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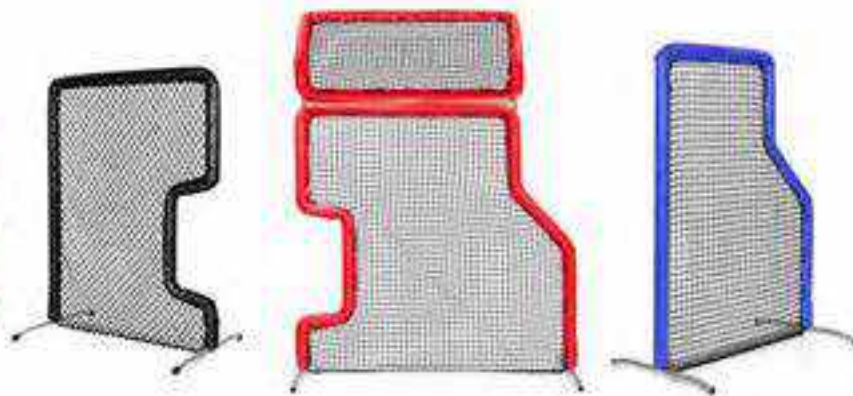


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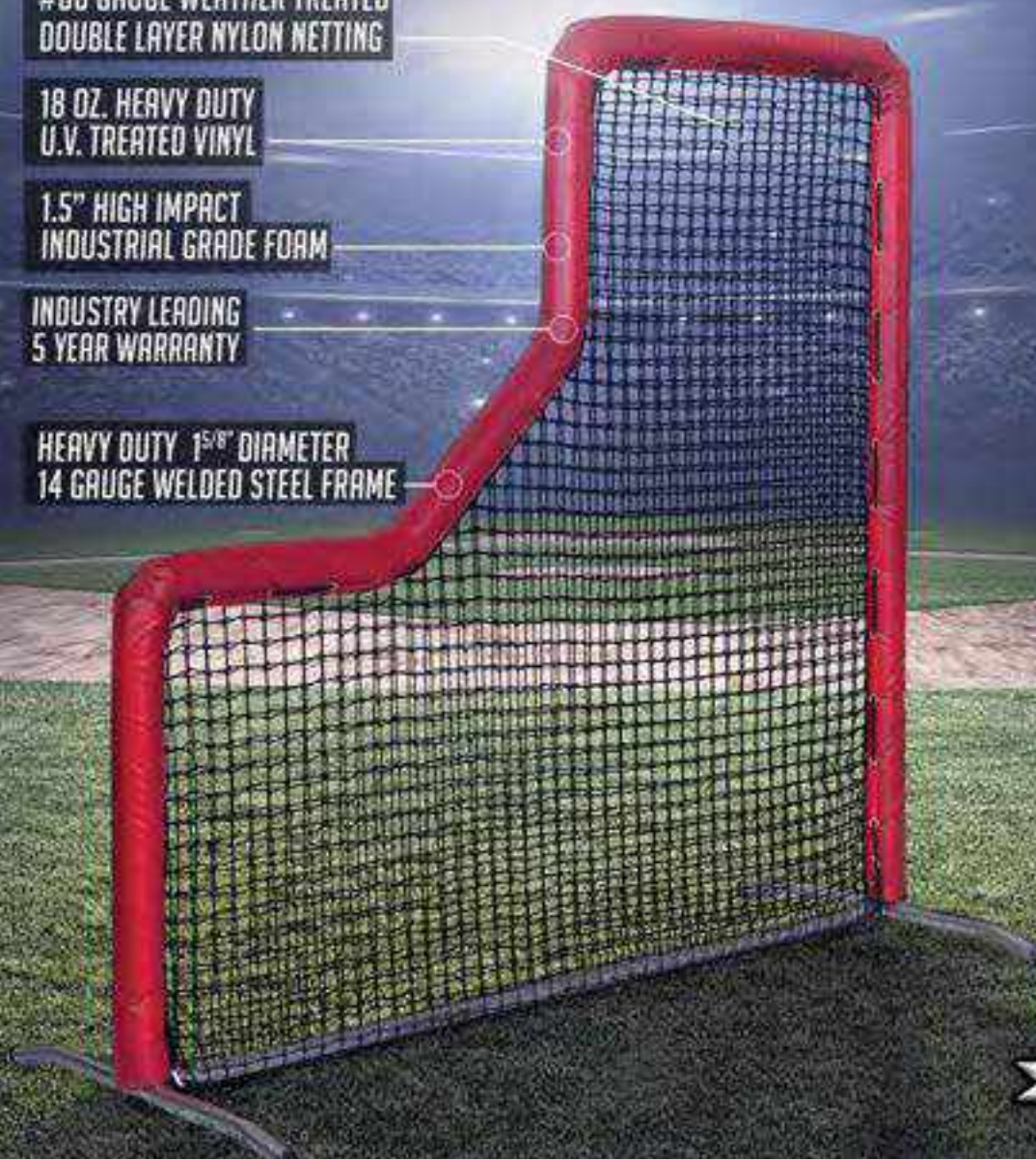
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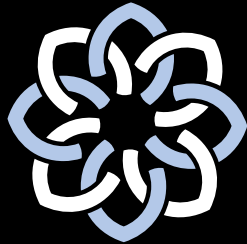
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Dear Readers,

After watching the coronavirus pandemic unfairly shut down the 2020 season at the midpoint, I think we were all hungry to see baseball return in 2021. And none of us were disappointed when it did.

Record crowds showed up at regular season games and in the playoffs. When North Paulding and Parkview played for the Class 7A state title, a new state attendance record of 6,124 fans packed Truist Park, making the professional stadium not seem as cavernous. Nearly 21,000 fans attended state championship series in Savannah, Lawrenceville and Smyrna. There is no telling how many more watched on the NFHS Network.

I said all that to say this. High school baseball returned in Georgia and it might have been better than ever. That trend should continue.

Who knows what will happen in 2022. Hopefully this magazine will give you something to talk about while we anticipate another season. As always, I thank my family (Stacy and Olivia) for their help in this task and ultimately, I thank my wonderful Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ for guidance and wisdom. Without him in my life and his guidance, you certainly wouldn't be reading this magazine.

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

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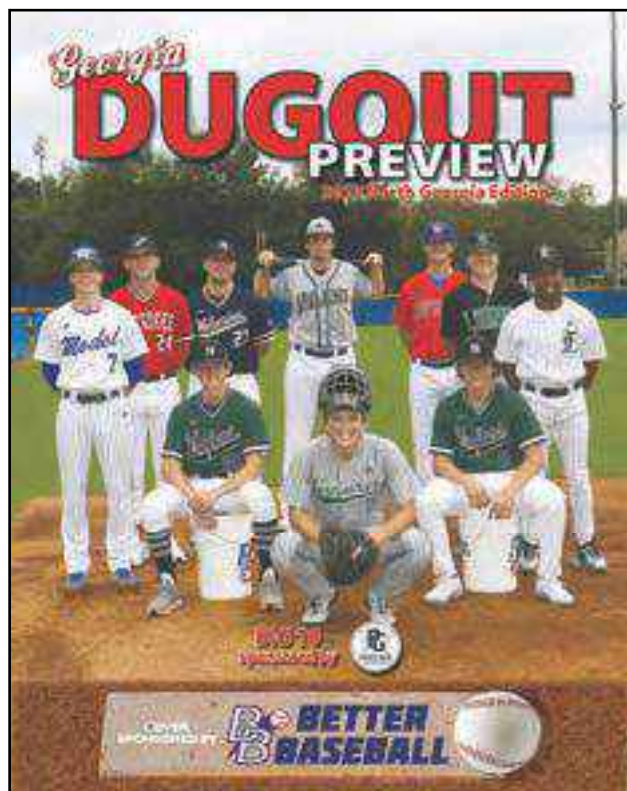
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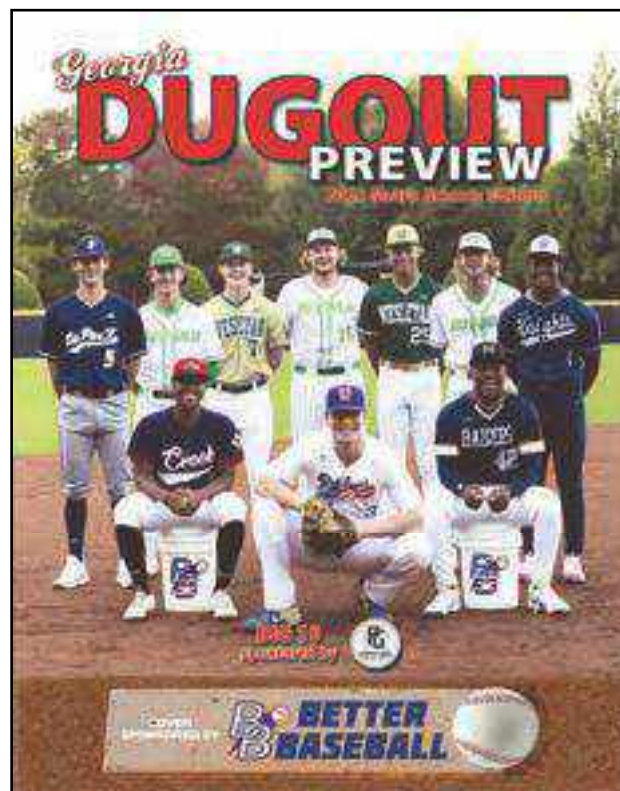
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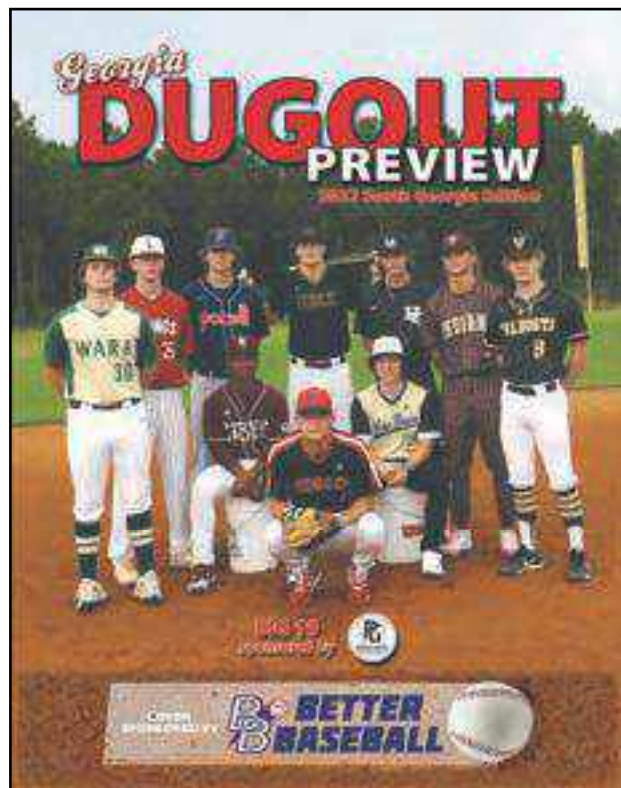
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On our North Georgia cover is **Front Row** (l-r), North Hall's Jace Bowen, Greenbrier's David Bell and North Hall's Jaret Bales. **Back Row** (l-r), Model's Davis Chastain, Cherokee's Max Eichenberger, West Forsyth's Luke Fernandez, Apalachee's Manning West, Northwest Whitfield's Cade Fisher, Franklin County's Lawson Gailey and Evans' Lleyton Lackey.



On our Metro cover is **Front Row** (l-r), Sandy Creek's Jonathan Little, Walton's Jared Jones and Mays' Termarr Johnson. **Back Row** (l-r), Saint Pius X's Will Trippett, Buford's Jackson Gaspard, Wesleyan's Cooper Blauser, Buford's Riley Stanford, Wesleyan's Druw Jones, Buford's Dylan Lesko and Pace Academy's RJ Austin.



On our South Georgia cover is **Front Row** (l-r), Benedictine's Justin Thomas, Irwin County's Cooper Yanzetich and Mary Persons' Eric Snow. **Back Row** (l-r), Ware County's Noah Hooks, Lowndes' Mason Steel, Saint Anne-Pacelli's Jackson Hilton, Richmond Hill's Leighton Finley, Houston County's Gage Harrelson, Vidalia's Caden Spivey and Valdosta's JD Smith.



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Name: RJ Austin
School: Pace Academy
Position: Shortstop/Pitcher/
Utility
Height/Weight: 5-9/185
Q: After baseball, what career are you planning to pursue?
A: I want to work in the front office of a big league team or start a business



Name: Jackson Gaspard
School: Buford
Position: Pitcher/Infielder
Height/Weight: 5/11/190
Q: Who is your favorite teacher and what is your favorite high school subject?
A: My favorite teacher throughout school at Buford would have been Mr. Buice. He was my 6th grade science teacher and that has been my favorite subject since.



Name: Cooper Blausler
School: Wesleyan
Position: Shortstop
Height/Weight: 6-1/180
Q: Name one thing people may be surprised to learn about you?
A: I can solve a rubix cube in a little over a minute.



Name: Termarr Johnson
School: Mays
Position: Shortstop/Pitcher
Height/Weight: 5-10/175
Q: What in-game rituals or superstitions do you have?
A: I do not like any broken wood bats in my dugout.



Name: Druw Jones
School: Wesleyan
Position: Outfielder/Pitcher
Height/Weight: 6-3/180
Q: Who was the most influential person in your life and why?
A: My dad. I get comparisons to him all the time, so it makes me work harder everyday.



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Metro Atlanta BIG 10



Name: Jared Jones
School: Walton
Position: Catcher/First Baseman
Height/Weight: 6-4/230
Q: After baseball, what career are you planning to pursue?
A: Live on a ranch with cows.



Name: Jonathan Little
School: Sandy Creek
Position: Shortstop/Pitcher
Height/Weight: 5-9/165
Q: What in-game rituals or superstitions do you have?
A: Before a game, I have to put on my athletic tape right before game time.



Name: Dylan Lesko
School: Buford
Position: Pitcher/Shortstop
Height/Weight: 6-2/190
Q: After baseball, what career are you planning to pursue?
A: After playing the game that I love I hope to be able to be a motivational/public speaker. I would like to coach as well to give back to the kids.



Name: Riley Stanford
School: Buford
Position: Pitcher/Outfielder
Height/Weight: 6-4/220
Q: Name one thing people may be surprised to learn about you?
A: I love to play golf.



Name: Will Tippett
School: St. Pius X
Position: Shortstop
Height/Weight: 6-1/180
Q: What is your favorite food to eat?
A: My favorite food is my mom's homemade BBQ pulled pork or chicken.



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North Georgia BIG 10



Name: Jaret Bales
School: North Hall
Position: Pitcher/Infielder/
 Outfielder/Catcher
Height/Weight: 5-10/170
Q: Who has been the most influential person in your life and why.
A: My grandfather has been the most influential to me because he always teaches me something about life every time we speak.



Name: Jace Bowen
School: North Hall
Position: Infielder
Height/Weight: 6-0/165
Q: After baseball, what career are you planning to pursue?
A: I want to go to college and get a business degree.



Name: David Bell
School: Greenbrier
Position: Pitcher/Catcher
Height/Weight: 6-1/195
Q: What in-game rituals or superstitions do you have?
A: On pitching days, I will always eat the same meal for all three meals no matter what. And on days I'm catching, I will have a different meal for all three meals. Also, I put my leg guard and elbow guard on before my batting gloves and helmet.



Name: Davis Chastain
School: Model
Position: Pitcher/Shortstop
Height/Weight: 5-10/165
Q: What in-game rituals or superstitions do you have?
A: Before I take the mound each game, I trace with my finger into the dirt or tuft "#4J" which stands for and honors one of my good friends that lost her battle to stomach cancer.



Name: Max Eichenberger
School: Cherokee
Position: Pitcher/Designated Hitter
Height/Weight: 6-1/190
Q: Who has been the most influential person in your life and why.
A: My dad because he is always pushing me and never lets me do anything average.



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Name: Luke Fernandez
School: West Forsyth
Position: Pitcher/Outfielder
Height/Weight: 6-3/210

Q: Name the person you'd like to meet the most and why?

A: Michael Jordan. I grew up a Chicago Bulls fan and I like the way he couldn't stand to lose.



Name: Lawson Gailey
School: Franklin County
Position: Pitcher/Utility
Height/Weight: 6-2/200

Q: Who is your favorite teacher and what is your favorite high school subject?

A: Tammy Melton, Social Studies.



Name: Cade Fisher
School: Northwest Whitfield
Position: Pitcher/First Baseman
Height/Weight: 6-4/190

Q: If you could travel anywhere outside the U.S., what would be your dream location and why.

A: Greece because I like the architecture.



Name: Lleyton Lackey
School: Evans
Position: Outfielder
Height/Weight: 5-10/170

Q: Who is your favorite teacher and what is your favorite high school subject?

A: My favorite teacher is Mrs. Jennifer Gordon. She has a unique way of explaining how to solve and analyze math problems that makes her class fun.



Name: Manning West
School: Apalachee
Position: Pitcher
Height/Weight: 6-6/235

Q: Name one thing people may be surprised to learn about you.

A: I played quarterback for two years in high school.



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South Georgia BIG 10



Name: Leighton Finley
School: Richmond Hill
Position: Outfielder
Height/Weight: 6-5/205
Q: Who is your favorite teacher and what is your favorite high school subject?
A: Mrs. Harper is my favorite teacher and business is my favorite subject.



Name: Jackson Hilton
School: Saint Anne-Pacelli
Position: Pitcher/First Baseman/
 Outfielder
Height/Weight: 6-3/175
Q: Outside of baseball, what is your next hobby?
A: I like to fish and learn about making money.



Name: Gage Harrelson
School: Houston County
Position: Outfielder
Height/Weight: 6-3/175
Q: Name the person you'd like to meet the most and why.
A: David Ortiz - always my favorite player growing up. We are both lefty hitters - I think he would be a fun guy to hang out with and learn from.



Name: Noah Hooks
School: Ware County
Position: Infielder/Pitcher
Height/Weight: 6-0/200
Q: What in-game rituals or superstitions do you have?
A: I eat an egg sandwich before every game.



Name: JD Smith
School: Valdosta
Position: Pitcher/Shortstop
Height/Weight: 5-10/160
Q: Who has been the most influential person in your life and why.
A: My dad. He has taught me to be the man I am today and sacrificed so much for me to be where I am today.



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South Georgia BIG 10



Name: Eric Snow
School: Mary Persons
Position: Shortstop/Second Baseman
Height/Weight: 5-10/165
Q: After baseball, what career are you planning to pursue?
A: I plan to major in business and become a Chief Financial Officer for a company, but I am hoping I shine in baseball at South Florida so that this awesome game won't have to end anytime soon.



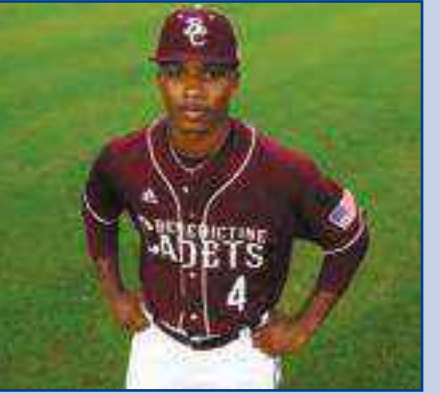
Name: Mason Steel
School: Lowndes
Position: Outfielder/First Baseman/Pitcher
Height/Weight: 6-4/175
Q: What is your favorite food to eat?
A: My favorite food to eat would definitely be a good steak. I could eat one for every meal as long as I have A1 sauce.



Name: Caden Spivey
School: Vidalia
Position: Pitcher/Infielder
Height/Weight: 6-1/180
Q: Name one thing that people may be surprised to learn about you.
A: I can do a backflip.



Name: Justin Thomas
School: Benedictine
Position: Outfielder/Pitcher
Height/Weight: 5-11/175
Q: What in-game rituals or superstitions do you have?
A: I always pray before every game, double knot my cleats and chew two pieces of double bubble gum.



Name: Cooper Yanzetich
School: Irwin County
Position: Third Baseman/Catcher/Pitcher
Height/Weight: 6-2/185
Q: If you could travel anywhere outside the U.S., what would be your dream location and why?
A: Croatia because that's where my last name is from.



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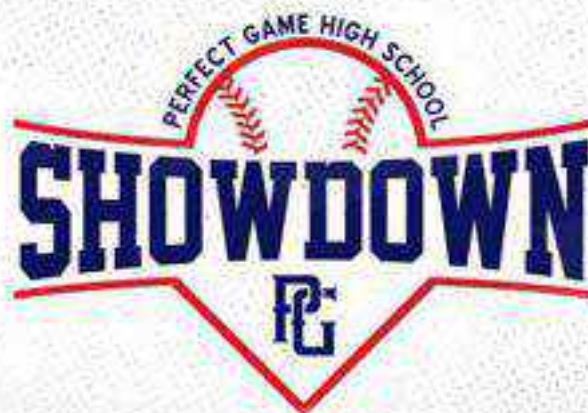
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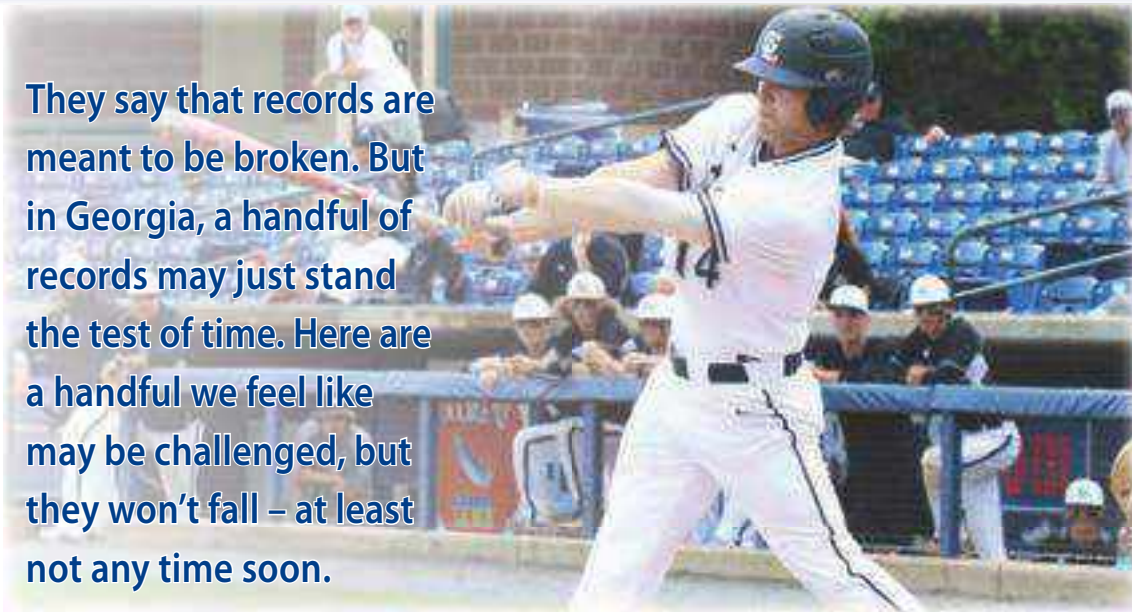
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They say that records are meant to be broken. But in Georgia, a handful of records may just stand the test of time. Here are a handful we feel like may be challenged, but they won't fall – at least not any time soon.



1. Richmond Academy's streak of seven straight state baseball titles

In the 1950s, Richmond Academy put together an impressive streak of seven consecutive baseball titles from 1951 to 1957. Nobody since, has even remotely come close. A handful have won back-to-back-to-back crowns, but nobody has won more than three consecutive state titles.

Loganville and Gordon Lee had a chance in 2021 to become the first teams since Richmond to win four or more state baseball titles. But Starr's Mill swept the Red Devils in the Class 5A state championship series, while in Class 1A Public, Metter dethroned three-time defending state champion Gordon Lee in Savannah in three games to win the best-of-three series.

Parkview's sweep of North Paulding in Class 7A last year gave the Panthers their third straight baseball title. The Panthers can make history with another state title this spring. But even if they capture that elusive fourth state title, it's still a long way from matching Richmond's seven.



The 1955 Richmond Academy team was part of the school's seven straight baseball titles.

2. Bobby Howard's 1,020 career coaching victories ... and counting.

No high school baseball coach in Georgia has won more than 1,000 career games. But Saint Anne-Pacelli coach Bobby Howard has. And nobody is going to catch him ... at least not anytime soon or probably ever. The legendary coach won 819 games when he guided Columbus High to 12 state baseball titles. He has amassed that total after leading Kendrick, Columbus, Central-Phenix City (Ala.) and Saint Anne-Pacelli.



Behind Howard is Westside-Augusta coach Gerald Barnes who has 944 career victories. In third-place is Harlem coach Jimmy Lewis who is two shy of 800. Both have hinted that 2022 may be their last year coaching.

Doctor Time may get a lot of prep coaches before they can sniff 1,000 victories. Howard is 70 and said he's not planning to retire anytime soon.

3. David Lamberth's single-season batting record of .720

In 1997, former Macon County High School standout David Lamberth finished with an unheard of batting average of .720. The mark still stands as a state single-season record and ranks in the Top 10 of averages according to the National Federation of State High School Association's record book.

In 2003, Calhoun's Whit Robbins challenged Lamberth's mark, but he finished with a .661 average. In 2010, former Cook High standout Kaleb Cowart also threatened Lamberth's mark. However, Cowart finished at .654. No one has come close since.

Lamberth's record came because he learned to take a walk rather than chase bad pitches.

RECORDS MEANT TO LAST

4. Evans High's 61-game winning streak

When Evans High lost to Midland Valley (S.C.) on March 23, 1988, nobody knew that Evans would embark on a 61-game winning streak that would span 728 days and two seasons. The Knights wouldn't lose again until March 21, 1990 when Harlem stopped what would be the state's longest winning streak at 61 straight.

The streak included Class 4A titles (then the state's largest classification) in 1988 and '89. The 1989 team went 29-0 and was the last baseball team in the Georgia High School Association to finish the season unbeaten.

Buford put together a 32-game winning streak last spring, the closest any team has come to challenging Evans. But the Wolves eventually lost the best-of-three series to Pope in the second round of the Class 6A state baseball playoffs.



Evans High celebrates after beating Dunwoody in 1990.

5. Jeff Cartledge's single-season Earned Run Average of 0.00

Jeff Cartledge's single-season earned run average mark of 0.00 in 1979 is one record that will never fall. It may be tied, but Cartledge will forever live in the Georgia High School baseball record books.

Cartledge dominated the Columbus area in 1979, finishing with a 6-1 record. His only blemish on an otherwise perfect season was allowing four unearned runs. His season included five shutouts and a one-hitter.

The closest anybody has come since was Madison County's Brock Turner in 2012 who finished with an earned run average of 0.08. In 2005, Calhoun High School star Josh Smoker finished with an ERA of 0.09.

6. Kevin Smith's 17 pitching victories in 1991

In 1991, Columbus High School pitcher Kevin Smith won 17 games for the Blue Devils and led the team to a state baseball championship. His mark is safe for now and could be forever.

The only player to come close this decade was former Telfair County pitcher Hart Mizell who won 15 games in 2008. Mizell is the current coach of his alma mater.

Franklin County pitcher Kayne Jinks won 14 games last spring, helping the Lions finish as the Class 3A state runner-up.

But Smith is in a category by himself.

7. Eric Snow's 18 triples in 2021



Mary Persons' Eric Snow had a national-record of 18 triples in 2021.

It may be a new record but Mary Persons shortstop Eric Snow won't have to look over his shoulder for a long time – if ever. Snow finished the 2021 season with a 18 triples, breaking Harrison Stewart's mark of 10 that he set in 2017 at Thomasville High School.

Snow's record is not just a state mark - it also stands as a national record as well.

8. Matt Robbins' 224 career RBIs

Former Calhoun High School star Matt Robbins knew how to get runners home – 224 of them to be exact – during his prep career that spanned from 1999-2002. His 224 career RBIs still stand as a state record, nearly two decades later.

Nobody has come close since, although former Jefferson standout Jake Fields finished with 189 career RBIs during his career from 2007-2010.

9. Christin Stewart's 26 home runs in 2012

Former Providence Christian star Christin Stewart clubbed 26 homers in 2012 to lead his team to the Class 1A state championship. Stewart one-upped former Gainesville standout Micah Owens' single-season mark of 25 that he set in 2002 and was eventually tied by Calhoun's Brodie Pullen in 2007. Many never saw Owings' mark falling - or tied.

Stewart's mark is likely safe as bats have been revolutionized over the past decade to perform more like wood, making that many homers in a single season seem like a distant memory.

10. Drew Tanner's 519 career strikeouts

Former Coffee High star Drew Tanner continues to hold the state mark for most career strikeouts with 519 from 1979-1982. He also holds the single-season record of 197 set in 1982.

With new pitch-count rules in place, it will hard for anyone to top Tanner's records.

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2021 Leaders

Offense

Avg. – Cade Sadler (.411)
 Hits – Colin Houck (50)
 Doubles – Ryan Spikes (10)
 Triples – Ryan Spikes (6)
 Homers – Cade Sadler (13)
 RBIs – Cade Sadler (44)
 Runs – Ryan Spikes (46)
 Walks – Ryan Spikes (16)

Pitching

Innings – Mason Brown (75 2/3)
 Wins – Mason Brown (11)
 Strikeouts – Mason Brown (85)
 ERA (Minimum 30 inn) – Mason Brown (1.75)



Parkview players celebrate after winning the Class 7A state championship at Truist Park.

Parkview Panthers (30-10)

Buford, L, 0-3
 Mtn. View, L, 1-3
 Lassiter, W, 4-2
 Lovett, L, 3-4
 Wayne Co., W, 11-1
 Marist, L, 3-11
 Union Grove, W, 8-1
 Campbell, L, 3-4
 Houston Co., W, 12-8
 Houston Co., W, 9-4
 N. Gwinnett, W, 11-6
 Hillgrove, W, 7-1

Grayson, L, 2-9
 Grayson, W, 13-3
 Grayson, W, 10-7
 Brookwood, W, 3-1
 Brookwood, L, 0-3
 Brookwood, W, 10-4
 Marist, L, 1-3
 Loganville, L, 3-4
 Coffee, W, 13-4
 Starr's Mill, L, 4-5
 Starr's Mill, W, 3-1
 Newton, W, 12-0

Newton, W, 13-3
 Newton, W, 13-1
 S. Gwinnett, W, 14-0
 S. Gwinnett, W, 15-0
 Baylor, W, 9-5
 S. Gwinnett, W, 19-1

State Playoffs

Colquitt Co., W, 7-2
 Colquitt Co., W, 12-1
 E. Coweta, W, 8-5
 E. Coweta, W, 17-6

Denmark, W, 4-2
 Denmark, W, 7-5
 Lowndes, W, 8-0
 Lowndes, W, 16-2

State Championship Series (At Truist Park, Atlanta)

N. Paulding, W, 4-0
 N. Paulding, W, 3-2

Class 6A State Champions: Houston County Bears



Front row (laying down) Chris Le;
Kneeling/Seated (L-R); Cam Hicks, Nathan Brown, Brodie Chestnutt, Andrew Dunford, Elijah Smith;
Standing (L-R); Treyson Hughes, Trent Ringer, Chase Waters, Mason Siniard, Brooks Willis, Colby Meservey, Christian Davis, Hunter Chiapetta, Gage Harrelson, Eli Sikes, EJ Lewis, Garrett Hortman, Drew Burress, Blaydn Alaniz, Eli Stephens, Kaden Galason

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2021 Leaders

Offense

Avg. – Gage Harrelson (.496)
 Hits – Gage Harrelson (64)
 Doubles – Gage Harrelson (14)
 Triples – Gage Harrelson (5)
 Homers – Coleman Willis (9)
 RBIs – Coleman Willis (52)
 Runs – Gage Harrelson (55)
 Walks – Treyson Hughes (34)

Pitching

Innings – Brodie Chestnutt (83 2/3)
 Wins – Brodie Chestnutt (13)
 Strikeouts – Brodie Chestnutt (121)
 ERA – Coleman Willis (1.25)



Houston County players storm the field at Truist Park after sweeping Lassiter to win the Class 6A state championship

Houston County Bears (33-7)

Walton, W, 17-3	Locust Grove, L, 7-9
N. Cobb Christian, W, 5-2	Warner Robins, W, 12-1
E. Paulding, W, 6-2	Archer, W, 5-0
Veterans, W, 15-2	Archer, W, 13-2
Hartselle, W, 4-3	Starr's Mill, L, 3-7
Locust Grove, W, 10-1	Valdosta, W, 15-11
Hartselle, L, 2-3	Valdosta, L, 0-6
Campbell, W, 5-4	W. Laurens, W, 15-0
Parkview, L, 8-12	Perry, W, 12-1
Parkview, L, 4-9	Whitewater, W, 4-3
Veterans, W, 14-3	Lee County, W, 4-3
Valdosta, W, 10-0	Lee County, W, 11-0

Lee County, W, 9-4
 Northside-WR, W, 7-0
 Jones Co., W, 11-1
 Northside-WR, W, 14-2
 Northside-WR, W, 17-1

E. Paulding, W, 7-1
 Allatoona, L, 0-6
 Allatoona, W, 6-1
 Allatoona, W, 5-0

State Playoffs

Tucker, W, 13-2
 Tucker, W, 13-0
 Richmond Hill, W, 10-2
 Richmond Hill, W, 10-0
 E. Paulding, W, 12-0

State Championship Series (At Truist Park, Atlanta)

Lassiter, W, 2-1
 Lassiter, W, 4-0

Class 5A State Champions: Starr's Mill Panthers



Front row (l-r), Heath Whitlock, Bryson Daniel, Eli Jones, Thad Ector, Orlando Angulo, Josh Tate, Ty Clem, Daniel Courtney. **Back Row, (l-r),** Devyn Embry, Ryder Wagenknecht, Parker Childress, Evan Harrah, Airston Veasey, Kyle Moore, Ronan Arnold, Austin Sellars, Andrew Peters, Sully White, Alex Ukleja, Sean White, Chay Yeager, Declan Dun, Ben Moseley

Special Photo: Shauna Veasey

2021 Leaders

Offense

Avg. – Orlando Angulo (.394)
 Hits – Josh Tate & Sean White (45)
 Doubles – Sean White (14)
 Triples – Josh Tate (4)
 Homers – Thad Ector (6)
 RBIs – Sean White (37)
 Runs – Thad Ector (45)
 Walks – Thad Ector (28)

Pitching

Innings – Daniel Courtney (71)
 Wins – Chay Yeager and Daniel Courtney (8)
 Strikeouts – Daniel Courtney (85)
 ERA (Minimum 30 inn) – Chay Yeager (1.86)



Starr's Mill players celebrate after defeating Loganville in the Class 5A state championship series at Truist Park.

Starr's Mill Panthers (31-11)

Colquitt Co., W, 11-5
 Thomas Co. Central, W, 9-5
 Cook, W, 9-5
 North Forsyth, W, 11-1
 North Oconee, L, 2-8
 Hillgrove, L, 0-11
 McEachern, L, 2-3
 Harris Co., W, 5-1
 Northgate, W, 5-1
 Griffin, W, 11-1
 Whitewater, W, 7-6
 McIntosh, L, 2-6

Marist, L, 5-9
 Northside-Col, W, 11-1
 Harris Co., L, 6-7
 Northgate, W, 7-1
 Houston Co., W, 7-3
 Griffin, W, 14-0
 Whitewater, W, 8-1
 McIntosh, W, 4-2
 Northside-Col., L, 4-6
 Harris Co., W, 4-3
 Northgate, W, 17-6
 Parkview, W, 5-4

Parkview, L, 1-3
 Griffin, W, 11-1
 Whitewater, W, 4-3
 McIntosh, W, 5-2
 Northside-Col., W, 10-8
 Lovett, L, 1-5

Greenbrier, W, 10-1
 Greenbrier, L, 4-5
 Greenbrier, W, 3-1
 Ware Co., L, 5-6
 Ware Co., W, 12-2
 Ware Co., W, 6-1

State Playoffs

Tri-Cities, W, 12-0
 Tri-Cities, W, 12-0
 Coffee, W, 9-4
 Coffee, W, 8-0

State Championship Series (At Truist Park, Atlanta)

Loganville, W, 1-0
 Loganville, W, 4-2

Class 4A State Champions: Marist War Eagles



Members of the team are Andrew Buschmann, Ryan McTighe, Preston Larmore, Thomas Rollauer, Will Gerrick, Reed Edwards, Champ Davis, Isaac Coronado, Will Blair, Ripp Perez, Greg Taylor, Drew Avitabile, Hayden Hightower, Griffin McDonald, Tyler Hare, Davis Strickland, Ty Cosse, Andrew Williams, Ty Siksta, Andrew Mannelly, Michael Schoenberg, Pierce Juhan, Casey Comerford and Sam Hawkins. Coaches are Mike Strickland, Dale Carey and Troy Hall.

2021 Leaders

Offense

Avg. – Tyler Hare (.375)
 Hits – Champ Davis (46)
 Doubles – Champ Davis (14)
 Triples – Thomas Rollauer (2)
 Homers – Tyler Hare (6)
 RBIs – Tyler Hare (40)
 Runs – Champ Davis (48)
 Walks – Andrew Mannelly (27)

Pitching

Innings – Ryan McTighe (60 2/3)
 Wins – Ryan McTighe (8)
 Strikeouts – Ryan McTighe (61)
 ERA – Ryan McTighe (1.04)



Marist's Grey Taylor celebrates his walk-off RBI single in the bottom of the seventh inning of Game 2 in the Class 4A state championship series.

Marist War Eagles (33-8)

Denmark, L, 2-4	Starr's Mill, W, 9-5
Lambert, W, 7-2	Hapeville, W, 15-0
Mill Creek, W, 9-8	Hapeville, W, 20-0
Hillgrove, W, 4-2	Buford, L, 2-7
Loganville, W, 7-4	Mays, W, 12-2
Jefferson, W, 2-1	Mays, W, 13-2
Parkview, W, 11-3	Druid Hills, W, 11-1
Blessed Trinity, W, 2-1	Druid Hills, W, 12-2
Blessed Trinity, L, 4-6	Parkview, W, 2-1
Blessed Trinity, L, 3-7	Loganville, L, 2-12
Collins Hill, W, 1-0	Stephenson, W, 12-1
Columbus, W, 2-0	Stephenson, W, 8-2

Arabia Mtn., W, 12-0
 Pope, L, 3-6
 Arabia Mtn., W, 17-1
 Pope, L, 2-5
 Miller Grove, W, 20-0
 Miller Grove, W, 17-0

W. Laurens, L, 0-2
 W. Laurens, W, 11-0
 W. Laurens, W, 8-7
 Bainbridge, W, 2-1
 Bainbridge, W, 9-2

State Playoffs

Cen-Carrollton, W, 3-1
 Cen-Carrollton, W, 9-1
 Jefferson, W, 6-3,
 Jefferson, W, 10-0

State Championship Series (At Coolray Field, Lawrenceville)

Benedictine, W, 5-0
 Benedictine, W, 2-1

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1	TERMARR JOHNSON <small>MAYS</small>	SS	6	HAYDEN MURPHY <small>TIFTAREA ACADEMY</small>	RHP
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3	DRUW JONES <small>WESLEYAN</small>	OF	8	RJ AUSTIN <small>PAGE ACADEMY</small>	SS/RHP
4	CADE FISHER <small>NORTHWEST WHITEFIELD</small>	LHP	9	GAGE HARRELSON <small>HOUSTON COUNTY</small>	OF
5	JARED JONES <small>WALTON</small>	C	10	LEIGHTON FINLEY <small>RICHMOND HILL</small>	SS/RHP

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Class 3A State Champions: North Hall Trojans



Front Row (l-r), Will Jackson, Korbyn Sosebee, Landon Lee, Coach Wes Crow, Coach Dacen Cash, Head Coach Trevor Flow, Coach Trey Pinson, Coach Chandler Newton, Jay Johnson, Jaret Bales, Hunter Brooks, Cooach Tim Nunez. **Back Row (l-r),** Trainer Cody Miller, Landon Davis, Manager Tyler Guthrie, Nathan Vermeer, Brady Stephens, Director of baseball operations Wes Macloskie, Ajay Jones, Hudson Barrett, Tate Brooks, Jon Jon Read, Cooper Helton, Britton Glover, Bradford Puryear, Baker Dyer, Jace Bowen, Grayson Kirby, Luke Erickson, Andrew Hlavacek, McKay Kemp, Hudson Brown and Eli Reece.

2021 Leaders

Offense

Avg. – Jay Johnson (.385)
 Hits – Jace Bowen (41)
 Doubles – Jaret Bales (12)
 Triples – Jace Bowen (5)
 Homers – Jaret Bales (2)
 RBIs – Jaret Bales (39)
 Runs – Jace Bowen (44)
 Walks – Jace Bowen and Jaret Bales (27)

Pitching

Innings – Jaret Bales (83 2/3)
 Wins – Jaret Bales (12)
 Strikeouts – Jaret Bales (69)
 ERA (Minimum 30 inn) – Jaret Bales (1.59)



North Hall players celebrate after defeating Franklin County to win the Class 3A state title at Coolray Field.

North Hall Trojans (33-6)

Mt. Paran Chr., W, 5-4
 Rabun Gap, W, 11-3
 Rabun Gap, W, 13-3
 Forsyth Central, W, 2-1
 N. Forsyth, W, 2-0
 Morgan Co., L, 1-3
 Wesleyan, L, 6-13
 N. Oconee, L, 2-9
 Gilmer, W, 11-0
 Gilmer, W, 12-1
 Gilmer, W, 13-2
 Lumpkin Co., W, 17-3

Lumpkin Co., W, 14-4
 Lumpkin Co., W, 15-1
 White Co., L, 1-4
 White Co., W, 2-0
 White Co., W, 9-0
 N. Oconee W, 3-1
 Cherokee Bluff, W, 4-0
 Cherokee Bluff, W, 8-6
 Cherokee Bluff, W, 8-2
 Dawson Co., W, 8-0
 Dawson Co., W, 12-2
 Dawson Co., W, 10-0

W. Hall, W, 14-2
 W. Hall, W, 3-2
 W. Hall, W, 4-3

Ringgold, W, 10-2
 Ringgold, W, 3-1

State Playoffs

Coahulla Creek, W, 7-0
 Coahulla Creek, W, 5-0
 Hart Co., L, 0-2
 Hart Co., W, 8-5
 Hart Co., W, 12-8
 Pierce Co., W, 6-2
 Pierce Co., W, 7-1

State Championship Series (At Coolray Field, Lawrenceville)

Franklin Co., W, 13-1
 Franklin Co., L, 1-3
 Franklin Co., W, 1-0

Class 2A State Champions: Jeff Davis Yellow Jackets



Front row (l-r), Coach Roger Metts, Ethan Hulett, Kamden Munsayac, Hayden Turner, Cason Clance, Trenton Clance, Cole Baucom, Josh Griffin, Ethan Picanso, Jackson Sayer, Conner Rea.
Back row (l-r), Coach Kaleb Brown, Coach Justin Kilpatrick, Duke Stone, Matthew White, Matthew Glass, Cam Williams, Alex Mason, Carter Mullis, Ethan Griffin, Tyler Brewer, Tre Rea, Hamp Hayes, Coach Jeff McGowan, Cade Walters, Dakaree Clinton, Coach Paul Glass

Special Photo: Jeff Davis High

2021 Leaders

Offense

Avg. – Cade Walters (.354)
 Hits – Cade Walters (46)
 Doubles – Hamp Hayes (10)
 Triples – Cade Walters and Cason Clance (2)
 Homers – Hamp Hayes (3)
 RBIs – Hamp Hayes and Cam Williams (26)
 Runs – Trenton Clance (30)
 Walks – Hamp Hayes (21)

Pitching

Innings – Cole Baucom and Matthew White (76)
 Wins – Cole Baucom and Matthew White (8)
 Strikeouts – Cole Baucom (106)
 ERA (Minimum 30 inn) – Cole Baucom (1.49)



Alex Mason, Matthew Glass, Hamp Hayes and Ethan Hulett celebrate after recording the final out to win the Class 2A state title.

Jeff Davis Yellow Jackets (28-14)

Bleckley Co., L, 2-5	Appling Co., W, 10-2
Wayne Co., L, 3-4	Screven Co., W, 7-0
Lee Co., W, 3-2	Toombs Co., L, 5-6
Bleckley Co., W, 6-5	Toombs Co., W, 5-3
Rome, L, 3-10	Toombs Co., L, 4-7
N. Oconee, L, 1-9	Bacon Co., L, 2-3
Heard Co., W, 7-4	Bacon Co., W, 7-6
Callaway, L, 2-3	Bacon Co., W, 12-0
Berrien, W, 2-1	Swainsboro, W, 5-4
Screven Co., W, 17-10	Swainsboro, W, 4-1
Berrien, W, 10-0	Swainsboro, W, 4-1
Appling Co., W, 3-0	Vidalia, L, 0-2

Vidalia, L, 3-5
 Vidalia, L, 0-11
 E. Laurens, W, 17-2
 E. Laurens, W, 6-3
 E. Laurens, W, 8-0

Fitzgerald, W, 4-3
 Haralson Co., W, 4-3
 Haralson Co., W, 3-0
 Callaway, L, 0-4
 Callaway, W, 3-0
 Callaway, W, 1-0

State Playoffs

Jasper Co., W, 7-0
 Jasper Co., L, 1-4
 Jasper Co., W, 11-2
 Fitzgerald, W, 11-1
 Fitzgerald, L, 1-3

State Championship Series (At Grayson Stadium, Savannah)

Lovett, W, 5-2
 Lovett, W, 8-3

Class 1A Public State Champions: Metter Tigers



Back Row (l-r), Principal Ellis Strobridge, Nick Waters (Staff), Coach Riley Kingery, Eric Bragg, Kaliq Jordan, John Luke Glanton, Randan Rigdon, Kyzer Anthony, Antoine Deloach, Ronnie Doolittle (Staff), Reco Coney, Coach Parker Gordon, Coach Skyler Smith, Nick Thompson (Trainer), Coach Zach Rackett. **Front Row (l-r)**, DJ Redding, Jaden Deloach, Brendan Wood, Tyler Kirkland, Rustan Rigdon, Reese Hadden, Brian Crooms

2021 Leaders

Offense

Avg. – John Luke Glanton (.357)
 Hits – Reco Coney (36)
 Doubles – Kaliq Jordan (12)
 Triples – Kyzer Anthony and John Luke Glanton (2)
 Homers – Kaliq Jordan and Antoine Deloach (2)
 RBIs – Reco Coney (38)
 Runs – Rustan Rigdon (33)
 Walks – John Luke Glanton (29)

Pitching

Innings – Brian Crooms (85)
 Wins – John Luke Glanton (12)
 Strikeouts – Brian Crooms (135)
 ERA (Minimum 30 inn) – Brian Crooms (0.49)



Metter players celebrate after winning their first state baseball title.

Metter Tigers (29-9)

Athens Christian, W, 3-0
 N. Oconee, L, 0-10
 Effingham Co., L, 3-7
 Effingham Co., W, 5-3
 Effingham Co., L, 1-2
 Vidalia, L, 0-5
 S. Effingham, W, 2-1
 Portal, W, 12-0
 Vidalia, W, 4-3
 Portal, W, 15-0
 Claxton, L, 1-2
 S. Effingham, L, 1-6

Claxton, W, 10-0
 Screven Co., W, 6-1
 Screven Co., W, 10-0
 Benedictine, W, 11-3
 McIntosh Co. Aca., W, 7-0
 McIntosh Co., Aca., W, 10-0
 Savannah Chr., L, 0-6
 Bryan Co., W, 5-0
 Bryan Co., W, 10-0
 Jenkins Co., W, 5-1
 Savannah Chr., L, 4-9
 Jenkins Co., W, 16-0

ECl, W, 6-0
 Sav. Country Day, W, 14-10
 ECl, W, 12-1

Charlton Co., W, 7-5
 Charlton Co., W, 9-1

State Playoffs

Lanier Co., W, 10-0
 Lanier Co., W, 14-0
 Montgomery Co., W, 6-0
 Montgomery Co., W, 20-0
 Schley Co., W, 2-1
 Schley Co., W, 6-0

State Championship Series (At Grayson Stadium, Savannah)

Gordon Lee, L, 4-7
 Gordon Lee, W, 2-1
 Gordon Lee, W, 6-5

Class 1A Private State Champions: Mount Paran Christian Eagles



Members of the team are Tate McKee, Alex Adams, Josh Fitzpatrick, Kyle Crisp, Colton Mazur, Tyler Minnick, Luke Dotson, Reid Jones, Will Stephens, Pierce Crane, Hunter Nasrallah, Paul Farley, Garrett Droege, Ryan Dupuis, Nick German, Cam Collier and Jake Tucker. **Coaches are** Kyle Reese, Mike Brady and Kevin Rusk.

2021 Leaders

Offense

Avg. – Cam Collier (.434)
 Hits – Cam Collier (39)
 Doubles – Josh Fitzpatrick (10)
 Triples – Luke Dotson (5)
 Homers – Cam Collier (13)
 RBIs – Cam Collier (40)
 Runs – Cam Collier (39)
 Walks – Jake Tucker (31)

Pitching

Innings – Luke Dotson (64 1/3)
 Wins – Luke Dotson (9)
 Strikeouts – Luke Dotson (105)
 ERA (Minimum 30 inn) – Cam Collier (0.71)



Mount Paran Christian players hoist the state championship trophy.

