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2019 PREVIEW GUIDE

Team Name: Houston Community College (HCC)

Mascot: Eagles

Location: Houston, Texas

Director(s)/Coach(s): Director of Club Sports Phillip McNeil, Head Coach Lee Daugherty, Assistant Head Coach Ronnie Oliver and Assistant Head Coach Steve Whittington

2017-18 Performance:

- Record: **Conference 9-0, Overall 16-4**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **Champions Rocky Lone Star Region South**
- Notables: **Runner-up Rocky Lone Star Regionals**

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

Players to Watch: Austin Taylor, Chase Daugherty, Ja'kree Porter, Myles Wiltz, Richard Rodriguez, and Ryan Garza,

New additions: Andrew Wardrup, Anthony Almazan, Anthony Dawson, Austin Gonzalez, Drew Shaver, Joseph Janda, Tyler Martin, John Estrada, Herasmo Castillo, Jacob Gonzalez, Jonathan Rodriguez, Jose Bethancourt, Jose Butron, Alonzo Deleon, Junier Hernandez, Eduardo Hernandez

Biggest Rival: ALL Conference Opponents

Best Player Nickname: Dirty and Rooster

2019 Season Outlook: 2019 Gulf Coast – East Champions

Manager Quote: The expert in anything was once a beginner



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Team Name: UTSA

Mascot: Roadrunners

Location: San Antonio, Texas

Captain(s): Matt Austria, Carlos Vera

Coach(s) : Shawn Garrett, Chris Olvera, Ryan Ebel

2017-18 Performance:

- Record: **12-9 (9-9)**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **3rd in Gulf Coast South**
- Notables: **Had a member selected to an ALL NCBA Team and had a consecutive winning season.**

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

Chris Olvera (All Conference Pitcher)

Carlos Vera (All Conference Infield)

Players to Watch: Kyle Kincaid, JD Alvarez, Bradley Flaum, Josh Miranda

New additions: Zach Broadway, JP Mendez, Rob Montoya, Chris Gonzalez, Anthony Dominguez, Reggie Deleon, Mike Hernandez

Biggest Rival: Texas State

Best Player Nickname: Doodlebop

2019 Season Outlook: The Roadrunners are coming off a very successful fall campaign in which they finished second at Wood Wars. They return 8 starters from a year ago including the pitching staff. With these veterans returning and the influx of freshman talent coming in the roadrunners are primed for thier best season in program history.

Manager Quote: “Does a three legged dog swim in a circle?” –Ryan Ebel



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Team Name: North Texas Club Baseball

Mascot: Eagles

Location: Denton, Tx

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Ben Russell

2017-18 Performance:

- Record: **8-11**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: 3rd in Gulf coast North conference
- Notables: **Split with Texas Tech for first time in 5+ years**

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

7

Players to Watch:

Ben Russell - Pitcher threw a No-Hitter in Wood Wars tournament

Tommy Kim - Returning 2nd team All-American

Justin Gray - Returning competitor in national home run derby

New additions:

Several freshman with impressive skill sets, but didn't get the chance to show their skills due to the rain in the area.

Biggest Rival:

Texas Tech

Best Player Nickname:

"Prison Mike" for player named Michael

2019 Season Outlook:

Looking to be in contention with Baylor for conference title with improved talent on the roster

Manager Quote:

We are looking forward to a strong season with our returning stars, as well as incoming freshmen who have the ability to make a large impact and keep us on track.



