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2015 PREVIEW GUIDE

Team Name: Ball State Club Baseball

Mascot: Cardinals

Location: Muncie, IN

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Eric Meyer (President), Nick Staab (Vice President), Matt Gray (Treasurer), Adam Kutemeier (Secretary).

2014 Performance:

- Record: **7-17**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **5th in Great Lakes South**
- Notables: **NC State, Ohio State DII, Minnesota State. Lost to Pittsburgh 8-7.**

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

Players to Watch: Matt Gray (1B), Macklin Runyon (P), Craig Schneider (Inf.), Blake Baumgartner (OF).

New additions: 14 new players on the spring team, including impact players Craig Schneider, Macklin Runyon, and Blake Baumgartner.

Biggest Rival: Indiana

Best Player Nickname: NA

2015 Season Outlook: The Cardinals are looking to bounce back from last season with an array of new young faces on this years team. With strong additions in the pitching position, Ball State is looking to make some noise this year in the Great Lakes South Conference. Our new players are going to fill out the problems we had with pitching, with the addition of Macklin Runyon, Jake Kocher, Jake Stone, Sharpe Marshall, and the return of Eric Meyer, the starting rotation and bullpen is promised to be much stronger. Ball State will need to find ways to create runs, as things on offense aren't as strong.

Manager Quote: "Be accountable in everything you do"



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Team Name: University of Wisconsin-Madison D1

Mascot: Badgers

Location: Madison, WI

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Head Coach: Jeff Block Assistants: Jeff Booth, TJ Diprizio

2014 Performance:

- Record: **21-10**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **1st in conference. 3rd in the nation.**
- Notables: **Won our final 6 conference games to clinch, won the regional in dramatic fashion (down 4 in the bottom of 9) against a very good Illinois State team who stole a game from us in a heartbreaking extra inning loss in Friday's game. Went to the W.S. as the 8 seed and beat the heavily favored #1 seed 16-8 in the first game and another favorite to win it all, Delaware, in 13 innings. We then loss two close games to Utah State due to some uncharacteristic errors.**

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 1st team all region Griffin Lynch is returning as a sophomore. 2nd team all region Robby Wolfe is returning as a sophomore. 3rd team all region OF slugger Chris Hase is returning for his final year. I think we had 5 or 6 seniors graduate which isn't a lot, but they were all major contributors.

Players to Watch: Parker Sear, Chris Hase, Griffin Lynch, Aaron Peterson, Robby Wolfe, Sean Blythe, Adam Boben, Logan August, Rory Menzer, John Raff, Adam Mattson, Jeremy Dixon

New additions: Ed Olson, Taylor Tomczak, Austin Mullins, Nick Clement, Brian Mariska, Nick Newburg

Biggest Rival: UW-Milwaukee

Best Player Nickname: Ror-dogg, Roberto, Boobs, Newbie

2015 Season Outlook: Sunny with a chance of another W.S. run. Joking aside, winning it all is definitely our goal. We got a taste last year and we want to finish the job this year. We had the youngest team we ever had last year with 1/3 of the D1 roster being freshman. We never have had more than 2 or 3 freshman on D1 prior to that. We weren't a great hitting team at the beginning of the year, but we had



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really coachable players who consistently improved their approach to an at-bat as the season went along. By the end, we were one of the better hitting teams around. I'm hoping we can keep that momentum and build on it even more this year. We lost a couple of good sticks, but return a lot of offense still. We also lost a couple of starting pitchers, but have some returners ready to fill the void as well as a very talented trio of Freshman who all performed very well this fall. There could even be a fourth freshman pitcher moved up before the deadline, but we want him to get some innings with D2 first to see if he can gain a little more polish and experience. Speaking of freshman, we have 6 as of now and could add 1 or 2 more before it's all said and done. That means 2/3 of our D1 roster is freshman or sophomores. We are young, but not short on talent by any means. The three freshman position players all had phenomenal fall seasons at the plate and are expected to contribute immediately. As of this moment, all three are in position to be starters. Based on what I saw last spring and what I have seen this fall, I certainly wouldn't want to face our lineup. We lost our leading hitter in the middle of the year last year and we get him back this year. Plus we add some really talented new bats to the lineup as well. We'll see if they can remain consistent.

