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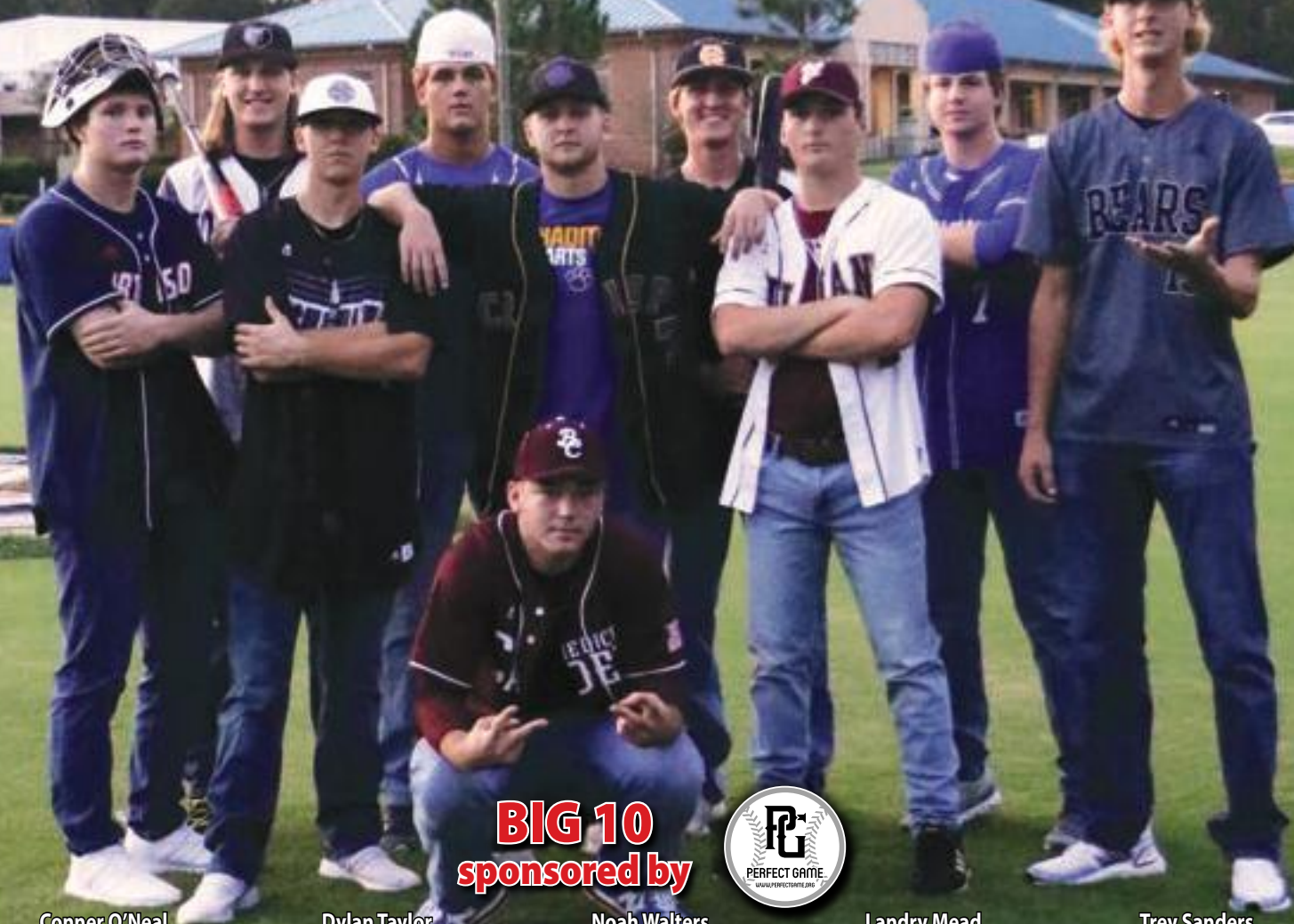


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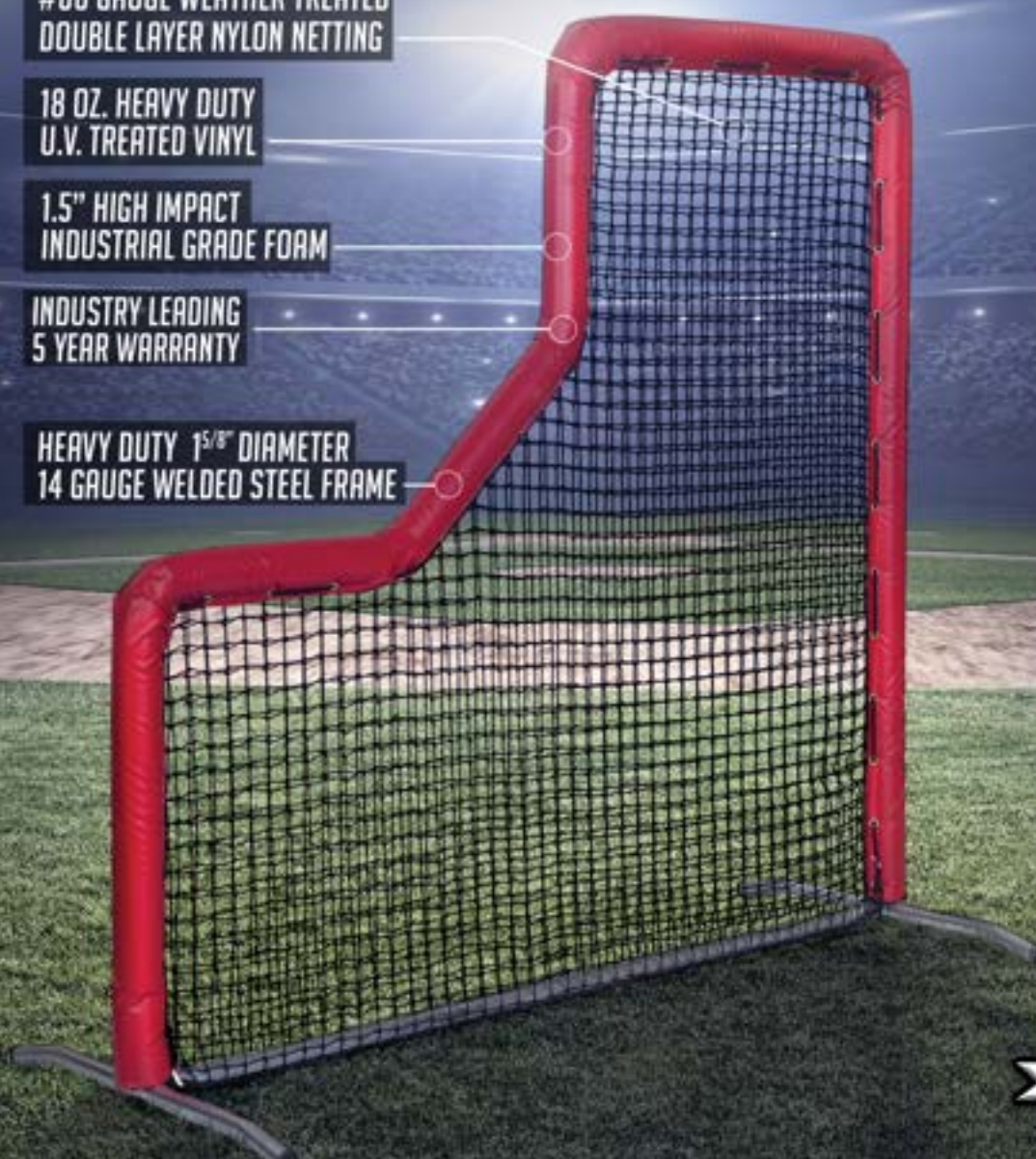
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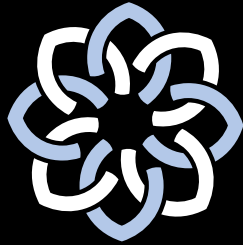
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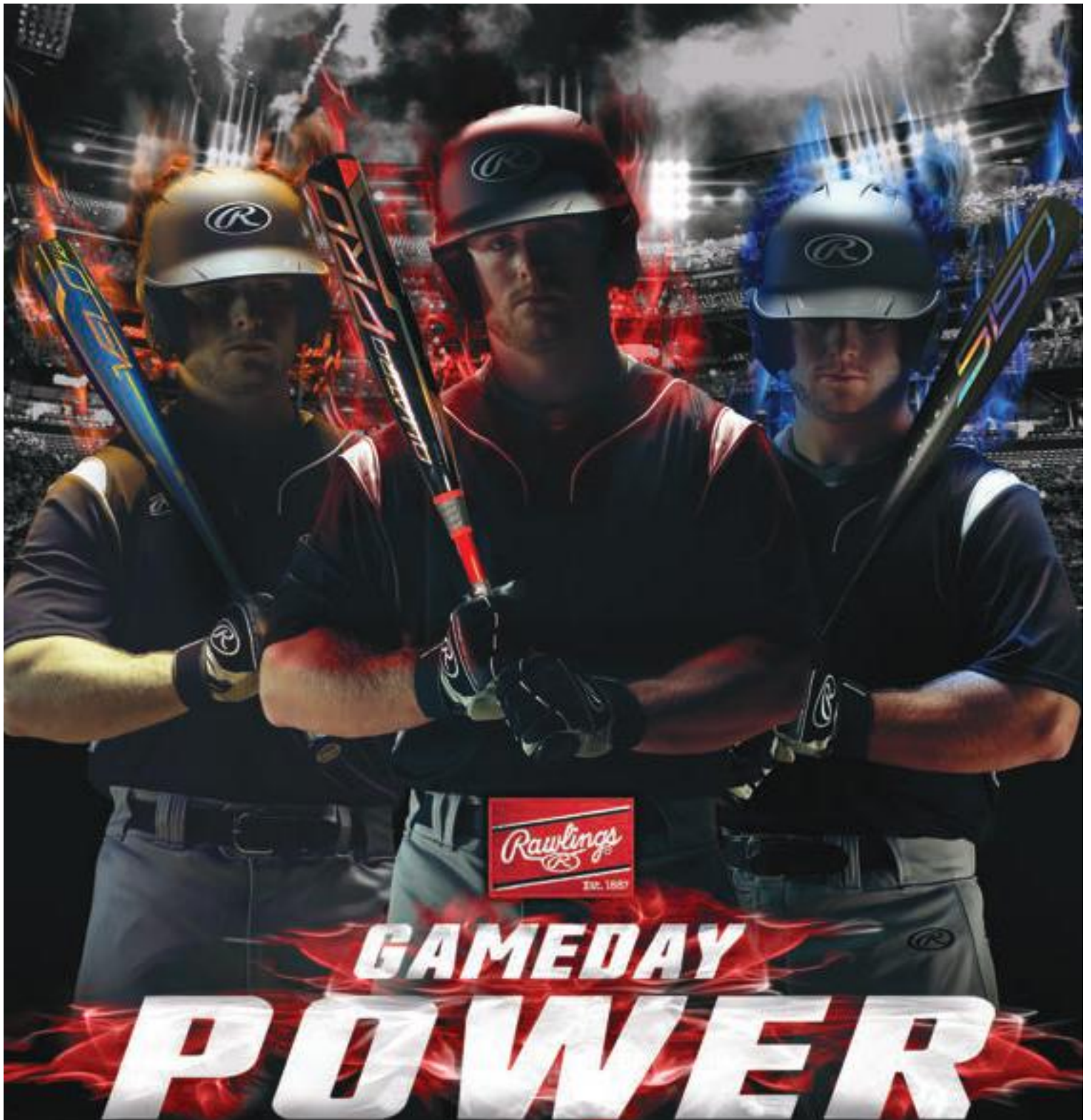
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Dear Readers,

I had went to bed earlier than usual the night of August 18, 2020 when I heard my phone vibrate on my nightstand. I normally don't check, but I felt an urging to see who it was. It was a text from Keith Hansen, giving me an update on Harvey Cochran, the Executive Director of the Georgia Dugout Club, who had just been put back into the hospital. I will never forget that text. Hansen said he had spoken with Harvey's son, Kip, who had said the doctor didn't expect Cochran to make it through the night. I knew Harvey had some health concerns, but I never expected that.

It took me a while to go to sleep and I didn't sleep well at all that night. The next morning, I received the news that Harvey had passed away in the overnight hours. To say it shook the high school baseball world was an understatement.

Cochran was more than a coach, more than an administrator, more than a leader of the Georgia Dugout Club. He was a friend, mentor and one of my biggest fans. When I talked about starting this magazine some 16 years ago, he was on board. And he always believed in me.

It will be weird not seeing him at the 2021 Coaches Clinic, but somewhere I know his spirit and legacy will live on. He touched too many people and planted too many positives. Those seeds won't fall on rocks and not grow. I can't think of anybody more deserving to dedicate this 2021 magazine to than Harvey Cochran, who I will miss dearly.

Sincerely,

Tim Morse
Publisher

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Name: David Bishop
School: Fellowship Christian
Position: Shortstop
Height/Weight: 6-3/200
Q: What in-game rituals or superstitions do you have?
A: I put a handful of skittles in my back pocket. This helps me to stay loose. Whenever I steal a base, I put some in my mouth.



Name: Kristian Campbell
School: Walton
Position: Shortstop
Height/Weight: 6-3/190
Q: After baseball, what career are you planning to pursue?
A: I plan to pursue a career in IT.



Name: Michael Braswell
School: Campbell
Position: Shortstop/Pitcher
Height/Weight: 6-1/185
Q: Outside of baseball, what is your next hobby?
A: Making music with my friend Robert.



Name: Thad Ector
School: Starr's Mill
Position: Outfielder
Height/Weight: 6-2/205
Q: Name one thing people may be surprised to learn about you?
A: I share the same birthday as my sister.



Name: Logan McGuire
School: Allatoona
Position: Pitcher
Height/Weight: 6-3/180
Q: What in-game rituals or superstitions do you have?
A: I listen to the same song and wear crocs before each game I pitch in.



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Metro Atlanta BIG 10



Name: Drewbie Pinkston
School: Lovett
Position: Outfielder/Infielder
Height/Weight: 5-9/165
Q: Outside of baseball, what is your next hobby?
A: When I'm not playing baseball, I like to play golf.



Name: Christian Smith
School: Grady
Position: Outfielder/First Baseman
Height/Weight: 6-2/180
Q: What is your favorite food to eat?
A: Ramen with pork.



Name: DJ Radtke
School: Blessed Trinity
Position: Pitcher/First Baseman
Height/Weight: 6-4/215
Q: What in-game rituals or superstitions do you have?
A: Spitting out all of my seeds before I hit.



Name: Ryan Spikes
School: Parkview
Position: Infielder/Pitcher
Height/Weight: 5-9/180
Q: After baseball, what career are you planning to pursue?
A: It would be pretty cool to be a scout.



Name: James Tibbs
School: Pope
Position: Outfielder/First Baseman
Height/Weight: 6-1/190
Q: If you could travel anywhere outside the U.S., what would be your dream location?
A: I've always wanted to travel to the Middle East, specifically Jerusalem. I have always wanted to see the places Jesus walked and ministered.




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North Georgia BIG 10



Name: Hagan Banks
School: Calhoun
Position: Pitcher
Height/Weight: 6-4/195
Q: What is your favorite food to eat?
A: My Maw Maws grilled cheese and homemade chocolate pie. I also love crab legs.



Name: Harry Ford
School: North Cobb
Position: Catcher
Height/Weight: 5-11/200
Q: Who has been the most influential person in your life and why?
A: My mom and dad - both have shown me what it means to never give up.



Name: Bubba Chandler
School: North Oconee
Position: Shortstop/Pitcher
Height/Weight: 6-3/200
Q: Name the person you'd like to meet the most and why.
A: Mike Trout because he plays the game the right way.



Name: Brooks Hardie
School: Bremen
Position: Catcher/Infielder
Height/Weight: 5-11/190
Q: After baseball, what career are you planning to pursue?
A: Anything that has to do with agriculture or wildlife management.



Name: Brady House
School: Winder-Barrow
Position: Shortstop/Pitcher
Height/Weight: 6-4/210
Q: Who has been the most influential person in your life and why?
A: My brother because seeing him overcome cancer is what motivates me to keep going everyday.



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Name: Kenny Mallory
School: Mountain View
Position: Pitcher/Outfielder
Height/Weight: 6-3/195
Q: What in-game rituals or superstitions do you have?
A: I always eat hot tamales before the game.



Name: Treyton Rank
School: Buford
Position: Pitcher/Infielder/Catcher
Height/Weight: 6-2/200
Q: Name one thing people may be surprised to learn about you.
A: I love being around the special needs community and helping develop relationships with them.



Name: Jake Poindexter
School: Gordon Lee
Position: Pitcher/Infielder/Outfielder
Height/Weight: 6-1/185
Q: If you could travel anywhere outside the U.S., what would be your dream location and why?
A: I would go to Japan because I have always wanted to experience a baseball game there.



Name: Samuel Simpson
School: Carrollton
Position: Pitcher/Third Baseman
Height/Weight: 6-3/175
Q: Outside of baseball, what is your next hobby?
A: I like to fish and hunt the most, but I also like to work on my truck.



Name: Casey Tallent
School: Hart County
Position: Infielder/Pitcher
Height/Weight: 6-2/185
Q: After baseball, what career are you planning to pursue?
A: I hope to open my own business.




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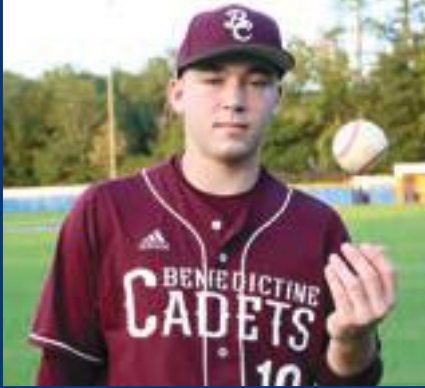
Name: Brodie Chestnutt
School: Houston County
Position: Pitcher/Infielder/
 Outfielder
Height/Weight: 6-4/225
Q: If you could travel anywhere
 outside the U.S., what would be
 your dream location and why?
A: I would like to travel to
 Germany because I enjoy
 learning about World War II.



Name: Cole Mathis
School: Harris County
Position: Pitcher/First Baseman/
 Third Baseman
Height/Weight: 6-1/195
Q: What in-game rituals or
 superstitions do you have?
A: I use strawberry shampoo and
 don't wash my practice pants.



Name: Carter Holton
School: Benedictine
Position: Pitcher/First Baseman/
 Outfielder
Height/Weight: 5-11/185
Q: Name the person you'd like
 to meet the most and why
A: Clayton Kershaw because he
 is one of the best left-handed
 pitchers in the game.



Name: Landry Mead
School: Vidalia
Position: Shortstop/Pitcher
Height/Weight: 6-3/180
Q: What is your favorite food
 to eat?
A: Steak and crab legs.



Name: Conner O'Neal
School: Northside-Columbus
Position: Catcher
Height/Weight: 6-2/215
Q: Name one thing people may
 be surprised to learn about you.
A: I play the drums.



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Name: Trey Sanders
School: Brookstone
Position: Pitcher/Infielder
Height/Weight: 6-2/195
Q: Name the person you'd like to meet the most.
A: Tim Tebow because he is such an influential leader.



Name: Noah Walters
School: Crisp County
Position: Pitcher/Infielder
Height/Weight: 6-2/185
Q: Name the person you'd like to meet the most and why.
A: Nolan Ryan, the guy was a dog on the mound.



Name: Dylan Taylor
School: Schley County
Position: Shortstop/Pitcher
Height/Weight: 6-1/175
Q: Name one thing people may be surprised to learn about you.
A: Throwing a baseball is the only thing I do right-handed in life. I am left-handed at everything else that I do.



Name: Coleman Willis
School: Houston County
Position: Pitcher/First Baseman
Height/Weight: 6-7/205
Q: Outside of baseball, what is your next hobby?
A: Golf



Name: Bradley Wilson
School: West Laurens
Position: Catcher/Infielder/
Pitcher
Height/Weight: 6-1/200
Q: After baseball, what career are you planning to pursue?
A: I would like to be a Physician's Assistant in a training center.



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Class 7A - Second Team



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Infielder • Junior
North Forsyth



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Outfielder • Senior
East Coweta

Class 7A Top 15

1 NORTH PAULDING

The Wolfpack had the ingredients to make a run at the state championship series last year before the coronavirus pandemic shut down the season. They had already beaten teams like Houston County, Riverwood, Hart County and Thomasville in two weekends of the Georgia Dugout Club Tournament. In addition, they defeated LaGrange, Buford and DeSoto Central of Mississippi to win the prestigious LaGrange Toyota Invitational.

North Paulding's top pitching trio of right-handers Mitchell Heer and Jake Hembree and left-hander Dylan Rhadans, the backbone of last year's team, return and can carry this team as far as they want to go. Simply put, it will be tough to beat the Wolfpack in a three-game series. There are other players that will help carry the load. Outfielder Davis Rowell, first baseman/pitcher Tyson Benford and versatile senior Logan Lynch will be expected to pick up from where they left off last year. Catcher Bryson Taylor and catcher/infielder Charlie Seigel also return as well as a strong senior class.

In North Paulding's short existence, they have made the state quarterfinals three times. This should be the year they move past that round and contend for a state title.

2 PARKVIEW

The Panthers had already won 13 games before the coronavirus pandemic shut down the season in 2020. They lost their top 1-2 pitching punch of Miles Garrett and Xander Stephens, but the Panthers will reload and are expected to make another deep postseason run. Parkview may not boast as many big names as in the past, but don't let that fool you. This team is talented.

Instead of relying on shutdown pitching like they have for the past five seasons, Parkview's offense should light up the scoreboard early and help give its young pitching rotation time to develop. By the end of the season, look for the Panthers to still be around.

3 BROOKWOOD

The Broncos have the pitching and the offense to challenge for a state championship. Pitching-wise, right-hander Carter Bailey, Dylan Lonergan, Josh Sosa and Holden LaCour and lefty Jonathan Jaime will be the backbone of this year's team. And the offense won't be bad either.

4 WOODSTOCK

No question, this will be Woodstock's best team since they finished as the Class 7A state runner-up in 2017. The Wolverines have the pitching and the offense to make a title run. This should be a fun team to watch, especially with Preston Gunnell and Kameron Douglas leading what should be an explosive offense.

5 WALTON

The Raiders have the offense and playmakers to keep pace with anybody. But will their inexperienced pitching rotation step forward? If that happens, Walton should have their best season since winning the state title in 2016.

6 GRAYSON

When you have players like Justin Bogard, Bodie Eilertson and Henry Hunter, it will be hard not to win games. A strong senior class is back as the Rams should be dangerous.

7 MOUNTAIN VIEW

This could potentially be the best Mountain View team in school history. Outfielder Kenny Mallory will be exciting to watch again.

8 MILL CREEK

The Hawks lost a lot, but when you have returning players like pitcher Kyle Beaty and shortstop Tim Simay, things have to be looking up.

9 ETOWAH

The Eagles have a returning lineup that will be dangerous. They just need a few experienced pitchers.

10 NORTH GWINNETT

The coronavirus pandemic punished North Gwinnett in a year they were favored to win the state title. The Bulldogs return enough leftovers to still be in the Top 10.

11 LAMBERT

The Longhorns' roster is loaded with seniors and some talented juniors. This could be coach Rick Howard's best team at Lambert.

12 NORTH FORSYTH

After losing top pitcher Anthony DiMola to graduation, the Raiders have two more lefties ready to carry the load – Florida State commit Brett Barfield and Jess Ackerman. They alone will keep the Raiders in the chase.

13 DENMARK

The Danes jumped three classifications after finishing as the Class 4A state runner-up in 2019. There are plenty of leftovers remaining from that team. This team will be trouble.

14 COLLINS HILL

The Eagles have some of the best starting pitchers in Region 8-7A. Collins Hill won't be a pushover.

15 HILLGROVE

The Hawks will start slowly, but they will be back in the hunt by the end of the season.

Others to watch: (Alphabetical Order) Campbell, Cherokee, Colquitt County, East Coweta, Newnan, Norcross, Peachtree Ridge, West Forsyth

REGION 1-7A

Region Favorite: Colquitt County

Players to Watch

LHP/OF – Pershaun Fann, Jr., Colquitt County; **OF** – Jamie Felix, Jr., Camden County; **RHP/3B** – Jeb Johnson, Sr., Colquitt County; **RHP** – William Joyner, Jr., Lowndes; **C** – Daniel Kerrigan, Jr., Lowndes; **RHP/OF** – Luke Parker, Sr., Camden County; **OF** – McCage Pruitt, Sr., Lowndes; **LHP/1B** – Gavin Steptoe, Sr., Colquitt County; **INF** – Bryce Stephens, Sr., Tift County; **RHP** – Cameron Summerlin, Jr., Colquitt County; **1B** – Cameron Sumner, Sr., Tift County; **RHP** – Connor VanSumeren, Jr., Tift County; **SS** – Cannon Whatley, Jr., Colquitt County; **C** – Cole Whatley, Jr., Colquitt County



CAMDEN COUNTY WILDCATS

Head Coach (s): Brian English
Assistant Coach (s): Joe Allen, Todd Bentle, Jordan Rieling
2020 Record: 6-4
Returning Starters: RHP/OF Luke Parker (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF Jamie Felix (Jr., 5-10, 200, R/R); OF Gray Loden (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); 1B/RHP/OF Luke Barlow (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R); INF Josh Brown (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R)



Luke Parker
Camden County

Season Outlook: The young Wildcats have a lot of talent, but it must mature and develop quickly. Camden County welcomes back five returning starters, most of them underclassmen. Senior Luke Parker will lead the pitching rotation, while two-sport standout Jamie Felix is back to lead the offense.



COLQUITT COUNTY PACKERS

Head Coach (s): Matt Crews
Assistant Coach (s): Cameron Cain, Ryan Davis, Tyler Hembree, Philip Swindell, Danny Blaylock, Kirk Woodall
2020 Record: 4-10
Returning Starters: RHP/3B Jeb Johnson (Sr., 5-9, 220, R/R); LHP/1B Gavin Steptoe (Sr., 5-9, 205, L/L); C Henry Underwood (Sr., 6-0, 180, B/R); RHP/OF Tucker Pitts (Sr., 6-1, 165, L/R); LHP/OF Pershaun Fann (Jr., 6-0, 195, L/L); RHP/OF Hayes Lightsey (Jr., 5-9, 145, R/R); RHP/3B Chasyn Miley (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R); U Hayden Moore (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); RHP Cameron Summerlin (Jr., 6-2, 150, R/R); SS Cannon Whatley (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); C/RHP Cole Whatley (Jr., 5-10, 190, R/R)
Other Returning Players: OF Jace Autrey (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF Jackson Avera (Sr., 5-11, 190, R/R); RHP Cais Cook (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); INF Paxton Furney (Sr., 5-7, 140, R/R); RHP Garry Hill, Jr. (Sr., 6-2, 170, R/R); 3B/DH Gabe Horne (Sr., 6-0, 215, R/R)
Top Newcomers: INF Davis Dalton (Jr., 5-8, 150, R/R); C/3B Abraham Daniels (Jr., 5-8, 175, R/R); RHP/OF Bryce Monk (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R);



Pershaun Fann
Colquitt County






Jeb Johnson
Colquitt County




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RHP Eli Rountree (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); 1B Steven Spradley (Jr., 5-11, 225, R/R); OF Hunter Strickland (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: If the Packers can find consistency on the pitcher's mound, they will be the favorite in Region 1-7A. Jeb Johnson and Gavin Steptoe return to give Colquitt a solid nucleus to build around on the hill. Tucker Pitts, Pershaun Fann, Hayes Lightsey, Chasyn Miley and hard-throwing Cameron Summerlin will figure into the pitching rotation. On offense, Fann, shortstop Cannon Whatley, Hayden Moore and Cole Whatley return to lead the way.



Gavin Steptoe
Colquitt County



Cameron Summerlin
Colquitt County



Cannon Whatley
Colquitt County



Cole Whatley
Colquitt County

LOWNDES VIKINGS

Head Coach (s): Ryan Page
Assistant Coach (s): Taylor Wilkins, Luke Miller, Stewart Thomas
2020 Record: 7-7
Returning Starters: OF McCage Pruitt (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); SS Sage O'Berry (Sr., 6-4, 175, L/R); OF Jaylen Hudson (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); LHP

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Chase Musgrove (Sr., 6-2, 180, L/L); INF Ryan Flint (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); RHP Garrett Fender (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); OF Madox Miller (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); 1B Sam Bennett (Sr., 6-2, 175, L/R); C Daniel Kerrigan (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); 1B Mason Steel (Sr., 6-4, 195, L/L); OF Tristin Bohler (Sr., 6-1, 195, R/R); RHP William Joyner (Sr., 6-4, 185, R/R); C/INF Gage Smith (Sr., 5-6, 150, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 3B Austin Hancock (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF Jacob Walker (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF William Pearson (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); OF Ty Bridges (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Vikings return an excellent group of seniors and should contend for the region title in 2021. The lack of experienced pitching is a concern, but junior right-hander William Joyner returns after a solid 2020 season. Outfielder McCage Pruitt is back to lead the offense.



William Joyner
Lowndes



McCage Pruitt
Lowndes

TIFT COUNTY BLUE DEVILS

Head Coach (s): Kyle Kirk

Assistant Coach (s): Taylor Barber, Xavier Holmes, Jonah Reyes

2020 Record: 4-9

Returning Starters: 1B Cameron Sumner (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); INF Bryce Stephens (Sr., 5-9, 140, R/R); C Bailey Booth (Sr., 6-1, 195, R/R); INF Lino Acosta (Sr., 5-10, 200, R/R); OF/RHP Ryan Mercer (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP Connor VanSumeren (Sr., 6-4, 205, R/R); RHP Charlie Miller (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); OF Cody Williamson (Sr., 6-0, 180, L/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/OF Allen Moretz (Sr., 5-10, 140, L/R); RHP Luke Dorman

(Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); DH Sam Thompson (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); INF Layton Abbott (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); OF/RHP Gavin Starling (Sr., 5-11, 135, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Cole Smith (Sr., R/R); INF Tyler Holmes (Fr., B/R); INF Brady Moretz (Fr., R/R); INF Luke Ellerbee (Fr., R/R); RHP Bowen Becton (Sr., R/R)



Bryce Stephens
Tift County



Cameron Sumner
Tift County



Connor VanSumeren
Tift County



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Season Outlook: If the Blue Devils can get some younger pitchers to mature quickly, they could contend for the region title. The senior class is solid. Eight starters are back, including first baseman Cameron Sumner and infielder Bryce Stevens. A talented group of underclassmen will also be expected to help out.

REGION 2-7A

Region Favorite: Campbell

Players to Watch

RHP/INF/OF – Bryce Archie, Jr., McEachern; **RHP** – LC Bennett, Sr., McEachern; **SS/RHP** – Michael Braswell, Sr., Campbell; **INF/RHP** – Ethan Carroll, So., McEachern; **3B/1B/RHP** – Chasin Cash, Sr., Newnan; **SS/2B** – Garrett DeHart, Jr., Campbell; **LHP/1B** – Ryan Gold, So., Campbell; **OF/INF** – Jacob Hall, Sr., McEachern; **LHP** – Andrew Herrmann, Sr., Campbell; **3B/2B/OF** – Michael Herrmann, Sr., Campbell; **CF/RHP** – Demetrius Lovejoy, Sr., Pebblebrook; **OF/RHP** – Jett Lovett, Sr., Newnan; **SS/3B** – Michael Maginnis, Sr., Newnan; **INF/RHP** – Saivion Mohammed, Sr., McEachern; **RHP/INF/OF** – Alyjah Richardson, Sr., McEachern; **RHP** – Adrian Roman, Jr., East Coweta; **INF** – Nico Senese, Jr., East Coweta; **OF/INF** – Landon Underhill, Sr., East Coweta; **OF/RHP** – Terrell White, Sr., McEachern; **RHP/OF/INF** – Quinlan Wiley, Sr., East Coweta



CAMPBELL SPARTANS

Head Coach (s): Jeff Searcy

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

2020 Record: 6-4

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Michael Braswell (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); LHP Andrew Herrmann (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/L); 3B/2B/OF Michael Herrmann (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R); OF Aidan Daly (Sr., 5-11, 175, L/L); OF/SS Owen Wright (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); SS/2B Garrett DeHart (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); RHP/1B Tristen Jensen (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); LHP/1B Ryan Gold (So., 6-1, 175, R/L); 1B/RHP Alex Karst (So., 6-3, 190, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/2B Brendan Kraus (Sr., 5-7, 155, R/R); OF/SS Corian Davis (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); OF/LHP Duncan Santos (Sr., 5-10, 160, L/L); C Rambo Fultz (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); 3B/C John Anagnostis (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); OF/LHP Gillen Joachim (Sr., 5-9, 160, L/L)

Season Outlook: The Spartans will have a lot of eyes on them this year with All-American



Garrett DeHart
Campbell



Ryan Gold
Campbell



Andrew Herrmann
Campbell



Michael Herrmann
Campbell

Michael Braswell among the nine returning starters. Andrew Herrmann and sophomore Ryan Gold will help anchor a solid pitching rotation. Versatile senior Michael Herrmann also returns. Keep an eye on a solid group of underclassmen.

EAST COWETA INDIANS

Head Coach: Franklin DeLoach

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

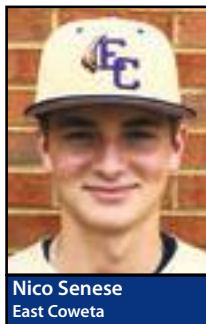
2020 Record: 11-2

Returning Starters: OF/INF Landon Underhill (Sr., 6-0, 185, L/R); 2B Mason Percy (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); OF/RHP Quinlan Wiley (Sr., 6-3, 185, R/R); INF Nico Senese (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Avery Brown (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); RHP Adrian Roman (Jr., 6-4, 200, R/R); C Hayden Blair (So., 6-3, 205, L/R); LHP Jansen Kenty (So., 6-2, 200, L/L); OF Conner McElroy (So., 6-1, 180, R/R); C/1B Lidi Estrada (So., 6-0, 215, R/R); RHP Gilbert Croley (Sr., 6-3, 185, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C Denver Watson (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); LHP Josh Sibley (Jr., 5-10, 175, L/L); RHP/1B Josh Monin (Jr., 6-2, 200, R/R); RHP/INF Jacob Rossi (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF/INF Michael Son (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: East Coweta will need some younger players to step forward if they are looking to approach last year's success. The senior class is small. The good news is that versatile player Landon Underhill is back to lead the offense, while Quinlan Wiley proved to be effective on the pitcher's mound. Infielder Nico Senese and pitcher Adrian Roman are back after showing promise as sophomores last year.



Nico Senese
East Coweta

MCEACHERN INDIANS

Head Coach: Karlton Schilling

Assistant Coach (s): Corey Holmes, Jacob Thrash, Steven Humphrey, Zach Smith, Jeff Torrenti, Shaun Nguyen, Stephen Wells, Assamee Asad

2020 Record: 5-5

Returning Starters: OF/INF Jacob Hall (Sr., 5-8, 150, R/R); RHP/INF Saivion Mohammed (Sr., 5-7, 130, R/R); RHP/INF/OF Alyjah Richardson (Sr., 6-2, 160, R/R); OF/RHP Terrell White (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); RHP/INF/OF Bryce Archie (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R); C/1B/3B Jordan Baynes (So., 5-11, 150, R/R); INF/RHP Ethan Carroll (So., 5-11, 160, R/R); 1B/3B/RHP Grant Lester (So., 6-2, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP LC Bennett (Sr., 6-1, 160, R/L); 1B/OF Brett Kingeter (Sr., 6-3, 185, L/L)

Top Newcomers: OF/RHP Michael Morrison (Jr., 6-3, 150, R/R); INF Reece Kingeter (So., 6-0, 160, R/R); INF Caiden Swinks (Sr., 5-5, 115, R/L); INF Noah Johnson (So., 5-8, 135, R/R); LHP JP Grimaldi (Jr., 5-5, 140, L/L); INF/C Jaeden Mitchell (Jr., 6-0, 200, R/R)

Season Outlook: A wealth of talent returns as McEachern looks to challenge for the region title and a postseason berth. Hard-throwing junior pitcher Bryce Archie as well as right-handers Alyjah Richardson and Saivion Mohammed return to anchor a solid rotation. The Indians will need some consistency on offense.

NEWNAN COUGARS

Head Coach: Marc Gilmore

Assistant Coach (s): Mitch Williams, Braden Griner, Matthew Ross, Cameron Smith, Joseph Lucas

2020 Record: 8-5

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Jett Lovett (Sr., L/R); SS/3B Michael Maginnis (Sr., R/R); 3B/1B/RHP Chasin Cash (Jr., R/R); 1B Yates Kellehear (Sr.); OF Bricen Duncan (Sr.); OF/LHP Logan Carroll (Sr.); OF/C Aubrey Carter (Sr.)

Other Returning Players: C Thomas Scott (Jr.); 3B/P Jackson Dennis (Jr.); RHP Dalton Anderson (Jr.); OF Denzel Boston (Sr.)

Season Outlook: The Cougars lost just three starters to graduation, and they should be in the thick of the region title hunt. The senior class is solid as offensive leader Jett Lovett and dual-sport standout Michael Maginnis return to lead the way. Versatile Chasin Cash also returns.



Chasin Cash
Newnan



Michael Maginnis
Newnan

PEBBLEBROOK FALCONS

Head Coach: Jason Ryals

Assistant Coach (s): TBA

2020 Record: 2-8

Returning Starters: CF/RHP Demetrius Lovejoy (Sr., 6-3, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: The young Falcons will look to get things going this spring. The good news is that senior outfielder/pitcher Demetrius Lovejoy returns, giving Pebblebrook a leader to build around. But the Falcons will need a lot of underclassmen to step up and contribute.

REGION 3-7A

Region Favorite: North Paulding

Players to Watch

RHP – Ethan Bobo, Sr., Hillgrove; **INF** – Braxton Bullard, Sr., Harrison; **SS** – Kristian Campbell, Sr., Walton; **OF** – Chris Cole, Sr., North Paulding; **C** – Harry Ford, Sr., North Cobb; **OF** – Jason Hayden, Sr., Hillgrove; **SS/RHP** – Mitchell Heer, Sr., North Paulding; **LHP** – Jake Hembree, So., North Paulding; **C/1B** – Jared Jones, Jr., Walton; **OF/RHP** – Trevor Lovett, Sr., North Cobb; **RHP/OF/3B** – Logan Lynch, Sr., North Paulding; **RHP** – Bowen Mitchell, Sr., Harrison; **C** – Nicolas Mosgovoy, Sr., Marietta; **3B/INF** – Eli Pilger, Sr., Walton; **C** – Cameron Powser, Sr., Hillgrove; **RHP** – John Raines, Sr., Harrison; **1B/LHP** – Dylan Rhadans, Sr., North Paulding; **OF** – Davis Rowell, Sr., North Paulding; **C** – Grayson Taylor, Jr., North Paulding; **SS/2B** – Jack Tilton, Sr., Hillgrove



HARRISON HOYAS

Head Coach (s): Mark Elkins

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

2020 Record: 10-5

Other Returning Players: RHP Bowen Mitchell (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF Braxton Bullard (Sr., 5-8, 140, L/R); RHP John Raines (Sr., 6-0, 160, L/R); C/INF Gavin Gnagey (Jr., 6-3, 195, R/R); RHP/OF Jake Walling (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/R); OF Garrett Pate (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); LHP Kirby Sandefur (Jr., 5-9, 145, L/L)

Season Outlook: Heavy graduation losses the past two seasons have hurt the Hoyas, but don't count them out. Some younger players will need to step up, but there is talent. Pitchers Bowen Mitchell and John Raines will be expected to lead a young but solid pitching rotation, while infielder Braxton Bullard returns to help spark the offense.

HILLGROVE HAWKS

Head Coach (s): David Richardson

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

2020 Record: 9-5

Other Returning Players: C Cameron Powser (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); SS/2B Jack Tilton (Sr., 5-9, 160, L/R); OF Jason Hayden (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); RHP Ethan Bobo (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); U Brandon Etter (Sr., 6-0, 155, R/R); OF Lance Beaudry (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); 1B/3B Brody Hollingsworth (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R); 3B Zach Wieder (So., 5-10, 150, B/R)



Jason Hayden
Hillgrove



Ethan Bobo
Hillgrove



Cameron Powser
Hillgrove



Jack Tilton
Hillgrove

Other Returning Players: RHP AJ Rodgers (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP Caleb Stacy (Sr., 5-9, 210, R/R); LHP Eric Skelton (Sr., 6-0, 180, L/L); RHP Jake Hill (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); RHP Keaton Rine (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP Brady Hoffman (Sr., 6-3, 160, R/R); OF Caleb Shannon (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); C/RHP Will Collins (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/INF/OF Dylan Rivera (Jr., 5-8, 165, R/R); OF/INF Daniel Rivera (Jr., 5-8, 165, R/R); INF/OF Davis McCravy (Jr., 5-8, 165, R/R); OF Tyler Payton (Jr., 5-7, 140, L/L); RHP Avery Kale (Jr., 5-10, 145, R/R); RHP Ben Hoffman (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Lorenzo Atwell (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF/OF Seth Wright (So., 5-6, 140, R/R)

Season Outlook: Hillgrove returns eight starters from last season and should be in the thick of the postseason chase this spring. The Hawks return a strong group of seniors led by catcher Cameron Powser and infielder Jack Tilton. Outfielder Jason Hayden is also back, while right-hander Ethan Bobo leads a talented pitching rotation.



MARIETTA BLUE DEVILS

Head Coach (s): Phillip Rogers

Assistant Coach (s): Brandon Durden, Neal Sammons, Stephen Ibar, Zach Marietta

2020 Record: 4-7

Returning Starters: C Nicolas Mosgovoy (Sr.); 1B/3B/P Will Halliburton (Sr.); P Anthonie Rodriguez (Sr.); P/SS/2B CJ Gordon (Sr.); SS/2B Wesley Rodriguez (Jr.); 1B/3B Maston Corn (Jr.); 3B/P Charlie Bagwell (Jr.)

Other Returning Players: OF John Turner (Jr.); 2B Matthew King (Jr.); 2B/SS Gibson Vought (Jr.); OF Ryan Chestnutt (Jr.); 1B/C Doss Parker (Sr.); P Canyon Fennelly (So.)

Top Newcomers: OF Andy Watters (Fr.); INF Jacob Bohacek (Fr.); OF Karston Liebel (Fr.)

Season Outlook: The Blue Devils continue to get better each year under coach Philip Rogers. Marietta welcomes back seven starters. Pitching depth is a concern, but the good news is that catcher Nicolas Mosgovoy returns behind the plate. Keep an eye on a solid group of underclassmen who will be expected to help out.



NORTH COBB WARRIORS

Head Coach (s): Tom Callahan

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

2020 Record: 10-3

Returning Starters: C Harry Ford (Sr., 5-11, 200, R/R); OF/RHP Trevor Lovett (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); INF/OF Ashten Bostwick (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/RHP Tyler Gorsuch (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); INF Kai Olivencia (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R); INF/RHP Isaiah Hoskins (Jr., 5-9, 175, R/R); OF/RHP Jacob Mann (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); INF/C Kyle Robitzch (So., 5-8, 150, R/R); INF Logan Bare (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Warriors welcome back three starters and look to contend for a postseason spot in the brutal Region 3-7A. North Cobb returns one of the nation's top catching prospects in Harry Ford. Senior Trevor Lovett also returns. The Warriors will be looking for some consistency on the pitcher's mound.



NORTH PAULDING WOLFPACK

Head Coach (s): Dennis Jordan

Assistant Coach (s): Chad Jordan, Matt Smith, Matt Richardson, Mike Day, Kevin Nix, Jason Hatfield

2020 Record: 12-3

Other Returning Players: SS/RHP Mitchell Heer (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); 1B/LHP Dylan Rhadans (Sr., 6-4, 190, L/L); 1B/RHP Tysen Benford (Jr., 6-4, 230, R/R); OF Davis Rowell (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); RHP/OF/3B Logan Lynch (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); C Grayson Taylor (Jr., 6-1, 185, L/R); C/1B Charlie Siegel (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); LHP Jake Hembree (So., 6-0, 175, L/L); OF Chris Cole (Sr., 6-1, 170, L/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Ethan Lecca (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); C Aiden Rose (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); 2B/SS Parker Doyle (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); 2B Brayden Groover (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); RHP Hunter Sanders (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF Michael Parker (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); LHP Tanner Grinstead (Sr., 6-0, 170, L/L)

Top Newcomers: LHP Ryan Cismesia (Jr., 6-0, 165, L/L); SS/2B Payton Doyle (So., 5-9, 165, B/R); 2B Collin Wade (So., 5-9, 165, R/R)
Season Outlook: Most of North Paulding's team from 2020 is back, including eight starters. The Wolfpack will be strong on the mound as right-hander Mitchell Heer and left-hander Dylan Rhadans are back. In addition, sophomore lefty Jake Hembree also returns. If North Paulding can produce at the plate, this team has the potential to go a long way.

WALTON RAIDERS

Head Coach (s): Shane Amos

Assistant Coach (s): John Miller, Jake Hill, Shane McFadyen, Tyler Mayer, Chuck Payton, Chris Romano

2020 Record: 9-5

Returning Starters: C/1B Jared Jones (Jr., 6-4, 230, R/R); SS Kristian Campbell (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R); 3B/INF Eli Pilger (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Adam Haber (Sr., 5-10, 160, L/L); OF/LHP Devan Bhatia (Sr., 5-10, 150, L/L); OF Jack Story (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); 1B Nick Brooks (Sr., 6-3, 160, R/R); C Peyton Benson (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Other Returning

Players: 2B Cade Thompson (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); C/3B Charlie Jordan (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); RHP/OF JD Key (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); RHP Oliver Wood (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP Ben Stoddard (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); RHP Rowan Park (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); LHP Evan Carter (Jr., 6-3, 190, L/L)

Top Newcomers: OF Stone McKnight (Sr., 6-1, 205, R/R); RHP/3B Ryan Wideman (Jr., 6-3, 185, R/R); SS/RHP Brick Conway (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); RHP Adit Jain (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); 1B/C/RHP Barrett Eldridge (Jr., 6-3, 185, R/R)

Season Outlook: This could potentially be Walton's best team since the Raiders won the state championship in 2016. Eight starters are back, including two of the state's top prospects in catcher/first baseman Jared Jones (2022) and shortstop Kristian Campbell (2021). The senior class is strong, but the lack of experienced pitching is a concern.



Devan Bhatia
Walton



Adam Haber
Walton



Oliver Wood
Walton

REGION 4-7A

Region Favorite: Parkview

Players to Watch

RHP/3B – Carter Bailey, Sr., Brookwood; **OF/LHP** – Justin Bogard, Sr., Grayson; **OF** – Dobbs Bowden, Sr., Parkview; **LHP/1B** – Mason Brown, Sr., Parkview; **OF/LHP** – Daylon Carleton, Sr., Parkview; **LHP/1B/OF** – Bodie Eilertson, Sr., Grayson; **INF/RHP** – Colin Houck, So., Parkview; **C** – Henry Hunter, Sr., Grayson; **LHP/1B/OF** – Jonathan Jaime, Jr., Brookwood; **RHP/OF** – Ethan Lail, Sr., Parkview; **RHP/INF** – Dylan Lonergan, So., Brookwood; **U** – Alex Rogers, Sr., South Gwinnett; **1B/DH** – Cade Sadler, Sr., Parkview; **OF** – Josh Sharp, Sr., Brookwood; **OF/INF** – Sam Smith, Sr., Parkview; **INF/RHP** – Ryan Spikes, Sr., Parkview; **C** – Jack Spyke, Sr., Brookwood; **C/RHP** – Bryson Stripling, Sr., Parkview

BROOKWOOD BRONCOS

Head Coach (s): Titus Martin

Assistant Coach (s): Zach Shelnett, Chris Paul, Bret Carithers, Casey Parham, Trey Weed, Cameron Hall, Dale Moore

2020 Record: 12-3

Returning Starters: C Jack Spyke (Sr., 6-3, 215, R/R); RHP/3B Carter Bailey (Sr., 6-1, 195, R/R); OF Josh Sharp (Sr., 5-9, 150, L/R); LHP/1B/OF Jonathan Jaime (Jr., 6-2, 190, L/L); RHP/INF Dylan Lonergan (So., 6-2, 200, R/R); RHP/OF Josh Sosa (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); INF Dylan Taylor (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); RHP Holden LaCour (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); 1B Chris Harakas (Sr., 6-4, 240, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C Charlie Boyce (Sr., 5-9, 180, B/R); OF Davis Camuso (Sr., 5-9, 150, L/L); INF Jake Herren (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); C Caleb Cruz (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); OF Chase Sammon (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); OF Conley Davis (Sr., 5-7, 160, L/L); RHP Dylan Werle (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF Patrick Campbell (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: Brookwood has the players and talent to contend for the region title this spring. Pitching will be the backbone as right-handers Carter Bailey, Dylan Lonergan, Josh Sosa and Holden LaCour and left-hander Jonathan Jaime return. Catcher Jack Spyke and outfielder Josh Sharp return to spark the offense. Keep watch on Lonergan, a strong prospect in the Class of 2023.



Chris Harakas
Brookwood



Holden LaCour
Brookwood



Josh Sosa
Brookwood



Dylan Taylor
Brookwood



GRAYSON RAMS

Head Coach (s): Jed Hixon

Assistant Coach (s): Jake Bova, Jackson Hood

2020 Record: 9-5

Returning Starters: OF/LHP Justin Bogard (Sr., 6-2, 180, L/L); C Henry Hunter (Sr., 6-1, 215, R/R); LHP/1B/OF Bodie Eilertson (Sr., 5-10, 180, L/L); RHP Tyler Gray (Sr., 6-4, 190, R/R); INF Blane Holliday (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); INF/RHP De'Yon Cannon (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Grady Bryant (Sr., 5-9, 185, R/R); OF/RHP Kameron Byrd (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R); RHP/C/INF Jimmy Lipsey (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Matthew McGuinness (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Blake Russell (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); 1B/DH Walker Williams (Sr., 6-3, 225, R/R); INF/OF Anthony Polanco (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); INF JoJo Figueroa (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); LHP/OF Jeremy Rosario (Sr., 6-0, 175, L/L)

Top Newcomers: OF Jordan Thomas (Jr., 5-10, 175, L/L)

Season Outlook: Grayson has enough returning ingredients to challenge for the region crown. And a strong senior class will be expected to lead the way. Left-handed pitchers Bodie Eilertson and Justin Bogard as well as right-hander Tyler Gray lead a stout pitching rotation. Catcher Henry Hunter and infielder Blane Holliday are back to lead the offense.



NEWTON RAMS

Head Coach (s): Drew Helm

Survey not returned



PARKVIEW PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): Chan Brown

Assistant Coach (s): David Reynolds, Justin Bishop, Dustin Kline, Mike Cooper, Ellis Appling, Jordan McCoy

2020 Record: 13-2

Returning Starters: LHP/1B Mason Brown (Sr., 6-4, 180, L/L); OF Dobbs Bowden (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); OF/LHP Daylon Carleton (Sr., 5-11, 215, L/L); RHP/OF Ethan Lail (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); 1B/DH Cade Sadler (Sr., 6-2, 205, R/R); OF/INF Sam Smith (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R); INF/RHP Ryan Spikes (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); C/RHP Bryson Stripling (Sr., 6-2, 200, R/R); INF/RHP Colin Houck (So., 6-2, 200, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 2B Ryan Bennett (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); C Jake Keener (Sr., 5-10, 200, R/R); RHP Jordan Lowery (Sr., 6-4, 190, R/R); RHP/OF Dylan Speakman (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); RHP Ryan Wade (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); 1B/DH Jabari Daniely (Jr., 6-0, 190, R/R); 2B/SS Cayden Gaskin (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); OF/RHP Jayden Talik (Jr., 6-0, 180, L/R)



Dobbs Bowden
Parkview



Colin Houck
Parkview



Ethan Lail
Parkview



Cade Sadler
Parkview

Top Newcomers: RHP Ethan Davis (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/R); RHP Matthew Holcomb (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); RHP/INF Preston Morgan (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF Andrews Opata (Jr., 6-3, 175, R/R); LHP Ryan Schatte (Jr., 6-0, 180, L/L); C/OF Wyatt Talik (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); 1B/OF Tanner Wagnon (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); RHP/1B Garrett Lambert (So., 6-1, 190, R/R); RHP/1B Landon Stripling (So., 6-0, 185, L/R); C/OF Sam Ward (So., 5-10, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Panthers lost a lot to graduation, but they have enough talent to make another deep playoff run. Infielder Ryan Spikes and pitcher Mason Brown return to lead the team. The Panthers have a lot of unproven talent waiting for their chance to shine. That will happen this spring.



SOUTH GWINNETT COMETS

Head Coach (s): Eric Jones

Assistant Coach (s): TBA

2020 Record: 1-9

Returning Starters: U Alex Rogers (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); C/2B Maddoux Lupori (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); C/2B Tabyus Evans (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF/1B/RHP Johnny Lee (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); OF/1B/RHP Kevin Jackson (Jr., 5-8, 175, L/L); OF/1B/RHP Damien Anderson (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Jeramie Favors (So., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP Zion Dunn (So., 5-10, 205, L/L); U Christian Miller (Jr., 5-8, 165, R/R); 3B/RHP Caleb Collins (So., 6-2, 210, R/R); U Vaughn Davis (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Comets welcome back a strong nucleus of returning players and should be in the thick of the postseason chase this spring. Seven starters are back, including four senior standouts. Look for a solid group of sophomores and juniors to contribute.



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REGION 5-7A

Region Favorite: Woodstock

Players to Watch

RHP – Blake Aita, Sr., Woodstock; **LHP** – Evan Broaderick, Sr., Milton; **C** – Colby Camps, Jr., Alpharetta; **OF** – Austin Cole, Sr., Cherokee; **OF/RHP/1B** – Kameron Douglas, Jr., Woodstock; **RHP** – Trip Dovale, Jr., Roswell; **RHP/C** – Max Eichenberger, Jr., Cherokee; **OF** – Cole Ellis, Sr., Etowah; **3B** – Colby Flaig, Sr., Etowah; **RHP/OF** – Connor Gay, Sr., Milton; **RHP** – Garrett Gobligh, Sr., Woodstock; **OF** – Preston Gunnell, Sr., Woodstock; **LHP** – Keaton Hughes, Sr., Alpharetta; **3B/RHP** – Casual Kay, Jr., Alpharetta; **OF/LHP** – Caden Long, Sr., Roswell; **C** – Cody Montgomery, Sr., Cherokee; **OF** – Carson Mynatt, Sr., Cherokee; **SS** – Michael Straub, Sr., Etowah; **RHP** – Tyler Velde, Sr., Roswell; **RHP** – Blake Zettler, Sr., Milton



ALPHARETTA RAIDERS

Head Coach (s): Marc Lassiat

Assistant Coach (s): Allen Strohecker, Kevin Amerson, Collin Kirkland

2020 Record: 4-7

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Jack Barone (Sr., R/R); LHP Keaton Hughes (Sr., R/L); 3B/RHP Casual Kay (Jr., R/L); OF/RHP Jack Matty (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Ajinkia Gundaria (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: C Colby Camps (Jr., R/R); OF/LHP Cooper Mendlinger (Jr., R/L); RHP Tee Bahhur (Sr., R/R); INF Moisis Hureta (Sr., R/L)

Top Newcomers: OF/RHP Blaze Nelson (Jr., B/R)

Season Outlook: The Raiders have some key positions to fill, but there is enough talent for them to contend for a postseason berth. Left-hander Keaton Hughes, Ajinkia Gundaria and Jack Barone lead a talented group of pitchers, while infielder Casual Kay and Jack Matty return to spark the offense.



CHEROKEE WARRIORS

Head Coach (s): Josh Thomas

Assistant Coach (s): David Blaylock, Zach Brigham, Matt Debes, Zack Lemons, Austin Pharr

2020 Record: 7-4

Returning Starters: OF Austin Cole (Sr., R/R); OF Carson Mynatt (Sr., R/R); C Cody Montgomery (Sr., R/R); LHP Ed Manke (Sr.); OF Joe Fisher (Sr.); 1B/RHP Lex Kenny (Jr.); RHP/C Max Eichenberger (Jr.); INF Tyler Presnell (Jr., L/R); INF Nate Courtwright (Jr.); RHP Chase Meyer (So.); RHP/OF Tyler Goddard (Jr.); RHP Fields Chapman (Sr.)

Top Newcomers: OF Aiden Smith (Jr., R/R); INF Chase Goddard (Jr., R/R); INF Aiden Bible (Fr., R/R); C Wesley Hurt (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Warriors return a ton of talent and seek to continue making positive strides under coach Josh Thomas. Offensive leaders Austin Cole and Carson Mynatt return, while pitcher/catcher Max Eichenberger returns after having an excellent sophomore season.



ETOWAH EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Greg Robinson

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

2020 Record: 4-9

Returning Starters: OF Cole Ellis (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); 3B Colby Flaig (Sr., 6-2, 195, R/R); INF Athan Ribly (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); C Tom Holbird (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); SS Michael Straub (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); C Davis Newman (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B Jackson Chirello (Jr., 6-3, 185, L/R); C Josh Conley (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R); RHP Nick Angelakos (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); LHP Jordon Fricks (Jr., 6-0, 200, L/L)

Top Newcomers: OF Will Curcio (So., 5-9, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: An excellent returning senior class should help Etowah contend for the region title this spring. Six starters are back, including outfielder Cole Ellis and third baseman Colby Flaig. Pitching depth is a concern.

MILTON EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Jeff Heusing

Assistant Coach (s): Jeremy Brotherton, Ed Black, Terry Cole, Jason Novak, Matt Hartwell, Matt Phillips

2020 Record: 1-8

Returning Starters: LHP Evan Broaderick (Sr., 6-1, 175, L/L); RHP/OF Connor Gay (Sr., 6-2, 225, R/R); 2B Andrew Vislusky (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/R); SS Patrick McCavitt (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); C/INF Brendan Gaudette (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP/OF Luke McNeillie (So., 6-2, 160, L/R); RHP/INF Caden Gaudette (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R); OF Mason Bicknell (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); C Reilly Buckman (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/DH Michael Alvarez (Sr., 6-3, 200, R/R); RHP Charlie Nemeth (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP Blake Zettler (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF Moses Lim (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Daniel Black (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); RHP/INF Anthony Benotti (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF Dylan Miller (Jr., 5-9, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Will Shepherd (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Eagles welcome back nine returning starters and should contend for a postseason berth this spring. An excellent senior class returns to lead the way. Left-hander Evan Broaderick and right-handers Connor Gay and Blake Zettler are back to lead a solid pitching staff.



ROSWELL HORNETS

Head Coach (s): Matt McCarthy (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Ben Raimondi, Danny MacDonald, Cale Rosario, Mike Turner

2020 Record: 6-4

Returning Starters: OF/LHP Caden Long (Sr., 5-11, 165, L/L); C/3B Nick Lawrence (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); C Brady Decan (Sr., 5-8, 200, R/R); RHP Tyler Velde (Sr., 6-2, 160, R/R); RHP Elliot Esposito (Sr., 5-10, 140, R/R); 1B Jack Crump (Sr., 5-8, 200, R/R); 3B/1B Presley Martinez (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF/LHP Alex Tawes (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/L); RHP Jack Moore (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Nick Claerbout (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); INF Brayden Whitworth (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R); INF Evan Friedman (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R); OF/RHP/C Riley Slaughter (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP Trip

Dovale (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R); OF Steven Vrolijk (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP Alex Johnson (So., 5-11, 145, R/R)

Season Outlook: Former Centennial coach Matt McCarthy takes over at Roswell and inherits a senior-led club that is capable of doing some big things this season. Outfielder Caden Long returns, but the pitching rotation looks to be in good shape as Tyler Velde and Trip Dovale headline a solid staff.



WOODSTOCK WOLVERINES

Head Coach (s): Jeff Brown

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

2020 Record: 10-3

Returning Starters: OF Preston Gunnell (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); RHP Garrett Goblisch (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); RHP Blake Aita (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R); INF Spencer Middleton (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); OF/C Christian Preiser (Sr., 5-7, 165, R/R); INF Griffin Peek (Sr., 5-8, 160, L/R); OF Justin Boyd (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); U Garrison Coleman (Sr., 5-11, 155, B/R); OF/RHP/1B Kameron Douglas (Jr., 6-3, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Andrew Ianitello (Jr., 5-8, 150, R/R); C Tyler Hunter (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Dylan Welsh (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); RHP Brian Picinic (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/INF Lawton Bowers (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); INF Gabe Wreth (Jr., 5-6, 150, L/R); INF/RHP Michael Preiser (Jr., 5-7, 165, R/R); RHP/1B Logan Bryson (Jr., 6-3, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: Woodstock has the ingredients to contend for the Region 5-7A title and make a strong postseason run. Outfielder Preston Gunnell and versatile Kameron Douglas are back to spark the offense. Meanwhile, pitchers Blake Aita and Garrett Goblisch anchor what could be a strong pitching staff.



Garrett Goblisch
Woodstock

REGION 6-7A

Region Favorite: Lambert

Players to Watch

LHP/1B – Jess Ackerman, Sr., North Forsyth; **LHP/INF** – Braden Bamburovski, Sr., Lambert; **LHP/1B** – Brett Barfield, Jr., North Forsyth; **C** – Carson Boldt, Sr., West Forsyth; **OF** – Parker Brosius, Jr., Lambert; **INF** – JJ Corr, Sr., Denmark; **3B/RHP** – Jack D'Amico, Sr., South Forsyth; **2B** – Jahleel Rivas-Dicks, Sr., Gainesville; **RHP/OF** – Luke Fernandez, Jr., West Forsyth; **INF** – Nic Ferrer, Sr., Denmark; **SS** – AJ Fiechter, Sr., Forsyth Central; **SS** – Gehrig Frei, Sr., South Forsyth; **RHP** – Nicholas Holbrook, Sr., Forsyth Central; **RHP** – Baylor Homesley, Jr., North Forsyth; **1B** – Brennan Hudson, Jr., South Forsyth; **C** – Sammy Leis, Jr., Denmark; **RHP/INF/OF** – Colin Linder, Jr., Lambert; **OF** – Will Nelms, Sr., Forsyth Central; **LHP** – Will Robbins, Sr., Forsyth Central; **3B** – Drew Southern, Sr., West Forsyth; **INF** – Tyler Triche, Jr., North Forsyth; **RHP/INF** – Richard Ferrer-Westrop, Sr., Lambert; **OF** – Gray Wilson, Sr., Denmark



DENMARK DANES

Head Coach (s): David Smart

Assistant Coach (s): Chad Pigg, Brandon Brock, Tyler Riddle

2020 Record: 7-6

Returning Starters: INF JJ Corr (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Gray Wilson (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); INF Nic Ferrer (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R); INF/OF Dillon Dankowski (Sr., 6-1, 195, R/R); P Smaran Ramanathan (Sr., 6-0, 150, R/R); C Sammy Leis (Jr., 6-1, 195, R/R); RHP Jake Freedom (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); INF Aidan Whillock (Sr., 6-4, 220, R/R)

Other Returning

Players: OF Brody Wheeler (Jr., 6-1, 170,

R/R); INF Francesco Capocci (So., 6-2, 195, R/R); RHP Erik Achterman (Sr., R/R); OF Tim Welicky (Sr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/OF Garrett Powers (So., L/R); INF Ashton Odek (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Danes make a big jump to Class 7A after considerable success in Class 4A, including a state runner-up finish in 2019. Denmark has enough talent to do the same in Class 7A. Eight starters and a strong senior class return. Keep an eye on this group.



JJ Corr
Denmark



Nic Ferrer
Denmark



Sammy Leis
Denmark



Smaran Ramanathan
Denmark



FORSYTH CENTRAL BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Kevin McCollum

Assistant Coach (s): Brian Bull, Dustin Cannon, John Arundale, Paul Dees, Spencer Transue, Nick Verbeke

2020 Record: 6-5

Returning Starters: SS AJ Fiechter (Sr.); LHP Will Robbins (Sr.); OF Matthew Arundale (Sr.); OF Will Nelms (Sr.); OF/P Stevie Lyons (Sr.); C John Goodrow (Sr.); RHP Nicholas Holbrook (Sr.); 2B Tyler Smith (Sr.)

Other Returning Players: LHP Aaron Turner (Sr.); RHP Hunter Darke (Sr.); RHP Austin Stowe (Sr.); LHP Jack Carnes (Sr.); 1B/P Jackson Boswell (Sr.); 3B Will Martin (Sr.)

Top Newcomers: C/1B Jessie Duong (Jr.); INF/OF Noah Bissette (Jr.)

Season Outlook: A senior-heavy Forsyth Central team should contend for the playoffs. Eight starters, all of them seniors, return to lead the way. Shortstop AJ Fiechter and pitcher Will Robbins are two players to look out for.



GAINESVILLE RED ELEPHANTS

Head Coach (s): Adam Miller

Assistant Coach (s): Colin LoCurto, Stephen Gronsbell, Ryan Casper, Farris Mance

2020 Record: 5-7

Returning Starters: 2B Jahleel Rivas-Dicks (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); C

Dylan Clark (Sr., 6-0, 225, R/R); LHP/OF Victor Vega (Sr., 5-10, 205, L/L); RHP/3B Ethan Payne (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Landon Deyton (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); INF Cody Brewer (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/INF/OF Will Barrett (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); RHP/INF Justin Ruiz (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP Jackson Still (Sr., 5-10, 210, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Anthony Lugo (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/INF Riley Valentine (So., 5-11, 170, R/R); RHP Cooper Reid (Fr., 5-11, 190, R/R); C/OF Baxter Wright (Fr., 5-11, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: A good mixture of talent returns at Gainesville High as the Red Elephants look to be improved. Six starters, including a trio of returning seniors, return to lead the team. Gainesville will be looking for consistency on the mound. Second baseman Jahleel Rivas-Dicks is back after posting good numbers in a shortened 2020 season.

