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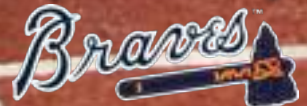
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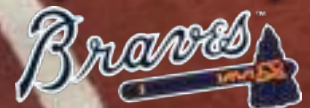
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Dear Readers,

It's hard to believe another high school baseball season is upon us again. It seemed the last one just ended, or maybe it's just me. Last year was fun and 2020 should be as good or better.

We watched four high school programs – Tattnell Square, Gordon Lee, Loganville and Parkview – go back-to-back. For Loganville, it was the Red Devils' third straight. And we saw Heritage-Conyers, Northside-Columbus and Pike County win their first state baseball titles. In Class 2A, Jeff Davis won its second championship in three years.

It won't be surprising to see several of them repeat. But that is another story for another day.

Georgia as a whole seems to keep getting better and better, and is one of the best state's nationally at producing talent. I had a scout tell me recently that Georgia high school baseball is as good as tradition-rich states such as Texas, California and Florida, long considered the breeding-ground for most Major League Baseball rosters.

Who knows what will happen in 2020. Hopefully this magazine will give you something to talk about while we anticipate another season. As always, I thank my family (Stacy and Olivia) for their help in this task and ultimately, I thank my wonderful Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ for guidance and wisdom. Without him in my life and his guidance, you certainly wouldn't be reading this magazine. It's as simple as that.

Thanks for taking time to read this publication. We hope it's the most comprehensive guide to high school baseball in Georgia you can find.

Sincerely,

Tim Morse
Publisher



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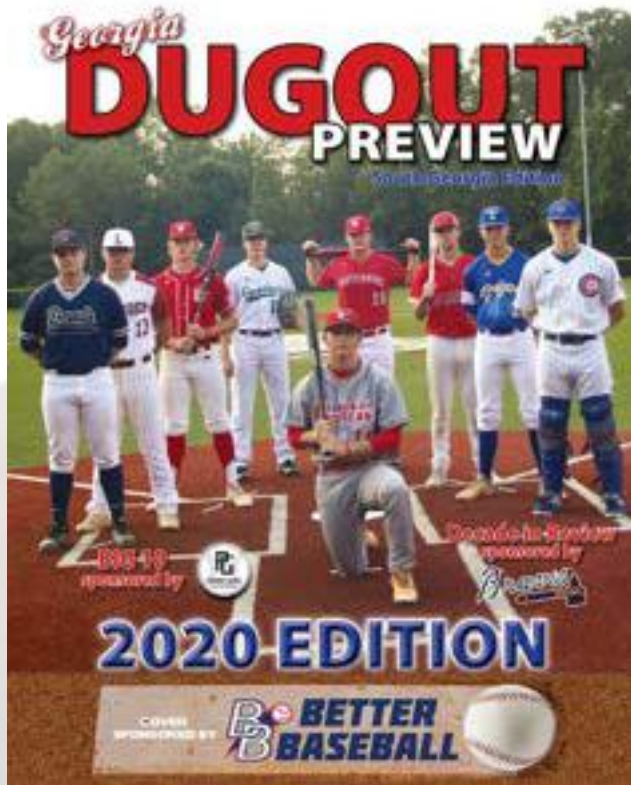
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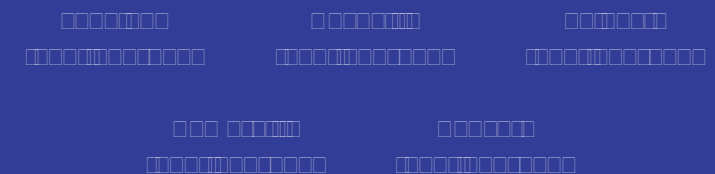


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Georgia was blessed with some of the nation's best high school baseball players in the last decade. We have tried our best to compile a list of the very best. We hope you enjoy. To be eligible, players must have graduated in 2010 or after and by 2019.

All-Decade Team

Pitchers

Luke Bartnicki, Walton

The Under Armour All-American went 10-1 as a junior after helping Walton win the state championship in 2016. Threw two no-hitters in high school. Graduated in 2018.

Cam Bedrosian, East Coweta

A first-round draft selection in 2010, Bedrosian dominated at East Coweta. He combined to win 30 games and struck out 380 batters. Graduated in 2010.

Connor Bennett, Buford

The right-hander simply dominated during his time at Buford. His seven saves and perfect 7-0 record in 2015 helped Buford to a state title. He finished with a 1.06 ERA and 107 strikeouts in 55 1/3 innings. Graduated in 2015.

Kyle Carter, Columbus

Left-hander helped lead Columbus to three straight state titles from 2010-12. He went 12-2 with a 0.98 ERA in 2012 and struck out 116. Graduated in 2012.



Kyle Carter, Columbus

Dylan Cease, Milton

Flame-thrower had a fastball that consistently ran in the 90s and topped at 98 miles per hour. Perfect Game All-American helped Milton to the 2013 Class 6A title, then the state's highest class, and a state runner-up finish in 2014. Graduated in 2014.

Nolan Crisp, Locust Grove

As a freshman, helped Locust Grove to a state title in 2016. As a junior, he struck out 97 and posted a 1.35 ERA. As a sophomore, finished with a 1.24 ERA. Skipped senior season in 2019 and enrolled early at Florida. Graduated in 2019.

Matthew Crossover, Ringgold

The Perfect Game All-American helped Ringgold to state runner-up finishes in 2010 and 2012. Left-hander went on to become the ACC Pitcher of the Year in 2015 at Clemson. Graduated in 2012.



Will Ethridge, Parkview

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Posted a combined 23-5 record with a 1.65 ERA, 119 strikeouts and 21 walks in 148 innings during his career at Parkview. As a junior, he went 13-0 and led the Panthers to the 2015 Class 6A state title and a national title. Graduated in 2016.

Jonathan Gettys, Gainesville

Helped Gainesville to state championship series in 2015 where he went 12-3 with a 0.85 ERA with 131 strikeouts in 82 1/3 innings. Graduated in 2016.

Matthew Gorst, Johns Creek

The All-American still holds the school record for career wins and strikeouts. A clutch performer who always got the job done. Graduated in 2015.

DL Hall, Valdosta

The Perfect Game All-American helped lead Houston County to the Class 5A state title as a junior in 2016 before returning home to Valdosta for his senior year. As a senior, Hall struck out 105 in 51 1/3 innings and posted a 1.36 ERA. Opponents batted just .129 against him. Graduated in 2017.

Jake Higginbotham, Buford

Finished with a career 29-3 record with 0.68 ERA and 349 strikeouts. In 2015, he went 11-1 with a 0.21 ERA to lead Buford to the Class 4A state title. Graduated in 2015.

Ryne Inman, Parkview

Parkview doesn't win the 2015 state championship without Inman, who went 11-1 with a 1.38 ERA his senior season. He also threw a no-hitter in the state playoffs. Graduated in 2015.



Ethan Lindow, Locust Grove

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Left-hander helped Locust Grove to a state title as a junior in 2016 with an ERA of less than 1.00. As a senior, Lindow finished with a 0.97 ERA in 57 2/3 innings. He struck out 97 and allowed just 15 earned runs. Graduated in 2017.

Tony Locey, Houston County

The Under Armour and Perfect Game All-American helped Houston County win the 2016 Class 5A state championship. As a senior, he went 9-4 with a 2.04 ERA with 120 strikeouts in 77 innings. Locey began his prep career at Hardaway. Graduated in 2016.

Mac Marshall, Parkview

Helped Parkview to the region title and state semifinal berths as a junior and a senior. He had a scoreless streak of 44 2/3 innings from end of 2013 season into 2014. As a senior, he went 9-1 with a 0.63 ERA and struck out 93 in 69 1/3 innings. Graduated in 2014.



Mitchell Miller, Loganville

Left-hander was a dominant force during his tenure at Loganville. He was selected to the Under Armour All-American Game and was the Region Pitcher of the Year. Graduated in 2016.



Kumar Rocker, North Oconee

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The 2018 Georgia Gatorade Player of the Year went 6-2 with a 1.17 ERA as a senior. During his junior year, he had a 1.63 ERA and struck out 68 in 55 2/3 innings. He was a Perfect Game and Under Armour All-American and won a gold medal with USA Baseball 18U National Team. Graduated in 2018.

Nick Sandlin, Greenbrier

Posted a career 24-2 record with a 1.23 ERA while striking out 211 and helped Greenbrier to state championship in 2015. Graduated in 2015.

Lucas Sims, Brookwood

Dominated during his time at Brookwood, helping the Broncos to a state runner-up finish in 2012 in the state's highest classification. He went 8-1 with a 1.19 ERA and struck out 98 in 76 1/3 innings as a senior. The Atlanta Braves thought enough of the Perfect Game All-American to draft him with their first pick in the 2012 baseball draft. Graduated in 2012.

Graeme Stinson, Norcross

The Under Armour All-American was a fixture at Norcross. He was impressive during his prep career, but none more impressive than his senior season when he went 7-0 with a 1.88 ERA to help the Blue Devils make a deep playoff run. Graduated in 2016.

Robert Tyler, Crisp County

The Perfect Game and Under Armour All-American led Crisp County to the state semifinals as a senior in 2013, then a strong career at Georgia that led him getting

selected in the first round of the 2016 MLB Draft. Graduated in 2013.

Duane Underwood, Pope

The 6-foot-2, 205-pound flame-thrower made opponents look bad during his time at Pope. A second-round pick of the Chicago Cubs in 2012, Underwood struck out 75 batters in 50 1/3 innings his senior year. Graduated in 2012.

Cole Wilcox, Heritage-Conyers

A Perfect Game and Under Armour All-American, Wilcox also played on USA Baseball 18U National Team that won a gold medal. As a senior, he finished with a 9-2 record and 1.59 ERA. Also added team-high 41 RBIs. As junior, went 9-3 with 2.40 ERA. Graduated in 2018.

Bay Witcher, Loganville

Witcher dominated and was part of a vaunted pitching rotation during his time at Loganville. His senior year, he went 10-0 with a 0.24 ERA in leading Loganville to its second straight state title. Graduated in 2018.

Catchers

Will Banfield, Brookwood

One of the best behind the plate. Banfield hit .398 with nine homers, 49 RBIs and 30 walks during his senior season. Graduated in 2018.

Joey Bart, Buford

Helped Buford to the Class 4A state title in 2015 as a senior where he batted .437 with 35 RBIs. Went to Georgia Tech and was awarded the Johnny Bench Award, given to the nation's top catcher. He was the overall No. 2 pick in the 2018 draft. Graduated in 2015.

Luke Berryhill, River Ridge

Quietly established himself as one of the best in the game during his tenure at River Ridge. As a senior, he batted .420 with two homers. Earned All-America honors from Perfect Game and Louisville Slugger. Graduated in 2016.

Austin Biggar, Parkview

Helped Parkview to the Class 6A state title and a national title in 2015 as a junior where he batted .370 with 11 homers and 36 RBIs. In 2016, he batted .315 with 15 doubles as a senior. An excellent defender. Graduated in 2016.



Jonathan French, Parkview

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Helped Parkview to back-to-back state titles in 2018 and 2019. Versatile catcher also played outfield and first base. As a sophomore, he batted .325 with eight homers in 2017. As a junior, he batted .355 with four homers and 26 RBIs. In 2019, French batted .472 with 12 doubles, 13 homers and 61 RBIs. Graduated in 2019.

Tyler Stephenson, Kennesaw Mountain

Stephenson had a strong bat and a cannon arm behind the plate. As a senior, Stephenson batted .415 with eight homers and 25 RBIs. He was a first round selection in the 2015 draft by the Reds. He graduated in 2015.

First Basemen

Terry Fuller, Griffin

The standout defensive lineman on the football team could absolutely crush the baseball and was a Perfect Game All-American. His best season was his junior campaign when he batted .570 with seven triples. Graduated in 2017.

Josh Hatcher, Lee County

Hatcher was excellent at first base and on the mound at Lee County. A three-year starter, Hatcher batted .347 with four homers as a junior in 2016. He also went 6-2 with a 1.69 ERA on the mound. His senior season, he helped Lee finished as the Class 6A runner-up with his bat and his pitching. Graduated in 2017.

Nathaniel Maggio, Blessed Trinity

A four-year starter at Blessed Trinity, Maggio was a big target known for his defense and his premier left-handed bat. He batted .390 with nine homers and 35 RBIs as a senior. Graduated in 2013.



Matt Olson, Parkview

Multi-position standout did it all, helping Parkview to back-to-back titles in 2011 and '12. As a senior, he batted .407 with 11 homers and 52 RBIs. He also went 12-1 on the mound with a 1.64 ERA. Graduated in 2012.

Infielders



CJ Abrams, Blessed Trinity

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A four-year starter who made everything look easy, the shortstop/second baseman was the Georgia Gatorade Player of the Year in 2019 and a Perfect Game and Under Armour All-American. A regular .400-plus hitter with plenty of speed, he batted .431 with three homers and 27 RBIs as a senior. Graduated in 2019.

Tyler Austin, Heritage-Conyers

There were few positions Austin couldn't play. A standout hitter, his .626 season average with 19 homers as a sophomore still ranks as one of the state's best. The AFLAC All-American produced similar numbers as a junior and senior. Graduated in 2010.

Michael Chavis, Sprayberry

Versatile player who was as valuable in the field as he was at the plate, Chavis was the 2014 Georgia Gatorade Player of the Year and a Perfect Game All-American. As a senior, he batted .573 with 13 homers and 39 RBIs. Graduated in 2014.

Travis Demeritte, Winder-Barrow

An excellent infielder who could hit for contact or power, Demeritte was an exciting player to watch in high school. As a senior, he batted better than .400 with 13 homers. Graduated in 2013.



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Tristin English, Pike County

Also a standout pitcher, English batted .632 with 45 RBIs as a senior. As a junior, he batted .538 with 50 RBIs while going 8-1 on the mound. Graduated in 2015.

Adam Frazier, Oconee County

A standout hitter, the four-year starter batted .524 as a senior and .510 as a junior with 24 RBIs. His 53 career doubles rank second in state history. Graduated in 2010.

Brandon Gold, Johns Creek

Four-year starter at Johns Creek was an offensive catalyst. Gold batted better than .400 as a junior and senior. Graduated in 2013.

Matt Gonzalez, Harrison

Four-year starter at Harrison helped the Hoyas win the state championship as a sophomore in 2010. A standout shortstop who also pitched, Gonzalez graduated in 2012.

Gabe Holt, Veterans

One of the best pure hitters this decade, the two-time all state selection was a versatile infielder who could play shortstop or second base. As a senior, he batted .457 with eight homers, 27 RBIs and 29 stolen bases. Graduated in 2017.

Connor Justus, Cartersville

Helped Cartersville to three region titles and the 2013 state championship. An excellent defender and a better bat. He still is the school record-holder for fewest strikeouts in a single season with four. Graduated in 2013.

Carter Kieboom, Walton

One of the top hitters this past decade, Kieboom played a vital role in helping Walton to the Class 6A state championship in 2016. He batted .366 with nine doubles, two triples, five homers and 37 RBIs. Graduated in 2016.



Josh Lowe, Pope

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The 2016 Georgia Gatorade Player of the Year and Perfect Game All-American, Lowe helped the Greyhounds to a state runner-up finish as a senior when he batted .391 with 11 homers and 39 RBIs. He was a first-round draft pick by the Devil Rays. Graduated in 2016.

Nate Lowe, Pope

The 2013 Class 5A Player of the Year led Pope to a state title with a walk-off grand slam in state championship series. Holds school records for career homers and doubles. Batted .462 as a senior. Graduated in 2013.



Casey Moody, Spalding

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Moody was a standout infielder and pitcher. As a sophomore, he batted .534. As a junior, he batted .571 with 16 homers and 71 RBIs and went 10-1 on the mound. He led Spalding to a state runner-up finish as a junior. Graduated in 2012.

Logan Moseley, Mill Creek

Versatile infielder was also a standout pitcher. The Region 7-6A Player of the Year batted better than .390 as a junior and senior at Mill Creek. Graduated in 2014.

James Nelson, Redan

Athletic shortstop helped Redan win the 2013 state championship where he led DeKalb County with a .437 avg. with 36 RBIs. Graduated in 2014.



JT Phillips, Columbus

Versatile standout was major cog who helped lead Columbus to three straight state titles from 2010-12. He played shortstop and pitched. Graduated in 2012.

Cornelius Randolph, Griffin

A standout athlete who could also pitch, Randolph followed up an excellent junior season (.446 avg., 27 RBIs) with an even better senior campaign. He batted .526 with 11 doubles and seven homers. He was the No. 1 pick of the Phillies in the 2015 draft. Graduated in 2015.

Davis Sharpe, Mill Creek

Two-way standout was the real deal in his time at Mill Creek. As a senior, he led the Hawks to a Class 7A state runner-up finish. He batted .393 with 10 homers, 17 doubles and 38 RBIs. On the mound, he went 10-2 with a 2.13 ERA. Graduated in 2018.



Cole Shelton, Dalton

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Did a little of everything at Dalton. As a senior, he batted .452 and posted a 0.88 ERA. As a junior, he batted .464 and posted a 2.69 ERA. Graduated in 2017.

Logan Simmons, Tattall Square

Simmons was a major cog who helped Tattall Square win two state titles during his time at Tattall Square. A smooth shortstop who made big plays with his glove, he batted .343 with a .943 on-base percentage in 108 at bats as a senior in 2018. Graduated in 2018.

Dansby Swanson, Marietta

Two-sport star who also played basketball, Swanson was an excellent infielder who also made teams pay with his bat. Graduated in 2012.

Outfielders

Byron Buxton, Appling County

A three-sport star who helped Appling County to a state championship in 2012. That

year, he batted .513 with 38 stolen bases in 39 games. He also pitched, going 10-1 with a 1.90 ERA with 154 strikeouts in 81 innings. He was the No. 2 overall pick in the 2012 draft by the Twins. Graduated in 2012.

Dazmon Cameron, Eagles Landing Christian

Cameron was the 2015 Georgia Gatorade Player of the Year after batting .455 with eight homers and 32 RBIs during his senior season. The Under Armour All-American and four-year starter never batted below .392. Graduated in 2015.

Conor Davis, Blessed Trinity

Two-sport star helped Blessed Trinity to back-to-back titles in 2014 and 2015. Batted .442 as a senior with seven homers, while batting .447 with 32 RBIs as a junior. As a sophomore, he batted .374 with 13 doubles and 29 RBIs. Graduated in 2016.

Pat Demarco, Winder-Barrow

After moving from New York to Georgia to play baseball, Demarco didn't disappoint. He consistently batted better than .400 and his .470 avg. with 40 RBIs as a junior ranked among the state's best. Graduated in 2017.



Clint Frazier, Loganville

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A Perfect Game and Under Armour All-American, Frazier was the Georgia Gatorade Player of the Year in 2013. As a junior, he was named the Jackie Robinson Award winner after batting .424 with 24 homers. As a senior, he hit .485 with 17 homers and 45 RBIs. Graduated in 2013.

Michael Gettys, Gainesville

The two-way standout pitched and played outfield. As a senior, he batted .377 with 11 homers and 53 RBIs. As a junior, he hit .406 and stole 38 bases. His career pitching totals were a 29-5 record, 303 strikeouts and a 1.42 ERA. He graduated in 2014.

Larry Greene, Berrien

Greene played in the AFLAC All-American Game and finished his Berrien career with a .495 average with 42 homers, 35 doubles, 11 triples and stole 53 bases. The four-year starter was the 39th overall pick by the Phillies in the 2011 draft. Graduated in 2011.



Kyle Jacobsen, Allatoona

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The Perfect Game All-American was a three-time all-state selection and a pure contact hitter. As a senior, he batted .490 with nine homers. Graduated in 2017.

Jahmai Jones, Wesleyan

The Wesleyan leadoff batter helped the Wolves win the 2015 state championship. The speedster batted .464 with 13 doubles, eight homers and stole 40 bases as a senior in 2015. Graduated in 2015.

Brandon Marsh, Buford

Marsh led Buford to a state championship in 2015 and a state runner-up finish in 2016. He had a monster senior campaign where he batted .559 with four homers, 25 RBIs and 19 stolen bases. As a junior, he batted .441 with 11 doubles and 29 RBIs. Graduated in 2016.

Tucker Maxwell, Dawson County

Started his career at Lambert where he helped the Longhorns win a state title in 2014 batting .404 with six homers. Missed the 2015 season with an injury. His senior year, he batted .518



with 14 doubles, 37 RBIs and 39 stolen bases. Graduated in 2016.

Austin Meadows, Grayson

One of the top outfielders of the decade. Meadows batted .390 as a junior with four homers and 28 RBIs. As a senior, he finished with a .535 average with 14 doubles, four homers and 28 RBIs. He was a first round draft pick by the Pirates in 2013. Graduated in 2013.

Parker Meadows, Grayson

Following in his brother Austin's footsteps, Meadows was an exciting player to watch. As a senior, he batted .342 with five homers, 30 RBIs and 39 runs before getting drafted by Detroit. Graduated in 2018.

Christin Stewart, Providence Christian

Pure power hitter whose 69 career homers tied Micah Owings for the state record. As a senior, he batted .460 with 15 homers and 37 RBIs to lead Providence to the Class 1A state title. As a junior, he hit .500 with 26 homers and 70 RBIs. Graduated in 2012.



Drew Waters, Etowah

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The 2017 Georgia Gatorade Player of the Year helped Etowah win the Class 7A state championship as a senior where he batted .516 with 15 homers and 40 RBIs. Waters' bat was strong but his defense was just as impressive. Graduated in 2017.

Utility

Seth Beer, Lambert

There wasn't much he didn't do at Lambert. The two-time Under Armour All-American led Lambert to its first state championship in 2014 where he batted .589 with 21 doubles, 10 homers and 56 RBIs as a sophomore. He continued to dominate as a junior in 2015 where he batted .560 with 41 RBIs. Graduated in 2015.

Joseph Brandon, Loganville

Brandon was a dominant pitcher and strong infielder. He helped Loganville to a state runner-

up finish in 2016 and back-to-back state titles in 2017 and '18. In 2017, he tossed three no-hitters and finished with a 0.85 ERA while striking out 103 in 72 innings. Graduated in 2018.



Kaleb Cowart, Cook (Photo by Emrich Photography)

Kaleb Cowart, Cook

The 2010 Georgia Gatorade Player of the Year pitched and played infield. He was a four-year starter and helped Cook finish as the state runner-up in 2010. His senior season, he went 10-1 with a 1.05 ERA on the mound. At the plate, he batted .654 with 11 homers, 59 RBIs and stole 36 bases. Graduated in 2010.

Josh Hart, Parkview

Versatile outfielder was a standout for the Panthers. The speedster batted .449 with five homers, 29 RBIs and 33 stolen bases during his senior season. Graduated in 2013.

Kyle McCann, Lambert

Extremely talented athlete who helped Lambert win the state championship in 2014. McCann had an excellent bat but possessed a cannon arm behind the plate and often made his pitchers look good with his defensive skills. Graduated in 2016.

Cody Roberts, Blessed Trinity

Athletic catcher who played multiple positions. He had a strong arm and helped Blessed Trinity to back-to-back state titles in 2014 and '15. His senior year, Roberts batted better than .500. Graduated in 2015.

Aaron Schunk, Lovett

Schunk played major roles in helping Lovett win state titles in 2013 and '16. As a shortstop/pitcher, he batted .402 with 10 homers and 40 RBI and also went 8-4 with a 1.84 ERA as a senior. He batted .430 with 10 homers and 40 RBIs as a junior while going 8-1 with a 1.70 ERA on the mound. Graduated in 2016.



Anthony Seigler, Cartersville

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Ambidexterous pitcher who also played catcher and was drafted 23rd overall in 2018 by the Yankees. As a senior, he batted .421 with 14 homers and 31 RBIs and led Cartersville to a state runner-up finish. He also went 3-1 with a 1.09 ERA with five saves. Graduated in 2018.

DeAndre Smelter, Tattnall Square

A three-sport athlete who eventually played football full-time, Smelter went 9-0 on the mound with a 1.06 ERA as a senior, helping the Trojans to a GISA state title. He also batted .347 with 38 RBIs. As a junior, he went 6-4 as a pitcher with a 2.33 ERA while batting .464 with eight homers and 36 RBIs. Graduated in 2010.

Brandon Stephens, Lassiter

The AFLAC All-American was a catcher and a pitcher. As a senior, he batted .434 with 13 homers and 43 RBIs while also going 9-1 with a 2.97 ERA. During his sophomore and junior seasons, he combined for 12 homers and 29 RBIs. Graduated in 2011.



Rankin Woley, Westminster

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Two-sport standout helped Westminster to a state championship in 2016 where he completed his career as the school's all-time leader in every offensive category. As a senior, he belted 10 homers and also finished with a 1.05 ERA with five saves and 32 strikeouts in 20 innings on the mound. Graduated in 2016.



Best High School Team



Lambert players celebrate after beating Milton in 2014 to win the school's first state baseball championship.

(Photo by Ted Kimbrell)

Barely even five years old, Lambert High School rolled to its first state baseball championship in Georgia's highest classification in 2014. The Longhorns dominated, setting a state record for victories in a single season with 36. (That record has since been tied by two other programs.)

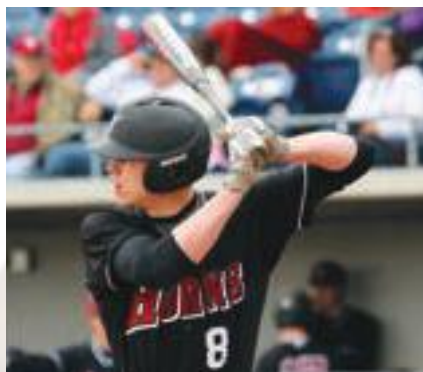
Lambert breezed through the regular season unbeaten at 26-0, then capped its special season by topping defending state champion Milton in the Georgia High School Association Class 6A state championship series. The team finished with a 36-2 record.

Head coach Jamie Corr said everyone had a role to play, and the only way the Longhorns won the championship was by everyone fulfilling their roles.

"We thought we might be pretty good," Corr said. "But it was our job as a staff not to let our team get too high on itself."

Lambert disposed of Mill Creek in the second round, then swept Luella and Parkview to make it to the final round where they topped Milton in three games.

The Longhorns were named national champions by USA Today and Collegiate Baseball Magazine and finished as national runner-up by Perfect Game. At least 13 players from that team signed college scholarships, while six signed with Division I programs led by outfielder/pitcher Seth Beer (Clemson), catcher Kyle McCann (Georgia Tech), outfielder/pitcher Tucker Maxwell (Georgia) and Jeremy Johnson (Auburn).



Seth Beer was one of many standouts to lead Lambert to a 36-2 record in 2014 and the Class 6A state title, then the state's highest classification.

Lambert defeated powerhouse programs Blessed Trinity and Houston County during the regular season, then went unbeaten at the USA Baseball Classic over spring break. In fact, the Longhorns swept Dacula in the first round of the state playoffs and were 28-0 before splitting with Mill Creek in the second round to halt their winning streak at 29.

Other Notables

Appling County 2012 (35-3) – Led by future Major Leaguer Byron Buxton, the Pirates began the season 22-0. They eventually rolled to the program's first state championship in any male sport.

Blessed Trinity 2017 (36-6) – The best high school team not to win a state championship, the Titans tied a state record with 36 victories but lost to region rival Marist in the state championship after defeating them three times by a combined 20-6 during the regular season.

Buford 2015 (34-2) – Led by a lethal pitching rotation of Jake Higginbotham, Connor Bennett, Keyton Gibson, Kevin Coulter and Justin Glover, Buford won its second state championship in five seasons.

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Lambert rolled to a 36-2 record in 2014 and captured the school's first state baseball championship.

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Calhoun 2010 (35-1) – The Yellow Jackets lost their bid to become the first team since Evans in 1989 to finish undefeated when they split with Cook in the state championship series. Calhoun promptly won Game 3 and took the title.

Charlton County 2014 (32-3) – The Indians won their second straight Class 1A Public title behind side-arm pitcher Jesse King and slugger LJ Talley.

Columbus 2012 (33-4) – The last of three straight for the Blue Devils and the senior year for many of 2006 Columbus Little League World Champions, Columbus High finished the season ranked second nationally by Baseball America.

Gordon Lee 2019 (32-5) – The Trojans won their second straight Class 1A Public title. All of their losses were to teams who made the state playoffs.

Etowah 2017 (28-16) – Behind No. 1 draft pick Drew Waters, the Eagles got hot and won the state championship. The Cinderella squad barely made the playoffs, finishing as a fourth seed and playing every series on the road.

Jeff Davis 2017 (32-8) – A heavy senior class helped Jeff Davis win its first state baseball championship in history.

Locust Grove 2016 (33-5-1) – Led by pitchers Ethan Lindow and Nolan Crisp and a strong group of relief pitchers, the Wildcats cut down defending state champion Buford and won the first state title in school history.

Loganville 2018 (34-6) – Led by a three-headed pitching rotation of Joseph Brandon, Bay Witcher and Seth Clark, the Red Devils dominated and rolled to the second of what would be three consecutive state titles.

Parkview 2015 (34-2) – Panthers ended the season on a 26-game winning streak and were voted national champions by six major media outlets.

Parkview 2019 (36-4) – In what was supposed to be a rebuilding year, the Panthers tied the state record for single-season victories with 36 and won their fifth state title in nine seasons.

Pike County 2019 (34-4) – Behind Coleman Crowe, Noah Windhorst and Dylan Garner, Pike County dominated on its way to the program's first state baseball title.

Redan 2013 (30-7) – Behind pitchers Brandon Baker and Corderias Dorsey, the Raiders made history by becoming the first baseball team made completely of African-Americans from metro Atlanta to win a state baseball championship.

Savannah Christian 2017 (34-3) – The Raiders won their first state baseball championship behind seniors Zack Brockman and Ben Jackson.

Schley County 2017 (34-2) – In a rebuilding year, the Wildcats ended the season on a 26-game winning streak and won their second state title in three seasons.

Tattnall Square 2019 (35-3) – Behind pitchers Brooks Gorman and Dawson Brown, Tattnall won its third state title in five years.

Walton 2016 (32-4) – One of the best offensive teams this decade, the Raiders slugged themselves to a state title after sweeping all five rounds of the postseason, including neighborhood-rival Pope for the state title.

Westminster 2016 (30-6) – The Wildcats dethroned region rival Blessed Trinity in the state championship series and won its first baseball title in 41 years.



Best High School Program – Large School



Parkview players celebrate after beating Mill Creek to win the 2018 Class 7A state championship.

(Photo by Parkview High School)

Editor's Note: To be nominated for this award, programs must have won a state championship during the decade (2010-19)

Parkview High School staked its claim as the best high school program of the decade (2010-19) among the state's largest schools. And the Panthers have the resume to prove it.

- Nine region titles
- Five state championships
- Three national titles
- An overall winning percentage of 81.8 percent

The Panthers boasted a combined record of 294-65 and their 2018 national championship squad by Baseball America set a school-record with 35 victories. The 2019 state championship team

finished with 36 victories and tied Blessed Trinity's 2017 squad and Lambert's 2014 team for the best all-time in Georgia.

Parkview's best run came between 2011 and 2015 when they played in the state championship

series for five straight seasons, winning three of them (2011, '12 and '15).

"Obviously from a program standpoint, we're very excited," Panthers coach Chan Brown told the Gwinnett Daily Post. "We're just proud of our kids, our community, our school, our coaches, everyone who helped support us. It was a group effort, and something we definitely hang our hat on."

Other Notables

Pope

Greyhounds have a dynasty of their own, winning state titles in 2013, '17 and '18. They also have two state runner-up finishes in 2016 and '19. Pope won 73.7 percent of its games and finished the decade with a combined record of 261-93.

Greenbrier

The program that dominated the late 1990s wasn't bad from 2010-19. The Wolfpack won 75.2 percent of their games and finished the decade with a combined record of 246-81. They won a state title in 2015 and had two state runner-up finishes (2012, '13) and a semifinal trip in 2014.

Walton

One of Cobb County's powerhouse programs, the Raiders finished the decade with a combined record of 224-102 and captured a state title in 2016. They finished as state runner-up in 2015 and made the semifinals in 2013.



Parkview pitcher Will Ethridge, left, and catcher Austin Biggar celebrate after defeating Walton to win the 2015 state championship. The Panthers' 2015 team was later declared the national champions by multiple media outlets.

(Photo by Gwinnett Daily Post)



Best High School Program – Medium School



Blessed Trinity celebrates after defeating Jefferson to win the Class 3A state title in 2015.

(Photo by Steven Walters)

Editor's Note: To be nominated for this award, programs must have won a state championship during the decade (2010-19)

Even though Blessed Trinity is the best among medium-sized schools, the Titans won more games than any other program in Georgia during the decade (2010-19). Blessed Trinity won 299 games and lost just 67, a winning percentage of 81.7.

Blessed Trinity won 24 or more games every season during the past 10 years. Starting in 2015, the Titans won 30 or more for the next five seasons. Their resume includes back-to-back state titles in 2014 and 2015, state runner-up finishes in 2016 and 2017, four trips to the state semifinals and a pair of quarterfinal trips. The Titans never lost in the postseason before the quarterfinals.



Blessed Trinity players storm the mound after beating Cartersville to win the state championship in 2014.

(Photo by Kevin Dwyer)

"I've been blessed with a lot of great kids," Blessed Trinity coach Andy Harlin said.

Only twice did the Titans lose double-figure games in a season. They went 24-11 in 2010 and 24-10 in 2011.

Blessed Trinity's 2017 squad which lost to Marist in three games in the Class 4A state championship series went 36-6 and is tied with the 2019 Parkview squad and the 2014 Lambert team for the most single-season victories all-time in Georgia.

Other Notables

Loganville

No team has dominated like the Red Devils have recently. Loganville won four state titles (2012, 2017-19) and also boasted a state runner-up finish (2016), a semifinal trip in 2011 and three quarterfinal appearances. The only time they lost before the quarterfinals was in 2010 when they lost in the second round. Red Devils won 78.6 percent of their games and finished the decade with a combined record of 286-78.

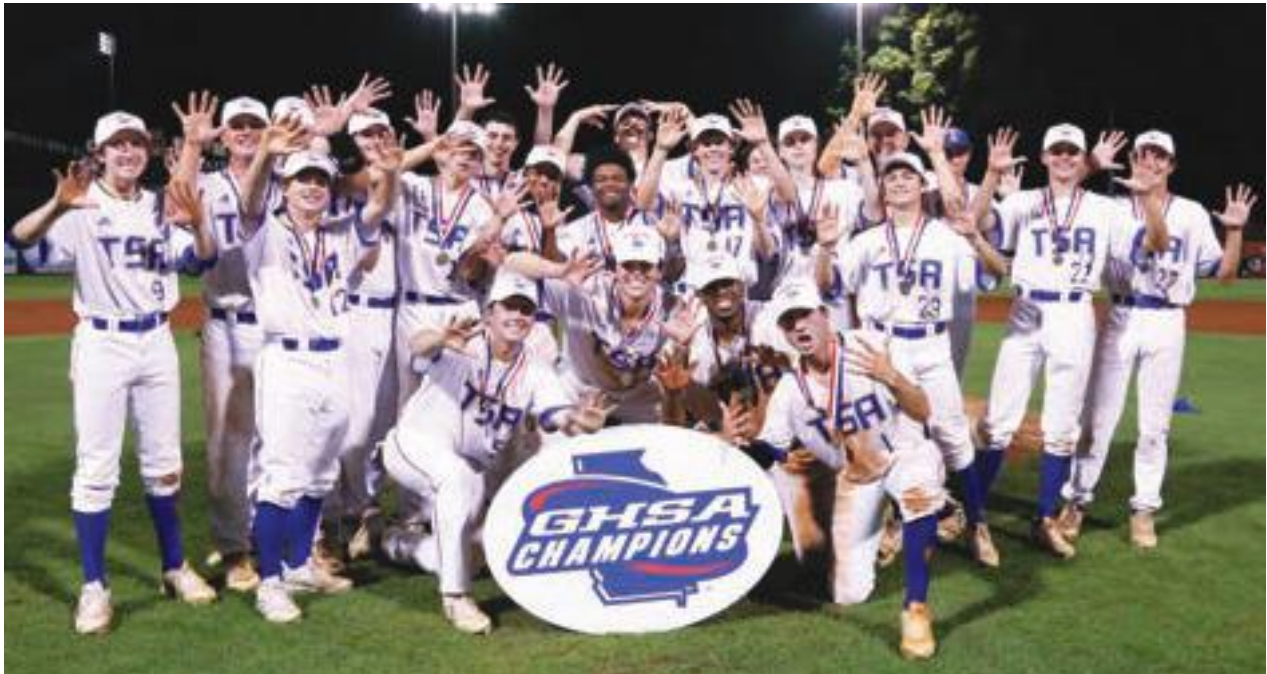
Buford

The Wolves rank as one of the most-consistent programs in the state. Buford captured state titles in 2011 and 2015, finished as state runner-up twice (2016 and '18) and made one semifinal trip and two quarterfinal trips. The Wolves combined to win 76.3 percent of their games and finished the decade with a record of 264-82.

Columbus

The powerful Blue Devils started the decade strong by winning three straight state titles from 2010-12, but they haven't made it past the quarterfinal round since. Columbus won 75.7 percent of its games and finished the decade with a 255-82 record.

Best High School Program – Small Private School



Tattnall Square players pose in 2018 after winning the program's 10th state baseball championship.

Editor's Note: To be nominated for this award, programs must have won a state championship during the decade (2010-19)

No team has dominated the Georgia High School Association in the past five seasons like Tattnall Square Academy. The Trojans are the Best Private Small School program of the Decade.

Since coming over from the Georgia Independent Schools Association in 2015, Tattnall has won three state titles (2016, 2018-19) and finished as the state runner-up in 2017. The Trojans won three consecutive GISA state titles from 2012-14, finished as the state runner-up in 2010 and was a state semifinalist in 2011.

Tattnall Square won 82 percent of its games during the decade and finished with a combined record of 280-61.



Tattnall Square players celebrate after recording the final out against Hebron Christian to win the Class 1A Private School state championship in 2016.

"We have been blessed at Tattnall Square with talented and hard-working student-athletes, as well as the same coaching staff over the last decade that includes Tom Gorman, Kevin Brown, Bryan Kemp and Jordan Brooks," Tattnall Square coach Joey Hiller said.

"It's the consistent and uniform message that our coaches deliver every day that drives us to a high level of success. Our student-athletes have done a fantastic job of buying into the vision of our championship culture and working diligently in their pursuit of excellence. The hard work has certainly paid off in the form of eight state championships, two state runner-up finishes and two semifinal appearances since 2008."

Other Notables

Lovett

The metro Atlanta private school finished the decade with a combined record of 234-115-1 and won 67 percent of its games. The Lions won state titles in 2013, '16 and '18. With the exception of 2019, Lovett made the quarterfinal round or better every season.

Wesleyan

The Wolves won 69 percent of their games during the decade and finished with a combined record of 232-103. Wesleyan captured two state titles (2010, '15), finished as the state runner-up in 2016 and made two trips to the semifinal round.

Hebron Christian

The Lions won just one state title during the decade (2011), but have been a very consistent program. They finished as state runner-up twice (2015, '16) and made two trips to the semifinals. They won 71.3 percent of their games and finished the decade with a combined record of 227-91.



Best High School Program – Small Public School



Schley County players run onto the field after recording the final out against Gordon Lee in 2017 to win the Class 1A Public State Championship, the program's second in three seasons.

Editor's Note: To be nominated for this award, programs must have won a state championship during the decade (2010-19)

Since the Georgia High School Association separated Class 1A into a public and private division in 2013, only four programs – Charlton County, Schley County, Gordon Lee and Treutlen – have won state baseball championships.

While Charlton, Schley and Gordon Lee have won two titles each, Schley County won 79.4 percent of its games during the decade (2010-19) and garnered the Best Public Small School program of the Decade. The Wildcats combined to win 243 games and lost just 63. Schley County won state titles in 2015 and 2017, and they finished as the state runner-up in 2019. From 2013 to 2019, the Wildcats won seven straight region titles.



Schley County players celebrate after winning its first state baseball championship in 2015.

(Photo by Lori Turton)

"We've been blessed to have some great players at Schley over the years and I've been very fortunate to have some phenomenal coaches to work with since we got here in 2004," Schley County coach Chuck Cheek. "All of the guys who were there in the mid to late 2000s helped build the

program and establish an expectation of winning that has carried over each year.

"Winning that first championship in 2015 was special after we had come close so many times. Doing it again in 2017 was more than we ever dreamed of. I'm humbled and proud to be the head coach at Schley and to get to work with some great coaches and young men every day. God has certainly blessed us more than we deserve."

Other Notables

Gordon Lee

The Trojans won 74.4 percent of their games and finished the decade with a record of 242-83. Gordon Lee won back-to-back state titles in 2018-19 and finished as the state runner-up three times (2013, '14 and '17).

Charlton County

The Indians established themselves as a power, winning 74 percent of their games and finishing the decade with a 236-82 record. Charlton won back-to-back state titles in 2013-14 and finished as the state runner-up in 2012. The Indians made two trips to the state semifinals and two trips to the quarterfinals.

Jeff Davis

The Yellow Jackets ended the decade as one of the best small schools in the state. Jeff Davis finished with a 230-105 record, winning 68.6 percent of its games. The Jackets won two Class 2A state titles (2017, '19), went to the semifinals (2018) and had a quarterfinal appearance.

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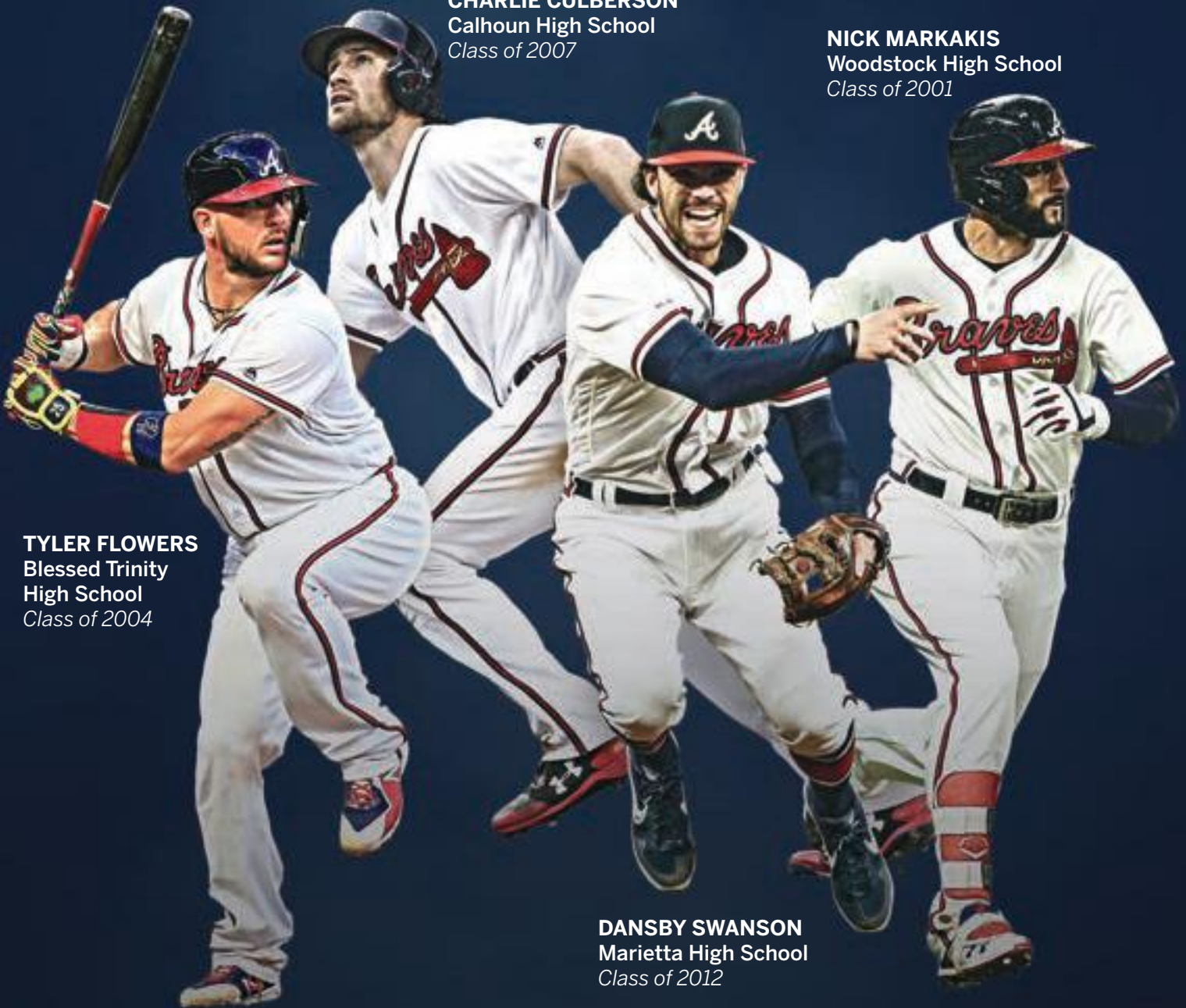
We're proud of our homegrown talent.

CHARLIE CULBERSON
Calhoun High School
Class of 2007

NICK MARKAKIS
Woodstock High School
Class of 2001

TYLER FLOWERS
Blessed Trinity
High School
Class of 2004

DANSBY SWANSON
Marietta High School
Class of 2012



The Dirt Ballers

Blue-collar Panthers win another state title

By Tim Morse

Koby Ayala was proud to wear the T-shirt with the words "Dirt Baller" written on it.

"We wanted to be known as a blue-collar team who worked hard," the Parkview infielder said. "We knew we might not be as talented as some of the other Parkview teams in the past, but we wanted to be known as a team that worked harder."

The Panthers claimed their second straight Class 7A state title after sweeping all five rounds of the state playoffs. In the process, the blue-collar squad tied the state-record with 36 victories and just four losses. It was the school's fifth state title since 2011 and third in five seasons. It was also the school's eighth overall.

Parkview entered the year needing to replace its top two pitchers from 2018 in Braden Hays and Robert Bennett. And they needed to replace all-state performers Logan Cerny and Isaiah Byars as well as standouts Michael Bryant and Ben Markiewicz on offense. There were some holes to fill, but the Panthers felt like they had a team to contend as All-American catcher Jonathan French, first baseman Stephen Hrustich, infielder Allan Del Castillo and outfielder Makenzie Pate returned.

And over the course of the season, juniors Miles Garrett and Xander Stephens followed what has become the Parkview tradition of shutdown pitching. The duo along with No. 3 starter Cameron Orr and proven reliever Brad Stanley gave the Panthers the necessary ingredients on the mound. But Stephens said it was going to take more than good pitching, defense and hitting to contend.

"Coach (Chan) Brown asked us what our motto should be after people played us," Stephens said. "We said 'Dirt Ballers' because we wanted to be really scrappy. We said we were going to give you everything we had to try and outplay you."

The preseason No. 1 Panthers opened the season with an 8-6 extra-inning victory over No. 2 North Gwinnett in a thriller, then won three more before falling to nationally-ranked Blessed Trinity in the Georgia Peach Invitational. They lost to Gwinnett County rival Buford a week later in the Perfect Game Showdown in Hoover, Ala. after holding a three-run lead early in the game.

The Panthers regrouped and won 10 straight before dropping two in their spring break trip to Florida where they lost to Venice and Tampa Jesuit.

"We came back from that spring break trip and we said we had to challenge ourselves," Brown said. "Once we got past those first few region games, it was like we flipped the switch. We always look at the Brookwood series as a playoff series and the guys turned it on."

That was the turning point in the season.

They finished their Region 7-7A schedule with six straight wins, then swept Peachtree Ridge, North Forsyth, Walton, North Gwinnett and Hillgrove to win another title.

"The guys grew up," Brown said. "It was a fun group to be around and they challenged each other. I can't say enough about them. They stepped up and did some really good things."

On a warm night last May after sweeping Hillgrove at SunTrust Park for the state title, the 2019 Panthers had finally earned the right to be called the "Dirt Ballers."



Parkview players celebrate after winning the GHSA Class 7A state championship.

Photo by Parkview High School



Parkview players pose with the trophy after winning the GHSA Class 7A state championship.

Photo by Parkview High School



Members of the Parkview baseball team are: **Front Row** (l-r), Daylon Carleton, Miles Garrett, Koby Ayala, Jonathan Ponder, Drew DeMasi, Brad Stanley, Ellis Appling, Jake Keener, Wyatt Talik. **Second Row** (l-r), Cade Brown, Coach Chan Brown, Beckett Brown, Coach Dustin Kline, Stephen Hrustich, James Whitmer, Max Pate, Will Parker, Quinton Cochran, Jordan Lowery, Kaley Scott. **Third Row** (l-r), Alex Hearn, Javier Munoz, Coach David Reynolds, Makenzie Pate, Cameron Orr, Mauri Miller, Blake Sagarese, Jonathan French, Allan Del Castillo, Jordan Penix, Coach Eliis Appling, (Girls) Ansley Jenkins, Shanelle Hossain, Taylor Bolton, Addie Stewman, Sydney Lowery, Rachel Houck, Katie Stein. **Back Row** (l-r), Mike Cooper, Coach Mark Lowery, Coach Zach Cone, Jordan McCoy, Ethan Lail, Mason Brown, Sam Smith, Graham Yntema, Jack Davis, Noah Brown, Bryson Stripling, CJ Thompson, Xander Stephens, Daniel Harman, Coach Justin Bishop, Emily Wold

Photo by Parkview High School

CLASS 7A Top 15

1 PARKVIEW

There are teams in Class 7A this year that have more talent than the Panthers, but not many teams can boast that they have a better 1-2 pitching punch than Vanderbilt signee Miles Garrett and Georgia Southern signee Xander Stephens. The duo was the backbone of the team in 2019 that won the Class 7A title for the second straight season. Sure, the Panthers will miss reliever Brad Stanley, but it will be tough to beat Parkview when those two are on the hill. Parkview also has a wealth of proven pitchers who are waiting for their chance to shine and will add depth.

There are some concerns on offense after graduation took players like Jonathan French, Allan Del Castillo and Stephen Hrustich, but Parkview's deep and dominant pitching rotation will hold down the fort until the offense matures and develops. Look for players like outfielder Jonathan Ponder, catcher/first baseman Jack Davis and infielder Ryan Spikes, who transferred from Alcovy, to make their mark.

2 NORTH GWINNETT

This is the year for the Bulldogs to chase a state championship. North Gwinnett returns perhaps more talent than any program in the state and on paper, this team is loaded and full of all-stars. At least four Division I signees will lead the team – catcher Corey Collins (Georgia), pitcher Brandt Pancer (Stanford), infielder John Anderson (Georgia Tech) and outfielder Josh Shuler (South Carolina). Anderson, a transfer from Grayson, will make the Bulldogs that much better.

3 MILL CREEK

The Hawks were rebuilding somewhat in 2019, but they played a lot of younger players. That experience will pay off this spring. Mill Creek returns one of the nation's top players in catcher Alek Boychuk. But two-way player Keaton Anthony, infielder Brendan York and pitcher Zach Green will help the Hawks be a tough team to beat.

4 ETOWAH

This will be Etowah's best baseball team since the Eagles won the Class 7A state title in 2017. Etowah has the pitching and the offense to be a very dangerous team. They won't, however, be sneaking up on anybody this spring.

5 BROOKWOOD

Just when you think the well is dry at Brookwood, think again. The Broncos return a strong senior class and some talented underclassmen. This is a team to keep an eye on.

6 NORTH PAULDING

A loaded junior class will help North Paulding stay among the state's elite programs. The Wolfpack have the offense and the pitching to make another deep postseason run. Watching this young team mature and develop will be fun.

7 MOUNTAIN VIEW

The Bears return two of the state's top players in Garrett Spikes and Kenny Mallory, but the Bears have more solid players to keep an eye on. Mountain View certainly has the talent to make a deep playoff run.

8 WOODSTOCK

The Wolverines will be young but very talented. Woodstock will be tough when its young players mature and develop. Don't count them out this year, but the Wolverines' best season could be in 2021.

9 MILTON

The Eagles will be a team to look out for this spring. Not only do they have exciting shortstop Kristian Campbell returning, but Milton returns top pitchers Logan Jones, Chase Daniels and Tyler McLoughlin. This team will be trouble.

10 WALTON

The Raiders lost a lot last year to graduation, but don't sleep on them. While rebuilding isn't a word spoken often at Walton, the Raiders will be doing that in 2020. But by postseason time, look for Walton to be there.

11 NORTH FORSYTH

The Raiders' lineup is full of seniors and talented underclassmen. After a run to the second round of the playoffs last year, North Forsyth should be even better in 2020.

12 WEST FORSYTH

No pressure, but this should be the best team West Forsyth has ever fielded. Seniors make up the bulk of the roster. Having a player like Wyatt Crowell doesn't hurt either.

13 HILLGROVE

Don't let Hillgrove fool you. They may have lost a lot after finishing as the state runner-up last year, but plenty of younger players are ready for their chance. It may take some time, but the Hawks will be tough by the playoffs.

14 GRAYSON

The Rams return a solid senior class and a lot of young talent. If some younger players mature, Grayson will be in the hunt come postseason time.

15 PEACHTREE RIDGE

The Lions have the players to challenge for the region title. Look for them to be very tough this spring.

Others to watch: (Alphabetical Order) Colquitt County, East Coweta, Lambert, Lassiter, Norcross, North Cobb

CLASS 7A PRESEASON ALL STATE

First Team

Name	Position	Grade	School	Comment
Max DeJong	Pitcher	Senior	Hillgrove	Can take over the game
Anthony DiMola	Pitcher	Senior	North Forsyth	Tough pitcher to beat
Miles Garrett	Pitcher	Senior	Parkview	Shutdown pitcher is tough
Leo Gianonni	Pitcher	Senior	Wheeler	Side-armor is the real deal
Brandt Pancer	Pitcher	Senior	North Gwinnett	He's tough on hitters
Garrett Spikes	Pitcher	Senior	Mountain View	Makes hitters look bad
Xander Stephens	Pitcher	Senior	Parkview	Big RHP gets job done
Corey Collins	Catcher	Senior	North Gwinnett	One of the best in country
Harry Ford	Catcher	Junior	North Cobb	He will only get better
John Anderson	Infielder	Senior	North Gwinnett	As good as there is
Kristian Campbell	Infielder	Junior	Milton	Smooth defender is tough out
Matthew Gill	Infielder	Senior	Peachtree Ridge	Quietly does his job
Mitchell Heer	Infielder	Junior	North Paulding	Also a solid pitcher
Jared Jones	Infielder	Sophomore	Walton	Excellent at 1B or catcher
Ryan Spikes	Infielder	Junior	Parkview	Keep an eye on this guy
Justin Bogard	Outfielder	Junior	Grayson	Will pick up where he left off
Wyatt Crowell	Outfielder	Senior	West Forsyth	Also a strong pitcher
Kenny Mallory	Outfielder	Junior	Mountain View	You'll hear more about him
Michael Sharman	Outfielder	Senior	Etowah	Does so much well
Josh Shuler	Outfielder	Senior	North Gwinnett	Fun player to watch
Wesley Franklin	Utility	Senior	Brookwood	He can do so much
Alek Boychuk	Designated Hitter	Senior	Mill Creek	Makes the offense go

Second Team

Pitchers – Carter Bailey, Jr., Brookwood; Coulson Buchanan, Jr., North Gwinnett; JJ Freed, Sr., East Coweta; Zach Green, Sr., Mill Creek; Adam Metivier, Sr., Etowah; Dylon Rhadans, Jr., North Paulding; Cameron Speicher, Sr., North Gwinnett; **Catchers** – Daniel Haab, Sr., Norcross; David Smigelski, Sr., Woodstock; **Infielders** – Tyler Andrews, Sr., Lowndes; Brant Bauchcum, So., Brookwood; Michael Braswell, Jr., Campbell; Tim Simay, Jr., Mill Creek; Garrett Staton, Sr., North Forsyth; Brendan York, Sr., Mill Creek; **Outfielders** – Kameron Douglas, So., Woodstock; Jake Lefevers, Sr., Etowah; Jett Lovett, Jr., Newnan; Jonathan Ponder, Sr., Parkview; Carlson Reed, Sr., Marietta; **Utility** – Keaton Anthony, Sr., Mill Creek; **Designated Hitter** – Corey Dowdell, Sr., Camden County

REGION 1-7A

Region Favorite: Colquitt County

Keep an eye on: Tift County – Devils return one of region's best players in Avant.

Players to Watch

INF – Tyler Andrews, Sr., Lowndes; **RHP/U** – Mason Avant, Sr., Tift County; **1B** – Henry Daniels, Sr., Colquitt County; **OF/RHP** – Gauge Domingue, Sr., Tift County; **3B/1B** – Corey Dowdell, Sr., Camden County; **OF/LHP** – Pershaun Fann, So., Colquitt County; **RHP** – Jeb Johnson, Jr., Colquitt County; **INF/RHP** – Owen Manning, Sr., Tift County; **OF** – Iain McBee, Jr., Camden County; **LHP** – Chris Mobley, Sr., Camden County; **OF** – Luke Parker, Jr., Camden County; **LF** – McCage Pruitt, Jr., Lowndes; **INF** – Dylan Shea, Sr., Lowndes; **SS** – Cannon Whatley, So., Colquitt County; **3B** – JT Whatley, Sr., Colquitt County

CAMDEN COUNTY WILDCATS

Head Coach: Brian English

Assistant Coach (s): Joe Allen, Carlton Smith

2019 Record: 17-13

Returning Starters: 3B/1B Corey Dowdell (Sr., 6-2, 285, R/R); LHP Chris Mobley (Sr., 6-0, 210, L/L); OF Luke Parker (Jr., 5-9, 175, R/R); OF Iain McBee (Jr., 6-1, 165, R/R); C Jackson Boeckel (Sr., 5-9, 205, R/R); INF Jamie Felix (So., 5-9, 195, R/R); INF Carson Bonner (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Cody Metzger (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Kevin Luna (Sr., 6-1, 205, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wildcats lost a lot of talent to graduation, but an excellent group returns. Infielder Corey Dowdell (.412 avg., 25 RBIs) returns to spark the offense, while left-handed pitcher Chris Mobley leads a solid group of pitchers. The young Wildcats will need some time to mature.



Corey Dowdell
Camden County

COLQUITT COUNTY PACKERS

Head Coach: Matthew Crews (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Cameron Cain, Tyler Hembree, Phillip Swindell, Danny Blalock

2019 Record: 10-19

Returning Starters: C Callon Kubiak (Sr.); 3B JT Whatley (Sr.); SS Cannon Whatley (So.); 2B Owen Taylor (Sr.); 1B/LHP Henry Daniels

(Sr.); OF Lucas Tostenson (Sr.); OF/LHP Pershaun Fann (So.); RHP Jeb Johnson (Jr.); LHP Gavin Steptoe (Jr.)

Other Returning

Players: RHP Jacob Walden (Sr.); OF Danny Fannin (Sr.); RHP Gary Hill, Jr (Jr.); C Henry Underwood (Jr.); OF/RHP Tucker Pitts (Jr.); RHP Cameron Summerlin (So.); U Hayden Moore (So.); RHP Cais Cook (Jr.)

Season Outlook: First-year coach Matt Crews takes over and inherits a wealth of talent. First baseman/pitcher Henry Daniels and senior third baseman JT Whatley return to lead a talented senior class. Keep an eye on sophomore outfielder Pershaun Fann, a first team all-region selection in 2019, as well as shortstop Cannon Whatley. Both were solid as freshmen last year.



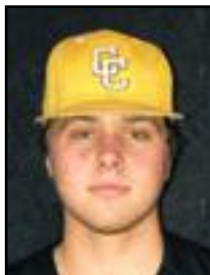
Henry Daniels
Colquitt County



Pershaun Fann
Colquitt County



Cannon Whatley
Colquitt County



JT Whatley
Colquitt County

LOWNDES VIKINGS

Head Coach: Ryan Page (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Taylor Wilkins, Luke Miller, Palmer Betts

2019 Record: 18-12



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Returning Starters: INF Tyler Andrews (Sr., 6-0, 195, R/R); INF Dylan Shea (Sr., 5-7, 165, R/R); LF McCage Pruitt (Jr., 5-9, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Drew Anderson (Sr., 5-10, 140, L/L); C/INF Gage Smith (Jr., 5-5, 125, R/R); OF Kadin Pizzino (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); INF Sage O'Berry (Jr., 6-3, 170, R/R); INF Dominic Velez (Sr., 6-3, 170, R/R); OF/LHP Cavan Fulp (Sr., 6-0, 190, L/L)

Top Newcomers: 1B/LHP Mason Steel (So., 6-4, 165, L/L); C Daniel Kerrigan (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF/RHP Maddox Miller (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Garritt Fender (Jr., 5-11, 150, R/R); 3B/RHP William Joyner (Jr., 6-3, 185, R/R)

Season Outlook: After a heavy senior-oriented team won the region title in 2019, the Vikings and former assistant Ryan Page have some holes to fill this spring. The team is young, but there is talent. The good news is that three starters return, including senior infielders Tyler Andrews and Dylan Shea.

TIFT COUNTY BLUE DEVILS

Head Coach: Kyle Kirk

Assistant Coach (s): Hunter McAllister, Taylor Barber, Colin Kirkland, Xavier Holmes

2019 Record: 12-18

Returning Starters: RHP/U Mason Avant (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); OF/RHP Gauge Domingue (Sr., 5-11, 190, L/R); INF/RHP Owen Manning (Sr., 6-1, 210, R/R); OF/LHP Reece Watson (Sr., 5-9, 175, L/L); INF Ben Brock (Sr.,



Mason Avant
Tift County



Owen Manning
Tift County

6-1, 215, L/L); INF/RHP Bryce Stephens (Jr., 5-9, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Cameron Sumner (Jr., 6-2, 185, R/R); C Bailey Booth (So., 6-0, 190, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP Conner VanSumeren (So., 6-2, 205, R/R); 3B Lino Acosta (So., 5-10, 190, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Blue Devils return an excellent senior class and should contend for a playoff berth. Versatile Mason Avant (3-2) leads the pitching staff, while offensive leaders Owen Manning (.325 avg., 21 RBIs) and Gauge Domingue (.315 avg., 15 RBIs) return to lead the offense.

REGION 2-7A

Region Favorite: East Coweta

Keep an eye on: Campbell – Spartans have a lot of experience returning.

Players to Watch

RHP/SS – Michael Braswell, Jr., Campbell; **1B** – Kyle Brown, Sr., Pebblebrook; **INF** – Seth Bruce, Sr., Newnan; **SS** – Caleb Cashion, Sr., East Coweta; **INF** – Thomas Collins, Sr., Newnan; **RHP/OF** – Logan Frady, Sr., East Coweta; **RHP** – JJ Freed, Sr., East Coweta; **RHP** – Leo Gianonni, Sr., Wheeler; **LHP/1B** – Andrew Herrmann, Jr., Campbell; **RHP** – Jacob Howell, Sr., East Coweta; **OF/U** – Drew Hutcherson, Sr., Westlake; **OF/RHP** – Jett Lovett, Jr., Newnan; **INF** – Michael Maginnis, Jr., Newnan; **SS** – Illdya Mattox, Sr., Pebblebrook; **INF** – Josh Musser, Jr., Wheeler; **C/3B** – Dominic Rutigliano, Sr., Campbell; **3B** – Nico Senese, So., East Coweta; **INF/RHP** – Kelcey White, Jr., So., Westlake

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CAMPBELL SPARTANS

Head Coach: Jeff Searcy

Assistant Coach (s): Jackson Cargle, Will Robertson, Chris Law

2019 Record: 8-12

Returning Starters: 2B/SS Ethan Mack (Sr., 5-10, 155, L/R); C/3B Dominic Rutigliano (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); 1B/RHP/3B Xavier Williams (Sr., 6-1, 215, R/R); OF/INF Hassan Goggins (Sr., 6-1, 185, L/R); OF/2B Andrew Whitcher (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); RHP/SS Michael Braswell (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); LHP/1B Andrew Herrmann (Jr., 6-2, 185, R/L); 3B/2B/OF Michael Herrmann (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R); CF/SS Owen Wright (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); SS/2B Garrett DeHart (So., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP/1B Tristen Jensen (So., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 3B/2B George Lester (Sr., 5-8, 180, R/R); CF/LF Aidan Daly (Jr., 5-10, 170, L/L); CF/LF/2B Brendan Kraus (Jr., 5-7, 155, R/R); CF/SS Corian Davis (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); RF/LHP Duncan Santos (So., 5-10, 160, L/L); C Rambo Fultz (So., 5-9, 165, R/R); 3B/C John Anagnostis (So., 5-9, 175, R/R); OF/LHP Gillen Joachim (So., 5-9, 160, L/L)

Season Outlook: A wealth of talent returns at Campbell as the Spartans should be in the thick of the postseason chase. Campbell returns Region Player of the Year Michael Braswell as well as all-region second-teamers Andrew Herrmann and Dominic Rutigliano. This is a program to keep an eye on.



Michael Braswell
Campbell

EAST COWETA INDIANS

Head Coach: Franklin DeLoach

Assistant Coach (s): Brandon Blair, Mark Bowles, Tyler Ridgeway, Roc Coleman, Kyle Bowman

2019 Record: 19-10

Returning Starters: RHP/OF Logan Frady (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF Landon Underbill (Jr., 5-11, 180, L/R); RHP JJ Freed (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); SS Caleb Cashion (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); 3B Nico Senese (So., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP Jacob Howell (Sr., 6-3, 185, R/R); RHP Austin Bunn (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Daniel Smith (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF Quinlan Wiley (Jr., R/R); C Tanner Floyd (Sr., R/R); C Jordan Kenty (Sr., R/R); LHP/1B Keegan Rich (Sr., L/L); RHP/OF Levi Wilson (Sr., L/R); RHP Adrian Roman (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Mason Pearcy (Jr., R/R); OF Kaleb Gardner (Jr., R/R); RHP Avery Brown (So., R/R); OF Dekel Williams (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Indians have enough returning talent to contend for the region title. Pitching will be the team's biggest strength as senior right-handers Logan Frady (3-1, 2.42 ERA) and JJ Freed (7-2, 1.32 ERA) as well as Austin Bunn, Jacob Howell and Daniel Smith all return. If East Coweta can be consistent on offense, they could be dangerous.



JJ Freed
East Coweta



Logan Frady
East Coweta

NEWMAN COUGARS

Head Coach: Marc Gilmore

Assistant Coach (s): Braden Griner, Mitch Williams, Zander Ogletree, TC Boyd

2019 Record: 23-11

Returning Starters: RHP Chasin Cash (So., 6-0, 200, R/R); INF Thomas Collins (Sr., 5-9, 180, L/R); INF Seth Bruce (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); C Austin Roberts (Sr., 5-11, 210, L/R); OF/RHP Jett Lovett (Jr., 5-10, 170, L/R); INF Michael Maginnis (Jr., 6-0, 210, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP Phillip Spencer (Jr., 6-0, 200, R/R); 1B Yates Kelleher (Jr., 6-1, 220, R/R)

Season Outlook: After winning the region title last season, graduation hit Newnan's roster hard and took most of its pitching staff. Six starters are back, including 2019 all-region performers Thomas Collins at second base and outfielder Jett Lovett. The Cougars will be looking for some younger players to contribute.



Jett Lovett
Newnan

PEBBLEBROOK FALCONS

Head Coach: Jason Ryals (new)

Assistant Coach (s): TBA

2019 Record: 4-21

Returning Starters: OF Demetrius Lovejoy (Jr., 6-2, 160, R/R); 2B Paul Bannerman (Jr., 5-8, 140, R/R); 1B Kyle Brown (Sr., 5-8, 230, R/R); C Donald Figgs (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); SS Illlya Mattox (Sr., 6-2, 160, R/R); OF Glyn Manor (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: New coach Jason Ryals takes over at Pebblebrook and will look to help the Falcons improve upon last season's finish. Pebblebrook has six returning starters to build around, including senior first baseman Kyle Brown and shortstop Illlya Mattox.

WESTLAKE LIONS

Head Coach: Kelcey White

Assistant Coach (s): Gerald Martin, Matt Van Duzen, Theo Lee

2019 Record: 14-13

Returning Starters: OF/U Drew Hutcherson (Sr., 5-7, 150, R/R); SS/2B/U Kelcey White, Jr. (So., 5-7, 135, B/R); OF/RHP Adam Henry (Jr., 5-7, 150, R/R); 3B/RHP Kendall Clark (Jr., 6-2, 170, R/R); SS/3B/RHP Donovan Dixon (So., 5-9, 150, R/R); OF Brian Hardaway (So., 5-8, 145, R/R); OF/RHP Kodi Austin (Jr., 6-1, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C Troy Easterling (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R); 1B/DH Jamund Hall (Jr., 5-11, 215, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP Kamau Freeman (So., 5-9, 140, R/R); LHP Richard Johnson (Jr., 5-11, 150, L/L); LHP/1B/OF Khamari Bush (Fr., 5-11, 155, L/L); OF Isaiah Drake (Fr., 5-6, 140, L/R); C/INF Nathaniel Leverette (Fr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Lions played a bunch of underclassmen last season and that experience they gained is expected to pay off this spring. Seven starters are back, most of them sophomores and juniors. The good news is that senior outfielder Drew Hutcherson returns, giving the young Lions an experienced player to build around.

WHEELER WILDCATS

Head Coach: Mark Collins

Assistant Coach (s): Parker Madden

2019 Record: 15-16

Returning Starters: RHP Leo Gianonni (Sr.); C Will Mahoney (Jr.); P/OF Nick Stiles (Sr.); INF Josh Musser (Jr.); OF Michael Porter (Jr.)

Other Returning Players: P/1B Jeremy Payne (Jr.); P Evan Jameson (Sr.); P Christian Lammie



Leo Gianonni
Wheeler

(Jr.); INF/OF Jayden Brown (So.); P/INF Freddy Hartzell (So.)

Season Outlook: Wheeler took state runner-up Hillgrove to a deciding third game in the first round of the playoffs last year. The Wildcats look to build off that momentum this spring. Five starters, including side-arm pitcher Leo Gianonni, return.

REGION 3-7A

Region Favorite: North Paulding

Keep an eye on: North Cobb – Warriors have a lot of talent returning and could be a sleeper.

Players to Watch

SS/2B – DJ Banks, Sr., McEachern; **3B/OF** – Trace Cate, Sr., Hillgrove; **CF** – Chris Cole, Jr., North Paulding; **1B** – Marco Colina, Sr., North Paulding; **RHP/DH** – Max DeJong, Sr., Hillgrove; **C/INF** – Jaylen Dickey, Sr., McEachern; **OF** – Joshua Dixon, Sr., North Cobb; **C** – Harry Ford, Jr., North Cobb; **2B/SS** – Jack Gilson, Sr., Hillgrove; **SS/RHP** – Mitchell Heer, Jr., North Paulding; **OF/RHP** – Trevor Lovett, Jr., North Cobb; **RHP/INF** – Saivion Mohammed, Jr., McEachern; **C** – Nick Mosgovoy, Jr., Marietta; **RHP** – Ryne Oria, Sr., Kennesaw Mountain; **C** – Cameron Powser, Jr., Hillgrove; **RHP/OF** – Carlson Reed, Sr., Marietta; **LHP** – Dylan Rhadans, Jr., North Paulding; **OF/RHP** – Davis Rowell, Jr., North Paulding; **RHP/OF** – Brady Schwickerath, Sr., Kennesaw Mountain; **C** – Reece Schwickerath, Sr., Kennesaw Mountain; **OF/INF** – Gavin Smith, Sr., North Cobb; **SS** – William Underwood, Sr., Marietta; **RHP/1B** – Nathan Williams, Sr., North Cobb; **C** – TJ Worley, Sr., North Paulding

HILLGROVE HAWKS

Head Coach: David Richardson

Assistant Coach (s): Wes Ellis, Andrew Alverson, Doug Andrew, Ryan Raper, Jacob Farmer, Kenneth Ling

2019 Record: 32-10

Returning Starters: RHP/DH Max DeJong (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); 2B/SS Jack Gilson (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); 3B Trace Cate (Sr., 5-10, 155, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Sam Cherry (Sr., 5-10, 155, R/R); RHP David Kinsbrunner (Sr., 6-1, 160, R/R); 1B Owen Helgesen (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); 2B/RHP Michael Meireles (Sr., 5-6, 155, R/R); 1B/RHP Chase McQuagge (Sr., 6-2, 155, R/R); RHP Chandler Abrams (Sr., 6-2, 170, R/R); OF Lance Beaudry (Jr., 5-8, 155, R/R); 1B/OF Brandon Etter (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/R); OF Jason Hayden (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); C Cameron Powser (Jr., 6-2, 185, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP Keaton Rine (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); RHP Caleb Stacy (Jr., 5-8, 195, R/R); LHP Eric Skelton (Jr., 6-0, 160, L/L); INF Brody Hollingsworth (So., 6-2, 185, R/R); RHP Jake Hill (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); C/RHP Dylan Rivera (So., 5-9, 150, R/R); INF/RHP Daniel Rivera (So., 5-9, 150, R/R); RHP Brady Hoffman (Jr., 6-1, 165, R/R); INF/OF Jack Tilton (Jr., 5-9, 155, L/R); RHP AJ Rodgers (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Stone McKnight (Jr., 6-1, 195, R/R); RHP Ethan Bobo (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The defending state runner-ups lost a lot of talent to graduation. Only three starters return, but one of those is standout pitcher Max DeJong. There is talent, but it will need some time to mature. Infielders Jack Gilson and Trace Cate return and will help provide a spark on offense.



Max DeJong
Hillgrove

KENNESAW MOUNTAIN MUSTANGS

Head Coach: George Hanson

Assistant Coach (s): Rich Oria, Matt Graeff, Phillip Nasworthy, Kefla Hare, Chris Walker, Jared Parker

2019 Record: 22-12

Returning Starters: RHP Ryne Oria (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); C Reece Schwickerath (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP/OF Brady Schwickerath (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); 3B/RHP Sammy Sparks (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); INF Logan Jackson (Sr., 5-11, 150, R/R); RHP Luke Staggs (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R); 1B Tyler Sylvester (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF Johnathan Douglas (Jr., R/R); 1B/RHP CJ Whaley (Jr., 6-3, 210, R/R); OF/SS Will Fincher (So., 6-2, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C Ethan Snipes (So., R/R); OF/RHP Nick Finkbiner (Jr., L/R); RHP/OF Dylan Dietz (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/OF Nick Daniel (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); C/OF Mitch Jaquish (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); OF Veer Patel (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Mustangs have enough returning talent to contend for a playoff berth. Pitcher Ryne Oria and Brady Schwickerath lead a solid rotation, while catcher Reece Schwickerath and infielder Sammy Sparks and Logan Jackson return and should spark the offense.

MARIETTA BLUE DEVILS

Head Coach: Phillip Rogers

Assistant Coach (s): Neal Sammons, Brandon Durden, Cameron Wilson, Stephen Ibar

2019 Record: 13-17

Returning Starters: SS William Underwood (Sr., 5-9, 160, B/R); RHP/OF Carlson Reed (Sr., 6-4, 180, R/R); 3B/OF/RHP Ben Edwards (Sr., 6-3, 185, R/R); RHP Ty Halliburton (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R); OF/C Bowen Mayfield (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); OF Peter Warrick (Sr., 5-11, 195, R/R); C Nick Mosgovoy (Jr., 5-10, 175, L/R)

Other Returning Players: 2B/SS Wesley Rodriguez (So., 6-0, 150, R/R); RHP/INF CJ Gordon (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); 1B/3B Maston Corn (So., 6-2, 175, R/R); RHP Anthonie Rodriguez (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: Marietta continues to get better under coach Phillip Rogers. A talented senior class will lead the way for Marietta who looks to be in the postseason chase this spring. The Blue Devils welcome back seven starters, including pitcher/outfielder Carlson Reed and shortstop William Underwood.



Carlson Reed
Marietta

MCEACHERN INDIANS

Head Coach: Karlton Schilling

Assistant Coach (s): Corey Holmes, Jacob Thrash, Zach Smith, Shaun Nguyen, Stephen Humphrey

2019 Record: 3-27

Returning Starters: C/1B/RHP Cody Jordan (Sr., 5-11, 205, R/R); OF Tyler Timmons (Sr., 5-5, 185, R/R); SS/2B DJ Banks (Sr., 6-1, 155, R/R); C/3B/1B Jaylen Dickey (Sr., 5-9, 180, R/R); 1B/C Daniel Smith (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP/INF Bryce Archie (So., 6-2, 175, R/R); RHP/INF Saivion Mohammed (Jr., 5-7, 130, R/R); RHP/INF Alyjah Richardson (Jr., 6-2, 160, R/R); OF/INF Jacob Hall (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R); RHP/OF/INF LC Bennett (Jr., 6-1, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: SS/2B/3B Kyle Jordan (Sr., 5-11, 155, R/R); OF Kolby King (Sr., 5-11, 150, R/R); 3B/1B Zion Clonts (Sr., 5-7, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Brandon Jessie (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); RHP/OF Darion Whitman (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); LHP/OF Kaleb King (Sr., 5-8, 165, L/L); INF Kris Wilson (Sr., 5-0, 120, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/RHP Bryson Houze (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Caiden Swinks (Jr., 5-5, 115, L/R); OF/LHP Terrell White (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R); 1B/LHP Elijah Anderson (Jr., 6-1, 190, L/L)

Season Outlook: A strong senior class returns to lead the way for McEachern who looks to put last season's disappointing finish behind. The Indians should have a chance to be much better this spring. Pitchers Jaylen Dickey and Bryce Archie are back to lead a solid rotation, while senior infielder DJ Banks returns to spark the offense.

NORTH COBB WARRIORS

Head Coach: Tom Callahan

Assistant Coach (s): Mike Turchan, Mike Young, Tom Clark, Evan Hester

2019 Record: 21-10

Returning Starters: RHP/1B Nathan Williams (Sr., 6-4, 210, R/R); C Harry Ford (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Trevor Lovett (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); INF/RHP Andrew Martinez (Sr., 5-11, 150, R/R); INF/RHP Jake Mantooth (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); OF Joshua Dixon (Sr., 5-10, 155, R/R); OF/INF Gavin Smith (Sr., 5-10, 170, L/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/RHP Ethan Fry (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); INF Logan Bare (So., 5-11, 160, R/R); C Logan Toy (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); C Bekir Sefersah (Sr., 5-11, 150, R/R); INF/RHP Cole Wright (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); OF/RHP Tyler Gorsuch (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); C Ashton Bostwick (So., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: North Cobb lost some key pitchers after making the state playoffs last year. But the Warriors return enough ingredients to challenge for the region title. North Cobb returns seven starters, including one of the top junior catchers in the state in Harry Ford. Keep an eye on this team.



Harry Ford
North Cobb

NORTH PAULDING WOLFPACK

Head Coach: Dennis Jordan

Assistant Coach (s): Chad Jordan, Matt Richardson, Matt Smith

2019 Record: 25-8

Returning Starters: C Grayson Taylor (So., 6-1, 175, L/R); OF Chris Cole (Jr., 6-2, 165, L/R); SS/RHP Mitchell Heer (Jr., 6-1, 165, R/R); LHP Dylon Rhadans (Jr., 6-4, 185, L/L); OF/RHP Davis Rowell (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); 1B Marco Colina (Sr., 6-4, 175, R/R); C TJ Worley (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: SS/2B Cameron Briscoe (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); RHP Ryan Roon (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP Evan Maddox (Jr., 6-7, 195, R/R); RHP/OF Logan Lynch (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF Ethan Lecca (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); C Justin DiCono (Jr., 5-8, 155, L/R)

Season Outlook: The Wolfpack will once again contend for the region crown as seven starters are back. North Paulding will have a wealth of underclassmen returning. Pitcher Mitchell Heer was strong as a sophomore last year. He and left-hander Dylon Rhadans will give the team a solid pitching rotation. First baseman Marco Colina and catcher TJ Worley are two of the team's top returning seniors.



Mitchell Heer
North Paulding



Dylon Rhadans
North Paulding

REGION 4-7A

Region Favorite: Etowah

Keep an eye on: Walton – Graduation took a toll, but the Raiders should reload.