Mount Paran Christian Eagles (29-4)

N. Hall, L, 4-5	N. Cobb Chr., W, 6-1
Gordon Lee, W, 5-1	N. Cobb Chr., W, 3-0
Gordon Lee, L, 6-8	Darlington, W, 5-0
S. Effingham, W, 10-3	Darlington, W, 15-2
Effingham Co., W, 8-1	St. Francis, W, 10-0
S. Forsyth, W, 3-2	Chr. Heritage, W, 16-0
Harrison, W, 5-3	Walker, W, 1-0
Harrison, L, 0-3	Walker, W, 6-2
Chr. Heritage, W, 5-0	Darlington, W, 9-3
Chr. Heritage, W, 10-0	N. Cobb Chr., W, 7-6
Walker, W, 15-0	
Westminster, W, 6-3	

State Playoffs

St. Francis, W, 10-0
 St. Francis, W, 14-0
 Hebron Chr., W, 6-0
 Hebron Chr., W, 4-3
 Tattnall Square, L, 4-5
 Tattnall Square, W, 7-1
 Tattnall Square, W, 5-4
 Fellowship Chr., W, 17-2
 Fellowship Chr., W, 3-2

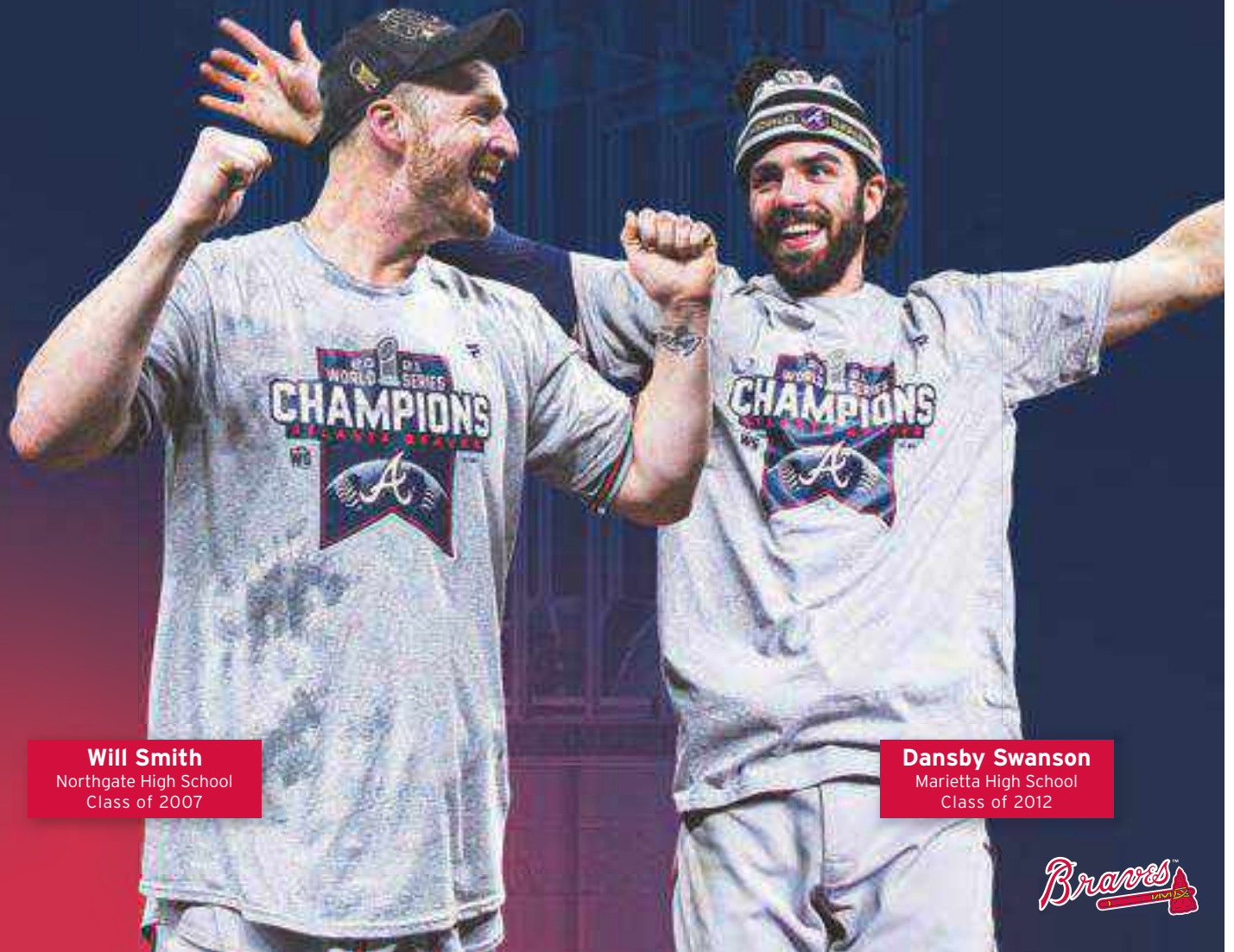
State Championship Series (At Coolray Field, Lawrenceville)

Wesleyan, W, 4-0
 Wesleyan, W, 3-0



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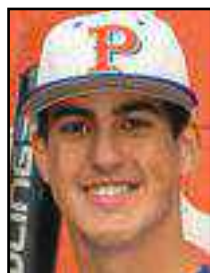
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Denmark



Kameron Douglas
Outfielder • Senior
Woodstock



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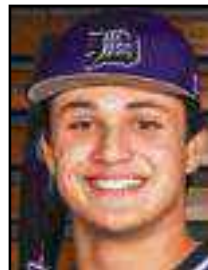
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Cherokee



Kirby Sandefur
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Harrison



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South Forsyth

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Class 6A - First Team



Brant Baughcum
Infielder • Senior
Buford



Drew Burress
Infielder • Junior
Houston County



Jack Butler
Pitcher • Senior
Pope



Dawson Campbell
Outfielder • Senior
Pope



Andrew Dunford
Utility • Junior
Houston County



Brandon Eck
Pitcher • Senior
River Ridge



Leighton Finley
Infielder • Senior
Richmond Hill



Jackson Gaspard
Infielder • Senior
Buford



Zach Harris
Pitcher • Senior
Cambridge



Gage Harrelson
Outfielder • Senior
Houston County



Carson Kerce
Infielder • Junior
Pope



TJ Kloiber
Infielder • Senior
Johns Creek



Lleyton Lackey
Outfielder • Senior
Evans



Dylan Lesko
Pitcher • Senior
Buford



Nick Milbrandt
Pitcher • Senior
South Effingham



William Mosley
Catcher • Senior
Allatoona



Ryder Moye
Pitcher • Senior
Sequoyah



JD Smith
Pitcher • Senior
Valdosta



Riley Stanford
Outfielder • Senior
Buford



Jonathan Vigoa
Catcher • Senior
Rome



Hunter Walthour
Designated Hitter • Senior
South Effingham



Stan Zagrodnick
Outfielder • Senior
Buford

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Class 6A - Second Team



Aaron Benton
Catcher • Junior
South Effingham



Luke Boone
Outfielder • Senior
Richmond Hill



Cole Brewer
Pitcher • Senior
South Paulding



Cade Cospier
Pitcher • Junior
Carrollton



Evan Cowan
Outfielder • Senior
Richmond Hill



Tom Echols
Pitcher • Senior
Glynn Academy



Will Fincher
Outfielder • Senior
Kennesaw Mountain



Boston Forbes
Catcher • Senior
Kell



Brooks House
Pitcher • Junior
Winder-Barrow



Aidan Jolley
Infielder • Senior
Allatoona



Kyle Lodise
Designated Hitter • Senior
Brunswick



John Wise Long
Outfielder • Senior
Glynn Academy



Jaylon Lucky
Infielder • Senior
Westlake



Ryan Martin
Infielder • Senior
Lassiter



Sam Parker
Pitcher • Junior
Kennesaw Mountain



JD Rediger
Infielder • Junior
River Ridge



Kent Schmidt
Infielder • Junior
Pope



Ethan Sutton
Pitcher • Junior
Allatoona



Ryan Taylor
Pitcher • Senior
River Ridge



Kenskey Thomas
Outfielder • Senior
Sequoyah



Kelcey White
Infielder • Senior
Westlake



Ace Williamson
Outfielder • Senior
Carrollton

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Class 5A - First Team



Keagan Baxter
Catcher • Senior
Jones County



David Bell
Utility • Senior
Greenbrier



Elgin Bennett
Outfielder • Senior
Woodward Academy



Luke Boykin
Outfielder • Senior
Wayne County



Braxton Brooks
Outfielder • Junior
Walnut Grove



Trenton Burnett
Pitcher • Senior
Loganville



Dawson Coe
Catcher • Senior
Loganville



Connor Crisp
Infielder • Junior
Locust Grove



Noah Hooks
Pitcher • Senior
Ware County



Tyler Jackson
Catcher • Senior
North Springs



Brady Jones
Pitcher • Senior
Decatur



Trey King
Infielder • Junior
McIntosh



Jake Lankie
Pitcher • Junior
Blessed Trinity



Max Puckett
Designated Hitter • Senior
Blessed Trinity



Dylan Reid
Pitcher • Senior
North Springs



Tyler Rowland
Pitcher • Senior
Greenbrier



Kyle Shivers
Infielder • Senior
Loganville



Brady Skipper
Infielder • Senior
Coffee



Jake Streeter
Outfielder • Senior
North Springs



Josh Tate
Infielder • Senior
Starr's Mill



Will Tippett
Infielder • Senior
Saint Pius X



Justin Veloz
Outfielder • Senior
Northside-Columbus

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Class 5A - Second Team



Curt Bonner
Catcher • Senior
Cartersville



Jake Brasfield
Outfielder • Senior
Cartersville



Levi Clark
Infielder • Sophomore
Decatur



Ty Cobb
Pitcher • Senior
Locust Grove



Tanner Cotton
Pitcher • Senior
Harris County



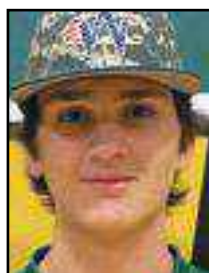
Landon Dean
Infielder • Junior
Ware County



Cole Garner
Utility • Junior
Northside-Columbus



Justice Haynes
Outfielder • Junior
Blessed Trinity



Caden Henderson
Infielder • Junior
Ware County



Josh Lanum
Outfielder • Senior
Decatur



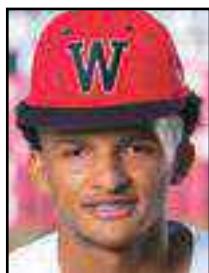
Andon Lewis
Infielder • Senior
Calhoun



Cooper Milford
Outfielder • Junior
Blessed Trinity



Matt Navarro
Pitcher • Senior
Saint Pius X



Chandler Pollard
Infielder • Senior
Woodward Academy



Bransen Powell
Pitcher • Junior
Locust Grove



Sadir Ryan
Catcher • Senior
SW DeKalb



Jackson Schorr
Infielder • Senior
Harris County



Nolan Sliver
Pitcher • Senior
Ola



Hank Smith
Designated Hitter • Senior
Cartersville



Justin Swords
Pitcher • Senior
Coffee



AJ Trupp
Outfielder • Senior
Greenbrier



Manning West
Pitcher • Senior
Apalachee

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Class 4A - First Team



Andrew Arnold
Pitcher • Senior
North Oconee



Jake Beaver
Utility • Senior
Flowery Branch



Gavin Black
Catcher • Senior
North Oconee



Carson Bryant
Pitcher • Senior
Perry



Mason Compton
Pitcher • Junior
Flowery Branch



Dylan Cupp
Infielder • Junior
Cedartown



Champ Davis
Infielder • Senior
Marist



Kam Edge
Infielder • Senior
Benedictine



Jack Fabris
Outfielder • Junior
North Oconee



Cade Fisher
Pitcher • Senior
Northwest Whitfield



Brett Haynes
Pitcher • Senior
Troup County



Aiden Hosford
Infielder • Senior
Northwest Whitfield



Termarr Johnson
Designated Hitter • Senior
Mays



Tanner Knowles
Infielder • Senior
Perry



Adam Lane
Outfielder • Senior
Thomas County Central



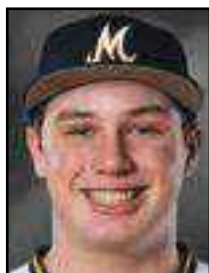
Nick Linkowski
Outfielder • Senior
Flowery Branch



Daniel Martin
Pitcher • Senior
Troup County



Josh McDonald
Infielder • Junior
Troup County



Ryan McTighe
Pitcher • Senior
Marist



Cannon Stafford
Catcher • Senior
Heritage-Catoosa



Reece Tanner
Outfielder • Junior
Cedartown



Justin Thomas
Outfielder • Senior
Benedictine

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Class 4A - Second Team



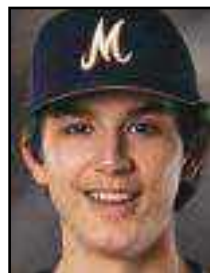
Eli Barrow
Catcher • Junior
Cedartown



Trevor Booton
Pitcher • Junior
LaGrange



Dylan Butler
Catcher • Senior
Perry



Isaac Coronado
Pitcher • Senior
Marist



Eli Floyd
Pitcher • Senior
West Laurens



Reid Harvey
Infielder • Junior
Thomas County Central



Ben Hollerbach
Outfielder • Senior
Benedictine



Bowman Horn
Infielder • Junior
Jefferson



Preston Larmore
Pitcher • Senior
Marist



Langston Lewis
Outfielder • Senior
Islands



Shane Little
Infielder • Junior
Madison County



Andrew Mannelly
Outfielder • Senior
Marist



Ben McDow
Pitcher • Junior
Perry



Keaton McQuaig
Outfielder • Senior
Northwest Whitfield



Devon Murphy
Utility • Junior
Troup County



Jase Peoples
Pitcher • Sophomore
Jefferson



Charles Pulaski
Outfielder • Senior
Benedictine



Connor Shouse
Designated Hitter • Sophomore
Pickens



Cale Stricklin
Infielder • Junior
North Oconee



Ben Stuart
Pitcher • Senior
North Oconee



Griffin Taylor
Infielder • Junior
Thomas County Central



Nolan Turner
Infielder • Senior
Chestatee



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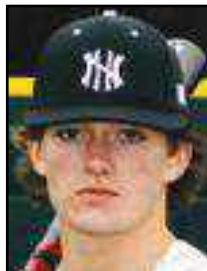
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Class 3A - First Team



Jason Avila
Outfielder • Senior
Redan



Jaret Bales
Pitcher • Senior
North Hall



Jace Bowen
Infielder • Senior
North Hall



Sam Carter
Pitcher • Senior
Oconee County



Kaleb Cost
Outfielder • Junior
Sandy Creek



Bryce England
Catcher • Junior
Cherokee Bluff



Lawson Gailey
Pitcher • Senior
Franklin County



Dawson Griffiths
Utility • Junior
Appling County



Ford Hallock
Outfielder • Senior
Greater Atlanta Christian



Collin Helms
Catcher • Senior
Greater Atlanta Christian



Kayne Jinks
Pitcher • Senior
Franklin County



Jake Johnson
Outfielder • Senior
White County



Jonathan Little
Infielder • Senior
Sandy Creek



Tryston McCladdie
Designated Hitter • Junior
Harlem



Dee Oliver
Infielder • Junior
Franklin County



Mason Parker
Infielder • Senior
Ringgold



Eli Reese
Pitcher • Senior
North Hall



TL Saxon
Infielder • Senior
Oconee County



Hoke Skipper
Pitcher • Junior
Pierce County



Eric Snow
Infielder • Senior
Mary Persons



Rhett Wells
Pitcher • Senior
Greater Atlanta Christian



Carson Worley
Outfielder • Senior
Stephens County

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Class 3A - Second Team



Banks Arnold
Pitcher • Junior
Oconee County



Tanner Ayers
Outfielder • Senior
Hart County



Braxton Beal
Pitcher • Junior
Cherokee Bluff



Knox Bennett
Infielder • Senior
Pierce County



Hunter Brooks
Pitcher • Senior
North Hall



Tate Brooks
Catcher • Senior
North Hall



Trevor Caldwell
Infielder • Senior
Rockmart



Jack Carter
Catcher • Senior
Crisp County



Robert Clarke
Outfielder • Senior
Westminster



Brendan Conway
Outfielder • Junior
Morgan County



Paul Davis
Utility • Junior
Hart County



Miles Dodd
Pitcher • Senior
Franklin County



Daniel Edwards
Designated Hitter • Senior
Long County



Garrett Garner
Outfielder • Junior
Franklin County



Davis Green
Infielder • Senior
Pierce County



Arick Mock
Infielder • Senior
Mary Persons



Braden Osbolt
Pitcher • Senior
Pike County



Peyton Powell
Infielder • Senior
Hart County



Dwayne Rowe
Outfielder • Senior
Long County



Sam Schofield
Pitcher • Junior
Morgan County



Harrison Simmons
Pitcher • Senior
Appling County



Mason Trucks
Infielder • Junior
Pike County

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Class 2A - First Team



Carson Adams
Infielder • Senior
Elbert County



RJ Austin
Infielder • Senior
Pace Academy



Cadan Brown
Pitcher • Senior
Elbert County



Trent Cantrell
Infielder • Junior
Coosa



Davis Chastain
Pitcher • Senior
Model



Trenton Clance
Utility • Senior
Jeff Davis



Kai Cunningham
Infielder • Senior
Lovett



Ty Dalley
Infielder • Senior
Vidalia



Kolby Davis
Catcher • Senior
Pepperell



Gabe Duncan
Outfielder • Senior
Thomasville



JR Fordham
Catcher • Senior
Bleckley County



Jacob Jordan
Pitcher • Junior
Thomasville



Cody King
Pitcher • Senior
Coosa



Landen Loyd
Outfielder • Senior
Pepperell



Blake Matthews
Outfielder • Senior
Bremen



Robert Mitchell
Outfielder • Senior
Lovett



Justin Moore
Pitcher • Senior
Callaway



Will Prigge
Pitcher • Senior
Lovett



Caden Spivey
Pitcher • Senior
Vidalia



Bryson Whited
Pitcher • Senior
Vidalia



Jae Williams
Outfielder • Senior
Pace Academy



Jack Wise
Designated Hitter • Senior
Westside-Augusta

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Class 2A - Second Team



Jake Ashley
Designated Hitter • Senior
Model



Chip Cooper
Outfielder • Junior
Worth County



Brady Cothorn
Outfielder • Senior
Bacon County



Holden Davis
Infielder • Sophomore
Haralson County



CJ Farmer
Infielder • Senior
Jefferson County



Matthew Glass
Catcher • Senior
Jeff Davis



Hughes Graham
Catcher • Senior
Vidalia



Owen Hancock
Pitcher • Sophomore
Worth County



Nolan Heath
Infielder • Senior
Dade County



Bryce Hubbard
Infielder • Sophomore
Callaway



Clay Hyatt
Pitcher • Senior
Haralson County



Landen Ingram
Infielder • Junior
Elbert County



Qrey Lott
Infielder • Junior
Berrien



Jake Permenter
Outfielder • Senior
Cook



Ben Rawlings
Pitcher • Senior
Thomasville



Tucker Starling
Pitcher • Senior
Callaway



Duke Stone
Pitcher • Sophomore
Jeff Davis



Brodie Swader
Utility • Senior
Dade County



Jordan Walden
Outfielder • Senior
Vidalia



Witt Wetherington
Outfielder • Senior
Thomasville



Cam Williams
Pitcher • Senior
Jeff Davis



Tripp Williams
Pitcher • Senior
Banks County

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Class 1A Public - First Team



Kyzer Anthony
Infielder • Senior
Metter



Colby Bryant
Designated Hitter • Senior
Charlton County



Bryce Clements
Pitcher • Junior
Irwin County



Reco Coney
Outfielder • Junior
Metter



Cade Cowan
Infielder • Junior
Gordon Lee



Nathan Durham
Outfielder • Senior
Washington-Wilkes



John Luke Glanton
Pitcher • Senior
Metter



Owen Lamb
Outfielder • Junior
Schley County



Konner Leggett
Outfielder • Junior
Bryan County



JD Lewis
Outfielder • Senior
ACE Charter



Trypp Lumpkin
Catcher • Senior
Schley County



Mason Moore
Catcher • Junior
Social Circle



Hayden Morris
Pitcher • Senior
Claxton



Judd Puckett
Infielder • Junior
Crawford County



Bo Rhudy
Pitcher • Junior
Gordon Lee



Rustan Rigdon
Utility • Sophomore
Metter



Wade Rodeffer
Outfielder • Senior
Charlton County



Blake Rodgers
Infielder • Junior
Gordon Lee



Cody Soliday
Pitcher • Junior
Irwin County



Jordan Stephens
Pitcher • Junior
Wilcox County



Gavin West
Infielder • Junior
ACE Charter



Cooper Yanzetich
Infielder • Senior
Irwin County

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Class 1A Public - Second Team



Caleb Carr
Catcher • Senior
Crawford County



Ryan Cooper
Infielder • Senior
Commerce



Chandler Desanto
Infielder • Junior
Armuchee



Brandon Dover
Pitcher • Senior
Trion



Nate Dunfee
Outfielder • Junior
Gordon Lee



Jacob Faircloth
Pitcher • Senior
Lanier County



Gant Geiger
Pitcher • Junior
Charlton County



BJ Gibson
Outfielder • Sophomore
Wilcox County



Reese Hadden
Infielder • Senior
Metter



Caleb Handley
Pitcher • Senior
McIntosh County Academy



Andrew Hartsfield
Outfielder • Senior
Pataula Charter



Kade Haywood
Designated Hitter • Senior
Pataula Charter



Brennan Hudson
Outfielder • Senior
Crawford County



Robert Hunt
Pitcher • Junior
Washington-Wilkes



Kaliq Jordan
Utility • Junior
Metter



Robbie Lane
Pitcher • Senior
Claxton



Freddie Loftly
Catcher • Senior
Clinch County



Cayden Lord
Outfielder • Junior
Commerce



Will Rainwater
Infielder • Junior
Bowdon



Mason Snyder
Infielder • Junior
Irwin County



Colton Sylvester
Pitcher • Senior
Irwin County

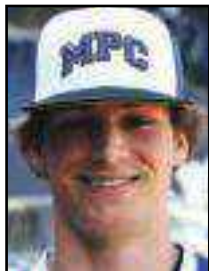


Jeloney Waters
Infielder • Senior
Johnson County

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Class 1A Private - First Team



Alex Adams
Infielder • Senior
Mount Paran Christian



Jaden Anderson
Outfielder • Senior
Mount Pisgah Christian



Jayce Blalock
Outfielder • Senior
Trinity Christian



Cooper Blausier
Infielder • Senior
Wesleyan



Ely Brown
Outfielder • Junior
Savannah Christian



Lawson Cole
Utility • Senior
Stratford



Cooper Davidson
Outfielder • Junior
Fellowship Christian



Carter Davies
Pitcher • Senior
Saint Francis



Luke Dotson
Pitcher • Junior
Mount Paran Christian



Lukas Farris
Designated Hitter • Senior
North Cobb Christian



Josh Fitzpatrick
Infielder • Senior
Mount Paran Christian



Jason Gilley
Pitcher • Senior
Fellowship Christian



Will Hampton
Pitcher • Sophomore
Calvary Day



Jackson Hilton
Pitcher • Senior
Saint Anne-Pacelli



Bryce Hubbard
Catcher • Senior
Wesleyan



Charlie Jones
Infielder • Senior
Kings Ridge Christian



Druw Jones
Outfielder • Senior
Wesleyan



Tate McKee
Pitcher • Junior
Mount Paran Christian



Tyler Minnick
Catcher • Junior
Mount Paran Christian



Clay Rowland
Infielder • Senior
Tattnall Square



Ben Stubbs
Pitcher • Senior
Tattnall Square



Jake Tucker
Infielder • Junior
Mount Paran Christian

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Owen Adkin
Outfielder • Senior
Kings Ridge Christian



Thomas Bethel
Infielder • Junior
Darlington



Coleman Cauley
Outfielder • Senior
First Presbyterian Day



Brooks Dawson
Catcher • Senior
Calvary Day



Brandon Exley
Utility • Senior
Calvary Day



Josh Gates
Catcher • Junior
Savannah Christian



Grant Guest
Outfielder • Junior
Athens Christian



Grant Hudson
Pitcher • Senior
Fellowship Christian



Evan Jackson
Pitcher • Senior
Heritage



David Luigs
Infielder • Senior
Holy Innocents'



Parker Marlatt
Pitcher • Junior
Hebron Christian



Hayden Marshall
Pitcher • Junior
Prince Avenue Christian



Coates Massey
Pitcher • Senior
Brookstone



Brayden May
Pitcher • Junior
Whitefield Academy



Cooper McMullen
Outfielder • Sophomore
Tattnall Square



Russ Miller
Infielder • Senior
Tattnall Square



Tai Peete
Infielder • Junior
Trinity Christian



Jack Rickheim
Infielder • Junior
Fellowship Christian



Micah Takac
Infielder • Senior
Stratford



Benjy Tucker
Pitcher • Senior
Mount Pisgah Christian



Jackson Westmoreland
Infielder • Junior
Saint Francis



Caleb Williams
Outfielder • Senior
Athens Christian

Class 7A

Preseason Top 15

No.	Team	2021 Record	Returning Starters	Comment
1.	 Parkview	30-10	10	Panthers young, but still dangerous
2.	 North Paulding	30-10	7	Wolfpack have enough pitching to go deep
3.	 Woodstock	27-10	6	Wolverines have pitching depth to contend
4.	 Lambert	22-15	6	Longhorns have talent to win it all
5.	 Denmark	19-17	10	Mature Danes will be tough to beat
6.	 Cherokee	22-12	8	Warriors will be even better this spring
7.	 South Forsyth	22-14	9	Expect War Eagles to be strong again
8.	 East Coweta	24-9	7	Indians will have best team in years
9.	 Brookwood	21-13	3	Broncos will be tough as usual
10.	 Walton	22-11	6	Walton has explosive offense
11.	 North Forsyth	17-13	5	Raiders have arms to be in chase
12.	 Mountain View	15-18	7	Bears have offense and pitching to contend
13.	 Lowndes	26-13	4	Pitching will keep Vikes in hunt
14.	 West Forsyth	14-15	7	Deep pitching staff will help West Forsyth
15.	 Norcross	18-12	4	Blue Devils will prove '21 was no fluke

Teams to watch (In alphabetical order)

Collins Hill, Grayson, Mill Creek, Newnan, North Gwinnett, Peachtree Ridge

REGION 1-7A

Region Favorite: Lowndes

Players to Watch

INF – Lino Acosta, Sr., Tift County; **1B/OF** – Luke Barlow, Sr., Camden County; **RHP/OF** – Tristin Bohler, Sr., Lowndes; **C** – Bailey Booth, Sr., Tift County; **CF** – Ty Bridges, Sr., Lowndes; **RHP/OF** – Adonis Coyle, Sr., Camden County; **RHP/INF** – Derek Espinoza, Sr., Camden County; **INF/RHP** – JT Farley, Sr., Camden County; **2B/OF** – Jamie Felix, Sr., Camden County; **C** – Ethan Finch, So., Camden County; **INF** – Tyler Holmes, So., Tift County; **RHP** – William Joyner, Sr., Lowndes; **C** – Daniel Kerrigan, Sr., Lowndes; **OF/RHP** – Matt Pearson, Sr., Lowndes; **OF** – Gavin Starling, Sr., Tift County; **OF/1B/LHP** – Mason Steel, Sr., Lowndes; **RHP/1B** – Cameron Summerlin, Sr., Colquitt County; **SS/2B** – Cannon Whatley, Sr., Colquitt County; **C/RHP** – Cole Whatley, Sr., Colquitt County; **OF** – Cody Williamson, Sr., Tift County

CAMDEN COUNTY WILDCATS

Head Coach (s): Brian English

Assistant Coach (s): Joe Allen, Todd Bentle, Jordan Rieling, Ladonis Bryant

2021 Record: 16-9

Returning Starters: 2B/OF Jamie Felix (Sr., 5-10, 205, R/R); RHP/INF Derek Espinoza (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); 1B/OF Luke Barlow (Sr., 6-3, 205, R/R); INF/RHP

JT Farley (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP/OF Adonis Coyle (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); 1B Grey Loden (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R); C Ethan Finch (So., 5-9, 190, R/R); OF Bryan Brazell (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); INF/RHP Garrett Albright (So., 6-1, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Tiernan Coyle (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); 1B Jesse Thames (Jr., 6-2, 230, R/R); INF Talon Daignault (So., 5-7, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wildcats finished strong in 2021 and return a good bit of talent, including their top pitchers in right-handers Derek Espinoza, JT Farley and Adonis Coyle. First Team all-region standouts Jamie Felix (.344 avg., 23 RBIs) and Luke Barlow (.361 avg.) are back to spark the offense.



COLQUITT COUNTY PACKERS

Head Coach (s): Brandon Brock (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Ryan Davis, Tyler Hembree, Danny Blaylock, Matt Key

2021 Record: 10-22

Returning Starters: RHP/1B Cameron Summerlin (Sr., 6-3, 160, R/R); C/RHP Cole Whatley (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); SS/2B Cannon Whatley (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF Hayes Lightsey (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); 2B/SS Davis Dalton (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF Hayden Moore (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); LHP/1B/OF Mason Moore



Davis Dalton
Colquitt County



Hayes Lightsey
Colquitt County

(So., 5-10, 160, L/L); INF Cam Cook (So., 5-11, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: U Chasyn Miley (Sr., 5-9, 155, R/R); RHP/OF Bryce Monk (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C Tucker Sparkman (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R); U Asher Cox (So.,

Class 7A

5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Kale Hopper (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: Former Lee County coach Brandon Brock takes over and looks to help the Packers get things turned around. Seven starters are back, but Colquitt County must develop some consistency on the mound. Offensively, Cole Whatley returns. Keep an eye on Cam Cook and Mason Moore who showed a lot of promise as freshmen last season.



Hayden Moore
Colquitt County



Cameron Summerlin
Colquitt County



Cannon Whatley
Colquitt County



Cole Whatley
Colquitt County



LOWNDES VIKINGS

Head Coach (s): Ryan Page

Assistant Coach (s): Matt Crews, Taylor Wilkens, Luke Miller, Lance Jarriel

2021 Record: 26-13

Returning Starters: C Daniel Kerrigan (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF/1B/LHP Mason Steel (Sr., 6-4, 180, L/L); RHP William Joyner (Sr., 6-4, 185, R/R); CF Ty Bridges (Sr., 6-2, 160, R/R)



William Joyner
Lowndes



Daniel Kerrigan
Lowndes



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Other Returning Players: 3B/C Gavin Brown (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Tristin Bohler (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); OF/RHP Matt Pearson (Sr., 5-11, 155, R/R); LHP Casey Tucker (Sr., 5-10, 165, L/L); C/INF Sullivan Adams (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Hunter Parker (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); 1B Wayne Lockhart (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 1B Cooper Melvin (Jr., 6-0, 200, R/R); INF Weston Turner (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R); INF Carson Page (So., 5-7, 160, R/R); RHP Caleb Thornton (Jr., 6-2, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: Lowndes looks to continue building off last season's trip to the state semifinals. A talented senior class returns. Some key positions will need to be filled, but top pitchers Mason Steel (9-3, 2.50 ERA) and William Joyner (5-5, 2.20 ERA) are back to lead a solid rotation. Catcher Daniel Kerrigan returns behind the plate.

TIFT COUNTY BLUE DEVILS

Head Coach (s): Greg Williams (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Taylor Barber, Xavier Holmes, Boone Webster


2021 Record: 13-18

Returning Starters: INF Lino Acosta (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); C Bailey Booth (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); OF Jackson Strickland (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); OF Cody Williamson (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF Gavin Starling (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); INF Tyler Holmes (So., 5-9, 155, L/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Garrett Carlson (Sr., 5-9, 140, R/R); INF Cole Smith (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); RHP




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Top Newcomers: OF Mac Brooks (Fr., 6-1, 150, R/R); OF John Davis (Fr., 5-11, 145, L/L); INF Drew Hembree (Fr., 5-10, 155, R/R); OF Landon Parrish (Fr., 5-11, 150, L/L); INF Ryan Whitley (Fr., 5-9, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: If the Blue Devils can develop some pitching, they could have a chance to improve upon last season's record in former Cook coach Greg Williams' first season at the school. Six starters are back, including infielders Lino Acosta and Tyler Holmes as well as catcher Bailey Booth and outfielder Cody Williamson.



Bailey Booth
Tift County

seasons – left-handed pitcher/first baseman Ryan Gold and right-handed pitcher/first baseman Alex Karst.

EAST COWETA INDIANS

Head Coach: Franklin DeLoach

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

2021 Record: 24-9

Returning Starters: SS Nico Senese (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R); RHP Avery Brown (Sr., 6-1, 195, R/R); RHP Jacob Rossi (Sr., 6-3, 185, R/R); C Hayden Blair (Jr., 6-3, 220, L/R); LHP/1B Jansen Kenty (Jr., 6-2, 200, L/L); RHP/INF Evan Doss (So., 5-10, 175, R/R); 1B/C John Monnin (Sr., 6-2, 210, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/3B Bryce Alewine (Jr., 6-3, 205, R/R); LHP/OF Josh Sibley (Sr., 6-1, 190, L/L); OF Michael Son (Sr., 6-1, 185, L/R); OF Elijah Edwards (Jr., 5-10, 175, L/L)

Top Newcomers: OF Connor McElroy (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); INF Cooper Ramey (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP Dylan Nemeth (So., 6-2, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: East Coweta should approach last year's success as seven returning starters are back. Alabama commit Jansen Kenty anchors a strong pitching rotation that includes right-handers Avery Brown, Jacob Rossi and Evan Doss. Shortstop Nico Senese and catcher Hayden Blair are back to power the offense.

MCEACHERN INDIANS

Head Coach (s): Karlton Schilling

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

2021 Record: 15-16

Returning Starters: RHP/SS Bryce Archie (Sr., 6-3, 205, R/R); RHP/C/1B Jaeden Mitchell (Sr., 6-2, 205, R/R); RHP/OF Michael Morrison (Sr., 6-3, 165, R/R); C/INF Jordan Baynes (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); RHP/INF Ethan Carroll (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); RHP/INF/OF Reece Kingeter (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); RHP/INF/OF Noah Johnson (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP/INF Grant Lester (Jr., 6-3, 195, R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP/1B JP Grimaldi (Sr., 5-7, 165, L/B); C/OF Edgar Adorno (Jr., 5-10, 140, R/R); RHP/3B Tyriq Snead (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF/INF Andrew Carter (So., 5-8, 130, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Jordan Bright (So., 6-4, 185, R/R); INF JJ Chapman (So., 5-4, 120, R/R); RHP/INF/OF Jaydon Kinney (So., 6-1, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Indians will be tough this season in Region 2-7A play. They boast one of the state's more-exciting players in senior Bryce Archie. Senior Michael Morrison also returns. Pitching should be the backbone as seven of the team's eight returning starters can pitch.

NEWNAN COUGARS

Head Coach (s): Marc Gilmore

Assistant Coach (s): Braden Griner, Mitch Williams, Matt Ross, Brian Morgan

2021 Record: 14-11

Returning Starters: 1B/RHP Chasin Cash (Sr.); C Thomas Scott (Sr.); RHP/OF Dalton Anderson (Sr.); RHP Chapman Ward (Sr.); 2B Yancey Dunn (Sr.); 3B/RHP Jaxon Dennis (Sr.); C/U Garrett McGee (Jr.); LHP Drew Ellsworth (Jr.); INF/

REGION 2-7A

Region Favorite: East Coweta

Players to Watch

RHP/OF – Dalton Anderson, Sr., Newnan; **RHP/SS** – Bryce Archie, Sr., McEachern; **C** – Hayden Blair, Jr., East Coweta; **1B/RHP** – Chasin Cash, Sr., Newnan; **SS/2B** – Garrett Dehart, Sr., Campbell; **RHP/INF** – Evan Doss, So., East Coweta; **LHP/1B** – Ryan Gold, Jr., Campbell; **RF/LHP** – Gillen Joachim, Sr., Campbell; **RHP/INF/OF** – Noah Johnson, Jr., McEachern; **RHP/1B** – Alex Karst, Jr., Campbell; **LHP/1B** – Jansen Kenty, Jr., East Coweta; **1B/C** – John Monnin, Sr., East Coweta; **RHP/OF** – Michael Morrison, Sr., McEachern; **RHP** – Jacob Rossi, Sr., East Coweta; **LHP/OF** – Duncan Santos, Sr., Campbell; **C** – Thomas Scott, Sr., Newnan; **SS** – Nico Senese, Sr., East Coweta; **RHP** – Chapman Ward, Sr., Newnan



CAMPBELL SPARTANS

Head Coach (s): Jeff Searcy

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

2021 Record: 19-12

Returning Starters: SS/2B Garrett Dehart (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); 3B/OF/RHP John Anagnostis (Sr., 6-0, 180, RR); C Ramses Fultz (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); RHP/1B Tristen Jensen (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); OF/LHP Gillen Joachim (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/L); LHP/OF Duncan Santos (Sr., 6-0, 185, L/L); LHP/1B Ryan Gold (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/L); RHP/1B Alex Karst (Jr., 6-4, 195, R/R); OF Bryant James (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C Jacob Grantham (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); LHP Ethan Fuller (Sr., 5-9, 165, L/L)

Top Newcomers: SS/OF Jacori McGee (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); SS/2B Robbie Parker (So., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP/1B Boomer Dunn (So., 6-1, 185, R/R); C/RHP Lucas Grantham (So., R/R); C Joey Blomberg (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Spartans have some key positions to fill, but look for them to be back in the chase for the region title. All-region infielder Garrett Dehart returns as well as a pair of juniors who had strong sophomore



Garrett Dehart
Campbell

Class 7A

RHP Wills Maginnis (So.)

Season Outlook: The Cougars lost a good bit of talent from last season's team, but don't count Newnan out. An excellent group of returning starters are back, including Chasin Cash, Chapman Ward and Dalton Anderson who bring experience to the pitching staff. The senior class is talented, but some younger players will have to step forward and help out.



PEBBLEBROOK FALCONS

Head Coach (s): Jason Ryals

Survey not returned

REGION 3-7A

Region Favorite: North Paulding

Players to Watch

INF/RHP – Lorenzo Atwell, Jr., Hillgrove; **1B** – Tysen Benford, Sr., North Paulding; **OF** – Preston Booth, Sr., Harrison; **INF/OF** – Ashten Bostwick, Sr., North Cobb; **OF** – Nicholas Cubides, Sr., Walton; **3B** – Blayden Dannenberg, Sr., North Paulding; **SS/RHP** – Payton Doyle, Jr., North Paulding; **OF/1B** – Barrett Eldridge, Sr., Walton; **C/1B** – Gavin Gnagey, Sr., Harrison; **LHP** – Jake Hembree, Jr., North Paulding; **C/1B** – Jared Jones, Sr., Walton; **OF** – Garrett Pate, Sr., Harrison; **RHP** – Rowan Park, Sr., Walton; **INF/C** – Kyle Robitzsch, Jr., North Cobb; **SS/RHP** – Wesley Rodriguez, Sr., Marietta; **LHP** – Kirby Sandefur, Sr., Harrison; **RHP** – Charlie Siegel, Sr., North Paulding; **C** – Grayson Taylor, Sr., North Paulding; **INF/OF** – Collin Wade, Sr., North Paulding; **3B/SS/C** – Zach Wieder, Jr., Hillgrove



HARRISON HOYAS

Head Coach (s): Mark Elkins

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

2021 Record: 18-12

Returning Starters: LHP Kirby Sandefur (Sr., 5-9, 155, L/L); C/1B Gavin Gnagey (Sr., 6-4, 210, R/R); RHP/OF Jake Walling (Sr., 5-11, 155, R/R); OF Preston Booth (Sr., 5-9, 165, L/L); OF Garrett Pate (Sr., 5-11, 155, R/R); INF Craig Kalkbrenner (So., 5-10, 145, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Justen Newsom (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R); C/RHP Tanner Hall (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); LHP Brady Owens (Sr., 5-11, 165, L/L); OF/RHP Jack Fleming (Sr., 6-0, 150, R/R); INF Landon Scott (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/R); LHP Zach Hammond (Jr., 5-11, 180, L/L); RHP Tate Strickland (So., 6-1, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/INF Jason Wallen (Jr., 5-9, 145, B/R)

Season Outlook: Harrison will be in much better shape than in was at this time last year. A talented senior class will help the Hoyas contend for the postseason in coach Mark Elkins' final year at the school. Elkins is retiring at the end of the season. Left-hander Kirby Sandefur (5-2, 1.74 ERA) and righty John Walling return on the mound. The Hoyas, however, must be more consistent at the plate.



HILLGROVE HAWKS

Head Coach (s): David Richardson

Assistant Coach (s): Andrew Alverson, Wes Ellis, Richard Dombrowsky, Kenneth Ling, Ronney Daniels

2021 Record: 10-20

Returning Starters: 1B/OF Brody Hollingsworth (Sr., 6-2, 200, R/R); 3B/SS/C Zach Wieder (Jr., 6-0, 165, B/R); INF/RHP Lorenzo Atwell (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); 2B/OF Seth Wright (Jr., 5-6, 150, R/R); 1B/LHP Zac Miller (So., 6-0, 170, L/L)

Other Returning Players: RHP Ben Hoffman (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP Will Collins (Sr., 6-2, 200, R/R); RHP Avery Kale (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); C Andrew Gohlke (Sr., 6-2, 200, R/R); OF/DH Connor Hendrix (Sr., 6-1, 195, R/R); 1B/DH Jamison Millsap (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R); INF/OF/RHP Braeden Rodriguez (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: SS/3B Ira Jefferies Harris (So., 6-1, 180, B/R); OF Jack Peek (So., 5-9, 150, R/R); RHP Brady Martel (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF/1B/LHP Cooper May (So., 6-0, 160, R/L); OF/RHP Sawyer Kale (So., 6-0, 160, R/R); OF Tyson Smith (So., 5-10, 185, R/R)

Season Outlook: After struggling last season, Hillgrove looks to get things turned around. The Hawks have a good nucleus of returning players to start with. All-region performers Zach Wieder and Lorenzo Atwell return after solid sophomore seasons last year. The talent is there at Hillgrove, it just needs to mature and develop.



MARIETTA BLUE DEVILS

Head Coach (s): Phillip Rogers

Assistant Coach (s): Brandon Durden, Stephen Ibar, Zach Marletta, Collin O'Neal

2021 Record: 11-18

Returning Starters: RHP/3B Charlie Bagwell (Sr., 5-11, 200, R/R); RHP/INF Phoenix Nelson (Sr., 6-2, 195, R/R); SS/RHP Wesley Rodriguez (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); OF John Turner (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); 1B Maston Corn (Sr., 6-1, 195, R/R); 2B Derek Averill (Sr., 6-0, 165, L/R); OF Ryan Chestnutt (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); OF Gibson Vought (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Lucas Luxemburger (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R); RHP/INF Carson Dougherty (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R); OF Andy Watters (So., 5-9, 160, L/L); 1B/RHP Jared Giles (Sr., 6-5, 195, R/R); 1B/3B Mason Sutherland (Jr., 6-2, 205, R/R); SS/2B Jacob Bohacek (So., 5-9, 160, R/R); C Karsten Leibel (So., 6-0, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP Mason Gazaway (Fr., 5-10, 160, L/L)

Season Outlook: A heavy crop of seniors return at Marietta High as the Blue Devils look to challenge for a playoff berth. Eight senior starters are back, including pitchers Charlie Bagwell and Phoenix Nelson. Shortstop/pitcher Wesley Rodriguez also returns. Keep an eye on this program.



NORTH COBB WARRIORS

Head Coach (s): Tom Callahan

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

2021 Record: 17-18

Returning Starters: INF/OF Ashten Bostwick (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF/C Kyle Robitzsch (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R); INF/RHP Isaiah Hoskins (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF/RHP Jacob Mann (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); INF Logan Bare (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); INF Sammy Rose (Sr., 5-10, 155, R/R); INF Colby Hill (Sr., 5-9, 150, L/R)

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Other Returning Players: RHP/INF Derek Brooks (Sr., 5-10, 155, R/R); C/1B Robert Boughner (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF Parker Pegram (Sr., 6-0, 150, R/R); INF/OF Jay Abernathy (So., 5-10, 150, L/R); INF/RHP Haruki Kawano (So., 5-8, 170, R/R); OF Andrew Trelles (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: After making it to the second round of the state playoffs last year, North Cobb looks to build off that momentum this spring. They have a good senior-oriented team returning. Seven starters are back, including senior Ashten Bostwick and junior Kyle Robitzsch.



NORTH PAULDING WOLFPACK

Head Coach (s): Dennis Jordan

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

2021 Record: 30-10

Returning Starters: LHP Jake Hembree (Jr., 6-0, 185, L/L); 1B Tysen Benford (Sr., 6-3, 230, R/R); RHP Charlie Siegel (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); C Grayson Taylor (Sr., 6-1, 200, L/R); SS/RHP Payton Doyle (Jr., 5-10, 170, L/R); RHP Hunter Sanders (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); INF/OF Collin Wade (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 3B Blayden Dannenberg (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R); RHP Jackson Greer (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); 1B Cameron Strader (Jr., 6-0, 200, L/L); C/3B Cayden Sheffield (So., 5-11, 175, R/R); OF Cason Carter (Sr., 5-11, 175, L/R); OF Rylan Smith (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Camden Ackerson (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP Davis Budd (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R); RHP/OF DeShawn Morgan (So., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP/INF Ashton Odak (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: After finishing as the state runner-up last season, North Paulding should have enough left over to make another serious run. All-state left-handed pitcher Jake Hembree and right-hander Charlie Siegel anchor what should be a solid rotation. Meanwhile, Tysen Benford and catcher Grayson Taylor are back to provide an offensive spark.



WALTON RAIDERS

Head Coach (s): Shane Amos

Assistant Coach (s): Jake Hill, John Miller, Tyler Mayer, Pierce Smith, Chuck Peyton

2021 Record: 22-11

Returning Starters: C/1B Jared Jones (Sr., 6-4, 230, R/R); OF/1B Barrett Eldridge (Sr., 6-4, 200, R/R); OF Nicholas Cubides (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); RHP Rowan Park (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); INF/RHP Brick Conway (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); RHP Ben Stoddard (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/INF Dane Moehler (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); LHP Evan Carter (Sr., 6-4, 200, L/L); RHP Adit Jain (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); INF Emory Stephens (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); C/3B Peyton Benson (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); OF Jackson Alford (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); INF/3B Gideon Moreno (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); RHP/DH Ryan Wideman (Sr., 6-4, 180, R/R); OF Aaron Salazar (Sr., 5-8, 150, R/R); RHP/INF Clayton Bloomstran (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP/OF Maxwell Morey (Sr., 5-8, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C Davis Wright (So., 5-10, 160, L/R); 3B/1B Cooper Davis (Jr., 5-9, 180, R/R); OF Tucker Wills (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); 3B/1B Ryan Lathem (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF Kyle Chatham (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF Wyatt Sonderman (So., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: If the Raiders can find some consistency on the mound, they should contend for the region title. Right-hander Rowan Park (6-1, 3.41 ERA) leads a solid group of returners. All-state performers Jared Jones (.432 avg., 9 HR), Barrett Eldridge (.386 avg., 34 RBIs) and Nicholas Cubides (.379 avg., 10 2B) are back to lead the offense.

REGION 4-7A

Region Favorite: Parkview

Players to Watch

OF/1B/RHP – Damien Anderson, Sr., South Gwinnett; **OF/INF** – Ali Banks, Jr., Parkview; **3B** – Cade Brown, So., Parkview; **OF/RHP** – Kameron Byrd, Sr., Grayson; **INF/RHP** – De'Yon Cannon, Sr., Grayson; **INF** – Trey Clark, Sr., Brookwood; **OF/RHP** – Jeramie Favors, Jr., South Gwinnett; **INF** – Cayden Gaskin, Sr., Parkview; **RHP** – Matthew Holcomb, Sr., Parkview; **SS/RHP** – Colin Houck, Jr., Parkview; **1B/LHP** – Jonathan Jamie, Sr., Brookwood; **RHP/1B** – Garrett Lambert, Jr., Parkview; **1B/RHP** – Dylan Lonergan, Jr., Brookwood; **RHP** – Thorpe Musci, So., Parkview; **OF** – Andrews Opata, Sr., Parkview; **1B/RHP** – Landon Stripling, Jr., Parkview; **OF/DH** – Jayden Talik, Sr., Parkview; **LHP/OF** – Ford Thompson, So., Parkview



BROOKWOOD BRONCOS

Head Coach (s): Titus Martin

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

2021 Record: 21-13

Returning Starters: 1B/LHP Jonathan Jamie (Sr., 6-1, 205, L/L); 1B/RHP Dylan Lonergan (Jr., 6-2, 215, R/R); INF Trey Clark (Sr., 5-7, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Patrick Campbell (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); RHP/1B Ryan Owen (Sr., 6-9, 190, R/R); RHP/OF Stone Bonner (Sr., 6-4, 220, R/R); OF Kyle Cruz (Sr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Brendan Keller (Jr., 6-2, 165, R/R); INF Kadeen Madden (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R); RHP/INF Colin Hart (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); RHP/1B Shawn Mize (Jr., 6-4, 225, R/R); C Preston Bonn (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); RHP/SS Cody Fuller (So., 6-0, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Broncos lost a lot of talent from last year and will need some underclassmen to step forward and compete for starting positions. The good news is that senior first baseman/pitcher Jonathan Jamie (.324 avg., 25 RBIs; 1-0, 2.45 ERA) and top Class of 2023 prospect Dylan Lonergan return, giving Brookwood a solid nucleus to build around.



Trey Clark
Brookwood



Ryan Owen
Brookwood



GRAYSON RAMS

Head Coach (s): Jed Hixson

Survey not returned

Class 7A



NEWTON RAMS

Head Coach (s): Derwin McNealy (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Derwin McNealy, Sr., Devin Franklin, D'Angelo Smith, David Scharff

2021 Record: 9-20

Returning Starters: LHP/1B Javarra Martin (Sr., 6-5, 215, L/L); OF Nolan McCamy (Sr., 6-2, 200, R/R); C/3B Lucas Ballard (So., 5-9, 165, R/R); OF Anthony Bynum (Jr., 6-2, 200, R/R)

Season Outlook: New coach Derwin McNealy takes over a Newton team that made the state playoffs last year. The Rams will be young, but the good news is that a pair of returning seniors in pitcher/first baseman Javarra Martin and outfielder Nolan McCamy are back, giving the younger players a solid nucleus to build around.



PARKVIEW PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): Chan Brown

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

2021 Record: 30-10

Returning Starters: INF

Cayden Gaskin (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); 1B/OF Jabari Daniely (Sr., 6-2, 225, R/R); RHP Matthew Holcomb (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); OF/DH Jayden Talik (Sr., 6-0, 190, L/R); OF Andrews Opata (Sr., 6-3, 185, R/R); OF/INF Ali Banks (Jr., 5-11, 200, R/R); SS/RHP Colin Houck (Jr., 6-3, 195, R/R); 1B/RHP Landon Stripling (Jr., 5-11, 185, L/R); 3B Cade Brown (So., 6-1, 190, R/R); LHP/OF Ford Thompson (So., 6-1, 175, L/L)

Other Returning Players:

RHP Preston Morgan (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); C/OF Wyatt Talik (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF Tanner Wagon (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R); RHP/1B Garrett Lambert (Jr., 6-3, 205, R/R); RHP Thorpe Musci (So., 6-0, 185, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP Ethan Davis (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); RHP Kyle Arrowood (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R); RHP/C/OF Jackson Collett (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF Grant Garrett (Jr., 5-9, 145, R/R); OF Rodney Mudd (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF/OF Erick Rodriguez

(Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); OF Carson Wagon (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); C/OF Samarion Ward (Jr., 5-11, 190, R/R); C/OF Mason Watler (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); RHP/INF Isaiah Williams (Jr., 5-11, 155, R/R); C Deuce Andrews (So., 5-11, 170, R/R); OF



Ali Banks
Parkview



Cayden Gaskin
Parkview



Matthew Holcomb
Parkview



Thorpe Musci
Parkview



Andrews Opata
Parkview



Wyatt Talik
Parkview

Makhi Buckley (So., 5-9, 150, L/L); RHP Jon Holcomb (So., 6-2, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: Parkview's quest for a potential fourth straight state championship will rest on a young but talented team of returners. All-state pitcher Landon Stripling leads a talented pitching rotation, while all-state performer Jayden Talik returns to lead the offense. Look for the Panthers to make another strong run, but some younger players must step forward.



SOUTH GWINNETT COMETS

Head Coach (s): Ryan Patterson (new)

Survey not returned

REGION 5-7A

Region Favorite: Woodstock

Players to Watch

OF – Jackson Bradfield, So., Cherokee; **RHP/1B** – Logan Bryson, Sr., Woodstock; **OF** – Jackson Chirello, Sr., Etowah; **OF** – Jacob Cowart, Jr., Alpharetta; **OF/1B/RHP** – Kameron Douglas, Sr., Woodstock; **RHP** – Trip Dovale, Sr., Roswell; **RHP/DH** – Max Eichenberger, Sr., Cherokee; **RHP/INF** – Jackson Frank, Jr., Alpharetta; **LHP/1B** – Jordan Fricks, Sr., Etowah; **INF/RHP** – Caden Gaudette, Sr., Milton; **RHP/OF** – Tyler Goddard, Sr., Cherokee; **OF** – Andrew Ianitello, Sr., Woodstock; **3B/RHP** – Casual Kay, Sr., Alpharetta; **1B/RHP** – Lex Kenny, Sr., Cherokee; **1B** – Landon Luster, Sr., Cherokee; **LHP** – Kevin Maurer, So., Woodstock; **LHP** – Adam McKelvey, So., Roswell; **RHP** – Luke McNeillie, Jr., Milton; **RHP** – Cade Phillips, Sr., Alpharetta; **3B** – Tyler Presnell, Sr., Cherokee; **RHP/INF** – William Shepherd, Sr., Milton; **OF** – Steven Vrolijk, Sr., Roswell; **INF** – Gabe Wuerth, Sr., Woodstock



ALPHARETTA RAIDERS

Head Coach (s): Marc Lassiati

Assistant Coach (s): Allen Strohecker, Kevin Amerson, Colin Kirkland, Josh Horton

2021 Record: 7-18

Returning Starters: 3B/RHP

Casual Kay (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); C Colby Camps (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); C/3B Hayden Gupton (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); RHP/INF Jackson Frank (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Jacob Cowart (Jr., 5-11, 175, L/L); INF Ben Guthrie

(Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); OF/LHP

Cooper Mendlinger (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/L); RHP Cade Phillips (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/OF/RHP Evan Lassiati (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Kyle Wilkins (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R)



Jacob Cowart
Alpharetta



Casual Kay
Alpharetta

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Season Outlook: With some experience returning, the Raiders look to put last year's disappointing finish behind. Eight starters are back, including third baseman/pitcher Casual Kay. Alpharetta will need to develop some pitching depth. The good news is that right-hander Cade Phillips is back to lead a solid rotation.



CHEROKEE WARRIORS

Head Coach (s): Josh Thomas

Assistant Coach (s): David Blaylock, Nick Hammonds, Matt Debes, Zach Brigham, Bo Carruth, Zack Lemons

2021 Record: 22-12

Returning Starters: SS Nate Courtwright (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); RHP/DH Max Eichenberger (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); OF Jackson Bradfield (So., 5-11, 190, R/R); RHP/OF Tyler Goddard (Sr., 5-11, 190, R/R); 3B Tyler Presnell (Sr., 6-0, 190, L/R); 1B Landon Luster (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R); 1B/RHP Lex Kenny (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); RHP Chase Meyer (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/INF Chase Goddard (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); OF Aiden Smith (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); INF Alix Morales (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF Hayden Grainger (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF Caiden Townsend (Jr., 5-11, 165, L/R); LHP Dylan Holcomb (Sr., 5-11, 180, L/L); LHP Tams Mullins (Jr., 6-2, 170, L/L)

Top Newcomers: C Evan Holstein (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP/INF/OF Asher Saborn (So., 6-0, 160, R/R); INF Cooper Isaacs (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); INF Alex Shaw (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: Cherokee turned the corner last year and won't be able to sneak up on anyone this year. The Warriors have a talented, senior-oriented team returning that will be expected to contend for the region title. All-state pitcher Max Eichenberger and infielder Tyler Presnell lead a team capable of doing some damage.



Lex Kenny
Cherokee



ETOWAH EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Greg Robinson

Assistant Coach (s): Mike Foley, Taylor Majors, Eli Autrey

2021 Record: 15-17

Returning Starters: OF Jackson Chirello (Sr., 6-3, 190, L/R); LHP/1B Jordan Fricks (Sr., 6-0, 195, L/L); C Josh Conley (Sr., 5-9, 185, R/R); C/1B Davis Newman (Sr., 5-10, 195, R/R)

Other Returning Players: SS/RHP Dimitri Angelokus (So., 6-1, 180, R/R); RHP/INF Caleb Hughes (So., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF/INF Will Curcio (Jr., 5-9, 175, R/R); LHP/OF Alex Kirby (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/L); INF Alex Rodriguez (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); RHP Nick Miller (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Eagles lost a lot of talent to graduation, but the good news is that four returning starters are back. One of those is senior outfielder Jackson Chirello who returns to spark the offense. The lack of experienced pitching is a concern.



MILTON EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Jeff Heusing

Assistant Coach (s): Ed Black, JB Brotherton, Jason Novak, Matt Hartwell,

Kory Keys, Matt Phillips

2021 Record: 7-23

Returning Starters: OF DJ Berzas (Sr., 5-7, 145, R/R); C/U Brendan Gaudette (Sr., 6-1, 195, R/R); RHP/INF William Shepherd (Sr., 5-11, 175, L/R); 2B Andrew Vislusky (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF/RHP Ben Weiser (Sr., 6-2, 180, L/R); RHP Luke McNeillie (Jr., 6-3, 170, L/R); 3B/1B Tyler Oneacre (Jr., 6-1, 195, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/OF Jonah Chen (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); RHP Parker Dailey (Sr., 6-3, 205, R/R); 1B Mason Flack (Sr., 6-3, 195, R/R); RHP Jay Giddens (Sr., 6-2, 170, R/R); RHP John Hansford (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF Evan Matela (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C Ryan Iannone (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R); RHP Gavin Lynch (Jr., 6-6, 210, R/R); INF/RHP Caden Gaudette (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Eagles look to rebound after a disappointing season in 2021. With seven returning starters, Milton should be able to do that. Look for the Eagles to challenge for a playoff berth this spring. Two of the team's top returning pitchers – right-handers William Shepherd and Luke McNeillie – return.



ROSWELL HORNETS

Head Coach (s): Matt McCarthy

Assistant Coach (s): Mike Cather, Danny MacDonald, Cale Rosavic, Chris Carroll, Andy Underwood

2021 Record: 8-21

Returning Starters: OF Steven Vroljik (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); INF Nick Claerbout (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Caleb Parmele (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP Trip Dovale (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); C Riley Slaughter (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R); 2B Brayden Whitworth (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); LHP Adam McKelvey (So., 6-3, 215, L/L)

Other Returning Players: RHP Alex Johnson (Jr., 6-0, 150, R/R); RHP Graham Pinniger (So., 5-10, 155, R/R); SS Emmett Lovings (Jr., 6-2, 160, R/R); LHP Will Petteys (So., 6-2, 180, L/L); OF/C Chris Elko (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R); 1B Blake Gartner (So., 6-1, 180, R/R); 3B Colin Phillips (So., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 1B Bridger Douglas (Jr., 6-3, 190, R/R)

Season Outlook: Two of the Hornets' top returning pitchers from last year – right-hander Trip Dovale and left-hander Adam McKelvey – return as Roswell should be much improved this spring. Seven starters, six of them seniors, return. The Hornets will need to be more consistent on offense. Outfielder Steven Vroljik returns to give the Hornets a good starting point.



WOODSTOCK WOLVERINES

Head Coach (s): Jeff Brown

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

2021 Record: 27-10

Returning Starters: OF/1B/RHP Kameron Douglas (Sr., 6-4, 195, R/R); INF Gabe Wuerth (Sr., 5-10, 160, L/R); RHP/1B Logan Bryson (Sr., 6-3, 195, R/R); OF Andrew Ianitello (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); LHP Kevin Maurer (So., 5-10, 165, L/L); INF Brooks McKenna (So., 6-2, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP Brayden Davis (Sr., 6-0, 160, L/L); INF/RHP Michael Preiser (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); C Luke Mabry (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); LHP/OF Caden Tuck (So., 5-10, 160, L/L); OF Daniel Pedraza (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/INF Jack Hartman (Jr., 6-2, 220, R/R); OF Jack Poor (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); INF Tyler Schroeder (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); C/INF Hudson Casdia (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); INF Dan Comeau (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); RHP/OF Michael Bass

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(Jr., 6-1, 160, R/R); RHP Trevin Holle (Jr., 5-11, 150, R/R); RHP Hunter Jackson (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: Look for the Wolverines to make a run at the region crown again. But they will need some depth on the mound. The good news is that right-hander Logan Bryson (4-1, 1.17 ERA) and lefty Kevin Maurer, who threw well in the postseason, return. Region co-Player of the Year Gabe Wuerth (.357 avg.) and talented Kameron Douglas return on offense.