LAMBERT LONGHORNS

Head Coach (s): Rick Howard

Assistant Coach (s): Will Azbell, Michael Bailey, Scott Carlson, Drew Candela, Lee Fisher, Bill Kieninger, Craig Scott, Kyle Smith

2020 Record: 8-7

Returning Starters: LHP/INF Braden Bamburowski (Sr., 6-4, 210, L/L); OF Matthew Santander (Sr., 6-1, 160, R/R); INF Jack Stewart (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Parker Brosius (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/L); RHP/INF Justin Haskins (Jr., 6-1, 190, L/R); RHP/INF/OF Colin Linder (Jr., 6-3, 200, L/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP Blake Bolen (Sr., 6-3, 165, L/L); RHP/INF Daniel Carlson (Sr., 5-8, 155, R/R); RHP/INF Richard Ferrer-Westrop (Sr., 6-3, 220, R/R); RHP Andy Gao (Sr., 5-11, 190, R/R); INF Christian Gonzalez (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); INF Ethan Gray (Sr., 5-10, 160, L/R); C Will Nelson (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); RHP/INF Nate Dvorsky (Jr., 6-2, 185, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C Cannon Duncan (Jr., 6-2, 185, R/R); INF Jack Schaeffer (Jr., 5-7, 145, R/R); RHP Ashton Smith (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R); RHP/INF Johnny Smith (So., 5-11, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: Lambert could be team to beat in Region 6-7A this season. The Longhorns return enough arms on the mound and some power bats to make a solid run. Left-hander Braden Bamburowski and right-handers Richard Ferrer-Westrop and Colin Linder anchor a strong group of pitchers, while outfielder Parker Brosius leads an offense that can score a lot of runs.



Richard Ferrer-Westrop
Lambert

NORTH FORSYTH RAIDERS

Head Coach (s): Jim Cahill

Assistant Coach (s): Kyle Counts, Johnny Hernandez, Chris Brown, Taylor McGilvray, Tyler Martin, Will Foster

2020 Record: 7-5

Returning Starters: OF Kaiden Ellis (Jr., 6-0, 150, L/R); LHP/1B Jess Ackerman (Sr., 6-3, 215, L/L); LHP/1B Brett Barfield (Jr., 6-1, 180, L/L); C Logan Curry (So., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF Tyler Triche (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP/C Michael Sills (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Baylor Homesley (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF Coby Hunt (Sr., 5-7, 150, R/R); INF Casen Blackburn (Sr., 5-7, 150, R/R); INF Aaron Griffin (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); RHP Peyton Wagner (Sr.,



Jess Ackerman
North Forsyth

6-0, 180, R/R); RHP Cason Engert (So., 6-1, 180, R/R); RHP Matthew Gist (Sr., 5-11, 190, R/R); OF Michail Harris (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); OF Tucker Hartsfield (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP Hank Simonds (Jr., 6-6, 245, R/R); RHP Kyle Roper (So., 6-0, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP Andrew Elkhill (So., 6-1, 190, R/L)

Season Outlook: An excellent group of returning players are back to help North Forsyth challenge for a postseason berth. Infielder Tyler Triche returns to lead the offense, while the pitching staff should be strong as left-handers Brett Barfield and Jess Ackerman as well as senior right-hander Michael Sills anchor what could be a dominant rotation.

SOUTH FORSYTH WAR EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Russ Bayer

Assistant Coach (s): Adam Baldwin, Collier Knox, Eric Furphy, Jake Drehoff

2020 Record: 8-5

Returning Starters: SS Gehrig Frei (Sr., 6-1, 190, B/R); 2B Max Henry (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); 1B Brennan Hudson (Jr., 6-2, 200, L/R); 3B/RHP Jack D'Amico (Sr., 6-2, 185, L/R); C Andrew Kightlinger (Sr., 6-3, 195, R/R); LHP/OF Alex Urias (So., 5-10, 175, R/L); U Jacob Batemen (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C Tyler Nelson (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); C/3B/RHP Ryan Becker (Jr., 6-1, 190, R/R); U Addison Paschall (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); OF Mitchell Thompson (Sr., 5-10, 170, L/R); OF Camden Payne (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); RHP Conor Finegan (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); RHP Brandon Clemente (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP Baylor Hicks (So., 6-3, 180, R/R); RHP Dylan Quintillio (Jr., 6-3, 170, R/R); INF Brooks Bennett (Jr., 6-2, 165, R/R); INF Kyle O'Neil (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); LHP Trey Tully (Jr., 6-2, 190, L/L)

Season Outlook: After what might have been a rebuilding short season in 2020, the War Eagles will be looking to contend for the postseason as seven starters are back. Shortstop Gehrig Frei and first baseman Brennan Hudson are back to spark the offense. The War Eagles will need some pitchers to mature quickly.

WEST FORSYTH WOLVERINES

Head Coach (s): Jim Ernst (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Mike Pruitt, Will Skidmore, Steve Bohn

2020 Record: 8-6

Returning Starters: OF Grant Benefield (Sr., 5-7, 165, L/R); C Carson Boldt (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); 3B Drew Southern (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); OF Ashton Van Horn (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); C Kyle Peterson (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R); 1B/DH Hudson Posey (Sr., 6-3, 195, R/R); SS Jake Fernandez (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); 1B/OF Brian Garmon (Jr., 6-1, 195, L/R); OF Peter Berg (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R); RHP/OF Luke Fernandez (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 3B Robert Bottoms (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); OF Zach Scott (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); LHP Brady Owen (Sr., 6-5, 225, L/L); RHP Andrew Maurer (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Gavin Culberson (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); 3B/1B/RHP Hunter Cook (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); INF Marc Daly (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP AJ Rodriguez (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R); RHP Ryan Campbell (Jr., 5-8, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: Former assistant Jim Ernst takes over a West Forsyth program that will have enough quality pitching arms to contend for the postseason this spring. Junior right-hander Luke Fernandez headlines a rotation that has talent and experience. Third baseman Drew Southern returns to spark the offense.



Drew Southern
West Forsyth

REGION 7-7A

Region Favorite: Norcross

Players to Watch

SS – Jorge Arispuro, Sr., Archer; **RHP** – Anthony Bonacci, Sr., Norcross; **SS/2B** – Andrew Dyer, Sr., Archer; **INF/RHP** – Christian Harmon, Sr., Norcross; **C** – Gabriel Hernandez, Sr., Dunwoody; **OF/RHP** – Justin Isaacson, Sr., Norcross; **C** – Colin Jones, Sr., Duluth; **1B** – Davis LeDoyen, Sr., Dunwoody; **RHP** – Tyler Mitchem, Sr., Archer; **RHP/SS** – Deshaun Richardson, Sr., Duluth; **RHP/1B** – Reese Rosen, Sr., Dunwoody



ARCHER TIGERS

Head Coach (s): Danny Daigle

Assistant Coach (s): Scott Antwine, Josh Bentley, Nathan Blanchard, Joel Bridges

2020 Record: 5-7

Returning Starters: SS Jorge Arispuro (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); SS/2B Andrew Dyer (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); P Tyler Mitchem (Sr., 6-4, 240, R/R); C/2B Maximiliano Cruz (Sr., 5-7, 150, R/R); OF Grant Keeler (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); 3B Luke Thurmond (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); C Jacob Bridges (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP Andrew Lane (Jr., 6-4, 205, R/R); INF/RHP Nathan Beckman (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP Cooper Johnson (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF David Fallon (Fr., 5-11, 140, R/R)

Season Outlook: If the Tigers can find some additional pitching depth, they should challenge for the region crown. A talented nucleus of returning players are back, including Jorge Arispuro and Andrew Dyer. Senior right-hander Tyler Mitchem returns to anchor a young pitching rotation.



BERKMAR PATRIOTS

Head Coach (s): Bryan Allen

Survey not returned



DISCOVERY TITANS

Head Coach (s): Casey Nutt

Survey not returned



DULUTH WILDCATS

Head Coach (s): Ryan Turner

Assistant Coach (s): Orlando Alvarez

2020 Record: 5-8

Returning Starters: C Colin Jones (Sr., R/R); RHP/SS Deshaun Richardson (Sr., R/R); LHP/OF Chris Morrissey (Sr., L/L); INF/RHP Robbie Hasenstab (Sr., R/R); 1B/OF Jett Pimental (Jr., R/R); RHP/3B Alfonso Nunez (Sr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wildcats continue to show improvement under coach Ryan Turner. They will continue to make positive

strides this spring. Six starters are back, including catcher Colin Jones and pitcher/shortstop Deshaun Richardson.



DUNWOODY WILDCATS

Head Coach (s): Chan English

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

2020 Record: 6-8

Returning Starters: C Gabriel Hernandez (Sr., 5-10, 200, R/R); RHP Reese Rosen (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); RHP/OF Connor Haynes (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); 1B Davis LeDoyen (Sr., 6-1, 190, L/R); RHP/3B John LeVerde (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); SS/RHP Parker Bakke (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Gray Kuriger (Sr., 5-7, 150, R/R); RHP Jake Kaminsky (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); 3B/RHP Jake Bennett (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); LHP Bradley Byrd (Sr., 5-11, 160, L/L); LHP/OF Robby Cucchi (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/L); INF Carter Matulich (Sr., 5-5, 145, R/R); LHP Matt Day (Sr., 5-9, 150, L/L)

Top Newcomers: INF Will Giles (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); RHP Zach Heavern (Jr., 6-0, 150, R/R); C Nathan Pettitt (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF Porter LeDoyan (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Taylor Stephens (Jr., 5-7, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: Dunwoody moves up in classification, but the Wildcats should still contend for the postseason. An excellent senior class returns to lead the way. Pitcher Reese Rosen leads a solid rotation, while offensive leaders Davis LeDoyen and Gabriel Hernandez return to power the offense.



MEADOWCREEK MUSTANGS

Head Coach (s): Jeffery Johnson (new)

Survey not returned



NORCROSS BLUE DEVILS

Head Coach (s): Aaron Wilkens

Assistant Coach (s): Nick Drescher, Sylvester Lake, Tanner Maloof, Todd Dyleski

2020 Record: 5-8

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Cody Balsman (Sr., 5-10, 155, R/R); RHP Anthony Bonacci (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); INF/RHP Christian Harmon (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); OF/RHP Justin Isaacson (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); C/RHP Nick Nilsson (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); INF Jack Stephenson (Sr., 5-11, 155, R/R); OF/LHP Nick Waid (Sr., 6-2, 180, L/L)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Chase Bastuk (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Drew Bissell (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF Jalen Garner (Sr., 6-2, 220, R/R); OF Trey Goodman (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); LHP Will Grogan (Jr., 6-2, 160, L/L); C Ryan Pfeifer (So., 6-2, 155, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/OF/RHP Avery Bizzel (So., 5-11, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: A solid returning class will lead Norcross this spring. The Blue Devils welcome back seven returning starters. Right-handers Anthony Bonacci and Christian Harmon anchor a solid pitching rotation. Outfielder/pitcher Justin Isaacson also returns.

REGION 8-7A

Region Favorite: Mountain View

Players to Watch

RHP – Kyle Beaty, Sr., Mill Creek; **RHP** – Coulson Buchanan, Sr., North Gwinnett; **OF** – Landon DePratter, Sr., Mill Creek; **RHP/3B** – Max Gault, Sr., Mountain View; **INF/RHP** – Sam Horn, Jr., Collins Hill; **C/1B** – Nick Hong, Sr., Mountain View; **OF/RHP** – Matthew Hoskins, Jr., Peachtree Ridge; **SS** – Gabe Hunt, Sr., North Gwinnett; **LHP** – Adam Jones, Sr., Peachtree Ridge; **LHP/OF** – Kenny Mallory, Sr., Mountain View; **SS** – Tim Simay, Sr., Mill Creek; **C/3B/1B** – Matthew Strand, Sr., North Gwinnett; **INF/RHP** – Trevor Wall, Sr., Collins Hill; **RHP/SS** – Ryan Westfall, Sr., Mountain View



COLLINS HILL EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Zach Black

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

2020 Record: 2-10

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Sam Horn (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Trevor Wall (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Ben Neadow (Sr., R/R); INF Christian Sutton (Sr., L/R); OF/RHP Colin Livingston (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Ryan Lomas (Sr., R/R); C/RHP Blake Overton (Sr., R/R); INF Amari Lewis (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Demari Lewis (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Aaron Bennett (Sr., R/R); C Ethan Wellwood (Sr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: 1B/RHP Xander Olivares (Sr., R/R); INF Jack Demos (Sr., L/R); OF/LHP Thomas Narucki (Sr., L/L); INF/RHP Trevor Jones (Sr., R/R); OF/LHP Rashad Tubbs (Sr., L/L)

Season Outlook: Look for the Eagles to be in the hunt for a postseason berth in the rugged Region 8-7A standings. Five starters are back, including a trio of seniors. Junior Sam Horn and senior Trevor Wall return to give the Eagles a solid nucleus to build around. Look for a solid corps of juniors to contribute.



MILL CREEK HAWKS

Head Coach (s): Doug Jones

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

2020 Record: 14-1

Returning Starters: RHP Kyle Beaty (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R); OF Landon DePratter (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); SS Tim Simay (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP Hayden Stone (Sr., 6-1, 175, L/R); RHP Davis Day (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); OF Jaiden Chinnis (Sr., 6-3, 180, B/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Caleb Spikes (Sr., R/R); C Alex Christensen (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Nick Taddei (Sr., R/R); INF Griffin Spalding (Sr., R/R); RHP Jackson O'Neil (Sr., R/R); LHP Davis Shields (Sr., L/L)

Top Newcomers: OF Chandler Klein (Sr., R/R); 1B Thurman Harris (Sr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Hawks have some holes to fill after graduation took a bite out of their lineup. Six starters, including a solid trio of pitchers, are back to lead the way. Right-hander Kyle

Beaty, Hayden Stone and Davis Day return, while athletic shortstop Tim Simay and outfielders Landon DePratter and Jaiden Chinnis return on offense.



MOUNTAIN VIEW BEARS

Head Coach (s): Jason Johnson

Assistant Coach (s): Jamie Suggs, Cameron Crawford, Brandon Jackson, Christian Helsel, Dylan Sadler, AJ Moore

2020 Record: 7-3

Returning Starters: RHP/OF Wyatt Fooks (Sr., R/R); RHP/3B Max Gault (Sr., R/R); LHP/1B DJ Hays (Sr., L/L); LHP/OF Ryan Heishman (Sr., L/L); C/1B Nick Hong (Sr., R/R); LHP/OF Kenny Mallory (Sr., L/L); RHP/C DJ Mungenast (Sr., R/R); RHP/SS Ryan Westfall (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning

Players: RHP Jordan Goldsmith (Sr., R/R); RHP Micah Ledford (Sr., R/R); RHP/3B/OF Zach Norman (Sr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP/OF Daniel Dickey (Sr., L/L); C/OF Landon Fernandez (Sr., R/R); RHP/1B Justin Hannan (Sr., R/R); RHP/1B Max Hobgood (Sr., R/R); RHP/SS/2B Malachi Jeffries (Sr., R/R); RHP/OF/3B Thomas Murcia (Sr., R/R); RHP/SS/2B Tyshon Patty (Sr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Mountain View returns enough talent to contend for the Region 8-7A title. The Bears will have the offense and the pitching to make a statement. The pitching rotation, led by left-hander Kenny Mallory, will be the backbone. This could be a very dangerous team this spring.



Max Gault
Mountain View



Nick Hong
Mountain View



DJ Mungenast
Mountain View



Ryan Westfall
Mountain View



NORTH GWINNETT BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Ryan Moity

Assistant Coach (s): Tait Poitevint, Joe Molony, Greg Singleton, Spencer Sorrells, Gary McBryar

2020 Record: 10-3

Returning Starters: C/3B/1B Matthew Strand (Sr., 5-11, 190, R/R); RHP Coulson Buchanan (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); RHP Michael Massey (Sr., 6-5, 215, R/R); OF/RHP Spencer Hamblen (Sr., 6-3, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/RHP Edwin Bowman (Sr., 6-4, 180, R/R); LHP Anthony Turner (Sr., 6-3, 180, L/L); OF Nate Salyer (Sr., 6-4, 175, R/R); U/INF Ethan Grandchamp (Sr., 6-1, 170, B/R); 1B Ashton Long (Sr., 6-4, 185, R/R); RHP Paxton Briley (Sr., 6-3, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: SS Gabe Hunt (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); 2B Justin Montenegro (Sr., 5-8, 165, R/R); RHP/3B Tyler Hower (Sr., 5-9, 190, R/R); RHP/C Josh Close (Sr., 5-9, 180, R/R)



Gabe Hunt
North Gwinnett

Season Outlook: The coronavirus pandemic wiped out a potential deep postseason run for the Bulldogs last spring. Graduation hit North Gwinnett hard. A talented group of seniors are back, but some rebuilding will have to be done this season. The good news is that standout pitcher Coulson Buchanan and versatile Matthew Strand are back to lead the team.



Matthew Strand
North Gwinnett



PEACHTREE RIDGE LIONS

Head Coach (s): Nick Hogan

Assistant Coach (s): Tyler Collins, Shawn Pittman, Jim Hunter, Mitchell Krystopa, Josh Joiner

2020 Record: 9-6

Returning Starters: LHP Adam Jones (Sr., 6-0, 155, L/L); RHP Matthew Goolsby (Sr., 6-1, 165, R/R); C Rand Bestermann (Jr., 6-4, 185, R/R); OF/RHP Matthew Hoskins (Jr., 6-3, 190, R/R); SS Anthony Vega (So., 5-9, 145, R/R); C Ashton Bridwell (So., 5-11, 165, R/R); INF Nick Best (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Jacob Brown (Sr., 5-11, 155, R/R); RHP Zach Cox (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Xavier Ondre (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Lions welcome back seven returning starters and some quality depth in the pitching rotation. Senior left-hander Adam Jones and right-hander Matthew Goolsby anchor what could be a strong unit. Outfielder/pitcher Matthew Hoskins showed a lot of promise as a sophomore last year. He returns to spark the team.





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Buford



Peyton Cariaco
Infielder • Senior
Pope



Brodie Chestnutt
Pitcher • Senior
Houston County



Colton Cospier
Pitcher • Senior
Carrollton



Riley Frost
Infielder • Senior
Pope



Gage Harrelson
Outfielder • Junior
Houston County



Brady House
Infielder • Senior
Winder-Barrow



Treyson Hughes
Outfielder • Senior
Houston County



TJ Kloiber
Infielder • Junior
Johns Creek



Lleyton Lackey
Outfielder • Junior
Evans



Dylan Lesko
Pitcher • Junior
Buford



Bear Madliak
Catcher • Senior
Carrollton



Logan McGuire
Pitcher • Senior
Allatoona



Treyton Rank
Utility • Senior
Buford



Eli Runyan
Outfielder • Senior
Carrollton



Samuel Simpson
Pitcher • Senior
Carrollton



Riley Stanford
Pitcher • Junior
Buford



James Tibbs
Outfielder • Senior
Pope



Coleman Willis
Pitcher • Senior
Houston County



Parker Willis
Designated Hitter • Senior
Carrollton

Georgia Preseason All-State Team

Class 6A - Second Team



Drew Burress
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Houston County



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Pitcher • Senior
Creekview



Andrew Dunford
Infielder • Sophomore
Houston County



Caleb Ellard
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Leighton Finley
Infielder • Junior
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Class 6A Top 15

1 BUFORD

Here's a quick trivia question. Who has the nation's top prospect for the Class of 2022 and three major Division I signees on its baseball team? If you guessed the Buford Wolves, you would be correct.

There may not be a team in the state this year with more talent than Buford. Right-hander Dylan Lesko, the country's top junior prospect, headlines a strong pitching rotation that includes right-handers Riley Stanford and Florida State signee Treyton Rank. And the Wolves have more proven arms waiting for their chance to shine.

Offensively, the Wolves got richer in the offseason when former Brookwood standout Brant Baughcum, former Thomasville High School all-state catcher Nathan Smith and Nebraska signee Jackson Brockett transferred to the school. To put it in simple terms, this program is loaded and will not only be one of the top programs in Georgia but in the nation as well.

2 HOUSTON COUNTY

It might be hard to top the 2016 Houston County pitching trio of Tony Locey, DL Hall and Tanner Hall that helped the Bears win their last state title. But this year's pitching rotation could be similar with Division I signees Coleman Willis and Brodie Chestnutt leading a rotation that also will include Trent Ringer, Treyson Hughes, Gage Harrelson and Andrew Dunford.

While the senior class is impressive, look for some underclassmen to help play major roles. Harrelson is committed to Texas Tech, while sophomores Andrew Dunford and Drew Burress are ready to shine. This program should be among the top ones for many years to come.

3 CARROLLTON

The Trojans were 13-0 before last season ended. Carrollton will have its best team since winning a state championship in 2014. Pitching will be the backbone with all-state performer Colton Cospers as well as Eli Runyan and Samuel Simpson leading the way. But the Trojans won't just be a pitching machine. They have an offense as good as advertised with catcher Bear Madliak and Parker Willis returning.

4 ALLATOONA

The Buccaneers have more pitching than some small colleges which will make them tough to beat in a three-game series. Right-hander Logan McGuire and lefties Fisher and Hunter Paulsen anchor a talented and deep rotation. The offense also has the ability to put up some big numbers.

5 POPE

The Greyhounds don't have a 1-2 pitching punch to shut down the opponents this year – at least not yet. But Pope has plenty of talent to make another run at a championship.

6 WINDER-BARROW

One thing is for sure – Winder-Barrow should be a fun team to watch in 2021. They return one of the nation's top prospects in shortstop/pitcher Brady House and twins Andrew and Andreaus Lewis. The Bulldogs have flirted with deep playoff runs recently. This spring will be time for them to put it together.

7 RIVER RIDGE

After a couple of rebuilding seasons, River Ridge is back. The offense will keep the Knights in the hunt until their pitching staff matures.

8 KENNESAW MOUNTAIN

The Mustangs will be a dangerous team once all their young talent matures. Kennesaw Mountain won't be a team to be taken lightly.

9 DALTON

The Catamounts won't be flying under the radar this spring. Dalton has plenty of young talent that will help them return to the top after a few rebuilding seasons recently.

10 JOHNS CREEK

Last year was Johns Creek's year before the shutdown. They won't be as experienced, but they are talented. The Gladiators could be dangerous.

11 GLYNN ACADEMY

The Red Terrors were 12-2 last year before the season was interrupted. Just about all of that talent returns – a year older and maturer.

12 RICHMOND HILL

The Wildcats could be the sleeper in Class 6A. Richmond Hill returns enough pitching and offense to be lethal. And the scary part is that they are still a very young team.

13 EAST PAULDING

The Raiders lost standout pitcher Jackson Phipps to graduation, but East Paulding will be back in the hunt – and be a tough team to beat.

14 LEE COUNTY

The young Trojans have a lot of talent returning and will be there at the end. Keep an eye on them.

15 VALDOSTA

After a rebuild in 2020, the Wildcats will be back, especially with a senior class that will be led by Elijah Williams, Lamonte Lindon and Cooper Samples.

Others to watch: (Alphabetical Order) Cambridge, Creekview, Evans, Kennesaw Mountain, South Effingham, Statesboro, Westlake

REGION 1-6A

Region Favorite: Houston County

Players to Watch

OF – Luke Addison, Jr., Lee County; **3B/OF** – Drew Burress, So., Houston County; **LHP** – Chandler Cannon, Sr., Lee County; **RHP** – Brodie Chestnutt, Sr., Houston County; **1B/RHP** – Andrew Dunford, So., Houston County; **LHP/1B** – Elijah Guilliams, Sr., Valdosta; **OF/LHP** – Gage Harrelson, Jr., Houston County; **OF** – Treyson Hughes, Sr., Houston County; **OF** – EJ Lewis, Sr., Houston County; **1B/C** – Lamonte Lindon, Sr., Valdosta; **RHP/INF** – Smith Pinson, Sr., Lee County; **C/RHP** – Cooper Samples, Sr., Valdosta; **RHP/INF/OF** – Levi Walker, Sr., Northside-Warner Robins; **RHP/1B** – Coleman Willis, Sr., Houston County

6-3, 175, L/R); **OF** EJ Lewis (Sr., 5-9, 160, L/L); **OF/LHP** Gage Harrelson (Jr., 6-3, 175, L/L); **1B/RHP** Andrew Dunford (So., 6-7, 210, R/R); **3B/OF** Drew Burress (So., 5-9, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: **2B/C** Christian Davis (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); **C** Garrett Hortman (Jr., 6-2, 170, R/R); **RHP/1B** Eli Sikes (Sr., 6-5, 245, R/R); **3B** Chase Waters (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); **OF** Chris Le (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); **OF/RHP** Nathan Brown (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); **LHP** Carson McFadden (Sr., 5-9, 160, L/L)

Top Newcomers: **OF/2B** Elijah Smith (So., 5-9, 160, R/R); **C/INF** Hunter Chiapetta (So., 5-9, 160, R/R); **INF** Kaden Galson (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: It's hard to imagine this Houston County team having as much talent as the 2020 team did. But the 2021 version could be even better. Eight starters are back, including senior pitching duo of Coleman Willis and Brodie Chestnutt. The underclassmen are also talented, including Texas Tech commit Gage Harrelson and sophomore standout Andrew Dunford.



Trent Ringer
Houston County

CLASS 6A

HOUSTON COUNTY BEARS

Head Coach (s): Matt Hopkins

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

2020 Record: 6-6

Returning Starters: **RHP/1B** Coleman Willis (Sr., 6-7, 205, L/R); **RHP/1B** Brodie Chestnutt (Sr., 6-5, 220, R/R); **RHP/INF** Trent Ringer (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); **OF/RHP** Treyson Hughes (Sr.,



EJ Lewis
Houston County

LEE COUNTY TROJANS

Head Coach (s): Brian Trivette

Assistant Coach (s): Kyle Keen, Matt Suggs

2020 Record: 13-1

Returning Starters: **RHP/INF** Smith Pinson (Sr., 6-5, 215, L/R); **RHP/OF** Cooper Ray (Sr., 6-0, 195, R/R); **LHP** Chandler Cannon (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/L); **RHP/INF** Drew Dixon (Sr., L/R); **OF** Kaden Wilson (Sr., R/R); **1B** Jeff Bryan (Sr., R/R); **OF**



Chandler Cannon
Lee County

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Luke Addison (Jr., 6-0, 180); INF Cameron Paul (Jr., 5-10, 160); INF/C Luke Powell (Jr., 5-9, 170)

Season Outlook: Lee County lost a good bit of talent to graduation from last year, but the Trojans return a wealth of talent as usual. Lee has enough pitching depth to contend for the region title as right-handers Smith Pinson, Cooper Ray, Drew Dixon and left-hander Chandler Cannon all return.



Smith Pinson
Lee County



Cooper Ray
Lee County



Kaden Wilson
Lee County

Smith (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); LHP William Richards (Sr., 6-3, 130, L/L); SS/RHP Riley Woods (So., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers:

LHP/1B Isaiah Haygood (Fr., 5-8, 165, L/L); OF Sawyer Lehman (Jr., 6-0, 155, R/R); 2B/3B Thomas Propst (So., 5-11, 140, R/R); RHP/3B Cohen Smith (So., 5-11, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: The 2020 season was supposed to be a rebuilding season at Valdosta. Look for the Wildcats to be much better in 2021. Eight starters are back, including standout hitter Elijah Guiliams and Lamonte Lindon. Catcher/pitcher Cooper Samples is back behind the plate, but he may be Valdosta's top pitcher as well.



Lamonte Lindon
Valdosta



Cooper Samples
Valdosta

NORTHSIDE-WARNER ROBINS EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Dyron Adams (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Zach Coatney, Chris Lamb, Tanner Smith, Devonte Butler

2020 Record: 8-2

Returning Starters: RHP/INF/OF Levi Walker (Sr., 5-6, 140, R/R); OF Doug Sapp (Sr., 6-2, 165, R/R); 1B Hunter Johnson (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C Dylan Herlong (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); SS Brayden Smith (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP Drew Rice (So., 6-2, 190, R/R); RHP/OF Dylan Fransioli (Sr., 6-0, 155, R/R); RHP Andrew Heinisch (Sr., 5-11, 145, R/R); RHP Ryan Day (Jr., 5-11, 155, R/R);

Season Outlook: Longtime assistant Dyron Adams takes over and inherits a young but talented group of players. The good news is that three senior starters – pitcher/infielder/outfielder Levi Walker, outfielder Doug Sapp and first baseman Hunter Johnson – are back to lead the team. Some younger players will have to step forward and contribute.

VALDOSTA WILDCATS

Head Coach (s): Brad Porter

Assistant Coach (s): Jonathan Oliver, Bryan McLain, Keith McConnehead, Chad Smith, Adam Speas

2020 Record: 6-7

Returning Starters: LHP/1B Elijah Guiliams (Sr., 6-1, 175, L/L); 1B/C Lamonte Lindon (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R); C/RHP Cooper Samples (Sr., 5-8, 165, R/R); INF Eli Batts (Jr., 6-2, 180, L/R); 2B/OF Jordan Caraway (Jr., 5-9, 145, R/R); OF James Gatlin (Jr., 5-7, 135, L/L); OF/3B EJ Miley (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); SS/2B/RHP Cole Porter (Jr., 5-10, 140, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Will Collier (Jr., 6-3, 280, R/R); OF Jykel Davis (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); 3B/RHP DD Donaldson (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); C/OF Nyk Emerson (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF/RHP Max Newbern (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP Tyson Parker (Sr., 5-9, 145, R/R); SS/RHP JD



Elijah Guiliams
Valdosta

REGION 2-6A

Region Favorite: Glynn Academy

Players to Watch

OF/RHP – Luke Boone, Jr., Richmond Hill; **OF/RHP** – Evan Cowan, Jr., Richmond Hill; **OF** – Ty Devlin, So., Glynn Academy; **3B/RHP** – Nick Duke, Sr., South Effingham; **SS/RHP** – Leighton Finley, Jr., Richmond Hill; **U** – Devonte Gadson, Sr., Brunswick; **OF/RHP** – Kaleb Johnson, So., South Effingham; **C/1B/OF** – JD Kaiser, Sr., Statesboro; **LHP/OF** – John Wise Long, Jr., Glynn Academy; **1B/RHP** – Nick Milbrandt, Jr., South Effingham; **LHP/OF** – Thomas Ponder, Jr., Statesboro; **C** – Payton Taylor, Sr., Richmond Hill; **LHP** – Isaiah Wellman, Sr., Brunswick; **LHP/OF** – Blake Wood, Sr., Glynn Academy; **RHP/C/OF** – Landon Yates, So., Statesboro



BRADWELL INSTITUTE TIGERS

Head Coach (s): Rhett Helgren
Survey not returned



BRUNSWICK PIRATES

Head Coach (s): Greg Roberts (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Grayson Yeomans, Andy Bonifay, Josh Smith, Kyle Bilousz, Trey McGee, Bert Rahn

2020 Record: 5-8

Returning Starters: LHP Isaiah Wellman (Sr., R/L); U Devonte Gadson (Sr., R/R); OF Nick Goff (Jr., R/R); C/RHP Skiles Tawney (Sr., R/R); RHP/3B Chamberlain Dent (Jr., R/R); SS/RHP Kyle Lodise (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Trent Wilson (Sr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Former Frederica Academy and Glynn Academy coach Greg Roberts takes over at Brunswick and inherits six returning starters. The team will be young, but a pair of seniors – pitcher Isaiah Wellman and utility player Devonte Gadson – return to lead the way.


**EFFINGHAM COUNTY
REBELS**

Head Coach (s): Chris Johnson
Survey not returned


**GLYNN ACADEMY
RED TERRORS**

Head Coach (s): Trent Mongero

Assistant Coach (s):

Ted Wallen, Jake Sandlin, John Welborn, Jason Smith

2020 Record: 12-2

Returning Starters:

LHP/OF Blake Wood (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/L); OF Caden Hutchinson (Sr., 5-6, 180, R/R); LHP/1B Brady Davis (Sr., 5-8,

160, L/L); SS/INF Joe Cutia (Sr., 6-1, 195, R/R); LHP/OF John Wise Long (Jr., 6-0, 165, L/L); INF Hank Noonan (So., 5-11, 195, R/R); RHP Shaun Munoz (Sr., 6-1, 200, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Kam Smith (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF Cam Gee (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); C Jackson Buffington (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF Drew Devlin (Sr., 5-9, 150, L/R); RHP Grant Wolfe (Sr., 5-11, 205, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Ty Devlin (So., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP/3B/1B Tom Echols (Jr., 6-4, 200, R/R); INF Jacob Mancil (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); LHP/1B/OF Spence Hartman (Jr., 6-0, 175, L/L); RHP/INF Jack Anderson (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: Glynn Academy should have a chance to pick up from where they left off last season before the coronavirus pandemic shut down



Ty Devlin
Glynn Academy



John Wise Long
Glynn Academy


**RICHMOND HILL
WILDCATS**

Head Coach (s): Scott Strickland

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

2020 Record: 8-6

Returning Starters: C Payton Taylor (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); U Mitch Cowan (Sr., 6-0, 165, L/R); U Luke Brooks (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); OF Christian Boggs (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); SS/RHP Leighton Finley (Jr., 6-4, 200, R/R); OF/RHP Luke Boone (Jr., 6-3, 185, R/R); OF/RHP Evan Cowan (Jr., 6-1, 170, L/R); INF Ethan Fuller (Jr., 5-7, 165, R/R); 1B Connor Tate (Sr., 6-2, 215, R/R); C/1B Kaden Dalal (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R); OF/RHP Ryan Wiebold (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Other Returning

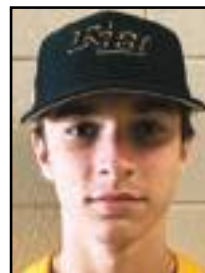
Players: OF Jason Padgett (Sr., 5-8, 170, R/R); LHP Anthony Allen (Sr., 6-1, 170, L/L)

Top Newcomers: OF/

RHP Jalen Varnadoe (Jr., 6-2, 155, R/R); RHP/OF Connor Truax (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R); U/RHP Blayne Newman (So., 6-2, 165, R/R); RHP/U Hunter Legas (So., 5-10, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Alex Harwood (Fr., 6-2, 160, R/R)



Luke Boone
Richmond Hill



Evan Cowan
Richmond Hill



Payton Taylor
Richmond Hill

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Season Outlook: Richmond Hill returns an excellent group of players and should be in the thick of the region title hunt. If the Wildcats can be consistent on offense, they have enough pitching to carry the load as Leighton Finley, Luke Boone and Evan Cowan return.

SOUTH EFFINGHAM MUSTANGS

Head Coach (s): Todd Eubanks

Assistant Coach (s):

Jesse Osborne, Jason Shiell, Taylor Burke, Jerry Hand, Chayton Todd

2020 Record: 10-3

Returning Starters: OF

Shane Chapman (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R); 2B Philip Cooper (Sr., 5-8, 155, R/R); 3B/RHP Nick Duke (Sr., 6-3, 160, R/R); 1B/RHP Nick Milbrandt (Jr., 6-2, 240, R/R); OF Jacob Tuten (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Hunter Walthour (Jr., 6-2, 150, R/R); OF/RHP Kaleb Johnson (So., 5-9, 150, R/R); C Aaron Benton (So., 5-9, 150, R/R); 1B/RHP Zach Zarbo (So., 6-0, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Ryan Dickey (Sr., 5-11, 150, R/R); OF/C Lincoln Fields (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); 3B Jonah Seeley (Sr., 6-0, 270, R/R); OF Hayden Barnes (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); 1B/RHP Peyton Beasley (Jr., 6-1, 225, R/R); RHP Brantley Griggs (Jr., 6-1, 215, R/R); SS/RHP Carson Spendiff (Jr., 6-1, 165, R/R); 3B Zack Wert (Jr., 5-11, 150, R/R); C/2B Dawson Williams (Jr., 5-11, 150, R/R); OF/RHP Maddox Shiell (So., 5-11, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: SS/RHP Noah Hollis (Jr., 6-2, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Mustangs move up a classification, but they should be just fine, especially with their entire starting lineup returning and the bulk of their pitching rotation back. Senior Nick Duke returns as well as junior Nick Milbrandt and sophomore Kaleb Johnson. Keep an eye on this program.



Philip Cooper
South Effingham



Nick Duke
South Effingham



Kaleb Johnson
South Effingham



Nick Milbrandt
South Effingham

STATESBORO BLUE DEVILS

Head Coach (s): Chris Bishop (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Matthew Meeks, Buddy Deal

2020 Record: 9-5

Returning Starters: C/1B/OF JD Kaiser (Sr., 6-0, 215, L/R); SS Ames Rackleff (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Will Yawn (Sr., 5-6, 160, R/R); 1B/LHP Dake Williams (Sr., 6-0, 220, L/L); U Hunter Saussy (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); LHP/OF Thomas Ponder (Jr., 6-0, 175, L/L); RHP/C/OF Landon Yates (So., 5-11, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Jordan Lee (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP/INF Mason Hudgens (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF Darius Hill (Sr., 5-10, 160,



JD Kaiser
Statesboro

R/R); INF/RHP Grae Haralson (Jr., 5-8, 150, R/R); INF Landon Collins (Jr., 5-9, 145, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Mason Johns (So., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: New coach Chris Bishop returns to Statesboro after a near-decade hiatus. He inherits seven returning starters, including catcher/first baseman JD Kaiser and junior pitcher Thomas Ponder. The Blue Devils have a solid senior class returning. Keep an eye on sophomore Landon Yates who flashed a lot of potential last year.

REGION 3-6A

Region Favorite: Evans

Players to Watch

OF/LHP – Riley Akins, Jr., Evans; **OF** – Shawn Bailey, Sr., Rockdale County; **INF/RHP** – Cole Corcoran, Sr., Lakeside-Evans; **3B/RHP** – Raquis Holmes, Sr., Alcovy; **CF/LHP** – Lleyton Lackey, Jr., Evans; **LHP/1B/OF** – Reece Payne, Fr., Alcovy; **OF/RHP** – Isaiah Rainge, Sr., Grovetown; **SS/2B/RHP** – Tyler Reynolds, Sr., Lakeside-Evans; **RHP/INF** – Colby Schachtner, Jr., Grovetown; **RHP** – Jackson Thompson, Sr., Grovetown; **INF/RHP** – Lamar Williams, Sr., Alcovy; **INF/RHP** – Gavin Wright, Jr., Lakeside-Evans



ALCOVY TIGERS

Head Coach (s): Jimmy Hughes

Assistant Coach (s): Mike Campbell, Jimmy Bruno, Tyler Sands, Kyle Skipper

2020 Record: 5-6

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Lamar Williams (Sr., 6-0, 155, R/R); 3B/RHP Raquis Holmes (Sr., 5-11, 230, R/R); OF/RHP Jayden Bishop (Sr., 6-0, 150, R/R); U Mehki Phelps (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); U Cameron Bonnett (Jr., 5-9, 145, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Andrew Gutierrez (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); 3B/RHP Connor Coursey (Jr., 5-8, 190, R/R); 2B/OF Jalen Davis (Jr., 5-10, 150, L/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP/OF/1B Reece Payne (Fr., 5-10, 155, L/L); 3B/1B/C/RHP CJ Paul (So., 5-11, 180, R/R); 3B/1B/RHP Rodgis Ponder (So., 5-8, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: An excellent senior class will help Alcovy contend for a postseason berth in 2021. Five starters are back, including a trio of seniors. Infielder/pitcher Lamar Williams and third baseman/pitcher Raquis Holmes are back. Pitching depth is a concern.



EVANS KNIGHTS

Head Coach (s): Ricky Beale

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

2020 Record: 5-8

Returning Starters: CF/LHP Lleyton Lackey (Jr., B/L); OF/LHP Riley Akins (Jr., R/L); C/RHP Reid Akins (Jr., R/R); 3B Joshua Melton (Sr., R/R); OF Landynn Biggs (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Devan



Riley Akins
Evans

Brown (Jr., R/R); SS/2B Cooper Serigney (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: 2B/RHP Nic Troia (Jr., R/R); C Matthew Roa (Jr., L/R); 1B Lane Tyler (Sr., R/R); OF/LHP Evan Krauss (Jr., L/L); OF/RHP Kaleb Jackson (Jr., R/R); 1B/OF/LHP Brandon Kromka (Jr., L/L); 3B/RHP Ty McClintock (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: If the Knights can establish some pitching depth, they could be one of the teams to beat in Region 3-6A this year. Seven starters are back, including a pair of seniors in outfielder Landynn Biggs and third baseman Joshua Melton. Look for big things from outfielder/pitcher Lleyton Lackey and left-handed pitcher Riley Akins.



GROVETOWN WARRIORS

Head Coach (s): Travis Lee

Assistant Coach (s): Rodney Holder, Sam Joiner, Will Emadi, Kyle Cartledge

2020 Record: 9-1

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Isaiah Rainge (Sr., R/R); INF Dixon Evans (Sr., R/R); RHP Jackson Thompson (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF Colby Schachtner (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP Nick Eckert (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF George Whitley (Sr., R/R); OF Hunter Thomason (Sr., R/R); 1B TJ Holder (Sr., R/R); C Brock Borum (Sr., R/R); OF Jalen Collier (Sr., L/R)

Season Outlook: The Warriors will look to pick up from they left off last year. Five starters and an excellent group of seniors led by outfielder Isaiah Rainge are back. Pitching should be solid as Jackson Thompson, Colby Schachtner and Rainge return.



HERITAGE-CONYERS PATRIOTS

Head Coach (s): Mike Marra (new)

Survey not returned



LAKESIDE-EVANS PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): T.J. Davis

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

2020 Record: 6-3

Returning Starters: SS/2B/RHP Tyler Reynolds (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Cole Corcoran (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Gavin Wright (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); 1B Donovan Dykstra (Sr., 6-2, 190, L/R); C Christian Carter (So., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/RHP Brandon Buderacki (Sr., 6-3, 165, L/R); 3B/OF Jack Mathews (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R); OF/RHP Ian Williams

(Sr., 6-4, 170, R/R); OF Nate Corcoran (Sr., 6-0, 150, R/R); RHP/3B Jack Ratley (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R); OF/RHP Michael Bates (Jr., 6-0, 180, L/R); 2B/RHP Dane Dykstra (Jr., 5-10, 135, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 2B/SS Harrison Booker (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: Lakeside welcomes back four returning starters and should contend for the playoffs this spring. The Panthers have a trio of returning pitchers in Tyler Reynolds, Cole Corcoran and Gavin Wright. First baseman Donovan Dykstra also returns.



ROCKDALE COUNTY BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Thomas Briscoe

Assistant Coach (s): Ricky Bailey, Dana Campbell, Chris Crosby

2020 Record: 1-9

Returning Starters: OF Shawn Bailey (Sr., 5-6, 170, L/L); C/INF Kellen Walker (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); 3B Kolin Robertson (Jr., 6-2, 210, R/R); 2B/RHP Josiah Hunt (So., 5-11, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/OF Hezekiah Paige (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/L); OF Keaton Sanders (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R); 2B/OF Lewis Turner (Jr., 5-7, 180, R/R); 2B/OF Stephen Johnson (Jr., 6-3, 170, R/R); SS/RHP Jordan Jackson (So., 5-9, 140, R/R); C/RHP Zach Alonzo (So., 5-8, 160, R/R); SS/RHP Ian Harris (So., 5-6, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/RHP DeShaun Strane (Fr., 5-9, 170, L/R); C Larry Brown (So., 5-9, 170, R/R); SS Kenny Raggs (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Bulldogs begin their second season under Coach Thomas Briscoe and welcome back four returning starters. Rockdale County will be a team full of underclassmen. One of the four returning starters is senior outfielder Shawn Bailey, who gives the team a solid player to build around.

REGION 4-6A

Region Favorite: Westlake

Players to Watch

2B/RHP – Jaden Browning, Sr., Langston Hughes; **3B/OF/RHP** – Daniel Davis, Sr., Langston Hughes; **1B** – Chase DeLoach, Sr., North Atlanta; **OF** – Isaiah Drake, So., Westlake; **3B** – Charlie Ferguson, Sr., North Atlanta; **INF** – Christopher Foster, Sr., Morrow; **RHP/INF** – Joseph Garcia, Sr., Lakeside-DeKalb; **RHP/OF** – Noah Grayson, Jr., Tucker; **P/INF** – Eli Launder, Sr., Morrow; **3B/OF** – Jaylon Lucky, Jr., Westlake; **RHP/OF/INF** – Barry Manning, Jr., Tucker; **C** – Shane Nelson, Sr., North Atlanta; **INF/P** – Craig Randolph, Sr., Morrow; **OF** – Demarcus Sanders, Sr., Morrow; **OF** – Joseph Tolbert, Sr., Lakeside-DeKalb; **C** – Zaylan Washington, Sr., Lakeside-DeKalb; **SS/2B/RHP** – Kelcey White, Jr., Westlake



LANGSTON HUGHES PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): Charles Foster

Survey not returned



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LAKESIDE-DEKALB VIKINGS

Head Coach (s): Brian Granger

Assistant Coach (s): Andrew Parkin

2020 Record: 6-3

Returning Starters: C Zaylan Washington (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); RHP/INF Joseph Garcia (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); OF Joseph Tolbert (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); OF Lucas Uyeda (Jr., 6-0, 165, L/L); RHP/3B Will Tansill (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); INF Malachi Cloud (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/INF Reese Walden (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Jackson Hamiton (Sr., 6-1, 145, L/R); RHP/OF Jackson Parris (Sr., 6-1, 165, R/R); RHP/1B Sam Murphy (Sr., 6-3, 165, R/R); RHP/1B Will Thomas (Sr., 6-1, 160, R/R); OF Isaac Terrell (Jr., 6-1, 175, L/L)

Top Newcomers: RHP Bradley Towner (So., R/R); RHP/1B Devin Bourgeois (Jr., R/R); INF Devon Moyer (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: Lakeside drops back a classification to Class 6A. They will be contenders for the postseason this spring. Seven starters are back, including catcher Zaylan Washington and pitcher Joseph Garcia. The Vikings have enough talent to contend for the region title.



LOVEJOY WILDCATS

Head Coach (s): Willie Reese (new)

Survey not returned



MORROW MUSTANGS

Head Coach (s): Kareem Hayes

Assistant Coach (s): Travis Edwards, Brian Gary, Kawan James

2020 Record: 2-6

Returning Starters: INF/P Craig Randolph (Sr.); P/INF Eli Launder (Sr.); OF Demarcus Sanders (Sr.); INF Christopher Foster (Sr.) INF/P Kawan James (Jr.); P/C/INF Torian Bunkley (Jr.)

Other Returning Players: P/INF Matthew Davis (Jr.); INF/P Jonathan Dupree (Sr.); OF/P Bryce Cavazos (Sr.); INF/P Jaylin Glass (Sr.); OF/P Jonathan Hillie (Sr.); INF Tyrell Hall (Sr.); OF Tijon Galloway (Sr.)

Season Outlook: Morrow could be tough this spring with the return of six starters, including an excellent group of seniors. Pitching could be the strength as four of the team's returning starters – Craig Randolph, Eli Launder, Kawan James and Torian Bunkley – return on the mound.



NORTH ATLANTA WARRIORS

Head Coach (s): Ricky Plante

Assistant Coach (s): Greg Hendrix, Will Leonard

2020 Record: 3-7

Returning Starters: C Shane Nelson (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R); 1B Chase DeLoach (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R); 3B Charlie Ferguson (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP Gunnar Plante (So., 6-5, 170); RHP John Gibson (So., 6-2, 190); LHP Jacob Leroux (So., 5-10, 160); RHP Mark O'Meara (Sr., 5-7, 145); RHP/3B Colin Hanley (Sr., 5-10, 190); RHP Keller Nilan (Sr., 6-5, 175)

Top Newcomers: SS Zeke Kimbrell (So., 5-10, 140, R/R); U Zach Turner (Jr., 5-10, 215, R/R); RHP Sims Delong (So., 6-0, 150); LHP Simon Vaughn (Sr., 5-11, 160); U Walker Barron (So., 5-9, 145)

Season Outlook: The Warriors will be young this season, but don't sleep on them. Three starters are back, including senior catcher Shane Nelson. Keep an eye on a talented group of underclassmen who will step forward and contribute. They just need to mature and develop.



TUCKER TIGERS

Head Coach (s): Bobby Link (new)

Survey not returned



WESTLAKE LIONS

Head Coach (s): Kelcey White, Sr.

Assistant Coach (s): Matthew Van Dusen, Gerald Martin, George Thommason

2020 Record: 8-3

Returning Starters: RHP/OF Kodi Austin (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R); RHP/OF Adam Henry (Sr., 5-7, 165, R/R); RHP/INF Kendall Clark (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R); C Troy Esterling (Sr., 5-10, 215, R/R); SS/2B/RHP Kelcey White, Jr. (Jr., 5-10, 150, B/R); OF Brian Hardaway (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); 3B/OF Jaylon Lucky (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); OF Isaiah Drake (So., 5-10, 165, L/R); INF/RHP Jayden Reid (So., 5-10, 140, R/R); LHP/OF/1B Khamari Bush (So., 5-11, 165, L/L)

Other Returning

Players: C Nate Leverette (So., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP Kamau Freeman (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF

Devon Lee (So., 5-7, 140, B/R); C/OF Travarez

Thomas (So., 5-8, 145, R/R); RHP Miles Barnett (So., 5-11, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: Westlake drops a classification after having success in Class 7A. The Lions welcome back 10 returners, including a strong crop of underclassmen. Outfielder Isaiah Drake and infielders Kelcey White, Jr. and Jaylon Lucky are players to keep an eye on.



Isaiah Drake
Westlake



Brian Hardaway
Westlake



Adam Henry
Westlake



Jaylon Lucky
Westlake



Kelcey White, Jr.
Westlake



REGION 5-6A

Region Favorite: Carrollton

Players to Watch

INF/P – Haidyn Abley, Sr., Douglas County; **RHP/1B** – Cole Brewer, Jr., South Paulding; **LHP/RF** – Colton Cosper, Sr., Carrollton; **OF/RHP** – Caleb Ellard, Sr., Rome; **RHP** – Justin England, Sr., South Paulding; **1B** – Ryan Henry, Sr., Alexander; **C/OF** – Matt Lake, Sr., Alexander; **C** – Bear Madliak, Sr., Carrollton; **LHP/OF** – Cole McDaniel, Sr., East Paulding; **INF/RHP** – Tyler Neises, So., Dalton; **1B** – Caleb Nix, Jr., Dalton; **RHP/U** – Brady Pendley, Jr., Dalton; **SS/RHP** – Trent Reddick, Sr., East Paulding; **LHP/CF** – Eli Runyan, Sr., Carrollton; **RHP/3B** – Samuel Simpson, Sr., Carrollton; **OF/1B** – Kaleb Valdez, Sr., Dalton; **INF/P** – Kyle Vanderweit, Jr., Douglas County; **C/RHP** – Jonathan Vigoa, Jr., Rome; **SS** – Parker Willis, Sr., Carrollton; **C/3B** – Kam Young, Sr., South Paulding

A ALEXANDER COUGARS

Head Coach (s): Zach Romain

Assistant Coach (s): Luis Lowe, Layne Grantham, Wayne Allen, Matt Pierce, Dalton Acord

2020 Record: 7-4

Returning Starters: OF/C Matt Lake (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); 1B Ryan Henry (Sr., 6-3, 220, R/R); 3B/C Marcus Leffall, Jr. (Sr., 5-10, 215, R/R); C Justin Williams (Jr., 6-2, 235, L/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/3B Kason Webb (Sr., 5-10, 215, R/R); RHP/OF Will Westbrook (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/1B Cody Gilbert (Jr., 5-10, 215, L/R); SS Breydon Divine (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); 3B/P Kole Orshoski (So., 6-2, 180, B/R); 3B/1B Michael Oslacky (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Trent Foster (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); 2B Grayson Rainwater (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Cougars lost a lot from last season and will be somewhat rebuilding this spring. But Alexander shouldn't be taken lightly. Four starters are back, including catcher/outfielder Matt Lake and first baseman Ryan Henry. The lack of experienced pitching is a concern.

CARROLLTON TROJANS

Head Coach: Scott Johnson

Assistant Coach (s): Adam Bright, Scott Edwards, Jonah Holliday, Jake Richardson, Andrew Turner

2020 Record: 13-0

Returning Starters: RHP/3B Samuel Simpson (Sr., 6-3, 175, R/R); C Bear Madliak (Sr., 5-11, 190, R/R); LHP/CF Eli Runyan (Sr., 5-10, 160, B/L); LHP/



Cade Cosper
Carrollton



Chaz Hickman
Carrollton

RF Colton Cosper (Sr., 6-1, 175, L/L); SS Parker Willis (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); LF Tucker Sullivan (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/L); 1B Chael Sullivan (Sr., 6-2, 180, L/R); RHP Connor Herriott (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); RHP/INF/OF Chaz Hickman (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); RHP/INF/OF Ace Williamson (Jr., 6-1, 160, L/R)



Chael Sullivan
Carrollton



Tucker Sullivan
Carrollton

Other Returning Players: OF Levi Britton (Sr., 5-11, 170, L/L); LHP Jacob Hubbard (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/L); OF Sebastian Mason (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); C Mason Tribble (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Cade Cosper (So., 6-0, 150, R/R); RHP/1B Riley Anderson (Jr., 5-11, 220, R/R); INF/OF Jackson Edwards (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); RHP Turner Fricks (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF/1B Cam McLendon (Jr., 6-0, 200, R/R); C/U Cole Carter (Jr., 5-8, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Trojans will be a dangerous team despite moving up a classification this year. The senior class is strong. A wealth of talent returns, including top pitchers Colton Cosper, Eli Runyan and Samuel Simpson. The trio will lead one of the state's top rotations. Meanwhile, standout catcher Bear Madliak and shortstop Parker Willis are back to lead the offense.



Ace Williamson
Carrollton

D DALTON CATAMOUNTS

Head Coach (s): Rhett Parrott

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

2020 Record: 7-6

Returning Starters: OF/1B Kaleb Valdez (Sr., L/L); 1B/RHP Caleb Nix (Jr., R/R); RHP/U Brady Pendley (Jr., R/R); RHP/OF Parker Eicholtz (Jr., R/R); C Brock Johnson (Jr., R/R); RHP/U Orlando Santiago (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP Tyler Neises (So., L/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/INF Tyson Neil (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP AJ Hernandez (Sr., R/R); RHP/OF Franklin Almonte (Sr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Look for the Catamounts to be back in the postseason chase as seven returning starters are back to lead the team. Dalton, however, is still a young team. Senior outfielder/first baseman Kaleb Valdez is back as well as shortstop Tyler Neises and first baseman Caleb Nix. Right-hander Brady Pendley returns to lead a solid pitching rotation.

DOUGLAS COUNTY TIGERS

Head Coach (s): John Farmer

Assistant Coach (s): Brad Kluttz, Shawn Meade, Eric Bryant

2020 Record: 4-3

Returning Starters: P/OF Thomas Woodcum (Sr.); INF Layton Fortney (Jr.); INF Myles Corderro (Jr.); OF/P Khari Hartman (So.); INF/P Kyle Vanderweit (Jr.); INF/P Haidyn Abley (Sr.)

Other Returning Players: C/INF Connor Robb (So.); OF/P TJ Stewart (So.)

Top Newcomers: C/INF/P Tre Relliford (Fr.); INF/P Nathaniel

Kirkendoll (So.); INF/DH Maverick Hummill (So.); INF/P Ryan Robinson (So.)

Season Outlook: The Tigers welcome back a good mixture of talent and experience. Six starters are back, including senior infielder/pitcher Haidyn Abley and infielder/pitcher Kyle Vanderweit. Douglas County has some key positions to fill, but keep an eye on a solid corps of sophomores and freshmen who should contribute.



EAST PAULDING RAIDERS

Head Coach: Tony Boyd

Assistant Coach (s): Zack Kilday, Andrew Deaton

2020 Record: 9-4

Returning Starters: LHP/OF Cole McDaniel (Sr., 6-4, 180, L/L); SS/RHP Trent Reddick (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); OF/INF Dylan Lanier (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); RHP Tyler Camp (Sr., 6-2, 145, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Davis Frachiseur (Sr., 5-11, 185, L/L); OF Trace Davis (Jr., 5-8, 150, R/R); RHP/OF/C Peyton Gentry (Jr., 5-11, 150, R/R); 3B/RHP Jake Toler (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Corey Berry (Jr., 6-0, 150, L/R); 3B/1B/LHP Kaden Garner (Jr., 6-0, 200, R/L); OF Deven Haywood (Jr., 6-1, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Raiders lost some top talent to graduation, but the cupboard is not bare by any means. Four senior starters are back, including pitchers Cole McDaniel and Tyler Camp. Shortstop Trent Reddick and Dylan Lanier return to lead the offense. The return of outfielder Davis Frachiseur from an injury last season will also help.



PAULDING COUNTY PATRIOTS

Head Coach: Bryce Sellers

Survey not returned



ROME WOLVES

Head Coach (s): Brent Tucker

Assistant Coach (s): Zach Lance, Bo Tucker, Jason King

2020 Record: 7-7

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Caleb Ellard (Sr., R/R); C/RHP Jonathan Vigoa (Jr.); INF Brayer Cowan (Sr.), RHP/1B Hayden Filetti (Sr.); OF/LHP Carson Atkins (Jr.); C/RHP Andre Harrell (Sr.)

Other Returning Players: OF Grant Bullard (So.); INF Josh Ellard (So.)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Braxton Wade (Fr.); RHP/OF Bryson Bridges (Fr.); OF Reece Fountain (Fr.); C Will Costlow (Jr.)

Season Outlook: Coach Brent Tucker made positive strides in his first season last year at Rome. The Wolves look to take things a step farther this spring. Six starters are back, including senior Caleb Ellard and junior catcher Jonathan Vigoa. Some underclassmen will be expected to help out.



Jonathan Vigoa
Rome



SOUTH PAULDING SPARTANS

Head Coach (s): Jay Sneddon

Assistant Coach (s): Chris Adair, Jason Chatham, Brian Meadows, Brian Welak, Chad Mathews

2020 Record: 11-5

Returning Starters: C/3B Kam Young (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); RHP Justin England (Sr., 6-1, 210, R/R); OF Nick Akery (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); C Jacob Cooper (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF Brendan Gates (Jr., 5-11, 175, L/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Bryce Folsom (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); RHP Gage Chumley (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); 2B Christian Lindley (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); RHP/1B Cole Brewer (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); LHP/1B Tyler Chatham (Jr., 5-9, 175, R/L); RHP/2B Tanner Cochran (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: SS Harrison Ratner (So., 5-8, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Spartans should be in postseason contention as five starters are back. South Paulding will be looking for some younger pitchers to mature. Right-hander Justin England leads a young but talented rotation. Versatile senior Kam Young returns behind the plate.

REGION 6-6A

Region Favorite: Allatoona

Players to Watch

C/U – Brett Blomquist, Sr., Allatoona; **OF** – Cam Campbell, Sr., Lassiter; **LHP/1B** – Peyton Cariaco, Sr., Pope; **C/3B/RHP** – Ryan Cross, Sr., Sprayberry; **RHP/1B** – Dylan Dietz, Jr., Kennesaw Mountain; **OF/LHP** – Wilbert Espinal, Sr., South Cobb; **OF** – Will Fincher, Jr., Kennesaw Mountain; **RHP/C/INF** – Boston Forbes, Jr., Kell; **INF** – Riley Frost, Sr., Pope; **SS** – Bradley Frye, Sr., Lassiter; **C** – Will Mahoney, Sr., Wheeler; **INF/RHP** – Allen Mateo, Sr., South Cobb; **RHP** – Logan McGuire, Sr., Allatoona; **C/3B/RHP** – William Mosley, Jr., Allatoona; **3B/RHP** – Ben Norton, Sr., Lassiter; **LHP** – Fisher Paulsen, Sr., Allatoona; **LHP** – Hunter Paulsen, Sr., Allatoona; **RHP** – Landon Perkins, Jr., Allatoona; **OF** – Michael Porter, Sr., Wheeler; **SS** – Eliud Povintud, So., Kennesaw Mountain; **2B/SS** – Taylor Shultz, Jr., Allatoona; **RHP/SS** – Jonathan Skibba, Sr., Osborne; **U** – Robbie Smith, Sr., South Cobb; **OF/3B/RHP** – Ethan Sutton, So., Allatoona; **OF/1B** – James Tibbs, Sr., Pope; **SS** – KK Towe, Jr., Sprayberry; **1B/RHP** – CJ Whaley, Sr., Kennesaw Mountain; **OF** – Austin Wright, Sr., Sprayberry



ALLATOONA BUCCANEERS

Head Coach (s): Keith Hansen

Assistant Coach (s): David Eeles, Brad Strickland, Mike Linch, Casey Linch, Todd Cole, Mike Dennison, Russ Russell

2020 Record: 9-5

Returning Starters: RHP Logan McGuire (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R); LHP Fisher Paulsen (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/L); C/U Brett Blomquist (Sr., 6-2, 170, R/R); LHP Hunter Paulsen (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/L); SS/RHP Ben Crawley (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); OF Hayden Soley (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); 3B/C/RHP William Mosley (Jr., 5-11, 195, R/R); 1B/C Aidan Jolley (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); 2B/SS Taylor Shultz (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R); OF/2B/SS Jackson McElvy (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R); OF/3B/RHP Ethan Sutton (So., 6-2, 190, R/R)



Landon Perkins
Allatoona

Other Returning

Players: OF Zach Jackson (Sr., 6-5, 180, R/R); C/1B JP Mosier (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF/2B Reid Young (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP Carter Beck (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); C/INF Blake Wootton (Jr., 5-10, 150, L/R); RHP Landon Perkins (Jr., 5-11, 150, R/R); RHP Riley Gaskins (Jr., 5-11, 145, R/R)

Taylor Shultz
AllatoonaEthan Sutton
Allatoona

Top Newcomers: OF/1B/LHP Michael Barron (Jr., 5-10, 180, L/L); C/3B/RHP Tyler McGuire (So., 6-1, 185, R/R); INF/RHP Ethan Crawley (So., 5-11, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Buccaneers look to go a long way this season. And they have the talent to do so. Pitching will be the backbone as right-hander Logan McGuire and left-handers Fisher Paulsen and Hunter Paulsen lead a strong rotation. Meanwhile, offensive leaders Brett Blomquist, William Mosley and Ethan Sutton return.



KELL LONGHORNS

Head Coach (s): Todd Harris

Assistant Coach (s): Josh Burrus

2020 Record: 6-7

Returning Starters: OF Jake Edwards (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); RHP/INF Evan Hendrick (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); INF Gabe Newcomb (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); RHP/C/INF Boston Forbes (Jr., 6-3, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Brady McDevitt (Jr., 5-11, 175, L/R); INF/RHP Ethan Hames (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Nathan Halperin (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP Travis McHann (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP/INF Braelin Pillot (Sr., 6-3, 215, R/R); RHP/INF Max Seevers (Sr., 6-4, 210, R/R); RHP Will Sherman; RHP Caleb Wetherington (Sr., 6-1, 165, R/R); RHP/INF Nicholas Dawkins (So., 5-10, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Nick Kane (So., 5-9, 160, R/R); INF/OF Wesley Shannon (Jr., 5-11, 175, L/L)

Season Outlook: After what could have been labeled a rebuilding season in 2020, look for the Longhorns to be much better this season. Six starters and a solid senior class return to lead the way. Keep an eye on versatile Boston Forbes who was having a solid year before the coronavirus pandemic shut down the season.

Boston Forbes
Kell


KENNESAW MOUNTAIN MUSTANGS

Head Coach (s): George Hansen

Assistant Coach (s): Rich Oria, Phillip Nasworthy, Jared Parker, Chase Slone

2020 Record: 7-7

Returning Starters: 1B/RHP CJ Whaley (Sr., 6-3, 200, R/R); OF/LHP Nick Finkbiner (Sr., 6-0, 210, L/L); C Nick Daniel (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); INF/OF Michael Hill (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); OF Mitch Jaquish (Sr., 6-2, 195, R/R); OF Veer Patel (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); OF Will Fincher (Jr., 6-3, 225, R/R); RHP/1B Dylan Dietz (Jr., 6-3, 205, R/R); INF Stephen Haddad (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); C Ethan Snipes (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP/3B Dhruva Narine (So., 6-0, 210, R/R); SS Eliud Povintud (So., 5-11, 205, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 2B/SS Jesus Crispo (So., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF/INF Trey Kinnan (So., 5-10, 160, B/R); OF/RHP Bradley Smith (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R); LHP/1B Sam Parker (So., 6-2, 190, L/L)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Daniel Vinelli (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); RHP/3B Daniel Berry (So., 6-1, 190, R/R); OF Murphy Duncan (Jr., 6-0, 190, R/R); OF Rhenn Parker (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R); INF/C Rhett Slater (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); RHP Braden Sperry (So., 6-1, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Mustangs drop a classification after having success in Class 7A. A wealth of talent returns, including offensive standouts CJ Whaley and Will Fincher. Junior right-hander Dylan Dietz returns to lead a solid pitching staff. Keep an eye on athletic shortstop Eliud Povintud who flashed a lot of potential last year.



LASSITER TROJANS

Head Coach (s): Kyle Rustay

Assistant Coach (s): Kurt Rinehimer, Brac Barton, Brandon Stephens, Jake Stephens

2020 Record: 4-9

Returning Starters: SS Bradley Frye (Sr., 6-1, 160, R/R); OF Cam Campbell (Sr., 5-11, 170, B/R); 3B/RHP Ben Norton (Sr., 5-10, 155, R/R); 1B Ryan Stephens (Sr., 5-11, 150, R/R); OF Parker Hughes (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); 3B Kyle Carlson (Sr., 6-3, 170, R/R); RHP Walker Noland (Sr., 6-3, 155, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/3B Mikey Fettig (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); 2B Jack Rinehimer (Sr., 6-2, 160, R/R); RHP Harris Bryson (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF Ty Sphar (Sr., 6-0, 150, R/R); RHP Andrew Kakareka (Sr., 6-1, 165, R/R); OF Max Beck-Berendsen (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); C/1B Jackson Hall (Sr., 6-1, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 1B/RHP Trey Griffin (Jr., 6-0, 140, L/R); C Ryan Martin (Jr., 5-8, 170, R/R); LHP Seth Kozee (Jr., 6-2, 155, L/L); INF Grayson Baldwin (So., 5-9, 140, B/R); RHP Jason Franklin (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: A senior-heavy team returns at Lassiter this spring, and look for the Trojans to be in the thick of the postseason chase. Pitchers Ben Norton and Walker Noland are back to lead a talented rotation. Shortstop Bradley Frye and outfielder Cam Campbell are back to lead an offense that could put up some good numbers.



OSBORNE CARDINALS

Head Coach (s): Michael Fraker (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Zach White, Shannon Pearson

2020 Record: 3-8

Returning Starters: RHP/SS Jonathan Skibba (Sr., R/R); C/RHP LA Isham (Jr., R/R); OF/LHP Anthony Lark (Jr., L/L); U Joshua Horton (So., R/R); 3B Heyer Dormez (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: New coach Michael Fraker takes over a program that has struggled recently. The Cardinals welcome back five returning starters and should have a chance to improve. Senior pitcher/shortstop Jonathan Skibba returns to give Osborne a solid player to build around.



