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## **2015 PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: University of Alabama**

**Mascot: Crimson Tide**

**Location: Tuscaloosa, AL**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Sam Bass President and Scottie Schmidt Vice President**

### **2014 Performance:**

- Record: **13-7 overall and 9-3 conference**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **South Atlantic West Champs**
- Notables: **Conference Champs and made first post-season in first year as a D1 team last year**

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

**Zach Imburgina (Second Team All-American, First Team South Atlantic Region);**

**Justin Thomas (First Team South Atlantic Region); Sam Bass (Second Team South Atlantic Region)**

**Players to Watch: All award winner listed above. Zach and Justin will look to lead a strong pitching staff once again this year. Former varsity SS Zack Edel will also look to anchor the middle infield this year. Other returning players to watch include Scottie Schmidt, Cody Skewes, and Chase Brashier who will all return healthy after all missing time due to injury last season. The Tide will also return closer Joe Gallucci who will look to take on a bigger role this year.**

**New additions: New infielders Chad Swift and Connor Armstrong will bring not only consistent gloves but will look to add some hitting to the line-up this year. New additions will also include adding left handed pitching to the staff with Kirk Hanson, Clay Wagenhals and Tyler Drinkard all joining the team.**

**Biggest Rival: LSU and Kennesaw St; Still waiting for Auburn to have a team**

**Best Player Nickname:**

**2015 Season Outlook: The Tide will look to stay healthy this season. After missing 5 players for multiple weeks last season the team will be deeper in case this happens again and for post-season play. The Tide will have a loaded pitching staff and will look to get the bats going with them this season.**



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**Manager Quote: Roll Tide**



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## **2015 PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: University of South Carolina**

**Mascot: Gamecocks**

**Location: Columbia, SC**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): President: Jake Stewart**

**Vice President: John Arnold**

**Treasurer: Anthony Bartuch**

**Secretary: Chad Silcox**

**Social Chair: Tim Birkmeyer**

### **2014 Performance:**

- Record: **10-12**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **3<sup>rd</sup> in conference**
- Notables: **Keith Anderson, Sean Newell, John Arnold, Tim Birkmeyer, Dillion Myers**

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

**Keith Anderson: 1st team all-region**

**Sean Newell: 1st team all-region**

**John Arnold: 3rd team all-region**

**Tim Birkmeyer: 3rd team all-region, conference leader in ERA**

**Dillion Myers: 3rd team all-region**

**Players to Watch: John Arnold, Christian Bruno, Dylan Nicklas**

**New additions: 12 new players**

**Biggest Rival: Clemson**

**Best Player Nickname: Freako**

**2015 Season Outlook: After underachieving in the 2014 season, the gamecocks look to take the conference title with the addition of a strong incoming class.**



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## **2015 PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name:** Charlotte

**Mascot:** 49ers

**Location:** Charlotte, NC

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** President: Nate Brown

**VP:** Nick Harding

**Secretary:** Keith Anderson

**Treasurer:** Andrew Schneider

### **2014 Performance:**

- Record: **9-13**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **5<sup>th</sup> in Conference**
- Notables:

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners):** 8 returners, Andrew Schneider (South Atlantic 3<sup>rd</sup> Team)

**Players to Watch:** We are expecting big things from Keith Anderson, Austin Buergermeister, Steve Costello, Sam Duncan, Matt Illuminati, Tyler Lapp, Joey Royko

**New additions:** Tanner Boles , Austin Buergermeister, Will Champion, Cody Cobb, Steve Costello, Sam Duncan, Victor Figueredo, Mike Hales, Justin Keith, Tyler Lapp, Joey Royko, Tanner Sponhouse, Austin Zaretsky

**Biggest Rival:** Radford University

**Best Player Nickname:** Carloko for Carlos Matos

**2015 Season Outlook:** We are expecting a strong performance both in and out of conference this Spring. The new additions to this team fill important roles and our returning players provide excellent leadership. With a stronger pitching staff and better bats the 49ers will be a formidable foe this season.