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Team Name: University of Houston - Main Campus

Mascot: Cougars

Location: Houston, Texas

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Jacob Izaguirre, David Hatamlh

2017-18 Performance:

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

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

Players to Watch: Jacob Izaguirre, David Hatamleh, RJ Feltman, Adrian Randolph, Giovanni Alatorre

New additions: Nick Rando, Juan Maltos, David Munoz, Aaron Tucker, RJ Feltman

Biggest Rival: Lone Star College

Best Player Nickname: Daddy

2019 Season Outlook: 7-5

Manager Quote: It ain't over till it's over



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Team Name: Tulane University

Mascot: Green Wave

Location: New Orleans, LA

Captain(s)/Coach(s): President/Captain: Elliott Michalson, Vice President: AJ Carr, Head Coach: Ben Froman

2017-18 Performance:

- Record: 16-5
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: Finished third place in the Gulf Coast Regional Playoff
- Notables:

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

Players to Watch: P/SS Peyton Hopkins (Senior), OF Brandon Thomas (Sophomore)

New additions: 2019 Roster features an addition of 12 freshmen, and a Junior transfer from Auburn University

Biggest Rival: LSU, Texas A&M

Best Player Nickname: Jack Hendricks – Nightmare

2019 Season Outlook: The Tulane Green Wave look to build off a season in which the team saw its first playoff birth in four years. A more-seasoned sophomore class pairs with a deep group of intriguing freshmen to give the Green Wave exceptional positional depth, leaving the team poised to make a run at the regional championship.

Manager Quote: “I hope these guys can make contact, throw strikes, and make it to the field without getting lost,” says third-year manager, Ben Froman.



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Team Name: Texas Tech

Mascot: Red Raiders

Location: Lubbock, Texas

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Garrett Hudson, Dawson Wright, Ryan Orefice, August Mueller

2017-18 Performance:

- Record: 18-9
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: 2nd in Conference, Regionals Runner-up
- Notables: Sam Swindle (1st Team All-American 3rd Base), Ryan Orefice (1st Team All-Region Relief Pitcher), Tyler Crupper (2nd Team All-Region Catcher), Mitchell Taylor (2nd Team All-Region DH)

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 8, Ryan Orefice (1st Team All-Region), Garrett Hudson (3rd Team All-Region), Dawson Wright, August Mueller, Chris Patterson, Grant Ellis, Zach Walker, Dillon Rodgers

Players to Watch: Ryan Orefice, Chris Patterson, Grant Ellis

New additions: 11 new members who bring a lot of high school/junior college baseball experience that we expect to play a big role this year. Brady Douglas, Cameron Sizemore, David Maldonado, Erik Hinojosa, Gabriel Vazquez, Grayson Medlock, JD Armijo, Jacob Gomillion, Juan Chavez, Kade Koehl, Matt Guerra.

Biggest Rival: Baylor Bears

Best Player Nickname: Ryan "Bambi" Orefice

2019 Season Outlook: We feel this year's team is overall deeper and stronger than last year's. We are returning a lot of our pitching staff from last year's dominant staff. We have added quality arms to compliment our returners. The offense from top to bottom can compete with the best across the nation.



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Manager Quote: I believe we have one of the best teams in the nation and our goal this year is to prove to everyone that our program is a serious contender.



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Team Name: Texas State University

Mascot: Bobcats

Location: San Marcos, Tx

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Head Coach- Nick Easley
Assistant Coaches- Kameron Craft, Brett Perkins
Senior Captain- Derrick Rucka

2017-18 Performance:

- Record: 11-11 (10-8)
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: 2nd in Gulf Coast South
- Notables:

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

8 Returners

Derrick Rucka- 3rd Team All-American Outfield, 1st Team All-Region

Sam Dandy- 3rd Team All-Region 1st Base

Players to Watch:

Watch for Derrick Rucka, Nate Dial, Jesse Caldera and Elias Munoz to dominate the mound; and watch Chris Collins, Alex McMeans, Derrick Rucka, and Sam Dandy to continue the sticks from the fall.

New additions:

Chris Collins (C), Alex McMeans (OF), Elias Munoz (IF/P), Alex Mason (OF/P), Jay Walters (1B), Austin DeLuca (IF), Brad Baughman (OF/IF), Bret Dobbs (P), Jackson Fultz (1B), Jesse Caldera (P), Mason McCalip (IF/OF), Nate Dial (P), Sam Simmons (1B)

Biggest Rival: Texas A&M

Best Player Nickname: Seattle Dream

2019 Season Outlook:

After a disappointing season the Bobcats have reloaded with 15 new players; a revamped team which will see pitching and defense as our keys to win. Senior leadership will play a big role in this team making it back to Regionals and hopefully back to the World Series. Look for Senior Captain Derrick Rucka to lead the Bobcats on the mound and at the plate and our new additions to make a quick impact for the Bobcats.