POPE GREYHOUNDS

Head Coach (s): Jeff Rowland

Assistant Coach (s): Ryan Khan, Matt Liedberg, Mike Nelson, Al Savransky, Chris Turco

2020 Record: 9-4

Returning Starters: OF/1B James Tibbs (Sr., 6-1, 190, L/L); LHP/1B Peyton Cariaco (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/L); INF Riley Frost (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); RHP/OF Quinn Kerce (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R); RHP Cullen Orr (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); 3B/1B Fabian Gullien (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); OF Dawson Campbell (Jr., 5-11, 185, L/L); 1B/OF/LHP Cody McGill (Jr., 6-3, 190, B/L)

Other Returning Players: INF/OF Trey Kaiser (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); C Jackson Hvizdak (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); INF Miguel Fernandez (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Caid Heflin (Jr., 6-1, 175, L/L); C Heath Owen (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP Jack Butler (Jr., 6-4, 180, R/R); 1B Kent Schmidt (So., 6-2, 180, L/R); INF Carson Kerce (So., 5-11, 170, R/R); LHP/OF/1B Nick Jones (Jr., 5-11, 180, L/L)

Season Outlook: Look for the Greyhounds to be in the postseason chase as usual. Eight starters are back, including versatile James Tibbs and infielder Riley Frost. Pope will be looking for more pitching depth, but the good news is that left-hander Peyton Cariaco returns to lead a talented rotation.



SOUTH COBB EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Patrick Wright

Assistant Coach (s): Ikaika Anderson, Jermaine Slay

2020 Record: 0-10

Returning Starters: OF/LHP Wilbert Espinal (Sr., L/L); INF/RHP Allen Mateo (Sr., B/R); U Robbie Smith (Sr., R/R); U Fermin Sanabria (Sr., L/R); C/RHP/1B Naseer Harris (Jr., R/R); RHP/U Karl Johnson (Jr., R/R); RHP/C/1B Carter Edge (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP/OF Caulin Avery (Sr., L/L); 1B/3B/RHP Martin Juarez (Sr., R/R); C/RHP/OF Jace Henson (So., R/R); INF/RHP Joelvin Dilonte (Jr., R/R); LHP/OF Bradley Moats (Jr., L/L)

Top Newcomers: Alberto Searles (Fr.); Caleb Soto (Fr.); Josiah Carter (Fr.); Mark Lara (Fr.); Devin Crenshaw (Fr.)

Season Outlook: The Eagles have seven returning starters and look to make a statement, especially with the return of a solid senior class. A trio of seniors will lead the way – outfielder/pitcher Wilbert Espinal, infielder/pitcher Allen Mateo and utility player Robbie Smith. But keep an eye on a solid corps of younger players.



SPRAYBERRY YELLOW JACKETS

Head Coach (s): Jim Tejcek

Assistant Coach (s): Rick Elder, Nolan Freeman, Desmond Atwell, Brandon Varner

2020 Record: 2-11

Returning Starters: OF Austin Wright (Sr., 6-1, 200, L/L); C/3B/RHP Ryan Cross (Sr., 6-2, 195, R/R); SS KK Towe (Jr., 5-8, 155, B/R); 2B Tyler Stevenson (Jr., 5-7, 160, R/R); 3B/1B/RHP Pedro Luciano (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R); C Chase Smith (So., 6-1, 175, B/R); OF Cameron Grier (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Lucas Morici (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); RHP Josh Varner (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); LHP Walter Stuart (Jr., 5-10, 160, L/L); RHP/INF Brandon Spink (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/R); RHP/INF Johnathan Mullins (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP Jake Schook (So., 6-1, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Dallin Cogbill (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); INF Phillip Allequin (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF Foster Curry (Fr., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF/INF Chris Laymon (Fr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The young Jackets didn't start out well in 2020, but most of that talent is back. Sprayberry may still be a year away from its best season, but the Jackets will be much better this spring. Outfielder Austin Wright and versatile Ryan Cross lead a solid senior class. Keep an eye on shortstop KK Towe who showed a lot of promise last year.



WHEELER WILDCATS

Head Coach (s): Mark Collins

Assistant Coach (s): Parker Madden



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2020 Record: 4-9

Returning Starters: C Will Mahoney (Sr.); OF Michael Porter (Sr.); 3B Josh Musser (Sr.); SS Carson Felton (Jr.); 2B Drew Marshall (So.); P Ben Bowman (Sr.); P Tate Alston (Jr.); P Freddie Hartzell (Jr.); P Christian Lammie (Sr.)

Season Outlook: The Wildcats will be very young this season. But the good news is that catcher Will Mahoney and outfielder Michael Porter return to give the team a pair of leaders to build around. Look for Wheeler to get better as the season progresses.

REGION 7-6A

Region Favorite: River Ridge

Players to Watch

C/OF – Grant Anderson, Sr., Creekview; **RHP/DH** – Heath Clevenger, Sr., Creekview; **RHP** – Henry Collins, Sr., Riverwood; **LHP** – Ben Fox, Sr., Riverwood; **INF/RHP** – Ryan Gravely, Jr., Johns Creek; **1B** – Taylor Harris, Sr., River Ridge; **RHP/OF** – Zach Harris, Jr., Cambridge; **C** – Mason Hicks, Jr., Creekview; **C/OF** – Miles Jackson, Sr., Riverwood; **3B/RHP** – TJ Kloiber, Jr., Johns Creek; **C** – Hunter Long, Sr., Sequoyah; **RHP/OF** – Aidan McConnell, Sr., Centennial; **INF** – Alex Moelter, Jr., Cambridge; **RHP/INF** – Andrew Neubert, Sr., River Ridge; **1B/3B** – Jordan Robinson, Sr., River Ridge; **LHP/1B** – Trevor Sands, Sr., Johns Creek; **RHP** – Evan Venable, Sr., Centennial; **RHP/OF** – Wilson Williams, Sr., Centennial



CAMBRIDGE BEARS

Head Coach: Evan Tiele

Assistant Coach (s): Justin Zier, Henry Rowling, Matt Adams, Jerric Johnson, Will Glenn

2020 Record: 9-5

Returning Starters: INF Jayden Carbonell Smith (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Zach Harris (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); INF Alex Moelter (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/U Bryce Becker (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP Brian Drymalski (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Will Paulus (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); RHP Matthew Polk (Sr., 6-4, 175, R/R); RHP/LHP Patrick Warren (Sr., 6-0, 170, L/B)

Top Newcomers: C/RHP Aden Farran (Jr., 6-1, 150, L/R); INF Jackson Schrafft (Jr., 6-3, 180, R/R); RHP/OF Garrett Moody (So., 6-2, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Bears lost a good bit of talent to graduation, but the slate is anything but bare. Cambridge will be looking for some underclassmen to step forward. Junior right-hander Zach Harris returns to lead a young but talented group of pitchers. Infielder Alex Moelter also returns.

CENTENNIAL KNIGHTS

Head Coach (s): Daniel Szathmary (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Tim Nichols, Terry McClure, Chad Grube, Dylan Kelly, David Kelly

2020 Record: 8-5

Returning Starters: RHP/OF Aidan McConnell (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R);

RHP Evan Venable (Sr., 6-6, 220, R/R); RHP Chase Fricke (Sr., 6-1, 165, R/R); RHP/OF Wilson Williams (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF Mitchell Preslan (Jr., 6-0, 190, R/R); C/U Matthew Cannon (So., 5-11, 175, R/R); U Peyton Sperier (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Michael Wilkerson (Sr., 5-10, 155, R/R); RHP Daniel Mazell (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); LHP/OF Manuel Del Rio (Sr., 5-11, 175, L/L); U Jared Berenthal (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C Luke Sweigart (So., 5-10, 140, R/R)

Season Outlook: Daniel Szathmary makes his coaching debut this spring and he inherits seven returning starters from last year. The senior class will be solid. The Knights will have pitching depth as four senior starters – Aidan McConnell, Evan Venable, Chase Fricke and Wilson Williams – all return.



CHATTAHOOCHEE COUGARS

Head Coach (s): Tim Lemons

Survey not returned



CREEKVIEW GRIZZLIES

Head Coach: Mike Nayman

Assistant Coach (s):

Chris Jeffreys, Ben Greene, Ryan Broussard

2020 Record: 3-5

Returning Starters: C

Mason Hicks (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R); C/OF Grant Anderson (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R); 1B Jace Gilmore (Sr., 6-0, 225, L/L); RHP/OF Owen Mello (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R); RHP/DH Heath Clevenger (Sr., 6-5, 220, R/R); RHP Jude Dioguardi (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 2B/SS Easton Sears (So., 5-9, 155, R/R); 3B/OF Patrick DeMaio (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); INF Tayden Elario (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); RHP Miles Wegner (Sr., 6-4, 190, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Logan Harden (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); RHP/3B Ben Allen (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP Avery Lovato (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Evan McCarron (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R); LHP/1B Ryan McCarron (Jr., 6-2, 225, L/L)

Season Outlook: Creekview has the ingredients to make a run at the playoffs in 2021. A strong senior class returns to lead the way. Six starters are back, including standout pitcher Heath Clevenger. Junior Mason Hicks and Grant Anderson return to lead the offense.



Grant Anderson
Creekview



Mason Hicks
Creekview



JOHNS CREEK GLADIATORS

Head Coach: Billy Nicholson

Assistant Coach (s): Ted Fithian, Evan Deis, David Burton, Keenan Temple, Jon Randolph

2020 Record: 4-5

Returning Starters: RHP/3B TJ Kloiber (Jr., R/R); RHP/INF Ryan Gravely (Jr., R/R); OF Aaron Turner (Sr., L/R); LHP/1B Trevor Sands (Sr., L/L); RHP/OF Nick Frascino (Jr., R/R)



Ryan Gravely
Johns Creek

Other Returning Players: RHP/1B Sam Aycok (Sr., R/R); OF Jagger Inniss (Sr., R/R); C Chase Thomas (Sr., R/R); C Buddy Vona (Sr., R/R); INF Jaime Barbosa (Sr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The coronavirus pandemic cut short a very promising season for Johns Creek in 2020. The Gladiators lost a lot of talent to graduation, but look for Johns Creek to be back in the chase. Junior TJ Kloiber, pitcher Trevor Sands and infielder/pitcher Ryan Gravely give the Gladiators a trio of leaders to build around.



Trevor Sands
Johns Creek



RIVER RIDGE KNIGHTS

Head Coach: Scott Bradley

Assistant Coach (s):

Jeff Runion, Eric Britt, Andy Marinelli, Mark Lewis, Lantz Cleveland

2020 Record: 9-6

Returning Starters:

RHP/INF Andrew Neubert (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); 1B Taylor Harris (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R); 1B/3B Jordan Robinson (Sr.,

5-11, 185, R/R); OF Connor Donaldson (Sr., 5-8, 150, R/R); RHP Kyle Shaul (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R); OF Ethan Bedora (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); SS JD Rediger (So., 6-0, 155, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Ryan Taylor (Jr., 6-1, 165, R/R); C Carson Burgamy (Jr., 5-9, 180, R/R); 2B Dylan Herrick (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/R); OF Adam Krnyiach (Jr., 5-9, 150, L/L); OF Sebastian Lopez (Jr., 5-7, 140, R/R); RHP Matthew Yuschak (Jr., 6-6, 250, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Joe Cable (So., 5-10, 155, R/R); C/OF AJ DeMastrie (So., 5-10, 185, L/R); INF Sean McDonald (So., 5-8, 170, R/R); C Sebastian Collender (So., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF Brady Wentz (So., 5-9, 135, R/R)

Season Outlook: Look for River Ridge to contend for the postseason with a returning lineup that includes a lot of seniors. Seven starters, six of them seniors, are back. One of them is pitcher Andrew Neubert, who returns to lead a talented pitching staff. First baseman Taylor Harris is back to power the offense. A solid group of juniors will also contribute.



Jordan Robinson
River Ridge



Taylor Harris
River Ridge



RIVERWOOD RAIDERS

Head Coach (s): Trey Henson

Assistant Coach (s): Greg Brown, Tom Nohstadt, Jason Russo

2020 Record: 4-6

Returning Starters: C/OF Miles Jackson (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); LHP Ben Fox (Sr., 5-9, 165, L/L); C/U Josh Katz (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); RHP Henry Collins (Sr., 6-4, 185, R/R); OF Khalil Anderson (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); INF Drew Holmes (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); 1B Matthew Lindler (Sr., 6-3, 175, L/R); RHP Tyler Freer (Jr., 6-1, 145, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Aaron Lopez (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); RHP Will Drew (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R);

Top Newcomers: RHP Jaron Holzer (Jr., 6-2, 185, R/R); RHP Kendrick

Dicks (Jr., 6-3, 195, R/R); INF Kaden Husney (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); U Max Silver (Jr., 5-11, 175, L/R); INF/RHP Henry Schmitz (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); INF/RHP Alex Batka (Jr., 5-10, 180, L/R); INF/OF Andrew Leonard (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); INF Jack Braun (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); C/OF Burke Cigelske (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); OF Zach Cigelske (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Raiders move up a classification after having success in Class 5A. Riverwood welcomes back eight starters, including catcher/outfielder Miles Jackson. The Raiders also return a trio of pitching standouts in left-hander Ben Fox and right-handers Henry Collins and Tyler Freer.



SEQUOYAH CHIEFS

Head Coach (s): TBA

Survey not returned

REGION 8-6A

Region Favorite: Buford

Players to Watch

INF – Brant Baughcum, Jr., Buford; **RHP/SS** – Logan Bogue, Jr., Habersham Central; **1B/LHP** – Jackson Brockett, Sr., Buford; **LHP** – Austin Cantrell, Jr., Lanier; **RHP** – Sutton Dover, Sr., Habersham Central; **RHP/SS** – Brandon Fears, Jr., Shiloh; **RHP/INF** – Jackson Gaspard, Jr., Buford; **3B/RHP** – Logan Hare, Sr., Habersham Central; **SS/RHP** – Brady House, Sr., Winder-Barrow; **OF/RHP** – Blaine Jenkins, Sr., Dacula; **RHP/INF** – Dylan Lesko, Jr., Buford; **C** – Andreaus Lewis, Sr., Winder-Barrow; **RHP/OF** – Andrew Lewis, Sr., Winder-Barrow; **OF/RHP** – Dylan Noce, Sr., Dacula; **INF** – Daniel Poole, Jr., Dacula; **RHP/INF/C** – Treyton Rank, Sr., Buford; **C** – Nathan Smith, Sr., Buford; **RHP/3B** – Nicholas Spry, So., Shiloh; **RHP/INF** – Riley Stanford, Jr., Buford; **1B/3B/C** – Andrew Walton, Jr., Lanier



BUFORD WOLVES

Head Coach (s): Stuart Chester

Assistant Coach (s): Trent Adams, Bryan Rogers, Casey Laws

2020 Record: 10-2

Returning Starters: RHP/INF/C Treyton Rank (Sr., 6-2, 200, R/R); RHP/INF Dylan Lesko (Jr., 6-3, 180, R/R); RHP/INF Riley Stanford (Jr., 6-4, 190, R/R); RHP/INF Jackson Gaspard (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF Jake Pope (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R); OF Stan Zagrodnik (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/L); 1B/C Brett Rogers (Sr., 6-2, 225, R/R); OF/DH Ayden Digiaco (Sr., 6-1, 230, R/R); RHP/INF Connor Sampers (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP Evan Kerhen (Jr., 6-3, 220, R/L); P Gavin Woolery (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R); INF James Laws (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF Heath Slaton (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Brant Baughcum (Jr., 6-2, 200, R/R); 1B/LHP Jackson Brockett (Sr., 6-1, 190, L/L); C Nathan Smith (Sr., 6-1, 205, R/R);



Connor Sampers
Buford

Season Outlook: The Wolves will be ridiculously loaded in 2021. Buford returns four of the classification's top pitchers in right-handers Dylan Lesko, Riley Stanford, Treyton Rank and Jackson Gaspard. The Wolves also benefited from three transfers who will be Division I college players – infielder Brant Baughcum, catcher Nathan Smith and first baseman/pitcher Jackson Brackett.



CENTRAL GWINNETT BLACK KNIGHTS

Head Coach (s): Eli Autry
Survey not returned



DACULA FALCONS

Head Coach (s): Scott Gaffney

Assistant Coach (s):
Steve Crumley, Tyler Crumley, Matt Huffman, Austin Miller

2020 Record: 5-8

Returning Starters:

OF/RHP Blaine Jenkins (Sr., 6-2, 205, R/R); OF/RHP Dylan Noce (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R); INF Daniel Poole (Jr., 6-1, 205, L/R); C Kade Chastain (So., 5-11, 180, R/R); U Kolby Perry (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Michael Sims (Jr., 6-1, 210, R/R); INF Clay Holbrook (Sr., 5-10, 155, R/R); RHP Ayden Mills (Jr., 6-0, 155, R/R); U Landon Provezano (Jr., 6-1, 190, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Josh Moore (Sr., 5-9, 180, R/R); INF Jansen Adams (Sr., 6-5, 220, R/R); LHP Aiden Larson (Jr., 5-11, 155, R/L); INF/RHP Kaleb Lewis (Jr., 5-7, 145, R/R); OF Wyatt Schmidt (Jr., 5-9, 135, R/R)

Season Outlook: Before last season's shutdown, Dacula had made three consecutive trips to the state playoffs for the first time since 1982-84. The Falcons look to continue that streak this spring. Five returning starters are back, including seniors Blaine Jenkins and Dylan Noce. A solid corps of juniors and sophomores will be expected to help out.



Dylan Noce
Dacula



Daniel Poole
Dacula



HABERSHAM CENTRAL RAIDERS

Head Coach (s): Chris Akridge

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

2020 Record: 7-7

Returning Starters: 3B/RHP Logan Hare (Sr., 5-10, 195, R/R); RHP Sutton Dover (Sr., 6-2, 195, R/R); LHP Austin Jones (Sr., 5-9, 180, L/L); RHP/SS Logan Bogue (Jr.); OF Azzi Cervantes (Jr.); OF/RHP Trevor Stevens (Jr.); INF/RHP Rhett Addis (Sr.)

Other Returning Players: INF Cooper Shirley (So.); LHP/1B Hunter Tatum (So.)

Season Outlook: The Raiders have turned the corner in the past few seasons, and they look to continue their positive momentum. Seven starters are back, including an excellent group of pitchers that should keep them in contention -- right-handers Logan Bogue, Logan Hare, Sutton Dover and lefty Austin Jones.



LANIER LONGHORNS

Head Coach (s): Jonathan Wyman

Assistant Coach (s): Kiley Coursey, Jovanni Cruz, Chris Hawkins, Trevor Juneau, Matt O'Neill

2020 Record: 6-9

Returning Starters: C/DH Ethan Cole (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); SS/3B/RHP Michael Kass (Sr., 6-0, 150, R/R); INF Sean Murphy (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF Dre Styles (Sr., 5-9, 155, R/R); LHP Austin Cantrell (Jr., 6-3, 185, L/L); OF Matthew Laughlin (Jr., 6-1, 195, R/R); 1B/3B/C Andrew Walton (Jr., 6-1, 210, R/R); RHP Jeremy Scott (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Mason Friedel (Sr., 6-2, 170, R/R); 1B/OF/P Joey Bellagamba (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R); LHP Chandler Hawkins (Jr., 5-11, 155, L/L); 3B/RHP Jackson Marcantel (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); 1B Jason Nisi (Jr., 5-10, 190, R/L)

Top Newcomers: OF Andrew Smith (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: Lanier welcomes back a handful of standouts, and the Longhorns will be expected to be in the postseason hunt. Eight starters are back, including left-handed pitcher Austin Cantrell and right-hander Jeremy Scott. Andrew Walton also is back after showing a lot of promise last year.



SHILOH GENERALS

Head Coach (s): Reggie Ingram

Assistant Coach (s): Chris Polk, LaTrell Wyatt, Bryan Armstead

2020 Record: 0-9

Returning Starters: RHP Parker Allen (Sr., 6-0, 150, R/R); RHP/SS Brandon Fears (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF Amani Hankins (Jr., R/R); RHP/INF Jaden Lattimore (Jr., 5-8, 150, R/R); RHP/3B Nicholas Spry (So., 6-3, 200, R/R); RHP/1B Uriel Fagoth (So., 6-0, 215, R/R); RHP/OF/INF Anthonie Stroman (So., 5-4, 130, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF/OF Malcolm Robinson (So., 5-9, 180, R/R); RHP/C/INF Tyrell Wyatt (Fr., 5-8, 175, R/R); U Anthony Vu (Fr., 5-2, 110, R/R); RHP/INF/OF Traden Davis (Fr., 5-9, 145, R/R)

Season Outlook: The roster is young, but look for Shiloh to be much better this spring. Senior right-handed pitcher Parker Allen leads a team full of underclassmen. Pitcher/shortstop Brandon Fears and pitcher/third baseman Nicholas Spry are two players to watch.



WINDER-BARROW BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Brian Smith

Assistant Coach (s): John Scoville, Aaron Trammell

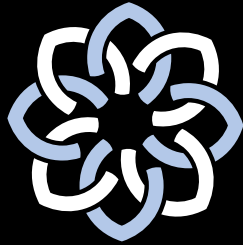
2020 Record: 11-4

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Brady House (Sr., 6-4, 210, R/R); RHP/OF Andrew Lewis (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); C Andraeus Lewis (Sr., 5-10, 200, L/R); 1B Carlos Urbina (Sr., 5-11, 190, R/R); RHP/INF Brooks House (So., 6-5, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: DH/1B Micah Scarbrough (Sr., 5-11, 200, R/R); U Pate Smith (Jr., 5-9, 185, L/R); U Caleb Gentry (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF Evan Coleman (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF Isaac Reivitas (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Bulldogs boast one of the nation's top prospects in shortstop/pitcher Brady House as well as seniors Andrew Lewis and Andraeus Lewis, but the team will be relatively young this spring. House and the Lewis brothers will carry the bulk of the load, but a talented group of juniors and sophomores must step forward and contribute.

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Georgia Preseason All-State Team

Class 5A - First Team



Hagan Banks
Pitcher • Senior
Calhoun



David Bell
Utility • Junior
Greenbrier



Daniel Braswell
Outfielder • Senior
Loganville



Garrett Carter
Designated Hitter • Senior
Ola



John Andrew Cash
Infielder • Senior
Calhoun



Dawson Coe
Pitcher • Junior
Loganville



Brayden Collett
Pitcher • Senior
Greenbrier



Daniel Courtney
Pitcher • Senior
Starr's Mill



Jackson Daniel
Outfielder • Senior
Loganville



Micah Earwood
Pitcher • Senior
Cartersville



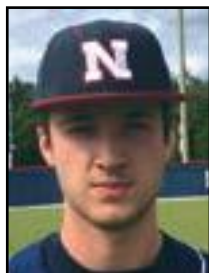
Thad Ector
Outfielder • Senior
Starr's Mill



Parker Lester
Infielder • Senior
Calhoun



Cole Mathis
Pitcher • Senior
Harris County



Walt McConnell
Infielder • Senior
Northside-Columbus



Michael Mitchler
Infielder • Senior
Blessed Trinity



Conner O'Neal
Catcher • Senior
Northside-Columbus



DJ Radtke
Pitcher • Senior
Blessed Trinity



Christian Smith
Outfielder • Senior
Grady



Caleb Stewart
Infielder • Senior
Ware County



Will Tippett
Infielder • Junior
Saint Pius X



Marshall Toole
Outfielder • Senior
Decatur



Sean White
Catcher • Senior
Starr's Mill

Georgia Preseason All-State Team

Class 5A - Second Team



Luke Boykin
Outfielder • Junior
Wayne County



Javon Compton
Outfielder • Senior
Whitewater



Connor Crisp
Infielder • Sophomore
Locust Grove



Riley Cruce
Pitcher • Senior
Loganville



Declan Dun
Pitcher • Senior
Starr's Mill



Trevor Gruszka
Outfielder • Senior
Coffee



Bryse Ingle
Pitcher • Senior
Calhoun



Brady Jones
Infielder • Junior
Decatur



Eli Jones
Pitcher • Senior
Starr's Mill



Parker McPherson
Infielder • Senior
Cartersville



Tyler Neely
Outfielder • Senior
Woodward Academy



Tanner O'Neal
Catcher • Sophomore
Veterans



Sadir Ryan
Catcher • Junior
Southwest DeKalb



Conner Sizemore
Pitcher • Senior
Northside-Columbus



Zach Thomas
Designated Hitter • Senior
Wayne County



Ray Townsend
Infielder • Senior
Wayne County



Cole Turner
Infielder • Senior
Decatur



Derek Vaughn
Utility • Senior
Jackson County



Broker Way
Outfielder • Senior
Loganville



Hayden Weems
Pitcher • Senior
Coffee



Manning West
Pitcher • Junior
Apalachee



Chay Yeager
Infielder • Senior
Starr's Mill

Class 5A Top 15

1 BLESSED TRINITY

The roster isn't littered with the usual onslaught of college and professional prospects, but don't mistake Blessed Trinity for a rebuilding team in 2021. These guys will be tough to beat as usual. The Titans' roster is loaded with upperclassmen, and a strong group of seniors will help Blessed Trinity again rank among the state's elite teams.

Stocky right-hander and Auburn University signee DJ Radtke anchors a talented group of pitchers that will also consist of right-hander Joseph Chambers and Jake Lankie. Meanwhile, athletic shortstop Michael Mitchler returns to lead an offense that can also hit for contact or power.

A move up in classification won't have an effect on the Titans. They will still rank among the state's best.

2 STARR'S MILL

Without question, this should be the best Starr's Mill team since the Panthers finished as the state runner-up in 2009. This team will have the pitching and the offense to make a run. If pitcher Eli Jones can return from an injury, the Panthers will have one of the top pitching trios in the classification with Jones, a right-hander, and preseason all-state selections Daniel Courtney and Declan Dun. That kind of pitching will make it tough on any opponent in a three-game series.

Offensive-wise, All-American outfielder Thad Ector will be one of the top players to watch. He was hitting .579 with five doubles in 13 games before the coronavirus pandemic shut down the season last year. Ector and power-hitting catcher Sean White as well as infielder Chay Yeager return to lead an offense that could put up plenty of impressive numbers. There's no other way to put it. This is the Panthers' year.

3 LOGANVILLE

The Red Devils were chasing a fourth consecutive state title before the shut down last year. Loganville plans to continue that chase this spring. No school in GHSA history has won four straight state titles since Richmond Academy won six straight from 1951 to 1957, which remains a state record. The Red Devils have the talent to make another run at a state title.

4 CALHOUN

This should be Calhoun's best team since their last state championship in 2010. The Jackets return enough offensive firepower with John Andrew Cash, Parker Lester and Dante Morton leading the way to support a strong pitching rotation led by Hagan Banks and Bryse Ingle. This is a talented team that will be tough to stop.

5 CARTERSVILLE

The Purple Hurricanes were supposed to be rebuilding in 2020. Expect them to return to their usual winning ways in 2021. Cartersville has enough ingredients to make a deep postseason run. Stay tuned.

6 HARRIS COUNTY

The Tigers' roster is full of proven playmakers. With a standout pitching staff led by Cole Mathis, Nick Morgan and Tanner Cotton, Harris County has to like its chances.

7 NORTHSIDE-COLUMBUS

A bump up in classification won't hurt the Patriots. There's enough left over from their state championship squad in 2019 to keep them in contention.

8 GREENBRIER

The Wolfpack have two of the best players in the classification in pitcher Brayden Collett and versatile David Bell. Those two will keep the Wolfpack in the hunt.

9 WAYNE COUNTY

After a pair of rebuilding seasons, Wayne County will be back. This team has enough pitching to give any team a challenge.

10 LOCUST GROVE

The young Wildcats lost a lot to graduation, but there will be a youth movement going on at the school this spring. Sophomore Connor Crisp and Bransen Powell will help Locust Grove be a contender.

11 COFFEE

The Trojans continue to build something special in Douglas. Is this the year they turn the corner and make a run? Keep an eye on this program.

12 DECATUR

There's not many teams that lost what Decatur did. But there's not many programs that lost what Decatur did and still can be ranked among the Top 15. The young Bulldogs will still be tough.

13 OLA

The Mustangs have been one of the state's more consistent programs the past five years. Look for that trend to continue this spring.

14 WALNUT GROVE

The Warriors have been as good as advertised recently. They will be strong again in 2021.

15 WOODWARD ACADEMY

The War Eagles have some raw and unproven talent. When they get some experience, look out.

Others to watch: (Alphabetical Order) Jones County, McIntosh, Saint Pius X, Union Grove, Veterans, Whitewater

REGION 1-5A

Region Favorite: Wayne County

Players to Watch

OF/INF – Luke Boykin, Jr., Wayne County; **INF/OF/RHP** – Logan Dale, Jr., Coffee; **1B/OF/RHP** – Trevor Gruszka, Sr., Coffee; **INF/RHP** – Noah Hooks, Jr., Ware County; **SS** – Carter King, Sr., Veterans; **OF** – Mark Lauritsen, Sr., Veterans; **SS** – Andrew McGee, Sr., Warner Robins; **C/P** – Tanner O’Neal, So., Veterans; **INF/RHP** – Brady Skipper, Jr., Coffee; **INF/RHP** – Caleb Stewart, Sr., Ware County; **RHP/3B** – Justin Swords, Jr., Coffee; **RHP/3B** – Zach Thomas, Sr., Wayne County; **RHP/1B** – Ray Townsend, Sr., Wayne County; **RHP/OF** – Hayden Weems, Sr., Coffee

COFFEE TROJANS

Head Coach: Sy Jones

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

2020 Record: 11-2

Returning Starters: 1B/OF/RHP Trevor Gruszka (Sr., L/R); RHP/OF Hayden Weems (Sr., L/R); CF Ben Lingenfelter (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Brady Skipper (Jr., R/R); RHP/3B Justin Swords (Jr., R/R); INF/OF/RHP Logan Dale (Jr., R/R); OF Griffin Walker (Jr., R/R); 1B/RHP Payton Adams (Jr., L/R)

Other Returning

Players: RHP Maddox Shook (Sr., R/R); RHP/U Daylon Douglas (Sr., R/R); OF Logan Miller (Sr., R/R); OF AJ Wilkerson (Sr., R/R); C Will Lott (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: C Nathan Vining (Sr., R/R); INF Cannon Jones (Fr., B/R); RHP/U Ben Roberts (Fr., R/R); LHP/OF Zaelyn Smith (Fr., L/L)

Season Outlook: An excellent group of players return as Coffee should challenge for the region title. The senior and junior classes are solid. Seniors Trevor Gruszka and Hayden Weems will be expected to lead the way.

Juniors Brady Skipper, Justin Swords and Logan Dale also return after strong freshman and sophomore campaigns.



Logan Dale
Coffee



Brady Skipper
Coffee



Justin Swords
Coffee



Ben Lingenfelter
Coffee

VETERANS WARHAWKS

Head Coach (s): Mark Tallant

Assistant Coach (s): Jeremy Downing, Shawn Masters, Troy Varnadoe, Brian Welford, Chris Pierce

2020 Record: 3-8

Returning Starters: C/P Tanner O’Neal (So.); P/1B Al Lorenzo (Sr.);

SS Carter King (Sr.); OF Jarrett Pierce (So.); 3B/P Jamie McDaniel (Jr.); 2B Brendan Varnadoe (Jr.); P/3B Blake Ethridge (Sr.)

Other Returning Players: P Brent Robinson (Sr.); P Evan Bussell (Sr.); OF Dominic Bradford (Sr.); OF Grant Lathrop (Sr.); OF/P Ty Tyson (Jr.); OF Mark Lauritsen (Sr.); INF/OF Brennan Mercer (Jr.)

Season Outlook: Veterans will be much better in coach Mark Tallant’s second season at the school. Seven returning starters and a strong senior class should help the Warhawks contend for the playoffs. Shortstop Carter King returns as well as catcher/pitcher Tanner O’Neal who had a promising season as a freshman last year.

WARE COUNTY GATORS

Head Coach: Jamie Ammons

Assistant Coach (s):

Jason Smith, Bryce Johnson, Evan Durden, Jay Barefield

2020 Record: 5-5

Returning Starters:

INF/RHP Caleb Stewart (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Jett Justice (Sr., 5-8, 175, R/R); OF/RHP Jordan Aspinwall (Sr., 5-8, 155, R/R); INF/RHP Noah Hooks (Jr., 6-0, 190, R/R); INF/RHP Carter Barnes (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); C Trey Jeffers (Jr., 5-8, 210, R/R)

Other Returning

Players: OF/1B/LHP Cortland Sirmons (Jr., 6-0, 150, L/L); U/RHP Landon Dean (So., 6-1, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Gators welcome back six returning starters and should contend for the postseason. The good news is that Ware County will have good pitching depth. Five of the team’s six returning starters can pitch. Shortstop/pitcher Caleb Stewart returns to jump start the offense.



Jordan Aspinwall
Ware County



Noah Hooks
Ware County



Trey Jeffers
Ware County



Jett Justice
Ware County

WARNER ROBINS DEMONS

Head Coach: Jeremy Avery

Survey not returned

WAYNE COUNTY YELLOW JACKETS

Head Coach (s): Justin McDonald

Assistant Coach (s): Barrett Browning, Colt Brockington, Chase Hinson, Mike Roberts, Buddy Starling

2020 Record: 7-7

Returning Starters: RHP/3B Zach Thomas (Sr., 6-3, 210, R/R); RHP/1B Ray Townsend (Sr., 6-2, 220, R/R); RHP/1B Tyler Denison (Sr., 6-3, 225, R/R); OF Jack Perkins (Sr., 5-9, 200, R/R); INF Blake Brockington (Sr., 5-10, 145, R/R); C Jacob Brewer (Sr., 5-10, 210, R/R);

OF/INF Luke Boykin (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); RHP Asher Cathey (Jr., 5-10, 140, R/R); 1B Miles Starling (Jr., 6-2, 235, R/R); RHP Carter Spradley (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); LHP Brad Lerardi (Jr., 6-1, 185, L/L); INF Aden Hall (So, 5-10, 140, L/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Codey Eicher (Sr., 6-2, 210, R/R); RHP/OF Austin Burgess (Sr., 6-1, 165, R/R); RHP Dawson Lastinger (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP Dylan Lewis (Jr., 5-10, 220, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/OF Trey Pierce (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); C/1B Cole Priestster (Jr., 6-1, 225, R/R); OF Brad Fosse (Jr., 5-10, 145, R/R); U James Odum (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: Last year was supposed to be somewhat of a rebuilding season for the Jackets. Look for them to be significantly better in 2021. A pile of starters return, including an experienced group of pitchers led by Zach Thomas, Ray Townsend and Tyler Denison. Keep an eye on outfielder/infielder Luke Boykin who showed promise as a sophomore last year.

REGION 2-5A

Region Favorite: Starr's Mill

Players to Watch

OF – Will Bryant, Sr., Northside-Columbus; **C** – Chris Buchanan, Sr., Whitewater; **OF** – Javon Compton, Sr., Whitewater; **RHP** – Tanner Cotton, Jr., Harris County; **LHP** – Daniel Courtney, Sr., Starr's Mill; **LHP** – Declan Dun, Sr., Starr's Mill; **OF** – Thad Ector, Sr., Starr's Mill; **C** – Conner Faulkner, Sr., Whitewater; **OF/LHP** – Cayden Frost, Sr., Harris County; **RHP** – Jake Garner, Sr., Whitewater; **RHP** – Bradley Grasser, Sr., McIntosh; **RHP** – Eli Jones, Sr., Starr's Mill; **SS** – Trey King, So., McIntosh; **2B** – Isaiah Lopez, Sr., McIntosh; **RHP/3B** – Cole Mathis, Sr., Harris County; **SS** – Walt McConnell, Sr., Northside-Columbus; **RHP/INF** – Nick Morgan, Sr., Harris County; **C** – Conner O'Neal, Sr., Northside-Columbus; **RHP** – Braxton Roop, Sr., McIntosh; **RHP/OF** – Ashton Shackelford, Sr., Harris County; **RHP** – Conner Sizemore, Sr., Northside-Columbus; **INF** – Blake Summers, Sr., McIntosh; **LHP** – Jim Lauson Walls, Sr., Whitewater; **C** – Sean White, Sr., Starr's Mill; **INF** – Chay Yeager, Sr., Starr's Mill

GRIFFIN BEARS

Head Coach (s): Marc Campbell (new)
Survey not returned

HARRIS COUNTY TIGERS

Head Coach (s): Steve Westmoreland
Assistant Coach (s): Sammie Mathis, Zach Moss, Ryan Daniel, Don Bice
2020 Record: 8-3
Returning Starters: RHP/3B Cole Mathis (Sr., 6-1, 205, R/R); RHP/INF Nick Morgan (Sr., 6-2, 195, R/R); RHP/OF Ashton Shackelford (Sr.,



Tanner Cotton
Harris County

6-1, 175, R/R); OF/LHP Cayden Frost (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/L); SS Jackson Schorr (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); DH/INF Josh Davis (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP Tanner Cotton (Jr., 6-0, 205, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C Tanner

Bishop (Sr.); LHP Caden Tillman (Jr.); 1B/RHP Zach Johnpeer (Jr.); LHP JT Grantham (Jr.)

Top Newcomers: INF Ryne Fox (Jr.); INF/C Brycen Spates (So.); OF Logan Willis (So.); LHP William Marston (So.)

Season Outlook: Harris County graduated a chunk of players last year, but an excellent group of returning players are back. All-state performer Cole Mathis is back to lead a strong pitching rotation that includes right-handers Nick Morgan and Tanner Cotton. If the Tigers can generate enough offense, they could be a very dangerous team.



Nick Morgan
Harris County



Jackson Schorr
Harris County



Ashton Shackelford
Harris County

MCINTOSH CHIEFS

Head Coach (s): Tom Kelley

Assistant Coach (s): Nate Mothershed, Keith Roberts, Tyler Routon, Allen Beall, Tom Rosa

2020 Record: 10-4

Returning Starters: RHP Braxton Roop (Sr., R/R); RHP Bradley Grasser (Sr., R/R); RHP Evan Gillanders (Sr., R/R); 2B Isaiah Lopez (Sr., L/R); SS Trey King (So., L/R); INF/OF Joe Glozier (Jr., L/R); INF/OF Blake Summers (Sr., R/R); C Joe Pressell (Sr., R/R); RHP Owen Thomas (Jr., 6-4, 190, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Chiefs return enough talent to make a run at the playoffs this spring. The pitching rotation will lead the team as Braxton Roop, Bradley Grasser and Evan Gillanders, all right-handers, return. Meanwhile, second baseman Isaiah Lopez and shortstop Trey King return to spark the offense.

NORTHGATE VIKINGS

Head Coach (s): Todd Herrington

Survey not returned





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NORTHSIDE-COLUMBUS PATRIOTS

Head Coach (s): Craig Garner (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Steve Sparks, Derek Branch, David Buchanon, Greg Stotser, Taylor Harper, Blake Cooper

2020 Record: 6-10

Returning Starters: C Conner O'Neal (Sr., 6-3, 215, L/R); SS Walt McConnell (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R); RHP Conner Sizemore (Sr., 5-8, 140, R/R); OF Will Bryant (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); 3B Eliu McMoore (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Justin Veloz (Jr., 5-10, 175, L/R); RHP Connor Trepanier (Jr., 6-2, 150, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C Tory Van Patten (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R); 1B Whitt Spurlock (Sr., 5-9, 230, R/R); U Colton Masse (So., 6-0, 170, L/R); INF/RHP Ryan Grantham (So., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF Jackson Arendt (Sr., 5-8, 140, R/R); OF Isiah Troche (Sr., 5-8, 155, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Carson Garner (Jr., 5-8, 140, R/R); C/RHP Cole Garner (So., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: Former Troup coach Craig Garner takes over at Northside and inherits enough talent to keep the Patriots in the postseason hunt. Northside returns offensive leaders Conner O'Neal and Walt McConnell as well as top pitcher Conner Sizemore. Keep an eye on this program.



STARR'S MILL PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): Brent Mosely

Assistant Coach (s): David Cooper, Jeff Klein, Greg Woodward, Zach Mann, Scott Camp

2020 Record: 8-5

Returning Starters: OF Thad Ector (Sr., 6-2, 205, B/R); RHP Eli Jones (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); C Sean White (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); INF Chay Yeager (Sr., 5-9, 160, B/R); LHP Daniel Courtney (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/L); LHP Declan Dun (Sr., 6-2, 165, L/L); INF Orlando Angula (Sr., 5-8, 165, R/R); INF Ben Moseley (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R); INF Evan Harrah (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF Alex Ukleja (Jr., 5-11, 185, L/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP Bryson Daniel (Sr., 5-10, 150, L/L); OF Ronan Arnold (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R); LHP Dylan Michalski (Sr., 6-0, 160, L/L); C Devin Embry (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Josh Tate (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: If pitcher Eli Jones returns to the form he showed before last year's injury, the Panthers will go a long way. All-state pitchers Daniel Courtney and Declan Dun return to anchor a solid pitching unit. All-American outfielder Thad Ector, catcher Sean White and infielder Chay Yeager lead an offense capable of putting up big numbers.



WHITWATER WILDCATS

Head Coach (s): Rusty Bennett

Assistant Coach (s): Tim Trammell, Robert Townsend, Paul Fletcher

2020 Record: 12-3

Returning Starters: C/1B Conner Faulkner (Sr., R/R); C Chris Buchanan (Sr., R/R); RHP Jake Garner (Sr., R/R); 3B Logan Johnston (Sr., R/R); U Kile Greenwald (Sr., R/R); OF Javon Compton (Sr., R/R); LHP Jim Lauson Walls (Sr., R/R); LHP/OF Matthew Blawat (Sr., R/L); OF Dalton Bonner (Jr., R/R); RHP Bryce Hale (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Austin Milians (Sr., R/R); RHP Hudson



Chris Buchanan
Whitewater

Scarborough (Sr.); 2B Ethan Roy (Sr.); OF Dexter Benoit (So., R/R); OF Braxton Mueller (So., R/R); C Blake Elsenpeter (So., R/R); RHP Nate Lee (Sr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/OF/RHP Shawn Sower (So.); INF/C Nick Ruotolo (Fr.); RHP Garrett

Arrington (Jr.); INF/OF Conner Kolisnyk (So., R/R); RHP/INF Noah Smith (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: A senior-heavy team returns at Whitewater as the Wildcats look to contend for the region championship in a brutal region. Right-handers Jim Lauson Walls and Jake Garner return to lead a talented group of pitchers, while offensive leaders Conner Faulkner, Chris Buchanan and Javon Compton also return.



Conner Faulkner
Whitewater



Jake Garner
Whitewater



Jim Lauson Walls
Whitewater

REGION 3-5A

Region Favorite: Woodward Academy

Players to Watch

OF/LHP/1B – Jaquez Akins, So., Forest Park; **OF** – Elgin Bennett, Jr., Woodward Academy; **INF/RHP** – Jamarie Brooks, Jr., Mundy's Mill; **INF** – BJ Brown, Jr., Banneker; **RHP/3B/LF** – Marques Dunn, Jr., Jonesboro; **C/INF** – Mark Gallups, Sr., Woodward Academy; **OF/1B/LHP** – Brice Gatewood, Sr., Drew; **C/2B** – Cameron Hall, Jr., Mundy's Mill; **C** – Gavin Haynie, Sr., Jonesboro; **P/SS/C** – DJ Hill, Jr., Drew; **C** – Cameron Johnson, Jr., Banneker; **OF/LHP** – Tyler Neely, Sr., Woodward Academy; **OF/C/RHP** – Blake Page, Sr., Drew; **RHP/3B/1B** – Larry Pippins, Sr., Forest Park; **INF/OF/RHP** – Chandler Pollard, Jr., Woodward Academy; **SS/3B** – Nicholas Pratt, Jr., Mundy's Mill; **INF/RHP** – Banks Snellings, Sr., Woodward Academy; **INF** – Griffin Sorrow, So., Woodward Academy; **2B/RHP** – Shamon Thompson, Sr., Jonesboro; **RHP/CF** – Tahj Walton, Jr., Jonesboro



BANNEKER TROJANS

Head Coach (s): Eddie Smith

Assistant Coach (s): Eric Fleming, Jerald Burkes

2020 Record: 0-3

Returning Starters: INF BJ Brown (Jr., 5-7, 150, R/R); C Cameron Johnson (Jr., 5-10, 140, R/R); OF Jamill Williams (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R); OF Keyland Ryals (Sr., 5-7, 130, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Anthony Berry (Sr., 5-10, 140, R/R); INF Trey Quinn (Sr., 5-6, 130, R/R); INF Adryan Farrington (Jr., 5-7, 140, R/R); RHP Alan Herron (Jr., 6-3, 230, R/R)

Season Outlook: Banneker looks to get things rolling after getting

off to a slow start last spring. Four starters are back, including outfielder Keyland Ryals. The team will be relatively young, but look for a solid corps of juniors to help out.

CREEKSIDE SEMINOLES

Head Coach (s): Martin Seay
Survey not returned

DREW TITANS

Head Coach (s): Bradford Hadnot
Assistant Coach (s): Antonio Malone, Coach Wilson
2020 Record: 1-5

Returning Starters: OF/C/RHP Blake Page (Sr., 6-0, 195); OF/1B/LHP Brice Gatewood (Sr., 6-3, 205); P/SS/C DJ Hill (Jr., 5-11, 215); 1B/3B Montrell Henderson (Jr., 6-2, 305); 2B Kalen Justice (Jr., 5-10, 200); INF Oscar Andrade (So., 5-10, 175); P/1B Jaden Cavallho (Jr., 5-10, 215)

Season Outlook: The Titans return seven starters and look to be in the chase for a postseason berth. Charles Drew will be a relatively young team, but the good news is that a pair of senior starters in Blake Page and Brice Gatewood return to lead a solid corps of underclassmen.

FOREST PARK PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): Josh Froneberger
Assistant Coach (s): Quintin Avery, Dennis Colbert, Lance Lewis
2020 Record: 2-2

Returning Starters: RHP/3B/1B Larry Pippins (Sr., 5-10, 215, R/R); RHP/C Jarquavius Parks (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); 1B Vernon Belt (Sr., 6-4, 205, R/R); OF Chase Brady (Jr., 5-9, 175, L/R); INF Levar Tinsley, Jr. (Jr., 5-8, 170, R/R); OF/LHP Keven Ryan (Jr., 6-1, 200, L/L); OF/LHP/1B Jaquez Akins (So., 6-2, 190, L/L); INF/3B Jacari Hardaway (So., 6-2, 190, R/R); OF/RHP Michael Storey (So., 5-9, 185, R/R); INF Cesar Rodriguez (So., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/DH Kenneth Williams (Sr., 6-2, 190, L/R); RHP/3B/1B Bradley Murphy (So., 5-10, 205, L/R); 1B Elijah Johnson (So., 5-10, 210, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/LHP Terance Pree, Jr. (Fr., 5-6, 175, R/L); RHP/C/U Montrell Christian (Fr., 6-3, 190, R/R)

Season Outlook: It has been at least a decade since Forest Park made the state playoffs. The Panthers could change that this year. A wealth of returning players are back, including right-handed pitcher Larry Pippins and left-hander Jaquez Akins.

JONESBORO CARDINALS

Head Coach (s): Brian Paige
Assistant Coach (s): Corey Washington, Joel Smith, Antonio Kendrick, Theotis Thomas, Matt Garner, Randy Marshall, Antonio Allen
2020 Record: 4-6

Returning Starters: 2B/OF Shamon Thompson (Sr., 5-4, 120, R/R); RHP/OF Marquiez Lewis (Sr., 5-10, 140, R/R); RHP/SS Xavier Jackson (Sr., 5-9, 130, R/R); RHP/3B/LF Marques Dunn (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R); C

Gavin Haynie (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP/CF Tahj Walton (Jr., 6-2, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/RHP Darius Pullins (Sr., 5-10, 300, R/R); RHP/OF Jabari Knox (Sr., 5-9, 130, R/R); OF Kishon Driver (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); C/OF Jalen Blash (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Cardinals have an excellent senior class returning and should be in the thick of the postseason chase. Six starters are back, but keep an eye on a pair of juniors who showed promise last year – Marques Dunn and Tahj Walton.

MUNDY'S MILL TIGERS

Head Coach (s): Anthony Love (new)
Survey not returned

TRI-CITIES BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Terrow Davis
Survey not returned

WOODWARD ACADEMY WAR EAGLES

Head Coach (s): John Hurston (new)
Assistant Coach (s): Greg Mooneyham, Kenny Hopkins
2020 Record: 5-5

Returning Starters: OF/LHP Tyler Neely (Sr., 5-11, 195, L/L); C/INF Mark Gallups (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); INF/RHP Banks Snellings (Sr., 6-2, 200, R/R); INF/OF/RHP Chandler Pollard (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); OF Elgin Bennett (Jr., 6-0, 160, L/L); INF Griffin Sorrow (So., 5-6, 150, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Nick Allen (So., 5-10, 165, R/R); C/DH/INF Joey Casey (Sr., 5-10, 165, L/R); RHP/1B Aaron Corbin (Sr., 6-4, 180, R/R); LHP Michael McGuire (Sr., 5-10, 175, L/L); OF/RHP Henry Nichols (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/OF/RHP Maxwell Crow (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); C/INF Wyatt Dunkell (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Will Grice (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); INF Matthew McGuire (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: Former assistant coach John Hurston takes over a talented Woodward Academy team that should be the favorite to win the Region 3-5A crown. The senior class is talented. Six starters are back, including Tyler Neely, Mark Gallups and Banks Snellings. But watch out for juniors Chandler Pollard and Elgin Bennett who were promising last year.



Elgin Bennett
Woodward Academy



Mark Gallups
Woodward Academy



Chandler Pollard
Woodward Academy



Banks Snellings
Woodward Academy

REGION 4-5A

Region Favorite: Locust Grove

Players to Watch

LHP/OF – Larry Blackwell, Sr., Eagles Landing; **INF** – Garrett Carter, Sr., Ola; **LHP** – Eli Crawford, Sr., Locust Grove; **RHP/INF** – Connor Crisp, So., Locust Grove; **OF** – Legend Doggett, Sr., Ola; **INF/RHP** – Ja'Lon Elliott, Sr., Dutchtown; **C/INF** – Isaiah Zepada-Felix, Sr., Locust Grove; **OF/RHP** – Wallace Herring, Sr., Dutchtown; **RHP/OF** – Carson Huber, Sr., Union Grove; **SS/RHP** – Christian Jackson, Jr., Dutchtown; **SS/RHP** – Jaylen Jackson, Sr., Stockbridge; **3B/RHP** – Jamel Johnson, Sr., Stockbridge; **1B** – Caleb Mitchell, Sr., Locust Grove; **OF/RHP** – Devion Newson, Sr., Stockbridge; **RHP/OF/INF** – Bransen Powell, So., Locust Grove; **RHP** – Nolan Sliver, Jr., Ola; **RHP/1B** – Jacob Thompson, Sr., Jones County; **OF** – Wayne Wilkerson, Sr., Eagles Landing



DUTCHTOWN BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Brandon Carter

Assistant Coach (s): Steve Dennis, Derwin McNealy, James Jacksin
2020 Record: 6-5

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Wallace Herring (Sr., 5-10, 170, L/R); INF/RHP Ja'Lon Elliott (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); SS/RHP Christian Jackson (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF Nick Walker (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF/RHP Desean Williams (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Mikhail Grant (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R)
Other Returning Players: OF Seneca Daniel (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R); 2B/SS/RHP Shamaar McDuffie (So., 5-9, 150, R/R); C Adonis Smith (So., 5-9, 175, R/R); 3B Johnny Calhoun (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); 1B/LHP Mason Cade (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/L)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Bryce Clavon (Fr., 5-9, 150, R/R); 2B/SS Bryce Herring (Fr., 5-6, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: Dutchtown will still be a fairly young team, but look for them to take bigger steps in their second season under coach Brandon Carter. Six starters are back, including seniors Wallace Herring and Ja'Lon Elliott. Shortstop/pitcher Christian Jackson also returns.



EAGLES LANDING EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Ronney Daniels

Survey not returned



JONES COUNTY GREYHOUNDS

Head Coach (s): Jason Page

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

2020 Record: 3-9

Returning Starters: RHP/1B Jacob Thompson (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R); RHP/C/OF Keagan Baxter (Jr., 6-1, 205, R/R); OF Ben Gordon (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); OF Joseph Willis (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); RHP/SS Trent

Hardy (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); OF Aiden Payne (Jr., 5-9, 175, L/R)

Other Returning Players: 3B Suttan Kemp (Sr., 5-11, 190, R/R); INF/OF Tucker Mix (Jr., 5-11, 185, R/R); INF/OF Kendall Wood (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); RHP Bailey Taylor (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R); LHP/OF Garrett Williams (Sr., 6-2, 190, L/L); U Jaylon Clark (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/OF Tucker Mix (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); RHP/SS Landon Califf (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); U Javious Bonds (So., 5-9, 175, R/R); RHP/1B/C John Allan Richter (Jr., 6-2, 200, R/R)

Season Outlook: A talented group of seniors return for Jones County who will be expected to contend for the postseason. Six starters are back, four of them seniors. Pitcher/first baseman Jacob Thompson returns to lead the team.



LOCUST GROVE WILDCATS

Head Coach: Chad Crawford

Assistant Coach (s): Casey Wrye, Dalton Kuhn, Paul Sorrow

2020 Record: 7-6

Returning Starters: 1B Caleb Mitchell (Sr., 6-4, 190, R/R); RHP/INF Connor Crisp (So., 5-10, 185, L/R); RHP/OF/INF Bransen Powell (So., 6-1, 185, R/R); LHP Eli Crawford (Sr., 6-2, 220, R/L); LHP/OF Ty Cobb (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/L); RHP/INF Andrew Cedano (So., 5-9, 185, R/R); C/INF Isaiah Zepada-Felix (Sr., 5-9, 185, R/R); RHP/INF Brendan Sargent (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Jackson Jefferson (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R); INF Dallas Durden (Jr., 6-1, 220, R/R); INF Sam Nichols (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF Landen Wrye (So., 5-11, 175, L/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Keyshawn Wright (So., 6-0, 205, L/R); INF Landen Moss (Jr., 5-9, 180, R/R); INF Ashton Essex (So., 5-10, 185, R/R); C/RHP/OF Jalin Spicer (So., 6-2, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: This could potentially be Locust Grove's best team since they won a state championship in 2016. The Wildcats, however, could still be a year away from reaching their full potential. Pitching will be the strength of the team as sophomores Connor Crisp and Bransen Powell return as well as senior lefty Eli Crawford.



Eli Crawford
Locust Grove



Isaiah Zepada-Felix
Locust Grove



Caleb Mitchell
Locust Grove



Bransen Powell
Locust Grove



OLA MUSTANGS

Head Coach: Beau Edwards

Assistant Coach (s): Kyle McCreary, Austin Smith, Rico Billups, Chopper Clark, Will Harrison

2020 Record: 10-3

Returning Starters: INF Garrett Carter (Sr., 6-0, 160, L/R); OF Legend Doggett (Sr., 5-10, 145, R/R); INF Austin Merritt (Jr., 5-10, 205, R/R); RHP Nolan Sliver (Jr.,



Nolan Sliver
Ola

6-1, 180, R/R); RHP Caleb Fordham (Jr., 6-1, 190, R/R); RHP Brayden Fordham (Jr., 6-1, 190, R/R); LHP John MacDonald (Jr., 6-2, 200, R/L)

Other Returning Players: C Walker Bruce (Jr., 6-0, 200, R/R)

Season Outlook: Ola lost a lot of talent from last season's team and its senior class is small. But the good news is that senior infielder Garrett Carter and junior pitcher Nolan Sliver return to lead the way. The junior class is talented. The Mustangs, however, will need some younger players to mature quickly. Look for this team to improve as the season progresses.



STOCKBRIDGE TIGERS

Head Coach: Daniel Greene

Assistant Coach (s): Karl Brooks, Nathan Greene

2020 Record: 5-7

Returning Starters: RHP Brandon Allen (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); LHP Isaiah Duckworth (Sr., 6-1, 165, L/L); LHP/1B Jalen Hudson (Sr., 6-0, 180, L/L); SS/RHP Jaylen Jackson (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); 3B/RHP Jamel Johnson (Sr., 6-0, 195, B/R); RF/RHP Devion Newson (Sr., 6-3, 205, R/R); LF/RHP Laurence Taylor (Sr., 6-3, 195, R/R)

Other Returning Players: CF/RHP Darren Stanford (Sr., 5-9, 155, R/R); SS/RHP Devon Chandler (Jr., 5-9, 175, R/R); C/RHP John Stephens (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); C/OF Darius Keyton (So., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP/INF Brent Sims (So., 5-9, 140, R/R); U Cortez Jennings (So., 6-1, 200, R/R); RHP/INF Ryan Parker (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: CF Miles Carter (Jr., 5-7, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: A solid senior class returns to lead the way for the Tigers. Seven starters, including pitcher/infielder Jamel Johnson, outfielder/pitcher Devion Newson and shortstop/pitcher Jaylen Jackson, will lead the team. Stockbridge could give a lot of its opponents a hard time this spring.



UNION GROVE WOLVERINES

Head Coach (s): Allen Franklin

Assistant Coach (s): Mark Mortimer, Zane Hoover, Trent Lee

2020 Record: 8-2

Returning Starters: RHP/OF Carson Huber (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); C/RHP Dom Elam (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); 3B/RHP Derek Kent (Sr., 6-1, 210, L/R); RHP Ryan Hutchison (Jr., 6-1, 205, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/RHP Buck Barrett (Sr., R/R); INF Colby Shumant (Sr., R/R); OF/LHP Cam Suto (Sr., R/L); INF John Warner (Sr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP KJ Clarington (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wolverines were hit hard by graduation last spring, but don't write them off in 2021. Four starters are back, including senior pitcher/outfielder Carson Huber. Union Grove has an excellent group of seniors returning. They just need to mature and develop.



WOODLAND-HENRY WOLFPACK

Head Coach (s): Quinton King

Survey not returned

REGION 5-5A

Region Favorite: Decatur

Players to Watch

C/2B – Isaac Harkins, Sr., Chamblee; **OF/1B** – Jack Herring, Sr., Saint Pius X; **SS/RHP** – Brady Jones, Jr., Decatur; **OF/P** – Josh Lanum, Jr., Decatur; **OF** – Frankie Maloof, Sr., Saint Pius X; **SS/RHP/OF** – Antrez McDowell, So., Southwest DeKalb; **INF** – Devin Portee, Jr., Saint Pius X; **C** – Sadir Ryan, Jr., Southwest DeKalb; **1B/RHP** – Finn Shaw, Sr., Saint Pius X; **C/RHP/OF** – David Shriner, Sr., Northview; **2B** – Evan Sitzmann, Sr., Saint Pius X; **RHP/INF** – Will Tippett, Jr., Saint Pius X; **OF/C** – Marshall Toole, Sr., Decatur; **3B/1B/RHP** – Cole Turner, Sr., Decatur



CHAMBLEE BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Brian Ely

Assistant Coach (s): Mike Padgett, Jonathan Rosen, Alan Loper, Warren Williams

2020 Record: 7-7

Returning Starters: C/2B Isaac Harkins (Sr., 5-7, 140, R/R); OF/RHP Ryan Bray (Sr., 6-1, 155, R/R); 1B/OF Leon Cohen (Jr., 5-11, 200, R/L); RHP/3B Pete Constantinides (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); RHP/INF Taylor Flowers (Jr., 5-11, 155, R/R); SS Conner Pressnall (Jr., 5-8, 140, R/R); OF/RHP Finn Allers (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP/OF Patrick Scott (Sr., 5-8, 145, L/L); C/1B Mason Pasley (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); 1B/OF/LHP David Welsh (So., 5-11, 170, L/L); RHP/OF Xavier Tsai (So., 5-9, 140, R/R); OF Lleyton Leonard (Sr., 6-0, 170, L/R); RHP/1B Jay Krueger (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R); RHP/2B Tyler Sun (Jr., 5-7, 135, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Fabian Walker (So., 5-9, 145, R/R); RHP/INF Luke Rohrer (So., 5-9, 140, R/R)

Season Outlook: If some underclassmen step forward and mature quickly, Chamblee could be in the playoff chase this spring. Seven starters are back, including second baseman/catcher Isaac Harkins. The Bulldogs will also be looking for some younger pitchers to step up.



CLARKSTON ANGORAS

Head Coach (s): Nick Angelo

Survey not returned



CROSS KEYS INDIANS

Head Coach (s): John Bowen

Survey not returned





DECATUR BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Robby Gilbert

Assistant Coach (s): Bill Newsome, Phillip Byrd

2020 Record: 8-6

Returning Starters: OF/C Marshall Toole (Sr.); 3B/1B/RHP Cole Turner (Sr.); SS/RHP Brady Jones (Jr.); P Jack Joiner (Sr.); 1B/3B/P James White (Sr.)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Julius Pruitt (Sr.); INF Ethan Goebel (Sr.); OF Justin Weaver (Sr.); INF/P Henry Dunbar (Sr.); INF/P Alden Wright (Sr.)

Top Newcomers: OF/P Ben Weiser (Jr.); OF/3B/P Parker Hills (Jr.); OF/P Josh Lanum (Jr.); OF/P Jackson Ewing (Jr.)

Season Outlook: Decatur had hopes of capturing a state championship last spring before the coronavirus pandemic shut down the season. After graduation took a bite out of the Bulldogs' roster, Decatur will be rebuilding in 2021. But keep an eye on a handful of players – outfielder Marshall Toole, shortstop/pitcher Brady Jones and infielder/pitcher Cole Turner.



LITHONIA BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Samuel Marion

Survey not returned



MARTIN LUTHER KING LIONS

Head Coach (s): Gregory Boatwright

Survey not returned



NORTHVIEW TITANS

Head Coach (s): Tom Kratowicz

Assistant Coach (s): James Ward, Brady Powell

2020 Record: 4-6

Returning Starters: C/RHP/OF David Shriner (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R); OF/LHP Andrew McGeever (Sr., 5-8, 155, L/L); INF Michael Kecseti (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); 1B/3B Luke Logan (So., 6-2, 190, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Jackson Cronier (Sr., 5-7, 165, R/R); OF Luke Tucker (Sr., 5-7, 165, R/R); OF/RHP Reid Livingston (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: Graduation took a chunk from Northview's lineup last year. The Titans lost nine seniors, seven of them starters. The good news is that four starters return. One of those is catcher David Shriner. Northview will need some maturity and development in the pitching rotation as well as some underclassmen to step forward.



SAINT PIUS X GOLDEN LIONS

Head Coach (s): Chad Garrison

Assistant Coach (s): Michael Lancaster, Bobby Tippett, Trey Broussard, Kevin Ksionzyk, Brian Ogle

2020 Record: 6-7

Returning Starters: OF/1B Jack Herring (Sr., 5-9, 160, B/L); OF Frankie Maloof (Sr., 5-11, 180,



Jack Herring
Saint Pius X

R/R); 1B/RHP Finn Shaw (Sr., 6-2, 200, R/R); 2B Evan Sitzmann (Sr., 5-11, 150, R/R); RHP/INF Will Tippett (Jr., 6-2, 165, B/R); INF Devin Portee (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); 1B/RHP Trevor Zimmerman (Jr., 6-2, 170, R/R); RHP/3B/OF Tate Henderson (Jr., 6-1, 155, R/R); OF/LHP Matt Navarro (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/L)



Matt Navarro
Saint Pius X



Finn Shaw
Saint Pius X

Season Outlook: The Lions will rely heavily on a solid group of pitchers and a strong defense this spring. Saint Pius X welcomes back an excellent nucleus of returning players, including junior standout Will Tippett who leads an experienced group of pitchers. If the offense matures, the Lions could be the team to beat in Region 5-5A.



SOUTHWEST DEKALB PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): Tyrus Taylor

Assistant Coach (s): Gerald Hatchett, Marcus Benton, James Bing, Cedric Horton

2020 Record: 3-7

Returning Starters: C Sadir Ryan (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R); SS/RHP/OF Antrez McDowell (So., 5-11, 185, R/R); OF Jacoby Mason (Sr., 5-8, 175, R/R); 2B Nicholas Williams (Jr., 5-8, 170, R/R); OF Nyles Robie (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF Davion Gramm (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF/RHP Christian Williams (So., 6-1, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Jeremiah Nash (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: An excellent group of returning players should help Southwest DeKalb contend for a postseason position. Seven starters return. A pair of starting seniors – outfielders Jacoby Mason and Nyles Robie – will be counted on for leadership. However, keep an eye on catcher Sadir Ryan and versatile Antrez McDowell who return to spark the team.



STONE MOUNTAIN PIRATES

Head Coach (s): Willie Howard

Survey not returned

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REGION 6-5A

Region Favorite: Grady

Players to Watch

INF – Trace Alexander, Jr., Chapel Hill; **3B** – Mekhi Boykin, Jr., Villa Rica; **SS/RHP** – Michael Bright, So., New Manchester; **RHP/1B** – Rhett Burley, Jr., Maynard Jackson; **C/RHP** – Sam Davis, Sr., Maynard Jackson; **RHP/OF** – Logan Ervine, So., Villa Rica; **U** – Simon Gersten, Sr., North Springs; **RHP/OF** – Ryan Grayson, Sr., North Springs; **OF/LHP** – Buck Olson, Sr., North Springs; **OF/LHP** – Charlie Payne, Jr., Grady; **INF/C** – Mahkai Pelzer, Sr., Chapel Hill; **RHP/1B** – Dylan Reid, Jr., North Springs; **OF/C** – Will Siewert, Sr., Villa Rica; **OF** – Christian Smith, Sr., Grady; **SS** – Chase Stokes, Sr., Grady; **3B/RHP** – Jake Streeter, Jr., North Springs; **RHP/INF/C** – Bradley Turner, Sr., Chapel Hill; **U** – Lleyton Weaver, Sr., Grady; **1B/LHP** – Jady Wilson, Sr., Maynard Jackson; **SS** – Ryan Wynn, So., Chapel Hill



CHAPEL HILL PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): Adam Graham

Assistant Coach (s): Daniel Willis, T.J. Watson, Corey Jones

2020 Record: 2-7

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Jamie Lawrence (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF Christian Griffin (Sr., R/R); OF Andrew Ferguson (Sr., R/R); INF/C Mahkai Pelzer (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF/C Bradley Turner (Sr., R/R); SS Ryan Wynn (So., R/R); INF Tristan Strickland (So., R/R); INF Trace Alexander (Jr., R/R); INF Scott Hrobowski (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Darryl Brow (Jr., R/R); OF Zachary White (Jr., R/R); RHP/INF Michael McIntosh (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: U Jabari Johnson (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Panthers have an excellent group of returning players and should contend for the postseason this spring. Nine starters are back, including a solid corps of returning seniors. Keep an eye on shortstop Ryan Wynn and infielder Trace Alexander who were promising last year.