Manager Quote: We have a talented, but young roster. If we stay focused, work hard, and improve daily, we should be a very tough team by the end of the spring. We lost a couple of reliable starters, but there is a lot of talent ready to replace them. A lot of our success will hinge on their ability to be consistent each time they take the mound. They have a good example to follow in Griffin Lynch, who may be one of the best pitchers in the nation.



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Team Name: Western Michigan Club Baseball

Mascot: Bronco

Location: Kalamazoo, MI

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Bryce Jones - Head Coach, Eric Bright - Assistant Coach

2014 Performance:

- Record: **4-21**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **5th**
- Notables: **Won a Conference game with only 8 players**

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

Players to Watch: Jake Cheslik: First year on the team. Looks to provide help with his bat, and good defense at third base and behind the plate.

Tearon Jamieson: First year on the team. A former walk on on the Western Michigan football team, T.J. will provide his speed and arm in the outfield, as well as a solid bat at the top of the lineup.

Nick Hughes: Third year on the team. Hughes will solidify the middle of the batting lineup with a strong bat, and will be chatting it up with any opponent who makes it to first base.

Collin Lorenz: Third year on the team. Collin will provide the team with strong defensive help in the outfield, and is also known to have the biggest lip in this side of the Mississippi river.

Brendon Ayers: Second year on the team. Ayers will be the Broncos number 1 starter on the mound this season. He will also look to provide some depth in center field, as well as a solid bat.

Eric Bright: Second year on the team. Bright will provide some help in the starting rotation on the mound, and provide some depth in the outfield. He is also the assistant coach on the team, and has the best facial hair in the NCBA.

Jon Fox: Second year on the team. Fox will round out the rotation, and provide some infield depth.



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New additions: Jake Cheslik, Dahlen Quezada, Alexander Gray, Garrett Washington, Ethan Armstrong, Tearon Jamieson, William Bonnanno, Alex Curtin, Brian Hildebrand, Anthony Leone, Evan Thomas, Parker Hunt, Tyler Holmes, Jerrick Parker, Matt Delaney

Biggest Rival: Central Michigan University

Best Player Nickname: Dahlen "Quesadilla" Quezada

2015 Season Outlook: The Broncos look to bounce back from a tough 2014 campaign. With a strong incoming class of freshman, and a strong pitching core, the Broncos will make a run for the conference championship

Manager Quote: "2015 NCBA World Series Champions"
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Team Name: UW Milwaukee

Mascot: Panthers

Location: Milwaukee, WI

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Brennan Johnson (Head Coach), Ryley Rosenfeldt (Assistant)

2014 Performance:

- Record: **8-9**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **2nd in Great Lakes North**
- Notables:

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 12 returning players, two all-conference

Players to Watch: Calvin Falk, Andrew Wolf, Cole Krueger

New additions:

Biggest Rival: UW-Madison

Best Player Nickname: Andrew Wolf (Juice)

2015 Season Outlook: With a lot of returning players and many of them being seniors, the experience is there. It's going to come down to whether or not we can produce runs and capitalize on the other team's mistakes.

Manager Quote: "There aren't many areas in which we lack talent and depth. Our success will be determined by our players' will to win."



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Team Name: Purdue

Mascot: Boilermakers

Location: West Lafayette, IN

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Coach: Luke Versprille, President: Alex Benson

2014 Performance:

- Record: **Overall: 13-10, Conference: 6-6**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **3rd in Conference**
- Notables: **Defeated nationally ranked #10 Central Florida 14-4 at the Spring Training Showcase in Tampa, FL. Designated Hitter Jordan Hill was named NCBA 3rd Team All American.**

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

Players to Watch:

Aaron Gegg - The Junior P/OF is a threat on the mound. He finished the 2014 season with 4 Wins, a 2.605 ERA, and 29 strikeouts.

Pat Canepa - Entering his last year of eligibility, the former 3B/P for Oregon Club Baseball posted a 0.436 AVG with the Ducks and will be a big impact player at the heart of the order for the Boilermakers.

New additions: Pat Canepa - OF, 3B, P; Steven Lorenz - P, OF; Zack Luka - C; Chad Mateja - P, OF; Nick Richter - INF; Lukas Sipe - OF; Mike Smith - OF, P; Ryan Stephens - 1B, DH

Biggest Rival: Indiana/Illinois

Best Player Nickname: Matt Scott, a.k.a "Fat Scott"

2015 Season Outlook:

The Boilermakers had an excellent Fall Season, finishing with a record of 7-2. Their record includes a championship victory at the Athletes In Action tournament in Columbus, OH.



