaps left by departing seniors.

Manager Quote: "If we throw stikes, move the runners up, and play behind the pitcher, we'll be hard to beat. You're tough to beat if you play your game."



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Team Name: James Madison University

Mascot: Dukes

Location: Harrisonburg, VA

Captain(s)/Coach(s): President Zach Cutter

Vice President Stephen Dombrowski

Head Coach Andrew Green

2013 Performance:

- Record:
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **2nd Place Conference/2nd Place World Series**
- Notables: **Won MAC Regional Tournament**

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 21

Andrew Green 1st Team All-Region/1st Team All-American

Tyler Caton 2nd Team All-Region

Dillion Rudnicki 2nd Team All-Region

Mitchell Bowers 2nd Team All-Region

Zach Cutter 3rd Team All-Region

Players to Watch: Stephen Dombrowski Jonathan Bitto, Justin Sommer, Henry Brandmark, Jamie Danehower

New additions: Ben Reigart, Clark Siebels, Michael Clements, Connor Sullivan, Dan Cochrane, Greg Zajic, Jake Swan, Matt Woods, Shane Haley

Biggest Rival: Virginia Tech

Best Player Nickname: Dan Cochrane - Cookie

2014 Season Outlook: Our team is looking forward to working hard and having a good time playing some of the best teams in the country throughout the regular season.



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Manager Quote: Best group of guys anyone could ask to be around and we all know our what we can do well. We will put that together to play as a team and be competitive with everyone we play.



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Team Name: University of Kentucky

Mascot: Wildcats

Location: Lexington, KY

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Alex Marmitt, Taylor Levi, Davis Rhodes, Bryan Leist, Mark Neathery

2013 Performance:

- Record: **14-4**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **Eliminated at Regionals**
- Notables: **Mid Atlantic West Champions**

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

Players to Watch: Branden Wesley, Zach Reks, Michael Davis

New additions: Branden Wesley, Zach Reks, Rob Brooks, Sam Hilton, Evan Sawyer, Joe Russo

Biggest Rival: University of Miami(OH)

Best Player Nickname: Elliott "Big Dawg" Hutton

2014 Season Outlook: Looking to repeat as Mid Atlantic West Champions on the way to a Division I World Series Championship.

Manager Quote:



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Team Name: University of Maryland

Mascot: Terrapins

Location: College Park, MD

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Coaches - Tejus Kulkarni, Koby Cavanagh. Captains - Andrew Dane, Chris Descalzi, Ben Strack

2013 Performance:

- Record: **11-12**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **4th/Not Applicable**
- Notables: **Won Penn State Classic - Fall 2013**

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

Players to Watch: Tejus Kulkarni, Koby Cavanagh, Dalton Durocher, Jeremy Conley, Ben Strack

New additions: N/A

Biggest Rival: James Madison

Best Player Nickname: Stracktus (Ben Strack)

2014 Season Outlook: Strong performers in fall serve for high potential and excitement for the upcoming season

Manager Quote: With the returning players and new additions from the fall, we have a lot to be excited about as a team. We have had a lot of potential in recent years, but haven't realized it. The key this year will be executing in every phase of the game, to reach our final goal: the World Series.



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Team Name: Miami University of Ohio

Mascot: Redhawks

Location: Oxford, Ohio

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Matt Molini, Taylor Compton, Dan Buford

2013 Performance:

- Record: **15-13**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **5-7**
- Notables: **Had 7 losses last year by 3 runs or less.**

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

Players to Watch: Matt Molini, Taylor Compton, Andy Shafer, Dan Buford

New additions: Sam Laihr, Quinn Dursee, Peter Stanifer

Biggest Rival: Ohio University

Best Player Nickname: Q-Tip (closer)

2014 Season Outlook: We lost one starter coming into this season. Very strong junior and sophomore class. All our starting pitching is back with the addition of 2 more freshman starters. We went 10-1 in our fall schedule and expect to win our division this year, coming down to the last series against Ohio State. We averaged 8.5 runs per game this fall offensively. All new captains and new team structure improves this club greatly. Going to be a dark horse in the spring.

Manager Quote: #darkhorse



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Team Name: North Carolina State University

Mascot: Wolfpack

Location: Raleigh, NC

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Robert Dudley (Head Coach), Matt Hardeman (Assistant Coach), and Brent Lalas (Assistant Coach)

2013 Performance:

- Record: **14-6 (9-3 in conference play)**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **1st place tie, did not earn wildcard bid**
- Notables:

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 12 Returners including All-MAC selections Mike Roach (1st Team), Hunter Lohr (2nd Team), and Carson Frady (3rd Team)

Players to Watch: Our only 4 year player and President Ben Walgenbach, returning pitchers Hunter Lohr, Carson Frady, and Lee Haithcock as well as returning catcher Matt Saylor and outfielder Mike Roach. Watch for major contributions from transfers Niko Simonsen (Navy) and Charlie Parsons (Lenoir CC). Don't sleep on rookies like Heath Smith, Christopher Aronis, and Ben Kelley, all of whom impressed in the fall.