Manager Quote:

This team is stacked with leadership from our veteran players and as long as this team can have chemistry from the top down than we will be where we want to be at the end of the day.



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Team Name: Texas A&M University

Mascot: Aggies

Location: College Station

Captain(s)/Coach(s):

Head Coach: Jaden Mongauzy

Assistant Coaches: Rowe Medlin & Brad Dorer

President: Dalton Warren

2017-18 Performance:

- **Record:** 19-9
- **Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results:** Conference Champions, Regional Champions, Finished 7th at World Series

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

13 Returning Players

2 Returning All Conference Players (Medlin & Johnson)

Players to Watch:

UT- Rowe Medlin, SS- Luke Johnson, SP- Cameron Sides, SP- Eric Dluzniewski, OF- George Michael Swift

New additions:

Alec Uselton, Cameron Sides, Dylan Kirkland, Eric Dluzniewski, Garrett Kilcrease, Jason Pueblo, John Najvar, Jordan Markim, Tyler John, Zach Levandoski

Biggest Rival: Texas State University

Best Player Nickname: G-Mike (George Michael Swift)

2019 Season Outlook: After Winning Wood Wars in the Fall, the Aggies are excited to start Conference play. Expect the Aggies to be successful in the 2019 season with their strong pitching staff.

Manager Quote: "After graduating 13 seniors last year, we knew that we were going to need a strong showing at tryouts. Luckily, we added a great group of new guys and saw success right away at Wood Wars. We are optimistic going into the Spring and have a strong pitching staff that will be able to lead us to a successful season. A lot of people probably thought this was going to be a rebuilding year for us but after our fall season, I think we made it clear that our team is strong enough to make another World Series run." -Mongauzy



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Team Name: University of Texas at Austin

Mascot: Longhorns

Location: Austin, Texas

Captain(s)/Coach(s): John Thomas - President
Chris Classie - Vice President

2017-18 Performance:

- Record: 4-17 (3-15 GC South)
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: 4th in Gulf Coast- South
- Notables: Clay Hodges (departed) - 3rd Team All Gulf-Coast Region OF

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

11 Returning Players

Players to Watch: Cesar Prieto (INF), Jonny Hearn (C), David Thompson (INF), Eric Allen (OF)

New additions:

12 New Members

Eric Allen (OF), Sam Bai (P), Sam DiCarlo (P), Ben Getting (INF/P),

James Grant (1B/P), Jonny Hearn (C), Alec LeBouef (P), Antonio Macias (2B),

Mark Moreno (INF/P), Cesar Prieto (SS/3B), Jacob Stover (UTL), David Thompson (INF),

Biggest Rival:

Texas A&M

Best Player Nickname:

Chris "Stay Classie" Classie (also goes by Squints)

John "Johnny Tryouts" Thomas



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2019 Season Outlook: With an outstanding freshman class and an addition of arms the Longhorns seem primed for the future. The new arms mean the rotation will be settled for the first time in a few years. The Longhorns could become a much more competitive team this year.

Manager Quote: “WE’RE BAAAACK” - Sam Ehlinger



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Team Name: SMU

Mascot: MUSTANGS

Location: Dallas, TX

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Holden Maney and Josh Pieniasek

2017-18 Performance:

- Record: **3-17**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **Last**
- Notables: **Wins against UNT and Nebraska**

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

12

Players to Watch:

Robbie Leslie, Jarrett Fairbanks, Ryan Rapattoni

New additions:

Barry Mainz, Brenden Myers, Canyon Kyle, Kent Yamamoto, Luke Hohlt, Matt Goodburn, Max Stasio, Ryan Freiere, Will Lambson

Biggest Rival:

Texas Tech

Best Player Nickname:

Harry Holcomb as Larry Holcomb

2019 Season Outlook:

We are looking forward to a great 2019 season. We have acquired a great deal of freshman talent and have added strong arms into our pitching rotation.

