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2018 PREVIEW GUIDE

Team Name: University of Alabama

Mascot: Crimson Tide

Location: Tuscaloosa, AL

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Bailey Whitten - President, Cooper Wright - Vice President

2016-17 Performance:

• Record: 15-7

• Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: Conference Ranking 1

• Notables: Two-time defending conference champions

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

Players to Watch: Logan Brashier, Trystan Fortner, Kirk Hanson, Cooper Wright

New additions: Adam Smylie, Austin Sayre, Bobby Soran, Chase Lee, Chase Butts, Christian Cole, Colin Edwards, Drew Kellum, JJ Forte, John Lemon, KT Edwards, Matt Delfino, Thomas Barnes, Wilson Wolfe

Biggest Rival: University of Tennesee - Chattanooga

Best Player Nickname: The Country Jackhammer

2018 Season Outlook: The outlook for this season is confidently optimistic. We are the two time defending conference champions and we look to defend our title for a third consecutive year.

Manager Quote: We lost a lot of key guys off of last years team to graduation. The middle of our order is gone and we lose a lot of key guys in the field. However, we have an extrememly promising group of new guys that will step in and fill those roles nicely. I am excited to see what this year holds and look to repeat as conference champions. Roll Tide



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Team Name: Vanderbilt Commodores

Mascot: **Commodores**

Location: Nashville, TN

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Jason Carter, Daniel Katzman

2016-17 Performance:

• Record: 1-20

• Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: 6th

• Notables:

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

Marshall Biven, Kekoa MacAuley **Players to Watch:**

New additions: ~10

Biggest Rival: UT - Chattanooga

Best Player Nickname: N/A

2018 Season Outlook: Can only improve

Manager Quote: Can't teach heart nor grit.



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Team Name: UTC

Mascot: Scrappy

Location: Chattanooga

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Chris Velasco, Janson Roberson, Cole Thiede, Donnie Creasman, Jeremy Gonzalez

2016-17 Performance:

• Record: 17-4

• Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results:

Notables:

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

Players to Watch: Colton Clark, Ty Tucker, Jeremy Bertrand

New additions: Bradley Whymer, Dakota Makatche, Danny Webb, David Gagnier, Jeremey Bertrand, Trystan Greves, Tyler Weaver

Biggest Rival: none

Best Player Nickname:

2018 Season Outlook: We have one goal and one goal only - to win the world series.

Manager Quote: We don't play for participation trophies.



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Team Name: The University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Mascot: 49er

Location: Charlotte, North Carolina

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Ben Muller, Andrew Cottrell, Jeremy Murfree

2016-17 Performance:

• Record: 9-9

• Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: N/A

• Notables: N/A

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

Players to Watch: Daniel Pedersen, Keith Anderson, Andrew Cottrell, Ben Muller,

New additions: Brian Martshenko, Chandler Rouse, Donovan Cristy, John Webb, Mike DiBenendetto, Nick Melton, Nolan Meyerhoeffer, Rhett Yoho, Shrey Dudhia, Zach Brown, Zack Riggs

Biggest Rival: Clemson

Best Player Nickname: Nick Melton - "Sunshine"

2018 Season Outlook: 15-3

Manager Quote: It's not about the winning, it's about having fun. But its still about the winning



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Team Name: University of Florida

Mascot: Gators

Location: Gainesville, FL

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Jacob Houser (President), Travis Pemberton (VP)

2016-17 Performance:

• Record: 17-9

Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: 2nd in Conference, 9th Nationally

Notables: **Tyler Riley**

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 15 D1 returners, 3 D2 callups from last season

Players to Watch:

Tyler Riley: As a freshman, Tyler lead the team hitting .375 and was a defensive stud in the infield. Connor Hogue: Connor was the ace of our D2 team last season and was called up for the post season. In his only game against UCF (WS runner up), he put up 5 no-hit innings. Connor Hermida: A new addition for to the team this year, Connor has played two years at Lake Sumter CC, he will be a great addition to the pitching staff to help replace the starter that we lost last season as well as at the plate and the field.

