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# **2018 PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: Ball State University** 

**Mascot: Cardinals** 

**Location: Muncie, Indiana** 

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Greg Huss - President Max Kerr - Vice President Sharpe Marshall - Treasurer Jake Langeman - Secretary

#### 2016-17 Performance (LAST SEASON):

- 2016-2017 Season Record: **10-12**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: N/A
- Notables: Took home wins against 3 different conference opponents including Notre Dame, Illinois State, and Purdue. Added two other series wins against IUPUI and a three game sweep of Western Illinois.

#### Fall 2017 Performance (If applicable to your team)

- 2017 Fall Record (NCBA Conference & Non-Conference Games Only): 1-9
- Notables: Ten run ruled Miami at home.

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

Players to Watch: 1B Max Kerr RF Kevin Roach IF Frankie Lopez C Riley Miller

New additions: P/1B Tom Olson, IF Jayce Colclasure, 2B Cameron Gross, 1B Carter Wolf, IF Jacob Burke, IF Josh Troxel, C/OF Sam Muhlenkamp

**Biggest Rival:** Indiana University



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Best Player Nickname: Reid "Beuter Perkins" Frick & Riley "Frocket Guy" Miller

2017-2018 Season Outlook: The Cardinals will boast one of the most explosive offenses the program has ever seen for the spring season. They bring back 8 of 9 starters inlcuding some pop in the middle of the order with Max Kerr (1B) and Kevin Roach (RF). The catching duties will finally be shored up with the one-two punch of Riley Miller and Sam Muhlenkamp behind the dish. After injuries over the past few seasons, the club will look for the experience of Roach, Greg Huss (2B), and Tanner Sizemore (P/OF) to help carry the team. For the team to reach its true potential, it will need to look for the starting rotation to step up with the help of Sharpe Marshall, Tom Olson, and Anthony DiSerio.

Manager Quote: These boys are here for a good time, not a long time.



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# **2018 PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: Western Michigan University Club Baseball** 

**Mascot: Broncos** 

Location: Kalamazoo, Mi

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Ethan Armstrong, Zach Wilds, Jake Cheslik

### **2016-17 Performance (LAST SEASON):**

• 2016-2017 Season Record: **3-12** 

• Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: 5<sup>th</sup> in conference

• Notables: Matt Delanty

## Fall 2017 Performance (If applicable to your team)

• 2017 Fall Record (NCBA Conference & Non-Conference Games Only): 2-3

• Notables: Matt Smith

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

Players to Watch: Dawson Horning, Tyler White

New additions: 10 new Freshman, 1 Transfer Student

Biggest Rival: Central Michigan

Best Player Nickname: charizard

2017-2018 Season Outlook: middle to top of conference

**Manager Quote:** 



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# **2018 DREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: Wisconsin D1** 

**Mascot: Badgers** 

**Location: Madison, WI** 

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Jeff Block, Chris Blythe, Aaron Peterson, Steve Block

#### **2016-17 Performance (LAST SEASON):**

- 2016-2017 Season Record:
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: Lost in semifinals of regional tournament.
- Notables: Won conference for second straight year.

### Fall 2017 Performance (If applicable to your team)

- 2017 Fall Record (NCBA Conference & Non-Conference Games Only): **0-0** (**only played exhibition**)
- Notables: Two fall series postponed due to weather, but did win the Duel in the Dells tourney (5-0) and finished second in Central Illinois Showdown (4-1), with a loss to Michigan State.

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

Players to Watch: Tyler Safgren, Brian Mariska, Ed Olson, Nick Newburg

New additions: Nolan DeGreef, Ryan Hubbel, Gus Turner Zick, Chase Zernich, Will Straus, Trey Mohr, Jared Eichorst, Ryan Gassner

Biggest Rival: UW-Milwaukee

Best Player Nickname: GOAT - Tyler Safgren

2017-2018 Season Outlook: We return most of the squad from a team that underperformed in the regional tournament last year. We will look to win our conference for the third straight year and return to the regional looking to advance to the World Series.



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Manager Quote: Why wear sleeves when you can go sleveless?