Players to Watch

RHP – Brady Caloway, Sr., Cherokee; **OF** – Austin Cole, Jr., Cherokee; **3B/1B** – Colby Cox, Sr., Woodstock; **OF/RHP/1B** – Kameron Douglas, So., Woodstock; **INF** – Cole Ellis, Jr., Etowah; **OF** – Jacob Jarrett, Sr., Roswell; **C/1B** – Jared Jones, So., Walton; **OF** – Jake Lefevers, Sr., Etowah; **OF/RHP** – Adam Love, Sr., Lassiter; **LHP** – Adam Metivier, Sr., Etowah; **C** – Cody Montgomery, Jr., Cherokee; **LHP** – Luke Osthoff, Sr., Roswell; **RHP** – Cason Rich, Sr., Woodstock; **LHP/OF** – Michael Sharman, Sr., Etowah; **C** – David Smigelski, Sr., Woodstock; **RHP** – Cameron Stroup, Sr., Cherokee; **RHP/1B** – Geoffrey Watkins, Sr., Lassiter; **OF** – Micaiah Williams, Sr., Walton

CHEROKEE WARRIORS

Head Coach: Josh Thomas (new)

Assistant Coach (s): David Blaylock, Richard Brown, Zach Brigham, Matt Debes, Austin Pharr

2019 Record: 14-14

Returning Starters: RHP Brady Caloway (Sr., R/R); OF Austin Cole (Jr., R/R); INF Adam Dorn (Sr., R/R); RHP/C Max Eichenberger (So., R/R); C Cody Montgomery (Jr., R/R); OF Joe Fisher (Jr., L/R); 1B/RHP Lex Kenny (So., R/R); INF Carson Mynatt (Jr., R/R); LHP/OF Landon Ergle (Sr., L/L); RHP/1B Cameron Stroup (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Lance Charles (Jr., R/R); RHP Greyson Freeman (Sr., R/R); LHP Ed Manke (Jr., L/L)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Fields Chapman (Jr., R/R); INF Chase Goddard (So., R/R); OF/RHP Tyler Goddard (So., R/R); RHP Chase Meyer (Fr., R/R); INF Tyler Presnell (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: Former assistant Josh Thomas takes over and inherits a good nucleus of talent. Catcher Cody Montgomery returns after a solid sophomore campaign. Pitchers Brady Caloway, Cameron Stroup and Lex Kenny lead what could be a solid group of pitchers.

ETOWAH EAGLES

Head Coach: Greg Robinson

Assistant Coach (s): Mike Foley, Zach Waters, Taylor Majors

2019 Record: 24-14

Returning Starters: LHP Adam Metivier (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/L); OF Jake Lefevers (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); INF Cole Ellis (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R); INF Michael Straub (Jr., 5-11,

165, R/R); INF Colby Flaig (Jr., 6-2, 185, R/R); LHP/OF Michael Sharman (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/L); INF Carson Kirby (Sr., 6-0, 180, L/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Bryce O'Brien (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); RHP Will Hockman (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R)



Jake Lefevers
Etowah



Adam Metivier
Etowah

Season Outlook: The Eagles return two of their top pitchers from last season in left-handers Adam Metivier and Michael Sharman as Etowah could be the team to beat in Region 4-7A. Seven starters in all are back. Outfielder Jake Lefevers is back to lead the offense.



Michael Sharman
Etowah

LASSITER TROJANS

Head Coach: Kyle Rustay

Assistant Coach (s): Kurt Rinehimer, Michael Fraker, Brac Barton, Ray Anderson, Brandon Stephens, Cody White

2019 Record: 14-21

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Adam Love (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); INF Bradley Frye (Jr., 6-1, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Jacob Kutsche (Sr., 6-0, 150, R/R); OF Aaron Dickens (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); SS/RHP Ian Mayes (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); INF Justin Kurnik (Sr., 6-0, 145, R/R); C/1B Ryan Kennedy (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); RHP Jack Dalton (Sr., 6-3, 175, R/R); 3B/2B/RHP Carson Bennink (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); RHP/1B Geoffrey Watkins (Sr., 6-6, 190, R/R); C/2B Davis Livers (Sr., 5-10, 145, R/R); C/1B Max Beckerman (Sr., 6-2, 195, R/R); OF Justin Wilford (Sr., 5-10, 155, L/L); OF Max Beck-Berendsen (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Cameron Campbell (Jr., 5-11, 170, B/R); 3B/RHP Kyle Carlson (Jr., 6-3, 170, R/R); OF Parker Hughes (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP Harris Bryson (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); INF Jack Rinehimer (Jr., 6-1, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: Lassiter lost a chunk of talent from last season, but a solid corps of seniors should be able to help ease the load. Outfielder/pitcher Adam Love, who had a solid junior campaign in 2019, is one of two returning starters. Pitcher/first baseman Geoffrey Watkins also returns after getting some quality innings last year.

ROSWELL HORNETS

Head Coach: Ben Sutter

Assistant Coach (s): Danny MacDonald, Ben Raimondi

2019 Record: 12-15

Returning Starters: OF Caden Long (Jr.); RHP Tyler Velde (Jr.); LHP Luke Osthoff (Sr.); OF Jacob Jarrett (Sr.); INF/LHP Carson Koporc (Sr.); C Will Troutman (Sr.); SS Kyle D'Amour

Season Outlook: A talented senior class returns to lead the way for Roswell who should have a chance to improve upon last season's finish. Left-hander Luke Osthoff (4-2, 3.60 ERA) leads a solid pitching rotation, while catcher Will Troutman (.364 avg.), shortstop Kyle D'Amour and outfielder Jacob Jarrett return to lead the offense.

WALTON RAIDERS

Head Coach: Shane Amos

Assistant Coach (s): Kevin Johnson, Jake Hill, John Miller

2019 Record: 23-11

Returning Starters:

INF Ben Anderson (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); C/1B Jared Jones (So., 6-3, 230, R/R); OF Micaiah Williams (Sr., 5-7, 155, L/L); RHP David Sickles (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R); OF/LHP Devan Bhatia (Jr., 5-10, 150, L/L); OF Evan Crow (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R)



Ben Anderson
Walton



Jared Jones
Walton

Other Returning Players: 1B Harry Mintz (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); INF Eli Pilger (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); RHP Colin Stewart (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); RHP Cooper Haseley (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); OF Jack Story (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP



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Oliver Wood (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); C/3B Charlie Jordan (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R)
Top Newcomers: OF/1B Nick Brooks (Jr., 6-3, 160, R/R); INF Cade Thompson (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF Bobby Phillips (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); 3B/RHP Rowan Park (So., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP/1B Christian Dart (So., 6-0, 185, R/R)

Season Outlook: After winning the region title last spring, Walton may be doing some rebuilding this spring after graduation hit the Raiders hard. Look for Walton to still be tough. There is a solid group of returning starters back, including catcher/first baseman Jared Jones, who had a strong freshman campaign in 2019. Infielder Ben Anderson also returns, but the lack of experienced pitching is a concern.

WOODSTOCK WOLVERINES

Head Coach: Jeff Brown

Assistant Coach (s): Ben Abner, John Duran, Brandon Marcus, Reed Nixon, Clay Cross, Parker Aycuff

2019 Record: 23-12

Returning Starters:

C David Smigelski (Sr., 5-10, 195, R/R); RHP Cason Rich (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); 3B/1B Colby Cox (Sr., 6-2, 220, R/R); OF/RHP Max Parman (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF/RHP/1B Kameron Douglas (So., 6-2, 165, R/R); OF/C Christian Preiser (Jr., 5-6, 150, R/R); INF/OF Preston Gunnell (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF Justin Boyd (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); RHP/OF Garrett Goblisch (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: U/RHP DJ Fevola (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Michael Burke (Sr., 5-7, 130, R/R); LHP Joey Edison (Sr., 5-10, 155, L/L); LHP Will Koch (Sr., 6-1, 215, L/L); OF Julien Berrios (Sr., 5-7, 195, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP Blake Aita (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); U Garrison Coleman (Jr., 5-10, 145, B/R); INF Spencer Middleton (Jr., 5-7, 150, R/R); INF Griffin Peck (Jr., 5-7, 150, L/R); OF/RHP Dylan Welsh (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); 1B/LHP Jason Keefe (Jr., 6-3, 195, L/L)

Season Outlook: The past three seasons have been three of the best in Woodstock's baseball history. There is talent for the Wolverines to continue their recent trend, but it needs to mature. The good news is that catching standout David Smigelski (.317 avg., 16 RBIs) returns as well as infielder Colby Cox (.322 avg., 15 RBIs) and versatile Kameron Douglas. Senior right-hander Cason Rich (5-4, 3.92 ERA) returns on the mound.



Kameron Douglas
Woodstock



David Smigelski
Woodstock

REGION 5-7A

Region Favorite: Milton

Keep an eye on: West Forsyth – The Wolverines will be tough if they can rebound from injuries from last year.

Players to Watch

C/INF – Justice Bailey, Sr., North Forsyth; **LHP/INF** – Braden Bamburowski, Jr., Lambert; **C** – Carson Boldt, Jr., West Forsyth; **SS** – Kristian Campbell, Jr., Milton; **OF** – Josh Carrico, Sr., Milton; **INF/RHP** – Luke Cartenuto, Sr., West Forsyth; **LHP/OF** – Wyatt Crowell, Sr., West Forsyth; **RHP/1B/3B** – Jack D'Amico, Jr., South Forsyth; **RHP** – Chase Daniels, Sr., Milton; **LHP** – Anthony DiMola, Sr., North Forsyth; **OF/RHP** – Chris Dougherty, Sr., South Forsyth; **RHP** – Luke Fernandez, So., West Forsyth; **RHP/INF** – Richard Ferrer-Westrop, Jr., Lambert; **SS** – AJ Fiechter, Jr., Forsyth Central; **LHP** – Daniel Fischer, Sr., Lambert; **SS** – Gehrig Frei, Jr., South Forsyth; **1B/P** – Ryan Gamble, Sr., Forsyth Central; **INF** – Miles Hartsfield, Sr., North Forsyth; **RHP/2B** – Bryce Hawkins, Sr., West Forsyth; **OF** – Will Hensley, Sr., Lambert; **C** – Garrett Hollenbeck, Sr., Lambert; **LHP** – Reid Howard, Sr., Lambert; **1B/RHP** – Tyler McLoughlin, Sr., Milton; **C** – Stephen Michaels, Sr., Milton; **C/DH** – Will Miller, Sr., Forsyth Central; **C/DH** – Holton Payne, Jr., North Forsyth; **OF/LHP** – Peyton Rawlins, Sr., South Forsyth; **OF** – Jack Rhodes, Sr., Milton; **P** – Will Robbins, Jr., Forsyth Central; **INF** – Garrett Staton, Sr., North Forsyth

FORSYTH CENTRAL BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Kevin McCollum

Assistant Coach (s): Brian Bull, Dustin Canon, John Arundale, Paul Dees, Greg Parker, Spencer Transue, Sam Spota

2019 Record: 18-11

Returning Starters: 1B/P Ryan Gamble (Sr.); SS A.J. Fiechter (Jr.); C/DH Will Miller (Sr.); P Will Robbins (Jr.); OF Will Nelms (Jr.); P Jake Hill (Sr.); P Jack Carnes (Jr.); P Nicholas Holbrook (Jr.)

Other Returning Players: 3B/1B Brandon Bick (Sr.); OF Luke Owens (Sr.); 2B Michael Disney (Sr.); INF Austin Trask (Sr.); C Johnny Goodrow (Jr.); 2B/C Tyler Smith (Jr.); OF Matthew Arundale (Jr.); OF/P Stevie Lyons (Jr.); P Hunter Drake (Jr.)

Season Outlook: In what was supposed to be a rebuilding season last year, Forsyth Central won 18 games and just missed winning the region title. The Bulldogs have a solid nucleus back, including eight starters. If some younger players mature, Forsyth Central could be back in the playoffs.

LAMBERT LONGHORNS

Head Coach: Rick Howard

Assistant Coach (s): Will Azbell, Lee Fisher, Billy Kieninger, Michael Bailey, Kyle Smith, Scott Carlson, Drew Candella

2019 Record: 9-24

Returning Starters: C Garrett Hollenbeck (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF Will Hensley (Sr., 6-0, 185, L/R); INF Jack Fergusson (Sr., 5-10, 155, R/R); LHP Daniel Fischer (Sr., 6-0, 160, L/L); LHP Reid Howard (Sr., 6-2, 170, L/L); RHP Jimmy Larson (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); LHP/INF Braden Bamburowski (Jr., 6-3, 190, L/L); RHP/INF Richard Ferrer-Westrop (Jr., 6-3, 190, R/R); OF Parker Brosius (So., 6-0, 165, R/L)



Other Returning Players: INF Kyle Meyers (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R); OF Jacob Keenan (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF Connor Toland (Sr., 5-10, 155, R/R); OF Brentan Newberry (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF Matthew Santander (So., 5-11, 155, R/R)
Top Newcomers: C Will Nelson (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); C Dave Holland (Jr., 6-2, 165, R/R)
Season Outlook: Lambert hopes to put 2019 behind after the Longhorns struggled to win just nine games. Lambert has reason for optimism this spring as nine starters are back, including a solid group of pitchers led by Daniel Fischer, Reid Howard, Jimmy Larson and Braden Bamburowski. Catcher Garrett Hollenbeck returns behind the plate.

MILTON EAGLES

Head Coach: Jeff Heusing
Assistant Coach (s): Ed Black, Jeremy Brotherton, Terry Cole, Daniel Szathmary, Jason Novak
2019 Record: 24-9
Returning Starters: OF Josh Carrico (Sr., 6-1, 210, L/R); RHP Chase Daniels (Sr., 6-3, 215, R/R); OF Jack Rhodes (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); RHP/OF Logan Jones (Sr., 6-4, 205, L/R); RHP/1B Tyler McLoughlin (Sr., 6-4, 210, R/R); C Stephen Michaels (Sr., 6-1, 220, R/R); SS Kristian Campbell (Jr., 6-3, 195, R/R)



Kristian Campbell
Milton

Other Returning Players: OF/INF Peter Belasick (Sr., 5-11, 150, R/R); RHP Carson Trent (Sr., 6-4, 210, R/R); OF Moses Lim (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF Patrick McCavitt (So., 6-0, 165, R/R)
Top Newcomers: LHP Evan Broaderick (Jr., 6-1, 185, L/L); 1B/DH Michael Alvarez (Jr., 6-2, 210, R/R); RHP/INF Anthony Benotti (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Daniel Black (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R)
Season Outlook: The Eagles have some holes to fill after winning the region in 2019. But enough talent is back to help Milton challenge for the region crown again. Shortstop Kristian Campbell (.411 avg., 16 RBIs) returns, while pitchers Logan Jones, Chase Daniels and Tyler McLoughlin lead a solid rotation.

NORTH FORSYTH RAIDERS

Head Coach: Jim Cahill
Assistant Coach (s): Chris Brown, Kyle Counts, Johnny Hernandez, Taylor McGilvray, Tyler Martin, Will Foster
2019 Record: 18-14
Returning Starters: LHP Anthony DiMola (Sr., 6-1, 185, L/L); INF Garrett Staton (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); INF Miles Hartsfield (Sr., 5-11, 175, L/R); C/INF Justice Bailey (Sr., 5-11, 160, B/R); C/DH Holton



Miles Hartsfield
North Forsyth



Garrett Staton
North Forsyth

Payne (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); OF Kaiden Ellis (So., 5-11, 150, L/R); INF/RHP Tyler Triche (So., 5-11, 165, R/R); LHP/1B Jess Ackerman (Jr., 6-2, 205, L/L)
Other Returning Players: LHP Garrett Sagro (Sr., 5-10, 165, L/L); INF Bennett Helms (Sr., 5-11, 150, R/R); INF/RHP Sammy Gore (Sr., 6-1, 160, R/R); LHP Noah Gilbert (Sr., 6-0, 180, L/L); C/RHP Michael Sills (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); RHP Cole Munhall (So., 5-10, 185, R/R); RHP Baylor Homesley (So., 5-11, 150, R/R); LHP Brett Barfield (So., 5-11, 170, L/L);

LHP Matthew Gist (Jr., 5-11, 200, L/L); RHP/1B Ty Morrison (Sr., 5-11, 230, R/R); RHP Hank Simonds (So., 6-5, 235, R/R)
Season Outlook: This could potentially be a special season for the Raiders, who will be expected to contend for the region crown. Eight starters are back, including standout pitcher Anthony DiMola. Infielders Garrett Staton (.354 avg., 9 2B) and Miles Hartsfield return to lead the offense.

SOUTH FORSYTH WAR EAGLES

Head Coach: Russ Bayer
Assistant Coach (s): Mike Power, Adam Baldwin, Aaron Pileggi, Thomas McCarter

2019 Record: 13-16
Returning Starters: SS Gehrig Frei (Jr., 6-1, 175, B/R); OF/LHP Peyton Rawlins (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/L); U Josh Green (Sr., 6-2, 180, L/R); OF/RHP Chris Dougherty (Sr., 5-10, 155, R/R); 1B/C Brennan Hudson (So., 6-0, 180, L/R); 2B Max Henry (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP/1B/3B Jack D'Amico (Jr., 6-3, 180, L/R)



Chris Dougherty
South Forsyth



Gehrig Frei
South Forsyth



Josh Green
South Forsyth



Peyton Rawlins
South Forsyth

Other Returning Players: 3B/RHP/C Ryan Becker (So., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Conor Finegan (Jr., 5-8, 165, R/R); OF Mitchell Thompson (Jr., 5-10, 165, L/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Jacob Bateman (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF Addison Paschall (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); RHP Andrew Kightlinger (Jr., 6-2, 180, B/R); RHP Ayden Barber (Jr., 6-3, 170, R/R); OF Camden Payne (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R)
Season Outlook: The War Eagles look to get back into the postseason picture after a disappointing year in 2019. South Forsyth has the ingredients to do just that. Seven starters are back, including a trio of returning seniors in Peyton Rawlins, Josh Green and Chris Dougherty. Some underclassmen will also be expected to step forward.

WEST FORSYTH WOLVERINES

Head Coach: Mike Pruitt
Assistant Coach (s): Jim Emst, Steve Bohn, Will Skidmore, Jacob Rickett
2019 Record: 10-18

Returning Starters: LHP/OF Wyatt Crowell (Sr., 6-0, 175, L/L); INF/OF Barrett Roland (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); DH/1B Brock Imbornone (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); INF/RHP Luke Cartenuto (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); OF Miller Jones (Sr., 6-1, 200, R/R); U/RHP Blake Whitfield (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); RHP Tyler Shea (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); INF Drew Southern (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); C Carson Boldt (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP Luke Fernandez (So., 6-2, 190, R/R)



Wyatt Crowell
West Forsyth

Other Returning Players: C Collin Ekerberg (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); 2B Griffin Clark (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); 2B Dalton Roush (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); 3B Mason Williams (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); RHP/2B Bryce Hawkins (Sr., 6-1,

190, R/R); OF Rhett Williams (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R); RHP Brian Garmon (So., 6-0, 185, R/R); INF Tommy Smith (Jr., 5-8, 175, L/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Jake Fernandez (So., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF Ashton Van Horn (So., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Peter Berg (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R); 1B/LHP Brady Owen (Jr., 6-2, 210, L/L); 1B Hudson Posey (Jr., 6-2, 195, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wolverines should have a chance to contend for the region title as nine returning starters are back. One of those is pitcher/outfielder Wyatt Crowell who can do a little of everything. West Forsyth will feature a heavy senior class and could be the team to beat in Region 5-7A.

REGION 6-7A

Region Favorite: North Gwinnett

Keep an eye on: Peachtree Ridge – Lions have the talent to challenge for region title.

Players to Watch

RHP/INF – John Anderson, Sr., North Gwinnett; **RHP/1B** – Keaton Anthony, Sr., Mill Creek; **C** – Alek Boychuk, Sr., Mill Creek; **RHP/OF** – Coulson Buchanan, Jr., North Gwinnett; **C** – Corey Collins, Sr., North Gwinnett; **RHP/3B** – Max Gault, Jr., Mountain View; **SS** – Matthew Gill, Sr., Peachtree Ridge; **LHP** – Zach Green, Sr., Mill Creek; **LHP** – Spencer Hancock, Sr., Mountain View; **C/1B** – Nick Hong, Jr., Mountain View; **RHP/INF** – Jose Jennings, Sr., Duluth; **LHP** – Adam Jones, Jr., Peachtree Ridge; **INF/C** – Colin Jones, Jr., Duluth; **LHP** – Thomas LeMaster, Sr., Peachtree Ridge; **LHP/OF** – Kenny Mallory, Sr., Mountain View; **RHP/1B/OF** – Justin Manus, Sr., Mountain View; **OF** – Dominick McIntyre, Sr., Peachtree Ridge; **RHP** – Brandt Pancer, Sr., North Gwinnett; **INF/RHP** – Deshaun Richardson, Jr., Duluth; **OF** – Josh Shuler, Sr., North Gwinnett; **INF** – Tim Simay, Jr., Mill Creek; **INF** – Lester Slack, Sr., Collins Hill; **RHP/OF** – Cameron Speicher, Sr., North Gwinnett; **RHP/SS** – Garrett Spikes, Sr., Mountain View; **RHP** – Trevor Wall, Jr., Collins Hill; **INF** – Brendan York, Sr., Mill Creek

COLLINS HILL EAGLES

Head Coach: Zach Black

Assistant Coach (s): Ross Book, Bryan Linnell, Drew Swick, Nathan Koerner, Todd Webster

2019 Record: 16-14

Returning Starters: 1B/LHP Travis Burnette (Sr., L/L); INF Lester Slack (Sr., R/R); OF Johnny Blake (Sr., R/R); OF/LHP Josh Merritt (Sr., R/L); RHP Trevor Wall (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP Sam Horn (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/OF/LHP Kodai Takano (Sr., L/L); OF/C Trey Estes (Sr., R/R); C Tom Franklin (Sr., R/R); OF/P Ben Neadow (Jr.)

Season Outlook: A good nucleus of seniors return as the Eagles look to challenge for a postseason berth. Six starters are back, including right-handed pitcher Trevor Wall and infielder Lester Slack, a pair of second team all-region performers in 2019. Collins Hill must find some pitching to step up.

DISCOVERY TITANS

Head Coach: Casey Nutt (new)

Assistant Coach (s): TBA

2019 Record: 1-21

Season Outlook: First-year coach Casey Nutt takes over and seeks to help Discovery improve upon last season's record. The Titans are still a very young program. The younger players must mature quickly.

DULUTH WILDCATS

Head Coach: Ryan Turner

Assistant Coach (s): Orlando Alvarez, Collier Knox

2019 Record: 12-16

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Ryan Shaw (Sr., R/R); 1B/RHP Jess Cogan (Sr., R/R); C/INF Matthew Giobetti (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF Jose Jennings (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Kaito Ono (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Deshaun Richardson (Jr., R/R); INF/C Colin Jones (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Tristan Johnson (Jr., R/R); LHP/INF Chris Morrissey (Jr.)

Season Outlook: The Wildcats welcome back seven starters, including a strong senior class. Right-handed pitcher/infielder Jose Jennings is back after a solid junior campaign. But keep an eye on infielder/pitcher Deshaun Richardson and infielder/catcher Colin Jones who played well as freshmen last year.

MILL CREEK HAWKS

Head Coach: Doug Jones

Assistant Coach (s): Bill Petty, Paul Pierce, Reggie Black

2019 Record: 23-15

Returning Starters: C Alek Boychuk (Sr., 6-0, 215, R/R); LHP Zach Green (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/L); INF Brendan York (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP/1B Keaton Anthony (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R); 3B/OF Trey Mullins (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); INF Tim Simay (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R)

Other Returning

Players: RHP Jake Page (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R); OF Lucas Schumm (Sr., 5-8, 140, L/R); OF Ben Landua (Sr., 5-9, 145, R/R); RHP Davis Day (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); RHP Gavin Sondak (Sr., 6-2, 215, R/R); 2B

Mitchell Chastain (Sr., 5-11, 150, R/R); 1B Garner McKeon (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP Kyle Beaty (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); RHP Hayden Stone (Jr., 6-1, 165, L/R); OF Caleb Spikes (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); INF Griffin Spalding (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Nick Taddei (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: A senior-laden team returns at Mill Creek and the Hawks will be expected to contend for the region crown. Six starters are back, including all-state catcher Alek Boychuk and infielder Brendan York. Left-hander Zach Green and right-hander Keaton Anthony anchor what should be a solid pitching rotation.

MOUNTAIN VIEW BEARS

Head Coach: Jason Johnson

Assistant Coach (s): Jamie Suggs, Cameron Crawford, Brandon Jackson, Kyle Johnson, Daniel Boykin, Bailey Mixon, AJ Moore



Keaton Anthony
Mill Creek

Zach Green
Mill Creek



Tim Simay
Mill Creek

Brendan York
Mill Creek

2019 Record: 20-12

Returning Starters: RHP/SS Garrett Spikes (Sr., L/R); RHP/1B/OF Justin Manus (Sr., R/R); 1B Jonathan Acosta (Sr., R/R); RHP/C DJ Mungenast (Jr., R/R); RHP/2B Connor Claymore (Sr., R/R); OF Hunter Blackstone (Sr., R/R); RHP/3B Max Gault (Jr., R/R); RHP/1B Ryan O'Leary (Sr., R/R); LHP Spencer Hancock (Sr., L/L); C/1B Nick Hong (Jr., R/R); LHP/OF Kenny Mallory (Jr., L/L)

Other Returning

Players: RHP/OF Wyatt Fooks (So., R/R); RHP/C John Mattson (Sr., R/R); OF Bryson Pach (Sr., R/R); RHP Vance Tullis (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF Ryan Westfall (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP/1B DJ Hays (Jr., L/L); RHP/1B Micah Ledford (Jr., R/R); RHP/3B/OF Zach Norman (Jr., R/R); LHP/OF Blake Peeler (Jr., L/R); 2B/OF Deshawn Yekeh (Jr., L/R)

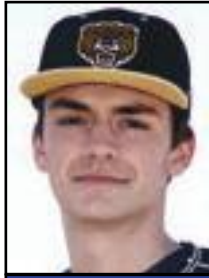
Season Outlook: The Bears return a wealth of talent and will be in the postseason chase. Mountain View does need some pitching to step forward. A good mixture of seniors and juniors will lead the way. Right-hander Garrett Spikes and left-hander Kenny Mallory give the Bears a strong 1-2 pitching punch.



Connor Claymore
Mountain View



Kenny Mallory
Mountain View



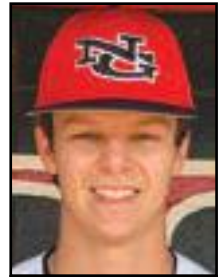
Justin Manus
Mountain View



Garrett Spikes
Mountain View

Cole Smith (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); RHP Michael Massey (Jr., 6-5, 190, R/R); 1B/RHP Max Luke (Sr., 6-4, 210, L/R)

Season Outlook: This could be North Gwinnett's best team under coach Ryan Moity. A wealth of Division I college talent – catcher Corey Collins, pitcher Brandt Pancer, outfielder Josh Shuler and former Grayson standout John Anderson – leads the way. Pitching could be the biggest strength with Pancer, Coulson Buchanan and Cameron Speicher returning.



Cameron Speicher
North Gwinnett

PEACHTREE RIDGE LIONS

Head Coach: Nick Hogan

Assistant Coach (s): Tyler Collins, Reggie Stancil

2019 Record: 15-16

Returning Starters: OF Dominick McIntyre (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); SS Matthew Gill (Sr., 6-4, 175, R/R); LHP Thomas LeMaster (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/L); 2B John LeMaster (Sr., 5-8, 135, L/R); OF Ryan Sonnier (Sr., 6-3, 175, R/R); C Rand Bestermann (So., 6-2, 170, R/R); OF Matthew Hoskins (So., 6-1, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B Aiden Gardner (Sr., 6-3, 165, R/R); OF Zavion Mouton (Sr., 6-0, 155, R/R); OF Jamal Stancil (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); C/3B Seth Bennett (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); LHP Adam Jones (Jr., 5-11, 150, L/L); RHP Jacob Brown (Jr., 6-0, 155, R/R); C Grayson Sunwoo (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Lleyton Jones (Fr., 6-0, 145, R/R); 1B/RHP Matthew Goolsby (Jr., 6-1, 155, R/R); RHP Alex Besterman (So., 5-11, 150, R/R); INF Nicky Nguyen (So., 5-9, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: Look for the Lions to pick up from where they left off last year last year. Peachtree Ridge welcomes back seven returning starters, including left-handed pitching standout Thomas LeMaster. On offense, shortstop Matthew Gill (.404 avg., 23 RBIs) and outfielder/third baseman Dominick McIntyre (.307 avg.) return.



Matthew Gill
Peachtree Ridge

NORTH GWINNETT BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Ryan Moity

Assistant Coach (s): Tait Poitevint, Greg Singleton, Spencer Sorrells, Joe Molony, Gary McBryar, Nick Dunn, Mike Cavey, Eric Draper

2019 Record: 31-8

Returning Starters: C Corey Collins (Sr., 6-3, 215, L/R); OF Josh Shuler (Sr., 6-3, 190, L/R); INF Jarrett Burney (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP Brandt Pancer (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); RHP/OF Coulson Buchanan (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP/OF Cameron Speicher (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Other Returning

Players: C/3B Matthew Strand (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R); RHP John Kirchner (Sr., 6-4, 180, R/R); LHP Anthony Turner (Jr., 6-3, 170, L/L); RHP Zack Close (Sr., 6-4, 165, R/R); INF Jake Stone (Sr., 6-1, 165, L/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF John Anderson (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); INF



John Anderson
North Gwinnett



Coulson Buchanan
North Gwinnett



Brandt Pancer
North Gwinnett



Josh Shuler
North Gwinnett

REGION 7-7A

Region Favorite: Parkview

Keep an eye on: Brookwood – The Broncos have a lot of young talent.

Players to Watch

OF/RHP – Deatric Alexander, Sr., Lakeside-DeKalb; **RHP/3B** – Carter Bailey, Jr., Brookwood; **2B/SS** – Brant Baughcum, So., Brookwood; **RHP/1B/OF** – Anthony Bonacci, Jr., Norcross; **SS** – Levi Cloud, Sr., Lakeside-DeKalb; **C/1B** – Jack Davis, Sr., Parkview; **RHP/SS** – Wesley Franklin, Sr., Brookwood; **2B** – Joseph Garcia, Sr., Lakeside-DeKalb; **RHP/OF** – Miles Garrett, Sr., Parkview; **C** – Daniel Haab, Sr., Norcross; **RHP/INF** – Christian Harmon, Jr., Norcross; **RHP** – Aidan Heutschel, Sr., Brookwood; **LHP/1B/OF** – Jonathan Jamie, So., Brookwood; **OF** – Jonathan Ponder, Sr., Parkview; **INF/RHP** – Ryan Spikes, Jr., Parkview; **C** – Jack Spyke, Jr., Brookwood; **RHP/1B** – Xander Stephens, Sr., Parkview; **LHP** – Graham Yntema, Sr., Parkview

BERKMAR PATRIOTS

Head Coach: Bryan Allen (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Devario Allen

2019 Record: 7-12-1

Returning Starters: RHP/1B Jose Jimenez (Sr., R/R); RHP/SS/3B Eduardo Balbuena (Sr., R/R); OF Kam'ron Johnson (Sr., R/R)

Season Outlook: New coach Bryan Allen takes over and looks to help the Patriots get on the winning track. Allen has a trio of seniors to build around in Jose Jimenez, Eduardo Balbuena and Kam'ron Johnson. Look for underclassmen to step forward and contribute.

BROOKWOOD BRONCOS

Head Coach: Titus Martin

Assistant Coach (s): Zach Shelnutt, Chris Paul, Bret Carithers, Curtis Burke, Casey Parham, Cameron Hall, Dale Moore

2019 Record: 24-11

Returning Starters:

RHP/SS Wesley Franklin (Sr., 6-2, 200, R/R); RHP/3B Carter Bailey (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R); C Jack Spyke (Jr., 6-3, 205, R/R); 2B/SS Brant Baughcum (So., 6-0, 190, R/R); LHP/1B/OF Jonathan Jamie (So., 6-1, 195, L/L)

Other Returning

Players: OF/LHP Hector Diaz (Sr., 5-7, 160, R/L); RHP Ty Dudman (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); LHP Joey Harvard (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/L); RHP Aidan Heutschel (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); INF Isaiah Jordan (Sr., 5-9, 210, R/R); RHP/OF CJ Kachmar (Sr., 5-11, 205, R/R); RHP Jonathan Oldknow (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Dylan Lonergan (Fr., 6-1, 195, R/R); OF/C Rob Duval (Fr., 6-1, 190, L/R); RHP/INF Dylan Werle (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); INF Trey Clark (So., 5-6, 150, R/R); RHP Holden LaCour (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF Jake Herren (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); OF/LHP Davis Camuso (Jr., 5-8, 155, L/L); C Charlie Boyce (Jr., 5-8, 170, R/R); RHP/INF/C Caleb Cruz (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Chase Sammon (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R)

Season Outlook: Graduation took a bite out of Brookwood's roster from last season, but the cupboard is not bare. Five starters are back, including senior pitcher/shortstop Wesley Franklin (.364 avg., 24 RBIs; 1-1, 7 saves). Look for a strong group of underclassmen to contribute like infielder Brant Baughcum, catcher Jack Spyke, pitcher/infielder Carter Bailey and Jonathan Jamie.



Carter Bailey
Brookwood



Brant Baughcum
Brookwood



Wesley Franklin
Brookwood



Jack Spyke
Brookwood

CENTRAL GWINNETT BLACK KNIGHTS

Head Coach: Eli Autry

Assistant Coach (s): TBA

2019 Record: 1-20

Returning Starters: RHP/INF JT Tate (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); INF Roger Pena (Sr., 5-9, 185, R/R); 3B/1B/RHP Alexander Maxey (So., 5-10, 225,

R/R); RHP/INF Charlie Maldonado (So., 5-7, 145, R/R)

Season Outlook: Central Gwinnett returns four starters in coach Eli Autry's second season. There is still work to do, but the good news is that a pair of senior starters – pitcher/infielder JT Tate and infielder Roger Pena – return to give the team a pair of solid upperclassmen to build around.

LAKESIDE-DEKALB VIKINGS

Head Coach: Brian Granger (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Chuck Cass, Steve Burger, Andrew Purkin

2019 Record: 16-14

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Deatric Alexander (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); SS Levi Cloud (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); 1B Thomas Steele (Sr., 5-10, 200, R/R); 3B Malachi Cloud (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); C Zaylan Washington (Jr., 6-0, 190, R/R); 2B Joseph Garcia (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Lucas Uyeda (So., 5-10, 175, L/L); C/RHP Will Tansill (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP/INF Will Thomas (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF Isaac Terrell (So., 6-1, 175, L/L); OF/RHP Joseph Tolbert (Jr., 6-1, 190, R/R); OF/RHP Jackson Hamilton (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Aidan Manella (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: Brian Granger takes over at Lakeside and inherits six returning starters, including offensive leaders Deatric Alexander (.342 avg., 11 RBIs) and Levi Cloud (.385 avg., 13 RBIs). Second baseman Joseph Garcia also returns after a solid sophomore season last year.

MEADOWCREEK MUSTANGS

Head Coach: Rex Robertson

Survey not returned

NORCROSS BLUE DEVILS

Head Coach: Aaron Wilkens

Assistant Coach (s): Todd Dyleski, Nick Drescher, Matt O'Neill, Sylvester Lake, Tanner Maloof

2019 Record: 18-15

Returning Starters: C/RHP Daniel Haab (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); RHP/1B/OF Anthony Bonacci (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); RHP/INF Christian Harmon (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/3B Andy Rhooms (Sr., 6-0, 220, R/R); 1B/3B/RHP Everett Craig (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); 1B/DH Kyle Biltz (Sr., 6-1, 215, R/R); OF Justice Zabel (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); INF Jack Stephenson (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Cody Balsman (Jr., 5-8, 145, R/R); C/RHP Nick Nilsson (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF/OF Harris Celeta (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R); LHP/1B/OF Nick Waid (Jr., 6-3, 170, L/L); OF Trey Goodman (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF/RHP Justin Isaacson (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); INF Drew Bissel (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: Look for the Blue Devils to be back in the postseason chase. Just three starters return, but the Blue Devils have a good mixture of seniors and juniors waiting for their chance to shine. One of the team's returners is catcher Daniel Haab (.471 avg., 6 2B). A pair of juniors – Anthony Bonacci and Christian Harmon – also return.



Daniel Haab
Norcross

PARKVIEW PANTHERS

Head Coach: Chan Brown

Assistant Coach (s): David Reynolds, Justin Bishop, Mark Lowery, Dustin Kline, Mike Cooper, Ellis Appling, Zach Cone, Roy Massey, Jordan McCoy

2019 Record: 36-4

Returning Starters:

RHP/OF Miles Garrett (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP/1B Xander Stephens (Sr., 6-4, 215, R/R); OF Jonathan Ponder (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); LHP Graham Yntema (Sr., 6-4, 215, L/L); C/1B Jack Davis (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R); OF Daylon Carleton (Jr., 5-10, 215, L/L); OF/INF/RHP Sam Smith (Jr., 6-4, 175, R/R)

Other Returning

Players: INF/OF Jordan Penix (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP Blake Sagarese (Sr., 6-4, 240, R/R); INF CJ

Thompson (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); LHP Mason Brown (Jr., 6-3, 170, L/L); OF/RHP Ethan Lail (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R); RHP Jordan Lowery (Jr., 6-4, 180, R/R); C Bryson Stripling (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP Calvin Carter (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R); INF Ryan Bennett (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF Dobbs Bowden (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); C/INF/RHP Alec Colon (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); C Jake Keener (Jr., 5-10, 190, R/R); 1B/DH Cade Sadler (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Dylan Speakman (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); INF/RHP Ryan Spikes (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Ryan Wade (Jr., 6-2, 160, R/R); SS/2B Pascanel Ferreras (Sr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Panthers lost a wealth of talent after winning their second straight state title and state-record 36 games in 2019. But Parkview has the necessary ingredients to challenge for more titles this spring. Right-handers Miles Garrett and Xander Stephens form a lethal 1-2 pitching punch, while outfielder Jonathan Ponder and catcher/first baseman Jack Davis return to spark the offense. Former Alcovy standout Ryan Spikes will also figure heavily into the offense.



Jack Davis
Parkview



Johnathan Ponder
Parkview



Ryan Spikes
Parkview



Graham Yntema
Parkview



Xander Stephens - Parkview



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REGION 8-7A

Region Favorite: Grayson

Keep an eye on: Newton – A new coach and a lot of returning talent.

Players to Watch

RHP/1B – Sean Anderson, Sr., Shiloh; **OF/LHP** – Justin Bogard, Jr., Grayson; **OF/LHP** – Blake Bortak, Sr., Archer; **2B/SS** – Israel Dixon, Sr., Newton; **LHP/1B/OF** – Bodie Eilertson, Jr., Grayson; **C** – Henry Hunter, Sr., Grayson; **OF/RHP** – David Jones, Sr., Archer; **3B/RHP** – Brody Landreau, Sr., Newton; **SS/CF** – Corey Lee, Sr., South Gwinnett; **OF** – Trey Messer, Sr., Archer; **INF** – Kevin Ortiz, Sr., Grayson; **OF** – Zach Resh, Sr., Grayson

ARCHER TIGERS

Head Coach: Danny Daigle

Assistant Coach (s): Josh Bentley, Nate Blanchard, Joel Bridges, Stephen Vaughn

2019 Record: 17-13

Returning Starters: OF/LHP Blake Bortak (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/L); OF/RHP David Jones (Sr., 6-2, 160, R/R); OF Trey Messer (Sr., 5-10, 170, L/L); SS Jorge Arispuro (Jr., 6-0, 150, R/R); C Jake Bridges (So., 6-0, 165, R/R); INF Andrew Dyer (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/OF Jake Jonas (Sr., 6-0, 170, L/R); 2B Tyler Granger (Sr., 5-9, 155, R/R); OF/LHP Fisher Mitchem (Sr., 5-9, 165, L/L)

Top Newcomers: 1B/RHP Tyler Mitchem (Jr., 6-4, 280, R/R); INF Gabe Howard (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Tigers begin their second season under coach Danny Daigle and should contend for a postseason berth again. Six starters are back, three of them seniors. Archer will be looking for seniors Blake Bortak, David Jones and Trey Messer to provide strong leadership to some talented underclassmen.

GRAYSON RAMS

Head Coach: Jed Hixson

Assistant Coach (s): Brian Albury, Jake Bova, Bryan Tolbert, Rudy Smith, Ben Bone, Nick Fonseca

2019 Record: 28-12

Returning Starters: OF Zach Resh (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); C Henry Hunter (Jr., 6-0, 210, L/R); INF Kevin Ortiz (Sr., 5-8, 185, R/R); LHP/1B/OF Bodie Eilertson (Jr., 5-11, 185, L/L); OF/LHP Justin Bogard (Jr., 6-2, 175, L/L)

Other Returning Players: RHP Robert Fister (Sr., R/R); RHP Reese Tedder (Sr., L/R); RHP Bennett Johnson (Sr., R/R); RHP/C Jeb Cook (Sr., R/R); INF/OF William Martinez (Sr., B/R); INF Garrison Gunter (Sr., R/R); RHP/1B Christian Linne (Sr., B/R); RHP Chris McDowell (Sr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Blane Holliday (Jr., R/R); RHP Tyler Gray (Jr., R/R); OF/RHP Blake Russell (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP De'Yon Cannon (So., R/R); INF/RHP Grady Bryant (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Grayson lost a lot of talent to graduation, but look for the Rams to contend for the region title again. Five starters are back, including outfielder/pitcher Justin Bogard and third baseman Kevin



Justin Bogard
Grayson

Ortiz. The lack of experienced pitching is a concern, but keep an eye on junior Bodie Eilertson who came on strong late last year.

NEWTON RAMS

Head Coach: Darrell Helm (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Irving Reese, Antonio Ross

2019 Record: 4-18

Returning Starters: 2B/SS Israel Dixon (Sr., 5-7, 150, R/R); 3B/RHP Brody Landreau (Sr., 6-3, 185, R/R); 1B/RHP JD Coltharp (Sr., 6-2, 170, R/R); 2B/SS/RHP Justin Brown (Jr., 5-8, 155, R/R); 3B/SS/RHP Pablo Austin (Jr., 5-7, 150, R/R); LF/DH Payton Watson (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); C Kawaski Teemer (Jr., 5-5, 135, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Zion Ross (Jr., 5-6, 150, R/R); LHP/OF Javarre Martin (So., 6-2, 180, L/L); OF Harry James (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); OF Davion Tanner (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); RHP Blake Peacock (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); OF Garrett Mitchell (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); LHP/OF Khalil King (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/L)

Top Newcomers: RHP/3B Logan Arwood (Fr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: Newton welcomes first-year coach Darrell Helm who inherits a solid group of returning players and looks to improve upon last year's record. Seven starters are back. Two of those are infielder Israel Dixon and infielder/pitcher Brody Landreau, whom the Rams will depend heavily upon.

ROCKDALE COUNTY BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Thomas Briscoe (new)

Survey not returned

SHILOH GENERALS

Head Coach: Reggie Ingram

Assistant Coach (s): Chris Polk, Matt Nesbit

2019 Record: 8-16

Returning Starters: RHP/1B Sean Anderson (Sr., 5-10, 200, R/R); OF AJ Rodgers (Sr., 5-10, 210, R/R); C/U Bhakari Hankins (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); INF/OF James Little (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); OF Zamari Bracy (Sr., 6-0, 160, L/L); OF Kole Edwards (Sr., 5-11, 170, L/L); RHP/C/INF/OF Brandon Fears (So., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Amir Shabazz (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF Jeremiah Pope (Sr., 5-11, 150, R/R); INF Zack Brinson (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Nicholas Spry (Fr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Kirabo Stephens (Fr., 6-0, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Jaden Lattimore (So., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: Shiloh should have a chance to improve upon last season's finish as a solid group of seniors return to lead the way. Seven starters return, but the Generals will also be looking at a solid corps of underclassmen to step forward and contribute. Shiloh could surprise this season.

SOUTH GWINNETT COMETS

Head Coach: Eric Jones

Assistant Coach (s): Kevin Young, Jarrett Hood

2019 Record: 12-12

Returning Starters: SS/CF Cory Lee (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); 2B/3B JaQuavius Graham (Sr., 6-2, 200, R/R); 2B TJ Craven (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); 3B/OF Alex Rodgers (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/1B Kevin Jackson (So., L/L); OF Damien Anderson (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Jeramie Favors (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Comets begin their second season under coach Eric Jones and should be back in the playoff chase. Four starters return, including shortstop/outfielder Cory Lee (.480 avg., 20 SB). The lack of experienced pitching is a concern, but some underclassmen will be expected to contribute.



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The Right Mix

Heritage puts all together, rolls to state title

By Tim Morse

Shane Ramsey sounded a bit cliché-ish when he summed up his 2019 Heritage High baseball team.

"It was great," Ramsey said. "It was hard for me to wrap my head around the season. We had a special group with the chemistry and the way we played for each other. They truly loved each other and they loved me. The name across their jerseys meant something."

The Patriots finished 31-8 and captured the Georgia High School Association's Class 6A state title, their first in school history. The Conyers school had made three trips to the state championship series but had never won a championship – until last May.

Behind a lethal pitching rotation that consisted of starters Griffin Holcombe, Nick Watson-Garcia and Nick Woodward, opponents didn't score much. Heritage pitchers never allowed more than seven runs in a game the entire season and only five times did an opponent score more than five runs in a game. And the Patriots had 11 shutout victories.

If opponents didn't get to Heritage's starting pitchers, they had an even harder time with junior closer Darryl Buggs, who provided short and long relief stints on the mound.

But the foundation of this team was formed many years ago.

"We all grew up together," Holcombe said. "We've all been close for a while. It wasn't like we just came together. We went fishing and hung out with each other, doing stuff together even when we weren't playing baseball."

After the Patriots lost in the second round in the 2018 Class 6A state playoffs after winning the Region 3-6A title, Heritage players knew they had a strong team returning in 2019 and challenging for the region title again wasn't out of the question. The Patriots opened region play with eight straight wins before dropping a game against Grovetown in late March.

"After that hiccup against Grovetown, we reigned them back in," Ramsey said. "And they responded."

The next week was a critical three-game set against Greenbrier, a team expected to challenge for the region title as well. After Heritage needed nine innings to defeat the Wolfpack 1-0 in the first game, it set the tone for the series. Heritage shut out Greenbrier in the next two games and took control of the region standings, eventually running away with the region title. They wouldn't lose again until the second round of the state playoffs when they dropped Game 1 of the best-of-three series to Coffee. But they rebounded to win the next two and took the series.

"It opened our eyes and made us focus more," Holcombe said. "We knew that in the playoffs, the season could be over if we didn't play well."

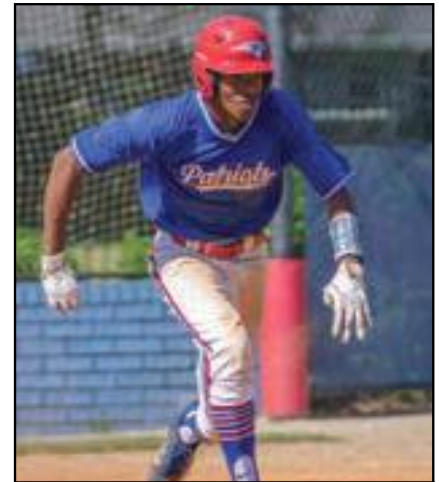
Heritage then swept Allatoona in the quarterfinals, then ousted Effingham County in three games before meeting two-time defending state champion Pope in the state championship series.

The two split the first two games of the best-of-three series, setting up a winner-take-all Game 3. Buggs said he knew Heritage was going to win.

"We had the right mindset before we got to the field," he said. "We wanted to make history and win the school's first state title, but coach always told us to play for our six seniors. We did that."

The Patriots rolled to an easy 11-4 victory and took home the trophy.

"Chemistry was the biggest key to our season," Buggs said. "We always played for each other."



Darryl Buggs heads to first base after a single in the state championship series last year.

Photo by Collin Hubbard



Members of the Heritage baseball team are: **Front Row** (seated l-r), Zekiah Gibbs, Colt Ramsey, Darryl Buggs, Nick Watson-Garcia, Bryce Canty, Parker Chewning, Henry Clay, Christian Davis, Braden Allen, Cole Smith. **Back Row** (l-r), Chuck Landy, Head Coach Shane Ramsey, Casey Shubert, Jason Allwood, Josh Smith, Jan'l Belcher, Ray Joseph, Mike Twordos, Chase Owens, Devron Harper, Josh Guilford, Jace Morris, Nolan Woodward, Nick Woodward, Griffin Holcombe, Calabria Atkins, Scott Howard, Keicha Rowles.

Photo by Collin Hubbard



Heritage-Conyers players celebrate after winning the school's first state baseball title.

Photo by Collin Hubbard

Class 6A Top 15

1 HOUSTON COUNTY

The Bears won two state baseball titles in a three-year span earlier this decade. While names like Hunt Smith, Tony Locey, DL Hall, Tanner Hall and Jake Fromm highlighted the school's championship teams in 2014 and 2016, the 2020 version could potentially rival both of those state championship squads.

While this spring looked promising for Houston, it began looking even better when former Irwin County standout and Florida State commit Brodie Chestnutt transferred into the school. Chestnutt along with major pitching prospect Jaden Woods and Coleman Willis will give the Bears a lethal rotation.

And offensively, second baseman Jacob Profit, catcher Jeremy White and outfielder Treyson Hughes will help the offense produce big numbers. This team will be fun to watch.

2 POPE

The two-time defending Class 6A champions were dethroned last year by Heritage-Conyers. But it was Pope's fourth straight trip to the state championship series. The Greyhounds have enough to make it back, but if there is a rebuild for the Cobb County power, it would be this year.

Pope has lived off shutdown pitching for the past four seasons. While there are some excellent arms returning, the pitching rotation could potentially be as good as past seasons. But it is unproven.

Big names like Reid Robertson, Nate Shipley and James Tibbs return and will keep the Greyhounds going strong until their youth can mature. When that happens, look out.

3 ALLATOONA

The Buccaneers made another deep postseason run last year and will be expected to do so again. The biggest reason to be optimistic if you are an Allatoona fan is because of a strong pitching staff that consists of right-hander Logan McGuire and left-handers Hunter and Fisher Paulsen.

If the Bucs can generate some offense, they could be playing into late May.

4 CAMBRIDGE

After surviving a tough Region 7 schedule last year and finishing as the region runner-up, the Bears were stunned in the first round of the state playoffs, leaving a sour taste in their mouths. A heavy senior class will keep them in the hunt. Cambridge has enough talent to make a deep postseason run. This is a team to keep an eye on.

5 WINDER-BARROW

The Bulldogs have two of the state best players in Brady House and Hunter Marsh. The defending Region 8 champions will be strong again.

6 JOHNS CREEK

The Gladiators missed the playoffs last year. Don't expect that to happen in 2020. Johns Creek has too much talent not to contend. The pitching rotation led by Tyler Watson and Austin Wainer is enough to keep the Gladiators in the chase.

7 GREENBRIER

The Wolfpack have enough pitching with Chase Dollander, Avery Boyd and Sam Roebuck leading the way to make a deep run. But producing offense has been their downfall. If they can swing the bats consistently, look out.

8 COFFEE

Coach Sy Jones continues to make Coffee baseball relevant again. The Trojans are now on the state scene and this could potentially be their best season in at least a decade. An excellent senior class led by Wes Lott will help Coffee contend.

9 HARRISON

The Harrison coaches believe the Hoyas lost too much from last year to contend. As long as you have a pitcher like Collin Caldwell, Harrison will find some offense. Keep a check on these guys.

10 ALPHARETTA

The Raiders have enough arms to compete for a playoff spot. Surviving the rugged Region 7 schedule will be tough. But Alpharetta should be up to the task.

11 HERITAGE-CONYERS

The Patriots return enough leftovers from their state championship team to contend. They did lose most of their pitching to graduation, but the offense should keep them in games until the rotation matures.

12 LEE COUNTY

The Trojans peaked late in the season last year and made a run to the quarters. Look for Lee to build off that success.

13 VALDOSTA

The Wildcats lost some big names from their 2019 squad. It could take a little time for the 2020 team to mature, but the potential is there for Valdosta to approach last year's success.

14 ALEXANDER

If the Cougars can be consistent on the mound, they could a dangerous team. Left-hander Pierce Williams and right-hander Austin Slate will keep Alexander in the chase.

15 GROVETOWN

The Warriors have shown the past two seasons they can be dangerous, especially in the postseason. Keep an eye on them in 2020.

Others to watch: (Alphabetical Order) Effingham County, Lanier, Northgate, Richmond Hill, River Ridge, Sequoyah

CLASS 6A PRESEASON ALL STATE

First Team

Name	Position	Grade	School	Comment
Collin Caldwell	Pitcher	Senior	Harrison	Big-time lefty is tough to beat
Chase Dollander	Pitcher	Senior	Greenbrier	Makes hitters look bad
Logan McGuire	Pitcher	Junior	Allatoona	This guy only getting better
Zach Murray	Pitcher	Senior	Lanier	Quietly does his job well
Tyler Watson	Pitcher	Senior	Johns Creek	LHP has excellent command
Pierce Williams	Pitcher	Senior	Alexander	Nothing fancy, but he's tough to hit
Jaden Woods	Pitcher	Senior	Houston County	As good as there is, period
Seth Nelson	Catcher	Senior	Lee County	Makes his pitchers look good
Cody Rech	Catcher	Senior	Cambridge	Excellent defender who also gets on base
Darryl Buggs	Infielder	Senior	Heritage-Conyers	Not much that he can't do
Brady House	Infielder	Junior	Winder-Barrow	He's an exciting player to watch
Wes Lott	Infielder	Senior	Coffee	Can also dominate on the mound
Hunter Marsh	Infielder	Senior	Winder-Barrow	Gets it done on mound and at plate
Jacob Profit	Infielder	Senior	Houston County	Has good glove, but better bat
James Tibbs	Infielder	Junior	Pope	So good on infield and outfield
David Hart	Outfielder	Senior	Douglas County	Quietly puts up big numbers
Dalton Pearson	Outfielder	Senior	Johns Creek	Big-time player with big-time bat
Reid Robertson	Outfielder	Senior	Pope	Standout also is a tough pitcher
Nate Shipley	Outfielder	Senior	Pope	Versatile player gets the job done
Chase Somers	Outfielder	Senior	Lee County	Offensive leader on good team
Termarr Johnson	Designated Hitter	Sophomore	Mays	Excellent contact hitter
Paul Hegeman	Utility	Senior	Glynn Academy	Can do it all

Second Team

Pitchers – Avery Boyd, Sr., Greenbrier; Brodie Chestnutt, Sr., Houston County; Aaron Osada, Sr., River Ridge; Sam Stratton, Sr., Alpharetta; Austin Wainer, Sr., Johns Creek; Ryder Willard, Sr., Northgate; Casey Young, Sr., Cambridge; **Catchers** – Brett Blomquist, Jr., Allatoona; Hunter Long, Jr., Sequoyah; **Infielders** – James Eckert, Sr., Grovetown; Merritt Evans, Sr., Effingham County; Rhett Hammontree, Sr., Dalton; Jarrett Jenkins, Sr., Dacula; Cole Smith, Sr., Heritage-Conyers; Coleman Willis, Jr., Houston County; **Outfielders** – Buckley Bayens, Sr., Richmond Hill; Christian Davis, Sr., Heritage-Conyers; Justin Rome, Sr., Valdosta; Austin Slate, Sr., Alexander; Ryan Todd, Sr., Cambridge; **Designated Hitter** – Elliott Vickery, Sr., Northgate; **Utility** – Joseph Jackson, Jr., Stephenson

REGION 1-6A

Region Favorite: Houston County

Keep an eye on: Coffee – A lot of players return after the Trojans finished strong in 2019.

Players to Watch

C – Lake Ables, Sr., Coffee; **RHP** – Brodie Chestnutt, Jr., Houston County; **SS/RHP** – Hill Corley, Sr., Lee County; **INF** – Logan Dale, So., Coffee; **SS** – Dylan Franks, Sr., Northside-Warner Robins; **1B/OF** – Trevor Gruszka, Jr., Coffee; **1B/LHP** – Elijah Guilliams, Jr., Valdosta; **OF** – Treyson Hughes, Jr., Houston County; **RHP** – Tal Hutto, Sr., Coffee; **1B/C/RHP** – Lamonte Lindon, Jr., Valdosta; **RHP/INF** – Wes Lott, Sr., Coffee; **OF/RHP** – Jackson McMillan, Sr., Valdosta; **C** – Seth Nelson, Sr., Lee County; **INF** – Jacob Profit, Sr., Houston County; **OF/RHP** – Justin Rome, Sr., Valdosta; **INF** – Brady Skipper, So., Coffee; **OF** – Chase Somers, Sr., Lee County; **RHP/1B** – Coleman Willis, Jr., Houston County; **LHP/OF** – Jaden Woods, Sr., Houston County

COFFEE TROJANS

Head Coach: Sy Jones

Assistant Coach (s):
Bob Jones, Hill Thomas,
LaDonis Bryant

2019 Record: 15-19

Returning Starters:
RHP/INF Wes Lott (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); C Lake Ables (Sr., 5-11, 200, R/R); RHP Tal Hutto (Sr., 6-1, 165, L/R); 1B/OF Trevor Gruszka (Jr., 6-1, 170, L/R); OF Griffin Walker (So., 6-1, 175, R/R); INF Brady Skipper (So., 5-9, 170, R/R); INF Logan Dale (So., 5-9, 175, R/R); RHP/INF Justin Swords (So., 6-3, 175, R/R)

Other Returning

Players: RHP Tanner Hampton (Sr., 6-1,



Lake Ables
Coffee



Logan Dale
Coffee



Trevor Gruszka
Coffee



Tal Hutto
Coffee

200, R/R); RHP Hayden Weems (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF Garrett Smith (Sr., 6-1, 200, R/R); RHP Daylon Douglas (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers:

OF Logan Miller (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); INF AJ Wilkerson (Jr., 5-9, 180, R/R); OF Antonio Dawson (Sr., 5-7, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: After winning a first-round playoff series in 2019, Coffee looks to capitalize off that momentum. Eight starters return from that team, including ace pitcher and all-state standout Wes Lott. He will be joined by seniors Lake Ables at catcher and Tal Hutto on the mound. Look for some talented sophomores to step forward.



Wes Lott
Coffee



Brady Skipper
Coffee

HOUSTON COUNTY BEARS

Head Coach: Matt Hopkins

Assistant Coach (s): Chris Harrelson, Jared Allen, Randy Jones, Steve Pickett, Ethan Broome

2019 Record: 24-12

Returning Starters:

LHP/OF Jaden Woods (Sr., 6-2, 190, L/L); INF Jacob Profit (Sr., 5-7, 165, R/R); C Jeremy White (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); RHP/1B Coleman Willis (Jr., 6-7, 180, R/R); INF/RHP Trent Ringer (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R)

Other Returning

Players: INF Ethan Morgan (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); OF EJ Lewis (Jr., 5-9, 165, L/L); OF/LHP Gage Harrelson (So., 6-2, 175, L/L); OF/C Christian Davis (Jr., 5-7, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers:

RHP/3B/1B Brodie Chestnutt (Jr., 6-4, 210, R/R); OF Treyson Hughes (Jr., 6-2, 175, L/R); INF Blaydin Alaniz (So., 5-7, 165, R/R); 1B/RHP Eli Sikes (Jr., 6-5, 185, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Bears will have their best team since winning a state championship in 2016. Top pitcher Jaden Woods (9-2, 1.20 ERA) and offensive catalyst Jacob Profit (.416 avg.) return. Junior Coleman Willis returns to pitch and play first base. Houston will benefit from the transfer of former Irwin County standout Brodie Chestnutt on the mound.



Brodie Chestnutt
Houston County



Jacob Profit
Houston County



Coleman Willis
Houston County



Jaden Woods
Houston County

LEE COUNTY TROJANS

Head Coach: Brian Trivette

Assistant Coach (s): Kyle Keen, Matt Suggs

2019 Record: 20-19

Returning Starters: C Seth Nelson (Sr., R/R); SS/RHP Hill Corley (Sr., R/R); OF Chase Somers (Sr., L/R); C/OF/INF/RHP Flint Davis (Jr., R/R); C/INF/RHP Luke Powell (So., R/R); OF/INF Alex Newton (So., R/R); INF Cameron Paul (So., R/R); 1B/RHP Kyle Cloud (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning

Players: RHP/INF/OF Cooper Ray (Jr., R/R); INF Hunter Gill (Jr., R/R); INF/OF Kaden Wilson (Jr., R/R); RHP/INF/OF Luke Addison (So., R/R); RHP/1B Owen Greene (So., R/R); LHP Zach Bailey (Jr., R/L)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Smith Pinson (Jr., R/R); RHP/INF Drew Dixon (Jr., L/R); RHP/OF Dallas Nesbit (So., R/R); 1B/DH Jeff Bryan (Jr., R/R); RHP/OF Asher Newell (Jr., R/R); OF Andrew Willis (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Lee County struggled to find its game throughout much of 2019, then caught fire late and made it to the state quarterfinals. The Trojans have a good nucleus of talent returning and look to build off that success. Offensive leaders Seth Nelson (.371 avg., 33 RBIs), Chase Somers (.392 avg., 8 2B) and Hill Corley are back. The pitching rotation, however, must mature quickly.



Kyle Cloud
Lee County



Hill Corley
Lee County



Seth Nelson
Lee County



Chase Somers
Lee County

NORTHSIDE-WARNER ROBINS EAGLES

Head Coach: Mark Estes

Assistant Coach (s): Tyler Kinsler, Dyron Adams, Zach Coatney, Colton Craft

2019 Record: 11-13

Returning Starters: C Mitchell Upshaw (Sr., 5-9, 180, R/R); RHP Tyler Wilson (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); SS Dylan Franks (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); 3B Cam Staton (Jr., 5-10, 195, R/R); OF Levi Walker (Jr., 5-6, 155, R/R); 2B Jacob Catey (Jr., 5-8, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Tyler Smith (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); OF Dylan Willingham (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); 3B Larry Herter (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); OF Deonte Lowe (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); RHP Andrew Heinisch (Jr., 5-8, 155, R/R); U Jacari Saffold (Sr., 6-3, 195, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Drew Rice (Fr., 5-11, 170, R/R); OF Braydon Smith (Fr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: A solid senior class returns as Northside should have a chance to improve upon last season's record. Six starters are back. The Eagles welcome back shortstop Dylan Franks (.340 avg.), while senior Tyler Wilson returns on the mound.

VALDOSTA WILDCATS

Head Coach: Brad Porter

Assistant Coach (s): Hayden Jones, Keith McConnehead, Bryan McLain, Jonathan Oliver, Chad Smith, Tyler Ward, Joe Wilson

2019 Record: 23-10

Returning Starters: 2B/RHP Briggs Bennett (Sr., 5-9, 180, R/R); 1B/LHP Elijah Guilliams (Jr., 6-0, 200, L/L); 1B/C/RHP Lamonte Lindon (Jr., 6-2, 210, R/R); OF/RHP Jackson McMillan (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Justin Rome (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); C/RHP Cooper Samples (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: SS/RHP Ethan Bush (Sr., 5-9, 155, R/R); OF



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Top Newcomers: U/RHP Jordan Caraway (So., 5-9, 155, R/R); C/RHP Nyk Emerson (So., 5-9, 155, R/R); U/RHP Cole Porter (So., 5-8, 130, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wildcats lost a chunk of talent to graduation, but Valdosta should still contend for a playoff berth. Six starters are back, including senior outfielder/pitcher Justin Rome. First baseman/catcher/pitcher Lamonte Lindon and first baseman/pitcher Elijah Guilliams also return.



Briggs Bennett
Valdosta



Elijah Guilliams
Valdosta



Lamonte Lindon
Valdosta



Justin Rome
Valdosta



Reed Reagin
Valdosta



Cooper Samples
Valdosta

REGION 2-6A

Region Favorite: Effingham County

Keep an eye on: Richmond Hill – New head coach, but a lot of young talent on the roster.

Players to Watch

OF – Buckley Bayens, Sr., Richmond Hill; **OF** – Evan Cowan, So., Richmond Hill; **RHP/INF** – Merritt Evans, Sr., Effingham County; **SS** – Leighton Finley, So., Richmond Hill; **3B/RHP** – Hunter Goff, Sr., Brunswick; **RHP/SS** – Nate Hannum, Sr., Glynn Academy; **RHP/C/1B** – Paul Hegeman, Sr., Glynn Academy; **C** – Dustin Johnson, Sr., Effingham County; **OF/RHP** – Austin Mealor, Sr., Effingham County; **RHP** – Garrett Miller, Sr., Effingham County; **SS/OF** – Daiton Pass, Sr., Bradwell Institute; **1B** – Mitchell Richburg, Sr., Brunswick; **C** – Peyton Taylor, Jr., Richmond Hill; **LHP/OF** – Isaiah Wellman, Jr., Brunswick; **LHP/OF** – Blake Wood, Jr., Glynn Academy

BRADWELL INSTITUTE TIGERS

Head Coach: Rhett Hellgren

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BRUNSWICK PIRATES

Head Coach: Brian Crawford

Assistant Coach (s): Grayson Yeomans, Denny Billbe, Trey McGee

2019 Record: 12-18

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Returning Starters: 2B Kason Buie (Sr., R/R); 1B Mitchell Richburg (Sr., R/R); OF Kyle Patterson (Sr., R/R); C/INF Devonte Gadson (Jr., R/R); RHP/3B Bryson Wilson (Sr., R/R); 3B/RHP Hunter Goff (Sr., R/R); LHP/OF Isaiah Wellman (Jr., R/L); OF Nick Goff (So., R/R); OF Ethan Herrin (Sr., R/R); INF Kyle Lodise (So., R/R); OF Aaron Rath (So., R/R)



Hunter Goff
Brunswick



Mitchell Richburg
Brunswick

Other Returning Players: RHP Chamberlain Dent (So., R/R); RHP/OF/C Skyles Tawney (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: An excellent group of returning players are back as Brunswick seeks to rebound after a disappointing finish in 2019. First baseman Mitchell Richburg, third baseman/pitcher Hunter Goff and second baseman Kason Buie give the Pirates a solid nucleus to build around.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY REBELS

Head Coach: Chris Johnson

Assistant Coach (s): Shane Ramsey, Trevor Wilson, Matt Alligood, Chuck Smith

2019 Record: 31-7

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Merritt Evans (Sr., 6-1, 165, R/R); C Dustin Johnson (Sr., 6-1, 210, R/R); OF/RHP Austin Mealor (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); INF Chrys Hawkins (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); RHP Garrett Miller (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B Justin Wilcox (Sr., 6-2, 220, R/R); INF Tanner Hall (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); OF JJ Brutchter (Jr., 5-8, 145, R/R); C/INF JD Coleman (So., 5-8, 150, B/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP Josh Bassett (Jr., 6-0, 195, R/R); RHP Taylor Rigdon (Jr., 6-2, 200, R/R)

Season Outlook: After making a deep postseason run last year, the Rebels lost a wealth of talent. But there is an excellent group of returning seniors. Pitcher Merritt Evans and catcher Dustin Johnson had strong seasons as juniors last year and will be expected to help carry the load.



Merritt Evans
Effingham County

GLYNN ACADEMY RED TERRORS

Head Coach: Trent Mongero

Assistant Coach (s): Ted Wallen, Jake Sandlin, John Welborn, Drew Shealy, Jason Smith, Spencer Martin, Bob Black

2019 Record: 11-18

Returning Starters: RHP/C/1B Paul Hegeman (Sr., 6-2, 220, L/R); RHP/SS Nate Hannum (Sr., 6-0, 155, R/R); OF Caden Hutchinson (Jr., 5-6, 175, R/R); LHP/1B Brady Davis (Jr., 5-7, 155, L/L); RHP/OF Cameron Gee (Jr., 6-1, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Josh Myers (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP/OF Blake Wood (Jr., 5-9, 165, B/L); INF/RHP Joe Cutia (Jr., 6-1, 195, R/R); OF Kam Smith (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); RHP Grant Wolfe (Jr., 5-11, 185, R/R); OF Drew Devlin (Jr., 5-9, 155, L/R); RHP/3B



Nate Hannum
Glynn Academy

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Shaun Munoz (Jr., 6-1, 190, R/R)

Season Outlook: Glynn Academy looks to get things turned around after winning just 11 games in 2019. Five starters are back. One of those is versatile Paul Hegeman (.353 avg., 17 RBIs). Pitcher Nate Hannum returns on the mound and will lead a young but talented pitching rotation.

RICHMOND HILL WILDCATS

Head Coach: Scott Strickland (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Josh Davis, Matt Klebe, Josh Romain, Chaise Parker

2019 Record: 23-8

Returning Starters: OF Buckley Bayens (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); 1B Blake Bell (Sr., 6-1, 205, R/R); OF Timmy Fortson (Sr., 6-2, 215, R/R); C Peyton Taylor (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); SS Leighton Finley (So., 6-4, 190, R/R); OF Evan Cowan (So., 6-1, 170, L/R); OF Luke Boone (So., 6-2, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/3B Shane Bradshaw (Sr., 6-0, 210, R/R); OF/RHP Hayden Hurst (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); 1B Connor Tate (Jr., 6-3, 240, R/R); U Mitch Cowan (Jr., 6-0, 165, L/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Gavin Tuck (Sr., 6-1, 165, R/R); INF Jermaine Fate (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); INF Ethan Fuller (So., 5-7, 140, R/R)

Season Outlook: Former assistant Scott Strickland takes over and inherits seven returning starters as the Wildcats should contend for the region crown. Senior outfielder Buckley Bayens (.345 avg., 25 RBIs) returns to spark the offense. Keep an eye on shortstop Leighton Finley and outfielder Evan Cowan, who were promising as freshmen last year.



Buckley Bayens
Richmond Hill

REGION 3-6A

Region Favorite: Greenbrier

Keep an eye on: Grovetown – Warriors have a new coach and a lot of optimism.

Players to Watch

C – David Bell, So., Greenbrier; **OF** – Jonathan Boggs, Sr., Lakeside-Evans; **LHP** – Avery Boyd, Sr., Greenbrier; **U/RHP** – Darryl Buggs, Sr., Heritage-Conyers; **OF** – Dylan Carter, Sr., Greenbrier; **1B/LHP** – Kohl Chambers, Sr., Lakeside-Evans; **INF** – Brayden Collett, Jr., Greenbrier; **C** – Cade Combs, Sr., Grovetown; **OF/LHP** – Christian Davis, Sr., Heritage-Conyers; **RHP** – Chase Dollander, Sr., Greenbrier; **1B** – Camrin Dunbar, Sr., Grovetown; **SS/RHP** – James Eckert, Sr., Grovetown; **OF/RHP** – Zekiah Gibbs, Sr., Heritage-Conyers; **OF** – Noah Hallingquest, Sr., Grovetown; **OF** – Isaiah Rainge, Jr., Grovetown; **U/RHP** – Richie Rodriguez, Sr., Lakeside-Evans; **INF** – Cole Smith, Sr., Heritage-Conyers; **INF/C** – JT Williams, Sr., Evans

ALCOVY TIGERS

Head Coach: Jimmy Hughes
Survey not returned

EVANS KNIGHTS

Head Coach: Ricky Beale

Assistant Coach (s): Trey Lariscy, Robbie Wachman, Ryan Bennett, James Jackson

2019 Record: 8-19

Returning Starters: INF/C JT Williams (Sr., R/R); RHP/3B Connor Skidmore (Sr., R/R); C/RHP Reid Akins (So., R/R); LHP/OF Riley Akins (So., R/L); RHP/1B/OF Nolan Short (Sr., R/R); RHP/OF Lleyton Lackey (So., B/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP/1B Evan Skidmore (Sr., L/L); INF Dominic Brady (Sr., L/R); OF/RHP Seth Harbuck (Sr., R/R); INF Bryson Stanford (Sr., R/R); RHP Camden Craft (Sr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Cooper Serigney (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Knights struggled to an uncharacteristic 8-19 finish in 2019, and they look to get things turned around this spring. Six starters are back, including five who can pitch – Connor Skidmore, Riley Akins, Reid Akins, Nolan Short and Lleyton Lackey. If Evans can be consistent on offense, they should be back in the playoff chase.



Nolan Short
Evans

GREENBRIER WOLFPACK

Head Coach: David Barnes

Assistant Coach (s): Mark Turner, Alex Sickman, Aaron McCorkle, Garth Thomas

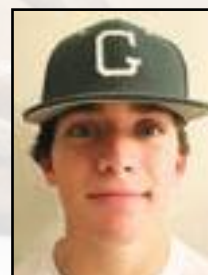
2019 Record: 22-10

Returning Starters: RHP Chase Dollander (Sr.); LHP Avery Boyd (Sr.); RHP/OF Sam Roebuck (Sr.); OF Dylan Carter (Sr.); INF Jackson Fulmer (Sr.); INF/P Dalton Wesley (Jr.); C David Bell (So.); INF Brayden Collett (Jr.); C Carson Murray (Jr.)

Other Returning Players: INF Jack Lombardo (Jr.); INF Ethan Perez (Sr.)

Top Newcomers: INF Jackson Smith (So.); OF AJ Trupp (So.); OF Stone Gray (Jr.); P/INF Tyler Rowland (So.); INF Wheeler Cason (Jr.); P/INF Evan Thomas (Jr.)

Season Outlook: The Wolfpack will have one of the top 1-2 pitching combos in the region in right-hander Chase Dollander and left-hander Avery Boyd. And right-hander Sam Roebuck also returns to help out. Offensively, the Wolfpack should be in good shape as outfielder Dylan Carter, infielder Brayden Collett and catcher David Bell return to lead the way.



David Bell
Greenbrier



Avery Boyd
Greenbrier



Brayden Collett
Greenbrier



Sam Roebuck
Greenbrier

GROVETOWN WARRIORS

Head Coach: Travis Lee (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Rodney Holder, William Emadi, Sam Joiner, Craig Moore

2019 Record: 15-10

Returning Starters: C Cade Combs (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); SS/RHP James Eckert (Sr., 5-8, 150, R/R); 1B Camrin Dunbar (Sr., 6-3, 230, R/R); RHP/OF Darius Dunn (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); OF Noah Hallingquest (Sr., 5-5, 135, R/R); INF/OF Carter Thomas (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); OF Isaiah Rainge (Jr., 5-9, 175, R/R); RHP Jackson Thompson (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/RHP George Whitley (Jr., R/R); 1B TJ Holder (Jr., R/R); INF Dixon Evans (Jr., R/R); RHP Austin Davis (Jr., L/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Colby Schachtner (So., R/R); RHP/INF Nick Eckert (So., R/R); C Brock Borum (Sr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Former assistant Travis Lee takes over and the Warriors should once again challenge for a playoff berth. Pitching depth is a concern after eight-game winner James Eckert and Darius Dunn, but Grovetown has some weapons on offense. Catcher Cade Combs (.356 avg., 14 RBIs), first baseman Camrin Dunbar (.352 avg., 24 RBIs) and infielder/outfielder Carter Thomas (.343 avg.) all return.



James Eckert
Grovetown

HERITAGE-CONYERS PATRIOTS

Head Coach: Aaron Simmons (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Clay Ardeeser, Collin Martin

2019 Record: 31-8

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Zekiah Gibbs (Sr., R/R); INF Cole Smith (Sr., R/R); U/RHP Darryl Buggs (Sr., R/R); OF/LHP Christian Davis (Sr., L/L)

Other Returning Players: INF Chase Owens (Sr.); LHP/1B Josh Smith (So.); 3B Jason

Allwood (Jr.); RHP/OF Jace Morris (Jr.); C/INF Christian Calloway (So.)

Season Outlook: The defending state champions have some key players to replace, but new coach Aaron Simmons should help keep the Patriots in the playoff hunt. The pitching rotation took the biggest hit, but four starters are back, including all-state player Darryl Buggs. Offensive leaders Christian Davis and Cole Smith also return.



Darryl Buggs
Heritage-Conyers



Christian Davis
Heritage-Conyers

LAKESIDE-EVANS PANTHERS

Head Coach: TJ Davis

Assistant Coach (s): Jon Johnson, Dan Sneeringer, Kim Chambers, Greg Aplin



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2019 Record: 9-14

Returning Starters: 1B/LHP Kohl Chambers (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/L); C Hayden Walkotten (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Jonathan Boggs (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); SS/RHP Tyler Reynolds (Jr., 6-1, 165, R/R); OF/RHP Jake Cook (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); U/RHP Cole Corcoran (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); U/RHP Gavin Wright (So., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Trevor Creagan (Sr., 6-3, 215, L/R); OF Waylon Cawley (Sr., 5-10, 145, R/R); OF/RHP Jackson Boggs (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); U/RHP Richie Rodriguez (Sr., 5-7, 160, R/R); C Brice Clack (Sr., 5-8, 160, L/R); OF Ian Williams (Jr., 6-4, 165, R/R); 1B Donovan Dykstra (Jr., 6-2, 190, L/R)

Season Outlook: Look for Lakeside to improve upon last season's record as seven starters are back. A talented senior class should help the Panthers contend for a playoff berth. First baseman/pitcher Kohl Chambers is a player to keep an eye on.

REGION 4-6A

Region Favorite: Stephenson

Keep an eye on: Tucker – The Tigers are young, but they return good experience.

Players to Watch

P – Lamont Barner, Sr., Martin Luther King, Jr.; **INF/RHP** – Jamarie Brooks, So., Mundy's Mill; **RHP/OF** – Noah Grayson, So., Tucker; **OF/INF/P/C** – Devin Guillory, Sr., Morrow; **C/2B** – Cameron Hall, So., Mundy's Mill; **LHP/1B/OF** – Joseph Jackson, Sr., Stephenson; **RHP/OF/INF** – Barry Manning, So., Tucker; **SS/3B** – Nicholas Pratt, So., Mundy's Mill; **LHP/1B/OF** – Kameron Taylor, Sr., Stephenson; **1B/RHP** – Kobe Thomas, Sr., Lovejoy

DREW TITANS

Head Coach: Brandon White

Survey not returned

FOREST PARK PANTHERS

Head Coach: Joshua Froneberger

Survey not returned

LOVEJOY WILDCATS

Head Coach: Darius Mitchell (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Zach Bell, Vick Martin, Devin Franklin

2019 Record: 5-13

Returning Starters: 1B/RHP Kobe Thomas (Sr., 6-2, 225, R/R); SS/RHP Jaylen Hill (Jr., 6-1, 190, R/R); RHP/3B Khalil Arnold (Sr., 6-3, 220, R/R); RHP/OF Clarence McCoy (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: New coach Darius Mitchell takes over and looks to help Lovejoy improve upon last season's record. Lovejoy has four key returners back. One of those is first baseman Kobe Thomas (.370 avg., 20 RBIs) who gives the Wildcats a solid player to build around.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. LIONS

Head Coach: Lamont Barner
Survey not returned



Lamont Barner, Jr.
MLK

MORROW MUSTANGS

Head Coach: Kareem Hayes
Assistant Coach (s): TBA
2019 Record: 4-15

Returning Starters: RHP Eduardo Guerro (Sr.); OF Jalen Buckner (Sr.); OF/INF/P/C Devin Guillory (Sr.); 1B Christopher Foster (Jr.); INF/P Craig Randolph (Jr.); INF/P Kawan James (So.); OF Demarcus Sanders (Jr.); C/P Turian Bunkley (So.)

Other Returning Players: 3B/P Jonathan Dupree (Jr.); OF/P Eli Launder (Jr.); OF Bryant Cunningham (Jr.); OF Jonathan Hillie (Jr.); 1B/P Matt Davis (So.); 3B/P Jaylin Glass (Jr.)

Top Newcomers: OF/INF Tyrell Hall (Jr.); OF Tijon Galloway (Jr.)

Season Outlook: The Mustangs return a good nucleus of players and should have a chance to improve upon last season's record. Morrow will field a young team. The good news is that three senior starters – pitcher Eduardo Guerro, outfielder Jalen Buckner and utility player Devin Guillory – return to lead the way.

MOUNT ZION-JONESBORO BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Richard Robinson
Survey not returned

MUNDY'S MILL TIGERS

Head Coach: Eddie Pratt
Assistant Coach (s): Springer, Godfrey
2019 Record: 2-17

Returning Starters: C/2B Cameron Hall (So., 5-9, 175); SS/3B Nicholas Pratt (So., 5-8, 150); INF/RHP Jamarie Brooks (So., 6-1, 190); C/LF Jabari Godfrey (Jr., 5-10, 190); 1B/3B/RHP Zachary Crump (Jr., 5-10, 205); OF/RHP Ryan Nobles (Sr., 6-2, 210); CF/2B Javarius Gray (Sr., 6-1, 175); 3B/C/LF Khalil White (So., 6-0, 175)

Other Returning Players: OF Shawn Jarrett (Fr., 5-8, 155); OF/RHP Dejuan Springer (Fr., 5-8, 150); SS/2B/RHP Kaden Wilcox (Fr., 5-7, 150)

Season Outlook: The Tigers struggled last season but look to get things turned around this season. Mundy's Mill welcomes back eight returning starters, including versatile Jamarie Brooks. Nicholas Pratt and Cameron Hall also return after strong seasons as freshmen last year.

STEPHENSON JAGUARS

Head Coach: Tim Jones
Assistant Coach (s): Byron Dixon, Amarri Whyte, Elliot Bonner
2019 Record: 20-7

Returning Starters: LHP/1B/OF Joseph Jackson (Jr., 6-1, 185, B/L); LHP/1B/OF Kameron Taylor (Jr., 6-2, 190, L/L); RHP/INF/OF Shane Daley (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); RHP/INF Vincent Latimer (Sr., 6-3, 205, R/R); INF Blake Tyler (Sr., 5-8, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP/OF Jaden Camp (So., 6-1, 175, L/L); RHP/INF Alote Jones (Sr., 6-3, 225, R/R); LHP/OF Lonnie White (Jr.,



Joseph Jackson Stephenson

5-7, 160, L/L); RHP/INF Marc Lewis (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); LHP/1B/OF CJ Walker (Jr., 5-10, 185, B/L)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Covey Palmer (Fr., 5-10, 175, R/R); RHP/OF Michael Wright (So., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: Stephenson won 20 games last year and captured the region crown. The defending region champs should be the team to beat again as five starters are back. One of those is versatile Joseph Jackson. Junior Kameron Taylor also returns.