REGION 6-7A

Region Favorite: Lambert

Players to Watch

LHP/1B – Brett Barfield, Sr., North Forsyth; **C/3B/RHP** – Ryan Becker, Sr., South Forsyth; **OF** – Parker Brosius, Sr., Lambert; **RHP/INF** – Francesco Capocci, Jr., Denmark; **OF/INF** – Gavin Culberson, Sr., West Forsyth; **1B/C** – Jesse Duong, Sr., Forsyth Central; **RHP/INF/OF** – Nate Dvorsky, Sr., Lambert; **RHP/OF** – Luke Fernandez, Sr., West Forsyth; **RHP/1B** – Brian Garmon, Sr., West Forsyth; **LHP/INF** – Justin Haskins, Sr., Lambert; **C** – Sammy Leis, Sr., Denmark; **LHP/INF** – Colin Linder, Sr., Lambert; **INF** – Connor McGinn, Sr., Denmark; **RHP/3B** – Cooper Reid, So., Gainesville; **INF** – Tyler Triche, Sr., North Forsyth; **OF/LHP** – Alex Urias, Jr., South Forsyth; **C** – Baxter Wright, So., Gainesville

DENMARK DANES

Head Coach (s): Jamie Corr (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Travis Bailey, Jack Williams

2021 Record: 19-17

Returning Starters: C Sammy Leis (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R); INF Connor McGinn (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP/DH

Drew Clare (Sr., 6-2, 210, R/R); RHP Jake Freedman (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); LHP Jacob Kruger (Sr., 6-3, 180, L/L); OF Brody Wheeler (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Kyle Henley (Jr., 6-3, 165, R/R); 1B Jake Myers (Sr., 6-3, 180, L/R); RHP/INF Francesco Capocci (Jr., 6-3, 175, R/R); RHP Harry Harris (Sr., 5-10, 155, R/R)

Other Returning Players:

OF Garrett Powers (Jr., 5-10, 155, L/R); LHP Lane Grayson (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/L); RHP Tyler Williams (Sr., 6-2, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Hayden Fox (Sr., 5-10, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: Coach Jamie Corr returns to the field and inherits a team that should



Drew Clare
Denmark



Jake Freedman
Denmark



Kyle Henley
Denmark



Connor McGinn
Denmark

make a run at the region title again. The Danes return a solid group of pitchers headlined by all-state right-hander Francesco Capocci. His favorite target, all-state catcher Sammy Leis, returns behind the plate.



Brody Wheeler
Denmark

FORSYTH CENTRAL BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Kevin McCollum

Assistant Coach (s): John Arundale, Spencer Transue, Nik Verbeke, Paul Dees, Kyle Barr, Kelly Gordon

2021 Record: 24-15

Returning Starters: 1B/C Jesse Duong (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/OF/RHP Noah Bissette (Sr.); 1B/OF John Kirsch (Sr.); INF Jacob Mattox (Sr.); P/OF Sam Medrano (Sr.); C Kole McGlumphly (Jr.); OF Cam Yeager (Jr.); INF/P Alex Hernandez (So.)

Season Outlook: After a deep playoff run last year, Forsyth Central has some holes to fill. The good news is that an excellent senior class returns and will help carry the load. Just one starter – first baseman/catcher Jesse Duong – returns. But a solid group of younger players will need to help out.

GAINESVILLE RED ELEPHANTS

Head Coach (s): Adam Miller

Assistant Coach (s): Colin Locurto, Ryan Casper, Jon Mark Owings

2021 Record: 4-22

Returning Starters: OF/C Will Barrett (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF Landon Deyton (Sr., 5-8, 150, R/R); SS Anthony Lugo (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP Riley Valentine (Jr., 6-4, 175, R/R); RHP/3B Cooper Reid (So., 6-0, 185, R/R); C Baxter Wright (So., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 2B Cody Brewer (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); 1B Alex Kelley (Sr., 6-2, 250, R/R); 3B Daniel Machado (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP William Scott (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 1B/LHP Tanner Allen (Sr., 6-2, 240, L/L)

Season Outlook: After a tough season in 2021, look for Gainesville to be much better this spring. The Red Elephants should have a chance to improve upon last season's finish. Six starters are back, including sophomores Cooper Reid and catcher Baxter Wright who had strong freshmen seasons last year.

LAMBERT LONGHORNS

Head Coach (s): Rick Howard

Assistant Coach (s): Will Azbell, Michael Bailey, Lee Fisher, Drew Candela, Craig Scutts, Kyle Smith

2021 Record: 22-15

Returning Starters: OF Parker Brosius (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/L); RHP/INF/OF Nate Dvorsky (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R); LHP/INF Justin Haskins (Sr., 6-0, 195, R/L); LHP/INF

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Colin Linder (Sr., 6-3, 210, R/L); INF Jack Schaeffer (Sr., 5-9, 145, R/R); INF/RHP Jonny Smith (Jr., 6-1, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF

Jett Bugajski (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Carlos Perez (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); RHP Ashton Smith (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); RHP/OF Ryan Cameron (Jr., 6-3, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Bradley Gabriel

(Jr., 6-1, 160, R/R); C/INF Will Gillice (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Ben Hays (Jr., 5-10, 140, R/R); RHP/OF Greyson Madonia (Jr., 6-1, 155, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Nick Blaszczyk (Jr., R/R); INF Makana Peters (Jr., R/R); OF Manuel Prados (Jr., R/R); RHP/INF Grant Witzczak (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Lambert welcomes back a strong senior class and should contend for the region title and a postseason berth this spring. The Longhorns return one of the region's more-exciting offensive players in Parker Brosius. On the mound, all-state pitcher Colin Linder leads a talented rotation that includes Justin Haskins and Nate Dvorsky.



Ashton Smith Lambert



Jonny Smith Lambert

5-10, 185, R/R); RHP/OF/1B Tyler Bayer (So., 6-4, 175, B/R); OF Dylan Carter (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); OF/RHP Michael Sime (Jr., 6-3, 165, R/R); RHP Dylan Quintillio (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 3B/

DH Bayler Duncan (So., 6-0, 190, L/R); INF/RHP Connor West (So., 5-9, 155, B/R); 3B/1B/RHP Nate Ward (Jr., 6-4, 200, R/R); LHP Trey Tully (Sr., 6-2, 205, R/L); OF Ian Barnett (Sr., 5-9, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP Baylor Hicks (Jr., 6-3, 185, R/R); RHP/INF Jackson Broach (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP Ryan Schlossmacher (Jr., 6-7, 205, R/R)

Season Outlook: The War Eagles returned to the state playoffs last season, and they look to continue their positive momentum in 2022. South Forsyth welcomes back nine returning starters, including versatile senior Ryan Becker (.344 avg., 9 HR) and Brennan Hudson. The War Eagles, led by right-hander Dylan Quintillio (4-3, 3.32 ERA), have depth on the mound. Becker, Alex Urias, Tyler Bayer, Sime and Quintillio all have experience on the mound but need to perform consistently for South to approach last year's success.



Dylan Quintillio South Forsyth



Britton Rellinger South Forsyth

NORTH FORSYTH RAIDERS

Head Coach (s): Jim Cahill

Assistant Coach (s): Chris Brown, Carlos Zuniga

2021 Record: 17-13

Returning Starters: C Logan Curry (Jr., 6-1, 195, R/R); INF Tyler Triche (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); LHP/OF/1B Andrew Elkhill (Jr., 6-2, 200, R/L); INF/OF Josh Zirlott (Sr., 5-7, 160, R/R); LHP/1B Brett Barfield (Sr., 6-1, 195, R/L)

Other Returning Players: OF Trystan Davis (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); RHP/OF Kyle Roper (Jr., 6-0, 155, R/R); C/OF Michail Harris (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); RHP/INF Kyle Duckwall (So., 5-11, 165, R/R); C/1B Hayden Brown (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R); RHP Baylor Homesley (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); RHP/INF Cason Engert (Jr., 6-3, 190, R/R); U Chandler DeBlois (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF/LHP Jake Prince (So., 5-10, 145, R/L); LHP Nolan Wood (Sr., 6-3, 175, L/L); RHP Hank Simonds (Sr., 6-6, 225, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Colin Seabold (Jr., 6-0, 160, L/R)

Season Outlook: If the Raiders can perform consistently on offense, they will be in the playoff hunt. Five starters are back, including ace left-hander Brett Barfield. Infielder Tyler Triche and versatile Josh Zirlott are back on offense, but keep an eye on a strong group of underclassmen who will help out.

SOUTH FORSYTH WAR EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Russ Bayer

Assistant Coach (s): Adam Baldwin, Collier Knox, Eric Furphy, Triston Campbell

2021 Record: 22-14

Returning Starters: C/3B/RHP Ryan Becker (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); 1B/C Brennan Hudson (Sr., 6-2, 205, L/R); OF/LHP Alex Urias (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/L); INF Brooks Bennett (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R); C/OF/DH Britton Rellinger (Sr.,



Tyler Bayer South Forsyth



Brennan Hudson South Forsyth

WEST FORSYTH WOLVERINES

Head Coach (s): Jim Ernst

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

2021 Record: 14-15

Returning Starters: RHP/OF Luke Fernandez (Sr., 6-3, 210, R/R); RHP/1B Brian Garmon (Sr., 6-3, 210, L/R); SS Jake Fernandez (Sr., 6-0, 180, L/R); RHP Brady Poppe (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF/INF Gavin Culberson (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Dylan Baggett (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); OF Ashton Van Horn (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 2B Hunter Cook (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); C Will Bottoms (Sr., 6-1, 160, R/R); SS Christian Vasquez (Sr., 5-7, 150, R/R); RHP AJ Rodriguez (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); LHP Lucas Meehan (Jr., 6-2, 200, L/L); RHP Riley Poppe (So., 6-2, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Talan Born (So., 6-1, 165, R/R); C/3B Jacob Worthey (So., 5-11, 175, R/R); C Braylan Bull (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF Noah Darden (Sr., 5-11, 180, L/R)

Season Outlook: The Wolverines welcome back the return of two of the region's top pitchers in Luke Fernandez and Brian Garmon. Right-hander Brady Poppe returns to give West Forsyth solid depth in a brutal region. If the Wolverines can be consistent on offense, they should be in the playoff chase.



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REGION 7-7A

Region Favorite: Norcross

Players to Watch

INF/RHP – Chase Bastuk, Sr., Norcross; **RHP** – Nathan Beckman, Sr., Archer; **INF/RHP** – Avery Bizzell, Jr., Norcross; **C** – Jake Bridges, Sr., Archer; **C/INF/OF** – Chaz Echerer, So., Duluth; **LHP** – Will Grogan, Sr., Norcross; **OF** – Connor Haynes, Sr., Dunwoody; **RHP** – Zach Heavern, Sr., Dunwoody; **RHP/OF** – Nick Lanning, Jr., Norcross; **OF** – Caleb Mitchem, Sr., Archer; **1B/OF** – Jett Pimentel, Sr., Duluth; **3B/RHP** – Alexander Rodriguez, Sr., Meadowcreek; **RHP/OF** – Allen Rucker, Sr., Duluth; **C** – Charlie Smith, Jr., Norcross



ARCHER TIGERS

Head Coach (s): Danny Daigle

Assistant Coach (s): Josh Bentley, Nathan Blanchard, Joel Bridges, Mitchell Hill, Chandler Hyman

2021 Record: 12-19

Returning Starters: C Jake Bridges (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF Caleb Mitchem (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); OF Sims Godwin (Sr., 5-11, 155, R/R); RHP Nathan Beckman (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); 3B Evan Grimes (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); OF Tanner Locsin (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); LHP/1B Cody Russell (Jr., 5-11, 170, L/L); RHP/1B Jack Young (So., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF/LHP William Wallace (So., 5-10, 160, L/L)

Other Returning Players: OF Noah Jannett (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); 3B Emmanuel McRae (So., 5-8, 180, R/R); RHP Tanner Humphries (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R); LHP/1B Elijah Magyar (Sr., 6-3, 220, L/L)

Top Newcomers: OF David Falloon (So., 6-1, 165, R/R); LHP Karson Kelly (So., 5-9, 140, L/L); INF Amari McCoy (So., 6-0, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: Look for Archer to rebound from a disappointing finish in 2021. There is enough talent for the Tigers to contend for the region title, but Archer's young pitching staff must mature and develop. Catcher Jake Bridges and outfielders Caleb Mitchem and Sims Godwin return to lead the offense after all batted better than .305 last year.



BERKMAR PATRIOTS

Head Coach (s): Bryan Allen

Survey not returned



DISCOVERY TITANS

Head Coach (s): Samuel Hamilton (new)

Survey not returned



DULUTH WILDCATS

Head Coach (s): Ryan Turner

Assistant Coach (s): Orlando Alvarez, Chucho Sanchez, Hector Ramirez

2021 Record: 13-16

Returning Starters: 1B/OF Jett Pimentel (Sr.); P/1B/OF Rocky Middleton (Sr.); RHP/OF Allen Rucker (Sr.); C/INF/OF Chaz Echerer (So., R/R); OF/P Josiah Satterwhite (Jr.)

Other Returning Players: RHP/INF/OF Riley Hosenstab (So.); RHP/1B/OF Antoine Rucker (So.)

Season Outlook: The Wildcats have some key positions to fill after making the state playoffs last spring. Five starters are back, including seniors Jett Pimentel and Allen Rucker. Keep an eye on versatile Chaz Echerer who had an excellent freshman campaign last year.



DUNWOODY WILDCATS

Head Coach (s): Chan English

Assistant Coach (s): Max Gertz, Jake Hill, Demarcus Hill, Dan Buis

2021 Record: 19-12

Returning Starters: OF Connor Haynes (Sr., R/R); C Nathan Pettitt (Sr., R/R); 3B Will Giles (Sr., R/R); SS Cooper Kuriger (Jr., R/R); OF J. Norris Neel (Sr., R/R); RHP Michael Mattison (Jr., R/R); RHP Zach Heavern (Sr., R/R); OF Taylor Stephens (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Luke Hogan (Sr., R/R); OF Oliver Romanoff (Sr., L/R); C Porter LeDoyen (Jr., R/R); RHP Shane Soderberg (Sr., R/R); RHP Danny Keohane (Sr., R/R); OF Cal Wichman (Sr., L/L); 1B Adam Frederick (Sr., L/L); RHP Blake Frost (Sr., R/R); RHP Ben Helton (Sr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP/OF Jake Lawson (Jr., L/L); 1B/LHP/OF Owen Anchors (So., L/L)

Season Outlook: The Wildcats should be back in the postseason hunt this spring. Outfielder Connor Haynes (.420 avg.) and top pitcher Zack Heavern are back. A total of eight starters return as Dunwoody should also contend for the region title.



MEADOWCREEK MUSTANGS

Head Coach (s): Jeff Johnson

Assistant Coach (s): Andrew Dixon

2021 Record: 0-18

Returning Starters: 3B/RHP Alexander Rodriguez (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); INF/OF/RHP Alberto Rodriguez (So., 5-8, 140, R/R); OF Danirion Moxey (So., 5-8, 150, R/R); 1B Eric Tavares (Jr., 6-0, 210, R/R); C/OF Joseph Nguyen (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Marcus Mitchell (So., 5-11, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: Meadowcreek should have a chance to be much better in 2022 in coach Jeff Johnson's second season. Five starters are back, including a pair of seniors in Alexander Rodriguez and Joseph Nguyen. Some younger players will need to step up and contribute.



NORCROSS BLUE DEVILS

Head Coach (s): Aaron Wilkins

Assistant Coach (s): Nick Drescher, Sylvester Lake, Tanner Maloof, Zach Walch, Todd Dyleski, Mike Cain

2021 Record: 18-12

Returning Starters: LHP Will Grogan (Sr., 6-1, 170, L/L); RHP/RF Nick

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Lanning (Jr., 6-4, 195, R/R); INF/RHP Chase Bastuk (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); OF Ian Byfield (Sr., 5-7, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Avery Bizzell (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); LHP/OF Justin O'Leary (Sr., 6-3, 175, L/L); C Charlie Smith (Jr., 5-10, 190, B/R); 1B Peyton Gorham (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: The defending region champs have some holes to fill, but there is enough talent for the Blue Devils to be in the mix again. Four starters are back, including a pair of standout pitchers in left-hander Will Grogan and right-hander Nick Lanning. Norcross will need some younger players to step up.

REGION 8-7A

Region Favorite: Mountain View

Players to Watch

OF – Tyler Bak, Jr., North Gwinnett; **C** – Rand Bestermann, Sr., Peachtree Ridge; **INF** – Jack Demos, Sr., Collins Hill; **C/OF** – Landen Fernandez, Sr., Mountain View; **OF** – Wyatt Fooks, Sr., Mountain View; **1B** – Thurman Harris, Sr., Mill Creek; **LHP** – Ryan Heishman, Sr., Mountain View; **P/INF** – Sam Horn, Sr., Collins Hill; **RHP/OF** – Matthew Hoskins, Sr., Peachtree Ridge; **3B/RHP** – Tyler Hower, Sr., North Gwinnett; **LHP/1B** – Cooper Johnson, So., Mountain View; **OF** – Chandler Klein, Sr., Mill Creek; **3B/SS** – Tyshon Patty, Jr., Mountain View

COLLINS HILL EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Zach Black

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

2021 Record: 11-20

Returning Starters: P/INF Sam Horn (Sr.); INF Jack Demos (Sr.); P/OF Colin Livingston (Sr.); C/INF Vahn Lackey (Jr.)

Other Returning Players: INF/OF/P Trevor Jones (Sr.); INF/OF/P Aaron Bennett (Sr.); C/INF Kelvyn Gonzalez (Sr.); C Ethan Wellwood (Sr.); P/INF Xander Olivares (Sr.); OF Rashad Tubbs (Sr.)

Top Newcomers: INF/P Jake Rutkowski (Jr.); OF/P Greg Gonzalez (Jr.); INF/P Michael Gonzalez (Jr.)

Season Outlook: A solid group of returning seniors should help Collins Hill contend for the postseason this spring. Two-sport star Sam Horn and Colin Livingston bring experience to the pitcher's mound. The Eagles must find a way to be consistent on offense.

MILL CREEK HAWKS

Head Coach (s): Doug Jones

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

2021 Record: 22-12

Returning Starters: DH/C Hutch Ezell (Sr., 6-3, 200, R/R); OF Chandler Klein (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); 1B Thurman Harris (Sr., 6-0, 195, R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP Sahil Patel (Sr., 5-10, 160, L/L); RHP Jackson DeBarry (Sr., 5-10, 230, R/R); OF Jacques Walker (Sr., 5-11, 165, L/L); INF Matthew Simay (Jr., 6-2, 155, R/R); 1B/DH Cole Mullins (So., 6-2, 215, L/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP Beau Brailey (Jr., 6-2, 200, R/R); RHP Nick Bennett (So., 5-9, 155, R/R); C/3B Hunter Pirkle (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP Ryan Thomas (Jr., 6-4, 230, R/R)

Season Outlook: After winning the region title last year, the Hawks have some key positions to fill if they want to approach last year's success. Only three starters return and the lack of experienced pitching is a concern. The senior class is small, but the Hawks will be looking for some underclassmen to step forward.

MOUNTAIN VIEW BEARS

Head Coach (s): Jason Johnson

Assistant Coach (s): Jamie Suggs, Billy Best, Chris Hankins, Jonathan Spitler, Tyler Crumley

2021 Record: 15-18

Returning Starters: 3B/SS Tyshon Patty (Jr., R/R); LHP/1B Cooper Johnson (So., L/L); OF Landen Fernandez (Sr., R/R); OF/INF/RHP Thomas Murcia (Sr.); OF Wyatt Fooks (Sr.); SS/2B Malachi Jeffries (Jr.); LHP Ryan Heishman (Sr.)

Other Returning Players:

RHP/C/3B Harry Bouldin (So.); RHP/OF Tyler Greene (So.); RHP Justin Hannan (Sr.); RHP/OF Jackson Smith (Jr.); RHP Max Hobgood (Sr.)

Top Newcomers: SS/2B Jin Kasuya (Fr.); RHP/OF Owen Davis (Jr.); C Sebastian Hernandez (Jr.); RHP/1B/3B Jabari Spencer (So.)

Season Outlook: The Bears return a good mixture of talent and could be the team to beat in Region 8-7A play. Mountain View has good pitching depth returning with left-handers Ryan Heishman and sophomore Cooper Johnson leading the way. Infielder Tyshon Patty and outfielder Wyatt Fooks return to power the offense.



Landen Fernandez
Mountain View



Wyatt Fooks
Mountain View



Ryan Heishman
Mountain View



Cooper Johnson
Mountain View

NORTH GWINNETT BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Ryan Moity

Assistant Coach (s): Joe Molony, Tait Poitevint, Greg Singleton, Gary McBryar, Nick Dunn, Kevin Jones

2021 Record: 17-17

Returning Starters: C Josh Close (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Tyler Bak (Jr., 5-11, 160, L/L); OF Sebastian Rutledge (Sr., 5-11, 160, L/L); RHP Jackson Abernathy (Jr., 6-3, 180, R/R); 3B/RHP Tyler Hower (Sr., 5-9, 185, R/R); INF Cameron Collins (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/RHP Edwin Bowman (Sr., 6-4, 190, R/R); RHP Alec Smith (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); SS Erik Parker (So., 6-3, 180, R/R); LHP/OF

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Gavin Zoeller (Jr., 5-10, 175, L/L)

Top Newcomers: INF/OF Eli Pitts (Fr., 5-11, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Bulldogs finished the 2021 season strong after getting off to a slow start. North Gwinnett looks to keep its positive momentum going. Six starters are back, but the Bulldogs will need some more arms in their pitching rotation. Senior infielder/pitcher Tyler Hower and junior outfielder Tyler Bak return to lead the way.



PEACHTREE RIDGE LIONS

Head Coach (s): Nick Hogan

Assistant Coach (s): Tyler Collins, James Clanahan, Eric Jones

2021 Record: 12-18

Returning Starters: RHP/OF Matthew Hoskins (Sr., 6-2, 210, R/R); C Rand Bestermann (Sr., 6-4, 205, R/R); SS/3B Bryan Diaz Sarante (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R); OF Xavier Ondre (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); 2B/SS Anthony Vega (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R); 2B Brandon Sunwoo (So., 6-1, 170, R/R); OF Anthony Manbeck (Jr., 6-2, 150, R/R); 3B/2B Nicky Nguyen (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); LHP Sam Pulliam (Sr., 6-1, 155, L/L)

Other Returning Players: C Ashton Bridwell (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); RHP/1B Alex Bestermann (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R)

Season Outlook: Peachtree Ridge will be much better this spring as nine starters are back, including offensive catalysts Matthew Hoskins (.396 avg., 14 2B) and Rand Bestermann (.440 avg., 37 RBIs). If the pitching rotation matures and develops, look for the Lions to be strong.



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Class 6A

Preseason Top 15

No.	Team	2021 Record	Returning Starters	Comment
1.	 Buford	32-2	7	Wolves may be even better in 2022
2.	 Pope	29-12	7	New coach, but same story for 'hounds
3.	 Allatoona	32-7	6	Despite losses, Bucs still dangerous
4.	 Houston County	33-7	4	Bears need pitching to step up
5.	 South Effingham	27-11	9	Mustangs could be that good
6.	 Richmond Hill	17-16	8	Wildcats can be explosive on offense
7.	 River Ridge	27-7	10	Knights could be state's sleeper
8.	 Carrollton	30-5	4	Pitching will carry the Trojans
9.	 Lassiter	32-8	2	Trojans won't sneak up on anybody
10.	 Valdosta	21-13	6	Wildcats could go a long way
11.	 Cambridge	22-10	7	Pitching depth will help this team
12.	 Winder-Barrow	24-7	7	'Doggs lost a lot, but still tough
13.	 South Paulding	20-9	8	Spartans could be dangerous
14.	 Glynn Academy	21-13	9	Terrors will be tough in good region
15.	 Westlake	22-10	8	Athletic Lions a team to watch

Teams to watch (In alphabetical order)

East Paulding, Evans, Johns Creek, Kennesaw Mountain, Lee County, Rome, Sequoyah, Statesboro

REGION 1-6A

Region Favorite: Houston County

Players to Watch

2B/SS – Rhett Adams, So., Northside-Warner Robins; **1B/DH** – Eli Batts, Sr., Valdosta; **U** – Gabe Bautista, Sr., Northside-Warner Robins; **3B/OF** – Drew Burress, Jr., Houston County; **1B/RHP** – Andrew Dunford, Jr., Houston County; **INF** – Kaden Galason, Sr., Houston County; **OF/LHP** – Gage Harrelson, Sr., Houston County; **1B/LHP** – Isaiah Haygood, So., Valdosta; **C** – Dylan Herlong, Jr., Northside-Warner Robins; **C** – Garrett Hortman, Sr., Houston County; **RHP/C/DH** – Max Newbern, Sr., Valdosta; **INF/OF** – Cameron Paul, Sr., Lee County; **INF/RHP** – Cole Porter, Sr., Valdosta; **INF/P** – Luke Powell, Sr., Lee County; **OF** – Brayden Proctor, Jr., Lee County; **RHP/INF** – JD Smith, Sr., Valdosta

Garrett Hortman (Sr., 6-2, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Kaden Galason (Sr., 6-1, 165, R/R); INF Blaydn Alaniz (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF Elijah Smith (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); C Eli Stephens (So., 6-2, 190, L/L); INF Hunter Chiapetta (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Colby Meservey (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); C Camden Hicks (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); C Mason Siniard (Jr., 5-10, 190, R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP Ryker Chavis (Jr., 6-2, 165, L/L); RHP/1B Brooks Willis (So., 6-5, 185, L/R); RHP/OF Cam Cunningham (So., 5-10, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook:

The defending state champs lost some firepower from last season, especially on the mound. But the Bears have enough leftovers and some young talent waiting for their chance. Houston should be a major factor in Class 6A again, especially if some younger players mature. Leading hitter Gage Harrelson (.498 avg., 31 RBIs) and third baseman Drew Burress are back, while Andrew Dunford anchors a young but talented pitching rotation.



Ryker Chavis
Houston County



Kaden Galason
Houston County



Garrett Hortman
Houston County



Elijah Smith
Houston County



HOUSTON COUNTY BEARS

Head Coach (s): Matt Hopkins

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

2021 Record: 33-7

Returning Starters: CF/LHP Gage Harrelson (Sr., 6-3, 180, L/L); 1B/RHP Andrew Dunford (Jr., 6-7, 235, R/R); 3B/OF Drew Burress (Jr., 5-9, 185, R/R); C

Class 6A



LEE COUNTY TROJANS

Head Coach (s): Brian Trivette

Assistant Coach (s): Kyle Keen, Matt Suggs, Mitch Holloway

2021 Record: 13-23

Returning Starters: INF/P

Luke Powell (Sr.); INF Tripp Thomas (Sr.); INF/OF Cameron Paul (Sr.); OF Alex Newton (Sr.); C Gavin Lacey (Jr.)

Other Returning Players: P

Will Henderson (Sr.); P Gaven Smith (So.); OF Brayden Proctor (Jr.); P Dallas Nesbit (Sr.); P/1B Owen Greene (Sr.); INF Jacob Osborn (Sr.); C/INF Gavin Brinkley (Jr.)

Season Outlook: After starting slowly last year, the Trojans finished strong with a solid playoff run. Lee County looks to build off that positive momentum this spring. Five starters are back, four of them seniors. Infielder/pitcher Luke Powell is back, but the Trojans must develop some pitching depth.



Alex Newton
Lee County



Cameron Paul
Lee County



Luke Powell
Lee County



Tripp Thomas
Lee County



NORTHSIDE-WARNER ROBINS EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Corey Jones (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Tanner Smith, Devonte Butler, Joey Walker, Jacob Walker

2021 Record: 6-24

Returning Starters: U Gabe Bautista (Sr., R/R); C Dylan Herlong (Jr., R/R); 1B Ryan Day (Sr., R/R); 2B/SS Rhett Adams (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: 2B Dalton Cohen (Jr., R/R); INF Kenyan Walker (So., R/R); 3B Gabe Turner (Jr., R/R); 3B/OF Drew Rice (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Jayden Baker (So., R/R); RHP/INF Daniel Hudson (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: New coach Corey Jones takes over and inherits a handful of returning starters. Infielder Rhett Adams, the region's freshman of the year last season, returns as well as versatile Gabe Bautista and catcher Dylan Herlong. The lack of pitching is a concern.



VALDOSTA WILDCATS

Head Coach (s): Brad Porter

Assistant Coach (s): Jonathan Oliver, Bryan McLain, Taylor Prain, Keith McConnehead

2021 Record: 21-13

Returning Starters: 1B/DH Eli Batts (Sr., 6-2, 175, L/R); INF/OF Jordan Caraway (Sr., 5-7, 155, R/R); RHP/C/DH Max Newbern (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); INF/

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REGION 2-6A

Region Favorite: South Effingham

Players to Watch

2B – Chapman Bennett, Sr., Effingham County; **C** – Aaron Benton, Jr., South Effingham; **RF** – Luke Boone, Sr., Richmond Hill; **C** – John Daniel Coleman, Sr., Effingham County; **3B/2B** – Landon Collins, Sr., Statesboro; **CF** – Evan Cowan, Sr., Richmond Hill; **RHP** – Chamberlain Dent, Sr., Brunswick; **OF** – Ty Devlin, Jr., Glynn Academy; **1B/RHP** – Tom Echols, Sr., Glynn Academy; **SS/RHP** – Leighton Finley, Sr., Richmond Hill; **1B** – Matthew Ford, Sr., Effingham County; **P** – Jaylin Frasier, Sr., Bradwell Institute; **INF** – Ethan Fuller, Sr., Richmond Hill; **INF** – Gus Gandy, So., Glynn Academy; **1B** – Ty Goldrick, Jr., Richmond Hill; **INF** – Nigel Green, Jr., Bradwell Institute; **LHP/OF/1B** – Dylan Gronefeld, Jr., Statesboro; **U** – Spence Hartman, Sr., Glynn Academy; **SS** – Blake Hendrix, Jr., Effingham County; **3B/SS** – Noah Hollis, Sr., South Effingham; **RHP/OF** – Kaleb Johnson, Jr., South Effingham; **RHP** – Hunter Legas, Jr., Richmond Hill; **OF** – Eli Leiataua, Sr., Bradwell Institute; **SS** – Kyle Lodise, Sr., Brunswick; **OF** – John Wise Long, Sr., Glynn Academy; **RHP/1B** – Nick Milbrandt, Sr., South Effingham; **OF/LHP** – Riley Morgan, Jr., Brunswick; **LF** – Trent Newberry, Jr., Effingham County; **U** – Hank Noonan, Jr., Glynn Academy; **LHP/OF** – Thomas Ponder, Sr., Statesboro; **OF/INF** – Jalen Varnadoe, Sr., Richmond Hill; **RHP/OF** – Hunter Walthour, Sr., South Effingham; **CF** – Tyler Wells, Sr., Effingham County; **C/OF/RHP** – Landon Yates, Jr., Statesboro; **RHP/1B/OF** – Zach Zorbo, Jr., South Effingham

RHP Cole Porter (Sr., 5-9, 145, R/R); INF/RHP JD Smith (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); 1B/LHP Isaiah Haygood (So., 5-8, 170, L/L)

Other Returning Players: 3B Demetrius Donaldson (Sr., 5-8, 225, R/R); C/OF Nyk Emerson (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF James Gatlin (Sr., 5-4, 125, L/L); INF Jacob King (Jr., 5-10, 145, R/R); OF EJ Miley (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); OF/RHP Colson Moody (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R); INF/RHP Cohen Smith (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 1B Evan Hawes (Sr., 6-2, 235, R/R); OF/RHP Sam Houston (Jr., 5-10, 140, R/R); OF Andre Mason (So., 5-9, 150, R/R); INF Keeanu Morel (Sr., 5-11, 155, R/R); OF Alex Roberts (Sr., 5-11, 155, R/R); INF/RHP Alex Wilson (So., 6-2, 190, R/R)

Season Outlook: After a trip to the quarterfinals last year, the Wildcats should be able to duplicate last year's success, especially with solid pitching returning in right-handers JD Smith, Max Newbern, Cole Porter and left-hander Isaiah Haygood. Seniors Eli Batts and Jordan Caraway return to lead the offensive attack.



Eli Batts
Valdosta



Isaiah Haygood
Valdosta



Max Newbern
Valdosta



Cole Porter
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BRADWELL INSTITUTE TIGERS

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Survey not returned



BRUNSWICK PIRATES

Head Coach (s): Greg Roberts
Assistant Coach (s): Grayson Yeomans, Andy Bonifay, Kyle Bialousz, Paul Sorrow, Josh Smith
2021 Record: 15-13

Returning Starters: SS Kyle Lodise (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); 1B Matthew Neal (Sr., 6-0, 190, L/L); RHP/OF Jonathan Landers (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP Chamberlain Dent (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); OF/LHP Riley Morgan (Jr., 5-9, 155, L/L); INF Dylan Sapp (So., 5-9, 135, R/R); RHP/INF Elijah Wellman (So., 6-3, 165, R/R)
Season Outlook: The Pirates should be in the postseason chase this spring as seven returning starters are back. Shortstop Kyle Lodise is back after a standout junior season, while right-hander Chamberlain Dent returns to lead what should be a solid pitching rotation.



EFFINGHAM COUNTY REBELS

Head Coach (s): Shane Ramsey (new)
Assistant Coach (s): Avery Roth, Matthew Alligood, Chuck Smith

2021 Record: 15-13

Returning Starters: 1B Matthew Ford (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); CF Tyler Wells (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); 2B Chapman Bennett (Sr., 5-11, 150, R/R); C John Daniel Coleman (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); 3B Mason Mock (Jr., 5-9, 180, R/R); SS Blake Hendrix (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R); LF Trent Newberry (Jr., 5-10, 190, L/L); RHP Caden Kessler (So., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/LHP Newton Kieffer (Fr., 6-0, 160, L/L)

Season Outlook: Former state championship winning-coach Shane Ramsey takes over at Effingham County and looks to get the Rebels back on track. Eight starters are back, including four seniors. If the Rebels can develop some pitching depth, they could be dangerous. Senior catcher John Daniel Coleman returns, giving the team a solid player to build around.



GLYNN ACADEMY RED TERRORS

Head Coach (s): John Welborn (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Jake Sandlin, Ted Wallen, Jason Smith, Alex Mathis, Dan Meyers

2021 Record: 21-13

Returning Starters: INF Gus Gandy (So., R/R); OF Ty Devlin (Jr., R/R); U Hank Noonan (Jr., R/R); OF John Wise Long (Sr., L/L); 1B/RHP Tom Echols (Sr.,



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Other Returning Players:

U Hugh Edgy (Jr., R/R); RHP Aeden Beuning (Sr., R/R); INF Brandon Kasper (Jr., R/R); 1B Scott Hegeman (Sr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: U Rooker Hobby (So., R/R); U Trent Tankersley (So., R/R); U Greyson Gegg (So., L/R); U William Pralinsky (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: Former assistant John Welborn takes over and inherits nine returners, including offensive leaders John Wise Long and Ty Devlin as well as pitching standout Tom Echols. The talent is there for the Terrors to contend for the region title and the playoffs. Keep an eye on a solid group of juniors and sophomores



Gus Gandy
Glynn Academy



Hank Noonan
Glynn Academy

R/R); RHP/OF Kaleb Johnson (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R); RHP/OF Maddox Shiell (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); RHP/1B/OF Zach Zorbo (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/1B Peyton Beasley (Sr., 6-2, 235, R/R); RHP Brantley Griggs (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); 2B Owen Barton (Jr., 5-8, 160, L/R); 1B Nick Midock (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Avery Sikes (Jr., 6-1, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/OF Jaeden Steinhoff (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); C/OF Ethan Atkins (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); OF Chace Funderburk (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF Justin Martell (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF Jensen Privette (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: After a run to the quarterfinals last year, the Mustangs return most of that talent and should pick up from where they left off. The senior class is strong. All-state players Nick Milbrandt and Hunter Walthour are back as well as catcher Aaron Benton and infielder Noah Hollis.



STATESBORO BLUE DEVILS

Head Coach (s): Chris Bishop

Assistant Coach (s): Matt Meeks, Buddy Deal, Keith Legree

2021 Record: 17-16

Returning Starters: LHP/OF Thomas Ponder (Sr., 6-1, 180, L/L); 3B/2B Landon Collins (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); SS/2B Grae Haralson (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); C/OF/RHP Landon Yates (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF/OF/RHP Mason Johns (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); LHP/OF/1B Dylan Gronefeld (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/L)

Other Returning Players: OF Jordan Fennel (Sr., 5-10, 155, R/R); 1B/RHP Drew Yawn (Jr., 6-1, 250, L/R); INF/OF/RHP Avery Newton (Jr., 5-10, 145, B/R);



RICHMOND HILL WILDCATS

Head Coach (s): Scott Strickland

Assistant Coach (s): Chaise Parker, Joshua Romain, Joe Scott, Michael Starr

2021 Record: 17-16

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Leighton Finley (Sr., 6-5, 205, R/R); OF Evan Cowan (Sr., 6-2, 175, L/R); OF Luke Boone (Sr., 6-4, 195, R/R); RHP Hunter Legas (Jr., 5-8, 175, R/R); OF/INF Jalen Varnadoe (Sr., 6-1, 165, R/R); INF Ethan Fuller (Sr., 5-6, 175, R/R); 1B Ty Goldrick (Jr., 6-3, 210, R/R); OF Connor Truax (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/RHP Blayne Newman (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R); C Ozzie Ilar (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); RHP Ryan Wiebold (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C Joseph Baker (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); LHP Garrett Wright (Jr., 6-1, 155, B/L); INF Brandon Kessler (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); INF Tyler Fountain (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: If the Wildcats can find some pitching depth to go along with do-it-all Leighton Finley, they could challenge for the region title. Three of the team's top hitters return from last season – Finley (.371 avg.), outfielder Luke Boone (.345 avg.) and outfielder Evan Cowan (.356 avg.). Look for a solid group of juniors to also contribute.



SOUTH EFFINGHAM MUSTANGS

Head Coach (s): Todd Eubanks

Assistant Coach (s): Jesse Osborne, Jason Shiell, Jerry Hand, Turner Davis, Reid Cook

2021 Record: 27-11

Returning Starters: RHP/1B Nick Milbrandt (Sr., 6-2, 240, R/R); 3B/SS Noah Hollis (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); RHP/OF Hunter Walthour (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R); 2B/3B/OF Zach Wert (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); RHP/SS Carson Spendiff (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); C Aaron Benton (Jr., 6-0, 175,



Noah Hollis
South Effingham



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Class 6A

OF Denim Fair-Mincey (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); RHP/OF Ethan Hires (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP/3B Cooper Douglas (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Brian Deal (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); C Landon Brooks (Jr., 5-9, 200, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 1B/LHP Mathis Lanier (So., 5-9, 220, R/L); OF/LHP Aiden Lewis (So., 5-9, 165, L/L)

Season Outlook: The Blue Devils lost some talent to graduation after making the playoffs last year. The good news is that six starters return, including second team all-region pitcher Thomas Ponder (7-4, 2.30 ERA) as well as senior offensive standouts Landon Collins (.327 avg., 21 RBIs) and Grae Haralson (.319 avg., 22 RBIs). Look for a solid junior class to contribute.

REGION 3-6A

Region Favorite: Evans

Players to Watch

C/RHP – Reid Akins, Sr., Evans; **LHP/OF** – Riley Akins, Sr., Evans; **INF/C** – Bryce Canty, Sr., Heritage-Conyers; **3B/RHP** – Connor Coursey, Sr., Alcovy; **3B** – Dane Dykstra, Sr., Lakeside-Evans; **INF** – Nick Eckert, Sr., Grovetown; **RHP** – Kaliph Gaston, Jr., Rockdale County; **CF** – Lleyton Lackey, Sr., Evans; **LHP/OF/1B** – Reece Payne, So., Alcovy; **C/DH** – Matthews Roa, Sr., Evans; **RHP/INF** – Colby Schachtner, Sr., Grovetown; **SS/2B** – Cooper Serigney, Sr., Evans; **LHP/1B** – Josh Smith, Sr., Heritage-Conyers; **RHP/INF** – Kam Stalcup, Jr., Grovetown; **OF/RHP** – Oliver Swenson, Sr., Lakeside-Evans; **1B/LHP** – Hunter Thompson, Jr., Evans; **C/INF** – Kellen Walker, Sr., Rockdale County; **RHP/SS** – Gavin Wright, Sr., Lakeside-Evans

ALCOVY TIGERS

Head Coach (s): Jimmy Hughes
Survey not returned

EVANS KNIGHTS

Head Coach (s): Jay Matthews (new)
Assistant Coach (s): Sean Kennedy, Chet Frady, Davis Murray, Chris Segraves, Bob Halliday

2021 Record: 16-15

Returning Starters: CF Lleyton Lackey (Sr., 5-10, 170, B/L); C/RHP Reid Akins (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); LHP/OF Riley Akins (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/L); SS/2B Cooper Serigney (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); C/DH Matthews Roa (Sr., 5-8, 180, L/R); 3B/2B Ty McClintock (Jr., 5-11, 185, R/R); 1B/LHP Hunter Thompson (Jr., 6-1, 210, L/L)

Other Returning Players: OF Payton Fuller (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); LHP/OF Evan



Reid Akins
Evans



Riley Akins
Evans

Kraus (Sr., 5-9, 170, L/L); SS/RHP Caleb Bennett (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); C/INF Jackson Cliatt (So., 6-1, 215, R/R); LHP/1B Brandon Kromka (Sr., 6-3, 220, L/L); 3B/RHP Austin Weeks (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF Cade Strawser (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Tate Thompson (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: New coach Jay Matthews inherits seven returning starters and a solid senior class that will help the Knights contend for the region title. Outfielder and two-sport star Lleyton Lackey will lead the way along with ace pitcher Reid Akins and catcher Riley Akins. Offensive catalysts Cooper Serigney and Matthews Roa also return.

GROVETOWN WARRIORS

Head Coach (s): Travis Lee

Assistant Coach (s): Sam Joiner, Trent Lee, Will Emadi, Kyle Cartledge

2021 Record: 14-14

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Colby Schachtner (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Nick Eckert (Sr., R/R); OF Sebastian Rivera (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF Kam Stalcup (Jr., R/R); RHP/INF Reid Teston (Jr., L/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Tyler Prosnak (Jr., R/L); INF Dalton Adams (Jr., R/R); C Hollis Evans (So., R/R); INF Will Murphy (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Warriors have an excellent group of returning starters back and should challenge for the postseason again. Top pitcher Colby Schachtner (5-2, 2.29 ERA) returns to lead a solid pitching rotation, while infielder Nick Eckert (.339 avg., 12 RBIs) returns on offense. Look for some talented juniors and sophomores to contribute.



Colby Schachtner
Grovetown

HERITAGE-CONYERS PATRIOTS

Head Coach (s): Michael Marra

Assistant Coach (s): TBA

2021 Record: 9-18

Returning Starters: LHP/1B Josh Smith (Sr., 6-2, 190, L/L); INF/C Bryce Canty (Sr., 6-1, 160, B/R); OF Cameron Usher (Jr., 6-1, 160, R/R); RHP/1B Keith Copeland (Jr., 6-4, 155, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Hunter Channell (So., 6-0, 155, R/R); OF



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Class 6A

Nick Stephens (Sr., 5-7, 140, R/R); C J'Von Harrison (So., 5-7, 140, R/R); INF Jackson McGill (Jr., 6-1, 160, R/R); 1B DJ Harris (Jr., 5-10, 230, R/R); INF Josh Kelley (Sr., 5-8, 140, R/R); INF Dawson Kelley (Sr., 5-9, 140, R/R)

Season Outlook: Michael Marra begins his second season at Heritage and welcomes back the return of four starters. Heritage should be much better. Left-hander Josh Smith leads a young group of pitchers, while infielder/catcher Bryce Canty is back to spark the offense. The Patriots will need some underclassmen to step forward.



LAKESIDE-EVANS PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): T.J. Davis

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

2021 Record: 16-12

Returning Starters: 3B Dane Dykstra (Sr., 5-11, 145, R/R); RHP/SS Gavin Wright (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Oliver Swenson (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); 2B/SS/RHP Colten Moak (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B Max Holt (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); OF/RHP Davis Wilson (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); 2B Ricky Rosas (Sr., 5-6, 140, R/R); C Griffin Hedrick (So., 6-1, 160, R/R); 1B/C Will Coleman (Sr., 5-10, 270, R/R); 2B/3B Charlie McCoy (Sr., 5-8, 130, L/R)

Season Outlook: The defending region champions have enough returning to make another run at the region crown. Four starters are back along with a strong senior class. Pitcher Gavin Wright (7-2, 2.10 ERA) leads what should be a solid pitching staff. Senior Oliver Swenson also returns.



ROCKDALE COUNTY BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Thomas Briscoe

Assistant Coach (s): Ricky Bailey, Patrick Alligood

2021 Record: 6-20

Returning Starters: C/INF Kellen Walker (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); INF/RHP Kenny Raggs (Sr., 6-3, 165, R/R); INF Kollin Robertson (Sr., 6-5, 205, R/R); RHP/INF Jordan Jackson (Jr., 5-11, 150, R/R); RHP/INF Kaliph Gaston (Jr., 5-9, 190, R/R); OF Ian Harris (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); RHP/INF Reginald Tuggle (So., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/INF Josiah Hunt (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); RHP/1B Devin Horne (Jr., 6-0, 230, R/R); OF Jeremiah Bonner (Jr., 5-9, 180, R/R); OF Brice Dockett (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 1B/OF Deonte Barkley (Sr., 6-2, 165, L/L); INF Johnathan Raggs (Fr., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF Dareon Adkins (Fr., 5-9, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Bulldogs look to shake off a disappointing finish last year. A solid group of returning players are back, including offensive leaders Kellen Walker and Kenny Raggs. Keep an eye on junior pitcher/infielder Kaliph Gaston who was solid as a sophomore last year.



REGION 4-6A

Region Favorite: Westlake

Players to Watch

2B/OF -- Cartier Atchison, Jr., Tucker; **SS/OF** -- Payton Boines, Sr., North Atlanta; **LHP/1B** -- Khamari Bush, Jr., Westlake; **INF** -- Malachi Cloud, Sr., Lakeside-DeKalb; **RHP** -- Sims DeLong, Jr., North Atlanta; **OF** -- Isaiah Drake, Jr., Westlake; **OF** -- Brian Hardaway, Sr., Westlake; **SS/RHP** -- Andre Hunter, Sr., Tucker; **OF** -- Jordan Johnson, Jr., Lovejoy; **C** -- Nate Leverette, Jr., Westlake; **3B/1B/OF** -- Jaylon Lucky, Sr., Westlake; **U** -- Marquis Mitchell, Jr., Lovejoy; **LHP** -- Gunnar Plante, Jr., North Atlanta; **C/U** -- Amir Streeter, Sr., Tucker; **RHP/1B** -- Kaece Supples, Sr., Tucker; **RHP** -- Will Tansill, Sr., Lakeside-DeKalb; **OF** -- Isaac Terrell, Sr., Lakeside-DeKalb; **OF/C** -- Travarez Thomas, Jr., Westlake; **INF/RHP** -- Jordan Thompson, So., Lovejoy; **RHP/3B** -- Aidan Turner, Jr., Tucker; **3B/1B/OF** -- Zach Turner, Sr., North Atlanta; **OF** -- Lucas Uyeda, Sr., Lakeside-DeKalb; **OF** -- Reeve Walden, Sr., Lakeside-DeKalb; **SS/2B/RHP** -- Kelcey White, Sr., Westlake



HUGHES PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): Robert Jones (new)

Survey not returned



LAKESIDE-DEKALB VIKINGS

Head Coach (s): Brian Granger

Assistant Coach (s): Bill Newsome, Kyle Johnson, Johnny Burnett, Andrew Parkin, Bill Hoover

2021 Record: 25-6

Returning Starters: INF Malachi Cloud (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); RHP Will Tansill (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF Reeve Walden (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF Lucas Uyeda (Sr., 6-1, 175, L/L); OF Isaac Terrell (Sr., 6-2, 190, L/L); LHP Jacob Arnberger (So., 5-10, 170, L/L); RHP/INF Will Berry (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B Bradley Towner (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); 3B Devon Moyer (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); C/RHP Adam Voogd (So., 6-3, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Nitin Rao (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); RHP John Roath (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); RHP/INF Reid Brosnan (So., 6-1, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: Lakeside returns five senior starters and should have a chance to approach last year's success if they can find some pitching depth. Right-hander Will Tansill (5-2, 3.35 ERA) and lefty Jacob Arnberger return on the mound. Infielder Malachi Cloud (.349 avg.) and outfielder Lucas Uyeda (.427 avg., 24 RBIs) are back to lead the offense.



LOVEJOY WILDCATS

Head Coach (s): Antonio Mitchell

Assistant Coach (s): Brandon Gaither

2021 Record: 7-18

Class 6A

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Jordan Thompson (So., 6-1, 210, R/R); U Kashaun Mitchell (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Jordan Johnson (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); U Marquis Mitchell (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); U Amare Alexander (Sr., 6-0, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP Josiah Jonathan (Sr., 6-4, 185, R/R); OF/INF Marquis Mitchell (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wildcats are a relatively young team, but keep an eye on several underclassmen who should help Lovejoy improve upon last season's finish. Versatile Marquis Mitchell and outfielder Jordan Johnson return as well as infielder/pitcher Jordan Thompson who showed a lot of promise as a freshman last spring.



MORROW MUSTANGS

Head Coach (s): Kyle Smith (new)

Survey not returned



NORTH ATLANTA WARRIORS

Head Coach (s): Ricky Plante

Assistant Coach (s): Greg Hendrix

2021 Record: 16-13

Returning Starters: 3B/1B/OF Zach Turner (Sr., 5-11, 225, R/R); SS/OF Payton Boines (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); RHP Sims DeLong (Jr., 6-2, 160, R/R); LHP Gunnar Plante (Jr., 6-7, 180, L/L); SS/OF Jonathan French (Jr., 5-7, 135, R/R); SS/RHP Silas Cunningham (Jr., 5-8, 155, B/R); LHP/1B Sam Neal (So., 6-0, 180, L/L)

Other Returning Players: C Noah Collins (Sr., 6-2, 220, R/R); SS/RHP Jacob Reina (Sr., 6-2, 165, R/R); OF Dillon Harris (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); LHP Jacob Leroux (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/L); RHP/3B John Gibson (Jr., 6-3, 200, R/R); SS Xaden Benson (So., 5-11, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/RHP Devone Alleyne (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Warriors could be a dangerous team in region play this spring. Look for them to challenge for the playoffs. Seven starters are back, including pitching standouts Sims DeLong and Gunnar Plante. Meanwhile, offensive leaders Payton Boines and Zach Turner also return.



TUCKER TIGERS

Head Coach (s): Bobby Link

Assistant Coach (s): John Farley

2021 Record: 15-13

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Andre Hunter (Sr., 5-7, 145, R/R); OF/1B Emory Guilford (Sr., 6-2, 195, L/L); C/U Amir Streeter (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP/OF Noah Grayson (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); RHP/1B Kaece Supples (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); RHP/3B Aidan Turner (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP/OF Lashon Smith (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); 2B/OF Cartier Atchison (Jr., 5-5, 135, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/1B Ayden Jones (Jr., 6-1, 230, R/R); C/U Evan Moreau (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/RHP Barry Manning (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Tigers welcome back eight returning starters after making the state playoffs last year. Look for Tucker to be much better in coach Bobby Link's second season. Seniors Andre Hunter and Amir Streeter are two players to keep an eye on.

WESTLAKE LIONS

Head Coach (s): Kelcey White, Sr.

Assistant Coach (s): Sean Moore, Matt Vandusen, George Thomason, Gerald Martin

2021 Record: 22-10

Returning Starters: SS/2B/RHP Kelcey White, Jr. (Sr., 5-11, 165, B/R); OF Brian Hardaway (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); 3B/1B/OF Jaylon Lucky (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); C Nate Leverette (Jr., 6-3, 180, R/R); LHP/1B Khamari Bush (Jr., 6-2, 200, L/L); OF Isaiah Drake (Jr., 5-10, 180, L/R); OF/C Travarez Thomas (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Bryce Thomas (So., 5-9, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Devon Lee (Jr., 5-11, 150, B/R); U Chris Smith (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); RHP/1B Myles Barrett (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Seth Spann (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Trey Smith (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R); OF/C Donovan Hubbard (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); OF Victor Culpepper (Sr., 5-9, 180, R/R); 1B Julius Franklin (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/L)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Jayden Reid (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); RHP/INF Kyler Glenn (So., 5-9, 160, R/R); RHP/INF Aaron Roberts (Jr., 6-3, 190, R/R)

Season Outlook: After winning Region 4-6A last year, the Lions will be looking for more in 2022. The bulk of the team returns, including infielder/pitcher Kelcey White (.406 avg., 5-0, 2.72 ERA), outfielder Brian Hardaway (.336 avg., 13 RBIs) and versatile Jaylon Lucky (.395 avg., 23 RBIs). Keep an eye on this program.



Khamari Bush
Westlake



Brian Hardaway
Westlake



Nate Leverette
Westlake



Travarez Thomas
Westlake

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REGION 5-6A

Region Favorite: Carrollton

Players to Watch

RHP/1B – Riley Anderson, Sr., Carrollton; **INF** – Corey Berry, Sr., East Paulding; **RHP/INF** – Cole Brewer, Sr., South Paulding; **LHP/OF** – Tyler Chatham, Sr., South Paulding; **OF** – Brady Cole, So., East Paulding; **C/1B** – Jacob Cooper, Sr., South Paulding; **RHP** – Cade Cosper, Jr., Carrollton; **SS** – Breydon Divine, Jr., Alexander; **OF/C** – Lawson Folds, Sr., South Paulding; **INF** – Layton Fortney, Sr., Douglas County; **OF** – Brendan Gates, Sr., South Paulding; **C/RHP** – Peyton Gentry, Sr., East Paulding; **1B/RHP** – Justin Gorski, Sr., Paulding County; **3B/SS** – Bradley Hurst, Sr., Paulding County; **RHP** – Mason McEntyre, Jr., Paulding County; **SS** – Tyler Neises, Jr., Dalton; **1B** – Caleb Nix, Sr., Dalton; **RHP/3B** – Kole Orshoski, Jr., Alexander; **RHP** – Brady Pendley, Sr., Dalton; **2B/C** – Jack Shipp, Jr., Paulding County; **C** – Jonathan Vigoa, Sr., Rome; **3B/RHP** – Braxton Wade, So., Rome; **CF** – Ace Williamson, Sr., Carrollton

Fricks (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP Cade Cosper (Jr., 6-1, 155, R/R)

Other Returning Players:

INF/OF Jackson Edwards (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); C Cole Carter (Sr., 5-9, 180, R/R); RHP Ethan Halley (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); OF Cam McLendon (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); C/U Conner Brewer (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R); RHP/U Wyatt Brewer (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R);

LHP/1B Carson Sewell (Jr., 6-3, 220, L/L)

Top Newcomers: INF/OF Andrew Albertus (So., 5-11, 160, R/R); LHP/OF Cole Britton (Jr., 5-9, 150, L/L); OF Seth Childers (Jr., 6-0, 155, R/R); OF Noah Claiborne (Jr., 6-1, 155, R/R); RHP/OF Joe Cooney (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); LHP/OF Jake Herrera (Jr., 6-3, 185, R/L); RHP/U Malachi Kemp (So., 6-2, 215, R/R); RHP/C/U Malik Kemp (So., 6-2, 215, R/R); RHP/U Luke Turner (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); 1B/DH Jordan White (So., 6-3, 205, R/R); 1B Ben Williams (Sr., 6-2, 210, R/R)

Season Outlook: Carrollton lost a lot of talent to graduation after winning 30 games last year. The Trojans will be rebuilding this spring, but there is plenty of young talent returning. Outfielder Ace Williamson (.424 avg., 43 RBIs) returns as well as pitchers Cade Cosper (5-1, 2.28 ERA), Riley Anderson and Turner Fricks. Some talented underclassmen will be competing for starting positions.