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# **2018 PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: University of Windsor Lancers** 

**Mascot: Winston** 

Location: Windsor, Ontario, Canada

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Jack Zimmerman, Adam Pickel, Jeremy Orton, Chris Rinaldi Ross, Rob Csapo

#### 2016-17 Performance (LAST SEASON):

- 2016-2017 Season Record: **28-6**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: 1<sup>st</sup>, Lost in NCBA Div2 World Series Final 1-0.
- Notables:

### Fall 2017 Performance (If applicable to your team)

- 2017 Fall Record (NCBA Conference & Non-Conference Games Only): 7-5
- Notables:

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

Players to Watch: Jack Zimmerman (Pitcher), Adam Pickel (SS), Jeremy Orton

**New additions: Andrew Wasyluk (SS/OF)** 

**Biggest Rival:** 

**Best Player Nickname:** 

2017-2018 Season Outlook: Enjoying our fresh start in the NCBA Division 1. We were only able to play a single season series in the Fall, but the Baseball was noticibally stronger.

Manager Quote: Our team roster is the smallest it has been in our 9 year history, but our virstility on the field may help us overcome.



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# **2018 PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: UW-Milwaukee Panthers** 

**Mascot: Pounce** 

**Location: Milwaukee** 

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Ian Howden (HC) Captains: Alex Elliott, Wilson Belknapp, Ben Jenders

## 2016-17 Performance (LAST SEASON):

- 2016-2017 Season Record: **4-11**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results:
- Notables:

### Fall 2017 Performance (If applicable to your team)

- 2017 Fall Record (NCBA Conference & Non-Conference Games Only): 2-2
- Notables:

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners):  $10,3^{\rm RD}$  Team All Region- Alex Elliott

Players to Watch: Matt Ausloos, Christian Lopez, Ethan Eckelberg

New additions: Matt Ausloos, Christian Lopez, Ethan Eckelberg, Mike Bowe, Brad Carstens, Mason Ross, Tyler O'Brien

Biggest Rival: UW-Madison, Marquette University

Best Player Nickname: Chill Willie

2017-2018 Season Outlook: After losing a big chunk of vetrean players, this team still has a large returning core that plays well together. The team has added some much needed pitching and will look to keep improving and keep playing good hard baseball.



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Manager Quote: Everyday you have a choice to either get better or worse, you never stay the same. This year the Milwaukee Baseball Club chose to get better.



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# **2018 PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: Purdue Club Baseball** 

**Mascot: Boilermakers (Boilers)** 

**Location: West Lafayette, IN** 

Captain(s)/Coach(s): none

#### **2016-17 Performance (LAST SEASON):**

• 2016-2017 Season Record: **11-13** 

• Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: 4<sup>th</sup> place (6-9)

Notables: ----

### Fall 2017 Performance (If applicable to your team)

- 2017 Fall Record (NCBA Conference & Non-Conference Games Only): **3-2**
- Notables: Swept Ball State, Lost 1-0 pitchers duel to Illinois in November, 3<sup>rd</sup> game of that series is scheduled for April.

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

Players to Watch: Chad Mateja (OF, P) Graduate Student; Andrew Roginski (C, 3B) Junior; Robert Desmond (P) Sophomore

New additions: Andrew Roginski (C, 3B), Patrick Hopkins (P), Scott Mittlebrun (OF, DH), Ryan Myers (2B), David Farrell (OF, P)

**Biggest Rival:** Indiana University

Best Player Nickname: Big Ole Schrine Dog - Spencer Schriner (P)

2017-2018 Season Outlook: With a large number of returning players and a strong senior class, the Boilers will be looking to return to regionals for the second time in club history. After dropping 2 at Illinois, it will be a tall task but the team is poised to have a strong spring season. Also, IU sucks.



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Manager Quote: "Fishing in the Dark"



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# 2018 PREVIEW GUIDE

**Team Name:** University of Notre Dame

**Mascot:** Fighting Irish

**Location:** Notre Dame, Indiana

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Andrew Rockamann (Captain/President)

#### **2016-17 Performance (LAST SEASON):**

• 2016-2017 Season Record: 4-11

• Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: 5th in Great Lakes South Conference

• Notables: After beginning 0-8, the team won its final two series of the season against Ball

State and Illinois State.

### Fall 2017 Performance (If applicable to your team)

• 2017 Fall Record (NCBA Conference & Non-Conference Games Only): 4-1-1

• Notables: Defeated Truman State and Tied Purdue in a Tournament.

Swept Northwestern in a 3-game series.

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

Returned 15 players from the 2016-17 season.