New additions: Dalton Brooks, Connor Hermida, John LeDew, Christian Tompkins, and David Villa

Biggest Rival: UCF

Best Player Nickname: Kyle Weott: "Shnaw"

2018 Season Outlook: Ready to book the trip to Holly Springs



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Manager Quote:

After a very successful season last year, we look to build upon on our reputation and compete with everyone. Our team lost only 8 players last season and we believe we have replaced these guys with players more than capable of stepping up and filling these roles.

Pitching has increased with new arms like John LeDew, Connor Hermida, and Christian Tompkins. D2 call ups from last season like Dalton Edgell and Connor Hogue look to fight for a starting spot. Returning pitchers all look to remain dominant throughout the season.

Our lineup is versitile and has a lot of guys that can hit well in any spot.

We are looking forward to starting the season.



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Team Name: University of Central Florida

Mascot: Knights

Location: Orlando, FL

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Camron White (President) Andrew Robineau (Treasurer) Preston Stephens (Risk Manager) Frankie Graf (Social Media)

2016-17 Performance:

- Record: 23-6 (10-2)
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: South Atlantic South Champions, South Atlantic Regional Champions, NCBA World Series Runner Ups
- Notables: Won series against Top #10 UF & FSU, Swept regionals against Alabama & 2x UF, #20 Ranked Iowa in Plant City, World Series: Beat Penn State, Texas State, and Nevada

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 17, Camron White (1st Team All American) Kenny Donaldson (1st Team All American) Matt Sanchez (1st Team All-Region & 2017 Long Ball Home Run Derby Champion) Michael Bulmer (2nd Team All-Region) Larry Lawrence (3rd **Team All-Region**)

Players to Watch: Camron White (RHP), Kenny Donaldson (LHP), Michael Bulmer (RHP), Matt Sanchez (OF), Larry Coffey (C), Chase Hahnemann (OF)

New additions: Aaron Maller(OF/P), Casey Barnette(INF), Chase Hahnemann(OF), Jonathan Garcia(P/INF), Kyle Covell (P,OF), Kyle Fowler(C), Matthew Trzeciak(P), Ryan Mayer(P)

Biggest Rival: FSU

Best Player Nickname: Austin Lamoureux (Lam)

2018 Season Outlook: One goal - Bring home a NCBA National Championship Trophy

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Manager Quote: "Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine as children do. It's not just in some of us; it is in everyone. And as we let our own lights shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others."- Timo Cruz(Coach Carter)



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Team Name: South Carolina

Mascot: Gamecocks

Location: Columbia, South Carolina

Captain(s)/Coach(s): HC: Miles Moody

Asisstant Coaches: Nick Burgos, Wade Biltoft, James Konopinski, Chris Bender, James Grant, Jason

Selikoff, Patrick DeMarre

2016-17 Performance:

• Record: 9-15

• Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: 5

• Notables: Aaron Gulibon, Chris Ransom, Jack Nonnemacher, Nick Burgos, Chris Bender, Evan McCurry, Mark Evans, Richie Mattone, Miles Moody.

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

Players to Watch: Aaron Gulibon, Ian Estes, Jack Nonnemacher, Mark Evans, Miles Moody, Adam Blankenship, Alex Bernarding, Alex Lamendola, Cam Boddie, Cody Mailly, Cooper Myers-Mallinger, John McCauliffe, Luke Carlson, Spencer Buehler

New additions: Adam Blankenship, Alex Bernarding, Alex Lamendola, Cam Boddie, Cody Mailly, Cooper Myers-Mallinger, John McCauliffe, Luke Carlson, Spencer Buehler, Paul Kashack, Patrick Parnell, John Tartaglione, Hunter Forsyth, EJ Mastronardi, Andrew Hanson,

Biggest Rival: Clemson

Best Player Nickname: James "Big Country" Grant

2018 Season Outlook: With a few key returning veterans (Gulibon, Nonnemacher, Bender, Evans) and many new additions with extreme talent, we expect to compete with the best in our region and the nation as well. Pitching, positional depth, baserunning and defense are just some of the areas we have improved in.