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**Manager Quote: "We need more at-bats out of you guys. More at-bats means more hits."**



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## **2015 PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: UGA Club Baseball**

**Mascot: Bulldawg**

**Location: Athens, GA**

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

**2014 Performance:**

- Record: **11-10**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results:
- Notables:

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

**Players to Watch: Blaine Broth, Austin Chiang, Kellen Gracheck, Brandon Epps, Avery Seckinger**

**New additions: Peter Stern,**

**Biggest Rival: Georgia Tech**

**Best Player Nickname:**

**2015 Season Outlook: Great offensive lineup. Going to score a lot of runs**

**Manager Quote: Swing for the fences and let the base hits drop in.**



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**Team Name: University of Florida**

**Mascot: Gators**

**Location: Gainesville, FL**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Kyle Polansky, Corey Graf, Mike Mancini**

### **2014 Performance:**

- Record: **21-8**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **Conference Champions; 5<sup>th</sup> in Final Poll**
- Notables: **17-7 win vs UCF in Regional Final; 10-9 loss to National Champion Utah St.**

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 18 returners; 8 all-conference; 1 all-NCBA**

**Players to Watch: Christian Pierce, Tom Gizzard, Jeff Barnes, Andrew Stricklin, Sam Bergida, Lee Kinzel, Patrick Pinak, Christopher Hancock, Stephen Capsanses, Andrew Flint**

**New additions: Artur Cary, Keegan Heald, Kyle Distler, Tyler Wills, Sean Iacono**

**Biggest Rival: UCF**

**Best Player Nickname: Zack "Moose" Zaversnik**

**2015 Season Outlook: A large crop of returning players brings hope of a repeat as conference champions, and eventually reign as World Series Champions.**

**Manager Quote: With the the wounds of an extra inning, World Series defeat still fresh, this team has returned in the fall hungry. Every day is a grind for these guys, always working to get better. Our veteran talent combined with team chemistry will hopefully manifest great results.**



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## **2015 PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name:** UCF

**Mascot:** Knights

**Location:** Orlando, FL

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Corey Cohen, Austin Tuttle, Jeremy Tache, Ian Morey

### **2014 Performance:**

- Record: **22-6**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **1<sup>st</sup> in South Atlantic-South**
- Notables: **Finished the season 10<sup>th</sup> in the nation**

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners):** 15 returning players (1 All-American, 6 All-Conference)

**Players to Watch:** David Phrathep, Tyler Dennis, Rudy Salazar, Jorge Alfonso, Austin Tuttle, Adam Wojewoda, Alec Feigenbaum, Jacob Walker, Chris Williams, Jeremy Tache, Jake Moroff, Ian Morey, Andres Hernandez, Randy Cianciotto, Ariel Botwin

**New additions:** Adam Wojewoda, Tyler Dennis, Rudy Salazar, Jorge Alfonso, Spencer Brooks, David Phrathep, Jake Moroff, Chris Williams, Ariel Botwin

**Biggest Rival:** UF

**Best Player Nickname:** Jeremy "The Other JT" Tache

**2015 Season Outlook:** The Knights will look to improve on their 2014 season by seeking their first World Series appearance in school history. After winning consecutive conference championships, UCF has added depth to their lineup along with a vastly improved bullpen. They will return 4 starters in the field, as the rest looks to be filled with junior college transfers. The Knights look to ride their strong arms and solid defense all the way to Kentucky.

**Manager Quote:** World Series or Bust



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## **2015 PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: University of Miami**

**Mascot: Hurricanes**

**Location: Coral Gables**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Rich Moriarty & Sal Maffei (Captains) / Mike North (Coach)**

**2014 Performance:**

- Record: **15-12**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **4**
- Notables:

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

**Players to Watch: Rich Moriarty, Jalen Eutsey, Beau Hauser, Brian Castles, Jon Cohn, Ronnie Rocca, Sal Maffei, Matt Fernandez**

**New additions: Evan Ball, Saud Boujarwah, Michael Fredette, Stephen Kopera, James Litchhult, Joey Miller, Jack Naron, Ryan Rodriguez-Mena, Geoffrey Sangston, Evan Stocker, Shane Wright**

**Biggest Rival: University of Florida**

**Best Player Nickname: Brian "Biebs" Castles, Jalen "J-Smoove" Eutsey, Rich "Professor" Moriarty,**

**2015 Season Outlook: The team is comprised of 10 seniors who have been through four years of highs and lows. This senior class has put together three winning seasons in a row and have won more games than any other UM club team in a three year period. With that experience, and the talent from the new players, this UM team figures to contend for a playoff berth.**