New additions: Chris Aronis, Ryan Byrd, Mark Carraway, Austin Drake, Robby Evans, Ben Kelley, Cliff Koenig, Charlie Parsons, Wil Pearson, John Rishel, Niko Simonsen, Heath Smith, Mickey St. Clair, Jacob Steigerwalt, Matt Sugg, Matt Wacenske, Taylor Waters, Ronny Weiss, and Avery Woolard

Biggest Rival: The team in the other dugout.

Best Player Nickname: "The Silent Knight/Quiet Riot" Blake Pettit,

2014 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.



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Manager Quote: "Don't think; it can only hurt the ball club." - Crash Davis



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Team Name: Ohio University

Mascot: Bobcats

Location: Athens, Ohio

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Mike Toward

2012 Performance:

- Record: **10-10**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **Great Lakes - East (5-4)**
- Notables: **(17-4) Win against Kent State in Tampa & Swept University of Dayton**

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

Players to Watch: Thomas Zigo & Brad Collier

New additions: 9 players

Biggest Rival: Ohio State

Best Player Nickname: Pumbaa (Corey Maddocks)

2013 Season Outlook: Strong conference play and make it to regionals

Manager Quote: Time up lets do this...



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2014 PREVIEW GUIDE

Team Name: Club Baseball at Ohio State

Mascot: Buckeyes

Location: Columbus, Ohio

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Marcus Mamarella--President, Cameron Trefny--Vice President, Mike Leone--Treasurer, Nick Gastaldo--Risk Manager, Bobby Bowles--Secretary

2013 Performance:

- Record: **21-7**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **2nd Place, Great Lakes-East**
- Notables:

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

Players to Watch: Nick Gastaldo-OF, Marcus Mamarella-3B/OF, Brad Taylor-C/1B, Aaron Gase-P, Cory Echols-P

New additions: Jeremy Bank-2B, Cooper Freeman-OF, Brett Griffey-P/SS, Andrew Schuhle-SS, Isaac Klausing-P, Jack Birtcher-C

Biggest Rival: Ohio University

Best Player Nickname: Marcus "Moose" Mamarella

2014 Season Outlook: Ohio State returns a strong core of players from last season's second place Great Lakes-East runner up team. Pitching should be a strength, as much of last years staff returns along with a couple of new off season pick ups. The line-up should be balanced, with some power in the middle and speed throughout. If the team is able to come together and play to the best of its ability, the Buckeyes should have a good chance at contending for the Mid Atlantic West Conference Title.

Manager Quote: "I am really looking forward to this season. We are returning a strong group of players from last year, and we made some good additions this off season. Pitching should be our biggest strength."



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We are returning almost our entire staff from last year, and we have added some guys who will help fill out our staff. I would be confident giving the ball to any of our pitchers on any given day. Defensively, we should be strong, as we have depth at every position, especially in the infield, and we also have some guys who are versatile and easy to move around. Our lineup should be very balanced this season. We have some power in the middle and speed throughout, so we will try to utilize that speed as much as we can. If we play together as a team and utilize our strengths, we should be able to win a lot of ball games."

--Marcus Mamarella-President/Head Coach



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Team Name: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Mascot: Tarheels

Location: Chapel Hill, NC

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Kevin Fortier / Jordan Perrine

2013 Performance:

- Record: **20-7**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results:
- **Conference - 1st Place, Regionals - 2nd Place, 2013 Final Ranking: 12th**
- Notables: **3-0 Sweep vs. NC State University, 2-1 Series vs. East Carolina University**

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

12 Total Returning Players

6 All-Region Players in 2013 (2 Returning)

1 Demarini Longball Participant

Players to Watch:

Position Players: Taylor Meier, Max Wasser, Kevin Fortier

Pitchers: Seth Beane, Austin Cole

New additions: Austin Cole (P), Zach Jansen (P), Alan Shape (P), Randy McNeill (C), Chris Jones (CF), Tyler Schilly (SS), Grant Cabell (2B)

Biggest Rival: East Carolina University

Best Player Nickname: Ryan "BEACH DOG" Campbell

2014 Season Outlook: Very positive, many new players adding speed and power, talented veterans



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Manager Quote: "As President of the UNC Club Baseball team, I am extremely excited for what 2014 holds for us. Our team consists of talented new players as well as strong returning veterans that have been working together to ensure a journey to the NCBA Division I World Series. We are confident in our ability and determined to bring a championship back to Chapel Hill this season."