Jackson Edwards
Carrollton



Cam McLendon
Carrollton

A ALEXANDER COUGARS

Head Coach (s): Zach Romain

Assistant Coach (s): Luis Lowe, Jason Crook, Josh Morris, Mike Yates, Matt Pierce

2021 Record: 18-10

Returning Starters: LHP/1B/OF Xander Kyzar (Sr., 5-11, 165, L/L); OF Thomas Musser (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); SS Breydon Divine (Jr., 6-0, 150, R/R); RHP/3B Kole Orshoski (Jr., 6-2, 170, B/R); RHP/1B Josh Montalban (Jr., 6-4, 210, R/R); RHP Chase Moller (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); C Brock Lucas (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF Cole Eison (Jr., 5-8, 150, L/R); 2B Grayson Rainwater (Sr., 5-9, 140, R/R); RHP/3B Michael Oslacky (Sr., 6-2, 165, R/R); OF/RHP Trent Foster (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R)

Season Outlook: In what was supposed to be a rebuilding season, the Cougars made the state playoffs. This spring should be much better as Alexander will be expected to contend again. A wealth of talent is back, including junior shortstop Breydon Divine and pitcher/third baseman Kole Orshoski. Look for an excellent group of juniors to help carry the load.

CARROLLTON TROJANS

Head Coach (s): Scott Johnson

Assistant Coach (s): Jake Richardson, Adam Bright, Jonah Holliday, Scott Edwards, Dwate Strickland, Jeff Skinner

2021 Record: 30-5

Returning Starters: CF Ace Williamson (Sr., 6-2, 175, L/R); RHP/1B Riley Anderson (Sr., 6-0, 220, R/R); RHP/INF Turner



Riley Anderson
Carrollton



Cole Carter
Carrollton

D DALTON CATAMOUNTS

Head Coach (s): Ronnie Natola (new)

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

2021 Record: 7-18

Returning Starters: RHP Brady Pendley (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); 1B Caleb Nix (Sr., 6-6, 255, R/R); C Brock Johnson (Sr., 5-11, 205, R/R); 3B/C Orlando Santiago (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); OF Parker Eicholtz (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); OF Tyson Greenwade (Jr., 5-8, 175, R/R); DH/OF Jackson Blackwell (Jr., 5-10, 205, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 2B Jose Santiago (So., 5-8, 150, R/R); SS Tyler Neises (Jr., 6-2, 200, L/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP Blake Hammontree (Sr., 5-10, 185, L/L)

Season Outlook: First-year coach Ronnie Natola takes over and inherits five starters. If the Catamounts can stay away from injuries, they should improve upon last season's finish. Pitcher Brady Pendley and first baseman Caleb Nix return. Look for some underclassmen to contribute.



Tyler Neises
Dalton



Caleb Nix
Dalton



Brady Pendley
Dalton

Class 6A



DOUGLAS COUNTY TIGERS

Head Coach (s): John Farmer

Assistant Coach (s): David Tillison, Eric Bryant, Shawn Meade

2021 Record: 3-17

Returning Starters: INF Layton Fortney (Sr., 5-11, 155, R/R); INF Myles Corderro (Sr., 6-0, 215, R/R); INF Nathaniel Kirkendoll (Jr., 6-0, 150, R/R); OF Maverick Hummill (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); C Tre Relliford (So., 6-0, 220, R/R); C/INF Conner Robb (Jr., 5-10, 200, R/R); OF Khari Hartman (Jr., 5-7, 150, R/L); INF/DH Ryan Robinson (Jr., 6-1, 215, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Joseph Canas (Jr., 5-7, 130, R/R); OF/RHP Cleven Jones (So., 5-10, 150, R/R); INF Kaylee Taylor (Sr., 5-3, 115, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP James Johnson (Fr., 5-11, 160, B/R)

Season Outlook: The Tigers look to turn things around after the 2021 season was one Douglas County would like to forget about. Eight starters are back, but the Tigers must develop some pitching depth to be successful. The good news is that senior infielders Layton Fortney and Myles Corderro return to spark the offense.



EAST PAULDING RAIDERS

Head Coach (s): Tony Boyd

Assistant Coach (s): Andrew Deaton, Zack Kilday, Joe Tenoschok, Austin Driskell, Mike Wilson

2021 Record: 26-11

Returning Starters: INF Corey Berry (Sr., 6-0, 145, L/R); OF Trace Davis (Sr., 5-9, 155, R/R); C/RHP Peyton Gentry (Sr., 6-1, 160, R/R); OF Brady Cole (So., 5-9, 140, R/R); 3B/RHP Baylor Thomason (So., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF Deven Haywood (Sr., 6-0, 155, R/R); OF/1B Stephan French (Fr., 6-2, 170, R/R); 2B/RHP Sam Peterson (So., 5-7, 140, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/RHP Kaden Garner (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); LHP/OF Riley Kelly (Jr., 5-9, 140, R/L); RHP/INF Jonah Pace (Jr., 5-11, 140, R/R); C/RHP Tyler Williams (So., 5-11, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/C Jon Michael Huisman (Jr., 5-8, 135, R/R); OF Austin Sims (Jr., 6-0, 155, R/R); 1B/RHP Jonah Parish (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: A relatively young East Paulding squad welcomes back eight returning starters. The Raiders return solid hitters Corey Berry (.312 avg., 22 SB) and Peyton Gentry (.317 avg. 26 RBIs), but the lack of experienced pitching is a concern. Look for a talented group of younger players to step up and contribute.



Corey Berry
East Paulding



Peyton Gentry
East Paulding



PAULDING COUNTY PATRIOTS

Head Coach (s): Phillip Nasworthy (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Cooper Murphy, David Devey, Jacob Farmer

2021 Record: 12-14

Returning Starters: 3B/SS Bradley Hurst (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); 1B/RHP Justin Gorski (Sr., 6-2, 200, R/R); 2B/C Jack Shipp (Jr., 5-8, 155, R/R); OF Josh Wilder (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); RHP Mason McEntyre (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF Evan Call (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Brody Mullinax (Sr., 5-11, 150, R/R); 3B Logan

Lankford (Jr., 5-9, 175, L/R); C/RHP Spencer Pethel (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF Mason Thomason (Sr., 6-0, 155, R/R); 3B/C Wes Lankford (Sr., 5-7, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Christian Petrik (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R); RHP Josh Price (So., 6-0, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: Paulding County returns a bunch of talent under first-year coach Phillip Nasworthy. Seniors Bradley Hurst and Justin Gorski return to lead the way, while right-handed pitcher Mason McEntyre leads a young but solid group of pitchers.



ROME WOLVES

Head Coach (s): Brent Tucker

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

2021 Record: 18-10

Returning Starters: C Jonathan Vigoa (Sr., 5-10, 175); OF/LHP Carson Atkins (Sr., 6-0, 160); 3B/RHP Braxton Wade (So., 6-3, 170); OF Grant Bullard (Jr., 5-10, 185); 2B/OF Reece Fountain (So., 5-11, 180)

Other Returning Players: OF Joe Wilkinson (So., 5-10, 165); C/1B Will Costlow (Sr., 5-10, 190)

Season Outlook: After missing the state playoffs last season, Rome looks to rebound. They should do just that. Five returning starters are back, including all-state catcher Jonathan Vigoa. Keep an eye on infielder/pitcher Braxton Wade who was promising as a freshman last year.



Braxton Wade
Rome



SOUTH PAULDING SPARTANS

Head Coach (s): Jay Sneddon

Assistant Coach (s): Chris Adair, Brian Welak, Jason Chatham, Brian Meadows, Adam Graham, Scooter Houston

2021 Record: 20-9

Returning Starters: OF/C Lawson Folds (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); SS Harrison Ratner (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); RHP/INF Cole Brewer (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); C/1B Jacob Cooper (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); OF Brendan Gates (Sr., 6-1, 175, L/R); LHP/OF Tyler Chatham (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/L); OF Ethan Meadows (Sr., 5-8, 160, L/R); 3B Kody Clancy (So., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/1B Tanner Cochran (Sr., 5-11, 190, R/R); 1B/OF Brandt Gibbs (Sr., 6-0, 195, L/R); 1B Reece Freeman (Sr., 5-11, 195, R/R); INF Gaige King (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP Jeb Etheridge (Sr., 5-10, 165, L/R); RHP Preston Osborne (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); OF Trey Barker (Jr., 5-9, 165, L/L); OF Austin Gurley (Jr., 5-9, 160, L/L); 2B Zach Maloney (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 1B/C Austin Jetmore (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); C/3B Carson Taylor (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); RHP/OF Austin Robinson (Jr., 6-4, 180, R/R); RHP Wyatt Holladay (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R); RHP Nolyn Spencer (Jr., 6-0, 190, R/R)

Season Outlook: A strong senior class will lead the way and help South Paulding challenge for a postseason berth this spring. Two of the Spartans' top pitchers from last year – right-hander Cole Brewer (6-2, 1.44 ERA) and left-hander Tyler Chatham (4-4, 1.76 ERA) – return. Seniors Lawson Folds and Jacob Cooper return to lead the offense.



Tyler Chatham
South Paulding



Lawson Folds
South Paulding

Class 6A

REGION 6-6A

Region Favorite: Pope

Players to Watch

P – Tate Alston, Sr., Wheeler; **RHP** – Jack Butler, Sr., Pope; **OF/LHP** – Dawson Campbell, Sr., Pope; **RHP** – Dylan Dietz, Sr., Kennesaw Mountain; **2B** – Carson Felton, Sr., Wheeler; **OF** – Will Fincher, Sr., Kennesaw Mountain; **C/RHP** – Boston Forbes, Sr., Kell; **RHP/1B** – Trey Griffin, Sr., Lassiter; **INF/RHP** – Ethan Hames, Sr., Kell; **P/C** – Freddie Hartzell, Sr., Wheeler; **OF** – Caid Heflin, Sr., Pope; **P** – Josh Horton, Jr., Osborne; **C/P/SS** – LA Isham, Sr., Osborne; **1B/C** – Aidan Jolley, Sr., Allatoona; **INF** – Carson Kerce, Jr., Pope; **C/1B** – Ryan Martin, Sr., Lassiter; **OF/RHP** – Brady McDevitt, Sr., Kell; **OF/1B** – Cody McGill, Sr., Pope; **RHP** – Lucas Morici, Sr., Sprayberry; **C/DH** – William Mosley, Sr., Allatoona; **3B/RHP** – Dhruva Narine, Jr., Kennesaw Mountain; **C** – Heath Owen, Sr., Pope; **LHP/1B** – Sam Parker, Jr., Kennesaw Mountain; **RHP** – Landon Perkins, Sr., Allatoona; **RHP** – Caden Pierce, Sr., Lassiter; **INF/C** – Eliud Poventud, Jr., Kennesaw Mountain; **OF/RHP** – Brian Rivera, So., Kennesaw Mountain; **3B** – Kent Schmidt, Jr., Pope; **2B/SS** – Taylor Shultz, Sr., Allatoona; **C** – Ethan Snipes, Sr., Kennesaw Mountain; **3B** – Ethan Sutton, Jr., Allatoona; **SS/2B** – KK Towe, Sr., Sprayberry



ALLATOONA BUCCANEERS

Head Coach (s): Keith Hansen

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

2021 Record: 32-7

Returning Starters: C Aidan Jolley (Sr., R/R); SS Taylor Shultz (Sr., R/R); 3B Ethan Sutton (Jr., R/R); OF Jackson McElvy (Sr., R/R); C/DH William Mosley (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF Landon Perkins (Sr., R/R); RHP/OF Riley Gaskins (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/RHP Aidan Guilbeau (So., R/R); OF Michael Barron (Sr., L/L); C/INF Tyler McGuire (Jr., R/R); SS/2B Ethan Crawley (Jr., R/R); OF/RHP Cruz Dauberman (Sr., R/R); OF Blake Wootton (Sr., L/R); RHP/3B Brody Bearden (Sr., R/R); RHP Bradley Beavers (Sr., R/R); RHP Ward Kanour (Sr., R/R); LHP Drew Fields (Jr. R/L)

Season Outlook: The Buccaneers have some holes to fill after making it to the state semifinals last year. But look for Allatoona to make another strong run this year. All-state performer William Mosley is back along with catcher Aidan Jolley and third baseman Ethan Sutton.



Taylor Shultz
Allatoona



KELL LONGHORNS

Head Coach (s): Todd Harris

Assistant Coach (s): Josh Burrus, Taylor Bloye, Tim Tedeschi, Scott Montz

2021 Record: 16-13

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Brady McDevitt (Sr., 6-0, 190, L/R); C/RHP Boston Forbes (Sr., 6-4, 205, R/R); INF/RHP Ethan Hames (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); RHP/INF Nicholas Dawkins (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); C/OF Ethan Schricker (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP Gavin Ellis (Sr., 5-11, 175, L/L); OF/INF/LHP Wesley Shannon (Sr., 6-0, 180, L/L); RHP/INF Nicholas Evans (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); INF/RHP Nick Kane (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Will Castleberry (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Kennedy Jones (Jr., 6-4, 205, R/R); INF Caden Marcos (So., 5-10, 165, R/R); INF/RHP/OF Tyler Bradford (So., 5-11, 175, R/R); OF Ryan Knight (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); C Jacob Young (So., 5-9, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Longhorns just missed out on the playoffs last year. A solid senior class returns as Kell has enough returning talent to be back in the postseason hunt this spring. Senior catcher/pitcher Boston Forbes returns as well as seniors Brady McDevitt and Ethan Hames.



KENNESAW MOUNTAIN MUSTANGS

Head Coach (s): George Hansen

Assistant Coach (s): Rich Oria, Jared Parker, Kefla Hare, AJ Pederson, Chase Stone

2021 Record: 17-15

Returning Starters: OF Will Fincher (Sr., 6-3, 225, R/R); RHP Dylan Dietz (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R); C Ethan Snipes (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); 3B/RHP Dhruva Narine (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); INF/C Eliud Poventud (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Trey Kinnan (Jr., 5-8, 140, B/R); OF/RHP Brian Rivera (So., 6-0, 165, R/R); LHP/1B Sam Parker (Jr., 6-4, 220, L/L); INF Jesus Crespo (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R); RHP/OF Bradley Smith (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF Steven Haddad (Sr., 5-8, 145, R/R); OF Murphy Duncan (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R); 2B Daniel Vinelli (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); C Rhett Slater (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Tyson Harmon (So., 5-11, 170, R/R); 1B/LHP Pete Jezerinac (So., 6-0, 145, L/L); OF Ryan Maddocks (So., 5-11, 160, R/R); OF/RHP Landon Meng (So., 5-9, 160, R/R); RHP Daniel Berry (Jr., 6-2, 185, R/R); C Matthew Garcia (Jr., 5-6, 145, R/R)

Season Outlook: After making the state playoffs last year, look for the Mustangs to challenge for the playoffs again. Kennesaw Mountain returns all but one starter. Right-hander Dylan Dietz and lefty Sam Parker anchor a solid pitching rotation, while outfielder Will Fincher returns to lead what could be a potent offense.



LASSITER TROJANS

Head Coach (s): Kyle Rustay

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

2021 Record: 32-8

Returning Starters: RHP/1B Trey Griffin (Sr., 6-2, 155, L/R); C/1B Ryan Martin (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Caleb Carpenter (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP Caden Pierce (Sr., 6-6, 190, L/R); C/3B Nick Newton (Sr., 6-2, 195, R/R); RHP/OF Reece Robertson (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); RHP Brady Kimberlin (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); C Collin Strovinskas (Jr., 5-9, 185, R/R); LHP Matthew Cooney (Jr., 5-9, 145, L/L)

Top Newcomers: 1B/RHP Garrett Reid (Jr., 6-2, 170, R/R); OF Dixon Noland (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF Joe Blackwell (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF Rylam Lewallen (Jr., 5-10, 145, B/R); 3B Brandon Trichell (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R)

Class 6A

Season Outlook: After a run to the state championship series last year, graduation hit Lassiter hard. The good news is that a heavy senior class returns -- they just need some experience. Pitcher/first baseman Trey Griffin and catcher/first baseman Ryan Martin return to give the Trojans a pair of strong leaders to build around.

OSBORNE CARDINALS

Head Coach (s): Neal Sammons (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Shannon Pearson, Zakk White

2021 Record: 2-19

Returning Starters: C/P/SS LA Isham (Sr.); OF/P Josh Horton (Jr.)

Other Returning Players: P/OF Tai Norman (Sr.); 3B/P Jesse Williams (Sr.); OF/2B Jadhvir Soto (Sr.); OF/INF Sandra Alvarez (Sr.); 1B/OF David Ogundeji (Jr.); INF Rafael Hurtado (Sr.); CJ Gunther (Jr.)

Top Newcomers: OF/P Gavin Hosterman (Fr.); C/P/INF Josh Tattershall (Fr.)

Season Outlook: First year coach Neal Sammons takes over and inherits a pair of returning starters. The good news is that an excellent group of upperclassmen return, they just need experience. Outfielder/pitcher Josh Horton is a player to keep an eye on.

POPE GREYHOUNDS

Head Coach (s): Chris Turco (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Will Harrison, Ryan Khan, Matt Liedberg, Kenny Lotz, Mike Nelson, Al Savransky

2021 Record: 29-12

Returning Starters: RHP Jack Butler (Sr., 6-3, 210, R/R); OF/LHP Dawson Campbell (Sr., 5-10, 175, L/L); OF/1B Cody McGill (Sr., 6-3, 215, B/R); OF Caid Heflin (Sr., 6-0, 170, L/L); C Heath Owen (Sr., 6-2, 200, R/R); INF Carson Kerce (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); 3B Kent Schmidt (Jr., 6-2, 200, L/R)

Other Returning Players:

RHP Grady Bivens (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R); RHP Marco Cabrera (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); OF Nick Jones (Sr., 6-1, 200, L/L); U Trey Kaiser (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); RHP Jon Strydom (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); C Jackson Winbush (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); 1B Zach Wright (Sr.,



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6-4, 225, L/R); OF/RHP Calvin Koo (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); INF Cooper Orr (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); INF Tyler Urowsky (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP/1B Nate Levine (Jr., 6-3, 170, L/L); C Jesse Walter (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); 1B/LHP Blythe Keiser (Jr., 5-11, 165, L/L); OF/C Logan Rapp (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: Longtime assistant Chris Turco takes over and inherits seven returning starters, including all-state infielder Carson Kerce. If the Greyhounds can add consistent pitching depth behind right-hander Jack Butler and lefty Dawson Campbell, Pope could go a long way.



SOUTH COBB EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Patrick Wright

Assistant Coach (s): TBA

2021 Record: 8-22

Returning Starters: C/RHP/1B Naseer Harris (Sr., R/R); RHP/OF/3B Karl Johnson (Sr., R/R); RHP/C/1B Carter Edge (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP Joelvin Dilone (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP Caleb Soto (So., R/R); OF/LHP Caleb Grubbs (So., L/L); 3B/RHP Josiah Carter (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/RHP Kolan Webster (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: The young Eagles will need to mature quickly to improve upon last season's finish. Seven starters are back, including a pair of seniors in Naseer Harris and Karl Johnson. The duo give the team a pair of leaders to build around.



SPRAYBERRY YELLOW JACKETS

Head Coach (s): Jim Tejcek

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

2021 Record: 10-18

Returning Starters: RHP Lucas Morici (Sr., 6-4, 185, R/R); SS/2B KK Towe (Sr., 5-10, 160, B/R); C Chase Smith (Jr., 6-0, 170, B/R); OF Cameron Grier (Sr., 5-11, 155, R/R); 3B/1B/RHP Pedro Luciano (Sr., 6-2, 195, R/R); OF Foster Currie (So., 6-2, 180, R/R); OF Caleb Moss (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C Jassar Guerrero (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); LHP Walter Stuart (Sr., 5-11, 160, L/L); RHP/OF Billy Lesko (Sr., 5-11, 145, R/R); 1B/RHP Brandt McKinnon (So., 5-10, 155, R/R); RHP/INF Brandon Spink (Sr., 5-8, 155, R/R)

Top Newcomers: SS/3B Collin Trevison (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); 2B Pascal Trevison (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); OF Bryce Hamilton (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/L); RHP Trey Posten (Jr., 6-4, 210, R/R); LHP Ben Hutchins (So., 6-2, 180, R/L)

Season Outlook: The Yellow Jackets have a good nucleus to build around in right-handed pitcher Lucas Morici (5-2, 2.21 ERA) who returns after a solid junior campaign. Sprayberry should have a chance to contend for the postseason as seven starters are back. Infielder KK Towe returns to lead the offense.



WHEELER WILDCATS

Head Coach (s): Mark Collins

Assistant Coach (s): Parker Madden, Gary Lammie



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Class 6A

2021 Record: 14-15

Returning Starters: LHP Tate Alston (Sr.); P/C Freddie Hartzell (Sr.); 3B CJ Brennan (Jr.); SS Curtis Huffman (Sr.); 2B Carson Felton (Sr.); OF Drew Marshall (Jr.); OF Jared Brown (Sr.)

Other Returning Players: P/OF Drew Vargo (Sr.); OF Mauri Durand (Sr.); P Austin Norman (Sr.); U Jared Loncar (Sr.); 2B Tino Appice-Davis (So.)

Season Outlook: An excellent nucleus returns for the Wildcats who should have a chance to improve upon last season's record. Seven returning starters are back, including left-handed pitcher Tate Alston. Wheeler has a solid group of seniors and most of last year's lineup returns. The Wildcats, however, must develop some pitching depth.

REGION 7-6A

Region Favorite: River Ridge

Players to Watch

1B/3B/RHP – Anderson Agueros, So., Chattahoochee; **RHP/INF** – Adam Brooks, Sr., Sequoyah; **C** – Carson Burgamy, Sr., River Ridge; **C/U** – Matthew Cannon, Jr., Centennial; **INF** – AJ Demastrie, Jr., River Ridge; **RHP** – Brandon Eck, Sr., River Ridge; **LHP** – Jack Emacio, Sr., Cambridge; **RHP** – Tyler Freer, Sr., Riverwood; **SS/RHP** – Ryan Gravely, Sr., Johns Creek; **RHP/OF** – Zach Harris, Sr., Cambridge; **INF** – Dylan Herrick, Sr., River Ridge; **C/INF/RHP** – Mason Hicks, Sr., Creekview; **3B/RHP** – TJ Kloiber, Sr., Johns Creek; **OF** – Andrew Leonard, Sr., Riverwood; **SS** – Aaron Lopez, Sr., Riverwood; **C/3B** – Jackson Marvel, So., Johns Creek; **U** – Ayden Mavridoglou, Sr., Cambridge; **1B/LHP** – Ryan McCarron, Sr., Creekview; **INF** – Alex Moelter, Sr., Cambridge; **LHP/OF** – Ryder Moyer, Sr., Sequoyah; **OF/C** – Max Pargman, Sr., Riverwood; **INF** – Aidan Petrocco, So., Chattahoochee; **INF** – JD Rediger, Jr., River Ridge; **1B** – Will Ritter, Sr., Cambridge; **2B/SS** – Easton Sears, Jr., Creekview; **RHP** – Ryan Taylor, Sr., River Ridge; **OF/3B** – Kenskey Thomas, Sr., Sequoyah; **1B/LHP/OF** – Gavin Thorne, Sr., Creekview; **RHP** – Hunter Ward, Sr., River Ridge

CAMBRIDGE BEARS

Head Coach (s): Evan Tieles

Assistant Coach (s): Justin Zier, Henry Rowling, EJ Francis, Jerric Johnson, Will Glenn, Michael Grade

2021 Record: 22-10

Returning Starters: RHP/OF Zach Harris (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); LHP Jack Emacio (Sr., 6-1, 175, L/L); INF Alex Moelter (Sr., 6-1, 195, R/R); INF Jack Schrafft (Sr., 6-4, 205, R/R); 1B Will Ritter (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); U Ayden Mavridoglou (Sr., 5-8, 165, R/R); C Will Rempfer (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/1B Elliott Kuykendall (Jr., 6-2, 225, R/R); RHP Nate Isler (Jr., 6-5, 215, R/R);



RHP Garrett Moody (Jr., 6-3, 205, R/R); OF Andrew Sherman (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R); RHP/U Walker Rempfer (Sr., 5-10, 155, R/R); OF Hank Sisson (Sr., 5-8, 150, L/R); RHP Christian Marzio (Sr., 6-1, 200, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP Trip Barron (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); C/OF Jackson Fardo (So., 5-11, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Bears will be expected to be in the thick of the Region 7-6A chase as seven starters are back, including right-handed pitcher Zach Harris (5-1, 2.18 ERA) and left-hander Jack Emacio (4-4, 2.60 ERA). Cambridge also welcomes the return of infielders Alex Moelter (.322 avg., 23 RBIs) and Jack Schrafft who will lead the offense.

CENTENNIAL KNIGHTS

Head Coach (s): TBA

Survey not returned

CHATTAHOOCHEE COUGARS

Head Coach (s): T.J. Lemons

Assistant Coach (s): Fred Crider, Nick Palermo, Matt Stalcup

2021 Record: 9-21

Returning Starters: SS Aidan Petrocco (So., R/R); 3B Trey Becton (Jr., 5-10, 160, B/R); 2B Holden Hall (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); 1B/OF Tyler Parks (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R); OF Jeff Cason (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); RHP Anderson Agueros (So., 5-9, 155, R/R); OF Grayson Byrd (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/RHP Caleb Swiger (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); OF Garrett Newton (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/R); RHP Mike Stalemark (Jr., 6-2, 170, R/R); 1B/RHP Jack Cohen (Jr., 6-3, 205, R/R); OF/RHP Kaden Greatens (So., 6-3, 160, R/R); 1B/LHP Kenya Brewer (So., 6-1, 135, R/L); C Grant Shemwell (So., 5-11, 170, R/R); 2B Nicholas Woodward (So., 5-7, 120, R/R); OF Caleb Christerson (So., 5-9, 140, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 1B/RHP Micah Danelly (Jr., 6-5, 250, R/R); RHP/OF Aiden Temple (Jr., 6-6, 225, R/R)

Season Outlook: An excellent group returns to help Chattahoochee improve upon last season's record. The Cougars welcome back seven returning starters, including promising shortstop Aidan Petrocco. A solid group of seniors and juniors should keep Chattahoochee in the hunt for a postseason berth.

CREEKVIEW GRIZZLIES

Head Coach (s): David Smart (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Ben Greene, Josh Link, Pete Berrios, Chris Jeffreys

2021 Record: 7-22

Returning Starters: OF/SS Carter Gilliam (So., 5-10, 150, R/R); 2B/SS Easton Sears (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); C/INF/RHP Mason Hicks (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); 3B Ben Allen (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); OF/1B/LHP Cody Schu (Sr., 6-3, 200, L/L); 1B/LHP Ryan McCarron (Sr., 6-1, 200, L/L); OF Logan Harden (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); SS Kyle Kessric (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); LHP Gavin Thorne (Sr., 6-2, 175, L/L); RHP Hunter Dixon (Sr., 6-0, 185, L/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Avery Lovato (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/1B Niko Nevarez (Jr., 6-2, 200, R/R); RHP Drew Thacker (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Evan McCarron (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R)

Class 6A

Top Newcomers: 2B/SS Jarrett McArthur (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF Will Richardson (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); RHP/OF Wyatt Seals (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); C/1B/OF/RHP Adam Murphy (Jr., 6-3, 190, R/R); OF Blake Brown (Jr., 6-3, 175, R/R); RHP/1B/OF Jacob Hefner (Jr., 6-2, 205, R/R); C/3B Cam Lusk (Jr., 6-2, 185, R/R)

Season Outlook: Former Northside-Columbus and Denmark coach David Smart takes over at Creekview and inherits a senior-oriented team that should have a chance to improve. Catcher Mason Hicks and second baseman Easton Sears are back to lead the offense, while pitcher Ryan McCarron leads what should be a talented pitching rotation.



JOHNS CREEK GLADIATORS

Head Coach (s): Billy Nicholson

Assistant Coach (s): Ted Fithian, Jeno Marvel, David Burton, Taylor Leslie, Ron Loula, Ken Richau

2021 Record: 11-18

Returning Starters: 3B/RHP TJ Kloiber (Sr., 6-3, 210, R/R); SS/RHP Ryan Gravely (Sr., 6-3, 195, R/R); C/3B Jackson Marvel (So., 5-8, 170, R/R); OF Josh Gonzalez (Jr., 5-9, 185, L/L); OF Trevor Toth (Jr., 5-11, 165, B/L)

Other Returning Players:

RHP/OF Nick Frascino (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); RHP/OF Tommy Moonan (Jr., 5-7, 160, R/R); RHP Owen Easton (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); LHP/1B Walker Shaw (Jr., 6-5, 180, L/L); RHP Luke Edmond (Sr., 6-4, 200, R/R); RHP/INF Patrick Manning (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); C/INF Brady Carnesale (So., 5-9, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Luke Richards (Jr., 6-5, 205, R/R)

Season Outlook: After injuries hurt Johns Creek in 2021, the Gladiators look to rebound this spring. A pair of seniors – third baseman/pitcher TJ Kloiber and shortstop/pitcher Ryan Gravely – give Johns Creek a good nucleus to build around. If the team can develop some pitching depth, they should improve upon last year's record.



Ryan Gravely
Johns Creek



Walker Shaw
Johns Creek



RIVER RIDGE KNIGHTS

Head Coach (s): Jeff Runion (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Andrew Marinelli, Eric Britt, Mark Lewis, Jake Dyer, Lantz Cleveland

2021 Record: 27-7

Returning Starters: C Carson Burgamy (Sr., 5-9, 180, R/R); RHP Brandon Eck (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); RHP Ryan Taylor (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP Hunter Ward (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); OF Sebastian Lopez (Sr., 5-6, 185, R/R); INF JD Rediger (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R); INF Dylan Herrick (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Joe Cable (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R); OF Cooper Williams (Jr., 5-10, 180, L/R); INF AJ Demastrie (Jr., 5-10, 190, B/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/C Trey Hilton (Sr., 5-8, 175, R/R); U/RHP Dylan Harrington (Sr., 5-8, 165, R/R); INF Chandler Thiel (So., 5-7, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: Longtime assistant Jeff Runion takes over and inherits some talented players. If the Knights can perform consistently on offense,



Carson Burgamy
River Ridge

they have a good chance to approach last year's success. Pitching will be the backbone as right-handers Brandon Eck, Ryan Taylor and Hunter Ward return.



RIVERWOOD RAIDERS

Head Coach (s): Trey Henson

Assistant Coach (s): Greg Brown, Tom Nohstadt, Brent Hallman, Randolph Gassaway, Jason Russo

2021 Record: 17-15

Returning Starters: SS Aaron Lopez (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF Andrew Leonard (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP Tyler Freer (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF/C Max Pargman (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF/2B Jack Braun (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Kaden Husney (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); 1B/RHP Alex Batka (Sr., 5-9, 185, L/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Henry Schmitz (Sr., 5-11, 195, R/R); OF Max Silver (Sr., 5-10, 170, L/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Drew Tovin (So., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF/RHP Noah Glenn (So., 5-10, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: A talented senior class will lead the way at Riverwood this year. Seven starters, all seniors, return. First Team all-region outfielder Andrew Leonard returns on offense as well as shortstop Aaron Lopez. Right-handed pitcher Tyler Freer is back to anchor a solid rotation.



SEQUOYAH CHIEFS

Head Coach (s): Scott Barber (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Steven Flake, Jake Hester, Jason Thomason

2021 Record: 13-18

Returning Starters: OF Kenskey Thomas (Sr., 5-10, 195, R/R); LHP/1B Ryder Moye (Sr., 5-10, 175, L/L); RHP Adam Brooks (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); C/3B Jack Enrico (Sr., 6-0, 170, L/R); OF/3B Kolby Kimberly (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); SS/2B Brayden Campbell (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); RHP/SS/OF Terry Garmon (Sr., 6-1, 150, R/R); OF/RHP Ty Moores (Jr., 6-3, 210, R/R); OF/RHP Ben Sanders (Jr., 6-1, 170, L/R); 3B/2B Kenyan Mickie (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); C/3B David Neubert (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); 2B/OF Joey Ratnar (Sr., 5-10, 140, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/3B Bradley Miller (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); LHP Carson Howard (So., 5-8, 140, L/L); LHP Hunter Smith (So., 6-0, 140, R/L); LHP Coleman Wylie (So., 6-2, 185, L/L)

Season Outlook: Former assistant Scott Barber takes over and inherits a team capable of contending for the region title. Outfielder Kenskey Thomas, left-handed pitcher Ryder Moye and right-handed pitcher Adam Brooks will help the Chiefs contend for the playoffs. This will be a team to keep an eye on.



Class 6A

REGION 8-6A

Region Favorite: Buford

Players to Watch

INF – Brant Baughcum, Sr., Buford; **RHP/INF** – Logan Bogue, Sr., Habersham Central; **OF** – Tyson Brown, Jr., Dacula; **OF/RHP** – Azzi Cervantes, Sr., Habersham Central; **RHP** – Ethan Davis, Sr., Lanier; **SS/RHP** – Brandon Fears, Sr., Shiloh; **3B/1B/RHP** – Ryan Ford, Jr., Winder-Barrow; **RHP/INF** – Jackson Gaspard, Sr., Buford; **OF/LHP** – Chandler Hawkins, Sr., Lanier; **RHP** – Brooks House, Jr., Winder-Barrow; **RHP/1B** – Thomas Krystopa, Sr., Central Gwinnett; **RHP/SS** – Dylan Lesko, Sr., Buford; **OF/RHP** – Alexander Maxey, Sr., Central Gwinnett; **1B/OF** – Daniel Poole, Sr., Dacula; **OF** – Jake Pope, Sr., Buford; **RHP/OF** – Riley Stanford, Sr., Buford; **OF** – Parker Walsh, Sr., Buford; **C** – Andrew Walton, Sr., Lanier; **INF/OF/RHP** – Brandon Watts, Sr., Shiloh; **OF** – Stan Zagrodnik, Sr., Buford

2021 Record: 32-2

Returning Starters: RHP/SS Dylan Lesko (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R); RHP/OF Riley Stanford (Sr., 6-4, 220, R/R); RHP/INF Jackson Gaspard (Sr., 5-11, 190, R/R); INF Brant Baughcum (Sr., 6-1, 200, R/R); OF Stan Zagrodnik (Sr., 6-2, 195, R/L); OF Jake Pope (Sr., 6-2, 195, R/R); OF Parker Walsh (Sr., 5-11, 200, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Andrew McMurray (Sr., 5-10, 175, L/R); C Ashton Kehren (Sr., 6-1, 210, R/R); LHP Andrew Nixon (Sr., 6-0, 200, L/L); 1B Carson King (Sr., 6-1, 180, L/L)

Top Newcomers: INF Cole Taylor (Jr., 6-1, 175, L/R); INF Ethan Murray (So., 6-4, 180, R/R); OF Dylan Wittke (Jr., 6-2, 200, R/R); INF Ryan McKinnis (Jr., 6-3, 195, R/R)

Season Outlook: After getting upset in the second round of the state playoffs last year, the Wolves were left with a bad taste in their mouth. They will be perhaps even more dangerous in 2022 as top pitchers Dylan Lesko, Riley Stanford and Jackson Gaspard return, while infielder Brant Baughcum is also back. Senior Stan Zagrodnik leads a talented group of outfielders that includes Jake Pope and Parker Walsh.



Parker Walsh
Buford



Head Coach (s): Stuart Chester

Assistant Coach (s): Trent Adams, Bryan Rogers, Drew Dasher, Terry McClure, Clay Grant, Ronnie Samples, Cameron Crawford, Truett Adams, Blake Church



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Class 6A



CENTRAL GWINNETT BLACK KNIGHTS

Head Coach (s): Brandon Jackson (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Karl Craig, Mike Yocca

2021 Record: 1-18

Returning Starters: RHP/1B Thomas Krystopa (Sr., 6-5, 175, R/R); OF/RHP Alexander Maxey (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); RHP/C Omar Zachery, Jr. (Jr., R/R); RHP/INF Felipe Lopez (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Longtime Gwinnett County prep baseball coach Brandon Jackson returns to the diamond and looks to turn around a Central program that has struggled. He inherits four returning starters, including seniors Thomas Krystopa and Alexander Maxey. Some underclassmen will need to step up and contribute.



DACULA FALCONS

Head Coach (s): Jake Bova (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Austin Miller, Matt Milligan, Matt Huffman, Wes Cooper, Evan DeVries

2021 Record: 12-15

Returning Starters: 1B/OF Daniel Poole (Sr., 6-0, 205, L/R); OF Tyson Brown (Jr., 5-10, 150, L/L); INF Michael Sims (Sr., 6-0, 225, R/R); C/OF Kolby Perry (Sr., 6-2, 160, R/R); INF/OF Landon Provezano (Sr., 5-11, 215, R/R); RHP/INF Dale Towe (So., 6-2, 145, R/R); OF Wyatt Schmidt (Sr., 5-10, 145, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Kaleb Lewis (Sr., 5-7, 150, R/R); INF/RHP Kaleb Perry (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); LHP Aiden Larson (Sr., 6-1, 165, L/L); RHP Ayden Mills (Sr., 6-0, 145, R/R); LHP Sebastian Saldarriaga (Sr., 5-9, 160, L/L); C/OF Garrett Hutchison (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); C/OF Garrett Jones (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Alex Gelmini (Jr., 6-1, 195, R/R); INF/RHP Manuel Morel (Sr., 6-3, 210, R/R); INF/RHP AJ Weiss (Jr., 5-8, 135, R/R); RHP Aryan Virani (So., 5-5, 135, R/R)

Season Outlook: New coach Jake Bova inherits seven returning starters which should help the Falcons contend for a postseason berth. The lack of experienced pitching is a concern, but first baseman/outfielder Daniel Poole and outfielder Tyson Brown return, giving Dacula a pair of leaders to build around.



Daniel Poole
Dacula



LANIER LONGHORNS

Head Coach (s): Colby May (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Christopher Hawkins, Trevor Juneau, Jovanni Cruz

2021 Record: 11-19

Returning Starters: OF/LHP Chander Hawkins (Sr., L/L); C/3B Andrew Walton (Sr., R/R); 1B/LHP Caleb Fones (Jr., L/L); SS/RHP Adrian Jimenez (So., R/R); C/INF Xander Little (Sr., R/R); RHP Ethan Davis (Sr., R/R); LHP Garrett Ladd (Sr., L/L); OF Matt Laughlin (Sr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Braden Richards (So., B/R); INF Jordan Wilson (So., R/R); OF Chase Jameson (So., R/L)

Season Outlook: Colby May, who had a lot of success coaching in the GISA, takes over at Lanier and will look to help the Longhorns get back into the playoffs again. He has an excellent group returning. Senior catcher Andrew Walton returns behind the plate, but the Longhorns must develop more pitching depth.



SHILOH GENERALS

Head Coach (s): Reggie Ingram

Assistant Coach (s): Chris Polk, Matt Nesbit, Jeremy Glore

2021 Record: 9-18

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Brandon Fears (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); INF/OF/RHP Brandon Watts (Sr., 5-9, 180, R/R); INF/OF/RHP Jaden Lattimore (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); INF Uriel Fagoth (Jr., 6-1, 220, R/R); INF/RHP Nicholas Spry (Jr., 6-3, 220, R/R); OF/RHP Kirabo Stephens (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); OF Anthone Stroman (Jr., 5-4, 130, R/R); INF Tyrell Wyatt (So., 5-5, 190, R/R); C/INF/RHP Anthony Vu (So., 5-4, 130, R/R); INF/OF Malcolm Robinson (Jr., 5-9, 185, R/R); INF/OF Kidane Stephens (So., 6-1, 215, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Traden Davis (So., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF David Johnson (Jr., 5-8, 150, L/L)

Top Newcomers: INF/OF/LHP Kevin Jackson (Sr., 5-8, 185, L/L); OF/RHP Brandon Benitez (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); INF/OF/LHP William McCullum (Fr., 5-10, 180, L/L)

Season Outlook: This should be Shiloh's best team in at least a decade as a wealth of returning players are back. Seniors Brandon Fears (.307 avg.) and Brandon Watts (.316 avg.) are back, giving the Generals a pair of solid players to build around. Shiloh is still relatively young, so look for some talented underclassmen to compete for playing time.



HABERSHAM CENTRAL RAIDERS

Head Coach (s): Chris Akridge

Assistant Coach (s): Dan Keef, Josh Slate, Austin Cates

2021 Record: 11-21

Returning Starters: LHP/DH Hunter Tatum (Jr., 5-10, 210, L/L); INF Cooper Shirley (Jr., 5-9, 180, R/R); INF/RHP Mason Dawe (Jr., 5-9, 175, R/R); OF Kaleb Chastain (So., 5-11, 150, R/R); RHP/INF Logan Bogue (Sr., 6-3, 200, R/R); OF/RHP Azzi Cervantes (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/C Adam McDuffie (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R); OF Jonathan Adams (Sr., 6-4, 205, R/R); OF Caleb Wade (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); INF Cody Thomas (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R); C Blandon Grizzle (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); INF/RHP Alex Nava (Jr., 5-10, 205, R/R)

Season Outlook: A good mix of talent should help Habersham Central improve upon last season's record. Six starters are back, including all-region outfielder Azzi Cervantes. The Raiders have an excellent group of seniors and juniors returning, but that group needs to mature and develop.



WINDER-BARROW BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Brian Smith

Assistant Coach (s): Aaron Trammell, Jeff Maddox, John Scoville

2021 Record: 24-7

Returning Starters: INF Caleb Gentry (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF/C Isaac Revitis (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); OF Pate Smith (Sr., 5-9, 180, L/R); RHP Brooks House (Jr., 6-5, 185, R/R); INF Ryan Ford (Jr., 6-1, 230, R/R); INF Noah Lee (Sr., 6-0, 225, R/R); RHP Layton Pruitt (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C Carson Royal (Jr., 5-10, 200, R/R); INF Michael DeFrancisco (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); RHP Ken Shipman (So., 5-10, 180, R/R); LHP Blake Baldwin (Jr., 5-9, 165, L/L)

Top Newcomers: C/INF/RHP Cam Hodge (Fr., 6-0, 185, L/R); LHP Ayden Hall (Fr., 5-10, 175, R/L)

Season Outlook: Graduation hit the Bulldogs pretty hard, but the good news is a lot of players received playing time last year. That should help out this season. Seven starters are back, including pitchers Brooks House and Layton Pruitt. Winder-Barrow, however, must develop some depth.

Class 5A

Preseason Top 15

No.	Team	2021 Record	Returning Starters	Comment
1.	 Loganville	30-11	8	Red Devils will play with anyone
2.	 Saint Pius X	24-12	7	Lions have enough to make a run
3.	 Greenbrier	27-7	7	Greenbrier will be strong again
4.	 Blessed Trinity	25-10	6	Titans will be back in chase
5.	 North Springs	25-10	5	Spartans will show '21 was no fluke
6.	 Wayne County	28-8	9	Jackets must find pitching depth
7.	 Ware County	22-13	10	Gators look to build from 2021
8.	 Cartersville	27-10	7	Hurricanes solid as usual
9.	 Decatur	28-6	6	Young Bulldogs will only get better
10.	 Northside-Columbus	21-13	7	Patriots a team to keep eye on
11.	 Coffee	18-16	10	Skipper, Swords, Dale lead way
12.	 Locust Grove	19-14	7	Wildcats should be exciting to watch
13.	 McIntosh	17-15	6	Chiefs could be very dangerous team
14.	 Starr's Mill	31-11	5	Panthers need pitching to step up
15.	 Calhoun	21-9	5	Calhoun must find consistent pitching

Teams to watch (In alphabetical order)

Apalachee, Harris County, Jackson County, Jones County, Ola, Villa Rica, Walnut Grove, Whitewater, Woodward Academy

REGION 1-5A

Region Favorite: Wayne County

Players to Watch

1B/DH – Payton Adams, Sr., Coffee; **INF/RHP** – Carter Barnes, Sr., Ware County; **RHP/OF** – Luke Boykin, Sr., Wayne County; **INF/RHP** – Asher Cathey, Sr., Wayne County; **3B/RHP** – Logan Dale, Sr., Coffee; **INF/RHP** – Landon Dean, Jr., Ware County; **RHP/OF** – Hunter Dryden, Sr., Veterans; **INF/RHP** – Aden Hall, Jr., Wayne County; **INF/RHP** – Caden Henderson, Jr., Ware County; **INF/RHP** – Noah Hooks, Sr., Ware County; **C** – Trey Jeffers, Sr., Ware County; **INF/OF** – Kendrick Jernigan, Jr., Warner Robins; **2B** – Cannon Jones, So., Coffee; **LHP** – Brad Ierardi, Sr., Wayne County; **C** – Tanner O'Neal, Jr., Veterans; **RHP/U** – Jarrett Pierce, Sr., Veterans; **SS/RHP** – Brady Skipper, Sr., Coffee; **1B/RHP** – Trent Smith, Sr., Coffee; **1B** – Miles Starling, Sr., Wayne County; **OF/RHP** – Justin Swords, Sr., Coffee; **INF** – Cameron Thrift, Jr., Warner Robins; **RHP/OF** – Ty Tyson, Sr., Veterans; **OF** – Griffin Walker, Sr., Coffee

2021 Record: 18-16

Returning Starters: SS/RHP

Brady Skipper (Sr., R/R); 3B/RHP Logan Dale (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Justin Swords (Sr., R/R); OF/Griffin Walker (Sr., R/R); 1B/RHP Trent Smith (Sr., R/R); C Will Lott (Sr., R/R); 1B/DH Payton Adams (Sr., R/L); OF Dylan Carver (Sr., R/R); RHP Carter Byrd (Sr., R/R); 2B Cannon Jones (So., B/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/LHP Zae Smith (So., L/L); C/RHP Payton Bryant (So., R/R); OF/RHP Ben Roberts (So., R/R); INF Braydon Musgrove (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: P Connor Stuart (Fr.); P Michael Strickland (Fr.)

Season Outlook: The Trojans will battle for the region crown as a solid group of returning players are back. Offensive leaders Brady Skipper (.364 avg., 7 3B) and Logan Dale (.308 avg., 13 2B) will lead a talented lineup, while right-hander Justin Swords headlines a pitching rotation that has the potential to be very strong.



Logan Dale
Coffee



Cannon Jones
Coffee



Griffin Walker
Coffee



Head Coach (s): Sy Jones

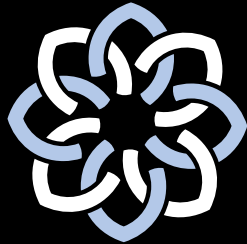
Assistant Coach (s): Hill Thomas, Bob Jones, Sam Hoff, Luke Sims, Jacob Courson



Head Coach (s): Shawn Masters

Assistant Coach (s): Jeff Sans, Chris Pierce, Brian Welford, Tyler Kinsler, Andy Moore

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Class 5A

2021 Record: 9-20

Returning Starters: RHP/OF Ty Tyson (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); RHP/OF Hunter Dryden (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP/U Jarrett Pierce (Sr., 6-0, 195, R/R); INF Jamey McDaniel (Sr., 5-9, 180, R/R); C Tanner O'Neal (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/1B Joseph Lashley (Sr., 6-3, 235, R/R); INF Brennan Mercer (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R); C Kayden Miller (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/3B Cody Daugherty (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R); 2B/SS Jacob Taylor (Jr., 6-0, 155, R/R); 2B/SS Clay Thomas (Jr., 6-0, 150, R/R); LHP/OF Jacob Beach (So., 5-8, 145, L/L)

Season Outlook: With three experienced senior pitchers returning in Ty Tyson, Hunter Dryden and Jarrett Pierce, Veterans should have a chance to be much better in 2022. The pitchers are three of the Warhawks' five returning starters. Pierce, infielder Jamey McDaniel and catcher Tanner O'Neal are back to power the offense.



WARE COUNTY GATORS

Head Coach: Jamie Ammons

Assistant Coach (s): Jason Smith, Evan Durden, Jay Barefield, Taylor Meadows

2021 Record: 22-13

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Carter Barnes (Sr., 6-0, 205, R/R); INF JoJo Callahan (Sr., 5-6, 140, R/R); OF Shilon Christmas (Sr., 6-1, 150, R/R); INF/RHP Noah Hooks (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R); C Trey Jeffers (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); INF/RHP Landon Dean (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R); INF/RHP Caden Henderson (Jr., 6-2, 185, R/R); U Alex Justice (Jr., 5-10, 140, R/R); OF/LHP Lane Steedley (Jr., 6-1, 210, L/L); OF Easton Weathersby (Jr., 5-8, 155, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/LHP Cortland Sirmons (Sr., L/L); OF Stephen Taylor (Sr., R/R); INF Matthew Youmans (Sr., R/R); OF Noah Bunch (So., R/R); U Teagan Harris (So., R/R); LHP Andrew Guerrero (So., L/L); OF Tyson Justice (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: After the best season in school history in 2021, the Gators seek to continue their positive momentum. A wealth of talent is back, including all-state pitcher Noah Hooks (7-2, 2.04 ERA) and seniors Carter Barnes and Trey Jeffers. A pair of juniors – Landon Dean and Caden Henderson – are back after strong sophomore seasons last year.



WARNER ROBINS DEMONS

Head Coach: Jeremy Avery

Survey not returned



WAYNE COUNTY YELLOW JACKETS

Head Coach (s): Justin McDonald

Assistant Coach (s): Colt Brockington, Chase Hinson, Sid Royal, Caleb Martin, Barret Browning, Dylan Brown, Mike Roberts, Buddy Starling

2021 Record: 28-8

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Aden Hall (Jr., 5-10, 155, L/R); INF Jaxon Dolan (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R); LHP/OF Joshua Campbell (So., 5-10, 145, L/L); RHP/OF Palmer Lamb (So., 5-11, 150, R/R); 1B Miles Starling (Sr., 6-2, 235, R/R); RHP/OF Luke Boykin (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); LHP Brad Ierardi (Sr., 6-2, 195, L/L); INF/RHP Asher Cathey (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); C/RHP Tyler Walling (So., 5-11, 215, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Brad Fosse (Sr., 5-8, 155, R/R); C Cole Priester (Sr., 6-2, 240, R/R); RHP/U Hadley Long (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); RHP/OF CJ Fullmore (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R); OF Brody Bohannon (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/R); RHP/INF Carson Shaver (So., 6-1, 165, R/R); OF Garrison Grantham (So., 5-7, 150, R/R); RHP/1B Jon Dillon Brockington (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); LHP/1B Gavin Mixon (So., 6-4, 260, L/L)

Season Outlook: The Jackets lost a lot of talent to graduation, but plenty returns as Wayne County should be back in the playoff hunt. Pitching should be the backbone as left-hander Brad Ierardi and right-handers Luke Boykin and Asher Cathey return to lead the way. Boykin and first baseman Miles Starling return to spark the offense.



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Class 5A

REGION 2-5A

Region Favorite: Northside-Columbus

Players to Watch

RHP – Garrett Arrington, Sr., Whitewater; **OF** – Dalton Bonner, Sr., Whitewater; **RHP/1B/OF** – Cory Brooks, Sr., Northgate; **RHP** – Tanner Cotton, Sr., Harris County; **2B** – Ryne Fox, Sr., Harris County; **INF** – Carson Garner, Sr., Northside-Columbus; **RHP/C/INF** – Cole Garner, Jr., Northside-Columbus; **INF/OF** – Joe Glozier, Sr., McIntosh; **RHP/1B** – Ryan Grantham, Jr., Northside-Columbus; **INF** – Trey King, Jr., McIntosh; **RHP/INF/OF** – Ethan Lopez, So., Griffin; **1B** – Ben Moseley, Sr., Starr's Mill; **SS** – Jackson Schorr, Sr., Harris County; **RHP/1B** – Conner Soper, So., McIntosh; **SS** – Josh Tate, Sr., Starr's Mill; **RHP** – Owen Thomas, Sr., McIntosh; **RHP** – Connor Trepanier, Sr., Northside-Columbus; **OF** – Ryan Van Dinter, Sr., Northside-Columbus; **OF/LHP** – Justin Veloz, Sr., Northside-Columbus; **OF** – Heath Whitlock, So., Starr's Mill



Head Coach (s): Daniel Gooden
Survey not returned



Head Coach (s): Steve Westmoreland
Assistant Coach (s): Tracy Powell, Chad Pigg, Sammie Mathis, Ryan Daniel, Don Bice

2021 Record: 23-13

Returning Starters: SS Jackson Schorr (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF/LHP JT Grantham (Sr., 5-9, 165, L/L); RHP Tanner Cotton (Sr., 6-1, 195, R/R); 2B Ryne Fox (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); C/DH Drew Edgington (Sr., 6-2, 205, R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP Caden Tillman (Sr.); RHP Tony Fuerte (Jr.); INF Brycen Spates (Jr.); OF Jake Eastabrooks (Sr.); OF/LHP Logan Willis (Jr.); INF/RHP Austin Hopper (Sr.)

Top Newcomers: INF Canyon Meeks (Jr.); LHP William Marston (Jr.); INF/RHP Sam Brown (Fr.); C Jake Byers (Jr.); INF/RHP Luke LaFortune (Jr.)

Season Outlook: The Tigers will need some younger players to step forward to approach last year's success. Five starters are back, including a pitching rotation led by right-hander Tanner Cotton and lefties Caden Tillman and JT Grantham. Shortstop Jackson Schorr and second baseman Ryne Fox return on offense.



Head Coach (s): Tom Kelley
Assistant Coach (s): Nate Mothershed, Tom Rosa, Dallas Reagan, Allen Beall, Tyler Routon, Keith Rogers
2021 Record: 17-15

Returning Starters: RHP Owen Thomas (Sr., 6-5, 220, R/R); INF/OF Joe Glozier (Sr., 5-10, 170, L/R); INF Trey King (Jr., 6-1, 170, L/R); RHP/1B Conner Soper (So., 6-2, 175, R/R); RHP/INF John Peters (So., 6-2, 170, R/R); RHP/U Braden Roop (So., 5-9, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Gehrig Rogers (So., 5-9, 155, R/R); 1B Sean Bailey (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); C Tate Morris (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); U Blake Hiley (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: If the Chiefs can develop some pitching depth, they could challenge for the region title. Right-hander Owen Thomas leads a young but solid rotation. The good news is that on offense, Georgia commit Trey King and versatile Joe Glozier return to lead the way.



Joe Glozier
McIntosh



Head Coach (s): Todd Herrington
Survey not returned



Head Coach (s): Craig Garner
Assistant Coach (s): Derek Branch, David Buchanan, Taylor Harper, Steve Sparks, Greg Stotser

2021 Record: 21-13

Returning Starters: RHP Connor Trepanier (Sr., 6-1, 150, R/R); OF/LHP Justin Veloz (Sr., 5-10, 185, L/L); INF Carson Garner (Sr., 5-8, 145, R/R); OF Ryan Van Dinter (Sr., 5-8, 150, R/R); RHP/C/INF Cole Garner (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); U Colton Masse (Jr., 6-2, 175, L/R); RHP/1B Ryan Grantham (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/INF/OF Bradford Bush (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF/RHP Ben Beach (Jr., 6-0, 155, R/R); RHP/INF Connor Michel (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/R); 1B/RHP Gabby King (Jr., 5-11, 190, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Spencer Schorr (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R); RHP/1B Andrew Trawick (Jr., 6-4, 195, R/R); RHP/INF/OF Bryce Richey (Jr., 6-2, 160, R/R); RHP/1B Cayden Slocumb (Jr., 6-2, 165, R/R); U Bentley Garner (Jr., 5-5, 140, R/R)

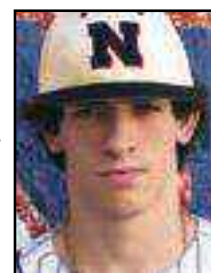
Season Outlook: The Patriots will be back in the chase for a region title as seven starters return. Outfielder and left-handed pitcher Justin Veloz returns to lead the offense after a strong junior campaign. He along with right-handers Connor Trepanier and Cole Garner return to form one of the region's top pitching rotations. Look for an excellent junior class to help out.