**Manager Quote: "This team put together a good fall and will play two games in historic Fort Lauderdale Stadium to prepare for the NCBA season. With a solid non-conference and difficult conference schedules, the team will be tested every weekend. I believe we have the talent to finally put us over the top and earn a playoff berth."**



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**Team Name: Kennesaw State Owls**

**Mascot: Owls**

**Location: Kennesaw, GA**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Bill Baker, David Branstetter, Tyler Cantrell, Taylor Greenhut, Michael Gwin, Jeremy Sanders**

**2014 Performance:**

- Record: **8-9 (5-6 Conference)**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **4th**
- Notables: **Rookie Chris Chaphe led team in home-runs with 8**

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

**Players to Watch: Paul Reeves, Demarcus Taylor**

**New additions: Clayton Vaught, Paul Reeves, Charlie Morgan, Wesley Alton, Demarcus Taylor**

**Biggest Rival: Bama**

**Best Player Nickname: Trendstetter**

**2015 Season Outlook: 20 games. Expected above .500 winning percentage. Lead Conference**

**Manager Quote: We look forward to a successful season. New players and new talent have given our team high expectations for the 2015 season.**

# **2015 PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: Georgia Southern University**

**Mascot: Eagles**

**Location: Statesboro, Ga.**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Gahrett Gaylord (President/Coach)  
Ethan Sanders (VP/Coach)  
Nick Saavedra (Treasurer)**

**2014 Performance:**

- Record: **7-11**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **5-7**
- Notables:

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 5 returners**

**Players to Watch: Gahrett Gaylord  
Christian Perry  
Jerald Morgan**

**New additions: We have a good number of talented freshmen joining this year's team.**

**Biggest Rival: Clemson University**

**Best Player Nickname: Josh Swinford AKA "Flow"**

**2015 Season Outlook: We are greatly looking forward to this season and competing for a conference championship.**

**Manager Quote: "You're killin' me smalls!"**



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## **2015 PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name:** Clemson

**Mascot:** Tigers

**Location:** Clemson, SC

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Jack McLaughlin, Kelan Drake-Lavelle

### **2014 Performance:**

- Record: **12-7**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **1<sup>st</sup> in Division, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Conference**
- Notables: **Division title**

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

### **Players to Watch:**

- **Garrett Ray** (former all conference player, team batting champion with a .432 average and led the team in home runs),
- **Steve Gannon** (two year starting pitcher, second on team in ERA two straight years),
- **Charles Link** (known as the John Smoltz of CUCB, led the team in ERA and wins in his rookie year last season),
- **Andrew Whitten** (after a few brief stints on the DL, Whitten tore it up posting a .667 batting average in three midseason series, and finished with a .425 average),
- **Jack McLaughlin** (one year removed from his 6 home run season, and is looking to return to that form this season, led team in RBIs two straight seasons),
- **David Pope** (used as the team's only reliever, and in and out of the starter role, Pope's rubber arm should be as valuable as it was last season)

### **New additions:**

**Justin "Black Bear" Mihalik** (has quick hands manning the hot corner),

**Dumb Ed Lora** (and his approach to tip the back shoulder and drop bombs),

**The weird duo of Zach Greene and Gordon Zeesing** on the pitching staff

**Biggest Rival:** South Carolina and Coastal Carolina



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**Best Player Nickname: William "Moose" Musser, Justin "Black Bear, Juice, Tank" Mihalik, Mark "The Shark" Dignacco, "Dumb Ed" Lorah, Jack "Big Mac" McLaughlin, Andrew "Sippitch" Whitten, Steve "The Pirate" Gannon, David PopeMeat, Carl "Smacks" Milner**

**2015 Season Outlook: The Tigers look to retain their division title while also improving on their one win at regionals last season. This teams goal is to win the regional tournament and move on to the Club Baseball World Series.**

**Manager Quote: "We lost CUCB legends like JT Tillman, Eric "Slater" Jakubowski, and Kevin Gale, but have some big additions as well as key returners and expect nothing less than to reload and have a successful season. We return our starting rotation as well as key additions to the pitching staff in Gordon Ziesing and Zach Green. The losses in the lineup expect to be replaced by additions such as Justin Mihalik and former JUCO transfer Mike Miller along with others."**