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Team Name: Club Baseball at the University of Virginia

Mascot: Cavaliers

Location: Charlottesville, VA

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Ryan Slater, Kevin Radford

2013 Performance:

- Record: **5-7**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **3rd**
- Notables:

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

Players to Watch: Leonidas Southerland, Ryne Martinez, Ricky Wesnofske

New additions: Ryne Martinez, Jackson Casady, Braden Casady, Ivan Perez, Vince Thomas, Pete Deluca, Jordan Goldwag

Biggest Rival:

Best Player Nickname: Ivan Perez - Puig; Ryan Porter - Suppatime

2014 Season Outlook: With a veteran rotation and senior-heavy batting lineup, the Cavaliers will look to make some noise in the Mid-Atlantic North this season. The Cavaliers travel to East Carolina and host Cincinnati as their out of conference opponents.

Manager Quote: "She wanted it, so I provided it. And that's how you need to approach every day of your life, boys."



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Team Name: Virginia Tech

Mascot: Hokies

Location: Blacksburg, VA

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Blake Whited & Frank Barkanic

2013 Performance:

- Record: **17-8 (9-3)**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **MAC North Champions**
- Notables: **Took the series from World Series Runner-Up (JMU)**

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 23 Returning players- Pat Guma (1st Team), Paolo Guma (2nd Team), Mike Hembling (3rd Team), Frank Barkanic (3rd Team), Blake Whited (3rd Team)

Players to Watch: The Hokies have added five new pitchers to the already strong pitching staff for a total of 13 pitchers. Watch out for strong pitching performances by Ricky Hodges, Isaac Sterman, Dan Lawler and Mitch Mahoney returning from injury last year. Any player in the lineup is capable of having a big day at the plate every game.

New additions: Ricky Hodges & Isaac Sterman (Former Varsity Pitchers), Tim Aker (OF/P), Will Herzog (P), Mike Grooms (2B), Bobby West (1B), Davis Cyrus (P)

Biggest Rival: Whoever we are playing that day

Best Player Nickname: Pouches

2014 Season Outlook: With the loss of our top starting pitchers, we are looking for our talented pitching staff to step up and battle for the starting positions. We have a deep, versatile, and powerful lineup capable of putting up a lot of runs. Our out of conference schedule consisting of top teams NC State, ECU, and Penn State in the first part of the season will challenge our team to prove our abilities.



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Manager Quote: This is the most talented team we have had in the last couple of years. I am excited to see what this team can do with the potential we have and make our way to the World Series. Learning from past years' mistakes it is key for us to remember that our opponent is the best team we are playing that day.



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Team Name: Wake Forest Demon Deacons

Mascot: Demon Deacon

Location: Winston-Salem, NC

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Dan McLaughlin & Bryan Willis

2013 Performance:

- Record: 10-9
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: n/a
- Notables:

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): Returning 12 players including 6 starters and two former award winning pitchers Alec Christian and Bryan Willis.

Players to Watch: Mike Kreshtool and Will Johnson. Kreshtool is a game changer on the base paths with his 6.6 60 yard dash speed. Will Johnson looks to continue mashing the ball every time he steps up to the plate. Nobody hits the ball harder than Will Johnson when he connects.

New additions: BJ Dickman. Dickman will man the hot corner for the Deacs this year and this promising freshman looks to be a 4 year force in the lineup. With his swagger on and off the field, as well as his strong arm and soft hands, it's no secret Dickman is being groomed as the future president of Wake Forest Club Baseball.

Biggest Rival: NC State

Best Player Nickname: Tie. "Norris" - Bryan Willis and "Valentine" - Nick Adams

2014 Season Outlook: The Deacs look to return to the playoffs after a multi-season absence. This team has 3 and 4 year starters at 6 positions, and will finally have a healthy Jon Oorlog for a full season. Oolog is the key to the Deacs success; with "Logs" potent bat in the lineup the Deacs are easily as deep as ECU and NC State. The Deacs are also a much tighter knit group than in past years; the new chemistry should translate into improved play on the field. The Demon Deacons would like to dedicate their 2014 campaign to former Deac great and 5 year veteran Scott "Chunky" Wilson and his longtime girlfriend Lindsay Fox. Without all of their



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tireless work and dedication over the past 3 seasons non of the Deacs current and future success could be possible.

Manager Quote: “Sometimes you win. Sometimes you lose. And sometimes it rains. Think about that for a second”. - *Bull Durham* & Manager Matt Hamm