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## 2017 PREVIEW GUIDE

**Team Name:** Boston University

**Mascot:** Terriers

**Location:** Boston, MA

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Nate Kern, Mike Sandstrom, James Michaud, Zach Coles / Jordan Kessel

### 2015-16 Performance (LAST SEASON):

- 2015-2016 Season Record:
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results:
- Notables:

### Fall 2016 Performance (Should it be applicable)

- 2016 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only):
- Notables:

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

11

**Players to Watch:** Tyler Hickman, Mike Sandstrom, James Michaud

**New additions:** Ben Kilian, Geoff Langner, Austin McCormack, Joseph Paller, Anthony Sciaudone,

### Biggest Rival:

**Best Player Nickname:** Minestrone, James Michaud

### 2017 Season Outlook:

### Manager Quote:



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## **2017 PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: University of Massachusetts Amherst**

**Mascot: Minuteman**

**Location: Amherst, Massachusetts**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Matthew MacLean, Mark Mineo, John Willcox**

**2015-16 Performance (LAST SEASON):**

- 2015-2016 Season Record: **18-5**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **Runner-up in North Atlantic Regional Tournament**
- Notables: **2 wins over 13<sup>th</sup> ranked Delaware**

**Fall 2016 Performance (Should it be applicable)**

- 2016 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): **5-1**
- Notables:

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

**Players to Watch:**

**New additions:**

**Biggest Rival:**

**Best Player Nickname:**

**2017 Season Outlook:**

**Manager Quote:**



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## **2017 PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: UConn Club Baseball**

**Mascot: Huskies**

**Location: University Of Connecticut**

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

### **2015-16 Performance (LAST SEASON):**

- 2015-2016 Season Record: **8-4**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **7-8**
- Notables:

### **Fall 2016 Performance (Should it be applicable)**

- 2016 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): **6-3**
- Notables:

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

**Players to Watch:**

**New additions: Chris Bouchard, Jared Pflaumer, Matt Laveneziana, Tyler Mitchell, John Ogando, Kyle Ramsey**

**Biggest Rival: Boston College**

**Best Player Nickname: "Fredo" aka Mike Afeltrs**

**2017 Season Outlook: Hoping to be the first UConn Club Team to make the playoffs.**

**Manager Quote: We're a group of guys that work as hard as we can to be the best club team out there.**



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## **2017 PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: Towson Club Baseball**

**Mascot: Tiger**

**Location: Towson**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Dean McCann, Andrew Rauh**

### **2015-16 Performance (LAST SEASON):**

- 2015-2016 Season Record: **7-8**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **4<sup>th</sup> in Conference**
- Notables: **Didn't graduate too many key players**

### **Fall 2016 Performance (Should it be applicable)**

- 2016 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): **0-3**
- Notables: **We were missing our entire starting outfield and a couple of pitchers**

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

**Players to Watch: Shane Plunkett, Daniel Murphy, Ian Shemer, Matt Boyd, Joe Brauch**

**New additions: Shane Plunkett**

**Biggest Rival: Hofstra**

**Best Player Nickname: Lemon**

**2017 Season Outlook: Good if we have commitment from our players**

**Manager Quote: "Don't let us win today, cause tomorrow we got pedy, then we got schill, and game 7 anything can happen."**



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## **2017 PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: Rutgers**

**Mascot: Scarlet Knights**

**Location: New Brunswick, NJ**

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

**2015-16 Performance (LAST SEASON):**

- 2015-2016 Season Record: **6-10**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **6th**
- Notables: **Dante Cuzzolino, Liam Stewart**

**Fall 2016 Performance (Should it be applicable)**

- 2016 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): **0-2**
- Notables: **N/A**