TUCKER TIGERS

Head Coach: Matt Masce
Assistant Coach (s): Alfred Turner
2019 Record: 12-7-1

Returning Starters: RHP/OF/INF Barry Manning (So., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Noah Grayson (So., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP/2B Michael Robinson (So., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP/3B/2B Kaece Supples (So., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/2B Lennox Moody (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); C/3B Terrance Reeves (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); SS/2B Andre Hunter (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP/INF/OF Joshua Waller (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Isaiah Raheem (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Tigers are young, but don't count them out. Tucker played a lot of youth last year and that should pay off this season. Four starters, all of them sophomores, are back. Keep an eye on Barry Manning and Noah Grayson who posted solid numbers as freshmen in 2019.

REGION 5-6A

Region Favorite: Alexander

Keep an eye on: Douglas County – The Tigers look to get the most out of their solid senior class.

Players to Watch

C – Andrew Baldwin, Sr., Northgate; **2B/RHP** – Jaden Browning, Jr., Hughes; **INF** – Christian Dyer, Sr., Northgate; **RHP** – Devin Callihan, Sr., South Paulding; **INF** – Donovan Cash, Sr., Northgate; **3B/OF/RHP** – Daniel Davis, Jr., Hughes; **RHP** – Justin England, Sr., South Paulding; **RHP** – Reid Fagerstrom, Sr., Northgate; **U** – Robert Frazier, Sr., Douglas County; **2B** – Zeke Gilbert, Sr., Alexander; **OF/1B** – David Hart, Sr., Douglas County; **SS/RHP** – Cole Hutchinson, Sr., South Paulding; **SS/RHP** – Termarr Johnson, So., Mays; **CF/1B** – Sydyk Ross, So., Mays; **RHP/OF** – Austin Slate, Sr., Alexander; **INF** – Elliott Vickery, Sr., Northgate; **SS** – Zac Warren, Sr., Alexander; **C/OF** – Tyler White, Sr., Alexander; **RHP/OF** – Ryder Willard, Sr., Northgate; **LHP** – Pierce Williams, Sr., Alexander

ALEXANDER COUGARS

Head Coach: Zach Romain
Assistant Coach (s): Matt Pierce, Wayne Allen, Layne Grantham, Dalton Acord
2019 Record: 26-7

Returning Starters: LHP Pierce Williams (Sr., 6-1, 175, L/L); 2B Zeke Gilbert (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); RHP/OF Austin Slate (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); C/OF Tyler White (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); DH Marcus Leffall (Jr., 5-10, 190,

R/R); SS Zac Warren (Sr., 5-10, 175, B/R)

Other Returning

Players: RHP Grant Lunsford (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); RHP/OF/C Cole Curtis (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); 1B Trey Tanner (Sr., 6-4, 195, R/R); RHP Jared McKown (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); RHP Payton McMichael (Jr., 6-2, 185, R/R)

Season Outlook: Look for Alexander to contend for the region title again as a strong senior class returns. All-state pitcher Pierce Williams leads a strong pitching rotation, while offensive standouts Austin Slate (.342 avg., 19 RBIs) and Zeke Gilbert (.340 avg., 18 RBIs) also return.



Austin Slate
Alexander



Pierce Williams
Alexander

CREEKSIDE SEMINOLES

Head Coach: Martin Seay

Survey not returned

DOUGLAS COUNTY TIGERS

Head Coach: John Farmer

Assistant Coach (s): Derek Brutcher, Brad Kluttz

2019 Record: 11-11

Returning Starters: OF/1B David Hart (Sr., L/L); U Robert Frazier (Sr., R/R); C/LHP Keegan Abley (Sr., L/L); INF/RHP Haidyn Abley (Jr., R/R); OF Arty Leger (Sr., R/R); LHP Trevor Smith (Sr., R/L)
Other Returning Players: 2B/RHP Grant Robb (Sr., R/R); OF Tyler Brown (Sr., L/R); INF/RHP Kyle Vanderweit (So., R/R); OF/LHP Thomas Woodcum (Jr., L/L)

Top Newcomers: INF Myles Corderro (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: This could be Douglas County's best team under coach John Farmer. A solid senior class returns to lead the way as the Tigers should contend for a playoff berth. Six starters are back. One of those is outfielder/first baseman David Hart (.513 avg., 20 RBIs).



David Hart
Douglas County

HUGHES PANTHERS

Head Coach: Charles Foster

Survey not returned

MAYS RAIDERS

Head Coach: Reginald Austin

Assistant Coach (s): Michael Jennings, Kyle Poag

2019 Record: 14-12

Returning Starters: INF/C/RHP Tervelle Johnson (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); 2B/OF Omari Drake (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); 1B/OF/LHP Avantae Lupoe (Sr., 6-0, 175, L/L); 2B/SS/RHP Julian Greer (Sr., 5-7, 160, R/R); SS/RHP Termarr Johnson (So., 5-8, 170, L/R); OF/1B Sydyk Ross (So., 5-11, 150, L/L); C/OF Anthony Hall (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF/RHP Jeremiah Newnan (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF/2B Davon Adams (Jr., 5-7, 145, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 3B Kavin Swift (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R)



Termarr Johnson
Mays

Season Outlook: The Raiders welcome back the bulk of their team from last season and should be in the postseason chase. Senior right-hander Tervelle Johnson leads a talented senior class. Sophomore shortstop/pitcher Termarr Johnson returns after leading the team with a .482 batting average last year as a freshman.

NEW MANCHESTER JAGUARS

Head Coach: Ian Chisolm

Assistant Coach (s): Eddie Little

2019 Record: 5-24

Returning Starters: CF/RHP Trevon Dean (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); 1B/3B/RHP Jordan Holmes (Jr., 6-0, 225, R/R)

Other Returning Players: LF/RF Anthony Carter (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); C/2B/RHP De'Sean Glanton (So., 5-10, 115, R/R); LF/RF/RHP Damien Grayer (Jr., 5-11, 135, R/R); 2B/OF Braxton Hall (So., 5-6, 130, R/R)

Top Newcomers: SS/3B/RHP Kyntin Gay (Fr., 5-6, 125, R/R); SS/CF/RHP Michael Bright (Fr., 5-11, 135, R/R); 1B/OF/RHP Sean Lowe (Fr., 5-6, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: A young team will try and help New Manchester improve upon last season's record. The senior class is small, but the Jaguars have a lineup full of young talent. Look for some juniors and sophomores to step forward and compete for playing time this spring.

NORTHGATE VIKINGS

Head Coach: Todd Herrington

Assistant Coach (s): Tim Lowery, Lee McDermott, Matt Nash,

Matt Ross

2019 Record: 22-10

Returning Starters: INF Christian Dyer (Sr., 5-8, 170, R/R); INF Elliott Vickery (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP Reid Fagerstrom (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); C Andrew Baldwin (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); RHP/OF Ryder Willard (Sr., 6-2, 185, L/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Myles Cook (Sr., 5-10, 140, R/R); RHP Jacob Reiter (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R); RHP Cam Freeman (Sr., 5-11, 195, R/R); RHP/OF Isaac Corbitt (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R); RHP/1B Reed Proctor (Sr., 6-6, 180, R/R); INF Devon Fleener (Sr., 5-8, 140, R/R); RHP/OF Tanner Hughes (Sr., 5-8, 170, R/R); INF/OF Jake Queen (Sr., 5-11, 155, R/R); INF Donovan Cash (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); C Colin Schmits (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP/OF Tommy Ivan (Jr., 5-8, 140, R/L); INF Joshua Tate (So., 5-11, 155, R/R); C Jak Everett (Jr., 5-10, 200, R/R)

Season Outlook: A strong senior class should help Northgate contend for the region title. Pitching will be a big strength as right-handers Reid Fagerstrom and Ryder Willard return. Infielders Elliott Vickery, Christian Dyer and catcher Andrew Baldwin return to lead the offense.



Elliott Vickery
Northgate



Ryder Willard
Northgate

SOUTH PAULDING SPARTANS

Head Coach: Jay Sneddon

Assistant Coach (s): Chris Adair, Jason Chatham, Brian Meadows, Brien Welak, Kevin Hake, James Maxwell

2019 Record: 26-7

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Cole Hutchinson (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); OF/LHP Mitch Brown (Sr., 5-10, 160, L/L); RHP Devin Callihan (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); 2B/RHP Will Antunez (Sr., 5-8, 140, R/R); 1B Brenden Matthews (Sr., 5-11, 195, R/R); RHP Justin England (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF A.J Carruth (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); C Peyton Thorpe (Sr., 5-11, 205, R/R); 3B/RHP Kameron Young (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Nick Akery (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 3B/RHP Cole Brewer (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Brendan Grates (So., 5-10, 160, L/R)

Season Outlook: The Spartans have the ingredients to make another run at the region crown. The senior class is solid and will be expected to lead the way. Right-hander Devin Callihan (6-3, 3.03 ERA) will lead a solid rotation, while offensive catalysts Cole Hutchinson (.320 avg., 24 RBIs) and Mitch Brown (.319 avg., 24 SB) return to spark the offense.

TRI-CITIES BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Larry Thomas (new)

Survey not returned

REGION 6-6A

Region Favorite: Allatoona

Keep an eye on: Sequoyah – Chiefs have enough returning talent to be very dangerous.

Players to Watch

INF/RHP – Brant Bagley, Sr., Dalton; **SS/RHP** – Carson Bell, Sr., River Ridge; **C/U** – Brett Blomquist, Jr., Allatoona; **3B** – Kobe Braddock, Sr., River Ridge; **LHP** – Collin Caldwell, Sr., Harrison; **OF/LHP** – Mason Gentry, Sr., Creekview; **OF** – Cooper Guilotte, Sr., Harrison; **RHP/SS** – Rhett Hammontree, Sr., Dalton; **OF/INF** – Kyle Johnson, Sr., Creekview; **RHP** – Colin Koprowski, Sr., Sequoyah; **C** – Hunter Long, Jr., Sequoyah; **RHP/C** – Logan McGuire, Jr., Allatoona; **C/3B/RHP** – William Mosley, So., Allatoona; **RHP** – Aaron Osada, Sr., Allatoona; **LHP/OF/1B** – Hunter Paulsen, Jr., Allatoona; **OF** – Kenskey Thomas, So., Sequoyah; **OF** – Austin Tienda, Sr., Sequoyah; **INF** – KK Towe, So., Sprayberry; **OF/RHP** – Jeffery Waters, Sr., South Cobb; **3B** – Josh Wood, Sr., Creekview

ALLATOONA BUCCANEERS

Head Coach: Keith Hansen

Assistant Coach (s): Brad Strickland, David Eeles, Casey Linch, Mike Linch

2019 Record: 23-12

Returning Starters:

OF Simon Aluko (Sr., 6-0, 170, L/L); 2B Carter McWilliams (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); C/U Brett Blomquist (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R); RHP/C Logan McGuire (Jr., 6-4, 180, R/R); LHP/OF/1B Hunter

Paulsen (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/L); LHP/OF Fisher Paulsen (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/L); OF Hayden Soley (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/R); C/3B/RHP William Mosley (So., 5-10, 175, R/R); SS/2B Taylor Shultz (So., 5-8, 150, R/R)

Other Returning Players: SS/2B/RHP Ben Crawley (Jr., 5-10, 160,



Brett Blomquist
Allatoona



Logan McGuire
Allatoona

R/R); RHP JJ Barilow (Sr., 5-9, 155, R/R); C Mason Cabe (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); OF Jake Jamison (Jr., 6-1, 170, L/R); INF/RHP Carter Stumpf (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: Allatoona should once again be one of the teams to beat in Region 6-6A. The Bucs welcome back a ton of talent, including pitchers Logan McGuire, Hunter Paulsen and Fisher Paulsen. Allatoona will be looking for some younger players to step up and provide depth.



Hunter Paulsen
Allatoona

CREEKVIEW GRIZZLIES

Head Coach: Mike Nayman

Assistant Coach (s): Chris Jeffreys, Ben Greene, Justin Wheeler, Shane Dunn, Ryan Broussard

2019 Record: 16-12

Returning Starters:

3B Josh Wood (Sr., 6-2, 205, L/R); OF/INF Kyle Johnson (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF/LHP Mason Gentry (Sr., 5-11, 185, L/L); C/INF Mason Hicks (So., 6-1, 180, R/R); C Grant Anderson (Jr., 5-11, 195, R/R); RHP Luke



Kyle Johnson
Creekview



Josh Wood
Creekview

Motter (Sr., 6-3, 200, R/R); LHP Coy Martin (Sr., 6-0, 180, L/L)

Other Returning Players: OF/INF Luke Irwin (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); OF Mason Toole (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); RHP/1B John Zarzickl (Sr., 6-4, 220, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP Heath Clevenger (Jr., 6-4, 185, R/R); OF Hunter Barnes (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); 1B Jace Gilmore (Jr., 5-10, 195, L/L); RHP/OF Owen Mello (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); INF Max Baker (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: If the Grizzlies' pitching rotation matures, they could have a chance to approach last year's success. Seven starters are back, including offensive leaders Kyle Johnson and Josh Wood. Keep an eye on a solid groups of juniors waiting on their chance to step into starting positions.

DALTON CATAMOUNTS

Head Coach: Rhett Parrott

Assistant Coach (s): James Johnson, Brian Harrison, Curtis Carson

2019 Record: 12-15

Returning Starters:

RHP/SS Rhett Hammontree (Sr., R/R); RHP Bryce Houghton (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Brant Bagley (Sr., R/R); OF Kaleb Valdez (Jr., L/L); 1B/RHP Caleb Nix (So., R/R); C Brock Johnson (So., R/R); INF/RHP Brady Pendley (So., R/R); OF Parker Eicholtz (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: U Orlando Santiago (So., R/R); OF Tyson Swope (So., R/R); INF Lane Cox (So.)

Season Outlook: The Catamounts return an excellent group of returning players and should have a chance to be back in postseason contention. Eight starters in all are back. Pitching should be the



Rhett Hammontree
Dalton



Kaleb Valdez
Dalton

biggest strength as seniors Bryce Houghton, Brant Bagley and Rhett Hammontree all return.

HARRISON HOYAS

Head Coach: Mark Elkins

Assistant Coach (s): Jake Storey, Jason Evans, Chris Widing, Rick Mang, Mic Knox

2019 Record: 29-9

Returning Starters:

LHP Collin Caldwell (Sr.);
SS Mitchell Walker (Sr.);
OF Cooper Guilotte (Sr.)

Other Returning

Players: OF Nick

Brunswick (Sr.); RHP
Bryce Clark (Sr.); OF/P
Fisher Keith (Sr.); INF
Brian Drakeford (Sr.); C Justin Wobb (Sr.); INF/P Bowen Mitchell (Jr.);
INF/C Charlie Tull (Sr.)

Top Newcomers: INF/C/P John Armstrong (Sr.)

Season Outlook: After a run to the semifinals in 2019, Harrison will be rebuilding this season. But don't sleep on the Hoyas. Left-handed pitcher Collin Caldwell will keep Harrison in the hunt, while shortstop Mitchell Walker returns to lead the offense. Some talented seniors who didn't play that much last year will need to step forward and help carry the load.



John Armstrong
Harrison



Collin Caldwell
Harrison

OSBORNE CARDINALS

Head Coach: Brad Bond

Assistant Coach (s): Zachary White

2019 Record: 0-20

Returning Starters: RHP/C Nick Lusignolo (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); RHP/
INF Juan Vasquez (Sr., 5-5, 130, R/R); INF Eric Hartbarger (Jr., 5-11, 170,
R/R); INF Willie Potts (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP LA Isham (So., 5-11, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Cardinals continue to play hard and look to get things turned around this spring. Osborne will field a young team this spring. Seniors Nick Lusignolo and Juan Vasquez return, giving the Cardinals a pair of solid leaders to build around.

RIVER RIDGE KNIGHTS

Head Coach: Scott Bradley

Assistant Coach (s): Jeff Runion, Andrew Marinelli, Mark Lewis, Eric Britt, Lantz Cleveland

2019 Record: 18-15

Returning Starters: SS/
RHP Carson Bell (Sr., 6-0,
155, R/R); RHP Aaron
Osada (Sr., 6-4, 220, R/R);
3B Kobe Braddock (Sr.,
6-1, 175, R/R); C Hayden
Duffield (Sr., 6-1, 165,
R/R); 2B Andrew Neubert
(Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); CF Jalix



Carson Bell
River Ridge



Hayden Duffield
River Ridge

Corry (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); RHP Jared Woodward (Sr., 6-1, 220, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Mason Port (Sr., 6-2, 165, R/R); 3B
Jordan Robinson (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Connor Donaldson (Jr., 5-8,
160, R/R); 1B Taylor Harris (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF Ethan Bedora (Jr., 6-0,
175, R/R); RHP Carson Podell (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); LHP Ethan Payne (Jr.,

5-11, 170, L/L)

Top Newcomers: OF
Sebastian Lopez (So.); P
Kyle Shaull (Jr.)

Season Outlook: River
Ridge started slowly last
year, but the Knights
turned things around
and made the state
playoffs. Seven starters
are back as River Ridge
should be much better. Right-handed pitchers Aaron Osada and
Carson Bell return on the hill, while third baseman Kobe Braddock
should spark the offense.



Andrew Neubert
River Ridge



Aaron Osada
River Ridge

SEQUOYAH CHIEFS

Head Coach: Lane Whitley

Assistant Coach (s): Bo Carruth, Justin Hall, Jake Hester, Johnny
Martin, Travis King

2019 Record: 9-17

Returning Starters:

INF Aaron Hupp (Sr.,
R/R); OF Austin Tienda
(Sr., L/L); RHP Bradley
Gordon (Jr., R/R); RHP
Colin Koprowski (Sr.,
R/R); C Hunter Long (Jr.,
R/R); OF Jaden Mitchell
(Jr., R/R); OF Kenskey
Thomas (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Porter Burns
(Jr., R/R); LHP TJ Murphy (Jr., L/L); LHP Rhett
Downey (Sr., L/L); RHP Chris Valentine (Sr., R/R);
RHP Corey Hobbs (Jr., R/R); RHP Cole Noeller
(Sr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Look for the Chiefs to be much better this season and contend for a playoff berth. Seven starters are back, including first team all-region catcher Hunter Long. Outfielder Austin Tienda is back to spark the offense, while senior right-hander Colin Koprowski leads a solid group of returning pitchers.



Colin Koprowski
Sequoyah



Hunter Long
Sequoyah



Austin Tienda
Sequoyah

SOUTH COBB EAGLES

Head Coach: Patrick Wright

Survey not returned

SPRAYBERRY YELLOW JACKETS

Head Coach: Jim Tejcek (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Rick Elder, Desmond Atwell

2019 Record: 6-20

Returning Starters: 1B Bryce Koshko (Sr., R/R); OF Austin Wright (Jr.,
L/L); OF Ben Power (Sr., R/R); INF/OF Dallin Cogbill (Jr., R/R); C/INF
Ryan Cross (Jr., R/R); INF KK Towe (So., B/R); INF Tyler Stevenson (So.,
R/R); C/INF Jonathan Mullins (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/INF Josh Varner (Jr., R/R); C JD Danks
(Sr., R/R); 1B Jakob Lesko (Sr., L/R); OF Darnell Mundin (Sr., R/R); INF
Eladio Juarez (Sr., R/R); LHP Murphy Curry (Jr., L/L); INF/OF Temple
Williams (Jr.)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Brandon Spink (So., R/R); INF Philip Alequin (So., L/R); OF Kyan Ervin (So., R/R); RHP/INF Lucas Morici (So., R/R)
Season Outlook: Former Rome coach Jim Tejcek takes over at Sprayberry and looks to help make the Jackets playoff contenders again. Tejcek has a wealth of returning talent to work with. The senior class is solid and some talented underclassmen will also contribute.

REGION 7-6A

Region Favorite: Pope

Keep an eye on: Johns Creek – Gladiators have pitching and the offense to make a strong run.

Players to Watch

C/1B – Jackson Brown, Jr., Pope; **C** – Willem Carter, Sr., North Atlanta; **OF** – Tyler Eith, Sr., Dunwoody; **OF/LHP** – Johnny Eneberg, Sr., Cambridge; **C** – Henry Gies, Sr., Dunwoody; **OF** – Will Haberstock, Sr., Centennial; **OF** – Cal Hendricks, Sr., Northview; **SS** – David Julian, Sr., Dunwoody; **OF/RHP** – Quinn Kerce, Jr., Pope; **OF** – Jack Kiefer, Sr., North Atlanta; **INF/RHP** – Beau Lark, Sr., Northview; **RHP/1B** – Jacob Lassiat, Sr., Alpharetta; **2B/3B** – Charlie Morgan, Sr., Johns Creek; **CF** – Dalton Pearson, Sr., Johns Creek; **OF** – Angelo Ramirez, Sr., North Atlanta; **C** – Cody Rech, Sr., Cambridge; **OF/LHP** – Reid Robertson, Sr., Pope; **OF/RHP** – Nate Shipley, Sr., Pope; **LHP/OF** – Sam Stratton, Sr., Alpharetta; **OF/1B** – James Tibbs, Jr., Pope; **OF** – Ryan Todd, Sr., Cambridge; **SS** – Bryce Troutt, Sr., Alpharetta; **RHP/INF** – Austin Wainer, Sr., Johns Creek; **LHP** – Tyler Watson, Sr., Johns Creek; **INF/RHP** – Jack Whitlock, Sr., Johns Creek; **OF/LHP** – Anish Yennam, Sr., Northview; **RHP** – Casey Young, Sr., Cambridge

ALPHARETTA RAIDERS

Head Coach: Marc Lassiat

Assistant Coach (s): Allen Strohecker, Kevin Amerson, Matt Hartwell, EJ Francis, Justin Stanley

2019 Record: 17-13

Returning Starters: LHP/OF Sam Stratton (Sr., L/L); RHP/1B Jacob Lassiat (Sr., R/R); SS Bryce Troutt (Sr., L/R); 2B Bradley Christian (Sr., R/R); 3B/OF Jack Barone (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Ajinkia Gundaria (Jr., R/R); C Chad Bernstein (Sr., R/R); C Griffin Tice (Sr., R/R); INF Moisis Hureta (Jr., L/R); LHP/1B Keaton Hughes (Jr., R/L); LHP John Hyerdahl (Jr., L/L); OF Harrison Goldstein (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: 3B/RHP Casual Kay (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Raiders have some key positions to fill after making the state playoffs last season. However, the roster isn't empty. Five starters are back, including left-handed pitcher Sam Stratton and right-hander Jacob Lassiat. Senior infielders Bryce Troutt and Bradley Christian as well as junior third baseman Jack Barone return to spark the offense.



Sam Stratton
Alpharetta

CAMBRIDGE BEARS

Head Coach: Evan Tieleis

Assistant Coach (s): Justin Zier, Henry Rowling, Matt Adams, Chris Davis

2019 Record: 16-14

Returning Starters: OF/LHP Johnny Eneberg (Sr., 5-9, 155, L/L); C Cody Rech (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); OF/RHP Jared Spears (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); OF Ryan Todd (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); INF/U Jackson Woods (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP/U Matt Faby (Sr., 6-4, 175, R/R); RHP Casey Young (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R)



Cody Rech
Cambridge



Ryan Todd
Cambridge

Other Returning Players: INF Justin Hozman (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF/RHP Grayson Dato (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); RHP Nick Dato (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); RHP Tommy Fester (Sr., 6-1, 160, B/R); RHP Jordan Payne (Sr., 6-4, 160, R/R); OF/RHP Will Paulus (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP/DH Nicho Armstrong (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP Matthew Polk (Jr., 6-3, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Zach Harris (So., 6-0, 165, R/R); INF/OF Jayden Carbonell-Smith (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Alex Moelter (So., 5-11, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: Cambridge just missed out on winning the region crown last year. The Bears have a big senior class in 2020 and should contend for the region title again. Seven starters are back, including catcher Cody Rech and outfielder Ryan Todd, who return to spark the offense. Right-hander Casey Young (5-2, 3.10 ERA) also returns.



Casey Young
Cambridge

CENTENNIAL KNIGHTS

Head Coach: Matt McCarthy

Assistant Coach (s): Dylan Kelly, Chad Grube, David Kelly, David Wisdom

2019 Record: 12-15

Returning Starters: SS Peyton Sperier (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); 2B Jared Berenthal (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R); C Max Able (Sr., 5-10, 205, R/R); OF Parker Sperier (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF Will Haberstock (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R); RHP Aidan McConnell (Jr., 5-9, 180, R/R); RHP Evan Venable (Jr., 6-3, 200, R/R); RHP Wesley Hall (Sr., 6-3, 195, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/RHP Wilson Williams (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF Jackson Cordes (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); 3B Lane Campbell (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF Brett Mahood (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R); INF Chase Fricke (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 1B/3B Mitchell Preslan (So., 5-10, 185, R/R)

Season Outlook: Centennial was much better than its record indicated in 2019. The Knights return a good bit of talent. Pitching should be solid as right-handers Will Haberstock, Wesley Hall, Evan Venable and Aidan McConnell return. Centennial, however, must get consistency from its offense.

CHATTAHOOCHEE COUGARS

Head Coach: Tim Lemons

Assistant Coach (s): TJ Lemons, Ridge Hillhouse, Matt Stalcup, Tim Jones

2019 Record: 6-15

Returning Starters: SS Matt Small (Sr., 5-11, 135, R/R); SS/2B Nathan Kraselsky (Sr., 5-7, 130, R/R); C Scott Mudler (Jr., 6-0, 175, L/R); 1B/C Artie Neubauer (Jr., 6-3, 215, R/R); 3B/RHP Matt Galante (Jr., 6-1, 140,

R/R); OF CJ Petrocco (Jr., 5-9, 145, L/R); 2B/RHP Tyler McVay (Sr., 5-11, 135, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Victor Murra-Schott (Jr., 5-8, 155, R/R); 3B/RHP/C Josh House (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); OF Micah Bettis (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 2B/OF/RHP Holden Hall (So., 5-8, 130, R/R); OF/RHP Jeffrey Cason (So., 5-8, 145, R/R); SS/OF Grayson Byrd (So., 5-10, 155, R/R); 3B/OF Tyler Parks (So., 6-1, 150, R/R); C Danny Cerone (Sr., 5-9, 130, R/R); RHP Michael Van Brone (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF Dylan Eves (So., 5-9, 145, L/R)

Season Outlook: Seven starters are back as the Cougars seek to improve upon last season's finish. Chattahoochee must find some pitchers to step forward. The team is young, but there is talent. The Cougars will need some time to mature. Look for a solid corps of juniors to contribute.

DUNWOODY WILDCATS

Head Coach: Chan English

Assistant Coach (s): Max Gertz, Brantley Smith, Demarcus England, Dan Buis, Roper Smith

2019 Record: 11-18

Returning Starters: OF Robby Hardin (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); SS David Julian (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); 1B Walt Anders (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/L); C Henry Gies (Sr., 6-2, 215, R/R); C Davis LeDoyen (Jr., 6-2, 190, L/R); OF Tyler Eith (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Dustin Gaultney (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); RHP Joe McCloskey (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); RHP Charlie Levy (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); INF Charlie Weatherly (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP Matt Beiger (Sr., 5-11, 145, R/R); INF Jaxon Warshaw (Sr., 5-7, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Connor Haynes (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF Hudson Troxel (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 1B/RHP Reese Rosen (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: Six starters return for the Wildcats who should be in the postseason chase. Catcher Henry Gies (.314 avg.), shortstop David Julian (.324 avg.) and outfielder Tyler Eith (.345 avg.) return to spark the offense. But the Wildcats must have some pitchers mature.

JOHNS CREEK GLADIATORS

Head Coach: Billy Nicholson

Assistant Coach (s):

Evan Deis, Ted Fithian, Davis Burton, Keenan Temple, Ron Louis, Darryl Pearson, Jon Randolph

2019 Record: 15-13

Returning Starters:

CF Dalton Pearson (Sr., 6-2, 195, R/R); LHP Tyler Watson (Sr., 6-3, 190, L/L); RHP/INF Austin Wainer (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); 2B/3B Charlie Morgan (Sr., 5-11, 185, L/R); RHP/OF Michael Kravitz (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); RHP/INF TJ Kloiber (So., 6-0, 185, R/R); LHP/1B Trevor Sands (Jr., 6-3, 185, L/L)

Other Returning Players: RHP/INF Nick Frascino (So., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF Aaron Turner (Jr., 5-9, 165, L/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Ben Whitlock (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); INF/RHP Jack Whitlock (Sr., 6-2, 195, L/R)



Dalton Pearson
Johns Creek



Austin Wainer
Johns Creek



Tyler Watson
Johns Creek

Season Outlook: After missing out on the playoffs last year, look for Johns Creek to be in the thick of it this spring. A wealth of talent returns, including top pitchers Tyler Watson and Austin Wainer. Outfielder Dalton Pearson (.396 avg., 11 2B) returns to lead an offense capable of putting up big numbers.

NORTH ATLANTA WARRIORS

Head Coach: Ricky Plante

Assistant Coach (s): Greg Hendrix, Will Leonard

2019 Record: 13-12

Returning Starters: OF Angelo Ramirez (Sr., 5-7, 140, L/L); OF Jack Kiefer (Sr., 6-2, 170, R/R); C Willem Carter (Sr., 6-4, 205, R/R); LHP Brendan Parks (Sr., 6-2, 200, L/L); 2B Parker French (Sr., 5-7, 140, R/R); OF Miller Levitt (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); RHP Wiley Hartley (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Alex Sowatzka (Sr., 6-0, 140, R/R); OF Jamie Hare (Sr., 5-8, 145, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 1B Chase DeLoach (Jr., 6-3, 185, R/R); RHP Mark O'Meara (Jr., 5-7, 145, R/R); RHP Keller Nilan (Jr., 6-5, 165, R/R); C Shane Nelson (Jr., 6-0, 200, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Warriors just missed making the state playoffs last season. They return seven starters and should pick up from where they left off last season. Pitching is the biggest concern. But offensive catalysts Angelo Ramirez (.308 avg.), Jack Kiefer (.338 avg.) and Willem Carter (.316 avg., 2 HR) return to lead the team.

NORTHVIEW TITANS

Head Coach: Tom Kratowicz

Assistant Coach (s): TBA

2019 Record: 7-19

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Beau Lark (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Cal Hendricks (Sr., 5-9, 155, R/R); INF Parker Poteet (Sr., 5-10, 170, B/R); OF/LHP Anish Yennam (Sr., 6-0, 170, L/L); C/INF Michael Izzi (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/LHP Peyton Carter (Sr., 6-1, 170, L/L); INF/OF Brandon Kim (Sr., 5-7, 145, R/R); INF/RHP Brian Menetre (Sr., 5-10, 130, R/R); LHP Brady Wilson (Sr., 6-1, 215, L/L); C David Shriner (Jr., 6-2, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: Look for the Titans to have a bounce back year this spring. The senior class is strong. Five of the team's nine starters from last season's squad returns, including infielder Parker Poteet (.363 avg.). If the pitching rotation matures, the Titans could be a team to keep an eye on.

POPE GREYHOUNDS

Head Coach: Jeff Rowland

Assistant Coach (s): Chris Turco, Al Savransky, Kenny Lotz,

Mike Nelson, Nick Montgomery, Matt Liedberg, Ryan Khan

2019 Record: 32-11

Returning Starters:

OF/LHP Reid Robertson (Sr., 5-10, 170, L/L); OF/RHP Nate Shipley (Sr., 6-2, 170, R/R); INF Blake Redman (Sr., 6-0, 150, R/R); 1B/OF James Tibbs (Jr., 6-2, 180, L/L); C/1B Jackson Brown (Sr., 6-3, 200, R/R); INF Riley Frost (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R)



Jackson Brown
Pope



Blake Redman
Pope

REGION 8-6A

Region Favorite: Winder-Barrow

Keep an eye on: Lanier – Longhorns have pitching to make some noise in region.

Players to Watch

C – Chase Coursey, Sr., Lanier; **OF/RHP** – Zach Devries, Sr., Dacula; **CF** – AJ Forbing, Sr., Apalachee; **INF/OF** – Blake Friend, Sr., Winder-Barrow; **RHP** – CJ Harrison, Sr., Winder-Barrow; **1B** – Nate Hodnett, Sr., Apalachee; **RHP** – Jake Hoffman, Sr., Lanier; **SS/RHP** – Brady House, Jr., Winder-Barrow; **SS/RHP** – Jarrett Jenkins, Sr., Dacula; **C** – Andreas Lewis, Jr., Winder-Barrow; **CF/RHP** – Andrew Lewis, Jr., Winder-Barrow; **2B** – Trevor Maddox, Sr., Winder-Barrow; **INF/RHP** – Hunter Marsh, Sr., Winder-Barrow; **RHP** – Zach Murray, Sr., Lanier; **RHP** – Chase Niekro, Sr., Lanier; **RHP/INF** – Hunter Parks, Sr., Apalachee; **OF/2B** – Ben Saxon, Sr., Lanier

APALACHEE WILDCATS

Head Coach: Allen Bailey

Assistant Coach (s): Russ Hodsdon, Kyle Bailey, Chris Wheaton, Casey Innis, Chad Herrin, Cody Arrington

2019 Record: 17-16

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Hunter Parks (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); OF AJ Forbing (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Luke Woodall (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); SS Chris Miller (Sr., 6-1, 150, R/R); 1B Nate Hodnett (Sr., 6-3, 285, R/R); 2B

Other Returning

Players: OF/RHP Quinn Kerce (Jr., 6-1, 210, R/R); INF/RHP Ben Medley (Sr., 6-4, 180, R/R); INF Cal Graves (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); INF/LHP Peyton Cariaco (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/L); INF Jacob Lantis (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); C Cooper Krause (Sr., 6-0,



Nate Shipley
Pope



James Tibbs
Pope

200, R/R); C Jackson Hvizdak (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP Danny Crabtree (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); RHP James Craig (Sr., 6-4, 175, R/R); RHP Cullen Orr (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF/LHP Dawson Campbell (So., 5-10, 170, L/L)

Top Newcomers: LHP/1B/OF Cody McGill (So., 6-3, 175, B/L)

Season Outlook: The Greyhounds have played in the state championship series for four straight seasons, winning two of them. Pope has the ingredients to continue that run with a solid senior class. Left-hander Reid Robertson and right-hander Nate Shipley anchor what should be a solid pitching rotation. All-state performer James Tibbs leads an offense that is capable of putting up big numbers.



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Colby Sikes (So., 5-9, 155, R/R); RHP Manning West (So., 6-3, 180, R/R)
Other Returning Players: RHP/INF Braden Miller (Sr., 6-0, 145, R/R);
 3B Jordan Wilson (So., 6-0, 175, R/R); C Ethan Middlebrooks (So., 5-9,
 145, R/R); LF Colton Austin (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Zack Bowman (Fr., 5-10, 150, R/R); RHP/INF
 Keaton Allen (Fr., 6-2, 180, R/R); RHP Jesse Greenway (So., 5-10, 185,
 R/R); INF Ashton Sapp (So., 5-11, 160, R/R); RHP Rylan Smith (So., 6-3,
 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wildcats made their first trip to the state
 playoffs last year. They aim to take things farther this spring. Seven
 starters are back, including pitcher Hunter Parks. Outfielder AJ
 Forbing and first baseman Nate Hodnett return to spark the offense.

DACULA FALCONS

Head Coach: Scott Gaffney

Assistant Coach (s): Matt Huffman,
 Steve Crumley

2019 Record: 16-18

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Jarrett Jenkins
 (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); U Colson Crosby (Sr., 6-0,
 160, R/R); OF/RHP Zach Devries (Sr., 5-10, 155,
 R/R); RHP Sam Floyd (Sr., 6-2, 165, R/R); INF
 Daniel Poole (So., 6-1, 195, L/R); OF/RHP Blaine
 Jenkins (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R)

Other Returning Players: U Dylan Noce (Jr.,
 6-2, 180, R/R); OF/LHP Glen Brown (Sr., 5-9, 155,
 L/L); C/DH Landon Provezano (So., 6-1, 185,
 R/R); INF/RHP Michael Perez (Sr., 5-7, 140, R/R)

Top Newcomers: U Kolby Perry (So., 5-11, 140, R/R); INF/RHP Michael
 Sims (So., 6-1, 180, R/R); INF/RHP Clay Holbrook (Jr., 5-7, 145, R/R);
 INF/DH Jansen Adams (Jr., 6-4, 205, R/R); OF Josh Moore (Jr., 5-10,
 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: An excellent group of returners should help
 Dacula be back in the playoff push. Six starters are back, including
 four seniors. One of those is shortstop/pitcher Jarrett Jenkins. Utility
 player Colson Crosby and outfielder/pitcher Zach Devries also
 returns along with pitcher Sam Floyd to lead the way.



Jarrett Jenkins
Dacula

GAINESVILLE RED ELEPHANTS

Head Coach: Adam Miller

Survey not returned

HABERSHAM CENTRAL RAIDERS

Head Coach: Chris Akridge

Assistant Coach (s): Dan Keef, Josh Slate, Nathan Stanley

2019 Record: 19-13

Returning Starters: C Christian King (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF Ryte
 Woodruff (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP/SS Logan Bogue (So., 6-2, 190, R/R);
 RHP/3B Logan Hare (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/INF Rhett Addis (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R);
 RHP/INF Sutton Dover (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); INF/OF Azzi Cervantes
 (So., 5-9, 170, R/R); INF Drew Erwin (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); C/OF Andy
 Anderson (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); RHP/OF Clay Carruth (Sr., 6-2, 160, R/R);
 INF Peyton Lewallen (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: After making the state playoffs last year, the
 Raiders look to continue riding their positive momentum. Four
 starters are back, including senior catcher Christian King and
 outfielder Ryte Woodruff. Habersham has some key positions to fill,
 but a good group of underclassmen will contribute.

LANIER LONGHORNS

Head Coach: Jonathan Wyman

Assistant Coach (s): Kiley Coursey, Jovanni Cruz, Chris Hawkins, Josh
 Link, Trevor Juneau

2019 Record: 11-17

Returning Starters: RHP Zach Murray (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); RHP Chase
 Niekro (Sr., 6-1, 155, R/R); C Chase Coursey (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Ben
 Saxon (Sr., 5-10, 155, R/R); RHP Jake Hoffman (Sr., 6-4, 205, R/R); RHP/
 SS Michael Kass (Jr., 6-0, 150, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Jake Hay (Sr., 5-9, 140, R/R); INF/RHP
 Craig Mitchell (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF/3B JJ Jessee (Sr., 5-7, 150, R/R);
 1B/RHP Jose Santiago (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); INF Sean Murphy (Jr., 5-10,
 150, B/R); OF Mason Friedel (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); LHP Austin Cantrell
 (So., 6-2, 180, L/L); 1B/3B Andrew Walton (So., 6-0, 210, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Dre Styles (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); 3B/1B Rylan Serna
 (Jr., 6-0, 200, R/R); C/OF Ethan Cole (Jr., 5-8, 175, R/R); 3B/RHP Jackson
 Marcantel (So., 6-0, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: Lanier will be expected to be much better this
 spring as a solid senior class is back. Six starters are back, including
 pitchers Zach Murray and Chase Niekro. Catcher Chase Coursey and
 outfielder Ben Saxon return to lead the offense.

WINDER-BARROW BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Brian Smith

Assistant Coach (s): John Scoville, Aaron Trammell

2019 Record: 28-5

Returning Starters:
 RHP CJ Harrison (Sr., 6-1,
 190, R/R); SS/RHP Brady
 House (Jr., 6-4, 210, R/R);
 INF/RHP Hunter Marsh
 (Sr., 6-2, 205, R/R); INF/
 OF Blake Friend (Sr., 5-9,
 175, R/R); OF Jhaydon
 Sullivan (Sr., 5-10, 200,
 R/R); 2B Trevor Maddox
 (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: U Reid Shope (Jr.,
 5-9, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/OF/1B Micah Scarbrough
 (Jr., 5-10, 200, R/R); CF/RHP Andrew Lewis (Jr.,
 5-11, 175, R/R); C Andreaus Lewis (Jr., 5-11,
 200, L/R); RHP Jake Haynes (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R)

Season Outlook: Once again, the Bulldogs
 have the talent to make a deep postseason
 run. Six starters, five of them seniors, return to
 lead the way. Pitching will be solid as CJ Harrison, Brady House and
 Hunter Marsh lead a strong rotation. House, one of the nation's top
 players for the Class of 2021, returns to spark the offense.



Blake Friend
Winder-Barrow



Brady House
Winder-Barrow



Hunter Marsh
Winder-Barrow



Another title

Loganville wins third straight

By Tim Morse

When you mention great high school baseball programs in the Georgia High School Association, the Loganville Red Devils will be at the top of the list.

And their resume is hard to ignore.

In the past 12 years, the school has captured five state titles and in 2019, Loganville became the first team since Columbus High (2010-12) to capture three straight titles. They finished with a 34-6 record and swept all five rounds of the postseason.

It was a strong season for a team that had lost the bulk of its pitching staff from 2018. But Jacob Boyd said he thought the Red Devils had a chance to be pretty good.

"We knew we were ready," he said. "Our team was so close, and we had super good chemistry."

But part of the team's dominant run was because of a bunch of hungry players who had waited patiently for their turn to shine. And when the spotlight came on, they didn't disappoint.

"We wanted out shot," pitcher Connor Bruce said. "We had witnessed the guys before us win titles, and we wanted to get one too."

The Red Devils had two strong starting pitchers in Bruce and Caleb Garner. Head coach Jeff Segars said his offense could hit and returned perhaps the fastest team he'd had in several seasons.

After opening the season with a loss to Winder-Barrow, the Red Devils strolled into the Georgia Peach Invitational in early March and knocked off nationally-ranked Blessed Trinity. They took that momentum to the Perfect Game Showdown a week later in Hoover, Ala. where they shared the Red Division title with region rival Buford.

Since the two teams were scheduled to play each other later that week, they decided not to play the tournament championship game.

Segars said he left the tournament feeling pretty good.

"I felt we had a shot at making another run," he said. "Our pitchers were throwing strikes and we were going to hit. I didn't know if we went to a Game 3 in a series, who we'd throw because we didn't have much depth. But we avoided the injury bug and we were playing well."

Loganville split a pivotal series with Buford in region play the following week, but they lost just two more times the rest of the season in a 28-game stretch. They finished off county rival Walnut Grove in a pair of shutouts the last week of the regular season to clinch the region crown.

They didn't stop until they hoisted the Class 5A state championship trophy by sweeping Ola at Coolray Field for the state title.

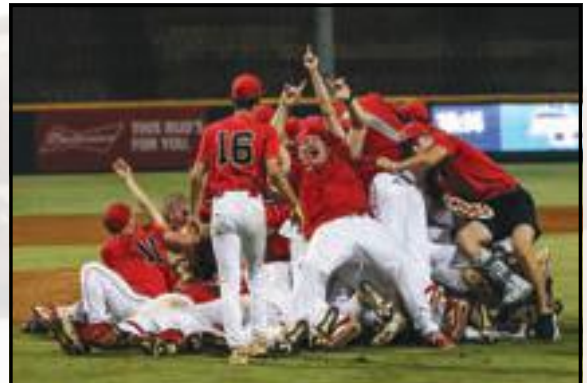
"Once we got on a roll, we felt like there wasn't another option but to win," Bruce said.

And another title put the Red Devils in the conversation as one of the state's top all-time baseball dynasties.



Jacob Boyd scores the game-winning run in Game 2 of the state championship series.

Photo by Brett Fowler/Walton Tribune



Loganville players celebrate after winning the program's third straight state title.

Photo by Brett Fowler/Walton Tribune



Members of the Loganville baseball team are: **First Row** (Sitting l-r), Daniel Braswell, Dylan Strickland, Brockey Way, Jacob Boyd, Jackson Howell, Jackson Ford, Miles Belmont, Isaiah Laverdiere. **Second Row** (kneeling l-r), Dawson Coe, Bowdon Witcher, Ian King, Nash Beck, Riley Cruce. **Third Row** (l-r), Kevin Piland, Tucker Segars, Jackson Chizek, Blake Stowe, Michael Knight, Joshua Haynes, Cameron Wright, Michael Mason, Cody Powell, Matthew Popp, Dawson Hammonds, Jacob Autry, Jackson Daniel, Copper Kennedy, Ryder O'Neal. **Back Row** (l-r), Head Coach Jeff Segars, Coach Bran Mills, Coach Brandon Anglin, Maven Farmer, Blaine Marchman, Coach Daniel Milligan, Trenton Burnett, Caleb Garner, Will Cawthon, Gage Williams, Connor Bruce, Coach Jeff Hewatt, Coach Mike Ryan, Coach Andy Sargent, Coach Chad McGaughey.

Photo by Brett Fowler/Walton Tribune

Class 5A Top 15

1 LOGANVILLE

The Red Devils last year became the first team since Columbus High (2010-12) to win three straight state titles. Loganville should continue its dynasty as a new decade begins. The Red Devils, who have won four state titles since 2012, may not be eager to see the last decade end. But they will get off to a promising start in the new decade.

The Red Devils boast some of the state's top talent, including all-state performers Ian King, Daniel Braswell and three-year starter Dylan Strickland. And Loganville certainly wouldn't have had its decade of success without great pitching. That trend will continue. Last year's 11-game winner, Caleb Garner, returns to lead another talented rotation.

2 DECATUR

Don't be surprised if the Bulldogs are still playing into late May. This team has perhaps as much talent as any team in Class 5A with All-American Jordan Walker leading the way as well as a strong pitching rotation led by Jaylen Paden, Eddie Galatas and Jackson Hills. While Walker draws most of the headlines with his bat, the pitching rotation is what will make Decatur a strong contender. After a run to the state semifinals last spring, the Bulldogs are anxious for a return.

A strong senior class that also includes catcher Lukas Clark could help the Bulldogs make history. Decatur hasn't won a state baseball championship since 1948.

3 BUFORD

The Wolves lost a pile of talent from last year's quarterfinal squad, but the future is very bright at Buford. Sophomore right-hander Dylan Lesko leads a young but promising group of pitchers. The offense led by sophomore outfielder Riley Stanford, Joseph Salvo, Eli Ledford and Braden Hartman will help the Wolves score plenty of runs. Buford is still a year away though.

4 OLA

The Mustangs lost a lot after finishing as the state runner-up last year. But there are enough leftovers for Ola to approach last year's success. As long as the Mustangs have players like Patrick Holloman and Baylen Sanders, they will be tough to beat. But don't be surprised if Ola doesn't make another deep playoff run.

5 LOCUST GROVE

A new coach, but Locust Grove will still be a tough team and should make another deep run. Catcher Dalton Laney and a handful of strong pitchers will help the Wildcats be a contender.

6 HARRIS COUNTY

The Tigers made the quarterfinals last year and the bulk of that team returns. Harris County has the pitching with Cole Mathis and the offense with Ryan O'Steen and Cole Stanford returning.

7 STARR'S MILL

The Panthers won 29 games in a rebuilding season in 2019 with a squad full of underclassmen. Starr's Mill will be dangerous, but they could be a year away. Keep an eye on this team.

8 EAST PAULDING

This could be the Raiders' best season since East Paulding made a deep playoff run in 2009 with pitcher Zack Wheeler leading the way. A strong senior class will keep East Paulding in the hunt.

9 RIVERWOOD

After narrowly missing out on winning the Region 6-5A title last year, the Raiders lost a lot of players. However, they set the tone last year and will build from their positive momentum.

10 CARROLLTON

The young Trojans lost a lot to graduation, but don't count them out. Pitcher Colton Cospier and Eli Runyan will keep Carrollton in the chase.

11 WALNUT GROVE

The Warriors made a big statement in coach Carl Allen's first season last year. They look to take things farther this spring. Walnut Grove has enough returning talent to be trouble in Region 8-5A.

12 WHITEWATER

The Wildcats lost a ton of experience to graduation, but expect Whitewater to be back in the hunt. If some younger players mature, the Wildcats could be a team to watch out for.

13 MCINTOSH

The Chiefs won't be surprising anybody this spring. There is enough pitching and offense returning that will help them get back into the playoffs.

14 WAYNE COUNTY

Injuries hurt the Jackets last season and they struggled at times. Wayne County should be much better in 2020. Pitcher Jasper Stanfield will lead the team back to the playoffs.

15 STATESBORO

It's been a while since Statesboro was a major player in the state. That should change this year. With players like Mikal Mascarello and JD Kaiser leading the way, the Blue Devils will be tough.

Others to watch: (Alphabetical Order) Jones County, Kell, Thomas County Central, Union Grove, Veterans, Woodland-Bartow

CLASS 5A PRESEASON ALL STATE

First Team

Name	Position	Grade	School	Comment
Colton Cospier	Pitcher	Junior	Carrollton	Had breakout season as soph. in 2019
Daniel Courtney	Pitcher	Junior	Starr's Mill	You'll hear more about this guy
Caleb Garner	Pitcher	Senior	Loganville	Senior won 11 games last year
Cole Mathis	Pitcher	Junior	Harris County	Won 8 games as soph. last year
Jaylen Paden	Pitcher	Senior	Decatur	Decatur's ace last year
Dylan Lesko	Pitcher	Sophomore	Buford	Could be one of best in nation
Jackson Phipps	Pitcher	Senior	East Paulding	This guy can make you look bad
Ian King	Catcher	Senior	Loganville	Quietly does his job well
Cole Stanford	Catcher	Senior	Harris County	Defensive specialist with good bat
Mikal Mascarello	Infielder	Senior	Statesboro	Tough player can do it all
Ryan O'Steen	Infielder	Senior	Harris County	Excellent leader sparks offense
Baylen Sanders	Infielder	Senior	Ola	He's tough to get out
Dylan Strickland	Infielder	Senior	Loganville	3-year starter is real deal
Eli Studdard	Infielder	Senior	East Paulding	Versatile player gets job done
Jordan Walker	Infielder	Senior	Decatur	Exciting guy to watch
Daniel Braswell	Outfielder	Junior	Loganville	He will only get better
Tanner Epperson	Outfielder	Senior	Locust Grove	Excellent hitter and defender
Patrick Holloman	Outfielder	Senior	Ola	Can hit and pitch well
Jackson Daniel	Outfielder	Junior	Loganville	He keeps getting better
Riley Stanford	Outfielder	Sophomore	Buford	He makes things happen
Dalton Laney	Designated Hitter	Senior	Locust Grove	Catcher is good contact hitter
Lukas Clark	Utility	Senior	Decatur	Does so many things well

Second Team

Pitchers – Cole English, Sr., Locust Grove; Jackson Hills, Sr., Decatur; Eddie Galatas, Sr., Decatur; Eli Jones, Jr., Starr's Mill; Austin Little, Sr., Walnut Grove; Eli Runyan, Jr., Carrollton; Jasper Stanfield, Sr., Wayne County; **Catchers** – JD Kaiser, Jr., Statesboro; Sean White, Jr., Starr's Mill; **Infielders** – Garrett Carter, Jr., Ola; Chase Engelhard, Sr., Riverwood; Ty Kaufman, Sr., Union Grove; Zach Leischner, Sr., Whitewater; Shane Stephenson, Sr., Thomas County Central; Chay Yeager, Jr., Starr's Mill; **Outfielders** – Thad Ector, Jr., Starr's Mill; Burton Hahn, Sr., McIntosh; Eli Ledford, Sr., Buford; Maddox Mueller, Sr., Whitewater; Jack Whitmer, Sr., Ola; **Designated Hitter** – Joseph Salvo, Sr., Buford; **Utility** – Slade Taylor, Sr., Thomas County Central

REGION 1-5A

Region Favorite: Harris County

Keep an eye on: Veterans – After a disappointing 2019, Warhawks look to be back.

Players to Watch

2B – Sam Boutwell, Sr., Bainbridge; **OF** – Michael Conder, Jr., Bainbridge; **RHP** – Tanner Cotton, So., Harris County; **RF** – Cayden Frost, Jr., Harris County; **3B** – Jase Godwin, Jr., Bainbridge; **C** – Colton Harrell, Jr., Bainbridge; **SS/RHP** – Quayde Hawkins, Jr., Bainbridge; **OF** – Kaden Killingsworth, Sr., Harris County; **INF/RHP** – Carter King, Jr., Veterans; **OF** – Mark Lauritsen, Jr., Veterans; **RHP/3B** – Cole Mathis, Jr., Harris County; **OF/RHP** – Mack McDowell, Sr., Thomas County Central; **SS** – Andrew McGee, Jr., Warner Robins; **OF** – Xavier McIntyre, Sr., Warner Robins; **2B** – Ryan O'Steen, Sr., Harris County; **RHP** – Reece Page, Sr., Warner Robins; **OF/SS** – Clifford Pless, Jr., Veterans; **C** – Cole Stanford, Sr., Harris County; **INF/RHP** – Shane Stephenson, Sr., Thomas County Central; **C/INF** – Slade Taylor, Sr., Thomas County Central; **INF** – Ivan Velasquez, Jr., Bainbridge; **OF/RHP** – Wylde Wilkerson, Sr., Veterans

BAINBRIDGE BEARCATS

Head Coach: Donnie Coxwell (new)

Assistant Coach (s):

Blake Cecil, Joe Dollar, Chris Bryant, Rex Wade

2019 Record: 12-16

Returning Starters:

OF Michael Conder (Jr., R/R); OF/RHP Jackson McCullough (Jr., R/R); OF/RHP Nolan Barr (Jr., R/R); SS/RHP Quayde Hawkins (Jr., R/R); 2B

Sam Boutwell (Sr., R/R); C Colton Harrell (Jr., B/R); C Will Beckham (Jr., R/R); 3B Jase Godwin (Jr., R/R); RHP Kaleb Varnum (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/3B Caden Brock (Jr., R/R); INF Bradlee Ponder (Sr., R/R); INF Ivan Velasquez (Jr., R/R); INF Conner Poitivent (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Former assistant Donnie Coxwell inherits a young but talented team that could surprise many this season. The



Michael Conder
Bainbridge



Quayde Hawkins
Bainbridge



Kaleb Varnum
Bainbridge

Bearcats, however, may be a year away. Seniors Sam Boutwell and Kaleb Varnum are the only two starting seniors returning. The junior class is solid. Outfielder Michael Conder is a player to keep an eye on.

HARRIS COUNTY TIGERS

Head Coach: Steve Westmoreland

Assistant Coach (s):

Tracy Powell, Sammie Mathis, Zack Moss, Don Bice

2019 Record: 24-10

Returning Starters:

C Cole Stanford (Sr.); 2B Ryan O'Steen (Sr.); RHP/3B Cole Mathis (Jr.); OF Kaden Killingsworth (Sr.); RF Cayden Frost (Jr.); RHP Tanner Cotton (So.)

Other Returning Players: SS Jackson Schorr (So.); RHP Ashton Reeves (Sr.); RHP Jake O'Steen (Sr.); 1B Sutton Smith (Sr.); C Austin Walker (Sr.); INF Josh Davis (Jr.); INF/RHP Ashton Shackelford (Jr.)

Top Newcomers: RHP Nick Morgan (Jr.); LHP Caden Tillman (So.); LHP JT Grantham (So.); C/RHP Tanner Bishop (Jr.)

Season Outlook: The Tigers won the region last year and should be expected to contend again this spring. A wealth of talent returns including top pitcher Cole Mathis and offensive catalyst Cole Stanford at catcher and Ryan O'Steen at second base. Harris County could make another deep postseason run.



Cole Mathis
Harris County



Ryan O'Steen
Harris County



Cole Stanford
Harris County

Season Outlook: After a run to the quarterfinals last season, Thomas County Central has some rebuilding to do after losing most of its pitching. The good news is that six starters are back including catcher Slade Taylor, pitcher Jake Green and infielder Shane Stephenson.

VETERANS WARHAWKS

Head Coach: Mark Tallant (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Cody Reese, Troy Varnadoe, Brian Welford

2019 Record: 8-22

Returning Starters: C AJ Simpson (Sr., R/R); RHP/2B Evan Russell (Jr., R/R); RHP Brent Robinson (Jr., R/R); OF Mark Lauritsen (Jr., L/L); OF/SS Clifford Pless (Jr., B/R); SS/2B/RHP Carter King (Jr., R/R); OF/RHP Wylde Wilkerson (Sr., R/R); 3B/RHP Blake Ethridge (Jr., R/R); SS/2B/RHP Jamey McDaniel (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: Veterans struggled last season and new coach Mark Tallant looks to get the Warhawks back into the postseason. Look for Veterans to be much better. Tallant inherits nine returning starters, the bulk of them underclassmen. Catcher AJ Simpson is one of the few returning seniors.

WARNER ROBINS DEMONS

Head Coach: Jeremy Avery

Survey not returned



THOMAS COUNTY CENTRAL YELLOW JACKETS

Head Coach: Ryan Strickland

Assistant Coach (s): Travis Barrett, Trey Harrell, Houston Massey, Trent Miller, Blake Summers

2019 Record: 28-7

Returning Starters: C/INF Slade Taylor (Sr., 6-1, 195, R/R); INF/RHP Shane Stephenson (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF/RHP Mack McDowell (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); 1B Garrett Henderson (Sr., 6-1, 210, R/R); RHP/U Jake Green (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); OF Jaylan Robinson (Jr., 5-10, 220, L/L)

Other Returning

Players: INF/RHP Nic Gable (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); U Adam Lane (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Hayes Barwick (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R); C/U Hayden Palmer (So., 5-9, 190, L/R); OF Bradley Dechman (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R)



Jake Green
Thomas County Central



Mack McDowell
Thomas County Central



Shane Stephenson
Thomas County Central



Slade Taylor
Thomas County Central

REGION 2-5A

Region Favorite: Wayne County

Keep an eye on: Statesboro – The Blue Devils won't be slipping up on anybody this year.

Players to Watch

U – Luke Boykin, So., Wayne County; **INF/RHP** – Noah Hooks, So., Ware County; **RHP/INF** – Drake Horton, Sr., Statesboro; **C** – JD Kaiser, Jr., Statesboro; **RHP/INF** – Mikal Mascarello, Sr., Statesboro; **RHP/1B** – Nick Milbrandt, So., South Effingham; **RHP/U** – Hunter Morgan, Sr., South Effingham; **3B** – Brice Ogle, Sr., South Effingham; **RHP/OF** – Jackson Proctor, Sr., Statesboro; **RHP/INF** – Jasper Stanfield, Sr., Wayne County; **U/RHP** – Caleb Stewart, Jr., Ware County; **INF** – Trent Thomas, Sr., Ware County; **RHP/INF** – Zach Thomas, Jr., Wayne County; **RHP/1B** – Ray Townsend, Jr., Wayne County; **U/RHP** – Bryson Wheeler, Sr., Ware County; **OF** – JC Williams, Sr., Wayne County

NEW HAMPSHIRE PHOENIX

Head Coach: Trey Lanier
Survey not returned

SOUTH EFFINGHAM MUSTANGS

Head Coach: Todd Eubanks
Assistant Coach (s): Jesse Osbourne, Jason Shiell, Chayton Todd, Taylor Burke

2019 Record: 17-15

Returning Starters:

3B Brice Ogle (Sr., 5-9, 180, R/R); RHP/U Hunter Morgan (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); RHP/1B Nick Milbrandt (So., 6-1, 220, R/R); 2B Phillip Cooper (Jr., 5-9, 175, R/R); RHP/SS Nick Duke (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); RHP/SS Carson Spendiff (So., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Shane Chapman (Jr., 5-8, 165, R/R); OF Ryan Dickey (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R); OF Hayden Barnes (So., 6-0, 175, R/R); 1B Gabe Radcliffe (Sr., 5-9, 285, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/SS Kaleb Johnson (Fr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Morgan Shiell (Fr., 5-8, 170, R/R); C Aaron Benton (Fr., 5-8, 165, R/R); RHP/1B Zack Zorbo (Fr., 6-0, 185, R/R); C Lincoln Fields (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF Alex Cela (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); OF Jacob Tuten (So., 5-9, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Mustangs will field a young team this season. Six starters are back, but the senior class is small. South Effingham will be looking for underclassmen to step forward. Keep an eye on sophomore pitcher/first baseman Nick Milbrandt who had a strong freshman season in 2019. Seniors Brice Ogle and Hunter Morgan will be expected to provide strong leadership to a young team.



Nick Milbrandt
South Effingham



Hunter Morgan
South Effingham



Brice Ogle
South Effingham

STATESBORO BLUE DEVILS

Head Coach: Jim Simmons
Assistant Coach (s): Chuck Rockett, Michael Lattizori
2019 Record: 17-16

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Mikal Mascarello (Sr., 5-11, 210, R/R); RHP/OF Jackson Proctor (Sr., 6-4, 180, R/R); RHP/INF Drake Horton (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); INF Austin Arendes (Sr., 5-9, 210, R/R); LHP Neal Fordham (Sr., 5-10, 210, L/L); C JD Kaiser (Jr., 6-1, 210, L/R); INF Ames Rackleff (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); RHP/INF Hunter Saussy (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); LHP/INF Dake Williams (Jr., 6-0, 220, B/L); RHP/OF Will Yawn (Jr., 5-7, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP/OF Thomas Ponder (So., 6-0, 160, L/L); INF Grae Haralson (So., 5-8, 150, R/R)
Top Newcomers: RHP/OF Landon Yates (Fr., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: A wealth of returning starters are back for the Blue Devils who could challenge for the region title. Region Player of the Year Mikal Mascarello returns as well as pitchers Jackson Proctor and Drake Horton. Junior catcher JD Kaiser returns to lead the offense.



JD Kaiser
Statesboro

WARE COUNTY GATORS

Head Coach: Jamie Ammons
Assistant Coach (s): Jason Smith, Bryce Johnson, Evan Durden, Jay Barefield

2019 Record: 7-24

Returning Starters:

RHP/1B/3B Bryson Wheeler (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); U/RHP Caleb Stewart (Jr., 5-8, 165, R/R); OF Jackson Dixon (Sr., 5-9, 155, R/R); 1B/DH Mac Johnson (Sr., 6-2, 230, R/R); INF Trent Thomas (Sr., 5-6, 140, R/R); U Jordan Aspinwall (Jr., 5-8, 170, R/R); OF Jett Justice (Jr., 5-7, 180, R/R); INF/RHP Noah Hooks (So., 5-11, 175, R/R); OF/RHP Ridge Bennett (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R)

Other Returning

Players: RHP Nathan Hale (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); INF Isaiah Sharpe (Sr., 5-10, 215, R/R); OF Jared Campbell (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); C Trey Jeffers (So., 5-7, 185, R/R)

Season Outlook: Look for Ware County to be much better this spring as eight starters return. Versatile Bryson Wheeler is back on the mound and at the plate. Junior Caleb Stewart, infielder/pitcher Noah Hooks and infielder Trent Thomas also return to spark the team.



Noah Hooks
Ware County



Caleb Stewart
Ware County



Trent Thomas
Ware County



Bryson Wheeler
Ware County

WAYNE COUNTY YELLOW JACKETS

Head Coach: Justin McDonald
Assistant Coach (s): Barret Browning, Colt Brockington, Mike Roberts, Buddy Starling
2019 Record: 20-14

Returning Starters:

C Jacob Brewer (Jr., 5-10, 205, R/R); RHP/INF Zach Thomas (Jr., 6-2, 200, R/R); RHP/1B Ray Townsend (Jr., 6-1, 220, R/R); U Luke Boykin (So., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP/1B Tyler Denison (Jr., 6-3, 215, R/R); OF JC Williams (Sr., 5-11, 195, L/L); RHP/INF Jasper Stanfield (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Shawn Steverson (Sr., 6-2, 160, R/R); INF Blake Brockington (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Other Returning

Players: RHP/U Trey Pierce (So., 6-0, 165, R/R); RHP/U Brennan Lee (So.,

5-11, 150, R/R); LHP Brad Ierardi (So., 6-1, 185, L/L); RHP/C Hayden Beasley (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); RHP/U Miles Starling (So., 6-2, 250, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Jack Perkins (Jr., 5-8, 190, R/R); OF/LHP John Austin Shaver (Jr., 6-0, 170, L/L); OF Austin Burgess (Jr., 6-0, 155, R/R); RHP Dawson Lastinger (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Codey Eicher (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R)

Season Outlook: A good nucleus returns for the Yellow Jackets who will be expected to contend for the region title again. Right-handed pitchers Jasper Stanfield (10-2, 0.57 ERA) and Ray Townsend (4-1, 1.60 ERA) return on the mound, while infielder Zach Thomas (.323 avg., 19 RBIs) is back to lead the offense.



Jasper Stanfield
Wayne County



Zach Thomas
Wayne County



Ray Townsend
Wayne County



JC Williams
Wayne County

FAYETTE COUNTY TIGERS

Head Coach: Matthew Coldiron

Survey not returned

GRIFFIN BEARS

Head Coach: Andrew Calhoun

Survey not returned

JONESBORO CARDINALS

Head Coach: Brian Paige

Assistant Coach (s): Corey Washington, Joel Smith, Antonio Kendrick, Theotis Thomas, Matt Garner, Randy Marshall, Antonio Allen

2019 Record: 7-13

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Brycen Myrick (Sr., 5-9, 185, R/R); RHP/SS/OF Seth Leonard (Sr., 5-4, 130, R/R); INF/RHP Brandon Garner (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); RHP/2B Jaylan Williams (Sr., 5-7, 120, R/R); CF RaSheed Singleton (Sr., 5-8, 130, R/R); RHP/1B Logan Richardson (Sr., 5-6, 250, R/R); RHP/CF Marquiez Lewis (Jr., 5-10, 135, R/R); RHP/SS Xavier Jackson (Jr., 5-9, 130, R/R); RHP/3B/LF Marques Dunn (So., 6-2, 160, R/R); C Gavin Haynie (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/1B Tremir Alexis (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); 1B/RHP Darius Pullins (Jr., 5-10, 270, R/R); RHP/OF Jabari Knox (Jr., 5-9, 130, R/R); OF Kishon Driver (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); C/OF Jalen Blash (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); 2B/OF/RHP Shamon Thompson (Jr., 5-3, 125, R/R)

Top Newcomers: SS/CF Tahj Walden (So., 6-1, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: Jonesboro welcomes back a ton of talent as the Cardinals seek to improve on last season's record. As many as 10 players started last year and return. Pitching could be the team's strength as Marques Dunn, Seth Leonard, Brycen Myrick and Brandon Garner all return.

REGION 3-5A**Region Favorite: Starr's Mill**

Keep an eye on: Whitewater – Wildcats have enough to make a solid run.

Players to Watch

LHP – Burke Berry, Jr., McIntosh; **1B/OF** – Jackson Brown, Sr., McIntosh; **C** – Chris Buchanan, Jr., Whitewater; **LHP/1B/OF** – Nija Cole, Sr., Riverdale; **LHP/OF** – Daniel Courtney, Jr., Starr's Mill; **INF** – Tommy Dozier, Sr., Riverdale; **RHP/3B/OF** – Marques Dunn, So., Riverdale; **SS/RHP** – Christian Durham, Sr., Griffin; **OF** – Thad Ector, Jr., Starr's Mill; **C** – Connor Faulkner, Jr., Whitewater; **INF** – Kole Fulghum, Sr., Griffin; **OF** – Beau Gardner, Sr., Starr's Mill; **RHP** – Jake Garner, Jr., Whitewater; **OF** – Burton Hahn, Sr., McIntosh; **RHP/INF** – Eli Jones, Jr., Starr's Mill; **OF/C** – Hunter Lawson, Sr., Starr's Mill; **SS** – Zach Leischner, Sr., Whitewater; **RHP/SS/OF** – Seth Leonard, Sr., Jonesboro; **OF** – Maddox Mueller, Sr., Whitewater; **RHP/INF** – Brycen Myrick, Sr., Jonesboro; **CF/RHP** – Tyler Patrick, Sr., Fayette County; **C/RHP/3B** – Jevious Reynolds, Jr., Fayette County; **RHP/INF** – Braxton Roop, Jr., McIntosh; **SS/2B** – Kylin Stonewall, Sr., Fayette County; **INF** – Blake Summers, Jr., McIntosh; **U/RHP** – Jonathan Hall-Thompson, Jr., Fayette County; **RHP** – Chandler Tillman, Sr., Whitewater; **RHP/C/INF** – Andrew Villiger, Sr., McIntosh; **C** – Sean White, Jr., Starr's Mill; **INF/OF/RHP** – Jordan Williams, Jr., Fayette County; **OF** – Jacob Woods, Sr., McIntosh; **INF** – Chay Yeager, Jr., Starr's Mill

MCINTOSH CHIEFS

Head Coach: Tom Kelley

Assistant Coach (s): Tom Rosa, Keith Chabot, Allen Beall, Nate Mothershed

2019 Record: 21-11

Returning Starters: 1B/OF Jackson Brown (Sr., 6-2, 210, R/R); OF Jacob Woods (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); RHP/INF Landon Pope (Sr., 6-4, 195, R/R); OF Burton Hahn (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); RHP/INF Braxton Roop (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); INF Blake Summers (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); RHP/C/INF Andrew Villiger (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Bradley Grasser (Jr., 6-4, 180, R/R); RHP/INF Evan Gillanders (Jr., 6-3, 185, R/R); RHP/INF Isaiah Lopez (Jr., 6-0, 170, L/R); C Joe Pressel (Jr., 5-11, 185, R/R); INF Yuki Tamura (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); C Glenn Schmidt (Jr., 5-9, 190, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Trey King (Fr., 6-1, 165, R/R); LHP Burke Berry (Jr., 6-0, 175, L/L)

Season Outlook: The Chiefs welcome back seven starters and should contend for the region crown. Offensive leaders Burton Hahn (.400 avg., 3 HR, 25 RBIs) and Andrew Villiger (.357 avg.) return. Villiger and Andrew Pope are back to lead a solid group of pitchers. The Chiefs should pick up from where they left off last year.



Burton Hahn
McIntosh

RIVERDALE RAIDERS

Head Coach: Charles McFadden (new)
Survey not returned

STARR'S MILL PANTHERS

Head Coach: Brent Moseley
Assistant Coach (s): David Cooper, Greg Woodward, Zach Mann, Walt Ellison, Zach Klein
2019 Record: 29-6

Returning Starters:
RHP/INF Eli Jones (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); LHP/OF Daniel Courtney (Jr., 5-9, 175, R/L); C Sean White (Jr., 6-1, 190, R/R); INF Chay Yeager (Jr., 5-9, 165, B/R); LHP Declan Dun (Jr., 6-3, 160, R/L); OF Thad Ector (Jr., 6-0, 200, B/R); OF Beau Gardner (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF/C Hunter Lawson (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R)

Other Returning

Players: LHP Bryson Daniel (Jr., 5-10, 160, L/L); RHP/INF Ben Moseley (So., 6-1, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Alex Ukleja (So., 6-0, 180, L/R); C Devin Embry (So., 5-10, 165, R/R); INF Cole Sanders (Jr., 5-9, 210, L/R); OF Wes Haney (Jr., 5-9, 170, L/R); OF Nate Kearns (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF Noah Preuer (Sr., 6-0, 150, L/R)

Season Outlook: In what was supposed to be a rebuilding year, Starr's Mill won 29 games and made a solid postseason run. The bulk of that team returns, including standout pitchers Eli Jones, Daniel Courtney and Declan Dun. Beau Gardner (.318 avg.) and Hunter Lawson (.356 avg., 5 2B) are back to lead the offense.



Daniel Courtney
Starr's Mill



Thad Ector
Starr's Mill



Eli Jones
Starr's Mill



Sean White
Starr's Mill



Chay Yeager
Starr's Mill

WHITEWATER WILDCATS

Head Coach: Rusty Bennett
Assistant Coach (s): Tim Trammell, Robert Townsend, Matt Martin
2019 Record: 19-13

Returning Starters: C Chris Buchanan (Jr., R/R); C Connor Faulkner (Jr., R/R); RHP Jake Garner (Jr., R/R); RHP Chandler Tillman (Sr., R/R); 1B Carter Ruff (Sr., R/R); OF Maddox Mueller (Sr., R/R); 2B Jacob Jones (Sr., R/R); SS Zach Leischner (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Kaden Lewis (Sr., R/R); OF Javon Compton (Jr., R/R); U Turner Hasty (Sr., R/R); INF Clay Wilson (Sr., R/R)



Zach Leischner
Whitewater



Maddox Mueller
Whitewater

Top Newcomers: OF/LHP Matthew Blawat (Jr., L/R); U Kile Greenwald (Jr., R/R); INF Logan Johnston (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wildcats lost an excellent senior class to graduation, but the cupboard is not bare. Look for Whitewater to again challenge for the region crown. Eight starters are back, including outfielder Maddox Mueller and shortstop Zach Leischner. Right-handed pitcher Chandler Tillman and Kaden Lewis anchor what could potentially be a strong rotation.

REGION 4-5A

Region Favorite: Ola

Keep an eye on: Locust Grove – New coach, but the talent is still there.

Players to Watch

OF/RHP – Francisco Arrant, Sr., Eagles Landing; **LHP/OF** – Larry Blackwell, Jr., Eagles Landing; **INF/RHP** – Michael Bray, Sr., Woodland-Henry; **OF/INF** – KJ Brooks, Sr., Stockbridge; **INF** – Garrett Carter, Jr., Ola; **RHP** – Cole English, Sr., Locust Grove; **CF** – Tanner Epperson, Sr., Locust Grove; **OF** – Chase Gammage, Sr., Union Grove; **OF/RHP** – Bryant Herring, Jr., Dutchtown; **LHP/OF** – Patrick Holloman, Sr., Ola; **SS/RHP** – Christian Jackson, So., Dutchtown; **SS** – Ty Kaufman, Sr., Union Grove; **C** – Dalton Laney, Sr., Locust Grove; **OF/RHP** – Nate McCollum, Sr., Dutchtown; **SS/2B** – Logan McCoy, Sr., Jones County; **OF/INF** – Davion Newsome, Jr., Stockbridge; **RHP/OF** – Joey Pourron, Sr., Union Grove; **1B** – Baylen Sanders, Sr., Ola; **SS** – Walker Smith, Sr., Locust Grove; **LHP/1B** – CJ Whitehead, Sr., Jones County; **OF** – Wayne Wilkerson, Jr., Eagles Landing

DUTCHTOWN BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Brandon Carter (new)
Assistant Coach (s): Steve Dennis
2019 Record: 6-18

Returning Starters: CF/RHP Nate McCollum (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Bryant Herring (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Caden Rudkin (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); 1B/OF/RHP Jaden Oden (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); 2B Samari Glickman (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); C/RHP/INF Joshua Lymon (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); SS/RHP Christian Jackson (So., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Nick Walker (So., 5-9, 160, R/R); C/RHP/INF Ja'Lon Elliott (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B Arendez Fedd (Jr., 6-1, 195, R/R); RHP Desean Williams (So., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/INF Adonis Smith (Fr., 5-7, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: New coach Brandon Carter takes over and will look to help the Bulldogs improve upon last season's finish. Seven starters, including a talented senior class, will carry the load this spring. Outfielder/pitcher Nate McCollum and junior outfielder/pitcher Bryant Herring are two players to watch.

EAGLES LANDING GOLDEN EAGLES

Head Coach: Ronney Daniels
Survey not returned

JONES COUNTY GREYHOUNDS

Head Coach: Jason Page

Assistant Coach (s): Jay Jones, Mike Paulk, Ryan Belshan, Jake Chastain

2019 Record: 16-12

Returning Starters: LHP/1B CJ Whitehead (Sr., 5-11, 210, L/L); SS/2B Logan McCoy (Sr., 5-9, 180, L/R); SS/2B Dominic Bass (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); RHP/1B Jacob Thompson (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Hunter Bryant (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); OF Logan Miller (Sr., 6-0, 195, R/R); RHP/3B Garrett Baughman (Sr., 6-2, 245, R/R); RHP/INF Trent Hardy (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Keaton Stuart (Sr., 5-9, 165, L/R); OF Aiden Payne (So., 5-8, 165, L/R); C Blaze Lott (Sr., 5-10, 195, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Ben Gordon (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); RHP/C Keagan Baxter (So., 6-1, 190, R/R); 3B Sutton Kemp (Jr., 6-0, 200, R/R); LHP/OF Garrett Williams (Jr., 6-2, 180, L/L)

Season Outlook: As usual, look for Jones County to be in the postseason chase. The lack of experienced pitching is a concern, but a solid group of seniors will help Jones County be a contender. Four starters are back, including a trio of seniors in CJ Whitehead, Logan McCoy and Dominic Bass.

LOCUST GROVE WILDCATS

Head Coach: Chad Crawford (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Casey Wrye, Paul Sorrows, Dalton Kuhn

2019 Record: 24-11

Returning Starters: C

Dalton Laney (Sr., 6-0, 220, R/R); RHP Cole English (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R); 1B/LHP Gabe Dyar (Sr., 5-9, 165, L/L); CF

Tanner Epperson (Sr., 5-11, 150, L/L); LF Cade Powell (Sr., 5-10, 215, R/R); SS Walker Smith (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); RHP Andrew Ginther (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Riley Biles (Sr., 5-10, 155, R/R); INF/OF Tyler Maddox (Sr., 5-11, 135, R/R); 3B Dylan Haney (Sr., 5-8, 175, R/R); LHP Connor Clem (Sr., 5-8, 185, L/L); INF/RHP Isaiah Felix (Jr., 5-7, 170, R/R); LHP Eli Crawford (Jr., 6-0, 200, R/L)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Connor Crisp (Fr., 5-8, 145, R/R); RHP/INF Bransen Powell (Fr., 5-11, 160, R/R); C Luke Garner (Fr., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: After what many labeled as a rebuilding season in 2019, Locust Grove made a deep postseason run. Much of that talent returns for former assistant Chad Crawford, who was promoted to head coach. Catcher Dalton Laney (.398 avg.), pitcher Cole English (6-3, 2.80 ERA) and defensive specialists Walker Smith and Tanner Epperson all return.

OLA MUSTANGS

Head Coach: Beau Edwards

Assistant Coach (s): Kyle McCreary, Austin Smith, Rico Billups, Chopper Clark, Jason Grammer, Chad Sanders

2019 Record: 29-12

Returning Starters:

LHP/OF Patrick Holloman (Sr., 6-1, 210, L/L); 1B Baylen Sanders (Sr., 6-1, 220, L/L); OF

Jack Witmer (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); INF Garrett Carter (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R);

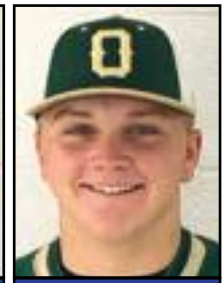
INF Cade Chamlee (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); C Caleb Mowery (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); RHP Will Sims (Sr., 6-3, 225, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Nolan Sliver (So., 6-1, 170, R/R); INF Austin Merritt (So., 5-10, 190, R/R); RHP Talon Holland (So., 6-2, 190, R/R); RHP Caleb Fordham (So., 6-0, 190, R/R); RHP Brayden Fordham (So., 6-0, 190, R/R); LHP John MacDonald (So., 6-0, 185, L/L)

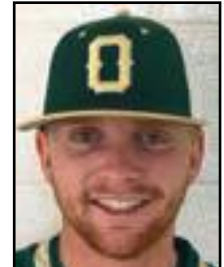
Season Outlook: The defending state runners-up lost some talent to graduation, but there are enough ingredients for the Mustangs to approach last year's success. Leading hitters Patrick Holloman (.318 avg., 7 HR; 6-1, 1.00 ERA) and Baylen Sanders (.403 avg., 46 RBIs) return. Holloman also leads the pitching rotation, but Ola must find some more pitchers to step forward.



Garrett Carter
Ola



Baylen Sanders
Ola



Jack Witmer
Ola

STOCKBRIDGE TIGERS

Head Coach: Daniel Greene

Assistant Coach (s): Karl Brooks, Nathan Greene

2019 Record: 15-11

Returning Starters: OF/INF KJ Brooks (Sr., 5-9, 150, L/R); OF/RHP Theodore Carter (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF/INF Devion Newsome (Jr., 6-3, 190, R/R); OF/RHP Jaylen Jackson (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); U Devin Chandler (So., 5-8, 170, R/R); C/RHP John Stephens (So., 5-9, 145, R/R); OF/LHP Isaiah Duckworth (Jr., 6-0, 175, L/L)

Other Returning Players: 1B/LHP Jalen Hudson (Jr., 6-0, 185, L/L); OF/RHP Laurence Taylor (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Darren Stanford (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP Brandon Allen (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: U/RHP Brent Sims (Fr., 5-10, 140, R/R); C/RHP Darius Keyton (Fr., 6-0, 180, R/R); U/RHP Cortez Jennings (Fr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF/RHP L. Anderson (Fr., 5-9, 160, R/R); U/INF J. Johnson (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: The senior class is small, but Stockbridge returns a lot of talent this spring. Outfielder/infielder KJ Brooks and juniors Devion Newsome and Jaylen Jackson return to give the Tigers a trio of players to build around. Keep an eye on a talented group of underclassmen.