Players to Watch: Jens Rataczak, Sean Hager, Jack Molumphy

**New additions:** Jens Rataczak, Sean Hager, Jack Molumphy, Patrick Harris, Andrew Turzai, Kyle

Cockrell, Tim Eiden, Bryce Buscher, Nick Gron, Zach Phillips, Conor Fitzgerald,

**Andrew Conces** 

Biggest Rival: Purdue

**Best Player Nickname:** Tim "Tangy" Eiden

#### 2017-2018 Season Outlook:

The team started to find its groove at the end of the spring 2017. We are returning our young core and made key additions prior to the fall 2017. The team kept the positive momentum going into the fall and posted a record of 4-1-1. The Fighting Irish are poised to make some noise in the Great Lakes South Conference this spring.

Manager Quote: "Stay tuned."



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# **2018 PREVIEW GUIDE**

Team Name: Northwestern University
Mascot: Wildcats
Location: Evanston, IL
Captain(s)/Coach(s): Austin Johnson, Justin Halpern
<ul> <li>2016-17 Performance (LAST SEASON):</li> <li>2016-2017 Season Record: 9-6 (11-8 overall)</li> <li>Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results:</li> <li>Notables:</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Fall 2017 Performance (If applicable to your team)</li> <li>2017 Fall Record (NCBA Conference &amp; Non-Conference Games Only):</li> <li>Notables:</li> </ul>
Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 21
Players to Watch:
New additions:
Biggest Rival:
Best Player Nickname: Boxclaw (Isaac Lee)
2017-2018 Season Outlook: Hopeful and enthusiastic! Hungry for a championshipand IHOP
Manager Quote: Nothing is unpossible



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# **2018 PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: Michigan State** 

**Mascot: Spartans** 

**Location: East Lansing, Michigan** 

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Ryan Coucke, Dylan Smith

### 2016-17 Performance (LAST SEASON):

• 2016-2017 Season Record: **18-7** 

- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: First in Great Lakes North, Great Lakes Regional Champions, 0-2 at Nationals
- Notables:

### Fall 2017 Performance (If applicable to your team)

- 2017 Fall Record (NCBA Conference & Non-Conference Games Only): 1-1 in conference play
- Notables: 5-0 in Central Illinois Showdown, with notbale wins over Purdue and Wisconsin

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

Players to Watch: Jacob Lincoln, Ben Mendlin, Ryan Coucke, Turner Donlin, Grant Sweeney, Zack Skrobot, Jared Mernandi, Brandon Gillen, Dylan Smith



New additions: Jared Schlender

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Noah Stewart
Will Book
Jared Merandi
Jarrod Lincoln
Turner Donlin
Nick Hiller
Greg Golias
Zack Skrobot
Cooper Van Maele
Biggest Rival: Michigan
Best Player Nickname:
2017-2018 Season Outlook:
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Manager Quote:



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# **2018 PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: University of Michigan** 

**Mascot: Wolverines** 

Location: Ann Arbor, MI

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Max Bokor, Kieran Foreman

### **2016-17 Performance (LAST SEASON):**

• 2016-2017 Season Record: 11-5

• Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Great Lakes North

• Notables: 2016 Battle Creek Blast Champions

### Fall 2017 Performance (If applicable to your team)

• 2017 Fall Record (NCBA Conference & Non-Conference Games Only): 3-2

• Notables: 2017 Battle Creek Blast Runners-Up

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

Players to Watch: Daniel and Michael Carty: Venus and Serena, Mario and Luigi, John and Jim Harbaugh; add these brothers to the list of siblings to watch

New additions: Devin Beach (UTIL), Drew Schafer (P), Jackson Hawkins (C), Jake Dietz (P), Joey Keating (2B), Kiran Incantalupo (P), Nate Nowack (P), Parker Marcon (OF), Sam Goldman (1B), **Stephen Sakowicz (OF)** 

Highlighted by the fire and ice combo of Beach and Schafer, this rookie class could prove to be the most impactful on the club baseball program since ever.

**Biggest Rival:** Michigan State

Best Player Nickname: Tucker "Concussion Guy" Pfaff



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2017-2018 Season Outlook: Thomas Buck returns to the American diamond after a year overseas, leading a talented infield featuring a combination of veterans and newcomers. Paw Paw's finest are expected to command the outfield, with Jack Pelletier and promising transfer Parker Marcon looking to contribute in big ways. Behind the dish, the only question is who is catching and who is hitting dingers only, as Daniel KG and Eric Engel both provide the power in the Wolverines lineup. Sources say the Wolverines are working on improving overall team speed before they open the spring season on March 17 versus Central Michigan.