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The Boilers have depth on the mound and will be led by starters Aaron Gegg, Zack Capo, and Thomas Leary. Andrew Arroyave and James Duckmann will eat up innings, as well as newcomers Steven Lorenz, Chad Mateja, Pat Canepa, and Mike Smith.

Look for Alex Benson, Zack Luka, Pat O'Brien, Tyler Smit, and Bill Swift to be key producers at the plate, especially late in the game. Sophomore Catcher Justin Markel is almost fully recovered from a freak injury to his ankle suffered early in the Fall, and will be a key player come conference play.

The depth and blend of production from the returning players and newcomers give Purdue a great opportunity to win their first conference championship. Expect this team to come out with fire and intensity from the first pitch of the game to the last out.

Manager Quote: "EAT!" - Luke Versprille



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Team Name: Northwestern University

Mascot: Wildcats

Location: Evanston, IL

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Eddie Cytryn (Sr.) and Anthony Prousis (Sr.)

2014 Performance:

- Record: 7-12
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: 5th Great Lakes West
- Notables:

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

Players to Watch: Mat Jones (Fr.), Cooper Wetherbee (So.), Alex Baum (Sr.), Eddie Cytryn (Sr.)

New additions: Mat Jones, Abel Rivera, Austin Johnson, Jeremy Greenberger, Zen Iwankiw, Jameson Lamb, A.J. Hopkins, Craig Pilla

Biggest Rival:

Best Player Nickname: Zack "Daddy" Smetana

2015 Season Outlook: Immediate impact from from freshmen in fall season where we went 4-2 in scrimmages (2-1 non-conference games).

Manager Quote: With a lot of work in the off-season and continued motivation and contribution from the rookies, we expect a successful spring. We have 8 seniors who have been really invested in the team for four years and have had big impacts over that time. The combination of them with the rookies could be huge come regular season.



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Team Name: Michigan

Mascot: Wolverines

Location: Ann Arbor

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Brandon Block - Co-President, Gabe Derman - Co-President

2014 Performance:

- Record: **15-0 regular season**
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- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **1st in GL-North, lost in regionals**
- Notables: **Only team to post a perfect 15-0 record during regular season play. The team outscored conference opponents by a total of 151-38, a run differential of +113 during the regular season.**

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

Spencer Allen - 3rd Team NCBA All-American

Brandon Block - 1st Team GL-North All Regional

Players to Watch:

Michael VanderZwagg is the only player you will need to watch.

New additions:

Kieran Foreman, Matt Ross, Mark Tenenholtz, Craig Zimmerman, Michael VanderZwaag, Joseph Beneducci, Daniel Verderese, Jon Perry, Greg Nazarian, Aron Wegner, Miles Shatkin, Chris Dulzo, Thomas Buck

Biggest Rival: Sacramento State...those guys are tough.

Best Player Nickname: Dan "Hammer" Verderese



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2015 Season Outlook: After finishing a perfect 15-0 in conference, the #1 seeded Michigan came up short again at Regionals after dropping games to both Illinois and Wisconsin. Since the back-to-back losses, the team has been sweating out two hot yoga sessions per day and has also been consuming an incredible amount of Chipotle. Go ahead and pair that deadly combo with some bicep curls and cartons up cartons of muscle milk...safe to say the men in Maize and Blue are looking forward to getting back on the diamond. Follow us on twitter: UMClub_Baseball

Manager Quote: "Hot dogs or legs?"



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Team Name: Marquette University

Mascot: Golden Eagles

Location: Milwaukee, WI

Captain(s)/Coach(s): John Schneider

2014 Performance:

- Record: **15-11**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **3rd Place in Great Lakes West**
- Notables:

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

Players to Watch: Austin Higgins

New additions: 8

Biggest Rival: Madison

Best Player Nickname: David "Sunshine" Salvi

2015 Season Outlook: Marquette has big expectations for the 2015 season with strong senior leadership and a talented incoming class of freshmen. The team hopes to build off its performance from the fall season, and improve their efforts in search of a conference championship.