UNION GROVE WOLVERINES

Head Coach: Allen Franklin

Assistant Coach (s): Will Harrison, Zane Hoover, Trent Lee, Russ Atkins, Doug Cook

2019 Record: 16-9

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Ty Kaufman (Sr., R/R); RHP/OF Joey Pourron (Sr., R/R); OF Chase Gammage (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Carson Huber (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Union Grove has some holes to fill, but the good news is that four starters are back. Shortstop/pitcher Ty Kaufman



Ty Kaufman
Union Grove

and pitcher/outfielder Joey Pourron lead a solid senior class. The Wolverines will need some underclassmen to step forward.

WOODLAND-HENRY WOLFPACK

Head Coach: Quinton King

Survey not returned

REGION 5-5A

Region Favorite: Arabia Mountain

Keep an eye on: Lithonia – The Bulldogs bring back some key pieces and should contend.

Players to Watch

3B/RHP/SS – Dante Alexander, Sr., SW DeKalb; **CF/INF** – Narvin Booker, Jr., Lithonia; **SS** – Travis Calloway, Jr., Columbia; **U** – Jordan Dennis, Sr., Columbia; **LHP/1B** – Kenneth Hardaway, Jr., Columbia; **C/2B** – Isaac Harkins, Jr., Chamblee; **1B/3B** – Keuin Neal, Sr., SW DeKalb; **SS/RHP** – Isaiah Palmer, Jr., Miller Grove; **C/3B/RHP** – Theodore Riddick, Sr., Lithonia; **RHP** – Michael Sarzen, Sr., Chamblee; **LHP/C** – Jathan Smith, Sr., Miller Grove

ARABIA MOUNTAIN RAMS

Head Coach: Eric Hoxie

Survey not returned

CHAMBLEE BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Brian Ely

Assistant Coach (s): Mike Padgett, Jonathan Rosen, Alan Loper, Warren Williams

2019 Record: 17-14

Returning Starters: RHP Michael Sarzen (Sr., 6-0, 175, B/R); C/1B Hunter Flowers (Sr., 5-10, 205, L/R); C/2B Isaac Harkins (Jr., 5-6, 130, R/R); OF/RHP Ryan Bray (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Leon Schmidt (Sr., 6-1, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Taylor Flowers (So., 6-0, 165, R/R); OF/INF/RHP Finn Allers (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP/3B Pete Constantinides (Jr., 6-2, 185, R/R); LHP/OF Patrick Scott (Jr., 5-7, 155, L/L)

Top Newcomers: RHP/3B Clayton Crotchet (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); OF Lleyton Leonard (Jr., 5-11, 160, L/R)

Season Outlook: Chamblee has some key positions to fill to approach the success of the past two seasons. But the Bulldogs' slate isn't bare. Standout pitcher Michael Sarzen (6-4, 2.61 ERA) returns as well as catcher/infielder Isaac Harkins.

CLARKSTON ANGORAS

Head Coach: Nick Angelo

Survey not returned

COLUMBIA EAGLES

Head Coach: Greg Barnett

Assistant Coach (s): Charles Johnson

2019 Record: 5-17

Returning Starters: SS Travis Calloway (Jr., 5-7, 165, R/R); U Jordan

Dennis (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); C/SS William Hemsley (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); U Anthony Dennis (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); LF Abein Flores (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); RF Akil Lewis (So., 5-8, 165, R/R); LHP/1B Kenneth Hardaway (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/L)

Other Returning Players: CF Mack Butler (So., 5-8, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C Antonio Welch (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Eagles struggled last year and they seek to get things turned around this spring. Columbia has seven returning starters. Utility player Jordan Dennis, first baseman/pitcher Kenneth Hardaway and shortstop Travis Calloway are back to lead the team.

CROSS KEYS INDIANS

Head Coach: John Bowen (new)

Survey not returned

LITHONIA BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Samuel Marion

Survey not returned

MILLER GROVE WOLVERINES

Head Coach: Yancey Satterwhite

Assistant Coach (s): Dennis Brown

2019 Record: 3-12

Returning Starters: LHP/C Jathan Smith (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/L); 3B/RHP Chris Harris (Jr., 5-8, 150, R/R); 1B Rashard Cheeks (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); SS/RHP Isaiah Palmer (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); 2B/3B Jakoby Oliver (So., 5-9, 150, R/R); C/1B Thylen Whitaker (So., 5-8, 150, L/R); RF DaJuan Holliday (Sr., 5-7, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/1B Amaru Johnson (So., 6-0, 230, R/R); 2B/3B Emmanuel Soles (Jr., 5-8, 150, R/R); RF Warren Collins (So., 5-7, 140, R/R); LF Travis Demery (Sr., 5-6, 150, R/R); 3B Jayvonne Milton (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wolverines will look to improve upon last season's finish as seven starters are back. The senior class is small, but a talented group of juniors and sophomores will be expected to step forward and contribute.

SOUTHWEST DEKALB PANTHERS

Head Coach: Tyrus Taylor

Assistant Coach (s): Jerald Hatchett, Marcus Benton

2019 Record: 18-6

Returning Starters: 3B/RHP/SS Dante Alexander (Sr., 5-11, 190, R/R); 1B/3B Keuin Neal (Sr., 5-11, 195, R/R); C Sadir Ryan (So., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: Graduation hit the Panthers pretty hard after Southwest DeKalb won the region title last season. The Panthers will be looking for some younger players to step up and contribute. The good news is that seniors Dante Alexander and Keuin Neal (.361 avg., 29 RBIs) return to lead the team.



REGION 6-5A

Region Favorite: Decatur

Keep an eye on: Grady – After playing a bunch of young players in 2019, it should pay off this spring.

Players to Watch

C – Lukas Clark, Sr., Decatur; **C/1B** – Sam Davis, Jr., Maynard Jackson; **SS/INF** – Chase Engelhard, Sr., Riverwood; **LHP** – Ben Fox, Jr., Riverwood; **RHP** – Eddie Galatas, Sr., Decatur; **SS/2B** – Simon Gersten, Jr., North Springs; **RHP/OF** – Ryan Grayson, Jr., North Springs; **OF/INF/C/RHP** – Kobe Harris, Jr., Banneker; **RHP/1B** – Jackson Hills, Sr., Decatur; **C/OF** – Miles Jackson, Jr., Riverwood; **OF/RHP** – Bryce Johnson, Sr., Maynard Jackson; **C/OF** – Miles Knight, Sr., Maynard Jackson; **INF** – Jason Miller, Sr., Riverwood; **3B/RHP** – Deangelo Nowell, Sr., Maynard Jackson; **LHP/OF** – Buck Olson, Jr., North Springs; **RHP/INF** – Jaylen Paden, Sr., Decatur; **OF/LHP** – Charlie Payne, So., Grady; **RHP** – Josh Peljovich, Sr., Riverwood; **OF** – Christian Smith, Jr., Grady; **INF/RHP** – Chase Stokes, Jr., Grady; **3B/OF** – Jake Streeter, So., North Springs; **OF/C** – Marshall Toole, Jr., Decatur; **3B/SS/RHP** – Jordan Walker, Sr., Decatur; **U** – Lleyton Weaver, Jr., Grady; **INF** – Tyler Williams, Sr., Maynard Jackson

BANNEKER TROJANS

Head Coach: Eddie Smith

Assistant Coach (s): Jerald Burkes, Eric Fleming, Tony Bazzell

2019 Record: 5-14-1

Returning Starters: OF/SS/C/RHP Kobe Harris (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R); 2B/OF Evan Golden (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); 3B Delvin Hill (Sr., 5-10, 230, R/R); CF Jamill Williams (So., 6-0, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/C Jamaquis Callaway (Sr., 6-1, 250, R/R); OF Keyland Ryals (Jr., 5-7, 140, R/R)

Season Outlook: Banneker looks to improve upon last season's finish, but the Trojans have some key positions to fill. The good news is that four starters return, including versatile Kobe Harris and third baseman Delvin Hill. Banneker will need some pitchers to step up and mature quickly.

CARVER-ATLANTA PANTHERS

Head Coach: TBA

Survey not returned

DECATUR BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Robby Gilbert

Assistant Coach

(s): Phillip Byrd, Bill Newsome, Jon Paden

2019 Record: 30-8

Returning Starters: 3B/SS/RHP Jordan Walker (Sr., 6-5, 210, R/R); INF/RHP Jaylen Paden (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); C Lukas Clark (Sr., 6-1, 220, R/R);



Lukas Clark
Decatur



Eddie Galatas
Decatur

RHP/OF Eddie Galatas (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); RHP/1B Jackson Hills (Sr., 6-2, 200, R/R); OF Ben Smith (Sr., 5-11, 190, R/R); OF/C Marshall Toole (Jr., 5-11, 165, L/L)

Other Returning

Players: LHP/OF Jaxson Sprull (Sr., L/L); INF

Drew Jordan (Sr., R/R);

3B/1B/C/RHP Cole Turner (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP Brady Jones (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: After a run to the state semifinals in what was supposed to be a rebuilding season last year, Decatur could make another deep run this spring. The Bulldogs are loaded. All-American Jordan Walker (.519 avg., 17 HR) returns to lead the way, but the pitching staff of Jaylen Paden (9-1, 0.85 ERA), Eddie Galatas (5-1, 3.28 ERA) and Jackson Hills (6-1, 2.08 ERA) will be lethal.



Jackson Hills
Decatur



Jaylen Paden
Decatur

GRADY KNIGHTS

Head Coach: Daniel Stockdale (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Coach Dee, Coach Killingsworth

2019 Record: 15-12

Returning Starters: OF/LHP Charlie Payne (So., L/L); INF/RHP Chase Stokes (Jr., R/R); OF Christian Smith (Jr., L/L); OF/1B/LHP Drew Gossett (So., L/L); U Lleyton Weaver (Jr., R/R); 3B/RHP Thomas Mayer (So., R/R); U Will McFarland (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/LHP Sam Coan (So., L/L); OF/LHP Sagor Levy (So., L/L); INF/RHP Oliver Kosar (Jr., R/R); 1B Juan Givens (Sr., R/R); LHP/1B/OF Javien Woods (Sr., L/L); INF/RHP Jalen Gilstrap (Sr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/LHP/1B Forest Lietz (Fr., L/L); U Carlo Weber (Fr., R/R); OF Zach Posel (Fr., R/R); INF Sincere White (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Knights welcome new coach Daniel Stockdale. He will inherit seven starters. The bulk of them are underclassmen, but keep an eye on juniors Chase Stokes and Christian Smith as well as sophomore Charlie Payne.

MAYNARD JACKSON JAGUARS

Head Coach: Desmond Stegall (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Karel Butler, Derek Long

2019 Record: 14-13

Returning Starters: RHP Joe Vatalaro (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); 3B/RHP Deangelo Nowell (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); C/OF Miles Knight (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Bryce Johnson (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); OF Brandon Ingram (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); C/1B Sam Davis (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); INF Tyler Williams (Sr., 5-8, 165, L/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Rhett Burley (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Dallas Davis (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R); 3B Julian Lipscomb (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); OF Harrison Kaye (So., 5-7, 140, R/R); 2B Jacob Suever (Sr., 5-4, 140, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C Douglas Evans (So., 5-7, 145, R/R); SS Demarcus Dickey (So., 5-10, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: New coach Desmond Stegall takes over and looks to keep Maynard Jackson in the postseason hunt. The Jaguars have a strong senior-laden team. Seven starters are back, including third baseman/pitcher Deangelo Nowell, catcher/outfielder Miles Knight and infielder Tyler Williams.

LITHIA SPRINGS LIONS

Head Coach: Chris Sheperd
Survey not returned

NORTH SPRINGS SPARTANS

Head Coach: Matt Gershon
Assistant Coach (s): Troy Hall, Josh Shailer, Michael Grade, Garrett Daily, DeWayne Crowder, Bobby Gonzalez

2019 Record: 14-17

Returning Starters:

SS/3B Simon Gersten (Jr., 5-8, 175, R/R); 3B/OF Jake Streeter (So., 6-1, 175, R/R); RHP/3B Dylan Reid (So., 5-11, 165, R/R); RHP/OF Ryan Grayson (Jr., 6-3, 175, R/R); LHP/OF Buck Olson (Jr., 5-11, 165, L/L); U/RHP Cole Gabbai (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); C Drew Wyatt (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF Neriyah Brown (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); OF/RHP Micah Karnblum (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R)

Other Returning

Players: SS/2B Ross

Reynolds (Jr., 5-8, 145, R/R); LHP/DH Zack Leaf (Sr., 6-1, 225, L/L); C/RHP Harrison Ruddy (Sr., 5-8, 155, R/R); C/RHP/DH Tristan Costley (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); RHP Andrew Frank (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R); U/RHP Mitchell Cohen (Jr., 5-9, 145, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/LHP Caden Rogers (So., 5-6, 135, L/L); OF/RHP Jason Murphy (So., 6-1, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: Look for the Spartans to be much better in 2020 as the team will be a year older and more experienced. But North Springs may still be a year away from reaching its full potential. Infielders Simon Gersten and Jake Streeter return on offense to lead the way. Pitcher/outfielder Buck Olson is also back.



Simon Gersten
North Springs



Buck Olson
North Springs



Ross Reynolds
North Springs



Jake Streeter
North Springs

RIVERWOOD RAIDERS

Head Coach: Trey Henson
Assistant Coach (s): Greg Brown, Tom Nohstadt

2019 Record: 25-6

Returning Starters: SS/INF Chase Engelhard (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF Jason Miller (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); INF Gabriel Bryant (Sr., 5-10, 165, L/R); RHP Josh Peljovich (Sr., 5-9, 145, R/R); RHP Jake Muse (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); OF Jahlyn McKie (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); C/OF Miles Jackson (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R); LHP Ben Fox (Jr., 5-9, 160, L/L); U Josh Katz (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); C/1B Edwin Acevedo (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP Jake Surdykowski (Sr., L/L); OF Alex Radney (Sr., L/L)

Top Newcomers: OF Khalil Anderson (Jr., R/R); U Matthew Lindler (Jr., L/R); RHP Henry Collins (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Raiders made a run at the region title last year before finishing as the runner-up. Riverwood has some key positions



Chase Engelhard
Riverwood

to fill, but there is enough returning talent to contend for the playoffs again. Offensive leader Chase Engelhard (.375 avg., 26 RBIs) returns as well as junior left-hander Ben Fox.

REGION 7-5A

Region Favorite: East Paulding

Keep an eye on: Carrollton – Trojans have the pitching to contend.

Players to Watch

2B – Dallas Adams, Sr., Woodland-Bartow; **OF/LHP** – Johnny Bravy, Sr., Villa Rica; **LHP/OF** – Colton Cospers, Jr., Carrollton; **3B/RHP** – Caleb Ellard, Jr., Rome; **C/1B** – Kyle Foley, Sr., Hiram; **1B/LHP** – Jordan Gani, Jr., Cass; **LHP/1B** – Seth Grenon, Sr., East Paulding; **C** – Jacob Harper, Sr., Paulding County; **SS/RHP** – Blaine Ingram, Sr., Cass; **LHP/1B** – Cole McDaniel, Jr., East Paulding; **C/LHP** – Logan Nelson, Sr., Cass; **LHP/OF** – Jackson Phipps, Sr., East Paulding; **RHP/OF** – Peyton Posey, Jr., Woodland-Bartow; **SS** – Trent Reddick, Jr., East Paulding; **LHP/OF** – Eli Runyan, Jr., Carrollton; **INF/OF** – Matt Shook, Jr., Cass; **OF/C** – Will Siewert, Jr., Villa Rica; **RHP/3B** – Samuel Simpson, Jr., Carrollton; **1B/3B/RHP** – Scotty Smith, Jr., Woodland-Bartow; **3B/LHP** – Eli Studdard, Sr., East Paulding; **C/RHP** – Jonathan Vigoa, So., Rome; **3B/RHP** – Zach Wilson, Sr., Woodland-Bartow

CARROLLTON TROJANS

Head Coach: Scott Johnson

Assistant Coach (s): Adam Bright, Scott Edwards, Jonah Holliday, Jake Richardson

2019 Record: 26-7

Returning Starters:

LHP/OF Colton Cospers (Jr., 6-1, 160, L/L); LHP/OF Eli Runyan (Jr., 5-10, 155, B/L); RHP/3B Samuel Simpson (Jr., 6-1, 170, B/R); RHP/3B/2B Nick Tuggle (Sr., 6-0, 185, L/R)

Other Returning

Players: C Bear Madliak (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); RHP/1B Chael Sullivan (Jr., 6-3, 180, L/R); LHP/OF Tucker Sullivan (Jr., 5-8, 170, R/L); RHP/INF Mitchell Cole (Sr., 6-2, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: SS

Parker Willis (Jr., 6-0, 155, R/R); RHP Connor Herriott (Jr., 6-0, 190, R/R); 2B Kyle Aldridge (Sr., 5-4, 140, R/R); U Chaz Hickman (Jr., 5-11, 150, R/R); DH Austin Aldridge (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R)

Season Outlook: Carrollton lost a big senior class to graduation, but



Colton Cospers
Carrollton



Garrett Madliak
Carrollton



Eli Runyan
Carrollton



Samuel Simpson
Carrollton

there is enough talent for the Trojans to contend for the postseason. Pitching will be strong as left-handed pitchers Colton Cosper (9-1, 1.72 ERA), Eli Runyan (4-2, 2.02 ERA) and right-handers Samuel Simpson (3-1, 2.07 ERA) and Nick Tuggle return. Juniors Bear Madliak and Chael Sullivan return to lead the offense.

CASS COLONELS

Head Coach: Tim Ayers

Assistant Coach (s): Matt Thompson

2019 Record: 7-19

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Blaine Ingram (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); C/LHP Logan Nelson (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/L); INF/OF Matt Shook (Jr., 5-8, 170, B/R); 1B/LHP Jordon Gani (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/L); RHP/OF Thomas Botts (Jr., 6-4, 215, R/R); LHP/OF Jaden Smith (Jr., 6-0, 160, L/L); RHP Trey Scott (Jr., 6-3, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/OF Karson Kelley (Sr., 5-8, 150, R/R); OF Kyle Miller (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R); INF Matthew Ballas (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/C Carson Hill (Fr., 5-9, 170, R/R); INF Wesley Collins (Fr., 5-9, 135, R/R)

Season Outlook: Cass should have a chance to improve upon last season's record as seven starters return. The Colonels will still be a relatively young team. Shortstop/pitcher Blaine Ingram (.310 avg., 22 RBIs) as well as infielder Matt Shook and catcher/pitcher Logan Nelson give Cass a solid nucleus to build around.

EAST PAULDING RAIDERS

Head Coach: Tony Boyd

Assistant Coach (s): Jordan Edwards, Andrew Deaton, Zach Kilday, Austin Driskell

2019 Record: 21-10

Returning Starters: LHP/OF Jackson Phipps (Sr., 6-5, 210, L/L); 3B/LHP Eli Studdard (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/L); 2B/C/OF Andrew Pendleton (Sr., 5-11, 160, L/R); LHP/1B Seth Grenon (Sr., 6-0, 145, L/L); SS/2B Clark Poss (Sr., 5-11, 145, R/R); SS Trent Reddick (Jr., 5-10, 145, R/R); LHP/1B Cole McDaniel (Jr., 6-3, 170, L/L)

Other Returning Players: C Layne Sanders (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF Wyatt Williams (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); 2B/3B Trace Nicholson (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); RHP/OF Ben Sosebee (Sr., 5-11, 150, R/R); LHP/OF Nick Cail (Sr., 5-10, 145, L/L); RHP/1B Connor Vaughn (Jr., 6-0, 240, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Davis Frachiseur (Jr., 5-10, 155, L/L); INF Dylan Lanier (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); 2B Jalen Martinez (Jr., 5-9, 140, B/R)

Season Outlook: An excellent group of players return as East Paulding should be in contention for the region title. Seven starters are back, including standout left-handed pitcher/outfielder Jackson Phipps and third baseman/pitcher Eli Studdard. Junior shortstop Trent Reddick returns after a solid sophomore campaign in 2019.



Eli Studdard
East Paulding

HIRAM HORNETS

Head Coach: Taylor Butler (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Avery Ragsdale, Clay McKnight, Brandon Gonzalez

2019 Record: 3-20

Returning Starters: C/1B Kyle Foley (Sr., 6-3, 240, R/R); CF Caleb Brewster (Sr., 5-10, 200, R/R); U Cody Rowland (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); U Cole Turner (Sr., 6-0, 150, R/R); U Ryan Landman (Jr., 5-6, 145, R/R); 3B Owen Ragsdale (Sr., 5-11, 205, R/R); OF Jeremiah Franklyn (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B Bradley Stigall (So., 5-11, 135, L/L); C Nick Reyes (Jr., 5-8, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: U Jay Boyd (Fr., 5-11, 135, R/R)

Season Outlook: Hiram looks to turn things around after struggling in 2019. An excellent senior class returns to lead the team. Catcher/first baseman Kyle Foley and third baseman Owen Ragsdale are back after putting together solid seasons as juniors last year.

KELL LONGHORNS

Head Coach: Todd Harris

Assistant Coach (s): Josh Burrus

2019 Record: 25-8

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Evan Hendrick (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Brady McDevitt (So., 5-10, 165, R/L)

Other Returning Players: C Tyler Harris (Sr., 5-11, 215, R/R); LHP Ryan Thompson (Sr., 6-2, 165, L/L); INF Jaiden Lan (Sr., 5-8, 165, R/R); RHP/OF Jake Edwards (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); INF Lucas Lee (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C Boston Forbes (So., 6-2, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Jahir Comick-Turpin (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); RHP Will Sherman (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); RHP/OF Nicholas Dawkins (So., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: Graduation hit the Longhorns hard, but a lot of younger players are ready to step into the spotlight. While the team is young, they do return a pair of starters. When the Longhorns get some playing experience, they could be solid.

PAULDING COUNTY PATRIOTS

Head Coach: Bryce Sellers (new)

Survey not returned

ROME WOLVES

Head Coach: Brent Tucker (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Zach Lance, Thomas Floyd, Bo Tucker, Jason King, Cody Amos

2019 Record: 16-10

Returning Starters: C/RHP Jonathan Vigoa (So., 6-0, 170, R/R); INF Brayer Cowan (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/1B Hayden Filetti (Jr., 6-3, 180, R/R); 3B/RHP Caleb Ellard (Jr., 6-4, 205, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C Andrews Harrell (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP/DH Mason Tillery (Jr., 6-3, 160, R/R); OF Jack Orr (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R); OF/LHP Carson Atkins (So., 5-10, 145, L/L)

Top Newcomers: INF Will Black (So., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: Former Ringgold coach Brent Tucker takes over at Rome and inherits four returning starters and a solid group of underclassmen. The Wolves are young, but the good news is that promising standouts Jonathan Vigoa and Caleb Ellard return.

VILLA RICA WILDCATS

Head Coach: Neal Hannah

Assistant Coach (s): Mike Best, Wade Bailey

2019 Record: 7-18

Returning Starters: OF/LHP Johnny Bravy (Sr., 5-10, 175, L/L); INF Mekhi Boykin (So., 5-9, 190, R/R); INF Caleb Yarbrough (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF Tristen Allen (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); C D'Angelo Cruz (Jr., 6-3, 175, R/R); OF JaQuan Nieves (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF/C Will Siewert (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Hayden Pritchett (Sr., 5-8, 165, R/R); OF Keaton Taylor (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); OF Kyle Hill (Jr., 5-10, 175, L/R); LHP Matthew Herndon (Sr., 6-3, 170, L/L); LHP Jacob Turner (Sr., 6-0, 180, L/L)

Top Newcomers: OF Aaron Flanagan (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP/U Logan Irvine (Fr., 5-9, 170, R/R); LHP Kade Robinson (So., 6-1, 165, L/L);

LHP/INF Brandon Patanao (Jr., 6-1, 175, L/L); INF/RHP Jacob Marshall (Jr., 6-1, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wildcats look to get things turned around after struggling in 2019. The good news is that seven starters are back, including a talented senior class. Outfielder/pitcher Johnny Bravy and outfielder/catcher Will Siewert are two players to keep an eye on.

WOODLAND-BARTOW WILDCATS

Head Coach: Matt Montgomery (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Michael Adcock, Johnathan Cannon, Nick Shields

2019 Record: 11-15

Returning Starters: 2B Dallas Adams (Sr., 5-9, 180, R/R); 3B/RHP Zach Wilson (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); INF/RHP Phoenix Cramer (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF/LHP Fisher Davis (Sr., 5-9, 170, L/L); 1B/3B/RHP Scotty Smith (Jr., 6-2, 250, R/R); RHP/OF Peyton Posey (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); C/RHP/U Carter Heath (Jr., 6-1, 190, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/RHP Drew Billings (Jr., 5-10, 225, R/R); RHP Trevor Collum (Jr., 5-11, 230, R/R); OF/RHP JT Hampton (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); C/INF/RHP Jacob Gravett (So., 5-9, 175, R/R); OF/RHP Jackson Rutledge (So., 6-1, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: Woodland, who has finished one game back of making the state playoffs the past three seasons, looks to be in contention under new coach Matt Montgomery. The Wildcats have a good returning nucleus of talent. Seniors Dallas Adams and Zach Wilson give the Wildcats a pair of senior leaders to build around.

REGION 8-5A

Region Favorite: Loganville

Keep an eye on: Buford – Wolves have a lot of young talent to keep an eye on.

Players to Watch

LHP – Dawson Coe, So., Loganville; **OF** – Jackson Daniel, Jr., Loganville; **INF/RHP** – Rio Foster, Jr., Clarke Central; **RHP** – Caleb Garner, Sr., Loganville; **C** – Ian King, Sr., Loganville; **LHP/1B/OF** – Peyton Lavergne, So., Johnson-Gainesville; **3B/OF** – Eli Ledford, Sr., Buford; **RHP/INF** – Austin Little, Sr., Walnut Grove; **SS/RHP** – Dylan Lesko, So., Buford; **OF** – Cade Milner, Sr., Walnut Grove; **LHP/1B/OF** – Tristan Nguyen, So., Johnson-Gainesville; **INF/RHP** – Treyton Rank, Jr., Buford; **C** – Joseph Salvo, Sr., Buford; **OF/RHP** – Riley Stanford, So., Buford; **INF** – Dylan Strickland, Sr., Loganville; **INF/OF** – Isaac Ward, Sr., Clarke Central; **OF** – Bocker Way, Jr., Loganville; **3B** – Coby Wilkerson, Jr., Walnut Grove

BUFORD WOLVES

Head Coach: Stuart Chester

Assistant Coach (s): Trent Adams, Casey Laws, Bryan Rogers, Drew Dasher, Rome Samples

2019 Record: 26-11

Returning Starters: C Braden Hartman (Sr., 5-10, 175, L/R); C Joseph Salvo (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); 3B/OF Eli Ledford (Sr., 5-10, 175, L/R); SS/RHP Dylan Lesko (So., 6-2, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Riley Stanford (So., 6-4, 195, R/R);

3B/C Jackson Gaspard (So., 5-11, 180, R/R)

Other Returning

Players: INF/RHP Gabe Hunt (Jr., 6-3, 180, R/R); OF John Allen Williams (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); 1B Greg Johnson (Sr., 6-3, 200, R/R); OF Ayden Digiacomo (Jr., 6-1, 210, R/R); RHP Cooper Hardee (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); OF Grant Imahara (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); 1B EJ Murray (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF Todd Hill (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Treyton Rank (Jr., 6-2, 195, R/R); OF Jake Pope (So., 6-1, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wolves should be back in the hunt for the Region 8-5A title again as a wealth of talent returns. Offensive leaders Joseph Salvo (.382 avg., 26 RBIs), Eli Ledford (.380 avg., 24 RBIs) and Braden Hartman (.375 avg.) return, but keep an eye on underclassmen pitchers Dylan Lesko and Riley Stanford, two of the top prospects in the Class of 2022.



Eli Ledford
Buford



Dylan Lesko
Buford



Joseph Salvo
Buford



Riley Stanford
Buford

CEDAR SHOALS JAGUARS

Head Coach: TBA

Survey not returned

CLARKE CENTRAL GLADIATORS

Head Coach: Adam Osborne

Assistant Coach (s): Nick Wegmann, Will Lance, Jeff Finch

2019 Record: 6-22

Returning Starters: INF/OF Isaac Ward (Sr., R/R); DH Cameron Stokes (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Walker Bradberry (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP Rio Foster (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP Quin McManmon (So., B/R); OF Sean Leahy (So., R/R); C Jackson Forrester (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Nick Mauldin (Sr., R/R); C Angel Rosa (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Jack Krohn (Sr., R/R); OF Trent Nesbit (Sr., R/R); OF Sam Jones (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Jasser Reyna (Sr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Clarke Central made the state playoffs last year, and the Gladiators look to build off that positive momentum. Seven starters are back, including a pair of returning seniors in infielder/outfielder Isaac Ward and designated hitter Cameron Stokes.

JOHNSON-GAINESVILLE KNIGHTS

Head Coach: Mike Holland

Survey not returned

LOGANVILLE RED DEVILS

Head Coach: Jeff Segars

Assistant Coach (s): Mike Ryan, Brandon Anglin, Bran Mills, Andy Sargent, Chad McGaughy, Matt Milligan, Russ Parrish

2019 Record: 34-6

Returning Starters: INF Dylan Strickland (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); C Ian King (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); RHP Caleb Garner (Sr., 6-5, 185, R/R); LHP Riley Cruce (Jr., 6-0, 170, L/L); OF Bocker Way (Jr., 5-9, 180, L/R); OF Jackson Daniel

(Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF Daniel Braswell (Jr., 6-2, 200, L/R)

Other Returning

Players: RHP Dawson Hammonds (Sr., 6-1, 205, L/R); LHP Dawson Coe (So., 6-0, 180, R/L); C/INF Will Cawthon (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF Michael Mason (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); LHP Bowden Witcher (Sr., 5-10, 175, L/L); RHP Jacob Autry (Sr., 6-2, 185, L/R); INF Jackson Ford (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: Don't look for Loganville to slow down after winning its third straight state championship last year. The Red Devils will be back in the chase as 11-game winner Caleb Garner leads the pitching rotation, while catcher Ian King, outfielder Daniel Braswell and infielder Dylan Strickland are back to spark the offense.



Daniel Braswell
Loganville



Dawson Coe
Loganville



Jackson Daniel
Loganville



Ian King
Loganville



Caleb Garner - Loganville
Photo by Brett Fowler - Walton Tribune

WALNUT GROVE WARRIORS

Head Coach: Carl Allen

Assistant Coach (s): Brian Fiddler, Cody Tait, John Belflower

2019 Record: 19-11

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Austin Little (Sr., 6-1, 140, R/R); SS Brayden Brooks (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Cade Milner (Sr., 6-3, 155, R/R); 3B Coby Wilkerson (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); 2B Bryce Benton (Sr., 5-9, 195, R/R); OF Preston Little (Sr., 6-1, 155, L/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/OF/RHP Nathan Hooks (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); C/OF Hudson Allgood (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); C Jack White (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); OF Douglas Reyes (Sr., 5-10, 195, R/R); INF/RHP Tyler Williams (So., 5-9, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Justin Carroll (Sr., 6-2, 215, R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP Noah Brown (Jr., 6-1, 155, L/L); RHP Owen Morgan (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: Walnut Grove had a strong season in 2019 and looks to build off that success. Look for the Warriors to pick up from where they left off. Six starters are back, five of them seniors. Pitcher Austin Little and third baseman Coby Wilkerson return to lead the way.



Austin Little
Walnut Grove



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Northside-Columbus gets hot, wins first state baseball title

By Tim Morse

They had just suffered a pair of stinging losses to region rivals Hardaway and Columbus High. Spring break was coming and Northside-Columbus coach Dee Miller knew his team needed to play better.

"We made some adjustments in our practices," Miller said. "It's hard to put a finger on it, but our practice approach changed. Little things like playing the ball off our bats during batting practice. The guys understood we hadn't been playing our best and we needed to have a little more success in what we were doing."

It worked.

The Patriots won nine of their final 10 regular-season games, then caught fire in the postseason and rolled to the school's first state baseball championship. Northside's early struggles cost them the region title, and they finished third in Region 1-4A and played just one postseason series at home. But none of that mattered when they hoisted the state championship trophy at Rome's State Mutual Stadium last May. They finished the season with a 32-8 record.

Much of the team's success came from a solid 1-2 pitching punch of Colton Joyner and Conner Sizemore. And Hunter Poe was strong as a reliever.

The team's defense was also solid, but the offense was inconsistent early in the season.

"At the beginning of the year, we had some guys who were hot (offensively)," Outfielder Mack Williams said. "Then in the middle of the year, we had some other guys get hot. But after spring break, everybody got hot and we started playing our best baseball at the right time."

Northside rode its late-season, positive momentum to the state championship series. They swept Eastside and Perry before sweeping perennial power Cartersville in the quarterfinals.

"After we swept Cartersville, that gave us a lot of confidence," Williams said. "We felt like we could beat anybody."

That set up a trip to Region 8 champion North Oconee, who defeated Northside in Game 1 on walk-off single. However, the Patriots defeated North Oconee on Connor O'Neal's walk-off single in Game 2 to set up a winner-take-all Game 3.

Will Graydon, in his only postseason outing, pitched 5 2/3 innings to propel the Patriots to a 3-1 victory and a berth in the state championship series.

"One thing Coach Miller told us was that the offense didn't always travel, but the pitching had to travel," Joyner said. "For Will Graydon, who hadn't thrown much to be ready like that, it was something. He showed a lot of heart."

Northside faced first-year program and Cinderella story Denmark in the final round and former coach David Smart, who had coached at Northside from 2009-2015. Miller was his assistant coach. Denmark had entered the postseason with a losing record as the fourth seed from Region 7. The Danes had eliminated national-ranked Blessed Trinity in the semifinals.

But the Patriots' showed no signs of stopping, sweeping the Danes for the championship.

"The chemistry was unlike anything I'd ever experienced as a coach," Miller said. "It kind of reminded me of the 2002 Columbus State national championship baseball team I played on. Everybody accepted their role. The dugout guys were incredible. Every game, they were on the railing, cheering guys on. We didn't tell them to. They understood their role and bought in."

Just like the rest of the team.



Northside pitcher Conner Sizemore throws in the Class 4A state championship series.

Photo by Northside High School



Northside players celebrate after capturing the school's first state baseball championship.

Photo by Northside High School



Members of the Northside baseball team are: **Front row** (l-r), Scotty Allen, Justin Veloz, KJ Barber, Mack Williams, Eliu McMoore, Conner Sizemore, Will Bryant, and Tory Van Patten. **Back row** (l-r), Coach Taylor Harper, Coach Blake Cooper, Coach Derek Branch, Connor Trepanier, Tyler Elrod, Coach Greg Stotser, Conner O'Neal, Clayton Weaver, Alex Harrell, Hunter Poe, Colton Joyner, Charles Stephenson, Kyle Burt, Tray Richburg, Will Graydon.

Photo by Northside High School

Class 4A Top 15

1 NORTHSIDE-COLUMBUS

The defending Class 4A state champions captured the school's first baseball title last year. The Patriots may have lost a handful of starters, but Northside has enough leftovers to be the team to beat in 2019. Class 4A Player of the Year Mack Williams is back in the outfield and will lead the offense. Outfielder Hunter Poe, shortstop Walt McConnell and all-state second baseman Tray Richburg and all-state catcher Connor O'Neal also return to spark the offense.

And pitching will be strong. Conner Sizemore should take over as the No. 1 starter, while senior Will Graydon returns. He earned the Game 3 victory in the decisive semifinal round, going 5 1/3 innings, to oust North Oconee and send the Patriots to the state championship series. Poe and Williams can also pitch.

2 BLESSED TRINITY

The cliché that some teams don't rebuild ... they re-load, is often used to describe powerhouse programs like Blessed Trinity. The Titans lost a lot to graduation, but don't expect much of a drop-off. The Titans will again rank among the state's elite programs in 2020. And if some younger players mature and develop, the Titans could be the team to beat by playoff time.

3 DENMARK

The Danes were the story of the year in 2019. A first-year program barely making the state playoffs as the fourth and final seed from Region 7-4A, then winning every round on the road and finishing as the state runner-up. It will be hard to top last season, but Denmark has the majority of that team back and will be expected to challenge for the state championship.

All-state players Matthew Cassandra and Jack Kream return, but the Danes have so many more standouts than those two. Denmark will be very good, but they won't be sneaking up on anybody this year.

4 MARIST

The War Eagles will be as good as advertised. With a strong pitching staff led by Liam Sullivan and William Stephens, Marist can go as far as they want to go if they can survive competing in the rugged Region 7-4A. Keep an eye on this program in 2020.

5 NORTH OCONEE

It might be hard for North Oconee to top its run to the semifinals in 2019, but this year's group will make their own run. The Titans have the talent with versatile Will Pearson leading the way as well as outfielder Woody Barks and junior standout Bubba Chandler. Look for North Oconee to make another deep playoff run.

6 WEST LAURENS

A young team peaked at the end of the season, then made the state quarterfinals before falling to eventual state runner-up Denmark in three games. The Raiders' young talent is very good. This team will be dangerous.

7 FLOWERY BRANCH

Many programs would do anything to have a 1-2 pitching punch of left-handers like Andrew Armstrong and Zander Sechrist. The Falcons have that luxury as well as several more arms who can be very effective. Flowery Branch will be expected to go a long way.

8 CAIRO

The Syrupmakers won't be slipping up on anybody this season. A strong senior class led by versatile Garrett Gainous, Blake Touchton, Hayes Stills and JT Andrews will keep Cairo in the hunt.

9 WOODWARD ACADEMY

The War Eagles lost several playmakers from their 2019 squad that made the state quarterfinals. But top pitcher Will Sanders and outfield prospect DA Allen will keep Woodward Academy in the chase. If some younger players mature, look out.

10 LAGRANGE

This could be the team to watch out for in Class 4A. The Grangers steadily improved in 2019 and they will continue this spring. A strong corps of juniors and seniors will help LaGrange get back into the elite category.

11 CARTERSVILLE

The tradition-rich Purple Hurricanes have some major holes to fill after a quarterfinal trip last year. The talent is young and inexperienced, but Cartersville will always be there when the playoffs come around.

12 MARY PERSONS

The Bulldogs won 25 games last year and the Region 2-4A title. With the bulk of that team back, Mary Persons could take things farther in 2020.

13 NORTHSIDE WHITFIELD

The Bruins will be entertaining with two of the state's top players returning in Hank Bearden and shortstop Matthew Redmond.

14 COLUMBS

The Blue Devils have a lot of talent, but it is inexperienced. But Columbus High has enough leadership and talent to contend.

15 EASTSIDE

The Eagles' entire starting lineup returns from last season. Eastside has the potential to be very good this spring.

Others to watch: (Alphabetical Order) Heritage-Catoosa, Madison County, Pickens, St. Pius X, Stephens County, Troup

CLASS 4A PRESEASON ALL STATE

First Team

Name	Position	Grade	School	Comment
Andrew Armstrong	Pitcher	Senior	Flowery Branch	Makes hitters look bad
Hank Bearden	Pitcher	Senior	NW Whitfield	As good as there is
Garrett Gainous	Pitcher	Senior	Cairo	Big RHP will carry the load
Trippe Moore	Pitcher	Senior	Mary Persons	Standout hitter and pitcher
DJ Radtke	Pitcher	Junior	Blessed Trinity	Tough guy to hit
Will Sanders	Pitcher	Senior	Woodward Academy	Pro prospect is real deal
Zander Sechrist	Pitcher	Senior	Flowery Branch	Makes hitters' lives miserable
Conner O'Neal	Catcher	Junior	Northside-Columbus	Makes pitchers look good
Brody Slaughter	Catcher	Senior	West Laurens	He'll only get better
Bubba Chandler	Infielder	Junior	North Oconee	Will pick up from last year
Jack Kream	Infielder	Senior	Denmark	Can do so many things well
Matthew Redmond	Infielder	Junior	NW Whitfield	Smooth player with good bat
Tray Richburg	Infielder	Senior	Northside-Columbus	Doesn't let anything get by
Colby Shivers	Infielder	Senior	Eastside	Tough on the diamond
Liam Sullivan	Infielder	Senior	Marist	Can hit and pitch well
DA Allen	Outfielder	Senior	Woodward Academy	Fun player to watch
Woody Barks	Outfielder	Senior	North Oconee	Provides spark at the plate
Matthew Cassandra	Outfielder	Senior	Denmark	Does his job well
Hunter Poe	Outfielder	Senior	Northside-Columbus	He can do it all
Mack Williams	Outfielder	Senior	Northside-Columbus	Class 4A POY returns
Will Pearson	Utility	Senior	North Oconee	Plays so many different spots
Josh Davis	Designated Hitter	Senior	Cartersville	Makes things happen

Second Team

Pitchers – Dom Marcoccio, Sr., Blessed Trinity; Agyei Quinichett, Jr., Saint Pius X; Colton Scott, Jr., West Laurens; Conner Sizemore, Jr., Northside-Columbus; William Stephens, Sr., Marist; Blake Touchton, Sr., Cairo; Bradley Wilson, Jr., West Laurens; **Catchers** – JT Andrews, Sr., Cairo; Ben Schorr, Sr., Columbus; **Infielders** – Tyler Franks, Jr., West Laurens; Nate Howard, Sr., Mary Persons; Michael Mitchler, Jr., Blessed Trinity; Brady Moore, Sr., Pickens; Easton Oxenrider, Sr., Cedartown; Eric Snow, So., Mary Persons; **Outfielders** – Will Alford, Jr., LaGrange; Charles Crawford, Sr., LaGrange; Sean Desrosier, Jr., Columbus; AJ Mathis, Sr., West Laurens; Terrance Roberts, Sr., Ridgeland; **Utility** – Bryson Lofton, Sr., Southeast Whitfield; **Designated Hitter** – Noah Cook, Sr., Eastside

REGION 1-4A

Region Favorite: Northside-Columbus

Keep an eye on: Cairo – Defending region champs have enough to make another run.

Players to Watch

C – JT Andrews, Sr., Cairo; **CF** – La'Borris Buchanan, Sr., Westover; **C/RHP** – Jaiden Clark, Jr., Hardaway; **OF** – Cameron Cooper, Sr., Cairo; **3B/RHP** – Jalik Demar, Jr., Hardaway; **OF** – Sean Desrosier, Jr., Columbus; **2B** – Gethyn Ellerson, Sr., Dougherty; **RHP/OF** – Garrett Gainous, Sr., Cairo; **INF** – Ethan Godwin, Jr., Cairo; **RHP** – Will Graydon, Sr., Northside-Columbus; **U** – Ajami Harmon, Sr., Hardaway; **U** – Cameron Hopkins, Sr., Westover; **1B/RHP** – Ross Huffman, Sr., Hardaway; **1B** – Hamp Mitchell, Jr., Columbus; **CF** – Jayden Lockett, Sr., Dougherty; **SS** – Walt McConnell, Jr., Northside-Columbus; **C** – Conner O'Neal, Jr., Northside-Columbus; **CF/LHP** – Hunter Poe, Sr., Northside-Columbus; **2B** – Tray Richburg, Sr., Northside-Columbus; **C** – Ben Schorr, Sr., Columbus; **RHP** – Conner Sizemore, Jr., Northside-Columbus; **SS/RHP** – Hayes Stills, Sr., Cairo; **LHP** – Blake Touchton, Sr., Cairo; **OF/RHP** – Mack Williams, Sr., Northside-Columbus

AMERICUS-SUMTER PANTHERS

Head Coach: Arthur Wright (new)

Survey not returned

CAIRO SYRUPMAKERS

Head Coach: Chad Parkerson

Assistant Coach (s): Gary Smith, Randy Adams

2019 Record: 26-5

Returning Starters: C JT Andrews (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Garrett Gainous (Sr., 6-3, 195, R/R); SS/RHP Hayes Stills (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); LHP Blake Touchton (Sr., 5-8, 185, L/L); OF Cameron Cooper (Sr., 5-10, 165, L/R); U Dawson

Humphries (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); INF Ethan Godwin (Jr., 6-0, 200, R/R); 1B/LHP Caison Faircloth (Jr., 5-8, 145, R/L); INF/RHP Will Prince (So., 5-10, 190, L/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP Conner Morrell (Jr., 5-9, 160, L/L);



JT Andrews
Cairo



Cameron Cooper
Cairo

3B/RHP Ben Crosby (Jr., 5-10, 205, R/R); C Chris Harrison (Jr., 6-1, 205, R/R); OF Ricky Walker (Jr., 6-4, 210, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Maxwell Jowers (Jr., 6-0, 155, R/R); OF Boone Prince (So., 6-0, 150, R/R); INF/RHP Mo Wilson (So., 5-10, 180, R/R); INF/RHP Max Whindham (So., 5-10, 145, R/R); 1B/LHP Christian Maige (So., 5-11, 140, R/L)

Season Outlook: Cairo won the region title last season, and the bulk of that team returns this spring. Pitching should be the strength of the team as right-handers Garrett Gainous and Hayes Stills as well as left-hander Blake Touchton return. Catcher JT Andrews returns behind the plate. This team could potentially be better than last year.



Hayes Stills
Cairo



Blake Touchton
Cairo

RHP/3B Devan Cail (Sr., 5-11, 210, R/R); 1B Hamp Mitchell (Jr., 6-1, 190, R/R); OF Sean Desrosier (Jr., 5-8, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B Hayes Dykes (Sr., 6-2, 230, R/R); INF Kevin Johnson (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); OF Ashwin Mahadevin (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); OF Myles Waller (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/LHP Scott Wood (Jr., 6-3, 185, R/L); SS Gray Voltz (Jr., 5-11, 150, R/L); OF Printon Peterson (Jr., 6-1, 220, R/R)

Season Outlook: Six starters return as Columbus should contend for the region crown again. The lack of experienced pitching is a concern, but the Blue Devils return offensive catalysts Sean Desrosier and Hamp Mitchell as well as senior catcher Ben Schorr.



Sean Desrosier
Columbus



Hamp Mitchell
Columbus

CARVER-COLUMBUS TIGERS

Head Coach: Donald Ouzts
Survey not returned

COLUMBUS BLUE DEVILS

Head Coach: Chad Mathis
Assistant Coach (s): Robbie Morgan, John Randall Lasseter, McLendon Hill, Matt Rossi
2019 Record: 24-9
Returning Starters: C Ben Schorr (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); OF/RHP Davis Livingston (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); 2B Jack Harford (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R);

DOUGHERTY TROJANS

Head Coach: Joe Stone
Assistant Coach (s): Ronnye Nelson, Michael White
2019 Record: 4-20
Returning Starters: 2B Gethyn Ellerson (Sr., 5-5, 150, R/R); CF Jayden Lockett (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); SS JaShawn Wilkes (Sr., 5-9, 155, R/R); 1B/LHP Jabari Rodgers (Sr., 5-9, 200, R/L); RF JaQuon Tinch (So., 5-8, 145, R/R); U Jordan Nelson (So., 5-8, 145, R/R); LF Scott Watson (So., 5-9, 160, R/R)
Other Returning Players: OF DeJon Young (So., 5-10, 220, R/R)
Top Newcomers: U Stephen Weaver (Fr., 5-5, 145, R/R); SS/RHP Denver Bryant (Sr., 5-8, 145, R/R)

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Season Outlook: Dougherty returns a good nucleus of talent and should have a chance to improve upon last year's record. Seven starters are back, four of them seniors. Second baseman Gethyn Ellerson and outfielder Jayden Lockett had excellent junior seasons in 2019.

HARDAWAY HAWKS

Head Coach: Eric Anthony

Assistant Coach (s): Mike Getkin, Chad Davidson, Dwayne Burke

2019 Record: 16-13

Returning Starters: C/RHP Jaiden Clark (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP/SS Jalen Justice (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); 3B/RHP Jalik Demar (Jr., 5-10, 200, R/R); CF/C Jermaine Foster (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); LF/3B/RHP Bailey Moss (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); OF Omari Fitzpatrick (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/2B Adrian Ortiz (Jr., 5-9, 140, R/R); RHP/2B Joseph Thomas (So., 5-11, 160, R/R); RHP/3B Blake Batastini (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 1B/RHP Ross Huffman (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); U Ajami Harmon (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Hawks have a good nucleus of returning talent and should be back in postseason contention this spring. Six starters are back, including pitcher/shortstop Jalen Justice (3-1, 3.12 ERA; .303 avg.). Keep an eye on a solid group of underclassmen.

NORTHSIDE-COLUMBUS PATRIOTS

Head Coach: Dee Miller

Assistant Coach (s): Steve Sparks, Derek Branch, David Buchanan, Greg Stotser, Blake Cooper, Taylor Harper

2019 Record: 32-8

Returning Starters:

CF/LHP Hunter Poe (Sr., 5-10, 180, L/L); 2B Tray Richburg (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); OF/RHP Mack Williams (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); C Conner O'Neal (Jr., 6-2, 220, L/R); SS Walt McConnell (Jr., 6-3, 180, R/R); RHP Conner Sizemore (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R); RHP Will Graydon (Sr., 6-3, 165, R/R)

Other Returning

Players: OF Justin Veloz (So., L/L); 1B Joey Bialoncik (Sr., R/R); RHP Connor Trepanier (So., R/R)

Season Outlook:

Don't be surprised to see the defending state champions make another strong postseason run. Much of the team's dominant pitching is back as Hunter Poe, Conner Sizemore and Will Graydon all return. And offensively, second baseman Tray Richburg, outfielder Mack Williams, shortstop Walt McConnell and catcher Conner O'Neal return after putting up solid numbers last year.



Conner O'Neal
Northside-Columbus



Hunter Poe
Northside-Columbus



Tray Richburg
Northside-Columbus



Conner Sizemore
Northside-Columbus



Mack Williams
Northside-Columbus

SHAW RAIDERS

Head Coach: Patrick McGregor

Survey not returned

WESTOVER PATRIOTS

Head Coach: Jordan Cambron

Assistant Coach (s): Jeff Jacobsen

2019 Record: 10-16

Returning Starters: CF La'Borris Buchanan (Sr., 5-5, 145, R/R); U Cameron Hopkins (Sr., 5-10, 160, L/R); RHP Malcom Mathis (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); 1B Cameron Cromer (So., 6-1, 215, R/R); 2B Rodney Bullard, Jr. (Jr., 5-11, 150, R/R); SS Alexander Ingram (So., 6-3, 170, R/R); 3B Daymon Polite (So., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF Antonio James (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R); OF Christen Tolver (Sr., 5-11, 200, R/L); C James Smith (So., 5-8, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Palmer Hill (So., R/L); OF Shyron Smith (Jr., L/L); OF Jordan Trice (So., L/L)

Season Outlook: Westover just missed out on making the state playoffs last season. Most of that talent returns, including outfielder La'Borris Buchanan (.484 avg., 36 SB) and utility player Cameron Hopkins (.449 avg., 20 RBIs). Pitcher Malcom Mathis leads a young pitching rotation.

REGION 2-4A

Region Favorite: West Laurens

Keep an eye on: Mary Persons – Defending region champs have something special this year.

Players to Watch

3B/C – Jeramiah Andrews, Sr., Mary Persons; **C/OF/RHP** – Scott Campbell, Sr., Howard; **SS** – Jaylon Clark, Jr., Howard; **INF** – Carson Estep, Jr., West Laurens; **1B/LHP** – Tyler Franks, Jr., West Laurens; **2B/RHP** – Wade Gordon, Sr., Perry; **LHP/1B/OF** – Wesley Hancock, Sr., Spalding; **2B** – Austin Hendricks, Jr., Upson-Lee; **RHP/3B/OF** – Dreylin Holmes, Sr., Spalding; **1B** – Nate Howard, Sr., Mary Persons; **INF/RHP** – Tanner Knowles, So., Perry; **SS** – Turner Maddox, Sr., Upson-Lee; **OF/LHP** – AJ Mathis, Sr., West Laurens; **OF/C/RHP** – Colby McCleese, Sr., Perry; **C** – Ben McDaniel, Sr., Upson-Lee; **CF/RHP** – Trippe Moore, Sr., Mary Persons; **SS/RHP** – Jackson Nipper, Sr., Perry; **OF** – Sam Riner, Sr., West Laurens; **3B/C/RHP** – Lane Rucker, Jr., Perry; **INF/RHP** – Colton Scott, Jr., West Laurens; **C** – Brody Slaughter, Sr., West Laurens; **SS** – Eric Snow, So., Mary Persons; **INF/RHP** – Tristen Tidwell, Sr., Spalding; **OF/RHP** – Conner Watson, Sr., Mary Persons; **OF** – Thomas Willingham, Jr., Mary Persons; **RHP/3B** – Jake Willis, Jr., Upson-Lee; **INF/C/RHP** – Bradley Wilson, Jr., West Laurens

HOWARD HUSKIES

Head Coach: Jim Rowland (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Darryl Johnson

2019 Record: 11-19

Returning Starters: C/OF/P Scott Campbell (Sr.); 2B/OF Justin Smith (Sr.); SS Jaylon Clark (Jr.); OF Jordan Gray (Sr.)

Other Returning Players: OF Caden Hodge (Sr.); P/1B Win Davidson (Sr.); P/1B Chris Andrews (Sr.); C Lee Martin (So.); P Andrew Garnett

(So.); OF Khalil Lavender (Jr.)

Season Outlook: New coach Jim Rowland takes over and inherits four returning starters, three of them seniors. One of those is versatile standout Scott Campbell. Shortstop Jaylon Clark also returns. If the Huskies can find some consistent pitching, they could improve on last year's record.

MARY PERSONS BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Clae Mathis

Assistant Coach (s): Josh Ward, Delvin Jordan, Cody Hunnicutt

2019 Record: 25-9

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Conner Watson (Sr., R/R); SS Eric Snow (So.); OF/RHP Trippe Moore (Sr.); 1B Nate Howard (Sr.); 3B/C Jeramiah Andrews (Sr.); 2B Jaden Bankston (Jr.); 2B Xavier Soule (Sr.); LF Thomas Willingham (Jr.); OF



Nate Howard
Mary Persons



Trippe Moore
Mary Persons

Thorn Anderson (Jr.); OF Wyatt Currie (Sr.)

Other Returning Players: INF/C Andrew Lackley (Jr.); 1B Jake Wright (Jr.); P Keller Smith (Sr.); INF/C Isaiah Harper (Sr.)

Top Newcomers: OF/1B Thomas Brooks (Fr.); P/1B Ryan Jenkins (Fr.); OF/P Jake Causey (So.); 2B Aric Mock (So.)

Season Outlook: Mary Persons won the region title last year and the Bulldogs have enough returning talent to challenge again.

A wealth of talent is back, including outfielder/pitcher Trippe Moore (.407 avg., 33 RBIs; 10-1, 1.01 ERA) and shortstop Eric Snow. Pitcher Conner Watson and infielders Nate Howard and Jeramiah Andrews also return.



Eric Snow
Mary Persons

PERRY PANTHERS

Head Coach: Tim Hutchens

Assistant Coach (s): Kevin Smith, Denny Bryant, Tyler Martin, Taylor LeVieux

2019 Record: 11-20

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Jackson Nipper (Sr., 5-11, 160, B/R); 2B/RHP Wade Gordon (Sr., 5-11, 140, L/R); OF/C/RHP Colby McCleese (Sr., 5-11, 140, R/R); 3B/C/RHP Lane Rucker (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF Tristan Freis (Jr., 5-6, 140, L/L); INF/OF/RHP Colby Dent (So., 6-2, 180, R/R); INF/RHP Tanner Knowles (So., 5-9, 140, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/RHP Caleb Morgan (Sr., 6-0, 225, R/R); 3B/C Stuart Redmond (Sr., 5-9, 200, R/R); OF/RHP Ethan Bearden (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); 1B/RHP Jackson Mullis (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R); 2B/RHP Cole Smyth (Jr., 5-9, 135, R/R); INF/OF/RHP Tyler Newhouse (So., 5-10, 140, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 2B/RHP Avory Belflower (Jr., 5-8, 135, L/R); 3B/RHP Daniel Vandiviere (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: Perry made the state playoffs last year and seeks to build off its positive momentum. The Panthers welcome back seven starters, including a trio of seniors in shortstop/pitcher Jackson Nipper, second baseman/pitcher Wade Gordon and outfielder/catcher/pitcher Colby McCleese. Perry has enough returners to make another run at a postseason berth.

SPALDING JAGUARS

Head Coach: Seth Harris

Survey not returned

UPSON-LEE KNIGHTS

Head Coach: Eddie Peyton (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Zach Jones, Garrett Wilson, Kevin Magilligan, Howard Busby

2019 Record: 16-15

Returning Starters: 2B Austin Hendricks (Jr., 5-9, 160, L/R); C Brooks Guley (Jr., 5-8, 165, L/R); C Ben McDaniel (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); RHP/3B Jake Willis (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R); RHP/1B Logan Spivey (Jr., 6-4, 200, R/R); SS Turner Maddox (Sr., 5-8, 170, L/R); RHP/1B Ty Rehtorovic (Sr., 6-3, 230, L/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Trent Walls (Sr., 5-8, 150, R/R); INF Jordan Wainwright (So., 5-8, 160, R/R); INF Mason Wilder (Sr., 5-10, 170, L/R); RHP Jeremiah Hill (Jr., 5-11, 150, R/R); 3B Miller Patterson (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: Former assistant Eddie Peyton takes over and inherits seven starters from last season's team that made the second round of the state playoffs. Pitching depth is a concern, but the Knights return a strong middle infield in shortstop Turner Maddox and second baseman Austin Hendricks. Catcher Ben McDaniel is back behind the plate.

WEST LAURENS RAIDERS

Head Coach: Josh Carter (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Martin Cauthen, Rod Waites, Case Matthews

2019 Record: 28-8

Returning Starters: C Brody Slaughter (Sr., 5-11, 175, L/R); INF Paul Kellam (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); OF/LHP AJ Mathis (Sr., 6-0, 170, L/L); OF Sam Riner (Sr., 5-9, 135, R/R); OF Parker Woods (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); RHP Wade Brantley (Sr., 6-3, 170, R/R); INF/C/RHP Bradley Wilson (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); 1B/LHP Tyler Franks (Jr., 6-4, 180, L/L); INF/RHP Colton Scott (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF Carson Estep (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Zach Thomas (Sr., 5-7, 145, R/R); INF Keaton Brown (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R); INF/C Greyson Clark (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF/C Josh Phillips (Jr., 5-8, 150, R/R); OF Evan Carter (Jr., 5-8, 140, R/R); INF/RHP Jerrett Stewart (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); OF Logan Slaughter (Jr., 5-8, 135, R/R); INF Trace Woodard (Jr., 5-9, 195, R/R); RHP Gavin White (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); INF Ethan Hart (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: 1B Jace Thompson (So., R/R); OF/RHP Gunnar Jeffers (So., R/R); LHP Jace Clark



Colton Scott
West Laurens



Brody Slaughter
West Laurens



Bradley Wilson
West Laurens



Tyler Franks - West Laurens
Photo by Tim Morse

(So., R/L); RHP Eli Floyd (So., R/R); OF Gabriel Anderberg (So., R/R)
Season Outlook: Former assistant Josh Carter takes over and inherits a wealth of talent that should have West Laurens contending for the region title. Pitching could be the Raiders' biggest strength as AJ Mathis, Bradley Wilson, Tyler Franks and Colton Scott all return. Catcher Brody Slaughter returns behind the plate.



AJ Mathis - West Laurens
 Photo by Tim Morse

REGION 3-4A

Region Favorite: Burke County

Keep an eye on: Thomson – Coach Nick Rau returns home and will spark the Bulldogs.

Players to Watch

SS – Ryan Alley, Sr., Cross Creek; **LHP/1B** – Wyatt Carey, Sr., Richmond Academy; **U** – Phillip Hodges, So., Cross Creek; **1B/LHP/OF** – Gerald Kilgore, So., Baldwin; **INF** – Zachary Kitchens, Sr., Richmond Academy; **LF/C/DH** – Jed Osborn, Jr., Burke County; **C/RHP** – Ashton Perry, So., Thomson; **RHP/INF** – Preston Price, Sr., Burke County; **SS/RHP** – Jackson Purvis, Sr., Thomson; **LHP/C/INF** – Evan Richardson, Jr., Burke County; **3B** – Kameron Skinner, Sr., Burke County

BALDWIN BRAVES

Head Coach: Brandan Thomas

Assistant Coach (s): Josh Fields, Joe Blankenship

2019 Record: 4-18

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Derrick Lewis (So., 5-11, 165, R/R); 1B/RHP Michael Jones (Jr., 5-8, 150, R/R); 1B/LHP/OF Gerald Kilgore (So., 5-11, 170, B/L); 3B Keishawn Smith (So., 5-8, 200, R/R); OF Ja'Quez Ingram (Jr., 5-8, 140, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Desonta Scott (Jr., 5-9, 145, R/R); OF Lamarcus Harris (Sr., 5-9, 145, R/R); SS/OF Tyree Brown (So., 5-7, 130, R/R); OF Bailey Hamilton (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); RHP/OF Ke'shaun Kinslow (Sr., 5-9, 135, R/R); OF Daylin Mosley (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: SS/2B/RHP Landon King (Fr., 5-8, 130, R/R); 2B/SS Jemaris Ingram (Fr., 5-6, 130, R/R); 1B/LHP Colby Frashier (Fr., 5-9, 200, L/L)

Season Outlook: The Braves struggled last season and the rebuild is likely to continue this spring. Baldwin has a few seniors, but the bulk of the team are underclassmen. Five starters are back. One of those is pitcher/infielder/outfielder Gerald Kilgore.

BURKE COUNTY BEARS

Head Coach: Billy Marchman

Assistant Coach (s): Tarry Stokes, Jay Johnson

2019 Record: 16-7

Returning Starters:

RHP/INF Preston Price (Sr., 5-9, 185, R/R); 3B/2B Kameron Skinner (Sr., 5-11, 230, B/R); LHP/1B Evan Sebold (Sr., 5-11, 200, R/L); LHP/C/1B/3B Evan Richardson (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); LF/C/DH Jed Osborn (Jr., 6-0, 195, L/R); 1B/DH Tripp Cibak (Jr., 6-3, 200, R/R); RHP/U Ethan Rabun (So., 6-3, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Hayden Whitaker (Sr., 5-11, 155, R/R); OF Chase Flakes (Sr., 5-11, 195, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C Daniel Brown (Jr., 5-10, 175); RHP/INF Jakhari Howard (So., 5-9, 150); RHP/OF Phillip Hodges (So., 5-10, 155); OF Seth Meador (So., 5-10, 160); RHP/1B/3B Beckam Ramirez (Fr., 6-1, 220); RHP/U Marshall Flowers (Fr., 6-3, 155); RHP/U Devin Love (Fr., 5-8, 150); RHP/U Myles Heatwole (Fr., 5-9, 150)

Season Outlook: Two-time defending region champion Burke County returns the bulk of its team and should be the team to beat again in region play. Pitcher/infielder Preston Price, third baseman Kameron Skinner and versatile Evan Richardson return to the way.



Preston Price
 Burke County



Evan Richardson
 Burke County



Kameron Skinner
 Burke County

CROSS CREEK RAZORBACKS

Head Coach: Nelson Patton (new)

Survey not returned

RICHMOND ACADEMY MUSKETEERS

Head Coach: Brian Lewis (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Kyle Blum

2019 Record: 4-19

Returning Starters: LHP/1B Wyatt Carey (Sr., 5-10, 155, L/L); SS Zachary Kitchens (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); OF William Barfield (Sr., 6-1, 165, R/R); INF/OF Eryn Jordan (Sr., 5-9, 155, R/R); C Edward Lopez (Sr., 5-8, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Jack Kyzer (So., 5-7, 140, R/R); OF Krosse Davis (Jr., 6-0, 200, R/L); C/OF William Lillard (Jr., 5-8, 155, R/R); INF/RHP Michael Lillard (Sr., 5-8, 155, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP Jack Murphy (Fr., 5-11, 165, R/R); 3B Sam Downing (Fr., 6-0, 160, R/R); OF Reid Barfield (Fr., 6-0, 150, R/R); INF/OF Kellen McDuffie (Fr., 5-7, 145, R/R)

Season Outlook: Richmond Academy looks to build off last year's playoff berth. First-year coach Brian Lewis inherits five returning senior starters. Shortstop Zachary Kitchens and left-handed pitcher/first baseman Wyatt Carey will lead the way.

THOMSON BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Nick Rau (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Brett Chalker, Brock Hawkins

2019 Record: 9-14

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Jackson Purvis (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF Jamon Fanning (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); OF Damon Arnette (Sr., 5-10, 220,



Jackson Purvis
 Thomson

L/R); C/RHP Ashton Perry (So., 6-1, 180, R/R); 1B/RHP Tyler Sewell (So., 6-2, 230, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Dalton Clary (Sr., 5-9, 155, R/L); OF Wyatt Gurgan (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); INF Baili Burnley (Sr., 5-11, 240, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Matthew Dena (Fr., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF Logan Land (Fr., 6-1, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: Former Thomson High standout Nick Rau returns home to lead the Bulldogs. He inherits five starters from last season's squad that struggled with consistency. The senior class is small, but the good news is that senior shortstop/pitcher Jackson Purvis returns after a solid junior season. Some talented underclassmen will contribute.

REGION 4-4A

Region Favorite: Woodward Academy

Keep an eye on: Eastside – Eagles return entire lineup from last year.

Players to Watch

OF – DA Allen, Sr., Woodward Academy; **1B** – Sambo Button, Jr., Eastside; **OF** – Brett Campbell, Sr., Hampton; **SS** – Noah Cook, Sr., Eastside; **LHP/OF** – Parker Daniel, Sr., Eastside; **RHP/OF** – Brayden Downs, Sr., Eastside; **RHP** – Jackson Feeney, Sr., Eastside; **C** – Mark Gallups, Jr., Woodward Academy; **INF/OF** – Khari Gee, So., Woodward Academy; **INF** – Amiel Hill, Sr., Hampton; **3B/RHP/1B** – Augie McQuaig, Sr., Druid Hills; **LHP** – Cade Mitchell, Jr., Eastside; **OF** – Tyler Neely, Jr., Woodward Academy; **RHP/INF** – Will Sanders, Sr., Woodward Academy; **U** – Colby Shivers, Sr., Eastside; **3B** – Kyle Shivers, So., Eastside; **INF/RHP** – Banks Snellings, So., Woodward Academy; **INF/RHP** – Tucker Tatham, Sr., Hampton; **INF** – Torry Thompson, Sr., Luella; **RHP/INF** – Jake Waddell, Sr., Woodward Academy

DRUID HILLS RED DEVILS

Head Coach: Eric Love (new)

Survey not returned

EASTSIDE EAGLES

Head Coach: Brandon Crumbley

Assistant Coach (s): Trey Camps, Brandon Bales, Ashley Senn, Shane Griffin, Jared Jones, Seth Sullivan, Kevin Thomas

2019 Record: 22-5

Returning Starters: SS Noah Cook (Sr., 6-2, 160, R/R); U Colby Shivers (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); 3B Kyle Shivers (So., 5-9, 165, R/R); 1B Sambo Button (Jr., 6-2, 215, R/L); C Ethan Booth (Jr., 6-0,



Noah Cook
Eastside



Colby Shivers
Eastside

190, R/R); LHP Cade Mitchell (Jr., 6-3, 210, L/L); RHP Jackson Feeney (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R); LHP/OF Parker Daniel (Sr., 5-7, 130, R/L); OF/RHP Dawson Schwartz (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Brayden Downs (Sr., 6-0, 185,

R/R); OF Dayton Green (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/R); OF Jonathon Custer (Jr., 5-9, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 3B/RHP Cole Shannon (So., 6-1, 200, R/R); OF/LHP Slade Holloway (So., 5-8, 150, L/L); C Josh Johnson (So., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: Eastside returns its entire team from last season and should contend for the region title. Shortstop Noah Cook as well as third baseman Kyle Shivers and utility player Colby Shivers are back to lead the offense. Some talented underclassmen will also be expected to contribute.

HAMPTON HORNETS

Head Coach: Chris Huffman

Assistant Coach (s): Mack Majors

2019 Record: 11-14

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Brett Campbell (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Tucker Tatham (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Amiel Hill (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Hunter Watson (Jr., R/R); INF/OF/LHP Kaleb Huffman (So., L/L)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Justin Long (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Austin Harper (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Zach Porter (Sr., R/R); C/INF/RHP Gavin Braland (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Hornets look to be back in the postseason hunt. And with five returning starters back from last year, Hampton should be able to do just that. The Hornets must find some consistent pitching. Offensively, they should be in good shape as outfielder Brett Campbell, first baseman Tucker Tatham and infielder Amiel Hill return to lead the team.

HENRY COUNTY WARHAWKS

Head Coach: TBA

Survey not returned

LUELLA LIONS

Head Coach: Ashley Sims

Assistant Coach (s): Eric Oldfield

2019 Record: 7-17

Returning Starters: INF Torry Thompson (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); INF Ayden Farrow (So., 5-6, 115, B/R); RHP/INF/OF Devin Marlowe (So., 6-1, 180, R/R); RHP/OF Ty Cobb (So., 5-9, 150, L/R); OF Cameron Howard (Sr., 5-9, 150, L/L); 1B Cameron James (So., 6-2, 220, R/R); C/INF Scott Williams (Sr., 5-11, 210, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Guershon Exi (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R)

Season Outlook: Luella looks to get things turned around after a disappointing finish in 2019. The Lions welcome back seven returning starters, most of them underclassmen. The good news is that seniors Torry Thompson, Cameron Howard and Scott Williams return to give Luella a trio of senior leaders to build around.

NORTH CLAYTON EAGLES

Head Coach: Richard Flowers

Survey not returned

SALEM SEMINOLES

Head Coach: TBA

Survey not returned

WOODWARD ACADEMY WAR EAGLES

Head Coach: Jose Fernandez

Assistant Coach (s): John Hurston, Greg Mooneyham, Kenny Hopkins

2019 Record: 25-10

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Will Sanders (Sr., 6-6, 185, L/R); OF DA Allen (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); OF Tyler Neely (Jr., 5-11, 185, L/L); C Mark Gallups (Jr., 6-0, 190, R/R); INF/OF Khari Gee (So., 6-2, 190, R/R); INF/RHP Banks Snellings (So., 6-2, 200, R/R); RHP/INF Jake Waddell (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C Andrew Eith (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Zion Walker (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); OF Seth Jones (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP/INF Chandler Parsons (So., 5-11, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: Woodward Academy welcomes back one of the nation's top pitching prospects in right-hander Will Sanders (9-1, 1.15 ERA). Sanders is one of seven starters returning who should help Woodward contend for the region title. Outfielders DA Allen and Tyler Neely as well as catcher Mark Gallups return after all made the all-region team last year.



DA Allen
Woodward Academy

REGION 5-4A

Region Favorite: LaGrange

Keep an eye on: Cedartown – Bulldogs could surprise many this spring.

Players to Watch

OF/INF – Will Alford, Jr., LaGrange; **3B/OF** – Jacob Bradshaw, Sr., Cedartown; **RHP** – Jake Cardwell, Sr., LaGrange; **C** – Carson Carroll, Sr., Central-Carrollton; **RHP** – Casey Casseen, Sr., Central-Carrollton; **OF/INF/RHP** – Charles Crawford, Sr., LaGrange; **INF** – Josh Davis, Sr., Cartersville; **RHP** – Micah Earwood, Jr., Cartersville; **OF** – Griffin Elder, Sr., Cedartown; **RHP** – Brad Gabriel, Sr., Central-Carrollton; **OF** – Cade Garner, Sr., Troup; **RHP/INF** – Glenn Green, Jr., Sandy Creek; **INF/RHP** – Mason Green, Sr., LaGrange; **INF** – Jonathan Little, So., Sandy Creek; **OF** – John Marant, Sr., Sandy Creek; **INF/C** – Caleb McCurry, Sr., Troup; **RHP** – Matthew Morgan, Jr., LaGrange; **SS/2B** – Easton Oxenrider, Sr., Cedartown; **1B/C** – Brian Siefert, Sr., Sandy Creek; **INF** – Chandler Tromza, Sr., Cartersville; **RHP/C** – Bradley Turner, Jr., Chapel Hill; **INF/C/RHP** – Colton Webb, Jr., Troup; **RHP** – Bishop Woods, Sr., Central-Carrollton

CARTERSVILLE PURPLE HURRICANES

Head Coach: Kyle Tucker

Assistant Coach (s): Brian Adams, JoJo Underwood, Asa Williams

2019 Record: 28-6

Returning Starters: INF Josh Davis (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); INF Chandler Tromza (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); OF Alan Thacker (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R)



Josh Davis
Cartersville

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Hayden Davidson (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF Hunter Payne (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF Clay Ross (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); INF Davis Williams (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); INF/OF Jack Carter (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); RHP Mason McBee (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); RHP Micah Earwood (Jr., 6-4, 190, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Parker McPherson (Jr., 6-2, 185, R/R); C Hank Smith (So., 5-9, 170, L/R); INF/RHP Drew Rothschild (So., 5-10, 185, R/R); INF Ben Williams (So., 6-2, 185, R/R)

Season Outlook: If there is a such thing as rebuilding at Cartersville, this might be it. Graduation took a bite out of the Hurricanes' roster, but the cupboard is not bare. Infielder and all-state performer Josh Davis returns as well as a solid senior class. Cartersville will be looking for some underclassmen to step up.

CEDARTOWN BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Gevin Johnson

Assistant Coach (s): Dustin Little, Eddie Gambrell, Jeff Dingler

2019 Record: 15-15

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Corben Cuzzott (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Cade Dingler (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF Griffin Elder (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Jerry Simmons (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); 3B/OF Jacob Bradshaw (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); SS/2B/RHP Easton Oxenrider (Sr., 5-9, 175, L/R); SS/2B/RHP MJ Holiday (So., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Taji Hudson (Sr., 6-5, 195, R/R); C Mason Bennett (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); RHP Cam Jackson (Jr., 5-7, 150, R/R); OF Michael Walker (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R); INF Trent Johnson (So., 6-0, 155, R/R)

Top Newcomers: SS/2B Dylan Cuff (Fr., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF/RHP Reece Tanner (Fr., 6-2, 160, L/R); C Eli Barrow (Fr., 5-8, 185, R/R); INF Denver Nale (Fr., 5-9, 150, R/R); OF/INF Harlem Diamond (Fr., 5-9, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: Cedartown looks to build off last year's playoff season by taking things a step farther. A good group of seniors and juniors return. Seven starters are back, including offensive leader Easton Oxenrider (.368 avg., 13 2B). Infielder/outfielder Jacob Bradshaw also returns.



Easton Oxenrider
Cedartown

CENTRAL-CARROLLTON LIONS

Head Coach: Wes Shiver

Assistant Coach (s): Nathan Urquhart, Randy Hill, Stephen Kegley, Mack McKinley

2019 Record: 13-16

Returning Starters: C Carson Carroll (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); 1B/DH Ross Helton (Sr., 6-1, 285, R/R); LHP/1B/DH Casey Casseen (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/L); RHP/OF Hayden Hall (Sr., 6-1, 155, L/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Beau Ivy (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R); RHP Brad Gabriel (Sr., 5-11, 180, L/R); RHP/OF Bryce Kubicek (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); C Bristol Phillips (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP/OF Jaden Traylor (Jr., 6-0, 150, R/R); RHP/3B Josh Heredia (Jr., 6-0, 190, R/R); INF Wendell Perry (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/3B Bishop Woods (Sr., 6-4, 205, R/R); INF/OF Matthew Bass (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Lions have some holes to fill in the lineup, but the pitching is there for them to compete for a postseason position. Right-handers Casey Casseen, Hayden Hall and Bishop Woods anchor the rotation, while catcher Carson Carroll (.342 avg., 17 RBIs) and first baseman Ross Helton are back to lead the offense.

CHAPEL HILL PANTHERS

Head Coach: Adam Graham

Assistant Coach (s): TJ Watson, Doug Allen, Daniel Willis, Ben Ford

2019 Record: 6-16-1

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Will Beasley (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/OF DJ Johnson (Sr., 6-3, 205, R/R); OF Kameron Maxie (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); LHP/INF Pierce Abbott (Sr., 6-0, 215, R/L); RHP/INF Alec Hagan (Sr., 6-1, 200, R/R); RHP/INF Kahreh Valentin (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF/LHP Devin Akiens (Sr., 5-11, 175, L/L); OF Jalen Ford (Sr., 5-11, 195, R/R); C/OF Andrew Ferguson (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); RHP/INF Christian Griffin (Jr., 6-2, 200, R/R); INF/RHP Jamie Lawrence (Jr., 5-11, 185, R/R); C/INF Mikah Pelzer (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); RHP/C Bradley Turner (Jr., 5-11, 190, R/R); INF Trace Alexander (Jr., 5-11, 200, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Daneus Arnold (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF Ethan Key (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); OF Terrence Sheppard (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); INF Mason Nails (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Ryan Wynn (Fr., 5-9, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Panthers have a lot of returning talent and should have a chance to be much better this spring. An excellent group of seniors and juniors are back. Senior Will Beasley returns to lead a solid pitching rotation. The Panthers, however, must have some consistency on offense.

LAGRANGE GRANGERS

Head Coach: Donnie Branch

Assistant Coach (s): Chad Grant, Drew Eady, Harrison Kurtz

2019 Record: 15-20

Returning Starters:

RHP Jake Cardwell (Sr., 5-8, 145, R/R); 2B/RHP Walt Lanier (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF/INF/RHP Charles Crawford (Sr., 6-1, 190, L/R); OF/LHP Brant Williams (Sr., 5-10, 155, L/L); INF/RHP Mason Green (Sr., 6-0, 145, L/R);

OF/INF Will Alford (Jr., 6-1, 225, R/R); OF Cole Crawford (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); DH Will Flowers (Sr., 6-2, 270, R/R); RHP Matthew Morgan (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Landon Tucker (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Blake Hadaway (Sr., 6-1, 165, R/R); OF Cole Cox (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Logan Karcher (Sr., 5-10, 145, R/R); INF Ethan Hadaway (Sr., 5-11, 205, R/R); C Zach Thompson (So., 5-8, 150, R/R); OF/RHP Chase Williams (So., 5-10, 155, L/R); INF/RHP Kevin Neighbors (So., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Grangers welcome back a strong senior class and could be the team to beat in Region 5-4A. Versatile Charles Crawford and Will Alford return to lead the offense, while junior right-hander Matthew Morgan is back to lead a solid pitching rotation.

SANDY CREEK PATRIOTS

Head Coach: Nick Pou

Assistant Coach (s): TBA

2019 Record: 10-19

Returning Starters: OF John Marant (Sr.); 1B/C Brian Siefert (Sr.); U Logan Byerly (Sr.); RHP/INF Glenn Green (Jr.); INF Jonathan Little (So.); OF Jordan Thomas (So.)

Other Returning Players: OF Jordun Green (Sr.); 1B/RHP Hunter

Maddox (So.); LHP Jacob Bodkin (Jr.); INF Donovan Fischer (Jr.)

Top Newcomers: OF Kaleb Cost (Fr.); INF Kaden Brown (Fr.)

Season Outlook: The Patriots begin their second season under coach Nick Pou and look to contend for a playoff berth. Six starters are back to lead the way, including outfielder John Marant. Junior pitcher/infielder Glenn Green and sophomore infielder Jonathan Little are players to keep an eye on.

TROUP TIGERS

Head Coach: Craig Garner

Assistant Coach (s): Richie Barber, Brock Barber, Mason Brackett,

Josh King, Drew Garner

2019 Record: 13-16

Returning Starters:

INF/C/RHP Colton Webb (Jr., 5-11, 195, R/R); INF/C Caleb McCurry (Sr., 5-9, 195, R/R); OF Cade Garner (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R); OF Luke Purnell (Sr., 6-2, 200, R/R); OF/RHP

Grayson Garner (Sr., 6-1, 140, R/R); INF Ethan Morton (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R)

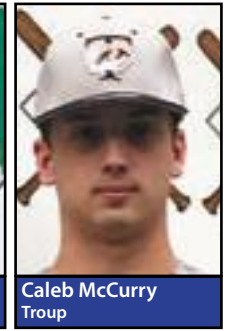
Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Daniel Martin (So., 5-9, 150, R/R); INF/RHP Carson Garner (So., 5-7, 130, R/R); OF Hunter Kitchens (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R); 1B Chance Lester (Sr., 5-11, 195, R/R); OF/RHP Tre Mosely (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Brett Haynes (So., 6-1, 190, R/R); OF Nic Philpot (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Devon Murphy (Fr., 5-10, 150, R/R); INF/RHP Reed Morris (Fr., 5-9, 170, R/R); C/INF/P Cole Garner (Fr., 5-7, 130)

Season Outlook: After a disappointing finish in 2019, Troup looks to rebound. The Tigers welcome back the return of six starters, including seniors Caleb McCurry and Cade Garner as well as junior Colton Webb. But the lack of experienced pitching is a concern. The senior class is solid, but the Tigers will need some underclassmen to step forward and contribute.



Cade Garner
Troup



Caleb McCurry
Troup

REGION 6-4A

Region Favorite: Northwest Whitfield

Keep an eye on: Pickens – Strong senior class will lead Dragons to playoffs again.