Carson Garner
Northside-Columbus



Ryan Grantham
Northside-Columbus



Connor Trepanier
Northside-Columbus



Ryan Van Dinter
Northside-Columbus

Class 5A



STARR'S MILL PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): Brent Moseley

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

2021 Record: 31-11

Returning Starters: SS Josh Tate (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); 1B Ben Moseley (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); 2B Austin Sellars (So., 5-11, 165, R/R); 3B Evan Harrah (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF Heath Whitlock (So., 6-0, 190, L/L)

Other Returning Players: C Ariston Veasey (So., 5-11, 180, R/R); C Andrew Peters (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); C Devyn Embrey (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); 3B Alex Ukleja (Sr., 6-0, 195, L/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Bo Walker (So., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF Austin Killingsworth (So., 5-9, 180, R/R); OF Sully White (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The defending state champions lost a ton of talent and will be rebuilding this spring. However, as soon as some younger players develop, look out. The Panthers welcome back five starters, including offensive leader Josh Tate (.338 avg., 6 2B). But they must develop some pitching depth quickly.



Ben Moseley
Starr's Mill



Heath Whitlock
Starr's Mill



WHITWATER WILDCATS

Head Coach (s): Brandon Crumbley (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Brandon Bales, Brian Crawford, Derrick Laney, Austin Pharr, Andrew Self

2021 Record: 12-14

Returning Starters: C Blake Elsenpeter (Jr., R/R); RHP Garrett Arrington (Sr., R/R); OF Braxton Mueller (Sr., R/R); OF Ford Van Meter (Sr.); INF/RHP Noah Smith (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Dexter Benoit (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP Shawn Sower (Jr., R/R); OF Dalton Bonner (Sr.)

Other Returning Players: RHP Xavier Campbell (Sr., R/R); OF Sawyer Banks (Sr., R/R); LHP Jett Hoffman (Sr., L/L); INF Ty Ellington (Jr., B/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Jacob Carter (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP Trent Ellington (Fr., R/R); INF/RHP Landon Moran (So., R/R); U Austen Davis (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Former Eastside coach Brandon Crumbley takes over and inherits a talented team that should contend for the postseason. An excellent senior class will lead the team. Right-handed pitcher Garrett Arrington returns after a solid 2021 season as well as outfielder Dalton Bonner.



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Class 5A

REGION 3-5A

Region Favorite: Woodward Academy

Players to Watch

OF/LHP – Jaquez Akins, Jr., Forest Park; **OF** – Nick Allen, Jr., Woodward Academy; **SS/INF** – Antonio Anderson, Jr., Tri Cities; **OF** – Elgin Bennett, Sr., Woodward Academy; **SS/RHP/CF** – Jamarie Brooks, Sr., Mundy's Mill; **SS/RHP** – BJ Brown, Sr., Banneker; **RHP/INF** – Michael Carswell, Sr., Woodward Academy; **INF/OF/RHP** – Tyler Cason, So., Woodward Academy; **RHP/U** – Montrell Christian, So., Forest Park; **RHP/3B** – Marques Dunn, Sr., Jonesboro; **2B/RHP** – Adryan Farrington, Sr., Banneker; **C/2B** – Patrick Gillespie, Jr., Banneker; **C/3B/RHP** – Camren Hall, Sr., Mundy's Mill; **RHP/OF** – Alan Herron, Sr., Banneker; **RHP/C/SS** – Darrell Hill, Sr., Drew; **RF/2B** – Shawn Jarrett, Jr., Mundy's Mill; **P/LF/1B** – Jelani Kingston, Jr., Creekside; **C/SS/2B** – Matthew Nettles, Jr., Forest Park; **INF/OF/RHP** – Chandler Pollard, Sr., Woodward Academy; **INF** – Griffin Sorrow, Jr., Woodward Academy; **LF/C/SS** – Dajuan Springer, Jr., Mundy's Mill; **RHP/OF** – Michael Storey, Jr., Forest Park; **RHP/3B** – Trayvion Taylor, So., Drew; **RHP/CF** – Elijah Thomas, Jr., Drew; **OF/RHP** – Tahj Walden, Sr., Jonesboro; **RHP/2B/C** – Khalil White, Sr., Mundy's Mill; **INF/RHP** – Kayden Wilcox, Jr., Mundy's Mill

BANNEKER TROJANS

Head Coach (s): Eddie Smith

Assistant Coach (s): Eric Fleming, Jerald Burkes, Eddie Rush

2021 Record: 2-12

Returning Starters: SS/RHP BJ Brown (Sr., 5-9, 135, R/R); 2B/RHP Adryan Farrington (Sr., 5-10, 130, R/R); RHP/OF Alan Herron (Sr., 6-4, 250, R/R); OF/3B D'Angelo Mota-Jones (Sr., 6-1, 220, R/R); OF Jamill Williams (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Chris Bryson (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R); OF J'den Johnson (Sr., 5-10, 130, R/R); C/2B Patrick Gillespie (Jr., 5-7, 140, R/R)

Season Outlook: A solid senior class returns at Banneker which should help the Trojans improve upon last season's finish. Shortstop/pitcher BJ Brown and outfielders Alan Herron and Jamill Williams are a trio of seniors to keep an eye on.

CREEKSIDE SEMINOLES

Head Coach (s): Martin Seay

Survey not returned

DREW TITANS

Head Coach (s): Bradford Hadnot

Assistant Coach (s): Antonio Malone

2021 Record: 1-12

Returning Starters: RHP/C/SS Darrell Hill (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); SS/2B Andrious Thompson (Sr., 6-1, 205, R/R); OF/RHP Terrance McClee (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF McKinley Rice (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); RHP/3B Tayvion Taylor (So.,

6-0, 215, R/R); RHP/OF Elijah Thomas (Jr., 5-9, 135, L/R); OF Savion Gatlin (So., 6-0, 190, R/R); 2B/LHP Christopher Vasquez (So., 5-8, 140, L/L)

Other Returning Players: 1B/DH Montrell Henderson (Sr., 6-4, 300, R/R); 2B/RHP Kalen Justice (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); OF Joshua Misah (Sr., 6-1, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 3B Aljajuan Gatlin (Fr., 6-0, 145, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Titans have a good nucleus of returning talent and should have a chance to improve upon last season's finish. The senior class is solid and will be heavily depended upon. Darrell "DJ" Hill is back after playing several different positions last year.

FOREST PARK PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): Josh Froneberger

Assistant Coach (s): Quintin Avery, Dennis Colbert, Montrell Christian, Isiah Osby, Lance Lewis

2021 Record: 13-8

Returning Starters: OF Morelando Johnson (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); INF Levar Tinsley (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF/LHP Jaquez Akins (Jr., 6-2, 200, L/L); C/SS/2B Matthew Nettles (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); 1B/RHP Elijah Johnson (Jr., 5-10, 190, R/R); INF Cesar Rodriguez (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Jacari Hardaway (Jr., 6-3, 185, R/R); RHP/OF Michael Storey (Jr., 5-11, 185, R/R); LHP/OF Terrance Pree (So., 5-10, 180, B/L); RHP/U Montrell Christian (So., 6-4, 220, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Monterrius Zackery (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); RHP/1B Bradley Murphy (Jr., 5-11, 190, L/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Corea Ward (Jr., 5-10, 165, L/L)

Season Outlook: The Panthers finished as the region runner-up last season and they look to continue their positive momentum this spring. A young team full of juniors return. Outfielder Jaquez Akins returns as well as versatile Matthew Nettles. Montrell Christian and Michael Storey lead a young but solid pitching rotation.

JONESBORO CARDINALS

Head Coach (s): Brian Paige

Assistant Coach (s): Corey Washington, Joel Smith, Theo Thomas, Antonio Kendrick, Sean Jones

2021 Record: 13-9

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Tahj Walden (Sr., 6-2, 215, R/R); RHP/3B Marques Dunn (Sr., 6-3, 240, R/R); SS/RHP DeMario Johnson (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); 2B/C Adan Sanchez (So., 5-7, 135, R/R); 3B/RHP Rico Scandrett (Sr., 5-9, 220, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/RHP Jamon Jones (Fr., 5-6, 130, R/R); 1B/RHP Nate Floyd (So., 6-1, 215, R/R); OF Tarrill Hall (So., 5-8, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Cardinals have some key positions to fill, but there is talent to make a run at the postseason. Leading hitters Tahj Walden (.633 avg., 17 RBIs) and Marques Dunn (.432 avg., 15 RBIs) are back to lead the way. Jonesboro will be looking for some underclassmen to contribute.

MUNDY'S MILL TIGERS

Head Coach (s): Anthony Love

Survey not returned

Class 5A



TRI CITIES BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Terrow Davis
Survey not returned



WOODWARD ACADEMY WAR EAGLES

Head Coach (s): John Hurston
Assistant Coach (s): Kenny Hopkins, Greg Mooneyham

2021 Record: 22-10

Returning Starters: INF/OF/RHP Chandler Pollard (Sr., 6-2, 170, B/R); OF Elgin Bennett (Sr., 6-0, 190, L/L); INF Griffin Sorrow (Jr., 5-9, 160, B/R); RHP/INF Michael Carswell (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); INF/OF/RHP Tyler Cason (So., 5-9, 150, R/R); INF/RHP Dash Edwards (So., 5-7, 135, R/R); C Wyatt Dunkell (Sr., 6-3, 155, R/R); OF Nick Allen (Jr., 6-1, 190, R/R)



Nick Allen
Woodward Academy



Griffin Sorrow
Woodward Academy

Other Returning Players: INF/C/OF/RHP Bill Rubenstein (So., 5-9, 145, R/R); OF/RHP Brandon Burnette (So., 5-6, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Ethan Hall (So., 5-11, 200, R/R); OF/LHP Maddox Husband (Sr., 6-3, 180, L/L)

Top Newcomers: RHP Drew Moss (Jr., 6-4, 200, R/R); C/INF Austin Mance (So., 6-0, 190, R/R); INF/RHP Forrest Johnson (So., 5-9, 150, R/R); OF/RHP Hayden Leddy (Jr., 5-10, 145, R/R); C Hudson Aspes (So., 5-8, 150, R/R); INF/OF/RHP Kevin Stephens (So., 5-9, 145, R/R)

Season Outlook: The War Eagles will be the favorite to capture the region title again as eight starters are back. One of those is outfielder Elgin Bennett (.466 avg.). Versatile Chandler Pollard and juniors Nick Allen and Griffin Sorrow are also back to help lead the team.



REGION 4-5A

Region Favorite: Locust Grove

Players to Watch

U – Keagan Baxter, Sr., Jones County; **1B/C/RHP** – Clarence Callaway, So., Dutchtown; **RHP/INF** – Andrew Cedano, Jr., Locust Grove; **SS/RHP** – Devin Chandler, Sr., Stockbridge; **SS/RHP/2B** – Bryce Clavon, So., Dutchtown; **LHP/OF** – Ty Cobb, Sr., Locust Grove; **OF/LHP** – Kenton Collier, Jr., Woodland-Stockbridge; **SS/RHP** – Connor Crisp, Jr., Locust Grove; **C** – Dom Elam, Sr., Union Grove; **OF** – Brayden Fordham, Sr., Ola; **RHP** – Caleb Fordham, Sr., Ola; **OF** – Cody Funk, Sr., Union Grove; **RHP/DH** – Mikhail Grant, Sr., Dutchtown; **OF/1B/LHP** – Kaleb Huffman, Sr., Locust Grove; **RHP/INF** – Christian Jackson, Sr., Dutchtown; **1B** – Lathan McLaughlin, Jr., Ola; **RHP** – Quinton McManmon, Sr., Jones County; **OF** – Tucker Mix, Sr., Jones County; **OF** – Aiden Payne, Sr., Jones County; **OF/1B** – Jeremiah Polk, Sr., Woodland-Stockbridge; **INF/RHP** – Brent Sims, Jr., Stockbridge; **RHP** – Nolan Sliver, Sr., Ola; **OF** – Stormy Smith, Sr., Union Grove



DUTCHTOWN BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Brandon Carter
Assistant Coach (s): Steve Dennis, Jonathon Ross, James Jackson
2021 Record: 12-12

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Christian Jackson (Sr., 6-2, 210, R/R); 3B/RHP Ricky Harris (Sr., 5-11, 195, R/R); RHP/DH Mikhail Grant (Sr., 6-3, 210, R/R); 1B/C/RHP Clarence Tre' Callaway (So., 5-11, 185, B/R); SS/RHP/2B Bryce Clavon (So., 5-11, 170, R/R); OF Nick Walker (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); C/RHP Adonis Smith (Jr., 5-10, 215, R/R); U Jacob Cockrell (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF Seneca Daniel (Sr., 5-7, 160, R/R); 2B/RHP Bryce Herring (So., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Kameron Gardner (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF/LHP Mason Cade (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/L); OF DeSean Williams (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); 1B/RHP O'Rion Merritt (So., 5-11, 230, L/R)

Top Newcomers: C Kendall Jackson (So., 6-0, 260, R/R); OF/LHP Carter McKenzie (So., 5-10, 180, L/L); OF/LHP Xavion Gaither (Jr., 5-11, 180, L/L); SS/RHP Elijah Johnson (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); 3B/RHP Cameron Blasingame (So., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Bulldogs continue to improve and with an excellent returning nucleus, look for Dutchtown to contend for a playoff berth this spring. Offensive leaders Christian Jackson (.302 avg., 19 RBIs), Ricky Harris (.386 avg., 7 2B) and Mikhail Grant (.329 avg.) are back, but keep an eye on promising sophomores Clarence Callaway and Bryce Clavon.



EAGLES LANDING EAGLES

Head Coach (s): TBA
Survey not returned

Class 5A



JONES COUNTY GREYHOUNDS

Head Coach (s): Jason Page

Assistant Coach (s): Jay Jones, Mike Paulk, Ryan Belshan, Jordan Green, Bradley Hunnicutt

2021 Record: 16-14

Returning Starters: U Keagan Baxter (Sr., 6-1, 205, R/R); OF Aiden Payne (Sr., 5-10, 185, L/R); C John Alan Richter (Sr., 6-1, 205, R/R); OF Tucker Mix (Sr., 5-11, 190, R/R); LHP/1B Dawson Harris (Jr., 5-11, 200, R/L); OF/INF Conner Bass (Jr., 5-11, 190, R/R); LHP Brody Gordon (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/L); RHP/SS Landon Califf (Jr., 5-11, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Drew Jones (Jr., 5-11, 195, R/R); OF Austin May (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R); 1B/RHP Chase Milton (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); RHP Austin Lowe (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); 3B Colin Chapman (Sr., 5-11, 190, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 2B Tucker Maddox (Jr., R/R); RHP Quinton McManmon (Sr., L/R)

Season Outlook: Don't overlook the Greyhounds this season. Jones could have one its best teams in recent memory. If Jones County's young pitching staff can continue to mature and develop, they could be dangerous. Utility player Keagan Baxter (.361 avg., 21 RBIs) and outfielder Aiden Payne (.333 avg.) return to provide a spark on offense.



Aiden Payne
Jones County



OLA MUSTANGS

Head Coach (s): Kyle McCreary (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Jason Grammer, Chad Sanders, Coston Anderson, David Carter, Tevin Jones, Jake Hayes

2021 Record: 24-11

Returning Starters: RHP Nolan Sliver (Sr., R/R); RHP John MacDonald (Sr., R/R); OF Brinson Burdette (Sr.); RHP Caleb Fordham (Sr., R/R); OF Brayden Fordham (Sr., R/R); C Jack Morris (Sr.); OF AJ Posada (So.); 1B Lathan McLaughlin (Jr.); 2B Austin Merritt (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: P William O'Quinn (Jr.); P Will Wesley (Jr.); C James McGee (So.); 3B Will Smith (Jr.); SS/3B Hunter Robinson (Jr.); OF Gage Walters (Jr.); C/2B/OF Walker Bruce (Sr., R/R); P/1B Peyton Morefield (Jr.); RHP Talon Holland (Sr., R/R); P Thomas Bennett (Jr.); P Gavin Curtis (Jr.)

Top Newcomers: RHP Baylen Gilmore (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: Former assistant Kyle McCreary takes over and welcomes back nine returning starters as the Mustangs should be one of the favorites to win the region title. Pitchers Nolan Sliver, John MacDonald and Caleb Fordham combine to give Ola a solid pitching rotation. Outfielder Brayden Fordham is back to lead the offense.



STOCKBRIDGE TIGERS

Head Coach (s): Daniel Greene

Assistant Coach (s): Karl Brooks, Nathan Greene, Shaun Evans

2021 Record: 5-22

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Devin Chandler (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); C/RHP John Stephens (Sr., 5-9, 140, R/R); OF/RHP Miles Carter (Sr., 5-8, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Brent Sims (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: U/RHP Preston Wright (So., 6-0, 155, B/R); OF/C Darius Keyton (So., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Chance Stocks (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP Zach Evans (So., 5-11, 170, R/R); U/RHP Keion Dunlap (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); 1B/RHP Tyler Tucker (So., 6-2, 215, R/R); C/RHP Bryce Bause (So., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Jack Greene (Sr., 5-10, 145, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Tigers will be a relatively young team this spring, but don't sleep on them. A trio of seniors return to lead the way, but an excellent group of underclassmen will compete for playing time. Shortstop/pitcher Devin Chandler and infielder/pitcher Brent Sims are two players to keep an eye on.



UNION GROVE WOLVERINES

Head Coach (s): Allen Franklin

Assistant Coach (s): Mark Mortimer, Zane Hoover, Tres Moore, Austin Hyde

2021 Record: 19-9

Returning Starters: C Dom Elam (Sr.); OF Cody Funk (Sr.); OF Stormy Smith (Sr.); INF Al Nsah (Jr.); INF/P KJ Clarrington (Jr.); P/1B Gavin Webster (So.)

Other Returning Players: INF Jack Greene (Sr.); P/OF Brandon Cook (Jr.); C/1B Kai Huber (So.); P Ryan Hutchison (Sr.); P Devin Marlow (Sr.); P/OF Trey Peoples (Sr.)



LOCUST GROVE WILDCATS

Head Coach (s): Chad Crawford

Assistant Coach (s): Dalton Kuhn, Casey Wrye, Brad Tolleson, Raul Delgado

2021 Record: 19-14

Returning Starters: LHP/OF Ty Cobb (Sr., R/L); SS/RHP Connor Crisp (Jr., L/R); 3B/1B Keshawn Wright (Jr., L/R); 3B/1B Ashton Essex (Jr., R/R); OF/2B Landen Wrye (Jr., L/R); OF/INF Landen Moss (Sr., R/R); 1B/DH Dallas Durden (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/INF Andrew Cedano (Jr., R/R); RHP/U Bransen Powell (Jr., R/R); OF/INF Canton Hinson (Jr., R/R); LHP/OF Jackson Ginther (So., B/L); C Conner Merritt (Jr., R/R); U/RHP Jalin Spicer (Jr., R/R); LHP/OF Hudson Spear (Jr., L/L)

Top Newcomers: OF/1B/LHP Kaleb Huffman (Sr., L/L); OF Landen Baird (So., L/R); RHP Riley Wilson (Jr., R/R); LHP/1B Brayden Lawrence (So., R/L)

Season Outlook: The Wildcats could be the team to beat in Region 4-5A play this spring as a wealth of talent returns. Pitching should be the backbone as senior Ty Cobb and junior Andrew Cedano lead the way.



Andrew Cedano
Locust Grove



Dallas Durden
Locust Grove



Jackson Ginther
Locust Grove



Kaleb Huffman
Locust Grove

Class 5A

Top Newcomers: INF/P Trey Mitchell (Jr.)

Season Outlook: Look for Union Grove to challenge for the region title and a postseason berth this spring. The lack of experienced pitching is a concern, but catcher Dom Elam and outfielder Stormy Smith are back to power the offense. Outfielder Cody Funk also returns.



WOODLAND-STOCKBRIDGE WOLFPACK

Head Coach (s): Quinton King

Assistant Coach (s): Peter Fraley

2021 Record: 7-10

Returning Starters: OF/LHP Kenton Collier (Jr., L/L); C Zachary Lamping (Sr., R/R); OF/1B Jeremiah Polk (Sr., R/R); 2B/1B Joshua Weems (Sr., R/R); 3B/SS Joshua Kendricks (So., R/R); 1B/LHP William Geter (Sr., L/L)

Other Returning Players: C/OF James Morton (Jr., R/R); OF Amir Middleton (Sr., R/R); INF Kaden Borst (So., R/R); 1B Jaylen Johnson (Jr., R/R); 3B/RHP Jacob Summers (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: 2B/OF Jeffrey Allen (Jr., R/R); LHP/OF Ricardo Fowlkes-Rodriguez (Jr., L/L); INF Damien Gibson (R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wolfpack should have a chance to improve upon last season's record as six starters return. Keep an eye on junior Kenton Collier and senior Jeremiah Polk who return to lead the way. Look for solid younger players to also contribute.

REGION 5-5A

Region Favorite: Saint Pius X

Players to Watch

3B/RHP/C – Roderick Brown, Sr., MLK; **1B/C/RHP** – Lucas Cardona, Jr., Northview; **C/INF/P** – Levi Clark, So., Decatur; **RHP** – Brandon Cooper, Sr., Clarkston; **OF** – Michael Faustin, Sr., SW DeKalb; **RHP/OF/3B** – Taylor Flowers, Sr., Chamblee; **2B/RHP** – Martin Garcia, Jr., Cross Keys; **OF** – Davion Graham, Sr., SW DeKalb; **INF/RHP** – Brady Jones, Sr., Decatur; **INF/RHP** – Michael Kecseti, Sr., Northview; **OF/LHP** – Nathan Kindland, So., Northview; **INF/C** – Griffin Knabe, Jr., Decatur; **OF/P** – Josh Lanum, Sr., Decatur; **OF/P** – Mekhi Lloyd, Sr., Decatur; **INF** – Dysan McCray, Sr., Decatur; **U** – Antrez McDowell, Jr., SW DeKalb; **INF/P** – Noah McMahan, Jr., Decatur; **OF/LHP** – Matt Navarro, Sr., St. Pius X; **INF/RHP** – Anderson Park, Jr., Northview; **INF** – Devin Portee, Sr., St. Pius X; **OF** – Sydyk Ross, Sr., Chamblee; **C** – Sadir Ryan, Sr., SW DeKalb; **INF/RHP** – Ayush Shetty, So., Northview; **RHP** – Tyler Sun, Sr., Chamblee; **SS** – Will Tippet, Sr., St. Pius X; **2B/OF** – Fabian Walker, Sr., Chamblee; **INF/P** – Wali Washington, Jr., Lithonia; **OF/1B** – David Welsh, Jr., Chamblee



CHAMBLEE BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Brian Ely

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

2021 Record: 20-10

Returning Starters: OF/1B David Welsh (Jr., 5-11, 170, L/L); RHP/OF/3B Taylor Flowers (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF Sydyk Ross (Sr., 6-0, 165, L/L); SS Connor Pressnall (Sr., 5-9, 155, R/R); 2B/OF Fabian Walker (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B Leon Cohen (Sr., 5-11, 200, R/L); RHP Jay Krueger (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Xavier Tsai (Jr., 5-8, 150, R/R); RHP Tyler Sun (Sr., 5-9, 145, R/R); INF Luke Rohrer (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/R); RHP/INF Jake Potthoff (Jr., 6-1, 155, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/LHP Myles Weekly (Jr., 5-11, 155, L/L); C Bobby Rivers (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R); RHP/INF Noah Harkins (Jr., 5-6, 140, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Bulldogs should once again contend for a playoff position as five starters are back as well as a talented senior class. Pitching should be the team's biggest strength as right-hander Taylor Flowers (6-4, 3.36 ERA) anchors a solid staff.



CLARKSTON ANGORAS

Head Coach (s): Jamie Thompson

Assistant Coach (s): Ron Mills

2021 Record: 5-18-1

Returning Starters: RHP Brandon Cooper (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); C Ethan Meredith (Sr. 5-9, 170, R/R); SS Angelo Nunn (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF Leman Tarawally (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); OF Kokou Afan Ion (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); 2B Fah Do Shep (Jr., 5-6, 150, R/R); OF Kennedy Bass (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); OF Lawrence Reeves (So., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 3B Stefan Martin (Sr., 6-1, 280, R/R); OF Talvis Sims (So., 5-8, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 3B Daven Rhodes (Sr., 5-8, 180, B/R)

Season Outlook: The Angoras struggled last season, but look for Clarkston to be improved this spring. A solid senior class returns to lead the way, including right-handed pitcher Brandon Cooper who will give the Angoras a solid leader to build around.



CROSS KEYS INDIANS

Head Coach (s): Marion Hill

Assistant Coach (s): TBA

2021 Record: 0-0

Returning Starters: 2B/RHP Martin Garcia (Jr., R/R); OF Alexis Gopar (So., L/L)

Other Returning Players: OF David Rubio (Jr., L/L)

Top Newcomers: 1B Anthony Elvir (Jr., R/R); RHP Jason Joiner (Jr., R/R); OF Christian Holmes (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: After not playing last season, Cross Keys is rebuilding and reorganizing and will play a nonregion schedule this spring. The Indians will be a very young team, but junior Martin Garcia and sophomore Alexis Gopar give the program a pair of leaders to build around.



DECATUR BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Robby Gilbert

Assistant Coach (s): Phil Byrd, Trumon Jefferson

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2021 Record: 28-6

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Brady Jones (Sr.); OF/P Mekhi Lloyd (Sr.); INF Dyan McCray (Sr.); INF/C Griffin Knabe (Jr.); INF/P Noah McMahon (Jr.); C/INF/P Levi Clark (So.)

Other Returning Players: INF Brayden Gordon (Sr.); INF Alexandru Grama (Sr.); OF/P Jackson Ewing (Sr.); OF Liam Aiken (Sr.); OF Keenan Nelms (Jr.); OF Jason Jones (Jr.)

Top Newcomers: OF/RHP Josh Lanum (Sr.); INF/P Paul Gaeta (Jr.); OF Layton Dickinson (Jr.); INF/P Nate Malkin (Jr.); INF/P Will Harvison (Jr.); OF Santos Miranda (Jr.); OF Will Atkins (Jr.); C Travis Stroud (Jr.); INF Camden Laney (Jr.); INF Mekhi Smith (Jr.); INF Isaac Wright (Jr.); OF Jonah Stancil (Jr.); C/INF/P Chandler Jones (Fr.)

Season Outlook: The Bulldogs lost seven seniors from last season, but they will still be in the region title chase. All-state performer Brady Jones and infielder Dyan McCray are back as well as Tennessee commit Levi Clark. Look for a talented group of juniors to step forward and contribute.

LITHONIA BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Samuel Marion

Survey not returned

MARTIN LUTHER KING LIONS

Head Coach (s): Greg Boatwright

Assistant Coach (s): Lamont Barner, Leviski Wray

2021 Record: 6-11

Returning Starters: 3B/RHP/C Roderick Brown (Sr., 5-8, 175, R/R); LHP/SS/OF Skylon Jackson (Jr., 6-0, 150, L/L); SS/RHP/2B/C Nate Flemister (Jr., 5-6, 150, R/R); OF Leigh Allen (Sr., 6-1, 165, R/R); OF/RHP Jeremiah Williams (Sr., 5-11, 140, R/R); 2B/SS/RHP Ja’Kari Jones (Sr., 5-8, 140, R/R)

Season Outlook: A solid group of returning players should help MLK improve upon last season’s record. Six starters are back, including four seniors. One of them is versatile Roderick Brown. The Lions will need to be consistent on the mound.

NORTHVIEW TITANS

Head Coach (s): Tom Kratowicz

Assistant Coach (s): James Ward, Tom Little

2021 Record: 9-22

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Michael Kecseti (Sr., 6-2, 165, R/R); RHP/OF Reid Livingston (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); 1B/C/RHP Lucas Cardona (Jr., 6-1, 210, R/R); OF Luke Marshall (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Anderson Park (Jr., 6-0, 140, R/R); C/INF David Simmons (Jr., 5-11, 210, R/R); OF/LHP Nathan Kindland (So., 6-0, 205, L/L); INF/RHP Ayush Shetty (So., 5-9, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/RHP Akshay Para (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); RHP Eli Hankinson (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF/RHP Austin Haye (Jr., 5-11, 125, R/R); OF/INF Ryota Hirao (Jr., 5-5, 155, R/R); 1B/LHP Brad Chuo (So., 5-10, 155, L/L)

Season Outlook: The bulk of Northview’s team that helped the Titans make the state playoffs last year returns. Eight starters are back, including infielder/pitcher Michael Kecseti and pitcher/outfielder Reid Livingston. Northview is a team still full of underclassmen. If some players mature, the Titans will be in the postseason chase again.



SAINT PIUS X GOLDEN LIONS

Head Coach (s): Andy Harlin (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Bobby Tippett, Kevin Ksionzyk, Mike Lancaster, Blaise Wannemacher, Trey Broussard

2021 Record: 28-12

Returning Starters: SS Will Tippett (Sr., 6-1, 180, B/R); INF Devin Portee (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); OF/LHP Matt Navarro (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/L); C Brendan Patilla (Sr., 6-0, 205, R/R); OF/RHP Tate Henderson (Sr., 6-3, 200, R/R); RHP Trevor Zimmerman (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); U Nick Kostopoulos (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: U/RHP Charlie Kapp (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); RHP Daniel Turner (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); 1B/OF Matthew Banna (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); RHP/INF Luke Jacobellis (Sr., 6-3, 210, R/R); INF Chris Careras (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Daniel Simontacchi (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R); OF Jack Tchienchou (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); C/INF Kevin Beirne (Jr., 5-11, 200, R/R); U/RHP Luke Wiltrakis (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); C Shug Bentley (Jr., 6-1, 200, R/R); RHP/INF TJ Mooney (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Will Moreman (Jr., 5-11, 175, L/R); C Will Waters (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF Hugo Fleming (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); RHP/INF Charlie Hendrix (So., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: Andy Harlin returns for his second stint at St. Pius X and inherits seven starters from a team that made the state semifinals in 2021. One of those returners is all-state shortstop Will Tippett. Senior Matt Navarro, another all-state performer, leads a solid group of senior pitchers. This team is senior-heavy and should pick up from where they left off last year.



Tate Henderson
Saint Pius X



Nick Kostopoulos
Saint Pius X



Brendan Patilla
Saint Pius X



Devin Portee
Saint Pius X



Trevor Zimmerman
Saint Pius X



SOUTHWEST DEKALB PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): Tyrus Taylor

Assistant Coach (s): Jerald Hatchett, James Bing, Cedric Horton

2021 Record: 13-12

Returning Starters: C Sadir Ryan (Sr., 5-11, 195, R/R); U Antrez McDowell (Jr., 6-1, 200, R/R); OF Davion Gramm (Sr., 5-11, 185, L/R); OF Michael Faustin (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); INF Nicholas Williams (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); 1B Kevin Gray (Sr., 5-9, 190, R/R)

Other Returning Players: U Jaryl Williams (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); 3B/1B Wesley Miller (Sr., 5-9, 195, R/R); U Raekwon Wedderburn (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/C Tremaine Wansley (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: Look for the Panthers to chase a postseason spot this season as an excellent senior class returns to lead the team. The lack of

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experienced pitching, however, is a concern. Six starters are back, including standout catcher Sadir Ryan (.418 avg.). Utility player Antrez McDowell and outfielders Davion Graham and Michael Faustin return to lead the offense



STONE MOUNTAIN PIRATES

Head Coach (s): Jamar Graham
Survey not returned

REGION 6-5A

Region Favorite: North Springs

Players to Watch

3B – Trace Alexander, Sr., Chapel Hill; **U** – Christian Baker, Jr., New Manchester; **RHP** – Phillip Barnhill, Sr., Chapel Hill; **INF/OF/RHP** – Michael Bright, Jr., New Manchester; **INF/P** – Nicolas Brown, So., Lithia Springs; **RHP/1B** – Rhett Burley, Sr., Maynard Jackson; **RHP/DH** – Jaden Camp, Sr., Villa Rica; **RHP/OF** – Logan Ervine, Jr., Villa Rica; **INF** – Ayden Farrow, Sr., Maynard Jackson; **U** – Kyntin Gay, Jr., New Manchester; **OF/1B** – Drew Gossett, Sr., Midtown; **RHP/C/3B** – Daniel Jackson, Jr., North Springs; **C/RHP** – Tyler Jackson, Sr., North Springs; **3B/RHP** – Zach Kelly, So., Maynard Jackson; **1B/OF** – Sean Lowe, Jr., New Manchester; **LHP/OF** – Charlie Payne, Sr., Midtown; **RHP/OF** – Zach Posel, Jr., Midtown; **RHP** – Dylan Reid, Sr., North Springs; **OF/LHP** – Caden Rogers, Sr., North Springs; **RHP/1B** – Eli Simon, Jr., North Springs; **OF/3B** – Jake Streeter, Sr., North Springs; **INF** – Tristan Strickland, Jr., Chapel Hill; **SS** – Justin Wolfson, Jr., North Springs; **SS** – Ryan Wynn, Jr., Chapel Hill



CHAPEL HILL PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): TJ Watson (new)
Assistant Coach (s): Daniel Willis, Eddie Little, Steven Orlandi, Troy Chester
2021 Record: 12-18
Returning Starters: 3B Trace Alexander (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); RHP Phillip Barnhill (Sr., 6-0, 170, L/R); RHP Peyton Weathersby (Sr., 6-3, 145, R/R); OF Scott Hrobowski (Sr., 5-6, 150, R/R); 1B Michael McIntosh (Sr., 5-11, 215, R/R); U Jabari Johnson (Sr., 5-9, 145, R/R); SS Ryan Wynn (Sr., 6-2, 160, R/R); 2B/RHP Caiden Stewart (So., 5-10, 150, R/R)
Other Returning Players: OF Darryl Brown (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); 3B/2B Jaylen Bryan (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); C/INF William Barbary (So., 5-10, 165, R/R)
Top Newcomers: OF/RHP Christian Campbell (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); INF Tristan Strickland (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R); OF/1B Gregory Wardlaw (So., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF/RHP/C Jayden Lawrence (Fr., 5-9, 145, R/R)
Season Outlook: Former assistant TJ Watson takes over and inherits a talented team that will be expected to contend for a playoff position. Senior right-hander Phillip Barnhill leads a solid group of pitchers, while infielders Ryan Wynn and Trace Alexander are back to lead the offense. Look for some talented underclassmen to compete for playing time.



LITHIA SPRINGS LIONS

Head Coach (s): Reginald Austin (new)
Survey not returned



MAYNARD JACKSON JAGUARS

Head Coach (s): Desmond Stegall
Assistant Coach (s): Derek Long, Karel Butler, Caleb Vega
2021 Record: 9-18-1

Returning Starters: RHP/1B Rhett Burley (Sr., 6-0, 195, R/R); INF Ayden Farrow (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF Jeremy Wellmaker (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); C/RHP/OF Doug Evans (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); 3B/RHP Zach Kelly (So., 6-0, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Kanius Davis (So., 5-10, 160, R/R)
Other Returning Players: OF Shawn Givens (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Jay Wilcox (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF Chris Alford (Sr., 6-2, 165, R/R); C/RHP Walker Shultz (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R)
Top Newcomers: OF/RHP Dakota Frady (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); LHP Quintavious Thomhill (So., 6-0, 180, L/L)
Season Outlook: Expect Maynard Jackson to be back in the playoff chase this spring as six starters are back to lead the way. Pitcher/first baseman Rhett Burley leads an excellent senior class. If the Jaguars can develop some pitching depth, they should have a chance to improve upon last season's record.



MIDTOWN KNIGHTS

Head Coach (s): Daniel Stockdale
Survey not returned



NEW MANCHESTER JAGUARS

Head Coach (s): Ian Chisolm
Assistant Coach (s): Ivan Carroll, Eric Blacknall
2021 Record: 10-15
Returning Starters: 2B/SS/RHP/OF Christian Baker (Sr., 5-9, 135, R/R); 1B/LHP/DH Nicholas Bolden (Sr., 5-10, 220, L/L); SS/RHP Michael Bright (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R); 3B/SS/2B/RHP Kyntin Gay (Sr., 5-8, 145, R/R); C/OF/RHP De'Sean Glanton (Sr., 5-10, 145, R/R); 2B/OF Braxton Hall (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); CF/LHP Rico Jones (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/L); OF/1B/RHP Sean Lowe (Sr., 5-9, 185, R/R); OF/1B/LHP Jabari Thompson (So., 5-11, 215, L/L)
Other Returning Players: 3B/OF/RHP Theo Baker (So., 5-10, 185, R/R); 2B/OF Ras Brown (Sr., 5-8, 130, R/R); OF/RHP Jayden Crawford (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF/SS/RHP Angerico Jackson, Jr. (Sr., 5-9, 145, R/R); OF Jaylon Jenkins (Sr., 5-10, 195, R/R); 1B/RHP Derek Thimas (So., 5-9, 220, R/R)
Top Newcomers: C/OF Nicholas Brown (So., 5-9, 150, R/R)
Season Outlook: New Manchester showed a lot of improvement last spring. That upward trend should continue as the Jaguars look to contend for a postseason berth this spring. A wealth of talent returns, including a solid trio of returning juniors in Michael Bright, Christian Baker and Kyntin Gay.

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NORTH SPRINGS SPARTANS

Head Coach (s): Matt Gershon

Assistant Coach (s): DeWayne Crowder, Michael Fraker, Michael Grade, Joseph Hodge, Matt Whiteside

2021 Record: 25-10

Returning Starters: RHP/C/3B Daniel Jackson (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); C/RHP Tyler Jackson (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP Dylan Reid (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); OF/LHP Caden Rogers (Sr., 5-8, 160, L/L); OF/3B Jake Streeter (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R)

Other Returning Players:

OF Jakobe Brown (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); U Eli Duhig (Jr., 6-0, 190, R/R); RHP/1B Eli Simon (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); RHP Derek Viersen (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R); SS Justin Wolfson (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: U Will Stevenson (So., 5-9, 155, R/R); 2B Owen Olson (So., 5-10, 135, R/R); RHP/3B Ryan Zapaniuk (So., 6-2, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: After one of its best seasons in recent memory, the Spartans look to build off last year's momentum. Top pitchers Dylan Reid and junior Daniel Jackson are back as well as offensive leaders Tyler Jackson, Jake Streeter and Caden Rogers. If the Spartans can build a little more depth, they could easily approach last year's success.



Daniel Jackson
North Springs



Caden Rogers
North Springs



VILLA RICA WILDCATS

Head Coach (s): Neal Hannah

Assistant Coach (s): Mike Best, Wade Bailey, David White

2021 Record: 15-14

Returning Starters: RHP/OF Logan Ervine (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); C/INF Layton Hyneman (So., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF Ladorian Jordan (So., 6-1, 170, R/R); INF Braden Jones (Jr., 6-1, 195, R/R); INF Drew Coker (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R); RHP/DH Jaden Camp (Sr., 6-2, 215, R/R)

Other Returning Players:

OF Jordan Murphy (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); INF Jaxon Hembree (Sr., 6-1, 230, R/R); LHP/OF Kade Robinson (Sr., 6-1, 185, L/L); C Matthew Green (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); INF Wesley Gaines (Jr., 5-8, 155, R/L); RHP Caleb Floyd (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R)

Season Outlook: If the Wildcats can find some pitching depth, they should challenge for the Region 6-5A title. Six starters are back, including pitcher/designated hitter Jaden Camp, outfielder Ladorian Jordan, pitcher/outfielder Logan Ervine and infielder Braden Jones. Keep an eye on a solid corps of underclassmen expected to contribute.



Jaden Camp
Villa Rica



Logan Ervine
Villa Rica

REGION 7-5A

Region Favorite: Blessed Trinity

Players to Watch

OF – Phenix Boles, Jr., Hiram; **C/DH** – Curt Bonner, Sr., Cartersville; **SS** – Jay Boyd, Jr., Hiram; **OF** – Jake Brasfield, Sr., Cartersville; **OF/RHP** – Chase Carson, Jr., Woodland-Bartow; **OF** – Elliott Eastin, Sr., Cartersville; **C/2B** – Jacob Gravett, Sr., Woodland-Bartow; **OF/LHP** – Justice Haynes, Jr., Blessed Trinity; **C/RHP** – Carson Hill, Jr., Cass; **RHP** – Jake Lankie, Jr., Blessed Trinity; **1B/DH** – Andon Lewis, Sr., Calhoun; **OF** – Bentley Markley, Sr., Cass; **OF** – Matt McCaffrey, Sr., Blessed Trinity; **OF/LHP** – Colt McKibben, Sr., Cartersville; **OF/RHP** – Cooper Milford, Jr., Blessed Trinity; **INF/3B** – JaKiyon Porter, Jr., Woodland-Bartow; **1B/LHP** – Max Puckett, Sr., Blessed Trinity; **RHP** – Philip Schiltz, Jr., Cartersville; **C/DH** – Hank Smith, Sr., Cartersville; **2B** – Blake Sutton, Sr., Cartersville; **C/OF** – Kris Sutton, Sr., Calhoun; **C/3B** – Jacob Tolson, Sr., Calhoun



BLESSED TRINITY TITANS

Head Coach: Jamie Wagner (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Brandon Harwell, Jameson Contratto, Cornell Dore

2021 Record: 25-10

Returning Starters: 1B/LHP Max Puckett (Sr., 6-4, 205, L/L); OF Matt McCaffrey (Sr., 5-10, 165, L/L); OF/RHP Cooper Milford (Jr., 6-0, 155, R/R); OF/LHP Justice Haynes (Jr., 5-10, 190, L/L); RHP Jake Lankie (Jr., 6-1, 180, L/R); RHP/INF Evan O'Neill (Jr., 6-3, 200, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Evan Dickens (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); C Cole Harof (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R); INF/OF Evan Graham (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Porter Buursema (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); LHP Sean Wylie (Sr., 6-1, 180, L/L); LHP Parker Spring (Sr., 6-0, 170, L/L); RHP Ryan Gartner (Sr., 6-4, 180, R/R); LHP Carson Taggart (Jr., 6-4, 175, B/R)

Season Outlook: Longtime assistant Jamie Wagner takes over and will keep the Titans among the state's elite. A wealth of talent returns, including all-state first baseman/pitcher Max Puckett. But keep an eye on a trio of juniors -- Cooper Milford, Jake Lankie and Evan O'Neill. Blessed Trinity has the pitching to make a deep postseason run.



CALHOUN YELLOW JACKETS

Head Coach: Beau Edwards (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Donny Robertson, Austin Smith, Daniel McArthur, Joey Shiflett, Justin Bishop

2021 Record: 21-9

Returning Starters: 1B/DH Andon Lewis (Sr., 6-1, 195, R/R); C/OF Kris Sutton (Sr., 6-2, 165, R/R); C/3B Jacob Tolson (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); OF Cohen Chadwick (So., 6-0, 185, L/L); INF/RHP Jake Slaughter (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/INF Cooper Evans



Cooper Evans
Calhoun

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(Jr., 6-3, 190, R/R); OF CJ Hawkins (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); 1B/RHP Brooks Crawford (Jr., 6-4, 190, R/R); INF/RHP Wesley Shelton (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/LHP Isaac Green (So., L/L); OF/LHP Jacob Shuler (So., L/L); INF/RHP Ripken West (Fr., R/R); OF Jax Bishop (Fr., R/R); LHP Avery Shiflett (Fr., L/L); INF/LHP Andrew Purdy (Fr., R/L)

Season Outlook: Former Ola coach Beau Edwards takes over at Calhoun and inherits five returning starters. Offensive leaders Andon Lewis (.333 avg., 20 RBIs), Kris Sutton (.345 avg.) and Jacob Tolson (.321 avg.) return, but the lack of experienced pitching is a concern.



Jacob Tolson
Calhoun

for their chance to shine. If they can mature and develop quickly, the Colonels should challenge for a second trip to the state playoffs.



Head Coach (s): Taylor Butler

Assistant Coach (s): Clay McKnight, Avery Ragsdale, Tanner Mowery

2021 Record: 2-20

Returning Starters: SS Jay Boyd (Jr., 6-1, 160, R/R); U Aiden Letts (Jr., 5-10, 145, R/R); LHP/1B Isaac Hudgens (Jr., 5-10, 180, L/L); OF Phenix Boles (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R); OF Ryan Edwards (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R); U Chase Tyler (So., 6-1, 150, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Kyler Glenn (So., 5-8, 140, R/R); C/INF Jose Tovar (So., 5-5, 140, R/R); RHP/INF Nate Rivers (Jr., 5-9, 135, R/R); OF Nic Burgess (Sr., 6-0, 155, R/R); 1B Taylor-Anne Riner (Jr., 5-8, 150, L/L); OF Travion Thomas (So., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Michael Gibson (Fr., 5-10, 130, R/R); U Jay McClenton (Fr., 5-8, 125, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Hornets will be a young team in 2022, but don't be fooled by Hiram's youth. An excellent group of juniors and sophomores will lead the team as the Hornets look to improve upon the 2021 campaign. First team all-region shortstop Jay Boyd returns, giving the team a solid player to build around.

CARTERSVILLE PURPLE HURRICANES

Head Coach: Kyle Tucker

Assistant Coach (s): Brian Adams, Jojo Underwood, Asa Williams, River Brannon, Tim Graves

2021 Record: 27-10

Returning Starters: C/DH Curt Bonner (Sr., 5-8, 165, R/R); C/DH Hank Smith (Sr., 5-10, 175, L/R); 2B Blake Sutton (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); 3B Drew Rothschild (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); OF Elliott Eastin (Sr., 5-10, 175, L/R); OF Jake Brasfield (Sr., 5-11, 185, L/R); OF/LHP Colt McKibben (Sr., 6-1, 170, L/L)

Other Returning Players: RHP/INF Philip Schiltz (Jr., 6-2, 185, R/R); INF Tyler Williamson (Sr., 5-7, 175, B/R); INF Harrison Childers (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Paul Gamble (Jr., 5-9, 180, R/R); OF Jimbo Gaines (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); INF Miles Owen (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP Silas Freeman (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); U Drake Carver (Sr., 5-8, 165); RHP Colin Eaton (Sr., 5-8, 180); OF Kase Adams (Jr., 6-0, 185)

Top Newcomers: C/INF Landon Cole (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); C/INF Caleb Daniel (So., 5-11, 165, L/R); RHP/INF Ryan Johnson (So., 6-4, 170, R/R); RHP Caiden Carroll (Jr., 6-2, 185, R/R)

Season Outlook: If Cartersville can develop some pitching depth, they should pick up from where they left off last year. Lefty Colt McKibben and right-hander Philip Schiltz have started games before and give the Hurricanes a nucleus to build around. Offensive leaders Curt Bonner, Hank Smith and outfielder Jake Brasfield return to lead the way.

CASS COLONELS

Head Coach (s): Matt Thompson (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Jamey Gaddy, Charlie Buck, Tyler Washington, Josh Martin, Brett Gaddy

2021 Record: 6-21

Returning Starters: OF Bentley Markley (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); C/RHP Carson Hill (Jr., 5-9, 185, R/R); SS Aidan Larkin (So., 5-11, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/RHP/1B Hayden Cole (Sr., 5-10, 200, R/R); OF/RHP Aidan Cottingim (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); INF/OF Todd Gaddy (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R); RHP Chase Botts (Jr., 5-8, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Wesley Collins (Jr., 6-2, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Cayden Roberts (So., 6-0, 185, R/R); OF/RHP Connor Jenkins (So., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF Andrew Middleton (Jr., 6-2, 155, L/R)

Season Outlook: First-year coach Matt Thompson has some key positions to fill after the Colonels lost six position players and three pitchers to graduation. But the good news is that Cass is full of younger players waiting

WOODLAND-BARTOW WILDCATS

Head Coach (s): Matt Montgomery

Assistant Coach (s): Ty Fowler, Jeff Fowler, Justin Mackey, Hunter Reaid, Nick Shields

2021 Record: 9-19

Returning Starters: C/2B Jacob Gravett (Sr., 5-8, 185, R/R); INF/3B JaKiyon Porter (Jr., 5-8, 205, R/R); OF/RHP Chase Carson (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF Jackson Rutledge (Sr., 6-2, 210, R/R); OF/RHP Julian Wright (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); INF/C/RHP Ayden Ray (So., 6-0, 220, R/R); INF/RHP Austin Sanders (Jr., 5-6, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/1B Rowan Billings (Jr., 6-2, 240, R/R); RHP/1B Hunter Shirley (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R); RHP/INF Mason Williams (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/1B Logan Bentley (So., 6-3, 190, R/R); RHP Nate Rosser (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: After a disappointing finish last year, Woodland looks to rebound with a young core of players that received a lot of playing time last year. That should pay off this spring. Seven starters are back, including underclassmen JaKiyon Porter, Ayden Ray and Julian Wright who showed a lot of promise last year.



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Region Favorite: Loganville

Players to Watch

C/RHP – David Bell, Sr., Greenbrier; **INF** – Sam Bradley, So., Jackson County; **OF/C** – Braxton Brooks, Jr., Walnut Grove; **RHP** – Trenton Burnett, Sr., Loganville; **SS** – Jackson Chizek, Sr., Loganville; **LHP** – Dawson Coe, Sr., Loganville; **OF** – Justin Ethridge, Sr., Jackson County; **C** – Jackson Forrester, Sr., Clarke Central; **INF** – Kolton Goodbar, Sr., Walnut Grove; **RHP** – Matthew Heard, Sr., Loganville; **RHP** – Tyler James, Sr., Walnut Grove; **RHP/OF** – Cooper Johnson, Sr., Loganville; **OF/RHP/C** – Josh Johnson, Sr., Walnut Grove; **INF** – Gage Kirkland, Jr., Greenbrier; **LHP/1B** – Peyton Lavergne, Sr., Johnson-Gainesville; **LHP/OF** – Jack Martin, Sr., Clarke Central; **INF** – Juan Mata, Sr., Clarke Central; **CF/C** – Ethan Middlebrooks, Sr., Apalachee; **INF** – Spencer Muffuletto, Jr., Jackson County; **LHP/1B** – Tristan Nguyen, Sr., Johnson-Gainesville; **RHP/C** – Traver Park, So., Apalachee; **1B/C** – Darrin Parker, Sr., Walnut Grove; **RHP** – Tyler Rowland, Sr., Greenbrier; **INF** – Kyle Shivers, Sr., Loganville; **2B** – Colby Sikes, Sr., Apalachee; **INF** – Jackson Smith, Sr., Greenbrier; **C** – Maddox Smith, Sr., Greenbrier; **C/INF** – Evan Smithson, Sr., Walnut Grove; **INF** – Nick Streuer, Sr., Jackson County; **OF/RHP** – AJ Trupp, Sr., Greenbrier; **RHP** – Manning West, Sr., Apalachee; **RHP/INF** – Caleb Williams, Sr., Eastside

APALACHEE WILDCATS

Head Coach (s): Allan Bailey

Assistant Coach (s): Russ Hodchins, Kyle Bailey, Chris Wheaton, Casey Innis, Chad Mashburn

2021 Record: 14-14

Returning Starters: 2B Colby Sikes (Sr., 5-9, 155, R/R); 3B Jordan Wilson (Sr., 6-1, 255, R/R); RHP Manning West (Sr., 6-6, 235, R/R); OF/C Ethan Middlebrooks (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R); U Ashton Sapp (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP/1B Judah Powell (So., 6-4, 220, R/R); RHP/C

Traver Park (So., 5-8, 155, R/R); OF Colin Hedges (So., 6-1, 175, R/R); SS Zach Bowman (Jr., 5-10, 145, L/R); OF Nate Valles (So., 5-9, 140, R/R); RHP Jesse Greenway (Sr., 5-9, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C Sam Owens (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP Rylan Smaltz (Sr., 6-5, 160, R/R); INF/OF Kade Greeson (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); C TJ Wilson (So., 5-9, 155, R/R)

Top Newcomers: SS/RHP Hudson Mashburn (Fr., 5-11, 155, R/R)



Traver Park
Apalachee



Judah Powell
Apalachee



Colby Sikes
Apalachee

Season Outlook: Apalachee has high hopes for the 2022 season, especially with the bulk of its starting lineup returning. Led by right-handed pitcher Manning West, the Wildcats could potentially be a very dangerous team. Second baseman Colby Sikes, and versatile senior Ethan Middlebrooks look to provide a spark on offense.



CLARKE CENTRAL GLADIATORS

Head Coach (s): Nicholas Wegmann

Assistant Coach (s): Will Lance, David Perno, Tucker Crumpton

2021 Record: 12-16

Returning Starters: C Jackson Forrester (Sr., 6-3, 175, R/R); INF Hayes Perno (Sr., 5-7, 155, L/R); LHP/OF Jack Martin (Sr., 6-0, 185, L/L); INF AJ Huff (Sr., 5-10, 215, R/R); OF Sean Leahy (Sr., R/R); INF Juan Mata (Sr., 5-6, 165, R/R); U Jarrod Boon (Sr., 6-0, 150, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/INF Gavin Sabatini (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); RHP/OF Jaydon Dennis (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); RHP/INF Will Dement (Sr., R/R); C Jackson Hall (Jr., R/R); INF Cameron Jones (Jr., R/R); LHP/1B Tristan Lowery (Jr., L/L); OF Andrew Sussman (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Gram Garrett (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: Don't overlook Clarke Central in 2022. An experienced team returns and the Gladiators should contend for the postseason as seven returning starters, all of them seniors, return. Catcher Jackson Forrester returns as well as left-handed pitcher Jack Martin.



EASTSIDE EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Brandon Davis (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Ashley Senn, Shane Griffin

2021 Record: 22-10

Returning Starters: OF Slade Holloway (Sr., 5-11, 170, L/L); RHP/INF Caleb Williams (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); LHP Holden Hall (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/L); OF Bryce Burgess (Sr., 6-1, 200, R/R); RHP/INF Jackson Allen (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); RHP/OF Hunter Denney (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/C/INF Josh Johnson (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R); INF/DH Cole Shannon (Sr., 6-2, 215, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/C Colton Fincher (So., 5-10, 185, R/R); INF/RHP Luke Burnett (Fr., 5-10, 185, R/R)

Season Outlook: New coach Brandon Davis takes over and inherits six returning starters, including an excellent group of returning seniors. There is enough talent for Eastside to be back in the postseason chase, but the Eagles must be consistent on offense. Caleb Williams, Holden Hall, Jackson Allen and Hunter Denney lead what should be a solid pitching rotation.



GREENBRIER WOLFPACK

Head Coach (s): David Barnes

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

2021 Record: 27-7

Returning Starters: RHP/C David Bell (Sr., 6-1, 195, R/R); OF/RHP AJ Trupp (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R); C Maddox Smith (Sr., 5-11, 250, R/R); SS Jackson Smith (Sr., 5-9,



Aaron Flink
Greenbrier

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170, R/R); RHP Tyler Rowland (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Mark Abell (Jr., 5-10, 175, L/R); INF Gage Kirkland (Jr., 5-9, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players:

RHP/U Aaron Flink (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); LHP Ricky Patrick (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/L); INF Hunter Knutson (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF Kyle Puffer (Jr., 5-8, 165, L/L)

Top Newcomers:

U/RHP Luca Perriello (So., 6-0, 175, B/R); OF Jamie Daly (So., 5-11, 170, L/R)

Season Outlook: The defending region champions have some key positions to fill, but they have enough to make another run at the region crown. Seven starters are back, including all-state pitcher Tyler Rowland and all-state pitcher/catcher David Bell. Outfielder AJ Trupp returns after a solid junior campaign last year. Catcher Maddox Smith and infielder Jackson Smith also return.