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

**Players to Watch: Dante Cuzzolino, Liam Stewart, Josh Rodgers, Chris Lamorte, Mike Celli, Evan Gourlay**

**New additions: Chris Lamorte, Mike Celli, William Drost,**

**Biggest Rival: Delaware**

**Best Player Nickname: Spits**

**2017 Season Outlook: We look to add pitching depth as our bats can compete with anybody.**

**Manager Quote: "Nothing will work unless you do"**



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## 2017 PREVIEW GUIDE

**Team Name:** Pittsburgh Club Baseball

**Mascot:** Panther (Waffles The Monkey)

**Location:** Pittsburgh, PA

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

**Head Coach/Manager:** Evan Fitzpatrick

**Assistant/Bench Coach:** Rob Perkey

**Pitching Coach:** Brett Wildfeuer

### 2015-16 Performance (LAST SEASON):

- 2015-2016 Season Record: **33-2 (15-0 NAR West)**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **NAR West-1<sup>st</sup>; NAR Regional Tournament-1<sup>st</sup>; World Series-5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>**
- Notables: **29-0 regular season; 8-0 at Spring Training Showcase; Final National Ranking: 5th**

### Fall 2016 Performance (Should it be applicable)

- 2016 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): **5-1 (3-0 NAR West)**
- Notables: **Chris Schroll-No hitter vs. Cortland; Scott Feryus-12 RBI in 6 games**

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

**All-American:** Calvin Salazar (1<sup>st</sup> Team-SP)

**All-Region:** Calvin Salazar (1<sup>st</sup> Team-SP); Chris Schroll (2<sup>nd</sup> Team-SP); Jared Pestcoe (2<sup>nd</sup> Team-OF); Kyle Semetti (2<sup>nd</sup> team-DH); Tyler Clark (3rd Team-SP)

**Players to Watch:** 25

**New additions:** Matt Darden (P); Zayne Zalich (P); TJ Halloran (P); Jake Beckman (C); Matt Donenfeld (C); Gabe Hofferan (IF); Zac Forysth (IF); Wes Giles (OF); Mike Ricci (OF)

**Biggest Rival:** Penn State

**Best Player Nickname:** Mike Churilla-"Chuggs";Matt Donenfeld-"Tha Don";Mike Ricci-"Ricci Bobby"



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**2017 Season Outlook: This year's club is looking to build on the experience gained from last year's run to the World Series and from this past fall in order to earn a spot in regionals and a shot at returning to the World Series. The guys are meshing well together and pushing each other to work hard and make this the best possible experience they can for each other.**

**Manager Quote: "Hey that's pretty neat."**



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## 2017 PREVIEW GUIDE

**Team Name: Penn State**

**Mascot: Nittany Lions**

**Location: University Park, PA**

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

**Head Coach: Chris Brewi , Assistant Coach: Matt Cavorsi , Pitching Coach: Mike Scaringelli**

### **2015-16 Performance (LAST SEASON):**

- 2015-2016 Season Record: **16-8**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **12-3 Conference Record**
- Notables: **5 Conference Wins without two First- Team All- American starters playing**

### **Fall 2016 Performance (Should it be applicable)**

- 2016 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): **1-2**
- Notables: **Runner- Up in State College Classic**

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 14 Returning Players. 3 Returning Third Team All Region (Cooper Redding- OF, Tanner Witter- OF, Michael Dunlap- P)**

**Players to Watch: Everyone.**

**New additions: Derek Distasio- M.I., Matt McDonough- P, Pat Fitzgerald- M.I. (all from draft). Bryan Chesky- P, CJ Stiles- P, Dave Reitman- INF, Derek Brady- C, Josh Castro- 1B, Ryan Hooven- OF, Tommy Williams- SS, Tyler Yazujian- 3B, Will Ziefel- C/OF (all from PSBC DII Team)**

**Biggest Rival: Pittsburgh**

**Best Player Nickname: Tyler "I Hike Footballs" Yazujian**

**2017 Season Outlook: After an embarrassing start to the season in the fall, the Penn State Baseball Club did some serious revamping in the off- season. A successful tryout yielded three high- caliber ball players, including two who transferred from a Penn State branch campus after playing varsity ball there. In addition, the club promoted an unprecedented nine players from its extremely successful Division Two**





