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## **2017 PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name:** Montana State University

**Mascot:** Bobcats

**Location:** Bozeman, MT

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Gus Hobson/Derek Crain

**2015-16 Performance:**

- Record: **3-12**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **5<sup>th</sup>/na**
- Notables:

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners):** 6

**Players to Watch:**

**New additions:**

**Biggest Rival:** University of Montana

**Best Player Nickname:** D-rock

**2017 Season Outlook:** The Bobcats made big strides in 2015-2016, playing close games with Weber State and conference powerhouse Utah State, and gaining big nonconference wins over South Dakota School of Mines. With 6 returning players and the addition of a very promising freshman class, the Montana State Bobcats look to build on their success and surprise a few teams this year.

**Manager Quote:** "FUNDAMENTALS!"



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## 2017 PREVIEW GUIDE

**Team Name:** Washington State

**Mascot:** Cougars

**Location:** Pullman

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

**Head Coach:** Dylan Haugh

**Assistant Coaches:** Julio Davila & Tyler Bickert

**Pitching Coaches:** Michael Van Orden & Benjamin Merrill

### 2015-16 Performance:

Record: 13-13(6-9) (Inaugural Year)

Final Conference Ranking: 4<sup>th</sup> in Northwest North

Notables: 2016 Fall: 5-1 | 54 runs in 6 games

@ Boise State 11-9 (W), 8-4 (W), 10-5 (W)

@ Idaho 13-2 (W)

@ Gonzaga 10-3 (L), 13-9 (W)

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners):** 13/27

**Tyler Bickert (So. C) - 2nd Team All-Region**

**Ben Merrill (Jr. RP) - 1st Team All-Region & 3rd Team All-American.**

### Players to Watch:

#### New Addition \*

**\*Brandon Zimmerman (Jr. 2B)** – Played at Clark College(WA), hit .282 with 18 SB last season. He'll bat leadoff and handle 2B.

**\*Ben Arata (So. SS)** - Played at D2 Linfield(OR) before coming to WSU. Went 7/10 with 6 RBI in Boise this fall.

**\*Kory Gonzalez (Jr. CF)** – Colorado Native, played past two seasons at Clark College(WA).

**\*Jorge Zepeda (Sr. P/1B)** – The Citrus JC(CA) product hit 3 HR in 4 games this fall.

**Matt Lomasney (Jr. DH)** - Returns after being academically-ineligible last season. Has old man thunder in his bat.

**Aaron Scofield (Jr. 3B)** – Superb defense and a high OBP%

**\*Daniel Robinett (Jr. SP)** – Pitched for Napa Valley JC(CA) before transferring to WSU. In his only outing this fall, 3IP/8K's/

**Jake Chinery (Sr. SP)** – Former St. Katherine(CA) pitcher, went (3-2 3.27 ERA) and led the NorPac North in K's while playing hurt last year.

**\*Blake McKinney (So. SP)** – Had a 3.27 ERA pitching at Mt. Hood JC(OR) last year.

**Julio Davila (Sr. LHP)** – 4.00 ERA last year as starter/reliever.



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**New additions: 12/27 players with college experience.**

**Biggest Rival: Gonzaga and Boise State**

**Best Player Nickname: Bird & Shamus**

**2017 Season Outlook: After laying down the foundation in our inaugural year. The club added much needed depth and collegiate talent. Taking three @ Boise State this fall was our statement to the Northern Pacific.**

**Non-conference series vs. Big Bend CC, Boise State, Oregon State, and Seattle will give the club a strong resume for postseason play in the north.**

**The club will also host, The 2017 NCBA San Jose Spring Break Showcase. Featuring: Colorado State, Northern Arizona, Chico State, Cal-Miramar Montebello and Humboldt State.**

**(Team) Quote: Banner or Bust**



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**Team Name:** Western Washington

**Mascot:** Vikings

**Location:** Bellingham, Washington

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Conner Celli, Ethan Weller, Evan Elloit, Forrest Longanecker

**2015-16 Performance:**

- Record: **18-8**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **1<sup>st</sup> in NOPAC NORTH**
- Notables:

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

**Players to Watch:** Conner Celli, Ethan Weller, Evan Elloit, Forrest Logannecker, Aleksey Chernov, Eric Kimpton, Peter Bovenkamp, Travis Van Kamp