Ricky Patrick
Greenbrier



Jackson Smith
Greenbrier



Maddox Smith
Greenbrier



JOHNSON-GAINESVILLE KNIGHTS

Head Coach (s): Mike Martin (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Justin Dooly, Noel Lavergne

2021 Record: 1-23

Returning Starters: P/1B

Tristan Nguyen (Sr.); P/1B

Peyton Lavergne (Sr.); C/3B/2B

Peyton Goss (Sr.); SS/OF

Joshua Mascrier (Jr.); 3B/C

Jarrett Atwill (Jr.); 3B/C Andrew

Wilhite (Jr.); OF/1B Joshua

Garmon (Jr.); OF/RHP/3B/C

Joey Lopez (Jr.); 2B/OF Jud

Farmer (Jr.)



Peyton Lavergne
Johnson-Gainesville



Tristan Nguyen
Johnson-Gainesville

Other Returning Players: OF Michael Thurmond (Jr.)

Season Outlook: New coach Michael Martin takes over and inherits nine returning starters, including standout pitchers Tristan Nguyen and Peyton Lavergne. The Knights are still a young team. Johnson will be looking for some underclassmen to step forward and contend for playing time.



JACKSON COUNTY PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): Matt Bolt

Assistant Coach (s): Keegan Bally, Chad Brannon, Tony Holton, Joseph Laird, Jaret MacKinnon

2021 Record: 16-12

Returning Starters: OF Zach

Daniel (Sr., 5-9, 155, L/L); OF

Justin Ethridge (Sr., 5-9, 165,

R/L); INF Nick Streuer (Sr., 5-9,

165, L/R); INF/RHP Bryson

Evans (Jr., 5-8, 155, R/R); LHP

Hayden Gregory (Jr., 6-2, 170,

L/L); INF Spencer Muffuletto

(Jr., 5-8, 145, R/R); C/INF/RHP

Weston Skinner (Jr., 5-10, 160,

R/R); RHP Jack Venable (Jr., 6-1,

195, R/R); INF Sam Bradley (So.,

6-3, 195, L/R)

Other Returning Players:

OF/RHP Michael Harrison (Jr.,

5-9, 165, R/R); OF/RHP Drew

Mathews (Jr., 5-10, 170, L/R); C/

INF Cooper Green (So., 5-10,

175, L/R); OF Ben Strickland

(Jr., 6-3, 190, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Sam Rountree (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF Matthew Whaley

(Jr., 5-8, 165, R/R); C/RHP Karson Wheeler (So., 6-2, 180, R/R); INF/RHP Reece

Wolczek (So., 5-8, 165, R/R); OF/LHP Drew Nash (Jr., 5-10, 190, L/L)

Season Outlook: The Panthers just missed the playoffs last season. With a lot of experienced players returning, Jackson County should be back in the chase. If the Panthers can be consistent on the pitcher's mound, they could be a dangerous team. Infielders Sam Bradley and Spencer Muffuletto return as well as outfielder/infielder Justin Ethridge.



Sam Bradley
Jackson County



Justin Ethridge
Jackson County



Spencer Muffuletto
Jackson County



Nick Streuer
Jackson County



LOGANVILLE RED DEVILS

Head Coach (s): Bran Mills (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Mike Ryan, Brandon Anglin, Chad McGaughey, Cody McCance, Jeff Segars, Andy Sargent, Jeff Hewatt, Russ Parrish

2021 Record: 30-11

Returning Starters: C Nash

Beck (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); C Joe

Johnson (Jr., 5-11, 210, R/R); SS

Jackson Chizek (Sr., 5-11, 150,

R/R); OF Cooper Kennedy (Sr.,

6-0, 185, R/R); RHP Matthew

Heard (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); RHP

Trenton Burnett (Sr., 6-3, 185,

R/R); LHP Dawson Coe (Sr., 6-1,

210, R/L); LHP JP Meyers (So.,

5-11, 175, L/L)

Other Returning Players: 2B Johnny Beaver (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); 3B/SS

Sherman Johnson (So., 6-1, 175, R/R); RHP/OF Cooper Johnson (Sr., 5-10,

155, R/R); OF Blake Carter (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); INF/OF Ryan Grayson (Sr.,

5-10, 170, R/R); OF Hoyt Dobeck (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R); 1B Tanner Truesdell (Sr.,

6-3, 170, R/R); OF Gavin Pankhania (Sr., 5-6, 140, R/R); RHP/INF Christian

Donaldson (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP Jake Alvey (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); C/OF

Davis Roesler (Jr., 5-7, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Kyle Shivers (Sr., 5-11, 220, R/R); INF Gage Fullerton

(Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); LHP Fisher Procter (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/L)

Season Outlook: After falling in the state championship series last year, Loganville has enough players that will be hungry to get back. Longtime assistant Bran Mills takes over and inherits a wealth of talent, including top pitchers Trenton Burnett, Dawson Coe and Matthew Heard. But the biggest pick up may have been former Eastside star Kyle Shivers who will be a big help on offense.



Jackson Chizek
Loganville



Matthew Heard
Loganville

Class 5A



WALNUT GROVE WARRIORS

Head Coach (s): Carl Allen

Assistant Coach (s): Brian Fiddler, Cody Tait, Bryce Shupe, John Belflower, Mason Yancey

2021 Record: 18-13

Returning Starters: RHP Tyler James (Sr., 6-0, 150, R/R); INF/C Tyler Williams (Sr., 5-7, 150, R/R); INF Kolton Goodbar (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); C/INF Evan Smithson (Sr., 5-10, 145, R/R); OF/RHP/C Josh Johnson (Sr., 5-11, 150, R/R); 1B/C Darrin Parker (Sr., 5-9, 215, R/R); RHP Nolan Wolfe (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF Garret Poynter (Sr., 5-10, 140, R/R); OF/C Braxton Brooks (Jr., 6-1, 195, R/R); RHP/INF Dom Hyatt (Jr., 6-5, 210, R/R)



Kolton Goodbar
Walnut Grove

Other Returning Players: INF Ty Trinkle (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Rhett Lamberth (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/LHP Carter Hodges (So., 5-9, 140, L/L); OF/LHP Thomas Burke (So., 6-2, 140, L/L); INF Hewett Jones (So., 6-3, 205, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Warriors welcome back a slew of seniors and should be in the playoff chase once again. Standout pitcher Tyler James (7-2, 2.40 ERA) is back, while offensive leaders Josh Johnson (.313 avg., 19 SB) and Darrin Parker (.336 avg.) return on offense. Junior outfielder Braxton Brooks is a player to keep an eye on after he posted strong numbers as a sophomore last year.



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Class 4A

Preseason Top 15

No.	Team	2021 Record	Returning Starters	Comment
1.	 Marist	33-8	7	Deep pitching staff will carry Marist
2.	 North Oconee	31-6	9	Titans have talent to chase state title
3.	 Cedartown	23-11	8	Bulldogs may be a year away
4.	 Troup County	29-5	6	Tigers will be dangerous team
5.	 NW Whitfield	21-12	9	Bruins may have state's best pitching staff
6.	 Perry	22-9	9	Don't sleep on the Panthers
7.	 Flowery Branch	24-9	5	Falcons will be strong as usual
8.	 Jefferson	23-10	3	Dragons rebuilding but will be tough
9.	 Heritage-Catoosa	26-9	12	Generals return pile of talent
10.	 Thomas Co. Central	23-13	9	Jackets' best years are ahead
11.	 Benedictine	33-6	5	Thomas, Edge lead young Cadets
12.	 LaGrange	21-12	6	Booton, solid senior class lead way
13.	 West Laurens	25-7	7	Young Raiders will be in hunt
14.	 Mays	10-14	5	Johnson, Raiders will be tough
15.	 Columbus	19-14	5	Blue Devils will be much better

Teams to watch (In alphabetical order)

Cairo, Chestatee, Hampton, Madison County

REGION 1-4A

Region Favorite: Thomas County Central

Players to Watch

C – Will Carson, Jr., Thomas County Central; **1B/P** – Cameron Cromer, Sr., Westover; **INF/OF** – Kameron Davis, So., Dougherty; **OF** – Korey Fortson, So., Westover; **INF/RHP** – Reid Harvey, Jr., Thomas County Central; **SS** – Alex Ingram, Sr., Westover; **U/RHP** – Adam Lane, Sr., Thomas County Central; **LHP/OF** – Christian Maige, Sr., Cairo; **OF** – Boone Prince, Sr., Cairo; **INF** – Will Prince, Sr., Cairo; **OF** – Bryson Rawls, Sr., Thomas County Central; **OF/RHP** – Bo Smith, Jr., Bainbridge; **C/P/1B** – James Smith, Sr., Westover; **INF/RHP** – Griffin Taylor, Jr., Thomas County Central; **P** – Jordan Trice, Sr., Westover; **RHP/C** – Max Windham, Sr., Cairo

BAINBRIDGE BEARCATS

Head Coach (s): Donnie Coxwell

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

2021 Record: 28-5

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Bo Smith (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Josh Beacham (Sr., R/R); C Griffin Perkins (Sr., R/R); INF/C Chase Parker (Jr., R/R); INF William McCorkle (Sr., R/R); INF Drew Clayton (So., R/R); INF/RHP Koby Wynn (Jr., R/R); OF/RHP Cason Priest (Sr., R/R)

Season Outlook: After one of the better seasons in Bainbridge's baseball

history in which the program made the state semifinals, the Bearcats have some rebuilding to do. Graduation took a major toll on the roster, meaning some underclassmen will have to step forward. Outfielder/pitcher Bo Smith returns.

CAIRO SYRUPMAKERS

Head Coach (s): Chad Parkerson

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

2021 Record: 19-10

Returning Starters: LHP/OF Christian Maige (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/L); RHP/C Max Windham (Sr., 5-11, 150, R/L); INF Will Prince (Sr., 5-11, 185, L/R); U Braylon Robinson (Jr., 6-1, 155, R/R); U Mo Wilson (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF Boone Prince (Sr., 6-5, 200, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Kale Barwick (Jr., 5-8, 140, R/R); INF Robert Watson (Jr., 5-8, 135, R/R); RHP/INF Cannon Waters (Sr., 6-3, 195, R/R); INF Chris Goodman (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); C Jacob Pyles (So., 5-10, 140, R/R); OF Hudson Bostick (Sr., 5-11, 190, R/R); 1B Philip Ponder (Sr., 6-2, 220, R/R)

Season Outlook: There are some key positions to fill, but the Syrupmakers will be back in the playoffs. Six starters are back, including left-hander Christian Maige (3-1, 3.78 ERA) and right-hander Max Windham (3-1, 1.52 ERA). The offense must be more consistent, but Maige (.444 avg., 19 RBIs) and infielder Will Prince (.305 avg.) are back to power the offense.

Class 4A



DOUGHERTY TROJANS

Head Coach (s): Kenyan Conner
Survey not returned



MONROE TORNADOES

Head Coach (s): Marcus Wise
Survey not returned



THOMAS COUNTY CENTRAL YELLOW JACKETS

Head Coach (s): Ryan Strickland
Assistant Coach (s): Travis Barrett, Chance Carter, Houston Massey, Trent Miller

2021 Record: 22-13

Returning Starters: U/RHP Adam Lane (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF Bryson Rawls (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); RHP Drew Parker (Sr., 6-3, 235, R/R); RHP Jacob Layne (Sr., 6-4, 250, R/R); INF Jason Benton (Sr., 5-6, 135, R/R); C Will Carson (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Reid Harvey (Jr., 6-3, 200, R/R); INF/RHP Griffin Taylor (Jr., 6-4, 210, R/R); LHP Eli Taylor (So., 5-11, 150, R/L)

Other Returning Players: RHP Drew Parker (Sr., 6-3, 235, R/R); OF Hayden Palmer (Sr., 5-6, 130, L/R); U JJ Potts (Jr., 5-8, 170, R/R); OF Hudson Rice (Jr., 5-10, 165, L/L); LHP Ethan Barrett (So., 5-9, 165, R/L); OF Lawson Odom (So., 6-1, 175, R/R); C Drake Singletary (So., 5-8, 135, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP Aiden Barnett (Jr., 6-1, 150, R/R); OF Dezmond Jones (Jr., 5-6, 180, R/R); RHP/1B Hunter Ryan (Jr., 6-3, 190, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Yellow Jackets have the potential to be a very dangerous team in 2022. Nine starters are back, including all-state outfielder/pitcher Adam Lane. Juniors Reid Harvey and Griffin Taylor return after showing they can play multiple positions. Keep an eye on this team.



Jason Benton
Thomas County Central



Will Carson
Thomas County Central



JJ Potts
Thomas County Central



Bryson Rawls
Thomas County Central

Wright (Jr.); OF/P Nathan Surface (Sr.); OF Anthony Chatmon (So.); OF/1B Korey Fortson (So.)

Other Returning Players: P Andrew Perry (So.); 2B/P Caleb Cox (So.); C Tommie Terrell (So.); OF Bryan Thomas (Sr.); 1B Deandre Chatmon (Jr.); OF Caleb Green (Jr.)

Top Newcomers: OF/P Jaylan Melloyd (Fr.)

Season Outlook: The Patriots have a strong corps of returning players and should be back in the postseason chase again. If Westover can find some pitching depth, they should have a chance to improve upon last year's record. Senior shortstop Alex Ingram (.348 avg., 20 RBIs) and first baseman/pitcher Cameron Cromer (.348 avg., 28 RBIs) return.



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WESTOVER PATRIOTS

Head Coach (s): Jordan Cambron
Assistant Coach (s): Tenorris Knox, Derrick Simon

2021 Record: 11-16

Returning Starters: SS Alex Ingram (Sr.); 1B/P Cameron Cromer (Sr.); C/P/1B James Smith (Sr.); C/OF Arin Chevers (So.); 3B Braylon Cook (Jr.); 2B/3B Temirez Williams (So.); P Jordan Trice (Sr.); OF Palmer Hill (Sr.); OF Malachi

Class 4A

REGION 2-4A

Region Favorite: Troup County

Players to Watch

RHP – Trevor Booton, Jr., LaGrange; **DH/C** – Turner Cook, Sr., LaGrange; **INF** – Jake Courville, Jr., Columbus; **3B** – Colton Esposito, Sr., LaGrange; **CF/RHP/C** – Jermaine Foster, Sr., Hardaway; **OF/RHP** – Brett Haynes, Sr., Troup; **INF/RHP** – Daniel Martin, Sr., Troup; **1B** – Josh McDonald, Jr., Troup; **C/1B/RHP** – Ty Medders, Jr., Troup; **3B** – Reed Morris, Jr., Troup; **SS/RHP** – Devon Murphy, Jr., Troup; **RHP/3B** – William Nobles, Sr., Columbus; **1B/RHP** – Fletcher Roberts, So., Hardaway; **LF** – Seth Stargell, Jr., LaGrange; **3B/RHP** – Joseph Thomas, Sr., Hardaway; **RHP/INF** – Cole Thompson, Sr., Shaw; **C** – Zack Thompson, Sr., LaGrange; **INF** – Derrick Wells, Jr., Columbus

CARVER-COLUMBUS TIGERS

Head Coach: Corey Joyner
Survey not returned

COLUMBUS BLUE DEVILS

Head Coach (s): Chad Mathis
Assistant Coach (s): McLendon Hill, John Randall Lasseter, Steven Swinehart, Scott Livingston, Kelley Reynolds
2021 Record: 19-14
Returning Starters: RHP/3B William Nobles (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); RHP/OF Hogan Mayhew (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); INF Jake Courville (Jr., 5-7, 170, R/R); INF Derrick Wells (Jr., 6-1, 205, R/R); INF Kaysen Reynolds (Sr., 5-8, 145, R/R)
Other Returning Players: 1B Anvith Bompelly (Sr., 6-4, 210, R/R); U Ashton Smith (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); RHP Shane Hicks (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF Eli Williamson (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); RHP/INF Pearson McKenzie (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF Nathyn Patrick (Jr., 5-8, 165, R/R); OF Keaton Earnest (Sr., 6-2, 190, L/R)
Top Newcomers: RHP Mason Schoonover (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R); OF/LHP Robert Malone (So., 5-9, 175, L/L); LHP Jack Peak (So., 6-2, 220, L/L); C Wilson Holland (So., 6-0, 175, R/R); C Korbin Reynolds (Fr., 5-9, 170, R/R)
Season Outlook: Five starters are back for the Blue Devils who will challenge for the region title and a playoff berth. Right-handed pitchers William Nobles and Hogan Mayhew return to lead a solid pitching rotation. Meanwhile, juniors Jake Courville and Derrick Wells are back on offense after solid sophomore seasons in 2021.

HARDAWAY HAWKS

Head Coach: Eric Anthony
Assistant Coach (s): Dwayne Burke, Rick Roberts, Greg Dupree
2021 Record: 10-11
Returning Starters: CF/RHP/C Jermaine Foster (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); 3B/RHP Joseph Thomas (Sr., 6-3, 185, R/R); 1B/RHP Fletcher Roberts (So., 6-5, 190,

R/R); OF Jonathan Burke (Jr., 5-7, 180, R/R); OF Drake Griner (So., 6-0, 180, R/R)
Season Outlook: Hardaway looks to be back in the postseason hunt after missing out on the playoffs last year. The Hawks welcome back versatile senior Jermaine Foster (.384 avg.; 3-0, 2.64 ERA) to lead the way. Infielders Joseph Thomas (.311 avg.; 1-3, 4.41 ERA) and Fletcher Roberts are also back.

JORDAN RED JACKETS

Head Coach (s): Anthony Dimitri
Assistant Coach (s): David Lane, Drew Freeman, Steven Sikes
2021 Record: 8-14
Returning Starters: OF Jalen Turner (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); 1B/RHP Kyle McFadden (Sr., 6-1, 165, R/R); 3B/RHP Blake Macon (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); 2B/RHP Hunter Cluck (Sr., 5-9, 155, R/R); C/RHP Tre Stokes (So., 5-9, 145, R/R)
Top Newcomers: INF Brayden Watkins (Fr., 5-10, 165, R/R)
Season Outlook: The young Red Jackets welcome back five returning starters and look to improve upon last season's finish. Jordan will rely heavily on the leadership of three seniors – Kyle McFadden, Blake Macon and Hunter Cluck. Some younger players will need to help out.

KENDRICK CHEROKEES

Head Coach (s): Michael Peek
Survey not returned

LAGRANGE GRANGERS

Head Coach: Donnie Branch
Assistant Coach (s): Drew Eady, Harrison Kurtz, Craig Mobley
2021 Record: 21-12
Returning Starters: C Zack Thompson (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); 3B Colton Esposito (Sr., 5-9, 185, R/R); DH/C Turner Cook (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); LF Seth Stargell (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); RHP Trevor Booton (Jr., 6-4, 185, R/R); 2B Mason Wolfe (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R)
Other Returning Players: OF/RHP Ben Alford (Sr., 6-3, 175, R/R); OF Austin Skiff (Sr., 5-8, 150, R/R); OF/LHP Trey Cook (Jr., 5-7, 155, L/L); SS/RHP Preston Presley (Jr., 6-1, 155, R/R); INF/RHP Bryson Monteith (So., 5-10, 155, R/R); INF Steven Hill (So., 6-1, 150, R/R)
Top Newcomers: OF Tanner Langley (So., 6-0, 165, R/R); INF/OF/RHP Rob Skinner (Fr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF/RHP Gryson Cockrell (Fr., 6-0, 155, L/R); 1B/C Cooper Stephens (Fr., 5-8, 180, R/R); OF/INF/RHP Kaden Sutton (Fr., 5-11, 160, R/R); RHP Caden Wood (Fr., 5-10, 200, R/R)
Season Outlook: The Grangers should have enough offensive firepower to make a run at a postseason berth as catcher Zack Thompson, Turner Cook and third baseman Colton Esposito are back. The lack of experienced pitching is a concern. The good news, however, is that junior right-hander Trevor Booton returns after a strong sophomore season.

SHAW RAIDERS

Head Coach (s): Howie Shackelford (new)
Assistant Coach (s): Clinton Britton, Charley Marquand, Patrick Creech

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2021 Record: 9-14

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Christien Eldridge (Sr., 5-9, 155, R/R); OF JaQues Banks (Sr., 5-7, 160, R/R); C/1B Logan West (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF Tremayne Upshaw (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); RHP/1B John Roland (So., 5-10, 185, R/R); C/INF/RHP Luke Hardy (So., 5-9, 145, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/INF Cole Thompson (Sr., 5-8, 155, R/R); RHP/INF Denny Martinez (So., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Caleb Walker (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R); RHP Gavin Bryant (So., 6-1, 155, R/R); INF Davyn Campbell (So., 5-7, 145, R/R); 3B Jaiden Haick (So., 5-8, 180, R/R); OF Jeshua Figueroa (So., 5-7, 140, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Sincer Ford (Fr., 5-7, 150, R/R); RHP/INF Joriyon Gordon (Fr., 5-8, 145, R/R); LHP/1B Nick Torres (Fr., 5-9, 185, L/L)

Season Outlook: New coach Howie Shackelford takes over and inherits a talented but young team. The Raiders should challenge for a playoff berth. Six starters are back, but Shaw will need a solid group of freshmen and sophomores to contribute this spring.



SPENCER GREENWAVES

Head Coach (s): James Bennett

Survey not returned



TROUP COUNTY TIGERS

Head Coach: Tanner Glisson

Assistant Coach (s): Brock Barber, Jamie Schmitt, Richie Barber, Joey Doughman, Patrick Shivers

2021 Record: 29-5

Returning Starters: 1B Josh McDonald (Jr., 6-2, 230, R/R); SS/RHP Devon Murphy (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Daniel Martin (Sr., 5-9, 155, R/R); 3B Reed Morris (Jr., 5-11, 210, R/R); OF/RHP Brett Haynes (Sr., 6-2, 225, R/R); OF Mason Atkinson (Sr., 5-9, 155, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Dwartney Wortham (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); OF Andrew Townsend (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); U Will Keeter (So., 5-9, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/1B/RHP Ty Medders (Jr., 5-10, 200, R/R)

Season Outlook: Defending region champion Troup should be the team to beat again in 2022 as top pitchers Brett Haynes and Daniel Martin as well as offensive leaders Devon Murphy, Reed Morris and Josh McDonald are back to spark the offense. The Tigers will be looking to build on last season's quarterfinal run.



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REGION 3-4A

Region Favorite: Benedictine

Players to Watch

LHP/OF – Johnny Calloway, So., Islands; **OF** – Clay Dean, Jr., Benedictine; **SS/RHP** – Kam Edge, Sr., Benedictine; **OF** – Frank George, Sr., Jenkins; **RHP/OF/INF** – Ben Hollerbach, Sr., Benedictine; **SS/RHP** – Preston James, Sr., Jenkins; **OF/SS** – Langston Lewis, Sr., Islands; **RHP/INF** – Chase McCall, Sr., Islands; **RHP/INF** – Parker McCoy, So., Benedictine; **OF/INF** – Charles Pulaski, Sr., Benedictine; **OF** – Ethan Riley, Sr., New Hampstead; **OF/RHP** – Charlie Sindahl, Jr., Islands; **C** – Mitchell Singletary, Sr., Islands; **CF/RHP** – Justin Thomas, Sr., Benedictine



BENEDICTINE CADETS

Head Coach (s): Kevin Farmer

Assistant Coach (s): Kyle Farmer, Jason Pascual, Drew Schwalbe. Kevin Aimar, Michael Proto

2021 Record: 33-6

Returning Starters: **OF/RHP** Justin Thomas (Sr., R/R); **SS/RHP** Kam Edge (Sr., R/R); **RHP/OF/INF** Ben Hollerbach (Sr., R/R); **OF/INF** Charles Pulaski (Sr., R/R); **RHP/INF** Parker McCoy (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players:

OF Clay Dean (Jr., R/R); **INF/DH**

Carter Welch (Sr., R/R); **RHP** Tristian Littlefield (Sr., R/R); **U** Grayson Spence (Sr., R/L); **P/INF** Kaden Tuten (Jr.); **U** Miles Clemmons (Jr.); **C/INF** Robert Carver (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: **DH/RHP** Wilkes Albert (So., R/R); **LHP** Grayson Britt (So., R/L); **RHP/C** Landon Ludwig (Fr., R/R); **RHP/1B** Brooks Bradshaw (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Cadets lost 12 seniors from their team that finished as the state runner-up last year. They will be somewhat rebuilding, but don't count them out. Benedictine will need to find some pitching depth, but they return two of the state's top players in outfielder Justin Thomas and infielder Kam Edge.



ISLANDS SHARKS

Head Coach (s): Brandon Collins

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

2021 Record: 11-11

Returning Starters: **C** Mitchell Singletary (Sr., R/R); **OF/SS** Langston Lewis (Sr., B/R); **RHP/INF** Chase McCall (Sr., R/R); **U** Jackson Cheeks (Sr., R/R); **OF/RHP** Charlie Sindahl (Jr., L/R); **INF** Justin Kryder (Jr., R/R); **LHP/OF** Johnny Calloway (So., L/L); **INF/RHP** Joey Cardillo (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: **RHP** Cates Bicknese (Sr., R/R); **RHP/U** Parker Austin (Sr., R/R); **OF** Dante Jannuzzi (Jr., R/R); **OF** Christian Daniels (Jr., R/R);

RHP/INF Braedin Swab (So., R/R); **INF/RHP** Robby Holden (So., R/R); **INF/RHP** Wyatt Oliver (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: **LHP/INF** Jackson Paul (So., L/L)

Season Outlook: Islands welcomes back an excellent group of returning players and could improve upon last season's record. Outfielder/shortstop Langston Lewis is back to lead the offense. Junior Charlie Sindahl is a player to keep an eye on after he had a solid sophomore season in 2021.



JENKINS WARRIORS

Head Coach (s): Seth Gaspin

Assistant Coach (s): Billy McAdams, Mike Watson, Bruce Phifer, Tony Welch

2021 Record: 5-12

Returning Starters: **3B/RHP** Ashton Williams (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); **SS/RHP** Preston James (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); **C/RHP/INF** Rylee Hoeller (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); **OF** Frank George (Sr., 5-7, 140, R/R); **OF/RHP/INF** Anthony Young (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: **C/OF** Caleb Baker (So., R/R); **OF** Tahj Cook (Jr., R/R); **RHP/1B** Shane Dyal (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: **RHP/U** Tre Brown (Sr., B/R)

Season Outlook: Coach Seth Gaspin's rebuild at Jenkins continues.

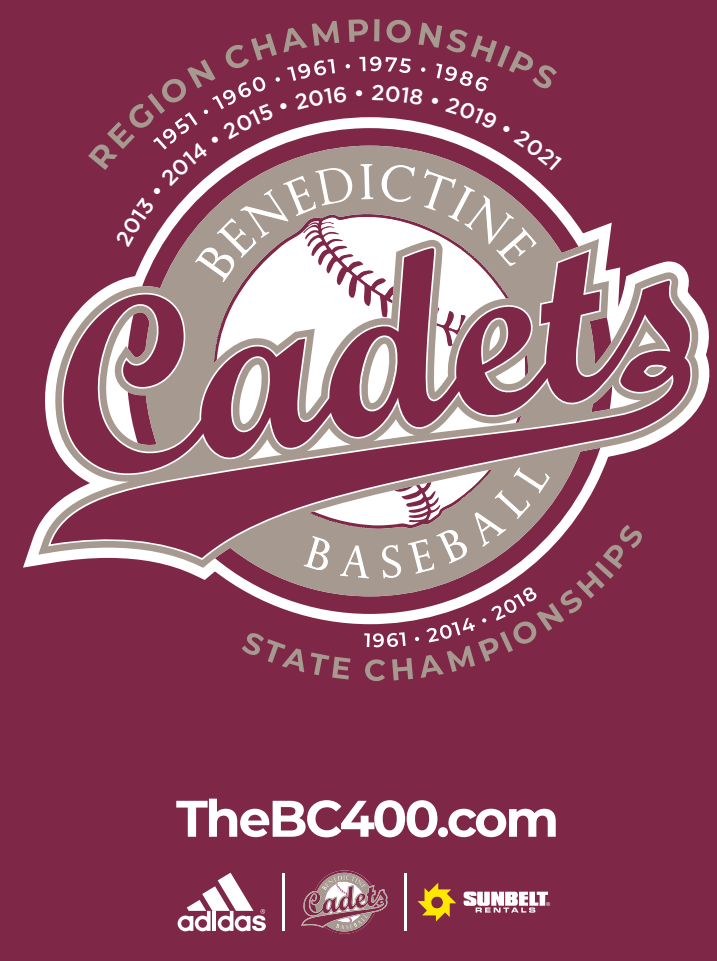
However, look for the Warriors to be improved this spring. Five starters, all of them seniors, return. Shortstop/pitcher Preston James and outfielder Frank George are two players to watch.



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NEW HAMPSHIRE PHOENIX

Head Coach (s): TBA
Survey not returned

REGION 4-4A

Region Favorite: Perry

Players to Watch

RHP/OF – Hatcher Bailey, Jr., Spalding; **INF/RHP** – Ryan Barnes, Jr., Spalding; **OF/INF** – Melvin Blocker, So., Spalding; **3B** – Elijah Boomer, Sr., Spalding; **3B/RHP** – Carson Bryant, Sr., Perry; **C** – Dylan Butler, Sr., Perry; **RHP/C/INF** – Landon Daniels, Jr., Howard; **RHP/INF** – Eli Floyd, Sr., West Laurens; **RHP/INF** – Andrew Garnett, Sr., Howard; **RHP/INF** – Sean Gorney, Sr., West Laurens; **OF/3B/C** – Ben Griffin, Sr., Spalding; **INF** – Trevor Grimes, Sr., Howard; **C** – Ethan Hart, Sr., West Laurens; **OF/RHP** – Gunnar Jeffers, Sr., West Laurens; **INF/RHP** – William Kellam, Jr., West Laurens; **SS** – Tanner Knowles, Sr., Perry; **C** – Trey Lawson, Sr., Rutland; **OF** – Brayden Long, Sr., Perry; **C/RHP** – Lee Martin, Sr., Howard; **RHP/1B** – Ben McDow, Jr., Perry; **3B/RHP** – Omari Miller, Jr., Baldwin; **U** – Tyler Newhouse, Sr., Perry; **SS/RHP** – Casen Summerday, Jr., Rutland; **OF/INF** – Jace Thompson, Sr., West Laurens; **OF** – Gavin Williams, Jr., Howard; **RHP** – Jonah Wynn, Sr., Perry



BALDWIN BRAVES

Head Coach (s): Jimmie Tucker (new)
Survey not returned



HOWARD HUSKIES

Head Coach (s): Bubba Gallaher
Assistant Coach (s): Darryl Johnson, Jim Smith, Chad Campbell
2021 Record: 8-11
Returning Starters: RHP/INF Andrew Garnett (Sr., 6-0, 190); C/RHP Lee Martin (Sr., 6-3, 220); INF Trevor Grimes (Sr., 5-7, 160); INF/OF Kevin Thompson (Sr., 5-7, 175); OF Kaleb Kimball (Sr., 5-8, 130); RHP/C/INF Landon Daniels (Jr., 5-10, 160); OF Gavin Williams (Jr., 5-9, 175); INF Jackson Smith (Jr., 6-2, 240); OF Nate Campbell (So., 5-10, 155)
Other Returning Players: Jerami Johnson (Sr.); Joshua Thomas (So.); Jayden Washington (So.)
Season Outlook: If the Huskies can develop some pitching depth, Howard could have a chance to compete for the region title. A handful of all-region performers are back, most notably first team pitcher Andrew Garnett. Catcher Lee Martin, infielder Trevor Grimes and outfielder Gavin Williams are back after posting solid numbers last year.



PERRY PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): Denny Bryant
Assistant Coach (s): Tyler Martin, Jacob Harrell, Johnathon Barton, Gavin Bloodworth

2021 Record: 22-9
Returning Starters: SS Tanner Knowles (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); 3B/RHP Carson Bryant (Sr., 6-2, 220, R/R); C Dylan Butler (Sr., 5-10, 165, L/R); U Tyler Newhouse (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Brayden Long (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); RHP/1B Ben McDow (Jr., 6-4, 190, R/R); RHP Jonah Wynn (Sr., 6-3, 175, R/R); LHP Wyatt Doyle (Sr., 6-2, 205, L/L); LHP Cooper Edwards (Jr., 6-4, 195, L/L)
Top Newcomers: U Lane Smith (Jr.); RHP/INF Alex Scarborough (Sr.); OF Christian Fletcher (Jr.); OF Carson Mashburn (Sr.); INF Garrett Brown (Sr.)
Season Outlook: A proven pitching staff – right-handers Ben McDow, Jonah Wynn, Carson Bryant and lefties Wyatt Doyle and Cooper Edwards – will help the Panthers contend for the region title this spring. Meanwhile, all-state performers Tanner Knowles and Bryant as well as utility Tyler Newhouse and catcher Dylan Butler are back to lead an offense capable of putting up big numbers.



RUTLAND HURRICANES

Head Coach (s): Steven Gunn
Assistant Coach (s): Wally Pritchard, Lance Matt
2021 Record: 5-17

Returning Starters: C Trey Lawson (Sr., 6-0, 150, R/R); OF Phoenix Blackwell (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); SS/RHP Casen Summerday (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); 2B/3B/RHP Dylan Pope (Jr., 5-8, 145, R/R); OF Joshua Vinson (So., 5-9, 165, R/R); OF Fisher Hopkins (So., 5-7, 145, R/R)
Other Returning Players: OF Ashton Brown (Jr., 5-7, 145, R/L)
Season Outlook: If the Hurricanes can find some pitching depth, they should have a chance to be much better this season. Six starters are back to lead the way. One of those is shortstop/pitcher Casen Summerday who had an excellent sophomore season 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, Rod Waites, Case Matthews
2021 Record: 25-7
Returning Starters: RHP/INF Eli Floyd (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R); RHP/INF Sean Gorney (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); C Ethan Hart (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Gunnar



Gunnar Jeffers
West Laurens



William Kellam
West Laurens

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Jeffers (Sr., 6-1, 200, R/R); OF/INF Jace Thompson (Sr., 6-0, 195, R/R); INF/RHP William Kellam (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF/RHP Tucker Brown (Jr., 6-0, 140, R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP Jace Clark (Sr., 5-11, 215, R/L); OF Ian Anderson (Jr., 5-8, 160, L/L); C Janson Meeks (Jr., 6-0, 190, R/R); RHP/INF Camden Thomas (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); RHP/INF Matthew Thigpen (Jr., 5-10, 195, R/R); RHP/INF Kaden Baggett (So., 5-10, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: After making a run to the state quarterfinals last year, the Raiders have some key positions to fill. The good news is that seven starters are back, four of them seniors. Pitchers Eli Floyd and Gunnar Jeffers anchor a solid pitching staff, while infielder William Kellam returns on offense.

W WESTSIDE-MACON SEMINOLES

Head Coach (s): Alfred Floyd (new)

Survey not returned



REGION 5-4A

Region Favorite: Fayette County

Players to Watch

RHP/C/INF – Xavier Bradley, So., Luella; **2B/RHP** – Jack Brady, Jr., Fayette County; **CF/RHP** – Keion Bryant, Sr., Fayette County; **RHP/2B** – Garrett Chandler, Sr., Hampton; **RHP/INF** – Cameron James, Sr., Luella; **OF** – Omari James, Jr., Hampton; **OF/DH** – Reuben Johnson, Sr., Hampton; **OF** – Miles Lemon, Sr., Luella; **SS/RHP** – Brian Martinez, Jr., Hampton; **SS/RHP** – Erick Rivera, Sr., Fayette County; **C/OF** – Keith Rucker, Sr., Luella; **C/RHP** – Alex Thompson, Jr., Fayette County; **1B** – Brody Towle, Jr., Fayette County; **LF** – Seth Walsh, Jr., Fayette County; **RHP** – Walker Watson, Jr., Hampton



FAYETTE COUNTY TIGERS

Head Coach (s): Matt Coldiron

Assistant Coach (s): Ed Moore, Keith Stelman

2021 Record: 20-13

Returning Starters: 2B/RHP Jack Brady (Jr., R/R); CF/RHP Keion Bryant (Sr., B/R); SS/RHP Erick Rivera (Sr., R/R); 1B Brody Towle (Jr., R/R); LF Seth Wash (Jr., R/R)

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Other Returning Players: 3B/RHP Will Perkins (Sr., R/R); 1B/OF/RHP Michael Tobias (Sr., R/R); 3B/SS/RHP Dee King (So., R/R); OF Richard Reed (Sr., R/R); 2B Brelin Strickland (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/RHP Alex Thompson (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: If the Tigers can find some consistency on the mound, they should approach last year's success. Fayette County welcomes back five starters, including outfielder/pitcher Keion Bryant and shortstop/pitcher Erick Rivera. Look for a solid junior class to also contribute.



HAMPTON HORNETS

Head Coach (s): Chris Huffman

Assistant Coach (s): Mack Majors, Garrett Cox

2021 Record: 22-8

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Brian Martinez (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP Walker Watson (Jr., 6-3, 205, R/R); OF Omarii James (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); RHP/2B Garrett Chandler (Sr., 5-8, 145, R/R); OF/DH Reuben Johnson (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); 1B Landon Neace (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/L); OF Jaime Henry (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 3B/2B Tadan Chaffin (So., 5-6, 140, R/R); OF Joey Kimbrough (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/INF Harrison Court (Fr., 5-7, 150, R/R); RHP/INF Brady Sewell (Jr., 5-7, 140, R/R); RHP/OF John Paul Jones (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); RHP Caleb Moody (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: After winning 22 games last year, the Hornets return enough talent to be one of the favorites in Region 5-4A play this spring. Hampton welcomes back the return of seven starters, including shortstop Brian Martinez and pitcher Walker Watson.



LUELLA LIONS

Head Coach (s): Ashley Sims

Assistant Coach (s): Matt Fountain

2021 Record: 10-14

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Jacob Bradley (Sr., 5-8, 165, R/R); OF Miles Lemon (Sr., 6-5, 200, R/L); RHP/INF Cameron James (Sr., 6-0, 265, R/R); C/OF Keith Rucker (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R); RHP/C/INF Xavier Bradley (So., 5-9, 160, R/R); 2B/C Z'Liyah Harris (Jr., 5-8, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF/OF/C Vinson Berry (So., 6-1, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Lions welcome back the return of six starters and will be in the postseason chase again. Offensive leaders Miles Lemon and Cameron James return, while pitcher Jacob Bradley looks to return from an injury. Sophomore Xavier Bradley is back after showing a lot of promise as a freshman last year.



MCDONOUGH WARHAWKS

Head Coach (s): Sean Stallings

Survey not returned



MOUNT ZION-JONESBORO BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): James Davis (new)

Survey not returned



NORTH CLAYTON EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Maurice Brewton

Survey not returned



RIVERDALE RAIDERS

Head Coach (s): Charles McFadden

Survey not returned

REGION 6-4A

Region Favorite: Marist

Players to Watch

OF – Jaden Camp, Sr., Stephenson; **RHP** – Isaac Coronado, Sr., Marist; **INF/RHP** – Champ Davis, Sr., Marist; **SS/U** – Max Fishbein, Sr., Druid Hills; **SS/RHP** – Termarr Johnson, Sr., Mays; **3B/OF/RHP** – Nicolas King, Sr., Mays; **RHP/INF** – Preston Larmore, Sr., Marist; **OF** – Andrew Mannelly, Sr., Marist; **RHP/INF** – Ryan McTighe, Sr., Marist; **C/3B** – Javon Reeder, Sr., Mays; **RHP/3B/OF** – Colin Ross, Sr., Druid Hills; **3B/RHP** – Casey Winfrey, Sr., Arabia Mountain; **OF** – Michael Wright, Sr., Stephenson



ARABIA MOUNTAIN RAMS

Head Coach (s): Eric Hoxie

Assistant Coach (s): Ronnie Kendrick, John Bryant, Dexter Porter

2021 Record: 9-12

Returning Starters: 3B/RHP Casey Winfrey (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); SS/RHP Jaylen Williams (Sr., 5-8, 150, R/R); 1B Colin Cofield (Jr., 6-1, 200, R/R); OF Devin Tallington (Sr., 6-0, 155, L/R); 1B/OF Raymond Clark (Jr., 6-1, 155, L/L)

Other Returning Players: 3B Braylen Barnes (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); 2B Dewayne Shealy (So., 5-8, 130, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/C Sam Swain (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Rams may be a year away from reaching their full potential, but look for Arabia Mountain to challenge for the playoffs this season. Five starters are back, including seniors Casey Winfrey and Jaylen Williams. Look for a solid group of juniors to help out.



DRUID HILLS RED DEVILS

Head Coach (s): Eric Love

Assistant Coach (s): Anthony Hunter

2021 Record: 19-10

Returning Starters: SS/U Max Fishbein (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); RHP/3B/OF Colin Ross (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); C/U Nick Akins (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); 2B/RHP Dylan

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Akins (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF/RHP Cody Akins (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Cullen Riel (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); C/RHP Ian O'Connor (Jr., 6-3, 190, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Nick Dean (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); OF/RHP Jacquez Cullars (Jr., 6-2, 170, R/R); 1B/LHP Jude Hiley (Jr., 5-8, 170, L/L); 1B/C Banks Coffman (Jr., 6-1, 215, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 1B/OF/LHP Jaden Camp (Sr., 6-2, 170, L/L); 1B/OF/RHP Finn Blackmon (Sr., 6-3, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: A strong group of returning starters and an excellent group of seniors will help Druid Hills contend for a postseason spot again and approach last year's success. Top pitcher Colin Ross (6-2, 2.99 ERA) and offensive leader Max Fishbein (.357 avg., 30 RBIs) are back to lead the way.



HAPEVILLE HORNETS

Head Coach (s): Winston Gordon

Survey not returned



MARIST WAR EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Mike Strickland

Assistant Coach (s): Troy Hall, Dale Carey

2021 Record: 33-8

Returning Starters: OF Andrew Mannelly (Sr., L/L); INF/RHP Champ Davis (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF Ryan McTighe (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF Preston Larmore (Sr., R/R); RHP Isaac Coronado (Sr., R/R); OF Andrew Buschmann (Jr., R/R); INF Will Gerrick (Sr., L/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Ripp Perez (Jr., R/R); OF/RHP Ty Cosse (Sr., R/R); INF Hayden Hightower (Jr., R/R); C Davis Strickland (So., R/R); C Pierce Juhan (Jr., R/R); OF/LHP Reed Edwards (So., L/L); Casey Comerford (So.); OF Michael Schoenberg (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The defending state champions have enough returning to challenge for a state title again. The War Eagles return their top three pitchers in all-stater Ryan McTighe (8-1, 1.03 ERA), Preston Larmore (6-2, 1.16 ERA) and Isaac Coronado (6-1, 2.45 ERA). All-state infielder Champ Davis (.371 avg.) and outfielder Andrew Mannelly are back to lead what should be a potent offensive attack.



MAYS RAIDERS

Head Coach (s): Jason Anderson (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Michael Jennings, Jasen Williams

2021 Record: 10-14

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Termarr Johnson (Sr., 5-10, 175, L/R); 3B/OF/RHP Nicolas King (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); C/3B Javon Reeder (Sr., 5-7, 175, R/R); RHP/INF/OF Jaylen Woods (Jr., 5-9, 210, R/R); 1B Quitavious Johnson (So., 6-4, 250, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Damani Jackson (Sr., 5-9, 180, R/R); OF Kari Burroughs (Sr., 6-0, 175, L/L)

Top Newcomers: U/RHP Loden Habersham (Fr., 5-8, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: Mays will be a team to look out for in 2022. They return one of the nation's top prep players in Termarr Johnson and versatile senior Nicolas King. The lack of experienced pitching is a concern, but the Raiders should be a fun team to watch. Keep an eye on a solid group of underclassmen who will help Mays contend for the playoffs again.



MILLER GROVE WOLVERINES

Head Coach (s): Kyle Smith

Survey not returned



STEPHENSON JAGUARS

Head Coach (s): Tim Jones

Assistant Coach (s): Byron Dixon, Elliot Bonner, Chris Epps

2021 Record: 9-9

Returning Starters: OF Jaden Camp (Sr., 6-3, 180, L/L); OF Michael Wright (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R); INF Joshua Westbrook (So., 5-9, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Maceo Hicks (So., R/R); RHP Austin Grant (So. R/R)

Top Newcomers: SS/RHP AJ Hollaway (Fr., 6-2, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: A youthful Stephenson squad will look to challenge for a postseason berth in the rugged Region 6-4A. The Jaguars welcome back outfielders Jaden Camp and Michael Wright, but the lack of experienced pitching is a concern. Keep an eye on a solid group of sophomores who will compete for playing time.

REGION 7-4A

Region Favorite: Cedartown

Players to Watch

LHP – Walker Altman, Jr., Central-Carrollton; **RHP/INF** – Zach Barrett, Jr., Heritage-Catoosa; **C** – Eli Barrow, Jr., Cedartown; **LHP** – Hayden Brewer, Sr., Ridgeland; **C** – Hudson Couch, Jr., Ridgeland; **SS/RHP** – Dylan Cupp, Jr., Cedartown; **C/INF** – Brady Ensley, Jr., SE Whitfield; **LHP/1B** – Cade Fisher, Sr., NW Whitfield; **C** – Gage Gray, Sr., Central-Carrollton; **INF/OF/RHP** – MJ Holiday, Sr., Cedartown; **3B/RHP** – Aiden Hosford, Sr., NW Whitfield; **LHP/OF** – Keaton McQuaig, Sr., NW Whitfield; **RHP** – Jacob Muse, Sr., Central-Carrollton; **INF** – Denver Nale, Jr., Cedartown; **OF/LHP** – Kellon Rollings, Sr., Central-Carrollton; **OF/LHP/1B** – Gage Shaver, Jr., Heritage-Catoosa; **SS/RHP** – Connor Shouse, So., Pickens; **RHP/OF** – Landon Skeen, Jr., Heritage-Catoosa; **3B** – Dillon Smith, Sr., Central-Carrollton; **C/INF/OF** – Cannon Stafford, Sr., Heritage-Catoosa; **OF/RHP** – Reece Tanner, Jr., Cedartown; **2B/RHP** – James Tilley, So., Pickens; **RHP/INF** – Johnny Vega, Jr., SE Whitfield



CEDARTOWN BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Gevin Johnson

Assistant Coach (s): Josh Davenport, Ryan Evans, Jeff Dingle, Austin Pope

2021 Record: 23-11

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Dylan Cupp (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF/RHP Reece

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Tanner (Jr., 6-1, 170, L/R); INF Denver Nale (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); C Eli Barrow (Jr., 5-9, 175, R/R); INF/OF/RHP MJ Holiday (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); OF Harlem Diamond (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); INF X Holiday (So., 5-11, 150, L/R); INF/OF Cole Dingler (So., 5-11, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B Trent Johnson (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); RHP/OF Britt Baxter (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); RHP/OF Matten Henslee (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Jack Roper (So., 5-8, 160, R/R); RHP/OF Tony Ware (So., 5-8, 160, R/R); C Dakota Matthews (So., 5-6, 160, R/R); OF Will Dorsey (So., 5-6, 140, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/RHP Jay O'Neal (Fr., 6-1, 180, R/R); RHP/INF Connor Peck (Fr., 5-11, 160, R/R); INF Drew Tuck (Fr., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: The defending region champions have some key positions to fill, but there is enough talent for the Bulldogs to make a deep postseason run. Shortstop/pitcher Dylan Cupp and outfielder/pitcher Reece Tanner anchor a solid pitching staff, while catcher Eli Barrow and versatile MJ Holiday return to pace the offense.



CENTRAL-CARROLLTON LIONS

Head Coach (s): Wes Shiver

Assistant Coach (s): Stephen Kegley, Riley Presnell, Blane Swift, Drew Young, Mack McKinley

2021 Record: 15-14

Returning Starters: LHP Walker Altman (Jr., 5-11, 160, L/L); C Gage Gray (Sr., 5-5, 175, R/R); 3B Dillon Smith (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); LHP/OF Kellon Rollings (Sr., 5-5, 150, L/L); LHP/OF Caleb Griffis (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/L)

Other Returning Players: RHP Jacob Muse (Sr., 5-9, 155, R/R); INF Blake Ivy (Sr., 6-1, 155, R/R); C/OF Asher Hamilton (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); INF Connor Fennell (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); 1B Isaiah Gray (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); OF DJ Haskins (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/L); INF Brandon Musick (So., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP Sam Turner (Jr., 6-1, 150, R/R); INF Maxx Williamson (So., 5-7, 150, R/R); RHP Korben Dietrich (Fr., 6-5, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Lions should challenge for a postseason berth this spring as a solid senior class will be expected to lead the way. Two of the team's top pitchers from last year – left-hander Kellon Rollings (5-3, 3.64 ERA) and Jacob Muse (4-0, 3.26 ERA) – return.



HERITAGE-CATOOSA GENERALS

Head Coach (s): Eric Beagles

Assistant Coach (s): David Dinger, Cody Lones, Stephen Gaylor

2021 Record: 26-9

Returning Starters: C/INF/OF Cannon Stafford (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); 1B/DH JT Eaton (Sr., 6-0, 220, R/R); INF/RHP/C Jonathan Glover (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); INF/RHP JJ Hunt (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Garrison May (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF/LHP/1B Gage Shaver (Jr., 6-0, 160, L/L); OF Eli Totherow (Jr., 5-7, 135, R/R); RHP/INF Zach Barrett (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R); RHP/1B Taylor Vinson (Jr., 6-3, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Landon Skeen (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); INF/RHP Brady Chandler (So., 5-10, 165, R/R); C/RHP Max Owens (So., 6-2, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/1B Payton Newman (Jr., 6-1, 210, R/R); RHP/1B JC Armour (So., 6-3, 160, L/R)

Season Outlook: Most of the Generals' lineup and several of their pitchers are back from last season. Heritage doesn't have many seniors, but the roster is full of talented underclassmen. Versatile Cannon Stafford (.361 avg., 33 RBIs) is back to lead a lineup capable of scoring a lot of runs.



NORTHWEST WHITFIELD BRUINS

Head Coach (s): Todd Middleton

Assistant Coach (s): Brad Dunn, David Redmond, Jason Brooker

2021 Record: 21-12

Returning Starters: LHP/1B Cade Fisher (Sr., 6-4, 190, L/L); LHP/OF Keaton McQuaig (Sr., 6-1, 195, L/L); 3B/RHP Aiden Hosford (Sr., 6-0, 190, L/R); OF Fischer Lloyd (Jr., 5-6, 135, R/R); C Will Roper (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF/INF Austin Cooley (So., 6-1, 145, R/R); OF/3B Jayden Santiago (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); 1B Gavin Morgan (So., 5-10, 235, R/R); OF/INF Gabriel Perez (Jr., 5-8, 155, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C Austin Darnell (Jr., 5-6, 140, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Bruins return two of the region's top pitchers in lefties Cade Fisher and Keaton McQuaig. Infielder/pitcher Aiden Hosford also returns. If Northwest can perform consistently on offense, they should have a chance to challenge for the region title. This team has the potential to be very dangerous.



PICKENS DRAGONS

Head Coach (s): Adam Williams

Assistant Coach (s): Mike Nayman, Zach Martin, Taylor Haney, Ryan Brussard

2021 Record: 14-16

Returning Starters: OF Anthony Antinozzi (Sr., R/R); OF Parker Rhodes (Sr., L/L); SS/RHP Connor Shouse (So., R/R); 1B Trace Ledbetter (So., R/R); 2B/RHP James Tilley (So., R/R); C Harlan Will (Jr., R/R); RHP JP Nunn (So., R/R); C Tyler Payne (So., R/R); 2B Evan Giddens (Jr., R/R); RHP Jackson Moore (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Trey Payne (So., R/R); 1B Jackie Jarrett (So., R/R); INF Colby Brooks (Jr., R/R); OF Ethan Gemberling (Sr., R/R); LHP Tee Knight (Sr., R/L); 3B Logan Shirley (So., R/L)

Top Newcomers: P/OF Dawson Holland

Season Outlook: Look for the Dragons to be back in the postseason hunt this spring as an experienced group of players return. Outfielder Anthony Antinozzi and right-handed pitcher Jackson Moore are two seniors to build around. Keep an eye on Georgia Tech commit Connor Shouse who returns after a strong freshman season last year.



RIDGELAND PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): Scott Harden

Assistant Coach (s): Dee Arnold, Jonathan Couch, Tanner Hill, Dennis Snyder, Mac McCord

2021 Record: 10-14

Returning Starters: RHP/3B Curtis Wells (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R); C Hudson Couch (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/L); LHP Hayden Brewer (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/L); OF Levi Millsaps (Jr., 6-2, 185, R/R); OF/LHP Ethan Waters (So., 6-1, 180, L/L); SS Austyn Acuff (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R); INF/C/RHP Chris Maddeaux (Sr., 5-11, 285, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B Jacob Klein (Sr., 6-8, 300, L/R); C/OF Wyatt Blevins (So., 5-11, 165, R/R); 3B Dakota Tilman-Leonard (So., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/INF Hunter Medrano (Fr., 5-10, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: Six starters are back for the Panthers who return eight-game winner Hayden Brewer on the mound. The senior class is small, but keep an eye on a solid group of juniors and sophomores. If they can be consistent on offense, they could improve upon last season's record.

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SOUTH EAST WHITFIELD RAIDERS

Head Coach (s): Chad Ikerd (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Jordan Williams

2021 Record: 12-19

Returning Starters: RHP/OF Drake Burke (Sr., 6-3, 175, R/R); RHP/INF Johnny Vega (Jr., 5-7, 165, R/R); C/INF Brady Ensley (Jr., 5-8, 215, R/R); INF Brett Cole (Jr., 5-10, 205, R/R); OF Alden Patterson (Jr., 6-2, 185, R/R); RHP/OF Elijah Couch (So., 5-7, 155, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Matthew Shoemake (Sr., 5-10, 215, R/R); RHP/INF Jordan Osorio (Sr., 5-9, 215, R/R); RHP/INF Jesse Nava (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); RHP/C/OF Grant McArthur (So., 6-2, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: Former assistant Chad Ikerd takes over and will have a relatively young team. Six starters return, including senior pitcher/outfielder Drake Burke. Most of the team will be comprised of juniors. Keep an eye on pitcher/infielder Johnny Vega and catcher/infielder Brady Ensley who were solid as sophomores last year.



CHESTATEE WAR EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Kevin McConnell

Assistant Coach (s): Josh Owings, Matt Howell, Tanner Plemmons, Geoff Chaffin

2021 Record: 16-16

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Nolan Turner (Sr., R/R); INF/C Nathan Bull (Sr., R/R); RHP/OF Mattox Miller (Sr., R/R); INF/LHP Levi Stowers (Sr., L/L); C/P Asa Smith (Sr.); INF/OF Nick McKoy (Jr.); OF Hunter Fouche (Jr.); OF Christian Jarrard (Jr.)

Other Returning Players: INF/P/C Bryan Cantrell (Sr.); INF/P Hunter Bennett (Sr.); INF/P Josh Bull (So.); INF/OF/P Colton Wilbanks (So.); INF/P Dylan Thompson (So.); OF/P Jake Hitchcock (So.); P Wesley Gossett (So.)

Top Newcomers: LHP Zach Smith (Sr.); C Ethan Andrews (Jr.)

Season Outlook: The War Eagles will be expected to contend for the playoffs again as eight starters return, including infielder/pitcher Nolan Turner. A strong group of seniors will help Chestatee stay in the chase. An excellent group of underclassmen will also contribute.



EAST HALL VIKINGS

Head Coach (s): Zeb Lackey

Survey not returned



FLOWERY BRANCH FALCONS

Head Coach (s): Joey Ray

Assistant Coach (s): Dusty Black, Austin Brown, Kurt Swygert, Matt Adams, Craig Peebles

2021 Record: 24-9

Returning Starters: LHP/OF Jake Beaver (Sr., L/L); RHP/INF/OF Mason Compton (Jr., R/R); OF Nick Linkowski (Sr., R/R); INF Kade Smallwood (Jr., L/R); INF Austin Bourrie (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: C Connor Edwards (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF/C Aaron Attaway (Jr., R/R); RHP Max Wagner (Jr., R/R); RHP Darren Schultz (Sr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Riley Mitchell (Jr., R/R); RHP Jacob Moore (So., R/R); RHP Tristan Browning (So., R/R); LHP Chase Hammock (So., L/L)

Season Outlook: The Falcons have some key positions to fill after graduation took its toll on the team. But look for Flowery Branch to pick up from where it left off. All-state players Jake Beaver and Nick Linkowski return, but keep an eye on a solid group of juniors who will contribute.