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**team. With a strong level of leadership and seniority from the 22 returning players from the club in total, Penn State is looking forward to bringing back its winning culture by overcoming its two losses and winning out their conference in the spring. The squad also looks to capitalize on their strong non-conference schedule and pick up quality signatue wins to prepare for their trip to North Carolina in June.**

**Manager Quote: "In the two and a half years I've coached for the PSBC, I don't think I've seen more motivation and confidence from this group of men than what I have seen since our losses in the fall. We've since brought in the pieces that we were missing that weekend, and have turned the attitude of this program around. For us, winning in the postseason would not be a surprise- it is an expectation that we are holding ourselves to, and we will out- work any other team in the nation to meet it."**



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## **2017 PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: Northeastern University**

**Mascot: Huskies**

**Location: Boston**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Captains - Jason Hendy, Will Clark, Nick Del Re, James Whittle  
Coach - Brian Rizzo**

**2015-16 Performance (LAST SEASON):**

- 2015-2016 Season Record: **13-12**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **3<sup>rd</sup> place in conference**
- Notables: -

**Fall 2016 Performance (Should it be applicable)**

- 2016 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): **3-6**
- Notables: -

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

**Players to Watch: Andrew Purdy, Dan Giurini, Zack Astran, Nick Del Re**

**New additions: Arpit Agrawal, Matt Andrade, Jeremy Epstein, Dan Giurini, Isaac Milley, Connor Mullaly, John Purdy, Cam Brown, Kevin Gemmill, Grayson Tuttle**

**Biggest Rival: Boston College**

**Best Player Nickname: Connor "HAMMER TIME" Mullaly**

**2017 Season Outlook: 2017 will serve as a rebuilding year for the huskies, but with Mike Foley and Ryan Howe back for the spring season look for the Huskies to make some noise in the conference.**

**Manager Quote: "Win or lose, we booze"**



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## **2017 PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: Hofstra**

**Mascot: Pride**

**Location: Hempstead**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Captains: Ben Lawlor, Justin Cusano Coach: Ralph Cusano**

### **2015-16 Performance (LAST SEASON):**

- 2015-2016 Season Record: **3-11**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **5<sup>th</sup> in conference**
- Notables:

### **Fall 2016 Performance (Should it be applicable)**

- 2016 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): **7-7**
- Notables:

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

**Players to Watch: Ben Lawlor, Justin Cusano, P.J Potter, John Bopp**

**New additions: John Low, Ryan Fisenne, Kevin Cunningham, Steve Pekarik, Trevor Bukowski**

**Biggest Rival: Towson**

**Best Player Nickname: Country Breakfast**

**2017 Season Outlook: After a dissappointing 2016 season the Pride looks to turn the tide with the addition of many young players to compliment a veteran core that has seen success in previous seasons. After taking the first conference series at Drexel 2-1, Hofstra has positioned themselves to make a run for the conference in the Spring season. After a strong performance in the Penn State Fall tournament, the Spring season looks very promising.**



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**Manager Quote: We are looking to build off our Fall series win over Drexel and make a run at a playoff berth.**



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## **2017 PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: Drexel University**

**Mascot: Dragons**

**Location: Philadelphia, PA**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Head Coach: Chris Commons**

### **2015-16 Performance (LAST SEASON):**

- 2015-2016 Season Record: **11-9 overall; 8-7 conference**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **Finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in conference**
- Notables: **Wins against JMU on the road and University of Massachusetts**

### **Fall 2016 Performance (Should it be applicable)**

- 2016 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): **1-2**
- Notables:

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 20 (Steve Brown- 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All Region, Tyler Wicker- 3<sup>rd</sup> Team All Region)**