**New additions:** Calab Wallen, Cooper Jansen, Daniel Hall, Dominic Nickerson, Hayden Cox, Jake Kein, Matt Jarvis, Maverick Larkin, Ryan Gelwicks

**Biggest Rival:** Eastern Washington/ Gonzaga

**Best Player Nickname:**

**2017 Season Outlook:**

**Manager Quote:** The Vikings are looking to build off the success of last season.



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**Team Name:** Utah State

**Mascot:** Aggies

**Location:** Logan, UT

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Captain: Cole Stocker and Jake Anderson Coach: Brad Singer and Gus Baskin

### 2015-16 Performance:

- Record: 15-7
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: 1st in SoPac South, 3rd in SoPac Regional
- Notables:

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners):** Jake Anderson, Michael Kress, Easton Walker, Alex Munns, Jace Olsen, MJ Tineo, Eric Stranski, Collin Wilson

**Players to Watch:** Austin Jones, MJ Tineo, Collin Wilson

**New additions:** Austin Jones,

**Biggest Rival:** Idaho State

**Best Player Nickname:**

**2017 Season Outlook:** Returning 7 starting position players, added a JC transfer from Big Bend CC Austin Jones, versatile player. Added four solid pitchers to the 5 returning pitchers from last year. Have a heavy road schedule against Arizona State, Grand Canyon, Northern Arizona, UCSB, Oregon and Colorado Mesa. 30+ games scheduled and look to build off experience.

**Manager Quote:**



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**Team Name:** Southern Oregon University Club Baseball

**Mascot:** Raiders

**Location:** Ashland, Oregon

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Captains/Player Coaches: Alex Bates, Mike Caruso

**2015-16 Performance:**

- Record: 2-13
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results:
- Notables:

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

**Players to Watch:**

- Alex Bates. Tossed 9 inning complete game against COCC last year, leading to SOU club baseball's first league win ever.
- Bryan Gates. Caught 14 out of 15 league games last year - one of hardest working players in the country.

**New additions:**

Mike Caruso - Ineligible last year. We're glad to have him back - he plays the game as it is meant to be played, can do so at any position, and is a dangerous lead-off bat.

**Biggest Rival:**

Central Oregon Community College - Played them tough over the last two years. All good guys and a fun team to compete against. In my mind, their jack-of-all-trades player Dalton is the best player in the conference.

**Best Player Nickname:**

Ace



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**2017 Season Outlook:**

Marked record improvement from last year. If we can turn some one-run games in our favor and throw a few more strikes to stay competitive in every game, we hope to achieve a .500 record or better. Our 1-9 hitters all have the ability to hit any pitching we will face all year. If our defense is solid, we don't run out of arms, and we snag a few games from Oregon/Oregon State, we could compete for the Conference Championship.

**Manager Quote:**

"Club baseball is a chance to finish writing your story books"

- Alex Bates



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**Team Name:** Seattle University

**Mascot:** Redhawks

**Location:** Seattle

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Kyle Wallinder, Wyatt Allemann (Captains)

**2015-16 Performance:**

- Record: **9W 6L**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **3rd**
- Notables:

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners):** 6

**Players to Watch:** Wyatt Alemann, Kyle Wallinder, Max Melendez

**New additions:** 8+

**Biggest Rival:** Portland

**Best Player Nickname:**

**2017 Season Outlook:**

**Manager Quote:** This years team is small in numbers but big in chemistry. We have a pretty tight knit group of guys this year and it's looking like our skill and teamwork have the potential to take us a long way this season.