GRADY KNIGHTS

Head Coach (s): Daniel Stockdale

Assistant Coach (s): Coach Dee

2020 Record: 7-3

Returning Starters: OF Christian Smith (Sr., 6-2, 180, L/L); SS Chase Stokes (Sr., 5-7, 165, R/R); U Lleyton Weaver (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R) 1B Drew Gossett (Jr., L/L); OF/LHP Forrest Lietz (So., L/L); OF/LHP Charlie Payne (Jr., L/L); 3B/RHP Thomas Mayer (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: U Sam McFarland (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: If the Knights can find some pitching, they could be one of the top teams in Region 6-5A play. Outfielder Christian Smith, one of the state's top prospects, is one of seven returning starters. Smith as well as Chase Stokes and Lleyton Weaver return to lead what should be a solid hitting team.



MAYNARD JACKSON JAGUARS

Head Coach (s): Desmond Stegall

Assistant Coach (s): Karel Butler, Derek Long, Caleb Vega

2020 Record: 5-6

Returning Starters: C/RHP Sam Davis (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R); RHP/1B Khali Hemphill (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); 1B/LHP Jady Wilson (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/L); RHP/1B Rhett Burley (Jr., 5-11, 190, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Chris Alford (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); OF Shaun Givens (Jr., 6-1, 165, R/R); RHP Austin Barrow (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: U Douglas Evans (Jr., 5-7, 165, R/R); OF Harrison Kaye (Jr., 5-5, 160, R/R); RHP/2B Dyson McCray (Jr., 5-8, 165, R/R); 2B/SS Jack DeFlor (Fr., 5-5, 145, R/R); SS/RHP Kanious Davis (Fr., 5-6, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Jaguars could be the favorite in Region 6-5A play this season. Four starters are back, including catcher/pitcher Sam Davis, first baseman/pitcher Jady Wilson and pitcher/first baseman Rhett Burley. A strong group of juniors will also contribute.



LITHIA SPRINGS LIONS

Head Coach (s): Chris Sheperd

Survey not returned



NEW MANCHESTER JAGUARS

Head Coach (s): Ian Chisolm

Assistant Coach (s): Ivan Carroll, Eddie Little

2020 Record: 2-10

Returning Starters: 2B/SS/3B/RHP Christian Baker (So., 5-9, 135, R/R); SS/RHP Michael Bright (So., 6-2, 165, R/R); OF Anthony Carter (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); 3B/2B/SS/RHP Kyntin Gay (So., 5-7, 140, R/R); C/RHP/2B De'Sean Glanton (Jr., 5-10, 130, R/R); 1B/RHP/3B Jordan Holmes (Sr., 6-1, 235, R/R); OF/LHP Rico Jones (So., 5-9, 165, R/L); OF/1B/RHP Sean Lowe (So., 5-9, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/RHP Jayden Crawford (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); 1B/OF Jalen Freeman (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); 2B/OF Braxton Hall (Jr., 5-8, 140, R/R); OF/RHP Tavaris Keyes (Sr., 6-1, 145, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/RHP Allen Stoddard (Fr., 6-1, 145, R/R)

Season Outlook: New Manchester will be expected to be much-improved this season as eight starters are back. The bulk of the team will be comprised of underclassmen. The senior class is small. Shortstop/pitcher Michael Bright returns after a solid freshman campaign last year.



NORTH SPRINGS SPARTANS

Head Coach (s): Matt Gershon

Assistant Coach (s): Nathan Conn, Garrett Daily, Michael Grade, Josh Shailer

2020 Record: 7-4

Returning Starters: U Mitch Cohen (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP Andrew Frank (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); U Simon Gersten (Sr., 5-8, 180, R/R); RHP/OF Ryan Grayson (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R); OF/LHP Buck Olson (Sr., 5-11,

165, L/L); RHP/1B Dylan Reid (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); SS Ross Reynolds (Sr., 5-8, 165, R/R); 3B/RHP Jake Streeter (Jr., 6-1, 195, R/R)

Other Returning

Players: 1B/LHP A.J.

Evangelista (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/L); OF Jelani Howard (Sr., 5-11, 175,

R/R); C/RHP Daniel Jackson (So., 6-0, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/2B Jakobe Brown (Jr., 5-8, 165, R/R); C/RHP/3B Tyler Jackson (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); OF/LHP Caden Rogers (Jr., 5-7, 155, L/L); RHP/1B Derek Viersen (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R)

Season Outlook: A senior-heavy lineup will return to North Springs this season as the Spartans welcome back eight starters. Infielder/pitcher Jake Streeter is back after a promising sophomore campaign last year. This should be coach Matt Gershon's best team in his tenure at North Springs.



Buck Olson
North Springs



Jake Streeter
North Springs

REGION 7-5A

Region Favorite: Blessed Trinity

Players to Watch

RHP – Hagan Banks, Sr., Calhoun; **1B** – John Andrew Cash, Sr., Calhoun; **RHP/OF** – Joseph Chambers, Sr., Blessed Trinity; **RHP** – Micah Earwood, Sr., Cartersville; **U** – Ty Foley, Sr., Hiram; **RHP/INF** – Jordan Gani, Sr., Cass; **2B** – Ben Hamacher, Sr., Blessed Trinity; **C/RHP/OF** – Carter Heath, Sr., Woodland-Bartow; **RHP** – Bryse Ingle, Sr., Calhoun; **SS** – Parker Lester, Sr., Calhoun; **1B/DH** – Andon Lewis, Jr., Calhoun; **INF** – Parker McPherson, Sr., Cartersville; **SS** – Michael Mitchler, Sr., Blessed Trinity; **2B** – Dante Morton, Sr., Calhoun; **RHP/OF** – Peyton Posey, Sr., Woodland-Bartow; **RHP/1B** – DJ Radtke, Sr., Blessed Trinity; **RHP** – Trey Scott, Sr., Cass; **INF/OF** – Matt Shook, Sr., Cass; **RHP/1B** – Scotty Smith, Sr., Woodland-Bartow; **INF/RHP** – Davis Williams, Sr., Cartersville

VILLA RICA WILDCATS

Head Coach (s): Neal Hannah

Assistant Coach (s): Mike Best, Wade Bailey, Matt Gonzalez

2020 Record: 4-5

Returning Starters: SS Jacob Marshall (Sr., 6-1, 150, R/R); RHP/OF Logan Ervine (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); 3B Mekhi Boykin (Jr., 5-9, 205, R/R); 1B/LHP Brandon Patanao (Sr., 6-1, 185, L/L); OF/C Will Siewert (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); C/DH D'Angelo Cruz (Sr., 6-3, 185, R/R); OF Kyle Hill (Sr., 5-10, 195, L/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Aaron Flanagan (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); LHP/OF Kade Robinson (Jr., 6-1, 185, L/L); U Gage Tucker (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Braden Jones (So., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP Jaden Camp (Jr., 6-3, 225, R/R); RHP Bryant Cobb (So., 6-2, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: Villa Rica should be a major player in the chase for the Region 6-5A title this spring. Seven starters are back. Outfielder/catcher Will Siewert is one of four returning seniors who will help lead the team. Third baseman Mekhi Boykin and sophomore Logan Ervine were having excellent seasons last year before the season was interrupted by the coronavirus pandemic.



BLESSED TRINITY TITANS

Head Coach: Andy Harlin

Assistant Coach (s): Jamie Wagner, Brandon Harwell, Geoff Gerard

2020 Record: 12-4

Returning Starters: SS Michael Mitchler (Sr., 6-3, 220, L/R); RHP/1B DJ Radtke (Sr., 6-4, 215, R/R); OF Carson Harof (Sr., 5-11, 195, R/R); 2B Ben Hamacher (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); RHP/OF Joseph Chambers (Sr., 6-3, 220, R/R); C Hayden Grier (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); INF Jonathan Franchi (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); RHP Jake Lankie (So., 5-10, 175, R/R); LF Matthew McCaffrey (Jr., 5-10, 180, L/L); 1B Max Puckett (Jr., 6-4, 215, L/L)

Other Returning Players: INF/C Evan Bilson (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); C Patrick McDermott (Sr., 6-2, 230, R/R); 2B Matt Turner (Sr., 5-9, 180, L/R); 3B/RHP Will Lusk (Sr., 6-1, 195, R/R); OF/RHP Cooper Milford (So., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF David Coltrane (Sr., 6-3, 210, R/R); RHP Jack McDermott (Sr., 6-1, 200, R/R); RHP Jackson Seng (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Titans return most of their lineup from last season. Blessed Trinity, as usual, returns enough pitching and offense to contend for a state championship. Standout pitchers DJ Radtke and Joseph Chambers are back to lead a solid rotation, while shortstop Michael Mitchler returns to lead the offense.

CALHOUN YELLOW JACKETS

Head Coach (s): Chip Henderson

Assistant Coach (s): Cole Bennett, Donny Robertson, Josh Wiggins

2020 Record: 9-0

Returning Starters: RHP Hagan Banks (Sr., 6-4, 195, R/R); SS Parker Lester (Sr., 6-4, 200, L/R); 1B John Andrew Cash (Sr., 6-2, 205, R/R); 2B Dante Morton (Sr., 5-9, 140, R/R); RHP Bryse Ingle (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); 1B/DH Andon Lewis (Jr., 6-3, 210, R/R); OF/C Kris Sutton (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); U Barrett Saunders (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); U Braden Saunders (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); LHP Owen Hall (Sr., 6-3, 165, L/L); LHP Cole Greeson

CLASS 5A

(Sr., 6-1, 180, R/L); OF Owen Goble (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); RHP/OF/INF Cooper Evans (So., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/U Wesley Shelton (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); RHP/U Jake Slaughter (Jr., 5-8, 150, R/R); RHP/U Aden Greeson (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Jackets jump two classes after having success in Class 3A. Calhoun has the pitching and offense to make a deep playoff run. Hagan Banks and Bryse Ingle lead a solid group of pitchers, while shortstop Parker Lester, first baseman John Andrew Cash and second baseman Dante Morton lead an offense that could be explosive.

C CARTERSVILLE PURPLE HURRICANES

Head Coach: Kyle Tucker

Assistant Coach (s): Brian Adams, River Brannon, Luke Daniel, Corey Gochee, Justin Mackey, JoJo Underwood, Asa Williams

2020 Record: 7-6

Returning Starters: RHP Micah Earwood (Sr., 6-4, 190, R/R); INF Parker McPherson (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); INF/RHP Davis Williams (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); RHP Mason McBee (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); OF Elliott Eastin (Jr., 5-10, 170, L/R); C Hank Smith (Jr., 5-9, 175, L/R); INF Sam Melton (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/C Curt Bonner (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Drew Rothschild (Jr., 5-11, 185, R/R); OF Jake Brasfield (Jr., 5-9, 170, L/R); RHP Silas Freeman (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); DH Ben Williams (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); LHP Colt McKibben (Jr., 6-0, 170, L/L); RHP Phillip Schiltz (So., 6-1, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/RHP Drake Carver (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); INF Tyler Williamson (Jr., 5-7, 155, B/R); INF/RHP Trip Bradley (So., 5-11, 180, R/R); INF Miles Owen (So., 6-0, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Paul Gamble (So., 5-9, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: After what was supposed to be a rebuilding season in 2020, look for Cartersville to make a run at the top. A strong senior class will lead the way. Pitchers Micah Earwood and Mason McBee anchor a solid rotation, while infielder/pitcher Davis Williams also returns.



Mason McBee
Cartersville



Davis Williams
Cartersville

C CASS COLONELS

Head Coach (s): Tim Ayers

Assistant Coach (s): Matt Thompson

2020 Record: 7-4

Returning Starters: INF/OF Matt Shook (Sr., 5-9, 170, B/R); RHP Trey Scott (Sr., 6-3, 215, R/R); LHP Jayden Smith (Sr., 6-1, 170, L/L); RHP/INF Jordan Gani (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R); C Carson Hill (So., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF Mark Purdue (Jr., 5-11, 190, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Kyle Miller (Sr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Cass returns six starters and will look to build on last year's positive momentum before the coronavirus pandemic cut the season short. Versatile Matt Shook returns to lead a solid group of seniors, while pitchers Jordan Gani, Trey Scott and Jayden Smith anchor what should be a solid rotation.

H HIRAM HORNETS

Head Coach (s): Taylor Butler

Assistant Coach (s): Clay McKnight, Bob Toolan

2020 Record: 7-6

Returning Starters: U Ty Foley (Sr., 5-11, 230 R/R); C Nick Reyes (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); LHP/1B Bradley Stigall (Jr., 6-0, 160, L/L); U Jay Boyd (So., 6-1, 155, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C Ryan Edwards (So., 5-6, 145, R/R); OF/LHP Isaac Hudgens (So., 5-9, 175, L/L)

Top Newcomers: INF Kyler Glenn (Fr., 5-8, 140, R/R); INF Chase Tyler (Fr., 6-1, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Hornets have four returning starters, including a pair of senior starters to build around. One of those is standout Ty Foley and catcher Nick Reyes. Hiram will be looking for pitching depth. Some underclassmen will need to step forward.

W WOODLAND-BARTOW WILDCATS

Head Coach (s): Matt Montgomery

Assistant Coach (s): Michael Adcock, Ty Fowler, Nick Shields, Jonathan Cannon, Hunter Reaid

2020 Record: 6-7

Returning Starters: C/RHP/OF Carter Heath (Sr., 6-1, 220, R/R); RHP/OF Peyton Posey (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); RHP/1B Scotty Smith (Sr., 6-2, 225, R/R); INF JaKiyon Porter (So., 5-8, 180, R/R); OF Chase Carson (So., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/RHP Drew Billings (Sr., 5-10, 225, R/R); OF JT Hampton (Sr., 6-1, 180, L/R); OF/1B Jackson Rutledge (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); C/RHP/3B Jacob Gravett (Jr., 5-9, 185, R/R); 2B Austin Sanders (So., 5-6, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wildcats continue to take positive steps and believed they were about to turn a corner before the coronavirus pandemic shut down the season last year. A good mixture returns, including five starters. Pitcher/first baseman Scotty Smith, pitcher/outfielder Peyton Posey and catcher/pitcher/outfielder Carter Heath return to give Woodland a strong nucleus to build around.



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REGION 8-5A

Region Favorite: Loganville

Players to Watch

C/RHP – David Bell, Jr., Greenbrier; **1B/OF** – Daniel Braswell, Sr., Loganville; **INF/OF/C** – Braxton Brooks, So., Walnut Grove; **1B/RHP** – Sambo Button, Sr., Eastside; **LHP** – Dawson Coe, Jr., Loganville; **INF/RHP** – Brayden Collett, Sr., Greenbrier; **LHP** – Riley Cruce, Sr., Loganville; **OF** – Jackson Daniel, Sr., Loganville; **C** – Jackson Forrester, Jr., Clarke Central; **RHP/INF** – Rio Foster, Sr., Clarke Central; **LHP/1B/OF** – Peyton Lavergne, Jr., Johnson-Gainesville; **RHP/INF** – Quin McManmon, Jr., Clarke Central; **LHP** – Cade Mitchell, Sr., Eastside; **RHP** – Owen Morgan, Sr., Walnut Grove; **INF** – Spencer Muffuletto, So., Jackson County; **LHP/1B/OF** – Tristan Nguyen, Jr., Johnson-Gainesville; **U** – Kyle Shivers, Jr., Eastside; **2B** – Colby Sikes, Jr., Apalachee; **INF** – Jackson Smith, Jr., Greenbrier; **OF** – AJ Trupp, Jr., Greenbrier; **RHP/INF** – Derek Vaughn, Sr., Jackson County; **OF** – Bocker Way, Sr., Loganville; **RHP** – Manning West, Jr., Apalachee; **3B/1B** – Coby Wilkerson, Sr., Walnut Grove; **3B** – Jordan Wilson, Jr., Apalachee; **LHP/RHP** – Kedric Zimmer, Sr., Jackson County

APALACHEE WILDCATS

Head Coach (s): Allan Bailey

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

2020 Record: 10-3

Returning Starters: RHP Manning West (Jr., 6-6, 230, R/R); 2B Colby Sikes (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); 3B Jordan Wilson (Jr., 6-1, 205, R/R); C Ethan Middlebrooks (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R); RHP Jesse Greenway (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Evan Manotas (Sr., 6-6, 185, R/R); OF Dalen Nye (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); SS Zach Bowman (So., 5-11, 155, R/R); OF Keaton Allen (So., 6-1, 205, R/R); INF Ashton Sapp (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP Travon Park (Fr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP Judah Powell (Fr., 6-4, 200, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wildcats believe they've laid the groundwork for success over the past two seasons. Apalachee looks to keep moving forward this spring. The senior class is small, but the good news is that five starters are back, including right-handed pitcher Manning West.

CLARKE CENTRAL GLADIATORS

Head Coach (s): Nicholas Wegmann (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Will Lance, Tucker Crumpton

2020 Record: 3-8

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Rio Foster (Sr., 6-2, 200, R/R); OF Will Robinson (Sr., L/L); OF Sean Leahy (Jr., R/R); INF AJ Huff (Jr., R/R); RHP/INF Quin McManmon (Jr., R/R); C Jackson Forrester (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/INF Jasser Reyna (Sr., R/R); INF Gabe Stutz (Sr., R/R); OF Dimitri Palmer (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF Jarrod Boon (Jr.,

R/R); RHP/OF Jaydon Dennis (Jr., R/R); LHP/OF Jack Martin (Jr., L/L)

Top Newcomers: RHP Walker Bradberry (Sr., R/R)

Season Outlook: First-year coach Nicholas Wegmann inherits six returning starters as the Gladiators should continue to improve. Senior right-handed pitcher/infielder Rio Foster returns to lead a talented group of players, but keep an eye on pitcher/infielder Quin McManmon and catcher Jackson Forrester.

EASTSIDE EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Brandon Crumbley

Assistant Coach (s): Trey Camps, Ashley Senn, Jared Jones, Shane Griffin, Kevin Thomas

2020 Record: 6-7

Returning Starters: LHP Cade Mitchell (Sr., 6-3, 215); C/RHP Ethan Booth (Sr., 6-1, 200); 1B/RHP Sambo Button (Sr., 6-0, 220); OF/RHP Dayton Green (Sr., 5-10, 175); C Tanner Middlebrooks (Sr., 5-9, 170); 3B/1B Cole Shannon (Jr., 6-2, 200); U Kyle Shivers (Jr., 5-10, 190)

Other Returning Players: C Josh Johnson (Jr., 6-0, 180); INF Mason Poole (Sr., 6-0, 160); OF Ripken Maddox (Sr., 6-0, 175); OF/LHP Slade Holloway (Jr., 5-9, 150)

Top Newcomers: RHP/OF Hunter Denney (So.); RHP Gavin Mask (Jr.); LHP Holden Hall (Jr.); INF/RHP Jaxon Dean (Jr.); INF/RHP Caleb Williams (Jr.)

Season Outlook: The Eagles move up a classification after having considerable success in Class 4A. An experienced team is back as Eastside should contend for the postseason again. Left-hander Cade Mitchell returns to lead a solid pitching group that consists of Ethan Booth, Sambo Button and Dayton Green. Keep an eye on this team.

GREENBRIER WOLFPACK

Head Coach (s): David Barnes

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

2020 Record: 9-3

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Brayden Collett (Sr., R/R); 1B Dalton Wesley (Sr., R/R); DH Wheeler Cason (Sr., R/R); C/RHP David Bell (Jr., R/R); INF Jackson Smith (Jr., R/R); C Carson Murray (Sr., L/R); OF AJ Trupp (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: 3B/RHP Evan Thomas (Sr., R/R); RHP Jack Lombardo (Sr., R/R); OF Stone Gray (Sr., R/R); RHP Tyler Rowland (Jr., R/R); INF Aaron Flink (Jr., R/R); LHP Ricky Patrick (Jr., R/L); C Maddox Smith (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wolfpack, who drop a classification, welcome back seven returning starters and should contend for the region title. Pitcher Brayden Collett and David Bell return to lead a talented rotation. Greenbrier must find some consistency on offense. Look for some solid underclassmen to contribute.



Cade Mitchell
Eastside



Kyle Shivers
Eastside



Jackson Smith
Greenbrier



Dalton Wesley
Greenbrier



JACKSON COUNTY PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): Matt Bolt

Assistant Coach (s): Chad Brannon, Joseph Laird

2020 Record: 5-9

Returning Starters: RHP/OF Ayden Griswold (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R); OF Logan Holycross (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); C Bradley Pruiett (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); LHP/INF Jake Stinchcomb (Sr., 5-8, 175, L/L); RHP/INF Tyler Vaughn (Sr., 6-2, 300, R/R); LHP/RHP Kedric Zimmer (Sr., 5-11, 160, B/B); INF Justin Ethridge (Jr., 5-8, 150, R/R); RHP/INF Nick Streuer (Jr., 5-9, 150, L/R); INF Spencer Muffuletto (So., 5-7, 125, R/R); RHP/OF Jack Thomas (Sr., 6-3, 200, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Jace Grounds (Sr., 5-11, 200, R/R); RHP/INF Derek Vaughn (Sr., 6-4, 195, R/R); RHP/C/INF Weston Skinner (So., 5-8, 140, R/R); OF Ben Strickland (So., 6-2, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Phillip Glander (Jr., 5-10, 145, R/R); LHP/OF Zachary Daniel (Jr., 5-6, 140, L/L); RHP/INF Bryson Evans (So., 5-8, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Panthers welcome back a senior-heavy team and should challenge for a playoff spot. Jackson County returns an excellent pitching rotation led by ambidexterous pitcher Kedric Zimmer and right-hander Derek Vaughn. Keep an eye on talented sophomore infielder Spencer Muffuletto.



Kedric Zimmer
Jackson County



JOHNSON-GAINESVILLE KNIGHTS

Head Coach (s): Geoff Chaffin (new)

Survey not returned



LOGANVILLE RED DEVILS

Head Coach (s): Jeff Segars

Assistant Coach (s): Mike Ryan, Brandon Anglin, Bran Mills, Andy Sargent, Chad McGaughey, Matt Milligan, Russ Parrish

2020 Record: 9-5

Returning Starters: 1B/OF Daniel Braswell (Sr., 6-3, 215, L/R); LHP Riley Cruce (Sr., 5-11, 170, L/L); OF Bocker Way (Sr., 5-9, 180, L/R); C/INF Will Cawthon (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF Chan Haulk (Sr., 6-2, 180); OF/RHP Maven Farmer (Sr., 6-0, 180); OF Michael Mason (Sr., 6-1, 180); OF Jackson Daniel (Sr., 5-10, 180); LHP Dawson Coe (Jr., 6-0, 180); OF Cooper Kennedy (So., 6-0, 180)

Other Returning Players: 1B Parker McGaughey (Sr., 6-1, 190, L/R); INF/RHP Matthew Heard (Jr., 6-0, 170); C/3B Nash Beck (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF Jackson Chizek (Jr., R/R); RHP Pearson Hewatt (Sr., 6-1, 175); RHP Trenton Burnett (So., 6-3, 180, R/R); RHP Cooper Johnson (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Red Devils lost a good bit of talent to graduation last year, but plenty of standouts are ready to step forward and get their chance to shine. Left-handed pitchers Dawson Coe and Riley Cruce and right-hander Maven Farmer lead a strong rotation. Meanwhile, all-state performers Daniel Braswell and Jackson Daniel return to spark the offense.



WALNUT GROVE WARRIORS

Head Coach (s): Carl Allen

Assistant Coach (s): Brian Fiddler, Cody Tait, Bryce Shupe

2020 Record: 7-3

Returning Starters: 3B/1B Coby Wilkerson (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R); RHP Owen Morgan (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); LHP Noah Brown (Sr., 6-2, 150, L/L); INF/OF Colby Hogan

(Sr., 6-2, 140, R/L); INF/OF/C Braxton Brooks (So., 6-0, 180, R/R); INF/C Evan Smithson (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); INF/OF/RHP Nathan Hooks (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); INF/RHP Tyler James (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP/C

Tyler Williams (Jr., 5-7, 165, R/R); INF/OF Kolton Goodbar (Jr., 5-8, 165, R/R); C Hunter Hooks (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); INF/OF/RHP Josh Johnson (Jr., 5-10, 145, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Dom Hyatt (So., 6-5, 185, R/R)

Season Outlook: Walnut Grove has some key positions to fill, but there is enough for them to make a run at the playoffs. Eight starters are back, including right-hander Owen Morgan and left-hander Noah Brown who lead a young but talented group of pitchers. Infielder Coby Wilkerson and sophomore Braxton Brooks return to lead the offense.



Braxton Brooks
Walnut Grove



Owen Morgan
Walnut Grove



Coby Wilkerson
Walnut Grove



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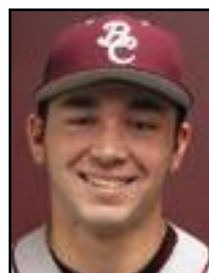
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Class 4A Top 15

1 NORTH OCONEE

The Titans feel like they have some unfinished business to take care of after falling in the decisive game of the state semifinals in 2019, then last season getting canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic. When you have dual-sport athletes like Clemson signee Bubba Chandler returning, that alone will help you be a contender. But North Oconee returns more than just Chandler. While the two-sport star is an excellent shortstop, he will help anchor a pitching staff that returns right-handers Ben Stuart, Carter Freeman, Cole Evilsizor, Tanner Evilsizor and Gavin Black as well as left-hander Joe Waddell.

With all the pitching, one might wonder if the Titans can produce offensively. North Oconee returns enough that they should be able to keep the heat off the pitching rotation. Chandler might not see many good pitches, but that will open the door for some others to have banner offensive seasons. David Wiley, Phillip Ard, Tanner Dempsey and Black will make it tough on opposing pitchers.

North Oconee has never played for a state baseball championship. They got close two years, coming within a game when they lost to eventual state champion Northside-Columbus in the semis. But this is definitely the Titans' year.

2 FLOWERY BRANCH

The Falcons lost one of the state's top 1-2 pitching combos of Zander Sechrist and Andrew Armstrong to graduation. That will hurt, but Flowery Branch has enough back to make life miserable for its opponents in Class 4A. It may just be a different kind of Flowery Branch team, one that will play small-ball until its pitching staff matures. The Falcons have enough offensive standouts to be dangerous.

Look for this team to be tough to beat in 2021.

3 MARIST

It's tough to bet against the War Eagles, who return a lot of talent after losing a wealth of players to graduation. But look for this year's edition to pick up from where last year's group left off. And as usual, look for Marist to make a strong run in the postseason.

4 JEFFERSON

The last time the Dragons were in Class 4A three years ago, they couldn't be stopped enroute to a state championship. A few holdovers remain from that team as the Dragons will be tough again.

5 WEST LAURENS

There might not be a Class 4A school in South Georgia that has more pitching than West Laurens. If the Raiders can be consistent on offense, they should be able to go a long way.

6 LAGRANGE

The Grangers were rolling until the coronavirus pandemic stopped the 2020 season. With power-hitting outfielder Will Alford back, look for LaGrange to pick back up from where they stopped.

7 COLUMBUS

A heavy dose of seniors will help Columbus High have its best season since they last won a state championship in 2012. The Blue Devils have the experience and talent to make a strong run.

8 BENEDICTINE

Mr. Everything Carter Holton will help Benedictine be a contender. But the Cadets have more than Holton. A few more pitching arms could help Benedictine make a deep postseason run.

9 NORTHWEST WHITFIELD

The Bruins lost a good bit to graduation, including top pitcher Hank Bearden. But Florida commit Cade Fisher will take his place on the hill and Northwest shouldn't miss a beat.

10 MADISON COUNTY

After a couple of rebuild seasons, look for the Red Raiders to be back. And they are only going to get better.

11 PERRY

The Panthers, after some rebuilding seasons, are back and could be the state's sleeper in Class 4A. A good young group should help put Perry back into the state baseball spotlight.

12 MAYS

The Raiders feature one of the nation's top prospects for the Class of 2022 in Termarr Johnson. He and Jeremiah Newman will keep Mays in the Top 15.

13 THOMAS COUNTY CENTRAL

After rebuilding in 2020, the Yellow Jackets will be tough in 2021. But the future may be a year away for its young but talented group.

14 BAINBRIDGE

Most of this team has been playing together for three seasons. This is their time to make a statement. And they will.

15 TROUP

The Tigers' offense is solid, they just need some more pitching.

Others to watch: (Alphabetical Order) Cairo, Cedartown, Chestatee, Heritage-Catoosa, Ridgeland, Rutland

REGION 1-4A

Region Favorite: Thomas County Central

Players to Watch

OF/RHP – Nolan Barr, Sr., Bainbridge; **1B/RHP** – Dewey Brock, Sr., Bainbridge; **2B/INF** – Rodney Bullard, Sr., Westover; **OF** – Mike Conder, Sr., Bainbridge; **1B/LHP** – Caison Faircloth, Sr., Cairo; **INF/RHP** – Ethan Godwin, Sr., Cairo; **RHP/U** – Jake Green, Sr., Thomas County Central; **RHP/C/1B** – Colton Harrell, Sr., Bainbridge; **U/RHP** – Reid Harvey, So., Thomas County Central; **SS** – Alexander Ingram, Jr., Westover; **OF/C/P** – Antonio James, Sr., Westover; **U/RHP** – Adam Lane, Jr., Thomas County Central; **INF/RHP** – Will Prince, Jr., Cairo; **OF** – Jaylan Robinson, Sr., Thomas County Central; **3B/RHP** – Griffin Taylor, So., Thomas County Central



BAINBRIDGE BEARCATS

Head Coach (s): Donnie Coxwell

Assistant Coach (s): Blake Cecil, Joe Dollar, Rex Wade

2020 Record: 5-3

Returning Starters: OF Mike Conder (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Nolan Barr (Sr., R/R); RHP/C/1B Colton Harrell (Sr., B/R); 1B/RHP Dewey Brock (Sr., R/R); SS Connor Poitevint (Sr., R/R); C Will Beckham (Sr., R/R); 3B/RHP Quayde Hawkins (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Jackson McCullough (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Josh Beacham (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: A senior-oriented team returns at Bainbridge, and the Bearcats could have a strong chance to win the region. Outfielders Mike Conder and Nolan Barr return to lead the offense. Right-hander Colton Harrell is back to lead a talented pitching rotation.



CAIRO SYRUPMAKERS

Head Coach (s): Chad Parkerson

Assistant Coach (s): Gary Smith, Randy Adams, Daniel Joiner

2020 Record: 12-4

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Ethan Godwin (Sr., 6-0, 210, R/R); 1B/LHP Caison Faircloth (Sr., 5-9, 155, R/L); INF/RHP Will Prince (Jr., 6-0, 200, L/R)

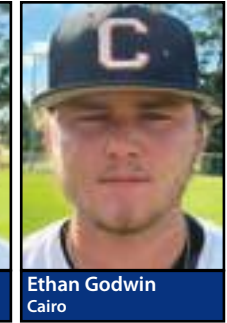
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Other Returning

Players: C JW Knight (Sr., 6-0, 155, R/R); OF Ricky Walker (Sr., 6-3, 185, R/R); INF/RHP Ben Crosby (Sr., 5-9, 230, R/R); INF/RHP Darrell Johnson (Sr., 6-4, 200, R/R); 1B/LHP Connor Morrell (Sr., 5-9, 170, L/L)



Caison Faircloth
Cairo



Ethan Godwin
Cairo

Top Newcomers: INF

Max Windham (Jr., 5-11, 140, R/R); OF/LHP Christian Maige (Jr., 5-11, 155, R/L); OF Kale Barwick (So., 5-9, 145, R/R)

Season Outlook: Cairo lost a wealth of talent to graduation after many expected the Syrupmakers to make a strong playoff run in 2020. Just three starters are back, but look for infielders Ethan Godwin and Will Prince as well as pitcher Caison Faircloth to lead the way.



DOUGHERTY TROJANS

Head Coach (s): Kenyan Conner (new)

Survey not returned



MONROE TORNADOES

Head Coach (s): Marcus Wise

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

2020 Record: 6-6

Returning Starters: RHP/U Jake Green (Sr., 6-1, 195, R/R); U/RHP Nic Gable (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); 1B/3B Hayes Barwick (Sr., 6-0, 175, L/R); OF Jaylan Robinson (Sr., 5-10, 215, L/L); U/RHP Adam Lane (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); 3B/RHP Griffin Taylor (So., 6-4, 195, R/R); U/RHP Reid Harvey (So., 6-0, 200, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Bradley Dechman (Sr., 5-7, 150, R/R); OF Dylan Whigham (Sr., 5-8, 170, R/R); C/U Hayden Palmer (Jr., 5-8, 140, L/R); U JJ Potts (So., 5-8, 155, R/R); OF/LHP Hudson Rice (So., 5-9, 150, L/L)

Top Newcomers: 1B/RHP Jacob Layne (Jr., 6-3, 220, R/R); INF Jason Benton (Jr., 5-6, 140, R/R); OF Bailey McNichols (Jr., 5-8, 155, R/R); C/OF Will Carson (So., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP/INF Gavin Smith (So., 5-9, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Jackets welcome back seven starters and should contend for the region title. Versatile Jake Green returns to lead a talented senior class. Keep an eye on sophomores Griffin Taylor and Reid Harvey who showed a lot of potential last season.



Adam Lane
Thomas County Central



Jaylan Robinson
Thomas County Central


WESTOVER PATRIOTS

Head Coach (s): Jordan Cambron

Assistant Coach (s): Tenorris Knox

2020 Record: 3-8

Returning Starters: SS Alexander Ingram (Jr., R/R); OF/C/P Antonio James (Sr.); 2B/INF Rodney Bullard, Jr. (Sr.); 1B Cameron Cromer (Jr.); 3B Braylon Cook (So.); C/1B James Smith (Jr.)

Other Returning Players: OF Palmer Hill (Jr.); OF Jordan Trice (Jr.); OF Malachi Wright (So.)

Season Outlook: The Patriots must find some pitching if they want to contend for a postseason berth. The offense is in good hands as infielders Alexander Ingram and Rodney Bullard and outfielder Antonio James return. Westover will need some younger players to step up and contribute.

REGION 2-4A

Region Favorite: LaGrange

Players to Watch

OF – Will Alford, Sr., LaGrange; **C/RHP** – Jaiden Clark, Sr., Hardaway; **RHP/SS** – Jalik Demar, Sr., Hardaway; **OF** – Sean Desrosier, Sr., Columbus; **C/RHP** – Hayden Dixon, Sr., Jordan; **1B/RHP** – Kyle McFadden, Jr., Jordan; **1B** – Hamp Mitchell, Sr., Columbus; **RHP/INF** – Matthew Morgan, Sr., LaGrange; **3B** – Reed Morris, So., Troup; **SS** – Devon Murphy, So., Troup; **OF/DH** – Printon Peterson, Sr., Columbus; **C/INF** – Zack Thompson, Jr., LaGrange; **INF/RHP** – Landon Tucker, Sr., Troup; **C** – Colton Webb, Sr., Troup


CARVER-COLUMBUS TIGERS

Head Coach: Corey Joyner (new)

Survey not returned


COLUMBUS BLUE DEVILS

Head Coach: Chad Mathis

Assistant Coach (s): McLendon Hill, Matt Rossi, John Randall Lassetter

2020 Record: 10-4

Returning Starters: OF Sean Desrosier (Sr., 5-8, 170, R/R); 1B Hamp Mitchell (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); OF/DH Printon Peterson (Sr., 6-2, 220, R/R); SS Gray Voltz (Sr., 5-11, 160, L/R); OF/LHP Scott Wood (Sr., 6-3, 185, R/L); INF Matthew Scrivner (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/INF Frank Davis (Sr., 6-0, 180, L/R); RHP/OF Charlie Forbes (Sr., 6-3, 170, R/R); RHP/INF Tucker Pearson (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP Zach Williams (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); OF Peyton Black (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); INF Wade Harper (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); C Devan Fico (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Will Nobles (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP/OF Hogan Mayhew (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); C Bradford Bush (So., 5-10, 160,

R/R); INF Jake Courville (So., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: This should be Columbus High's best team since 2012. A strong senior class returns to lead the way. The Blue Devils will have depth on the pitcher's mound. Offensive-wise, outfielder Sean Desrosier and outfielder/designated hitter Printon Peterson return to spark the team.


HARDAWAY HAWKS

Head Coach: Eric Anthony

Assistant Coach (s): Mike Getkin, Dwayne Burke

2020 Record: 4-6

Returning Starters: C/RHP Jaiden Clark (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); RHP/SS Jalik Demar (Sr., 5-11, 200, R/R); RHP/2B Adrian Ortiz (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); RHP/OF Omari Fitzpatrick (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF Amir Jones (Sr., 6-0, 190, L/L)

Other Returning Players: OF Charlie McCowan (Jr.); U Jonathan Burke (So.); OF Javy Ward (Jr.); OF Abiah Hargrove (So.); U Jermaine Foster (Jr.)

Season Outlook: Look for Hardaway to be in the postseason chase as usual as an excellent senior class will help lead the way. Five starters, all seniors, are back. Pitcher/catcher Jaiden Clark and pitcher/shortstop Jalik Demar are two players to keep an eye on. A solid group of underclassmen will be expected to step forward.


JORDAN RED JACKETS

Head Coach (s): Tony Dimitri

Assistant Coach (s): Bill Batten

2020 Record: 5-6

Returning Starters: C/RHP Hayden Dixon (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); 1B/RHP Kyle McFadden (Jr., 6-1, 155, R/R); 2B/SS/RHP Bryan Brown (Sr., 5-7, 155, R/R); 1B John Michael Remick (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF/RHP Aaron Burton (So., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF Croix Abrams (So., 6-0, 160, L/L); DH Bennett Allred (Sr., 6-0, 220, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Jalen Turner (So.); INF/OF Chandler Dean (Sr.)

Season Outlook: The Red Jackets, who move up two classifications, welcome back seven starters. Four of them are seniors. One of them is catcher/pitcher Hayden Dixon who returns to give Jordan a solid player to build around.


KENDRICK CHEROKEES

Head Coach (s): Michael Peek

Survey not returned


LAGRANGE GRANGERS

Head Coach: Donnie Branch

Assistant Coach (s): Drew Eady, Chad Grant, Harrison Kurtz

2020 Record: 10-3

Returning Starters: OF Will Alford (Sr., 6-1, 215, R/R); RHP Matthew Morgan (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); INF/RHP Landon Tucker (Sr., 5-10, 155,



Zack Thompson
LaGrange

R/R); C/INF Zack Thompson (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/RHP Chase Williams (Jr., 5-11, 150, L/R); INF/RHP Kevin Neighbors (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); INF/OF Colton Esposito (Jr., 5-9, 175, R/R); INF Mason Wolfe (Jr., 5-11, 160); OF Matthew Lamb (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/INF Turner Cook (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP/INF/OF Trevor Booton (So., 6-4, 185, R/R); INF/C/RHP Ty Medders (So., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF Seth Stargell (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF Jaylin Brown (So., 6-1, 210, R/R); LHP/OF Trey Cook (So., 5-9, 145, L/L)

Season Outlook: The Grangers could be the team to beat in Region 2-4A this spring. Four starters are back, including three-year starter Will Alford who can hit for contact or power. Right-handers Matthew Morgan and Landon Tucker anchor what could be a strong pitching rotation. And a solid corps of juniors and sophomores will be ready to contribute.



Landon Tucker
LaGrange



TROUP TIGERS

Head Coach: Tanner Glisson (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Brock Barber, Jamie Schmitt, Charles Mosely, Brayden Shealy

2020 Record: 6-10

Returning Starters: C Colton Webb (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); 3B Reed Morris (So., 5-10, 165, R/R); SS Devon Murphy (So., 6-0, 165, R/R); 2B Ethan Morton (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); 1B/OF Brett Haynes (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R); RHP Daniel Martin (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Hunter Kitchens (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Trey Mosley (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: First-year coach Tanner Glisson inherits seven returning starters, a good nucleus to build upon in his inaugural season. The lack of experienced pitching is a concern, but the good news is that catcher Colton Webb and infielders Reed Morris and Devon Murphy return to spark the offense. A solid corps of underclassmen should also contribute.



Reed Morris
Troup



Devon Murphy
Troup



SHAW RAIDERS

Head Coach (s): Patrick McGregor

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SPENCER GREENWAVES

Head Coach (s): James Bennett

Survey not returned



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REGION 3-4A

Region Favorite: Benedictine

Players to Watch

C/DH – Cody Cowan, Sr., Benedictine; **INF/RHP** – Kam Edge, Jr., Benedictine; **LHP/INF/OF** – Carter Holton, Sr., Benedictine; **CF/SS** – Langston Lewis, Jr., Islands; **INF/OF/RHP** – George Mullen, Sr., Benedictine; **C/3B** – Mitchell Singletary, Jr., Islands; **OF/RHP** – Justin Thomas, Jr., Benedictine; **INF/RHP/DH** – Will Walker, Sr., Benedictine; **C/DH** – Trent Warren, Sr., Benedictine; **RHP/OF** – Chase Williams, Sr., Islands; **1B/LHP** – Devin Willman, Sr., Islands

Returning Starters: 1B/LHP Devin Willman (Sr., 6-2, 240, L/L); RHP/OF Chase Williams (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF James Dewberry (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); C/3B Mitchell Singletary (Jr., 6-1, 190, R/R); OF/SS Langston Lewis (Jr., 6-0, 180, B/R); OF/INF Charlie Sindahl (So., 5-11, 150, L/R); INF/C Justin Kryder (So., 5-8, 145, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Chase McCall (So., 6-2, 185, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/3B Jackson Cheeks (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Cates Bicknese (Jr., 6-3, 165, R/R); LHP/1B Arnez Thompson (So., 6-2, 195, L/L); RHP Dylan Hunt (Jr., 6-0, 215, R/R)

Season Outlook: Islands returns seven starters, including a trio of seniors expected to lead the team – first baseman/pitcher Devin Willman, pitcher/outfielder Chase Williams and outfielder James Dewberry. But keep an eye on a pair of juniors in catcher/third baseman Mitchell Singletary and outfielder/shortstop Langston Lewis.



Mitchell Singletary
Islands



BENEDICTINE CADETS

Head Coach (s): Kevin Farmer

Assistant Coach (s): Kyle Farmer, Jack Holland, Seth Gaspin, Drew Schwalbe, Mike Proto

2020 Record: 11-5

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Justin Thomas (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP Kam Edge (Jr., R/R); LHP/INF/OF Carter Holton (Sr., L/L); INF/RHP/DH Will Walker (Sr., R/R); INF/OF/RHP George Mullen (Sr.); OF/C/DH Cody Cowan (Sr., R/R); C/DH Trent Warren (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning

Players: RHP/OF Trent Markiton (Sr., R/R); C

Jackson Barger (Sr., R/R); INF Brooks Glover (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP John Leonard (Sr., R/R); INF/OF Charles Pulaski (Jr., R/R); INF/OF/P Ben Hollerbach (Jr.); RHP/OF Tristian Littlefield (Jr., R/R); LHP Noah Roberts (Sr., R/L); RHP/OF Niko Nichols (Jr., R/R); INF/DH Carter Welch (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Parker McCoy (Fr., R/R); INF/RHP Kaden Tuten (So., R/R); OF Clay Dean (So., R/R); INF Miles Clemmons (R/R)

Season Outlook: The Cadets return an excellent senior class and could have a chance to make a deep postseason run. Seven starters, six of them seniors, return to lead the team. Three-year starter Carter Holton will help keep the Cadets in contention on the mound and at the plate. Look for juniors Kam Edge and Justin Thomas to help out after strong seasons in 2020.



Cody Cowan
Benedictine



Charles Pulaski
Benedictine



Will Walker
Benedictine



Trent Warren
Benedictine



JENKINS WARRIORS

Head Coach (s): TBA

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Head Coach (s): Robert Lanier

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ISLANDS SHARKS

Head Coach (s): Brandon Collins

Assistant Coach (s): Jacob Baxter, Marty Collins, Rob Arnold, Frank Singletary

2020 Record: 5-9

REGION 4-4A

Region Favorite: West Laurens

Players to Watch

3B/RHP – Carson Bryant, Jr., Perry; **SS** – Jaylon Clark, Sr., Howard; **INF** – Carson Estep, Sr., West Laurens; **LHP/1B** – Tyler Franks, Sr., West Laurens; **1B/SS/RHP** – Michael Jones, Sr., Baldwin; **INF** – William Kellam, So., West Laurens; **INF/RHP** – Landen King, So., Baldwin; **SS** – Tanner Knowles, Jr., Perry; **OF/RHP** – Derrick Lewis, Jr., Baldwin; **C/RHP** – Lane Rucker, Sr., Perry; **RHP/INF** – Colton Scott, Sr., West Laurens; **SS/RHP** – Casen Summerday, So., Rutland; **RHP/INF/C** – Bradley Wilson, Sr., West Laurens



BALDWIN BRAVES

Head Coach (s): Brandon Thomas

Assistant Coach (s): Demetrius Davis, Reggie Mosley, Josh Fields

2020 Record: 0-6

Returning Starters: 1B/SS/RHP Michael Jones (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Derrick Lewis (Jr., R/R); OF Nathan Mitchell (So., R/R); 3B Keishawn Smith (Jr., R/R); 2B/OF/RHP Jase Thigpen (So., R/R); 1B/RHP Colby Frasier (So., R/R); INF/RHP Tyree Brown (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Landen King (So., R/R); 3B/RHP Omari Miller (So., R/R); 3B Gage Baxley (Jr., R/R); OF Daylin Mosley (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); C Noah Ramage (So., R/R); C/OF Mantileto Holmes (Jr., R/R); OF Damarcus Lewis (Sr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/LHP Noah Suddeth (Fr., L/L); C/2B Griffin Lewis (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Braves welcome back seven returning starters and should be much better this spring. The senior class is small and the bulk of the talent are underclassmen. The good news is that versatile senior Michael Jones and junior outfielder/pitcher Derrick Lewis are back to lead the way.



HOWARD HUSKIES

Head Coach (s): Milton Gallaher (new)

Survey not returned



PERRY PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): Denny Bryant (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Tyler Martin, Jonathan Barton

2020 Record: 5-6

Returning Starters: RHP Jackson Mullis (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R); C/RHP Lane Rucker (Sr., 6-1, 195, R/R); OF Tristan Freis (Sr., 5-7, 140, L/L); OF/RHP Ethan Bearden (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); 3B/RHP Carson Bryant (Jr., 6-0, 200, R/R); SS Tanner Knowles (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); U Tyler Newhouse (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Garrett Davis (Sr., 6-1, 185, L/R); 1B/RHP Garrett Brown (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Avory Belflower (Sr., 5-8, 150, R/R); RHP Daniel Vandiviere (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP Cole Smythe (Sr., 5-8, 150, R/R); INF/RHP Alex Scarborough (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); OF/RHP Colby Dent (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R); U Lane Smith (So., 5-8, 150, R/R);

LHP/1B Cooper Edwards (So., 6-3, 165, L/L); OF Christian Fletcher (So., 5-7, 160, R/R); C/OF Price Massey (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C Dylan Butler (Jr., 5-10, 170, L/R); RHP Connor Griffin (So., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP Ben McDow (So., 6-2, 190, R/R); OF Carson Mashburn (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); OF Cade Heath (Jr., 6-0, 195, R/R)

Season Outlook: Former Perry assistant and First Presbyterian Day coach Denny Bryant takes over and inherits nine starters as the Panthers should be in the postseason hunt. The senior class is solid, led by senior catcher/pitcher Lane Rucker. Shortstop Tanner Knowles and third baseman/pitcher Carson Bryant were solid as sophomores last year.

RUTLAND HURRICANES

Head Coach (s): Steven Gunn

Assistant Coach (s): Wally Pritchard, Zach Griffin

2020 Record: 2-9

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Casen Summerday (So., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP/3B Sam Lewis (Sr., 6-0, 195, R/R); 1B Connor Wood (Sr., 6-0, 245, R/R); RHP/CF Jonathan Blanks (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); OF Phoenix Blackwell (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); 3B Cory Smith (Sr., 5-8, 220, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 2B Charlie Ward (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); 2B Tobey Jones (Jr., 5-8, 150, R/R); 1B/DH Brayden Pollard (Sr., 6-0, 195, R/R); OF Dylan Pope (So., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Fisher Hopkins (Fr., 5-9, 175, R/R); OF Joshua Vinson (Fr., 5-9, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: Rutland moves up a classification after having success in Class 3A. The Hurricanes return a solid nucleus of players and should be in the thick of the postseason chase. Four starting seniors return to lead the way. But keep an eye on shortstop/pitcher Casen Summerday who had an excellent freshman campaign last year.



SPALDING JAGUARS

Head Coach (s): Seth Harris

Survey not returned



WEST LAURENS RAIDERS

Head Coach (s): Josh Carter

Assistant Coach (s): Jody Pollock, Martin Cauthen, Emmett Waites, Case Matthews

2020 Record: 5-3

Returning Starters: RHP/INF/C Bradley Wilson (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); LHP/1B Tyler Franks (Sr., 6-5, 200, L/L); RHP/INF Colton Scott (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF Carson Estep (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); INF William Kellam (So., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/INF Greyson Clark (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); C Josh Phillips (Sr., 5-9, 180, R/R); OF Evan Carter (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); RHP/INF Jerrett Stewart (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF Logan Slaughter (Sr., 5-9, 155, R/R); 1B Trace Woodard (Sr., 6-1, 230, R/R); RHP Gavin White (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); OF Gunnar Jeffers (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); RHP/INF Eli Floyd (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 1B Jace Thompson (Jr., 6-0, 195, R/R); RHP/INF Sean Gorney (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R); RHP/INF Matthew Thigpen (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: West Laurens could be a dangerous team in Class 4A this season. The Raiders return a lethal pitching rotation of right-handers Bradley Wilson and Colton Scott as well as left-hander Tyler Franks. Infielder Carson Estep and sophomore William Kellam are back to lead an offense capable of putting up big numbers.



William Kellam
West Laurens

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WESTSIDE-MACON SEMINOLES

Head Coach (s): Christopher Fitzgerald
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REGION 5-4A

Region Favorite: Fayette County

Players to Watch

C/RHP – Gavin Braland, So., Hampton; **RHP/3B/OF** – Marques Dunn, Jr., Riverdale; **OF/1B/LHP** – Kaleb Huffman, Jr., Hampton; **1B/RHP** – Cameron James, Jr., Luella; **C/RHP** – Jevious Reynolds, Sr., Fayette County; **3B/SS/RHP** – Jonathan Hall-Thompson, Sr., Fayette County; **1B/3B/RHP** – Hunter Watson, Sr., Hampton; **3B/1B/RHP** – Jordan Williams, Sr., Fayette County



FAYETTE COUNTY TIGERS

Head Coach (s): Matt Coldiron
Assistant Coach (s): Ed Moore, Keith Stelman, Jeff Angelo, Carley Copeland
2020 Record: 5-10
Returning Starters: OF Keion Bryant (Jr., B/R); 3B/SS/RHP Jonathan Hall-Thompson (Sr., R/R); 3B/1B/RHP Jordan Williams (Sr., R/R); C/RHP Jevious Reynolds (Sr., R/R)
Other Returning Players: OF Remy Gay (Sr., R/R); 1B/C/OF Thomas Lyles (Sr., R/R); SS/RHP Erick Rivera (Jr., R/R); OF/LHP Isaiah Dejan (Sr., L/L); 3B/RHP Messiah Masionet (Sr., R/R)
Season Outlook: The Tigers could be the favorite in Region 5-4A this spring. Four starters are back, including a trio of seniors in Jonathan Hall-Thompson, Jordan Williams and Jevious Reynolds. Outfielder Keion Bryant is also back after a promising sophomore campaign.



HAMPTON HORNETS

Head Coach (s): Chris Huffman
Assistant Coach (s): Mack Majors, Fred Braswell
2020 Record: 6-1
Returning Starters: 1B/3B/RHP Hunter Watson (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Austin Harper (Sr., R/R); OF/1B/LHP Kaleb Huffman (Jr., L/L); C/RHP Gavin Braland (So., B/R); OF/INF Brian Martinez (So., R/R); RHP/1B Walker Watson (So., R/R)
Top Newcomers: INF Evan Teasley (So., R/R); INF/RHP Garrett Chandler (Jr., R/R)
Season Outlook: Hampton returns six starters and could be the team to beat in Region 5-4A. A pair of seniors – infielder/pitcher Hunter Watson and outfielder/pitcher Austin Harper – return to give the Hornets a pair of leaders to build around. Junior Kaleb Huffman and sophomore Gavin Braland return after solid seasons in 2020.



HENRY COUNTY WARHAWKS

Head Coach (s): Doug Lee
Survey not returned



LUELLA LIONS

Head Coach (s): Ashley Sims
Assistant Coach (s): Matt Fountain
2020 Record: 2-6
Returning Starters: INF/OF Jaylen Stegall (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF Guershon Exi (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); 1B Nick Sapp (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); 1B/RHP Cameron James (Jr., 6-0, 260, R/R); INF/RHP Jacob Bradley (Jr., 5-9, 180, R/R); C Keith Rucker (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); INF Ruben Montoya (Sr., 5-10, 155, R/R)
Other Returning Players: INF Logan McKinley (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R)
Top Newcomers: INF/OF/RHP Vinson Berry (Fr., 6-1, 190, R/R); INF/OF/RHP/C Xavier Bradley (Fr., 5-8, 145, R/R)
Season Outlook: Luella should have a chance to be much better this spring as seven starters are back, including a solid corps of seniors. The lack of experienced pitching is a concern, but the Lions should have enough returning talent on offense to be a player in the region chase.



MOUNT ZION-JONESBORO BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Richard Robinson
Survey not returned



NORTH CLAYTON EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Maurice Brewton (new)
Survey not returned



RIVERDALE RAIDERS

Head Coach (s): Charles McFadden
Survey not returned

REGION 6-4A

Region Favorite: Marist

Players to Watch

OF – Antavious Bradley, Sr., Hapeville; **SS/RHP** – Termarr Johnson, Jr., Mays; **RHP/OF** – Tyler Hare, Sr., Marist; **RHP/OF** – Jeremiah Newman, Sr., Mays; **SS/RHP** – Isaiah Palmer, Sr., Miller Grove; **INF/RHP** – Thomas Rollauer, Sr., Marist; **C/OF** – Grey Taylor, Sr., Marist; **LHP/1B/OF** – Kameron Taylor, Sr., Stephenson; **LHP/OF/1B** – Andrew Williams, Sr., Marist



ARABIA MOUNTAIN RAMS

Head Coach (s): Eric Hoxie
Survey not returned



DRUID HILLS RED DEVILS

Head Coach (s): Eric Love
Survey not returned



HAPEVILLE HORNETS

Head Coach (s): Winston Gordon
Survey not returned



MARIST WAR EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Mike Strickland
Assistant Coach (s): Dale Carey, Troy Hall
2020 Record: 7-6

Returning Starters: RHP/OF Tyler Hare (Sr., 6-1, 195, L/R); INF/RHP Thomas Rollauer (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); C/OF Grey Taylor (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); INF/RHP Champ Davis (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF/LHP Andrew Mannelly (Jr., 6-1, 185, L/L); INF/RHP Ryan McTighe (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/INF Preston Larmore (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/1B Will Blair (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); RHP/1B Isaac Coronado (Jr., 6-2, 170, R/R); LHP/OF/1B Andrew Williams (Sr., 6-1, 195, L/L)

Top Newcomers: U Will Gerrick (Jr.); OF/INF Griffin MacDonald (Jr.); U Ty Cossee (Jr.)

Season Outlook: The War Eagles have enough returning talent to make a deep postseason run. Seven starters are back, including pitchers Tyler Hare and Andrew Williams. Versatile Thomas Rollauer and catcher/outfielder Grey Taylor also return.



MAYS RAIDERS

Head Coach (s): Reginald Austin
Assistant Coach (s): Michael Jennings, TBA
2020 Record: 3-6-1

Returning Starters: RHP/OF Jeremiah Newman (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); SS/RHP Termarr Johnson (Jr., 5-10, 175, L/R); C/3B Javon Reeder (Jr., 5-7, 175, R/R); INF/OF Jalen Woods (So., 5-8, 140, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/2B Davon Adams (Sr., 5-7, 145, R/R); C/OF Anthony Hall (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Raiders will be a dangerous team full of athletes in 2021. Four starters are back, including top Class of 2022 prospect Termarr Johnson as well as senior pitcher/outfielder Jeremiah Newman. Mays, however, needs a few more pitchers to step forward.



MILLER GROVE WOLVERINES

Head Coach (s): Kyle Smith
Survey not returned



STEPHENSON JAGUARS

Head Coach (s): Tim Jones
Survey not returned

REGION 7-4A

Region Favorite: Northwest Whitfield

Players to Watch

C – Hudson Couch, So., Ridgeland; **SS/RHP** – Dylan Cupp, So., Cedartown; **RHP/1B** – Seth Densmore, Sr., Pickens; **RHP/OF/INF** – Cade Dingler, Sr., Cedartown; **LHP/1B/OF** – Cade Fisher, Jr., Northwest Whitfield; **RHP/OF** – Jacob Gentry, Sr., Southeast Whitfield; **RHP/1B** – Aiden Hosford, Jr., Northwest Whitfield; **LHP** – Robert Jent, Sr., Ridgeland; **OF/LHP** – Cade Kiniry, Sr., Heritage-Catoosa; **3B/1B/C** – Bryson Lofton, Sr., Southeast Whitfield; **SS** – Chris Maddeaux, Jr., Ridgeland; **LHP/OF** – Keaton McQuaig, Jr., Northwest Whitfield; **C/RHP** – Alex Mixon, Sr., Heritage-Catoosa; **SS/RHP** – Cobey Patterson, Sr., Southeast Whitfield; **SS** – Matt Redmond, Sr., Northwest Whitfield; **OF/LHP** – CJ Robertson, Sr., Heritage-Catoosa; **INF/RHP** – Caden Snyder, Sr., Heritage-Catoosa; **RHP/INF** – Drake Sutton, Sr., Pickens; **OF/RHP** – Reece Tanner, So., Cedartown; **OF/RHP** – Jaden Traylor, Sr., Central-Carrollton; **OF** – Korben Waldrop, Sr., Central-Carrollton; **OF** – Hunter White, Sr., Pickens; **C/OF** -- Jarrod Whitmore, Sr., Pickens



CEDARTOWN BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Gevin Johnson
Assistant Coach (s): Dustin Little, Josh Davenport, Jeff Dingler, Austin Pope
2020 Record: 4-7

Returning Starters: RHP/SS Dylan Cupp (So., 6-2, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Reece Tanner (So., 6-2, 150, L/R); C/INF Eli Barrow (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); C Mason Bennett (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); RHP/OF/INF MJ Holiday (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); 1B/OF Zane Barrow (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R); RHP/OF/INF Cade Dingler (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF/RHP Corben Cuzzort (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Denver Nale (So., 5-8, 140, R/R); RHP/OF Matthew Henslee (So., 5-11, 150, R/R); INF Trent Johnson (Jr., 6-0, 155, R/R); RHP/OF Britt Baxter (So., 5-11, 150, R/R); OF/INF Harlem Diamond (So., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 1B/C/OF Cole Dingler (Fr., 6-0, 140, R/R); INF/RHP/OF Tony Ware (Fr., 5-10, 125, R/R); INF/RHP/OF Xavier Holiday (Fr., 6-0, 140, L/R); OF Jack Roper (Fr., 5-11, 130, R/R)

Season Outlook: This should be the Bulldogs' best season since 2017 as a wealth of returners, including most of their pitching rotation, returns. Pitcher/shortstop Dylan Cupp is one of the



Cade Dingler
Cedartown



Reece Tanner
Cedartown

nation's top prospects for the Class of 2023, but a small senior class led by versatile Cade Dingler, Zane Barrow and Corben Cuzzort, will lead a talented group of underclassmen. This is a team that's only going to improve as the season progresses.

CENTRAL CARROLLTON LIONS

Head Coach (s): Wes Shiver

Assistant Coach (s): Stephen Kegley, Riley Presnell, Blane Swift, Mack McKinley

2020 Record: 6-6

Returning Starters: SS/2B Wendell Perry (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); OF/RHP Jaden Traylor (Sr., 6-1, 165, R/R); OF Korben Waldrop (Sr., 6-0, 185, L/R); 2B/3B Matthew Bass (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); C Gage Gray (Jr., 5-5, 145, R/R); 3B/RHP Josh Heredia (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Beau Ivy (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R); 1B Kobe Hale (Sr., 6-1, 165, L/L); RHP Glenn Chambers (Sr., 5-10, 165, L/R); RHP Jacob Muse (Jr., 5-8, 150, R/R); INF Nate Handley (Sr., 6-5, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: U/RHP Caleb Griffis (Jr., 6-0, 160, L/R); LHP/OF/1B Walker Altman (So., 5-9, 150, L/L); INF Blake Ivy (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); LHP/OF Kellon Rollings (Jr., 5-6, 150, L/L); RHP/INF Dillon Smith (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Lions welcome back a solid group of players and should contend for the playoffs this spring. Six starters are back, including outfielder Korben Waldrop who returns to lead the offense. Pitcher Jaden Traylor gives Central experience on the mound. A talented group of juniors and sophomores will compete for playing time.

HERITAGE-CATOOSA GENERALS

Head Coach (s): Eric Beagles

Assistant Coach (s): Cody Lones, David Dingler

2020 Record: 4-10

Returning Starters: OF/LHP CJ Robertson (Sr., 6-1, 180, L/L); C/RHP Alex Mixon (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); OF/LHP Cade Kiniry (Sr., 5-11, 160, L/L); INF/RHP Caden Snyder (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF Dylan Bryan (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R); INF JT Eaton (Jr., 5-11, 195, R/R); INF/C Cannon Stafford (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Trey Faulkner (Sr., 6-1, 150, R/R); OF Gabe Serrano (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP JJ Hunt (So., 5-8, 135, R/R); OF/INF/RHP Landon Skeen (So., 5-9, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: A good group of returning players should help Heritage contend for the playoffs. Seven starters are back, including senior outfielder/pitcher CJ Robertson. The senior class is solid, but the lack of experienced pitching is a concern.

NORTHWEST WHITFIELD BRUINS

Head Coach (s): Todd Middleton

Assistant Coach (s): Brad Dunn, David Redmond, Jason Brooker

2020 Record: 7-7

Returning Starters: LHP/1B/OF Cade Fisher (Jr., 6-3, 175, L/L); SS Matt Redmond (Sr., 5-7, 165, R/R); LHP/OF Keaton McQuaig (Jr., 6-2, 200, L/L); C Daiman Banta (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); RHP/1B Aiden Hosford (Jr., 6-0, 175, L/R); OF/3B Jayden Santiago (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Gabriel Perez (So., 5-9, 160, R/R); INF Braxton Floyd (So., 5-9, 130, R/R); OF Fischer Lloyd (Jr., 5-7, 130, R/R); INF/RHP Asa Cleghorn (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); LHP Brett Talley (Sr., 5-10, 140, L/L); C Will Roper (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Bruins lost a lot of talent to graduation, but there is enough for Northwest to contend for the region title. Junior pitcher and Florida commit Cade Fisher leads a talented rotation, while three-year starter Matt Redmond is back at shortstop. Keep an eye on juniors Keaton McQuaig and Aiden Hosford.

PICKENS DRAGONS

Head Coach (s): Adam Williams

Assistant Coach (s): Zach Martin, Taylor Haney, Christian Stevenson

2020 Record: 13-2

Returning Starters: OF Hunter White (Sr., R/R); RHP/1B Seth Densmore (Sr., R/R); C/OF Jarrod Whitmore (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF Drake Sutton (Sr., R/R); OF/LHP Noah Brown (So., L/L); C/INF Anthony Antinozzi (Jr., R/R); OF/LHP Parker Rhodes (Jr., L/L); INF Colby James (So., R/R); INF/RHP/C Harlan Will (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: Graduation took aim at Pickens' 2020 roster and did some damage. But the Dragons have a solid group of seniors and some underclassmen waiting for their chance to be in the spotlight. Seth Densmore and Drake Sutton bring experience to the mound, while Hunter White and Jarrod Whitmore also return.

RIDGELAND PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): Scott Harden

Assistant Coach (s): Dee Arnold, Kip Klein, Forest Hunter

2020 Record: 8-4

Returning Starters: LHP Robert Jent (Sr., 6-1, 185, L/L); 3B Austyn Acuff (So., 6-0, 165, R/R); C Hudson Couch (So., 5-11, 180, L/R); 1B Jacob Klein (Jr., 6-7, 300, L/R); SS Chris Maddeaux (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); LHP Brody Spurgeon (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/L); 2B/RHP Zach Harrison (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); 2B/RHP/OF Nolan Hughley (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF Isaac Pitts (Sr., 5-10, 155, L/R); INF/RHP Chandler Goodwin (Sr., 6-4, 200, R/R); OF Nate Davis (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Jordan McLin (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: U Dakota Stone (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); C Kayden Adams (So., 5-11, 165, R/R); OF/RHP Levi Millsaps (So., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP Hayden Brewer (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/L); INF/RHP Curtis Wells (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: Ridgeland returns most of its players from the 2020 team, and the Panthers could be a dangerous team this spring. The senior class is solid. Left-handed pitcher Robert Jent leads a talented group of pitchers, while catcher Hudson Couch and shortstop Chris Maddeaux return to spark the offense.



Hudson Couch
Ridgeland



Chris Maddeaux
Ridgeland



SOUTHEAST WHITFIELD RAIDERS

Head Coach (s): Brad Lofton

Assistant Coach (s): Chad Ikerd, Allen Coley, Austin Fowler

2020 Record: 6-7

Returning Starters: 3B/1B/C Bryson Lofton (Sr., 6-1, 225, L/R); RHP/OF Jacob Gentry (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); SS/RHP Cobey Patterson (Sr., 6-3, 170, R/R); 2B Laine Carden (Sr., 5-10, 140, R/R); 1B Riley Parker (Sr., 6-1, 250, R/R); 3B/RHP Jeric Gann (Sr., 6-0, 155, R/R); OF Seth Hilley (Sr., 5-10, 140, R/R); SS/2B/RHP Johnny Vega (So., 5-8, 130, R/R); C/OF Brady Ensley (So., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF Alden Patterson (So., 6-1, 140, R/R)

Other Returning Players: SS Jesse Nava (So., 6-0, 150, R/R); 1B Brett Cole (So., 6-0, 150, R/R); 1B Jordan Gentry (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: This should be Southeast's best team in recent memory as a wealth of returners and a solid senior class return. Pitchers Jacob Gentry and Cobey Patterson anchor the rotation, while infielder/catcher Bryson Lofton is back to spark the offense. Look for some juniors and sophomores to step forward and contribute.