Players to Watch

RHP/1B – Hank Bearden, Sr., Northwest Whitfield; **3B/RHP** – Colby James, Sr., Pickens; **LHP/OF** – Robert Jent, Jr., Ridgeland; **OF/LHP** – Cade Kiniry, Jr., Heritage-Catoosa; **INF/C/RHP** – Bryson Lofton, Sr., Southeast Whitfield; **U** – Drew Meade, Sr., Ridgeland; **OF/RHP** – Zach Miller, Sr., Gilmer; **INF/C/RHP** – Alex Mixon, Jr., Heritage-Catoosa; **SS** – Brady Moore, Sr., Pickens; **2B** – Eli Nance, Sr., Northwest Whitfield; **1B/RHP** – Chad Pacas, Sr., Pickens; **SS** – Matthew Redmond, Jr., Northwest Whitfield; **OF** – Terrance Roberts, Sr., Ridgeland; **INF/RHP** – Caden Snyder, Jr., Heritage-Catoosa; **OF** – Adam Sowder, Sr., Southeast Whitfield; **C** – Tyler Vreeland, Sr., Pickens; **OF/LHP** – Tyler Wright, Sr., Gilmer

GILMER BOBCATS

Head Coach: Jeff Thurman

Assistant Coach (s): Justin Clutter, Todd Gibson, Scott DeGraff

2019 Record: 10-14

Returning Starters: INF Jake Rhodes (Jr., 5-11, 205, R/R); C Gabe Wolfson (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); SS/RHP Jess Buckner (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF/LHP Tyler Wright (Sr., 5-11, 160, L/L); OF/RHP Zach Miller (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Levi Marshall (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF Sam Davis (Sr., 5-9, 155, R/R); 1B Jace McClure (Sr., 6-2, 250, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Ashton White (Jr., 5-9, 210, R/R); OF Spenser Smith (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF Colton Nunn (So., 5-11, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Branson Teague (So., 5-11, 150, R/R); OF/RHP Seth Darling (So., 6-1, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Spencer Merritt (So., 6-0, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Bobcats lost some key players from last season, but they welcome back five returning starters and should have a chance to improve upon last season's finish. The senior class is small, but Gilmer will be looking for a solid group of juniors and sophomores to contribute.

HERITAGE-CATOOSA GENERALS

Head Coach: Eric Beagles

Assistant Coach (s): David Dinger, Cody Lones

2019 Record: 17-15

Returning Starters: 1B/C Pete Padgett (Sr., 5-11, 195, R/R); INF/RHP Caden Snyder (Jr., 5-8, 140, R/R); 1B/OF/RHP Nick Hanson (Jr., 6-1, 190, R/R); OF/LHP Cade Kiniry (Jr., 5-9, 140, L/L); INF/C/RHP Alex Mixon (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R); OF Dylan Bryan (Jr., 5-7, 140, R/R); OF/C Ryan Heet (So., 5-8, 140, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/OF Ethan Lovell (Sr., 5-6, 120, R/R); INF/OF Camden Quails (Sr., 5-2, 100, R/R); RHP Trey Faulkner (Jr., 5-11, 140, R/R); OF/INF Gabe Serrano (Jr., 5-11, 155, R/R); INF/C Cannon Stafford (So., 5-6, 120, R/R); INF/RHP Mike Stokes (So., 5-6, 150, R/R); 1B/C JT Eason (So., 5-10, 175, R/R); LHP/OF Hayden Hall (So., 5-10, 125, R/L); OF/RHP Josh Apple (So., 5-7, 125, R/R)

Season Outlook: In a rebuilding season in 2019, Heritage won 17 games and still made the state playoffs. Look for the Generals to be better this spring and contend for the region crown. The team is still relatively young as only one senior starter returns. Infielder/pitcher Caden Snyder and infielder/catcher/pitcher Alex Mixon were promising as sophomores last season.

LAFAYETTE RAMBLERS

Head Coach: Chris Base

Survey not returned

NORTHWEST WHITFIELD BRUINS

Head Coach: Todd Middleton

Assistant Coach (s): Brad Dunn, David Redmond, Tony Crossen

2019 Record: 20-8

Returning Starters: RHP/1B Hank Bearden (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); 2B Eli Nance (Sr., 5-6, 135, R/R); 3B/OF Noah Newman (Sr., 5-10, 135, R/R); OF Hayden Pack (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R); SS Matthew Redmond (Jr., 5-7, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP Chipper Kierce (Sr., 6-0, 160, L/L); C Daiman Banta (Jr., 6-0, 185,



Matthew Redmond
Northwest Whitfield

R/R); INF/RHP Aiden Hosford (So., 5-10, 150, R/R); LHP/OF Cade Fisher (So., 6-2, 150, L/L); LHP/OF Keaton McQuaig (So., 6-0, 165, L/L)

Season Outlook: The Bruins should pick up from where they left off last year. They return one of the state's top players in pitcher/first baseman Hank Bearden as well as four other returning starters, including all-region performer Matthew Redmond. Second baseman Eli Nance also is back. Keep an eye on a solid group of sophomore pitchers who will be expected to help carry the load.

PICKENS DRAGONS

Head Coach: Adam Williams

Assistant Coach (s): Gil Suarez, Zach Martin, Taylor Haney, Chris Huff

2019 Record: 19-13

Returning Starters: SS Brady Moore (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); 3B/RHP Colby James (Sr., 6-1, 200, R/R); 1B/RHP Chad Pacas (Sr., 6-0, 195, R/R); C Tyler Vreeland (Sr., 5-8, 185, R/R); C/DH Austin Chester (Sr., 6-2, 215, R/R); OF Hunter White (Jr., 5-10, 190, R/R); OF Christian Chumley (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Jarod Whitmore (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP Ben Miller (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP Austin Plumley (Sr., 6-1, 160, R/R); 1B/RHP Seth Densmore (Jr., 6-2, 230, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Drake Sutton (Jr., 6-1, 160, R/R); OF Anthony Jones (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); C/RHP Anthony Antinozzi (So., 6-1, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: An excellent returning senior class will help Pickens contend for the postseason again. Seven starters are back, including shortstop Brady Moore. Catcher Tyler Vreeland and third baseman/pitcher Colby James and first baseman/pitcher Chad Pacas are also back.



Brady Moore
Pickens

RIDGELAND PANTHERS

Head Coach: Scott Harden

Assistant Coach (s): Slade Dale, Forest Hunter, Shawn Crawford, Adam Knight

2019 Record: 16-8

Returning Starters: OF Terrance Roberts (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF/1B Lane Johnson (Sr., 6-2, 185, L/R); U Drew Meade (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); SS Chris Maddeaux (So., 5-10, 165, R/R); 2B Zach Harrison (So., 6-0, 160, R/R); LHP/OF Robert Jent (Jr., 6-2, 180, L/L)

Other Returning Players: 1B Jacob Klein (So., 6-7, 255, L/R); 3B/C Dylan Fowler (Sr., 5-10, 155, R/R); OF/RHP Jordan McLin (Jr., 6-2, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Aiden Raymer (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); RHP/3B Chandler Goodwin (Jr., 6-4, 200, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C Hudson Couch (Fr., 5-10, 145, B/R); RHP/SS Austyn Acuff (Fr., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF Dakota Stone (Fr., 5-11, 165)

Season Outlook: The Panthers made the state playoffs last season and have the talent to return this spring. Six starters are back, including outfielder Terrance Roberts. Ridgeland needs some pitching to step forward, but the return of junior left-hander Robert Jent will help out.



Terrance Roberts
Ridgeland

SOUTHEAST WHITFIELD RAIDERS

Head Coach: Brad Lofton

Assistant Coach (s): Chad Ikerd, Austin Fowler, Grant Sane

2019 Record: 13-17

Returning Starters: OF Adam Sowder (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); 3B/1B/C/RHP Bryson Lofton (Sr., 6-1, 220, L/R); SS/RHP Cobey Patterson (Jr., 6-2, 150, R/R); 3B/OF/RHP Jacob Gentry (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); 2B/OF Laine Carden (Jr., 5-8, 140, R/R); 1B/OF/RHP Marc Mireles (Sr., 5-10, 195, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/OF DJ Worthy (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Heath Jenkins (Sr., 5-8, 140, R/R); RHP/INF Jeric Gann (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); 1B/DH Riley Parker (Jr., 6-2, 245, R/R)

Top Newcomers: SS/2B/RHP Johnny Vega (Fr., 5-8, 140, R/R); 3B/OF/C/RHP Brady Ensley (Fr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP/1B Cal Rich (Fr., 6-4, 170, R/R); 2B/OF Alden Patterson (Fr., 5-8, 140, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Raiders have some holes to fill, but there is a good nucleus of talent for them to build around. Six starters are back, including outfielder Adam Sowder (.349 avg., 16 RBIs) and versatile Bryson Lofton (.417 avg., 19 RBIs). The lack of experienced pitching is a concern.



Bryson Lofton
Southeast Whitfield

Nick Tarantino (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); RHP/INF Joseph Chambers (Jr., 6-3, 225, R/R); SS/2B Jonathan Franchi (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); U Carson Harof (Jr., 5-10, 195, R/R); OF/LHP Matthew McCaffrey (So., 5-10, 175, L/L); OF/RHP David Coltrane (Jr., 6-3, 185, R/R)

Season Outlook: If there is a such thing as rebuilding at Blessed Trinity, it may be this spring. The Titans lost a lot to graduation, but the slate isn't completely bare. Six starters are back. A small, but talented senior class is back to lead the way. Pitcher DJ Radtke returns after a strong junior campaign.



Trey Baker
Blessed Trinity



Dom Marcoccio
Blessed Trinity



Michael Mitchler
Blessed Trinity



DJ Radtke
Blessed Trinity

REGION 7-4A

Region Favorite: Blessed Trinity

Keep an eye on: Denmark – The Danes are young, but there is a lot of talent on that team.

Players to Watch

LHP/INF – Andrew Armstrong, Sr., Flowery Branch; **RHP/OF** – Trey Baker, Sr., Blessed Trinity; **OF/DH** – Brett Buursema, Sr., Blessed Trinity; **CF** – Caleb Carter, Sr., Chestatee; **RHP/OF** – Matthew Cassandra, Sr., Denmark; **1B/2B/OF** – Logan DeLong, Sr., Denmark; **C/3B** – Kaleb Freeman, Jr., Flowery Branch; **RHP** – Dalton Hansard, Sr., Denmark; **OF/INF/RHP** – Jben Haynes, Jr., White County; **OF** – Canaan Koger, Sr., West Hall; **RHP/3B** – Jack Kream, Sr., Denmark; **RHP/C** – Sammy Leis, So., Denmark; **C** – Phillip LeMay, Sr., Chestatee; **RHP** – Dom Marcoccio, Sr., Blessed Trinity; **RHP/3B** – Benson Miller, Sr., Chestatee; **INF/RHP** – Michael Mitchler, Jr., Blessed Trinity; **RHP/1B** – DJ Radtke, Jr., Blessed Trinity; **INF** – Thomas Rollauer, Jr., Marist; **RHP/U** – Nic Roma, Sr., Marist; **LHP/INF/OF** – Zander Sechrist, Sr., Flowery Branch; **RHP/U** – William Stephens, Sr., Marist; **LHP/1B** – Liam Sullivan, Sr., Marist; **OF** – Gray Wilson, Jr., Denmark; **RHP/C** – Anthony Woeljte, Jr., Flowery Branch

BLESSED TRINITY TITANS

Head Coach: Andy Harlin

Assistant Coach (s): Jamie Wagner, Brandon Harwell, CJ Brazil

2019 Record: 31-9

Returning Starters: RHP Dom Marcoccio (Sr., 6-5, 235, R/R); RHP/OF Trey Baker (Sr., 6-3, 215, L/R); OF/DH Bret Buursema (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); C Hayden Grier (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); RHP/1B DJ Radtke (Jr., 6-4, 205, R/R); INF/RHP Michael Mitchler (Jr., 6-3, 200, L/R)

Other Returning Players: 2B/SS Ben Hamacher (Jr., 5-9, 175, R/R); C

CHESTATEE WAR EAGLES

Head Coach: Jon Brewer

Assistant Coach (s): Wes Dunn, Luke Crumley

2019 Record: 13-13

Returning Starters: CF Caleb Carter (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/3B Benson Miller (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); C Phillip LeMay (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); LF Robbie James (Sr., 6-4, 220, R/R); RHP/SS Clay Tyas (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); 2B Nolan Turner (So., 6-0, 160, R/R); RHP/1B Nathan Bull (So., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP/RF Hunter Potzner (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP/U Ryan Black (So., 5-8, 140, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP Landon Lee (Fr., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP/LF Hunter Touche (Fr., 5-8, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: Chestatee narrowly missed out on the playoffs in 2019. They return all but one starter and have enough talent to contend. Offensive leaders Caleb Carter and Benson Miller return to lead the way. The senior class is solid, but look out for an excellent group of underclassmen who will contribute.

DENMARK DANES

Head Coach: David Smart

Assistant Coach (s): Chad Pigg, Jon Moore, Tyler Riddle, Brandon Brock

2019 Record: 21-19

Other Returning Players: OF Teddy Davenport (Jr., L/L); RHP/3B Jack Kream (Sr., L/R); 1B/2B/OF Logan DeLong (Sr., L/R); RHP/3B Drew Clare (So., R/R); RHP/C Sammy Leis (So., R/R); C Carson Russell (Jr., B/R); U Tim Welicky (Jr., R/R); 2B/SS Nic Ferrer (Jr., R/R); OF Brody Wheeler (So., R/R); OF Cole Hansen (Sr., L/L); LHP Carter Manley (Sr., L/L); RHP Erik Achtermann (Jr., R/R); OF Gray Wilson (Jr., R/R); 2B/SS Jaxson Corr (Jr., R/R); 1B Aiden Whillock (Jr., R/R); 2B/SS Smaran Ramanathan (Jr., R/R); C



Matthew Cassandra
Denmark



Jack Kream
Denmark

Ryan Kidd (Jr., R/R); RHP/OF Matthew Cassandra (Sr., R/R); OF Trevor Bryk (Sr., R/R); RHP Dalton Hansard (Sr., R/R)

Season Outlook: After getting hot and finishing as the state runner-up in their inaugural season, the Danes will have a target on their back in 2020. The team had no seniors in 2019 and with the exception of two transfers, Denmark returns everyone. All-state players Jack Kream and Matthew Cassandra return. This team will be tough.

FLOWERY BRANCH FALCONS

Head Coach: Joey Ray

Assistant Coach (s): Dusty Black, Robby Boudreau, Austin Brown

2019 Record: 16-14

Returning Starters: LHP/INF Andrew Armstrong (Sr., 6-2, 170, L/L); LHP/INF/OF Zander Sechrist (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/L); OF/LHP Grant Lackey (Sr., 5-11, 180, L/L); INF/RHP Rhodes Compton (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Tai Lizdas (Sr., 6-3, 175, R/R); C/3B Kaleb Freeman (Jr., 5-11, 170, B/R); INF Connor Larson (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); INF JB Bell (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/C Anthony Woeljte (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); RHP/OF Austin Hatcher (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); INF Baxley O'Brien (So., 6-0, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/C Colby Harrison (So., 5-10, 215, R/R); OF Nick Linkowski (So., 5-11, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Falcons return a wealth of talent and should be in postseason contention again. And a pair of left-handed pitchers -- Andrew Armstrong (4-2, 1.02 ERA) and Zander Sechrist (4-3, 1.83 ERA) -- will lead the way. Flowery Branch will be looking for consistency from its offense. Some solid underclassmen will contribute.



Zander Sechrist
Flowery Branch

MARIST WAR EAGLES

Head Coach: Mike Strickland

Assistant Coach (s): Cory Tibbs, Dale Carey, Bobby Elliott, David Trapani, Tim Perez

2019 Record: 26-8

Returning Starters:

P/1B Liam Sullivan (Sr.); P/U William Stephens (Sr.); P/U Nic Roma (Sr.); INF Thomas Rollauer (Jr.); C/OF Corey Taylor (Jr.); P/OF Tyler Hare (Jr.)

Other Returning

Players: OF Jacob Talley

(Sr.); C/U DC Coleman (Sr.); U Dylan Duval (Sr.); U Ben Nordin (Sr.)

Top Newcomers: P Thomas Markwalter (Jr.); OF Andrew Mannelly (So.); INF Ryan McTighe (So.)

Season Outlook: The War Eagles should once again be expected to contend for the region title and a postseason berth. Pitching should be solid as seniors Liam Sullivan, William Stephens and Nic Roma all return. Look for some younger players to step forward and contribute this spring.



William Stephens
Marist



Liam Sullivan
Marist

WEST HALL SPARTANS

Head Coach: Brannon Humphries (new)

Survey not returned

WHITE COUNTY WARRIORS

Head Coach: Jim Waites

Survey not returned

REGION 8-4A

Region Favorite: North Oconee

Keep an eye on: Saint Pius X – Lions look to build from last year.

Players to Watch

OF – Ridge Adams, Sr., Stephens County; **RHP/OF** – Austin Baddely, Sr., Madison County; **OF** – Woody Barks, Sr., North Oconee; **INF/RHP** – Bubba Chandler, Jr., North Oconee; **RHP** – Garrett Dowell, Sr., Madison County; **INF** – Adam Echols, Sr., Madison County; **OF/RHP** – Tommy Fry, Sr., Saint Pius X; **LHP/1B** – Will Gunter, Sr., Oconee County; **RHP** – Josh Henshaw, Sr., Stephens County; **OF/LHP** – Jack Herring, Jr., Saint Pius X; **OF/LHP** – Caden Kopaniasz, Sr., Oconee County; **OF** – Isaiah Martin, Sr., Stephens County; **OF** – Jacob Pajer, Sr., Saint Pius X; **SS/RHP** – Will Pearson, Sr., North Oconee; **RHP/INF** – Agyei Quinichett, Jr., Saint Pius X; **RHP/INF** – Will Tippet, So., Saint Pius X; **C** – Bennett Toci, Sr., North Oconee; **C** – Matthew Turner, Sr., Saint Pius X; **SS** – Eli Wenger, Sr., Stephens County

MADISON COUNTY RED RAIDERS

Head Coach: Chad Gillespie

Assistant Coach (s): Jeff Davis, Jack May, Alex Jordan, Bobby Howard

2019 Record: 10-14

Returning Starters: RHP Garrett Dowell (Sr., 6-4, 180, R/R); RHP/OF Austin Baddely (Sr., 5-11, 145, R/R); INF Adam Echols (Sr., 5-11, 150, R/R); C/RHP Colby Smith (Sr., 5-11, 150, R/R); 1B/C Will Whitehead (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); INF/OF Andrew Porterfield (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Jarrett Moore (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); INF/RHP Russ Bray (Sr., 6-1, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Ben Bray (So., 6-1, 150, L/R); C Tyler Wright (So., 5-8, 155, R/R); INF/RHP Logan Griffeth (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 1B/DH Eli Akins (So., 6-3, 230, R/R); OF Carter Hart (Jr., 6-1, 160, R/R); OF/INF Brady Bates (Jr., 6-0, 155, R/R); C/RHP Caleb Beavers (So., 6-1, 155, R/R); RHP Stephen Brooks (So., 6-4, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: Madison County should be much-improved after somewhat of a rebuilding season in 2019. A strong corps of seniors will lead the way. Pitchers Garrett Dowell and Austin Baddely lead what should be a solid pitching rotation. Infielder Adam Echols returns to lead the offense.

NORTH OCONEE TITANS

Head Coach: Jay Lasley

Assistant Coach (s): Matt Kelley, Tom Dimitroff, Eric Bounds, Tyler Pittman, Brandon Gaubert

2019 Record: 25-9

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Will Pearson (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); OF Woody Barks (Sr., 5-9, 215, R/R); C Bennett Toci (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R); INF/RHP Bubba Chandler (Jr., 6-3, 185, B/R); RHP Dylan Wilhelm (Sr., 6-2, 205, R/R); RHP/1B Chandler White (Sr., 6-0, 215, R/R); OF/RHP Tanner Evilsizor (Jr., 6-0, 190, R/R); INF/OF David Wiley (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Other Returning

Players: INF/OF Tyler Chappell (Sr., 6-0, 170, B/R); INF Michael Hotcaveg (Sr., 5-7, 185, R/R); OF/C Gianni Lombardo (Sr., 5-9, 170, L/R); INF Tanner Dempsey (Jr., 5-9, 140, R/R); RHP Nate Lemons (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/RHP Carter Freeman (Jr., 5-9, 175, R/R); LHP/OF Joe Waddell (Jr., 6-2, 175, L/L); INF Phillip Ard (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); C/RHP/INF Gavin Black (So., 5-11, 175, L/R); INF/RHP Justin Byrd (So., 6-0, 150, R/R); RHP/OF Styles Begnaud (So., 5-11, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Parker Herndon (So., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: Look for the Titans to challenge for the region title again this season. North Oconee has enough pitching and offense to be among the state's elite programs. Keep an eye on shortstop/pitcher Will Pearson, outfielder Woody Barks and infielder/pitcher Bubba Chandler.



Woody Barks
North Oconee



Bubba Chandler
North Oconee



Will Pearson
North Oconee



Bennett Toci
North Oconee

OCONEE COUNTY WARRIORS

Head Coach: Tom Gooch

Assistant Coach (s): Eric Watson, Tommy Fountain, Rob Farriba

2019 Record: 18-13

Returning Starters: OF/LHP Caden Kopaniasz (Sr., 5-10, 155, L/L); 2B/C Reilly Christie (Sr., 5-10, 145, R/R); 3B Will Griffith (Sr., 6-2, 150, R/R); OF/RHP Cam Lewis (Sr., 6-2, 220, R/R); LHP/1B Will Gunter (Sr., 5-11, 175, L/L)

Other Returning Players: C/RHP Garris Duke (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); LHP Kole Page (Sr., 6-1, 240, L/L); 1B/RHP Zach Bolding (Jr., 6-6, 250, R/R); 1B/RHP TL Saxon (So., 6-1, 230, R/R); OF/RHP Liam Lewis (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); OF/RHP McGinnis Harvey (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: SS Landon Tate (Fr., 5-8, 145, R/R)

Season Outlook: Graduation took a big bite out of Oconee County's roster, but there is plenty of talent returning to contend for the playoffs. Five starters are back, including pitchers Will Gunter and Caden Kopaniasz. The Warriors should be able to generate some offense as seniors Reilly Christie, Will Griffith and Cam Lewis return.

SAINT PIUS X GOLDEN LIONS

Head Coach: Chad Garrison

Assistant Coach (s):

Andrew Mabini, Michael Lancaster, Bobby Tippet, Trey Broussard

2019 Record: 12-22

Returning Starters: OF Jacob Pajer (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Tommy Fry (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); C Matthew Turner (Sr.,



Jacob Pajer
St. Pius X



Agyei Quinichett
St. Pius X

6-0, 180, R/R); RHP/OF Will Broxterman (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); INF Daniel Amaya (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); RHP/INF Agyei Quinichett (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF/LHP Jack Herring (Jr., 5-9, 160, B/L); OF/LHP Cooper Harlan (Jr., 5-11, 165, L/L); RHP/INF Will Tippet (So., 6-2, 165, B/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP Matthew Burdick (Sr., 6-0, 220, L/L); C/1B Nicolas Robinson (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); OF Frankie Maloof (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); OF/RHP John Henry Harrison (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: After making the state playoffs last year, St. Pius X looks to take things farther. The Lions will rely heavily on a solid group of young pitchers as well as a small but talented group of seniors. Senior leaders Jacob Pajer, Tommy Fry and Matthew Turner will help the Lions contend for the postseason again.



William Tippet
St. Pius X



Matthew Turner
St. Pius X

STEPHENS COUNTY INDIANS

Head Coach: Greg McCall

Assistant Coach (s): Michael Thomas, Rocky Fulbright, Kevin McConnell

2019 Record: 18-13-1

Returning Starters: SS Eli Wenger (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF Isaiah Martin (Sr., 6-4, 195, R/R); 2B Cole Snyder (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Ridge Adams (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF Jordan Page (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Josh Henshaw (Sr., 6-4, 195, R/R); C Tristen Farmer (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); OF Brodrick Gaston (Sr., 5-8, 145, R/R); RHP Chubba Roush (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); RHP/1B Jackson Dean (Sr., 6-1, 245, R/R); RHP/OF Pierce Childs (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); 3B Seth Jameson (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP Carson Worley (So., 5-10, 165, L/L)

Season Outlook: The Indians welcome back an excellent senior class. However, losing the team's top pitchers from last year will hurt. Senior Josh Henshaw returns on the mound to lead a young group of pitchers. Meanwhile, outfielder Isaiah Martin and shortstop Eli Wenger return to lead the offense.





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Metro Atlanta BIG 10



Name: Alek Boychuk

School: Mill Creek

Position: Catcher

Height/Weight: 6-0/215

Q: Who has been the most influential person in your life and why?

A: My dad, he works harder than anyone I know to supply for my family and even giving up his wants to supply for my family.



Name: Miles Garrett

School: Parkview

Position: Pitcher/Outfielder

Height/Weight: 6-0/180

Q: Name the person you'd like to meet the most and why?

A: Inky Johnson - his story is incredible and I love his motivational videos.



Name: Corey Collins

School: North Gwinnett

Position: Catcher

Height/Weight: 6-3/215

Q: After baseball, what career are you planning to pursue?

A: Either a cop or a deep-sea fisherman.



Name: Parks Harber

School: Westminster

Position: Infielder/Pitcher

Height/Weight: 6-2/200

Q: Name one thing people may be surprised to learn about you?

A: I have a twin brother who goes to my high school's rival - Lovett.



Name: Patrick Holloman

School: Ola

Position: Pitcher/Outfielder

Height/Weight: 6-1/200

Q: If you could travel anywhere outside the U.S., what would be your dream location and why?

A: Italy - I love Italian food.



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Metro Atlanta BIG 10



Name: Caleb Ketchup

School: Holy Innocents'

Position: Shortstop/Pitcher

Height/Weight: 6-0/165

Q: If money was no object and you could do anything in this world, what would you do?

A: I would want to be a coach. I want to coach a Little League team.



Name: Will Sanders

School: Woodward Academy

Position: Pitcher/Infielder

Height/Weight: 6-6/185

Q: Name something people will be surprised to learn about you:

A: I take a dance fitness class at my school for flexibility.



Name: Reid Robertson

School: Pope

Position: Outfielder/Pitcher

Height/Weight: 5-10/170

Q: What in-game rituals or superstitions do you have?

A: If we are on a winning streak, I try to keep everything I do the same, from what I eat down to how I dress.



Name: Charlie Taylor

School: Wesleyan

Position: Catcher

Height/Weight: 5-10/185

Q: If money was no object and you could do anything in this world, what would you do?

A: I would buy tickets to the biggest college football games every year and go see them.



Name: Jordan Walker

School: Decatur

Position: Infielder/Pitcher

Height/Weight: 6-5/210

Q: Name something people will be surprised to learn about you:

A: I hate eggs.





North Georgia BIG 10



Name: Andrew Armstrong

School: Flowery Branch

Position: Pitcher/Infielder

Height/Weight: 6-2/170

Q: After baseball, what career are you planning to pursue?

A: I plan on pursuing a career where I can make a difference in the world.



Name: Carson Beavers

School: Fannin County

Position: Pitcher/Outfielder

Height/Weight: 6-0/170

Q: What is your favorite food to eat?

A: Steak



Name: Hank Bearden

School: Northwest Whitfield

Position: Pitcher/First Baseman

Height/Weight: 6-0/175

Q: Who has been the most influential person in your life and why?

A: My mom, because she has sacrificed so much for me.



Name: Anthony DiMola

School: North Forsyth

Position: Pitcher

Height/Weight: 6-1/185

Q: What in-game rituals or superstitions do you have?

A: I always warm up between innings the same (all fastballs).



Name: Ty Floyd

School: Rockmart

Position: Shortstop/Pitcher

Height/Weight: 6-3/185

Q: After baseball, what career are you planning to pursue?

A: To become a teacher for many years, then become an athletic director.



WHERE PROSPECTS PLAY





North Georgia BIG 10



Name: Zach Murray

School: Lanier

Position: Pitcher

Height/Weight: 6-0/160

Q: What is your favorite food to eat?

A: Nothing beats a nice steak with mashed potatoes and A1 sauce.



Name: Hudson Sapp

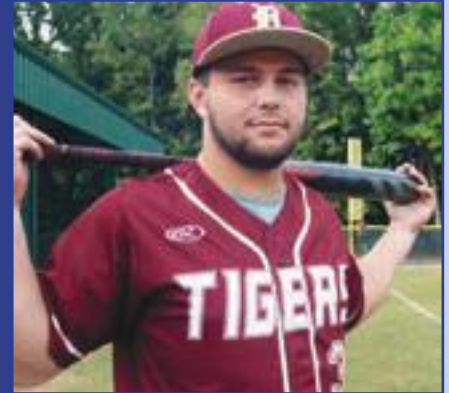
School: Dawson County

Position: Outfielder/Pitcher

Height/Weight: 5-11/190

Q: Who is your favorite teacher and what is your favorite high school subject?

A: Steven Roberts and math.



Name: Jackson Phipps

School: East Paulding

Position: Pitcher/Outfielder

Height/Weight: 6-5/210

Q: What in-game rituals or superstitions do you have?

A: I don't step on the lines, I don't chew seeds until I get a hit.



Name: Dylan Strickland

School: Loganville

Position: Infielder

Height/Weight: 6-1/180

Q: Name one thing people may be surprised to learn about you.

A: I am very shy, but once you get to know me, I talk a lot.



Name: Jake Wright

School: Gordon Lee

Position: Outfielder/Pitcher

Height/Weight: 5-10/160

Q: What in-game rituals or superstitions do you have?

A: Drink a Red Bull before every game.



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South Georgia BIG 10



Name: Tyler Andrews

School: Lowndes

Position: Infielder

Height/Weight: 6-0/195

Q: What in-game rituals or superstitions do you have?

A: Drink Diet Mount Dew and eat snickers before every game and run to the left foul pole.



Name: Garrett Gainous

School: Cairo

Position: Pitcher/Outfielder

Height/Weight: 6-3/195

Q: Who has been the most influential person in your life and why?

A: My grandfather because he has taught me about conquering adversity.



Name: Chase Dollander

School: Greenbrier

Position: Pitcher

Height/Weight: 6-2/190

Q: If money was no object and you could do anything in this world, what would you do?

A: Go to every MLB park in the country and watch games.



Name: Dylan Garner

School: Pike County

Position: Shortstop/Pitcher

Height/Weight: 6-1/175

Q: If you could travel anywhere outside the U.S., what would be your dream location and why?

A: Dubai, because it's cool.



Name: Brooks Gorman

School: Tattnall Square

Position: Third Baseman/Pitcher

Height/Weight: 6-2/190

Q: Name one thing people may be surprised to learn about you.

A: I really like wearing camo crocs.



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South Georgia BIG 10



Name: Paul Hegeman

School: Glynn Academy

Position: Pitcher/Catcher/
First Baseman

Height/Weight: 6-2/220

Q: What is your favorite food to eat?

A: Cheesburger



Name: Mikal Mascarello

School: Statesboro

Position: Pitcher/Infielder

Height/Weight: 5-11/210

Q: Name one thing people may be surprised to learn about you?

A: I have a black belt in karate.



Name: Kyle Hilton

School: Savannah Christian

Position: Pitcher/Catcher

Height/Weight: 5-11/185

Q: Name the person you'd like to meet the most and why?

A: Ronald Acuna because he plays the game very hard.



Name: Ben Schorr

School: Columbus

Position: Catcher

Height/Weight: 6-1/190

Q: What in-game rituals or superstitions do you have?

A: I always draw a cross in the dirt before my at bat.



Name: Hurston Waldrep

School: Thomasville

Position: Outfielder/Pitcher

Height/Weight: 6-2/195

Q: Name one thing people may be surprised to learn about you?

A: I am the kicker for our football team.



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A photograph of Bobby Witt Jr. in a batting stance, wearing a white Kansas City Royals uniform with blue accents and a blue helmet. He is holding a wooden bat and is in the middle of a swing. The background is a blurred stadium filled with spectators.

BOBBY WITT JR.
2019 No. 2 OVERALL PICK
KANSAS CITY ROYALS
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35 of the 41 first and supplemental first-round picks of the 2019 MLB Draft had previously attended a Perfect Game event, including the No. 2 overall pick, Bobby Witt Jr.

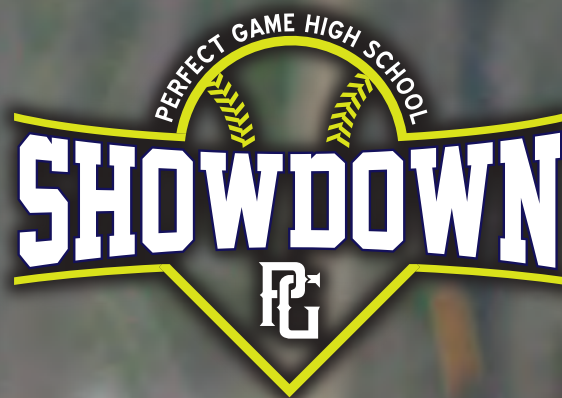
70 of the 78 players selected on the first day (top two rounds) of the 2019 MLB Draft had previously attended a Perfect Game event.

35 of the 78 players selected on the first day of the 2018 MLB Draft had previously attended a Perfect Game National Showcase (18 of which did so in 2018).

21 Perfect Game All-Americans were selected on the first day of the 2019 MLB Draft, 15 of which played in the 2018 Classic.

Since the game's inception in 2003, nine Perfect Game All-Americans have been selected with the first overall pick, including Royce Lewis (2017), Mickey Moniak (2016), Carlos Correa (2012), Gerrit Cole (2011), Bryce Harper (2010) and Justin Upton (2005).

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LOGANVILLE/BUFORD HIGH SCHOOLS (GA)

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Something special

Pike County captures first state baseball title

By Tim Morse

Don Hanson didn't want his thoughts to get out to too many people. But the longtime Pike County baseball coach told his assistant coaches and a few folks in his inner circle.

He believed his 2019 Pike County team had a chance to be special.

"We started preseason workouts in October with speed agility, strength and conditioning," Hanson said. "Halfway through that, and by the time January came around, you could see the focus and the team come together. I had already told our coaches, but two weeks into practice in January, I told the team I believed we had a chance to be special."

Hanson was right. The Pirates went 34-4 and captured the school's first state baseball championship. Two of their losses were to higher classification schools Houston County and Ola.

The championship was a sweet ending for a program that also believed it had a chance in 2018 before stumbling in the quarterfinals of the GHSA Class 3A playoffs. Pike had lost nine seniors to graduation from that team, but they returned a promising pitching rotation of Coleman Crow, Noah Windhorst and Dylan Garner. That rotation, they believed, was good enough to keep them in the chase.

"We weren't sure if we could score many runs," Garner said. "But we felt like with the staff we had, if we could score three to five runs in a game, we felt we could win. We had that much confidence in our pitching staff."

After starting the season 4-0, the Pirates lost a nonregion contest to Houston County before embarking on a 16-game winning streak. After beating Jackson 11-0 in a key Region 4-3A game on April 2, the Red Devils got even three days later with a 5-4 win, a loss Hanson said helped his team more than it hurt.

"We had a good run to start the season," he said. "But that loss was an eye-opener for us. From there, we started doing everything we needed to do to win a championship."

Pike lost just once more – a one-run setback to Class 5A runner-up Ola – in its regular-season finale. The Pirates then swept Long County and Islands before needing three games to eliminate Fannin County in the quarterfinals. They swept Hart County in the semifinals before sweeping Pace Academy in the championship series.

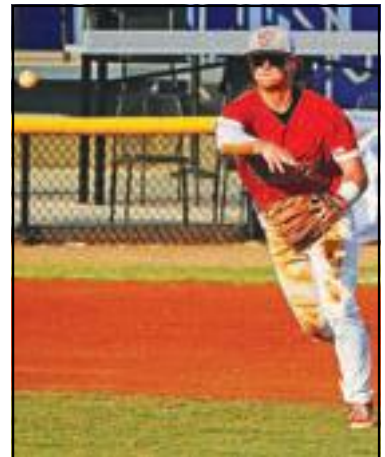
While Crow said the starting pitching was strong, he said having strong relievers like Coleman Boynton and Chad Davis to help out made things easier. And by the postseason, the offense began to click, making the Pirates that much more dangerous.

"We grew up playing together," Crow said. "We knew we'd get it done. But there was something to be said about our team chemistry."

After the championship victory, Hanson said he had some time to gather his thoughts and he remembered what he told the team during the preseason.

"We could see the potential, but we told them they had to be selfless and relentless," he said. "But we also had faith and believed in each other."

They believed all the way to the state championship.



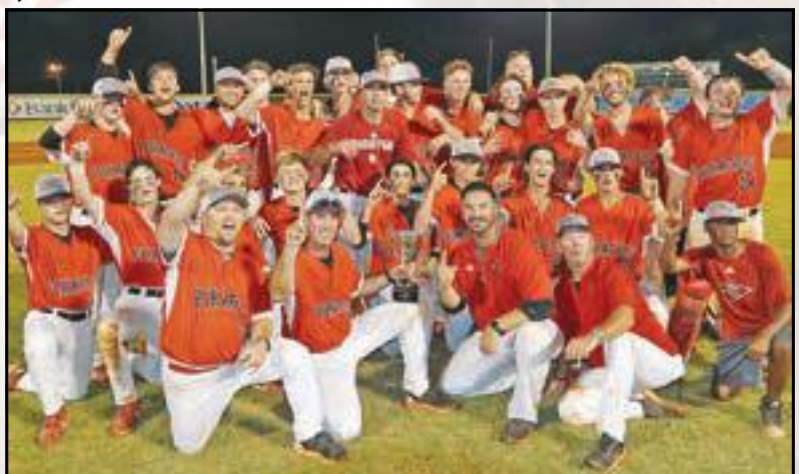
Infielder Marsh Burford throws out a base runner in the Class 3A state championship series.

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Pike County players celebrate after winning the Class 3A state baseball championship.

Photo by John Sullivan - Griffin Daily News



Members of the Pike County baseball team are: **Front Row** (l-r), Coach Chris Washington, Head Coach Don Hanson, Coach Blake Parrott, Coach John Sutton. **Middle Row** (l-r), Tyler James, Wyatt Lee, Luke Alpough, Marsh Burford, Brannon Lopez, JT Anderson, Coleman Crow, Jordan Rogers, Manager Elijah Clemmons. **Back Row** (l-r), Coleman Boynton, Dylan Garner, Davis York, Zach Hampton, Andrew Dennis, Kayden Swift, Christian Perkins, Coach John Hanson, Chad Davis, Chandler Miley, Gavin Duncan, Aiden Whitley, Trainer Josh Parker, Austin Conine, Noah Windhorst, Manager Caiden "Champ" Harper, Coletton Wells.

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Class 3A Top 15

1 FANNIN COUNTY

The Rebels will prove that last year's Region 7 title and run to the state quarterfinals wasn't a fluke. Fannin County welcomes back the best set of pitching of any team in Class 3A. Led by all-state pitcher Carson Beavers, versatile Matthew Shirah and top closer Blake Rogers, it will be tough to beat the Rebels in a three-game set.

In addition to a dominating pitching staff, the Rebels have the offense to back it up. All-state infielder Gabe Buchanan (who can also pitch) leads an offense that also includes Jerritt Holloway and Miles Johnson. The biggest obstacle will be competing in a rugged region that doesn't have any automatic region victories.

2 HART COUNTY

The Bulldogs caught fire late last year, made the state playoffs and went to the semifinals before getting eliminated by eventual state champion Pike County. Along the way, the Bulldogs ended the seasons of perennial state powers Lovett and Ringgold.

Top pitchers Casey Tallent and Will Dean anchor a rotation that will make the Bulldogs a major factor. But the offense won't be too shabby either as catcher Luke Lee and infielder Chase Dalton as well as all-state outfielder Malachi Thomas are all back.

3 NORTH HALL

The Trojans started slowly in 2019, stayed the course with a lot of young players and made it to the state semifinals. The experience North Hall gained will pay off this year. The Trojans will be a very dangerous team.

4 WESTMINSTER

When you have players like Parks Harber and Will Lybrook returning, that alone is worthy of a Top 5 ranking. Injuries hurt the Wildcats last year, but in the process, a lot of younger players got playing time. Look for that to pay off in 2020.

5 JEFFERSON

The Dragons lost a lot from last year's squad that dropped just three games. Jefferson has some excellent players, but they will need more to approach the success they've had the past two years.

6 REDAN

The Raiders, like most schools in Region 5, lost a lot to graduation. But look for Redan to reload and make another deep playoff run. When you have players like hard-throwing right-hander Donye Evans as well as seniors Brandon Lawrence and Branden Lamback, the Raiders won't be going anywhere.

7 CALHOUN

Don't be surprised if this isn't Calhoun's best team since the Jackets won the state title in 2010. Calhoun has all the ingredients to be scary good. But the Jackets will need to keep growing and mature. Next year could potentially be even better.

8 PIKE COUNTY

The Pirates lost two of their best pitchers in Noah Windhorst and Coleman Crow as well as a bunch more talent. The Pirates will still be good with pitcher Dylan Garner leading the way.

9 LOVETT

A first-round playoff exit last year was unusual for the Lions. Lovett has some excellent returners, but they need more to step forward. The rebuild will continue in 2020, but don't ever count out Lovett.

10 PACE ACADEMY

After finishing as the state runner-up, Pace Academy lost a lot last year. The bad news for their opponents is they will reload.

11 RINGGOLD

There is no way most teams can lose the caliber of players Ringgold lost last year to graduation and still be back in the chase. It will happen at Ringgold this spring. The Tigers have a good foundation and they could be dangerous by postseason time.

12 BENEDICTINE

The Cadets' first season in Class 3A was a good one until they were rudely eliminated by Crisp County in the second round. Benedictine still has Carter Holton around as well as some excellent upperclassmen and will be tough again.

13 CHEROKEE BLUFF

The Grizzlies made the playoffs in their inaugural season in 2019. Look for Cherokee Bluff to be even better in 2020.

14 MORGAN COUNTY

Just because the Bulldogs lost a lot to graduation doesn't mean they won't be good. Morgan County has a talented group of seniors anxious to keep the school among the state's elite programs.

15 APPLING COUNTY

The Pirates won 25 games last year with a young team. The majority of that talent returns. Don't sleep on this team.

Others to watch: (Alphabetical Order) Cook, Crisp County, Dawson County, East Jackson, Greater Atlanta Christian, Jackson, Long County, Pierce County, Worth County

CLASS 3A PRESEASON ALL STATE

First Team

Name	Position	Grade	School	Comment
Carson Beavers	Pitcher	Senior	Fannin County	LHP as good as there is
Donye Evans	Pitcher	Senior	Redan	Flame-thrower is tough
Dylan Garner	Pitcher	Senior	Pike County	Tough guy to beat
Michael Hollingsworth	Pitcher	Junior	Lovett	He'll keep getting better
Carter Holton	Pitcher	Junior	Benedictine	This guy can do everything
Brycen Jewell	Pitcher	Senior	Jefferson	Went 8-0 with 1.50 ERA in '19
Casey Tallent	Pitcher	Junior	Hart County	Makes hitters look bad
Carson Kemp	Catcher	Senior	Cherokee Bluff	Carries big bat and good glove
Will Lybrook	Catcher	Senior	Westminster	Also top-notch pitcher
Gabe Buchanan	Infielder	Senior	Fannin County	A good hitter and pitcher
Wyatt Castoe	Infielder	Senior	Sonoraville	Gets the offense started
Will Dean	Infielder	Junior	Hart County	Only going to get better
Jackson Dyer	Infielder	Senior	North Hall	Also a strong pitcher
Parks Harber	Infielder	Senior	Westminster	This guy is the real deal
KJ Manning	Infielder	Senior	Cook	Makes everything look easy
Brayden Broome	Outfielder	Senior	Ringgold	Can play OF or infield
John Andrew Cash	Outfielder	Junior	Calhoun	Makes things happen
Hudson Sapp	Outfielder	Senior	Dawson County	Batted .582 last year
Jayden Thomas	Outfielder	Junior	Pace Academy	Versatile player can go
Malachi Thomas	Outfielder	Junior	Hart County	Quietly does his job
Branden Lamback	Utility	Senior	Redan	Plays his best in tough situations
Ethan Stamps	Designated Hitter	Senior	Morgan County	A tough out

Second Team

Pitchers – Halton Hardy, Sr., East Jackson; Trace Martin, Sr., Brantley County; Bryceton Payne, Sr., Greater Atlanta Christian; Carsen Plumadore, Sr., Cherokee Bluff; Matthew Shirah, Sr., Fannin County; Wes Tadman, Sr., North Hall; David Underwood, Sr., Lovett; **Catchers** – Mason Cooper, Jr., Jefferson; Luke Lee, Sr., Hart County; **Infielders** – Tyler Brooks, Sr., North Hall; Parker Lester, Jr., Calhoun; Jeremiah Reddell, Sr., Worth County; Corbin Shaw, Sr., Redan; Luke Wells, Sr., Long County; Ethan Williams, Sr., Long County; **Outfielders** – Shawn Brown, Sr., Appling County; Jacob Fairbanks, Jr., Greater Atlanta Christian; Cason King, Sr., Worth County; Matthew Poblete, Sr., Appling County; Blake Rogers, Sr., Fannin County; **Utility** – Noah Walters, Jr., Crisp County; **Designated Hitter** – Brandon Lawrence, Sr., Redan

REGION 1-3A

Region Favorite: Cook

Keep an eye on: Worth County – Rams have enough arms to be a very dangerous team.

Players to Watch

3B – Grant Bagley, So., Cook; **LHP** – Salem Brannon, Jr., Cook; **C/INF** – Jack Carter, So., Crisp County; **OF/INF/RHP** – Bailey Coker, Sr., Worth County; **OF/RHP** – Jack Fletcher, Sr., Worth County; **INF** – Bryce Graddy, Sr., Worth County; **LHP** – Hart Griffin, Sr., Cook; **CF** – Cason King, Sr., Worth County; **U/RHP** – Keyshawn Lucy, Sr., Cook; **SS** – KJ Manning, Sr., Cook; **OF/C** – Jackson Napier, Jr., Crisp County; **OF** – Omar Pickett, Jr., Cook; **RHP/SS** – Jeremiah Reddell, Sr., Worth County; **LHP** – Landon Rentz, Jr., Cook; **RHP/INF** – Connor Richmond, Sr., Crisp County; **C** – Worth Smith, Jr., Worth County; **OF/LHP** – Toby Stripling, Sr., Crisp County; **RHP/INF** – Noah Walters, Jr., Crisp County; **RHP** – Kodi Way, Sr., Cook

COOK HORNETS

Head Coach: Greg Williams

Assistant Coach (s): Rusty Beale, Zack Folsom, Boone Webster

2019 Record: 22-13

Returning Starters: 3B Grant Bagley (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); C Jake Dobson (Sr., 5-11, 140, R/R); SS KJ Manning (Sr., 5-7, 150, L/R); RHP Kodi Way (Sr., 6-0, 210, R/R); LHP Landon Rentz (Jr., 5-9, 180, L/L); OF Omar Pickett (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); LHP Salem Brannon (Jr., 5-11, 150, L/L)

Other Returning Players: U Keyshawn Lucy (Sr., 6-2, 200, R/R); 2B Matthew Harris (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); LHP Hunter Dixon (Jr., 5-11, 140, L/L); LHP Hart Griffin (Sr., 6-0, 190, L/L); C Zack Hisaw (Jr., 6-0, 155, R/R); OF Jake Parmenter (So., 6-1, 170, R/R); RHP Aidan McLean (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R); RHP Matthew Sellars (So., 5-9, 140, R/R); 1B Walker Hazel (Jr., 6-0, 230, R/R)

Season Outlook: Cook should pick up from where it left off last year after winning the region title. Seven starters are back, including shortstop KJ Manning (.486 avg.). Pitching should be the biggest strength as right-hander Kodi Way and left-handers Landon Rentz, Salem Brannon and Hart Griffin return.



KJ Manning
Cook

CRISP COUNTY COUGARS

Head Coach: David Lamberth

Assistant Coach (s): Scott Williams, Scooter Houston, Myles Gay, Zach Houston, Patrick Jordan

2019 Record: 17-18

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Connor Richmond (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); OF/LHP Toby Stripling (Sr., 5-8, 150, L/L); OF Dallas Pheil (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Cade Jolly (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/INF Noah Walters (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R); OF/C Jackson Napier (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); C/INF Jack Carter (So., 6-1, 180, L/R); INF Nick Lanneau (Sr., 5-11, 195, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B Greer Hawkins (Jr., 6-0, 230, R/R); INF Ethan Pollack (So., 6-2, 185, R/R); INF Kanye Spivey (So., 5-11, 175, R/R); OF Jackson Faircloth (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Julian Fox (Fr., 5-8, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: After making a run to the state quarterfinals last year, Crisp County looks to capitalize off that momentum. Eight starters return from that team, including junior pitcher/infielder Noah Walters, pitcher/infielder Connor Richmond and outfielder/pitcher Toby Stripling. A solid group of juniors and sophomores will help out.



Noah Walters
Crisp County

MONROE TORNADES

Head Coach: Marcus Wise (new)

Survey not returned

WORTH COUNTY RAMS

Head Coach: Will Smith

Assistant Coach (s): Kaleb Hathcock

2019 Record: 23-6

Returning Starters:

CF Cason King (Sr., 6-0, 180, L/R); RHP/SS Jeremiah Reddell (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); OF/RHP Jack Fletcher (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R); INF Bryce Graddy (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); 1B/3B/RHP Gabe Burger (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF/INF/RHP Bailey Coker (Sr., 5-6, 150, R/R); C Worth Smith (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); RHP Griffin Melton (Jr., 5-6, 145, L/R); RHP/INF Jacob Perrin (Jr., 5-10, 195, R/R)

Other Returning

Players: OF Brenton Powell (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF Ny'Sarrious Jackson (So., 5-5, 120, R/R); RHP Joshua Hall (So., 5-11, 140, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Cody Garwood (Fr., 5-8, 150, R/R); RHP/INF Chip Cooper (Fr., 5-10, 160, R/R); C Parker Weaver (Fr., 5-9, 160, R/R)



Gabe Burger
Worth County



Bailey Coker
Worth County



Jack Fletcher
Worth County



Bryce Graddy
Worth County



Cason King
Worth County



Jeremiah Reddell
Worth County

Season Outlook: Worth County returns as many as nine players who started at some point last season. Outfielder Cason King (.500 avg., 10 2B) returns to lead the offense, while pitchers Jeremiah Reddell (8-1, 0.55 ERA) and Jack Fletcher (7-2, 1.75 ERA) head up a strong pitching staff.

REGION 2-3A

Region Favorite: Appling County

Keep an eye on: Pierce County – The Bears have a roster loaded with underclassmen.

Players to Watch

OF – Tay Black, Sr., Tattnall County; **INF/OF/P** – Shawn Brown, Sr., Appling County; **CF/LHP** – TJ Criswell, Jr., Long County; **RF/RHP** – Allen Crystal, Sr., Long County; **U** – Davis Green, So., Pierce County; **P** – Ben Griffis, Sr., Appling County; **INF/P** – Thomas Higgins, Jr., Appling County; **INF** – Luke Hutchinson, Sr., Appling County; **RHP** – Trace Martin, Sr., Brantley County; **3B** – Nick McCall, Sr., Tattnall County; **C** – Kyce McLeod, Sr., Brantley County; **C/P** – Wesley Nelson, Jr., Pierce County; **OF** – Matthew Poblete, Sr., Appling County; **OF** – Dwayne Rowe, So., Long County; **C/INF** – Drew Starling, Jr., Pierce County; **LHP/1B** – Jacob Struble, So., Liberty County; **OF/RHP** – Dawson Thomas, Sr., Brantley County; **2B/RHP** – Luke Wells, Sr., Long County; **3B/RHP** – Ethan Williams, Sr., Long County; **RHP/C** – Aidan Willis, Sr., Tattnall County



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APPLING COUNTY PIRATES

Head Coach: Jeremy Smith

Assistant Coach (s): Jordan Mullis, Carl Parker, Zack Griffis

2019 Record: 25-8

Returning Starters: OF Matthew Poblete (Sr.); INF/OF/P Shawn Brown (Sr.); C Drew Jacobs (Sr.); INF Luke Hutchinson (Sr.); P Ben Griffis (Sr.); INF/P Thomas Higgins (Jr.); INF Brantly Carter (Jr.); OF/P Harrison Simmons (So.)



Shawn Brown
Appling County



Matthew Poblete
Appling County

Other Returning

Players: OF/P Cason Kirksey (Sr.); OF/P Grant White (Sr.); INF Parker Eason (Sr.); OF/P Michael Bass (Jr.); INF/P Jason Larsen (Jr.); INF/OF Logan Atkins (So.); OF/P Malachi Mullis (So.); INF/P Aiden Livingston (So.); INF Beau Grayson Peacock (So.); INF/P Jordan Norris (So.); OF Bryson Benton (Jr.)

Top Newcomers: INF/P Dawson Harrelson (Jr.); INF/OF/P Patrick Crosby (Fr.); C Dawson Griffis (Fr.); INF Colin Campbell (Fr.); OF/INF Jack Coleman (Fr.); INF Jacob Gardner (Fr.); OF/P Mason Williamson (Fr.); P Levi Reynolds (Fr.)

Season Outlook: Appling County returns a wealth of talent and should be the team to beat in Region 2-3A. Eight starters, including a strong senior class, will lead the way. Outfielder Matthew Poblete and versatile Shawn Brown are two players to keep an eye on.

BRANTLEY COUNTY HERONS

Head Coach: Tony Yeomans (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Justen White, Eddie Fields, Mike Tanner

2019 Record: 11-19

Returning Starters: C Kyce McLeod (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); RHP Trace Martin (Sr., 6-1, 180, L/R); INF Bryson Lee (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF Gabe Thrift (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); INF Kager Flowers (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF Dawson Thomas (Sr., 5-8, 170, R/R); OF Jesse Trent (Sr., 5-8, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Aden Crosby (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); C Walker Gill (Jr., 5-8, 170, R/R); OF Cameron Allen (Jr., 6-2, 185, R/R); OF Dalton Oakie (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); INF Zach Mosley (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); INF Trinity Lee (Fr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Nathan Willis (Fr., 5-8, 160, R/R); INF Aiden Adams (Fr., 5-11, 145, R/R); INF Jarrett Rowell (Fr., 5-9, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: Longtime Southeast Georgia coach Tony Yeomans takes over at Brantley and looks to help the program make it back to the postseason. The Herons have seven returning starters, four of them seniors. The lack of experienced pitching is a concern, but the good news is that standout pitcher Trace Martin returns to lead the way.



Trace Martin
Brantley County

LIBERTY COUNTY PANTHERS

Head Coach: Brandon Whitmore

Assistant Coach (s): Doug Greenfield, Chris Johnson, Joseph Fincham

2019 Record: 3-23

Returning Starters: LHP/1B Jacob Struble (So., 5-10, 150, L/L); OF Jaleel Andrew (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); 2B Dakota Lance (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP/SS Matt Reed (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R); OF Austin Estes (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 3B Jack Savea (So., 5-9, 180, R/R); RHP/OF Garrett Sikes (Jr., 5-11, 145, R/R); OF Seth Struble (So., 5-11, 160, R/R); 2B Zach Shealey (Jr., 5-10, 145, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Demetre Walker (Fr., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Panthers will be young this spring, but there is some talent. The senior class is very small. Six starters are back, including left-handed pitcher Jacob Struble and right-hander Matt Reed. Outfielder Jaleel Andrew returns after a solid freshman campaign last year.

LONG COUNTY BLUE TIDE

Head Coach: James Hobbs

Assistant Coach (s): Tyler Chambless, Trevor Bryant, Matt Brown

2019 Record: 15-13

Returning Starters:

2B/RHP Luke Wells (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); 3B/RHP Ethan Williams (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); RF/RHP Allen Crystal (Sr., 6-0, 165, L/R); 1B Carlos Cruz (Sr., 5-10, 195, R/R); SS/RHP Ethan Wells (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); CF/LHP TJ Criswell (Jr., 5-9, 175, R/L); OF Dwayne Rowe (So., 5-9, 165, R/R)



Luke Wells
Long County



Ethan Williams
Long County

Other Returning Players: OF Matt Marchand (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP/3B Trevor Ray (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); C/RHP Joseph Cammack (So., 5-9, 180, R/R); SS/RHP Cole Moss (So., 5-8, 160, R/R); 2B/RHP Blake Holland (So., 5-7, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Giovanni Jackson (Fr., 5-8, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Blue Tide made the state playoffs last year and look to pick up from where they left off. Seven starters are back, including infielder/pitcher Luke Wells and infielder/pitcher Ethan Williams. Outfielder Allen Crystal returns to spark the offense.

PIERCE COUNTY BEARS

Head Coach: Andrew Evans

Assistant Coach (s): Jacob Evors, Tyler Rogers

2019 Record: 9-17

Returning Starters: C/INF Drew Starling (Jr., 6-0, 190); OF/P JReid Phillips (Jr., 6-1, 170); C/P Wesley Nelson (Jr., 5-10, 195); P/INF Jayden Crews (Jr., 6-0, 170); INF Austin Hodges (Jr., 5-5, 130); U Davis Green (So., 5-10, 170); INF Knox Bennett (So., 6-0, 190); OF/P Brandon Pittman (So., 5-8, 145)

Other Returning Players: P/U Luke Echols (Sr., 5-10, 175); INF/P Jack Echols (Sr., 5-11, 195); OF Spencer Hughes (Sr., 6-1, 190); OF Mickey Dixon (Sr., 5-8, 210); INF Asher Harris (Jr., 6-0, 230); OF Christopher Riggins (Jr., 6-1, 185); INF Dawson Yarbrough (Jr., 5-6, 240); P/INF Hoke Skipper (So., 5-11, 170); P/OF Allen Boatright (So., 5-10, 170); P/OF Brett Tuten (So., 5-8, 155); C/INF Ty Holloway (So., 5-9, 150); OF Payton Walker (So., 5-11, 180); C/INF Collin Jarrell (So., 5-9, 170); U Brent Johnson (So., 5-8, 150)

Top Newcomers: INF Zach Murphy (So., 6-2, 205); INF/P Henry Peagler (Fr., 6-1, 205); INF/P Ashby Simonin (Fr., 5-9, 165); INF/P Mason Woodcock (Fr.); INF/P Jacob Pittman (Fr., 5-11, 160); OF Trent Moody (Fr., 5-9, 155); OF Seth Hunt (Fr., 5-10, 150)

Season Outlook: Pierce County struggled to an uncharacteristic 9-17 finish in 2019. While the Bears are still very young, they should improve on last year's finish. Juniors Drew Starling and Wesley Nelson return to lead a team full of juniors and sophomores. Utility player Davis Green is back after a solid freshman campaign.

TATTNALL COUNTY BATTLE CREEK WARRIORS

Head Coach: Ben Collins

Assistant Coach (s): Matthew Swain, Chris Waters, Kyle Andre

2019 Record: 15-13

Returning Starters: RHP/C Aidan Willis (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF Tay Black (Sr., 5-10, 175, L/R); OF Kaleb Kennedy (Jr., 5-8, 150, R/R); LHP/1B Connor Durrence (So., 5-10, 170, L/L); RHP/2B Ethan Deloach (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); 3B Nick McCall (Sr., 5-8, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Justin Anderson (So., R/R); 2B Parker Tatum (Sr., R/R); OF Raleigh Waters (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Caden Folsom (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: Tattnall County welcomes back the return of six starters after the Warriors made the state playoffs last year. Outfielder Tay Black, pitcher/second baseman Ethan Deloach and third baseman Nick McCall will be expected to lead a team full of underclassmen.

REGION 3-3A

Region Favorite: Benedictine

Keep an eye on: Islands – Sharks will make another run at the playoffs.

Players to Watch

RHP – Tripp Achord, Sr., Islands; **INF** – Rodney Anderson, Sr., Jenkins; **INF/OF/RHP** – Patrick Blake, Jr., Jenkins; **OF** – Trent Broadnax, Jr., Benedictine; **OF/RHP** – Darius Bush, Sr., Jenkins; **3B** – Peyton Carr, Sr., Southeast Bulloch; **OF/C/DH** – Cody Cowan, Jr., Benedictine; **C** – Tucker Czech, Sr., Southeast Bulloch; **INF/RHP** – Rome Dean, Sr., Benedictine; **INF/RHP** – Kam Edge, So., Benedictine; **OF/U/P** – Craig Fredrick, Sr., Groves; **RHP/INF** – Clayton Greene, Sr., Benedictine; **C** – Jesse Harrelson, Sr., Jenkins; **LHP/INF/OF** – Carter Holton, Jr., Benedictine; **INF** – Michael Largis, Sr., Islands; **INF/RHP** – Carson Mason, Sr., Jenkins; **U** – Moises Mejia, Jr., Windsor Forest; **OF/RHP** – Dalton Singletary, Sr., Islands; **CF/RHP** – Justin Thomas, So., Benedictine; **INF/RHP/DH** – Will Walker, Jr., Benedictine

BEACH BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Ulysses Hawthorne

Survey not returned

BENEDICTINE CADETS

Head Coach: Kevin Farmer

Assistant Coach (s): Kyle Farmer, Jack Holland, Seth Gaspin, Drew Schwalbe

2019 Record: 25-9-1

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Clayton Greene (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Rome Dean (Sr., R/R); CF/RHP Justin Thomas (So., R/R); INF/RHP Kam Edge (So., R/R); LHP/INF/OF Carter Holton (Jr., L/L); INF/RHP/DH Will Walker (Jr., R/R); INF/OF/RHP George Mullen (Jr., R/R); OF/C/DH Cody Cowan (Jr., R/R); OF Trent Broadnax (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning

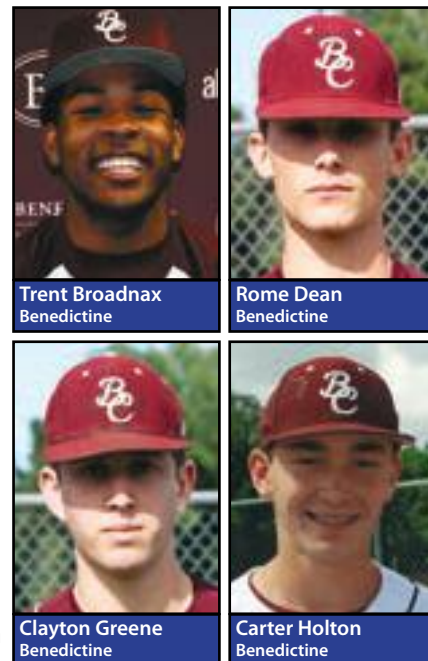
Players: C/DH Trent Warren (Jr., R/R); INF Brooks Glover (Jr., R/R); INF/OF Charles Pulaski (So., R/R); INF/OF/RHP Noah Hollis (So., R/R); INF/OF/P Ben Hollerbach (So.); P Evan Sexton (Sr.); P Joseph Schwalbe (Sr.)

Top Newcomers:

C Jackson Barger (Jr., R/R); OF/RHP John Leonard (Jr., R/R); P/OF Tristian Littlefield (So.); INF/OF Niko Nichols (So.); P/OF Trent Markiton (Jr.); LHP Austin Tse (Sr., L/L)

Season Outlook:

The Cadets should be favored to win the region again. Nine starters are back, including junior standout Carter Holton and right-handed pitcher Clayton Greene. Infielder Rome Dean (.436 avg.) returns as well. Keep an eye on pair of sophomore standouts in Justin Thomas and Kam Edge.



Trent Broadnax
Benedictine

Rome Dean
Benedictine



Clayton Greene
Benedictine



Carter Holton
Benedictine

GROVES REBELS

Head Coach: Mike Martin

Survey not returned

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ISLANDS SHARKS

Head Coach: Brandon Collins

Assistant Coach (s): Jacob Baxter, Marty Collins, Rob Arnold

2019 Record: 21-13

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Michael Largis (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); OF/RHP Dalton Singletary (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); RHP Tripp Achord (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); INF/OF Langston Lewis (So., 6-0, 170, B/R); 1B/LHP Devin Willman (Jr., 6-1, 230, L/L); INF/RHP Pax Raub (Sr., 6-2, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C Mitchell Singletary (So., 6-1, 185, R/R); RHP/OF Chase Williams (Jr., 5-10, 145, R/R); OF/LHP Thomas Weiningier (Sr., 6-0, 150, L/L)

Top Newcomers: OF/1B Davin Wydner (So., 6-4, 200, R/R); 3B/C Jackson Cheeks (So., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Sharks lost a wealth of talent from last season's team that made the state playoffs. Seven of nine starters were lost to graduation, but Islands should still be among the best in the region. Michael Largis, Dalton Singletary and Tripp Achord return to lead the way after the trio were named to the all-region team last year.

JENKINS WARRIORS

Head Coach: Nick Tracy

Survey not returned

JOHNSON-SAVANNAH ATOM SMASHERS

Head Coach: Robert Vogel

Survey not returned

SAVANNAH BLUE JACKETS

Head Coach: Robert Kicklighter

Survey not returned

SOUTHEAST BULLOCH YELLOW JACKETS

Head Coach: Brandon Peterson

Assistant Coach (s): Rob Alford, Daniel Overstreet, Cam Hayden

2019 Record: 19-12

Returning Starters: 3B Peyton Carr (Sr., 6-1, 195, R/R); C Tucker Czech (Sr., 6-2, 180, L/R); RHP/OF Logan Herring (So., 5-9, 165, R/R); RHP/OF Will Hitchens (Jr., 6-1, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Ethan Shannon (Sr., 6-1, 200, R/R); 3B Jacob Gay (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/3B Terry Turner (So., 6-2, 170, R/R); LHP/OF Riley Emrich (So., 5-9, 165, L/L); RHP/INF Tyson Harnage (So., 5-7, 140, R/R); 1B Conner Williams (So., 6-3, 175, R/R); 1B Rand Morgan (Jr., 6-3, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: After one of the best two-year runs in Southeast Bulloch baseball history, the Yellow Jackets may be doing some rebuilding this spring. Four starters return, including third baseman Peyton Carr and catcher Tucker Czech. But keep an eye on a solid corps of juniors and sophomores who will be expected to step up and contribute.

WINDSOR FOREST KNIGHTS

Head Coach: Gustavo Tovar

Survey not returned

REGION 4-3A

Region Favorite: Pike County

Keep an eye on: Jackson – New coach, but solid talent is back.

Players to Watch

1B/LHP – Coleman Boynton, Sr., Pike County; **C** – Brent Burford, Sr., Jackson; **RHP/INF** – Dakota Copeland, Sr., Jackson; **INF/OF** – Gavin Duncan, Sr., Pike County; **SS/RHP** – Dylan Garner, Sr., Pike County; **1B/RHP** – Chandler Miley, Jr., Pike County; **OF** – Bo Mosteller, Sr., Jackson; **1B** – Cameron Rucker, Sr., Peach County; **RHP/INF** – Gerald Tate, Sr., Central Macon; **C** – Kyle Walters, Sr., Peach County

CENTRAL-MACON CHARGERS

Head Coach: Rico Gibson

Assistant Coach (s): Jake Dyer, Joshua Dennis

2019 Record: 10-13-1

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Gerald Tate (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP/INF Christian Hill (So., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP/INF Tyler Gilbert (So., 5-9, 175, R/R); RHP/OF Jalik Thomas (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Brandon Barnes (So., 5-10, 160, L/L); OF Marquez Harris (Sr., 5-8, 150, R/R); INF Edward Walker (Sr., 5-9, 180, R/R); OF Christian Allen (Sr., 5-8, 170, R/R); OF TJ Nelson (So., 5-8, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Chargers seek to improve upon last season's finish. Four starters are back. The majority of the team are underclassmen, but senior pitcher/infielder Gerald Tate returns to give Central a solid player to build around.

JACKSON RED DEVILS

Head Coach: Ryan Duffey (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Charlie Biles, Nelson Homan, Jonathan Wilson

2019 Record: 22-6

Returning Starters: C Brent Burford (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP/INF Dakota Copeland (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R); OF Bo Mosteller (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); C/INF Dalton Smith (Jr., 5-9, 180, R/R); OF Dustin Sullivan (Jr., 6-0, 160, L/L); OF Conner Lachappelle (Sr., 6-1, 150, R/L)

Other Returning Players: 1B/LHP/OF Jacob Guild (Sr., 5-9, 165, L/L); C Carter Allen (Sr., 6-0, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: New coach Ryan Duffey inherits six returning starters and should contend for the region crown. The senior class is solid. Catcher Brent Burford, pitcher/infielder Dakota Copeland and outfielder Bo Mosteller return, giving the Red Devils a solid nucleus to build around.

KENDRICK CHEROKEES

Head Coach: Michael Peek

Survey not returned

PEACH COUNTY TROJANS

Head Coach: Jeff Bailey

Assistant Coach (s): Craig Johnson, Keith Barker

2019 Record: 10-16

Returning Starters: C Kyle Walters (Sr., 5-9, 180, R/R); 1B Cameron

Rucker (Sr., 6-0, 230, R/R); INF AJ Lee (Jr., 6-0, 235, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Nohlen Douglas (Jr., 5-9, 180, R/R); U Jakob Harnist (So., 5-8, 170, R/R); INF/OF Billy Jack Gregory (So., 5-9, 180, R/R); U Mike Kovitch (So., 5-8, 170, R/R); C/INF Logan Giles (Jr., 5-10, 200, R/R); RHP/OF Keondre Towns (So., 6-1, 190, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/OF/RHP Ashton Ennis (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF Alex Christian (So., 5-10, 200, R/R); INF/OF/LHP Drew Bailey (Fr., 5-5, 130, L/L); INF/RHP Andrew Cliett (Fr., 5-11, 190, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Trojans seek to be in the postseason chase as three starters and a solid group of underclassmen will lead the way. A pair of seniors – catcher Kyle Walters and first baseman Cameron Rucker – return to give Peach a pair of senior leaders to build around.

PIKE COUNTY PIRATES

Head Coach: Don Hanson

Assistant Coach (s): Blake Parrott, Kevin Mobley, Joey Satterfield, John Sutton, John Hanson

2019 Record: 34-4

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Dylan Garner (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); 1B/LHP Coleman Boynton (Sr., 5-9, 170, L/L); INF/OF Gavin Duncan (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); 1B/RHP Chandler Miley (Jr., 6-0, 205, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF JT Anderson (Jr., 5-8, 155, R/R); 3B Tyler James (Jr., 5-7, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Christian Perkins (Jr., 6-0, 155, R/R); C/OF Austin Conine (Jr., 5-7, 145, R/R); INF/U Brannon Lopez (Jr., 5-8, 140, R/R); C Caden Swift (So., 5-11, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 1B/RHP Alden Kinney (Jr., 6-1, 225, L/L); INF Kayson Pike (Jr., 5-6, 165, R/R); C/OF Jayden Bone (Jr., 5-8, 155, R/R); OF Josh Buffington (So., 5-9, 160, R/R); INF/OF/RHP Braden Osbolt (So., 5-10, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: The defending state champions have some holes to fill after graduation took a bite out of the Pirates' roster. But if some underclassmen step forward, the Pirates could make another deep playoff run. Pitchers Dylan Garner and Coleman Boynton return on the mound, while infielder/outfielder Gavin Duncan returns to spark the offense.

RUTLAND HURRICANES

Head Coach: Steven Gunn

Survey not returned

WESTSIDE-MACON SEMINOLES

Head Coach: Christopher Fitzgerald (new)

Survey not returned



REGION 5-3A

Region Favorite: Westminster

Keep an eye on: Lovett – Underwood and Hollingsworth will lead the Lions back to the playoffs.

Players to Watch

1B/P/OF – Demond Dollison, Jr., Cedar Grove; **RHP** – Donye Evans, Sr., Redan; **INF/RHP** – Cameron Foster, Sr., Westminster; **OF** – Quinton Hall, So., Cedar Grove; **INF/OF** – Will Hallmark, Sr., Westminster; **INF/RHP** – Parks Harber, Sr., Westminster; **C** – Robson Harber, Sr., Lovett; **RHP** – Michael Hollingsworth, Jr., Lovett; **INF** – Zack Howard, Sr., Pace Academy; **INF** – Duece Jordan, So., Pace Academy; **U/RHP** – Branden Lamback, Sr., Redan; **C/RHP/U** – Brandon Lawrence, Sr., Redan; **C/1B/RHP** – Will Lybrook, Sr., Westminster; **LHP** – Jonathan Morgan, Sr., Westminster; **1B** – Corbin Shaw, Sr., Redan; **INF/P** – Koby Taylor, Sr., Cedar Grove; **OF/INF** – Jayden Thomas, Jr., Pace Academy; **LHP** – David Underwood, Sr., Lovett; **OF** – Jae Williams, So., Pace Academy

CEDAR GROVE SAINTS

Head Coach: TBA

Survey not returned

LOVETT LIONS

Head Coach: Lance Oubs

Assistant Coach (s): Jamie Palmer, Vince Nasca, David McDonald

2019 Record: 17-12

Returning Starters: C Robson Harber (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); 2B/3B Chris Kollme (Jr., 5-11, 155, R/R); SS Kai Cunningham (So., 5-9, 150, L/R); LHP David Underwood (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/L); RHP Michael Hollingsworth (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R)

Other Returning

Players: C/DH Mike Valls (Sr., 5-7, 175, R/R); INF Ellis Prigge (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); INF Nick Kemether (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF Ethan Tai (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R); RHP Owen McMurtrie (Jr., 6-0, 200, R/R); OF Zach Minetola (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Andrew Pinkston (Jr., 5-9, 160, L/R); 2B/RHP Will Prigge (So., 5-10, 145, R/R); OF/RHP Logan Givens (So., 6-1, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: Lovett returns five starters and as usual, should contend for the region crown. Left-handed pitcher David Underwood (3-3, 3.44 ERA) returns to anchor a young pitching rotation. His favorite target – catcher Robson Harber – returns behind the plate.



PACE ACADEMY KNIGHTS

Head Coach: Donice Bloodworth/Seth Lafera
Assistant Coach (s): Jase Wrigley, Shane McGill
2019 Record: 25-8

Returning Starters: INF Zack Howard (Sr.); OF/INF Jayden Thomas (Jr.); OF Jae Williams (So.); INF Duece Jordan (So.)

Other Returning Players: INF Andrew Neville (Sr.); OF Charlie Janko (Jr.); INF/P Eli Mautner (Jr.); INF Harris Greenbaum (Sr.); INF/C Jack McCarthy (Sr.); INF Matthew Friestad (Sr.); INF/P Noah Bennett (Jr.); INF/P Riley Fox (Jr.); OF Reggie Harris (Sr.); INF/C Gus Thomas (Jr.)

Top Newcomers: INF/P RJ Austin (So.); INF Evan Smith Rooks (Jr.)

Season Outlook: After finishing as the state runner-up last year, the Knights have some key positions to fill. But there is plenty of talent returning for Pace Academy to approach last year's success. The lack of experienced pitching is a concern, but senior Zack Howard, junior Jayden Thomas and sophomores Jae Williams and Duece Jordan are back after strong seasons last year.



Jayden Thomas
Pace Academy

REDAN RAIDERS

Head Coach: Alexander Wyche
Assistant Coach (s): Chris Hardnett, Marcus Mays, A. Ludlow
2019 Record: 22-13

Returning Starters: RHP Donye Evans (Sr., 6-5, 200, R/R); C/RHP/U Brandon Lawrence (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); U/RHP Branden Lamback (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF Jacob Rushin (Sr., 6-1, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Ryan Pruitt (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); 1B Corbin Shaw (Sr., 6-6, 200, R/R); OF/1B Ricky Dawson (Sr., 6-6, 200, R/R); C/3B/RHP Kevin Rios (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF Jason Avila (So., 5-8, 170, L/R); LHP/OF Terrance Sales (Jr., 5-8, 175, L/L)

Other Returning Starters: 1B Myles Collins (Sr., 6-0, 220, R/R); INF D'Anthony Marks (So., 5-8, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Eyon Everrett (So., 6-0, 160, R/R); U Keiron Dowell (Sr., 6-0, 210, R/R); LHP/OF Jamie Howze (Fr., 5-8, 170, L/L)

Season Outlook: After falling in the second round of the state playoffs last year, look for Redan to be back in the hunt in 2020. A load of talent returns, including top pitchers Donye Evans, Brandon Lawrence and Branden Lamback. Jacob Rushin, Ryan Pruitt, Corbin Shaw and Ricky Dawson all return on offense after batting better than .300 last year.



Donye Evans
Redan



Branden Lamback
Redan



Brandon Lawrence
Redan



Corbin Shaw
Redan

STONE MOUNTAIN PIRATES

Head Coach: Willie Howard
Survey not returned

TOWERS TITANS

Head Coach: TBA
Survey not returned

WESTMINSTER WILDCATS

Head Coach: Chad Laney
Assistant Coach (s): Doug Boomer, Brent McGuire, Adam Pullen, Joe Sturniolo

2019 Record: 18-15
Returning Starters: INF/RHP Parks Harber (Sr., 6-2, 200, R/R); C/1B/RHP Will Lybrook (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); INF/RHP Cameron Foster (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); INF/OF Will Hallmark (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); LHP Jonathan Morgan (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/L); LHP/1B/OF Drew Berg (Sr., 6-3, 190, L/L); LHP Charlie Wickliffe (Jr., 5-10, 190, R/L); OF Nick O'Reilly (Jr., 6-0, 180, L/R); OF Jennings McGill (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); INF Wyatt Stevenson (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Phillip Metzheiser (Sr., 6-2, 215, R/R); INF/RHP Jayson Longacre (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF Will Benton (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF/LHP Jack Hunter (Sr., 5-9, 160, L/L); OF/RHP Joel Williams (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); C Ben Montag (Jr., 5-9, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: Injuries to key players hurt Westminster last season. The Wildcats return a wealth of talent and should contend for the region title this spring. As many as 10 players started last season. One of those is offensive catalyst Parks Harber (.364 avg., 4 HR). Pitching standouts Will Lybrook, Jonathan Morgan and Charlie Wickliffe also return.



Cameron Foster
Westminster



Will Hallmark
Westminster



Will Lybrook
Westminster



Jonathan Morgan
Westminster



REGION 6-3A

Region Favorite: Calhoun

Keep an eye on: Sonoraville – A lot of talent could take the Phoenix to the playoffs.

Players to Watch

RHP/OF – Hagan Banks, Jr., Calhoun; **SS/OF** – Brayden Broome, Sr., Ringgold; **1B/OF** – John Andrew Cash, Jr., Calhoun; **SS** – Wyatt Castoe, Sr., Sonoraville; **C/RHP** – Wade Conduff, Sr., Adairsville; **RHP** – Zachary Coots, Sr., Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe; **CF/LHP** – Ethan Crump, Sr., Calhoun; **RHP/3B/1B** – Brady Drummond, Sr., Calhoun; **LHP/OF** – Ashton Farris, So., North Murray; **C/INF** – Jordan Frazier, Sr., North Murray; **INF/RHP** – Jordan Harrison, Jr., Murray County; **1B** – Evan Henry, Sr., Adairsville; **SS** – Irvin Hernandez, Jr., Coahulla Creek; **RHP/U** – Hayden Holsomback, Jr., Sonoraville; **RHP** – Bryse Ingle, Jr., Calhoun; **SS/RHP** – Bryson King, Sr., Haralson County; **RHP/1B** – Landon Ledford, Sr., North Murray; **SS/RHP** – Parker Lester, Jr., Calhoun; **RHP/3B** – Carson McCammon, Sr., Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe; **C** – Sam Mills, Jr., Ringgold; **RHP** – Riley Mosier, Sr., Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe; **INF/RHP** – Logan Palmer, Sr., Murray County; **C** – Kaegen Williams, Sr., Haralson County; **C/RHP** – Matthew Williams, Sr., Calhoun; **OF** – Dylan Wright, Sr., Ringgold

ADAIRSVILLE TIGERS

Head Coach: Billy Roper

Assistant Coach (s): Chris Hardin, Bill Bishop, Jimmy Whittemore, Jon Creel, Blake Haynes

2019 Record: 6-17

Returning Starters: C/RHP Wade Conduff (Sr., 6-2, 170, R/R); 1B Evan Henry (Sr., 5-10, 175, L/R); RHP/3B Elijah Padgett (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); SS Kyler Smith (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R); C Logan Hunt (Jr., 5-9, 160, L/R); LF Tyler Sheriff (Jr., 5-7, 160, R/R); OF/LHP Jacob Ray (So., 5-10, 160, L/L)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Braden Powell (So., 5-11, 150, R/R); RHP Noah Simpson (Sr., 5-11, 155, R/R); LHP/OF Eli Agnew (So., 5-10, 170, L/L)

Top Newcomers: INF Chris Roper (Fr., R/R); INF/OF Tyler Drigger (Fr., R/R); OF/RHP Jack Whitley (Fr., L/L); OF Evan Sanders (Fr., R/R); LHP/1B Wade Dooley (Fr., L/L); RHP/OF Grayson Belcher (Fr., R/R); C Colton Wilson (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Tigers look to turn things around after a rebuilding season in 2019. Seven returning starters should help Adairsville do just that. First baseman Evan Henry (.367 avg.) returns to lead the offense. Senior catcher/pitcher Wade Conduff as well as juniors Elijah Padgett and Kyler Smith return after solid seasons last year.