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Manager Quote: We learned a lot of lessons from last season and kept those in mind during the fall. We have a great team dynamic this season and we're extremely excited where our young core and veteran leadership may be able to take us.



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Team Name: Ole Miss

Mascot: Rebels

Location: Oxford Mississippi

Captain(s)/Coach(s):

Dawson Cook Trey Hopper Josh Smith

2016-17 Performance:

Record: 8-14

• Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: 4th

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

16

Players to Watch:

Trey Hopper

Eric Gonzoles

Grant Gibbons

Daniel Kloysuntia

Wes Duffield

Nicholas Longhorn

New additions:

Marshall Dearmon

Wes Duffield

Grant Gibbons

Eric Gonzoles

Brandon Kapper

Nicholas Longhorn

Brady Osborne

Kevin Shelton

Samuel Smith

Michael Sullivan



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Noah Sullivan Bryer Weast

Biggest Rival: Mississippi State

Best Player Nickname: Pennywise

2018 Season Outlook: Conference Champions

Manager Quote: Always play the game at 110 percent



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Team Name: Mississippi State

Mascot: Bulldogs

Location: Starkville, MS

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Scotty Bateman, Parker Glass

2016-17 Performance:

• Record: **3-1 (Fall 2017 - Exhibition)**

• Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: N/A

 Notables: Beat Alabama in first ever game in October 2017. Split with them and swept Ole Miss.

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): N/A (25 players on roster)

Players to Watch: Coleman Gilder (LHP), Jack Webb (RHP), Jack Bishop (IF)

New additions: Entire Team

Biggest Rival: Ole Miss, Alabama

Best Player Nickname: Unicorn (Bailey Pulliam)

2018 Season Outlook: We are looking to have a very successful inaugural season. We truly believe we can compete for a division title after a great fall that included splitting with the perennial favorite (Alabama). We have an extremely talented ball club that plays hard.

Manager Quote: "Look out for this new team to make some noise in one of the most competitive conferences in the NCBA. We're going to surprise some people as a first year club and make a run at the playoffs with our grit and grind approach. Don't forget about Mississippi State." - Scotty Bateman



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Team Name: University of Miami

Mascot: Hurricanes

Location: Coral Gables, FL

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Evan Stocker

2016-17 Performance:

• Record: **5-13**

• Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: 4th

Notables:

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

Players to Watch: Alex MacDonough, Aaron McCune, Evan Stocker, Ryan Mena

New additions: Angelo Weber, Cody Brown, Niel Patel, Brian Tessesini, Jake Holgado, Shane Wright, Ted Appel, Josh Gold, Sam Gonzalez

Biggest Rival: Florida State Seminoles

Best Player Nickname: Brennan "Fruitsnack" Prusak

2018 Season Outlook: The Hurricanes will be returning all but 2 of their players from the 2017 season which featured 6 freshman starters. After a tough 5-13 Spring '17, and a fall season severly limited by 5 weeks of no ball due to Hurricane Irma, the Canes will be more excited than ever to step between the lines come February. Their experience will carry them most of the way but the rookies adress the glaring holes from last Spring: power hitting and a dominant bullpen. This is the most complete team top to bottom the Canes have had in a while and will look to beat teams 3 times each weekend, 3 different ways.

Manager Quote: "Dalé"



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Team Name: Kennesaw State University

Mascot: Owls

Location: Kennesaw, GA

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Nick Watson, Ryan Horzepa, and Noah Uhry

2016-17 Performance:

• Record: **15-8 (9-6 Conference)**

• Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: 3rd place in conference

Notables: N/A

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

Players to Watch: William B Watson, Avery McReynolds, Brandon Hicks, Matthew Owens, Brandon Keener, Noah Uhry

New additions: Brandon Keener, Shane Rockey Isaiah Long, Ragahy Shayam, Eddie Matos

Biggest Rival: UTC and Alabama

Best Player Nickname:

2018 Season Outlook: After a hard fought 2016-2017 season, we look forward to a competitive season that will start with early matchups against Florida and another battle when we face our conference champion from last season in that of Alabama. We are confident in our chances to win the conference this year and more. With the returning of several key players and some new additions, we have high goals to reach the regional playoffs, if not the World Series this year.