REGION 8-4A

Region Favorite: North Oconee

Players to Watch

1B – Phillip Ard, Sr., North Oconee; **LHP/OF** – Jake Beaver, Jr., Flowery Branch; **RHP** – Austin Bell, Sr., Jefferson; **INF** – JB Bell, Sr., Flowery Branch; **C/RHP** – Gavin Black, Jr., North Oconee; **SS/RHP** – Bubba Chandler, Sr., North Oconee; **C** – Mason Cooper, Sr., Jefferson; **C/INF/RHP** – Kaleb Freeman, Sr., Flowery Branch; **2B** – Bowman Horn, So., Jefferson; **RHP/OF** – Rem Maxwell, Sr., Jefferson; **INF** – JJ Rapp, Sr., Jefferson; **1B/OF** – Nick Sellers, Sr., Jefferson; **RHP/3B** – Ben Stuart, Jr., North Oconee; **RHP/INF** – Clay Tyas, Sr., Chestatee; **SS** – Cole Watkins, Sr., Jefferson; **LHP** – Joe Waddell, Sr., North Oconee; **LHP** – Chris Wilbanks, Jr., Madison County; **OF/INF** – David Wiley, Sr., North Oconee



CEDAR SHOALS JAGUARS

Head Coach (s): Josh Campbell

Survey not returned



CHESTATEE WAR EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Kevin McConnell (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Josh Owings, Logan Conley, Matthew Howell, Tanner Plemmons

2020 Record: 7-7

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Clay Tyas (Sr., R/R); RHP/OF Hunter Potzner (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF Nolan Turner (Jr., R/R); OF Hunter Fouche (So., R/R); RHP/INF Nathan Bull (Jr., R/R); 1B/LHP Levi Stowers (Jr., L/L); INF/OF/RHP Mattox Miller (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/OF Hunter Bennett (Jr., R/R); OF Lake Whitmire (Jr., R/R); OF/INF Christian Jarrard (So., R/R); INF Ethan

Lemay (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP Bryan Cantrell (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/INF Asa Smith (Jr., R/R); INF/OF/RHP Colton Wilbanks (Fr., R/R); INF/RHP Joshua Bull (Fr., R/R); OF/LHP Jacob Hitchcock (Fr., L/L); C/INF Ethan Clark (So., R/R); RHP/INF Camden O'Dell (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: Chestatee turned the corner and now is expected to contend for the postseason. The War Eagles return seven starters under new coach Kevin McConnell. Pitcher/infielder Clay Tyas and pitcher/outfielder Hunter Potzner are back to lead a young but talented group of underclassmen.



EAST HALL VIKINGS

Head Coach (s): Zeb Lackey (new)

Survey not returned



FLOWERY BRANCH FALCONS

Head Coach (s): Joey Ray

Assistant Coach (s): Dusty Black, Robby Boudreau, Austin Brown, Kraig Peebles, Kenny Ray

2020 Record: 12-1

Returning Starters: INF Connor Larson (Sr., R/R); INF JB Bell (Sr., B/R); C/INF/RHP Kaleb Freeman (Sr., B/R); RHP/OF Austin Hatcher (Sr., R/R); LHP/OF Jake Beaver (Jr., L/L); OF Nick Linkowski (Jr., R/R); INF Baxley O'Brien (Jr., R/R); INF Kade Smallwood (So., L/R); RHP/INF Mason Compton (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/INF Connor Edwards (Jr., R/R); OF/RHP Max Eubanks (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: Flowery Branch lost arguably one of the state's top pitching duos in Andrew Armstrong and Zander Sechrist last year to graduation. However, there is plenty of young talent waiting for their chance to shine. Seniors JB Bell and Kaleb Freeman are back to lead a solid senior class. Left-handed pitcher/outfielder Jake Beaver is a player to keep an eye on after a promising start in 2020.



JEFFERSON DRAGONS

Head Coach (s): Tommy Knight

Assistant Coach (s): Andy Fowler, Jon Velduis, Kyle Hardy, Jordan Perdue, Shawn McNally, Jared Hulsey, Jake Fields

2020 Record: 6-7

Returning Starters: C Mason Cooper (Sr., 5-9, 190, R/R); RHP/OF Rem Maxwell (Sr., 6-3, 200, R/R); SS Cole Watkins (Sr., 5-8, 175, R/R); 1B/OF Nick Sellers (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); RHP Austin Bell (Sr., 6-3, 215, R/R); 2B Bowman Horn (So., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Jake Walker (Sr., 5-8, 150, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Landon Richards (Sr., 5-8, 155, R/R); INF JJ Rapp (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF JoJo Martin (So., 6-3, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Jase Peoples (Fr., 5-10, 175, R/R); RHP Hop Aldridge (Sr., 6-4, 185, R/R); C Reese Johnson (Jr., 5-8, 180, L/R); 1B Matthew Perrin (Jr., 6-4, 175, R/R); 1B Bradlee Kinney (Jr., 5-11, 185, R/R); INF Clay Fulcher (Jr., 5-10, 170, L/R); RHP Spense Neese (Jr., 6-3, 180, R/R); RHP Brice Glausier (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Dragons look to contend for the region title as seven starters are back. One of those is three-year starter Mason Cooper, one of the last holdovers from Jefferson's 2018 state title. Right-handers Rem Maxwell and Austin Bell return to lead a solid pitching rotation.



MADISON COUNTY RED RAIDERS

Head Coach (s): Chad Gillespie

Assistant Coach (s): Jeff Davis, Jack May, Alex Jordan, Nick Ladd, Casey Bates

2020 Record: 6-8

Returning Starters: INF/OF Brady Bates (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); LHP Chris Wilbanks (Jr., 6-1, 160, L/L); RHP Stephen Brooks (Jr., 6-4, 180, R/R); OF Ben Bray (Jr., 6-0, 170, L/R); INF/RHP Caleb Deavers (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); C Tyler Wright (Jr., 5-9, 180, R/R); RHP/INF Luke Brown (Sr., 6-0, 145, R/R); INF Cole Hillsman (So., 5-7, 135, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Brock McElroy (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); INF/OF Andrew Porterfield (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); INF/DH Eli Akins (Jr., 6-4, 225, R/R); RHP/OF Cooper Brown (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Shane Little (So., 5-10, 140, R/R); INF/RHP Tristan Poss (So., 6-0, 165, R/R); OF/LHP Conner Smith (So., 6-1, 150, L/L); C Chad Sparkman (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); C/INF Lane Nix (So., 5-11, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: As usual, look for Madison County to be in the postseason chase. Eight starters are back, but the bulk of the team is still comprised of underclassmen. Seniors Brady Bates and Luke Brown return to lead a solid group of sophomores and juniors. Left-handed pitcher Chris Wilbanks will be one to watch.



NORTH OCONEE TITANS

Head Coach (s): Jay Lasley

Assistant Coach (s): Matt Kelley, Tom Dimitroff, Eric Bounds, Tyler Pittman, Brandon Gaubert

2020 Record: 8-2

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Bubba Chandler (Sr., 6-3, 200, B/R); OF/INF David Wiley (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); OF/RHP Tanner Evilsizor (Sr., 6-1, 200, R/R); 1B Phillip Ard (Sr., 6-2, 210, R/R); RHP/OF Carter Freeman (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); INF Tanner Dempsey (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); C/RHP Gavin Black (Jr., 6-1, 195, L/R); RHP/3B Ben Stuart (Jr., 6-1, 195, R/R); RHP Cole Evilsizor (Jr., 5-11, 190, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Parker Herndon (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); INF/RHP Justin Byrd (Jr., 6-1, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP Joe Waddell (Sr., 6-2, 190, L/L); RHP/OF Styles Begnaud (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); INF Grayson Godbee (So., 5-10, 185, R/R); C/INF Cale Stricklin (So., 5-10, 185, R/R); RHP Hudson Mullin (Jr., 6-3, 200, R/R); INF Bryce Toci (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: Don't be surprised to see the Titans make a deep postseason run in 2021. North Oconee is loaded with talent and boasts one of the state's top dual-sport athletes in shortstop/pitcher Bubba Chandler. Chandler as well as pitchers Ben Stuart and Joe Waddell will help the Titans pick up from where they left off. David Wiley, Gavin Black and Phillip Ard are back to lead the offense.



Phillip Ard
North Oconee



Joe Waddell
North Oconee

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The Lost Season - 2020

With the coronavirus pandemic shutting down the Georgia high school baseball season after five weeks of play, there were many programs across the state who believed they had a chance to hoist the state championship trophy. After the 2020 season was halted, fans could only speculate who the best team in each classification was. Here are our picks:

Class 7A

North Gwinnett: The Bulldogs had perhaps the most talented team in the classification, led by catcher Corey Collins, outfielder Josh Shuler and ace pitcher Brandt Pancer. The Bulldogs were off and running. They were 10-3 and had defeated three-time defending Class 5A champion Loganville and two-time defending Class 7A champion Parkview on opening weekend. Two of their three losses came in a California prep tournament against some of the nation's top programs. North Gwinnett certainly looked the part and was chasing the school's first baseball state title.

Parkview: The two-time defending Class 7A champions would have made another run at a state championship. Led by the 1-2 pitching punch of right-handers Miles Garrett and Xander Stephens, the Panthers' resume through five weeks included going 2-1 at the prestigious Perfect Game Showdown in Hoover, Ala. The Panthers had also taken down Loganville, Lassiter, Jefferson, Starr's Mill and Blessed Trinity. Their only losses were to North Gwinnett and Archbishop McCarthy of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. in the Perfect Game Showdown.

North Paulding: The Wolfpack started the season 0-2 after losses to lower classification powers in Blessed Trinity and Tattnall Square in the Georgia Dugout Club Tournament. But North Paulding won 12 of its next 13, including victories over Houston County, Hart County, Thomasville, Buford, Walton and Etowah. They also captured the prestigious LaGrange Toyota Invitational, going 3-1 with their only loss coming against Providence Christian of Jacksonville, Fla. The backbone was clutch offense and strong pitching from Mitchell Heer and Dylan Rhadans.

Others: Mill Creek and Brookwood



North Paulding had won 12 of its final 13 games before the shutdown.

Class 6A

Winder-Barrow: The Bulldogs were led by do-it-all Class of 2021 prospect Brady House, Hunter Marsh, Blake Friend and junior twins Andrew and Andreaus Lewis. They had the pitching and the offensive firepower. They were 11-4 with losses to Loganville, Peachtree Ridge, Alabama powerhouse Smiths Station and Mississippi power DeSoto Central. But Winder-Barrow had recorded impressive wins over Cartersville, Greenbrier and Decatur. They went 2-2 in the Perfect Game Showdown. This was going to be a fun team to watch, capable of putting up big numbers on offense. Were they good enough to win a state title? We think so, but none of us will ever know.

Pope: The Greyhounds were 9-4 with losses to Harrison, Etowah, South Forsyth and a region setback to Dunwoody. But Pope, as usual, beat the teams it was supposed to. It was a rebuilding season but even in a rebuild, the Greyhounds were good enough to win it all. With pitchers Reid Robertson and Nate Shipley as well as offensive catalysts James Tibbs, Blake Redman and Riley Frost, the Greyhounds would have been very tough to beat in a three-game set. And Pope was only going to get better.

Houston County: The Bears were 6-6 and had played a brutal schedule, but they simply had too much talent and to be specific, a lethal pitching rotation led by Georgia signee Jaden Woods, Coleman Willis and Brodie Chestnutt. Houston had lost to North Paulding and Blessed Trinity, then went 1-3 in the Perfect Game Showdown in Hoover, Ala. The Bears, however, believed they were turning the corner before the season got shut down.

Others: Allatoona and Greenbrier



Georgia signee Jaden Woods was a standout for Houston County.

Class 5A

Buford: The Wolves took down four Class 7A schools to open the season and were 9-2 before the season was interrupted. Buford's only blemishes were a one-run setback to North Paulding in the championship game of the LaGrange Toyota

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Invitational, and a 1-0 loss to Mountain Brook (Ala.) in the Perfect Game Showdown, a place the Wolves went 3-1. It was going to be hard to beat a team that featured two of the nation's top prospects for the Class of 2022 in Dylan Lesko and Riley Stanford leading the way.

Decatur: Jordan Walker was a first-round draft pick by the St. Louis Cardinals and the power-hitting shortstop/pitcher was fun to watch, yet the Bulldogs had more than Walker. Jaylen Paden, Eddie Galatas and Jackson Hills were shutdown pitchers, while Walker, Lukas Clark and Marshall Toole led an explosive offense that was sure to put up big numbers. Decatur was 8-6 after a brutal schedule to open the season. The Bulldogs had the talent and could have won their first state baseball title since 1948.



Decatur and Jordan Walker were seeking their first state baseball title since 1948.

Loganville: The Red Devils were chasing history and it would have been fun to see if they made it. No team in the GHSA has won four consecutive state championships or more since Richmond Academy's state record seven straight from 1951-57. Loganville had lost a bunch, but somehow pitchers Caleb Garner, Riley Cruce and Dawson Coe would have kept them in it. Offensive heroes Dylan Strickland, Ian King, Brocker Way, Jackson Daniel and Daniel Braswell led an offense that was very consistent. The Red Devils were 7-5 with four losses coming to Class 7A schools.

Others: Carrollton and Ola

Class 4A

Blessed Trinity: Led by pitchers Dom Marcoccio, Trey Baker and DJ Radtke, the Titans were 12-4 with their only losses coming against Parkview, Lambert and a pair of Alabama prep powers in Smiths Station and Russell County. They recorded victories over Georgia powers North Paulding, Tattnell Square, Houston County and Loganville. They went 2-1 in the Perfect Game Showdown. The Titans haven't won a state baseball title since going back-to-back in 2014-15, but 2020 sure did look promising.

Flowery Branch: The Falcons were off to a 12-1 start with their only loss coming against Helena (Ala.). The Falcons, led by the two-headed pitching monster of Andrew Armstrong and Zander Sechrist, took down national powers Hoover and Cullman of Alabama, as well as Class 7A power North Gwinnett as well as region foe Marist. How good was this team? They ended the season on a five-game winning streak and appeared to be in postseason form. Sadly, we will never know if they would have won the school's first state baseball championship.

Northside-Columbus: The Patriots, the defending Class 4A champions, had most of their squad back, including pitchers Conner Sizemore, Will Graydon and standout reliever Hunter Poe. On offense, catcher Conner O'Neal, infielders Walt McConnell and Tray Richburg and Mack Williams returned. The Patriots returned enough to defend their title. They were 7-4 before the shutdown with a pair of losses to Alabama power Russell County, Montverde Academy of Florida and Desoto (Miss.) Central. The Patriots notched impressive wins over Decatur, Trinity Christian (Fla.) and Newnan.

Others: North Oconee and Marist

Class 3A

Westminster: The Wildcats were off to an 8-0 start and with the exception of a pair of victories over Class 2A power Callaway, Westminster had beaten teams either in Class 3A or higher. Versatile Parks Harber was a tough out, while the pitching staff that was led by Harber, Will Lybrook, Jonathan Morgan and Charlie Wickliffe was good enough to help the Wildcats challenge for their first state title since 2016. If they weren't championship material, they certainly played the part well.

Calhoun: The Yellow Jackets seemed to have a little bit of everything – shutdown pitching, clutch offense and excellent defense. They were 8-0 and had swept a pair of games from preseason Class 3A No. 1 Fannin County. Hagan Banks and Bryse Ingle led a strong rotation, while offensive catalysts Parker Lester and John Andrew Cash led an explosive offense. This would have been Calhoun's best team since they won the Class 2A title in 2010. Too bad we won't ever get to see how good this team could have really been.

Redan: The Raiders were off to a 12-4 start and had the pitching and the offense to go deep. Right-hander Donye Evans' mid-90's fastball was as good as advertised and the Raiders had the talent around him. Redan was good enough to beat higher classification programs like Kell as well as run-ruling Class 5A power Starr's Mill 13-3 in the Georgia Dugout Club Tournament. This was a fun team to watch.

Others: North Hall and Hart County

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Class 2A

Rockmart: They came from all over to scout pitcher Ty Floyd, who flirted with the MLB Draft but decided to honor his scholarship to LSU. But Rockmart was more than Floyd. Outfielders Reed Couch and CJ Culver as well as infielder/pitcher Brayden Cole and others were expected to lead the Jackets back to the state championship series after they finished as the Class 2A runner-up in 2019. They were 7-5 before the shutdown. Their resume included wins over Cartersville and Alabama power Hewitt-Trussville in the Perfect Game Showdown.

Thomasville: This was the Bulldogs' best chance to win their first state championship since 2000. Their three-headed pitching monster of Southern Mississippi signee Hurston Waldrep, Michigan signee Jaylen Jones and Jacob Bradshaw were as good advertised and had them off to an 8-4 start. Thomasville's Achilles heel was its inability to produce runs. The Bulldogs had scored some big wins over Class 3A Hart County in the Georgia Dugout Club Tournament as well as a win over Cook in the season opener. This club would have been tough to beat in a three-game set. How tough? We won't ever know.



Thomasville showed early that it would be a contender in Class 2A.

Vidalia: There may not have been a team playing better than Vidalia before the shutdown. The Indians were 11-1 and riding a nine-game winning streak. The good news is that the majority of the team comes back in 2021, but it still would have fun to see how far this team went. Their resume included a pair of wins over 2019 Class 3A state champion Pike County as well as a pair of wins over Callaway and Heard County. All-everything Landry Mead, Bryson Whited and Jordan Walden led the way, but with the emergence of pitchers Caden Spivey and Ty Dalley, this team may have surprised all of us.

Others: Jeff Davis and Elbert County

Class 1A Public

Gordon Lee: The Trojans had one of the best 1-2 pitching combos in the state in right-handers Jake Wright and Jake Poindexter. But the Trojans' offense, led by shortstop JD Day and catcher Brody Cobb, could score runs too. They were 8-2

with their only losses coming to Hart County and a 1-0 setback to Class 1A Private Saint Anne-Pacelli. Gordon Lee was chasing their third straight state title. They looked every bit like the team to beat before the coronavirus pandemic shut down the season.

Johnson County: Yes, 2020 was Johnson County's year, and they had been building for 2020 for some time. The Trojans have never won a state baseball championship and last year was their best shot. Behind dominating pitchers Adam Hooks and Brett Caneega as well as exciting players like Dra Darrisaw, the Trojans were going to go far. They were 9-0 and their last game before the shutdown was a 12-2 victory over Class 1A Private power Calvary Day.

Schley County: Constant rain in South Georgia kept Schley County from playing many games. They were 5-1-2 before the shutdown as the weather kept this team off-balanced. They had scored a pair of wins over Hawkinsville as well as Taylor County in region play. They also scored a big win over Class 3A Crisp County. It was hard to gauge just how good this team was to start the season, but somehow you had to figure Trent Bivins, Garrett Peavy and Dylan Taylor would have helped the Wildcats go deep – again.

Others: Wilcox County and Charlton County

Class 1A Private

Wesleyan: The Wolves were off to a 12-0 start and had beaten some very good teams including Hebron Christian, Prince Avenue Christian, Brookstone twice, Dunwoody, Saint Francis and Greater Atlanta Christian. Without a doubt, this was going to be their best team since they last captured a state championship in 2015. While the pitching of Wyatt Copeland, Jamie LaFramboise, Holden Wilder, Jalen Fulwood and James McCoy was good enough to lead the team to a deep run, the offense led by Charlie Taylor, Druw Jones and Cooper Blausner was exciting to watch.

Tattnall Square: As usual, Tattnall Square would have made a deep run. They were already off to an 11-4 start, including impressive wins over North Paulding, Cairo, Etowah, Redan, Savannah Christian and First Presbyterian Day. With right-handers Brooks Gorman and Dawson Brown leading the charge on the mound, it was going to be tough to score on the Trojans. This team was just getting warmed up and appeared ready to make another strong run – until the season unexpectedly got shut down.

Hebron Christian: The Lions had already shown they could play with the big boys, beating Jefferson, Strong Rock Christian, Lanier and Heritage-Conyers. They were 9-4 before the season was interrupted. A deep pitching staff was talented enough to take Hebron Christian as far as they wanted to go. Jackson Boyd and Mason Ashby were two key players that would have helped the Lions go deep.

Others: Savannah Christian and Strong Rock Christian



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Cherokee Bluff



Tate Brooks
Catcher • Junior
North Hall



Will Dean
Infielder • Senior
Hart County



Bryce England
Catcher • Sophomore
Cherokee Bluff



Jacob Fairbanks
Outfielder • Senior
Greater Atl. Christian



Glenn Green
Utility • Senior
Sandy Creek



Jay Johnson
Outfielder • Senior
North Hall



Jonathan Little
Designated Hitter • Junior
Sandy Creek



Jayson Longacre
Pitcher • Senior
Westminster



Addrian McNeal
Infielder • Senior
Redan



Kenyon Ransom
Outfielder • Senior
Ringgold



Eli Reece
Pitcher • Junior
North Hall



Terence Sales
Pitcher • Senior
Redan



TL Saxon
Infielder • Junior
Oconee County



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Infielder • Junior
Mary Persons



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Infielder • Senior
Westminster



Casey Tallent
Pitcher • Senior
Hart County



Malachi Thomas
Outfielder • Senior
Hart County



Noah Walters
Pitcher • Senior
Crisp County



Jake Willis
Pitcher • Senior
Upson-Lee



Tyler Zawacki
Infielder • Senior
Cherokee Bluff

Georgia Preseason All-State Team

Class 3A - Second Team



Trevor Caldwell
Pitcher • Junior
Rockmart



Robert Clarke
Utility • Junior
Westminster



TJ Criswell
Outfielder • Senior
Long County



Cedric Cullars
Outfielder • Senior
Harlem



Lawson Gailey
Pitcher • Junior
Franklin County



Will Harper
Catcher • Senior
Morgan County



Irvin Hernandez
Infielder • Senior
Coahulla Creek



Thomas Higgins
Pitcher • Senior
Appling County



Trey Horton
Infielder • Senior
Hart County



Noah Kuhaneck
Catcher • Senior
Long County



Liam Lewis
Outfielder • Senior
Oconee County



William May
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Infielder • Sophomore
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Class 3A Top 15

1 HART COUNTY

The Bulldogs have been building for this year for the past three seasons. After a run to the Class 3A semifinals in 2019, Hart County was off to a 10-4 start in 2020 before the season was stopped due to the coronavirus pandemic. If Hart County is going to bring a state baseball championship to Hartwell, this is a golden opportunity to do it.

The Bulldogs have more pitching than most teams in higher classifications. Right-hander Casey Tallent, a Clemson signee, and Will Dean form perhaps the state's top 1-2 pitching punch in any classification. Throw in versatile Trey Horton and Peyton Powell and some talented underclassmen, the Bulldogs will be tough to beat in a three-game set. Most of those guys will also help an offense led by outfielders Malachi Thomas, Rafe Maxwell and Paul Davis.

There's no other way to put it – this is Hart County's year.

2 NORTH HALL

If you're going to get the Trojans, you might want to do it this year. With a roster full of juniors, North Hall is only going to get better. Don't be surprised to see the Trojans make a deep postseason run and challenge for their first state baseball championship since 2017.

3 REDAN

If you think Redan is going to be rebuilding, think again. The Raiders have plenty of talent and shouldn't miss a beat despite losing top pitcher Donye Evans to graduation.

4 CHEROKEE BLUFF

The Bears begin their third baseball season with enough talent to contend for a championship – which championship depends on a solid group of seniors.

5 WESTMINSTER

The Wildcats felt like they had the ingredients to make a strong run at a state title in 2020. Westminster still has enough in 2021. Keep an eye on them.

6 RINGGOLD

After some growing pains, the Tigers are back and they will be tough to beat. A strong group of seniors could help them make a solid run in the postseason.

7 OCONEE COUNTY

Look for the Warriors to make a statement in Class 3A this spring. Oconee has enough returning to be the state's sleeper.

8 APPLING COUNTY

It's been a few years since Appling County had as much pitching as they do coming back this year. If the Pirates can produce on offense, look out.

9 LONG COUNTY

The Blue Tide has continued to improve under coach James Hobbs. This is the year they should reap some big benefits.

10 UPSON-LEE

The Knights have quietly continued to get better. Upson-Lee could be building something pretty special in Thomaston.

11 PIKE COUNTY

The defending Class 3A champions lost a ton. They return an excellent group that just needs time to grow and mature.

12 MARY PERSONS

Head coach Clae Mathis has made the Bulldogs annual contenders in region play since he took over. That won't change in 2021.

13 ROCKMART

Perhaps no team in Class 3A got raided as much as Rockmart. But don't feel sorry for the Jackets. They are still a dangerous team.

14 SANDY CREEK

Nick Pou's third season could be special, especially with players like Glenn Green and Jonathan Little leading the way.

15 MORGAN COUNTY

Coach Merritt Ainsie continues to keep the Bulldogs in the chase. That won't change in 2021.

Others to watch: (Alphabetical Order) Crisp County, Dawson County, Franklin County, Greater Atlanta Christian, Harlem, Pierce County, Sonorville, Stephens County

REGION 1-3A

Region Favorite: Appling County

Players to Watch

OF/LHP – TJ Criswell, Sr., Long County; **U** – Davis Green, Jr., Pierce County; **RHP/INF** – Dawson Harrelson, Sr., Appling County; **RHP/3B** – Thomas Higgins, Sr., Appling County; **C/RHP** – Noah Kuhaneck, Sr., Long County; **3B** – Bryson Lee, Sr., Brantley County; **RHP** – Wesley Nelson, Sr., Pierce County; **RHP/3B** – Trevor Ray, Sr., Long County; **OF** – Dwayne Rowe, Jr., Long County; **RHP/OF** – Harrison Simmons, Sr., Appling County; **C** – Drew Starling, Sr., Pierce County; **SS/RHP** – Gabe Thrift, Sr., Brantley County; **SS** – Ethan Wells, Sr., Long County; **RHP/C** – Aidan Willis, Sr., Tattall County



APPLING COUNTY PIRATES

Head Coach (s): Jeremy Smith

Assistant Coach (s): Jordan Mullis, Zack Griffis, Leslie Griffis, Darrick Tillman

2020 Record: 6-4

Returning Starters: RHP/3B Thomas Higgins (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF Dawson Harrelson (Sr., R/R); RHP/OF Harrison Simmons (Jr., R/R); RHP/INF Patrick Crosby (So., R/R); C Dawson Griffis (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP/OF Michael Bass (Sr., L/L); RHP/1B Jason Larsen (Sr., R/R); INF Brantly Carter (Sr., R/R); OF/1B Logan Atkins (Jr., L/L); RHP/INF Aiden Livingston (Jr., R/R); LHP/OF Malachi Mullis (Jr., L/L); INF Beau Grayson Peacock (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP/OF Mason Williamson (So., L/L); RHP Levi Reynolds (So., R/R); OF/1B Jack Coleman (So., L/R); 1B Jacob Gardner (So., R/R); LHP/OF Caden Floyd (So., L/L); INF/OF Colin Campbell (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Pirates will be talented as usual. Five starters are back, including right-handed pitchers Thomas Higgins and Harrison Simmons. Dawson Harrelson also returns to provide senior leadership. Sophomores Patrick Crosby and Dawson Griffis are back after starting as freshmen last year.



BRANTLEY COUNTY HERONS

Head Coach (s): Tony Yeomans

Assistant Coach (s): Justen White, John Chance Geoff

2020 Record: 5-6

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Gabe Thrift (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); 3B Bryson Lee (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); C/RHP Walker Gill (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); 2B/RHP Cager Flowers (Sr., 5-8, 175, R/R); OF/RHP Cameron Allen (Sr., 6-3, 200, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/RHP Nathan Willis (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Aiden Adams (So., 6-1, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Jarrett Rowell (So., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF Kyle Wood (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); INF Trinity Lee (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Tripp Hendrix (Fr., 5-7, 165, L/L); OF Luke Carter (Fr., 5-8, 170, R/R); OF Brody Yeomans (Fr., 5-10, 170, L/L); OF Mason Thomas (Fr., 5-5, 135, R/R)

Season Outlook: A talented group of returning players are back

as Brantley County should be in the postseason chase. Five starters are back, including four who can pitch. Keep an eye on shortstop/pitcher Gabe Thrift and third baseman Bryson Lee who return to lead the offense.



LONG COUNTY BLUE TIDE

Head Coach (s): James Hobbs

Assistant Coach (s): Tyler Chambless, Trevor Bryant, Brandon Purcell

2020 Record: 14-1

Returning Starters: C/RHP Noah Kuhaneck (Sr., 6-0, 215, R/R); SS Ethan Wells (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF/LHP TJ Criswell (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/L); RHP/3B Trevor Ray (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF Dwayne Rowe (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); C/RHP Joseph Cammack (Jr., 5-10, 200, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Cole Moss (Jr., 5-8, 185, R/R); INF/RHP Blake Holland (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R); 3B Daniel Edwards (Jr., 5-9, 230, R/R); 1B Jacob Cooper (Jr., 6-3, 180, R/R); OF Gio Jackson (So., 5-7, 160, R/R); C Blake Mosley (Sr., 5-8, 155, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/RHP Brennan Lee (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Blue Tide were off to a blazing start before the coronavirus pandemic shut down the season. Long looks to continue building off its positive momentum. Six starters are back, including a solid senior class. Catcher/pitcher Noah Kuhaneck, infielder Ethan Wells, outfielder/pitcher TJ Criswell and pitcher/infielder Trevor Ray could help the Blue Tide have a special season this spring.



PIERCE COUNTY BEARS

Head Coach (s): Andrew Evans

Assistant Coach (s): Jacob Evers, Tyler Rogers

2020 Record: 9-5

Returning Starters: RHP Wesley Nelson (Sr., R/R); C Drew Starling (Sr., R/R); OF/P JReid Phillips (Sr.); P/INF Jayden Crews (Sr.); U Davis Green (Jr.); OF/P Brandon Pittman (Jr.); P/INF Hoke Skipper (Jr.); INF Knox Bennett (Jr.)

Other Returning Players: INF Asher Harris (Sr.); OF Christopher Riggins (Sr.); INF Dawson Yarbrough (Sr.); P/OF Brett Tuten (Jr.); INF Zach Murphy (Jr.); C/INF Collin Jarrell (Jr.); INF/P Ashby Simonin (So.); INF/P Mason Woodcock (So.); INF/P Jacob Pittman (So.); OF Trent Moody (So.); OF Seth Hunt (So.)

Top Newcomers: Caden Williams (Fr.); Will Inman (Fr.); Reed Young (Fr.); Cole Royer (Fr.); Kalab Lashley (Fr.)

Season Outlook: Pierce County continues to build and should have a chance to be much-improved this spring. A wealth of talent returns, including senior pitcher Wesley Nelson and catcher Drew Starling. Seniors JReid Phillips and Jayden Crews also return. The Bears are still, however, a very young team.



Wesley Nelson
Pierce County



Drew Starling
Pierce County



TATTALL COUNTY BATTLE CREEK WARRIORS

Head Coach (s): Ben Collins

Assistant Coach (s): Andrew Waters, Brooks Robins, Chaz Kicklighter

2020 Record: 3-7

Returning Starters: RHP/C Aidan Willis (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Kaleb Kennedy (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); 1B/LHP Connor Durrence (Jr., 6-0, 200, L/L)

Other Returning Players: OF Ralieggh Waters (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Cayden Folsom (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Tattnall County lost a good bit of talent to graduation. Three starters are back, including a pair of seniors in pitcher/catcher Aidan Willis and outfielder/pitcher Kaleb Kennedy. Some younger players will need to step up and contribute.

REGION 2-3A

Region Favorite: Upson-Lee

Players to Watch

2B/RHP/3B – Jaden Bankston, Sr., Mary Persons; **C/RHP** – Jack Carter, Jr., Crisp County; **C/OF** – Austin Conine, Sr., Pike County; **INF/C** – Logan Giles, Sr., Peach County; **RHP/2B** – Austin Hendricks, Sr., Upson-Lee; **3B** – Tyler James, Sr., Pike County; **INF/RHP** – AJ Lee, Sr., Peach County; **INF/U** – Brannon Lopez, Sr., Pike County; **1B/RHP** – Chandler Miley, Sr., Pike County; **INF/OF** – Camden Minor, So., Jackson; **INF/OF/RHP** – Braden Osbolt, Jr., Pike County; **INF/RHP** – Christian Perkins, Sr., Pike County; **C/INF** – Dalton Smith, Sr., Jackson; **SS** – Eric Snow, Jr., Mary Persons; **RHP/1B** – Logan Spivey, Sr., Upson-Lee; **C** – Caden Swift, Jr., Pike County; **RHP/SS** – Noah Walters, Sr., Crisp County; **RHP/OF** – Thomas Willingham, Sr., Mary Persons; **RHP** – Jake Willis, Sr., Upson-Lee



AMERICUS-SUMTER PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): Arthur Wright (new)

Survey not returned



CENTRAL MACON CHARGERS

Head Coach (s): Rico Gibson

Survey not returned



CRISP COUNTY COUGARS

Head Coach (s): TBA

Assistant Coach (s): Scott Williams, Scooter Houston, Patrick Jordan, Stewart Tyler

2020 Record: 6-6

Returning Starters: RHP/SS Noah Walters (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); OF Jackson Faircloth (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); INF Greer Hawkins (Sr., 6-0, 230, R/R); RHP/1B Mack McNeil (Sr., 6-0, 225, R/R); RHP/OF Devin Griffin (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); C/RHP Jack Carter (Jr., 6-0, 180, L/R); INF Kanye Spivey (Jr., 5-11, 190, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Kam Moate (Sr., 5-11, 210, R/R); 1B Javier Barrett (Jr., 6-0, 220, R/R); INF Ethan Pollack (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Colton Westbury (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/INF Julian Fox

(So., 5-11, 170, R/R); OF Dylan Davis (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); U Jackson Napier (Sr., 6-1, 200, R/R)

Season Outlook: This could be Crisp County's best team since they finished as the state runner-up in 2014. Seven starters are back, including all-state pitcher/shortstop Noah Walters and catcher Jack Carter. Five of the team's seven returners are seniors.



JACKSON RED DEVILS

Head Coach: Ryan Duffey

Assistant Coach (s): Blake Ashe, Charlie Biles, Rhett Carroll, Nelson Homan, Jonathan Wilson

2020 Record: 7-5

Returning Starters: C/INF Dalton Smith (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); INF Ben Gervasio (Sr., 5-7, 150, R/R); INF Dustin Sullivan (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Carson Biles (Sr., 5-10, 175); INF/OF Camden Minor (So., 5-7, 145); P/OF Jackson Smith (Jr., 5-11, 175); P/INF Ayden Upchurch (Jr., 6-0, 155); P/INF Curtis Dickerson (Jr., 5-8, 150)

Season Outlook: The Red Devils have some key positions to fill if they want to contend for the playoffs. Just three starters are back, but the good news is that one of those is catcher/infielder Dalton Smith. Jackson will be looking for some younger players to step up and contribute.



MARY PERSONS BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Clae Mathis

Assistant Coach (s): Josh Ward, Blake Cannady, Cody Hunnicutt

2020 Record: 11-4

Returning Starters: 2B/RHP/3B Jaden Bankston (Sr., R/R); SS Eric Snow (Jr., R/R); C/RHP/OF Caden Swancey (Jr., R/R); RHP/OF Thomas Willingham (Sr., R/R); OF Thorn Anderson (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B Jake Wright (Sr.); 2B Aric Mock (Jr.); INF Jake Causey (Jr.); OF/1B Thomas Brooks (So.); OF/1B/P Ryan Jenkins (So.); 3B/P Cooper Mitchell (So.); OF/P Carter Mitchell (So.); OF Logan Hickman (So.); OF/P Brycen Horne (So.)

Season Outlook: Mary Persons' baseball program continues to get better and the Bulldogs are annually expected to contend for region titles and postseason berths. Mary Persons hopes to take it a step farther this spring. Five starters are back, including versatile senior Jaden Bankston and all-state shortstop Eric Snow. The lack of experienced pitching is a concern.



PEACH COUNTY TROJANS

Head Coach (s): Jeff Bailey

Assistant Coach (s): Craig Johnson, Keith Barker

2020 Record: 0-7

Returning Starters: INF/C Logan Giles (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); INF/RHP AJ Lee (Sr., 6-2, 220, R/R); INF/OF/RHP Jakob Harnist (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); INF/RHP Michael Kovitch (Jr., 5-7, 155, R/R); OF/INF/RHP Ashton Ennis (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); OF/INF/LHP Drew Bailey (So., 5-4, 140, L/L); OF/INF/RHP Christian Martin (So., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/INF/RHP Andrew Cliett (So., 6-0, 235, L/R); OF/RHP Keondre Towns (Jr., 6-3, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Alex Christian (Jr., 6-0, 230, R/R); OF Brady Meeks (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R); INF/OF/C Caleb Peterson (Jr., 6-1, 220, R/R); RHP/INF Jordan Lyn (Sr., 6-2, 285, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/C Colter Ginn (Fr., 5-11, 145, R/R); INF/RHP Bryce Harellson (Fr., 5-11, 125, B/R)

Season Outlook: The Trojans look to get things rolling after getting off to a slow start in 2020. The senior class is small, but the good news is that seven starters return. Two of those are infielder/catcher Logan Giles and infielder/pitcher AJ Lee. Peach will need some younger players to step up and contribute.

PIKE COUNTY PIRATES

Head Coach (s): Don Hanson

Assistant Coach (s): Blake Parrott, Kevin Mobley, Joey Satterfield, John Sutton, John Hanson

2020 Record: 6-7

Returning Starters: 1B/RHP Chandler Miley (Sr., 6-0, 205, R/R); 3B Tyler James (Sr., 5-7, 180, R/R); INF/RHP Christian Perkins (Sr., 6-1, 165, R/R); C/OF Austin Conine (Sr., 5-7, 155, R/R); INF/U Brannon Lopez (Sr., 5-8, 140, R/R); C Caden Swift (Jr., 5-11, 185, R/R); INF/OF/RHP Braden Osbolt (Jr., 6-3, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/OF Jayden Bone (Sr., 5-8, 165, R/R); OF Josh Buffington (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF/RHP Mason Trucks (So., 6-2, 185, R/R); OF/RHP Trevor Bagwell (So., 6-1, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Pirates welcome back seven returning starters and should be one of the favorites in the rugged Region 2-3A chase. Five of the Pirates' returners are seniors, including first baseman/pitcher Chandler Miley. The senior class is solid, but Pike will need some younger players to step forward.

UPSON-LEE KNIGHTS

Head Coach (s): Eddie Peyton

Assistant Coach (s): Zach Jones, Garrett Wilson

2020 Record: 4-6

Returning Starters: RHP Jake Willis (Sr., 6-3, 195, R/R); RHP/1B Logan Spivey (Sr., 6-4, 210, R/R); RHP/2B Austin Hendricks (Sr., 5-10, 175, L/R); C/3B Brooks Gully (Sr., 5-9, 185, L/R); OF/3B Miller Patterson (Sr., 6-2, 195, R/R); INF Jordan Wainwright (Jr.); C/3B Beau Ellington (So., 5-11, 190, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Steven Marriage (Sr.); INF Carson Lawson (Sr.); RHP Jeremiah Hill (Sr.); P/OF Phillip Greene (Sr.); P Chaz Pollard (Sr.)

Top Newcomers: RHP/3B Jackson Blakely (Fr.)

Season Outlook: The Knights drop a classification after having success in Class 4A. Seven starters are back, including an excellent pitching rotation led by senior right-hander Jake Willis. Right-handers Logan Spivey and Austin Hendricks also return on the mound and to spark the offense.

REGION 3-3A

Region Favorite: Southeast Bulloch

Players to Watch

RHP/OF – Jaleel Andrews, Jr., Liberty County; **OF/RHP** – Logan Herring, Jr., Southeast Bulloch; **U** – Moises Mejia, Sr., Windsor Forest; **C/3B** – Jack Sevea, Jr., Liberty County; **RHP** – Garrett Sikes, Sr., Liberty County; **RHP/3B** – Terry Turner, Jr., Southeast Bulloch



BEACH BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Moses Green (new)

Survey not returned



GROVES REBELS

Head Coach (s): Robert Carter

Survey not returned



JOHNSON-SAVANNAH ATOM SMASHERS

Head Coach (s): Robert Vogel

Survey not returned



LIBERTY COUNTY PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): Brandon Whitmore

Assistant Coach (s): Doug Greenfield, Christopher Johnson, Darius Burwell

2020 Record: 3-11

Returning Starters: RHP Garrett Sikes (Sr., R/R); RHP/OF Jaleel Andrews (Jr., R/R); C/3B Jack Sevea (Jr., R/R); OF Janyl Vasquez (Jr., R/R); RHP/OF DJ Walker (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Nija Battle (So., R/R); OF Demetrius Kates (Sr., R/R); 2B Zach Shealey (Sr., R/R); LHP/OF Nick Franklin (Sr., L/L)

Top Newcomers: U Matthew Richardson (Fr., R/R); RHP/OF Carlos Singleton (Fr., R/R); RHP/OF DJ Frison (Fr., R/R); 1B/3B Ron Golden (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Panthers continue to make positive strides under coach Brandon Whitmore, and look for them to contend for a postseason berth this spring. Five starters are back, including pitchers Garrett Sikes and Jaleel Andrews. Catcher/third baseman Jack Sevea also returns.



SAVANNAH BLUE JACKETS

Head Coach (s): Robert Kicklighter

Survey not returned



SOUTHEAST BULLOCH YELLOW JACKETS

Head Coach (s): Brandon Peterson

Assistant Coach (s): Rob Alford, Josh Cole, Cam Haydon

2020 Record: 5-3

Returning Starters: 1B Rand Morgan (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); INF/RHP Tyson Harnage (Jr., 5-7, 140, R/R); OF/RHP Will Hitchens (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); OF/RHP Logan Herring (Jr., 5-8, 165, R/R); RHP/3B Terry Turner (Jr., 6-2, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Jacob Gay (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/LHP Riley Emrich (Jr., 5-10, 170, L/L); 1B Conner Williams (Jr., 6-2, 170, R/R); INF Peyton McMillan (Sr., 5-7, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Gage Digiovanni (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); U Parker Youmans (So., 6-0, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Jackets should be the team to beat in Region 3-3A. Southeast Bulloch welcomes back six returning starters.

The senior class is small, but keep an eye on outfielder/pitcher Logan Herring and pitcher/third baseman Terry Turner who were promising last year.



WINDSOR FOREST KNIGHTS

Head Coach (s): Gustavo Tovar
Survey not returned

REGION 4-3A

Region Favorite: Morgan County

Players to Watch

OF/RHP – Cedric Cullars, Sr., Harlem; **RHP** – Matthew Dena, So., Thomson; **C** – Will Harper, Sr., Morgan County; **LHP/OF** – Ruben Hernandez, Sr., Richmond Academy; **RHP/INF** – Jakhari Howard, Jr., Burke County; **U** – Phillip Hodges, Jr., Cross Creek; **INF/OF** – Tryston McCladdie, So., Harlem; **RHP/INF** – Jack Murphy, So., Richmond Academy; **OF/DH** – Jed Osborn, Sr., Burke County; **C/RHP** – Ashton Perry, Jr., Thomson; **C** – Evan Richardson, Sr., Burke County; **RHP/OF** – Triston Stapp, Sr., Morgan County



BURKE COUNTY BEARS

Head Coach (s): Billy Marchman
Assistant Coach (s): Tarry Stokes, Jay Johnson
2020 Record: 6-1

Returning Starters: C Evan Richardson (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF/DH Jed Osborn (Sr., 6-0, 195, R/R); RHP/INF Jakhari Howard (Jr., 5-8, 155, R/R); RHP/OF Phillip Hodges (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP/U Ethan Rabun (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); RHP/1B/3B Beckam Ramirez (So., 6-1, 230, R/R); RHP/INF Marshall Flowers (So., 6-3, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Chris Buxton (Sr., 6-4, 160, R/R); C Daniel Brown (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF Seth Meador (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); INF Dylan Dixon (Jr., 5-8, 150, R/R); RHP/OF Devin Love (So., 5-9, 155, R/R); RHP/3B Myles Heatwole (So., 5-11, 185, R/R)

Season Outlook: Burke County looks to pick up from where they left off before the coronavirus pandemic shut down the season last year. Seven starters are back. Catcher Evan Richardson and pitcher/infielder Jakhari Howard are back to lead a young but talented team.



CROSS CREEK RAZORBACKS

Head Coach (s): Nelson Patton
Survey not returned



HARLEM BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Jimmie Lewis
Assistant Coach (s): Chris Waters, Rusty James, Hunter McBride, Lonnie Morris

2020 Record: 6-4

Returning Starters: LHP Bryce Dees (Sr., 6-2, 160, R/L); OF/RHP Cedric Cullars (Sr., 6-3, 200, R/R); INF/RHP Peyton Hullum (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); INF/OF Tryston McCladdie (So., 5-10, 170, L/R); INF/RHP Emery Burnette (So., 5-11, 150, R/R); INF/RHP Caleb Coulson (Sr., 5-7, 150, L/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Drue Williams (Sr., 5-10, 170, L/L); LHP Asa Prince (Sr., 5-11, 145, L/L)

Season Outlook: Harlem will be in the hunt for a postseason berth as usual. The Bulldogs welcome back six starters, including versatile sophomore Tryston McCladdie and senior outfielder/pitcher Cedric Cullars. If the Bulldogs can get consistency on the mound, they could be one of the team's to beat in Region 4-3A play.



HEPHZIBAH REBELS

Head Coach (s): TJ Norris
Survey not returned



MORGAN COUNTY BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Merritt Ainslie
Assistant Coach (s): Jared Cheek, Andrew Couch, Joel Greenway, Max Gaubert, Duane Turner

2020 Record: 7-8

Returning Starters: C Will Harper (Sr., 5-10, 205, L/R); RHP/OF Triston Stapp (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); RHP Maddox Smith (Sr., 6-2, 210, R/R); OF Luke Knight (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Michael Arienzo (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R); RHP Key Malone (Jr., 6-0, 205, R/R); RHP/INF Sam Schofield (So., 6-2, 170, R/R); C/INF/RHP/OF Nolan Harris (So., 5-9, 160, R/R); INF Jack Harper (So., 5-8, 155, L/R); INF/RHP Brendan Conway (So., 5-9, 170, R/R); C/INF Noah Young (So., 5-9, 200, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Sam Schofield (So., 6-2, 170, R/R); INF Jack Harper (So., 5-8, 155, L/R)

Season Outlook: The Bulldogs welcome back four starters and should be in the thick of the region title chase. Catcher Will Harper returns behind the plate, while pitchers Triston Stapp and Maddox Smith will lead a young but talented group. Look for some solid underclassmen to step forward.



RICHMOND ACADEMY MUSKETEERS

Head Coach: Brian Lewis
Assistant Coach (s): Lyle Burns, Jordan Clark
2020 Record: 4-3

Returning Starters: LHP/OF Ruben Hernandez (Sr., 5-11, 170, L/L); 3B Sam Downing (So., 6-0, 155, R/R); 2B Jack Kyzer (Jr., 5-7, 145, R/R); RHP/INF Jack Murphy (So., 5-10, 165, R/R); CF Reid Barfield (So., 5-11, 160, R/R); OF Zaire Frails (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); 1B William Berry (Jr., 6-0, 160, L/L)

Other Returning Players: OF Josh Cody (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Musketeers have shown promise the past two seasons and look to continue that trend this spring. Richmond welcomes back seven starters, including a solid pitching combo of Ruben Hernandez and Jack Murphy. Seniors Hernandez and Zaire Frails will be expected to lead a young but talented corps of underclassmen.



THOMSON BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Sean Tiernan (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Brock Hawkins, Brett Chalker

2020 Record: 1-6

Returning Starters: C/RHP Ashton Perry (Jr.); RHP Matthew Dena (So.); LHP Andrew Bohler (So.); RHP/INF Logan Land (So.); OF Wyatt Gergen (Sr.); 2B Eli Bragg (So.)

Other Returning Players: RHP Tyler Sewell (Jr.); C/2B Cross Parrot (Sr.); RHP Carter Corbitt (So.); 2B Chase Gilmer (Sr.)

Season Outlook: After struggling last year, first-year coach Sean Tiernan looks to get Thomson back on track. The Bulldogs are young, but there is talent to build around. The senior class is small, but catcher/pitcher Ashton Perry and pitcher Matthew Dena return to give Thomson some experience.

REGION 5-3A

Region Favorite: Redan

Players to Watch

OF – Jason Avila, Jr., Redan; **LHP/OF** – Jacob Bodkin, Sr., Sandy Creek; **OF** – Narvin Booker, Sr., Redan; **OF/RHP/1B** – Robert Clarke, Jr., Westminster; **1B/P/OF** – Demond Dollison, Jr., Cedar Grove; **OF** – Jacob Fairbanks, Sr., Greater Atlanta Christian; **RHP** – Sam Flynn, Sr., Westminster; **RHP/SS** – Glenn Green, Sr., Sandy Creek; **OF** – Quinton Hall, So., Cedar Grove; **C** – Collin Helms, Jr., Greater Atlanta Christian; **SS** – Jonathan Little, Jr., Sandy Creek; **RHP/INF** – Jayson Longacre, Sr., Westminster; **RHP/OF** – William May, Jr., Westminster; **INF/RHP** – Addrian McNeal, Sr., Redan; **OF** – Nick O'Reilly, Sr., Westminster; **OF/LHP** – Terence Sales, Sr., Redan; **INF/RHP** – Wyatt Stevenson, Sr., Westminster



CARVER-ATLANTA PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): TBA

Survey not returned



CEDAR GROVE SAINTS

Head Coach (s): Brandon Jackson

Survey not returned



DOUGLASS ASTROS

Head Coach (s): Sean Stalling

Survey not returned



GREATER ATLANTA CHRISTIAN SPARTANS

Head Coach (s): Robbie Wilson

Assistant Coach (s): Josh Lee, Stephen Farris

2020 Record: 8-4

Returning Starters: OF Jacob Fairbanks (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); INF Parker Hallock (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); INF Ford Hallock (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); C Collin Helms (Jr., 5-9, 175, L/R); INF/RHP Graham Stogner (Jr., 5-10, 190, L/R); INF Noah Deas (Jr., 5-11, 205, L/R); RHP Tommy Clement (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Michael Carr (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R); C Trey Woolley (Jr., 5-8, 155, R/R); OF Luke Field (Sr., 6-1, 185, L/R); INF/RHP Tyler Holsworth (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Bailey Teague (So., 5-10, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: Seven starters return for the Spartans, including a good mixture of seniors and juniors. GAC will be looking for pitching depth to compliment returners Graham Stogner and Tommy Clement. Outfielder Jacob Fairbanks returns to spark the team on offense.



REDAN RAIDERS

Head Coach (s): Alexander Wyche

Assistant Coach (s): Marcus Mays, Christopher Hardnett, Tim Lott

2020 Record: 12-4

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Addrian McNeal (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Justin Whitening (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); OF/LHP Terence Sales (Sr., 5-8, 180, L/L); INF/RHP Eyon Everett (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF Jason Avila (Jr., 5-9, 180, L/L); INF/C Adriel Martinez (So., 5-8, 175); U/INF/RHP Danthony Marks (Jr., 5-8, 170)

Other Returning Players: 1B/LHP TJ Witherspoon (Jr., L/L)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Derek Peoples (Fr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: Graduation took a chunk from Redan's roster last season, but the Raiders return enough to challenge for the region title this spring. Seven starters are back, including infielder Addrian McNeal and pitcher Terence Sales. Redan will be looking for big things from outfielder Jason Avila, a Florida State commit.



SALEM SEMINOLES

Head Coach (s): Marquise Edwards

Survey not returned



SANDY CREEK PATRIOTS

Head Coach (s): Nick Pou

Assistant Coach (s): Parker Mallett

2020 Record: 7-5

Returning Starters: RHP/SS Glenn Green (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R); LHP/OF Jacob Bodkin (Sr., 5-11, 185, L/L); 3B/RHP Kaden Brown (So., 6-3, 225, R/R); OF Kaleb Cost (So., 5-11, 170, R/R); SS Jonathan Little (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); RHP Hunter Maddox (Jr., 6-1, 220, R/R); 2B Donovan Fisher (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/INF Daniel Belcher (Jr., 6-0, 130, L/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/RHP PJ Green (Fr., 6-1, 165, R/R); C/INF Mason Muse (Fr., 5-9, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Patriots have the talent to make a run at the playoffs this spring. Seven starters are back, including pitcher/shortstop Glenn Green and infielder Jonathan Little. Look for a talented group of underclassmen to contribute.



WESTMINSTER WILDCATS

Head Coach (s): Chad Laney

Assistant Coach (s): Doug Boomer, Brent McGuire, Adam Pullen, Joe Sturniolo, Taylor Johnson

2020 Record: 8-0

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Jayson Longacre (Sr., 6-3, 185, R/R); INF/RHP Wyatt Stevenson (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF Nick O'Reilly (Sr., 6-1, 185, L/R); RHP/OF William May (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); OF/RHP/1B Robert Clarke (Jr., 6-1, 190, R/R); RHP Sam Flynn (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Hayes Woley (Jr., 6-2, 215, R/R); OF Mason Stephenson (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); RHP/OF Andrew Mao (Sr., 6-2, 215, R/R); INF/RHP Robert Black (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF Benjamin Montag (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Lowell Jones (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); RHP/OF Matthew Beck (Sr., 6-5, 200, R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP Will Rogers (Jr., 5-10, 180, L/L); RHP/OF Andrew Thompson (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R); RHP/OF John Collier (So., 6-3, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wildcats have some key positions to fill after graduation took a toll on their roster. If Westminster can be consistent on offense, they could be the team to beat in Region 5-3A. Pitchers Jayson Longacre, William May and Robert Clarke, all right-handers, are back to lead a solid rotation.

REGION 6-3A

Region Favorite: Ringgold

Players to Watch

LHP/1B – Trevor Caldwell, Jr., Rockmart; **RHP/OF** – Spencer Chasteen, Sr., North Murray; **LHP/1B** – Ashton Farris, Jr., North Murray; **RHP/OF** – Chase Ghormley, Sr., Ringgold; **INF/RHP** – Jordan Harrison, Sr., Murray County; **SS** – Irvin Hernandez, Sr., Coahuilla Creek; **RHP/U** – Hayden Holsomback, Sr., Sonoraville; **RHP/SS** – Ty Kendrick, Sr., North Murray; **OF/LHP** – Ryan Langford, Jr., Coahuilla Creek; **RHP/INF** – McCain Mangum, Sr., Ringgold; **LHP/1B** – Austin McMahan, Sr., Ringgold; **C** – Sam Mills, Sr., Ringgold; **RHP** – Jonathan Moore, Jr., Rockmart; **OF** – Andruw Morris, Sr., Rockmart; **INF/RHP** – Colin Mountjoy, Sr., Ringgold; **OF/RHP** – Eli Norris, Sr., Ringgold; **RHP/3B** – Elijah Padgett, Sr., Adairsville; **RHP/INF** – Mason Parker, Jr., Ringgold; **RHP/OF/U** – Taylor Pease, Sr., Ringgold; **RHP/OF** – Kenyon Ransom, Sr., Ringgold; **C** – Sam Wilbanks, Jr., Rockmart



ADAIRSVILLE TIGERS

Head Coach (s): Billy Roper

Assistant Coach (s): Chris Hardin, Jimmy Whittemore, Bill Bishop, Blake Haynes, Josh Mitchell

2020 Record: 2-8

Returning Starters: RHP/3B Elijah Padgett (Sr., R/R); C/OF Logan Hunt (Sr., L/R); SS Kyler Smith (Sr., R/R); INF Chris Roper (So., R/R); OF Tyler Driggers (So., R/R); RHP/OF Evan Sanders (So., R/R); RHP/C Braden Powell (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP/OF Eli Agnew (Jr., L/L); RHP/OF Grayson Belcher (So., R/R); RHP/INF Brenden Carroll (Jr., R/R); LHP/1B Wade Dooley (So., L/L); LHP/OF Jack Whitley (So., L/L); C Christian Farr (Jr., R/R); OF Dusty King (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Jodan Overby (Sr., R/R); C/OF Devin Pryor (Jr., R/R); OF/INF Charlie Ray (So., R/R); C Colton Wilson (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Tigers have struggled the past two seasons, but look for them to be much better in 2021. Seven starters and a solid group of seniors return to lead the way. One of those returners is pitcher/third baseman Elijah Padgett. Look for a talented group of juniors and sophomores to contribute.



COAHULLA CREEK COLTS

Head Coach (s): Michael Bolen

Assistant Coach (s): Justin Dover, Brady Renner, Michael Carter

2020 Record: 5-5

Returning Starters: SS Irvin Hernandez (Sr., 5-10, 175, B/R); OF Kevin Castaneda (Sr., 5-9, 185, R/R); OF Sam Reed (Sr., 6-0, 185, L/R); 3B Joey Estrada (Jr., 5-9, 215, R/R); RHP/OF Kyle Felker (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Pedro SanMartin (So., 6-0, 170, R/R); LHP/1B Ben Glines (Jr., 6-0, 235, L/L)

Other Returning Players: OF Trevor Headrick (Jr., 5-9, 180, R/R); 2B Luke Reed (Sr., 5-9, 205, R/R); 1B Darian Monteagudo (Jr., 5-9, 205, R/R); OF/LHP Ryan Langford (Jr., 6-1, 175, L/L); OF/RHP Justin Baker (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: After a rebuilding campaign last year, Coahuilla Creek is ready to contend for a postseason berth. Pitching should be the biggest strength as right-handers Kyle Felker, Pedro SanMartin and lefty Ben Glines are back. Three-year starting shortstop Irvin Hernandez also returns.



LAFAYETTE RAMBLERS

Head Coach (s): Chris Base

Survey not returned



LAKEVIEW-FORT OGLETHORPE WARRIORS

Head Coach (s): Matt Holden

Survey not returned



MURRAY COUNTY INDIANS

Head Coach (s): Matt Harris

Survey not returned



NORTH MURRAY MOUNTAINEERS

Head Coach (s): Seth Hickman

Assistant Coach (s): Tyler Kilgore

2020 Record: 1-8

Returning Starters: RHP/OF Spencer Chasteen (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP/SS Ty Kendrick (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); LHP/1B Ashton Farris (Jr., 6-0, 150, R/L); OF Robbie Linginfelter (Jr., 5-9, 145, R/R); OF Anthony Causby (So., 5-9, 145, R/R); C/OF Walker James (So., 5-9, 150, R/R);

RHP/INF Logan Malchesky (So., 5-10, 150, R/R); RHP/OF Daniel Skojac (So., 6-0, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Lance Harris (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Garrison Cochran (Jr., 6-0, 150, R/R); RHP/OF Ken Mascia (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R); RHP/1B Ryan Maton (So., 6-3, 200, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Mountaineers begin their second season under coach Seth Hickman and should be much better. A good mixture of returning talent is back. Seniors Spencer Chasteen and Ty Kendrick lead a young but talented team.

RINGGOLD TIGERS

Head Coach (s): Drew Walker

Assistant Coach (s): David Crownover, Matthew Crownover, Danny Wiltz, Adam Weldon, Tas Womack

2020 Record: 7-6

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Colin Mountjoy (Sr., 6-0, 205, R/R); OF/RHP Eli Norris (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); C Sam Mills (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); LHP/1B Austin McMahan (Sr., 6-2, 190, L/L); RHP/OF Kenyon Ransom (Sr., 6-4, 190, R/R); RHP/OF/U Taylor Pease (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R); RHP/OF Chase Ghormley (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP/INF McCain Mangum (Sr., 5-11, 195, R/R); RHP/INF Mason Parker (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/INF Robbie Bates (Jr., 5-10, 225, R/R); RHP/INF Hudson Chandler (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); RHP/INF Ross Norman (So., 6-3, 175, R/R); RHP/OF Ty Gilbert (So., 6-1, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Issac King (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); RHP/OF Dawsyn Ware (So., 5-8, 160, R/R); RHP Devon Black (So., 6-0, 195, R/R)

Season Outlook: After a rebuilding season in coach Drew Walker's first season at the school last year, look for Ringgold to contend for the region title. The Tigers welcome back a talented senior class. Right-handed pitcher Eli Norris leads a solid rotation, while pitcher/outfielder Kenyon Ransom and junior Mason Parker also return.

ROCKMART YELLOW JACKETS

Head Coach (s): TC Boyd (new)

Assistant Coach (s): TJ Montgomery, Jeff Lewis, Drew Lindsey, Warren Jackson, Geoff Sharpe, Eric Belew

2020 Record: 7-5

Returning Starters: RHP Cody Williams (Sr., 6-1, 195, R/R); OF Cole Deems (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); LHP/1B Trevor Caldwell (Jr., 6-0, 190, L/L); C Sam Wilbanks (Jr., 6-2, 185, R/R); RHP Jonathan Moore (Jr., 6-1, 160, R/R); OF Andruw Morris (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); RHP/OF Javin Whatley (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/C Jake Bailey (Fr., 6-0, 155, R/R); OF JD Davis (Fr., 5-9, 160, B/R)

Season Outlook: New coach TC Boyd inherits seven returning starters after graduation took out a chunk from Rockmart's roster last year. Rockmart still has enough talent to make a statement in Region 6-3A. Pitchers Trevor



Jonathan Moore
Rockmart



Sam Wilbanks
Rockmart



Cody Williams
Rockmart

Caldwell, Jonathan Moore and Cody Williams will keep the Jackets in the hunt. They will need to find some offense.

SONORVILLE PHOENIX

Head Coach (s): Deron Walraven (new)

Survey not returned

REGION 7-3A

Region Favorite: North Hall

Players to Watch

INF/RHP/OF – Jaret Bales, Jr., North Hall; **RHP** – Braxton Beal, So., Cherokee Bluff; **INF** – Jace Bowen, Jr., North Hall; **C** – Tate Brooks, Jr., North Hall; **INF/RHP** – Jess Buckner, Sr., Gilmer; **SS/RHP** – Reece Chambers, Sr., Cherokee Bluff; **U** – Caleb Childs, Sr., Lumpkin County; **3B/RHP** – Chris Day, Sr., Lumpkin County; **C** – Bryce England, So., Cherokee Bluff; **INF/RHP** – Luke Erickson, Jr., North Hall; **OF/INF/RHP** – Jben Haynes, Sr., White County; **OF/RHP** – Jay Johnson, Sr., North Hall; **OF/LHP** – Dylan Kautz, Sr., Cherokee Bluff; **SS/RHP** – Kyle Murphy, Sr., West Hall; **OF** – Bradford Puryear, Jr., North Hall; **INF/RHP** – Eli Reece, Jr., North Hall; **RHP** – Chandler Shope, Jr., Cherokee Bluff; **RHP/INF** – Braden Simms, Sr., West Hall; **3B/RHP** – Nick Sturm, Jr., West Hall; **OF** – Sean Swistek, Sr., Lumpkin County; **RHP** – Carter Turkett, Sr., Dawson County; **1B/3B** – Kinkade Weaver, Sr., Dawson County; **C** – Gabe Wolfson, Sr., Gilmer; **3B/RHP** – Tyler Zawacki, Sr., Cherokee Bluff

CHEROKEE BLUFF BEARS

Head Coach: Jeremy Kemp

Assistant Coach (s): Luke Crumley, Miles Martin, Gerry Pope

2020 Record: 9-4

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Reece Chambers (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); 2B/C Ben Jenkins (Sr., 5-9, 170, L/R); OF/LHP Dylan Kautz (Sr., 5-10, 170, L/L); 3B/RHP Tyler Zawacki (Sr., 5-11, 180, L/R); 2B/RHP Brody Beal (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); 1B/RHP Caleb Piland (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); RHP Chandler Shope (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R); C Bryce England (So., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP Braxton Beal (So., 6-2, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B Jackson Lindsey (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); INF Parker Teems (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); 1B Hunter Waldrop (Sr., 5-11, 190, R/R); OF Austin Wallace (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Brantly Bush (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF/RHP Jared Holcombe (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); 1B/3B/RHP Lucas Tritt (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/OF Ty Corbin (Fr., 5-9, 165, R/R); C/OF Caleb Miele (Fr., 5-10, 165, R/R); INF Jacob Vokal (Fr., 5-7, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: A wealth of talent returns as Cherokee Bluff will challenge for the postseason again. Nine starters are back,



Dylan Kautz
Cherokee Bluff



Chandler Shope
Cherokee Bluff

including senior pitcher/third baseman Tyler Zawacki. Catcher Bryce England and pitcher Braxton Beal also return after putting together a solid season in 2020 as freshmen.

DAWSON COUNTY TIGERS

Head Coach: Dwayne Sapp

Assistant Coach (s): Logan Burt, Tyler Baker, Jason Dyer, Ryan Coker

2020 Record: 9-4

Returning Starters: RHP Carter Turkett (Sr., R/R); 1B/3B Kinkade Weaver (Sr., R/R); C Luke Mulberry (Jr., R/R); U Nick Mullinax (Jr., R/R); 3B Andrew Burt (Jr., R/R); SS Colton Rucker (So., R/R); RHP/1B Brandon Cramer (Jr., R/R); RHP Jacob Poss (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Graduation hurt Dawson County after the Tigers appeared poised to make the state playoffs last spring before the season was cut short. There is a lot of young talent on this year's club, eager for their chance to be in the spotlight. Seniors Carter Turkett and Kinkade Weaver return to lead the way. Turkett was promising on the mound before the season ended in 2020.

GILMER BOBCATS

Head Coach (s): Jeff Thurman

Assistant Coach (s): Matt Banks, Todd Gibson

2020 Record: 3-10

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Jess Buckner (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); C Gabe Wolfson (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); INF Branson Teague (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R); INF Spencer Merritt (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); INF Ashton White (Sr., 5-10, 210, R/R); OF/RHP Seth Darling (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/LHP Grant Cochran (Jr., 5-10, 170, L/L); OF Spensor Smith (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); OF/C Brock Titus (So., 6-0, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Bobcats return a good nucleus of players but will be young in 2021. Six starters are back including infielder/pitcher Jess Buckner and catcher Gabe Wolfson. The Bobcats, however, will need some younger players to step forward and contribute.

LUMPKIN COUNTY INDIANS

Head Coach (s): Jonathan Gastley

Assistant Coach (s): Greg Bicknell, Ron Swistek, Cole Janousek, Joel Crisler, Bob Herman

2020 Record: 6-8

Returning Starters: OF Sean Swistek (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); 3B/RHP Chris Day (Sr., 6-2, 215, R/R); U Caleb Childs (Sr., 6-3, 210, L/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Will Mincey (Jr., R/R); C Scooter Ligon (Jr., R/R); INF Gannon Flakes (Jr., L/R); INF Hunter Cooper (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: A trio of seniors return to lead the way for the Indians who will be a relatively young team this spring. The lack of experienced pitching is a concern, but the good news is that outfielder Sean Swistek, third baseman/pitcher Chris Day and utility player Caleb Childs return.