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**Team Name:** Idaho State University

**Mascot:** Bengals

**Location:** Pocatello, ID

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Captain: Breaden Leiby, Coach: Tory Hansen

**2015-16 Performance:**

- Record: 11-12
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **3rd in conference**
- Notables:

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

**Players to Watch:** Sean Persky, Breaden Leiby, James Prockish, Dayne Lubenow

**New additions:** unknown

**Biggest Rival:** Boise St.

**Best Player Nickname:** Prockdaddy

**2017 Season Outlook:** Feeling strong

**Manager Quote:** "I don't know how it works but that's how it works"



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**Team Name: University of Washington**

**Mascot: Huskies**

**Location: Seattle, WA**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Graham Nolan/Connor Basch**

**2015-16 Performance:**

- Record: **5-10**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **finished 4<sup>th</sup> in conference**
- Notables: **12-2 W over Oregon State, 14-4 W over SOU**

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

**Players to Watch: Pitcher Brian Cullinan, P/CF Cole Brandt, SS Bryan Darby, C Max Thomas**

**New additions: Pitcher Kodiak Conrad who was injured all of last season**

**Biggest Rival: WSU**

**Best Player Nickname: The Big Cheese (Kenyon Ebert)**

**2017 Season Outlook: With every player but one returning, UW looks to take the crown in their new conference in 2017. P Brian Cullinan finished the season throwing four straight complete games, and C Max Thomas and SS Bryan Darby posted batting averages above .400 to close out the season in the team's final six games.**

**Manager Quote: After losing only one starter (who returns as head coach) and returning our top three pitchers, this team is looking to be much stronger than last year. Considering the number of all the close games that we should have won last year, if we can make sure those become Ws this year, this team might just win a conference championship.**



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**Team Name: Gonzaga University**

**Mascot: Bulldog**

**Location: Spokane, WA**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Coach: Mark Driver, Captains: Kazuma Kaneko, Jeff Kepple, Isaac Cooper, Ray Siderius**

**2015-16 Performance:**

- Record: **12-5**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **2/NA**
- Notables: **Tied for best in-conference record in first NCBA season.**

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

**Players to Watch: Kazuma Kaneko, Jeff Kepple**

**New additions: Andrew Abbott, Spencer Jacobs**

**Biggest Rival: Washington State University**

**Best Player Nickname: B.D.B.**

**2017 Season Outlook: Holly Springs**

**Manager Quote: Get better every day**



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**Team Name:** Eastern Washington University

**Mascot:** Eagles

**Location:** Cheney, WA

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

**2015-16 Performance:**

- Record: **9-9**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **3<sup>rd</sup> in conference**
- Notables: **Sweep over Idaho, first and only sweep of the 2015-2016 season**

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

**Players to Watch:** Logan Wood, Mitch Davis

**New additions:** Eli Butts, Mason Kupp

**Biggest Rival:** Gonzaga University

**Best Player Nickname:** Thor

**2017 Season Outlook:** High hopes to take the next step and win regionals and go to the world series, we have been close in the past and this year looks like a good year for Eastern Washington.

**Manager Quote:** We aren't trying to do anything fancy, just trying to play old fashion down and dirty baseball.



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**Team Name:** Portland State

**Mascot:** Vikings

**Location:** Portland Oregon

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Ryan Guay, Rick Fensler, Noah Solomon-Lopez

**2015-16 Performance:**

- Record: **1-2**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **N/A**
- Notables: **Won against Western Washington and lost two close games to Okanagan Community College**

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners):** 6 returning players

**Players to Watch:** Ryan Guay, Rick Fensler, Noah Solomon-Lopez, Brysen Yoshii, Ryan Erickson

**New additions:** Kazuma Tomioka, Joshua Hagge, Adriel Tirador, Carlos Mussali, Andrew Mueller, Go Miyashita

**Biggest Rival:** Central Oregon Community College

**Best Player Nickname:** N/A

**2017 Season Outlook:** Looking to finish above .500 in league

**Manager Quote:** N/A



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**Team Name:** Oregon State

**Mascot:** Beavers

**Location:** Corvallis, OR

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Nathan Stehler, Taylor Hellman, Kevin Shimomaeda, Hunter Sluka, Evan Leglar, James Merlo, Bryson Tanicala

**2015-16 Performance:**

- Record: **10-5**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **2<sup>nd</sup> in Northern Pacific West**
- Notables: **Nathan Stehler (Pitcher of the week), Hunter Sluka (Pitcher of the week)**

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

**Players to Watch:** Estaban Vega, Hunter Sluka, Tanner Boone

**New additions:** 16

**Biggest Rival:** University of Oregon

**Best Player Nickname:** Reg

**2017 Season Outlook:** Exceptional with a large base of returning players as well as great new players hungry to win a conference championship

**Manager Quote:** Go till you blow, when you blow oh no