CALHOUN YELLOW JACKETS

Head Coach: Chip Henderson

Assistant Coach (s): Josh Wiggins, Donny Robertson, Cole Bennett

2019 Record: 25-7

Returning Starters: OF/LHP Ethan Crump (Sr., L/L); C/RHP Matthew Williams (Sr., R/R); 3B/C Julian Ipac (Sr., R/R); 1B/OF John Andrew Cash (Jr., R/R); SS/RHP Parker Lester (Jr., L/R); RHP/OF Hagan Banks (Jr., R/R);

2B Dante Morton (Jr., R/R); RHP Bryse Ingle (Jr., R/R); RHP/3B/1B Brady Drummond (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning

Players: 1B Andon Lewis (So., R/R); OF/RHP Matthew Morrison (Sr., R/R); OF Joshua Tolson (Sr., R/R); C/INF Barrett Saunders (Jr., R/R); C/

OF Braden Saunders (Jr., R/R); INF/OF Owen Goble (Jr., R/R); LHP Cole Greeson (Jr., R/L); C/RHP Kris Sutton (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Yellow Jackets may be a year away from reaching their full potential, but the talent is there for them to challenge for the region title this year. All-region performers John Andrew Cash, Matthew Williams and Parker Lester return to lead the offense, while Hagan Banks and Bryse Ingle return to lead a solid group of pitchers.



John Andrew Cash
Calhoun



Parker Lester
Calhoun

COAHULLA CREEK COLTS

Head Coach: Michael Bolen

Assistant Coach (s): Justin Dover, Brady Renner, Michael Carter

2019 Record: 12-15

Returning Starters: SS Irvin Hernandez (Jr., 5-9, 170, B/R); 3B Joey Estrada (So., 5-9, 205, R/R); RHP James Reece (Sr., 6-0, 225, R/R)

Other Returning Players: SS/2B Zander Burse (Sr., 5-6, 125, R/R); RHP/OF Kyle Felker (Jr., 6-0, 155, R/R); OF Kevin Castaneda (Jr., 5-9, 175, R/R); 2B Luke Reed (Jr., 5-9, 175, R/R); 2B/OF Sam Reed (Jr., 5-11, 180, L/R); LHP/1B Ben Glines (So., 5-10, 225, L/L); C Will Bates (So., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Colts have some key positions to fill after graduation took its toll. Three starters are back, including shortstop Irvin Hernandez. The senior class is small, but look for an excellent group of underclassmen to step up and contribute.



Irvin Hernandez
Coahulla Creek

HARALSON COUNTY REBELS

Head Coach: Patrick Syer

Assistant Coach (s): Daryl Hamby, Joe Cash, Triston Cash, Brian Warren

2019 Record: 13-13

Returning Starters: 1B Tucker Parrish (Jr., L/L); 2B Chris Chandler (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP Lane King (Jr., R/R); SS/RHP Bryson King (Sr., R/R); C Kaegen Williams (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Colson Locklear (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Haralson County made the state playoffs last year and seeks to build off that positive momentum. There are some key positions to fill, but the Rebels return five starters. Seniors Bryson King and Kaegen Williams give Haralson a pair of leaders to build around.

LAKEVIEW-FORT OGLETHORPE WARRIORS

Head Coach: Matt Holden

Survey not returned

MURRAY COUNTY INDIANS

Head Coach: Matt Harris

Assistant Coach (s): Mike Marra

2019 Record: 2-23

Returning Starters: C/RHP Brock Dunn (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); INF Brannon Nuckolls (Jr., 6-1, 180, L/R); INF/RHP Jordan Harrison (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); INF/RHP Logan Palmer (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF/OF Kaleb Jones (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); INF/OF Carson Voiles (Jr., 6-0, 200, R/R); OF Davis Redwine (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Indians begin their second season under coach Matt Harris and should have a chance to be much better. An excellent group of returning players are back, including seven starters. Senior shortstop Jordan Palmer and second baseman Jordan Harrison are two players to keep an eye on.

NORTH MURRAY MOUNTAINEERS

Head Coach: Seth Hickman (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Tyler Kilgore, Noah Smith

2019 Record: 8-14

Returning Starters: RHP/1B Landon Ledford (Sr., 6-4, 210, R/R); C/INF Jordan Frazier (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); INF Aaron McCurdy (Sr., 5-11, 230, R/R); INF/OF Ty Kendrick (Jr., 5-10, 135, R/R); INF/OF Spencer Chasteen (Jr., 5-10, 135, R/R); LHP/OF Ashton Farris (So., 5-11, 135, R/L)

Other Returning Players: RHP/INF Caylor Pratt (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF Cameron Cash (Sr., 6-2, 160, R/R); OF Robbie Linginfelter (So., 5-8, 125, R/R); OF Ken Mascia (So., 5-8, 160, R/R); OF Garrison Cochran (So., 5-10, 145, R/R)

Season Outlook: New coach Seth Hickman inherits a solid group of returning players as the Mountaineers seek to contend for a playoff berth. Six starters are back, including seniors Jordan Frazier, Landon Ledford and Aaron McCurdy. The trio will give North Murray a solid nucleus to build around. Keep an eye on sophomore pitcher/outfielder Ashton Farris who was promising as a freshman last year.

RINGGOLD TIGERS

Head Coach: Drew Walker (new)

Assistant Coach (s): David Crownover, Matthew Crownover, Danny Wiltz, Adam Weldon

2019 Record: 28-9

Returning Starters: SS/OF Brayden Broome (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); OF Dylan Wright (Sr., 5-11, 180, L/L); C Sam Mills (Jr., 5-10, 180, L/L); INF/RHP Mason Parker (So., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF Kyle White (So., 5-10, 195, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Caleb Roberts (Sr., 5-10, 205, R/R); INF Gavin Hames (Sr., 6-2, 200, R/L); OF Gage Fairchild (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); INF Jake Stockbridge (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Eli Norris (Jr., 6-2, 185, R/R); RHP/OF Kenyon Ransom (Jr., 6-4, 180, R/R); RHP/C/INF/OF Taylor Pease (Jr., 6-3, 200, R/R); RHP/INF McCain Mangum (Jr., 6-0, 195, R/R); RHP/INF Colin Mountjoy (Jr., 6-1, 190, R/R); LHP/INF Austin McMahan (Jr., 6-2, 205, L/L); RHP/OF Chase Ghormley (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: Former assistant Drew Walker takes over and inherits five returning starters. The Tigers have some holes to fill, but infielder Brayden Broome and outfielder Dylan Wright give the team a pair of senior returning starters to build around.



Brayden Broome
Ringgold

SONORAVILLE PHOENIX

Head Coach: Daniel McArthur

Assistant Coach (s): Chad Hayes, Justin Patterson, Craig Folds, Danny Hartline

2019 Record: 11-14

Returning Starters: SS Wyatt Castoe (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); RHP/1B Trent Walker (Sr., 6-1, 205, R/R); OF Blade Bryant (Sr., 5-9, 170, L/L); RHP/3B Jacob Cornette (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); C Cole Godfrey (Jr., 5-8, 170, R/R); INF Trevor Childers (So., 5-9, 170, R/R); INF Cole Gross (So., 5-8, 160, R/L); LHP/OF Devin Hackney (Jr., 5-8, 160, L/L)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Ben Stewart (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); RHP/OF Matthew Parrott (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF Murray Somers (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R); 2B Micah Vincent (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP/OF Tanner Folds (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/L); RHP/U Hayden Holsomback (Jr., 6-1, 190, R/R); LHP/OF Zach Lyles (Fr., 5-9, 175, L/L)

Season Outlook: Sonoraville welcomes back a wealth of talent, and if the Phoenix can get consistency from their pitching rotation, they should challenge for a postseason berth. Leading hitter Wyatt Castoe (.458 avg., 22 RBIs) is back to ignite the offense. Sonoraville will be looking for some of its underclassmen to step up.



Wyatt Castoe
Sonoraville

REGION 7-3A

Region Favorite: Fannin County

Keep an eye on: North Hall – Trojans can be as good as they want to be.

Players to Watch

INF – TJ Allen, Sr., Dawson County; **LHP/OF** – Carson Beavers, Sr., Fannin County; **OF** – Pirmin Brechbuhl, Sr., Greater Atlanta Christian; **RHP/INF** – Tyler Brooks, Sr., North Hall; **RHP/3B/1B** – Gabe Buchanan, Sr., Fannin County; **C/U** – Logan Choflet, Sr., Lumpkin County; **LHP/INF** – Jackson Dyer, Sr., North Hall; **OF** – Jacob Fairbanks, Jr., Greater Atlanta Christian; **RHP** – Dawson Hamilton, Sr., Greater Atlanta Christian; **C/INF** – Collin Helms, So., Greater Atlanta Christian; **LHP/OF** – Dylan Kautz, Jr., Cherokee Bluff; **C** – Jackson Kemp, Sr., Cherokee Bluff; **C** – Bo Lewis, Sr., Dawson County; **OF** – Zac Mixon, Sr., Greater Atlanta Christian; **LHP** – Bryceton Payne, Sr., Greater Atlanta Christian; **RHP** – Carsen Plumadore, Sr., Cherokee Bluff; **RHP/OF** – Blake Rogers, Sr., Fannin County; **OF/LHP** – Hudson Sapp, Sr., Dawson County; **RHP/U** – Matthew Shirah, Sr., Fannin County; **RHP/INF** – Chandler Shope, So., Cherokee Bluff; **OF** – Taylor Smith, Sr., East Hall; **RHP/SS** – TJ Smith, Sr., East Hall; **RHP/OF** – Wes Tadman, Sr., North Hall; **INF/RHP** – Nick Turner, Sr., Lumpkin County; **RHP/INF** – Tyler Zawacki, Jr., Cherokee Bluff

CHEROKEE BLUFF BEARS

Head Coach: Jeremy Kemp

Assistant Coach (s): Daniel Warzon, Miles Martin, Trey Weed, Breck Davidson

2019 Record: 16-15

Returning Starters: C Jackson Kemp (Sr., 6-2, 225, R/R); RHP Carsen Plumadore (Sr., 6-1, 165, R/R); LHP/OF Dylan Kautz (Jr., 5-10, 160, L/L); RHP/INF Chandler Shope (So., 6-1, 165, R/R); RHP/INF Tyler Zawacki (Jr., 5-11, 165, L/R); INF Brody Beal (So., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Tino Mukono (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); 1B Caleb Piland (So., 6-1, 165, R/R)



Jackson Kemp
Cherokee Bluff

Carsen Plumadore
Cherokee Bluff

Other Returning Players: OF/RHP Ashton Balizet (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); RHP Brantley Bush (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF Kris Carver (Sr., 5-6, 175, R/R); RHP/OF Thomas DeGoey (So., 6-1, 175, R/R); RHP/U Jared Holcombe (So., 5-11, 165, R/R); C Ben Jenkins (Jr., 5-7, 165, L/R); C Jacob Jones (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); INF Clay Marshall (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); INF Lucas Tritt (So., 6-0, 185, R/R); 1B Hunter Waldrop (Jr., 5-11, 185, R/R); OF Austin Wallace (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Reece Chambers (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); C/1B Bryce England (Fr., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP/INF Braxton Beal (Fr., 6-1, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: In their inaugural season, Cherokee Bluff won 16 games and made the state playoffs. Much of that talent returns, including all-state catcher Jackson Kemp (.404 avg., 20 RBIs) and top pitchers Carsen Plumadore, Dylan Kurtz, Chandler Shope and Tyler Zawacki. Eight starters in all are back.

DAWSON COUNTY TIGERS

Head Coach: Dwayne Sapp

Assistant Coach (s): Logan Burt, Tyler Baker, Jason Dyer

2019 Record: 13-13

Returning Starters: OF/LHP Hudson Sapp (Sr., L/L); C Bo Lewis (Sr., R/R); INF TJ Allen (Sr., R/R); C/1B/3B Kincade Weaver (Jr., R/R); OF/INF Nick Mullinax (So., R/R); 3B/RHP Andrew Burt (So., R/R); INF Carter Turkett (Jr., R/R); OF Tyler Rucker (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP Mauricio Hernandez (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/RHP Kristian Kelley (Sr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP Brandon Cramer (So., R/R); RHP Gabe Gutierrez (Sr., R/R); RHP Jacob Poss (So., R/R); C Luke Mulberry (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Tigers look to improve after missing out on the playoffs last year. Dawson County returns nine starters, including outfielder/pitcher Hudson Sapp (.582 avg., 22 RBIs; 2-1, 1.68 ERA) and catcher Bo Lewis (.339 avg., 31 RBIs). The team is still relatively young and will need some underclassmen to step forward.

EAST HALL VIKINGS

Head Coach: Eric Fowler

Assistant Coach (s): Zeb Lackey, Austin Thompson, Levi Whitmire

2019 Record: 4-21

Returning Starters: RHP/SS TJ Smith (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); OF Taylor Smith (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); 3B/OF Josh Medina (Sr., 5-9, 200, R/R); 1B Alex Brock (Jr., 5-10, 200, R/R); 2B/OF Mike Parker (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R); RHP/U Luke England (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); RHP/U Zach Kinsey (So., 5-11, 155, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Jacob Poole (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Ross Brock (Jr., 6-1, 190, R/R); U Luke Barton (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF Levi Howard (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); U Cooper Williamson (So., 5-10, 210, R/R)

Season Outlook: After making the state playoffs in 2018, the Vikings struggled in 2019 with a very young team. But last year's experience

should pay off this spring as East Hall should be much better. Seven starters are back, including a trio of seniors in pitcher/shortstop TJ Smith, outfielder Taylor Smith and third baseman/outfielder Josh Medina.

FANNIN COUNTY REBELS

Head Coach: Travis Stone

Assistant Coach (s): Cline Bowers, Jeff Kuna, Noah O'Neal

2019 Record: 26-9

Returning Starters: C/INF Jerritt Holloway (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); RHP/INF Gabe Buchanan (Sr., 6-2, 180, L/R); RHP/OF Blake Rogers (Sr., 6-5, 225, R/R); LHP/OF Carson Beavers (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/L); RHP/U Matthew Shirah (Sr., 6-5, 200, R/R); DH/1B Miles Johnson (Sr., 6-4, 295, R/R)



Gabe Buchanan
Fannin County



Jerritt Holloway
Fannin County

Other Returning Players: RHP/INF Brady Martin (Jr., 6-3, 190, R/R); RHP/INF Wyatt Rogers (Jr., 5-6, 140, R/R); RHP/1B Logan Hughes (Jr., 6-1, 220, R/R); RHP/U Caleb Postell (Jr., 5-6, 140, R/R); LHP/1B Bradley Holloway (Jr., 5-10, 210, L/L); RHP/OF Tyler Fox (Jr., 5-8, 145, R/R); C/INF Seth Reece (So., 6-0, 180, R/R)



Blake Rogers
Fannin County



Matthew Shirah
Fannin County

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Chance Stacy (So., 5-10, 190, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Rebels lost a good bit of their offense to graduation, but the good news is the bulk of the pitching rotation returns that helped Fannin County win the region crown in 2019. Left-hander Carson Beavers (8-2, 1.46 ERA) and right-handers Matthew Shirah (5-2, 3.33 ERA), Blake Rogers (1-3, 6 saves) and Gabe Buchanan all return.

GREATER ATLANTA CHRISTIAN SPARTANS

Head Coach: Robbie Wilson

Assistant Coach (s): Josh Lee, Stephen Farris

2019 Record: 14-13

Returning Starters: OF Zac Mixon (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF Pirmin Brechbuhl (Sr., 6-2, 200, R/R); LHP Bryceton Payne (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/L); RHP Dawson Hamilton (Sr., 6-2, 205, R/R); LHP Jake Johnson (Sr., 6-0, 180, L/L); C/INF Collin Helms (So., 5-9, 155, L/R); INF Parker Hallock (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); LHP Michael Tobia (Sr., 5-9, 155, L/L); INF Brooks Miller (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); OF Jacob Fairbanks (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); OF Mathew Hays (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); C Wyatt Crum (Sr., 6-4, 215, R/R)



Jacob Fairbanks
Greater Atlanta Christian



Bryceton Payne
Greater Atlanta Christian

Other Returning Players: INF Mac Nieman (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R); INF

Charlie Nieman (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R); INF/OF Ford Hallock (So., 5-11, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Graham Stogner (So., 5-9, 160, L/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Noah Deas (So., 6-0, 200, L/R); INF Aaron Hobson (Fr., 5-10, 170, R/R); C Trey Wooley (So., 5-8, 150, R/R); OF Luke Hardin (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Tyler Holsworth (So., 5-11, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Spartans return most of their pitching from last season and should contend for the region title. Left-handers Bryceton Payne (4-3, 2.79 ERA) and Jake Johnson as well as right-hander Dawson Hamilton (4-4, 3.47 ERA) are back. Hitting leaders Zac Mixon (.309 avg., 2 HR) and Pirmin Brechbuhl (.342 avg., 24 RBIs) return to lead the offense.

LUMPKIN COUNTY INDIANS

Head Coach: Jonathan Gastley

Assistant Coach (s): Joe Jones, Bud Henderson, Ron Swistek, Greg Bicknell

2019 Record: 14-14

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Nick Turner (Sr., R/R); OF/LHP Tucker Kirk (Sr., R/L); INF/RHP Dalton Caldwell (Sr., R/R); C/U Logan Choflet (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Harris Taylor (Sr., R/R); U Andrew Segars (Sr., R/R); U Brandon Alewine (Sr., R/R); INF Kyle Daughtery (Sr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Sean Swistek (Sr., R/R); U Caleb Childs (Sr., L/R); INF/RHP Chris Day (Sr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Lumpkin County begins its second season under coach Jonathan Gastley. The Indians welcome back a sizeable senior class and some solid experience. Four starters are back, including infielder/pitcher Nick Turner and catcher Logan Choflet. Some promising juniors will also be expected to contribute.

NORTH HALL TROJANS

Head Coach: Trevor Flow

Assistant Coach (s): Wes Crow, Preston Lowther, Trey Pinson, Dacen Cash, Tim Nunez, Chandler Newton

2019 Record: 21-16

Returning Starters: OF

Bradford Puryear (So., 5-11, 165, R/R); INF/C

Caden Bales (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF/LHP Caleb

Payne (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/L);

INF/RHP Tyler Brooks

(Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); INF

Jace Bowen (So., 5-8,

140, L/R); INF/RHP Jack

Wiley (Sr., 6-1, 165, R/R);

INF/LHP Jackson Dyer

(Sr., 6-1, 180, L/L); INF/C/

RHP Jaret Bales (So.,

5-10, 165, R/R); C/OF Tate



Tyler Brooks
North Hall



Jackson Dyer
North Hall



Wes Tadman
North Hall



Zack Warrick
North Hall

the region title. Pitching will be the biggest strength as left-hander Jackson Dyer (5-2, 3.04 ERA) and right-handers Wes Tadman (4-1, 1.60 ERA) and Tyler Brooks return to lead the way.

REGION 8-3A

Region Favorite: Hart County

Keep an eye on: East Jackson – Eagles eyeing second straight playoff bid.

Players to Watch

RHP/INF – Caleb Adair, Sr., East Jackson; **INF** – Dominic Arienzo, Sr., Morgan County; **OF** – Sean Bowers, Sr., Franklin County; **RHP/OF** – Josh Compton, Sr., East Jackson; **C** – Mason Cooper, Jr., Jefferson; **2B/SS** – Chase Dalton, Sr., Hart County; **3B/1B/RHP** – Will Dean, Jr., Hart County; **RHP/INF** – Grant Hardegree, Sr., Jackson County; **RHP/INF** – Halton Hardy, Sr., East Jackson; **RHP/OF** – Brycen Jewell, Sr., Jefferson; **C/3B** – Luke Lee, Sr., Hart County; **OF** – Rem Maxwell, Jr., Jefferson; **1B** – Trey McEver, Sr., Jefferson; **OF** – Bryant Olson, Jr., Monroe Area; **3B** – Ethan Phillips, Sr., Monroe Area; **1B/DH** – Peyton Powell, So., Hart County; **2B** – JJ Rapp, Jr., Jefferson; **CF** – Seth Robertson, Sr., Morgan County; **RHP/OF** – Cole Sealey, Sr., East Jackson; **RHP/INF** – Ethan Stamps, Sr., Morgan County; **SS/RHP** – Casey Tallent, Jr., Hart County; **OF** – Malachi Thomas, Jr., Hart County; **C/OF** – Jake Varner, Sr., East Jackson; **RHP** – Derek Vaughn, Jr., Jefferson; **SS** – Cole Watkins, Jr., Jefferson

EAST JACKSON EAGLES

Head Coach: Scott Myers (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Caleb Hardy, Eric Wike, Josh Dawson, Bucky Sorrow

2019 Record: 12-16

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Halton Hardy (Sr., R/R); C/OF Jake Varner (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF Caleb Adair (Sr., R/R); RHP/OF Cole Sealey (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF Dylan Varner (Sr., R/R); RHP/OF Josh Compton (Sr., L/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Luke Lindsey (So., R/R); C Gavin Beck (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: A good group returns from an East Jackson squad that made the state playoffs for the first time in school history last year. Pitching will be the strength as Halton Hardy, Josh Compton, Cole Sealey and Caleb Adair return. Catcher Jake Varner returns behind the plate.



Halton Hardy
East Jackson

FRANKLIN COUNTY LIONS

Head Coach: David Skelly (new)

Survey not returned

HART COUNTY BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Josh Osborne

Assistant Coach (s): Hunter Barton, Robbie Wilson, Brady Graham, Chris Wilson

2019 Record: 20-18

Returning Starters: 2B/

SS Chase Dalton (Sr., 5-10, 215, R/R); C/3B Luke Lee (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); 3B/1B/RHP Will Dean (Jr., 6-1, 215, R/R); SS/RHP Casey Tallent (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF Malachi Thomas (Jr., 6-2, 185, R/R); OF/LHP JP White (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/L); OF Rafe Maxwell (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); 1B/DH Peyton Powell (So., 6-3, 220, L/L)

Other Returning

Players: OF/1B/LHP Tanner Ayers (So., 6-0, 140, L/L); OF/1B/LHP Jake Dombrowsky (So., 5-9, 140, R/L)

Top Newcomers: OF/C Paul Davis (Fr., R/R);

INF/C Riley Posey (Fr., R/R); OF/RHP Trey Horton (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: After barely making the state playoffs as the region's third seed, Hart County caught fire and made it to the semifinals. Most of that talent is back, including pitcher Casey Tallent. Offensive catalysts Malachi Thomas, Chase Dalton, Luke Lee and Will Dean also return. The Bulldogs will seek to continue last year's positive momentum.



Will Dean
Hart County



Luke Lee
Hart County



Casey Tallent
Hart County



Malachi Thomas
Hart County

JACKSON COUNTY PANTHERS

Head Coach: Matt Bolt

Assistant Coach (s): Joseph Laird, Jase Latty, Troy McIntyre, Brenton Ruark

2019 Record: 9-18

Returning Starters: RHP/OF Ayden Griswold (Jr., 5-9, 145, R/R); RHP/INF Grant Hardegree (Sr., 5-9, 185, R/R); RHP/OF Tyler Zipfel (Sr., 6-0, 150, R/R); LHP/RHP/INF Kedric Zimmer (Jr., 5-10, 150, B/B)

Other Returning Players: INF CJ Bozeman (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); RHP/INF Bryce Beverly (Sr., 5-11, 205, R/R); OF Jonathan Steeb (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); RHP/OF Ben Wiley (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/INF Tyler Vaughn (Jr., 6-1, 275, R/R); RHP/INF Jesse Whiting (Jr., 6-1, 205, R/R); C/OF Bradley Pruiett (Jr., 5-9, 145, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/OF Jack Thomas (Jr., 6-2, 185, R/R); OF Logan Holycross (Jr., 6-2, 170, R/R); LHP/INF Jake Stinchcomb (Jr., 5-8, 175, L/L)

Season Outlook: The Panthers look to rebound after a disappointing finish in 2019. Four starters are back. If Jackson County can generate some offense, they should improve on last year's finish. Right-handed pitchers Ayden Griswold, Grant Hardegree, Tyler Zipfel and ambidexterous pitcher Kedric Zimmer all return.

JEFFERSON DRAGONS

Head Coach: Tommy Knight

Assistant Coach (s): Andy Fowler, Jon Veldhuis, Kyle Hardy, Shawn McNally, Jordan Perdue, Jake Fields

2019 Record: 25-3

Returning Starters: C Mason Cooper (Jr., 5-9, 190, R/R); 1B Trey McEver (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); SS Cole Watkins (Jr., 5-8, 165, R/R); 2B JJ Rapp (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/L); OF Rem Maxwell (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R); RHP/OF Brycen Jewell (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Other Returning

Players: OF Kade McNally (Sr., 5-10, 210, R/R); RHP Jackson Perry (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); RHP Kallon Cook (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); RHP Derek Vaughn (Jr., 6-2, 200, R/R); RHP Jasper Adamek (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); OF Hayden Phillips (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R)



Mason Cooper
Jefferson



Brycen Jewell
Jefferson

Top Newcomers: OF Nick Sellers (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); INF Landon Richards (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R); OF Jake Walker (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R); RHP Austin Bell (Jr., 6-1, 190, R/R)

Season Outlook: If the Dragons can find some pitching depth, they could be the team to beat in Region 8-3A. Senior right-hander Brycen Jewell returns on the mound, while catcher Mason Cooper, outfielder Rem Maxwell and infielders Cole Watkins and JJ Rapp return to spark the offense.

MONROE AREA PURPLE HURRICANES

Head Coach: Chad Kitchens

Assistant Coach (s): Josh Stephens, Blake McCullers, Michael Young, Taylor Burgess, Rob Blair

2019 Record: 5-22

Returning Starters: 1B/OF Garrett Dove (Sr., 6-1, 220, R/R); 2B Lee Broach (Jr., 5-9, 140, R/R); 3B Ethan Phillips (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF Bryant Olson (Jr., 6-0, 170, L/L); 1B/LHP Cody Cook (Sr., 6-5, 220, L/L); 2B/SS Hunter Redden (So., 6-1, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B Walker Bell (Sr., 5-10, 180, L/L); OF Tristen Malcom (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); C Dylan Nix (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); C Jackson McNew (Jr., 6-1, 230, R/R); 3B Devan Young (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R); OF Landon Housley (So., 5-10, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/SS Silas Griffeth (Sr., 6-0, 200, B/R)

Season Outlook: The Purple Hurricanes look to rebound from a disappointing finish in 2019. Monroe Area welcomes back six returners, including outfielder Bryant Olson and infielder Ethan Phillips. Pitching is the biggest concern. The return of left-hander Cody Cook will help.

MORGAN COUNTY BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Merritt Ainslie

Assistant Coach (s): TBA

2019 Record: 23-10

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Ethan Stamps (Sr., R/R); INF Dominic Arienzo (Sr., R/R); CF Seth Robertson (Sr., R/R); 1B Brandyn Batchelor (Sr., R/R); OF Triston Stapp (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Trent Mizell (Sr., R/R); C Will Harper (Jr., L/R); RHP Maddox Smith (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: After two deep postseason runs, Morgan County has some rebuilding to do this season. But don't sleep on the Bulldogs. Five starters are back, including pitcher/infielder Ethan Stamps, outfielder Seth Robertson and infielder Dominic Arienzo. A solid group of juniors will help out.



Ethan Stamps
Morgan County

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Keep playing

Jeff Davis captures second title in three years

By Tim Morse

There was very little experience that returned on the Jeff Davis High School baseball team. But there was plenty of talent.

When catcher Colby Marchant saw the Yellow Jackets were ranked 11th in the Georgia Dugout Preview Magazine's preseason Class 2A rankings, he and many others took it personal.

"It ticked us off," said Marchant, one of three who returned with meaningful experience from the 2018 squad. "We'd won at every level we'd played at, and we knew we had some good players."

Head coach Paul Glass knew there was talent, but he often talked about the unknown. After perhaps the greatest two-year run in Jeff Davis baseball history, Glass wasn't sure how the 2019 squad would come together. After steadily improving, the Jackets won the Region 2-2A title, then rolled to their second state championship in three years last May when they topped Rockmart in three games. Jeff Davis' recent history includes two state titles and a state semifinal appearance in 2018.

But the 2019 team was going to be different.

"We knew it was going to be hard because we were so young and we hadn't made a name for ourselves yet," junior Garrison Miles said.

After graduating a large senior class in 2018, the Jackets started the season 5-1 before sweeping Metter in its first region series of the year. They then took down Class 7A foes Colquitt County and Tift County before jumping back into Region 2-2A play. The Jackets won 11 of their next 12, then needed just one win in a three-game set against Bacon County in the final week of the regular season to clinch the region crown. Jeff Davis did just that and after starting the season at No. 11, they climbed to No. 2 in the polls as they entered the state playoffs.

They swept East Laurens in the first round, ousted Fitzgerald in three games in Round 2, then swept past Region 8 champion Social Circle in the quarterfinals. That set up a semifinal matchup with Bleckley County, a team they took two from in the regular season. The Royals took Game 1, 1-0, before Jeff Davis rallied to win the second game. In the third and decisive game, the Jackets made five errors in one inning and trailed by six runs before rallying for a dramatic 13-12 victory to win the series.

"Five errors in one inning, you usually never win those kinds of games," Glass said. "But we kept telling them to keep playing because you never know what might happen. You love to see guys get rewarded for that. It's something I was very pleased with."

In the state championship series, the Jackets lost Game 1, but they rallied to win the second and third games to win the series. Junior shortstop/pitcher Britt Metts said he wasn't surprised.

"We've always been a group that have been close and worked hard," Metts said. "We knew we were way better than to quit, so we were going to go until it was over."

And when it was over, the Jackets took another state baseball championship trophy back to Hazlehurst.



Jeff Davis players celebrate after winning the Class 2A state title, its second in three years

Photo by Jeff Davis High School



Catcher Colby Marchant, third baseman Cade Walters (far left), pitcher Britt Metts and Braden Creech react after Jeff Davis recorded the final out in the state championship series to win the Class 2A title.

Photo by Jeff Davis High School



Members of the Jeff Davis baseball team are: **Front Row** (l-r): Cole Baucom, Garrett Taylor, Garrison Miles, Kaden Lewis, Caleb Chaney, Cade Walters, Jashaun Kirby, Braden Creech, Conner Rea, Britt Metts. **Back Row** (l-r), Coach Kaleb Brown, Coach Roger Metts, Colby Marchant, Matthew White, Matthew Glass, Cam Williams, Dakaree Clinton, Andrew Aycock, Caleb Leggett, Coach Jeff McGowan, Ethan Hulett, Hamp Hayes, Coach Paul Glass.

Photo by Jeff Davis High School

Class 2A Top 15

1 JEFF DAVIS

The Yellow Jackets are working on a mini-dynasty among smaller schools in Georgia. Last year in what many labeled as a rebuilding season in Hazlehurst, Jeff Davis won its second Class 2A state title in three seasons. And the Jackets are poised to win another one in 2020 with the bulk of last year's team returning.

On paper, Jeff Davis doesn't have a lot of weaknesses to exploit. The team's top two pitchers – Caleb Leggett and Garrison Miles as well as top reliever Britt Metts – return, as well as a deep rotation that features a wealth of talented underclassmen. If this unit lives up to expectations, the Jackets could be hoisting a third championship trophy in late May.

Offensive-wise, catcher Colby Marchant, Leggett and Metts, who was the Class 2A Player of the Year, return to lead an offense capable of scoring a lot of runs.

2 ROCKMART

What a ride it was in 2019 for Rockmart, who came within one game of winning the school's first state baseball championship. Optimism is high in 2020, especially when you have a player like Ty Floyd, one of the nation's top pitchers. It will be tough to beat Rockmart when Floyd is on the hill, but the Jackets have more talent. Evan Ratcliff, Brayden Cole and Cooper Yanzetich will help out on the mound.

On offense, Reed Couch, CJ Culver, Cole, junior Andruw Morris and Yanzetich lead an offense that should make things easy on the pitching rotation. This team is going to be fun to watch. If Rockmart's season ends anytime before the state championship series is played in late May, it will be a surprise.

3 BACON COUNTY

The senior class is strong for the Red Raiders and don't be surprised to see Bacon County make a deep playoff run. The pitching, offense and defense are there for the Raiders to be a very dangerous team.

4 BREMEN

The Blue Devils appeared to be the favorites to capture the Class 2A state title last year until Bleckley County eliminated Bremen in the quarterfinals. Some of that talent graduated, but enough returns to help the Blue Devils stay among the state's elite.

5 CALLAWAY

The Cavaliers, as usual, made a late postseason run in 2019, missing the state championship series by one game. Callaway will be back this spring. The five returning starters are excellent, and the roster is full of talented underclassmen that should keep the Cavaliers hungry.

6 ELBERT COUNTY

The Blue Devils have the offense returning and if they can find some pitching depth, Elbert County will have its best team since they finished as the Class 2A runner-up in 2017. A hungry group of underclassmen will help Elbert County stay among the state's best.

7 BLECKLEY COUNTY

The Royals sputtered early in the season in 2019, then caught fire late and made a run to the state semifinals. Bleckley County will build off that momentum. And if they can build some pitching depth, look out. The offense is capable of putting up big numbers.

8 THOMASVILLE

The Bulldogs definitely have the pitching to contend. If they can get their offense to support their pitchers, the Bulldogs could be looking at a deep postseason run. Stay tuned.

9 HARLEM

A solid senior class will keep the Bulldogs in the chase. If the Bulldogs can get Jordan McCladdie to return to the form he showed as a sophomore in 2018, they will be a dangerous team. Pitcher Dylan Smith and shortstop Colton Lopez will help Harlem make a run.

10 VIDALIA

The Indians have steadily improved in coach Brent Korn's first two seasons. In Year 3, Vidalia will keep climbing. The Indians will still be a relatively young team, but the talent is there for them to make another run at the playoffs.

11 MODEL

The Blue Devils made serious improvement in 2019. Look for Model to take things up a notch this spring. The pitching is there with Rett Edwards and Daulton Waddell leading the way, while Region Offensive Player of the Year Brody Pearson also returns.

12 WESTSIDE-AUGUSTA

A second-round exit from the state playoffs wasn't what Westside was looking for last season. The Patriots have enough ingredients to make another playoff run. Keep an eye on them.

13 HEARD COUNTY

The Braves felt like they underachieved last spring. Don't look for a repeat. A first-round postseason exit left Heard County hungry for a return. They have the players to make a strong postseason run this year.

14 BANKS COUNTY

The Leopards were in the hunt for the Region 8-2A title until the last week of the 2019 regular season. Enough ingredients are back for Banks County to be on the state scene this season.

15 METTER

The Tigers returned to the state playoffs last year as the No. 4 seed from the rugged Region 2-2A. Metter will be even better in 2020.

Others to watch: (Alphabetical Order) Berrien, Dade County, Fitzgerald, Union County, Washington County

CLASS 2A PRESEASON ALL STATE

First Team

Name	Position	Grade	School	Comment
Ty Floyd	Pitcher	Senior	Rockmart	LSU signee is lethal
Skylar Ivey	Pitcher	Senior	Bacon County	Makes hitters look bad
Landry Mead	Pitcher	Junior	Vidalia	He continues to impress
Britt Metts	Pitcher	Senior	Jeff Davis	Athlete can do it all
Garrison Miles	Pitcher	Senior	Jeff Davis	Won 11 games for state champs
Justin Moore	Pitcher	Sophomore	Callaway	Only going to get better
Hurston Waldrep	Pitcher	Senior	Thomasville	Nasty pitcher is tough to hit
Colby Marchant	Catcher	Senior	Jeff Davis	As good as there is
Nathan Smith	Catcher	Junior	Thomasville	Brings the bat and the glove
Peyton Adams	Infielder	Senior	Elbert County	One of the best in the infield
Jimbo Brown	Infielder	Senior	Bremen	Excellent defender at 1B
Caleb Houston	Infielder	Senior	Bacon County	Leader who can do so much
Colby Masters	Infielder	Senior	Westside-Augusta	Solid hitter, defender and pitcher
Brody Pearson	Infielder	Senior	Model	A tough out at the plate
Carson Waters	Infielder	Senior	Bleckley County	Excellent defender with good bat
Bennett Arney	Outfielder	Senior	Bacon County	Can pitch, hit and play defense
Reed Couch	Outfielder	Senior	Rockmart	Makes things happen
Brayden Eavenson	Outfielder	Senior	Elbert County	Tough player gets it done
Caleb Leggett	Outfielder	Senior	Jeff Davis	Good in OF, great on mound
Jordan McCladdie	Outfielder	Senior	Harlem	Makes it look easy
Tray Owens	Utility	Senior	Heard County	Kind of player you want
Justin Whitehead	Designated Hitter	Senior	Banks County	Standout is real deal

Second Team

Pitchers – Jacob Bradshaw, Sr., Thomasville; Griffin Crook, Sr., Bremen; Rett Edwards, Sr., Model; Owen Powell, Sr., Westside-Augusta; Dylan Smith, Sr., Harlem; Zeke Swartz, Jr., Union County; Bryson Whited, So., Vidalia; **Catchers** – Cullen Lee, Sr., Putnam County; Brody Little, Jr., Bleckley County; **Infielders** – Brayden Cole, Sr., Rockmart; Jack Fernandez, Sr., Bleckley County; Brooks Hardie, Jr., Bremen; Steven Knighton, Sr., Bleckley County; Mason Rollings, Sr., Heard County; Brody Swader, So., Dade County; Cooper Yanzetich, So., Rockmart; **Outfielders** – Cooper Cartwright, Sr., Bremen; CJ Culver, Sr., Rockmart; Carter Glenn, Sr., Dade County; Tripp Williams, So., Banks County; Lane Young, Sr., Metter; **Utility** – Wesley Marchman, Sr., Callaway; **Designated Hitter** – Cooper Yanzetich, So., Rockmart

REGION 1-2A

Region Favorite: Thomasville

Keep an eye on: Berrien – The Rebels were young last year, but look for that experience to pay off.

Players to Watch

OF/RHP – Marcus Anderson, Jr., Fitzgerald; **RHP** – Jacob Bradshaw, Sr., Thomasville; **INF/RHP** – Maylon Cochran, Sr., Thomasville; **OF/LHP/1B** – Gabe Duncan, So., Thomasville; **OF/RHP** – Chance Gamble, Jr., Fitzgerald; **OF/1B/LHP** – Jaylen Jones, Sr., Thomasville; **INF/RHP** – Collins McClendon, Sr., Early County; **INF/RHP** – Alex Munoz, Sr., Brooks County; **C** – Pressley Paulk, Jr., Fitzgerald; **OF** – Griffin Rowe, Sr., Berrien; **C/INF** – Nathan Smith, Jr., Thomasville; **U** – Harrison Stewart, Sr., Thomasville; **INF/C/RHP** – Jay Thomas, Sr., Thomasville; **RHP** – Hurston Waldrep, Sr., Thomasville; **OF/C** – Witt Wetherington, So., Thomasville; **OF/RHP** – Austin Yarbrough, Sr., Fitzgerald

BERRIEN REBELS

Head Coach: Doug Nix

Assistant Coach (s): Calem Ray, Rusty Harris, Adam Haire

2019 Record: 9-24

Returning Starters: CF Griffin Rowe (Sr., 5-8, 155, R/R); RHP/3B Clay Griffin (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); C Kayden Everett (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); RHP/1B Hue Barker (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); RHP Jacob Dillard (So., 5-11, 255, R/R); INF Beau Nix (So., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF Joel Presley (So., 5-8, 140, R/R); C Conner Sinclair (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Colton Mitchell (Jr., 5-8, 140, R/R); OF Tanner Griner (Jr., 5-7, 145, R/R); OF Deshawn Folsom (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF Nathan Nix (So., 5-10, 140, R/R); INF Travis Staley (So., 6-0, 170, R/R);



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INF Whit Shepard (So., 6-0, 205, R/R); OF Terrance Tisby (So., 5-7, 145, R/R)
Season Outlook: The Rebels struggled last season with a pile of youth that gained valuable experience. Look for Berrien to be much better this spring. The Rebels will still be young, but outfielder Griffin Rowe (.313 avg., 8 2B) returns to give the team a solid player to build around.

BROOKS COUNTY TROJANS

Head Coach: Josh Price

Assistant Coach (s): Troy Gay, Daniel Storey, David DeSantiago

2019 Record: 9-19

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Alex Munoz (Sr., 6-0, 200, B/R); OF Tiger Reynolds (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/L); INF/RHP Dakota Goodrum (Jr., 6-0, 195, R/R); OF/RHP Dylan Marshall (Jr., 6-0, 145, R/R); INF/RHP Devin Sims (So., 5-5, 155, R/R); INF/RHP Jack Perry (So., 6-1, 150, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Coleman Lanier (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R); OF Will Player (Sr., 6-2, 160, R/R); OF Tramaine Demps (So., 6-0, 150, R/R); OF Jody Scott (Jr., R/R); OF Shane Hill (Sr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/C Matthew Ferrell (Fr., 5-5, 130, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Trojans made the state playoffs last year and look to build off their positive campaign. Six starters are back, including infelder/pitcher Alex Munoz. The senior class is small, meaning some younger players will need to step up their game.



Alex Munoz
Brooks County

EARLY COUNTY BOBCATS

Head Coach: Shawn Gilmer

Assistant Coach (s): Craig Dempsey, Ed Norman, John Felch

2019 Record: 7-19

Returning Starters: RHP/1B Shaun Felch (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); SS/RHP Asher White (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); INF/RHP Collins McClendon (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); 3B Christian Mincey (Jr., 5-11, 205, R/R); OF/RHP Rand McDonald (Jr., 5-9, 140, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/RHP Dylan Hatton (So., 5-10, 195, R/R); OF/LHP Brayden Enfinger (Jr., 5-9, 160, L/L); OF Keaviant Wimbush (Sr., 5-11, 185, L/L); 1B Thomas McDonald (Sr., 5-8, 200, R/R); C/INF Landon White (So., 5-9, 135, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/OF/RHP Gaines Harrell (Fr., 5-10, 140, R/R); INF Tanner Williams (So., 6-0, 130, R/R); INF Tyler Williams (So., 5-11, 130, R/R)

Season Outlook: Early County looks to get back into the playoffs after missing out last season. The Bobcats welcome back five returning starters, including a trio of seniors in Shaun Felch, Asher White and Collins McClendon. Look for some younger players to contribute.

FITZGERALD PURPLE HURRICANES

Head Coach: Jason McDonald

Assistant Coach (s): Elvin Anderson, Luke Rineair, Harvey Taylor

2019 Record: 21-11

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Austin Yarbrough (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Marcus Anderson (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); C Pressley Paulk (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); 2B Chandler Young (Jr., 5-8, 165, R/R); OF Riley Evans (Jr., 5-9, 175, R/R); 3B/C Dequavion Harper (Jr., 5-10, 230, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/RHP Jacob Dunn (Jr., 5-9, 165, L/R); OF Tyler Brown (Jr., 5-9, 175, R/R); INF Conner Clemons (So., 5-7, 155, R/R); 3B/RHP Avery Newell (So., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/RHP Chance Gamble (Jr., 6-2, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: Fitzgerald lost a lot of players to graduation last year, but the team isn't lacking talent. Although the senior class is small, six

starters return. Senior outfielder/pitcher Austin Yarbrough (.340 avg., 17 RBIs) is back. Keep an eye on juniors Marcus Anderson and Pressley Paulk who played well in 2019.

THOMASVILLE BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Erik McDougald

Assistant Coach (s): Brice Warner, Daniel Young, Kyle Fiveash

2019 Record: 24-8

Returning Starters:

U Harrison Stewart (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); OF/LHP/1B Gabe Duncan (So., 5-10, 175, L/L); OF/C Witt Wetherington (So., 6-1, 185, R/R); C/INF Nathan Smith (Jr., 6-1, 195, R/R); 1B/OF/RHP Jacob Bradshaw (Sr., 6-1, 185, L/R); INF/RHP Maylon Cochran (Sr., 6-0, 170, L/R); INF/C/RHP Jay Thomas (Sr., 5-9, 230, R/R); OF/RHP Hurston Waldrep (Sr., 6-2, 195, R/R)

Other Returning

Players: INF/C/RHP

Mason Beckham (So., 6-2, 190, R/R); INF Ryan Jones (Sr., 5-11, 220, R/R); OF/RHP Boomer Slocumb (Sr., 5-8, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Ben Rawlings (So., 5-11, 160, R/R); OF Jess Eason (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers:

OF/1B/LHP Jaylen Jones (Sr., 6-0, 200, L/L); INF Gus Novak (Fr., 6-0, 160, R/R); OF/1B/LHP Jacob Jordan (Fr., 5-8, 160, L/L); INF/C Isaac Richardson (Fr., 5-11, 180, R/R); INF Carson Fryman (Fr., 5-10, 155, R/R); INF/RHP Anderson Everett (Fr., 5-10, 145, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Bulldogs will be chasing the region crown again as a wealth of starters are back. Thomasville has the pitching with the 1-2 punch of Hurston Waldrep and Jacob Bradshaw. But the team must find some consistency on offense. The return of Nathan Smith, Maylon Cochran, Harrison Stewart and Gabe Duncan on offense will help.



Maylon Cochran
Thomasville



Jaylen Jones
Thomasville



Nathan Smith
Thomasville



Harrison Stewart
Thomasville



Jacob Bradshaw - Thomasville
Photo by Tim Morse



REGION 2-2A

Region Favorite: Jeff Davis

Keep an eye on: Bacon County – The Raiders should pick up from where they left off.

Players to Watch

RHP/OF – Bennett Arney, Sr., Bacon County; **LF/RHP** – Logan Brazell, Jr., Bryan County; **OF** – Tyler Brinson, Sr., Swainsboro; **SS/RHP** – Nathan Copeland, Sr., Swainsboro; **OF/P** – Brian Crooms, Jr., Metter; **OF** – Bryce Davis, So., Vidalia; **OF/LHP** – Tucker Dyson, Sr., Bryan County; **1B/OF/DH** – Hamp Hayes, Jr., Jeff Davis; **C/1B** – Caleb Houston, Sr., Bacon County; **RHP/OF** – Skylar Ivey, Sr., Bacon County; **LHP/OF** – Caleb Leggett, Sr., Jeff Davis; **C** – Colby Marchant, Sr., Jeff Davis; **SS/RHP** – Landry Mead, Jr., Vidalia; **SS/RHP** – Britt Metts, Sr., Jeff Davis; **INF/RHP** – Mason Mikell, Jr., Bacon County; **2B/RHP** – Garrison Miles, Sr., Jeff Davis; **OF/P** – Chase Mussleman, Jr., Toombs County; **SS/P** – Randon Rigdon, Jr., Metter; **LHP/OF** – Jordan Walden, So., Vidalia; **RHP/INF** – Bryson Whited, So., Vidalia; **U** – Lane Young, Sr., Metter

BACON COUNTY RED RAIDERS

Head Coach: Noble Coley

Assistant Coach (s): Stephen Tyre, Patrick McDonald, Cody Phillips

2019 Record: 25-10

Returning

Starters: C/1B Caleb Houston (Sr., 6-3, 225, R/R); RHP/OF Bennett Arney (Sr., 6-2, 215, L/R); RHP/OF Skylar Ivey (Sr., 6-3, 200, R/R); INF/RHP Chase Kirkland (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); INF/RHP Trey Thomas (Jr., 5-9, 180, R/R);



Bennett Arney
Bacon County



Caleb Houston
Bacon County

INF/RHP Mason Mikell (Jr., 6-1, 180, B/R); INF/RHP Drew Elrod (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R); OF/RHP Drake Miles (Sr., 6-1, 185, L/R); OF/RHP Nathan White (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/1B Dustyn Andrews (Jr., 5-10, 190, R/R); OF Brady Cothorn (So., 5-10, 180, L/L); INF/RHP Jackson Conner (So., 6-0, 180, R/R); 1B Cole Smith (So., 6-1, 200, R/R); OF Dawson Herrington (So., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF Tyrone Deen (So., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: After winning 25 games last year, the Red Raiders should be back for more. Bacon County will be expected to challenge for the region crown and make a strong postseason run. Nine starters are back, including pitchers Bennett Arney and Skylar Ivey. Catcher/first baseman Caleb Houston returns to lead the offense.



Skylar Ivey
Bacon County

BRYAN COUNTY REDSKINS

Head Coach: Justin Covington (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Zach Ledbetter, Fulton Barker, Lorenza Ross

2019 Record: 9-20

Returning Starters: LHP/CF Tucker Dyson (Jr., L/L); RHP/LF Logan

Brazell (Jr., R/R); 3B/OF Jeremiah Bowman (Jr., R/R); 2B/SS Brandon Sitton (Jr., R/R); 1B Aaron Bailey (So., L/R); RHP/C Jacob Hughes (So., L/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Adam Sitton (Sr., R/R); OF Chris Bell (So., R/R); INF Chandler Greene (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Konnor Leggett (Fr., L/L); 2B Aiden Martin (Fr., R/R); INF Zack Sitton (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Former assistant Justin Covington takes over and inherits a young team that will look to improve upon last season's record. Six starters are back, including pitcher/outfielder Logan Brazell. A solid group of juniors and sophomores will be expected to help out.

JEFF DAVIS YELLOW JACKETS

Head Coach: Paul Glass

Assistant Coach (s): Steven Wilcox, Roger Metts, Richard Stone, Jeff McGowan, Kelly McLoon

2019 Record: 32-8

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Britt Metts (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); C Colby Marchant (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); LHP/OF Caleb Leggett (Sr., 6-2, 190, L/L); 1B Caleb Chaney (Sr., 6-1, 195, L/R); 2B/RHP Garrison Miles (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); OF/RHP JaShaun Kirby (Sr., 6-1, 210, R/R); OF/LHP Garrett Taylor (Sr., 5-10, 170, L/L); 3B/RHP Cade Walters (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); 1B/OF/DH Hamp Hayes (Jr., 6-0, 210, R/R); OF/2B/RHP Braydon Creech (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R)



Caleb Leggett
Jeff Davis



Colby Marchant
Jeff Davis



Britt Metts
Jeff Davis



Garrison Miles
Jeff Davis

Other Returning Players: RHP Matthew

White (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); RHP Cole Baucom (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); SS/RHP Ethan Hulett (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); 3B/2B Conner Rea (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); C Matthew Glass (So., 6-2, 185, L/R); RHP Cam Williams (So., 6-0, 180, R/R); 1B Andrew Aycock (Jr., 6-1, 230, R/R)

Season Outlook: In what was supposed to be a rebuilding season, Jeff Davis won its second state title in three years last spring. The majority of that team returns, including top pitchers Caleb Leggett (7-1, 1.10 ERA) and Garrison Miles (11-1, 1.80 ERA). Catcher Colby Marchant (.404 avg., 13 2B) and Class 2A Player of the Year Britt Metts (.336 avg., 11 HR, 42 RBIs) return to lead the offense.

METTER TIGERS

Head Coach: Zach Rackett

Assistant Coach (s): Skyler Smith, Riley Kingery

2019 Record: 15-14

Returning Starters: U Lane Young (Sr.); 1B Tucker Atteberry (Sr.); SS/P Randon Rigdon (Jr.); INF Brendan Wood (Jr.); OF/P Brian Crooms (Jr.); 3B/P Kyzer Anthony (So.); U Antoine Deloach (Jr.); C/P John Luke Glanton (So.); C/P Tyler Kirkland (Jr.); OF Taylor Dollar (Sr.); U Reese Hadden (So.); OF Walker Dollar (Sr.)

Season Outlook: The senior class may be small, but Metter returns a lot of players and should compete for a playoff berth. Keep an eye on shortstop/pitcher Randon Rigdon, who had a



Lane Young
Metter

solid sophomore campaign last year. Seniors Lane Young and Tucker Atteberry give Metter a pair of leaders to build around.

SWAINSBORO TIGERS

Head Coach: Ashley Hooks

Assistant Coach (s): Rusty Kea, Corey Chalker

2019 Record: 8-22

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Nathan Copeland (Sr., R/R); OF Tyler Brinson (Sr., R/R); 2B Kade Youmans (Sr., R/R); OF Kytell Phillips (Sr., R/L); SS/RHP Elijah Lloyd (Jr., R/R); 1B King Screws (Sr., R/R); LHP Kaleb Edenfied (So., R/L)

Other Returning Players: C Justin Drake (So., R/R); INF Tate Thompson (Jr., R/R); INF Timothy Braddock (So., R/R); U Derrick Jones (Jr., R/R); LHP Nathan Riddle (So., L/L)

Top Newcomers: OF/RHP Jeffery Brown (Fr., R/R); INF/RHP Jacob Durden (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: A solid senior class returns as Swainsboro should have a chance to improve upon last season's finish. Seven starters are back, five of them seniors. Shortstop/pitcher Nathan Copeland and outfielder Tyler Brinson are two players to keep an eye on.

TOOMBS COUNTY BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Derek James

Assistant Coach (s): Don Mims, Pat Craft

2019 Record: 16-12

Returning Starters: OF/P Trey Cloud (Sr.); OF Chandler Lynn (Jr.); OF/P Chase Mussleman (Jr.); INF Kodie Cortez (Jr.); INF Bryson Stanley (So.); C Jason Dukes (So.)

Other Returning Players: 2B Alex Gordy (Jr.); OF Foster Jones (Jr.); P/1B Logan Knight (So.); 1B/P Gray Stephens (Jr.); P Landon Hutcheson (So.)

Top Newcomers: SS Zeke Barnett (Fr.); 2B Dawson Brantley (Fr.); C Wil Watts (Fr.); OF Lucas O'Conner (Fr.); OF Ashton Luke (Fr.); OF Gavin Hall (Fr.); OF Bryar Douberly (Fr.); INF Neal Braddy (Fr.); INF Carson Braddy (Fr.)

Season Outlook: Toombs County will be young, but the Bulldogs will still contend for a postseason berth. Six starters are back. Outfielder/pitcher Trey Cloud is the only returning senior, but keep an eye on all-region performer Chase Mussleman who had an excellent sophomore season in 2019.

VIDALIA INDIANS

Head Coach: Brent Korn

Assistant Coach (s): Rhett Carter, Ben Beck

2019 Record: 21-13

Returning Starters:

OF Bryce Davis (So., R/R); RHP/INF Bryson Whited (So., R/R); RHP/OF Dawson Ricks (Sr., R/R); C Hughes Graham (So., R/R); LHP/OF Jordan Walden (So., R/L); SS/RHP Landry Mead (Jr., R/R); RHP/1B Ty Dalley (So., L/R)



Bryce Davis
Vidalia



Dawson Ricks
Vidalia

Other Returning Players: OF Anthony Walker (Sr., R/R); RHP/1B Bryce Morley (So., R/R); RHP/INF Caden Spivey (So., R/R); 2B/RHP Grayson Osborne (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF Kevin Cox (So., R/R); INF Michael Blount (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: 3B/C Walker Moncus (Fr., R/R); OF Kaleb Bennett (Fr., L/R); INF/RHP Cason Banks (Fr., L/R); INF Sloan Fountain (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Indians may be a year away from reaching their full potential, but they will still be pretty good in 2020. The

senior class is small, but several starters return. Junior all-state performer Landry Mead is back as well as sophomore pitcher Bryson Whited who was promising last year. Keep an eye on a solid corps of sophomores and freshmen.



Jordan Walden
Vidalia



Bryson Whited
Vidalia



Landry Mead - Vidalia
Photo by Vidalia High School

REGION 3-2A

Region Favorite: Bleckley County

Keep an eye on: Washington County – Golden Hawks return a lot of talent under new coach Joel Griffin.

Players to Watch

P/OF/INF – Olimade Dixon, Jr., Washington County; **1B/OF** – Chaise Donaldson, Jr., East Laurens; **RHP/SS** – Garrett Durden, Jr., Dodge County; **3B** – Jack Fernandez, Sr., Bleckley County; **U** – Ashton Hopkins, Jr., Washington County; **RF** – Ethan Hulsey, Jr., Bleckley County; **1B** – Steven Knighton, Sr., Bleckley County; **C/1B/RHP** – Brody Little, Jr., Bleckley County; **RHP/OF** – Andrew Lowery, Sr., Dodge County; **OF/SS/RHP** – Alex Muns, Sr., East Laurens; **RHP/U** – Brendan O'Connor, Jr., Dodge County; **1B/OF** – Dalton Smith, Sr., Washington County; **SS** – Kendall Wade, Jr., Dublin; **SS** – Carson Waters, Sr., Bleckley County

BLECKLEY COUNTY ROYALS

Head Coach: Brad Davis

Assistant Coach (s): William Barham, Jacob Byram, Tyler Sellars, Shane Savant

2019 Record: 26-14

Returning Starters: 3B Jack Fernandez (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); 1B Steven Knighton (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); SS Carson Waters (Sr., 5-7, 150, R/R); LF Peyton Wimberly (Sr., 5-7, 145, R/R); RF Ethan Hulsey (Jr., 6-0, 195, R/R); C/1B/RHP Brody Little (Jr., 5-11, 195, L/R); 2B Matthew Bland (So., 5-9, 150, R/R)

Other Returning

Players: 1B William Gilbert (Sr., 5-10, 215, L/R); OF Dalton Sheppard (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); 1B Matt Huff (Jr., 6-1, 185, L/L); RHP Conner Senters (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); C/2B J.R. Fordham (So., 5-6, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP Carter Brannon (So., 6-4, 180, R/R); C/RHP Eli Mullis (Fr., 5-10, 185, L/R)

Season Outlook: The Royals look to build off last year's deep postseason run. Bleckley County has the offense to do it again as third baseman Jack Fernandez (.339 avg., 14 2B), first baseman Steven Knighton (.320 avg., 42 RBIs) and shortstop Carson Waters (.367 avg., 22 RBIs) are back. The Royals, however, must find some pitchers to step forward.



Jack Fernandez
Bleckley County



Steven Knighton
Bleckley County



Brody Little
Bleckley County



Carson Waters
Bleckley County

WASHINGTON COUNTY GOLDEN HAWKS

Head Coach: Joel Griffin

Assistant Coach (s): Jay Smith, Brandon Dickson

2019 Record: 16-13

Returning Starters: P Peyton Poole (Jr.); U Ashton Hopkins (Jr.); 1B/OF Dalton Smith (Sr.); P/INF Grayson Hopkins (Jr.); P/INF Jackson Lanthrip (Jr.); P/OF/INF Olimade Dixon (Jr.); OF/INF Justin Brett (So.)

Other Returning Players: INF Jonathan Mobley (So.); OF Isaiah Eppes (Jr.); INF Bishop Copeland (So.)

Top Newcomers: P/OF Colton Smith (Fr.); P/OF/INF Connor Bass (Fr.); P/INF Tanner Gheesling (Jr.)

Season Outlook: The senior class is small, but seven returning starters are back as Washington County should contend for a postseason berth. Senior first baseman/outfielder Dalton Smith returns to give the Hawks a solid leader to build around. Versatile Ashton Hopkins and outfielder Olimade Dixon are back after making the all-region second team in 2019.

DODGE COUNTY INDIANS

Head Coach: Matt Herring

Assistant Coach (s): TBA

2019 Record: 17-7

Returning Starters: C Parker Hardin (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); RHP/OF Andrew Lowery (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); 1B Noah Mincey (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); RHP/SS Brodie Woodard (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP/U Brendan O'Connor (Jr., 5-8, 170, R/R); RHP/2B Garrett Durden (Jr., 5-7, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Timmy Johnson (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); INF Parker Dixon (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); OF Roper Weathersbee (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); LHP/OF Landin Crummey (Jr., 5-10, 160, L/L); OF Seth Cossett (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R); C Cole Cranford (Jr., 6-3, 185, R/R)

Season Outlook: In what was supposed to be a rebuilding season last spring, Dodge County won 17 games and made the state playoffs. Look for Dodge to be much better this season. Six starters are back, including senior pitcher/outfielder Andrew Lowery. But keep an eye on Brendan O'Connor and Garrett Durden who showed a lot of promise as sophomores last year.

DUBLIN FIGHTING IRISH

Head Coach: Jonathan Morris

Survey not returned

EAST LAURENS FALCONS

Head Coach: Tyler Green

Survey not returned

NORTHEAST-MACON RAIDERS

Head Coach: Darryl Silas

Survey not returned

SOUTHWEST-MACON PATRIOTS

Head Coach: Robert Cummings

Survey not returned

REGION 4-2A

Region Favorite: Harlem

Keep an eye on: Westside – Patriots will be in the chase once again.

Players to Watch

3B/2B – Caden Arrington, Jr., Jefferson County; **CF** – Shaun Clark, Jr., Jefferson County; **2B/OF** – Ronald Coleman, Sr., Hephzibah; **P** – Blake Davis, Sr., Screven County; **LHP/1B** – Matthew Flanagan, Sr., Westside-Augusta; **C/INF** – Noah Harmon, Sr., Harlem; **INF** – Jordan Hodges, Sr., Screven County; **2B** – Hayden Howard, Jr., Jefferson County; **OF** – Kolby Joyner, Sr., Westside-Augusta; **C** – Tyson Knight, Sr., Jefferson County; **SS** – Colton Lopez, Sr., Harlem; **RHP/3B** – Colby Masters, Sr., Westside-Augusta; **OF/LHP** – Jordan McCladdie, Sr., Harlem; **LHP/OF** – Cameron McFalls, Jr., Westside-Augusta; **RHP/1B** – Owen Powell, Sr., Westside-Augusta; **2B** – Keller Rosier, Sr., Westside-Augusta; **RHP** – Dylan Smith, Sr., Harlem; **INF** – Drake Thompson, Sr., Screven County; **RHP/SS** – Evan Walden, Jr., Jefferson County; **RHP/3B/SS** – Christian Whitaker, Sr., Hephzibah

BUTLER BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Joseph Nero

Survey not returned

GLENN HILLS SPARTANS

Head Coach: TBA

Survey not returned

HARLEM BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Jimmie Lewis

Assistant Coach (s): Chris Waters, Rusty James, Lonnie Morris

2019 Record: 28-8

Returning Starters: SS Colton Lopez (Sr., 5-11, 150, R/R); OF/LHP Jordan

McCladdie (Sr., 5-10, 185, L/L); RHP Dylan Smith (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); C/INF Noah Harmon (Sr., 5-11, 155, R/R); OF/RHP Cedric Cullars (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R); RHP/INF Peyton Hullum (Jr., 6-3, 195, R/R)

Other Returning

Players: INF/RHP Caleb Coulson (Jr., 5-7, 135, L/R); LHP/INF Asa Prince (Jr., 5-10, 135, L/L); OF Drue Williams (Jr., 5-8, 160, L/L); LHP/INF Bryce Dees (Jr., 6-2, 155, R/L)
Season Outlook: Harlem should be the team to beat again in 2020 as six starters return. The Bulldogs hope outfielder/pitcher Jordan McCladdie returns to the form he showed in 2018 before an injury sidelined him last year. Standout pitcher Dylan Smith (7-1, 2.10 ERA) and shortstop Colton Lopez (.324 avg., 11 2B) return.



Colton Lopez
Harlem



Jordan McCladdie
Harlem



Dylan Smith
Harlem

HEPHZIBAH REBELS

Head Coach: TJ Norris (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Bernard Harper

2019 Record: 5-15

Returning Starters: 2B/OF Ronald Coleman (Sr., 5-8, 170, R/R); RHP/3B/SS Christian Whitaker (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Michael Gullough (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 3B/C Grayson Greely (So., 6-2, 160, R/R); OF Nevin Dent (So., 6-2, 230, R/R); OF/RHP Nick Callen (So., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF Jeremy Cole (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); 1B/LHP Jeffery Gray (So., 5-8, 190, L/L)

Season Outlook: The Rebels welcome new coach TJ Norris who will look to help Hephzibah improve upon last season's finish. Norris inherits three returning starters, all of them seniors. Infielder Christian Whitaker and infielder/outfielder Ronald Coleman are two players to keep an eye on.

JEFFERSON COUNTY WARRIORS

Head Coach: Craig Brock (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Bob Hatcher, Scott Wheeler

2019 Record: 15-7

Returning Starters: 3B Harley Irby (Sr., 5-11, 260, R/R); CF Shaun Clark (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R); RHP/SS Evan Walden (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); LF Derrick Knight (Sr., 5-10, 210, L/R); C Tyson Knight (Jr., 5-8, 175, R/R); 3B/2B Caden Arrington (Jr., 5-4, 120, R/R); 2B Hayden Howard (Jr., 5-9, 130, R/R); 1B Logan Bazemore (Jr., R/R); 1B Austin Long (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP/1B/OF CJ Farmer (So., 6-0, 220, L/L); C/2B Kyle McMillan (Jr., 5-7, 135, R/R); 3B Kaden Crego (Jr., 5-9, 195, R/R); OF Travis Brazell (So., 5-8, 160, R/R); OF/3B Logan Newsome (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); C Josh Guy (So., 5-11, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 2B/SS Ryan Alley (Sr., 5-6, 150, L/R); C/RHP/INF/OF Ryan Tripp (Fr., 5-7, 120, R/R); INF Baylor Parker (Fr., 5-8, 130, R/R)

Season Outlook: New coach Craig Brock has a lot of talent returning and the Warriors should contend for a postseason again. The senior class is small, but a strong group of juniors are back to lead the way. Pitcher/shortstop Evan Walden and outfielder Shaun Clark are two players to look out for.

JOSEY EAGLES

Head Coach: James Draine

Survey not returned

LANEY WILDCATS

Head Coach: TBA

Survey not returned

SCREVEN COUNTY GAMECOCKS

Head Coach: J.R. Doyle

Survey not returned

WESTSIDE-AUGUSTA PATRIOTS

Head Coach: Gerald Barnes

Assistant Coach (s): Jerry Hunter

2019 Record: 24-9

Returning Starters:

RHP/1B Owen Powell (Sr., 6-2, 200, R/R); RHP/3B Colby Masters (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); LHP/1B Matthew Flanagan (Sr., 6-7, 195, L/L); 2B Keller Rosier (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); LHP/OF Cameron McFalls (Jr., 6-0, 180, L/L); OF Kolby Joyner (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); C Jack Wise (So., 6-1, 175, R/R); INF Christian Boose (So., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP/1B Matthew Schlein (Sr., 6-0, 225, R/R); SS Caden Barnes (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R)

Other Returning

Players: OF Evan White (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Raleigh Roundtree (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Patriots return enough pitching to challenge for the Region 4-2A title. Right-hander Owen Powell and Colby Masters as well as left-hander Matthew Flanagan lead a solid rotation that will keep Westside in the chase. Junior Cameron McFalls and Keller Rosier return to lead the offense.



Matthew Flanagan
Westside-Augusta



Colby Masters
Westside-Augusta



Owen Powell
Westside-Augusta



Keller Rosier
Westside-Augusta

REGION 5-2A

Region Favorite: Bremen

Keep an eye on: Callaway – Solid pitching will keep Cavaliers in the hunt.

Players to Watch

3B/1B – Aderrius Barron, Sr., Lamar County; **1B** – Jimbo Brown, Sr., Bremen; **OF** – Cooper Cartwright, Sr., Bremen; **1B/RHP** – Andrew Cash, Jr., Temple; **RHP** – Griffin Crook, Sr., Bremen; **OF** – Colby Dehart, Sr., Jordan; **C/INF** – Brooks Hardie, Jr., Bremen; **3B/RHP** – Wesley Marchman, Sr., Callaway; **OF/RHP** – Leroy Marsh, Jr., Heard County; **OF** – Blake Matthews, So., Bremen; **INF/RHP** – Corey Mayfield, Jr., Temple; **RHP/INF** – Justin Moore, So., Callaway; **OF** – Chip O’Neal, Sr., Bremen; **3B/RHP** – Tray Owens, Sr., Heard County; **INF/RHP** – Mason Rollings, Sr., Heard County; **INF/OF/RHP** – Jabari Smith, Sr., Callaway; **C** – Luke Swann, Sr., Callaway; **SS/RHP** – Dale Thornhill, Sr., Heard County; **INF/RHP** – Dawson Wright, Sr., Callaway

BREMEN BLUE DEVILS

Head Coach: Chris Brown

Assistant Coach (s): Doc Fowlkes, Mick Harper, Tim Trowell, Brad Matthews

2019 Record: 28-8

Returning Starters:

1B Jimbo Brown (Sr., 6-3, 220, R/R); OF Cooper Cartwright (Sr., 5-10, 180, L/R); RHP Griffin Crook (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); OF Chip O’Neal (Sr., R/R); OF Trent Rhinehart (Sr., R/R); C/INF Brooks Hardie (Jr., R/R); OF Blake Matthews (So., R/R)

Other Returning

Players: INF Matthew Bilbo (Jr., R/R); C Gavin Millians (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP AJ Jarrell (Jr., R/R); U Ty Morris (So., L/R)

Season Outlook:

Graduation hit Bremen hard, but the Blue Devils still return a lot of talent. Standout pitcher Griffin Crook (6-0) is back, but Bremen needs a few more arms to help shoulder the load. On offense, first baseman Jimbo Brown and outfielder Cooper Cartwright lead a talented squad capable of putting up solid numbers at the plate.



Jimbo Brown
Bremen



Cooper Cartwright
Bremen



Griffin Crook
Bremen



Brooks Hardie
Bremen

CALLAWAY CAVALIERS

Head Coach: Dusty Hubbard

Assistant Coach (s): Tim Freeman, Lee Phelps, Jon Hopper

2019 Record: 25-14

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Wesley Marchman (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Dawson Wright (Sr., 6-1, 155, R/R); INF/OF/RHP Jabari Smith (Sr., 5-10,

230, R/R); C Luke Swann (Sr., 6-1, 195, R/R); RHP/INF Justin Moore (So., 6-1, 165, R/R)

Other Returning

Players: 1B/OF Kaden Rogers (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF/C Will Cavender (Jr., 5-9, 140, R/R); 1B Jackson Huckleberry (Sr., 5-6, 250, R/R); C/OF Taylor Smith

(So., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Ayden Brooks (Sr., 6-1, 145, R/R); C/OF Zach Neighbors (Sr., 6-0, 210, R/R); C/INF/RHP Tucker Starling (So., 5-10, 140, R/R); OF Andrew Locke (So., 5-9, 155, R/R); OF Eli Freeman (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF/RHP Jimmy Dukes (So., 6-2, 165, R/R); OF Demetrius Coleman (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: The young Cavaliers have some holes to fill, but the talent is there for them to contend for the region title. Five starters are back, including three-year starter Wesley Marchman (.340 avg.). The pitching rotation will be solid as right-handers Dawson Wright and Justin Moore return to lead the way.



Wesley Marchman
Callaway



Justin Moore
Callaway

HEARD COUNTY BRAVES

Head Coach: Trent Bianco

Assistant Coach (s): Gavin Porter, Matt Hornsby, Tyler Spradlin, Trevor Spradlin

2019 Record: 13-18

Returning Starters:

INF/RHP Tray Owens (Sr., 6-0, 260, R/R); SS/RHP Dale Thornhill (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); 3B/RHP Mason Rollings (Sr., 5-10, 230, R/R); 2B/SS Caden Raines (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); CF/RHP Leroy Marsh (Jr., 5-7, 145, R/R); OF/LHP Kellon Rollings (So., 5-8, 135, L/L); OF/RHP Jake Harrod (Sr., 6-1, 140, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Drew Cornelius (Jr., 6-5, 260, R/R); C/RHP Hayden McCosh (Jr., 6-0, 190, R/R); C/INF/RHP Chance Brown (So., 6-2, 150, R/R); OF/RHP Isaiah O’Neal (So., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP Nathaniel Kiser (Sr., 6-5, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/OF Aidan Boyd (So., 6-1, 140, R/R); INF Noah Cantrell (So., 5-8, 135, R/R); C Colton Meacham (So., 5-7, 140, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Braves got off to a slow start and never recovered in 2019. They should be much better this spring and challenge for the region title. Seven starters are back, including all-state performer Tray Owens (.423 avg., 34 RBIs; 5-3, 2.10 ERA). Infielder/pitcher Mason Rollings (.420 avg., 29 RBIs) also returns.



Tray Owens
Heard County



Caden Raines
Heard County



Mason Rollings
Heard County

JORDAN RED JACKETS

Head Coach: Tony Dimitri

Assistant Coach (s): Bill Batten

2019 Record: 10-18

Returning Starters:

CF Colby Dehart (Sr., L/L); RHP/OF Hunter Cluck (So., R/R); RHP/3B Jace Young (So., R/R); RHP/C/OF Hayden Dixon (Jr., R/R); RHP/U Wyatt Garver (Sr., R/R); RHP/1B/3B Kyle McFadden (So., R/R)

REGION 6-2A

Region Favorite: South Atlanta

Keep an eye on: Washington – Bulldogs have the talent to challenge for region crown.

Players to Watch

3B/1B/RHP – Kalum Banks, Sr., South Atlanta; **OF** – Antavious Bradley, Jr., Hapeville Charter; **RHP/3B** – Kendarius McCommons, Sr., South Atlanta; **CF/RHP/SS** – Devon McIntyre, Sr., BEST Academy; **OF/RHP** – Khyler Powell, Jr., South Atlanta; **SS/RHP** – Zykoabi Randolph, Jr., Washington; **INF/RHP** – Jamal Ray, Jr., McNair; **C** – Qwantez Stiggers, Sr., BEST Academy; **SS/2B** – Jeremy Wellmaker, So., South Atlanta; **OF** – Ronnie West, Jr., Washington; **OF** – Terrance Wright, Sr., Washington

BEST ACADEMY EAGLES

Head Coach: Bakari Moore

Assistant Coach (s): Terry Norman

2019 Record: 4-12

Returning Starters: C Qwantez Stiggers (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); CF/RHP/SS Devon McIntyre (So., 5-7, 150, R/R); RHP/INF/CF Christopher Smith (Sr., 6-1, 150, R/R); 3B/RHP Jamar Knight (Sr., 5-8, 170, R/R); LHP/1B Kevian Zachary (Jr., 6-1, 175, L/L); LF Keenan Cooper (Jr., 5-9, 245, R/R); 2B/RF/RHP Davon Hixson (Jr., 5-8, 170, R/R); OF Cobii Gay (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 3B Robert White (Jr., 5-7, 280, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Eagles look to improve upon last season's finish as a wealth of talent returns. Senior Qwantez Stiggers (.350 avg.) returns to lead the offense, but BEST must get consistency from its pitching rotation in order to contend.

DOUGLASS ASTROS

Head Coach: Sean Stalling

Survey not returned

HAPEVILLE HORNETS

Head Coach: Alonzo Robinson

Survey not returned

KIPP WARRIORS

Head Coach: Kevin Hayles

Survey not returned

MCNAIR MUSTANGS

Head Coach: Marcus Salter

Survey not returned

SOUTH ATLANTA HORNETS

Head Coach: Jason Anderson

Assistant Coach (s): Kalum Banks, Sr., Darrel Ransom

2019 Record: 12-7

Returning Starters: 1B/3B Kalum Banks, Jr., (Sr., 6-2, 230, B/R); 2B Jeremy Wellmaker (So., 5-5, 155,



Kalum Banks, Jr.
South Atlanta

Other Returning Players: RHP/1B/3B Bennett Allred (So., R/R); RHP/INF Bryan Brown (Jr., R/R); RHP/2B/3B Blake Macon (So., R/R); RHP/1B/OF Chandler Dean (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Aaron Burton (Fr.)

Season Outlook: The Red Jackets will need some young talent to mature if they are going to improve upon last season's finish and contend for a postseason berth. The good news is that six returning starters are back, including senior outfielder Colby Dehart.

LAMAR COUNTY TROJANS

Head Coach: Mike Oberg

Assistant Coach (s): Tim Jones, Brad Tucker, Kyle Kelly

2019 Record: 19-11

Returning Starters: 3B/1B Aderrius Barron (Sr., 6-0, 265, R/R); LHP Drew Stout (Sr., 5-8, 175, L/L); OF Adolphus Foster (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); U Brayden Pines (So., 5-5, 135, R/R); 2B Rhett Blount (So., 5-9, 145, R/R); OF Nathaniel Tidwell (So., 5-9, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: SS Tanner Patterson (So., 5-11, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Trojans lost some players to graduation, but Lamar County will still be expected to contend for the postseason. Six starters are back, including a trio of seniors. Infielder Aderrius Barron and Adolphus Foster return to lead the offense, while left-hander Drew Stout will be expected to anchor a young pitching staff.

SPENCER GREENWAVES

Head Coach: James Bennett (new)

Survey not returned

TEMPLE TIGERS

Head Coach: Jamie Sexton (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Kenneth Brown, Vaughn Lee

2019 Record: 1-19

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Corey Mayfield (Jr., 6-3, 170, R/R); 1B/RHP Andrew Cash (Jr., 6-1, 200, R/R); INF/RHP Tate Cole (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Brian Graham (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/C Preston Britt (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); RHP Bailey Kittrell (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); C Thomas Rowland (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Luke Watson (So., 6-1, 165, R/R); OF Daylon Summerville (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: Former Carrollton assistant Jamie Sexton takes over and seeks to help Temple improve upon last season's finish. The team is young, but there are some good pieces to help build the program. First baseman/pitcher Andrew Cash and infielder/pitcher Corey Mayfield return to give Temple a pair of leaders to build around.



R/R); RHP/1B Kendarius McCommons (Sr., 5-9, 205, R/R); OF/RHP Khyler Powell (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); 1B/LHP Jonovan White, Jr. (Sr., 5-9, 175, L/L); OF Javonte Hall (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); OF Pete Boyd (Sr., 5-8, 160, L/L); 3B/RHP Devonte Landrum (Sr., 5-10, 205, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/1B Jaquevious Holt (Sr., 6-1, 155, R/R); OF Sherard Jones (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); C Jakari Wade (So., 5-5, 145, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/INF John Lawton (So., 6-1, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Hornets look to be the class of Region 6-2A again. Eight starters are back, including the versatile Kalum Banks (.583 avg., 30 RBIs). A solid group of returning seniors should help South Atlanta pick up from where they left off last year.

THERRELL PANTHERS

Head Coach: Darryl Terry (new)

Survey not returned

WASHINGTON BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Quinterus Vancant

Assistant Coach (s): TBA

2019 Record: 8-10

Returning Starters: OF Terrance Wright (Sr., 5-7, 165, L/L); 3B/1B Devon Clinkscales (Sr., 6-2, 215, R/R); 2B/RHP Christopher Patton (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); OF Nazhir West (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF Ronnie West (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); SS/RHP Zykoabi Randolph (Jr., 5-9, 180, R/R); C Aziz Cooper (Jr., 5-8, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 3B/RHP Lorenzo Fannin (Sr., 5-8, 175, R/R); OF Demontae Hardermen (So., 5-7, 165, R/R); INF Le'Keon English (Sr., 5-8, 180, R/R); INF Timahkez Garrison (Sr., 5-7, 165, R/R); INF Trenton Sinclair (Jr., 5-8, 210, R/R)

Season Outlook: Look for Washington to be back in the postseason hunt. The Bulldogs welcome back seven returning starters, including Region 6-2A Pitcher of the Year in Zykoabi Randolph. The senior class is solid and experienced.

REGION 7-2A

Region Favorite: Rockmart

Keep an eye on: Model – Blue Devils won't be sneaking up on anybody this year.

Players to Watch

OF/INF – Gauge Burkett, Sr., Armuchee; **INF/RHP** – Brayden Cole, Sr., Rockmart; **OF** – Reed Couch, Sr., Rockmart; **RHP/SS** – Seth Crowe, Sr., Coosa; **INF/OF** – CJ Culver, Sr., Rockmart; **C/3B** – Brantson Duck, Sr., Armuchee; **RHP/INF** – Rett Edwards, Jr., Model; **C/RHP** – Mason Fincher, Sr., Pepperell; **SS/RHP** – Ty Floyd, Sr., Rockmart; **OF/RHP** – Carter Glenn, Sr., Dade County; **INF** – Chase Gresham, Jr., Pepperell; **INF** – Nolan Heath, So., Dade County; **INF** – Clayton Hogue, Sr., Gordon Central; **INF/RHP** – Brett Michael Kay, Jr., Dade County; **C/OF** – Andruw Morris, Jr., Rockmart; **OF** – Gage Moses, Jr., Pepperell; **SS** – Brody Pearson, Sr., Model; **1B/LHP** – Evan Ratcliff, Sr., Rockmart; **RHP/U** – Alexander Stevens, Sr., Armuchee; **INF** – Brody Swader, So., Dade County; **2B/RHP** – Daulton Waddell, Sr., Model; **OF** – Devin Wandell, Sr., Chattooga; **INF/RHP** – Cooper Yanzetich, So., Rockmart

ARMUCHEE INDIANS

Head Coach: Andy Henderson

Assistant Coach (s): Brandon Patch, Levi Austin

2019 Record: 8-15

Returning Starters: C/RHP Brantson Duck (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); OF/INF Gauge Burkett (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); RHP/U Alexander Stephens (Sr., 5-11, 155, R/R); OF Chandler Cook (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R); RHP/U Jack Rush (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); LHP Will Miller (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/L)



Gauge Burkett
Armuchee



Brantson Duck
Armuchee

Top Newcomers: SS/RHP Chandler DeSanto (Fr., 5-10, 155); LHP/U Blake Mathis (Fr., 5-11, 170)

Season Outlook: If Armuchee can find some consistent pitching, they could contend for a postseason position. Six starters are back, including all-region standout Brantson Duck (.362 avg., 12 2B) and Gauge Burkett (.348 avg., 19 RBIs). The senior class is small, but the Indians will be looking for some underclassmen to step forward.