NORTH HALL TROJANS

Head Coach (s): Trevor Flow

Assistant Coach (s): Wes Crow, Preston Lowther, Dacen Cash, Trey

Pinson, Tim Nunez, Chandler Newton

2020 Record: 12-4

Returning Starters: C Tate Brooks (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP/OF Jaret Bales (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP Eli Reece (Jr., R/R); OF Bradford Puryear (Jr., R/R); INF Jace Bowen (Jr., L/R); OF/RHP Jay Johnson (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Luke Erickson (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Hudson Brown (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Ben Crumpton (So., R/R); OF Grayson Kirby (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP

Landon Davis (Jr., R/R); INF Hudson Barrett (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP Hunter Brooks (Jr., R/R); INF/LHP Baker Dyer (Jr., L/L)

Top Newcomers: RHP/OF Landon Lee (So., R/R); OF/LHP Cooper Helton (Jr., L/L)

Season Outlook:

Expect North Hall to pick up from where they left off. A junior-heavy team returns as the Trojans will be expected to compete for the region crown. Senior outfielder/pitcher Jay Johnson is one of the few returning seniors. Catcher Tate Brooks and pitcher Eli Reece headline a strong junior class.



Jaret Bales
North Hall



Jace Bowen
North Hall



Luke Erickson
North Hall



Bradford Puryear
North Hall

WEST HALL SPARTANS

Head Coach (s): Brannon Humphries

Assistant Coach (s): Zach English, Merritt Gazaway

2020 Record: 3-11

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Braden Simms (Sr., 6-0, 155, L/R); SS/RHP Kyle Murphy (Sr., 6-2, 200, R/R); C Tyler Maynard (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); 3B/RHP Nick Sturm (Jr., 6-3, 195, R/R); OF/LHP Matthew Griffin (Jr., 5-10, 155, L/L); 2B Ryan Svetz (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Will Brannan (Sr., 5-8, 135, L/L); 1B/OF Tad Davidson (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); 2B/OF Jackson Cooper (Jr., 5-7, 155, R/R); 3B/1B Michael Gaddy (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R); 2B/P/C Camden Page (So., 5-9, 185, R/B); OF/LHP Evan Conner (So., 5-9, 160, L/L)

Season Outlook: An excellent nucleus of players return at West Hall as the Spartans should figure into the postseason chase. Six starters, including a trio of seniors, return to lead the team. Pitcher/infielder Braden Simms and infielder/pitcher Kyle Murphy as well as junior third baseman/pitcher Nick Sturm are three players to keep an eye on.

WHITE COUNTY WARRIORS

Head Coach (s): Jim Waits

Survey not returned



REGION 8-3A

Region Favorite: Hart County

Players to Watch

INF/RHP – Will Dean, Sr., Hart County; **RHP/INF** – Lawson Gailey, Jr., Franklin County; **INF/RHP/OF** – Trey Horton, Sr., Hart County; **OF/RHP** – Liam Lewis, Sr., Oconee County; **LHP/OF** – Bryant Olson, Sr., Monroe Area; **1B/LHP** – Peyton Powell, Jr., Hart County; **RHP/2B** – Hunter Redden, Jr., Monroe Area; **1B/RHP** – TL Saxon, Jr., Oconee County; **INF** – Braxton Standridge, Sr., East Jackson; **INF/RHP** – Casey Tallent, Sr., Hart County; **SS** – Landon Tate, So., Oconee County; **OF/RHP** – Malachi Thomas, Sr., Hart County; **INF/RHP** – Dylan Varner, Sr., East Jackson; **LHP/OF** – Carson Worley, Jr., Stephens County



EAST JACKSON EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Scott Myers

Assistant Coach (s): Caleb Hardy, Hunter Reynolds, Buck Sorrow

2020 Record: 4-8

Returning Starters: INF Braxton Standridge (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Luke Lindsey (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); INF Ben Pierce (Sr., 5-7, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Dylan Varner (Sr., 5-9, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Eagles have some key positions to fill, but the cupboard is not bare by any means. Four starters are back, including a trio of seniors expected to lead the team – infielders Braxton Standridge and Ben Pierce and infielder/pitcher Dylan Varner.



FRANKLIN COUNTY LIONS

Head Coach (s): David Skelly

Assistant Coach (s): Ryan Phillips, Demond Rivers, Elliot Beard, Michael Ritcey

2020 Record: 8-6

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Lawson Gailey (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R); RHP/INF Kayne Jinks (Jr., 6-2, 200, R/R); SS Dee Oliver (So., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP/OF Garrett Garner (So., 6-2, 175, R/R); LHP Miles Dodd (Jr., 6-0, 175, L/L); C AJ Peeples (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); OF CJ Blackwell (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF Evan Herring (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B JD Ginn (Sr., 5-11, 245, R/R); 3B/1B Chandler Coulter (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); OF Lukas Lathan (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Lions begin their second season under coach David Skelly. Franklin County has eight returning starters, but the team will still be relatively young. Junior Lawson Gailey returns to lead a solid pitching rotation that includes right-handers Kayne Jinks, Garrett Garner and left-hander Miles Dodd.



HART COUNTY BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Josh Osborne

Assistant Coach (s): Hunter Barton, Robbie Wilson, Chris Wilson

2020 Record: 10-4

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Will Dean (Sr., 6-1, 225, L/R); INF/RHP Casey Tallent (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); OF/RHP Malachi Thomas (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); OF Rafe Maxwell (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); OF JP White (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/L); INF/RHP/OF Trey Horton (Sr., 6-4, 205, R/R); 1B/LHP Peyton Powell (Jr., 6-3, 220, L/L); OF/C Paul Davis (So., 6-1, 190, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/LHP Tanner Ayers (Jr., 6-1, 150, L/L); 1B/OF Jake Dombrowsky (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/L); OF/INF Chase Sanders (Jr., R/R); INF/C Riley Posey (So., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: Look for Hart County to pick up from where they left off. A wealth of talent returns, including perhaps the classification's top 1-2 pitching punch of Casey Tallent and Will Dean. Seniors Malachi Thomas and Trey Horton return after showing they can do a little of everything. This team will be dangerous.



MONROE AREA PURPLE HURRICANES

Head Coach: Chad Kitchens

Assistant Coach (s): Josh Stephens, Blake McCullers, Michael Young, Sasser Conner

2020 Record: 7-6

Returning Starters: C Dylan Nix (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP/2B Hunter Redden (Jr., 6-2, 170, R/R); RHP/3B Lee Broach (Sr., 5-9, 140, R/R); RHP/OF Landon Housley (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); LHP/OF Bryant Olson (Sr., 6-2, 180, L/L); U Aiden Fenn (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 2B Logan Campbell (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Jacob Conner (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); 3B Michael Grasso (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); 3B Calvin Murphy (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); 3B Devan Young (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Nathan Hall (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); 3B Chris Rahl (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); 1B Walker Salyer (Jr., 6-1, 200, R/R); SS Dalton Wilcox (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); RHP AM Gattis (So., 6-0, 190, R/R)

Season Outlook: Monroe Area will be looking for a solid senior class to lead an excellent group of underclassmen this spring. If some key players step forward, the Purple Hurricanes could contend for a playoff berth. Left-hander Bryant Olson leads what could be a talented pitching rotation.



OCONEE COUNTY WARRIORS

Head Coach (s): Tom Gooch

Assistant Coach (s): Eric Watson, Adam Osborne

2020 Record: 5-5

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Liam Lewis (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); OF/RHP McGinnis Harvey (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); SS Landon Tate (So., 6-0, 165, R/R); 1B/RHP TL Saxon (Jr., 6-3, 250, R/R); 3B/RHP Zach Bolding (Sr., 6-6, 240, R/R); LHP/OF Sam Carter (Jr., 6-0, 145, L/L)

Other Returning Players: OF Darius Johnson (Jr., L/L); OF Justin Coleman (Sr., 5-11, 205, R/R); OF Logan Ruark (Sr., 5-11, 155, R/R); C Ben Field (Jr., 6-0, 145, R/R); 1B Tate Yancey (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); 2B Grant Williamson (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/2B Kyle Strickland (So., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Dylan Manders (So., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: Oconee County will contend for the region title as six starters return. Outfielder Liam Lewis leads an excellent group of seniors. But keep watch on sophomore shortstop Landon Tate and junior first baseman/pitcher TL Saxon who flashed loads of potential last season.



STEPHENS COUNTY INDIANS

Head Coach: Greg McCall

Assistant Coach (s): Michael Thomas, Austin Lord, Rocky Fulbright

2020 Record: 6-7

Returning Starters: LHP/OF Carson Worley (Jr., 5-11, 175, L/L); 1B/ LHP Cruz Mullinix (Jr., 6-1, 190, L/L); 3B Seth Jameson (Sr., 5-9, 185, R/R); RHP/C Ayden Garmon (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP/1B Ian Rumsey (Sr., L/L); DH/1B William Rudeseal (Sr., R/R); 2B Mason Roberts (Sr., R/R); OF Jacob Grafton (Sr., L/L); OF Rob Fulbright (Sr., R/R); OF Hank Arrowood (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF Issac McCollum (Sr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Stephens County has some holes to fill this season, but the Indians should be in good shape. Four starters return, but the good news is that three of them pitch. Left-hander Carson Worley will lead a talented rotation. Some underclassmen will need to step forward and contribute.



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Chance Gamble
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Fitzgerald



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Lovett



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Lovett



Brody Little
Catcher • Senior
Bleckley County



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Infielder • Senior
Vidalia



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Pitcher • Junior
Callaway



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Outfielder • Senior
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Landon Rentz
Pitcher • Senior
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Georgia Preseason All-State Team

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Berrien



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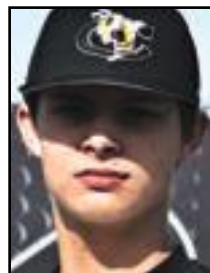
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Cook



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Catcher • Senior
Worth County



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Union County



Matthew White
Pitcher • Senior
Jeff Davis



Bryson Whited
Pitcher • Junior
Vidalia

Class 2A Top 15

1 LOVETT

The Lions won three state championships during the last decade, including two of the last five. Lovett has the ingredients to make another dominating run. But for a Class 2A school, Lovett will feature a pitching rotation that will be deep and talented, and keep the Lions in every game. A nice trio of right-handers, led by seniors Michael Hollingsworth and Owen McMurtrie and junior Will Prigge, lead the way. There are more pitchers that haven't garnered as much experience, but no question, they will help out along the way.

The offense is in very good hands as Northwestern signee Drewbie Pinkston and second baseman Christopher Kollme lead an offense capable of putting up big numbers. Underclassmen Kai Cunningham, Anderson Beaver and outfielder Logan Givens return as the Lions have a returning starter back at just about every position.

Lovett has won nine state baseball titles in its history and is tied with Americus for third all-time in the Georgia High School Association. Only Marist (13) and Columbus High (12) have won more baseball championships. The Lions could win No. 10 this spring.

2 VIDALIA

The Indians will chase their first state baseball title in nearly two decades this spring. But Vidalia could still be a year away from reaching their full potential. That is what makes this team so intriguing. Vidalia can be as good they want to be this spring. They have the pitching and the offense to be very dangerous.

3 FANNIN COUNTY

The Rebels were expected to contend for a state championship last season in Class 3A. Even though they lost a good bit, they return an excellent group and will contend in Class 2A. What has become a staple for Fannin – good pitching – will again lead the way. Left-hander Bradley Holloway and right-handers Brady Martin and Wyatt Rogers will be a tough trio to beat.

4 BREMEN

The Blue Devils have flashed potential and promise since dropping down to Class 2A three years ago. Bremen hasn't won a state championship yet, but the 2021 season is promising, especially with a load of seniors led by versatile Brooks Hardie.

5 CALLAWAY

The Cavaliers don't have many seniors, but don't take them for granted. Right-handed pitcher Justin Moore and a strong group of juniors will have Callaway in the chase.

6 JEFF DAVIS

A lot of youth will fill the Jackets' roster in 2021. But this program is used to winning. Don't let this team fool you. They may be rebuilding, but they will still be very good.

7 HARALSON COUNTY

The Rebels drop a classification, but plenty of talent returns. Right-hander Lane King and offensive catalyst Tucker Parrish will help Haralson County make the state playoffs.

8 BANKS COUNTY

The Leopards will throw a lethal pitching punch led by Tripp Williams and Ty Burchett at their opponents this spring. Something special may be brewing in this team in Homer.

9 ELBERT COUNTY

The Blue Devils could be the state's sleeper. But don't sleep on them. This team will be very good this season.

10 BACON COUNTY

The Red Raiders have quietly been very consistent the past few seasons, and this spring won't be any different. Bacon County will still be tough to beat.

11 COOK

The Hornets make their return to Class 2A after several seasons of playing in higher classifications. Lefty Landon Rentz and an explosive offense will keep them in the chase.

12 BLECKLEY COUNTY

The Royals should pick up from where they left off in 2019. Enough returns for Bleckley County to be a very dangerous team. Keep an eye on this group.

13 PACE ACADEMY

The Knights lost a lot, but any team that features a player like dual-sport star Jayden Thomas has to be a contender.

14 MODEL

New coach, no problem. As long as the Blue Devils have pitcher Rett Edwards, they will be tough.

15 FITZGERALD

After a rebuild in 2020, the Purple Hurricanes are back and ready to go. This team has a lot of talent and won't be sneaking up on anybody.

Others to watch: (Alphabetical Order) Berrien, Coosa, Dade County, Heard County, Pace Academy, Pepperell, Thomasville, Toombs County, Union County, Westside-Augusta

REGION 1-2A

Region Favorite: Cook

Players to Watch

OF/RHP – Marcus Anderson, Sr., Fitzgerald; **SS** – Grant Bagley, Jr., Cook; **OF/LHP** – Gabe Duncan, Jr., Thomasville; **C** – Kayden Everett, Sr., Berrien; **OF/RHP** – Chance Gamble, Sr., Fitzgerald; **RHP/INF** – Clay Griffin, Sr., Berrien; **RHP/OF/INF** – Gaines Harrell, So., Early County; **RHP/C/INF** – Dylan Hatton, Jr., Early County; **C** – Zack Hisaw, Sr., Cook; **OF/LHP** – Jacob Jordan, So., Thomasville; **INF/OF** – Qrey Lott, So., Berrien; **3B** – Christian Mincey, Sr., Early County; **C** – Pressley Paulk, Sr., Fitzgerald; **OF** – Jake Permenter, Jr., Cook; **OF** – Omar Pickett, Sr., Cook; **LHP** – Landon Rentz, Sr., Cook; **C/RHP** – Worth Smith, Sr., Worth County; **C** – Witt Wetherington, Jr., Thomasville; **SS** – Chandler Young, Sr., Fitzgerald

OF Kam Throneberry (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); INF Beau Nix (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R); INF Travis Staley (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF Terrance Tisby (Jr., 5-7, 160, R/R); INF/OF Qrey Lott (So., 6-4, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Tanner Griner (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); INF Colton Mitchell (Sr., 5-7, 145, R/R); RHP Jacob Dillard (Jr., 6-1, 250, R/R); RHP/U Whit Shepard (Jr., 6-1, 215, R/R); OF Josh Spells (So., 5-7, 150, R/R); OF Cole Shively (So., 6-0, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: After two rebuilding seasons, look for Berrien to return to its winning ways this spring. A wealth of talent and experience return, including senior pitcher/infielder Clay Griffin and catcher Kayden Everett. Look out for versatile Qrey Lott who showed a lot of potential last season.



COOK HORNETS

Head Coach (s): Greg Williams

Assistant Coach (s): Rusty Beale, Zack Folsom, Boone Webster

2020 Record: 10-3

BERRIEN REBELS

Head Coach (s): Doug Nix

Assistant Coach (s): Calem Ray, Adam Haire

2020 Record: 4-9

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Clay Griffin (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R); C Kayden Everett (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); RHP/1B Hue Barker (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R);



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Returning Starters: LHP Landon Rentz (Sr., 5-10, 175, L/L); OF Omar Pickett (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); LHP Salem Brannon (Sr., 6-0, 150, L/L); C Zack Hisaw (Sr., 6-0, 150, R/R); SS Grant Bagley (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF Jake Permenter (Jr., 6-2, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B Walker Hazel (Sr., 6-0, 230, R/R); RHP Aidan McLean (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R); RHP Matthew Sellars (Jr., 5-9, 140, R/R); C Cody Forte (Jr., 6-1, 160, R/R); RHP Dylan Green (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF Andre Jackson (Jr., 6-3, 190, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 3B Wyatt Crosby (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); RHP Justin McCall (So., 6-2, 160, R/R); SS Charles Moore (Fr., 5-8, 140, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Hornets drop down a classification and could be the team to beat in Region 1-2A. The senior class is solid. Six starters return, including a pair of left-handed pitchers in Landon Rentz and Salem Brannon. Outfielders Omar Pickett and Jake Permenter return to lead the way on offense.



Salem Brannon
Cook



Zack Hisaw
Cook

180, L/R); OF/RHP Riley Evans (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); 1B/RHP Jacob Dunn (Sr., 6-0, 165, L/R); 2B Connor Clemons (Jr., 5-8, 155, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C DJ Barefoot (So., 5-9, 190, R/R); 1B/LHP Landon Kight (So., 5-9, 170, L/L); C/RHP Drew Moore (So., 6-1, 180, R/R); OF Jasper Goodman (So., 5-8, 165, L/R); OF Tyler Brown (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); 3B/RHP Ty Paulk (So., 5-7, 165, R/R); OF Ryan Smith (So., 5-7, 150, R/R); 2B Chase Carroll (So., 5-8, 160, R/R); OF Xavier Walker (So., 6-1, 230, R/R); OF Ethan Harper (Jr., 5-8, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: Fitzgerald will be a tough team to beat this spring as a strong group of seniors return. Outfielders Marcus Anderson and Chance Gamble as well as catcher Pressley Paulk and shortstop Chandler Young return to lead what should be an offense capable of doing a lot of damage. A strong pitching staff also returns.



Chandler Young
Fitzgerald

EC EARLY COUNTY BOBCATS

Head Coach (s): Shawn Gilmer

Assistant Coach (s): Craig Dempsey, Myles Gay, Ed Norman, John Felch

2020 Record: 6-4

Returning Starters: 3B/1B/RHP/C Christian Mincey (Sr., 6-0, 215, R/R); RHP/INF Rand McDonald (Sr., 5-10, 155, R/R); LHP/OF Brayden Enfinger (Sr., 5-10, 170, L/L); RHP/C/INF Dylan Hatton (Jr., 6-0, 200, R/R); RHP/OF/INF Gaines Harrell (So., 5-11, 165, R/R); OF Mikhael Chrispen (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/RHP Landon White (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R); 1B Colton Whitehead (Sr., 6-4, 225, R/L)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Tanner Williams (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Tyler Williams (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); OF Rafael Valles (Jr., 5-6, 145, R/R); RHP/OF Baylen Tedder (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); LHP Jacob Barber (So., 5-9, 145, L/L)

Season Outlook: The Bobcats return a good mixture of talent and should have a chance to improve. Six starters are back, including a trio of seniors in Christian Mincey, Rand McDonald and Brayden Enfinger. Junior Dylan Hatton and sophomore Gaines Harrell are two underclassmen to watch.

F FITZGERALD PURPLE HURRICANES

Head Coach (s): Jason McDonald

Assistant Coach (s): Elvin Anderson, Luke Rineair, Harvey Taylor, Matt Taylor, Jacob McIntosh

2020 Record: 4-8

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Marcus Anderson (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); C Pressley Paulk (Sr., 6-2, 220, R/R); SS Chandler Young (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); 3B/RHP Dequavion Harper (Sr., 6-0, 230, R/R); OF/RHP Chance Gamble (Sr., 6-1,



Pressley Paulk
Fitzgerald



THOMASVILLE BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Erik McDougald

Assistant Coach (s): Brice Warner, Daniel Young, Kyle Fiveash

2020 Record: 8-4

Returning Starters: OF/LHP Gabe Duncan (Jr., 5-10, 175, L/L); C Witt Wetherington (Jr., 6-1, 190, R/R); INF Gus Novak (So., 6-3, 175, R/R); OF/RHP Ben Rawlings (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R); OF/LHP Jacob Jordan (So., 5-11, 165, L/L)

Other Returning Players: 1B/C Mason Beckham (Jr., 6-3, 200, R/R); INF/RHP Anderson Everett (So., 6-0, 140, R/R); OF Eli Newsome (Sr., 5-10, 185, L/R); OF/RHP Colby Aquino (Jr., 6-1, 190, R/R); OF John Murphy Singletary (Jr., 6-0, 195, R/R); INF/RHP Carson Fryman (So., 5-10, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Isaac Richardson (So., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/RHP Cage Owens (Jr., 6-5, 230, R/R); 1B/RHP Jace Lowe (Jr., 6-5, 280, R/R); OF Beck Nicholson (So., 5-5, 120, R/R); LHP Jacob Smith (Jr., 5-11, 155, R/L); OF/RHP Will West (Jr., 6-1, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: The coronavirus pandemic wiped out a very promising season in 2020 for Thomasville, who was expecting to make a deep postseason run. The young Bulldogs will be somewhat rebuilding this spring. The senior class is small, but the good news is that four starters are back. Outfielder/pitcher Gabe Duncan is one of those.



Jacob Jordan
Thomasville



Witt Wetherington
Thomasville



WORTH COUNTY RAMS

Head Coach (s): Will Smith

Assistant Coach (s): Kaleb Hathcock, Allen Fender

2020 Record: 10-1

Returning Starters: C/RHP Worth Smith (Sr., 6-0, 195, R/R); RHP/1B Griffin Melton (Sr., 5-6, 130, L/R); 2B Camryn Lewis (Sr., 5-7, 140, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Derrick Williams (Sr., 6-2, 170, R/R); RHP Joshua Hall



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Camryn Lewis
Worth County



Jacob Perrin
Worth County

Top Newcomers: 3B/

RHP Owen Fletcher (Fr., 5-9, 150, R/R); INF/RHP/OF Owen Hancock (Fr., 5-9, 135, R/R); INF/C Luke Smith (Fr., 5-7, 150, R/L); OF Clint Bragg (Fr., 5-8, 130, R/R)

Season Outlook: Graduation hit the Rams hard after the coronavirus pandemic cut short a very promising season in 2020. Only one full-time starter is back. Worth County has a lot of young talent that needs to develop and mature. Catcher Worth Smith, pitcher/infielder Griffin Melton and second baseman Camryn Lewis return to lead a young team.



Derrick Williams
Worth County

REGION 2-2A

Region Favorite: Vidalia

Players to Watch

RHP/OF – Cole Baucom, Sr., Jeff Davis; **OF/LHP** – Brady Cothorn, Jr., Bacon County; **2B/RHP** – Kevin Cox, Jr., Vidalia; **1B/RHP** – Ty Dalley, Jr., Vidalia; **CF** – Bryce Davis, Jr., Vidalia; **3B/RHP/C/1B/OF** – Chaise Donaldson, Sr., East Laurens; **C** – Hughes Graham, Jr., Vidalia; **1B/DH** – Hamp Hayes, Sr., Jeff Davis; **RHP/SS** – Elijah Loyd, Sr., Swainsboro; **OF** – Chandler Lynn, Sr., Toombs County; **SS/RHP** – Landry Mead, Sr., Vidalia; **INF/RHP** – Mason Mikell, Sr., Bacon County; **SS/RHP/3B/OF** – Ryan Mimbs, Sr., East Laurens; **3B** – Walker Moncus, So., Vidalia; **OF/RHP** – Chase Musselman, Sr., Toombs County; **RHP/3B** – Caden Spivey, Jr., Vidalia; **INF/RHP** – Trey Thomas, Sr., Bacon County; **RF** – Jordan Walden, Jr., Vidalia; **3B/SS/RHP** – Cade Walters, Sr., Jeff Davis; **RHP/OF** – Matthew White, Sr., Jeff Davis; **RHP/2B** – Bryson Whited, Jr., Vidalia



BACON COUNTY RED RAIDERS

Head Coach (s): Noble Coley

Assistant Coach (s): Stephen Tyre, Patrick McDonald, David Swanson

2020 Record: 6-4

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Mason Mikell (Sr., B/R); INF/RHP Trey Thomas (Sr., R/R); 1B/RHP Drew Elrod (Sr., R/R); OF/LHP Brady Cothorn (Jr., L/L); INF/RHP Jackson Conner (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF George Roberts (Fr., R/R); RHP Chance Ivey (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Raiders lost a roster full of talent to

graduation and may be rebuilding this spring. But they will still contend for the region title. Five starters are back, including versatile Mason Mikell. Senior Trey Thomas and junior Brady Cothorn also return after posting solid numbers in 2020.



EAST LAURENS FALCONS

Head Coach (s): Tyler Green

Assistant Coach (s): Gene Mulkey, Trevor Wood, Jacob Floyd

2020 Record: 3-4

Returning Starters: SS/RHP/3B/OF Ryan Mimbs (Sr., 6-3, 210, R/R); 3B/RHP/C/1B/OF Chaise Donaldson (Sr., 6-1, 210, R/R); C/3B Lync Pope (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R); 2B/SS/3B Garrett Young (So., 5-9, 170, R/R); 1B Hunter Clay (Jr., 6-3, 200, R/R); OF Trey Barwick (Jr., 5-9, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 2B Tex Edge (So., 5-3, 105, R/R); 2B/OF Camden Peal (So., 5-6, 120, R/R); OF Cole Page (So., 5-8, 160, R/R); OF Alex Arrington (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); 2B Ty Caneega (So., 5-6, 140, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Falcons welcome back six starters and should have a chance to contend for the postseason. Seniors Ryan Mimbs, Chaise Donaldson and Lync Pope are back, giving East Laurens a trio of leaders to build around. Look for some talented underclassmen to contribute.



JEFF DAVIS YELLOW JACKETS

Head Coach: Paul Glass

Assistant Coach (s): Steven Wilcox, Roger Metts, Jeff McGowan, Kaleb Brown

2020 Record: 7-4

Returning Starters: 1B/DH Hamp Hayes (Sr., 6-0, 220, R/R); 3B/SS/RHP Cade Walters (Sr., 5-9, 185, R/R); RHP/OF Matthew White (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); RHP/OF Cole Baucom (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: SS/2B Ethan Hulett (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); 3B Conner Rea (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); C Matthew Glass (Jr., 6-3, 215, L/R); RHP/1B Cam Williams (Jr., 6-2, 200, R/R); SS Ethan Griffin (So., 6-0, 180, R/R); LHP/OF Cason Clance (So., 5-9, 180, L/L)

Top Newcomers: 2B Trenton Clance (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF Tyler Brewer (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP Josh Griffin (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Yellow Jackets lost a lot of talent last spring, but there is enough returning for Jeff Davis to make a deep postseason run. The senior class is small, but right-handed pitchers Matthew White and Cole Baucom give the Jackets a solid 1-2 punch on the mound. Offensive leaders Hamp Hayes and Cade Walters also return.



Hamp Hayes
Jeff Davis



Cade Walters
Jeff Davis



SWAINSBORO TIGERS

Head Coach (s): Ashley Hooks

Assistant Coach (s): Rusty Kea, Corey Chalker, Heath Palmer

2020 Record: 4-6

Returning Starters: RHP/SS Elijah Loyd (Sr., R/R); 2B Tate Thompson (Sr., R/R); C Justin Drake (Jr., R/R); OF Jeffery Brown (So., R/R); LHP

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CLASS 2A

Kaleb Edenfield (Jr., B/L); 3B/OF Derrick Jones (Sr., R/R)
Other Returning Players: OF Harrison Jones (Jr., R/L); OF Gaston Kirby (Sr., R/R); 1B/3B Jacob Durden (So., R/R); LHP/OF Nathan Riddle (Jr., L/L); OF River Green (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/INF Lenox Lively (Fr., L/R); RHP/INF Kason Palmer (Fr., R/R); RHP/INF Bailey Womack (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Tigers look to contend for the postseason as six returning starters are back. The lack of experienced pitching is a concern, but senior pitcher/shortstop Elijah Loyd and left-hander Kaleb Edenfield return to lead a young rotation. Swainsboro will need some underclassmen to mature and develop quickly.

T TOOMBS COUNTY BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Derek James

Assistant Coach (s):

Don Mims, Pat Craft, Hayne Brant

2020 Record: 4-11

Returning Starters:

OF Chandler Lynn (Sr., L/R); RHP/OF Chase Musselman (Sr., R/R); 2B Alex Gordy (Sr., R/R); 1B Gray Stephens (Sr. R/R); 2B/OF Foster Jones (R/R);

C Jason Dukes (Jr., R/R); SS Kodie Cortez (Jr., R/R); 3B Bryson Stanley (Jr., R/R); LHP Logan Knight (Jr., R/L); C/OF Wil Watts (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: 3B/RHP Lucas O'Conner (So., R/R); RHP/OF Gavin Hall (So., R/R); 2B Dawson Brantley (So., R/R); 1B Carson Braddy (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: 3B/C/RHP Trayvone Harris (Fr., R/R); SS/RHP Jesus Quintero (Fr., R/R); RHP/1B/OF Brantley Upshaw (Fr., L/R)



Chandler Lynn
Toombs County



Chase Musselman
Toombs County

Season Outlook: Toombs County lost just one senior from last season's team. Look for the Bulldogs to improve significantly this spring. Toombs will, however, need to find a few more pitchers. The good news is the offense is capable of carrying the load until Toombs' pitching staff matures.

V VIDALIA INDIANS

Head Coach (s): Brent Korn

Assistant Coach (s): Rhett Carter, Ben Beck, Matt Smith

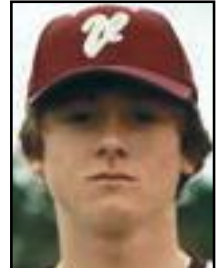
2020 Record: 10-1

Returning Starters: OF Bryce Davis (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); RHP/2B Bryson Whited (Jr., 6-1, 150, R/R); RHP/3B Caden Spivey (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); C Hughes Graham (Jr., 6-3, 195, R/R); OF Jordan Walden (Jr., 6-0, 150, R/L); 2B/RHP Kevin Cox (Jr., 6-1, 160, R/R); SS/RHP Landry Mead (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); 1B/RHP Ty Dalley (Jr., 6-4, 185, L/R); 3B Walker Moncus (So., 5-9, 195, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Ben Beverly (Sr., R/R); RHP/1B Bryce Morley (Jr., R/R); OF Kaleb Bennett (So., L/R); SS/OF Cason Banks (So., L/R); U Michael Blount (Sr., R/R); OF Chandler Corbett (Jr., R/R); C/RHP Ethan Moore (So., R/R); C Jordan Clopton (Sr., R/R); 3B Jordan Stephens (Jr., R/R); OF Tucker Coleman (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: SS/RHP Andrew Norfleet (Fr., R/R); C/INF Carson Ricks (Fr., R/R); RHP/INF Tucker McDonald (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Vidalia has steadily improved in each of the past three seasons. This year could be its best yet. All nine starters return from last season's squad that started the season 10-1. Three-year starter Landry Mead is the only senior starter returning. The junior class is talented, led by pitchers Bryson Whited and Caden Spivey.



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REGION 3-2A

Region Favorite: Bleckley County

Players to Watch

3B – Mac Barton, Sr., Jasper County; **2B/SS/RHP** – Matthew Bland, Jr., Bleckley County; **LHP/OF** – Landin Crummey, Sr., Dodge County; **OF/LHP** – Olimade Dixon, Sr., Washington County; **INF/RHP** – Garrett Durden, Sr., Dodge County; **1B** – Baylor Edge, Sr., Jasper County; **C/RHP/SS** – JR Fordham, Jr., Bleckley County; **OF/LHP** – Cole Hays, Sr., Jasper County; **LHP/OF** – Matt Huff, Sr., Bleckley County; **OF/RHP** – Ethan Hulsey, Sr., Bleckley County; **INF/RHP/C** – Jackson Lanthrip, Sr., Washington County; **1B/C/RHP** – Brody Little, Sr., Bleckley County; **INF/RHP** – Brendan O'Connor, Sr., Dodge County; **SS/RHP** – Tanner Patterson, Jr., Lamar County; **RHP/OF** – Conner Senters, Sr., Bleckley County; **C/RHP** – Connor Vaughn, Sr., Lamar County

BLECKLEY COUNTY ROYALS

Head Coach (s): Brad Davis
Assistant Coach (s): William Barham, Jacob Byram, Shane Savant, Tyler Sellers
2020 Record: 5-4
Returning Starters: 1B/C/RHP Brody Little (Sr., 6-0, 190 L/R); LHP/OF Matt Huff (Sr.,



Matt Huff
Bleckley County

6-1, 185, L/L); RHP/OF Conner Senters (Sr., 6-1, 165, R/R); OF/RHP Ethan Hulsey (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R) C/RHP/SS JR Fordham (Jr., 5-7, 165, R/R); 2B/SS/RHP Matthew Bland (Jr., 5-8, 155, R/R); C/3B/RHP Eli Mullis (So., 5-10, 195, R/R)



Ethan Hulsey
Bleckley County



Austin Peacock
Bleckley County

Other Returning

Players: OF Ethan Savant (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); 1B/RHP Carter Brannon (Jr., 6-4, 195, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/RHP Cason Bryant (So., 5-6, 150, R/R); OF/RHP Adrian Mullis (Jr., 5-8, 155, R/R); OF/RHP Dawson Chapman (So., 5-6, 150, L/R)

Season Outlook: The Royals have a few leftovers from their 2019 team that made a deep run through the Class 2A playoffs. All-state performer Brody Little is one of those. Little is one of seven returning starters this spring. Seniors Matt Huff, Conner Senters and Ethan Hulsey lead a talented group of pitchers. Junior JR Fordham is also a player to watch.



Conner Senters
Bleckley County

DODGE COUNTY INDIANS

Head Coach: Matt Herring
Assistant Coach (s): William McCranie, Josh Cooley
2020 Record: 6-4

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Garrett Durden (Sr., 5-8, 155, R/R); INF/RHP Brendan O'Connor (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); LHP/OF Landin Crummey (Sr., 5-10, 170, L/L); C Cole Cranford (Sr., 6-3, 185, R/R); OF Seth Cossett (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); OF Davis Marchant (Sr., L/L)

Other Returning Players: 3B Griffin Durden (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); 1B Noah Cummings (Sr., 5-11, 225, R/R); OF Kade Harpe (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C Hamilton Porter (Fr., 5-9, 210, R/R)

Season Outlook: Dodge County welcomes back a solid senior class as the Indians seek to contend for the region crown and a postseason berth. Offensive leaders Garrett Durden and Brendan O'Connor return, while left-handed pitcher Landin Crummey leads a young but talented pitching rotation.

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LAMAR COUNTY TROJANS

Head Coach (s): Mike Oberg

Assistant Coach (s): Tim Jones, Witt Campbell, Micah Banks

2020 Record: 1-9

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Tanner Patterson (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); OF Nathaniel Tidwell (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); INF/RHP Rhett Blount (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); U Braydon Pines (Jr., 5-7, 145, R/R); OF Donovan Sanford (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); 1B Jalen Banks (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); INF Ayden Hollis (So., 5-5, 150, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Kale Bryan (So., 5-7, 140, R/R); 1B Bayle English (So., 5-9, 210, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/RHP Connor Vaughn (Sr., 6-2, 285, R/R); OF/RHP Talon Dender (Fr., 5-8, 130, R/R); OF/RHP Hutson Traylor (Fr., 5-8, 145, R/R); C Johnny Stone (Fr., 5-8, 140, R/R); OF/RHP Cam King (Fr., 5-9, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: The young Trojans may be a year away from reaching their full potential, but 2021 should be much better. The senior class is small, but an excellent group of juniors and sophomores are back. Shortstop/pitcher Tanner Patterson and newcomer Connor Vaughn will be expected to lead the team.

MONTICELLO HURRICANES

Head Coach (s): Brady McMichael

Assistant Coach (s): Matt Garvin, Zach Houston

2020 Record: 5-5

Returning Starters: 3B Mac Barton (Sr., 6-0, 205, L/R); 1B Baylor Edge (Sr., 6-3, 210, L/R); OF/LHP Cole Hays (Sr., 5-9, 150, L/L); U Justyn Fields (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); OF Graeme Williams (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); OF Tristian Humphreys (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); 2B Trent Maddox (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP Myles Proctor (Jr., 6-1, 195, L/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B Jackson Taylor (Jr., 6-2, 195, L/L); INF Austin Cumbess (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R)

Top Newcomers: SS Hunter Hays (Fr., 6-1, 175, R/R); INF Chevy Sands (Fr., 5-8, 150, R/R); 1B Tom Schilling (Fr., 6-0, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Hurricanes return a wealth of talent and should compete for a postseason berth this spring. Eight starters are back, including outfielder/pitcher Cole Hays. Senior infielders Mac Barton and Baylor Edge return to spark the offense.

NORTHEAST MACON RAIDERS

Head Coach (s): Darryl Silas

Survey not returned

SOUTHWEST MACON PATRIOTS

Head Coach (s): Robert Cummings

Survey not returned

WASHINGTON COUNTY GOLDEN HAWKS

Head Coach (s): Joel Griffin

Assistant Coach (s): Brandon Dickson, Brad Wallace, Brannon Bonifay

2020 Record: 4-6

Returning Starters: INF/RHP/C Jackson Lanthrip (Sr., 5-8, 155, R/R); OF/LHP Olimade Dixon (Sr., 6-2, 160, L/L); INF/RHP Bishop Copeland

(Jr., 5-10, 240, R/R); OF/INF Justin Brett (Jr., 6-1, 240, R/R); RHP/INF Jonathan Mobley (Jr., 6-1, 145, R/R); OF/RHP Colton Smith (So., 6-2, 185, R/R); OF/RHP Cyler Bloodworth (So., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Isaish Epps (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); RHP/INF Chris Yates (Jr., 6-1, 150, R/R); RHP/INF Tanner Gheesling (Sr., 6-0, 240, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP Peyton Poole (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: Coach Joel Griffin enters his second season and has some experience to work with. The Golden Hawks welcome back seven returning starters, including a pair of senior standouts in Jackson Lanthrip and Olimade Dixon. Some talented juniors and sophomores will be expected to contribute.

REGION 4-2A

Region Favorite: Westside-Augusta

Players to Watch

SS – Caden Barnes, Sr., Westside-Augusta; **RHP/1B** – Jake Bowman, Sr., Oglethorpe County; **CF** – Shaun Clark, Sr., Jefferson County; **OF/RHP/INF** – Hayden Howard, Sr., Jefferson County; **C/RHP** – Tyson Knight, Sr., Jefferson County; **LHP/OF** – Cameron McFalls, Sr., Westside-Augusta; **RHP/SS** – Evan Walden, Sr., Jefferson County



BUTLER BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Joseph Nero

Survey not returned



GLENN HILLS SPARTANS

Head Coach (s): John Minton

Survey not returned



JEFFERSON COUNTY WARRIORS

Head Coach (s): Craig Brock

Assistant Coach (s): Chris Knight

2020 Record: 6-5

Returning Starters: C/RHP Tyson Knight (Sr., 5-11, 225, R/R); RHP/SS Evan Walden (Sr., 5-11, 160, L/R); OF Shaun Clark (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); 1B Austin Long (Sr., 6-3, 235, R/R); OF/1B/RHP Logan Bazemore (Sr., 6-1, 140, R/R); OF/RHP/INF Hayden Howard (Sr., 5-10, 145, R/R); OF/LHP/1B CJ Farmer (Jr., 6-1, 195, L/L)

Other Returning Players: OF Logan Newsome (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); C/INF Kyle McMillan (Sr., 5-7, 140, R/R); OF/RHP Bayles Parker (So., 5-10, 140, R/R); RHP/INF/C Ryan Tripp (So., 5-8, 135, R/R); 2B Dawson Sheppard (So., 5-7, 140, R/R)

Season Outlook: This could potentially be one of the better Jefferson County baseball teams in recent memory. The Warriors welcome back seven returning starters, including offensive leaders Tyson Knight, Evan Walden and Shaun Clark. If Jefferson can be consistent on the pitcher's mound, they should contend for a postseason spot.

JOSEY EAGLES

Head Coach (s): James Draine
Survey not returned

LANEY WILDCATS

Head Coach (s): William Wallace
Survey not returned

OGLETHORPE COUNTY PATRIOTS

Head Coach (s): Kris Patel
Assistant Coach (s): James Moree
2020 Record: 2-9

Returning Starters: RHP/1B Jake Bowman (Sr., 5-11, 170, L/R); OF Jacob Booth (Sr., 6-0, 145, R/R); OF Lane Gomes (Sr., 5-5, 145, R/R); U/RHP Henry Johnson (Jr., 6-2, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Landon Eberhart (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R); C Jonathan Cronic (Jr., 5-8, 180, R/R); OF Landon Autry (So., 6-2, 190, R/R); OF Cohen Caldwell (So., 5-10, 155, R/R); INF Coop Mattox (So., 5-9, 155, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C Corbin Gabriel (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); OF Dante Marnell (Sr., 6-3, 195, R/R); 1B/3B/RHP Bennett England (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); U/RHP Russell Smith (Jr., 5-11, 175, L/R); RHP/3B Blane McFarland (So., 6-1, 185, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Patriots should have a chance to be solid in coach Kris Patel's second season with the team. Four starters, three of them seniors, return to lead the way. Oglethorpe will be looking for some underclassmen to step forward and fill some key positions. Pitcher/first baseman Jake Bowman returns to give the team a solid leader to build around.

PUTNAM COUNTY WAR EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Michael Phiel (new)
Survey not returned

WESTSIDE-AUGUSTA PATRIOTS

Head Coach (s): Gerald Barnes
Assistant Coach (s): Jerry Hunter

2020 Record: 6-4

Returning Starters: LHP/OF Cameron McFalls (Sr., 6-2, 170, L/L); C Jack Wise (Jr., 6-2, 185, R/R); SS Caden Barnes (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); INF Christian Boose (Jr., 5-11, 150, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Ralieg

Roundtree (Sr., 6-1, 155, R/R); OF/RHP William Baker (Jr., 6-2, 165, R/R); INF Jonathan DeJesus (Sr., 5-9, 145, R/R); 1B CJ Jimperson (So., 5-11, 165, R/R); INF Jayden Wright (So, 6-0, 220, R/R)

Season Outlook: Graduation took a bite out of Westside's lineup last season and most of the team's lineup are underclassmen. The good news is that the Patriots return four starters. One of those is



Caden Barnes
Westside-Augusta



Christian Boose
Westside-Augusta

left-handed pitcher/
outfielder Cameron
McFalls. Shortstop
Caden Barnes
also returns.



Cameron McFalls
Westside-Augusta



Jack Wise
Westside-Augusta

REGION 5-2A

Region Favorite: Bremen

Players to Watch

SS – Matthew Bilbo, Sr., Bremen; **1B/RHP** – Andrew Cash, Sr., Temple; **C/INF** – Brooks Hardie, Sr., Bremen; **INF** – Clay Hyatt, Jr., Haralson County; **RHP** – AJ Jarrell, Sr., Bremen; **RHP** – Lane King, Sr., Haralson County; **OF/RHP** – Leroy Marsh, Sr., Heard County; **OF/RHP** – Blake Matthews, Jr., Bremen; **SS/RHP** – Corey Mayfield, Sr., Temple; **C/INF** – Gavin Millians, Sr., Bremen; **RHP/3B** – Justin Moore, Jr., Callaway; **OF** – Tucker Parrish, Sr., Haralson County; **OF** – Daulton Payne, Sr., Bremen; **1B/OF** – Kaden Rogers, Sr., Callaway

BREMEN BLUE DEVILS

Head Coach (s): Chris Brown

Assistant Coach (s): Doc Fowlkes, Mick Harper, Brad Matthews, Tim Trowell

2020 Record: 7-4

Returning Starters: SS Matthew Bilbo (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); C/INF Brooks Hardie (Sr., 5-11, 190, R/R); RHP AJ Jarrell (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R); C/INF Gavin Millians (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R); OF Daulton Payne (Sr., 6-3, 200, R/R); OF/RHP Blake Matthews (Jr., 6-3, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C Jacob Cohran (Sr., R/R); RHP Cade McNeese (Sr., R/R); RHP Denver Crook (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Ty Morris (Jr., L/R); INF Seth Childers (So., R/R); RHP Jake Steed (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: A senior-heavy class returns at Bremen this spring. Six starters are back, including offensive leaders Matthew Bilbo and Brooks Hardie. The Blue Devils, however, will be looking for a few more pitchers to step forward and help out starter AJ Jarrell.



AJ Jarrell
Bremen



Blake Matthews
Bremen



Gavin Millians
Bremen



Daulton Payne
Bremen



CALLAWAY CAVALIERS

Head Coach (s): Dusty Hubbard

Assistant Coach (s): Tim Freeman, Jon Hopper, Lee Phelps, Brad Miller

2020 Record: 6-7

Returning Starters: 1B/OF Kaden Rogers (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); RHP/2B Tucker Starling (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R); RHP/3B Justin Moore (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Jimmy Dukes (Jr., 6-2, 200, R/R); SS/OF CJ Stephens (So., 5-11, 155, R/R); OF Andrew Locke (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R); OF Will Cavender (Sr., 5-8, 145, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B Nate Lee (Jr., 6-4, 230, R/R); RHP/OF Garrett Huckleberry (So., 5-11, 185, R/R); OF/C Eli Freeman (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); C/3B Blake Sheppard (So., 5-9, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/3B Bryce Hubbard (Fr., 6-0, 160, L/R); LHP/1B Branton Swanson (Fr., 5-8, 165, R/L)

Season Outlook: Callaway returns one of the state's top pitchers in junior Justin Moore. Look for Moore, Tucker Starling and Jimmy Dukes to form a solid pitching rotation. If the Cavaliers can be consistent on offense, they will be a very dangerous team. Callaway, however, may be a year away.



HARALSON COUNTY REBELS

Head Coach (s): Patrick Syer

Assistant Coach (s): Joe Cash, Tristin Cash, Ethan Simms

2020 Record: 3-8

Returning Starters: RHP Lane King (Sr., 6-2, 215, R/R); OF Tucker Parrish (Sr., 5-10, 190, L/L); INF Colton Sanders (Jr., 6-2, 220, R/R); INF Clay Hyatt (Jr., 6-0, 215, R/R); OF Colson Locklear (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); LHP Carson Ray (So., 5-9, 155, L/L)

Other Returning Players: INF Grant Ellis (Sr., 5-6, 170, R/R); RHP Hunter Caraway (Sr., 6-1, 180, L/R)

Top Newcomers: C Haldyn Williams (Fr., 5-7, 145, R/R); INF Holden Davis (Fr., 5-6, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: Haralson County drops down a classification, and they will be immediate contenders in Region 5-2A. The Rebels have six returning starters, including right-handed pitching standout Lane King and offensive leader Tucker Parrish. Infielder Clay Hyatt also returns after a solid sophomore season.



HEARD COUNTY BRAVES

Head Coach (s): Trent Bianco

Assistant Coach (s): Gavin Porter, Tyler Spradlin, Trevor Spradlin, Matt Hornsby

2020 Record: 6-8

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Leroy Marsh (Sr., 5-8, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Drew Cornelius (Sr., 6-5, 285, R/R); C/INF Hayden McCosh (Sr., 6-1, 200, R/R); INF/C/RHP Chance Brown (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Isaiah O'Neal (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); INF John Paul Awbrey (So., 6-1, 165, R/R); OF/RHP Aidan Boyd (Jr., 6-2, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Noah Cantrell (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); C/RHP Tyler Lasseter (So., 5-9, 165, R/R); OF/RHP Jacob Watts (So., 5-9, 145, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/OF Blayne Barlow (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Connell White (So., 6-1, 165, R/R); INF Matthew Raines (Jr., 6-2, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: Heard County should be one of the favorites in Region 5-2A play this season as seven starters are back. Outfielder/pitcher Leroy Marsh as well as seniors Drew Cornelius and Hayden McCosh lead a small but solid senior class. Look for a strong group of underclassmen to step forward and contribute in a big way.



TEMPLE TIGERS

Head Coach (s): Jamie Sexton

Assistant Coach (s): Vaughn Lee, Kenneth Brown, Aaron Hall

2020 Record: 6-5

Returning Starters: 1B/RHP Andrew Cash (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R); SS/RHP Corey Mayfield (Sr., 6-3, 170, R/R); OF Lewis Ward (Sr., 5-8, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Tate Cole (Sr., 5-7, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Luke Watson (Jr., 6-2, 170, R/R); C Parker Anel (So., 5-8, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Thomas Rowland (Sr., 5-8, 190, R/R); OF Daylon Summerville (Sr., 5-9, 180, R/R); OF Gabe Kubik (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF Jayden Danburg (Sr., 6-2, 170, R/R); 1B Colin Register (Sr., 6-2, 200, R/R); OF/RHP Lane Summerville (Jr., 6-3, 195, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Tanner Hall (Sr., R/R); OF/LHP Carter Kittrell (Jr., L/L); 3B/RHP Ricky Ruiz (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Temple showed significant improvement in coach Jamie Sexton's first season last year. Look for the Tigers to keep getting better in 2021. A solid senior class returns to lead the program. Six starters are back, including standout first baseman/pitcher Andrew Cash and shortstop/pitcher Corey Mayfield.

REGION 6-2A

Region Favorite: Lovett

Players to Watch

3B – Anderson Beaver, So., Lovett; **C** – Aziz Cooper, Sr., Washington;

SS – Kai Cunningham, Jr., Lovett; **OF** – Logan Givens, Jr., Lovett;

RHP – Michael Hollingsworth, Sr., Lovett; **INF** – Duece Jordan, Jr., Pace Academy; **2B** – Christopher Kollme, Sr., Lovett; **1B/LHP**

– Conner Partin, Jr., Lovett; **OF** – Drewbie Pinkston, Sr., Lovett;

OF/RHP – Khyler Powell, Sr., South Atlanta; **RHP** – Will Prigge, Jr., Lovett; **RHP** – Zykoabi Randolph, Sr., Washington; **INF/RHP** – Jamal

Ray, Sr., McNair; **OF/INF** – Jayden Thomas, Sr., Pace Academy;

SS/2B – Jeremy Wellmaker, Jr., South Atlanta; **U** – Ronnie West, Sr.,

Washington; **OF** – Jae Williams, Jr., Pace Academy



COLUMBIA EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Greg Barnett

Survey not returned



KIPP WARRIORS

Head Coach (s): Kevin Hayles

Survey not returned



LOVETT LIONS

Head Coach (s): Lance Oubs

Assistant Coach (s): Jamie Palmer, Vince Nasca, Dave McDonald, John Rice

2020 Record: 6-4

Returning Starters: OF Drewbie Pinkston (Sr., 5-9, 170, L/R); RHP Michael Hollingsworth (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); RHP Owen McMurtrie (Sr., 6-0, 210, R/R); 2B Christopher Kollme (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); SS Kai Cunningham (Jr., 5-9, 160, L/R); OF Logan Givens (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); RHP Will Prigge (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R); 3B Anderson Beaver (So., 6-0, 165, R/R)



Owen McMurtrie Lovett

Other Returning Players: LHP Luke Ham (Sr., 6-0, 180, L/L); OF Zach Minetola (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); C Charlie Caldwell (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); RHP Grant Turner (Sr., 5-10, 200, R/R); 1B/LHP Conner Partin (Jr., 5-10, 165, L/L); 1B/RHP Jack Steel (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C Charles Lindsay (Jr., 5-8, 155, R/R); OF Robert Mitchell (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); RHP Hayden Bernard (So., 6-0, 160, R/R); U Christopher Fielden (So., 5-8, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: Look for the Lions to be among the top teams in Class 2A after dropping a classification. Eight starters are back. Lovett returns two of the classification's top players in outfielder Drewbie Pinkston and right-handed pitcher Michael Hollingsworth. Infielder Christopher Kollme also returns.



MCNAIR MUSTANGS

Head Coach (s): Marcus Salter
Survey not returned



PACE ACADEMY KNIGHTS

Head Coach (s): Donice Bloodworth/Seth LaFera
Survey not returned



SOUTH ATLANTA HORNETS

Head Coach (s): Inglis Hunter (new)
Survey not returned



THERRELL PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): Darryl Terry (new)
Survey not returned



TOWERS TITANS

Head Coach (s): TBA
Survey not returned



WASHINGTON BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Quinterus Vancant
Assistant Coach (s): Teion English
2020 Record: 2-0
Returning Starters: RHP Zykoabi Randolph (Sr., 5-8, 175, R/R); C Aziz Cooper (Sr., 5-8, 185, R/R); OF Nazhir West (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); U Ronnie West (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); U Jalon Stanley (Jr., 5-8, 170, R/R); 1B Trenton Sinclair (Sr., 5-8, 205, R/R); OF Jimtavious Scott (Jr., 5-7, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 3B Triston Sinclair (Sr., 5-9, 200, R/R); OF Demontay Hardeman (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); 2B Thomas Fennel (Jr., 5-7, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF David Wilkerson (Fr., 5-7, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: Washington returns seven starters and should be in the postseason hunt this spring. A senior-oriented team returns. Right-hander Zykoabi Randolph anchors a young group of pitchers, while catcher Aziz Cooper is back to lead what could be a solid offensive attack.

REGION 7-2A

Region Favorite: Fannin County

Players to Watch

C/DH/1B – Jake Ashley, Jr., Model; **OF/U** – Landon Cantrell, Jr., Model; **SS/2B** – Davis Chastain, Jr., Model; **1B/LHP** – Dakota Corntassel, Jr., Pepperell; **RHP/INF** – Rett Edwards, Sr., Model; **RHP/3B** – Grayson Goss, Sr., Model; **SS** – Chase Gresham, Sr., Pepperell; **2B** – Nolan Heath, Jr., Dade County; **LHP/1B** – Bradley Holloway, Sr., Fannin County; **3B/RHP** – Griffin Kanelos, Sr., Pepperell; **3B/RHP** – Brett Kay, Sr., Dade County; **SS** – Cody King, Jr., Coosa; **1B/DH** – Josh Land, Sr., Model; **U/RHP** – Landen Loyd, Jr., Pepperell; **RHP/INF** – Brady Martin, Sr., Fannin County; **OF** – Gage Moses, Sr., Pepperell; **OF/U** – Jac Mulkey, Sr., Model; **RHP/INF** – Wyatt Rogers, Sr., Fannin County; **SS** – Brodie Swader, Jr., Dade County; **LHP/OF** – Bryson Thacker, So., Coosa



CHATTOOGA INDIANS

Head Coach (s): Josh Lee (new)
Survey not returned



COOSA EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Michael Dougherty
Assistant Coach (s): Dave Williams, Johnathan Cook

2020 Record: 8-8
Returning Starters: 3B/C Trent Cantrell (So., R/R); SS/OF Hayden McBurnett (So., L/R); LHP/OF Bryson Thacker (So., L/L); 2B Dastyn Trapp (Sr., R/R); SS



Trent Cantrell Coosa



Cody King Coosa

Cody King (Jr., R/R); 2B/3B/SS Andrew Earwood (So., L/R); LHP Jorge Castillo (Sr., L/L); RHP Jaxon Thomas (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/OF Payton Vines (So., R/R); LHP/DH Billy Settlemoir (So., L/L); 1B/OF/LHP Gavyn East (So., L/L); C Ryan Smith (So., R/R); OF Justin Hammons (Sr., R/R); OF Timmy Obenlander (Sr., R/R); OF Andrew Holt (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: 3B/RHP/C Payce Smith (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Eagles welcome back the majority of

their team as Coosa continues to improve. The senior and junior classes are small, but a talented group of sophomores return. Keep an eye on pitchers Bryson Thacker and Cody King who flashed potential last season. The team may still be a year away from reaching its full potential.



Bryson Thacker
Coosa



Jaxon Thomas
Coosa

DADE COUNTY WOLVERINES

Head Coach (s): Chris Brown

Assistant Coach (s): David Swader

2020 Record: 8-3

Returning Starters: 3B/RHP Brett Kay (Sr., R/R); 1B/RHP Colton Emmett (Sr., R/R); SS Brodie Swader (Jr., L/R); 2B Nolan Heath (Jr., L/R); OF/LHP Dylan Dwyer (Jr., L/L); OF/RHP Brayden Nethery (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/RHP Zeke Wheeler (So., R/R); 2B/C Owen Dabbs (Jr., L/R); OF Payton Haswell (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/RHP Kaden Moore (Fr., R/R); INF/RHP Levi Kimball (Fr., R/R); OF/RHP Justin Bradford (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wolverines return six starters and should contend for the playoffs this spring. The senior class is small, but a talented group of juniors and sophomores will help out. Athletic shortstop Brodie Swader returns as well as second baseman Nolan Heath. Senior Brett Kay returns to lead a young but solid group of pitchers.



Brett Kay
Dade County

FANNIN COUNTY REBELS

Head Coach (s): Travis Stone

Assistant Coach (s): Cline Bowers, Jeff Kuna, TBA

2020 Record: 2-8

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Brady Martin (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R); RHP/INF Wyatt Rogers (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); LHP/1B Bradley Holloway (Sr., 6-0, 215, L/L); RHP/INF Logan Hughes (Sr., 6-0, 210, R/R); RHP/OF Jason Pearson (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); C/U Seth Reece (Jr., 6-1, 185, B/R); RHP/U Caleb Postell (Sr., 5-7, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Tyler Fox (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF Jacob Preising (Sr., 5-10, 175, L/L); RHP/U Landon Norton (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); RHP/INF Chance Stacy (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R); OF Sawyer Moreland (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); RHP/U Jordan Bennett (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Carter Mann (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R); RHP/C Derrick Peacock (Jr., 6-1, 190, R/R); RHP/INF Jake Kuna (Jr., 5-8, 200, R/R); OF Carter Johnson (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/INF Luke Bright (Fr., 6-1, 200, R/R); RHP/C Hayden Danner (So., 5-10, 175, R/R); LHP/OF Clay Heaton (So., 5-9, 160, R/L)

Season Outlook: The Rebels drop a classification after having success in Class 3A. Fannin lost a good bit of talent to graduation, but an excellent group returns. Pitching should be the strength as seniors Wyatt Rogers, Brady Martin, Bradley Holloway and Logan Hughes return to anchor a solid rotation.



Logan Hughes
Fannin County



GORDON CENTRAL WARRIORS

Head Coach (s): Austin Norell

Survey not returned



MODEL BLUE DEVILS

Head Coach (s): Brandon Patch

Assistant Coach (s): Brett White, Gary Johnson, Hunter Chastain

2020 Record: 7-6

Returning Starters: RHP/3B Grayson Goss (Sr., 6-4, 195, R/R); RHP/INF Rett Edwards (Sr., 5-8, 170, R/R); OF/U Jac Mulkey (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); 1B/DH Josh Land (Sr., 6-3, 220, R/R); SS/2B Davis Chastain (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/R); OF/U Landon Cantrell (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); C/DH/1B Jake Ashley (Jr., 6-3, 230, R/R); INF/RHP Jace Armstrong (So., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Ben Estes (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: U Dillon Silver (So., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF Landon Thacker (So., 5-11, 155, L/R); OF Brant Pace (So., 6-2, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: Former Morgan County coach and Cartersville assistant Brandon Patch takes over at Model and inherits eight returning starters. One of those is pitcher Rett Edwards and infielder Davis Chastain. If the Blue Devils can develop some more pitching behind Edwards, Model could challenge for the region title.



PEPPERELL DRAGONS

Head Coach (s): Chad Brown

Assistant Coach (s):

Zach Thompson, Hunter Davis

2020 Record: 10-3

Returning Starters: SS Chase Gresham (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); RHP Hunter Henderson (Sr., 6-2, 170, R/R); 3B/RHP Griffin Kanelos (Sr., 6-2, 170, R/R); OF Gage Moses (Sr., 6-2, 185, L/L); U/RHP Landen Loyd (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R); 1B/LHP Dakota Corntassel (Jr., 5-9, 180, R/L); C Kolby Davis (Jr., 5-8, 185, R/R)

Other Returning

Players: 1B/RHP Logan Lawrence (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R); U/RHP Brenton McGinnis (Jr., 5-11, 170,

L/R); C Chandler Hall (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); U/RHP Blake Floyd (So, 5-9, 135, R/R); U/RHP Ryan Ely (So., 5-9, 145, R/R); U/RHP Gage Owens (So., 5-8, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: U/RHP Layton Sanford (Fr., 5-9, 125, R/R); 3B/RHP Will York (Fr., 5-11, 140, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Dragons begin their second season under coach Chad Brown and return seven starters. Shortstop Chase Gresham and outfielder Gage Moses lead a small but solid group of seniors. Pitching could be a strength as right-handers Landen Loyd, Hunter Henderson, Griffin Kanelos and left-hander Dakota Corntassel return.



Dakota Corntassel
Pepperell



Griffin Kanelos
Pepperell



Landen Loyd
Pepperell



Gage Moses
Pepperell

REGION 8-2A

Region Favorite: Banks County

Players to Watch

INF – Carson Adams, Jr., Elbert County; **INF/RHP** -- Ruben Barahona, Sr., Riverside Military; **RHP/SS** -- Ty Burchett, Sr., Banks County; **INF/RHP** – Grayson Carver, Jr., Rabun County; **OF/C/RHP** -- Damien Chitwood, Sr., Union County; **3B/1B/RHP** -- Caleb Deeter, Sr., Riverside Military; **OF/RHP** – Carter Dye, Sr., Elbert County; **RHP/1B** – Nolan Hill, Sr., Banks County; **C** – Cole Hudson, Jr., Elbert County; **OF** – Brody Jarrard, Sr., Rabun County; **INF** – Jonathon Moon, Sr., Banks County; **SS/RHP** -- Isaak Mullinack, Sr., Union County; **SS** – Gunner Stockton, Jr., Rabun County; **1B/LHP** – Zeke Swartz, Sr., Union County; **RHP/OF** – Tripp Williams, Jr., Banks County; **C/RHP** – Brady Wilson, Sr., Rabun County

BANKS COUNTY LEOPARDS

Head Coach (s): Peyton Hart

Assistant Coach (s): Dylan Charles, Derrick Davis, Eli Cooper

2020 Record: 12-4

Returning Starters: RHP/OF Tripp Williams (Jr., 6-4, 205, R/R); RHP/SS Ty Burchett (Sr., 6-2, 150, R/R); RHP/1B Nolan Hill (Sr., 6-0, 225, R/L); C/OF Cade Herrin (Jr., 5-10, 165); OF/1B Bowen Roberts (Jr., 6-2, 205, R/R); INF Jonathon Moon (Sr., 5-9, 180, R/R); U Clay Angel (Sr., 5-11, 200, R/R); RHP/OF Roman Haynes (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/P Cam Davis (So., 6-1, 195); INF/P Blake Holcomb (So., 6-0, 175); OF Wyatt Whitfield (Sr., 5-10, 175)

Top Newcomers: U Nolan Angel (So., 6-1, 180, R/R); LHP/INF Hunter Heath (So., 6-4, 190, R/L); INF Carson Hill (So., 5-9, 165)

Season Outlook: Banks County should continue in 2021 where they left off last year. The Leopards welcome back eight starters and should contend for the region crown. Junior pitcher/outfielder Tripp Williams and seniors Ty Burchett and Nolan Hill return to lead a solid pitching rotation.

ELBERT COUNTY BLUE DEVILS

Head Coach (s): Lance Ingram

Assistant Coach (s): Brett Padgett, Reuben Haynes, Kyle Sexton, Marcus Bonds, Justin Belew

2020 Record: 11-2

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Carter Dye (Sr., 6-3, 205, L/R); LHP Storm Mills (Sr., 5-10, 190, L/L); C Cole Hudson (Jr., 5-8, 165, R/R); 1B Jordan Mills (Sr., 5-9, 145, L/L); INF Carson Adams (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); OF Ian Warwick (Sr., 5-8, 150, R/R); RHP Austin Duck (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP Nate Lavender (Sr., 6-4, 180, R/R); RHP Clay Conrad (Sr.,

5-9, 165, L/R); RHP Branson Mills (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Blue Devils should be pretty good, especially with a deep and talented pitching rotation. Left-hander Storm Mills leads a solid group that includes right-handers Austin Duck, Nate Lavender, Clay Conrad and Branson Mills. Junior infielder Carson Adams and outfielder Carter Dye are back to lead the offense.

RABUN COUNTY WILDCATS

Head Coach (s): Wesley Satterfield

Assistant Coach (s): Collin Grant

2020 Record: 1-8

Returning Starters: OF Brody Jarrard (Sr., R/R); C/RHP Brady Wilson (Sr., L/R); 1B/RHP Linkin Wright (Sr., R/R); SS Gunner Stockton (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP Grayson Carver (Jr., R/R); 3B/RHP Garrett Horton (Jr., R/R); OF Grant Britton (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Connor Horton (Jr., R/R); OF Aiden Thompson (Jr., R/R); OF Cory Keller (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wildcats started slowly before the coronavirus pandemic shut down the 2020 season. They should be much better this spring. Seven starters are back, including senior outfielder Brody Jarrard and catcher/pitcher Brady Wilson. Keep an eye on athletic shortstop Gunner Stockton, a major football prospect who is also dangerous on the baseball diamond.

RIVERSIDE MILITARY EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Chad Sage

Assistant Coach (s): Jason Pleasant, James Paul

2020 Record: 4-9

Returning Starters: 3B/1B/RHP Caleb Deeter (Sr., 6-0, 205, R/R); INF/RHP Ruben Barahona (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF Christian West (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); U Kalen Griffin (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF/P Joullian Rowton (So., 5-8, 140, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Glenn Brown (Sr., 5-11, 150, R/R); OF/1B Tyler Taves (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/L); 2B/P Declan Bethel (So., 5-7, 135, R/R); OF/RHP Stephen Bauer (So., 5-9, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Eagles begin their second season under coach Chad Sage and should be much better. Five starters are back, including a pair of seniors – Caleb Deeter and Ruben Barahona – who will give Riverside a solid nucleus to build around.