Manager Quote:

play hard, don't suck



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Team Name: Stephen F. Austin State University

Mascot: Lumberjack

Location: Nacogdoches, TX

Captain(s): Garrett Wolf, JD Roark, Luke Hamilton, Jermaine Bowie

2017-18 Performance:

- Record: 5-5
- Final Conference Ranking: 3rd
- Notables: Gave 1st place Tulane their only loss of conference play

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 12

Players to Watch: Kyle Blakley, Luke Hamilton

New additions: Aaron Rangel, Andrew Alvarez, Jacob Kittrell, Justin Coleman, Kyle Blakley, Noah Hardy, Mason Lowery, Matthew Rodriguez

Biggest Rival: University of Houston

Best Player Nickname: N/A

2019 Season Outlook: Looking to improve on last season and keep winning games with the new players we have.

Manager Quote: N/A



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Team Name: LSU

Mascot: Tigers

Location: Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Coach Chris Caldarera

2017-18 Performance:

- Record: **13-5**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **2nd in Gulf Coast East**
- Notables: **10 game win streak to close the season**

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

19

Players to Watch:

David Boh – Returning senior and leader of a top notch pitching staff.

Clayton Deron – The oldest and a veteran to this Tiger squad. He leads an outstanding outfield group in his last year with the team.

New additions:

Max Cogan, Jack Gavin, Lee Blosser, Matthew Sauber, Michael Lagarrigue

Biggest Rival:

Tulane

Best Player Nickname:

Filp – Philip Brahana

2019 Season Outlook:

We are looking to bounce back this year, as we missed a trip to regionals for the first time in the last 3 years this past season. Our goal is to first win the Gulf Coast East, then win regionals, and finally win the national championship in our first trip to Holly Springs. Geaux Tigers!

Manager Quote:

“We are excited about the opportunity to build upon the foundation we laid last year. This team is chomping at the bit for another postseason birth, and they will do whatever it takes to travel the 924 miles to Holly Springs this summer. Geaux Tigers!”



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Team Name: Lone Star College Coyotes

Mascot: Coyotes

Location: Lone Star College Kingwood

Coach: Salvador Rico

2017-18 Performance:

- Record: **Did not participate due to Hurricane Harvey**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results:
- Notables:

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

Players to Watch: Rudy Gonzalez, Manuel Delgado

New additions: Austin Alvarez, Cameron Reid, Kayvon Behravan, Tristan, Groh, Kevin Roa

Biggest Rival: Houston Community College

Best Player Nickname:

2019 Season Outlook: Looking forward to the Season & the Challenges ahead.

Manager Quote: We Are, 1 Heartbeat... We Are, 1 Team... We Are, Lone Star!



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Team Name: Baylor

Mascot: Bears

Location: Waco, TX

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Josh Riegel, Sean Radinsky

2017-18 Performance:

- Record: 17-7 overall, 14-3 conference
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: Gulf Coast North Champions
- Notables: #5 Ranked Team in Rawlings Top 20 in Week 20

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

9 returning players

Players to Watch: Thomas Stivala, Andrew Kuykendall, Sean Radinsky

New additions: Austin Ebin, Chris Clark, Colin Shreves, Davis Deaton, Garret Stevenson, Nicolas Prater, Ryan Delongchamps, Sam Hamer, Trey Casswell, Tristian Browning, Dalton Shettle, Hunter Deckard, John Molenda

Biggest Rival: Texas Tech

Best Player Nickname: AK-47 for one of our catchers- Andrew Kuykendall #47

2019 Season Outlook: We look to be competitive in an excellent conference and are striving to return the Gulf Coast North Champion title back to Waco.

Manager Quote: Even after graduation 9 seniors, we are very optimistic that the young guys on this squad will be able to step up to the challenge and guide us towards another conference championship.