CHATTOOGA INDIANS

Head Coach: Mike Shank

Assistant Coach (s): Chris Daris, Dee Arnold, Wade Lanier

2019 Record: 19-13

Returning Starters: RHP Bayln Stephens (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); RHP/C Zack Tucker (Sr., 6-2, 215, R/R); OF Devin Wandell (Sr., 5-9, 160, L/L); LHP/OF Baylor Wilson (Sr., 5-8, 160, L/L); RHP/INF Dylan Woody (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); RHP/INF Ryan Hedgecoth (So., 5-9, 170, R/R); RHP Roger Chandler (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B Aaron Pledger (Jr., 6-3, 195, R/R); RHP/SS Cash Allen (Jr., 6-4, 185, L/R); 3B Rett Rosson (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R); OF Luis Medina (Sr., 6-2, 270, R/R); C Ty Veatch (Jr., 5-10, 190, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/SS Luke Hughes (Fr., 5-8, 165, R/R); RHP/C Brady Groce (Fr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Haign Stephens (Fr., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Indians made the state playoffs last spring, and they should contend for a postseason berth again. Seven starters, six of them seniors, are back to lead the way. Chattooga returns several solid arms on the mound as well as outfielder Devin Wandell, an all-region second-teamer in 2019.

COOSA EAGLES

Head Coach: Michael Dougherty (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Will Wiggins, Dave Williams, Johnathan Cook

2019 Record: 5-20

Returning Starters: C Elijah Smith (Sr., R/R); 1B/RHP Caleb Smith (Sr., R/R); INF Dastyn Trapp (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP Seth Crowe (Sr., R/R); U/RHP Cody King (So., R/R); OF/RHP Brevan Knight (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Justin Hammons (Jr., R/R); OF Timmy Obenlander (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP Jackson Thomas (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/LHP Bryson Thacker (Fr., L/L); LHP Billy Settlemire (Fr., L/L); INF/RHP Hayden McBurnett (Fr., R/R); INF/RHP Trent Cantrell (Fr., R/R); OF/RHP Peyton Vines (Fr., R/R); U/LHP Gavin East (Fr., L/L)

Season Outlook: Former Brantley County and Rome High coach Michael Dougherty returns as a head coach and will be expected to turn Coosa back into a postseason contender. The Eagles welcome back six returning starters. One of those is infielder/pitcher Seth Crowe. Keep an eye on this program.

DADE COUNTY WOLVERINES

Head Coach: Chris Brown (new)

Assistant Coach (s): David Swader

2019 Record: 15-11

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Carter Glenn (Sr., R/R); INF Nolan Heath (So., L/R); OF Austin Holcomb (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Brett Michael Kay (Jr., R/R); INF Brody Swader (So., L/R)

Other Returning

Players: OF/LHP Aiden

Bradford (Sr., L/L); INF/C Owen Dabbs (So., L/R); OF/P Dylan Dwyer (So.); INF/RHP Xander Lynch (So., R/R); OF Shane McGrew (So., R/R); INF/P Brayden Nethery (So.); INF/RHP Josh Williams (Sr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Former assistant Chris Brown takes over and inherits a talented team that will be expected to contend for the postseason again. Five starters are back, including outfielder/pitcher Carter Glenn (.371 avg., 24 RBIs; 5-3, 2.25 ERA). But keep an eye on infielders Nolan Heath and Brody Swader who had strong seasons as freshmen last year.



Carter Glenn
Dade County



Brody Swader
Dade County

GORDON CENTRAL WARRIORS

Head Coach: Austin Norell

Survey not returned

MODEL BLUE DEVILS

Head Coach: Josh Mitchell

Assistant Coach (s): Hunter Chastain, Gary Johnson

2019 Record: 17-10

Returning Starters: SS Brody Pearson (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); 2B/RHP Daulton Waddell (Sr., 6-2, 215, R/R); 1B/DH Josh Land (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R); 2B/SS Davis Chastain (So., 5-8, 145, R/R); C Jake Ashley (So., 6-2, 220, R/R); OF Patrick Lloyd (Sr., 5-8, 150, R/R); 3B/RHP Connor Yarbrough (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); RHP/INF Rett Edwards (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Gaven Freeman (Sr., 5-7, 160, R/R); INF/OF Carden Lynch (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); OF Landon Cantrell (So., 5-7, 145, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Jace Armstrong (Fr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: Model returns its top hitter in shortstop Brody Pearson (.395 avg., 21 RBIs) and its top pitcher in Rett Edwards (7-2, 1.14 ERA) from last year. The Blue Devils also return standout pitchers Daulton Waddell and Connor Yarbrough. Look for the Blue Devils to be tough.



Rett Edwards
Model



Brody Pearson
Model

PEPPERELL DRAGONS

Head Coach: Chad Brown (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Matthew Bishop, Zach Thompson

2019 Record: 12-11

Returning Starters: 1B/LHP Jake Chandler (Sr., 5-10, 190, L/L); C/RHP Mason Fincher (Sr., 6-2, 215, R/R); INF Mateo Garcia (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R);

OF Cayden Head (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); OF Dalton Wright (Sr., 5-10, 155, R/R); INF Chase Gresham (Jr., 5-11, 155, R/R); OF Gage Moses (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Hunter Henderson (Jr., 6-1, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Griffin Kanelos (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); U/RHP Kemp Edge (Jr., 5-8, 125, L/R); 1B/LHP Dakota Corntassel (So., 5-9, 170, R/L); C Kolby Davis (So., 5-7, 180, R/R); U Landen Loyd (So., 5-11, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Cole Hickman (Sr., 6-3, 170, R/R); RHP Logan Lawrence (So., 6-1, 190, R/R); U Blake Floyd (Fr., 5-8, 125, B/R); U Gage Owens (Fr., 5-7, 130, R/R)

Season Outlook: Former Bowdon assistant Chad Brown takes over and inherits a young but talented group expected to make a run at a postseason berth. Six starters are back, including standout pitcher/catcher Mason Fincher and .300-plus hitters Jake Chandler and Mateo Garcia. Outfielder Gage Moses and shortstop Chase Gresham also return to spark the offense.

ROCKMART YELLOW JACKETS

Head Coach: Kenny Yanzetich

Assistant Coach (s): Jeff Lewis, Heath Phillips, Taylor Simons, Scott Jackson

2019 Record: 29-11

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Ty Floyd (Sr., 6-3, 185, R/R); OF Reed Couch (Sr., 6-3, 225, R/R); INF/OF CJ Culver (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); 1B/LHP Evan Ratcliff (Sr., 5-9, 190, L/L); INF/RHP Brayden Cole (Sr., 6-4, 190, R/R); C/OF Andruw Morris (Jr., 5-8, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Cooper Yanzetich (So., 6-1, 180, R/R);

Other Returning

Players: 1B Mason Watson (Sr., 6-2, 260, R/R); RHP McDuffy Waldrop (Sr., 5-8, 145, R/R); OF Cole Deems (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/LHP Trevor Caldwell (So., 5-10, 165, L/L); RHP Cody Williams (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); INF/RHP Sam Wilbanks (So., 6-2, 190, R/R)

Season Outlook: The defending state runner-ups could have an even better team this spring. Senior right-hander Ty Floyd anchors what could be a dominating pitching rotation that consists of Evan Ratcliff, Brayden Cole and Cooper Yanzetich. Offensive-wise, seniors Reed Couch, CJ Culver and junior Andruw Morris lead a unit that has the potential to put up big numbers.



Brayden Cole
Rockmart



Reed Couch
Rockmart



CJ Culver
Rockmart



Cooper Yanzetich
Rockmart



REGION 8-2A

Region Favorite: Elbert County

Keep an eye on: Banks County – The Leopards are ready to take their game up a notch.

Players to Watch

2B – Carson Adams, So., Elbert County; **SS** – Peyton Adams, Sr., Elbert County; **SS/RHP** – Mac Barton, Jr., Monticello; **LHP** – Ben Beasley, Sr., Oglethorpe County; **RHP/SS** – Ty Burchett, Jr., Banks County; **RHP** – Grayson Carver, So., Rabun County; **OF/RHP** – Caden Cotton, Sr., Banks County; **OF** – Brayden Eavenson, Sr., Elbert County; **1B/RHP** – Dylan Hawley, Sr., Social Circle; **LHP/OF** – Cole Hays, Jr., Monticello; **RHP/SS** – Brady Head, Sr., Social Circle; **C** – Parker Hobson, Sr., Banks County; **C/DH** – Cole Hudson, So., Elbert County; **3B** – Brody Jarrard, Jr., Rabun County; **OF/RHP** – Gabe Jones, Sr., Social Circle; **C/INF** – Cullen Lee, Sr., Putnam County; **3B** – Eli Mattox, Sr., Oglethorpe County; **SS/OF/RHP** – Isaak Mullinack, Jr., Union County; **3B/1B/RHP** – Cayden Rich, Union County; **SS** – Gunner Stockton, So., Rabun County; **1B/LHP** – Zeke Swartz, Jr., Union County; **INF/OF/RHP** – Hayden Utley, Sr., Oglethorpe County; **C** – Tyler Wages, Sr., Monticello; **U/RHP** – Justin Whitehead, Sr., Banks County; **RHP/OF** – Tripp Williams, So., Banks County; **C** – Brady Wilson, Jr., Rabun County

BANKS COUNTY LEOPARDS

Head Coach: Peyton Hart

Assistant Coach (s): Derrick Davis, Dylan Charles, Cayman Brooks

2019 Record: 22-8

Returning Starters: OF/

RHP Caden Cotton (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); U/RHP Justin Whitehead (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); C Parker Hobson (Sr., 5-10, 155, R/R); INF/RHP Dylan Greenway (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); U/RHP Braxton Simpson (Sr., 6-3, 225,



Caden Cotton
Banks County



Justin Whitehead
Banks County

R/R); OF/LHP Kobe Westmoreland (Sr., 5-8, 155, L/L); RHP/OF Tripp Williams (So., 6-2, 195, R/R); RHP/SS Ty Burchett (Jr., 6-2, 140, R/R); INF Jonathon Moon (Jr., 5-9, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/1B Nolan Hill (Jr., 5-11, 240, L/R); RHP/INF Bowen Roberts (So., 6-1, 190, R/R); C/OF Cade Herrin (So., 5-9, 155, R/R); P/U Roman Haynes (So., 6-0, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/1B Hunter Heath (Fr., 6-1, 155, L/R); RHP/U Nolan Angel (Fr., 5-10, 150, R/R); LHP/OF Caine Griffith (Fr., 5-9, 145, R/L); INF Carson Hill (Fr., 5-7, 140, R/R); U Cam Davis (Fr., 6-0, 170)

Season Outlook: Look for Banks County to contend for the region crown this spring. A wealth of talent, including offensive leaders Justin Whitehead (.495 avg., 26 RBIs), Caden Cotton (.325 avg., 11 2B) and Parker Hobson (.367 avg., 7 2B) return. Right-hander Tripp Williams and Ty Burchett lead a solid pitching rotation. Keep an eye on this program.



Tripp Williams
Banks County

ELBERT COUNTY BLUE DEVILS

Head Coach: Lance Ingram

Assistant Coach (s): Brett Padgett, Reuben Haynes, Mark Crook, Marcus Bonds, Justin Bellew

2019 Record: 23-13

Returning Starters: SS

Peyton Adams (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); OF Brayden Eavenson (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); C/DH Cole Hudson (So., 5-9, 160, R/R); C/DH Carson Pullen (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); 2B Carson



Peyton Adams
Elbert County



Brayden Eavenson
Elbert County

Adams (So., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF Kyle Moon (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); RHP Nate Lavender (Jr., 6-3, 185, R/R); OF Carter Dye (Jr., 6-1, 195, L/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B Jordan Mills (Jr., 5-9, 150, L/L); OF Corbin Mattox (Sr., 6-0, 210, R/R); LHP Storm Mills (Jr., 5-11, 190, R/L); OF Chris Belli (So., 5-9, 150, R/R); INF Ian Warwick (Jr., 5-8, 165, R/R); RHP Austin Duck (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Blue Devils return eight starters and will contend for the region title again. All-state shortstop Peyton Adams and outfielder Brayden Eavenson return to lead a wealth of young talent. Adams and second baseman Carson Adams combine to form one of the classification's top middle infield duos, while catcher Cole Hudson returns after a strong freshman campaign last year.

MONTICELLO HURRICANES

Head Coach: Brady McMichael (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Matt Garvin, Wes Tanner

2019 Record: 6-21

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Matt Cain (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); C Tyler Wages (Sr., 6-2, 225, R/R); INF/RHP Ben Lynch (Sr., 5-10, 225, R/R); SS/RHP Mac Barton (Jr., 5-10, 190, L/R); 1B/RHP Baylor Edge (Jr., 6-2, 200, L/R); LHP/OF Cole Hays (Jr., 5-8, 150, L/L); OF Tristan Humphreys (Jr., 5-8, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Trent Maddox (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R); INF/RHP Justyn Fields (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); OF Graeme Williams (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Jackson Taylor (So., 6-1, 215, L/L); INF Tristan Reid (Sr., 5-9, 185, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/RHP Myles Proctor (So., 5-11, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Hurricanes welcome new coach Brady McMichael who inherits a wealth of talent. Pitchers Cole Hays and Matt Cain lead a solid rotation, while shortstop Mac Barton, catcher Tyler Wages and first baseman Baylor Edge return to lead the offense.

OGLETHORPE COUNTY PATRIOTS

Head Coach: Kris Patel (new)

Assistant Coach (s): James Moree

2019 Record: 8-17

Returning Starters: LHP/OF Ben Beasley (Sr., 6-0, 175, L/L); INF/RHP Eli Mattox (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); INF/OF/RHP Hayden Utley (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Tyler Hogan (Sr., 5-9, 130, R/R); 1B/LHP Tate Jones (Sr., 6-1, 175, L/L); C/1B Nick Orlovsky (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R); U Matthew Marucci (Sr., 5-11, 190, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Lane Gomes (Jr., 5-8, 130, R/R); U Jacob Booth (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); C/1B/RHP Jake Bowman (Jr., 5-10, 170, L/R); U/RHP Henry Johnson (So., 6-1, 170, R/R); INF/RHP/OF Landon Eberhart (So., 5-9, 165, R/R); OF Zach Frankel (So., 6-0, 165, R/R); C Jonathan Cronic (So., 5-9, 170, R/R); U Austin Kort (So., 5-8, 160, R/R); U Clay Frost (So., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/1B Corbin Gabriel (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); 1B/OF/RHP Bennett England (So., 6-1, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Russell Smith (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); 2B/3B Logan Turner (So., 5-7, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Patriots welcome new coach Kris Patel and he inherits seven senior starters. Oglethorpe County should definitely have a chance to improve on last year's record. Left-handed pitcher Ben Beasley and third baseman Eli Mattox are two players to keep an eye on.

PUTNAM COUNTY WAR EAGLES

Head Coach: Ben Skinner

Assistant Coach (s): Chase Lundy, Jarret Leverett

2019 Record: 4-24

Returning Starters: C/INF Cullen Lee (Sr., 5-7, 185, R/R); 2B/RHP Jase Wilson (Sr., 5-7, 185, R/R); U John Lindsay (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); RF James Mead (Sr., 5-10, 145, R/R); 1B Kaden Corbitt (Jr., 6-2, 195, R/R); CF/RHP Waylon Wooten (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Chase Lupton (So., 6-1, 165, R/R); RHP/INF Brett Pettitt (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Deon Daniels (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/L); U Rhett Boyer (Jr., 5-7, 145, R/R); LHP Hunter Griggs (Jr., 5-10, 175, L/L); 1B/RHP Jake Burgess (So., 5-11, 165, R/R); U Scott Winslette (So., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Jacob Little (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Jeremy Humphries (Sr., 6-0, 150, R/R); RHP/INF Nathan Surface (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF/LHP Jacob Grimes (Fr., 5-9, 155, L/L); OF/LHP Ashton Jones (Fr., 5-7, 140, L/L)

Season Outlook: A wealth of players return for Putnam County who should be much better this season. Eight starters are back, including all-state catcher Cullen Lee (.526 avg.). Infielder/pitcher Jase Wilson is back as well as pitcher/outfielder Chase Lupton who had an excellent freshman season in 2019.



Cullen Lee
Putnam County

R/R); C/3B Mitchell McCullough (Fr., R/R); CF Mason Allen (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Former Rockdale County coach Kevin Dawkins takes over a Social Circle program that captured the region title last season. Graduation hit the Redskins hard, but there is a lot of young talent returning. Pitcher/shortstop Brady Head, first baseman/pitcher Dylan Hawley and outfielder/pitcher Gabe Jones return to lead the way.

UNION COUNTY PANTHERS

Head Coach: Zach Odom

Assistant Coach (s): Brock Gordon, Trey Thomas, Lane Everett, Claude Spears

2019 Record: 14-12

Returning Starters: 1B/3B/RHP Cayden Rich (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); C/1B Alec Youngblood (Sr., 5-8, 170, R/R); OF Matthew Kelley (Sr., 5-8, 140, L/R); OF/INF John Mancuso (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); 1B/LHP Zeke Swartz (Jr., 6-0, 155, R/L); SS/OF/RHP Isaak Mullinack (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); 2B/3B/RHP Austin Garrison (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/OF Damien

Chitwood (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); OF/RHP JJ Littles (Jr., 5-8, 145, R/R); RHP Kaston Hemphill (Jr., 6-3, 180, B/R); INF/OF Mason McCombs (Jr., 5-8, 140, R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP Lake Hughes (So., 5-8, 140, L/L); OF/RHP Thomas Dyer (So., 5-10, 155, R/R); RHP Connor Shields (So., 5-9, 145, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Panthers begin their second season under coach Zach Odom and should contend for the playoffs this year. Seven returning starters are back, including senior infielder/pitcher Cayden Rich (.357 avg., 16 RBIs). Junior Zeke Swartz and Isaak Mullinack return after putting up good numbers as sophomores last year.



Zeke Swartz
Union County

RABUN COUNTY WILDCATS

Head Coach: Wesley Satterfield (new)

Assistant Coach (s): TBA

2019 Record: 7-20

Returning Starters: INF Jon Segó (Sr., R/R); RHP Clint Green (Sr., R/R); C Brady Wilson (Jr., L/R); 3B Brody Jarrard (Jr., R/R); SS Gunner Stockton (So., R/R); RHP Grayson Carver (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: 3B Garrett Horton (So., R/R); C Connor Horton (So., R/R); OF Grant Britton (So., R/R); OF Aiden Thompson (So., L/L); LHP Corbin Smith (So., R/L); 1B Ian McRay (Sr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wildcats look to get back on the winning track after a disappointing season in 2019. New coach Wesley Satterfield takes over and inherits six returning starters. Rabun County will be young, but the good news is that senior infielder Jon Segó and right-handed pitcher Clint Green return, giving the Wildcats a pair of seniors to build around.

SOCIAL CIRCLE REDSKINS

Head Coach: Kevin Dawkins (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Brent Moore, Michael Phiel

2019 Record: 17-14

Returning Starters: RHP/SS Brady Head (Sr., R/R); 1B/RHP Dylan Hawley (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Gabe Jones (Sr., R/R); 3B/SS Jason Ball (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/INF Hunter Wise (So., R/R); INF Jacob Bergman (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/3B Mason Moore (Fr., B/R); U Logan Cross (Fr.,



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No Flinch

Resilient Gordon Lee wins another state title

By Tim Morse

Gordon Lee pitcher Jake Wright had the perfect description for his high school baseball coach Mike Dunfee.

"He's one of the most inspirational guys I know of," Wright said. "Whatever he says usually gets us fired up."

In 2018 when the Trojans won their first state title since 1984, Dunfee used the term 'ding-ding,' referencing the sound the bell makes signaling the beginning and ending of a boxing match. He compared the baseball season to two boxers battling each other in a prized fight. His players knew when he used that motto, it was time to go.

In 2019, Dunfee needed something different to motivate. Late in the regular season, he used the phrase, "No flinch."

It worked as the Trojans rolled to their second straight GHSA Class 1A Public state championship.

"We were in the region championship game and we were down 6-0 in the bottom of the sixth," Dunfee said. "Justin Wooden was in the on-deck circle and one of our assistant coaches was trying to cheer us on, telling us to let's go. Justin turns around and tells him not to worry. He said we had this. We ended up winning 7-6 in extra innings.

"Those guys on the team never flinched, they just kept playing the game."

Dunfee said before he knew it, T-shirts were printed with "No flinch" and the phrase became a rallying cry.

After losing a wealth of offense, the Trojans entered the 2019 season with some holes, but they knew a strong 1-2 pitching punch of Wright and Jake Poindexter returned. They also had Logan Streetman, Brody Cobb and Hunter Hodson, a trio who were strong in relief. Cade Peterson and Tanner Wilson also were strong on the mound.

But there were some concerns on offense.

"We knew pitching was always going to be there," infielder JD Day said. "At the beginning of the year, pitching got us through, but eventually, the hitting came around and we took off. By the playoffs, some guys were really stepping up."

Dunfee praised Chris Potter and Day for providing a spark, then he said players like Peterson who hit at the bottom of the lineup helped out. The Trojans finished with a 32-5 mark.

"I was scared the guys were going to get complacent," Dunfee said. "But we set the tone early. We didn't talk about the 2018 team one time. I did tell them my feelings after we won the state title. I told them I was excited, ecstatic and then I was mad because it was over. I didn't want them to think because we finally had won one in 2018, they could get complacent."

Gordon Lee got better as the season continued.

After getting a first-round bye in the playoffs, they swept Jenkins County, Seminole County and Bowdon before meeting Schley County, who denied the Trojans the 2017 Class 1A Public title. Before Schley County defeated Gordon Lee in Game 1 of the state championship series, the Trojans were riding a 13-game winning streak and did not lose a game in April.

But Gordon Lee rallied to win the final two games and hoisted another championship trophy. Dunfee said it was a fun ride.

"Whenever adversity hit, they kept playing," he said. "Those guys stepped up and they executed."

And they didn't flinch.



Gordon Lee players celebrate after winning their second straight state baseball championship.
Photo by Nan Dyer



Gordon Lee's Brody Cobb smashes a single in the state playoffs against Bowdon.
Photo by Nan Dyer



Members of the Gordon Lee baseball team are: **Front Row** (l-r), Garren Ramey, Riley King, Will Sizemore, Coach Zach Barnes, Jake Wright, Tanner Wilson. **Back Row** (l-r), Coach Mike Dunfee, Parker Salmon, Coach Zack Cobb (behind in glasses), Griff Collins, Hunter Hodson, Blake Erby, Jake Poindexter, Justin Wooden, Brody Cobb, Chris Potter, Cade Peterson, Logan Streetman, Jackson Moore, Jacob Neal, Braxton Ledford, JD Day, Cody Thomas, Coach Thomas Gray, Coach Derek McDaniel.

Photo by Gordon Lee High School

Class 1A Public Top 15

1 GORDON LEE

It's been 27 years since a Class 1A program has won three consecutive state titles. Pace Academy was the last team to accomplish the feat from 1993-95 in the state's smallest classification. But Gordon Lee has a chance to join Pace in the history books. If the program continues to mature, the Trojans should do just that.

The Trojans return two of the top two pitchers in Class 1A in Jake Wright and Jake Poindexter. Meanwhile, offensive catalysts JD Day and versatile junior Brody Cobb return to spark the offense.

This Gordon Lee squad may not have the ability to dominate like the last two championship programs have, but the 2020 version certainly won't disappoint. They have all of the pieces to make another run at a third title.

2 SCHLEY COUNTY

There are few programs in the Class 1A Public classification that can match Schley County's baseball success the past five seasons – two state titles, one state runner-up finish, a semifinal and a quarterfinal appearance. The Wildcats lost some key players from last year's state runner-up squad, but Schley will reload this spring and make another run at a championship.

A trio of seniors – Garrett Peavy, Trent Bivins and Dylan Taylor – will lead the young Wildcats, but don't sleep on a very talented group of underclassmen. Once this group gets some experience, look for Wildcats to make another deep run. This should be an exciting team to watch.

3 JOHNSON COUNTY

The Trojans have one of the best 1-2 pitching combos in the state in three-year standout pitcher Adam Hooks and Brett Caneega. Johnson County has the ingredients to challenge for a state championship. Caneega (also a catcher) and Hooks will give Johnson a chance to win each time they take the mound, but there are more pieces of the puzzle to keep the Trojans among the state's elite.

Versatile Dra Darrisaw and Rhett Wombles should help the Trojans have one of their best baseball seasons in school history. Stay tuned.

4 BOWDON

The Red Devils struggled last year, then caught fire in the postseason and made a run to the state semifinals before getting swept by eventual state champion Gordon Lee. Bowdon has a wealth of experience returning. The senior class is small, but a strong corps of underclassmen will help keep Bowdon among the best in the classification.

The program has made back-to-back trips to the state semifinals. Is 2020 the year they get into the championship round?

5 CHARLTON COUNTY

The young Indians may be a year away from reaching their full potential. The 2020 season has the potential to be a special one if some younger players mature.

6 TELFAIR COUNTY

The Trojans have the most returning talent in the rugged Region 2. Telfair County could very well be the team to beat in region play.

7 COMMERCE

The Tigers can be as good as they want to be in 2020. The offense will be there, but the pitching staff must develop quickly. If that happens, look out.

8 WILCOX COUNTY

This will be the best Wilcox County squad in the past 15 seasons. The Patriots have the talent to do more.

9 ACE CHARTER

The Gryphons got a taste of postseason baseball last year. And they liked it. With most of the team back, ACE should be dangerous.

10 CLINCH COUNTY

The Panthers lost a lot, especially on the mound. But don't sleep on Clinch, who will be in the hunt by playoff time.

11 IRWIN COUNTY

Graduation and key transfers hurt Irwin County. But there is enough returning for the Indians to be back in the postseason. It just needs time to mature.

12 HAWKINSVILLE

The Red Devils were one of the state's most-improved teams last year. Look for Hawkinsville to keep getting better.

13 BACONTON CHARTER

The Blazers lost a good bit, but the cupboard isn't bare. An excellent group of seniors will still keep Baconton in the playoff hunt.

14 SEMINOLE COUNTY

The young Indians will be trouble when they mature. Keep an eye on this program.

15 PELHAM

The Hornets have enjoyed the best two-year run in recent memory. Pelham will continue to be a dangerous team this spring.

Others to watch: (Alphabetical Order) Claxton, ECI, GMC, Miller County, Pataula Charter, Taylor County, Trion, Washington-Wilkes

Pursuit of perfection

Tattnall Square rolls to another title

By Tim Morse

The statement from assistant coach Kevin Brown is just as motivating today as it was some 11 years ago when Brown told former player and now assistant coach, Jordan Brooks.

“He said to expect perfection and accept only excellence,” Tattnall Square Academy head baseball coach Joey Hiller said. “That goes to the absolute core of who we are at Tattnall. When he said that, I was like, ‘ding-ding-ding.’ That is the foundation of this program. We will continue to use that.”

After winning the Class 1A Private state championship in 2018, the Trojans expected perfection and rolled to another championship in 2019, the school’s 11th baseball championship in their history. And with the exception of one extra-inning loss during spring break to Calvary Christian of Columbus, Tattnall nearly rolled through the regular season undefeated.

When the postseason came, they received a first-round bye. Then they swept Athens Christian in the second round, then needed three games to eliminate Strong Rock Christian and Hebron Christian in back-to-back rounds before sweeping Savannah Christian in the championship series.

The Trojans finished the season 34-3 and made history. Under Hiller, no single Tattnall Square class had played for four state baseball titles in a row – until last year.

“Every year at Tattnall, it’s expected to win a state baseball title,” said Trey Ham, the team’s catcher last season and one of the seniors who played for a state title every year of his career. “A lot of it is because of the tradition under Coach Hiller. We worked nonstop to make that happen.”

The Trojans won state titles in 2016, 2018 and 2019. They made the semifinals in 2015, their first season of competing in the Georgia High School Association, then they finished as state runner-up in 2017. Only Class 5A power Loganville can match Tattnall Square’s success during the past five seasons.

“Every day, we tried to be the best version of ourselves, whether it was on the field or off the field,” said pitcher Brooks Gorman, who according to MaxPreps was the winningest high school pitcher in the nation last year with 15 victories.

“We stepped onto the field and wanted to be perfect. If we worked for that, excellence was going to come out of it. I heard that statement (from Coach Brown) a few times last year.”

Hiller was especially proud of the senior leadership. He said they helped keep the younger players focused and got things done, especially when Strong Rock Christian and Hebron Christian gave the Trojans all they could handle in the postseason.

“We impressed upon those guys and we wanted them to know that was not how we played ball,” Hiller said of the postseason losses. “We told them they needed to fix it. And they did.”

Tattnall met Savannah Christian in the state championship series, a rematch from 2017 that Savannah Christian won.

But the Trojans swept, outscoring the Raiders 22-1 in the two games.

“It was a great year, everything we wanted it to be,” Hiller said. “We set the bar high all the time.”

And excellence comes.



Tattnall Square pitcher Dawson Brown proved to be a major weapon for the Trojans in 2019.

Photo by Tattnall Square



Tattnall Square players celebrate after winning the Class 1A Private state championship.

Photo by Tattnall Square



Members of the Tattnall Square baseball team are: **Front Row** (l-r), Gray Talton, Kyle Johnson, Charlie Morris, Dawson Brown, Clay Rowland, Brett McHugh, BJ Spears, Russ Miller, Deji Mack, Elmo Daniels. **Back Row** (l-r), Kaden Toth, Brooks Gorman, Trey Ham, Hunter Alexander, Cole Rowland, Gavin Whitfield, Miles Morris, Carter Fink, Bo Hatcher, Konner Toth, William Stubbs, DJ Willis

Photo by Tattnall Square

Class 1A Private Top 15

1 TATTNALL SQUARE

The Trojans have dominated since joining the GHSA in 2015. And the road to the Class 1A Private state championship will have to go through the two-time defending state champions. The Trojans have some key players to replace, but the pitching rotation is strong with the return of 15-game winner Brooks Gorman and right-hander Dawson Brown.

Offensively, replacing names like Trey Ham behind the plate and outfielder BJ Spears won't be easy, but Tattnall will reload with a wealth of underclassmen waiting for their chance to step into the spotlight. Outfielder Brett McHugh returns, but a trio of juniors – Carter Fink, Hunter Alexander and Bo Hatcher – will be the next group of big names coming out of Tattnall Square. Look for the Trojans to be the team to beat once again.

2 WESLEYAN

Before a heart-breaking loss to Savannah Christian in Game 3 of the state semifinals last year, Wesleyan had shown it may be a year away from playing its best baseball and having its best team. That year is now. And the Wolves could be the program that dethrones two-time defending Class 1A Private champion Tattnall Square – at least for this year.

Wesleyan has the pitching and the offense to challenge. A strong senior class that boasts catcher Charlie Taylor and pitchers Wyatt Copeland, Jamie LaFramboise and Holden Wilder is enough to make any team a contender. Then the underclassmen may be just as talented as Jalen Fulwood and James McCoy are back as well as Cooper Blausner and Druw Jones, who were sensational as freshmen last year.

3 HEBRON CHRISTIAN

If the Hebron Christian squad that showed up late in 2019 shows up this season, the Lions could be chasing a state championship. The majority of last season's team is back, including top pitchers in Mason Ashby, Nathan Alexander and Zach Kwiatkowski and top reliever Jackson Boyd. Hebron Christian has gotten to the state finals and the semifinals in coach Ben Drust's four short years. Is this the year the Lions break through? There is enough talent for Hebron to make another deep run.

4 STRONG ROCK CHRISTIAN

The Patriots have been consistent winners the past three years. This should be the year they take things a step farther. With players like Joseph Eichelberger, Tiger Borom and pitchers David Chenoweth and Spencer Wilkins, look for the Patriots to be strong again.

5 SAVANNAH CHRISTIAN

A new coach, but the Raiders have enough leftovers to make another deep postseason run. Seniors Kyle Hilton and Joey White can do a little of everything.

6 FELLOWSHIP CHRISTIAN

The Paladins had their best season in 2019. They lost some key players, but a lot of talent returns. The team is young, but don't count them out.

7 HOLY INNOCENTS'

The Golden Bears underachieved last season, barely making the playoffs in a season filled with high expectations. A strong senior class will help the Bears be back in the chase this season.

8 LAKEVIEW ACADEMY

The Lions won't be sneaking up on anybody this season after winning the region title last year. This should be the best Lakeview squad since 2010.

9 MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN

Just because the Mustangs lost all-everything player Tres Gonzalez doesn't mean they won't be back in the hunt. Mount Vernon returns good pitching, hitters and defense. They will be tough again.

10 MOUNT DE SALES

The Cavaliers return a large bulk of talent from last year's team that won 20 games. Most of those players return as Mount de Sales will be in the postseason mix again.

11 ATHENS CHRISTIAN

The Eagles will build off last season's late surge. Athens Christian returns enough talent to make the state playoffs again.

12 CALVARY DAY

The Cavaliers peaked at the end of the season last year and made a solid postseason run. Calvary has the pitching and the offense to be dangerous.

13 MOUNT PARAN CHRISTIAN

After a rebuild in 2019, the Eagles should be back behind a strong senior class. Mount Paran's pitching staff can take them a long way.

14 SAINT FRANCIS

The Knights lost a lot of talent to graduation, but there is enough returning for Saint Francis to challenge for the postseason again.

15 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN DAY

A new coach won't stop FPD from competing for a postseason berth. As long as special players like Harrison Aulds and Hudson Mimbs are around, FPD will be tough.

Others to watch: (Alphabetical Order) George Walton, Pinecrest Academy, Prince Avenue Christian, Providence Christian, Saint Anne-Pacelli, Savannah Country Day, Trinity Christian

CLASS 1A PUBLIC PRESEASON ALL STATE

First Team

Name	Position	Grade	School	Comment
Braden Bowen	Pitcher	Senior	Bowdon	Tough on the hitters
Jarrett Dopson	Pitcher	Senior	Telfair County	Quietly does his job well
Adam Hooks	Pitcher	Senior	Johnson County	Three-year standout is real deal
Jake Poindexter	Pitcher	Junior	Gordon Lee	RHP can make you look bad
Zach Smith	Pitcher	Senior	Irwin County	Gets the job done
Fisher Timms	Pitcher	Junior	ACE Charter	This guy will only get better
Jake Wright	Pitcher	Senior	Gordon Lee	Shutdown pitcher knows what he's doing
Brett Caneega	Catcher	Senior	Johnson County	Great catcher and pitcher
Brody Cobb	Catcher	Junior	Gordon Lee	He can do so many things
JD Day	Infielder	Senior	Gordon Lee	Makes the offense go
Tyler Meeks	Infielder	Junior	Hawkinsville	As good as there is at the plate
Branson Owens	Infielder	Junior	Wilcox County	Also a solid pitcher
Cam Patterson	Infielder	Senior	Wilcox County	Keep an eye on this guy
Colby Rogers	Infielder	Senior	Commerce	Versatile athlete can play anywhere
Dylan Taylor	Infielder	Junior	Schley County	Exciting player to watch
Trent Bivins	Outfielder	Senior	Schley County	Kind of player every team needs
Cameo Blankenship	Outfielder	Senior	Telfair County	Two-sport star is tough
Chasen Lewis	Outfielder	Senior	ACE Charter	Offensive leader on good team
Kody Mintz	Outfielder	Senior	Commerce	Makes things happen on offense
Colt Trammell	Outfielder	Senior	Trion	Excellent defender, excellent hitter
Garrett Peavy	Utility	Senior	Schley County	Gets the offense started
Doug Curles	Designated Hitter	Senior	Pelham	Tough to strike out

Second Team

Pitchers – Trey Cribb, Sr., Charlton County; Jacob Faircloth, So., Lanier County; Trent Gray, Jr., Charlton County; Josh Griffis, Sr., Clinch County; Noah Harrelson, Sr., Telfair County; Payton Price, Sr., Seminole County; Nate Ray, Sr., Commerce; **Catchers** – Chatham Clouatre, Jr., Tallulah Falls; Alex Lamar, Sr., Washington-Wilkes; **Infielders** – Justin Alford, Sr., GMC; Tre Blankenship, Jr., Telfair County; Jackson Bostick, Sr., Baconton Charter; Hunter Hodges, Sr., Seminole County; Robbie Lane, So., Claxton; Karon Taylor, Jr., Claxton; **Outfielders** – Ryan Barsby, Sr., GMC; Evan Davis, Jr., Commerce; Kyle Hendricks, Sr., Clinch County; Wade Rodeffer, So., Charlton County; Desmond Tisdol, Sr., Wilcox County; **Utility** – Connor Nelson, Jr., Charlton County; **Designated Hitter** – Andrew Hartsfield, So., Pataula Charter

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First Team

Name	Position	Grade	School	Comment
Mason Ashby	Pitcher	Senior	Hebron Christian	This guy makes the Lions go
Dawson Brown	Pitcher	Senior	Tattnall Square	Versatile standout can play anywhere
Wyatt Copeland	Pitcher	Senior	Wesleyan	Tough pitcher to beat
Jack Gerber	Pitcher	Senior	Saint Francis	You'll hear more about him this year
Brooks Gorman	Pitcher	Senior	Tattnall Square	15-game winner one of state's best
Ben Johnson	Pitcher	Senior	Providence Christian	Big RHP is tough on opponents
Preston Joye	Pitcher	Senior	Fellowship Christian	He's the real deal on the mound
Kyle Hilton	Catcher	Senior	Savannah Christian	Versatile player every team likes to have
Charlie Taylor	Catcher	Senior	Wesleyan	One of best behind the plate in any class
Cooper Blauser	Infielder	Sophomore	Wesleyan	You'll hear more about this guy
Caleb Bohn	Infielder	Senior	Pinecrest Academy	Three-year starter does so many things
Jackson Boyd	Infielder	Senior	Hebron Christian	Can hit, play defense and pitch well
Andrew Estes	Infielder	Senior	Lakeview Academy	Region 8 Player of Year returns
Caleb Ketchup	Infielder	Senior	Holy Innocents'	Smooth infielder with a great bat
Joey White	Infielder	Senior	Savannah Christian	Does so much to help team
Nate Anderson	Outfielder	Senior	Mount Vernon Presbyterian	Offensive spark plug on good team
Tiger Borom	Outfielder	Senior	Strong Rock Christian	Makes things happen on offense
Joseph Eichelberger	Outfielder	Senior	Strong Rock Christian	Excellent outfielder and pitcher
Druw Jones	Outfielder	Sophomore	Wesleyan	He's only going to get better
Jay Wetherington	Outfielder	Senior	Calvary Day	Standout quietly does his job
Hudson Mimbs	Utility	Junior	First Presbyterian Day	He's going to be a special player
Harrison Aulds	Designated Hitter	Senior	First Presbyterian Day	Outfielder solid at the plate

Second Team

Pitchers – Andrew Bennett, Sr., Mount Paran Christian; Koby Dunn, Sr., George Walton; Jamie LaFramboise, Sr., Wesleyan; Davis Mortland, Sr., King's Ridge Christian; Jackson Nebel, Sr., Mount de Sales; Eli Smith, Sr., Athens Christian; Spencer Wilkins, Jr., Strong Rock Christian; **Catchers** – Rossman Diaz, Sr., Mount de Sales; Sam Stewart, Sr., Lakeview Academy; **Infielders** – Hunter Alexander, Jr., Tattnall Square; Thomas Carver, Sr., Calvary Day; Shep Hancock, Trinity Christian; James McCoy, Jr., Wesleyan; Davis Thomason, Sr., Mount Pisgah Christian; Jack Ryan Winger, Sr., Mount Paran Christian; **Outfielders** – Sam Aiken, Sr., Holy Innocents'; Carter Fink, Jr., Tattnall Square; Jalen Fulwood, Jr., Wesleyan; Brett McHugh, Sr., Tattnall Square; Braden Sorge, Sr., Savannah Country Day; **Utility** – Bo Hatcher, Jr., Tattnall Square; **Designated Hitter** – Ian Kennedy, Sr., Whitefield Academy

REGION 1-1A

Region Favorite: Baconton Charter

Keep an eye on: Miller County – Pirates return eight starters and should contend.

Players to Watch

C/U/RHP – Kyle Alexander, Sr., Miller County; **INF** – Jackson Bostick, Sr., Baconton Charter; **INF/OF/P** – Brady Brunson, So., Miller County; **1B/RHP** – Ashton Childree, So., Seminole County; **SS/RHP** – Gage Cleveland, Sr., Pataula Charter; **C/1B** – Doug Curles, Sr. Pelham; **OF** – Roland Godfrey, Sr., Miller County; **LF/RHP** – Andrew Hartsfield, So., Pataula Charter; **SS/RHP** – Hunter Hodges, Sr., Seminole County; **3B/1B/RHP** – Levi Jacobs, Sr., Pelham; **SS/RHP** – Rasheed Jenkins, Sr., Webster County; **RHP/C/INF** – Brandon Melton, Sr., Terrell County; **RHP/OF** – Payton Price, Sr., Seminole County; **LHP/1B** – Jordan Wiley, Sr., Pataula Charter; **RHP/C** – Cruz Wills, Sr., Webster County

BACONTON CHARTER BLAZERS

Head Coach: Devin Newberry (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Blake Pollock, Justin Kephart, John Pinson

2019 Record: 23-7

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Jackson Bostick (Sr., R/R); 3B/RHP Payne Bowles (Sr., R/R); C/RHP Haden High (Jr., R/R); 1B/DH Jacob Smith (Sr., R/R); OF Hayden Hatcher (Sr., R/R); OF Caleb Jones (Sr., R/R); OF Lawson Creech (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Hunter Mulliford (Jr., R/R); OF/INF Christian Garcia (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Will Worsham (Fr., R/R); 1B/RHP Seth Gay (Fr., R/R); C Collin Barber (Fr., R/R); OF/RHP Patrick Feely (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Longtime coach Bubber Birdsong moved back to Alabama, and Baconton Charter will have new leadership for the first time in more than a decade. New coach Devyn Newberry takes over and inherits seven returning starters, six of them seniors. All-region selection Jackson Bostick returns to lead what could be a dangerous team.



Jackson Bostick
Baconton Charter

BAKER COUNTY BEARS

Head Coach: Jeff Henderson (new)

Survey not returned

CALHOUN COUNTY COUGARS

Head Coach: Donald Lavatte (new)

Survey not returned

CHATTAHOOCHEE COUNTY PANTHERS

Head Coach: Seth Gorman (new)

Survey not returned

MILLER COUNTY PIRATES

Head Coach: Eddie Whitaker

Assistant Coach (s): Scott Warren

2019 Record: 12-12

Returning Starters: LHP/1B Wil Cook (Sr., 6-3, 220, L/L); SS/RHP Logan Phillips (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Roland Godfrey (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); 3B/RHP Adam Bunch (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); C/U/RHP Kyle Alexander (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); INF Ben Roland (Sr., 5-5, 140, R/R); INF Nick Whitaker (Jr., 5-7, 155, R/R); INF/OF/RHP Brady Brunson (So., 6-2, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF John Robert Taylor (Sr., 5-7, 150); OF/INF/P Tyler Shierling (So., 5-5, 150); OF Haven McCray (Jr., 5-10, 170); OF/P/INF Holden Richardson (So., 5-10, 160); OF Kasen Ward (Jr., 5-9, 170)

Season Outlook: The Pirates have some talent to make a run at the region title this spring. Pitchers Wil Cook (4-4, 3.97 ERA) and Logan Phillips (3-2, 2.89 ERA) return on the mound, while offensive leaders Roland Godfrey (.389 avg., 31 SB), Adam Bunch (.402 avg., 21 RBIs) and Kyle Alexander (.365 avg., 19 RBIs) also return.

MITCHELL COUNTY EAGLES

Head Coach: TBA

Survey not returned

PATAULA CHARTER PANTHERS

Head Coach: Zach Mauldin

Assistant Coach (s): TBA

2019 Record: 17-11

Returning Starters: LHP/1B Jordan Wiley (Sr., 6-1, 190, L/L); SS/RHP Gage Cleveland (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); 3B/RHP Jack Mote (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R); DH Bailey Norman (Sr., 6-1, 210, L/L); OF/RHP Andrew Hartsfield (So., 5-9, 190, R/R); OF/RHP Kolbie Radney (So., 6-3, 190, R/R); OF/2B Tyler Tabb (So., 5-8, 145, R/R); C/RHP Hunter Preston (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Brock Lamphier (Jr., 5-9, 140, R/R); INF Luke Bruner (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R); OF TJ Smith (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); C Justin Brown (So., 5-8, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Tucker Cleveland (So., 5-11, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Charles Holley (Fr., 5-8, 150, R/R); U Grayson Waltman (Fr., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Panthers showed significant improvement in coach Zach Mauldin's first season. Pataula should take things farther and contend for a postseason berth this spring. Pitching depth will be a strength as two of the team's top three pitchers from last season – left-hander Jordan Wiley and right-hander Andrew Hartsfield – return. Hartsfield (.413 avg., 23 RBIs) will also spark the offense.



Andrew Hartsfield
Pataula Charter

PELHAM HORNETS

Head Coach: Ron Best

Survey not returned

QUITMAN COUNTY HORNETS

Head Coach: Fred Drake (new)

Survey not returned



Doug Curles
Pelham

RANDOLPH-CLAY RED DEVILS

Head Coach: Matthew Fowler (new)

Survey not returned

SEMINOLE COUNTY INDIANS

Head Coach: Truette Johnson

Assistant Coach (s): Dirk Williams, Clay Simmons

2019 Record: 21-10

Returning Starters:

RHP/OF Payton Price (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); SS/RHP Hunter Hodges (Sr., 6-1, 165, R/R); 1B/RHP Ashton Childree (So., 6-1, 210, R/R); C Jacob Jarvis (Jr., 5-10, 220, R/R); RHP/OF Ty Moulton (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R)



Hunter Hodges
Seminole County



Payton Price
Seminole County

Other Returning Players: OF Kase Barber (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF Aiden Sherrer (Jr., 5-11, 185, R/R); OF Baylor Williams (So., 5-8, 125, R/R); OF Owen Cross (So., 6-0, 160, R/R); OF Cleve Cofty (So., 5-8, 135, R/R)

Season Outlook: Seminole County will once again contend for the region crown and a postseason berth as five starters are back. All-region performers Payton Price, Hunter Hodges and Ashton Childree return. Keep an eye on a talented sophomore class who should contribute this spring.

STEWART COUNTY KNIGHTS

Head Coach: Jonathan Gooden (new)

Survey not returned

TERRELL COUNTY GREENWAVE

Head Coach: Pat Cuff

Survey not returned

WEBSTER COUNTY BOBCATS

Head Coach: James McCullough

Survey not returned



REGION 2-1A

Region Favorite: Charlton County

Keep an eye on: Wilcox County – Patriots should continue to build on last year's strong finish.

Players to Watch

OF – Gabriel Benyard, Jr., Irwin County; **OF** – Trey Bess, Sr., Telfair County; **INF/DH** – Cameo Blankenship, Sr., Telfair County; **3B/C** – Tre Blankenship, Jr., Telfair County; **U** – Colby Bryant, So., Charlton County; **INF/RHP** – Cuyler Cox, Sr., Echols County; **RHP** – Trey Cribb, Sr., Charlton County; **RHP/INF** – Jarrett Dopson, Sr., Telfair County; **P/SS/3B** – Jacob Faircloth, So., Lanier County; **RHP/SS** – Trent Gray, Jr., Charlton County; **RHP/3B** – Josh Griffis, Sr., Clinch County; **C/1B** – Colby Hancock, Sr., Turner County; **LHP/OF** – Noah Harrelson, Sr., Telfair County; **C/OF** – Kyle Hendricks, Sr., Clinch County; **RHP/3B** – Markel Jordan, Sr., Atkinson County; **U/RHP** – Connor Nelson, Jr., Charlton County; **RHP/1B/3B** – Branson Owens, Jr., Wilcox County; **OF/RHP** – Dhruv Patel, Sr., Turner County; **SS** – Cam Patterson, Sr., Wilcox County; **OF/RHP** – Kelvin Ramirez, Sr., Atkinson County; **CF/LHP** – Wade Rodeffer, So., Charlton County; **INF/C/RHP** – Jacob Rogers, Sr., Echols County; **RHP** – Zach Smith, Sr., Irwin County; **CF** – Desmond Tisdol, Sr., Wilcox County

ATKINSON COUNTY REBELS

Head Coach: Keenan Thomas

Assistant Coach (s): TBA

2019 Record: 7-16

Returning Starters: RHP/3B Markel Jordan (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); OF/RHP Kelvin Ramirez (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); 2B/RHP Ethan Batten (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); 3B Slade White (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); SS Tra'Vonte Williams (Jr., 6-4, 170, R/R); C Willis Mancil (Jr., 6-1, 160, R/R); 1B/LHP Bryan Taft (Jr., 6-0, 205, R/L); OF Javier Martinez (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 2B/RHP Carson Mercer (Jr., 5-6, 165, R/R); 3B/RHP Trey Lott (Sr., 5-9, 205, R/R); 1B Cobi Rodriguez (Sr., 6-4, 215, L/R); OF Eli Meeks (Jr., 6-3, 195, R/R); 3B Caleb Hulett (Jr., 5-10, 205, R/R); OF Brannon Squires (So., 6-0, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: Look for the Rebels to be better in coach Keenan Thomas' second season. Atkinson County welcomes back eight returners, including all-region performers Markel Jordan and Kelvin Ramirez. Look for a solid group of juniors to also contribute.

CHARLTON COUNTY INDIANS

Head Coach: Thad Marchman

Assistant Coach (s): Stephen Jackson, Jeff Schwing,

Bobby Jones, G. Sauls

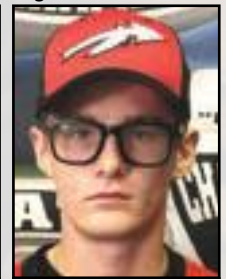
2019 Record: 19-11

Returning Starters:

RHP Trey Cribb (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); U/RHP Connor Nelson (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); CF/LHP Wade Rodeffer (So., 6-1, 160, B/L); C/RHP Sean Russell (So., 5-10, 190, R/R); U



Trey Cribb
Charlton County



Trent Gray
Charlton County

Colby Bryant (So., 5-9, 155, R/R); RHP/SS Trent Gray (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); 1B/LHP Shacario Bailey (Jr., 5-11, 205, L/L)

Other Returning

Players: 3B/RHP Key Hobbs (So., 5-8, 170, R/R); RHP/U Beau Nazworth (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF/LHP Naa'jee

Smith (So., 5-9, 150, L/L); RHP Calvin Byrd (So., 5-11, 190, R/R)

Top Newcomers: SS/RHP Tristan Herring (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); SS/RHP Gant Geigar (Fr., 6-1, 170, R/R); U Dylan Rowland (Fr., 5-8, 150, R/R); RHP Connor Lloyd (Fr., 5-8, 150, R/R); U Jude Shaw (Fr., 5-9, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Indians return seven starters and welcome a solid corps of underclassmen that should help make an immediate impact. Senior pitcher Trey Cribb (5-1, 1.93 ERA) returns on the mound. Versatile Connor Nelson and outfielder/pitcher Wade Rodeffer return to lead a young but very talented team.



Connor Nelson
Charlton County



Wade Rodeffer
Charlton County

Landon Jones (Jr., 6-0, 150, R/R); INF/C/RHP Weston McLeod (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF Brent Mashburn (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R); OF Isaac Carter (Jr., 5-8, 145, R/R)

Other Returning

Players: INF Eli Pafford (So., 5-9, 130, R/R); OF Paul Courson (So., 6-0, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 1B/OF/LHP Jake Dees (Fr., 5-7, 140, L/L); 2B/RHP Jacob Rowe (Fr., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: Eight starters are back and Echols County should have a chance to be much better. A strong senior class, led by infielder/pitcher Cuyler Cox (.326 avg.) and infielder/catcher/pitcher Jacob Rogers, returns. A good group of juniors and sophomores will contribute. Look for this program to keep making positive strides.



Weston McLeod
Echols County



Jacob Rogers
Echols County

CLINCH COUNTY PANTHERS

Head Coach: Lee Douglas

Assistant Coach (s): Sean Mercer, Michael Harper, Rhett Barber

2019 Record: 24-9

Returning Starters: C/OF Kyle Hendricks (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); 3B/RHP Josh Griffis (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); OF Darius Dorsey (Sr., 6-0, 225, R/R); RHP/U Josh Peagler (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); SS Landan Allen (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R)



Josh Griffis
Clinch County



Kyle Hendricks
Clinch County

Other Returning

Players: RHP/1B/OF Gabriel Morris (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R); OF Kahlil Jenkins (So., 6-2, 165, R/R); C/1B John Wilson (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); RHP/INF Brady Register (So., 5-8, 150, R/R); RHP/U Lane Palmer (So., 5-11, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Freddie Loftly (So., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Panthers lost a lot of talent to graduation, but the cupboard is not bare. Senior catcher/outfielder Kyle Hendricks (.330 avg., 25 RBIs) returns to lead the offense, while right-handed pitcher Josh Griffis (5-0, 2.35 ERA) returns to lead a young but talented group of pitchers.

ECHOLS COUNTY WILDCATS

Head Coach: Jay Hamlett

Assistant Coach (s): Adam Amar, Chad McLeod, Ryan Richardson

2019 Record: 4-16

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Cuyler Cox (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); INF/C/RHP Jacob Rogers (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R); OF/RHP Colby George (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); INF/C/RHP Christian Spelldrick (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); INF/RHP



Cuyler Cox
Echols County



Landon Jones
Echols County

IRWIN COUNTY INDIANS

Head Coach: Drew Tankersley

Assistant Coach (s): Jared Luke, Nathan Martin, Casey Soliday

2019 Record: 21-12

Returning Starters: RHP Zach Smith (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Keegan Folker (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R); INF Tucker Paulk (Sr., 5-6, 130, R/R); OF Gabriel Benyard (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R); OF Garland Benyard (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); C Wright Walker (Sr., 5-8, 150, R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP Spencer Tomberlin (Sr., 5-8, 150, L/L); C/INF Cole Vassey (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF Chad Miller (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/OF/RHP Cody Soliday (Fr., 5-9, 140, R/R); INF/RHP Bryce Clements (Fr., 5-11, 165, L/R); INF/OF/RHP Evan Ross (Fr., 5-8, 140, R/R)

Season Outlook: Graduation and the key transfer of Brodie Chestnutt hit Irwin County pretty hard. However, there is still talent for the Indians to contend for the region title. All-state pitcher Zach Smith, versatile Keegan Folker and infielder Tucker Paulk give Irwin three key players to build around. A solid corps of juniors will also help out.



Zach Smith
Irwin County

LANIER COUNTY BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Shawn Sharp

Assistant Coach (s): Michael Sneed, Ben Davis, Josh Ernst, Brian Sirmans

2019 Record: 10-12

Returning Starters: P/SS/3B Jacob Faircloth (So.); 2B/P/C Jaxson Cook (Jr.); 1B/P Will Berryhill (Jr.); 1B/P/RF Nathan Wrye (So.); P/SS/OF Rashod Brockington (Jr.); P/OF/INF Grant Spikes (So.)

Other Returning Players: INF Noah Newbern (So.); C/OF Trayton Benefield (Jr.); 1B/OF James De La Rua (Jr.); OF Trenton Harnage (So.); OF Josh Sirmans (So.); OF/P Xavier Ryan (Jr.); OF Kah'Marian Wade (So.)



Jaxson Cook
Lanier County



Jacob Faircloth
Lanier County

Top Newcomers: P/INF/OF Jaquon Pope (So.); P/1B/OF Payton Culpepper (Fr.); P/OF Cason Register (Fr.); C/P/INF Parker Culpepper (Fr.); P/INF/OF Josh Furney (Fr.)

Season Outlook: The Bulldogs begin their second season under coach Shawn Sharp. The team will be very young, but there is plenty of talent for Lanier County to improve upon last season's record. Sophomore Jacob Faircloth and junior Jaxson Cook had excellent seasons in 2019 and will be expected to lead the team.

TELFAIR COUNTY TROJANS

Head Coach: Hart Mizell

Assistant Coach (s): Jody Stone, Thor Ott, John Byrd

2019 Record: 16-14

Returning Starters:

RHP/INF Jarrett Dopson (Sr.); INF/DH Cameo Blankenship (Sr.); LHP/OF Noah Harrelson (Sr.); OF Trey Bess (Sr.); RHP/OF Jude King (Sr.); 3B/C Tre Blankenship (Jr.); C/INF Ramsey Hancock (Jr.); 1B Jonathan

Rodgers (Jr.); INF/OF Jailen Clemons (Jr.)

Other Returning Players: RHP/INF Landon Connell (So.); U Russ Ray (So.); C Graham Spires (So.); RHP/INF Peyton Smith (So.); OF Kyran Arnold (Sr.)

Season Outlook: After a somewhat rebuilding year in 2019, look for Telfair to contend for the region title this spring. A wealth of talent



Noah Harrelson
Telfair County



Jude King
Telfair County

returns, including top pitchers Jarrett Dopson and Noah Harrelson. Cameo Blankenship and Tre Blankenship return to spark the offense.

TURNER COUNTY REBELS

Head Coach: Ryan Davis (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Brandon Waters, Clifford Jordan

2019 Record: 5-21

Returning Starters: C/1B Colby Hancock (Sr., R/R); LF/CF/RHP Dhruv

Patel (Sr., R/R); 1B Tyler Brock (Sr., R/R); 2B/OF/RHP John Henry Guess (So., R/R); SS/OF/3B/2B Monterious Norris (So., R/R); 3B/RHP Owen Etris (So., R/R); OF/C/RHP/2B Jace Wynn (Jr., R/R); 3B/OF Zeimere Holloman (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Rebels will have their third different coach in as many seasons. Ryan Davis takes over and inherits a young but talented group of returners. The senior class is small, but keep an eye on sophomores Owen Etris and Monterious Norris who played well as freshmen last year.



Jarrett Dopson - Telfair County
Photo by Tim Morse

WILCOX COUNTY PATRIOTS

Head Coach: Stephen McDuffie

Assistant Coach (s): Cote Jones, Tommy Fuller

2019 Record: 12-13

Returning Starters: SS Cam Patterson (Sr., 6-1, 160, B/R); CF



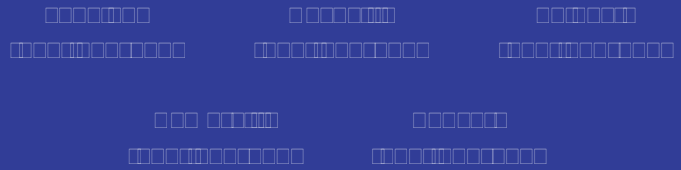
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Desmond Tisdol (Sr., 6-1, 220, R/R); RHP/1B/3B Branson Owens (Jr., 6-0, 195, R/R); C/RHP Rhett Davis (Jr., 5-6, 185, R/R); 2B Cameron Coleman (Jr., 5-6, 140, R/R); OF/RHP Lagan Luke (Jr., 5-11, 150, R/R)



Branson Owens
Wilcox County



Cameron Patterson
Wilcox County



Desmond Tisdol
Wilcox County

Other Returning

Players: RHP/1B Judge McDonald (Jr., 5-11, 250, R/R); OF Trace Jones (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/SS Jordan Stephens (Fr., 6-4, 185, R/R); C/2B/RHP Abe Stowe (Fr., 6-0, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: Wilcox County made the state playoffs last year, then won its first round series. The Patriots look to build off that run. Six starters are back, including three first team all-region selections in shortstop Cam Patterson, outfielder Desmond Tisdol and pitcher/infielder Branson Owens.

REGION 3-1A

Region Favorite: Savannah Christian

Keep an eye on: Johnson County – With pitchers like Hooks and Caneega returning, the Trojans will be tough to top.

Players to Watch

RHP/C/INF – Brett Caneega, Sr., Johnson County; **INF/RHP** – Thomas Carver, Sr., Calvary Day; **OF** – Colton Daniels, So., ECI; **3B/OF** – Dra Darrisaw, Sr., Johnson County; **SS/RHP** – Gavin Fennell, Jr., Montgomery County; **INF/RHP** – Cade Garola, So., Savannah Country Day; **INF/RHP** – Justin Gray, Jr., Jenkins County; **RHP/INF** – Caleb Handley, So., McIntosh County Academy; **RHP/C** – Kyle Hilton, Sr., Savannah Christian; **RHP/INF** – Adam Hooks, Sr., Johnson County; **C/RHP** – Logan Hughes, Jr., Treutlen; **C/RHP** – Wesley Hutcheson, Jr., Montgomery County; **RHP** – Reid Jones, Sr., ECI; **SS/RHP** – Robbie Lane, So., Claxton; **1B/RHP** – Eric Lewis, Jr., McIntosh County Academy; **RHP/OF** – Brady Mallard, So., Portal; **RHP/C/OF** – Christian McAfee, Sr., Johnson County; **2B/3B/OF** – Cole Meyer, Jr., Savannah Country Day; **OF/LHP** – Noah Mitchell, Jr., Wheeler County; **3B/RHP** – Hayden Morris, So., Claxton; **OF** – Carson Richardson, Sr., Treutlen; **OF/RHP** – Jax Scott, Jr., Johnson County; **CF/INF** – Braden Sorge, Sr., Savannah Country Day; **2B/RHP** – Karon Taylor, Jr., Claxton; **DH** – Zane Taylor, Sr., ECI; **RHP/C** – Darrin Truett, Jr., Montgomery County; **LHP/OF** – Jay Wetherington, Sr., Calvary Day; **SS/RHP** – Joey White, Sr., Savannah Christian; **OF/C** – Jackson Williams, Sr., Savannah Christian; **OF/RHP** – Kelvin Williams, Jr., Montgomery County; **CF** – Novel Wilson, Sr., Jenkins County

CALVARY DAY CAVALIERS

Head Coach: Phillip Lee

Assistant Coach (s): John Carr, Derward Poole, Austin Masters, Justin Fields, Gary Allen

2019 Record: 22-9

Returning Starters:

LHP/OF Jay Wetherington (Sr., 5-10, 180, L/L); INF/RHP Thomas Carver (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); C/OF Hayden Clark (Sr., 5-8, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Kaleb Park (Sr., 6-1, 200, R/R); RHP/1B



Thomas Carver
Calvary Day



Jay Wetherington
Calvary Day

DayVan O'Neal (So., 6-4, 220, R/R); OF/INF Cameron Godbee (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); 1B/RHP Ryan Anderson (Sr., 5-11, 200, R/R)

Season Outlook: Look for Calvary Day to contend for the region crown as seven starters are back, six of them seniors. Left-handed pitcher/outfielder Jay Wetherington and infielder/right-handed pitcher Thomas Carver lead what could be a dangerous team. Look for some underclassmen to step up and contribute.

CLAXTON TIGERS

Head Coach: Andy Yanzetich

Assistant Coach (s): Tony Welch, Dakota Tillman, Shannon Sapp, Kevin Hendrix

2019 Record: 11-12

Returning Starters:

2B/RHP Karon Taylor (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); OF/LHP Landon Hendrix (Jr., 5-9, 160, L/L); OF Tanner Henry (So., 5-9, 160, R/R); C/RHP Eli Sapp (So., 5-10, 165, R/R); 3B/RHP Hayden Morris (So., 5-11, 170, R/R); SS/RHP Robbie Lane (So., 5-7, 155, R/R); RHP/3B Dylan Deloach (So., 6-0, 170, R/R)



Robbie Lane
Claxton



Karon Taylor
Claxton

Other Returning Players: 1B/RHP Deoveon Hayward (Sr., 5-10, 230, R/R); OF Hunter Mitchell (Jr., 5-10, 165, L/L)

Top Newcomers: RHP Dakota Haire (Fr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: Seven starters are back from a team that should be in the postseason hunt. However, the Tigers may still be a year away from reaching their full potential. Junior infielder/pitcher Karon Taylor is a player to keep an eye on. Shortstop/pitcher Robbie Lane and third baseman/pitcher Hayden Morris return after both had solid freshman seasons a year ago.

ECI BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Brooks Collins

Assistant Coach (s): Chad Harper, Adam Robertson

2019 Record: 14-13

Returning Starters: DH Zane Taylor (Sr., 5-9, 190, L/L); RHP Reid Jones (Sr., 6-3, 230, R/R); OF Rhett Harper (Sr., 5-8, 175, L/R); OF Evan Durden (Sr., 6-0, 190, L/R); SS Chase Whitehead (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF Colton Daniels (So., 5-10, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C CJ Mincey (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); RHP/INF Trey Hughes (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF Jeremy Jones (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF

Nataivus Robertson (So., 5-8, 155, R/R); U Joseph Stewart (So., 5-9, 145, R/R)
Top Newcomers: RHP/C Lawson Mercer (Fr., 6-2, 215, R/R); RHP/SS Bryce Kearson (Fr., 5-8, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: ECI welcomes back six starters and should have a chance to compete for a playoff berth. Four of the team's returners are seniors. The lack of experienced pitching, however, is a concern. But look for some talented underclassmen to step forward and contribute.

JENKINS COUNTY EAGLES

Head Coach: Zac Clark

Assistant Coach (s): Caleb Pressey, Tommy Johnson, Reginald Mosley

2019 Record: 11-13

Returning Starters: CF Novel Wilson (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); LF Anthony Wilson (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); 1B Jaylen Herrington (Sr., 6-2, 235, R/R); INF/RHP Justin Gray (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Dillion Crews (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); RF Darin Bragg (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF Damion Carter (So., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Lawton Wiggins (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); LF Jackson Oglesby (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C Gavin Underwood (Fr., 5-9, 165, R/R); INF Jackson Lanier (Fr., 5-9, 165, R/R); INF/OF Dakota Clark (Fr., 5-8, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: Jenkins County will be looking for its fourth straight trip to the state playoffs this spring. And the Eagles have enough talent to do just that. Jenkins County needs some more pitchers to step forward, but the good news is that outfielder Novel Wilson and infielder/pitcher Justin Gray are back to spark the team.

JOHNSON COUNTY TROJANS

Head Coach: Chuck Beale

Assistant Coach (s): Matthew Meeks

2019 Record: 22-7

Returning Starters: 1B/RHP Rhett Wombles (Sr., R/R); RHP/SS Adam Hooks (Sr., R/R); 3B/RHP Dra Darrisaw (Sr., R/R); 2B/OF Peyton McCoy (So., R/R); RHP/C Brett Caneega (Sr., R/R); RHP/C/OF Christian McAfee (Sr., R/R); OF/



Brett Caneega
Johnson County



Adam Hooks
Johnson County

RHP Jax Scott (Jr., L/R); 2B/OF/RHP Aaron Adams (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/RHP Sam Jackson (Jr., R/R); C/INF Landry Thompson (Jr., R/R); OF Tucker Loyd (Jr., R/R); INF Deon Rawlings (So., R/R); OF Terrance Poole (So., L/L); OF William Taylor (So., R/R); OF Jaloney Waters (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/C/OF Robert Jackson (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Trojans boast one of the top 1-2 pitching combos in Class 1A in Adam Hooks and Brett Caneega and will be in the postseason chase again. A talented senior class that also consists of offensive catalyst Dra Darrisaw, Rhett Wombles and Christian McAfee is back to lead the way.

MCINTOSH COUNTY ACADEMY BUCCANEERS

Head Coach: Jesse Barfield

Assistant Coach (s): Butch Morris

2019 Record: 7-16

Returning Starters: SS Miles Wood (Jr., R/R); 1B/RHP Eric Lewis (Jr., R/R); 3B/C Dalton McClellan (Jr., R/R); RHP/INF Caleb Handley (So., R/R); OF Austin Crosby (So., R/R); 1B/OF Peyton Waters (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Buccaneers have a good nucleus of returning talent and should have a chance to keep making positive strides under coach Jesse Barfield. Six starters in all are back, including pitcher/first baseman Eric Lewis and pitcher/infielder Caleb Handley. McIntosh, however, is still a very young team.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY EAGLES

Head Coach: Chase Young

Assistant Coach (s): Shane Taylor

2019 Record: 12-16

Returning Starters: RHP/C Darrin Truett (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R); OF Calvin Williams (Jr., 5-9, 140, R/R); SS/RHP Gavin Fennell (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R); 1B Noah Barger (Sr., 6-0, 235, R/R); C/RHP Wesley Hutcheson (Jr., 5-8, 165, R/R); OF/RHP Kelvin Williams (Jr., 5-9, 145, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Jackson Cartwright (So., 5-7, 140, R/R); 3B Caden Woods (Jr., 5-11, 150, R/R); RHP/2B Bo Davidson (So., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF Chase Cardell (So., 5-8, 130, R/R); 1B Stephen Best (Sr., 5-10, 195, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 1B Maurice Polke (Fr., 6-0, 190, R/R)

Season Outlook: The senior class may be small, but Montgomery County should have a chance to continue making positive strides this season. Six starters return to lead the way, including pitcher/catcher Darrin Truett, shortstop/pitcher Gavin Fennell and outfielder/pitcher Kelvin Williams.

PORTAL PANTHERS

Head Coach: Russ Winter (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Brantley Spence, Tyler Reese

2019 Record: 0-21

Returning Starters: 1B/RHP Brennen Smith (Sr., R/R); C/RHP Blake Hendrix (Sr., R/R); RF Cody Jernigan (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP Chandler Sheffield (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP Reid Thompson (Jr., R/R); 3B/RHP Hunter Lanier (Jr., R/R); RHP/OF Brady Mallard (So., R/R); C/3B/OF Walker Bowen (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Austin Coleman (So., R/R); OF Dustin McCubbins (So., R/R); OF Anthony McCubbins (So., R/R); 1B Sam McNure (So., R/R); INF John Donaldson (So., R/R); OF Ray Burroughs (Sr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Panthers should have a chance to improve as a wealth of players return for first-year coach Russ Winter. Eight players who started at some point last season return. Keep an eye on infielder/pitcher Reid Thompson and pitcher/outfielder Brady Mallard who were promising last season.

SAVANNAH CHRISTIAN RAIDERS

Head Coach: Matt Oglesby (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Wes Garcia, Alan Brannen, Johnny Anderson

2019 Record: 28-9

Returning Starters: RHP/C Kyle Hilton (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); SS/RHP Joey White (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF/C Jackson Williams (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Luke Forbes (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); U Colby O'Brien (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF/RHP Carson Cale (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Ely Brown (Fr., 5-10, 160,



Joey White
Savannah Christian

L/L); C/RHP Daegan Strickland (Fr., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF Trent Lanier (Fr., 5-10, 150, R/R); INF/OF Cooper George (Jr., 6-3, 210, R/R); INF Niko Laing (Jr., 5-10, 175, L/R)

Season Outlook: Former assistant coach Matt Oglesby will lead a young but talented team this season. Only three starters are back, but two of those returners are pitcher/catcher Kyle Hilton (7-2, 1.50 ERA; .455 avg., 10 2B) and shortstop/pitcher Joey White. Keep an eye on a solid group of younger players.

SAVANNAH COUNTRY DAY HORNETS

Head Coach: Nathan Ward (new)

Survey not returned

TREUTLEN VIKINGS

Head Coach: Brad Collins

Assistant Coach (s): Jason McCoy

2019 Record: 13-13

Returning Starters: OF Carson Richardson (Sr., R/R); LHP/1B Chris Lovett (Sr., L/L); C/RHP Logan Hughes (Jr., R/R); INF/OF Matthew Corbett (So., R/R); INF/OF Collin Beall (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Ben Foskey (Jr., R/R); INF Harrison Rutherford (So., R/R); OF/LHP Adam Watts (So., L/L); OF Ryan Rogers (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP/OF Trace Peebles (Fr., L/L); LHP/OF Ridge Swain (Fr., L/L); INF DJ Smith (Fr., R/R); INF Qmar Jordan (Fr., R/R); INF Jamar Jordan (Fr., L/L)

Season Outlook: Treutlen showed a lot of improvement last season, and the Vikings seek to build off that positive momentum. Senior outfielder Carson Richardson and catcher/pitcher Logan Hughes are back after making the all-region teams in 2019. The Vikings will be looking for some younger players to step forward.



Braden Sorge
Savannah Country Day

WHEELER COUNTY BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Chris Carr

Assistant Coach (s): Justin Kilpatrick, Todd Vann, Bryce Rogers

2019 Record: 14-14

Returning Starters: U Dakota Connell (Sr., R/R); U Cody McClellan (Sr., R/R); OF/LHP Noah Mitchell (Jr., L/L); INF/RHP Kade Bell (Jr., L/R); INF/RHP Zeb Floyd (Sr., L/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Adam Cravey (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP Cooper Hartley (Jr., R/R); U Romie Grimm (So., R/R); OF Blane Johnson (So., R/R); C Summer Vann (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP Eli McClellan (So., R/R); LHP Jet Hoffman (So., L/L); LHP Mason Ford (So., L/L)

Top Newcomers: SS/RHP Dustin Williams (Fr., R/R); OF/LHP Cody McRae (Fr., R/L); OF/RHP Kolby Adams (Fr., R/R); OF Owen Stokes (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Wheeler County made the state playoffs last season and the Bulldogs look to take things a step farther this spring. Wheeler lost some key players, but five returning starters are back, including a trio of seniors – Dakota Connell, Cody McClellan and Zeb Floyd. The trio will be expected to help carry the load.



REGION 4-1A

Region Favorite: Schley County

Keep an eye on: Hawkinsville – The Red Devils made big strides in 2019. Look for it to continue in 2020.

Players to Watch

OF/LHP – Trent Bivins, Sr., Schley County; **U** – Noah Braddy, Sr., Manchester; **RHP/OF** – Devon Briggs, Sr., Marion County; **1B/RHP** – Josh Brown, Sr., Hawkinsville; **C/RHP** – Caleb Carr, So., Crawford County; **P/3B** – Blake Dugan, Sr., Saint Anne-Pacelli; **OF/P** – Cason Emerson, Jr., Saint Anne-Pacelli; **LF/RHP** – Brennan Hudson, So., Crawford County; **P/SS** – Adam Lowery, Jr., Brookstone; **SS** – Tyler Meeks, Jr., Hawkinsville; **3B/OF/P** – Luke Norman, So., Brookstone; **C/1B** – Luke Ogan, Sr., Marion County; **OF/SS** – Garrett Peavy, Sr., Schley County; **P/3B** – Trey Sanders, Jr., Brookstone; **RHP/SS** – Dylan Taylor, Jr., Schley County; **OF/P** – Haze Volts, So., Brookstone; **C** – Hunter Walker, Jr., Saint Anne-Pacelli

BROOKSTONE COUGARS

Head Coach: Vince Massey

Assistant Coach (s): Greg Mathis, Nate McConnell

2019 Record: 19-10

Returning Starters:

P/3B Trey Sanders (Jr.); P/SS Adam Lowery (Jr.); C Dell Davis (Jr.); 2B Mitchell Harp (Sr.); RHP Connor King (Sr.); OF Sam Kilgore (Jr.); 3B/OF/P Luke Norman (So.); OF/P Haze Volts (So.); 1B/DH Andrew Albright (Jr.)

Top Newcomers: INF/P Jack Schondelmayer (So.); C/OF Buddy Denson (So.); RHP Coates Massey (So.); 1B Tripp Duncan (So.)

Season Outlook: The Cougars will field a young but talented team in 2020. Nine starters are back,

including a pair of juniors in pitcher/third baseman Trey Sanders and pitcher/shortstop Adam Lowery. The senior class is small, but look for second baseman Mitchell Harp and pitcher Connor King to provide solid leadership to a young team.



Connor King
Brookstone



Adam Lowery
Brookstone



Luke Norman
Brookstone



Trey Sanders
Brookstone

CRAWFORD COUNTY EAGLES

Head Coach: Craig Puckett

Assistant Coach (s): Trevor Moncrief, Shannon West

2019 Record: 15-12

Returning Starters: 1B Donovan Hudson (Sr., 6-2, 230, L/L); LF/

RHP Brennan Hudson (So., 6-0, 165, R/R); CF/RHP Kenneth Taylor (So., 5-8, 175, R/R); C/RHP Caleb Carr (So., 5-8, 165, R/R); RHP/3B Levi Hammock (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: DH Mikel Barton (Jr., 6-0, 220, R/R); 2B/RHP Blake Bishop (So., 5-9, 145, R/R); LF Kaleb Gregory (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); RF Austin Griffites (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: SS Judson Puckett (Fr., 6-2, 190, R/R); RHP/3B Luke Cody (Fr., 5-10, 190, R/R); CF/LHP Derontae Stewart (Jr., 5-10, 185, L/L)

Season Outlook: The Eagles don't have many seniors, but a solid group of underclassmen could help Crawford County approach last season's success. Five starters are back, but keep an eye on a pair of sophomores – outfielder/pitcher Brennan Hudson and catcher/pitcher Caleb Carr – who showed a lot of promise as freshmen last season.

DOOLY COUNTY BOBCATS

Head Coach: Quinnen Peavy

Assistant Coach (s): Adam Turner

2019 Record: 6-13

Returning Starters: 1B Shamon Zanders (Sr., 6-1, 160, R/R); 1B/OF Rashad Lucas (Sr., 6-3, 200, L/L); RHP/C Edgerrin Almond (Jr., 5-8, 180, R/R); INF Christian Murphy (Jr., 5-9, 160, L/R); OF Kamran Leath (Jr., 5-9, 190, R/R); RHP/INF Eric Ivory (So., 6-0, 165, R/R); RHP/C/INF Deon King (So., 5-11, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Bubba Almond (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF Tycorian Sheffield (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); OF Markell Morgan (So., 5-8, 165, R/R); OF Cole Jones (So., 5-9, 220, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Bobcats look to get things turned around this spring. Seven starters return as Dooly County looks to improve upon last season's record. A pair of seniors – Shamon Zanders and Rashad Lucas – return to give the Bobcats a pair of leaders to build around.

FURLOW CHARTER FALCONS

Head Coach: Jay Umpleby

Survey not returned

GREENVILLE PATRIOTS

Head Coach: TBA

Survey not returned

HAWKINSVILLE RED DEVILS

Head Coach: Chris Lamb

Assistant Coach (s): David Coffey, Keith Warnock, Josh Cooley

2019 Record: 15-15

Returning Starters: SS Tyler Meeks (Jr., 5-8, 150, B/R); 1B/RHP Josh Brown (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); 1B/LHP Jackson Heath (Jr., 5-10, 200, L/L); OF/RHP Bryce Murkerson (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); OF Cason Clark (So., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF Jake Cross (Sr., 6-0, 205, R/R); RHP Randall Holder (So., 5-7, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 3B/C Braden Simmons (So., 6-1, 200, R/R); 2B/RHP Carl Burch (Jr., 5-9, 145, R/R); OF/RHP Niky West (So., 6-3, 160, R/R); OF Evan Roberts (Jr., 5-8, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 3B/RHP Landon Gallaher (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); OF/



Josh Brown
Hawkinsville



Jackson Heath
Hawkinsville

RHP Cameron Salter (Fr., 5-10, 145, R/R)

Season Outlook:

Hawkinsville showed tremendous improvement in coach Chris Lamb's first season last year. Look for the Red Devils to build off last year's momentum. Seven starters are back,

including all-state shortstop Tyler Meeks. The senior class is small, but Josh Brown, Bryce Murkerson and Jake Cross give the team a trio of leaders to build around.



Tyler Meeks
Hawkinsville



Braden Simmons
Hawkinsville

MACON COUNTY BULLDOGS

Head Coach: TBA

Survey not returned

MANCHESTER BLUE DEVILS

Head Coach: Bari Brown

Survey not returned

MARION COUNTY EAGLES

Head Coach: John Dimitri (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Monty Howard, Freddie Vazquez

2019 Record: 12-13

Returning Starters: RHP/1B Austin Duffey (Jr., 6-2, 260, R/R); RHP/OF Devon Briggs (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP/SS Garrett Sheffield (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP/2B Kaleb Powell (So., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF Kendrick Hawkins (Sr., 5-10, 195, R/R); C/1B Luke Ogan (Sr., 5-11, 205, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Anthony Garcia (Sr., 5-8, 165, R/R); C/1B Austin Woodell (So., 6-0, 250, R/R); C/OF Colby Howard (So., 5-10, 180, R/R); RHP/OF Colton O'Neal (So., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF William Paul (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); 2B/OF Will Penoncello (So., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: Former assistant John Dimitri takes over and inherits six returning starters as the Eagles look to contend for a postseason berth. Four of the team's six returners are seniors. One of those is pitcher/outfielder Devon Briggs. Look for a solid group of juniors and sophomores to contribute.

SAINT ANNE-PACELLI VIKINGS

Head Coach: Bobby Howard

Assistant Coach (s): Chase Weems, Jeff Boatner, Jared Stansell

2019 Record: 18-11

Returning Starters: P/3B Blake Dugan (Sr.); SS Holden Nowell (Sr.); OF/P Cason Emerson (Jr.); C Hunter Walker (Jr.); P/1B Will Vinyard (Jr.)

Top Newcomers: P Jackson Hilton (So.); INF Tucker Kite (So.)

Season Outlook: The Vikings showed improvement and won 18 games in Bobby Howard's first season last year. Saint Anne-Pacelli looks to take things farther this spring. Five starters are back, including pitcher/third baseman Blake Dugan (4-2, 2.29 ERA) and shortstop Holden Nowell (.364 avg.).