UNION COUNTY PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): Zach Odom

Assistant Coach (s): Brock Gordon, Trey Thomas, Claude Spears

2020 Record: 4-8

Returning Starters: 1B/LHP Zeke Swartz (Sr., R/L); SS/RHP Isaak Mullinack (Sr., R/R); OF/C/RHP Damien Chitwood (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP JJ Littles (Sr., R/R); 2B/RHP Austin Garrison (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: 3B/RHP Tyler Loyd (Jr., R/R); 1B Hunter Loyd (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Conner Shields (Jr., R/R); OF/C/RHP Thomas Dyer (Jr., R/R); OF/LHP Lake Hughes (Jr., L/L); OF Mason McCombs (Sr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Five senior starters return for Union County this spring. Keep an eye on this team. First baseman/pitcher Zeke Swartz and offensive leaders Isaak Mullinack and Damien Chitwood return to power the offense. Look for a solid corps of juniors to also contribute.



Nolan Hill
Banks County



Jonathon Moon
Banks County

Georgia Preseason All-State Team

Class 1A (Public) - First Team



Landan Allen
Pitcher • Senior
Clinch County



Brody Cobb
Catcher • Senior
Gordon Lee



Brian Crooms
Outfielder • Senior
Metter



Nathan Durham
Pitcher • Junior
Washington-Wilkes



Jacob Faircloth
Pitcher • Junior
Lanier County



Tristan Herring
Infielder • Senior
Charlton County



Logan Hughes
Designated Hitter • Senior
Treutlen



Riley King
Pitcher • Senior
Gordon Lee



Trypp Lumpkin
Utility • Junior
Schley County



Tyler Meeks
Infielder • Senior
Hawkinsville



Connor Nelson
Pitcher • Senior
Charlton County



Branson Owens
Infielder • Senior
Wilcox County



Cade Peterson
Outfielder • Senior
Gordon Lee



Jake Poindexter
Pitcher • Senior
Gordon Lee



Carter Powell
Catcher • Senior
Bowdon



Luke Rainwater
Outfielder • Senior
Bowdon



Randan Rigdon
Infielder • Senior
Metter



Wade Rodeffer
Outfielder • Junior
Charlton County



Dylan Taylor
Infielder • Senior
Schley County



Fisher Timms
Pitcher • Senior
ACE Charter



Tucker Welch
Outfielder • Senior
Schley County



Cooper Yanzetich
Infielder • Junior
Claxton

Georgia Preseason All-State Team

Class 1A (Public) - Second Team



Jeremiah Bowman
Utility • Senior
Bryan County



Logan Brazell
Outfielder • Senior
Bryan County



Bryce Clements
Pitcher • Sophomore
Irwin County



Mackey Giddens
Infielder • Senior
Johnson County



Ramsey Hancock
Catcher • Senior
Telfair County



Andrew Hartsfield
Outfielder • Junior
Pataula Charter



Kade Haywood
Infielder • Junior
Pataula Charter



Athon Hines
Infielder • Senior
Schley County



Zane Johnson
Catcher • Senior
ACE Charter



Robbie Lane
Infielder • Junior
Claxton



Eric Lewis
Pitcher • Senior
McIntosh County Academy



Wesley Lindler
Pitcher • Senior
Mt. Zion-Carrollton



Matt Martin
Infielder • Senior
Commerce



Hayden Morris
Outfielder • Junior
Claxton



Evan Ross
Pitcher • Sophomore
Irwin County



Jack Rush
Pitcher • Senior
Armuchee



Jax Scott
Outfielder • Senior
Johnson County



Will Slater
Outfielder • Senior
Commerce



Cody Soliday
Pitcher • Sophomore
Irwin County



Karon Taylor
Infielder • Senior
Claxton



Darrin Truett
Pitcher • Senior
Montgomery County



Tra'vonte Williams
Designated Hitter • Senior
Atkinson County

Class 1A (Public) Top 15

1 GORDON LEE

Since the Georgia High School Association split Class 1A into a public and private division in 2013, no team has won three state championships. That should change this season as Gordon Lee looks to break a tie with Schley County and Charlton County (who all have two titles each) for the most Class 1A Public titles. The Trojans lost a good bit, but Gordon Lee will still field a shutdown pitching staff that will be led by preseason All-Stater Jake Poindexter. The staff will also feature lefty Riley King and sophomore standout Bo Rhudy. Pitching will once again take the Trojans deep into the postseason.

The offense is missing some pieces, but there is more than enough returning to keep the Trojans in the chase. Versatile catcher Brody Cobb can play a little of everywhere and can certainly make things happen at the plate. Senior outfielders Cade Peterson and Griff Collins as well as infielder Cody Thomas all return. But when you have pitching like this team does, offense can take a backseat.

Don't be surprised to see Gordon Lee win its third straight Class 1A Public baseball championship this spring.

2 CHARLTON COUNTY

The loss of pitcher Trent Gray, who moved in the offseason, will hurt, but don't expect Charlton County to be down. In fact, the Indians are ready to bring another championship back to Folkston. And this group could certainly do that. Charlton has a returning player at just about every position, and players like Connor Nelson, Wade Rodeffer and Tristan Herring will make things look easy.

This team should be as good as advertised.

3 METTER

To put it in simple terms, Metter is going to be very good. How good depends on them. Only four teams in Class 1A Public have won state titles – Charlton County, Gordon Lee, Schley County and Treutlen. Metter could be the fifth.

4 SCHLEY COUNTY

A bunch of exciting players return and Schley County, as usual, will be among the state's elite. A new group of players are anxious to leave their mark.

5 BOWDON

The Red Devils are tired of taking second in region play behind Gordon Lee. Bowdon has the talent to once make a strong run, including a big senior class.

6 ACE CHARTER

This will be the best ACE Charter team in its short history. The Gryphons are ready to start playing for championships. And it could happen this spring.

7 WILCOX COUNTY

Last year was supposed to be the Patriots' year. Don't sleep on them this year. They could be just as good or even better.

8 COMMERCE

The Tigers have the ingredients to make a deep playoff run. With a big group of seniors back, look for Commerce to do just that.

9 IRWIN COUNTY

If you are going to get Irwin County, you might want to do it now. This young team is only going to get better.

10 TELFAIR COUNTY

The Trojans will have the offense to play with anybody. Their pitching staff needs some work though.

11 BRYAN COUNTY

It's been a while since the Redskins were mentioned among the state's top teams. Bryan County could be a very dangerous club this spring.

12 JOHNSON COUNTY

Even with all the players Johnson County lost, this team won't be down for long. They will be right back in the playoffs this spring.

13 CLAXTON

The Tigers were already going to be solid. The move-in of Cooper Yanzetich will make Claxton that much better. Stay tuned.

14 CLINCH COUNTY

The Panthers may go through some growing pains to start the season. But they will be tough by the end of the season.

15 HAWKINSVILLE

The Red Devils are that team that gives everyone problems. They will continue this spring.

Others to watch: (Alphabetical Order) Armuchee, ECI, Lanier County, Montgomery County, Mount Zion-Carrollton, Pelham, Treutlen, Trion, Washington-Wilkes

REGION 1-1A

Region Favorite: Pelham

Players to Watch

1B/RHP – Ashton Childree, Jr., Seminole County; **LF/RHP** – Andrew Hartsfield, Jr., Pataula Charter; **INF/RHP** – Kade Haywood, Jr., Pataula Charter; **SS/RHP** – Haden High, Sr., Baconton Charter; **SS/RHP** – Will Worsham, So., Baconton Charter



BACONTON CHARTER BLAZERS

Head Coach (s): Dusty Griffis

Assistant Coach (s): Jeffrey Jacobsen, Justin Kephart

2020 Record: 4-6

Returning Starters: C Collin Barber (So., 6-2, 170, R/R); SS/RHP Haden High (Sr., 6-3, 175, R/R); 3B/RHP Seth Gay (So., 5-11, 180, R/R); RHP/INF/OF Landon Jones (So., 6-1, 185, R/R); OF Frank Vann (Sr., 5-10, 210, R/R); SS/RHP Will Worsham (So., 5-11, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Jones Baucom (So., 6-0, 170, R/R); 1B/RHP/C Caden Brooks (Jr., 5-10, 200, R/R); INF/C Patrick Feely (So., 5-10, 165, R/R); C/1B Christian Garcia (Sr., 5-9, 210, R/R); OF Jose Garcia (So., 5-7, 180, R/R); OF Kevin Gonzalez (So., 5-10, 185, R/R); LHP Anthony Jones (So., 5-9, 135, R/L); INF/RHP Caleb Smallwood (So., 5-11, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Jimmy Woods (Jr., 6-3, 210, R/R)

Season Outlook: After an emotional season for the Blazers in 2020, Baconton looks to challenge for a postseason berth as usual. Six starters are back, including seniors Haden High and Frank Vann. Sophomore Will Worsham also returns after a promising freshman campaign last season.



BAKER COUNTY BEARS

Head Coach: Jeff Henderson

Survey not returned



CALHOUN COUNTY COUGARS

Head Coach: TBA

Survey not returned

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MILLER COUNTY PIRATES

Head Coach: Eddie Whitaker

Survey not returned



PATAULA CHARTER PANTHERS

Head Coach: Zach Mauldin

Assistant Coach (s): Matt Fowler

2020 Record: 7-5

Returning Starters: C/RHP Hunter Preston (Sr., 5-10, 145, L/R); RHP Brock Lamphier (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R); INF Luke Bruner (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Kade Haywood (Jr., 5-11, 190, R/R); LF/RHP Andrew Hartsfield (Jr., 5-9, 185, R/R); C/DH Justin Brown (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); CF Tyler Tabb (Jr., 5-8, 140, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/LF Tucker Cleveland (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); 1B/RHP Grayson Waltman (So., 6-1, 150, R/R); OF Cam Jackson (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); 2B/RHP Charles Holley (So., 5-10, 140, R/R)

Top Newcomers: U/RHP Kolbie Radney (Jr., 6-3, 195, R/R); C/RHP PT Wolfe (Fr., 5-9, 165, R/R); SS Cam Wright (Fr., 5-7, 130, R/R); 1B/RHP Chad Jones (Fr., 5-9, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: Look for the Panthers to be in contention for a postseason berth this spring. Even though the team is still relatively young, seven starters are back. Infielder/pitcher Kade Haywood and 2020 preseason all-state selection Andrew Hartsfield return along with a trio of starting seniors – Hunter Preston, Brock Lamphier and Luke Bruner.



PELHAM HORNETS

Head Coach: Ron Best

Survey not returned



QUITMAN COUNTY HORNETS

Head Coach: Fred Drake

Survey not returned



RANDOLPH-CLAY RED DEVILS

Head Coach: Jeff Thornton

Survey not returned



SEMINOLE COUNTY INDIANS

Head Coach: Truette Johnson

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

Players to Watch

SS/RHP – Landan Allen, Sr., Clinch County; **1B/RHP** – Will Berryhill, Sr., Lanier County; **2B/OF** – Colby Bryant, Jr., Charlton County; **RHP/INF** – Bryce Clements, So., Irwin County; **INF/RHP** – Jaxson Cook, Sr., Lanier County; **RHP/INF** – Jacob Faircloth, Jr., Lanier County; **RHP/INF/C** – Joshua Furney, So., Lanier County; **RHP/3B** – Dakota Goodrum, Sr., Brooks County; **SS/RHP** – Tristian Herring, Sr., Charlton County; **SS/RHP** – Landon Jones, Sr., Echols County; **C/RHP** – Weston McLeod, Sr., Echols County; **RHP/2B** – Carson Mercer, Sr., Atkinson County; **3B/RHP** – Connor Nelson, Sr., Charlton County; **RHP/INF** – Jack Perry, Jr., Brooks County; **RHP/2B** – Brady Register, Jr., Clinch County; **OF/LHP** – Wade Rodeffer, Jr., Charlton County; **RHP/OF** – Evan Ross, So., Irwin County; **RHP/SS/OF** – Cody Soliday, So., Irwin County; **LHP/1B** – Bryan Taft, Sr., Atkinson County; **SS** – Tra’vonte Williams, Sr., Atkinson County; **OF/C** – Jace Wynn, Sr., Turner County



ATKINSON COUNTY REBELS

Head Coach (s): Keenan Thomas
Assistant Coach (s): Joey Floyd
2020 Record: 2-6

Returning Starters: **SS** Tra’vonte Williams (Sr., 6-2, 170, R/R); **LHP/1B** Bryan Taft (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/L); **C** Willis Mancil (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); **RHP/2B** Carson Mercer (Sr., 5-8, 170, R/R); **OF** Javier Martinez (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R)

Other Returning

Players: **3B** Caleb Hulett (Sr., 5-9, 215, R/R); **OF** Brannon Squires (Jr., 5-11, 145, R/R); **OF** Will Davis (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); **OF** Ty’quez Rowles (Sr., R/L); **LHP/1B** Slade Leavens (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/L); **3B** Cody Hayes (So., 6-0, 195, R/R); **SS** Austin Smith (So., 5-6, 145, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Rebels return enough talent to challenge for a playoff spot this season. Five starting seniors return, including athletic shortstop Tra’vonte Williams. Pitchers Bryan Taft and Carson Mercer are back to lead a solid rotation, while catcher Willis Mancil and outfielder Javier Martinez are back to spark the offense.



Carson Mercer
Atkinson County



Bryan Taft
Atkinson County



BROOKS COUNTY TROJANS

Head Coach (s): Josh Price
Assistant Coach (s): Troy Gay, Daniel Storey, David DeSantiago
2020 Record: 3-6

Returning Starters: **RHP/3B** Dakota Goodrum (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); **RHP/OF** Dylan Marshall (Sr., 6-1, 155, R/R); **OF** Jody Scott (Sr., 5-11, 140, R/R); **RHP/INF** Jack Perry (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); **RHP/INF** Derin Sims (Jr., 5-5, 155, R/R); **RHP/OF** Tremaine Demps (Jr., 6-1, 155, R/R); **INF/C** Matthew Ferrell (So., 5-7, 135, R/R)

Other Returning Players: **OF** Nolan Harrell (So., R/R); **INF** DeShaun Hayes (So., R/R); **OF** Kamari Blankumsee (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: **RHP/INF** Legend Hallman (Fr., R/R); **LHP** Amari Miley (Fr., R/L)

Season Outlook: Brooks County drops a classification after making the playoffs two years ago as a Class 2A member. The Trojans return seven starters, including pitchers Dakota Goodrum and Jack Perry. Look for a solid group of underclassmen to step forward and contribute.



CHARLTON COUNTY INDIANS

Head Coach (s): Thad Marchman
Assistant Coach (s): Ryan Young, Josh Graham, Bobby Jones, Jeff Schwing
2020 Record: 11-3

Returning Starters: **3B/RHP** Connor Nelson (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); **SS/RHP** Tristan Herring (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); **1B/LHP** Shacario Bailey (Sr., 5-11, 215, L/L); **OF/LHP** Wade Rodeffer (Jr., 6-2, 165, L/L); **C/RHP** Sean Russell (Jr., 5-11, 200, R/R); **2B/OF** Colby Bryant (Jr., 6-0, 160, L/R); **RHP/OF** Beau Nazworth (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); **INF/RHP** Gant Geiger (So., 6-3, 175, R/R); **RHP/U** Keyshawn Hobbs (Jr., 5-8, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: **LHP/OF** Naagee Smith (Jr.); **RHP/C** Conner Lloyd (So.); **RHP/3B** Ian Vickers (So.); **RHP/U** Jude Shaw (So.); **RHP/OF** Dylan McCallister (So.); **OF** Raequon Hamilton (Jr.); **OF** Gage Renfroe (Jr.)

Top Newcomers: **U** Haze Johnson

Season Outlook: With most of its team returning, look for Charlton County to pick up from where they left off last year. Nine starters are back, including a deep pitching rotation that will keep the Indians in the hunt. Senior standouts Connor Nelson and Tristan Herring are back to lead the team, but keep an eye on an excellent group of underclassmen. The talent is there for the Indians to make a deep run in the playoffs. They still may be a year away.



Shacario Bailey
Charlton County



Colby Bryant
Charlton County



Sean Russell
Charlton County



CLINCH COUNTY PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): Lee Douglas
Assistant Coach (s): Sean Mercer, Rhett Barber

2020 Record: 9-4

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Landan Allen (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP/2B Brady Register (Jr., 5-8, 150, R/R); INF/RHP Freddy Loftly (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF/RHP Patrick Kimple (So., 6-0, 160, R/R);

Other Returning Players: OF Kahlil Jenkins (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R); INF Mitch King (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Eli Cason (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Chase Peagler (So., 5-11, 160, R/R); C/3B Avery Crosby (So., 5-8, 175, R/R); OF Austin Murray (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: U Hamp Williams (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); C/INF Tucker Robbins (So., 5-8, 150, R/R); RHP/U Cade Griffis (Fr., 5-10, 150, R/R); RHP/OF Ben Crosby (Jr., 6-1, 190, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Panthers will feature a lot of new faces in 2021, but the talent is there for Clinch County to contend for the postseason again. The senior class is small, but the good news is that four starters are back. One of those is senior shortstop/pitcher Landan Allen. Look for a talented corps of sophomores and freshmen to step forward. If the underclassmen mature and develop, the Panthers could be tough by the end of the season.



Brady Register
Clinch County

Landon Jones (Sr., R/R); OF Eli Pafford (Jr., R/R); U Jacob Rowe (So., R/R); OF Jake Dees (So., L/L)

Top Newcomers: 1B/LHP Blaine Sealey (Fr., R/L); 2B/RHP Skyler Howell (Fr., R/R); OF/C Kaden DeLoach (Fr., R/R); OF Gage Morey (Fr., R/R); U Zach Jones (Fr., R/R)



Landon Jones
Echols County



Weston McLeod
Echols County

Season Outlook: The Wildcats continue to show promise, but graduation hit Echols hard last year. This year's edition will be very young, but the good news is that catcher/pitcher Weston McLeod and shortstop/pitcher Landon Jones return. A solid group of sophomores and freshmen will be expected to contribute.



ECHOLS COUNTY WILDCATS

Head Coach (s): James Hamlett

Assistant Coach (s): Ryan Richardson, Chad McLeod, Adam Amar

2020 Record: 4-2

Returning Starters: C/RHP Weston McLeod (Sr., R/R); SS/RHP



IRWIN COUNTY INDIANS

Head Coach (s): Drew Tankersley

Assistant Coach (s): Nathan Martin, Casey Soliday, Jerry Stuckey

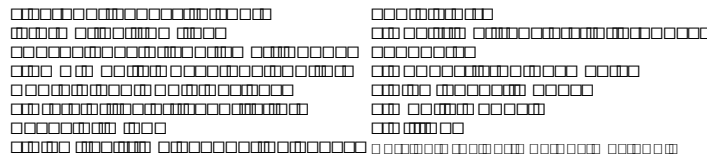
2020 Record: 4-5

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Bryce Clements (So., 6-1, 195, L/R); RHP/SS/INF Cody Soliday (So., 6-0, 165, R/R); RHP/OF Evan Ross (So., 5-9, 160, R/R); C Judge Royal (Jr., 5-9, 175, R/R); SS/RHP Colton Sylvester (Jr., 5-10, 140, R/R)



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Other Returning Players: RHP/INF/OF Mason Snyder (So., 5-7, 140, R/R); INF/DH Hunter Tyson (So., 6-2, 215, R/R); INF Seth Fields (So., 5-11, 145, R/R); INF Ethan Tucker (Jr., 5-9, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: Irwin County will be a young team in 2021. However, there is plenty of talent that just needs to mature. Sophomores will be the bulk of the team, and there will be several to keep an eye on. Outfielder Evan Ross was promising as the team's leadoff hitter, while pitchers Bryce Clements and Cody Soliday were also promising. With some experience, this team could be dangerous.



LANIER COUNTY BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Michael Sneed (new)

Assistant Coach (s):

Ben Davis, Josh Ernst

2020 Record: 3-7

Returning Starters:

INF/RHP Jaxson Cook (Sr., R/R); 1B/RHP Will Berryhill (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Rashod Brockington (Jr., R/R); RHP/INF Jacob Faircloth (Jr., R/R); INF/OF Nate Wrye (Jr., R/R); INF/OF/RHP Grant Spikes (Jr., R/R); INF Noah Newbern (Jr., R/R); RHP/INF/C Joshua Furney (So., R/R); RHP/C/OF Parker Culpepper (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/OF Kah'marian Wade (Jr., R/R); INF/OF Jaden Young (Jr., R/R); LHP/INF Peyton Culpepper (So., L/L); INF Sam Mancil (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Lane Roberts (So., R/R); 1B/RHP Guage Williford (Fr., R/R); C Jackson Squires (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: New coach Michael Sneed inherits nine returning starters as the Bulldogs should challenge for a postseason berth. Pitcher/infielder Jacob Faircloth and infielder/pitcher Jaxson Cook return after solid campaigns in 2019 and 2020. The young Bulldogs may be a year away from reaching their full potential.



TURNER COUNTY REBELS

Head Coach (s): Ryan Davis

Assistant Coach (s): Brandon Waters, Will Williford, Clifford Jordan

2020 Record: 0-10

Returning Starters: RF/C Jace Wynn (Sr., 5-11, 150, R/R); SS/CF Zeimere Holloman (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF/RHP John Henry Guess (Jr., 5-10, 145, R/R); INF Montarrious Norris (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R); OF/LHP Wyndell Martin (Jr., 5-10, 150, L/L)

Other Returning Players: 2B Michael Bryan (So., 5-7, 120, R/R); 1B Omarion Holloman (Jr., 6-0, 200, R/R); CF Amarion Blanks (So., 5-10, 165, L/L); OF Keshawn Summerlin (Jr., 5-9, 190, R/R); RF Dylan Dominey (Jr., 5-11, 150, L/L); INF Jamie Wilson (Jr., 5-9, 130, R/R); INF Corey Jordan (So., 5-10, 185, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Rebels begin their second season under coach Ryan Davis. Look for Turner County to improve as five starters are back. Two of those are outfielder/catcher Jace Wynn and second baseman/outfielder Zeimere Holloman. A solid group of juniors and sophomores will be expected to contribute.



Jaxson Cook
Lanier County



Joshua Furney
Lanier County

REGION 3-1A

Region Favorite: Metter

Players to Watch

3B/LHP – Kyzer Anthony, Jr., Metter; **3B/OF** – Jeremiah Bowman, Sr., Bryan County; **CF/RHP** – Logan Brazell, Sr., Bryan County; **OF/RHP** – Brian Crooms, Sr., Metter; **C/LHP** – John Luke Glanton, Jr., Metter; **INF/RHP** – Justin Gray, Sr., Jenkins County; **RHP/INF** – Caleb Handley, Jr., McIntosh County Academy; **C/RHP** – Jacob Hughes, Jr., Bryan County; **U/RHP** – Kaliq Jordan, So., Metter; **RHP/INF** – Bryce Kearson, So., ECI; **SS/RHP** – Robbie Lane, Jr., Claxton; **OF/LHP** – Konner Leggett, So., Bryan County; **RHP/1B** – Eric Lewis, Sr., McIntosh County Academy; **INF/OF/RHP** – Brady Mallard, Jr., Portal; **RHP/INF** – Lawson Mercer, So., ECI; **3B/OF/RHP** – Hayden Morris, Jr., Claxton; **INF/RHP** – Randan Rigdon, Sr., Metter; **2B** – Karon Taylor, Sr., Claxton; **INF** – Brendan Wood, Sr., Metter; **3B/C/RHP** – Cooper Yanzetich, Jr., Claxton



BRYAN COUNTY REDSKINS

Head Coach (s): Justin Covington

Assistant Coach (s): Zach Ledbetter, Jason Cave, Tony Leggett

2020 Record: 5-5

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Logan Brazell (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); 3B/OF Jeremiah Bowman (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); LHP/OF Tucker Dyson (Sr., 6-1, 165, L/L); 2B Brandon Sitton (Sr., 5-8, 150, R/R); C/RHP Jacob Hughes (Jr., 6-1, 170, L/R); 1B Aaron Bailey (Jr., 6-0, 175, L/R); OF/LHP Konner Leggett (So., 5-8, 165, L/L); SS/RHP Zach Sitton (So., 5-7, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: U Aiden Martin (So., 5-6, 155, R/R); INF Chandler Green (Jr., 5-7, 170, R/R); OF Russ Butler (So., 5-7, 165, R/R); C/OF Brayden Butler (So., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF Chris Bell (Jr., 5-9, 215, R/R); U Hunter Murphy (So., 5-6, 155, R/R)

Top Newcomers: U/RHP Tanner Ennis (Fr., 5-8, 155, L/R); OF/RHP Hunter Gibson (Fr., 5-7, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Redskins begin their second season under coach Justin Covington. Bryan welcomes back eight starters, including a solid group of seniors. Outfielder/pitcher Logan Brazell and third baseman/outfielder Jeremiah Bowman return. Keep an eye on a solid group of underclassmen.



Jacob Hughes
Bryan County



Konner Leggett
Bryan County



CLAXTON TIGERS

Head Coach (s): Andy Yanzetich

Assistant Coach (s): Kevin Hendrix, Jason Lane, Shannon Sapp, Tony Welch, Kenny Yanzetich

2020 Record: 5-4

Returning Starters: 2B Karon Taylor (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); OF Landon Hendrix (Sr., 5-9, 165, L/L); OF Hunter Mitchell (Sr., 5-10, 165, L/L); OF Tanner Henry (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); C/RHP Eli Sapp (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); 3B/OF/RHP Hayden Morris (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); SS/RHP Robbie Lane (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Dakota Haire (So., 5-11, 175, R/R); 1B/RHP Nathan DeLoach (Jr., 5-9, 185, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 3B/C/RHP Cooper Yanzetich (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R); 1B/3B/RHP Cade Sikes (Fr., 6-1, 205, L/R)

Season Outlook: The Tigers have plenty of talent and can generate offense as infielders Robbie Lane and Karon Taylor return to lead the way. In addition, the transfer of former Rockmart standout Cooper Yanzetich will help the offense tremendously. The lack of experienced pitching is a concern. The good news is that junior right-hander Hayden Morris returns.

ECI BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Brooks Collins

Assistant Coach (s):

Chad Harper, Caleb Pressey, Chris Kearson

2020 Record: 4-5

Returning Starters:

INF Chase Whitehead (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R);

INF Jeremy Jones (Sr., 5-8, 175, R/R); RHP/OF

Trey Hughes (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF Natavus

Robertson (Jr., 5-7, 165, R/R); RHP/INF Bryce Kearson (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP/INF Lawson Mercer (So., 6-2, 230, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Brandon Hatcher (Sr., 6-0, 190 R/R); RHP Joseph Stewart (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R); OF PJ Farnum (So., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF Drew Grimes (So., 5-8, 145, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C Jack Walden (Fr., 6-0, 185, R/R); LHP Charlie Rehberg (Fr., 5-10, 160, L/L)

Season Outlook: ECI has six returning starters, three of them seniors, and should be expected to be in the postseason chase. Pitcher/outfielder Trey Hughes and infielders Jeremy Jones and Chase Whitehead bring experience and leadership, but keep an eye on Bryce Kearson and Lawson Mercer who were promising last year.



Bryce Kearson
ECI



Lawson Mercer
ECI

JENKINS COUNTY EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Zac Clark

Survey not returned

MCINTOSH COUNTY ACADEMY BUCCANEERS

Head Coach (s): Jesse Barfield

Assistant Coach (s): Butch Morris

2020 Record: 5-4

Returning Starters: RHP/1B Eric Lewis (Sr., 6-7, 220, R/R); INF/OF Miles Wood (Sr., 5-11, 190, R/R); C/INF Dalton McClellan (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF Donoathan Fabie (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP/INF Caleb Handley (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); LHP/OF Hunter Elder (So., 5-8, 165, L/L); C/INF Lake Linton (So., 5-10, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Blake Taylor (So., 5-9, 155, R/R); 1B

Austin Rowe (So., 5-10, 190, R/R); OF Jackson Hudson (So., 5-9, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: This should be the year McIntosh County makes a run at the postseason. Seven starters, including four seniors, return to lead the team. Pitcher/first baseman Eric Lewis and pitcher/infielder Caleb Handley return to lead a young but talented group of pitchers. Look for some underclassmen to contribute.



Caleb Handley
McIntosh County Academy

METTER TIGERS

Head Coach (s): Zach Rackett

Assistant Coach (s): Parker Gordon, Skyler Smith, Riley Kingery

2020 Record: 5-5

Returning Starters: U/RHP Kaliq Jordan (So., R/R); 3B/LHP Kyzer Anthony (Jr., R/L); INF/RHP

Randan Rigdon (Sr., R/R); INF Brendan Wood (Sr., R/R); U Antoine

DeLoach (So., R/R); OF/ RHP Brian Crooms

(Sr., R/R); C/RHP Tyler Kirkland (Sr., R/R); C/

LHP John Luke Glanton (Jr., R/L); U/RHP Reese

Hadden (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning

Players: OF Thatcher Wallace (Jr., R/R); OF

Reco Coney, Jr. (So., R/R); C Tre Hall (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP Jayden DeLoach (So., R/R); U Rustin Rigdon (Fr., B/R)

Season Outlook: Metter drops down a classification after having success in Class 2A. The Tigers have nine returning starters and could be the team to beat in region play. Infielder/pitcher Randan Rigdon and outfielder/pitcher Brian Crooms lead a talented program that could be dangerous. Look for some underclassmen to also contribute.



Kyzer Anthony
Metter



John Luke Glanton
Metter



Kaliq Jordan
Metter



Brendan Wood
Metter

PORTAL PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): Travis Motes (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Brantley Spence

2020 Record: 4-5

Returning Starters: OF Cody Jernigan (Sr., 6-2, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Chandler Sheffield (Sr., 6-1, 210, R/R); INF Reid Thompson (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); C/INF/RHP Walker Bowen (Jr., 5-10, 220, R/R); INF/OF/RHP Brady Mallard (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Chandler Grooms (So., 6-1, 185, R/R); OF/RHP Cole Shuman (So., 5-10, 155, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Collin Thompson (Sr., 6-3, 220, R/R); INF Austin Coleman (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF Sam McNure (Jr., 6-1, 230, R/R); OF/C Tucker Chester (So., 6-2, 190, R/R); OF Justin Melton (So., 5-9, 150, R/R); OF Ivan Washington (So., 5-6, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Austin Smith (Fr., 5-9, 150, R/R); INF/OF/RHP Dylan Poole (Fr., 5-10, 155, R/R); OF/RHP Jay Milton (Fr., 5-11, 165, R/R); INF/

RHP Macon Sykes (Fr., 5-10, 165, R/R); INF Aiden Deal (Fr., 5-11, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: Travis Motes, a veteran baseball coach in the GISA, takes over at Portal and looks to help the Panthers become a contender. Motes welcomes back seven returning starters, including a trio of returning seniors – outfielder Cody Jernigan, infielder/pitcher Chandler Sheffield and infielder Reid Thompson. Some younger players will need to contribute.



SCREVEN COUNTY GAMECOCKS

Head Coach (s): J.R. Doyle

Assistant Coach (s): Josh Oglesby, Matthew Sheley, Chris Pye

2020 Record: 6-4

Returning Starters: TJ Melvin (Jr.); Chase Hart (Jr.); Aaron Bazemore (Sr.); Elijah Williams (Jr.); Cole Bohannon (Sr.); Nolan Bragg (Sr.); Jake Pollock (So.)

Other Returning Players: Bryant Scott (Jr.); Danny Thompson (Jr.); Ren Brower (Jr.); Jared Dixon (Jr.); Xander Kile (So.); Peter Wall (Sr.)

Season Outlook: The Gamecocks drop a classification and they should be much better in 2021. Seven starters are back, including seniors Aaron Bazemore, Cole Bohannon and Nolan Bragg. Look for a solid group of juniors to contribute.

REGION 4-1A

Region Favorite: Wilcox County

Players to Watch

INF – Tre Blankenship, Sr., Telfair County; **C/RHP** – Rhett Davis, Sr., Wilcox County; **SS** – Gavin Fennell, Sr., Montgomery County; **SS** – Mackey Giddens, Sr., Johnson County; **C/INF** – Ramsey Hancock, Sr., Telfair County; **C/RHP/INF** – Logan Hughes, Sr., Treutlen; **C** – Wesley Hutcheson, Sr., Montgomery County; **SS** – Tyler Meeks, Sr., Hawkinsville; **OF/LHP** – Noah Mitchell, Sr., Wheeler County; **RHP/U** – Branson Owens, Sr., Wilcox County; **1B** – Jonathan Rodgers, Sr., Telfair County; **OF/LHP** – Jax Scott, Sr., Johnson County; **RHP/SS** – Jordan Stephens, Fr., Wilcox County; **RHP/3B** – Darrin Truett, Sr., Montgomery County



DOOLY COUNTY BOBCATS

Head Coach (s): TBA

Survey not returned



DUBLIN FIGHTING IRISH

Head Coach (s): Todd Hogan (new)

Survey not returned



HAWKINSVILLE RED DEVILS

Head Coach (s): David Coffey (new)

Survey not returned



JOHNSON COUNTY TROJANS

Head Coach (s): Chuck Beale

Assistant Coach (s): Jonathan Morris, Cordele Johnson

2020 Record: 9-0

Returning Starters: SS Mackey Giddens (Sr., R/R); OF/LHP Jax Scott (Sr., L/L); OF Jakelvis Whitley (So., R/R); RHP/INF Aaron Adams (Jr., R/R); INF Payton McCoy (Sr., R/R); OF Jeloney Waters (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP/OF Cam Waller (So., R/L); INF Matthew Holley (So., R/R); INF Deon Rawlings (Jr., R/R); OF William Taylor (Jr., R/R); C/1B Jonathan Watkins (So., R/R); OF Dalton Brantley (So., R/R); OF Germivey Tucker (So., R/R); INF Gannon Carter (So., R/R); C Landon Gilbert (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Aiden Greenway (Sr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The coronavirus pandemic shut down a promising 2020 season for Johnson County, one in which the Trojans had hopes of capturing a state title. Johnson lost a lot to graduation. The good news is that six starters are back, including senior shortstop Mackey Giddens and outfielder/pitcher Jax Scott. The lack of experienced pitching is a concern.



MONTGOMERY COUNTY EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Chase Young

Assistant Coach (s): Shane Taylor, Eric Burns

2020 Record: 7-3

Returning Starters: RHP/3B Darrin Truett (Sr., 6-3, 185, R/R); SS Gavin Fennell (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF/RHP Calvin Williams (Sr., 6-0, 150, R/R); OF/RHP Kelvin Williams (Sr., 6-0, 150, R/R); C Wesley Hutcheson (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF Chase Cardell (Jr., 5-11, 140, R/R); RHP/2B Bo Davidson (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R); OF/3B Andrew Weeks (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Colby Weeks (Sr., 5-9, 140, R/R); 1B Maurice Polke (So., 6-1, 190, R/R); OF Jackson Cartwright (Jr., 5-9, 145, R/R); 3B/1B Caden Woods (Sr., 6-0, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 2B Marquis Martin (Fr., 5-9, 130, L/R); OF/RHP Maverick Miller (Fr., 6-0, 140, R/R)

Season Outlook: Look for Montgomery County to make a run at the playoffs this spring as the team has a wealth of returning talent. Eight starters are back for the Eagles, including right-handed pitcher Darrin Truett and shortstop Gavin Fennell. Catcher Wesley Hutcheson also returns behind the plate.



Gavin Fennell
Montgomery County



Wesley Hutcheson
Montgomery County



TELFAIR COUNTY TROJANS

Head Coach (s): Hart Mizell

Assistant Coach (s): Thor Ott, Jody Stone, John Boyd

2020 Record: 6-4

Returning Starters: INF Tre Blankenship (Sr.); C/INF Ramsey Hancock (Sr.); 1B Jonathan Rodgers (Sr.); OF Jailen Clemons (Sr.); RHP/INF



Landon Connell
Telfair County

Landon Connell (Jr.); U Russ Ray (Jr.)

Other Returning Players: INF Brian Cook (So.); INF Will Morris (So.); INF Austin Conley (So.); C Skye Siddall (So.); C Hunter Howton (Sr.); 1B Gavin Carver (So.); OF Gabe Materne (So.)

Top Newcomers: LHP/OF Jose Matos (Fr.); RHP/OF Jamie Norris (Fr.); LHP/INF Antonio Scott (Fr.)

Season Outlook: If Telfair County can find some pitching, they could contend for the region title. The Trojans lost most of their arms from last season. Junior Landon Connell returns to give Telfair a nucleus to build around. The situation is better on offense. Infielder Tre Blankenship and catcher/infielder Ramsey Hancock are back as well as first baseman Jonathan Rodgers.



Jonathan Rodgers
Telfair County

Other Returning Players: OF/LHP Mason Ford (Jr., 5-8, 150, L/L); INF Eli McClellan (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R); U Romie Grimm (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); 1B/3B Bryce Miller (So., 6-0, 205, R/R); OF/RHP Kolby Adams (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF/LHP Cody McRae (So., 5-8, 155, R/L); RHP Tylon Gorham (So., 6-3, 205, R/R); U Adam Cravey (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF Owen Stokes (So., 5-9, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: U Walker Bridges (Fr., 6-1, 190, R/R); U Drew Dixon (Fr., 5-7, 160, R/R); OF Ian Scott (Fr., 5-7, 150, R/R); OF Layton Horne (Fr., 5-10, 200, R/R); OF Lamarcus Woodard (Fr., 5-9, 150, R/R); U Rhett Rodgers (Fr., 5-11, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: Wheeler County's baseball program continues to get better under coach Chris Carr. The Bulldogs could be even better in 2021. Four senior starters are back, including outfielder/pitcher Noah Mitchell. Look for a strong group of underclassmen to step up and contribute.



TREUTLEN VIKINGS

Head Coach (s): Brad Collins

Assistant Coach (s): Jason McCoy

2020 Record: 3-6

Returning Starters: C/RHP/INF Logan Hughes (Sr, R/R); 1B/DH Ben Foskey (Sr., R/R); OF Chaz Avery (Sr., R/R); SS/RHP Harrison Rutherford (Jr., R/R); 2B Matthew Corbett (Jr., R/R); 3B Danny Clements (Jr., R/R); OF Collin Beall (Jr., R/R); LHP/1B Trace Peebles (So., L/L)

Other Returning Players: OF/LHP Adam Watts (Jr., L/L); INF Quen Jordan (Jr., R/R); OF Ryan Rogers (Jr., R/R); INF Jamar Jordan (So., L/L); INF Qmar Jordan (So., R/R); LHP/INF Ridge Swain (So., L/L); INF DJ Smith (So., R/R); OF Kush Patel (So., R/R); OF Connor Krosting (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/P Branton Hackle (Fr., R/R); INF Cooper Brantley (Fr., R/R); INF Colby McClendon (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Coach Brad Collins could have his best team at Treutlen this spring. The Vikings welcome back eight starters, including versatile senior Logan Hughes. The lack of experienced pitching is a concern, but Treutlen has enough arms to be tough. They just need to mature quickly.



WHEELER COUNTY BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Chris Carr

Assistant Coach (s): Todd Vann, Cory Reynolds

2020 Record: 6-3

Returning Starters: OF/LHP Noah Mitchell (Sr., 6-2, 190, L/L); INF/LHP Cooper Hartley (Sr., 5-9, 185, R/R); INF Kade Bell (Sr., 5-10, 160, L/R); OF/RHP Carson Johnson (Sr., 6-1, 160, R/R)



WILCOX COUNTY PATRIOTS

Head Coach (s): Stephen McDuffie

Assistant Coach (s): Cote Jones, Tommy Fuller

2020 Record: 8-0

Returning Starters: RHP/U Branson Owens (Sr., 6-0, 210, R/R); C/RHP Rhett Davis (Sr., 5-8, 195, R/R); OF Lagan Luke (Sr., 6-0, 150, R/R); 3B/RHP Brock White (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); 2B Cam Coleman (Sr., 5-7, 145, R/R); 1B/RHP Judge McDonald (Sr., 6-2, 250, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/C Abe Stowe (So., 6-0, 165, R/R);

Top Newcomers: RHP/SS Jordan Stephens (Fr., 6-4, 190, R/R); OF BJ Gibson (Fr., 6-0, 175, R/R); C/3B Jackson Owens (Fr., 5-9, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: A senior-laden team returns which should help Wilcox County contend for the region title. The Patriots welcome back six starters, including pitcher Branson Owens and catcher/pitcher Rhett Davis. Keep an eye on pitcher/shortstop Jordan Stephens.

REGION 5-1A

Region Favorite: Schley County

Players to Watch

RHP/1B – Austin Duffey, Sr., Marion County; **RHP/C** – Landen Floyd, Sr., Chattahoochee County; **RHP/3B** – Athon Hines, Sr., Schley County; **C/LHP/OF/1B** – Trypp Lumpkin, Jr., Schley County; **RHP/SS** – Dylan Taylor, Sr., Schley County; **OF** – Tucker Welch, Sr., Schley County



CENTRAL-TALBOTTON HAWKS

Head Coach (s): Calvin Epps

Survey not returned



CHATTAHOOCHEE COUNTY PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): Seth Gorman

Assistant Coach (s): Phillip Lezontier, Joseph Prevost

2020 Record: 3-5



Returning Starters: RHP/C Landen Floyd (Sr.); LHP/1B Tyler Prevost (Sr.); OF/P/C Justin Ivey (Sr.); INF/P Jacob Walker (Jr.); INF/P Tyler Johnson (So.); OF/LHP Alex Prevost (So.); OF Zane Toms (So.); OF Jason Cerevone (So.)

Season Outlook: The Panthers begin their second season under coach Seth Gorman. Chattahoochee County welcomes back eight starters, including a handful of pitchers. The senior class is small, but look for pitcher/catcher Landen Floyd, pitcher/first baseman Tyler Prevost and outfielder/pitcher/catcher Justin Ivey to lead the way.



FURLOW CHARTER FALCONS

Head Coach (s): Brandon Mitchell
Survey not returned



GREENVILLE PATRIOTS

Head Coach (s): Jamison McCray
Survey not returned



MACON COUNTY BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): TBA
Survey not returned



MANCHESTER BLUE DEVILS

Head Coach (s): Bari Brown
Survey not returned



MARION COUNTY EAGLES

Head Coach (s): John Dimitri
Assistant Coach (s): Monty Howard, Freddie Vazquez
2020 Record: 9-2

Returning Starters: RHP/1B Austin Duffey (Sr., 6-3, 250, R/R); RHP/C/3B Austin Woddell (Jr., 6-1, 240, R/R); RHP/SS Kaleb Powell (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); 2B Will Penoncello (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Colton O'Neal (Jr., 5-10, 140, R/L); OF Domonic Briggs (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); OF Clayton McDaniel (So., 6-0, 165, L/R); OF Jasper Currington (So., 6-0, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: SS Leland Dodson (Fr., 6-0, 155, R/R); C/OF Jordan Holbrook (Fr., 5-9, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Eagles lost a good bit of talent to graduation, and the 2021 edition will be young. However, don't count them out. The senior class is very small, but the good news is that four starters are back. Pitcher/first baseman Austin Duffey returns, giving Marion County a leader to build around.



SCHLEY COUNTY WILDCATS

Head Coach (s): Chuck Cheek
Assistant Coach (s): William Rooks, Jody Sellars, Earl Dupree
2020 Record: 5-1
Returning Starters: RHP/SS Dylan Taylor (Sr., 6-1, 185, L/R); C/P/OF/1B Trypp Lumpkin (Jr., 6-0, 160); 1B/3B Tyler Cheek (Sr., 6-4, 225);

OF/P/1B Luke Pawlowski (Sr., 6-5, 165); OF/P/1B Ridge James (Jr., 5-8, 165); OF Tucker Welch (Sr., 5-11, 190); RHP/3B Athon Hines (Sr., 5-11, 185); OF Luke Renfroe (Sr., 5-7, 160)

Other Returning Players: 2B Andrew James (So., 5-6, 150); C/DH Cody Betts (Jr., 6-1, 250); OF/LHP Owen Lamb (So., 6-3, 160); OF/RHP Owen Shufflebarger (Jr., 5-11, 160)

Top Newcomers: C Jack Clark (Fr., 5-11, 175)

Season Outlook: Schley County has continued to establish itself as a power in Class 1A. This year won't be any different. If the Wildcats can develop some more pitching depth, they could go a long way. Shortstop Dylan Taylor and versatile Trypp Lumpkin return to lead a strong senior class.



STEWART COUNTY KNIGHTS

Head Coach (s): TBA
Survey not returned



TAYLOR COUNTY VIKINGS

Head Coach (s): Mark Wilson
Survey not returned

REGION 6-1A

Region Favorite: Gordon Lee

Players to Watch

OF – Dawson Brown, Sr., Trion; **C/U** – Brody Cobb, Sr., Gordon Lee; **OF** – Christopher Cohen, Sr., Mount Zion-Carrollton; **U/RHP** – Kiler Cole, Sr., Bowdon; **OF** – Griff Collins, Sr., Gordon Lee; **INF** – Chandler Cook, Sr., Armuchee; **INF/RHP** – Brandon Dover, Jr., Trion; **C** – Garrett Gordon, Jr., Mount Zion-Carrollton; **LHP** – Riley King, Sr., Gordon Lee; **RHP/INF** – Wesley Lindler, Sr., Mount Zion-Carrollton; **OF/RHP/SS** – Devon McIntyre, Jr., BEST Academy; **SS/RHP** – Andrew Messer, Sr., Bowdon; **LHP** – Will Miller, Sr., Armuchee; **OF** – Jayden Perkins, Sr., Mount Zion-Carrollton; **OF/RHP** – Cade Peterson, Sr., Gordon Lee; **RHP** – Jake Poindexter, Sr., Gordon Lee; **OF/LHP** – Luke Rainwater, Sr., Bowdon; **RHP/OF** – Jack Rush, Sr., Armuchee; **INF** – Cody Thomas, Sr., Gordon Lee; **INF/RHP** – Rett Thomas, Sr., Bowdon; **LHP/1B** – Kevian Zachary, Sr., BEST Academy



ARMUCHEE INDIANS

Head Coach (s): Andy Henderson
Assistant Coach (s): Levi Austin, Brevin Harris
2020 Record: 8-5

Returning Starters: RHP/OF Jack Rush (Sr., 5-10, 155, R/R); 1B Canyon Painter (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); INF Chandler Cook (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); LHP Will Miller (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/L); OF Kameron Parker (Jr., 5-10, 175, L/R); INF Chandler Desanto (So., 5-10, 145, R/R); INF Cameron Sharp (Jr., 6-1, 205, R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP Jack Rogers (So., 6-0, 135, L/L); LHP Blake Mathis (So., 6-0, 170, L/L)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Jackson Coonley (Fr., 6-1, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Indians drop a classification and should compete for a playoff berth with an excellent group of returning seniors. Right-hander Jack Rush and left-hander Will Miller lead a young pitching rotation. If Armuchee can be consistent on offense, they will be tough.



BEST ACADEMY EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Bakari Moore

Assistant Coach (s): Terry Norman

2020 Record: 4-1

Returning Starters: LHP/1B Kevian Zachary (Sr., 6-3, 190, L/L); OF/RHP/SS Devon McIntyre (Jr., 5-7, 150, R/R); 2B/RHP Davon Hixson (Sr., 5-8, 180, R/R); 3B Robert White (Sr., 5-7, 280, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Christian Sawyer (So., 5-2, 120, R/R); OF Gabriel Smith (So., 5-1, 120, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP Amir Robinson (Fr., 5-11, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: BEST Academy drops a classification, and the athletic Eagles should benefit. Four starters are back, including a trio of seniors in Kevian Zachary, Davon Hixson and Robert White. Three of the Eagles' four returners also pitch. BEST will be looking for some younger players to step forward.



BOWDON RED DEVILS

Head Coach (s): Brian Vance

Assistant Coach (s): Mark Huggins, Ryan Zaideman, Jarod Swafford, Mitch Johnson

2020 Record: 8-7

Returning Starters: U/RHP Kiler Cole (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); SS/RHP Andrew Messer (Sr., 5-9, 135, R/R); OF/LHP Luke Rainwater (Sr., 5-9, 160, L/L); C/INF/RHP

Carter Powell (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); INF/RHP Rett Thomas (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R); OF/RHP Carson Robinson (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Brady Entekin (Jr., 5-10, 140, R/R); INF/C/RHP Will Rainwater (So., 5-7, 135, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/1B Jacob Brown (Jr., 5-11, 185, R/R); INF/RHP Jack Watkins (So., 5-7, 120, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/RHP Eli Turner (So., 5-10, 145, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Red Devils lost a good bit of talent from the 2020 team, but enough returns for them to challenge for the region title. Versatile standout Carter Powell and three-year starter Luke Rainwater lead a talented senior class. Kiler Cole, Rett Thomas and Andrew Messer had solid seasons last year before the coronavirus pandemic. They all return.



Kiler Cole
Bowdon



Andrew Messer
Bowdon



Rett Thomas
Bowdon



DREW CHARTER EAGLES

Head Coach (s): TBA

Survey not returned



FULTON LEADERSHIP ACADEMY GRYPHONS

Head Coach (s): DeAngelo Nowell

Survey not returned



GORDON LEE TROJANS

Head Coach (s): Mike Dunfee

Assistant Coach (s): Derek McDaniel, Thomas Gray, Logan Peterson, Zack Cobb

2020 Record: 8-2

Returning Starters: RHP Jake Poindexter (Sr., R/R); C/U Brody Cobb (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Cade Peterson (Sr., R/R); OF Griff Collins (Sr., L/L); LHP Riley King (Sr., L/L); INF Cody Thomas (Sr., R/R); OF/LHP Garren Ramey (Jr., L/L); RHP Tanner Wilson (Jr., R/R); RHP Bo Rhudy (So., R/R); INF Kade Cowan (So., R/R); 1B/LHP Blake Rodgers (So., L/L); OF/LHP Nate Dunfee (So., L/L)

Other Returning Players: INF Jacob Neal (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Jackson Moore (Sr., R/R); INF Logan Simerly (Sr., R/R); OF Ryan Swaney (Jr., L/L); LHP Hayden Brewer (Jr., R/L); OF Grant Dillard (Jr., R/R); RHP Cody McCutchen (Jr., R/R); U/RHP Ethan Rider (Jr., R/R); C/INF/RHP Brodie Genter (So., R/R); U Holt Roberts (So., R/R); OF/RHP Cooper Jackson (So., R/R); U Conner Whitman (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: Expect Gordon Lee to pick up from where they left off after winning state titles in 2018 and 2019. The Trojans return a ton of talent. Three-year standout pitcher Jake Poindexter leads a young but solid rotation. Versatile player Brody Cobb is also back. Don't expect a dropoff in talent.



Bo Rhudy
Gordon Lee



MOUNT ZION-CARROLLTON EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Randall Wright

Assistant Coach (s): Ben Morgan, Kenneth Walker, Adam Watts

2020 Record: 3-5

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Wesley Lindler (Sr., 6-4, 230, R/R); OF Christopher Cohen (Sr., 5-11, 160, L/R); OF Jayden Perkins (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); C Garrett Gordon (Jr., 6-3, 280, R/R); INF Chandler Spradlin (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); INF/RHP Eric Rodriguez (Sr., 5-7, 145, R/R); RHP/INF Deven Rinehart (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); DH/INF Austin Warren (Sr., 5-9, 225, R/R); OF/RHP Ethan Leopard (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/RHP Maverick Watts (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF/RHP Levi Turner (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Dylan Roulaine (Jr., 5-11, 190, R/R); INF/RHP Cohen Hancock (Jr., 5-10, 200, R/R)

Season Outlook: Mount Zion has enough returning talent to make a run at the postseason this spring. A wealth of returners, including pitcher Wesley Lindler and catcher Garrett Gordon, will keep the Eagles in the hunt. The senior class is solid and will lead a talented group of underclassmen.

T TRION BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Trent Stamey

Assistant Coach (s): Dusty Brown, Joe McCoy, Dan Duff, Ronnie Stamey

2020 Record: 2-6

Returning Starters: OF Dawson Brown (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Brandon Dover (Jr., R/R); RHP/OF Connor DeParlier (Jr., R/R); C Brantley Wilbanks (Jr., R/R); 1B/RHP Ben Allen (Jr., R/R); INF Brody Brown (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: P/OF Clay Chesley (So.); OF Linkin Farrar (Jr.); P/OF Cayden Watson (So.); 1B Jackson Morrison (So.); C Carter Conley (So.)

Top Newcomers: INF Toby Maddux (Fr.); P/OF Jase Mason (Fr.); OF Landon Bandy (Fr.)

Season Outlook: The Bulldogs will have a youth movement in full swing this spring. Trion will be talented but very young.

Senior outfielder Dawson Brown returns to lead a team full of underclassmen. Infielder/pitcher Brandon Dover also returns. When this team matures and develops, look for Trion to be trouble.



Connor DeParlier
Trion



Brantley Wilbanks
Trion

5-10, 155, R/R); 3B/1B/RHP Ashton Donaldson (So., 6-1, 195, R/R); SS/2B/OF Sam Whitley (So., 6-1, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/1B Owen Cannon (So., 5-10, 210, R/R); RHP/OF Grant Edwards (So., 6-1, 160, R/R); OF Nathan Hallar (So., 5-10, 150, L/R)

Season Outlook: Look for the Gryphons to keep getting better. Seven starters are back, including all-state performer Fisher Timms. Catcher Zane Johnson and shortstop/pitcher Chandler Mitchell also return to spark the team.



Blake Smith
ACE Charter



CRAWFORD COUNTY EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Craig Puckett

Assistant Coach (s): Trevor Moncrief, Shannon West, Troy Hodges, Charles O'Neal

2020 Record: 7-1

Returning Starters: RHP/3B Levi Hammock (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Deronte Stewart (Sr., 5-9, 185, L/L); INF/RHP Blake Bishop (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); C/RHP Caleb Carr (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R); OF/C Michael Taylor (Jr., 5-10, 200, R/R); OF/RHP Brennen Hudson (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); SS Judd Puckett (So., 6-4, 200, R/R); RHP/INF Luke Cody (So., 5-11, 195, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Austin Griffiths (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); 1B Mikel Barton (Sr., 5-10, 215, R/R); OF/LHP Matthew Broughton (Sr., 6-2, 190, L/L); OF Julian Williams (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF Devon Goodman (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF Lucas McFadden (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF Luke Dover (Jr., 6-0, 145, R/R); OF Pate Spires (Jr., 5-6, 130, R/R); OF Jordan Andrews (So., 5-10, 175, L/L); OF Trace Hodges (So., 6-1, 165, R/R); OF Trevor West (So., 6-1, 170, L/L)

Top Newcomers: LHP Griffin Parker (Fr., 5-6, 160, L/L); INF Danel Yughn (Fr., 5-5, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: Crawford County got off to a strong start in 2020 before the season got shut down. They seek to continue their positive momentum this spring. There is enough talent for them to contend for the postseason. Eight starters are back, including outfielder Deronte Stewart, pitcher Levi Hammock and third baseman Judd Puckett.



GEORGIA MILITARY COLLEGE BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Rusty Courson

Assistant Coach (s): Brian Humphrey

2020 Record: 9-2

Returning Starters: 2B Mason Seymour (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); OF Cody Beckham (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); 1B Carson Knowles (Sr., 6-5, 185, R/R); C Trey Woods (Jr., 6-0, 225, R/R); SS Caleb Haines (Jr., 5-7, 165, R/R); OF Christian Black (So., 6-1, 175, R/R); 3B Caden Avant (So., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Dorian Hightower (Sr., 5-10, 145, R/R); 3B JJ Hines (Jr., 5-10, 200, R/R); 1B Jason Heayberd (So., 6-2, 220, R/R); OF Tyler Saunders (So., 6-0, 185, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C Brice Smith (Fr., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Bulldogs got off to an excellent start in 2020 before the coronavirus pandemic shut down the season. GMC has enough talent to pick up from where they left off. If the Bulldogs can find some pitching depth, they will be just fine. Second baseman Mason Seymour and catcher Trey Woods return to lead a talented team.

REGION 7-1A

Region Favorite: ACE Charter

Players to Watch

RHP/3B – Levi Hammock, Sr., Crawford County; **C/RHP** – Zane Johnson, Sr., ACE Charter; **1B** – Carson Knowles, Sr., Georgia Military College; **CF** – William McNair, Sr., Glascock County; **SS/RHP** – Chandler Mitchell, Sr., ACE Charter; **SS** – Judd Puckett, So., Crawford County; **2B** – Mason Seymour, Sr., Georgia Military College; **OF/C/1B** – Blake Smith, Sr., ACE Charter; **OF** – Deronte Stewart, Sr., Crawford County; **RHP/U** – Fisher Timms, Sr., ACE Charter; **C** – Trey Woods, Jr., Georgia Military College



ACE CHARTER GRYPHONS

Head Coach (s): Josh McClendon

Assistant Coach (s): Kevin Balkcom, Josh Banda, Mark Mimbs, Wade Bennett

2020 Record: 7-2

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Chandler Mitchell (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); RHP/U Fisher Timms (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); C/RHP Zane Johnson (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); OF/C/1B Blake Smith (Sr., 6-1, 195, R/R); 2B/RHP Lem Thompson (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); 3B/RHP Brayden NeSmith (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); 3B/U Gavin West (So., 5-11, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/LHP J.D. Lewis (Jr., 5-11, 185, L/L); C/3B/RHP Tate Brown (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); 2B/OF/C Trevor Derrick (Jr.,



Chandler Mitchell
ACE Charter



GSIC PATRIOTS

Head Coach (s): Chileno Valdez (new)
Survey not returned



GLASCOCK COUNTY PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): Johnny Cantrell
Assistant Coach (s): Bobby Videon, Stanley Phillips, Blake Moore
2020 Record: 2-6
Returning Starters: OF William McNair (Sr., L/R); SS Murphy Waller (Sr., R/R); 1B/RHP Mitchell Dye (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Colby Mitchell (Sr., R/R); C/RHP Colton Chalker (So., R/R); 3B/RHP Dee Gilmore (So., R/R); C/RHP Bradley Broxton (Sr., R/R)
Other Returning Players: 1B/DH Noah Dye (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Dylan Pickering (Jr., R/R); OF/DH Jacob Pittman (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Josh Sleaster (Jr., R/R)
Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Liam Stone (Fr., R/R); INF/RHP Landon Griswell (Fr., R/R)
Season Outlook: Look for the Panthers to be much better as a talented senior class returns to lead the team in 2021. Seven starters are back, including outfielder William McNair and shortstop Murphy Waller. A talented group of sophomores will also help out.



HANCOCK CENTRAL BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): TBA
Survey not returned



TWIGGS COUNTY COBRAS

Head Coach (s): TBA
Survey not returned



WARREN COUNTY SCREAMING DEVILS

Head Coach (s): TBA
Survey not returned



WILKINSON COUNTY WARRIORS

Head Coach (s): William Shepherd
Survey not returned



REGION 8-1A

Region Favorite: Commerce

Players to Watch

INF/RHP – Jason Ball, Jr., Social Circle; LHP/OF – Nathan Durham, Jr., Washington-Wilkes; CF – Christian Greer, Sr., Lake Oconee; SS – Ryan Hucke, Sr., Washington-Wilkes; LHP/1B – Robert Hunt, So., Washington-Wilkes; INF/RHP – Matt Martin, Sr., Commerce; C – Mac McCommons, Jr., Lake Oconee; C/3B – Mason Moore, So., Social Circle; OF/RHP – Will Slater, Sr., Commerce



BARROW BLAZERS

Head Coach (s): Robert Kolowich
Survey not returned



COMMERCE TIGERS

Head Coach (s): Steve Cotrell
Assistant Coach (s): Dustin Allen, Dave Ladd
2020 Record: 8-5
Returning Starters: 1B/LHP Colin Welch (Sr., R/L); 3B/RHP Kane Goldman (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Matt Martin (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Gray Holbrook (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Will Slater (Sr., R/R); C/RHP Coleson Smith (So., R/R); OF/RHP/1B Evan Davis (Sr., L/R)



Evan Davis
Commerce

Other Returning Players: C Cory Freeman (Sr., R/R); U/C/RHP Cayden Lord (So., R/R); OF/1B/RHP Tyler Herring (Sr., R/R); 1B/RHP Hampton Hutto (So., L/R); INF/RHP Trey Huff (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/RHP Nate Rainey (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Tigers lost a good bit of talent to graduation last year, but a strong group of seniors return. Commerce also has a solid pitching rotation. Keep an eye on seniors Will Slater and Matt Martin, a pair of leaders who were having solid junior seasons until the coronavirus pandemic shut down the season last year.



GREENE COUNTY TIGERS

Head Coach (s): William Thompson
Survey not returned



LAKE OCONEE ACADEMY TITANS

Head Coach (s): Jeremy Donaldson
Assistant Coach (s): Tommy McDonald, Dave Herring
2020 Record: 4-7

Returning Starters: OF Christian Greer (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); C Mac McCommons (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); 1B JP Sheehan (Sr., 5-11, 210, R/R); 2B Harrison Tolleson (So., 5-8, 145, R/R);

Other Returning Players: 3B EC Cooper (Jr., 5-11, 140, R/R); OF William Goss (So., 5-10, 130, R/R); OF Sumner Coleman (So., 5-6,

130, R/R); 2B Noah Strausbaugh (Jr., 5-11, 150, R/R); OF Alex Moore (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R); OF Rhett Sandhagen (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF Alex Perry (So., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Titans have some key positions to fill, but look for Lake Oconee to be in the postseason hunt. Four starters and a talented group of underclassmen return. Outfielder Christian Greer was off to a promising start last year before the coronavirus pandemic shut down the season.

LINCOLN COUNTY RED DEVILS

Head Coach (s): Kevin Hunt
Survey not returned

SOCIAL CIRCLE REDSKINS

Head Coach (s): Kevin Dawkins
Assistant Coach (s): Brent Moore, Brook Adams, Andy Mitchell
2020 Record: 3-7
Returning Starters: C/3B Mason Moore (So., B/R); 1B/2B Logan Cross (So., R/R); C/3B Mitchell McCullough (So., R/R); INF/RHP Jason Ball (Jr., R/R); OF Mason Allen (So., R/R); INF/RHP Ty Lemaster (So., R/R); RHP/OF Brock Stewart (Jr., R/R)
Other Returning Players: OF Jacob Bergman (Sr., R/R); 2B/RHP Cam Owens (Jr., R/R); RHP/OF Bryce Swartout (So., R/R); RHP/OF Brayden Mitchell (So., R/R); 2B Payton Lilly (Sr., R/R)
Top Newcomers: U Mason Hill (Fr., R/R); INF Landon Davis (Fr., R/R); 1B/3B/RHP Luke Smith (Fr., R/R)
Season Outlook: The Redskins begin their second season under coach Kevin Dawkins and welcome back a wealth of young talent. The senior class is small, but keep an eye on an excellent group of sophomores and juniors. If Social Circle can find some pitching depth, they should contend for a postseason berth.

TOWNS COUNTY INDIANS

Head Coach (s): Shannon Floyd
Survey not returned

WASHINGTON-WILKES TIGERS

Head Coach (s): Drew Wilson
Assistant Coach (s): Ty McGill
2020 Record: 3-5
Returning Starters: SS Ryan Huckle (Sr., 6-3, 185, R/R); 2B Brett Tanner (Sr., 5-9, 200, R/R); DH Ray Collins (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); LHP/OF Nathan Durham (Jr., 6-1, 165, L/L); U Hunter Price (Jr., L/R); LHP/1B Robert Hunt (So., 6-4, 190, L/L); P Desmond Cofer (So.)
Other Returning Players: 2B Jackson Thornton (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); 3B Levi Durham (So., 6-0, 195, R/R)



Ryan Huckle
Washington-Wilkes



Robert Hunt
Washington-Wilkes

Top Newcomers: U Morgan Shedd (Fr., R/R); C Trace Callaway (Fr., B/R)
Season Outlook: A talented group of players return at Washington-Wilkes. The Tigers should contend for a playoff berth. Seven starters are back, including standout pitcher Nathan Durham. Sophomore Robert Hunt also returns on the mound, while senior shortstop Ryan Huckle is back to lead the offense.