**Players to Watch: Matt Caldwell, Pat Bowlin, Ben Acero, Tyler Wicker, Steve Brown, Mike Melady, Thurston Lu**

**New additions: Jimmy Armentani, Greg Markowitz, Austin Rhodes, Agustin Quiles, Richard Lu, Thurston Lu**

**Biggest Rival: Sacred Heart**

**Best Player Nickname:**

**2017 Season Outlook: With a young coach and a young team the Dragons look to build on last years experiences. The addition of young pitchers Greg Markowitz and Thurston Lu should help to bolster a pitching rotation that under performed in the previous season. The offense will continue to be led by a core group of upperclassman but must look to become more consistant in the new year. The addition of**



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**young talent and retaining 7 starters from the previous year should give the Dragons a great chance to compete in the NAR East.**

**Manager Quote: "We play to be a part of something much bigger than ourselves. We join together, we believe in one another, and we push each other to achieve a level of greatness that can only be reached when we all work as one. The team's core is another year older, mentoring a strong incoming freshman class. The combination of the two are expected to bring a winning atmosphere back to Drexel Baseball."**



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## 2017 Team Preview

**Team Name:** University of Delaware Club Baseball

**Mascot:** Fightin' Blue Hens

**Location:** Newark, Delaware

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Ben Hoffman, Chris Upperman

### 2015-16 Performance (LAST SEASON):

- 2015-2016 Season Record: 21-2 (Overall) 12-0 (Conference)
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: 1st in North Atlantic East, 8th in Nation
- Notables: Undefeated Regular Season, Reached Semi-Finals of North Atlantic Regional Tournament

### Fall 2016 Performance (Should it be applicable)

- 2016 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): 3-1
- Notables: UCONN, Rutgers

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

- Zak Chiaradia- 2nd Team All American DH, 1st Team North Atlantic All-Region DH

**Players to Watch:** C/DH #25 Zak Chiaradia, C/3B #20 Chris Upperman, OF #19 Ben Hoffman, SS #4 Jason Berger, OF #7 Max Emrey, OF #3 Ethan Brancato, P #18 Garrett Maniatis, P #42 Jason Kilmetis

**New additions:** OF #2 Matt Vincenti, OF #3 Ethan Brancato, P #8 Corey Shevlin, C #9 Greg Seiverd, P #15 Will Taylor, P #23 Jason Wolfthal, OF #28 Damon DeMicco, P #32 Max Picker, 1B/OF #34 Matt Hooks, P #45 Zach Poreman

**Biggest Rival:** Drexel

**Best Player Nickname:** C/DH #25 Zak Chiaradia- "The Fridge"

**2017 Season Outlook:** The Blue Hens are coming off an historic undefeated regular season which saw the team win 20 straight games. The Hens are looking to return to the North Atlantic Regional Tournament for the 8th straight season, after last year's defeat in the Regional Semifinals. With new additions to the rotation as well as 13 returning players, UD is poised and ready for another run at the 2017 NCBA World Series Title.

**Manager Quote:** "Everybody love everybody"- Chris Upperman



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## **2017 PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: SUNY Cortland**

**Mascot: Red Drabon**

**Location: Cortland, NY**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Matthew DePalma, Evan Stewart, Connor Costello, Kenny Herrera**

### **2015-16 Performance (LAST SEASON):**

- 2015-2016 Season Record:
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **5th**
- Notables:

### **Fall 2016 Performance (Should it be applicable)**

- 2016 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): **0-3**
- Notables:

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 27**

**Players to Watch: James Molloy, Dillion Robinson, Rich Capria**

**New additions: Rich Fiorentino**

**Biggest Rival: SUNY Brockport**

**Best Player Nickname: Moose**

**2017 Season Outlook: 8-4**

**Manager Quote:**





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## **2017 PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: SUNY Brockport**

**Mascot: Golden Eagles**

**Location: Brockport, NY**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Justin Hine, Michael Schake, Ryan Johnson, Seth Blumenau, Kevin Wilson**

### **2015-16 Performance (LAST SEASON):**

- 2015-2016 Season Record: **12-11**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **3<sup>rd</sup> in Conference**
- Notables: **In our first year at the D1 level after reaching reaching two consecutive D2 World Series, we finished with a winning record, including beating the #8 team in the country at the time, Iowa State.**