SCHLEY COUNTY WILDCATS

Head Coach: Chuck Cheek

Assistant Coach (s): William Rooks, Jody Sellars

2019 Record: 29-7

Returning Starters:

RHP/SS Dylan Taylor (Jr., 6-1, 175); 3B/2B Logan Wurtz (Sr., 5-9, 150); C/LHP/OF/1B Trypp Lumpkin (So., 6-0, 160); OF/SS/RHP Garrett Peavy (Sr., 5-11, 170); OF/LHP Trent Bivins (Sr., 6-0, 180)

Other Returning

Players: 1B/3B/P Tyler

Cheek (Jr., 6-4, 210); OF/LHP/1B Ridge James (So., 5-8, 165); OF Luke Renfroe (Jr., 5-7, 160); P/OF/1B Luke Pawlowski (Jr., 6-5, 160); P/3B Athon Hines (Jr., 5-11, 175); 2B Andrew James (Jr., 5-6, 150); OF Tucker Welch (Jr., 5-11, 185)

Top Newcomers: SS/P CJ Derrington (Fr., 5-11, 180); OF/P Owen Lamb (Fr., 6-2, 150)

Season Outlook: Look for the Wildcats to make another deep postseason run as a wealth of talent returns. Schley returns three dominant pitchers in Trent Bivins, Garrett Peavy and Dylan Taylor. Look for a strong corps of underclassmen to contribute.



Trent Bivins
Schley County



Garrett Peavy
Schley County



Dylan Taylor
Schley County

EAGLES LANDING CHRISTIAN CHARGERS

Head Coach: Seth Graham

Assistant Coach (s): Douglas Campbell, Jr., Scott King, Mike Roby, Shaun Payne

2019 Record: 16-12

Returning Starters: 1B Dallas Durden (So., 6-2, 245, R/R); OF Christian White (So., 5-8, 145, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Alex Villanueva (Jr., 5-7, 135, L/L); C Tae Stroud (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Cameron Snell (Jr., 5-5, 140, L/R)

Top Newcomers: SS Gage Hopper (Fr., 5-7, 125, R/R); 2B Chase Jackson (Fr., 5-6, 120, R/R); 3B Hunter Waters (Fr., 5-8, 140, R/R); C Caleb Moran (Fr., 5-11, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: After making the state playoffs last season, Eagles Landing Christian has some holes to fill and will need some young players to step forward. The Chargers don't have any seniors. A pair of sophomore starters – Dallas Durden and Christian White – return to give a young team some returning experience.

GALLOWAY SCOTS

Head Coach: John Griffith

Survey not returned

TAYLOR COUNTY VIKINGS

Head Coach: Mark Wilson

Survey not returned

REGION 5-1A

Region Favorite: Wesleyan

Keep an eye on: Strong Rock Christian – After deep playoff run in 2019, Patriots have the talent to do the same in 2020.

Players to Watch

CF – Sam Aiken, Sr., Holy Innocents'; **C/1B** – Brady Anderson, Sr., Trinity Christian; **OF** – Nate Anderson, Sr., Mount Vernon Presbyterian; **SS** – Cooper Blausler, So., Wesleyan; **OF/LHP** – Tiger Borom, Sr., Strong Rock Christian; **RHP/1B** – David Chenoweth, Sr., Strong Rock Christian; **RHP** – Wyatt Copeland, Sr., Wesleyan; **1B** – Dallas Durden, So., Eagles Landing Christian; **DH** – Hayes Edmond, Sr., Paideia; **RHP/OF** – Joseph Eichelberger, Sr., Strong Rock Christian; **RHP/OF** – Jalen Fulwood, Jr., Wesleyan; **3B/RHP** – Shep Hancock, Sr., Trinity Christian; **RHP/OF** – Druw Jones, So., Wesleyan; **SS** – Caleb Ketchup, Sr., Holy Innocents'; **RHP** – Ben Koch, Sr., Mount Vernon Presbyterian; **RHP/3B** – Jamie LaFramboise, Sr., Wesleyan; **RHP/1B** – James McCoy, Jr., Wesleyan; **3B/RHP** – Freddie Reams, Sr., Holy Innocents'; **SS/RHP** – Michael Scott, Sr., Our Lady of Mercy; **3B/RHP** – Adam Smith, Sr., Galloway; **C** – Charlie Taylor, Sr., Wesleyan; **C** – Alex Vanlandingham, Sr., Mount Vernon Presbyterian; **RHP** – Holden Wilder, Sr., Wesleyan; **RHP/3B** – Spencer Wilkins, Jr., Strong Rock Christian; **2B** – Michael Zarrillo, Jr., Holy Innocents'

HOLY INNOCENTS' GOLDEN BEARS

Head Coach: DC Aiken

Assistant Coach (s): Bentley Heyman, Ben DeSantis, Dan Healy, Ryan Weingart

2019 Record: 17-13

Returning Starters:

SS/RHP Caleb Ketchup (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); OF/RHP Sam Aiken (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); 3B/RHP Freddie Reams (Sr., 6-2, 205, R/R); 2B Michael Zarrillo (Jr., 5-11, 170, B/R); C JD Bogart (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Matt Davis (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); OF/RHP Taylor Guyton (Sr., 6-0, 150, R/R); C/OF Ronnie Williams (Sr., 6-1, 195, R/R)

Other Returning

Players: 3B/SS Shane Newsome (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); RHP Blake Cherrington (Sr., 6-1,

175, R/R); RHP David Luigs (So., 6-3, 190, R/R); RHP Walker Wolf (So., 6-3, 205, R/R); SS Tyler Fuller (Jr., 6-0, 165, L/R); OF William Willis (Jr., 6-0, 195, R/R); C Matt Hoffman (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); C/OF Griffin McKinnis (Sr., 6-0, 205, R/R)

Season Outlook: If Holy Innocents' pitching staff matures, look for the Golden Bears to be back in the postseason chase. Senior Caleb Ketchup (.431 avg.) and pitcher Freddie Reams are two of the team's eight returning starters. Senior Sam Aiken (.310 avg.) leads an experienced group of outfielders.



Sam Aiken
Holy Innocents'



Matt Davis
Holy Innocents'



Freddie Reams
Holy Innocents'



Michael Zarrillo
Holy Innocents'

LANDMARK CHRISTIAN WAR EAGLES

Head Coach: Jared Williams
Survey not returned

MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN MUSTANGS

Head Coach: Jeremy Beckham
Assistant Coach (s): Chris Epps
2019 Record: 18-8

Returning Starters: C Alex Vanlandingham (Sr.); OF Nate Anderson (Sr.); 3B/RHP Jackson Denney (Sr.); RHP Alex Thomas (Sr.); LHP/1B Jack Sims (Jr.); SS/RHP Cole Forrest (Jr.); 2B/OF Blake Kytle (Jr.); INF Alex Mette (Sr.)

Other Returning Players: OF Charlie Baynton (Sr.); INF David Adkins (So.); RHP Clayton Wright (Sr.)

Top Newcomers: RHP Ben Koch (Sr.)

Season Outlook: Look for the Mustangs to be tough again as a wealth of talent returns. Pitching could be the biggest strength as right-handers Alex Thomas and Jackson Denney are back. Outfielder Nate Anderson (.410 avg., 30 SB) and catcher Alex Vanlandingham (.375 avg., 25 RBIs) return to lead the offense.



Nate Anderson
Mount Vernon Presbyterian

OUR LADY OF MERCY BOBCATS

Head Coach: Mark Miller
Assistant Coach (s): Andrew McGovern, Austin Loper
2019 Record: 4-10-1

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Michael Scott (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); RHP/2B Liam Malally (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); 3B Collin Schmitz (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); 3B/C/OF Christian Burks (So., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF Anthony Griffin (So., 6-0, 155, R/R); INF/RHP Connor Dillon (Sr., 5-10, 155, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Ryan Hendricks (So., 5-10, 165, L/L); INF/OF/RHP Jimmy Stevens (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Collin Malally (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: A more mature and experienced team should help Our Lady of Mercy improve this season. Six starters are back, including a trio of returning seniors in Michael Scott, Liam Malally and Collin Schmitz. A talented group of sophomores and freshmen will be expected to step forward.

PAIDEIA PYTHONS

Head Coach: Jonathan Petrash
Assistant Coach (s): Rob Friedman, Wes Hollins, Rodney Henderson
2019 Record: 8-10

Returning Starters: DH Hayes Edmond (Sr., 6-2, 140, R/R); LF Keith Adams (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); RHP/3B/C Gabe Elliott (So., 5-11, 165, R/R); C/RHP/1B Cal Forde (So., 6-0, 170, R/R); SS Alex Asher (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); 1B Bruno Damiani (So., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Nathan Moore (Sr., 6-0, 150, R/R); OF/RHP Will Hutchinson (Sr., 6-1, 155, R/R); 3B/RHP David Raygoza (So., 5-10, 150, L/R); 2B/3B Jack Tope (So., 5-9, 150, R/R); INF William Moore (So., 5-8, 145, R/R); OF Cooper West (So., 6-0, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: Paideia will field a relatively young team this spring, but six starters should help the Pythons improve significantly. Senior designated hitter Hayes Edmond will give Paideia a solid player to build around. Look for an excellent group of juniors and sophomores to contribute.

STRONG ROCK CHRISTIAN PATRIOTS

Head Coach: Toby Evans
Assistant Coach (s): Tripp Lawrence, Ty Lewis
2019 Record: 27-10

Returning Starters: RHP/1B David Chenoweth (Sr., 6-2, 200, R/R); RHP/3B Spencer Wilkins (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); C/OF Hunter Lawrence (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); OF/LHP Tiger Borom (Sr., 5-9, 165, L/L); RHP/OF Joseph Eichelberger (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); SS/RHP Alan Fluellen (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/OF Ethan Roberts (Sr., 5-8, 150, R/R); OF/RHP Caleb Boutwell (Jr., 6-2, 150, R/R); INF Austin Reid (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Eli Hedgecoth (Jr., 6-3, 175, R/R); RHP/INF Dakota Crumbly (So., 6-0, 165, R/R); RHP/INF Brayden Burghardt (So., 6-3, 170, R/R); C/INF Jack McCune (Fr., 5-10, 150, R/R); C/INF Zach Wallace (Fr., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: Expect Strong Rock Christian to pick up from where it left off last season. The Patriots have six returning starters back, including standout pitchers David Chenoweth, Spencer Wilkins and Joseph Eichelberger. Outfielder Tiger Borom returns to spark the offense.



Tiger Borom
Strong Rock Christian



Joseph Eichelberger
Strong Rock Christian



Spencer Wilkins
Strong Rock Christian

TRINITY CHRISTIAN LIONS

Head Coach: Blake Austin
Assistant Coach (s): Kevin Elrod, Brooks Austin, Bobby Totten
2019 Record: 14-14

Returning Starters: OF Jayce Blalock (So., 6-0, 205, R/R); C/2B Clay Stephenson (Sr., 5-6, 180, R/R); LHP/OF Kyle Stephenson (Jr., 5-6, 175, L/L); RHP Conner Smith (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); RHP/OF Chaz Crawford (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); 3B/RHP Shep Hancock (Sr., 6-3, 215, L/R); C Brady Anderson (Sr., 6-2, 185, L/R); U Josh Belflower (Sr., 6-2, 195, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 3B Colin Radar (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); 2B Austin Whitaker (Sr., 5-8, 165, R/R); LHP Luke Aycocock (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/L); RHP/3B Carson Beach (So., 6-1, 205, R/R)

Top Newcomers: SS Aaron Gates (Fr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF Jimbo Batchelor (So., 5-8, 180, L/L); INF/RHP Tai Peete (Fr., 6-2, 170, L/R); OF Amori Collins (Fr., 6-0, 205, L/L); RHP/1B Andy Cates (So., 6-0, 210, R/R); RHP/1B Andrew Martin (So., 6-3, 205, R/R)

Season Outlook: In their first season in the GHSA, Trinity Christian started strong but ended up at .500. The Lions hope to make Year 2 in the GHSA better. Eight starters are back, including pitcher/third baseman Shep Hancock (4-1, 2.70 ERA, .387 avg., 38 RBIs) and catcher/first baseman Brady Anderson (.315 avg., 20 RBIs).



Shep Hancock
Trinity Christian

WEBER RAMS

Head Coach: Scott Seagraves
Survey not returned

WESLEYAN WOLVES

Head Coach: Brian Krehmeyer

Assistant Coach (s): Michael Mann, Kevin O'Leary, Matt Plate

2019 Record: 27-9

Returning Starters:

RHP Wyatt Copeland (Sr., 6-1, 225, R/R); RHP/3B Jamie LaFramboise (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); C Charlie Taylor (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); 2B Mark Tucker (Sr., 5-8, 170, B/R); RHP Holden Wilder (Sr., 6-3, 220, R/R); DH/C/OF Joe Chatham (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); RHP/OF Jalen Fulwood (Jr., 6-3, 175, R/R); RHP/1B James McCoy (Jr., 6-4, 170, B/R); SS Cooper Blausner (So., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP/OF Druw Jones (So., 6-3, 170, R/R)

Other Returning

Players: INF/OF

Hunter Haran (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); RHP John Kiersznowski (Sr., 6-2, 165, R/R); OF/C Luke Carroll (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R); RHP/OF/C JC French (So., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook:

The Wolves have the pitching and the offense to challenge for a state championship. Right-handers Wyatt Copeland (8-2, 2.57 ERA), Jamie LaFramboise (5-1, 2.20 ERA) and Holden Wilder (4-2, 5.12 ERA) form a lethal trio, while catcher Charlie Taylor (.368 avg., 31 RBIs) could be the best in the classification behind the plate. Keep an eye on Cooper Blausner and Druw Jones, two players who had breakout seasons as freshmen last year.



Cooper Blausner
Wesleyan



Wyatt Copeland
Wesleyan



Jalen Fulwood
Wesleyan



Druw Jones
Wesleyan



Jamie LaFramboise
Wesleyan



James McCoy
Wesleyan

REGION 6-1A

Region Favorite: Gordon Lee

Keep an eye on: Mount Paran Christian – Eagles have the pitching to contend.

Players to Watch

OF/1B/LHP – Nick Addison, Jr., Walker; **OF/LHP** – Jaden Anderson, So., Mount Pisgah Christian; **RHP/OF** – Charlie Bell, So., Darlington; **RHP** – Andrew Bennett, Sr., Mount Paran Christian; **SS/RHP** – David Bishop, Jr., Fellowship Christian; **LHP** – Ryan Bitter, Jr., Walker; **RHP/3B** – Caleb Bohn, Sr., Pinecrest Academy; **C/1B/3B/RHP** – Braden Bowen, Sr., Bowdon; **RHP/1B** – Lawson Brown, Jr., Darlington; **INF/RHP** – Aiden Cloud, Jr., Darlington; **C/RHP** – Brody Cobb, Jr., Gordon Lee; **CF/RHP** – Chris Cohen, Jr., Mount Zion-Carrollton; **INF** – Charlie Condon, Jr., Walker; **1B/RHP** – Andrew Davidson, Jr., Fellowship Christian; **RHP** – Carter Davies, So., Saint Francis; **SS** – JD Day, Sr., Gordon Lee; **OF** – Bennett Drake, Sr., Saint Francis; **C** – Connor Ensman, Jr., Pinecrest Academy; **OF** – Ben Fortson, Sr., Bowdon; **C** – Matthew Foster, Mount Paran Christian; **SS** – Michael Fuller, Sr., Mount Bethel Christian; **RHP** – Jack Gerber, Sr., Saint Francis; **C** – Fernando Gonzalez, Sr., North Cobb Christian; **INF** – Gino Groover, Sr., Walker; **C/1B/RHP** – Matson Grose, Jr., Fellowship Christian; **OF** – Garrett Hauenstein, Jr., Fellowship Christian; **LHP/1B** – Davis Hodges, So., Walker; **OF/LHP** – Sawyer Huffstetler, Sr., Pinecrest Academy; **INF** – Elijah Bleu Johnston, Sr., North Cobb Christian; **3B** – Charlie Jones, So., Kings Ridge Christian; **RHP** – Reid Jones, Jr., Mount Paran Christian; **SS/RHP** – Preston Joye, Sr., Fellowship Christian; **RHP/1B** – Ian Kennedy, Sr., Whitefield Academy; **OF/LHP** – Ryan Langford, So., Christian Heritage; **OF** – Griffin Leadbetter, Sr., Saint Francis; **OF** – Joshua Leerssen, Sr., Mount Bethel Christian; **RHP/3B** – Wesley Lindler, Jr., Mount Zion-Carrollton; **RHP/INF** – Cole Matthaides, Sr., Mount Paran Christian; **SS/RHP** – Andrew Messer, Jr., Bowdon; **RHP/1B** – Davis Mortland, Sr., Kings Ridge Christian; **RHP** – Aidan Moza, Jr., North Cobb Christian; **RHP** – Jake Poindexter, Jr., Gordon Lee; **OF** – Ryan Pruitt, Sr., North Cobb Christian; **OF/LHP** – Luke Rainwater, Jr., Bowdon; **CF/LHP** – Jake Roth, Sr., Kings Ridge Christian; **RHP/OF** – Jackson Sadler, Jr., Walker; **1B/DH** – Brandon Sheets, Sr., Bowdon; **SS** – Jay Sorohan, Sr., Pinecrest Academy; **P/OF** – Jake Tasman, Sr., Walker; **P/OF** – Sam Taylor, Jr., Walker; **RHP/1B/3B** – Davis Thomason, Sr., Mount Pisgah Christian; **OF** – Colt Trammell, Sr., Trion; **U** – Jake Williams, Sr., Mount Paran Christian; **SS** – Jack Ryan Wingle, Sr., Mount Paran Christian; **RHP** – Jake Woodliff, Jr., Saint Francis; **OF/RHP** – Jake Wright, Sr., Gordon Lee

BOWDON RED DEVILS

Head Coach: Brian Vance

Assistant Coach (s): Mark Huggins, Ryan Zaideman, Dylan Smith, Mitch Johnson

2019 Record: 19-21

Returning Starters: U/C/RHP Braden Bowen (Sr., 6-3, 185, R/R); OF Ben Fortson (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); 1B/DH Brandon Sheets (Sr., 6-1, 230, R/R); INF/RHP Carson Cummings (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); U/RHP Kiler Cole

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(Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); SS/RHP Andrew Messer (Jr., 5-8, 135, R/R); OF/LHP Luke Rainwater (Jr., 5-8, 155, L/L); C/INF/RHP Carter Powell (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Other Returning

Players: C/1B Jacob Brown (Jr., 5-11, 195, R/R); OF/RHP Carson Robinson (So., 5-10, 145, R/R); INF/RHP Jack Watkins (So., 5-6, 120, R/R); INF/RHP Brady Entrekin (So., 5-7, 140, R/R)

Top Newcomers:

RHP/C/INF Will Rainwater (Fr., 5-6, 130, R/R)

Season Outlook:

After getting off to a slow start last year, the Red Devils rebounded and made a solid postseason run. Bowdon returns eight players off that team, including pitching standout Braden Bowen (9-3, 3.50 ERA) and outfielder Ben Fortson. The Red Devils have enough ingredients to make another run at the playoffs.



Braden Bowen
Bowdon



Carson Cummings
Bowdon



Ben Fortson
Bowdon



Brandon Sheets
Bowdon

CHRISTIAN HERITAGE LIONS

Head Coach: Jamey Middleton

Assistant Coach (s): Bryan Doran, Doug Davis, Chris Baker, Bucky Strickland

2019 Record: 5-20

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Josiah Chiesa (So., 6-2, 180, R/R); INF/RHP Elian Bautista (So., 5-7, 130, B/R); OF/LHP Ryan Langford (So., 6-0, 165, L/L); INF/RHP Luke Owen (Jr., 5-9, 155, L/R); OF/1B/RHP Nash Bingham (Jr., 6-1, 200, L/R); 1B Nathan Davis (Sr., 5-10, 205, L/L); OF Will Brumlow (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); C Gage Leonard (So., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: U/RHP Brennen Richards (So., 5-10, 165, R/R); C/OF/RHP Navy Gazaway (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R)

Top Newcomers: U/RHP Evan Hood (Fr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF Ben Hermann (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); INF/RHP Luke Wagner (Fr., 5-9, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Lions look to improve upon last season's record as eight starters return. The senior class is small, but some talented juniors and sophomores will be expected to contribute. Keep an eye on a trio of standouts who had excellent freshman seasons – shortstop/pitcher Josiah Chiesa, catcher Gage Leonard and outfielder/pitcher Ryan Langford.

DARLINGTON TIGERS

Head Coach: Matt Larry

Assistant Coach (s): TBA

2019 Record: 8-13-1

Returning Starters: OF Kolin Rogers (Sr., 6-2, 200, R/R); RHP/1B Lawson Brown (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Aiden Cloud (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); INF Lawson Goodwin (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Charlie Bell (So., 5-11, 155, R/R); OF Kobe Nadu (Sr., 6-0, 170, L/R); 1B/C Caleb Butler (So., 6-3, 200, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Blake Robinson (Sr., 6-2, 175, L/R); U Patrick Shelley (So., 6-2, 170, R/R); U Trystin Wright (Sr., 6-1, 165, R/R);

OF/RHP Thomas Speed (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/U Jackson Nolan (Jr., 6-0, 175, L/R)

Season Outlook: The Tigers are expected to be in the postseason chase as seven starters are back. Pitchers Lawson Brown and Charlie Bell lead what should be a solid pitching staff. Meanwhile, infielders Aiden Cloud and Lawson Goodwin return to spark the offense. Look for some underclassmen to also step into the mix.

FELLOWSHIP CHRISTIAN PALADINS

Head Coach: Shawn Oliver

Assistant Coach (s): Mike McClain, Lane Perrins, Archie Wanamaker

2019 Record: 24-10

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Preston Joye (Sr., 5-11, 185, B/R); SS/RHP David Bishop (Jr., 6-3, 180, R/R); C/1B/RHP Matson Grose (Jr., 6-1, 200, R/R); 1B/RHP Andrew Davidson (Jr., 6-0, 220, L/R); U Luke Schmidt (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Garrett Hauenstein (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF Finn Wagner (Jr., 5-11, 170, B/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP George Moraitakis (Sr., 5-8, 150, L/R); RHP Brett Eppinger (Sr., 6-2, 220, R/R); OF Jonathan Morris (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); LHP Thomas Bourne (So., 5-10, 170, R/L); U Wilson Long (So., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP Grant Hudson (So., 6-2, 170, R/R); 1B/OF Hayes Price (So., 5-10, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 1B/RHP Noah Goss (Jr., 6-2, 170, R/R); U Jack Rickheim (Fr., 5-11, 160, R/R); OF Cooper Davidson (Fr., 6-0, 170, R/R); C Will Phipps (Fr., 5-11, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: Fellowship Christian lost five starters to graduation and a couple of big pieces from last season's team that made a deep playoff run. The Paladins will count on a strong junior class in 2020. Senior shortstop/pitcher Preston Joye (8-2, 2.19 ERA; .289 avg., 28 RBIs) will keep Fellowship in the hunt.



Preston Joye
Fellowship Christian

GORDON LEE TROJANS

Head Coach: Mike Dunfee

Assistant Coach (s): Derek McDaniel, Zack Cobb, Thomas Gray, Logan Peterson

2019 Record: 32-5

Returning Starters: SS JD Day (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Jake Wright (Sr., R/R); 2B Will Sizemore (Sr., R/R); RHP Jake Poindexter (Jr., R/R); LHP Riley King (Jr., L/L); OF/RHP Cade Peterson (Jr., R/R); C/RHP Brody Cobb (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/3B Cody Thomas (Jr., R/R); OF Griff Collins (Jr., L/L); OF/LHP Blake Erby (Jr., B/L); 3B/RHP Jackson Moore (Jr., R/R); INF Jacob Neal (Jr., R/R); C Parker Salmon (Jr., R/R); RHP Tanner Wilson (So., R/R); OF/LHP Garren Ramey (So., L/L)

Season Outlook: The Trojans lost a lot to graduation, but during the team's back-to-back state title runs, Gordon Lee has played a lot of players. The Trojans feature one of the state's top 1-2 pitching punches in right-handers Jake Wright



Brody Cobb
Gordon Lee



JD Day
Gordon Lee



Jake Poindexter
Gordon Lee

and Jake Poindexter. Infielders JD Day and Will Sizemore return, forming a strong middle infield duo. A strong group of juniors and sophomores will contribute.

KINGS RIDGE CHRISTIAN TIGERS

Head Coach: Richard Dombrowsky

Assistant Coach (s): Eric Swegman, Ian Carbone

2019 Record: 12-12

Returning Starters: RHP/1B Davis Mortland (Sr., 6-6, 240, L/R); 3B Charlie Jones (So., 6-1, 200, R/R); OF/LHP Jake Roth (Sr., 5-11, 170, L/L); OF John Bowling (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); OF Trey Larkin (Sr., 5-10, 160, L/L)

Other Returning Players: RHP/1B Julian Clements (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R); INF Luke Gorman (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF/RHP Nick Wallace (Jr., 6-2, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Tigers begin their second season under coach Richard Dombrowsky and look to take things higher. Six starters are back, including right-handed pitcher Davis Mortland and left-hander Jake Roth. Kings Ridge Christian will also be looking for some underclassmen to step up.



Davis Mortland
Kings Ridge Christian

MOUNT BETHEL CHRISTIAN EAGLES

Head Coach: Sean McConnell

Assistant Coach (s): Daryl Brooks, David Kimery

2019 Record: 1-22

Returning Starters: SS Michael Fuller (Sr., 6-3, 210, R/R); OF Joshua Leerssen (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); OF David Deadrick (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP Brendon Kim (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); C Beau Milan (Sr., 5-10, 140, R/R); 1B Jack Beacham (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); 2B Liam Doyle (Jr., 5-10, 140, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Issac Burton (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 3B Evan Leccese (Fr., 6-1, 220, R/R)

Season Outlook: Mount Bethel should be much better in 2020 in their second season of competing in the Georgia High School Association. The Eagles welcome back seven starters, including shortstop Michael Fuller (.392 avg., 10 2B), a first team all-region selection last year. Outfielder Joshua Leerssen also returns. The lack of experienced pitching, however, is a concern.

MOUNT PARAN CHRISTIAN EAGLES

Head Coach: Kyle Reese

Assistant Coach (s): Mike Brady, Kevin Rusk, Ty Kelley

2019 Record: 15-12

Returning Starters: SS Jack Ryan Wingle (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); RHP/1B Andrew Bennett (Sr., 6-3, 205, R/R); C Matthew Foster (Sr., 5-9, 190, R/R); CF Colby Schwan (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R); RHP Reid Jones (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP/INF Cole Matthaides (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); RHP/OF/INF Jake Williams (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/1B Landon Schwan (Sr., 6-3, 200, R/R); OF/RHP David Garcia (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); SS/2B Alex Adams (So.,



Andrew Bennett
Mount Paran Christian



Jack Ryan Wingle
Mount Paran Christian

5-9, 155, R/R); 2B/SS/RHP Josh Fitzpatrick (So., 5-9, 155, R/R); C/OF Evan Warren (So., 6-2, 200, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/SS Tate McKee (Fr., 6-0, 150, R/R); C/3B Tyler Minnick (Fr., 6-2, 165, R/R); SS/3B/RHP Cameron Collier (Fr., 6-2, 205, L/R); LHP/1B Jake Tucker (Fr., 6-2, 175, L/L); OF Justin Hubbard (Fr., 6-0, 155, L/R)

Season Outlook: In what was a rebuilding season in 2019, Mount Paran finished 15-12 but made the second round of the state playoffs. The Eagles return an excellent group of players, including standout pitchers Andrew Bennett (4-1, 2.19 ERA) and Cole Matthaides (6-3, 4.44 ERA). Shortstop Jack Ryan Wingle (.330 avg., 29 RBIs) returns to spark the offense.

MOUNT PISGAH CHRISTIAN PATRIOTS

Head Coach: Jamey Woods

Assistant Coach (s): John O'Connor, Travis Rutkiewicz, Jimmy Roach

2019 Record: 8-15

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Reed Rothermel (Sr., 6-4, 180, R/R); RHP/1B/3B Davis Thomason (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); OF/RHP/C Justin Bartlett (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF/1B James Wickline (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); RHP/SS Jack Godsey (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); C Sam Love (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF/LHP Jaden Anderson (So., 5-10, 175, R/L)

Other Returning Players: RHP/3B Benjy

Tucker (So., 6-2, 190, R/R); OF Tyler Delrow (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); 2B Nick Barnes (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Nick Horwitz (Sr., 6-3, 185, R/R); OF Luke Harvey (So., 5-11, 165, R/R); OF John Bentley (So., 5-10, 155, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Drew Dover (Jr., 6-4, 185, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Patriots look to be much improved as they begin their second season under coach Jamey Woods. Seven starters are back, including pitcher/infielder Davis Thomason, pitcher/shortstop Jack Godsey and outfielder/pitcher Jaden Anderson. Pitcher Reed Rothermel also returns.



Davis Thomason
Mount Pisgah Christian

MOUNT ZION-CARROLLTON EAGLES

Head Coach: Randall Wright

Assistant Coach (s): Ben Morgan, Kenneth Walker, Adam Watts

2019 Record: 12-14

Returning Starters: RHP/3B Wesley Lindler (Jr., 6-4, 235, R/R); SS/RHP Eric Rodriguez (Jr., 5-7, 140, R/R); CF/RHP Chris Cohen (Jr., 5-10, 145, L/R); C/1B Garrett Gordon (So., 6-2, 245, R/R); 2B/3B Chandler Spradlin (Jr., 5-10, 205, R/R); 2B/RHP/3B Deven Rhinehart (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); C/OF Austin Warren (Jr., 5-10, 210, R/R); 1B Logan Buchanan (Sr., 6-3, 220, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/RHP Ethan Leopard (So., R/R); U Maverick Watts (Jr., R/R); RHP/1B Cohen Hancock (So., R/R); OF/RHP Dillon Buchanan (So., R/R); OF/RHP Dylan Roulaine (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Eagles will field a relatively young team in 2020, but look for Mount Zion to be better. Eight starters return, including pitcher/third baseman Wesley Lindler, outfielder/pitcher Chris Cohen and catcher/first baseman Garrett Gordon. The bulk of the team are juniors and sophomores.

NORTH COBB CHRISTIAN EAGLES

Head Coach: Jimmy Keane

Assistant Coach (s): Gil Navarro, Ryan Moore, Edgar Mercado

2019 Record: 22-13

Returning Starters: RHP Aidan Moza (Jr., 6-1, 165, R/R); INF Elijah Bleu Johnston (Sr., 6-0, 155, L/R); LHP Austin Clark (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/L); OF Ryan Pruitt (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C Fernando Gonzalez (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF Maurice Gomez (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: After a solid run to the playoffs last year, North Cobb Christian has some holes to fill to approach last year's success. But the good news is that four starters are back, including right-handed pitcher Aidan Moza. Some younger players will be called upon to help out.

PINECREST ACADEMY PALADINS

Head Coach: Heath Kennedy

Assistant Coach (s): Matt Howell

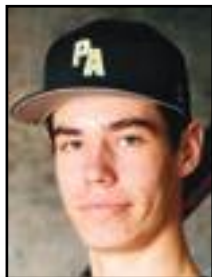
2019 Record: 15-12

Returning Starters: RHP/3B Caleb Bohn (Sr., 6-4, 205, R/R); SS Jay Sorohan (Sr., 6-1, 170, L/R); OF/LHP Sawyer Huffstetler (Sr., 5-10, 170, L/L); C Connor Ensmann (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); 2B/RHP Connor Amitin (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R); LF/RHP Will Howell (So., 5-11, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/3B Joey Keirnan (Sr., 5-10, 205, R/R); OF Sam Mauldin (So., 6-1, 175, R/R); RHP/INF Nic Wilkenson (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Chase Darwin (So., 5-8, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Nikitas Missos (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Paladins have six starters returning, including a pair of seniors in pitcher/third baseman Caleb Bohn (.462 avg., 28 RBIs) and shortstop Jay Sorohan, who will be expected to lead the way. Pinecrest has enough returning talent to contend for a postseason berth again.



Caleb Bohn
Pinecrest Academy

SAINT FRANCIS KNIGHTS

Head Coach: Brandon Bates

Assistant Coach (s): Steve Johnson, Spencer Orr

2019 Record: 21-9

Returning Starters: OF Bennett Drake (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Griffin Leadbetter (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/1B Jack Gerber (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); RHP Harry Cain (Jr., 6-5, 190, R/R); OF Alex Belin (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); RHP Carter Davies (So., 6-0, 185, R/R); RHP Jake Woodliff (Jr., 5-10, 165, L/R)

Other Returning Players: C Logan Yates (Jr., 5-6, 165, R/R); INF Jackson Lail (So., 5-7, 150, R/R); 3B/1B/RHP Evan Fuerst (So., 6-2, 185, R/R); OF/RHP Mason Fuller (So., 5-6, 140, R/R); INF/RHP Drew Robinson (So., 6-1, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Jackson Westmoreland (Fr., R/R); RHP/1B Jacob Hefner (Fr., R/R); C/OF Cam Lusk (Fr., R/R); INF/RHP Blake Brown (Fr., R/R); INF/RHP TJ Moore (Fr., R/R); LHP/1B Evan Wood (Fr., L/L); RHP/INF Cole Werthman (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Saint Francis lost a wealth of players to graduation after winning 21 games last year. But a good nucleus returns, including standout pitcher Jack Gerber (5-5, 3.14 ERA). Pitchers Harry Cain and Carter Davies also return. Saint Francis should be back in the hunt, but the Knights must generate some offense.



Jack Gerber
Saint Francis

TRION BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Trent Stamey

Assistant Coach (s): Chandler Pettyjohn, Dusty Brown, Ronnie Stamey, Joe McCoy, Dan Duffy

2019 Record: 16-11

Returning Starters: OF Colt Trammell (Sr.); INF Andy Allen (Sr.); U Brandon Dover (So.); 3B Will Wyatt (Sr.)

Other Returning Players: INF/P Ben Allen (So.); OF/P Connor Deparlier (So.); 1B Rory Hogg (Sr.); OF/P Ishiah Parker (Sr.); C Brantley Willbanks (So.)

Top Newcomers: OF Clay Chesley (Fr.); INF Brody Brown (Fr.); 1B Jackson Morrison (Fr.)

Season Outlook: The Bulldogs lost a lot to graduation and may be doing some rebuilding in 2020. Only four starters return, but the good news is that one of those returners is outfielder Colt Trammell (.342 avg., 18 SB). Infielder Andy Allen also is back to help lead the offense. The lack of experienced pitching is a concern.



Colt Trammell
Trion

WALKER WOLVERINES

Head Coach: Dan Garofano (new)

Survey not returned

WHITEFIELD ACADEMY WOLFPACK

Head Coach: Mike Shaheen

Assistant Coach (s): Blake Edwards, Thomas Turner

2019 Record: 11-13

Returning Starters: RHP/1B Ian Kennedy (Sr., 6-3, 225, R/R); C Davis Eaton (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); INF Justin Tinch (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); LHP/OF Charlie Perdue (Sr., 5-9, 165, L/L); INF MJ McCurdy (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); INF Kaleb Stewart (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); RHP/INF Braeden Swilley (Sr., 5-11, 200, R/R); OF Cole Long (So., 6-1, 205, L/L); RHP/OF Cooper Craig (So., 6-1, 185, R/R); SS Chase Watson (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); RHP Charlie Baxter (So., 6-3, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Jackson Lewis (Sr., 5-8, 165); OF Matthew LePage (Jr., 6-0, 175); INF Cole Peterson (Sr., 5-10, 165); OF Connor Ladd (Jr., 5-9, 175)

Top Newcomers: C Caleb Lavalley (Fr., 5-10, 185, R/R); OF Conlon Walker (Fr., 6-0, 175, L/L); RHP/INF Nick Olson (Fr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: Whitefield Academy made some positive strides in coach Mike Shaheen's first season as coach last season. Look for the Wolfpack to continue in 2020. A wealth of talent returns, including a solid senior class. First baseman Ian Kennedy (.569 avg., 13 2B) is a player to keep an eye on.



Ian Kennedy
Whitefield Academy



REGION 7-1A

Region Favorite: Tattnall Square

Keep an eye on: Mount de Sales – Cavaliers have pitching and the offense to challenge.

Players to Watch

C/1B/RHP – Hunter Alexander, Jr., Tattnall Square; **SS/RHP** – Justin Alford, Sr., GMC; **CF** – Harrison Aulds, Sr., First Presbyterian Day; **RHP/INF** – Barrett Barkley, Jr., First Presbyterian Day; **CF/LHP** – Ryan Barsby, Sr., GMC; **RHP/2B/OF** – Dawson Brown, Sr., Tattnall Square; **RHP/C/3B** – Kobe Butts, Sr., Mount de Sales; **3B/RHP** – Jackson Cown, Sr., Lake Oconee; **SS** – Walden Davis, Jr., Stratford; **C** – Rossman Diaz, Sr., Mount de Sales; **LHP/1B** – Nathan Durham, So., Washington-Wilkes; **LHP** – Austin Emener, Sr., First Presbyterian Day; **1B/OF/RHP** – Carter Fink, Jr., Tattnall Square; **3B/RHP** – Brooks Gorman, Sr., Tattnall Square; **INF/RHP** – Bo Hatcher, Jr., Tattnall Square; **LHP/OF** – Stetson Hatcher, Jr., Stratford; **INF/OF** – Parker Ingram, Jr., First Presbyterian Day; **OF** – Landon Jernigan, Sr., Mount de Sales; **C** – Zane Johnson, Jr., ACE Charter; **1B** – Carson Knowles, Jr., GMC; **C** – Alex Lamar, Sr., Washington-Wilkes; **CF** – Chasen Lewis, Sr., ACE Charter; **C** – Mac McCommons, Sr., Lake Oconee; **OF** – Brett McHugh, Sr., Tattnall Square; **OF** – William McNair, Jr., Glascock County; **SS** – Hudson Mimbs, Jr., First Presbyterian Day; **SS/RHP** – Chandler Mitchell, Jr., ACE Charter; **RHP/1B** – Jackson Nebel, Sr., Mount de Sales; **INF/RHP** – Alex Roberts, Jr., Aquinas; **OF/RHP** – James Schlegel, Jr., Aquinas; **OF/3B** – CJ Seymour, Sr., ACE Charter; **2B** – Mason Seymour, Jr., GMC; **C/1B** – Jase Smith, Jr., Stratford; **RHP/SS** – Jackson Taylor, Sr., Mount de Sales; **RHP/U** – Fisher Timms, Jr., ACE Charter; **SS/RHP** – Zach Tolleson, Lake Oconee; **OF** – Kaden Toth, Sr., Tattnall Square; **OF/RHP** – Ward Tyre, Sr., Aquinas

ACE CHARTER GRYPHONS

Head Coach: Josh McLendon

Assistant Coach (s): Kevin Balkcom, Nathan Poff, Mark Mimbs

2019 Record: 17-14

Returning Starters: CF

Chasen Lewis (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R); RHP/U Fisher Timms (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); C Zane Johnson (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); SS/RHP Lem Thompson (Jr., 5-8, 140, R/R); SS/RHP Chandler Mitchell (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF/3B



Chasen Lewis
ACE Charter



Fisher Timms
ACE Charter

CJ Seymour (Sr., 6-1, 150, R/R); 1B/RHP Connor Gardiner (Sr., 6-0, 150, R/R); OF JD Lewis (So., 5-9, 150, L/L)

Other Returning Players: 3B/OF Tate Brown (So., 5-10, 155, R/R); U Ethan Palmer (Sr., 5-9, 215, R/R); 2B/OF Trevor Derrick (So., 5-7, 130, R/R); OF/1B Blake Smith (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/OF Marty Myers (So., 5-7, 155, R/R); RHP/U Brayden NeSmith (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF Gavin West (Fr., 5-8, 155, R/R); SS/OF Sam Whitley (Fr., 5-10, 140, R/R); 3B/RHP Jackson Crowley (So., 5-9, 210, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Gryphons won 17 games last season and

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look to take things a step farther this spring. Eight starters are back, including all-state standouts Chasen Lewis and Fisher Timms. ACE Charter may be a year away from reaching its full potential.

AQUINAS FIGHTING IRISH

Head Coach: Andy Woodard

Assistant Coach (s): Matt Kilmas, Gordon Scott, John Parrish

2019 Record: 17-12

Returning Starters: INF James McBride (So., 5-7, 120, R/R); INF/RHP Alex Roberts (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF/RHP James Schlegel (Jr., 6-2, 195, R/R); INF/RHP Dawson Alexander (Sr., 6-2, 170, R/R); INF/OF/RHP Bobby Scott (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF/RHP Ward Tyre (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Barrett Hagler (Jr., 6-2, 155, R/R); RHP Patrick Cordaro (Sr., 6-0, 150, R/R); OF/RHP Jude Walker (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); INF/C Adam Kitchens (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF Joseph Welch (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: Lawson Bachelder (Sr., 6-3, 170, L/R); C Matthew Corkey (Fr., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Kevin Douglas (Fr., 5-9, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: Aquinas looks to get back into the postseason hunt this spring as six starters are back. The senior class is small, but a good mixture of sophomores and juniors will help carry the load. Outfielder/pitcher James Schlegel is a player to keep an eye on.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN DAY VIKINGS

Head Coach: Jason Godbee (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Tripp Turley, Michael Mimbs, Jonathan Barton

2019 Record: 18-13

Returning Starters: CF Harrison Aulds (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); LHP Austin Emener (Sr., 6-3, 200, L/L); SS Hudson Mimbs (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); INF/OF Parker Ingram (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF Tate Skipper (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); 1B/DH Dylan Cox



Harrison Aulds
Frist Presbyterian Day



Hudson Mimbs
Frist Presbyterian Day

(Sr., 6-1, 215, R/R); RHP/INF Barrett Barkley (Jr., 6-3, 200, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/OF Dylan Butler (So., 5-10, 160, L/R); C/OF Micah Henley (So., 6-0, 175, R/R); LHP/OF Andrew Cohen (Sr., 6-1, 140, L/L); RHP/OF Luke McCart (So., 5-10, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: Former assistant Jason Godbee takes over and seeks to keep FPD among the region's elite programs. Seven starters return, including offensive leaders Harrison Aulds (.421 avg., 24 RBIs) and Hudson Mimbs. Pitcher Austin Emener leads a solid group of pitchers.

GEORGIA MILITARY COLLEGE BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Rusty Courson

Assistant Coach (s): Brian Humphrey

2019 Record: 17-15

Returning Starters: CF/LHP Ryan Barsby (Sr., 6-1, 175, L/L); SS/RHP Justin Alford (Sr., 5-7, 160, R/R); 2B Mason Seymour (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); 1B Carson Knowles (Jr., 6-3, 170, R/R); C Caleb Haines (So., 5-8, 160, R/R); RF Cody Beckham (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); LF Corey Brookins (So., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C Trey Wood (So., 5-11, 185, R/R); RHP J.J. Hines (So., 5-10, 190, R/R); 2B Cole Buchanan (So., 5-8, 140, R/R); 2B Alex

Fricke (Sr., 5-8, 140, R/R)
Top Newcomers: RHP Christian Black (Fr., 6-1, 150, R/R); SS/C Caden Avant (Fr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook:

The Bulldogs return a good nucleus of talent and should be in the postseason chase again. Seven starters are back, including seniors Justin Alford and outfielder/pitcher Ryan Barsby. An excellent group of juniors and sophomores return to help out.



Justin Alford
GMC



Ryan Barsby
GMC

GLASCOCK COUNTY PANTHERS

Head Coach: Johnny Cantrell

Assistant Coach (s): Stanley Phillips, Bobby Videon, Blake Moore

2019 Record: 6-17

Returning Starters: C Bradley Broxton (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); 3B/RHP Will Chalker (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); OF William McNair (Jr., 5-11, 160, L/R); 2B Murphy Waller (Jr., 5-7, 140, R/R); OF/RHP Colby Mitchell (Jr., 5-7, 145, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/RHP Mitchell Dye (Jr., 5-10, 200, R/R); 1B Noah Dye (Jr., 5-10, 200, R/R); OF Jacob Pittman (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R); OF/3B Josh Sleaster (So., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/OF Brair Stewart (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF/C/RHP Colton Chalker (Fr., 5-9, 145, R/R); INF/RHP Dee Gilmore (Fr., 5-11, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: Graduation hit the Panthers hard and some younger players will need to step up this season. Five starters are back, including senior third baseman/pitcher Will Chalker. The senior class is small, but a solid group of juniors will contribute.

GREENE COUNTY TIGERS

Head Coach: William Thompson (new)

Survey not returned

HANCOCK CENTRAL BULLDOGS

Head Coach: TBA

Survey not returned

LAKE OCONEE ACADEMY TITANS

Head Coach: Jeremy Donaldson

Assistant Coach (s): Tommy McDonald, Dave Herring

2019 Record: 9-14

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Zach Tolleson (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); 3B/RHP Jackson Cown (Sr., 6-2, 155, R/R); RF Harrison Toomey (Sr., 5-10, 145, R/L); LF Jeilen Jones (Sr., 6-1, 145, R/R); 1B JP Sheehan (Jr., 5-11, 190, R/R); CF Christian Greer (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); 2B Ethan Cooper (So., 5-9, 140, R/R); C Mac McCommons (So., 5-11, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 2B Noah Strausbaugh (So., 5-10, 150, R/R); 1B Mason Reddick (So., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 3B/RHP Samuel Schofield (Fr., 6-1, 160, R/R); RF/LHP Drew Stephens (Fr., 5-8, 145, L/L)

Season Outlook: The Titans have steadily improved each season in their short history, but this could be their best team. Eight starters are back, including shortstop/pitcher Zach Tolleson (.340 avg.). Keep an eye on catcher Mac McCommons who showed promise as a freshman last year.

LINCOLN COUNTY RED DEVILS

Head Coach: Robert McCarty (new)

Survey not returned

MOUNT DE SALES CAVALIERS

Head Coach: Bubba Pool

Assistant Coach (s): Todd Freeman, Jeff Nebel, Taylor LeVieux

2019 Record: 20-10

Returning Starters:

RHP/C/3B Kobe Butts (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP/SS Jackson Taylor (Sr., 5-11, 150, R/R); RHP/1B Jackson Nebel (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); C Rossman Diaz (Sr., 6-2, 215, R/R); OF Landon Jernigan (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R)



Rossman Diaz
Mount de Sales



Jackson Nebel
Mount de Sales

Other Returning Players: RHP/INF/OF Drew Senn (So., 6-2, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Parthiv Patel (Jr., R/R); RHP/1B Thomas Smith (Jr., 6-1, 150, R/R); OF Ethan Fitzpatrick (Sr., 6-2, 160, R/R); RHP/INF Cade West (Sr., 6-1, 150, R/R); RHP/C/OF Elijah Freeman (So., 5-10, 190, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Cavaliers won 20 games and made the state playoffs last year. Look for Mount de Sales to be in hunt again this spring. A strong nucleus returns, including right-handed pitchers Jackson Nebel (9-3, 3.18 ERA) and Jackson Taylor (4-1, 2.41 ERA). Catcher Rossman Diaz (.393 avg., 34 RBIs) and catcher/infielder Kobe Butts (.349 avg., 21 RBIs) return to lead the offense.

STRATFORD EAGLES

Head Coach: Tyler Brown

Assistant Coach (s): Jeff Treadway, Bill Meeks, Rusty Combs

2019 Record: 8-15

Returning Starters: C JT Carter (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); RHP Hall Buice (Sr., 6-2, 170, R/R); SS Waldon Davis (Jr., 5-10, 160, L/R); LHP/OF Stetson Hatcher (Jr., 6-0, 175, L/L); C/1B Jase Smith (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); RHP/2B Cooper Baskette (So., 6-0, 160, R/R); RHP/INF Micah Takac (So., 6-0, 150, R/R); RHP/3B Lawson Cole (So., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/1B Will Baxley (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); RHP Dell Sikes (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP Will McCormack (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Jack Medlin (Jr., 6-3, 190, R/R); OF Graham Hefner (Sr., 6-0, 160, L/L)

Top Newcomers: OF Jimmy Bowden (Fr., 5-9, 150, R/R); OF/LHP Carl Hatcher (Fr., 6-0, 160, L/L)

Season Outlook: Stratford looks to get turned around after a disappointing finish in 2019. The Eagles should be much better this spring. The team is still young and may be a year away from reaching its full potential. Eight starters are back, including catcher JT Carter (.320 avg., 10 2B).

TATTNALL SQUARE TROJANS

Head Coach: Joey Hiller

Assistant Coach (s): Tom Gorman, Jordan Brooks, Kevin Brown, Bryan Kemp

2019 Record: 35-3

Returning Starters: 3B/RHP Brooks Gorman (Sr., 6-2, 190, L/R); 2B/RHP/OF Dawson Brown (Sr., 6-2, 170, R/R); OF Brett McHugh (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); 1B/OF/RHP Carter Fink (Jr., 6-2, 170, R/R); C/1B/RHP Hunter

Alexander (Jr., 6-3, 195, R/R); INF/RHP Bo Hatcher (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Other Returning

Players: OF Kaden Toth (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); OF/RHP Konner Toth (Sr., 6-1, 180, L/R); OF Elmo Daniels (Sr., 5-7, 185, R/R); OF Gray Talton (Jr., 5-7, 170, L/R); RHP/INF Russ Miller (So., 5-9, 170, R/R); INF Clay Rowland (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF Benjamin Stubbs (So., 5-7, 150, L/L); INF/C Charlie Morris (So., 6-0, 190, R/R); INF/RHP DJ Willis (So., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP Cole Rowland (Sr., 6-3, 175, R/R)



Hunter Alexander
Tattnall Square



Dawson Brown
Tattnall Square



Carter Fink
Tattnall Square



Bo Hatcher
Tattnall Square

Top Newcomers: RHP/C Hardy Hudson (Fr., 5-10, 165, R/R); INF/C Winston Bumgardner (Fr., 5-10, 175, R/R); RHP/INF Gabe McGregor (Fr., 5-10, 175, R/R); RHP/INF Camden Skinner (Fr., 6-1, 165, R/R); 1B Carder Brown (Fr., 6-3, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The two-time defending state champions will be expected to be among the state's elite again. The Trojans welcome back top pitchers Brooks Gorman (15-1, 0.96 ERA) and Dawson Brown (5-1, 1.49 ERA), while outfielder Brett McHugh (.329 avg., 25 RBIs) and Carter Fink return to lead the offense. Keep an eye on a strong group of underclassmen as well.



Brett McHugh
Tattnall Square

TWIGGS COUNTY COBRAS

Head Coach: TBA

Survey not returned

WASHINGTON-WILKES TIGERS

Head Coach: Drew Wilson

Assistant Coach (s): Ty McGill

2019 Record: 9-15-1

Returning Starters: C Alex Lamar (Sr., 5-10, 225, R/R); U Tucker McAvoy (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF Eli Holton (Sr., 5-1, 130, R/R); SS Ryan Hucke (Jr., 6-1, 165, R/R); U Ray Collins (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); LHP/1B Nathan Durham (So., 6-0, 160, L/L); U Hunter Price (So., 5-10, 160, L/R)

Other Returning Players: 2B Brett Tanner (Jr., 5-10, 190, R/R); U Dhani Mitchell (So., 5-9, 145, R/R); OF Will Lewis (So., 5-9, 140, R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP Robert Hunt (Fr., 6-2, 155, L/L); RHP Desmond Cofer (Fr., 5-9, 140, R/R)

Season Outlook: Washington-Wilkes has been building for this season for a few years as this should be a playoff squad. The Tigers welcome back catcher Alex Lamar and pitcher Nathan Durham. Look for a solid corps of returning juniors and sophomores to contribute in a big way.



Alex Lamar
Washington-Wilkes

WILKINSON COUNTY WARRIORS

Head Coach: William Shepherd (new)

Survey not returned

REGION 8-1A

Region Favorite: Hebron Christian

Keep an eye on: Lakeview Academy – Defending region champions could go back-to-back.

Players to Watch

RHP/1B/3B – Mason Ashby, Sr., Hebron Christian; **SS** – Aidan Berrong, Jr., Towns County; **INF/RHP** – Jackson Boyd, Sr., Hebron Christian; **INF** – Palmer Bush, Jr., Athens Academy; **RHP/1B/3B** – Jack Butler, So., Riverside Military; **C** – Chatham Cloutre, Jr., Tallulah Falls; **OF/RHP** – Holden Cooper, Sr., Lakeview Academy; **RHP/INF** – Koby Dunn, Sr., George Walton; **1B/OF** – Evan Davis, Jr., Commerce; **RHP/1B** – Wyatt England, Sr., Athens Academy; **SS** – Andrew Estes, Sr., Lakeview Academy; **1B/DH** – John Ferguson, Jr., Athens Academy; **OF/3B** – Jackson Hackney, Jr., Hebron Christian; **U** – Crawford Hansard, Sr., Providence Christian; **C** – Thomas Headley, Sr., Hebron Christian; **LHP/1B** – Ben Howard, Sr., George Walton; **RHP/SS** – Ben Johnson, Sr., Providence Christian; **INF** – Charlie Kahlstorf, Sr., Athens Academy; **RHP/INF** – Zach Kwiatkowski, Jr., Hebron Christian; **INF** – Tyler Martin, Sr., Riverside Military; **OF/LHP** – Kody Mintz, Sr., Commerce; **SS** – Ben Pethel, Jr., Athens Christian; **1B/P** – Jake Pittman, Jr., Prince Avenue Christian; **RHP** – Nate Ray, Sr., Commerce; **3B/SS** – Davis Ridings, Jr., Prince Avenue Christian; **SS/2B** – Colby Rogers, Sr., Commerce; **1B** – Maddux Seagraves, Sr., Athens Christian; **RHP** – Bryson Seay, Sr., Prince Avenue Christian; **RHP** – Eli Smith, Sr., Athens Christian; **SS/2B** – Henry Smith, So. Athens Academy; **C/RHP** – Sam Stewart, Sr., Lakeview Academy; **OF** – Jaiden Stowers, Jr., Hebron Christian; **OF** – Jordan Thomas, Sr., Lakeview Academy; **RHP/1B/OF** – Treston Turner, Sr., Riverside Military; **OF** – Jake Whitten, Jr., George Walton; **OF** – Caleb Williams, So., Athens Christian

ATHENS ACADEMY SPARTANS

Head Coach: Casey Kane

Assistant Coach (s): Don Chuboff, Triston Campbell, Denny Dotson

2019 Record: 13-8

Returning Starters: RHP/1B Wyatt England (Sr., 6-3, 210, R/R); INF Charlie Kahlstorf (Sr., 5-10, 175, L/R); OF Turner Trapnell (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF Trent Muir (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); INF Palmer Bush (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); 1B/DH John Ferguson (Jr., 6-4, 225, L/R); 1B/C Will Thomas (Jr., 5-10, 220, R/R); SS/2B Henry Smith (So., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C Ethan Connelly (So., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF Asa Drudge (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF Will Morris (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); RHP/INF Sam Johnson



Charlie Kahlstorf
Athens Academy

(So., 6-0, 160, R/R); RHP/OF Pratt Ferguson (So., 6-0, 160, L/R)

Season Outlook: The Spartans have eight returning starters back and should factor into the postseason chase. Pitcher/first baseman Wyatt England (2-3, 2.33 ERA) and infielder Charlie Kahlstorf (.364 avg., 6 2B) are back. Keep an eye on shortstop Palmer Bush and infielder Henry Smith, a pair of underclassmen who were promising last year.

ATHENS CHRISTIAN EAGLES

Head Coach: Allen Osborne

Assistant Coach (s): Jeff Griffith, Jake Westbrook, Brad Brown

2019 Record: 21-9

Returning Starters: 1B Maddux Seagraves (Sr., 5-11, 175, L/L); 2B Seaver King (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); SS Ben Pethel (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); INF Blayze Haddock (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP Eli Smith (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); OF Caleb Williams (So., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF Jake Pintar (So., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Carter Guest (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP Blake Beedle (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C Russ Clifton (Fr., 5-9, 150, R/R); LHP Brooks Byrum (Fr., 6-0, 160, L/L); RHP Abhi Shah (Fr., 5-10, 165, R/R); U Evan Ivester (Fr., 6-1, 175, R/R); INF Titus Cummings (Fr., 5-8, 145, R/R); U Grant Guest (Fr., 5-11, 165, R/R); INF Josh Wilson (Fr., 5-10, 165, L/R)

Season Outlook: Athens Christian made the second round of the state playoffs last year and a good bit of that talent returns. Standout pitcher Eli Smith (7-3, 2.26 ERA) returns, while offensive leaders Blayze Haddock (.316 avg., 11 2B) and Maddux Seagraves (.301 avg., 20 RBIs) return to provide a spark.



Eli Smith
Athens Christian

COMMERCE TIGERS

Head Coach: Steve Cotrell

Assistant Coach (s): Dustin Allen, Will Smith, Dave Ladd, Jay Ray

2019 Record: 22-13

Returning Starters: OF/LHP Kody Mintz (Sr., 5-10, 160, L/L); OF/RHP Gray Holbrook (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); SS/RHP Colby Rogers (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R); OF/RHP TJ Trudnak (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); 1B/OF Evan Davis (Jr., 5-10, 165, L/R); RHP Nate Ray (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 3B/RHP/1B Kane Goldman (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); U/INF/RHP Matt Martin (Jr., 5-8, 150, R/R); OF/RHP Will Slater (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); C Jace Veal (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); OF/INF Sam Roach (Sr., 5-7, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Trey Huff (Fr., R/R); C/3B/RHP Coleson Smith (Fr., R/R); 1B/LHP Colin Welch (Jr., R/L); 1B/RHP/DH Hampton Hutto (Fr., L/R); C/OF/RHP Caden Lord (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Tigers will be expected to be in the postseason



Evan Davis
Commerce



Kody Mintz
Commerce



Nate Ray
Commerce



Colby Rogers
Commerce

chase again as six starters return. The good news is that all-state infielder Colby Rogers (.395 avg., 26 RBIs) returns to lead the way. Pitching should be solid as Nate Ray leads a solid rotation.

GEORGE WALTON BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Todd Shelnett

Assistant Coach (s): Tate Gaines, Robert Testa

2019 Record: 16-13

Returning Starters: OF/LHP Will Bailey (Jr., 5-8, 150, L/L); OF Jake Whitten (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF/LHP Tommy King (Sr., 6-0, 185, L/L); RHP/INF Koby Dunn (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); INF Jake Lance (So., 5-10, 155, R/R); LHP/1B Ben Howard (Sr., 6-0, 185, L/L); OF Aidan Rainey (So., 5-10, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Bulldogs struggled at times in 2019, but they look to have a better season this spring. A wealth of talent returns. George Walton will look to a trio of seniors to lead the team. Pitchers Koby Dunn and Ben Howard lead what should be a solid pitching rotation.



Koby Dunn
George Walton



Ben Howard
George Walton

HEBRON CHRISTIAN LIONS

Head Coach: Ben Drust

Assistant Coach (s): David Lincoln, Justin Oates, Drew Coker

2019 Record: 20-16-1

Returning Starters: SS Garrett Howe (Sr., 5-10, 170, L/R); INF/RHP Jackson Boyd (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); RHP/1B/3B Mason Ashby (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); C Thomas Headley (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); OF Jack Ihm (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); 3B Jason Lockhart (Sr., 6-0, 165, L/R); OF/3B Jackson Hackney (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); 1B/OF Alex Pawson (Sr., R/R); 1B Danny Palmer (Sr., 6-0, 215, R/R); RHP/INF Nathan Alexander (Jr., 6-3, 170, R/R); RHP/INF Zach Kwiatkowski (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R); INF Luke Starling (So., 5-8, 135, R/R); OF Jaiden Stowers (Jr., 5-8, 155, L/L); OF/RHP Gavin Incrocci (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Lions caught fire at the end of the season and made a run to the state semifinals. The majority of that talent is back including pitching standouts Mason Ashby, Nathan Alexander, Zack Kwiatkowski, Jackson Boyd and Gavin Incrocci. Shortstop Garrett Howe returns to lead an offense capable of putting up big numbers.



Jackson Boyd
Hebron Christian



Mason Ashby
Hebron Christian

LAKEVIEW ACADEMY LIONS

Head Coach: Deuce Roark

Assistant Coach (s): Kevin Millwood, Marvin Clarke

2019 Record: 19-6

Returning Starters: SS Andrew Estes (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); OF/RHP Holden Cooper (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF Jordan Thomas (Sr., 6-0, 175, L/R); C/RHP Sam Stewart (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); INF/RHP Skyler Thellman (Jr., 6-3, 185, R/R); INF/RHP Parker Allen (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Conley Millwood (Jr., 5-10, 160, L/R);

C/OF Will Edwards (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); 1B/LHP Tanner Allen (So., 6-0, 190, L/L); OF/RHP Hunter Allen (So., 6-1, 190, R/R); OF/RHP Wyatt Starke (So., 5-9, 145, R/R); OF/RHP Ben Puckett (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R)



Andrew Estes
Lakeview Academy



Sam Stewart
Lakeview Academy

Season Outlook:

Lakeview Academy welcomes back Region 8-1A Player of the Year in Andrew Estes and standout catcher/pitcher Sam Stewart. The Lions should challenge for the region title again as six starters are back. Look for an excellent group of juniors and sophomores to contribute.

PRINCE AVENUE CHRISTIAN WOLVERINES

Head Coach: Frank Vashaw (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Brandt Aiken, Tanner Martin, Trent Corbett

2019 Record: 18-7

Returning Starters: RHP Bryson Seay (Sr.); 1B/P Jake Pittman (Jr.); 3B/SS Davis Ridings (Jr.); OF Andrew Ridings (Jr.); OF/P Zach Dyer (Jr.); OF Trey Stiles (Sr.); INF/OF Andrew Cheek (Sr.); 1B/P Jack Dixon (Sr.); OF/P Caleb Smith (Sr.); 1B/P Sammy Hodges (Sr.); OF Dax Marshall (Sr.); C/INF Hunter Melton (Sr.); C Nick Hatcher (Jr.)

Top Newcomers: INF/OF Brock Vandagriff (Jr.); C Caleb Wilson (So.)

Season Outlook: Longtime GHSA baseball coach Frank Vashaw takes over and inherits plenty of talent at Prince Avenue. Look for the

Wolverines to contend for a postseason berth. Top pitchers Bryson Seay and Jake Pittman lead a talented group of pitchers. Prince Avenue just needs to find some consistent playmakers on offense.

PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN STORM

Head Coach: Adam Cantrell

Assistant Coach (s): Nick Stidham, Preston Smith, Parker Conley

2019 Record: 7-21

Returning Starters: U Crawford Hansard (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); RHP/SS Ben Johnson (Sr., 6-3, 170, R/R); OF Sam Aurelia (Sr., 5-9, 145, R/R); OF/RHP JJ van den Berg (Sr., 6-3, 225, R/R); C/RHP Pierce Phillips (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP/1B Anthony Bowen (Sr., 6-4, 230, R/R); 2B Zach Douglas (Sr., 5-7, 155, R/R); C Patrick Fain (Sr., 5-8, 190, L/R); RHP/INF Joe Shealy (Jr., 5-8, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/1B Casey Luck (Sr., 6-2, 215, R/R); RHP/1B Austin Kohler (Jr., 6-4, 255, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Jack Leo (Jr., 5-9, 175, R/R); RHP Carson Tillotson (So., 5-11, 160, L/R); SS/OF Riley Cook (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP/3B Luke Perry (Jr., 6-2, 250, R/R); OF Sam Johnson (Sr., 6-0, 225, R/R); C/OF Mack Baker (Jr.)

Season Outlook: The Storm will have a senior-heavy team this spring and should improve upon last season's record. Providence returns as many as nine players who started at some point last year. First team all-region selections Ben Johnson and Crawford Hansard return as well as second baseman Zach Douglas.



Ben Johnson
Providence Christian

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RIVERSIDE MILITARY EAGLES

Head Coach: Chad Sage (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Dallas Demers, Will Webb, Bobby Hammond

2019 Record: 9-15

Returning Starters: SS/OF/RHP Andrew Shropshire (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); RHP/OF Jesse Crandall (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); INF Ruben Barahona (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R); RHP/OF Caleb lester (Jr., 5-11, 190, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/RHP Andrew Ross (So., 5-7, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/1B Bryce Klacynski (Sr., 6-4, 205, R/R); SS Farron Edgcombe (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R)

Season Outlook: Former West Hall coach Chad Sage takes over a Riverside program that struggled last season. The Eagles have some talent, but it may take time to mature and develop. Some youth will need to mature quickly.

TALLULAH FALLS INDIANS

Head Coach: Mark Wilcox

Assistant Coach (s): Dustin Rogers, Lowell Hamilton

2019 Record: 9-11

Returning Starters: C Chathan Clouatre (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); 1B/RHP Thomas Harris (Sr., 6-1, 200, R/R); 2B/RHP Drew Bates (So., 5-11, 170, L/R); SS/RHP Davis Jennings (Sr., 5-10, 165, L/R); 1B/RHP Caleb Whitlock (Sr., 5-11, 195, R/R); 3B/RHP Dylan Alonso (So., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF Zach Corwin (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); RHP Aubrey



Chathan Clouatre
Tallahul Falls

Higgins (So., 6-0, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/3B Trent Thomas (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); OF Malik Charlton (So., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Indians will feature an excellent senior class that should help them be much better in 2020. Eight starters in all return. Keep an eye on junior catcher Chathan Clouatre who had a strong sophomore season last year.

TOWNS COUNTY INDIANS

Head Coach: Shannon Floyd

Survey not returned



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1	BRIGGS WALKER	2	BRIGGS WALKER
3	CONY CALDWELL	4	ALLEN BISHOP
5	TY FLORES	6	EMANUEL BULLARD
7	BOB WARD	8	SONNY EVANS
9	NATHAN GIBSON	10	WILL SANDERS

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Batting

Hits in a Season

Rank	Player	School	Record	Year
1	Caleb Clark	North Hall	70	2019
1	Kaleb Cowart	Cook	70	2010
3	Ryan Ritter	Wheeler	68	1991

Doubles in a Season

1	Alex Lee	Lanier County	28	1989
2	Adam Frazier	Oconee County	24	2010
3	Kody Adams	Pike County	21	2011
3	Ric Bishop	Columbus	21	2003
3	Chris Hawkins	North Gwinnett	21	2010

Triples in a Season

1	Harrison Stewart	Thomasville	10	2017
2	Doug Roper	Vidalia	9	1995
3	Gerald Allen	Cass	8	2008

Home Runs in a Season

1	Christin Stewart	Providence Christian	26	2012
2	Micah Owings	Gainesville	25	2002
2	Brodie Pullen	Calhoun	25	2007
4	Clint Frazier	Loganville	24	2012

Walks in a Season

1	Christin Stewart	Providence Christian	51	2012
2	Joshua Lowe	Pope	50	2016
3	Two players tied		44	

Stolen Bases in a Season

1	Ladonis Bryant	Early County	59	2013
2	Eddie Noble	Lanier County	57	2001
3	Two players tied		56	

RBI's in a Season

1	Brodie Pullen	Calhoun	74	2005
2	Casey Moody	Spalding	71	2011
3	Christin Stewart	Providence Christian	70	2012

Batting Average in a Season (minimum 60 at bats)

1	David Lamberth	Macon County	0.720	1997
2	Whit Robbins	Calhoun	0.661	2003
3	Kaleb Cowart	Cook	0.654	2010

Hits in a Career

Rank	Player	School	Record	Years
1	Kaleb Cowart	Cook	216	2007-2010
2	Danny Lockhart	Hebron Christian	215	2008-2011
3	Matt Robbins	Calhoun	210	1999-2002

Doubles in a Career

1	Kaleb Cowart	Cook	54	2007-2010
2	Adam Frazier	Oconee County	53	2008-2010
3	Kody Adams	Pike County	47	2008-2011

Triples in a Career

1	Corey Patterson	Harrison	17	1995-1998
1	Jon Brackett	Wheeler	17	?
3	Ladonis Bryant	Early County	12	2010-2013

Home Runs in a Career

1	Micah Owings	Gainesville	69	1999-2002
1	Christin Stewart	Providence Christian	69	2009-2012
3	Clint Frazier	Loganville	63	2010-2013

Walks in a Career

1	Corey Patterson	Harrison	110	1995-1998
2	Tyler Austin	Heritage, Conyers	100	2007-2010
3	Golston Gillespie	Madison County	99	2014-2017

Stolen Bases in a Career

1	Antonio Allen	Jonesboro	134	2007-2010
2	Andrew Smith	North Hall	122	2010-2014
3	Tyler Jones	Social Circle	118	2004-2007

RBI's in a Career

1	Matt Robbins	Calhoun	224	1999-2002
2	Jake Fields	Jefferson	189	2007-2010
3	Kaleb Cowart	Cook	185	2007-2010

Batting Average in a Career (minimum 120 at bats)

1	Jake Fields	Jefferson	0.561	2007-2010
2	Whit Robbins	Calhoun	0.534	2000-2003
3	Alex Lee	Lanier County	0.526	1986-1989

Pitching

ERA in a Season (minimum 56 innings)

Rank	Player	School	Record	Year
1	Jeff Cartledge	Columbus	0.00	1979
2	Brock Turner	Madison County	0.08	2012
3	Josh Smoker	Calhoun	0.09	2005

Wins in a Season

1	Kevin Smith	Columbus	17	1991
2	John Davis	Forest Park	16	1986
2	Doug Roper	Vidalia	16	1995
2	Drew Tanner	Coffee	16	1982

Strikeouts in a Season

1	Drew Tanner	Coffee	197	1982
2	Grafton Kent	Lanier County	194	2001
3	Matthew Crownover	Ringgold	176	2010

Innings Pitched in a Season

1	John Davis	Forest Park	121	1986
2	Mike Autrey	Columbus	118.1	1980
3	John Davis	Forest Park	117	1985

ERA in a Career (minimum 112 innings)

Rank	Player	School	Record	Years
1	Kaleb Cowart	Cook	0.83	2007-2010
2	Braden Hayes	Parkview	0.91	2016-2018
3	D.J. Johnson	Cook	1.06	2007-2010

Wins in a Career

1	John Carroll	Gainesville	44	1999-2002
1	Matt Handley	Greater Atlanta Christian	44	1999-2002
3	Drew Tanner	Coffee	43	1979-1982
3	Conard Broom	Gordon Lee	43	2012-2015

Strikeouts in a Career

1	Drew Tanner	Coffee	519	1979-1982
2	Josh Smoker	Calhoun	487	2004-2007
3	John Davis	Forest Park	474	1983-1986

Innings Pitched in a Career

1	John Davis	Forest Park	386	1983-1986
2	Drew Tanner	Coffee	361	1979-1982
3	Sylvestor West	Lanier County	320	1981-1984

2020 Returning Statistical Leaders

Georgia High School Association

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BATTING

AVERAGE (Minimum 40 at bats)			DOUBLES			TRIPLES		
Name	School	Average	Name	School	Total	Name	School	Total
Hudson Sapp	Dawson County	0.582	Jack Fernandez	Bleckley County	17	Daniel Haab	Norcross	5
Ian Kennedy	Whitefield Academy	0.569	Davis Thomason	Mt. Pisgah Christian	17	Chase Somers	Lee County	5
Cullen Lee	Putnam County	0.526	Corey Collins	North Gwinnett	16	Chase Engelhard	Riverwood	4
Jordan Walker	Decatur	0.519	Charlie Taylor	Wesleyan	14	Carter Glenn	Dade County	4
David Hart	Douglas County	0.513	Ian Kennedy	Whitefield Academy	13	Josh Shuler	North Gwinnett	4
Cason Kemp	Worth County	0.500	Colby Marchant	Jeff Davis	13	Austin Slate	Alexander	4
Justin Whitehead	Banks County	0.495	Easton Oxenrider	Cedartown	13	Tyler Brooks	North Hall	3
Davis Thomason	Mt. Pisgah Christian	0.488	Jaylen Paden	Decatur	13	Jake Cook	Lakeside-Evans	3
KJ Manning	Cook	0.486	Cole Smith	North Gwinnett	13	Wesley Franklin	Brookwood	3
La'Borris Buchanan	Westover	0.484	Brantson Duck	Armuchee	12	Cameron Hopkins	Westover	3
Eric Jones	South Gwinnett	0.480	Miles Hartsfield	North Forsyth	12	Garrett Howe	Hebron Christian	3
Corey Collins	North Gwinnett	0.474	Eli Ledford	Buford	12	Trippe Moore	Mary Persons	3
Daniel Haab	Norcross	0.471	Owen Ragsdale	Hiram	12	AJ Mathis	West Laurens	3
Elliott Vickery	Northgate	0.468	Baylen Sanders	Ola	12	Jathan Smith	Miller Grove	3
Brooks Gorman	Tattnall Square	0.465	Eli Studdard	East Paulding	12			
Wyatt Crowell	West Forsyth	0.463	Jordan Walker	Decatur	12			
Caleb Bohn	Pinecrest Academy	0.462	10 players with		11			
Wyatt Castoe	Sonoraville	0.458						
Kyle Hilton	Savannah Christian	0.455						
Cameron Hopkins	Westover	0.449						
Rome Dean	Benedictine	0.436						
Caleb Ketchup	Holy Innocents'	0.431						

RBIS			HOME RUNS			STOLEN BASES		
Name	School	Total	Name	School	Total	Name	School	Total
Jordan Walker	Decatur	60	Jordan Walker	Decatur	17	La'Borris Buchanan	Westover	36
Corey Collins	North Gwinnett	50	Corey Collins	North Gwinnett	16	Brett Campbell	Hampton	34
Brooks Gorman	Tattnall Square	47	Shep Hancock	Trinity Christian	11	Logan Phillips	Miller County	31
Baylen Sanders	Ola	46	Britt Metts	Jeff Davis	11	Nate Anderson	Mt. Vernon Presbyterian	30
John Anderson	North Gwinnett	42	John Anderson	North Gwinnett	7	Caleb Ketchup	Holy Innocents'	28
Steven Knighton	Bleckley County	42	Patrick Holloman	Ola	7	Chasen Lewis	ACE Charter	27
Britt Metts	Jeff Davis	42	Trippe Moore	Mary Persons	7	Hudson Sapp	Dawson County	27
Shep Hancock	Trinity Christian	38	Tray Owens	Heard County	7	Wyatt Castoe	Sonoraville	26
Lukas Clark	Decatur	36	Brooks Gorman	Tattnall Square	6	Mitch Brown	South Paulding	24
Kyle Hilton	Savannah Christian	35	Steven Knighton	Bleckley County	6	Cameron Hopkins	Westover	24
Rossman Diaz	Mount de Sales	34	Hudson Sapp	Dawson County	6	Jordan Walker	Decatur	24
Tray Owens	Heard County	34	Josh Shuler	North Gwinnett	6	Jathan Smith	Miller Grove	23
Trippe Moore	Mary Persons	33	Several players with		5	Kobe Westmoreland	Banks County	22
Chase Somers	Lee County	33				Caden Cotton	Banks County	21
Bo Lewis	Dawson County	31				Cole Hutchinson	South Paulding	21
Charlie Taylor	Wesleyan	31				Eric Jones	South Gwinnett	20
Patrick Holloman	Ola	30				Josh Shuler	North Gwinnett	20
Matthew Shirah	Fannin County	30				DA Allen	Woodward Academy	19
Mason Rollings	Heard County	29				Ben Fortson	Bowdon	19
Jack Ryan Wingle	Mt. Paran Christian	29						



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PITCHING

WINS			STRIKEOUTS			ERA (Minimum 30 innings pitched)		
Name	School	Total	Name	School	Total	Name	School	Total
Brooks Gorman	Tattnall Square	15	Brooks Gorman	Tattnall Square	125	Jeremiah Reddell	Worth County	0.55
Caleb Garner	Loganville	11	Carson Beavers	Fannin County	109	Jasper Stanfield	Wayne County	0.57
Garrison Miles	Jeff Davis	11	Hurston Waldrep	Thomasville	108	Chase Dollander	Greenbrier	0.80
Brandt Pancer	North Gwinnett	11	Trippe Moore	Mary Persons	98	Jaylen Paden	Decatur	0.85
Trippe Moore	Mary Persons	10	Wyatt Copeland	Wesleyan	88	Pierce Williams	Alexander	0.87
Jasper Stanfield	Wayne County	10	Caleb Leggett	Jeff Davis	88	Austin Bunn	East Coweta	0.95
Braden Bowen	Bowdon	9	Anthony Dimola	North Forsyth	84	Brooks Gorman	Tattnall Square	0.96
Colton Coper	Carrollton	9	Brandt Pancer	North Gwinnett	84	Patrick Holloman	Ola	1.00
Jackson Nebel	Mount de Sales	9	Pierce Williams	Alexander	84	Trippe Moore	Mary Persons	1.01
Jaylen Paden	Decatur	9	Seth Crowe	Coosa	79	Andrew Armstrong	Flowery Branch	1.02
Will Sanders	Woodward Academy	9	Jacob Bradshaw	Thomasville	76	Hurston Waldrep	Thomasville	1.04
Jaden Woods	Houston County	9	Cole English	Locust Grove	76	Jacob Howell	East Coweta	1.06
			Jaylen Paden	Decatur	76	Caleb Leggett	Jeff Davis	1.10
			Tyler Watson	Johns Creek	76	Rett Edwards	Model	1.14
			Preston Joye	Fellowship Christian	74	Will Sanders	Woodward Academy	1.15
			Donye Evans	Redan	73	Skylar Ivey	Bacon County	1.17
			Caleb Garner	Loganville	71	Caleb Garner	Loganville	1.19
			Dawson Brown	Tattnall Square	70	Ryder Willard	Northgate	1.20
			Will Sanders	Woodward Academy	69	Jaden Woods	Houston County	1.20
			Mason Avant	Tift County	68	JJ Freed	East Coweta	1.32
			Bryceton Payne	Greater Atlanta Chr.	66	Brandt Pancer	North Gwinnett	1.33
			Jasper Stanfield	Wayne County	65	Tyler Watson	Johns Creek	1.38
			Patrick Holloman	Ola	63	Anthony DiMola	North Forsyth	1.40
			Blake Rogers	Fannin County	63	Carson Beavers	Fannin County	1.46
			Reid Rothermel	Mount Pisgah Chr.	63	Bryson Seay	Prince Avenue Chr.	1.48
			Bryson Seay	Prince Avenue Chr.	61	Dawson Brown	Tattnall Square	1.49

SAVES		
Name	School	Total
Will Pearson	North Oconee	9
Wesley Franklin	Brookwood	7
Jackson Boyd	Hebron Christian	6
Blake Rogers	Fannin County	6
Carsen Plumadore	Cherokee Bluff	5
Rett Edwards	Model	3
Kyle Hilton	Savannah Christian	3
Max Parman	Woodstock	3

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Coach	School	Won	Loss
Bobby Howard	St. Anne-Pacelli	1,003	307
Gerald Barnes	Westside-Augusta	920	309
John Brown	retired, 2014	781	356
Jimmie Lewis	Harlem	765	417
Donnie English	retired, 2014	716	397
Harvey Cochran	retired, 2012	682	348
Carl Carter	retired, 2019	637	223
Renza Israel	retired, 2009	623	316
Stuart Chester	Buford	617	164
Andy Harlin	Blessed Trinity	599	195
Chip Henderson	Calhoun	594	182
Terry Holder	retired, 2009	588	153
Cliff Shelton	retired, 2014	578	298
Terry Cadenhead	retired, 2005	577	305
Joey Hiller	Tattnall Square	568	129
Hugh Buchanan	retired, 2004	546	245
Bubber Adams	retired, 2001	543	147
Tommy Knight	Jefferson	540	422
Danny Blue	retired, 2019	536	224
Donnie Branch	LaGrange	534	261
Charlie Griffith	retired, 2016	532	320
Rob Williams	retired, 2013	529	203
Mark Clark	retired, 2015	528	245
Mike Power	retired, 2017	525	220
Bob Owsley	retired, 2010	520	218
Charlie Owens	retired, 2011	513	442
John Sawyer	retired, 1999	513	295
Jeff Rowland	Pope	512	238
Marvin Pruitt	retired, 2014	510	300
Jeff Segars	Loganville	508	196
John White	retired, 2019	504	227
James Conoly	retired, 2010	498	313
David McDonald	retired, 2010	496	322
Mike Hutch	retired, 2018	495	373
Dennis Jordan	North Paulding	493	196
Greg James	retired, 2016	489	287
Dwayne Sapp	Dawson County	488	213
Chuck Fehr	retired, 2009	485	291
Tony Boyd	East Paulding	479	375
Billy Beale	retired, 2011	478	331
Gus Bell	retired, 2016	476	337
Franklin Deloach	East Coweta	476	199
Frank Vashaw	Prince Ave. Christian	475	277
Kenny Morris	retired, 2013	472	256
Bart Shuman	retired, 2017	472	307
Barry Veal	retired, 2014	472	191
Wayne Vickery	retired, 2008	470	128
Greg Hamilton	retired, 2015	463	226
Doug Jones	Mill Creek	457	237
Trent Mongero	Glynn Academy	457	215
John Poitevint	retired, 2014	455	236
Mike Strickland	Marist	453	235
Jerry Croft	retired, 2006	449	268
Tim Lemons	Chattahoochee	447	382
Chan Brown	Parkview	446	147
Mickey McMurtry	retired, 2009	445	169
Billy Nicholson	Johns Creek	442	239
Tony Wolfe	retired, 2017	441	192
Phil Williams	retired, 2013	438	286
Cecil Barber	retired, 2013	436	152
Anthony Dimitri	retired, 2007	436	258
Brian Smith	Winder-Barrow	435	239
Chuck Campbell	retired, 2009	433	217
Charles Flowers	retired, 2005	429	180
Brent Moseley	Starr's Mill	427	185
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