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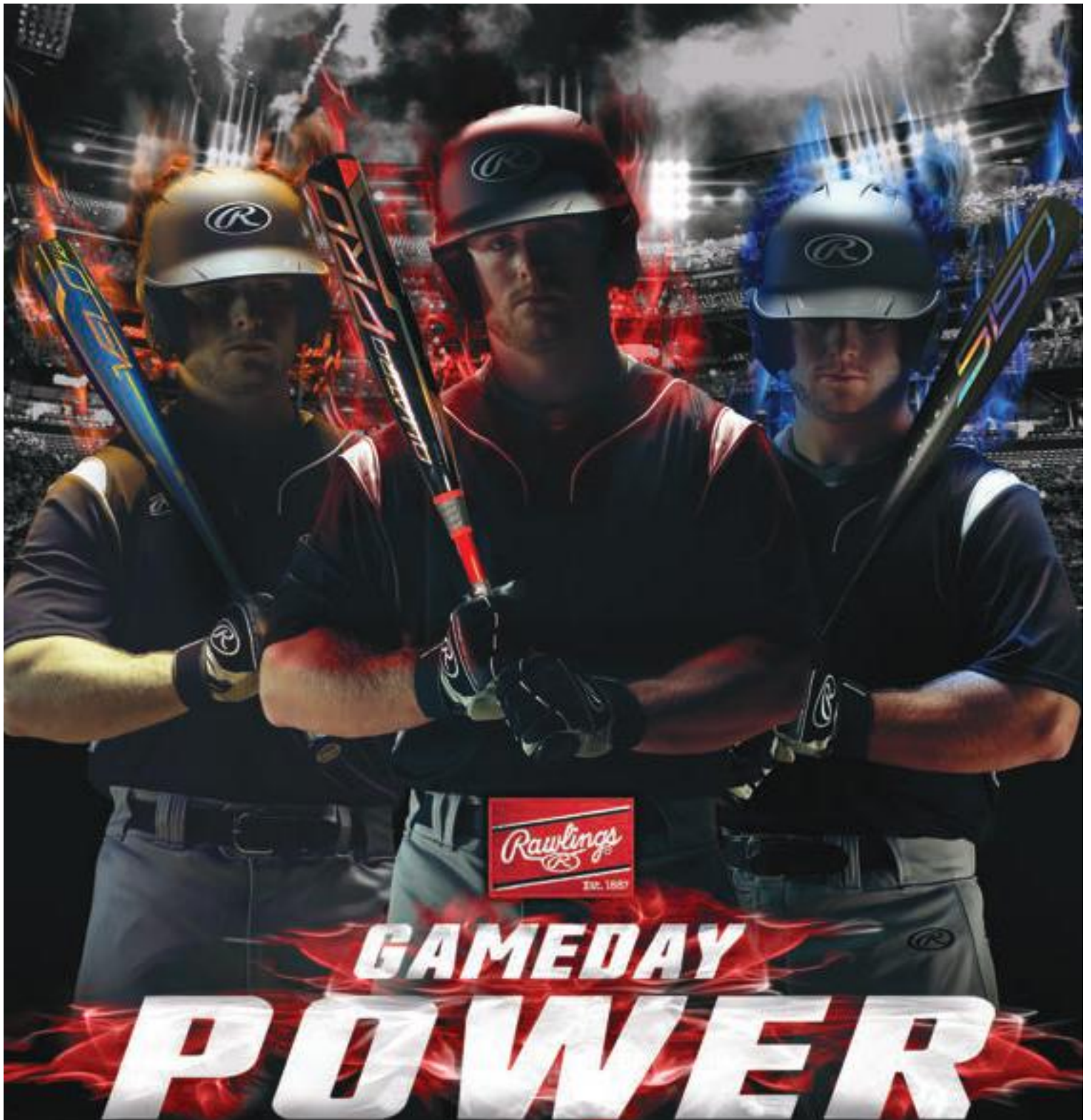
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Georgia Preseason All-State Team

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Fellowship Christian



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Outfielder • Senior
Trinity Christian



Cooper Blausler
Infielder • Junior
Wesleyan



Harry Cain
Pitcher • Senior
Saint Francis



Harris Celata
Outfielder • Senior
Heritage



Cam Collier
Infielder • Sophomore
Mount Paran Christian



Charlie Condon
Outfielder • Senior
Walker



Carter Fink
Pitcher • Senior
Tattnall Square



Jalen Fulwood
Outfielder • Senior
Wesleyan



Bo Hatcher
Pitcher • Senior
Tattnall Square



Bryce Hubbard
Catcher • Junior
Wesleyan



Druw Jones
Outfielder • Junior
Wesleyan



Hunner Lawrence
Catcher • Senior
Strong Rock Christian



Adam Lowery
Pitcher • Senior
Brookstone



James McCoy
Infielder • Senior
Wesleyan



Hudson Mimbs
Infielder • Senior
First Presbyterian Day



Jake Pittman
Designated Hitter • Senior
Prince Avenue Christian



Trey Sanders
Pitcher • Senior
Brookstone



Joey White
Pitcher • Senior
Savannah Christian



Spencer Wilkins
Pitcher • Senior
Strong Rock Christian



Michael Zarillo
Infielder • Senior
Holy Innocents'

Georgia Preseason All-State Team

Class 1A (Private) - Second Team



Jaden Anderson
Outfielder • Junior
Mount Pisgah Christian



Barrett Barkley
Pitcher • Senior
First Presbyterian Day



Lawson Brown
Pitcher • Senior
Darlington



Carter Davies
Pitcher • Junior
Saint Francis



Cooper George
Outfielder • Senior
Savannah Christian



Matson Grose
Catcher • Senior
Fellowship Christian



Jackson Hackney
Outfielder • Senior
Hebron Christian



Garrett Hauenstein
Outfielder • Senior
Fellowship Christian



Parker Ingram
Utility • Senior
First Presbyterian Day



Seaver King
Infielder • Senior
Athens Christian



Zach Kwiatkowski
Pitcher • Senior
Hebron Christian



David Luigs
Designated Hitter • Junior
Holy Innocents'



Javi Marrero
Pitcher • Senior
Saint Anne-Pacelli



Jack McCune
Pitcher • Sophomore
Strong Rock Christian



Ben Pethel
Infielder • Senior
Athens Christian



Andrew Ridings
Outfielder • Senior
Prince Avenue Christian



Davis Ridings
Infielder • Senior
Prince Avenue Christian



Jaiden Stowers
Outfielder • Senior
Hebron Christian



Daegan Strickland
Catcher • Sophomore
Savannah Christian



Benjy Tucker
Infielder • Junior
Mount Pisgah Christian



Jackson Westmoreland
Infielder • Sophomore
Saint Francis



David White
Pitcher • Senior
Heritage

Class 1A (Private) Top 15

1 WESLEYAN

The Wolves captured state titles in 2009, 2010 and 2015. Those championship teams are still talked about regularly in Wesleyan baseball history. However, if the 2021 team lives up to its hype, it could make prep baseball fans at the Norcross private school stop talking about past teams. This year's edition is loaded, full of big-time prospects and will be as good as any team the program has produced.

An excellent corps of seniors that include James McCoy and Jalen Fulwood is a good starting point when talking about this team's talent, but the Wolves welcome back shortstop Cooper Baluser and outfielder Druw Jones, two of the nation's top prospects in the Class of 2022. And the rich got richer when catcher Bryce Hubbard, a junior who has already committed to Mississippi State, moved with his parents to Georgia over the summer from California and enrolled at Wesleyan. He will make an immediate impact.

This is a team that will be fun and exciting to watch.

2 TATTNALL SQUARE

Since joining the Georgia High School Association in 2015-16, there hasn't been many occasions where the Trojans haven't started the Class 1A Private division as the preseason No. 1. By Tattnall standards, the 2021 season is a rebuilding one. But last time the school was rebuilding in 2017, they made it to the state championship series and finished as the state runner-up. Don't let these guys fool you. They return enough to challenge for another state championship.

3 FELLOWSHIP CHRISTIAN

The Paladins have been building for this year for quite some time. The senior class is huge, but the team's chemistry is what will make them tough to beat. Experience is also a plus.

4 SAINT FRANCIS

The Knights have as much dominant pitching as some Class 7A schools. This is a team to watch as they will only get better as its talent matures and develops.

5 BROOKSTONE

This should be Brookstone's best team since they made the Class 1A semifinals in 2004. There is plenty of talent coming back and opponents will get a strong dose of right-handed pitching.

6 STRONG ROCK CHRISTIAN

The Patriots lost a bunch, but a bunch returns. Pitchers Spencer Wilkins and Jack McCune will keep Strong Rock in the hunt.

7 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN DAY

A senior-laden group will help the Vikings contend again. They will be as good as advertised.

8 TRINITY CHRISTIAN

The Lions have a pile of returning talent and will be tough to beat. Keep an eye on this program.

9 HERITAGE

The Hawks, in their inaugural season in the GHSA, will prove their success in the Georgia Independent Schools Association was no fluke.

10 HEBRON CHRISTIAN

Last year was Hebron's year. But the Lions could have another special season in 2021.

11 SAVANNAH CHRISTIAN

The Red Raiders, by their standards, are rebuilding. They'll be fine by postseason time.

12 HOLY INNOCENTS'

The Golden Bears are always dangerous. This spring won't be an exception.

13 MOUNT PARAN CHRISTIAN

The Eagles have so much young talent on their roster. But when this team matures, look out.

14 ATHENS CHRISTIAN

The Eagles have an offense capable of doing big things. They will have to carry the load until the pitching staff matures.

15 PRINCE AVENUE CHRISTIAN

The Wolverines have enough returning to be lethal. They will be a program to keep an eye on.

Others to watch: (Alphabetical Order) Darlington, George Walton, Kings Ridge Christian, Mount Pisgah Christian, Providence Christian, Stratford, Walker, Whitefield Academy

REGION 1-1A

Region Favorite: Tattnall Square

Players to Watch

C/1B/OF/RHP – Hunter Alexander, Sr., Tattnall Square; **RHP** – Barrett Barkley, Sr., First Presbyterian Day; **RHP/3B** – Lawson Cole, Jr., Stratford; **CF** – Grayson Darby, Sr., Deerfield-Windsor; **SS** – Waldon Davis, Sr., Stratford; **RHP/1B/OF** – Carter Fink, Sr., Tattnall Square; **RHP/INF** – Bo Hatcher, Sr., Tattnall Square; **OF/LHP** – Stetson Hatcher, Sr., Stratford; **INF/RHP** – Parker Ingram, Sr., First Presbyterian Day; **C/OF** – Hunner Lawrence, Sr., Strong Rock Christian; **RHP/3B** – Jack McCune, So., Strong Rock Christian; **INF/RHP** – Hudson Mimbs, Sr., First Presbyterian Day; **OF/RHP** – Parthiv Patel, Sr., Mount de Sales; **RHP/1B** – Will Plowden, Jr., Deerfield-Windsor; **1B/3B/C** – Drew Reich, Sr., Deerfield-Windsor; **RHP/OF/INF** – Drew Senn, Jr., Mount de Sales; **1B/RHP** – Thomas Smith, Sr., Mount de Sales; **RHP/3B** – Spencer Wilkins, Sr., Strong Rock Christian

DW DEERFIELD-WINDSOR KNIGHTS

Head Coach (s): Bill Cefaratti (new)
Assistant Coach (s): Chandler Matthews, Kirk Whitaker
2020 Record: 3-0

Returning Starters: 1B/3B/C Drew Reich (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); OF Grayson Darby (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); RHP/1B Will Plowden (Jr., 6-0, 205, R/R); SS/OF Garrett Watson (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Will Gray (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R); SS/2B Thomas Ray (So., 5-7, 150, R/R); C/INF Davis Coleman (So., 6-1, 185, R/R)
Other Returning Players: OF Chance Baron (So., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF/1B Henry Hood (So., 5-10, 190, L/R); C/3B Cason Roberts (Jr., 5-9, 175, R/R); OF Tillman Dew (So., 5-8, 140, R/R); 2B/OF Parks Cohen (So., 5-6, 130, R/R)

Top Newcomers: SS Ethan Johnson (So., 5-11, 185, R/R)
Season Outlook: Deerfield-Windsor makes its debut in the Georgia High School Association with a new coach as well in Bill Cefaratti. He inherits seven returning starters, including a pair of seniors in infielder/catcher Drew Reich and outfielder Grayson Darby. Pitcher/first baseman Will Plowden returns to lead a young group of pitchers.



Grayson Darby
Deerfield-Windsor



Will Plowden
Deerfield-Windsor



Drew Reich
Deerfield-Windsor

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN DAY VIKINGS

Head Coach (s): Greg Moore (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Michael Mimbs, Tripp Turley, Wayne Hotchkiss
2020 Record: 13-2

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Hudson Mimbs (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Parker Ingram (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); RHP Barrett Barkley (Sr., 6-3, 210, R/R); OF/RHP Coleman Cauley (Jr., 6-2, 210, R/R); INF/DH Will Cunningham (Sr., 6-2, 230, R/R); INF/U Jackson Jones (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/OF Jackson Moore (Jr., 5-9, 135, R/R); RHP Walker Perkins (Jr., 6-3, 200, R/R); RHP/DH Blake Cohen (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); OF Cole Hetes (So., 5-11, 160, R/R); C Micah Henley (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); U Luke McCart (Jr., 5-11, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/DH Camden Smith (Jr., 6-2, 230, R/R); INF/U Colton McDonald (So., 5-10, 145, R/R); RHP Garrett Veal (Jr., 6-2, 170, R/R); U Matt Rose (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: New coach Greg Moore inherits six returning starters and should have a say in the outcome of the Region 1-1A Private School Division. The Vikings have one of the classification's more-exciting players returning in Hudson Mimbs. Infielder/pitcher Parker Ingram and pitcher Barrett Barkley also return.



MOUNT DE SALES CAVALIERS

Head Coach (s): Bubba Poole

Assistant Coach (s): Todd Freeman, Jeff Nebel, Shannon Sheheane
2020 Record: 9-3

Returning Starters: RHP/OF/INF Drew Senn (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R); OF/LHP Fernando Washington (So., 6-0, 205, L/L); 1B/RHP Thomas Smith (Sr., 6-1, 160, R/R); OF/RHP Parthiv Patel (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Elijah Freeman (Jr., 5-10, 190, R/R); OF/RHP Carson Craig (So., 5-10, 140, R/R); INF D.K. Williams (Sr., 5-2, 95, R/R); OF Kyler Andrews (Sr., 6-1, 180, L/L)

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Season Outlook: Graduation took a bite out of Mount de Sales' roster last season. The young Cavaliers will be looking for some younger players to step forward. A pair of seniors – first baseman/pitcher Thomas Smith and outfielder/pitcher Parthiv Patel – return, giving the Cavaliers a pair of senior leaders to build around.

STRATFORD EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Tyler Brown

Assistant Coach (s): Jeff Treadway, Bill Meeks, Dylan Bass, Rusty Combs

2020 Record: 7-5

Returning Starters: SS Waldon Davis (Sr., 5-11, 175, L/R); OF/LHP Stetson Hatcher (Sr., 6-1, 190, L/L); C/1B Jase Smith (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); 3B/SS

Cooper Baskette (Jr., 6-2, 170, R/R); 2B/RHP Micah Takac (Jr., 6-2, 160, R/R); RHP/3B Lawson Cole (Jr., 6-2, 185, R/R); RHP/SS/3B Garrett Lang (Jr., 6-2, 170, R/R); OF Jimmy Bowdon (So., 5-10, 155, R/R)

Other Returning

Players: RHP Ben

Jamison (Sr., 6-3, 190,

R/L); OF John Wade (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF/RHP Jack Medlin (Sr., 6-3, 200, R/R); OF Nate Slappy (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF Carson Chambless (Jr., 5-8, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/RHP Cal Hatcher (So., 6-0, 160, L/L); INF Cope Smith (Fr., 5-7, 140, R/R); RHP/INF Lane Cole (Fr., 6-0, 150, R/R); RHP/C Billy Noblitt (Fr., 6-1, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: If the Eagles' pitching staff matures, they could be trouble in Region 1-1A. Eight starters are back, including shortstop Waldon Davis, outfielder Stetson Hatcher and pitcher/third baseman Lawson Cole. An excellent group of younger players will also contribute.



Lawson Cole
Stratford



Waldon Davis
Stratford



Stetson Hatcher
Stratford

STRONG ROCK CHRISTIAN PATRIOTS

Head Coach (s): Toby Evans

Assistant Coach (s): Tripp Lawrence, Ty Lewis

2020 Record: 11-2

Returning Starters: RHP/3B Spencer Wilkins (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); C/OF Hunner Lawrence (Sr., 6-0, 195, R/R); RHP/3B Jack McCune (So., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF Ross Shirah (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF Eli Hedgecoth (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); INF Austin Reid (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF Lawson Hull (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/RHP Zach Wallace (So., 6-2, 185, R/R); RHP/OF Dakota Crumbley (So., 6-1, 185, R/R); RHP/1B Braden Burghardt (So., 6-2, 185, R/R); INF/RHP Isaiah Pou (So., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP/1B Brayden Lawrence (Fr., 6-2, 205, L/L); INF Charlie Guinade (So., 5-10, 150, R/R); INF/LHP Cooper Culberson (Fr., 6-1, 160, R/L); C Lleyton Hallman (Fr., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF Hunt Tatum (Fr., 6-1, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: Some key players graduated, but the Patriots return an excellent nucleus and could challenge for the region title. Seven starters, six of them seniors, are back to lead the way. One

of them is standout pitcher Spencer Wilkins. Catcher/outfielder Hunner Lawrence also returns.



TATTNALL SQUARE TROJANS

Head Coach (s): Joey Hiller

Assistant Coach (s): Jordan Brooks (associate coach), Tom Gorman, Kevin Brown, Bryan Kemp, Cory Bartholomew

2020 Record: 11-4

Returning Starters: RHP/1B/OF Carter Fink (Sr., 6-2, 170, R/R); RHP/INF Bo Hatcher (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); RHP/C/1B/OF Hunter Alexander (Sr., 6-3, 210, R/R); RHP/INF Russ Miller (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); RHP/INF/OF DJ Willis (Jr., 6-0, 190, R/R); LHP/OF Benjamin Stubbs (Jr., 5-8, 155, L/L); RHP/INF Clay Rowland (Jr., 6-1, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/C/INF Wilton Bumgardner (So., 6-0, 165, R/R); RHP/OF/C Hardy Hudson (So., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP/OF Gabe McGregor (So., 5-9, 175, R/R); 1B Charlie Morris (Jr., 6-2, 200, R/R); RHP/3B/C Camden Skinner (So., 6-2, 200, R/R); 1B Carter Brown (So., 6-5, 190, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Riley McCallum (Fr., 5-10, 170); RHP Cooper McMullen (Fr., 6-1, 170)

Season Outlook: By Tattnall Square standards, the Trojans may be doing some rebuilding this season. But Tattnall has plenty of talent to make another deep postseason run. Seven starters are back, including pitchers Carter Fink, Bo Hatcher and Hunter Alexander. The senior class is small, but a strong group of underclassmen will step forward.

REGION 2-1A

Region Favorite: Whitefield Academy

Players to Watch

2B/3B – Bruno Damiani, Jr., Paideia; **RHP** – Gabe Elliott, Jr., Paideia; **OF/C** – Anthony Griffin, Jr., Our Lady of Mercy; **C** – Caleb LaVallee, So., Whitefield Academy; **LHP/OF** – Brayden May, So., Whitefield Academy; **CF** – Cam Snell, Sr., Eagles Landing Christian; **OF** – Conlon Walker, So., Whitefield Academy



EAGLES LANDING CHRISTIAN CHARGERS

Head Coach (s): Seth Graham

Assistant Coach (s): Douglas Campbell, Mike Roby

2020 Record: 1-7

Returning Starters: CF Cam Snell (Sr., L/R); RF Alex Villanueva (Sr., L/L); SS Christian White (Jr., R/R); 1B Michael Clark (Jr., R/R); 3B Bobby Buckley (So., R/R); C Caleb Moran (So., R/R); 2B Chase Jackson (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Kenneth Kelly (Sr., R/R); OF Jack Mertz (Jr., R/R); OF Myles Gordon (So., R/R); 3B/RHP Hunter Waters (So., R/R); 1B Charlie Gilliam (So., R/R); OF/LHP Kam Estes (So., L/L); OF Colton Hood (So., R/L)

Season Outlook: The Chargers started a lot of younger players last year which should pay off this spring. Seven starters are back, many of them underclassmen. Outfielders Cam Snell and Alex Villanueva return to provide senior leadership.



LANDMARK CHRISTIAN WAR EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Jared Williams
Survey not returned



OUR LADY OF MERCY BOBCATS

Head Coach (s): Mark Miller
Assistant Coach (s): Andrew McGovern
2020 Record: 0-5

Returning Starters: 2B Gavin Dechant (So., 5-8, 130, R/R); OF/C Anthony Griffin (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP/1B/3B Colin Malally (So., 6-1, 180, R/R); OF Shane Slattery (So., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Julian Moses (So., 5-10, 150, L/L)

Season Outlook: The young Bobcats will look to improve this season as four starters return. The program has made some promising strides recently, but the young talent must continue to mature and develop. The bulk of the team is sophomores, but keep an eye on this group.



PAIDEIA PYTHONS

Head Coach (s): Drew Kise (new)
Assistant Coach (s): Wess Hollins, Rodney Henderson
2020 Record: 3-4-1

Returning Starters: RHP Gabe Elliott (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); C Cal Forde (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); 2B/3B Bruno Damiani (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); 3B/C David Raygoza (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); SS Alex Asher (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); CF Keith Adams (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R); RF Will Bruce (Sr., 6-2, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 2B William Moore (Jr., 5-10, 135, R/R); OF Alex Liu (So., 5-3, 115, L/L); 2B Jack Tope (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); LF Mario Kelly (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP Tommy Gillette (So., 5-11, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: New coach Drew Kise takes over and inherits seven returning starters. The team is still relatively young, but the Pythons have a chance to make some noise in Region 2-1A. Junior pitcher Gabe Elliott and junior infielder Bruno Damiani showed promise as sophomores last season.



WHITEFIELD ACADEMY WOLFPACK

Head Coach (s): Mike Shaheen
Assistant Coach (s): Josh Blunier, Blake Edwards, Justin Krueger
2020 Record: 4-4

Returning Starters: C Caleb LaVallee (So., 6-0, 195, R/R); OF Conlon Walker (So., 6-0, 175, L/L); INF Nick Olson (So., 6-1, 170, R/R); INF Cole Peterson (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); INF Parker Ladd (So., 6-1, 170, R/R); LHP/OF Brayden May (So., 6-0, 160, L/L); RHP/OF Cooper Craig (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); RHP/1B Charlie Baxter (Jr., 6-3, 205, R/R); OF Cole Long (Jr., 6-0, 210, L/L); C/INF Harris Wight (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Reilly Cullen (So., 6-0, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: The young Wolfpack continue to improve and this season should be better. Whitefield may still be a year away from reaching its full potential. The roster is full of juniors and sophomores, but catcher Caleb LaVallee, outfielder Conlon Walker and pitcher/outfielder Brayden May are a trio to watch out for.

REGION 3-1A

Region Favorite: Savannah Christian

Players to Watch

LHP/OF – Kellen Blankenship, Jr., Calvary Day; **C/OF** – Brooks Dawson, Jr., Calvary Day; **RHP/INF** – Brandon Exley, Jr., Calvary Day; **INF/RHP** – Cade Garola, Jr., Savannah Country Day; **1B/RHP/OF** – Cooper George, Sr., Savannah Christian; **2B/3B/OF** – Cole Meyer, Sr., Savannah Country Day; **RHP/1B** – Dayyan O’Neal, Jr., Calvary Day; **INF/RHP** – Alex Roberts, Sr., Aquinas; **OF/RHP** – James Schlegel, Sr., Aquinas; **C/RHP** – Daegan Strickland, So., Savannah Christian; **RHP/SS** – Joey White, Sr., Savannah Christian



AQUINAS FIGHTING IRISH

Head Coach: TBA
Survey not returned



CALVARY DAY CAVALIERS

Head Coach: Phillip Lee
Assistant Coach (s): Gary Allen, Justin Fields, Austin Masters, Derward Poole, Stephen Vaughn
2020 Record: 6-7

Returning Starters: OF Kaden McInerney (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); RHP/1B Dayyan O’Neal (Jr., 6-3, 230, R/R); RHP/INF Brandon Exley (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); RHP/INF Logan Lewis (Jr., 5-10, 190, R/R); C/OF Brooks Dawson (Jr., 5-7, 160, R/R); LHP/OF Dylan Shuman (Jr., 5-10, 180, L/L); LHP/OF Kellen Blankenship (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/L)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Landon Andrews (So., 5-9, 160, R/R); C Mason Turner (So., 5-8, 170, R/R); RHP/INF James Thompson (Jr., 5-10, 190, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/1B Will Hampton (Fr., 5-10, 200, L/L); RHP/C P.J. Fox (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP/INF Dawson Carll (So., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Cavaliers lost a good bit of talent to graduation, and the team will be young in 2021. But don’t count out this group. A solid corps of juniors and sophomores will lead the team. Catcher Brooks Dawson returns behind the plate, but the strength will be depth on the pitcher’s mound. Look out for Dayyan O’Neal, Brandon Exley and Kellen Blankenship who showed promise last year.



SAVANNAH CHRISTIAN RAIDERS

Head Coach (s): Matt Oglesby
Assistant Coach (s): Alan Brannen, Wes Garcia, Johnny Anderson
2020 Record: 13-5

Returning Starters: RHP/SS Joey White (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); 1B/RHP/OF Cooper George (Sr., 6-4, 200, R/R); 3B/2B Niko Laing (Sr., 5-10, 170, L/R); OF/RHP Braden Schuman (Sr., 5-8, 150, R/R); C/RHP Daegan Strickland (So., 6-0, 185, R/R); OF/LHP Ely Brown (So., 6-0, 180, L/L); INF/RHP Trent Lanier (So., 6-0, 150, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 3B/2B Jerrod Miller (Sr., 5-9, 170, L/R); C/1B Josh Gates (So., 6-1, 180, R/R); RHP/OF Ethan Macklin (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Tison Graham (So., 6-0, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Jayden White (Fr., 5-11, 190, R/R)

Season Outlook: Graduation cut short a promising season for the Raiders last year. The good news is that seven starters are back, including pitcher/shortstop Joey White. Versatile Cooper George and talented sophomore Daegan Strickland also return.



SAVANNAH COUNTRY DAY HORNETS

Head Coach (s): Nathan Ward
Survey not returned

REGION 4-1A

Region Favorite: Brookstone

Players to Watch

OF – Jayce Blalock, Sr., Trinity Christian; **OF/RHP** – Harris Celata, Sr., Heritage; **LHP/OF** – Cason Emerson, Sr., Saint Anne-Pacelli; **LHP/1B** – Jackson Hilton, Jr., Saint Anne-Pacelli; **OF/RHP** – Sam Kilgore, Sr., Brookstone; **RHP/INF** – Adam Lowery, Sr., Brookstone; **RHP** – Javi Marrero, Sr., Saint Anne-Pacelli; **RHP/3B** – Andrew Martin, Sr., Trinity Christian; **RHP/OF** – Luke Norman, Jr., Brookstone; **INF/RHP** – Tai Peete, Sr., Trinity Christian; **RHP/INF** – Trey Sanders, Sr., Brookstone; **RHP** – Connor Smith, Sr., Trinity Christian; **LHP** – Kyle Stephenson, Sr., Trinity Christian; **LHP** – Luke Stoffle, Sr., Heritage; **RHP/INF** – Will Vinyard, Sr., Saint Anne-Pacelli; **RHP/OF** – Haze Voltz, Jr., Brookstone; **C** – Hunter Walker, Sr., Saint Anne-Pacelli; **RHP/OF** – David White, Sr., Heritage

B BROOKSTONE COUGARS

Head Coach (s): Vince Massey
Assistant Coach (s): Matt Dorminey, Greg Mathis, Nate McConnell, Don McClintock
2020 Record: 7-4

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Adam Lowery (Sr., 6-2, 170, R/R); RHP/INF Trey Sanders (Sr., 6-2, 195, R/R); OF/RHP Sam Kilgore (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); C/OF Buddy Denson (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); INF Jack Schondelmayer (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); 1B Drew Albright (Sr., 6-3, 210, L/R); C Dell Davis (Sr., 5-8, 150, R/R); RHP/OF Luke Norman (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R); RHP/OF Haze Voltz (Jr., 6-2, 160, R/R); RHP/INF Coates Massey



Drew Albright
Brookstone



Dell Davis
Brookstone



Sam Kilgore
Brookstone

(Jr., 6-2, 200, R/R); RHP/1B Tripp Duncan (Jr., 6-3, 225, R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP Andrew King (Jr., 5-5, 100, L/L); OF PJ Halter (Sr., 5-10, 155, R/R); OF Walter Blanchard (So., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP/OF Taft Middleton (Fr., 6-1, 185, L/L)

Season Outlook: The Cougars return a wealth of talent and will contend for the region title this spring. Brookstone returns a strong 1-2 pitching punch of Adam Lowery and Trey Sanders. If the Cougars can be consistent on offense, this team could go a long way.



HERITAGE HAWKS

Head Coach (s): Ryan Danbury
Assistant Coach (s): Gatlin Curlee, Cale Foster, Clint Clark, Miles Head
2020 Record: 7-3

Returning Starters: RHP/OF David White (Sr., 6-1, 205, R/R); LHP Luke Stoffle (Sr., 6-2, 170, L/L); OF James Thorpe (Jr., 6-3, 230, R/R); SS Andrew Rich (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF/INF/LHP Calvin Baker (Jr., 5-11, 180, L/L); INF/RHP Yannis Rembert (Jr., 6-2, 195, R/R); INF/C/RHP Eli Garrett (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); INF/OF/RHP Evan Jackson (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Thomas Gray (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R)



Yannis Rembert
Heritage



Calvin Baker
Heritage



Luke Stoffle
Heritage

Other Returning Players: INF/LHP Jay Chapman (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/L); INF/OF William Bryant (Sr., 6-2, 185, L/R); INF Noah Meyer (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF/RHP Braxton Goodwin (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); INF William Booth (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R); INF Bennett Spencer (So., 5-7, 150, R/R); INF/C/RHP Ethan Garrett (Fr., 5-9, 160, R/R); INF/C/RHP Davis Chapman (Fr., 5-7, 155, R/R)
Top Newcomers: OF/RHP Harris Celata (Sr., 6-2, 215, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Hawks make their debut this spring in the Georgia High School Association with a loaded roster capable of contending for the region title. Pitchers David White and Luke Stoffle lead a solid rotation, while Heritage is looking for transfer Harris Celata to make an immediate mark.



James Thorpe
Heritage



SAINT ANNE-PACELLI VIKINGS

Head Coach (s): Bobby Howard
Assistant Coach (s): Matt Aldrich, Jeff Boatner, Jared Stansell
2020 Record: 5-4

Returning Starters: LHP/1B Jackson Hilton (Jr., 6-4, 200, L/L); 1B/RHP Will Vinyard (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); C Hunter Walker (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); 2B Gavin Shaw (Sr., 5-10, 155, R/R); LHP/OF Cason Emerson (Sr., 5-11, 160, L/L); OF Tucker Kite (Sr., 5-7, 150, R/R); INF Brooks Parkerson (So., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF/INF Austin



Cason Emerson
Saint Anne-Pacelli

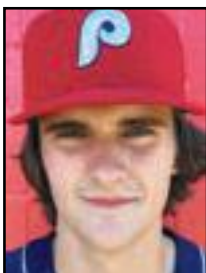
Stephenson (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R)

Other Returning

Players: INF Jackson Boatner (So., 5-10, 165, L/R); OF Quay Menefee (Jr., 6-0, 190, R/R); OF Caleb Perry (Jr., 5-10, 170, L/R); INF Austin Floyd (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF Drew Ashton (So., 5-10, 180, R/R); C/INF Joey Walters (So., 5-9, 175, B/R); RHP Chandler Walker (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); 1B/RHP Canyon Anderson (Jr., 6-4, 225, R/R); C Carson Pilgrem (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); RHP/INF Bryce Richey (So., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF Ethan Daniel (So., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF Joe Callahan (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP Javi Marrero (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Vikings look to keep making positive strides in coach Bobby Howard's third season at the school. Saint Anne-Pacelli has enough pitching to be dangerous as left-hander Jackson Hilton, right-hander Will Vinyard and newcomer Javi Marrero form a solid rotation. The Vikings will also be looking for some younger talent to contribute.



Austin Floyd
Saint Anne-Pacelli



Jackson Hilton
Saint Anne-Pacelli



Tucker Kite
Saint Anne-Pacelli



Will Vinyard
Saint Anne-Pacelli



Hunter Walker
Saint Anne-Pacelli

TRINITY CHRISTIAN LIONS

Head Coach (s): Blake Austin

Assistant Coach (s): Kevin Elrod, Phillip Skinner, Tony Campbell, Mike Mask, Bobby Totten

2020 Record: 2-8

Returning Starters: LHP Kyle Stephenson (Sr., 5-10, 185, L/L); RHP Connor Smith (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R); OF Jayce Blalock (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); INF/RHP Tai Peete (Sr., 6-3, 180, L/R); RHP/3B Andrew Martin (Sr., 6-3, 220, R/R); OF Jimbo Batchelor (Jr., 5-11, 190, L/L); RHP/3B Aedan Cates (Jr., 6-2, 205, R/R); SS Aaron Gates (So., 6-1, 180, R/R); C/RHP Connor Boswell (Jr., 6-3, 180, R/R); 1B Max Gosdin (Jr., 6-0, 205, L/L); 3B/RHP Carson Beach (Jr., 6-2, 215, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/LHP Amari Collins (So., 5-11, 215, L/L); C Landon Clare (So., 5-10, 190, R/R); SS Tucker Mask (Fr., 5-10, 165, R/R); INF Will Owens (Fr., 6-2, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Lions have enough talent to contend for the Region 4-1A Private title as a wealth of talent returns. Outfielder Jayce Blalock and infielder/pitcher Tai Peete will lead an explosive offense capable of putting up big numbers. Pitchers Kyle Stephenson, Connor Smith and Andrew Martin return to anchor a strong pitching staff.



Tai Peete
Trinity Christian



Kyle Stephenson
Trinity Christian

REGION 5-1A

Region Favorite: Wesleyan

Players to Watch

RHP – Nathan Alexander, Sr., Hebron Christian; **OF/RHP** – Carson Ballard, Jr., Wesleyan; **SS** – Cooper Blausler, Jr., Wesleyan; **C/OF** – Luke Carroll, Sr., Wesleyan; **C** – Joe Chatham, Sr., Wesleyan; **OF** – Riley Cook, Sr., Providence Christian; **LHP/OF** – Jimmy Cox, Sr., Wesleyan; **SS** – Cole Forrest, Sr., Mount Vernon; **OF/RHP** – Jalen Fulwood, Sr., Wesleyan; **OF** – Jackson Hackney, Sr., Hebron Christian; **C/3B/1B** – Bryce Hubbard, Jr., Wesleyan; **OF/RHP** – Druw Jones, Jr., Wesleyan; **INF/RHP** – Nate Kerpics, Jr., Wesleyan; **1B** – Austin Kohler, Sr., Providence Christian; **RHP/1B/3B** – Zach Kwiatkowski, Sr., Hebron Christian; **1B/DH** – David Luigs, Jr., Holy Innocents'; **1B/RHP/OF** – James McCoy, Sr., Wesleyan; **SS/RHP** – Shane Newsome, Sr., Holy Innocents'; **RHP/SS** – Joseph Shealy, Sr., Providence Christian; **OF** – Jaiden Stowers, Sr., Hebron Christian; **2B/RHP** – Michael Zarillo, Sr., Holy Innocents'



GALLOWAY SCOTS

Head Coach (s): Jesus Martinez-Saldana

Survey not returned



HEBRON CHRISTIAN LIONS

Head Coach (s): Ben Drust

Assistant Coach (s): David Lincoln, Drew Coker, Justin Oates

2020 Record: 9-4

Returning Starters: RHP Nathan Alexander (Sr., 6-2, 165, R/R); RHP/1B/3B Zach Kwiatkowski (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); OF Jaiden Stowers (Sr., 5-8, 165, L/L); OF Jackson Hackney (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); INF Luke Starling (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/R); C Tyler Jay Sciavicco (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP Parker Marlatt (So., 5-11, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Gavin Latham (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP Logan Jones (Sr.)

Top Newcomers: INF Brad Ihm (Jr., 5-8, 150, L/R); C Bennett Waters (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R); RHP Will Snead (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Lions lost a bulk of talent to graduation, but there is an excellent nucleus returning. Four senior starters are back, including talented outfielders Jackson Hackney and Jaiden Stowers. Pitcher/infielder Zach Kwiatkowski and right-hander Nathan Alexander return to lead a solid group of pitchers.





HOLY INNOCENTS' GOLDEN BEARS

Head Coach (s): DC Aiken

Assistant Coach (s): Dan Healy, Bentley Heyman, Chuck Lusted, Ned Mason, Meredith Many

2020 Record: 8-2

Returning Starters: OF William Willis (Sr., 6-0, 195, L/R); 2B/RHP Michael Zarillo (Sr., 6-1, 180, B/R); C JD Bogart (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); SS/RHP Shane Newsome (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R); INF/OF Tyler Fuller (Sr., 5-11, 155, L/R); 1B/DH David Luigs (Jr., 6-3, 200, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C Matt Hoffman (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); INF/RHP Drew Jabaley (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP/1B Walker Wolf (Jr., 6-2, 195, R/R); 1B/RHP Jack Mallady (Jr., 6-3, 225, R/R); OF Caden Cameron (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Joe Hingson (Jr., 6-1, 195, R/R); RHP Ian Graves (So., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: A solid corps of returning starters should help Holy Innocents' make a run at the region crown as well as a playoff berth. Six starters, the bulk of them seniors, will keep the Bears in the chase. Infielder/pitcher Michael Zarillo and first baseman/designated hitter David Luigs return to give Holy Innocents' a good nucleus to build around. Catcher JD Bogart is back behind the plate.



Shane Newsome
Holy Innocents'



MOUNT VERNON MUSTANGS

Head Coach (s): Jeremy Beckham

Assistant Coach (s): Trey Lang

2020 Record: 4-0

Returning Starters: SS Cole Forrest (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF Dylan Holbrook (So., 6-2, 175, R/R); C/RHP Austin Taylor (Jr., 6-2, 215, R/R); SS/RHP Cole Forrest (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF/C David Adkins (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/RHP Will Allison (Jr., 5-11, 170)

Top Newcomers: INF Holden Baker (So., 6-2, 200)

Season Outlook: The Mustangs will field a relatively young team in 2021. However, the cupboard is not bare. Four starters are back, including shortstop/pitcher Cole Forrest. Mount Vernon will be looking for some underclassmen to step up.



PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN STORM

Head Coach (s): Adam Cantrell

Assistant Coach (s): Preston Smith, Kylee Neal

2020 Record: 5-5

Returning Starters: 1B Austin Kohler (Sr., 6-4, 240, R/R); OF Riley Cook (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); RHP/SS Joseph Shealy (Sr., 5-9, 185, R/R); RHP Carson Tillotson (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); RHP/INF Connor Jones (So., 6-1, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Jack Leo (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); RHP/1B Luke Perry (Sr., 6-2, 270, R/R); RHP/INF Brian Oh (So., 5-7, 130, B/R); OF JohnMark Compton (So., 5-8, 130, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 2B Drew Nalepa (Jr., 5-11, 140, R/R); OF Kennan Sukkert (Jr., 6-0, 145, R/R); C Stephen Kemmerer (So., 5-7, 180, R/R); OF Brian Soraiva (Jr., 5-7, 145, R/R); OF Jeffrey Stutzman (So., 5-6, 130, L/R)

Season Outlook: Providence Christian welcomes back five starters, including a trio of right-handed pitchers. Senior Joseph Shealy leads a rotation that also will feature Carson Tillotson and Connor Jones. First baseman Austin Kohler and outfielder Riley Cook return to spark the offense.



WESLEYAN WOLVES

Head Coach: Brian Krehmeyer

Assistant Coach (s): Michael Mann, Brett Denney, Kevin O'Leary, Matt Plate

2020 Record: 12-0

Returning Starters: C/OF Luke Carroll (Sr., 6-1, 195, R/R); C Joe Chatham (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); OF/RHP Jalen Fulwood (Sr., 6-3, 185, R/R); 1B/RHP/OF James McCoy (Sr., 6-4, 200, B/R); SS Cooper Blauser (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R); OF/RHP Druw Jones (Jr., 6-3, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP/OF Jimmy Cox (Sr., 5-10, 150, B/L); INF/OF Harrison Gracey (Sr., 5-8, 165, R/R); LHP Quinn Moore (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/L); OF/RHP Carson Ballard (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Nate Kerpics (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/3B/1B Bryce Hubbard (Jr., 6-0, 190, L/R)

Season Outlook: The coronavirus pandemic cut short what started as a promising season for the Wolves last year. Wesleyan should be back in the hunt this spring. If the Wolves can find a few more pitchers to compliment Jalen Fulwood and James McCoy, they will make a deep run. Juniors Cooper Blauser and Druw Jones are two of the top players for the Class of 2022.



Luke Carroll
Wesleyan

REGION 6-1A

Region Favorite: Fellowship Christian

Players to Watch

RHP/SS – Connor Amitin, Sr., Pinecrest Academy; **OF/LHP** – Jaden Anderson, Jr., Mount Pisgah Christian; **SS** – David Bishop, Sr., Fellowship Christian; **OF** – John Bowling, Sr., Kings Ridge Christian; **RHP/1B** – Harry Cain, Sr., Saint Francis; **RHP/OF** – Julian Clements, Sr., Kings Ridge Christian; **1B/RHP** – Andrew Davidson, Sr., Fellowship Christian; **RHP/3B** – Carter Davies, Jr., Saint Francis; **C** – Connor Ensman, Sr., Pinecrest Academy; **SS/RHP** – Jack Godsey, Sr., Mount Pisgah Christian; **SS** – Luke Gorman, Sr., Kings Ridge Christian; **RHP/1B** – Noah Goss, Sr., Fellowship Christian; **C/RHP** – Matson Grose, Sr., Fellowship Christian; **OF** – Garrett Hauenstein, Sr., Fellowship Christian; **CF/RHP** – Will Howell, Jr., Pinecrest Academy; **1B/3B** – Charlie Jones, Jr., Kings Ridge Christian; **INF/OF** – Carson Phillips, Sr., Fellowship Christian; **1B/OF** – Luke Schmidt, Sr., Fellowship Christian; **3B/RHP** – Benjy Tucker, Jr., Mount Pisgah Christian; **RHP/OF** – Nick Wallace, Sr., Kings Ridge Christian; **SS/RHP** – Jackson Westmoreland, So., Saint Francis; **RHP/INF** – Jake Woodliff, Sr., Saint Francis



BRANDON HALL PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): Eric McAfee
Survey not returned



FELLOWSHIP CHRISTIAN PALADINS

Head Coach (s): Shawn Oliver
Assistant Coach (s): Will Mackenzie, Lane Perrins, Nile Ball
2020 Record: 9-0

Returning Starters: SS David Bishop (Sr., 6-3, 200, R/R); C/RHP Matson Grose (Sr., 6-2, 230, R/R); OF Garrett Hauenstein (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); INF/OF Luke Schmidt (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF/OF Carson Phillips (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/1B Noah Goss (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R); 1B/RHP Andrew Davidson (Sr., 6-1, 230, L/R); OF Cooper Davidson (So., 6-0, 180, R/R); INF/OF/RHP Wilson Long (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R); U Jack Rickheim (So., 5-10, 180, R/R); C Will Phipps (So., 6-0, 170, R/R); LHP Thomas Bourne (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/L); RHP Grant Hudson (Jr., 6-3, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 3B/RHP Daniel Powell (So., 6-0, 160, R/R); OF Jonathan Morris (Sr., 5-11, 200, R/R); 1B Hayes Price (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Bennie Lorenzo (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF/RHP Charlie Chandler (So., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: If Fellowship Christian can find a few more arms, they should make a deep postseason run. A wealth of talent, especially on offense, is back. Offensive standouts David Bishop, Matson Grose, Garrett Hauenstein and Luke Schmidt lead an offense capable of putting up big numbers.



KINGS RIDGE CHRISTIAN TIGERS

Head Coach (s): Mike Power (new)
Assistant Coach (s): Eric Swegman, Ian Carbone
2020 Record: 7-4

Returning Starters: 1B/3B Charlie Jones (Jr., 6-3, 210, R/R); SS Luke Gorman (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF John Bowling (Sr., 5-11, 190, R/R); RHP/OF Julian Clements (Sr., 6-2, 195, R/R); RHP/OF Nick Wallace (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R); C Paul Fiorillo (Jr., 5-8, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: Former Roswell High and Georgia Dugout Club Hall of Fame coach Mike Power takes over at Kings Ridge Christian and inherits six returning starters. If the Tigers can establish some pitching depth, they should contend for the postseason. Infielder Charlie Jones and outfielder John Bowling return to spark the offense.



LAKEVIEW ACADEMY LIONS

Head Coach (s): Deuce Roark
Survey not returned



MOUNT BETHEL CHRISTIAN EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Sean McConnell
Assistant Coach (s): Dave Kimery, Daryl Brooks
2020 Record: 3-6
Returning Starters: C/INF Liam Bunde (So., 5-6, 145, R/R); SS Charlie Kirk (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); 3B Hunter Colier (So., 6-0, 185, L/R)
Other Returning Players: INF Liam Doyle (Sr.); RHP Michael Keane (Sr.)

Season Outlook: The Eagles will be young in 2021 and are looking for some underclassmen to step forward and contribute. A trio of sophomores return to lead the team. There are a handful of seniors on the club, but underclassmen will comprise most of the roster. Mount Bethel may start slowly, but look for them to get better as the season progresses.



MOUNT PISGAH CHRISTIAN PATRIOTS

Head Coach (s): Jamey Woods
Assistant Coach (s): John O'Connor, Travis Rutkiewicz, Ben Tucker
2020 Record: 4-4

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Jack Godsey (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); C Sam Love (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); 2B/OF Gabe Carter (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); CF/LHP Jaden Anderson (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/L); 3B/RHP Benjy Tucker (Jr., 6-2, 210, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/1B Kaden Alford (So., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF Luke Harvey (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); OF John Bentley (Jr., 5-11, 155, R/R); OF Juan Pablo Guzman (So., 6-2, 200, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Walker Harris (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); OF/RHP Brandon Bostic (Fr., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF/INF/RHP Ben Jacobs (Fr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Aaron Peterson (Fr., 5-11, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Aidan Pullaro (Fr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF/1B/RHP Jack Ward (Fr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Patriots have enough talent to be a major contender in the region chase. A trio of seniors – Jack Godsey, Sam Love and Gabe Carter – return to lead the way, but keep an eye on juniors Jaden Anderson and Benjy Tucker, two underclassmen who could potentially be strong Division I college prospects.



PINECREST ACADEMY PALADINS

Head Coach (s): Jon Brewer (new)
Assistant Coach (s): Dan Redovian
2020 Record: 4-2

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Will Howell (Jr., 6-1, 200, R/R); C Connor Ensmann (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); RHP/SS William Mapes (So., 5-8, 160, R/R); RHP/SS Connor Amitin (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Nick Wilkinson (Sr., 5-10, 200, R/R)

Top Newcomers: SS/RHP Ben Nadler (Fr., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: First-year coach Jon Brewer inherits four returning starters and has some work to do in his inaugural season with the Paladins. The team is young, but there is talent. Seniors Connor Amitin and Connor Ensmann return, giving the team a solid pair of leaders to build around.



SAINT FRANCIS KNIGHTS

Head Coach (s): Brandon Bates
Assistant Coach (s): Steve Johnson, Gradie Lewis
2020 Record: 9-4

Returning Starters: RHP/1B Harry Cain (Sr., 6-6, 225, R/R); RHP/INF Jake Woodliff (Sr., 6-1, 175, L/R); C Logan Yates (Sr., 5-6, 170, R/R); SS/RHP Jackson Westmoreland (So., 5-10, 180, R/R); C/3B Cam Lusk (So., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP/1B Jacob Hefner (So., 6-3, 185, R/R); 2B Jordan Lail (Jr., 5-7, 170, R/R); U Evan Fuerst (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R); RHP/3B Carter Davies (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R);

Other Returning Players: OF/1B Blake Brown (So., 6-2, 165, R/R);

INF Drew Robinson (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R); OF Mason Fuller (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R); OF TJ Moore (So., 5-10, 150, R/R); LHP/1B Evan Wood (So., 6-0, 165, R/L)

Top Newcomers: U Jackson Lewis (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Knights may be a year away from reaching their full potential, but they should be pretty good in 2021. A wealth of talent returns. Pitcher Harry Cain is one of a trio of senior starters who will help lead the way. Sophomore Jackson Westmoreland and junior Carter Davies are a pair of players to look out for.



Head Coach (s): Scott Seagraves
Survey not returned

REGION 7-1A

Region Favorite: Mount Paran Christian

Players to Watch

OF/1B – Nick Addison, Sr., Walker; **CF/RHP** – Nash Bingham, Sr., Christian Heritage; **LHP** – Ryan Bitter, Sr., Walker; **RHP/1B** – Lawson Brown, Sr., Darlington; **RHP/SS** – Josiah Chiesa, Jr., Christian Heritage; **RHP** – Riley Clingman, Sr., North Cobb Christian; **SS/RHP** – Aiden Cloud, Sr., Darlington; **SS/3B/RHP** – Cam Collier, So., Mount Paran Christian; **1B/3B/OF** – Charlie Condon, Sr., Walker; **SS** – Omari Daniel, Jr., Walker; **OF** – Dallas Deas, Sr., North Cobb Christian; **OF** – DJ Dennis, So., Walker; **2B/RHP** – Josh Fitzpatrick, Jr., Mount Paran Christian; **LHP/OF/1B** – Davis Hodges, Jr., Walker; **RHP** – Reid Jones, Sr., Mount Paran Christian; **C** – Gage Leonard, Jr., Christian Heritage; **C/3B** – Tyler Minnick, So., Mount Paran Christian; **RHP** – Aidan Moza, Sr., North Cobb Christian; **C/INF** – Jackson Norris, Sr., Darlington; **RHP/INF** – Rodrigo Rodriguez, Sr., North Cobb Christian; **RHP/OF** – Jackson Sadler, Sr., Walker; **LHP** – Sam Taylor, Sr., Walker; **1B/LHP/OF** – Jake Tucker, So., Mount Paran Christian



Head Coach (s): Jamey Middleton

Assistant Coach (s): Brian Doran, Chris Baker, Brian Evans

2020 Record: 6-6

Returning Starters: RHP/SS Josiah Chiesa (Jr., 6-3, 185, R/R); RHP/INF Luke Owen (Sr., 5-11, 155, L/R); 2B Luke Wagner (So., 5-9, 130, R/R); RHP/OF Brennen Richards (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); 3B Elian Bautista (Jr., 5-9, 130, R/R); CF/RHP Nash Bingham (Sr., 6-2, 195, L/R); OF Ben Hermann (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); 3B/OF/RHP Evan Hood (So., 6-0, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP/OF Brennan Corn (So., 5-8, 145, L/L); OF Wyatt Brumlow (So., 5-11, 165, R/R); 1B/RHP Tanner Hartley (So., 6-0, 225, R/R); C Gage Leonard (Jr., 5-8, 185, R/R); 2B/OF Lane Doran (So., 5-8, 130, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 1B/C Christian Thomas (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); LHP/1B Jefferson Locke (Fr., 6-4, 220, L/L); C/RHP Junior Castelo (Fr., 5-8, 185, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Lions have a lot of young talent returning. Christian Heritage welcomes back eight returning starters, although most of them are underclassmen. Outfielder/pitcher Nash Bingham returns to lead the way. If Christian Heritage players mature and develop, they could contend for a postseason position.



Head Coach (s): Matt Larry

Assistant Coach (s): TBA

2020 Record: 6-4

Returning Starters: RHP/1B Lawson Brown (Sr., 6-3, 185, R/R); SS/RHP Aiden Cloud (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); 3B Lawson Goodwin (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); C/INF Jackson Norris (Sr., 6-0, 180, L/R); INF/RHP Caleb Butler (Jr., 6-5, 210, R/R); INF/RHP Logan Floyd (So., 6-0, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Thomas Bethel (So., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/INF Jackson Brewster (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Thomas Speed (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); RHP/OF Luke Overbay (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); U Patrick Shelley (Jr., 6-4, 180, R/R); OF/INF Landon Fowler (Jr., 6-0, 170, L/R)

Top Newcomers: U Talan Shirey (Fr., 5-8, 155, R/R); C/1B/RHP Bagley Larry (Fr., 5-10, 175, L/R); OF Timothy Smith (Fr., 6-0, 145, R/R)

Season Outlook: After a few rebuilding seasons, look for Darlington to be much better in 2021. Senior right-hander Lawson Brown and shortstop/pitcher Aiden Cloud headline a solid senior class that should help the Tigers contend for the region title.



Aiden Cloud
Darlington



Head Coach (s): Kyle Reese

Assistant Coach (s): Mike Brady, Kevin Rusk

2020 Record: 3-7

Returning Starters: RHP Reid Jones (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); SS/OF Alex Adams (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); 2B/RHP Josh Fitzpatrick (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); SS/3B/RHP Cam Collier (So., 6-2, 210, L/R); C/3B Tyler Minnick (So., 6-3, 190, R/R); 1B/LHP/OF Jake Tucker (So., 6-3, 180, L/L)

Other Returning Players: RHP/INF Parker Schwan (Sr., 6-5, 205, R/R); C/RHP/U Will Stephens (Sr., 5-8, 165, R/R); OF Hunter Nasrallah (Sr., 5-7, 135, R/R); U/RHP Pierce Crane (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); RHP/OF Matt Dupuis (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); RHP/INF Colton Mazur (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); RHP Ryan Moll (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); INF/RHP Tate McKee (So., 6-1, 155, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/3B/RHP Kyle Crisp (Fr., 5-9, 155, B/R); OF Garrett Droege (Fr., 5-9, 155, B/R); OF Trey Jackson (So., 5-8, 160, R/R); RHP/OF Jackson Davis (So., 6-4, 190, R/R); OF/LHP Landon Houston (Fr., 5-11, 160, L/L); 3B/RHP Brent Perren (Fr., 5-9, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Eagles have a good mixture of returning talent and should contend for the region crown this spring. Senior right-handed pitcher Reid Jones leads a talented rotation. Class of 2023 top prospect Cam Collier and left-hander Jake Tucker are two young players to watch.



Head Coach (s): Jimmy Keane

Assistant Coach (s): Edgar Mercado, Gil Navarro, Ryan Moore

2020 Record: 11-3

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Rodrigo Rodriguez (Sr., R/R); RHP Riley Clingman (Sr., R/R); RHP Aidan Moza (Sr., R/R); OF Dallas Deas (Sr., B/R); RHP/OF Blake Dean (So., R/R); C Matheson Go (So., R/R); OF Gustavo Melgar (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Michael Mullinax (Fr., L/R)

Season Outlook: The Eagles have enough pitching to make a strong case for a postseason berth in Region 7-1A Private. A trio of senior right-handed pitchers – Rodrigo Rodriguez, Riley Clingman and Aidan Moza – will lead the team. Look for a solid corps of underclassmen to contribute.



WALKER WOLVERINES

Head Coach (s): Dan Garofano

Assistant Coach (s): Cal Hardee, Josh Lammert

2020 Record: 4-6

Returning Starters: 1B/3B/OF Charlie Condon (Sr., 6-5, 210, R/R); OF/1B Nick Addison (Sr., 6-3, 200, L/L); OF DJ Dennis (So., 6-2, 175, R/R); SS Omari Daniel (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R); LHP/OF/1B Davis Hodges (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/L); INF/RHP Ashton Pass (So., 5-9, 150, R/R); C Harrison McClure (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF Jason Hebert (So., 5-8, 155, R/R); LHP Sam Taylor (Sr., 5-10, 160, L/L); LHP Ryan Bitter (Sr., 6-3, 150, L/L)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Jackson Sadler (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); RHP Jackson Evans (So., 6-3, 160, R/R); RHP/INF Gavin Sollenburger (Jr., 6-3, 170, R/R); OF/LHP Dom Parlotto (Jr., 5-8, 150, L/L)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Jackson Davis (So., 5-8, 150, R/R); INF/RHP Jackson Williams (Fr., 6-3, 210, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wolverines begin their second season under coach Dan Garofano and could be a dangerous team. A wealth of talent is back, including versatile Charlie Condon and outfielder/first baseman Nick Addison. A trio of left-handers will lead the pitching staff – Sam Taylor, Ryan Bitter and junior Davis Hodges.



Nick Addison Walker



Omari Daniel Walker



ATHENS ACADEMY SPARTANS

Head Coach (s): Casey Kane

Assistant Coach (s): Don Chuboff, Denny Dotson

2020 Record: 5-1

Returning Starters: INF Palmer Bush (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); 1B/DH John Ferguson (Sr., 6-4, 225, L/R); 1B/C Will Thomas (Sr., 5-10, 220, R/R); C Ethan Connelly (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF Blaise Hequembourg (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); SS/2B Henry Smith (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); RHP/INF Sam Johnson (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R); RHP/OF Pratt Ferguson (Jr., 6-0, 160, L/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Sam Bush (So., 5-9, 150, R/R); OF Asa Drudge (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF Steven Holder (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); 1B/RHP Jackson Hutton (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF Will Morris (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); C Will Warner (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: How Athens Academy's young pitchers mature and develop will be the key to the Spartans' season this spring. The talent is there, it just needs to mature. The offense should be able to help out as senior infielder Palmer Bush and junior Henry Smith are back.



ATHENS CHRISTIAN EAGLES

Head Coach: Allen Osborne

Assistant Coach (s): Jeff Griffith, Jake Westbrook, Austin Turgeon

2020 Record: 9-4

Returning Starters: INF Ben Pethel (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF Seaver King (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); C Russ Clifton (So., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF Caleb Williams (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF Jake Pintar (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF Grant Guest (So., 6-1, 190, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Carter Guest (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP Blake Beedle (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); INF Josh Wilson (So., 5-10, 170, L/R); INF/OF Evan Ivester (So., 6-1, 190, R/R); INF Titus Cummings (So., 5-8, 150, R/R); INF/RHP Abhi Shah (So., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C Jaxson Pearce (Fr., 5-10, 150, R/R); INF Trey Taylor (Fr., 5-9, 150, R/R); INF/RHP Parker Westbrook (Fr., 5-11, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: If the Eagles can find some consistent pitching, they should be one of the favorites in the region title chase. Six starters are back, including senior infield standouts Ben Pethel and Seaver King. Look for an excellent group of underclassmen to step forward and contribute.



GEORGE WALTON BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Todd Shelnuitt

Assistant Coach (s): Robert Testa, Tate Gaines

2020 Record: 4-12

Returning Starters: OF Jake Whitten (Sr.); OF Michael Dagenhart (Sr.); OF/P Will Bailey (Sr.); SS/P Jake Lance (Jr.); 3B Bradyn Sorrow (Jr.); U/P Aidan Rainey (Jr.); C Dylan Shusterman (Jr.)

Other Returning

Players: OF/P Daniel Harkins (Sr.); 1B Colt Ratliff (So.); P Will Atkinson (So.); OF/P Davis King (So.); U Alex Sykes (Jr.)



Will Bailey George Walton



Michael Dagenhart George Walton

REGION 8-1A

Region Favorite: Athens Christian

Players to Watch

INF – Palmer Bush, Sr., Athens Academy; **C/RHP** – Chathan Cloutre, Sr., Tallulah Falls; **OF** – Michael Dagenhart, Sr., George Walton; **1B/DH** – John Ferguson, Sr., Athens Academy; **INF** – Seaver King, Sr., Athens Christian; **RHP/INF** – Hayden Marshall, So., Prince Avenue Christian; **INF** – Ben Pethel, Sr., Athens Christian; **1B/3B** – Jake Pittman, Sr., Prince Avenue Christian; **OF** – Andrew Ridings, Sr., Prince Avenue Christian; **INF** – Davis Ridings, Sr., Prince Avenue Christian; **SS/2B** – Henry Smith, Jr., Athens Academy; **OF** – Jake Whitten, Sr., George Walton; **OF** – Caleb Williams, Jr., Athens Christian

Top Newcomers: 1B/P Nick Johnson (Jr.)

Season Outlook:

George Walton should reload after losing a wealth of starters to graduation last spring. Seven starters are back, including senior standouts Jake Whitten and Michael Dagenhart.

Look for a strong group of underclassmen to make significant contributions this spring.



Jake Lance
George Walton



Jake Whitten
George Walton

195, L/R); OF Andrew Ridings (Sr., 6-0, 165, L/R); RHP/INF Hayden Marshall (So., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP/3B Zach Hamilton (Sr., 6-1, 195, R/R); 2B Sam Naehner (Sr., 6-2, 170, R/R); C/1B Caleb Wilson (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); OF Zach Dyer (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/INF Bradley Chatham (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/R); C/3B Nick Hatcher (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Luke Leverett (So., 5-10, 155, R/R); U Riley Cartey (So., 5-9, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Aaron Philo (Fr., 5-11, 165, R/R); INF Will Goff (Fr., 5-9, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: A solid senior class will help Prince Avenue Christian contend for the Region 8-1A Private School title. Eight starters return, including offensive catalysts Jake Pittman, Davis Ridings and Andrew Ridings. Sophomore right-hander Hayden Marshall is back to lead a solid group of pitchers.



LOGANVILLE CHRISTIAN LIONS

Head Coach (s): Chris Cotter (new)

Survey not returned



PRINCE AVENUE CHRISTIAN WOLVERINES

Head Coach: Frank Vashaw

Assistant Coach (s): Matt Nicks, Trent Corbett, Tanner Martin, David Bell

2020 Record: 5-9

Returning Starters: 1B/3B Jake Pittman (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); INF Davis Ridings (Sr., 6-0,



Hayden Marshall
Prince Avenue Christian



TALLULAH FALLS INDIANS

Head Coach (s): Justin Pollock (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Justin Rogers, TBA

2020 Record: 4-4

Returning Starters: C/RHP Chathan Clouatre (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); C/RHP/INF Trent Thomas (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: Former Tallulah Falls College baseball coach Justin Pollock takes over at Tallulah Falls. He inherits a program looking to make positive strides. He will have two seniors to build around. One of those is 2020 preseason all-state catcher/pitcher Chathan Clouatre.

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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	Ric Bishop	Columbus	21	2003
3	Kody Adams	Pike County	21	2011

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

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

ALL-TIME COACHING VICTORIES



Bobby Howard



Gerald Barnes



Hugh Buchanan

Coach	School	Won	Loss
Bobby Howard	St. Anne-Pacelli	1,008	311
Gerald Barnes	Westside-Augusta	926	313
John Brown	retired, 2014	781	356
Jimmie Lewis	Harlem	771	421
Donnie English	retired, 2014	716	397
Harvey Cochran	retired, 2012	682	348
Carl Carter	retired, 2019	637	223
Stuart Chester	Buford	627	166
Renza Israel	retired, 2009	623	316
Andy Harlin	Blessed Trinity	611	199
Chip Henderson	Calhoun	603	182
Terry Holder	retired, 2009	588	153
Joey Hiller	Tattnall Sqare	579	133
Cliff Shelton	retired, 2014	578	298
Terry Cadenhead	retired, 2005	577	305
Hugh Buchanan	retired, 2004	546	245
Tommy Knight	Jefferson	546	429
Donnie Branch	LaGrange	544	265
Bubber Adams	retired, 2001	543	157
Danny Blue	retired, 2019	536	224
Charlie Griffith	retired, 2016	532	320
Rob Williams	retired, 2013	529	203
Mark Clark	retired, 2015	528	245
Mike Power	Kings Ridge Christian	525	220
Jeff Rowland	Pope	521	242
Bob Owsley	retired, 2010	520	218
Jeff Segars	Loganville	517	201
Charlie Owens	retired, 2011	513	442
John Sawyer	retired, 1999	513	295
Marvin Pruitt	retired, 2014	510	300
Dennis Jordan	North Paulding	505	199
John White	retired, 2019	504	227
James Conoly	retired, 2010	498	313
Dwayne Sapp	Dawson County	497	217
David McDonald	retired, 2010	496	322
Mike Hutch	retired, 2018	495	373
Greg James	retired, 2016	489	287
Tony Boyd	East Paulding	488	379
Franklin Deloach	East Coweta	487	201
Chuck Fehr	retired, 2009	485	291
Frank Vashaw	Prince Ave. Christian	480	286
Billy Beale	retired, 2011	478	331
Gus Bell	retired, 2016	476	337
Kenny Morris	retired, 2013	472	256
Bart Shuman	retired, 2017	472	307
Doug Jones	Mill Creek	471	238
Wayne Vickery	retired, 2008	470	128
Trent Mongero	Glynn Academy	469	217
Greg Hamilton	retired, 2015	463	226
Mike Strickland	Marist	460	241
Chan Brown	Parkview	459	149
John Poitevint	retired, 2014	455	236
Jerry Croft	retired, 2006	449	268
Tim Lemons	Chattahoochee	449	389
Billy Nicholson	Johns Creek	446	244
Brian Smith	Winder-Barrow	446	243
Mickey McMurtry	retired, 2009	445	169
Tony Wolfe	retired, 2017	441	192
Phil Williams	retired, 2013	438	286
Cecil Barber	retired, 2013	436	152
Anthony Dimitri	retired, 2007	436	258
Todd Eubanks	South Effingham	436	244
Mark Elkins	Harrison	435	218
Brent Moseley	Starr's Mill	435	190
Chuck Campbell	retired, 2009	433	217
Kevin Farmer	Benedictine	432	132



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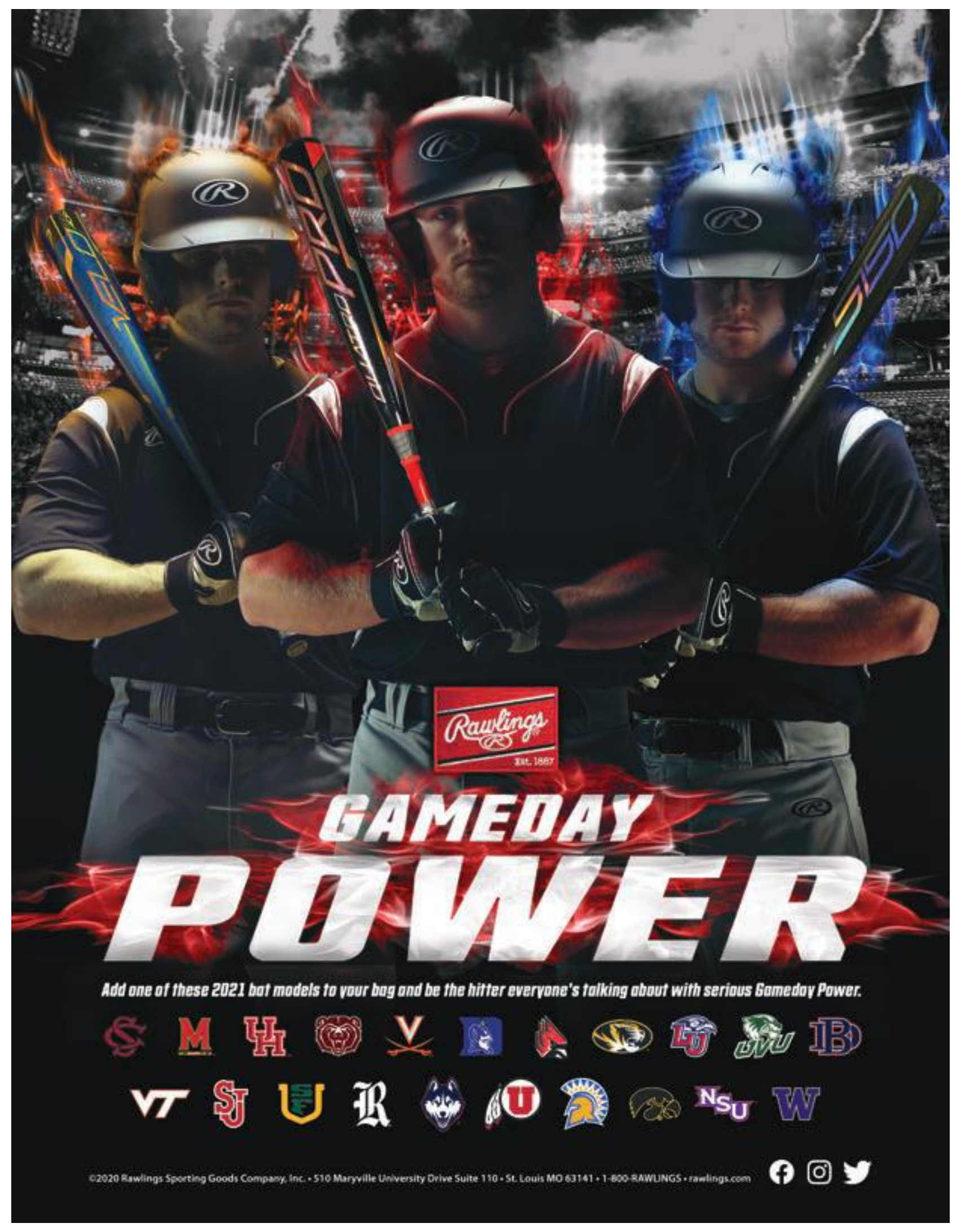


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