JEFFERSON DRAGONS

Head Coach (s): Tommy Knight

Assistant Coach (s): Jon Veldhuis, Andy Fowler, Kyle Hardy, Jordan Perdue, Jared Hulsey, Keenan Lord

2021 Record: 23-10

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Jase Peoples (So., 5-11, 175, R/R); SS Bowman Horn (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); 1B Matthew Perrin (Sr., 6-4, 190, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Brice Glausier (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); OF Bradley Kinney (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF Clay Fulcher (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/L); OF JoJo Martin (Jr., 6-2, 170, R/R); OF Austin Redmon (Sr., 5-9, 190, R/R); 2B Chase Howell (Sr., 5-9, 155, R/R); RHP Spencer Neese (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Aiden Dumas (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); 2B Brett Kelley (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); RHP Dylan Smith (Jr., 6-3, 265, R/R); LHP Brennan Carter (Jr., 6-1, 170, L/L);

REGION 8-4A

Region Favorite: North Oconee

Players to Watch

1B/DH – Eli Akins, Sr., Madison County; **LHP** – Andrew Arnold, Sr., North Oconee; **RHP/INF/C** – Aaron Attaway, Jr., Flowery Branch; **LHP/OF** – Jake Beaver, Sr., Flowery Branch; **C/RHP/OF** – Gavin Black, Sr., North Oconee; **RHP/OF** – Stiles Bregnaud, Sr., North Oconee; **RHP** – Stephen Brooks, Sr., Madison County; **INF/C** – Nathan Bull, Sr., Chestatee; **SS/RHP** – Justin Byrd, Sr., North Oconee; **RHP/INF/OF** – Mason Compton, Jr., Flowery Branch; **OF** – Jack Fabris, Jr., North Oconee; **OF** – Hunter Fouche, Jr., Chestatee; **P** – Carter Gillespie, Jr., East Hall; **3B** – Grayson Godbee, Jr., North Oconee; **OF** – Parker Herndon, Sr., North Oconee; **SS** – Bowman Horn, Jr., Jefferson; **RHP/OF** – Zach Kinsey, Sr., East Hall; **OF** – Nick Linkowski, Sr., Flowery Branch; **INF** – Shane Little, Jr., Madison County; **INF/OF/RHP** – Christian McCullough, Jr., East Hall; **INF/OF** – Nick McKoy, Jr., Chestatee; **RHP** – Spencer Neese, Sr., Jefferson; **C** – Lane Nix, Jr., Madison County; **RHP/INF** – Jase Peoples, So., Jefferson; **RHP/3B** – Tristin Poss, Jr., Madison County; **INF** – Kade Smallwood, Jr., Flowery Branch; **C/P** – Asa Smith, Sr., Chestatee; **1B/DH** – Braeden Smith, Sr., North Oconee; **C/2B** – Cale Stricklin, Jr., North Oconee; **RHP** – Ben Stuart, Sr., North Oconee; **INF/RHP** – Nolan Turner, Sr., Chestatee; **3B/C/RHP** – Taiyu Watanabe, Jr., Cedar Shoals; **LHP** – Chris Wilbanks, Sr., Madison County



CEDAR SHOALS JAGUARS

Head Coach (s): Josh Campbell

Survey not returned

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INF/C Nick Cremeens (Jr., 6-0, 190, R/R); C Roger Hulsey (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); LHP Brandon Ehl (Jr., 5-10, 155, L/L); LHP Danny Hobbs (Jr., 5-8, 150, L/L); RHP/OF McCain Maddox (Jr., 5-8, 175, R/R); OF Sammy Maxwell (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: Jefferson may be doing some rebuilding in 2022, but don't take the Dragons lightly. Just three returning starters are back, but look for a wealth of underclassmen to step forward and compete for playing time. The good news is that pitcher/infielder Jase Peoples and shortstop Bowman Horn are back to spark the team.

MADISON COUNTY RED RAIDERS

Head Coach (s): Chad Gillespie

Assistant Coach (s): Jeff Davis, Jack May, Alex Jordan, Casey Bates

2021 Record: 10-20

Returning Starters: LHP Chris Wilbanks (Sr., 6-0, 180, L/L); RHP Stephen Brooks (Sr., 6-5, 200, R/R); OF Ben Bray (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/L); RHP/OF Cooper Brown (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); 1B/DH Eli Akins (Sr., 6-4, 220, R/R); C Lane Nix (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); 1B/OF Conner Smith (Jr., 6-3, 175, L/L); INF Cole Hillsman (Jr., 5-8, 165, R/R); INF Shane Little (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP/3B Tristin Poss (Jr., 6-2, 210, R/R); OF Cooper McFarlin (Jr., 5-11, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players:

RHP Caleb Patterson (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); C Casey Lovelace (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); LHP Ethan Gillespie (So., 6-1, 165, L/L);

RHP Aiden Haggard (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); INF Blake Ledford (So., 5-9, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C Micah Waldrop (Fr., 5-8, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: Madison County should be in the playoff hunt this spring with a wealth of returning players. The Red Raiders will be led on the mound by right-handers Stephen Brooks and Tristin Poss and left-hander Chris Wilbanks. Catcher Lane Nix and infielder Shane Little return after both were promising as sophomores last season.

NORTH OCONEE TITANS

Head Coach (s): Jay Lasley

Assistant Coach (s): Tom Dimitroff, Eric Bounds, Matthew Kelley, Tyler Pittman, Brandon Gaubert, Tom Meade

2021 Record: 31-6

Returning Starters: C/2B Cale Stricklin (Jr., 5-11, 190, R/R); 3B Grayson Godbee (Jr., 5-10, 190, R/R); OF Jack Fabris (Jr., 6-2, 185, B/R); SS/RHP Justin Byrd (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R); C/RHP/OF Gavin Black (Sr., 6-0, 190, L/R); RHP Ben Stuart (Sr., 6-1, 195, R/R); LHP Andrew Arnold (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/L); 1B/DH Braeden Smith (Sr., 5-10, 195, L/R); RHP/OF Stiles Bregnaud (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Parker Herndon (Sr., 5-11, 195, R/R); RHP Connor Harris (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); RHP Cole Evilsizor (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R); 1B/DH

Cole Smith (Sr., 6-0, 265, L/R); OF Jacob Bennis (Sr., 5-11, 185, L/L); INF/OF Bryce Toci (Sr., 5-8, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP KJ Moon (So., 6-0, 190, R/R); INF Timothy Todd (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Kyle Jones (Jr., 6-3, 175, R/R); OF/INF/RHP Wyatt Land (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); INF Landon Wilson (Jr., 6-3, 200, R/R); OF Nick Wiley (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF/INF Braden Warren (Jr., 6-1, 200, L/R); C Cameron Hassan (Jr., 5-7, 200, R/R); INF/OF Ethan Jarvis (So., 5-8, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: North Oconee lost a wealth of talent from last season after a run to the state semifinals. But the Titans will reload this spring. Nine starters are back, including left-hander Andrew Arnold (9-1, 1.21 ERA) and Ben Stuart (2-0, 1.02 ERA). Catcher Gavin Black, infielder Justin Byrd and second baseman/catcher Cale Stricklin return on offense.





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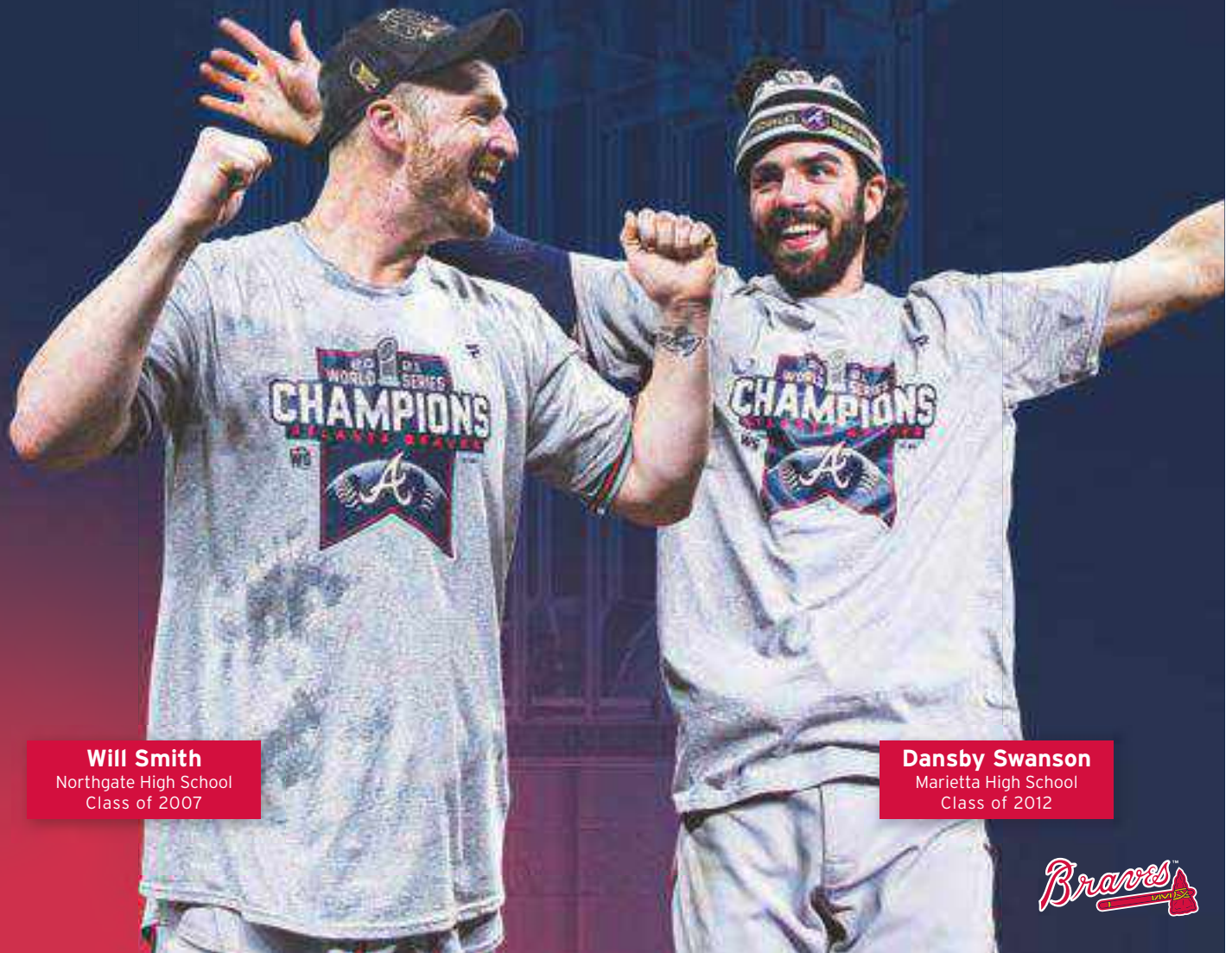


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Preseason Top 15

No.	Team	2021 Record	Returning Starters	Comment
1.	 North Hall	33-6	14	Loaded North Hall back for more
2.	 Franklin County	36-5	7	Lions will prove '21 was no fluke
3.	 Oconee County	19-11	9	Warriors will be in the chase
4.	 Pierce County	26-7	6	Could be best Bears team since '17
5.	 Cherokee Bluff	25-12	10	Bluff keeps getting better
6.	 Greater Atl. Christian	24-10	10	Spartans will be even better than last year
7.	 Appling County	17-15	6	Pirates will be strong as usual
8.	 Sandy Creek	20-13	7	Little, Cost will lead Patriots
9.	 Pike County	18-13	7	Pike will be back after off '21
10.	 Mary Persons	27-8	7	Bulldogs have talent to go long way
11.	 Harlem	28-8	6	Harlem could be dangerous team
12.	 Ringgold	29-8	3	Young Tigers just need experience
13.	 Redan	15-10	7	Raiders must find pitching
14.	 Long County	17-14	8	Big senior class will lead
15.	 White County	20-11	6	Warriors will surprise many

Teams to watch (In alphabetical order)

Burke County, Hart County, Morgan County, Sonoraville, Stephens County, Westminster

REGION 1-3A

Region Favorite: Pierce County

Players to Watch

3B – Knox Bennett, Sr., Pierce County; **1B/3B** – Spencer Callanan, Jr., Tattnall County; **C** – Joseph Cammack, Sr., Long County; **RHP** – Connor Durrence, Sr., Tattnall County; **3B/DH** – Daniel Edwards, Sr., Long County; **INF** – Davis Green, Sr., Pierce County; **C** – Dawson Griffis, Jr., Appling County; **OF** – Tripp Hendrix, So., Brantley County; **OF** – Malachi Mullis, Sr., Appling County; **OF/P** – Brandon Pittman, Sr., Pierce County; **OF** – Nook Prigeon, Jr., Tattnall County; **OF** – Dwayne Rowe, Sr., Long County; **RHP** – Landon Runyon, So., Long County; **OF/C** – Harrison Simmons, Sr., Appling County; **P** – Hoke Skipper, Sr., Pierce County; **LHP** – Jacob Struble, Sr., Long County; **OF/P** – Brett Tuten, Sr., Pierce County; **OF** – Brody Yeomans, So., Brantley County

Malachi Mullis (Sr., 6-0, 170, L/L); C Dawson Griffis (Jr., 6-2, 210, R/R); INF/RHP Aiden Livingston (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); INF/RHP Patrick Crosby (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R); OF Beau Grayson Peacock (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players:

OF Jack Coleman (Jr., 6-3, 250, R/R); OF/LHP Mason Williamson (Jr., 5-10, 170, L/L); INF Jacob Gardner (Jr., 6-3, 255, R/R)

Top Newcomers:

INF Greyson Hall (So., 5-9, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Colin Ewaldsen (So., 5-9, 175, R/R); OF/RHP Camden Hickox (So., 6-2, 180, R/R); INF Nate Livingston (So., 5-9, 185, R/R); INF/RHP Dayson Griffis (Fr., 5-10, 190, R/R)

Season Outlook: In what was supposed to be a rebuilding year, the Pirates made it to the state semifinals. Appling County needs some more pitchers to step forward, but the good news is that standout right-hander Harrison Simmons returns to lead the way. On offense, all-state catcher Dawson Griffis (.374 avg., 45 RBIs) and outfielder Malachi Mullis (.330 avg., 20 RBIs) return.



Patrick Crosby
Appling County



Dayson Griffis
Appling County



Aiden Livingston
Appling County



Malachi Mullis
Appling County



APPLING COUNTY PIRATES

Head Coach (s): Zack Griffis (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Leslie Griffis, William McCranie, Randy Hodges, Jay Powers, Kyle Mercer, Jacob Hendrix

2021 Record: 17-15

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Harrison Simmons (Sr., 6-0, 195, R/R); OF

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BRANTLEY COUNTY HERONS

Head Coach (s): Tony Yeomans

Assistant Coach (s): Justen White, Geoff Cannon, Cameron Martin

2021 Record: 3-23

Returning Starters: C Nathan Willis (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); INF Jarrett Rowell (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R); OF Kyle Wood (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF Ashton Musgrove (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R); OF Brody Yeomans (So., 5-10, 160, L/L); OF Tripp Hendrix (So., 5-9, 160, L/L)

Top Newcomers: OF Luke Carter (So., 5-8, 160, R/R); INF Avery Saunds (So., 5-10, 150, R/R); C Austin Nipper (So., 5-10, 180, R/R); INF Talyn Coger (So., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF Luke Wood (So., 5-8, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: The youth movement continues at Brantley County. However, look for the Herons to be much better in 2022. Six starters are back, including a small senior class. If the Herons can find some pitching depth, they should be in the postseason chase. Keep an eye on sophomore outfielders Brody Yeomans and Tripp Hendrix who were promising as freshmen last year.



LONG COUNTY BLUE TIDE

Head Coach (s): James Hobbs

Assistant Coach (s): Tyler Chambless, Kenny Pickens

2021 Record: 17-14

Returning Starters: CF Dwayne Rowe (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); C Joseph Cammack (Sr., 5-10, 200, R/R); LHP Jacob Struble (Sr., 5-8, 160, L/L); 3B/DH Daniel Edwards (Sr., 5-9, 210, R/R); 2B/RHP Blake Holland (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R); SS/RHP Cole Moss (Sr., 5-8, 165, R/R); RF/RHP Brennan Lee (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); RHP Landon Runyon (So., 6-1, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: LF Seth Struble (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); RHP/OF Giovanni Jackson (Jr., 5-7, 145, R/R); OF Steven Wyatt (So., 5-7, 155, R/R); 1B Elijah Lester (So., 6-1, 190, R/R); 2B Shannon Filkins (So., 5-7, 155, L/R)

Top Newcomers: C/RHP Kenny Pickens (Fr., 5-8, 175, R/R); SS/RHP Nicholas Sizemore (Fr., 5-9, 180, R/R); OF Kaleb Carter (Fr., 5-8, 155, L/R)

Season Outlook: After a run to the Class 3A quarterfinals last year, Long looks to continue its positive momentum. Eight starters return, including left-handed pitcher Jacob Struble and offensive leaders Dwayne Rowe and Daniel Edwards. Long County will be led by a large senior class, which should help them contend for the region title and another postseason berth.



Joseph Cammack
Long County



Blake Holland
Long County



Cole Moss
Long County



Jacob Struble
Long County



PIERCE COUNTY BEARS

Head Coach (s): Andrew Evans

Assistant Coach (s): Jacob Evors, Walker Reddish, Matt White

2021 Record: 26-7

Returning Starters: INF Davis Green (Sr., 5-11, 185); P Hoke Skipper (Sr., 6-1, 195); 3B Knox Bennett (Sr., 6-2, 195); OF/P Brandon Pittman (Sr., 5-5, 145); OF/P Brett Tuten (Sr., 5-5, 142); C Collin Jarrell (Sr., 5-8, 170)

Other Returning

Players: INF Zach Murphy (Sr.); INF Ashby Simonin (Jr.); U Mason Woodcock (Jr.); INF/P Jacob Pittman (Jr.); OF/P Caden Williams (So.); INF/P Cole Royer (So.); OF Trent Moody (Jr.); OF Seth Hunt (Jr.); C Will Inman (So.); OF Reed Young (So.); OF Kalab Lashley (So.)

Top Newcomers: OF Caden McGatha (Fr.); INF Cole McGatha (So.); C/P Mark Sweet (Fr.); OF/P Jones Herrin (Fr.); INF/P Auburn Walker (Fr.); OF Landan Taylor (Fr.); INF Dylan Figueroa (Fr.); INF/P Brooks Edenfield (Fr.); OF Payton Turner (Fr.); INF K'Don Lashley (Fr.)

Season Outlook: The Bears should be the region favorite with the return of six senior starters. All-state pitcher Hoke Skipper returns to lead a solid rotation, while infielders Davis Green and Knox Bennett return to lead the



Collin Jarrell
Pierce County



Brandon Pittman
Pierce County



Brett Tuten
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offense. Pierce will also expect some talented underclassmen to step forward and contribute.



TATTNALL COUNTY BATTLE CREEK WARRIORS

Head Coach (s): Ben Collins

Assistant Coach (s): Andrew Waters, Jake Kennedy, Brooks Robins

2021 Record: 10-17

Returning Starters: LHP Connor Durrence (Sr., L/L); 1B/3B Spencer Callanan (Jr., R/R); OF/RHP Raleigh Waters (Sr., R/R); OF Nook Prigeon (Jr., R/R); 2B/SS Justin Anderson (Sr., R/R); SS/2B Cayden Folsom (Sr., R/R); OF Tyler Jinks (Sr., R/R); 1B/RHP Jay Joseph (Sr., R/R); C Spencer Hinson (Sr., R/R); 3B/DH Tyson Driggers (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Jaycer Cruz (Jr., L/R); SS Kaiden Kennedy (Jr., R/R); OF/2B Keilyn Murphy (Sr., R/R); C/2B Luke Parker (Sr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/RHP Carter Sikes (Fr., R/R); SS/C/RHP Miles Brown (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: A good mixture of talent returns as Tattall County will chase a playoff spot again. A talented senior class led by pitcher Connor Durrence will lead the way, but keep an eye on a talented group of juniors who will also contribute. Spencer Callanan and Nook Prigeon are two players to keep an eye on.

REGION 2-3A

Region Favorite: Pike County

Players to Watch

OF/LHP – Drew Bailey, Jr., Peach County; **LHP/OF** – Brandon Barnes, Sr., Central-Macon; **RHP** – Jackson Blakely, So., Upson-Lee; **1B** – Thomas Brooks, Jr., Mary Persons; **C** – Jack Carter, Sr., Crisp County; **C/2B** – Kylan Carter, Sr., Americus-Sumter; **OF** – Dylan Davis, Jr., Crisp County; **RHP/INF** – Tyler Gilbert, Sr., Central-Macon; **C/RHP/INF** – Colter Ginn, So., Peach County; **DH/INF** – Jake Gore, So., Mary Persons; **OF** – Jesse Hammond, Sr., Pike County; **1B/RHP** – Kole Hammond, Jr., Pike County; **INF/OF** – Bryce Harrelson, So., Peach County; **RHP/INF** – Christian Hill, Sr., Central-Macon; **3B/SS/2B** – Gage Hopper, Jr., Mary Persons; **OF** – Camden Miner, Jr., Jackson; **2B** – Aric Mock, Sr., Mary Persons; **INF/RHP** – Braden Osbolt, Sr., Pike County; **OF** – Ridge Smith, Jr., Pike County; **SS** – Eric Snow, Sr., Mary Persons; **C/1B** – Caden Swift, Sr., Pike County; **3B/RHP** – Mason Trucks, Jr., Pike County; **SS** – Jordan Wainwright, Sr., Upson-Lee



AMERICUS-SUMTER PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): Arthur Wright

Survey not returned



CENTRAL-MACON CHARGERS

Head Coach (s): Quinnen Peavy

Assistant Coach (s): TBA

2021 Record: 5-16

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Christian Hill (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); RHP/INF Tyler Gilbert (Sr., 5-8, 205, R/R); LHP/OF Brandon Barnes (Sr., 6-1, 170, L/L); LHP/OF Joseph Rodgers (Jr., 5-8, 150, L/L); C Jaylon Sealy (Sr., 6-1, 220, R/R); U Jalen Darden (Jr., 5-8, 175, R/R); OF Reginal Nelson (Sr., 5-7, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: Former Dooly County coach Quinnen Peavy will look to get Central-Macon turned around. The Chargers welcome back seven starters, including a solid group of seniors. Infielders Christian Gilbert and Tyler Gilbert and outfielder Brandon Barnes return, giving the Chargers a trio of leaders to build around.



CRISP COUNTY COUGARS

Head Coach (s): Mark Ledford

Assistant Coach (s): Stewart Tyler, Kyle Kirk

2021 Record: 13-14

Returning Starters: C Jack Carter (Sr., L/R); OF Dylan Davis (Jr., R/R); INF Wade Wilson (Sr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Cougars lost a wealth of talent and will be rebuilding in coach Mark Ledford's second season. The good news is that catcher Jack Carter (.465 avg., 23 RBIs) returns to spark the offense. Crisp County will be looking for some underclassmen to step forward and help out.



JACKSON RED DEVILS

Head Coach (s): Ryan Duffey

Assistant Coach (s): Charlie Biles, Rhett Carroll, Nelson Homan, Jonathan Wilson

2021 Record: 6-22

Returning Starters: INF/OF Curtis Dickerson (Sr., 5-8, 160); OF Camden Miner (Jr., 5-8, 145); P Chase Harris (Jr., 6-2, 150); OF Deacon Andrews (So., 5-10, 165)

Other Returning Players: P/OF Jackson Smith (Sr., 6-0, 180); P/INF Ayden Upchurch (Sr., 6-3, 160); INF/OF Kayin Head (Sr., 6-1, 180); INF Austin Lyle (Jr., 5-10, 155); C Cameron Sampson (So., 5-11, 205)

Season Outlook: After a disappointing season in 2021, look for Jackson to be much better this spring. Four starters are back including second team all-region outfielder Camden Miner. Senior infielder/outfielder Curtis Dickerson also returns. Look for some talented underclassmen to also contribute.



MARY PERSONS BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Clae Mathis

Assistant Coach (s): Blake Cannady, Delvin Jordan, Cody Hunnicutt, Ryan Mullis

2021 Record: 27-8

Returning Starters: SS Eric Snow (Sr., R/R); 2B Aric Mock (Sr., R/R); 1B

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Thomas Brooks (Jr., L/L); 3B/SS/2B Gage Hopper (Jr., R/R); OF Leighton Judd (Jr., R/R); DH/INF Jake Gore (So., R/R); RHP Ian Lewis (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Jake Causey (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Carter Mitchell (Jr., R/R); INF/C/RHP Cooper Mitchell (Jr., R/R); 1B/OF/LHP Ryan Jenkins (Jr., R/L); OF Michael Head (Jr., R/R); C/RHP/INF Ryan Causey (So., R/R); OF Jackson White (So., R/R); OF/INF/RHP Jake Grant (So., R/R); OF Connor Wooley (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: Brady Christman (Fr.); Tristan Hunt (Fr.); Gavin Barr (Fr.); Nic Arnold (Fr.); Drew Mixon (Fr.); Nick Howard (Fr.); Shivan Patel (Fr.); Cole Carr (Fr.); Caden Taylor (Fr.); Ayden Ussery (Fr.); Camden Pippin (Fr.); Micah Dews (Fr.); Tucker Anthony (Fr.); Gauge Wiggins (Fr.)

Season Outlook: If the Bulldogs can find some more pitching, they should be the team to beat in Region 2-3A. There may not be a better offensive team in Class 3A than Mary Persons. Led by shortstop Eric Snow (.553 avg., 18 3B), Gage Hopper, Thomas Brooks and Aric Mock all return after batting better than .400 last year.



Thomas Brooks
Mary Persons



Gage Hopper
Mary Persons

Other Returning Players: OF Josh Buffington (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); RHP Landon Clark (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); 1B/RHP Kole Hammond (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); 3B/RHP Kaleb Hammond (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); C/INF Ian Davis (Jr., 5-10, 190, R/R); 2B/RHP Jake Carden (So., 5-8, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Christian Childress (So., 6-1, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: After a slow start last year, Pike County finished strong and won the region title. Most of that talent is back, including senior Braden Osbolt and junior Mason Trucks. Catcher/first baseman Caden Swift also returns. The Pirates are still a relatively young team and will need some younger players to help out.



UPSON-LEE KNIGHTS

Head Coach (s): Eddie Peyton

Assistant Coach (s): Garrett Wilson, Kalen Puckett

2021 Record: 17-11

Returning Starters: SS Jordan Wainwright (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); C Seth Thomas (Sr., 5-10, 200, R/R); 3B Beau Ellington (Jr., 5-11, 190, R/R); RHP Jackson Blakely (So., 5-11, 175, R/R); RHP Evan Helms (Sr., 6-6, 215, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Jake Taylor (Sr., 6-2, 220, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Knights won 17 games last year and made the state baseball playoffs. Upson-Lee is looking for a return trip. Some key positions have to be filled, but five returning starters are back, including standout shortstop Jordan Wainwright and pitcher Jackson Blakely.



PEACH COUNTY TROJANS

Head Coach (s): Jeff Bailey

Assistant Coach (s): Craig Johnson, Keith Barker

2021 Record: 9-14

Returning Starters: OF/LHP Drew Bailey (Jr., 5-5, 140, L/L); INF/OF Bryce Harrelson (So., 6-1, 140, B/R); INF/RHP Mike Kovitch (Sr., 5-8, 170, R/R); INF/OF/RHP Jakob Harnist (Sr., 5-11, 190, R/R); C/RHP/INF Colter Ginn (So., 6-2, 160, R/R); OF/RHP Ashton Ennis (Sr., 6-2, 170, R/R); INF/C Andrew Cliett (Jr., 6-0, 230, L/R); OF Austin Carmichael (Jr., 5-7, 140, R/R); OF/RHP Keondre Towns (Sr., 6-4, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/RHP Alex Christian (Sr., 6-0, 250, R/R); INF/OF/LHP Aden New (So., 6-2, 165, L/L); INF/OF/LHP Nathan Smith (So., 5-6, 140, L/L); OF/INF Hayden Quick (So., 5-10, 220, R/R); INF/OF Caleb Peterson (Sr.); INF/OF Ian Boutwell (So.); INF Dealvion Green (Jr., 5-11, 230, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/OF/LHP Jackson Peavy (Fr., 6-1, 150, L/L); C/INF/RHP Brantley Malcolm (Fr., 5-10, 185, R/R); INF/RHP Hunter Moyer (Fr., 5-7, 185, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Trojans should be improved this season as an excellent nucleus returns. Sophomore Bryce Harrelson and outfielder/pitcher Drew Bailey return after both posted solid numbers in 2021. Peach County has a lot of young talent. The Trojans' season depends on how well their young players mature.



PIKE COUNTY PIRATES

Head Coach (s): Don Hanson

Assistant Coach (s): Blake Parrott, Kevin Mobley, John Sutton, John Hanson

2021 Record: 18-13

Returning Starters: C/1B Caden Swift (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); INF/RHP Braden Osbolt (Sr., 6-3, 195, R/R); OF Jesse Hammond (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); 3B/RHP Mason Trucks (Jr., 6-3, 195, R/R); RHP Trevor Bagwell (Jr., 6-3, 175, R/R); INF Zane Axelberg (Jr., 5-6, 145, R/R); OF Ridge Smith (Jr., 5-7, 155, L/L)

REGION 3-3A

Region Favorite: Southeast Bulloch

Players to Watch

OF – Jaleel Andrew, Sr., Liberty County; **U** – Jonah Coppock, Jr., Savannah; **RHP/INF** – Gage Digiovanni, Jr., Southeast Bulloch; **OF** – Riley Emrich, Sr., Southeast Bulloch; **SS/RHP** – Tyson Harnage, Sr., Southeast Bulloch; **C** – Logan Herring, Sr., Southeast Bulloch; **U** – Brannon Jacobs, Jr., Windsor Forest; **3B/RHP** – Dylan Lewis, Jr., Southeast Bulloch; **OF** – Khalil Polite, Jr., Savannah; **1B/OF** – Jordan Scott, So., Windsor Forest; **3B/RHP** – Carlos Singleton, So., Liberty County; **3B** – Jamison Thomas, So., Liberty County; **2B** – K'hani Turnbull, Sr., Windsor Forest; **RHP** – Terry Turner, Sr., Southeast Bulloch; **OF/RHP** – Demetre Walker, Jr., Liberty County; **1B/RHP** – Conner Williams, Sr., Southeast Bulloch; **OF** – Carl Wright, Jr., Savannah; **OF** – Parker Youmans, Jr., Southeast Bulloch



BEACH BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Moses Green

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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
2021 Record: 7-16

Returning Starters: OF Jaleel Andrew (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); 3B Jamison Thomas (So., 6-0, 185, R/R); OF Jamyl Vazquez (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); C/OF Matthew Richardson (So., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF/RHP Demetre Walker (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 3B/RHP Carlos Singleton (So., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF Ni'Jia Battle (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); 1B/C Connor Johnston (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); 2B Darnell Frison (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP Richard Quina (Jr., 5-5, 140, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/1B Jonathon Williams (Fr., 5-9, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: Liberty County will contend for the playoffs once again as five returning starters are back to lead the way. The lack of experienced pitching is a concern, but the good news is that senior outfielder Jaleel Andrew gives the team a solid player to build around.



Jaleel Andrew
Liberty County



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, Derek Harnage
2021 Record: 15-10

Returning Starters: C Logan Herring (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); RHP Terry Turner (Sr., 6-3, 185, R/R); OF Riley Emrich (Sr., 5-10, 175, L/L); SS/RHP Tyson Harnage (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF Parker Youmans (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP/INF Gage Digiovanni (Jr., 6-1, 165, R/R); 1B/RHP Conner Williams (Sr., 6-4, 185, R/R)



Riley Emrich
Southeast Bulloch



Tyson Harnage
Southeast Bulloch

Other Returning Players: 3B/RHP Dylan Lewis (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); C Nick Anderson (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R)
Top Newcomers: 1B Collin Jackson (Jr., 6-4, 200, R/R); OF Cale Thompson (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); C Brandon Stuart (So., 5-9, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: The defending region champions have seven returning starters back and should be the team to beat in Region 3-3A again. Catcher Logan Herring and outfielder Riley Emrich are back to pace the offense after solid junior seasons in 2021. Meanwhile, junior right-hander Gage Digiovanni returns to lead a solid pitching rotation.



Logan Herring
Southeast Bulloch



WINDSOR FOREST KNIGHTS

Head Coach (s): Gustavo Tovar
Survey not returned

REGION 4-3A

Region Favorite: Harlem

Players to Watch

OF/RHP – Bryce Bragg, So., Morgan County; **INF/RHP** – Emery Burnette, Jr., Harlem; **RHP/OF** – Brendan Conway, Jr., Morgan County; **3B/RHP** – Ben Coody, Sr., Morgan County; **SS/RHP** – Matt Dena, Jr., Thomson; **RHP/INF** – Dylan Dixon, Sr., Burke County; **INF/OF** – Decarian Dunbar, Sr., Cross Creek; **RHP/INF** – Marshall Flowers, Jr., Burke County; **RHP/INF** – Jack Harper, Jr., Morgan County; **RHP/U** – Myles Heatwole, Jr., Burke County; **RHP/OF/2B** – Phillip Hodges, Sr., Burke County; **RHP/U** – Jahkari Howard, Sr., Burke County; **OF/INF** – Jalik Johnson, Jr., Thomson; **1B/RHP** – Logan Land, Jr., Thomson; **3B/RHP** – Brock Madden, Sr., Cross Creek; **INF/RHP** – Tryston McCladdie, Jr., Harlem; **RHP/INF** – Jack Murphy, Jr., Richmond Academy; **OF/P** – Jalen Patrick, Jr., Hephzibah; **OF/C/RHP** – Ashton Perry, Sr., Thomson; **1B/3B** – Beckam Ramirez, Jr., Burke County; **LHP/1B** – Malachi Rodriguez, Sr., Cross Creek; **RHP/INF** – Sam Schofield, Jr., Morgan County



BURKE COUNTY BEARS

Head Coach (s): Billy Marchman
Assistant Coach (s): Tarry Stokes, Jay Johnson
2021 Record: 19-10

Returning Starters: RHP/U Jahkari Howard (Sr., 5-9, 155, R/R); RHP/OF/2B Phillip Hodges (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP/INF Dylan Dixon (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); RHP/INF Marshall Flowers (Jr., 6-5, 170, R/R); 1B/3B Beckam Ramirez (Jr., 6-2, 270, R/R); RHP/U Myles Heatwole (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R)

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Other Returning Players: OF Seth Meador (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); U Adam Davis (Sr., 5-10, 135, R/R); 1B/OF Chavous Johnson (Jr., 6-1, 215, L/L); RHP/OF Garrett Liles (So., 6-2, 160, L/R); 3B/OF Owen Adams (So., 6-0, 220, R/R); LHP/OF/1B Hunter Carroll (So., 5-9, 140, L/L)

Top Newcomers: C Brice Marchman (Fr., 6-1, 160, R/R); RHP/3B Aiden Roberson (Fr., 5-9, 180, R/R); OF Jaidyn Foster (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: Burke County welcomes back the return of six starters and will once again be expected to challenge for a playoff berth. Versatile Jakhari Howard (.422 avg., 15 RBIs) returns to spark the offense, while pitcher Phillip Hodges (5-2, 0.91 ERA) returns to lead a solid pitching rotation. Look for some talented underclassmen to also contribute.



CROSS CREEK RAZORBACKS

Head Coach (s): James Jackson (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Coach Rodriguez

2021 Record: 6-14

Returning Starters: INF/OF Decarian Dunbar (Sr., R/R); INF/OF Tyla Golphin (Sr., R/R); LHP/1B Malachi Rodriguez (Sr., L/L); 3B/RHP/SS Dayton Sousa (Sr., R/R); 3B/RHP Brock Madden (Sr., R/R); SS/OF Kaleb Joyner (Jr., R/R); 2B/RHP Landyn Newman (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Markell Pyatt (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: First-year coach James Jackson inherits seven returning starters as the Razorbacks should have a chance to improve upon last season's finish. The senior class, led by Decarian Dunbar, Malachi Rodriguez and Brock Madden, will lead the team.



HARLEM BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Jimmie Lewis

Assistant Coach (s): Chris Waters, Rusty James, Hunter McBride, Lonnie Morris

2021 Record: 28-8

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Tryston McCladdie (Jr., 6-0, 175, L/R); INF/RHP Emery Burnette (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); C/INF Dalton May (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); INF Jackson Decker (So., 5-7, 135, R/R); OF Trent Davidson (Sr., 5-9, 190, R/R); OF Tyler Simmons (So., 5-7, 145, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Bulldogs will be a young team in 2022, but don't be fooled by their roster. Junior Tryston McCladdie is a player to keep an eye on after a strong sophomore season last year. Infielder/pitcher Emery Burnette also returns. If Harlem can find a few more arms on the mound, they should approach last year's success.



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

2021 Record: 20-12

Returning Starters: 3B/RHP Ben Coody (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); C David Denton (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP/INF Sam Schofield (Jr., 6-3, 205, R/R); RHP/INF Jack Harper (Jr., 5-8, 170, L/R); RHP/OF Brendan Conway (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF/C Nolan Harris (Jr., 5-11, 185, R/R); INF Michael Arienzo (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Zach Moore (So., 5-7, 165, R/R); OF/RHP Talan Fuller (So., 5-11, 160, R/R); OF/RHP Bryce Bragg (So., 5-11, 165, L/R); INF Tripp Lancaster (So., 6-0, 145, R/R); U Noah Young (Jr., 5-10, 190, R/R); 1B Gino Arienzo (Jr., 6-0, 205, R/R); OF/LHP Drew Stephens (Jr., 5-7, 140, L/L)

Season Outlook: The Bulldogs have a lot of youth returning, but don't sleep on them. Morgan County welcomes back seven returning starters, including junior pitchers Sam Schofield and Brendan Conway. Senior Ben Coody is back to form what should be a solid pitching staff. A talented group of underclassmen will help carry the load.



RICHMOND ACADEMY MUSKETEERS

Head Coach (s): Lyle Burns (new)

Survey not returned



THOMSON BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Sean Tiernan

Assistant Coach (s): Dave Whitfield, Brock Hawkins, Kyle Tucker

2021 Record: 9-16

Returning Starters: OF/C/RHP Ashton Perry (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); SS/RHP Matt Dena (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R); 1B/RHP Logan Land (Jr., 6-1, 190, R/R); OF/LHP Danny Bohler (Jr., 6-1, 175, L/L); INF Henry Harbeson (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); OF/INF Jalik Johnson (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); C/RHP Seth Adams (Jr., 5-10, 190, R/R); OF Storm Hunt (So., 5-8, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: SS Shawn Hearst (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); INF Tre Lazenley (Fr., 5-8, 170, B/R); OF/LHP Dalton Gerger (Fr., 5-9, 140, B/L); C/1B Logan Robinson (Fr., 5-9, 175, L/R)

Season Outlook: The Bulldogs should be much better in coach Sean Tiernan's second season at the school. Thomson is still relatively young, but a good bit of experience returns. Versatile Ashton Perry returns to lead the way, but keep an eye on a solid group of juniors.



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REGION 5-3A

Region Favorite: Greater Atlanta Christian

Players to Watch

OF/INF – Jason Avila, Sr., Redan; **1B/3B** – Kaden Brown, Jr., Sandy Creek; **C** – Ryan Carr, Jr., Westminster; **RHP/INF** – Conrad Cason, So., Greater Atlanta Christian; **OF/RHP** – Robert Clarke, Sr., Westminster; **OF** – Kaleb Cost, Jr., Sandy Creek; **INF** – Eyon Everett, Sr., Redan; **OF/RHP** – Paul Green, So., Sandy Creek; **OF** – Ford Hallock, Sr., Greater Atlanta Christian; **OF** – Zach Hanson, Jr., Westminster; **C** – Collin Helms, Sr., Greater Atlanta Christian; **INF** – Aaron Hobson, Jr., Greater Atlanta Christian; **INF** – Tyler Holsworth, Sr., Greater Atlanta Christian; **SS/RHP** – Jonathan Little, Sr., Sandy Creek; **RHP/1B** – Hunter Maddox, Sr., Sandy Creek; **INF/C** – Adriel Martinez, Jr., Redan; **RHP** – Anthony Mateo, Sr., Redan; **RHP** – William May, Sr., Westminster; **INF/RHP** – Bernard Moon, Jr., Redan; **C/2B** – Mason Muse, So., Sandy Creek; **INF/RHP** – Mason Stephenson, Sr., Westminster; **RHP/INF** – Graham Stogner, Sr., Greater Atlanta Christian; **LHP/OF** – Rhett Wells, Sr., Greater Atlanta Christian; **INF/OF** – Nick Westenfelder, Sr., Westminster; **INF/RHP** – Hays Woley, Sr., Westminster



CARVER-ATLANTA PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): TBA
Survey not returned



CEDAR GROVE SAINTS

Head Coach (s): TBA
Survey not returned



DOUGLASS ASTROS

Head Coach (s): Henry Culverson
Survey not returned



GREATER ATLANTA CHRISTIAN SPARTANS

Head Coach (s): Josh Lee (new)
Assistant Coach (s): Stephen Farris, Garrett Daily
2021 Record: 24-10
Returning Starters: OF Ford Hallock (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); C Collin Helms (Sr., 6-0, 170, L/R); LHP/OF Rhett Wells (Sr., 5-10, 175, L/L); INF Tyler Holsworth (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); RHP/INF Graham Stogner (Sr., 5-10, 180, L/R); INF Aaron Hobson (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); LHP Sawyer Crum (Sr., 6-3, 180, L/L); C/RHP Trey Woolley (Sr., 5-8, 150, R/R); RHP/INF Conrad Cason (So., 6-1, 170, R/R); 1B

Noah Deas (Sr., 6-0, 235, L/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Bailey Teague (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); OF Brody Lussier (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: The defending region champions could be the team to beat again this spring as most of last year's lineup and pitching rotation returns. All-state catcher Collin Helms is back as well as all-state outfielder Ford Hallock. Left-hander Rhett Wells, an all-state performer in 2021, is back to lead a strong pitching staff.



REDAN RAIDERS

Head Coach (s): Alexander Wyche
Assistant Coach (s): Tim Lott, Christopher Lott, Marcus Mays
2021 Record: 15-10

Returning Starters: OF Jason Avila (Sr., 5-9, 180, L/R); INF Eyon Everett (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); RHP/INF Anthony Mateo (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF Manolo Parcels (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); INF Danthony Marks (Sr., 5-8, 170, R/R); INF Bernard Moon (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); C Adriel Martinez (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Derek Peoples (So., 5-10, 160, R/R)
Season Outlook: The Raiders return seven starters and will once again be expected to challenge for the region title. Outfielder Jason Avila is back to spark the offense. The biggest concern is the lack of experienced pitching, but look for some talented underclassmen to step up and contribute.



SALEM SEMINOLES

Head Coach (s): Marquise Edwards
Survey not returned



SANDY CREEK PATRIOTS

Head Coach (s): Nick Pou
Assistant Coach (s): Parker Mallett
2021 Record: 20-13

Returning Starters: C/2B Mason Muse (So., R/R); OF/RHP Paul Green (So., R/R); 1B/3B Kaden Brown (Jr., R/R); OF Kaleb Cost (Jr., R/R); SS/RHP Jonathan Little (Sr., R/R); RHP/1B Hunter Maddox (Sr., R/R); U Daniel Belcher (Sr., L/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Cameron Bowsky (Sr., R/R); 2B Beau Sheppard (Jr., R/R); 3B Joel Reid (Jr., R/R); INF Gee Latimer (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Chance Izzo (Fr., R/R)
Season Outlook: The Patriots established themselves as one of the top teams in Region 5-3A last year. Look for that to continue this spring. If Sandy Creek can be consistent on the pitcher's mound, they should be solid. They boast two of the state's top players in athletic shortstop Jonathan Little and outfielder Kaleb Cost.



WESTMINSTER WILDCATS

Head Coach (s): Chad Laney
Assistant Coach (s): Doug Boomer, Adam Pullen, Joe Sturniolo, Travis Rutkiewicz
2021 Record: 12-12

Class 3A

Returning Starters: RHP

William May (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF/RHP Robert Clarke (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); INF/OF Nick Westenfelder (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); C Ryan Carr (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R); OF Zach Hanson (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R); INF/RHP Hays Woley (Sr., 6-3, 185, R/R); INF/RHP Mason Stephenson (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players:

RHP/OF Bobby Yarbrough (Jr., 5-10, 190, R/R); RHP/OF Carson Stout (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R); LHP Will Rogers (Sr., 5-11, 175, L/L); RHP Brooks Platford (Sr., 5-10, 210, R/R); 1B John Hendrix (Jr., 6-0, 190, R/R); RHP/OF John Collier (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R); RHP/OF Andrew Thompson (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R); OF Vincent Bontempo (Jr., 5-10, 180, L/L); C Gibson Thompson (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); C/INF Sam Reavis (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/1B James Rhee (So., 6-0, 180, R/R); John Hendrix (Jr.)

Season Outlook: The Wildcats look to get things turned around after a

disappointing finish in 2021 by Westminster standards. The Wildcats have a good nucleus of returning players, including right-handed pitcher William May and outfielder/pitcher Robert Clarke and catcher Ryan Carr. Some underclassmen will need to step forward and contribute.



Ryan Carr
Westminster



Zach Hanson
Westminster



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William May
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REGION 6-3A

Region Favorite: Ringgold

Players to Watch

RHP – Robbie Bates, Sr., Ringgold; **LHP** – Trevor Caldwell, Sr., Rockmart; **OF/3B/C/RHP** – Will Carroll, Sr., Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe; **LHP/OF** – Skylar Cepeda, Sr., LaFayette; **RHP/INF** – Taylor Frazier, So., North Murray; **OF** – Ty Gilbert, Jr., Ringgold; **LHP** – Ben Glines, Sr., Coahulla Creek; **U** – Trevor Headrick, Sr., Coahulla Creek; **OF/1B/LHP** – Zach Lyles, Jr., Sonoraville; **RHP** – Jonathan Moore, Sr., Rockmart; **INF/RHP** – Ross Norman, Jr., Ringgold; **INF/RHP** – Mason Parker, Sr., Ringgold; **INF/OF** – Jaxon Pate, So., Sonoraville; **C/RHP** – Braden Powell, Sr., Adairsville; **INF** – Chris Roper, Jr., Adairsville; **RHP/OF** – Evan Sanders, Jr., Adairsville; **OF** – Pedro San Martin, Jr., Coahulla Creek; **RHP/OF** – Daniel Skojac, Jr., North Murray; **LHP/OF** – Jack Whitley, Jr., Adairsville; **C** – Sam Wilbanks, Sr., Rockmart



ADAIRSVILLE TIGERS

Head Coach (s): Billy Roper

Assistant Coach (s): Josh Mitchell, Jimmy Whittemore, Bill Bishop, Blaine Bishop

2021 Record: 9-17

Returning Starters: C/RHP Braden Powell (Sr., 6-1, 165, R/R); INF Chris Roper (Jr., 5-11, 185, R/R); RHP/OF Evan Sanders (Jr., 6-4, 210, R/R); LHP/OF Jack Whitley (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/L); OF Tyler Driggers (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/INF Brenden Carroll (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Dawson Craig (So., 5-8, 155, R/R); OF/RHP Easton Elrod (So., 5-7, 150, R/R); OF/RHP Grayson Belcher (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R); LHP/1B Wade Dooley (Jr., 6-0, 170, L/L); OF/RHP PJ Weeks (So., 5-8, 160, L/R); INF Hayden Blalock (So., 5-8, 160, R/R); C/RHP Landon O'Neal (So., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 1B/RHP Luke Altizer (So., 6-0, 235, R/R); INF/RHP Ryan Farr (So., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Tigers will be expected to contend for a postseason berth this spring. Adairsville, however, is still relatively young with a small senior class. Catcher/pitcher Braden Powell (.328 avg.) returns on offense, while right-hander Evan Sanders and left-hander Jack Whitley lead a solid pitching staff. Infielder Chris Roper is also a player to keep an eye on.



COAHULLA CREEK COLTS

Head Coach (s): Justin Dover (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Michael Carter, Josh King

2021 Record: 11-16

Returning Starters: LHP Ben Glines (Sr., 5-10, 230, L/L); OF/LHP Ryan Langford (Sr., 6-1, 185, L/L); U Trevor Headrick (Sr., 5-8, 170, R/R); 3B Joey Estrada (Sr., 5-10, 220, R/R); OF Pedro San Martin (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); OF Bailey Stroud (Jr., 5-8, 165, L/L); C Luke Swiney (So., 6-1, 150, L/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Justin Baker (Sr., 6-2, 160, R/R); 1B/RHP Darian Monteagudo (Sr., 5-10, 205, R/R); 3B/1B Bailey Saylor (Sr., 5-8, 185, R/R)

Top Newcomers: U Keith Collins (So., 5-8, 145, R/R); SS Jersey Poe (So., 5-10, 140, R/R); RHP Julian Childs (Jr., 6-1, 210, R/R)

Season Outlook: Former assistant Justin Dover takes over and inherits seven returning starters. Left-hander Ben Glines (6-4, 2.05 ERA) is back, while offensive leaders Trevor Headrick and Ryan Langford return. The Colts will be looking for some talented underclassmen to step forward and compete for playing time.



LAFAYETTE RAMBLERS

Head Coach (s): Chris Base

Assistant Coach (s): Drew Pence, William Wallace

2021 Record: 13-13

Returning Starters: LHP/OF Skylar Cepeda (Sr., 6-1, 170, L/L); INF Case Davis (Sr., 5-11, 185, L/R); C/OF Nick Adams (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); C/INF Zain Smith (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); C Austin Tucker (Jr., 5-10, 200, R/R); RHP/INF Kendall Culbreth (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF Ross Martin (Sr., 5-10, 185, L/L); RHP/OF Nick Radtke (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/INF James Wathen (Sr., 6-3, 200, R/R); RHP/INF Cody Davis (So., 5-11, 210, L/R); OF Sam Hall (Jr., 6-1, 190, R/R); Kadin Smith (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: U Hunter Jefferies (Fr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Ramblers welcome back eight returning starters and should be in postseason contention. Senior left-hander Skylar Cepeda returns and gives LaFayette a chance to win each time he takes the hill. Infielder Case Davis returns to spark the offense. Keep an eye on a solid group of juniors who will contribute.



LAKEVIEW-FORT OGLETHORPE WARRIORS

Head Coach (s): Matt Holden

Survey not returned



MURRAY COUNTY INDIANS

Head Coach (s): Josh Wiggins (new)

Survey not returned



NORTH MURRAY MOUNTAINEERS

Head Coach (s): Seth Hickman

Assistant Coach (s): Tyler Kilgore, Aaron Granger

2021 Record: 7-19

Returning Starters: LHP/1B Ashton Farris (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/L); OF Anthony Causby (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/R); RHP/INF Logan Malchesky (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R); RHP/OF Daniel Skojac (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); C/INF Grayson Bartley (So., 5-9, 155, R/R); RHP/OF Sebastian Villarreal (So., 5-8, 150, R/R); RHP/INF Taylor Frazier (So., 6-0, 190, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Robbie Linginfelter (Sr., 5-8, 145, R/R); RHP/OF Ken Mascia (Sr., 5-9, 180, R/R); OF Dawson Marr (Jr., 5-9, 140, R/R); 1B/

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OF Ryan Maton (Jr., 6-3, 195, R/R); INF/OF Ju'Alan George (So., 5-9, 145, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Brylan Bond (Fr., 6-0, 190, R/R); RHP/INF Alex Brown (Fr., 6-0, 190, R/R); LHP/OF Trevor Beard (Fr., 6-0, 150, L/L); RHP/INF Caden Painter (Fr., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Mountaineers will still be a relatively young team, but North Murray played a lot of youth last year which should pay off this spring. Pitcher Daniel Skojac and Taylor Frazier anchor what should be a solid pitching staff. North Murray will still depend on a talented group of underclassmen to help out.

RINGGOLD TIGERS

Head Coach (s): Drew Walker

Assistant Coach (s): David Crownover, Danny Wiltz, Adam Weldon,

Tas Womack, Devin Lancaster

2021 Record: 29-8

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Mason Parker (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); INF/RHP Ross Norman (Sr., 6-5, 175, R/R); OF Dre Morris (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/DH Brody Gann (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); RHP Mason Burt (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); RHP Robbie Bates

(Sr., 5-10, 220, R/R); RHP/INF Hudson Chandler (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP/OF Isaac King (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF Ty Gilbert (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Sam Crew (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R); OF Brady Hermann (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF Dawsyn Ware (Jr., 5-5, 130, R/R); RHP Deven Black (Jr., 5-10, 205, R/R); C/DH Cade Tankersley (Jr., 5-10, 210, R/R); INF/RHP Sebastian Haggard (So., 6-1, 160, R/R); C/INF Conner Christopher (So., 5-7, 135, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Ryder Fairchild (So., 5-10, 165, R/R); LHP/OF Phillip Johnson (So., 6-0, 160, R/L); INF Garrett Edgar (Fr., 5-9, 150, R/R); RHP/INF Jackson Black (Fr., 5-8, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Aidan Hickman (Fr., 5-7, 130, R/R); INF/DH Logan Bramlett (Fr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: After a run to the state semifinals last spring, Ringgold may be rebuilding this spring. All-state infielder Mason Parker and junior infielder Ross Norman return. The Tigers are loaded with talent, but it is inexperienced. If that talent matures, look out by the end of the season as Ringgold could be dangerous.

ROCKMART YELLOW JACKETS

Head Coach (s): TC Boyd

Assistant Coach (s): Levi Austin, Jeff Lewis, Geoff Sharpe, TJ Montgomery

2021 Record: 9-18

Returning Starters: LHP Trevor Caldwell (Sr., 6-0, 190, L/L); C Sam Wilbanks (Sr., 6-3, 205, R/R); RHP Jonathan Moore (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); RHP/INF Mason Phillips (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R); INF Drake Dean (Sr., 5-8, 145, R/R); INF/RHP Jake Bailey (So., 6-1, 165, R/R); OF JD Davis (So., 5-9, 165, R/R); OF Colton Leathers (Sr., 5-11, 150, R/R); INF Carson Matthews (So., 5-9, 150, R/R); 1B Steven Gregory (So., 6-0, 170, L/R); INF Callion Thompson (So., 5-9, 155, R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP/OF/1B Hunter Atkins (Fr., 6-1, 160, L/L); LHP/OF/1B Nolan Clemons (Fr., 5-11, 140, R/L); INF Kapp Fennell (Fr., 5-9, 130, R/R); INF/C Easton Petty (Fr., 5-8, 140, R/R); OF/C Aiden Wright (Fr., 6-0, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: After a disappointing season in 2021, the Yellow Jackets should be much better this spring. Top pitcher Trevor Caldwell and Jonathan Moore return to anchor what should be a solid pitching staff. Catcher Sam Wilbanks returns behind the plate. Look for an excellent group of sophomores and freshmen to compete for playing time.