Manager Quote:



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Team Name: Indiana Hoosiers

Mascot: No Mascot

Location: Bloomington, Indiana

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Coach Bob Morgan

2014 Performance:

- Record: 13-7
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: 3rd in Conference (6-6)
- Notables: 7-1 at our Spring Break Tournament in Plant City, FL

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

Players to Watch: Lucas Mueller, Mitch Meyer, Ethan Gaba, Seth Hoffman, Zach Collier, George Cote

New additions: Kyle Mohsenzadeh, Lucas Moehle,

Biggest Rival: Illinois

Best Player Nickname: BeefSquad (Ethan Gaba and Walter Nolan-Cohn), Bubba (Walter) Randall (Seth Hoffman)

2015 Season Outlook: The team is looking to make it to the postseason for the first time since 2010

Manager Quote:
“Hold the Rope”



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Team Name: University of Illinois

Mascot: Fighting Illini

Location: Champaign, IL

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Captains: TBD, Coach: Brandon Shaw

2014 Performance:

- Record: **13-9 (9-3 GLS)**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **9-3 2nd Place (Wild Card For Great Lakes Regional), 1-2 in Great Lakes Regional**
- Notables: **Eric Ashcraft (2nd Team All-Region), Nick Devries (3rd Team All-Region), Brandon Lee (2nd Team All Region)**

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 17 including Brandon Lee (2nd Team All Region)

Players to Watch: Brandon Lee (1B/DH), Hank Pender (OF), Brandon Shaw (P)

New additions: Zach Parks OF/P, Dillon Hoel 2B/3B, Bobby Paddock 2B/3B, Billy Sheeran P, Mitch Meyer OF, Ivan Chen C, Teddy Romas P

Biggest Rival: Illinois State

Best Player Nickname: A.J "Doctor" Sus, A.J "Little Miggy" Sus

2015 Season Outlook: After a 13-9 campaign which included a 9-3 mark in the Great Lakes South Division and a berth in the Great Lakes Regional, the Fighting Illini are looking to return to the World Series after a one year absence. The team is returning 17 players and a majority of their starters. With a core nucleus already made up and a great deal of young talent, the Illini look to return to the top of the Great Lakes South Division and return to the World Series.



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Manager Quote: "We played extremely well during our fall exhibitions going 6-0 after playing games against Michigan and Northern Iowa. I really liked what I saw out of our young players, and I am expecting all of them to make a major impact come the spring. With a solid returning group and a great deal of young talent, I am expecting to make another strong push for both the playoffs and the World Series."-Brandon Shaw



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Team Name: Illinois State University

Mascot: Redbirds

Location: Normal, IL

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Nolan Sammer, Donny Kirk, Chuck Shempf, Kurt Kaufman

2014 Performance:

- Record: **17-6**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **Conference Champs, Great Lakes Regional Runner Up**
- Notables: **Finished the Season ranked 12th in the nation**

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

Players to Watch: Jacob Quaid, Jake Kolakowski, Kurt Kaufman, Chuck Shempf, Nolan Sammer, Conor Funk

New additions: 10

Biggest Rival: Illinois

Best Player Nickname: Donny "The Original Don" Kirk

2015 Season Outlook: We're looking to build on our success from last year, and continue to put Illinois State Club Baseball on the map.

Manager Quote: "We lost some important pieces from last years team, but we've got another great group of guys this year. After having the most sucessful season in team history last year, we know what it takes to get where we want. The sky is the limit for this team. "-Nolan Sammer



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Team Name: University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire

Mascot: Blugold

Location: Eau Claire, WI

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Zach Griebenow, Michael Arnold, Jarret Yuknis, Matt DiMartino

2014 Performance:

- Record: **4-17**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **6th out of 6 in Conference**
- Notables:

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 20+

Players to Watch: Brian Dickow (P), Jarret Yuknis (OF), Adam Bielmeier(IF), Brian Lochner (P/IF)

New additions: Jake Eckardt(OF, P)

Biggest Rival: UW-Madison

Best Player Nickname:

2015 Season Outlook: We were a young team last year so we're looking to work hard this year and improve on a rough season last year.

Manager Quote: We're excited to get in the gym this upcoming January and get to work.



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Team Name: Central Michigan University

Mascot: Chippewas

Location: Mount Pleasant

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Preston Kirkwood

2014 Performance:

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

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

Players to Watch:

New additions:

Biggest Rival: Everyone hates us, so they are all our rivals

Best Player Nickname: Toast

2015 Season Outlook:

Manager Quote: Other teams hate playing us because they know that we have the mental advantage against them. Last year we didn't win as many games as we would've liked, but this year will be different. We have a great team and have great chemistry which will help us lift the trophy.