Manager Quote: "For Mad Word" - Max Bokor



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# **2018 PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: Marquette** 

**Mascot: Golden Eagles** 

Location: Milwaukee, WI

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Presidents: Chris Tredwell and Rob Milota

#### 2016-17 Performance (LAST SEASON):

• 2016-2017 Season Record: **6-9** 

• Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: 4<sup>th</sup> in Great Lakes West

• Notables: **Began season 5-1** 

### Fall 2017 Performance (If applicable to your team)

- 2017 Fall Record (NCBA Conference & Non-Conference Games Only):
- Notables:

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 15 returning players, One all conference returner

Players to Watch: Cooper Prindl (2017  $\mathbf{1}^{st}$  team all conference Great Lakes) , Jordan Luczaj, Rob Milota, Ethan Kelly

New additions: Nate Strathman, Jeff Lehman, John Alvarez, Timmy Keohane, Jeremy Del Valle, Eli Baynes-Marsh, Shawn Donahue, Dan Zurawski

Biggest Rival: UW-Milwaukee

Best Player Nickname: Will Toetz- Bill, Rob Milota-Bob

2017-2018 Season Outlook: Returning 7/8 field players, but need to replace the bulk of our pitching. Have talented players, but need to put it all together in consectutive innings and games to be succesful.



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Manager Quote: "Rain took away much of our fall, but with the few games we played, we look like a talented bunch. Florida will help set our benchmark for the year, and show us what we can really do as a team."



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# **2018 PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: Indiana University** 

**Mascot: Hoosiers** 

**Location: Bloomington, IN** 

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

## 2016-17 Performance (LAST SEASON):

• 2016-2017 Season Record: **17-4** 

• Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: Winners of Great Lakes South Conference

• Notables: 11-1 in Conference play

### Fall 2017 Performance (If applicable to your team)

• 2017 Fall Record (NCBA Conference & Non-Conference Games Only):

• Notables:

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

Players to Watch: Corey Rusboldt, Senior SS. Brenndon Tindall, Senior C. Steven Curry, Senior P/1B.

New additions: Will feature a few young arms with high potential.

Biggest Rival: Illinois

Best Player Nickname: Slender Slinger: Leo Enneking, Sophomore P.

2017-2018 Season Outlook: The Hoosiers are looking to head to the Regional Tournament for the second year in a row. Only graduated one pitcher from the staff and have some great young talent.

Manager Quote: Got any lead in your pencil?



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# **2018 PREVIEW GUIDE**

Team Name: Illinois Club Baseball D1

**Mascot: Fighting Illini** 

Location: Champaign-Urbana, IL

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

#### **2016-17 Performance (LAST SEASON):**

- 2016-2017 Season Record: **18-6**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **T-1**<sup>st</sup>, **Lost in Great Lakes Regional** Championship to Michigan State
- Notables: Battled back after losing first round of Regionals to eliminate Indiana and UW-Madison to reach Regional Championship against Michigan State

#### Fall 2017 Performance (If applicable to your team)

- 2017 Fall Record (NCBA Conference & Non-Conference Games Only): 2-0
- Notables: Played 2/3 of conference series Vs. Purdue, taking the first game by a score of 15-5 before grinding out a 1-0 win behind a stellar pitching performance from Charlie Van Dyke

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

Players to Watch: P Anthony Martin, OF Kevin O'Keeffe, IF Payton Lykins, IF Jack Trotter, P Charlie Van Dyke

New additions: P Charlie Van Dyke, OF Kevin O'Keeffe, IF Matt Mason, IF Marshall Thompson, P/IF Abe Shalabi, P/IF Blake Nicolls, C Hikaru Ozone, 1B/P Austin Rochwick, P Jake McFarland

Biggest Rival: UW-Madison

Best Player Nickname: Lil' Ant Mo, Fatty Matty

2017-2018 Season Outlook: We bring back a large portion of our lineup. We had some tremendoues additions this tryout process that will play large roles in the spring. We will rely on a lot of new arms on



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the mound, but the bullpen is very deep. Looking to return to Battle Creek and compete for a World Series birth.