Manager Quote:



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Team Name: University of Georgia

Mascot: Bulldogs

Location: Athens, GA

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Trey Walters (President), Charlie Goedtke (VP), Josh Lee (Player Coach), Brad

Leathers (Treasurer)

2016-17 Performance:

• Record: 14-10

• Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **2nd in conference**

• Notables: Only team in conference to beat Clemson (1st place), Top starting pitcher (Charlie Goedtke (first team all-region 2016) was injured and unable to play the whole season. Number two starter was injured half the season and unable to play.

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): Returning 12 players (7 starters and 3 starting pitchers)

Players to Watch: Trey Walters, Charlie Goedtke, AJ Allen, Josh Lee, Brad Leathers, Connor Lynch, Jose Mendoza, Blake Huber, Mike Dolak

New additions: 3 former NCAA D-1 baseball players, Large freshman class 15-17

Biggest Rival: Clemson

Best Player Nickname: Mike Dolak (Mr. Doback) from movie Step Brothers

2018 Season Outlook: We believe will win conference and go far in the playoffs. Returning the majority of our starters and have a very strong and deep pitching staff. Our depth is the best we have had in years. We feel we could field two full teams with our roster and compete in conference. Big and very talented freshman class. Also, we have replaced the starters with talent equal to if not better than what we had last year.

Manager Quote: "We feel this is the best team we have had in years. We are young but have a lot of depth and talent in every aspect. Looking forward to a very successful year."



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Team Name: Georgia Institute of Technology

Mascot: Yellow Jackets

Location: Atlanta, GA

Captain(s)/Coach(s):

Coaches: Luke Bumgardner & Kevin Breslin

2016-17 Performance (LAST SEASON):

• 2016-2017 Season Record: 6-15

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

• Notables: Played a good series at UCF, won one of three games, but all games were competitive

Fall 2017 Performance (If applicable to your team)

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

• Notables: 5-1 in local Atlanta Men's League

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

Players to Watch: FORMTEXT Casen Wolinsky, Zach Basel, Peter Herman, Connor Heyburn

New additions: Peter Herman, Matt Pacifico, Jack Darrow, Ryan Adams, Christophe Sengal, Ryan Zwebber, Jesses Oglesebee

Biggest Rival: University of Georgia

Best Player Nickname: FORMTEXT

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2017-2018 Season Outlook: We have moved to one the most competitive conferences in the nation, but think we can hold our own. We have recruited heavily during the off-season and have almost doubled membership. We will have 10-12 pitchers any given weekend as opposed to 4-6 pitchers such as we had last season. Added 4 or 5 strong bats to the lineup.

Manager Quote:

"We almost doubled our membership this year and have improved tremendously over the off-season. Thanks to the recruitment, most people think we'll be good in two or three years. I think we have the talent and depth to do great things this year evenin a competitive conference"



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Team Name: Florida State

Mascot: Seminoles

Location: Tallahassee, FL

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Tim Becker / Matt McSoley

2016-17 Performance:

• Record: 20-4

• Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: 3rd

Notables:

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): Florida State has 16 returning players including 5 South Atlantic All-Region players, and one First Team All-American pitcher. We have a solid group of returners with a lot of playing time under their belts including playoff and World Series experience.

Players to Watch: Andrew Kunkler, Austin Schultz, Clay Gilman, Josuan Suarez, Sam Nadel, Tim Becker, SP Perry, and ET Maldonado. Kunkler is looking to repeat an incredible year where he earned First Team All-American honors with a 7-1 record and a 0.84 ERA. After a year off, Austin Schultz is looking to get back to his dominate ways on the mound and in the field. Schultz was a 2016 South Atlantic All-Region player. Gilman, in his final year of eligibility is looking to finish off his career with All-Region honors for the 4th time. He will be a staple at the top of the order as well as up the middle on defense. Suarez and Nadel are both returning for their second year after earning All-Region honors in the 2017 season, both will be key players in the infield and at the top of the lineup. Becker and Perry look to hold down the outfield for the Seminoles. Both coming off All-Region honors in the 2017 season, Becker hit .420 and led the region in RBI's with 29. Perry was a reliable bat in the order finishing the season with a .333 average. After spending the Fall as a walk-on with the varsity team, Maldonado is going to be a huge bat in the order and another staple in the infield.