### **Fall 2016 Performance (Should it be applicable)**

- 2016 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): **2-1**
- Notables: **Currently we are 2<sup>nd</sup> in our conference, beating Syracuse 2 out of 3 games.**

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 15 returners, including National Player of the Week award winner Michael Schake, and National Pitcher of the Week award winner Nick Camacho.**

**Players to Watch: Michael Schake: All-Time Brockport leader in nearly every hitting category.**

**Joey Bitetto: Currently 5 for 9 with a double, triple, and 4 RBIs.**

**Kevin Wilson: Currently 1-0 with a 1.50 ERA over 6 innings pitched.**

**New additions: Matt Socola: Our new #3 pitcher who is currently 1-0 on the season with a 2.57 ERA.**

**Biggest Rival: Pittsburgh and Penn State: Two top 10 teams in the country in our conference. Was 3 outs away from snapping Pittsburgh 30 game win streak last year.**

**Best Player Nickname: D.R.: Josh Mitchell**



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**2017 Season Outlook: Continuing a Fall season with a record of 2-1, and having 15 returners, including two of our starting pitchers, SUNY Brockport looks to learn from our first year in D1 and reach our goal of a third World Series appearance in 4 years.**

**Manager Quote: Ever since our two years in D2 with two World Series appearances were over, our team knew the challenges in D1 would be much greater. We took that challenge and finished our first season in D1 with a 12-11 record, including a top 10 win, and almost beating undefeated Pitt on our own field. Time to learn from our mistakes and finish the season strong in Holly Springs!**



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## **2017 PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: Boston College**

**Mascot: Eagles**

**Location: Chestnut Hill, MA**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Head Coach: Paul Andrews / President & Captain: Jeff Elliot**

### **2015-16 Performance (LAST SEASON):**

- 2015-2016 Season Record: **16-8**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **5 Top 20 Votes / Regional Tournament Appearance**
- Notables: **Team made it's 1<sup>st</sup> Regional Tournament in program history. Two players made 1<sup>st</sup> team all region and one player made 2<sup>nd</sup> team all region, both program firsts.**

### **Fall 2016 Performance (Should it be applicable)**

- 2016 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): **8-1 (5-0 in division)**
- Notables: **Team is currently in 1<sup>st</sup> place in North Atlantic - North and leads the North Atlantic in runs scored. Team has 6 players in the top 15 in batting average per plate appearance and has top pitcher in North Atlantic in Nick Assad who is sporting a 0.83 ERA and 18k over 21.20 innngs.**

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 18 returning players (including 1<sup>st</sup> Team All Regions Jeff Elliot and Nick Assad and 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All Region Dan Lu**

**Players to Watch: Colin O'Neil (.560 Fall Average), Alex Gulati (leads country with 4 HR's), Andrew Dawson (LHP - 2.16 ERA), Brian Maloney (RHP - 3.00 ERA)**

**New additions: Matt Buchesne (MIF), James Allentuck (RHP), Woody Hubbell (OF), Robby Walsh (2B), Cameron Miller (RHP), Tyler Lockard (OF), Gerry Rodriguez ( C)**

**Biggest Rival: UMASS - Amherst**

**Best Player Nickname: Shane "Machine Gun Joe" Kelly**



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## **2017 Season Outlook: Positive at Worst**

**Manager Quote: "When I came to this program 3 seasons ago, we were struggling to find an identity and trying to establish ourselves as a true contending program within Division 1. We made great strides last year, reaching our first Regional Tournament Appearance in program history. After a hot start to the fall, I truly that I have the luxury of managing not just the best team in the North Atlantic - North, but the best team in the entire conference. That is a testament to all of the hard work that the players, and particularly, this year's senior class have put in since I have come into the program. I expect us to continue our hot play once the spring season starts and that we will make some serious noise in the post-season."**