Manager Quote: "We are a very deep team that will get contributions from all over our roster. We're looking forward to a competitive spring."



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## **2018 DREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: Illinois State University** 

**Mascot: Redbirds** 

**Location: Normal, IL** 

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Alex DiSerio - President, Kory Klicker - Vice President, Jon Barlas - Pitching

Player/Coach, Pat Brown - Pitching Player/Coach

#### **2016-17 Performance (LAST SEASON):**

- 2016-2017 Season Record: **7-8 (Conference) 10-11 (NCBA Overall) 19-10 (Season Overall)**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: 3<sup>rd</sup> in Conference
- Notables: Saluki Sluggfest Champions (5-0)

#### Fall 2017 Performance (If applicable to your team)

- 2017 Fall Record (NCBA Conference & Non-Conference Games Only): 2-0
- Notables: Beat Ball State 11-9 & 22-2, Went 2-1 in Duel in the Dells Tournament and 3-1 in Central Illinois Showdown Tournament, 7-2 Overall

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

Players to Watch: Ryan Suwanski, Mike Pfaender, Ryan Schlicher, Jon Barlas, and Pat Brown

New additions: Tyler Spisak, Jake Nipperus, Mike Pfaender, Cooper Frambes, Blake Marsh, Jackson Doyle, Chris Pickwell, Joe O'Hara, Connor Hilty, Gilbert Matias, Jonathan Miranda, Parker Bogdan

Biggest Rival: University of Illinois

Best Player Nickname: Patty Cakes

2017-2018 Season Outlook: With a lot of strong arms in the pitching rotation and bullpen along with powerful bats and smart hitters in the lineup, the Redbirds are looking to put together a very competitive and winning season enroute to seeing a trip to the World Series.



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Manager Quote: "It's hard to beat a team that never gives up"



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# **2018 PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: Central Michigan** 

**Mascot: Chippewas** 

**Location: Mount Pleasant** 

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Alex Cesal, Zach Kallgren, Ryan Cadarette

## 2016-17 Performance (LAST SEASON):

• 2016-2017 Season Record: **13-7** 

• Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: 2nd in Great Lakes North

• Notables: Joey Olsiewicz, Patrick Clancy, Ryan Merring, Doug Moors

### Fall 2017 Performance (If applicable to your team)

• 2017 Fall Record (NCBA Conference & Non-Conference Games Only): 3-3

• Notables: Andrew Rundall, Zach Kallgren, Ryan Ferreri

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

Players to Watch: Dan Santiago, Evan McMurray, Ryan Ferreri, Zach Kallgren

New additions: Clayton Beaird, Brain Thompson, Matt Rhoda, Dalton Bates, Keelan Chambers, Noah Robart, Travis McCormick, Spencer Douglas, Jacob Cyccone, Andrew Rundall

Biggest Rival: Western

Best Player Nickname: RyBo, Small fry, Mitchy Vibes

2017-2018 Season Outlook: Immediate impact from our rookies.

Manager Quote: This season is for Doug Moors. We would do anything to have him back on the field with us. #RIP27



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# **2018 PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: Bowling Green State University** 

**Mascot: Falcons** 

**Location: Bowling Green, OH** 

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Nate Flax

#### 2016-17 Performance (LAST SEASON):

• 2016-2017 Season Record: 13-20

• Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: 4<sup>th</sup>/N/A

• Notables: Walkoff win against Virginia Tech

### Fall 2017 Performance (If applicable to your team)

• 2017 Fall Record (NCBA Conference & Non-Conference Games Only): **0-4** 

• Notables:

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 18 Returners (Deon Kerr & Eric Wilhelm 3<sup>rd</sup> Team Great Lakes - North)

Players to Watch: Jackson Wheeler

New additions: Brandon Wine, Frank Wielinski, Greg Foster, James Helminski, Jordan Adesi, Josh Riggs, KJ Wilson, Matt Harry, Max Vincent, Quinn Smith, Colin Robb

**Biggest Rival:** CMU

Best Player Nickname: Dorsal Fin

2017-2018 Season Outlook: The Falcons graduated nearly the entire starting lineup but depth and new faces have us ready for a run to Holly Springs.

Manager Quote: Death, taxes, and the team resting easy knowing CMU players a bunch of frat house joy-boys