New additions: Florida State added 14 new players for this season including 2 catchers, 7 pitchers, 2 infielders, and 3 outfielders. Many of these players previously played at the collegiate level and will create the depth needed to make a world series run.

Biggest Rival: UCF



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Best Player Nickname: "I Always Score" - Joey Daidone. Daidone wreaks havoc on the bases scoring 99% of the time he reaches base. Scoring from first base on a pass ball is not uncommon for Daidone.

2018 Season Outlook: Florida State had an off year with a 20-4 record last season and we're looking to rebound with a World Series run like the 2015 and 2016 seasons. The mix of returning and new talent will hopefully allow us to return to the playoffs; ultimately, ending with a trip to Holly Springs, NC.

Manager Quote: We are looking to return to our winning ways this season, our only goal is a trip to the World Series. Last year we had a talented team but lacked depth, this year we have added depth and much more. Every player knows what it takes to get there, and we definitelty have the team to accomplish this goal.



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Team Name: Florida Gulf Coast University

Mascot: Eagles

Location: Fort Myers, Florida

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Cameron Hilgenberg

2016-17 Performance:

• Record: **22-5**

• Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: Conference and Regional champ and Lost in the World Series Semifinal

• Notables: Undefeated in confernce for third season in a row

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

Players to Watch: Zach Milton (LHP), Cameron Hilgenberg(C/CF), Griffin Daly (CF)

New additions: Tommy Savino(C/Utl), Tyler Gougen (P), Townsend Crittenberger (P)

Biggest Rival: Miami

Best Player Nickname: Dunk City Devino

2018 Season Outlook: A 4th straight playoff Berth

Manager Quote: "We are excited to be in D1 but we hope so have the same success"



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Team Name: Coastal Carolina University

Mascot: Chanticleer

Location: Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

Captain(s)/Coach(s): TJ Williams

Matt Schuster Phill McClure

2016-17 Performance:

• Record: **8-12**

• Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: 4th in South Antlantic Conference

• Notables: **7-4 at home**

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

Players to Watch: TJ Williams

Isaac Greer Robbie Monahan Malik Grant

New additions: Justin Holliday

Zack Brennamen

Mason Smith

Biggest Rival: Clemson

Best Player Nickname: Leek

2018 Season Outlook: Undefeated

Manager Quote: Get Your Weight Up

<u>Team Name</u>: Clemson University

Mascot: Tigers

Location: Clemson, South Carolina

Captains/Coaches: K.C. Stipcak, Owen Ravanel

<u>2016-2017 Performance:</u>

Record: 24-3

Conference/World Series Results: South Atlantic East Champions, Lost in Regional Semi-Finals

<u>Number of Returning Players</u>: 12 returners including 1 3rd team All American, 1 1st team all-region, 3 2nd team all-region, and 2 3rd team all-region players.

<u>Players to Watch</u>: Owen Ravanel (SS), Tyler Borland (OF), Andrew Lindquist (DH), Ryan Bornemann (OF), Patrick Ferguson (3B), Gordon Ziesing (P), Kyle Schindler aka "Big Sexy" (P)

New Additions: Justin Tepper (C), Blake Disher (SS/2B), Donnie Sturm (P), Dylan Giorgio (P), Garret Cook (OF), Jacob Simon (P), Scott Dignacco (SS/2B), Matt Navaro (OF)

Biggest Rival: Georgia

Best Player Nickname: "Big Sexy"

<u>2018 Season Outlook:</u> This year we look forward to improving on an excellent 2016-2017 season. Between returning 12 key players and adding some impressive new talent we believe we can repeat as the South Atlantic East Conference champions, as well as make an even stronger postseason push towards the NCBA World Series.

<u>Managers Quote:</u> "Be professional, be polite, but have a plan to kill everyone you meet" – General James Mattis