SONORVILLE PHOENIX

Head Coach (s): Deron Walraven

Survey not returned

REGION 7-3A

Region Favorite: North Hall

Players to Watch

RHP/INF/OF/C – Jaret Bales, Sr., North Hall; **RHP** – Braxton Beal, Sr., Cherokee Bluff; **OF/RHP** – Sawyer Bearden, So., Dawson County; **INF** – Jace Bowen, Sr., North Hall; **INF/RHP** – Nate Bray, Jr., White County; **RHP/INF** – Hunter Brooks, Sr., North Hall; **C** – Tate Brooks, Sr., North Hall; **INF/RHP** – Hunter Cooper, Jr., Lumpkin County; **3B/OF** – Ty Corbin, So., Cherokee Bluff; **RHP/1B** – Brandon Cramer, Sr., Dawson County; **RHP/OF** – Seth Darling, Sr., Gilmer; **U/RHP** – Harper Davenport, So., Lumpkin County; **RHP** – Landon Davis, Sr., North Hall; **LHP/INF** – Baker Dyer, Sr., North Hall; **C** – Bryce England, Jr., Cherokee Bluff; **U/RHP** – Gannon Flakes, Sr., Lumpkin County; **LHP/1B** – Alex Holman, Sr., West Hall; **OF** – Jake Johnson, Sr., White County; **OF** – Caleb Miele, So., Cherokee Bluff; **INF** – Will Mincey, Sr., Lumpkin County; **OF/P** – Will Moffit, So., East Forsyth; **SS/RHP** – Nick Mullinax, Sr., Dawson County; **OF/P** – Logan Pedretti, Jr., East Forsyth; **1B** – Caleb Piland, Sr., Cherokee Bluff; **OF** – Bradford Puryear, Sr., North Hall; **RHP/INF** – Eli Reese, Sr., North Hall; **INF/P** – Blake Riley, Jr., East Forsyth; **C/RHP/INF** – Dylan Sargent, Sr., White County; **C/INF** – Justin Shaffer, So., West Hall; **RHP** – Chandler Shope, Sr., Cherokee Bluff; **SS** – Jacob Vokal, So., Cherokee Bluff; **C/U** – Blake Zabala, Sr., Gilmer

CHEROKEE BLUFF BEARS

Head Coach: Jeremy Kemp

Assistant Coach (s): Luke Crumley, Miles Martin, Gerry Pope, Griffin Olson, Breck Davidson, Kirklan Moore

2021 Record: 25-12

Returning Starters: 1B Caleb Piland (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); C Bryce England (Jr., 6-1, 200, R/R); OF Brody Beal (Sr., 5-11, 190, R/R); RHP Lucas Tritt (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R); RHP Braxton Beal (Jr., 6-3, 200, R/R); SS Jacob Vokal (So., 5-11, 155, R/R); OF Caleb Miele (So., 5-10, 180, R/R); 3B/OF Ty Corbin (So., 5-9, 170, R/R); RHP Chandler Shope (Sr., 6-2, 210, R/R); CF Max Eubanks (Jr., 6-1, 210, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/C Colby Harrison (Sr., 5-9, 240, R/R); RHP

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Brantly Bush (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP Dante Root (Sr., 6-4, 190, R/R); LHP Jackson Grant (So., 6-0, 165, L/L); RHP Jack Hamilton (So., 6-3, 210, R/R); OF Tanaka Mukono (So., 6-0, 165, R/R); RHP Jack Sparks (So., 6-0, 210, R/R); U Caleb Davis (So., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP Austin Cantrell (Sr., 6-3, 210, L/L); OF Brett House (Jr., 6-3, 220, R/R); RHP Ben Crumpton (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R); INF/RHP Landon Kemp (Fr., 5-11, 160, L/R); 1B/3B/OF/RHP Kaden Thompson (Fr., 5-11, 170, L/R); OF/RHP Tucker Holton (Fr., 5-11, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Bears will be expected to pick up from where they left off last year as a wealth of talent returns. All-state catcher Bryce England is back as well as pitchers Braxton Beal and Chandler Shope, while transfer pitcher Austin Cantrell will help out.



DAWSON COUNTY TIGERS

Head Coach: Dwayne Sapp

Assistant Coach (s): Logan Burt, Jason Dyer, Levi Whitmire

2021 Record: 12-15

Returning Starters: RHP/1B Brandon Cramer (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); SS/RHP Nick Mullinax (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); C Luke Mullberry (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); 3B Andrew Burt (Sr., 5-8, 165, R/R); RHP/OF Jacob Poss (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/RHP Sawyer Bearden (So., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF Julian Horner (So., 6-1, 170, R/R); RHP/1B Trey Harvey (So., 6-4, 180, R/R); INF/RHP Colton Rucker (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Joshua Priest (So., 6-2, 170, R/R); RHP/1B Davis Glass (Fr., 6-3, 185, R/R); LHP/1B Banks Hickman (So., 6-0, 170, L/L); RHP Rylie Moore (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: After getting off to a quick start in 2021, the Tigers stumbled at the close of the regular season and missed the playoffs. Dawson County looks to move past that as five returning senior starters are back to lead the way. Keep an eye on Brandon Cramer and Nick Mullinax who posted solid seasons last spring.



EAST FORSYTH BRONCOS

Head Coach (s): Kyle Counts (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Billy Kieninger, Taylor McGilvray, Robbie Boudreau, Johnny Hernandez, Dan Weber, Tyler Martin, Brandon Coury

2021 Record: 0-0

Top Newcomers: OF/P Logan Pedretti (Jr.); INF/P Blake Riley (Jr.); P/INF Lucas Kniola (So.); OF/P Will Moffit (So.); OF Matthew Lyons (So.); P/INF Wyatt Barden (Fr.); P/OF Davis Downs (Fr.); P/OF Trey Farr (Fr.); C Mason Schreiber (Fr.); INF/P Quinn Welch

Season Outlook: Forsyth County's newest high school makes its debut on the diamond this spring. The Broncos have some talented younger players, but they will need time to mature and develop. Keep an eye on outfielder/pitcher Logan Pedretti, infielder/pitcher Blake Riley and outfielder/pitcher Will Moffit who were promising over the summer.



GILMER BOBCATS

Head Coach (s): Jeff Thurman

Assistant Coach (s): Matt Banks, Todd Gibson, Drew Gaddy, Paul Standard

2021 Record: 5-24

Returning Starters: C/U Blake Zabala (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); RHP/OF Seth Darling (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R); LHP/1B Grant Cochran (Sr., 5-10, 185, L/L); 2B Branson Teague (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); 3B Spencer Merritt (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); C Brock Titus (Jr., 6-0, 190, R/R); OF/RHP Ethan McCollum (So., 5-11, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Colton Nunn (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R); OF/RHP Carter Jones (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Billy Goswick (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF Kobe Stonecipher (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/RHP Austin Zabala (So., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Bobcats struggled in 2021, but Gilmer should have a chance to be much better in 2022 with a solid senior class coming back. Six starters are back, including top returning pitchers Seth Darling and Grant Cochran. Catcher Blake Zabala returns to lead the offense.



LUMPKIN COUNTY INDIANS

Head Coach: Jonathan Gastley

Assistant Coach (s): Steve Horton, Jeremie Tice, Daniel McCrary, Bob Herman

2021 Record: 7-21

Returning Starters: C Scooter Ligon (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); U/RHP Gannon Flakes (Sr., 5-10, 165, L/R); OF Brady Rice (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); INF Will Mincey (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); U/RHP Harper Davenport (So., 5-9, 155, L/R); INF/RHP Alejandro Narvaez (So., 6-0, 150, B/R); INF/RHP Cooper Scott (Jr., 6-0, 190, R/R); INF/RHP Hunter Cooper (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/RHP Landon Greene (Jr., 6-1, 150, R/R); OF/RHP Dolan Harder (So., 5-9, 150, R/R); INF Hayden Gilbert (So., 5-10, 165, L/R); U/RHP Payton Wood (So., 5-11, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP Cameron Journigan (So., 6-1, 210, R/R); U Dakota Bennett (So., 6-1, 170, R/R); C/RHP Tyler Boggs (Fr., 5-9, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Indians look to get things turned around after struggling last season. Eight starters are back, including junior infielder/pitcher Hunter Cooper, a second team all-region selection last year. If Lumpkin County can find some consistency on the mound, they should have a chance to be much better.



NORTH HALL TROJANS

Head Coach: Trevor Flow

Assistant Coach (s): Wes Crow, Dacen Cash, Trey Pinson, Tim Nunez, Farris Mance

2021 Record: 33-6

Returning Starters: RHP/INF/OF/C Jaret Bales (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF Jace Bowen (Sr., 6-0, 165, L/R); C Tate Brooks (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); INF Hudson Barrett (Sr., 5-11, 160, L/R); RHP/INF Eli Reese (Sr., 6-4, 205, R/R); OF/INF Cooper Helton (Sr., 5-10, 170, L/L); INF Luke

Erickson (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP/INF Hunter Brooks (Sr., 6-3, 185, R/R); OF Bradford Puryear (Sr., 5-10, 205, R/R); RHP Landon Davis (Sr., 5-9, 185, R/R); LHP/INF Baker Dyer (Sr., 6-2, 230, L/L); OF Ajay Jones (So., 5-8, 160, R/R); RHP Landon Lee (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF/OF Jon Jon Read (So., 6-0, 170, R/R)



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Other Returning Players:

INF/OF Korbyn Sosebee (So., 5-11, 175, R/R); C Nathan Vermeer (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Britton Glover (Jr., 6-1, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Andrew Hlavacek (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Brady Stephens (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/R); OF McKay Kemp (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); OF Will Jackson (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: The defending Class 3A state champions have enough leftovers to make another run at a championship. Top pitchers Jaret Bales and Eli Reese form perhaps the classification's top 1-2 pitching punch, while Class 3A Player of the Year Jace Bowen, catcher Tate Brooks, infielder Luke Erickson, outfielder Bradford Puryear and versatile Hunter Brooks return to lead an explosive offense.



Landon Davis
North Hall



Baker Dyer
North Hall



Luke Erickson
North Hall



Bradford Puryear
North Hall



WEST HALL SPARTANS

Head Coach: Brannon Humphries

Assistant Coach (s): Zach English, Merritt Gazaway, Luke Stephenson, Preston Lowther, Josh Taylor

2021 Record: 19-12

Returning Starters: 3B/RHP Nick Sturm (Sr., 6-3, 210, R/R); LHP/1B Alex Holman (Sr., 6-2, 165, L/L); C/RHP/3B/1B Jackson Bassler (Sr., 6-3, 215, B/R); 1B/DH Michael Gaddy (Sr., 5-11, 215, R/R); INF Ryan Svetz (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); OF Evan Connor (Jr., 5-10, 145, L/L); C/INF Justin Shaffer (So., 5-11, 150, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Jadyden Badger (Sr., R/R); RHP Anthony Fragoso (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Jace Young (Sr., R/R); 2B Cody Davis (Jr., R/R); 3B Rocco Doderio (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Cooper Tapp (So., R/R); OF/SS/RHP Marcus Pugh (Fr., R/R); 1B/RHP John Kendrick (Fr., R/R); C/OF Drew Svetz (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: After making the playoffs last season, West Hall aims to build off its positive momentum. The Spartans have seven returning starters back, including pitchers Nick Sturm and Alex Holman. Versatile Jackson Bassler returns from an injury, while Michael Gaddy returns on offense.



WHITE COUNTY WARRIORS

Head Coach (s): Jim Waits

Assistant Coach (s): Brett Westmoreland, Erich Stahl, Stephen Stuart

2021 Record: 20-11

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Class 3A

Returning Starters: OF Jake Johnson (Sr., 5-8, 160, L/R); C/RHP/INF Dylan Sargent (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Bailee Patterson (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Kyler Mayo (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Nate Bray (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); INF/RHP Mark Daniels (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R)



Bailee Patterson
White County



Dylan Sargent
White County

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Riley Swain (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); C Mason Gee (Jr., 6-1, 210, R/R); OF Billy Carder (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); OF Jacob Matthewson (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); OF Ryan Fowler (So., 5-8, 150, R/R); INF Hunter Burruss (Sr., 5-10, 200, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP Adam Nix (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Warriors should be back in the playoffs after winning 20 games last year. Outfielder Jake Johnson (.382 avg.) returns to power the offense, while versatile Dylan Sargent and right-hander Bailee Patterson return to anchor what should be a solid pitching rotation.

REGION 8-3A

Region Favorite: Franklin County

Players to Watch

RHP/OF – Banks Arnold, Jr., Oconee County; **LHP/OF** – Tanner Ayers, Sr., Hart County; **LHP** – Sam Carter, Sr., Oconee County; **C/OF/U** – Paul Davis, Jr., Hart County; **LHP/OF** – Miles Dodd, Sr., Franklin County; **C** – Aiden Fenn, Sr., Monroe Area; **RHP/U** – Lawson Gailey, Sr., Franklin County; **INF/RHP** – Ayden Garmon, Sr., Stephens County; **OF/RHP** – Garrett Garner, Jr., Franklin County; **C/RHP** – Payton Garner, So., East Jackson; **LHP/1B** – Jake Hegwood, So., Monroe Area; **RHP/OF** – Landon Housley, Sr., Monroe Area; **RHP/U** – Kayne Jinks, Sr., Franklin County; **2B** – Holden Lewis, Sr., Oconee County; **OF** – Dylan Manders, Jr., Oconee County; **1B/LHP** – Cruz Mullinix, Sr., Stephens County; **SS/RHP** – Dee Oliver, Jr., Franklin County; **C** – AJ Peeples, Sr., Franklin County; **OF/LHP** – Garrett Pless, Jr., Stephens County; **LHP/1B** – Peyton Powell, Sr., Hart County; **RHP/SS** – Hunter Redden, Sr., Monroe Area; **RHP** – Brayden Redding, Sr., East Jackson; **1B** – TL Saxon, Sr., Oconee County; **3B** – Ben Stowe, Jr., Stephens County; **OF** – Kyle Strickland, Jr., Oconee County; **OF** – Carson Worley, Sr., Stephens County

EAST JACKSON EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Scott Myers

Assistant Coach (s): Caleb Hardy, Andy Briscoe, Hunter Reynolds

2021 Record: 5-21

Returning Starters: RHP Brayden Redding (Sr., 6-4, 350, R/R); C/RHP Payton Garner (So., 5-8, 160, R/R); RHP/INF Aiden Holley (So., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF

Randy Smith (Jr., 6-3, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP Cain Alldredge (Jr., 6-0, 150, L/L); OF/RHP Luke Lindsey (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP Bradyn Jacobs (Jr., 6-0, 210, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Eagles look to improve in coach Scott Myers' second season at the school. East Jackson returns a wealth of pitching depth that needs experience. The roster is young, but if this team matures and develops quickly, they should have an opportunity to be much better.



FRANKLIN COUNTY LIONS

Head Coach: David Skelly

Assistant Coach (s): Ryan Phillips, Elliott Beard, Demond Rivers

2021 Record: 36-5

Returning Starters: RHP/U Kayne Jinks (Sr., 6-3, 210, R/R); RHP/U Lawson Gailey (Sr., 6-2, 200, R/R); LHP/OF Miles Dodd (Sr., 6-1, 180, L/L); C AJ Peeples (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); 1B/3B Chandler Coulter (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); SS/RHP Dee Oliver (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Garrett Garner (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R)



AJ Peeples
Franklin County



Ty Peeples
Franklin County

Other Returning Players: OF/RHP Ryder Emmons (Jr., 6-0, 155, R/R); C Bryson Halbrook (Sr., 5-9, 135, R/R); OF Landon Bruce (Sr., 6-2, 170, R/R); RHP/U Duncan Beasley (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R); LHP/OF Will Cary (So., 5-9, 130, L/L); C Payton Crump (So., 5-10, 150, R/R); 1B Rylan Tampin (Jr., 6-1, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 2B/RHP Ty Peeples (Fr., 6-2, 180, L/R)

Season Outlook: After finishing as the state runner-up last year, Franklin returns its strong pitching rotation of Lawson Gailey (12-2, 1.05 ERA), Kayne Jinks (14-0, 0.75 ERA) and Miles Dodd (6-2, 1.44 ERA). All-state shortstop Dee Oliver and offensive leaders AJ Peeples, Chandler Coulter and Garrett Garner also return as the Lions will be back in the chase.



HART COUNTY BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Josh Osborne

Assistant Coach (s): Hunter Barton, Chris Wilson

2021 Record: 23-10

Returning Starters: LHP/OF Tanner Ayers (Sr., 6-2, 190, L/L); LHP/1B Peyton Powell (Sr., 6-2, 215, L/L); C/OF/U Paul Davis (Jr., 6-1, 190, R/R); C/INF Riley

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Class 3A

Posey (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 3B/RHP Nolan Dean (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); 1B/OF/LHP Jake Dombrowsky (Sr., 5-9, 185, R/L); INF/OF Chase Sanders (Sr., 5-6, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: After losing six starters to graduation, Hart County will be looking for some younger players to fill key positions. But the slate is not all bare. Left-handed pitchers Tanner Ayers and Peyton Powell return, while versatile all-state selection Paul Davis also returns.



MONROE AREA PURPLE HURRICANES

Head Coach (s): Chad Kitchens

Assistant Coach (s): Blake McCullers, Josh Stephens, Sasser Conner, Todd Dalton, Andy Martin

2021 Record: 11-19

Returning Starters: C Aiden Fenn (Sr., 5-11, 190, R/R); RHP/SS Hunter Redden (Sr., 6-1, 160, R/R); RHP Dalton Wilcox (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); RHP/OF Landon Housley (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); 1B Walker Salyer (Sr., 6-1, 200, R/R); OF Russell Hunley (So., 6-0, 200, R/R); LHP/1B Jake Hegwood (So., 5-11, 180, L/L)

Other Returning Players: OF Nathan Hall (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF Chris Rahl (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); RHP/OF A.M. Gattis (Jr., 6-0, 190, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 3B Bradyn Sorrow (Sr., 5-10, 220, R/R); 3B Cameron Baldwin (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); 1B Camron Conner (Jr., 6-0, 250, R/R); RHP/3B Aiden Harrison (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/3B Tyler Jackson (Jr., 6-0, 200, R/R);

2B Robbie Gay (So., 6-0, 170, R/R); C Dylan Hamby (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP/3B Javien Todd (So., 6-2, 190, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Hurricanes just missed the playoffs last season. With seven returning starters and a solid group of pitchers returning, look for Monroe Area to be back in the hunt. Some younger talent will need to step forward, but pitcher/shortstop Hunter Redden and pitcher/outfielder Landon Housley return to lead an excellent senior class.



OCONEE COUNTY WARRIORS

Head Coach (s): Tom Gooch

Assistant Coach (s): Eric Watson, Alex Holmes, Phillip Faulkner, Conor Gunby

2021 Record: 19-11

Returning Starters: LHP Sam Carter (Sr., 5-11, 150, L/L); RHP/OF Banks Arnold (Jr., 6-2, 185, R/R); C Ben Field (Sr., 6-0, 150, R/R); 3B Logan Taylor (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); SS Landon Tate (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); 1B TL Saxon (Sr., 6-4, 250, R/R); OF Dylan Manders (Jr., 6-0, 200, R/R); OF Kyle Strickland (Jr., 6-1, 210,



Dylan Manders
Oconee County



Kyle Strickland
Oconee County

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Class 3A

R/R); 2B Holden Lewis (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Darius Johnson (Sr., 5-11, 190, L/L); 3B Kade Donaldson (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); C Glenn Higgins (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF Brooks Kilzi (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R); 1B Landon Kuykendall (Jr., 6-0, 220, R/R); SS/2B Grant Williamson (Sr., 6-1, 200, R/R); OF Wyatt Lewis (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/OF Hudson Mullins (Sr., 6-4, 200, R/R)

Season Outlook: The bulk of Oconee County's team from last year returns as the Warriors should challenge for the region title. First baseman TL Saxon leads a solid senior class, while top pitchers Sam Carter and Banks Arnold return to lead what should be a strong pitching rotation.



Landon Tate
Oconee County

McCollum (Sr., R/R); OF Bailey Stowe (Jr., R/R); RHP Patrick Murray (Jr., R/R); OF Jacob Pruitt (Jr., L/L); INF Landon Kimsey (Sr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Indians made the state playoffs last season and seek to return. Seven starters are back, including all-state outfielder Carson Worley and first baseman/pitcher Cruz Mullinix. Third baseman Ben Stowe is back after a strong sophomore campaign in 2021.

STEPHENS COUNTY INDIANS

Head Coach: Greg McCall

Assistant Coach (s): Michael Thomas, Austin Lord, Alex Hernandez

2021 Record: 11-18

Returning Starters: C Nick Randall (Jr., R/R); OF Carson Worley (Sr., L/L); 1B/LHP Cruz Mullinix (Sr., L/L); INF/RHP Ayden Garmon (Sr., R/R); SS Craig Thurmond (So., R/R); 3B Ben Stowe (Jr., R/R); OF/LHP Garrett Pless (Jr., L/L)

Other Returning Players: 1B/LHP Garrett Burgess (Sr., L/L); C Seth



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Class 2A

Preseason Top 15

No.	Team	2021 Record	Returning Starters	Comment
1.	 Pace Academy	21-8	6	Knights will be tough to beat
2.	 Vidalia	29-6	10	Indians loaded after falling short in '21
3.	 Jeff Davis	28-14	7	Jackets will be there ... again
4.	 Lovett	22-14	8	Lions will be back in chase
5.	 Thomasville	23-12	10	Bulldogs have team to contend
6.	 Callaway	24-14	7	Moore, Starling will take Cavs far
7.	 Bleckley County	24-8	8	Royals will be tough again
8.	 Elbert County	27-9	7	Elbert has talent to be dangerous
9.	 Pepperell	23-12	8	Dragons lost a lot, return a lot
10.	 Bremen	28-9	5	Blue Devils always tough
11.	 Haralson County	15-15	5	Don't take the Rebels lightly
12.	 Coosa	19-12	8	Eagles got on the radar last year
13.	 Model	24-8	6	Chastain, Ashley lead way
14.	 Worth County	18-8	7	Rams a team to watch out for
15.	 Westside-Augusta	20-10	8	Wise, Patriots could be sleeper

Teams to watch (In alphabetical order)

Banks County, Berrien, Cook, Dade County, Fannin County

REGION 1-2A

Region Favorite: Thomasville

Players to Watch

INF – Grant Bagley, Sr., Cook; **SS** – Connor Clemons, Sr., Fitzgerald; **CF**/
RHP – Chip Cooper, Jr., Worth County; **P/INF** – Cayden Dixon, Jr., Cook;
OF/LHP – Gabe Duncan, Sr., Thomasville; **U/RHP** – Anderson Everett,
 Jr., Thomasville; **OF/RHP** – Carson Fryman, Jr., Thomasville; **OF** – Jasper
 Goodman, Jr., Fitzgerald; **RHP/OF** – Owen Hancock, So., Worth County;
SS/RHP – Gaines Harrell, Jr., Early County; **3B/RHP** – Dylan Hatton, Sr.,
 Early County; **OF/LHP** – Jacob Jordan, Jr., Thomasville; **LHP/1B** – Landon
 Kight, Jr., Fitzgerald; **RHP/SS** – Qrey Lott, Jr., Berrien; **1B/RHP** – Jace
 Lowe, Sr., Thomasville; **2B/SS** – Beau Nix, Sr., Berrien; **INF** – Gus Novak, Jr.,
 Thomasville; **OF** – Jake Permenter, Sr., Cook; **OF/RHP** – Ben Rawlings, Sr.,
 Thomasville; **OF/1B** – Witt Shepard, Sr., Berrien; **RHP/3B** – Travis Staley,
 Sr., Berrien; **OF/3B/C** – Witt Wetherington, Sr., Thomasville

(Sr., 6-2, 200, R/R); **OF/1B** Witt Shepard (Sr., 6-1, 230, R/R); **OF** Cole Shively (Jr.,
 6-0, 175, R/R); **RHP/SS** Qrey Lott (Jr., 6-3, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: **RHP/1B/C** Jacob Dillard (Sr., 6-0, 240, R/R); **OF**
 Josh Spells (Jr., 5-8, 170, R/R); **2B** Bart Nix (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); **OF** Tanner
 McCranie (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); **LHP** Brant Sain (Jr., 6-0, 195, L/L); **1B/3B** Kaeden
 Barnett (Jr., 5-10, 215, R/R)

Season Outlook: After a slow start, the Rebels finished strong in 2021, and
 they look to take that positive momentum into this spring. Five starters are
 back, including pitcher/shortstop Qrey Lott. If the Rebels can find some
 consistent pitching, they will contend for a playoff berth once again.



COOK HORNETS

Head Coach (s): Rusty Beale (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Zach Folsom, Justin Klutter

2021 Record: 12-17

Returning Starters: **OF** Jake Permenter (Sr., R/R); **INF** Grant Bagley (Sr., R/R);
OF Andre Jackson (Sr., R/R); **INF/RHP** Matthew Sellers (Sr., R/R); **P/OF** Dylan
 Green (Sr.); **P/INF** Cole Walker (Jr.); **P/INF** Cayden Dixon (Jr.); **P/INF** Charles
 Moore (So.); **P/INF** Kaleb Stephens (So.)

Other Returning Players: **OF** Jake Matthis (Sr.); **P/INF** Dylan Carroll (Sr.); **P/**
INF Justin McCall (Jr.); **P/C** Aaron Felts (Jr.)

Season Outlook: Former assistant Rusty Beale takes over after the Hornets
 failed to make the playoffs in 2021. Look for Cook to be back and make a run
 at a postseason berth this spring. Nine starters are back, including outfielder
 Jake Permenter and pitcher/infielder Cayden Dixon.



BERRIEN REBELS

Head Coach (s): Doug Nix

Assistant Coach (s): Calem Ray, Adam Haire, Cole Garrett

2021 Record: 13-20

Returning Starters: **RHP/3B** Travis Staley (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); **INF** Beau Nix

Class 2A

EARLY COUNTY BOBCATS

Head Coach (s): Shawn Gilmer

Assistant Coach (s): Craig Dempsey, Myles Gay

2021 Record: 12-17

Returning Starters: 3B/RHP Dylan Hatton (Sr., 5-11, 190, R/R); 1B/RHP Landon White (Sr., 6-4, 195, R/R); SS/RHP Gaines Harrell (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); 2B/RHP Noah Odom (So., 5-8, 135, R/R); OF Mikhael Chrispen (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Astyn Grimes (So., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF Rafael Valles (Sr., 5-6, 155, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/OF Macon McNair (So., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF Kade Smith (Jr., 5-7, 130, R/R); RHP Baylen Tedder (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); 1B Ryan Bright (Sr., 6-1, 315, R/R); OF/RHP Eli Enfinger (So., 5-8, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF CJ Williams (Fr., 6-2, 190, R/R); RHP Matthew King (Fr., 5-9, 130, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Bobcats welcome back seven returning starters, including senior Dylan Hatton and junior Gaines Harrell and should have a chance to contend for a postseason berth this spring. Early County has a good mixture of talent. Some talented underclassmen will be expected to help out.

FITZGERALD PURPLE HURRICANES

Head Coach (s): Brandon Reeder (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Scott Williams, Jacob McIntosh, Matt Taylor, Johnny Croley

2021 Record: 16-17

Returning Starters: SS Connor Clemons (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R); LHP/1B Landon Kight (Jr., 5-11, 185, L/L); C Drew Moore (Jr., 6-1, 190, R/R); OF Jasper Goodman (Jr., 5-10, 175, L/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Ty Paulk (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Avery Newell (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); INF/RHP Chase Carroll (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); OF Zach Alexander (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); INF/OF Ryan Smith (Jr., 5-8, 140, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/RHP Ashton Bryan (Fr., 6-0, 170, L/R)

Season Outlook: Former ABAC head coach Brandon Reeder takes over at Fitzgerald and inherits a young team. However, the Hurricanes aren't short on talent. Junior Landon Kight leads a solid pitching rotation, while senior shortstop Connor Clemons and junior outfielder Jasper Goodman return to spark the offense.



THOMASVILLE BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Erik McDougald

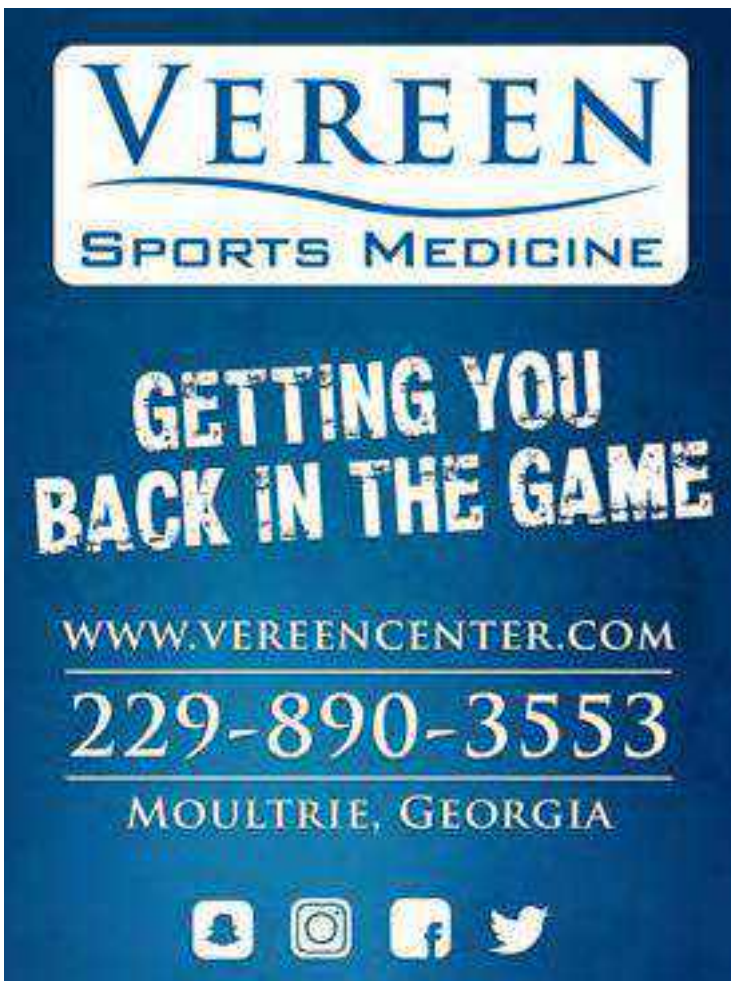
Assistant Coach (s): Brice Warner, Kyle Fiveash, Daniel Young, Phil Swindell

2021 Record: 23-12

Returning Starters: OF/1B/C Mason Beckham (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R); OF/LHP Gabe Duncan (Sr., 5-11, 190, L/L); OF/3B/C Witt Wetherington (Sr., 6-2, 195, R/R); OF/RHP Ben Rawlings (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); 1B/RHP Jace



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Class 2A

Lowe (Sr., 6-5, 280, R/R); U/RHP Anderson Everett (Jr., 6-1, 150, R/R); INF Ryan Renfro (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); INF Gus Novak (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R); OF/LHP Jacob Jordan (Jr., 6-0, 180, L/L); OF/RHP Carson Fryman (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/P Will West (Sr.); OF Cage Owens (Sr.); OF John Murphy Singletary (Sr.); LHP Jacob Smith (Sr.); OF/P Colby Aquino (Sr.); 1B James Douglas (Jr.); OF Beck Nicholson (Jr.); OF/P Asher Little (Jr.); OF Ayden Aque (Jr.); C/P Matt Delarber (Jr.); OF Caden Shokat (Jr.); U/P Parker Beckham (So.); INF Tyler Lee (So.); U/P Jadon Lirette (So.); P Cruz McCall (So.); OF Jad Doane (So.); INF Caden Fiveash (So.); OF/1B/P JW Hawthorne (So.)

Top Newcomers: Jasper Davis (Fr.); London Young (Fr.); Trip Gebel (Fr.); David Chastain (Fr.); Jay Harrison (Fr.); Hull Krech (Fr.); Kit Parrish (Fr.); Owen Everett (Fr.); Sam Gerleman (Fr.); Kohen Howell (Fr.); Bradley Vanlerberghe (Fr.)

Season Outlook: The Bulldogs have the talent and experience to make a deep postseason run. Thomasville had only two players graduate. All-state performers Gabe Duncan, Witt Wetherington and Jacob Jordan return to lead the way. Pitching will be strong as Duncan, Ben Rawlings, Jace Lowe, Anderson Everett, Jordan and Carson Fryman form a strong rotation.



WORTH COUNTY RAMS

Head Coach (s): Will Smith

Assistant Coach (s): Kaleb Hathcock, Allen Fender

2021 Record: 18-8

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Chip Cooper (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); OF/C Parker Weaver (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); INF Cody Garwood (Jr., 5-7, 150, R/R); RHP/OF Owen Hancock (So., 6-2, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Owen Fletcher (So., 5-9, 175, R/R); INF Luke Smith (So., 5-8, 165, L/R); 1B/LHP Christian McDonald (So., 5-10, 155, L/L)

Other Returning Players: C/RHP Austin Clark (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); OF Clint Bragg (So., 5-9, 150, R/R); OF Coy Etheredge (So., 5-6, 150, R/R); RHP/INF Lalan Ellis (So., 5-10, 185, R/R); OF Tate Cooper (So., 5-7, 125, R/R); INF Jonathan McDonald (So., 5-4, 150, R/R); 1B/OF Ryan Lumpkin (So., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Drake Jones (Fr., 5-10, 145, R/R); RHP/INF Caden Emerson (Fr., 5-9, 185, R/R); RHP/OF/1B Grant Juster (Fr., 6-4, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: In what was supposed to be a rebuilding year in 2021, the Rams won 18 games and finished second in the region. The Rams lost five starters from last year, but they have a lot of young talent returning. Outfielder/pitcher Chip Cooper (.426 avg.) and sophomore pitcher Owen Hancock are two players to keep an eye on.



Austin Clark
Worth County



Owen Fletcher
Worth County



Cody Garwood
Worth County



Luke Smith
Worth County

REGION 2-2A

Region Favorite: Vidalia

Players to Watch

OF/RHP – Cason Banks, Jr., Vidalia; **SS/RHP** – Trenton Clance, Sr., Jeff Davis; **OF/LHP** – Brady Cothorn, Sr., Bacon County; **2B/RHP** – Kevin Cox, Sr., Vidalia; **1B/RHP** – Ty Dalley, Sr., Vidalia; **OF** – Bryce Davis, Sr., Vidalia; **C** – Jason Dukes, Sr., Toombs County; **LHP** – Kaleb Edenfield, Sr., Swainsboro; **C** – Matthew Glass, Sr., Jeff Davis; **C** – Hughes Graham, Sr., Vidalia; **OF** – Ethan Griffin, Jr., Jeff Davis; **3B/C** – Trayvon Harris, So., Toombs County; **LHP** – Logan Knight, Sr., Toombs County; **RHP/SS/C** – Lenox Lively, So., Swainsboro; **RHP/1B** – Alex Mason, So., Jeff Davis; **3B/RHP** – Walker Moncus, Jr., Vidalia; **RHP/1B** – Bryce Morley, Sr., Vidalia; **SS/RHP** – Caden Spivey, Sr., Vidalia; **RHP/SS/3B** – Duke Stone, So., Jeff Davis; **RHP/1B** – Brantley Upshaw, So., Toombs County; **LHP/OF** – Jordan Walden, Sr., Vidalia; **RHP/2B** – Bryson Whited, Sr., Vidalia; **RHP/1B** – Cam Williams, Sr., Jeff Davis



BACON COUNTY RED RAIDERS

Head Coach (s): Noble Coley

Assistant Coach (s): Stephen Tyre, Patrick McDonald, Mathew Beecher

2021 Record: 12-14

Returning Starters: OF Brady Cothorn (Sr., 6-0, 185, L/L); INF/RHP Jackson Conner (Sr., 6-2, 180, L/R); 1B/RHP Cole Smith (Sr., 6-3, 205, R/R); OF Tyronn Deen (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); C/RHP Jarrett Arney (Jr., 6-0, 210, L/R); U Jordan Martin (Jr., 6-0, 190, R/R); INF/RHP Garrett Ahl (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP Chance Ivey (So., 6-4, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF George Roberts (So.); OF/P Hayden Taylor (So.); C Cale Taylor (So.); INF/P Aiden White (Jr.); OF Hunter Brady (So.); C Slayde Ardery (So.); OF Mills Solomon (So.)

Top Newcomers: INF/P Ryker Tomberlin (Jr.); Ray Tucker (Fr.); Ryland Boatright (Fr.)

Season Outlook: The Raiders struggled some last year, but look for Bacon County to again be back in the postseason hunt this spring. Eight starters are back. One of those is offensive catalyst Brady Cothorn (.364 avg., 3 HR). If the Raiders can be consistent on the mound, they will improve upon last year's record.



EAST LAURENS FALCONS

Head Coach: Gene Mulkey (new)

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JEFF DAVIS YELLOW JACKETS

Head Coach: Paul Glass

Assistant Coach (s): Roger Metts, Kaleb Brown, Jeff McGowan, Justin Kilpatrick

2021 Record: 28-14

Returning Starters: C

Matthew Glass (Sr., 6-3, 220); RHP/1B Cam Williams (Sr., 6-2, 200); SS/RHP Trenton Clance (Sr., 5-10, 180); OF Ethan Griffin (Jr., 6-0, 190); OF Cason Clance (Jr., 5-10, 150); RHP/1B Alex Mason (So., 6-2, 200); RHP/SS/3B Duke Stone (So., 6-5, 190)



Cason Clance
Jeff Davis



Ethan Griffin
Jeff Davis

Other Returning Players: RHP

Josh Griffin (Sr., 6-1, 180); OF/C/RHP Carter Mullis (So., 6-0, 180); OF/RHP Hayden Turner (So., 6-0, 170); INF/RHP Ethan Picanso (So., 5-9, 150); INF Jackson Sayer (So., 5-9, 150); OF/RHP Kamden Munsayac (So., 5-11, 160); INF/DH Tre Rea (So., 5-11, 220)

Top Newcomers: INF/DH Carter Wooten (Fr., 5-11, 190); LHP Andrew White (Fr., 5-11, 150); INF Eli Saunders (Fr., 5-10, 140); INF/RHP Jonathan Bohannon (Fr., 5-10, 160)

Season Outlook: After winning a state title in what many believed was a rebuilding season, look for Jeff Davis to contend again in 2022. The roster may be young, but the Jackets have experience, especially on the mound as Cam Williams, Duke Stone, Alex Mason and Trenton Clance all threw in some key games last year. Catcher Matthew Glass and Clance return on offense after a strong season last spring.



Alex Mason
Jeff Davis

Returning Starters: C Jason Dukes (Sr., R/R); LHP Logan Knight (Sr., R/L); C/1B Wil Watts (Jr., R/R); 2B/OF Dawson Brantley (Jr., R/R); RHP/1B Brantley Upshaw (So., R/R); 3B/C Trayvon Harris (So., R/R); SS Jesus Quintero (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: RF Bryson Stanley (Sr., R/R); CF Kodie Cortez (Sr., R/R); LHP Caden VerSluis (Sr., R/L); RHP/INF Lucas O'Conner (Jr., R/R); RHP Gavin Hall (Jr., R/R); INF Carson Braddy (Jr., R/R); INF Gailan Wilds (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/1B Jackson Jenkins (Fr., R/R); OF Kipp Mosley (Fr., R/R); OF Dylan Veder (Fr., R/R); OF Anthony Ball (Fr., R/R); OF Cameron Leadford (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: If the Bulldogs can find some more pitching to compliment returners Logan Knight and Brantley Upshaw, they should be back in the postseason hunt. Seven starters are back, including first team all-region catcher Jason Dukes and third baseman/catcher Trayvon Harris.



VIDALIA INDIANS

Head Coach (s): Brent Korn

Assistant Coach (s): Rhett Carter, Ben Beck

2021 Record: 29-6

Returning Starters: 3B/RHP

Walker Moncus (Jr., R/R); OF/RHP Cason Banks (Jr., L/R); RHP/2B Bryson Whited (Sr., R/R); 1B/RHP Ty Dalley (Sr., L/R); C Hughes Graham (Sr., R/R); LHP/OF Jordan Walden (Sr., R/L); SS/RHP Caden Spivey (Sr., R/R); OF Bryce Davis (Sr., R/R); 2B/RHP Kevin Cox (Sr., R/R); RHP/1B Bryce Morley (Sr., R/R)



Kevin Cox
Vidalia



Bryce Davis
Vidalia

Other Returning Players: OF Chandler Corbett (Jr., R/R); 2B Morgan Moye (Jr., R/R); OF Tucker Coleman (Sr., R/R); OF Kaleb Bennett (Jr., L/R)

Top Newcomers: C/RHP Dawson Stewart (Fr., R/R); RHP/INF Jackson Berry (Fr., R/R); U Ian Moye (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Indians felt they underachieved last year when they lost in the state quarterfinals. The bulk of that team returns and they will have a chip on their shoulder this spring. A total of 10 returners are back, including top pitchers Bryson Whited (7-2, 2.82 ERA), Caden Spivey (7-2, 0.90 ERA) and Bryce Morley, while power hitters Hughes Graham (.430 avg, 36 RBIs) and Ty Dalley (.381 avg, 34 RBIs) return.



SWAINSBORO TIGERS

Head Coach (s): Ashley Hooks

Assistant Coach (s): Corey Chalker, Reagan Moxley, Heath Palmer, Frank Vashaw

2021 Record: 10-19

Returning Starters: LHP Kaleb Edenfield (Sr., R/L); OF Harrison Jones (Sr., R/L); RHP/SS/C Lenox Lively (So., L/R); RHP/3B Kason Palmer (So., R/R); 1B Brandon Chapman (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: C Caden Daley (So., R/R); LHP Nathan Riddle (Sr., L/L); OF River Green (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/SS Cody Parks (Fr., R/R); RHP/OF Ashton DeLoach (Fr., R/R); 2B Jeremy Justice (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Tigers will be young in 2022, but that doesn't mean this team won't be talented. Left-handed pitcher Kaleb Edenfield returns, giving the Tigers a solid nucleus to build around. Look for an excellent group of sophomores to help out.



TOOMBS COUNTY BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Derek James

Assistant Coach (s): Don Mims, Pat Craft, Hayne Brant

2021 Record: 16-13

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REGION 3-2A

Region Favorite: Bleckley County

Players to Watch

SS/RHP – Matthew Bland, Sr., Bleckley County; **C/INF** – Cyler Bloodworth, Jr., Washington County; **RHP/1B** – Carter Brannon, Sr., Bleckley County; **3B** – Brian Dennis, Sr., Northeast-Macon; **OF/RHP** – James Fordham, Jr., Bleckley County; **C/RHP** – JR Fordham, Sr., Bleckley County; **SS/RHP** – Hunter Hays, So., Jasper County; **OF/RHP** – Braylon Mincey, Jr., Dodge County; **3B/RHP/C** – Eli Mullis, Jr., Bleckley County; **RHP** – Tanner Patterson, Sr., Lamar County; **2B** – Caleb Senters, Jr., Bleckley County; **OF** – Colton Smith, Jr., Washington County; **OF** – Nathaniel Tidwell, Sr., Lamar County



BLECKLEY COUNTY ROYALS

Head Coach (s): Brad Davis

Assistant Coach (s): William Barham, Jacob Byram, Tyler Sellars, Shane Savant

2021 Record: 24-8

Returning Starters: C/RHP JR Fordham (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); SS/RHP Matthew Bland (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP/1B Carter Brannon (Sr., 6-5, 185, R/R); OF/RHP James Fordham (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R); 3B/RHP/C Eli Mullis (Jr., 5-11, 190, L/R); 2B Caleb Senters (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); OF Ethan Savant (Sr., 5-11, 150, R/R); OF Dawson Chapman (Jr., 5-6, 155, L/R)

Other Returning Players: SS/RHP Cason Bryant (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF/LHP Buck Hill (Jr., 5-6, 155, L/L); 3B Caleb Hill (Sr., 5-9, 180, R/R); 3B/RHP Shane Knighton (So., 6-0, 175, L/R); 2B/OF J'Shun Height (Jr., 5-7, 180, R/R); OF Adrian Mullis (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); C/RHP Jacob Grant (So., 6-1, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Royals have some holes to fill, but they should pick up from where they left off last year. All-state catcher JR Fordham leads a solid senior class. Bleckley has a solid pitching staff returning, but the Royals must find more pitching depth. Look for Bleckley to once again be a dangerous team.



Matthew Bland
Bleckley County



Carter Brannon
Bleckley County



James Fordham
Bleckley County



Eli Mullis
Bleckley County



DODGE COUNTY INDIANS

Head Coach: Matt Herring

Assistant Coach (s): Kolby Kinsler, Chance Pittman, Daniel Baldino

2021 Record: 20-8

Returning Starters: RHP/1B Jason Lann (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); RHP/OF Tyler Shields (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); OF/RHP Braylon Mincey (Jr., 6-2, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Aren Barden (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); 1B Cameron Gooch (Sr., 5-10, 270, L/L); RHP/3B Joel Joiner (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); C Brady Moore (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); U Gage Pittman (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); INF Trase Moore (Sr., 5-8, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Indians have some holes to fill if they want to approach last year's success. There is talent, but a lot of it is inexperienced. The good news is that a pair of senior starters – Jason Lann and Tyler Shields – return to lead the team.



JASPER COUNTY HURRICANES

Head Coach (s): Brady McMichael

Assistant Coach (s): Zach Houston, Casey Shubert, Amantae Sands, Taylor Fields

2021 Record: 22-10

Returning Starters: RHP/OF Myles Proctor (Sr., 6-2, 195, R/R); 1B Jackson Taylor (Sr., 6-1, 210, L/L); OF Ethan Lynch (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); SS/RHP Hunter Hays (So., 5-9, 175, R/R); 2B/SS Chevy Sands (So., 5-7, 150, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/RHP Tom Schilling (So., 6-2, 160, R/R); C/3B Levi Shaw (Jr., 6-2, 240, R/R); INF/RHP Caden Mitchell (Jr., 6-1, 150, R/R); C/OF Cayden Banks (So., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 1B Luke Terry (Jr., 6-2, 185, L/L); U Hayvan Sprayberry (Fr., 5-8, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Preston Russell (Fr., 5-9, 150, R/R); OF Zachary Ramsey (Fr., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: After winning 22 games last year, the Hurricanes will be looking for some talented underclassmen to step up after Jasper County graduated 10 seniors. Five starters are back, including a trio of seniors in pitcher/outfielder Myles Proctor, first baseman Jackson Taylor and outfielder Ethan Lynch.



LAMAR COUNTY TROJANS

Head Coach (s): Mike Oberg

Assistant Coach (s): Tim Jones, Micah Banks

2021 Record: 7-17

Returning Starters: OF Nathaniel Tidwell (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); RHP Tanner Patterson (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); INF Ayden Hollis (Jr., 5-5, 165, R/R); INF Rhett Blount (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); OF Kale Bryan (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/L); C Johnny Stone (So., 5-9, 155, R/R); RHP Caden Dewitt (So., 5-11, 205, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Jake Hutto (So., 5-11, 160, R/R); U Cam King (So., 5-11, 170, R/R); OF Hutson Traylor (So., 5-10, 150, R/R); U Talon Dender (So., 5-10, 150, R/R); RHP Jackson Grogan (So., 5-10, 155, R/R); OF Lane Wilson (So., 5-9, 140, R/R); RHP Mason Oberg (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Everett Horne (Fr., 5-7, 145, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Trojans expect to be much better this spring after a disappointing finish in 2021. Seven starters are back, including a trio of

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seniors. One of them is all region pitcher Tanner Patterson. Lamar County will still be a relatively young team. Some underclassmen will need to help out.



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): Brannon Bonifay, Brad Wallace, Brandon Dickson
2021 Record: 10-15

Returning Starters: RHP/INF/OF Justin Brett (Sr., 6-1, 260, R/R); RHP/INF Bishop Copeland (Sr., 5-10, 270, R/R); RHP/INF Jonathan Mobley (Sr., 6-0, 150, R/R); RHP/INF/OF Chris Yates (Sr., 6-0, 155, R/R); OF Colton Smith (Jr., 6-2, 195, R/R); C/INF Cyler Bloodworth (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); C/INF Connor Gunn (Jr., 5-9, 165, L/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/INF Collin Waller (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); INF Keith Fraley (Jr., 5-9, 240, L/L); INF Robert Clark (Jr., 5-7, 150, R/R); OF Morgan Jones (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF Khalil Ivey (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R); RHP/INF/OF Cole Jackson (So., 5-10, 145, R/R); C/OF Tyler Brookins (So., 6-0, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Brayden Lanthrip (Fr., 5-6, 130, R/R); OF Mason Welch (Fr., 5-9, 145, R/R); OF Preston Carroll (Fr., 5-9, 140, R/R)

Season Outlook: An excellent group of returning players should help Washington County compete for a playoff position again. The Golden Hawks welcome back seven starters, including outfielder Colton Smith and catcher/infielder Cyler Bloodworth. Keep an eye on a solid group of juniors and sophomores who will contribute.

REGION 4-2A

Region Favorite: Westside-Augusta

Players to Watch

OF – Amari Archie, So., Laney; **RHP/OF** – William Baker, Sr., Westside-Augusta; **INF/RHP** – Christian Boose, Sr., Westside-Augusta; **CF/INF** – Rory Dunbar, So., Laney; **SS** – Landon Eberhart, Sr., Oglethorpe County; **1B/RHP** – Bennett England, Sr., Oglethorpe County; **LHP/1B** – CJ Farmer, Sr., Jefferson County; **LHP** – Jacob Grimes, Jr., Putnam County; **2B/SS** – Tre'Shon Hinkins, Jr., Laney; **OF/3B/RHP** – Henry Johnson, Sr., Oglethorpe County; **OF/LHP/1B** – Gerald Kilgore, Sr., Putnam County; **C** – Chase Lupton, Sr., Putnam County; **RHP** – Blane McFarland, Jr., Oglethorpe County; **P** – Ke'Shon Sanders, Jr., Laney; **2B/3B/RHP** – Russell Smith, Sr., Oglethorpe County; **RHP/SS/C** – Ryan Tripp, Jr., Jefferson County; **RHP/C** – Jack Wise, Sr., Westside-Augusta



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): TBA

2021 Record: 21-9

Returning Starters: 1B/LHP CJ Farmer (Sr., 6-1, 175, L/L); RHP/SS/C Ryan Tripp (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Baylor Parker (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C Josh Guy (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Travis Brazell (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); RHP/2B Dawson Sheppard (Jr., 5-7, 140, R/R); INF/RHP/C Caleb Dukes (So., 5-8, 150, R/R); OF/RHP Evln Usry (So., 5-9, 165, R/R); INF Nathan Sims (Jr., 5-5, 135, R/R); 1B Grayson Maxwell (So., 6-1, 170, L/L); OF/RHP Caine Hall (So., 6-1, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Chevy Farmer (Fr., 5-6, 140, R/R); 2B Jackson Hoffman (Fr., 5-3, 135, R/R)

Season Outlook: The defending region champions have some key positions to fill this spring if they want to approach last year's success. Only three starters are back, but the good news is that first baseman/pitcher CJ Farmer returns. Look for a solid group of underclassmen to contribute.



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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, Steven Irwin, Brice Bonner
2021 Record: 15-18

Returning Starters: SS Landon Eberhart (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF/3B/RHP Henry Johnson (Sr., 6-3, 170, R/R); 2B/3B/RHP Russell Smith (Sr., 6-1, 185, L/R); 1B/RHP Bennett England (Sr., 6-1, 200, R/R); U/RHP Clay Frost (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); C Jonathan Cronic (Sr., 5-8, 175, R/R); RHP Blane McFarland (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/2B Logan Turner (Sr., 5-5, 160, R/R); OF Skylor Prince (Sr., 6-1, 205, R/R); C Daniel Garcia (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R); U/RHP Coop Mattox (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); 1B/RHP Landon Autry (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); OF/C Cohen Caldwell (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); OF/RHP Owen Fletcher (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R); U Cole Horsley (So., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/1B Eli Frost (Fr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Patriots continue to improve and this spring could be their best season under coach Kris Patel. Seven starters are back, including pitchers Bennett England and Blane McFarland. Versatile standouts Henry Johnson and Russell Smith also return as well as shortstop Landon Eberhart. A strong senior class will lead the way.



PUTNAN COUNTY WAR EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Michael Phiel
Survey not returned



WESTSIDE-AUGUSTA PATRIOTS

Head Coach (s): Gerald Barnes
Assistant Coach (s): Jerry Hunter, Matthew Schlein
2021 Record: 20-10

Returning Starters: RHP/OF William Baker (Sr., 6-3, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Christian Boose (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP/C Jack Wise (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R); 3B Jayden Wright (Jr., 5-11, 195, R/R); 1B Kylone Hudson (Jr., 6-5, 200, R/R); OF Riley Keeter (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/R); C/INF



Christian Boose
Westside-Augusta



William Baker
Westside-Augusta

Danzil Beeson (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R); LHP/1B Logan Wise (So., 5-11, 165, L/L)
Other Returning Players: INF Riley Walker (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); 3B Mason Roundtree (So., 5-9, 155, R/R); OF Spencer Randolph (So., 5-10, 150, R/R); 1B Charles Jimpenson (Jr., 5-11, 225, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/SS Hunter Barrow (Fr., 5-10, 145, R/R); RHP/SS Rocky Murphy (Fr., 5-10, 155, R/R); 1B Tristian Williamson (Fr., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Patriots won 20 games last season and should challenge for the Region 4-2A crown this spring. Don't sleep on Westside as eight starters are back, including standout pitcher Jack Wise and Christian Boose. Keep an eye on sophomore pitcher Logan Wise who was promising as a freshman last year.

REGION 5-2A

Region Favorite: Callaway

Players to Watch

OF – Blayne Barlow, Sr., Heard County; **SS** – Chance Brown, Sr., Heard County; **RHP/INF** – Holden Davis, So., Haralson County; **1B** – Will Hindman, Sr., Bremen; **3B/RHP** – Bryce Hubbard, So., Callaway; **RHP/3B** – Clay Hyatt, Sr., Haralson County; **OF/LHP** – Carter Kittrell, Sr., Temple; **C** – Tyler Lasseater, Jr., Heard County; **OF** – Andrew Locke, Sr., Callaway; **OF/RHP** – Blake Matthews, Sr., Bremen; **RHP/INF** – Justin Moore, Sr., Callaway; **OF** – Isaiah O'Neal, Sr., Heard County; **LHP/OF** – Carson Ray, Jr., Haralson County; **3B/RHP** – Ricky Ruiz, Sr., Temple; **RHP/INF** – Tucker Starling, Sr., Callaway; **LHP** – Jake Steed, So., Bremen; **U** – CJ Stephens, Jr., Callaway; **C/1B** – Gage Tucker, Sr., Temple; **INF/RHP** – Luke Watson, Sr., Temple; **OF/RHP** – Kael Whiddon, Jr., Temple



BREMEN BLUE DEVILS

Head Coach (s): Chris Brown
Assistant Coach (s): Doc Fowlkes, Mick Harper, Brad Matthews, Tim Trowell, Doug Allen, Will Thompson
2021 Record: 28-9

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Blake Matthews (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R); DH/U Ty Morris (Sr., 6-3, 185, R/L); INF Beau Kelley (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R); 1B Will Hindman (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/L); LHP Jake Steed (So., 6-1, 170, R/L)

Other Returning Players: RHP Denver Crook (Sr., 5-10, 250, R/R); RHP AJ Lipham (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); C JT Wood (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); INF/C Carter Smith (Sr., 5-10, 260, R/R); OF Brayden Huey (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: SS Easton White (So., 6-2, 160, R/R); U Mason Mims (Fr., 6-3, 160, R/R); LHP Aden Price (Fr., 6-0, 150, L/L); OF Nick Richardson (Fr., 6-0, 140, R/L)



Beau Kelley
Bremen



Ty Morris
Bremen

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Season Outlook: The defending region champions have some holes to fill to approach last year's success. A talented senior class returns, but many of them need to mature and develop. Outfielder/pitcher Blake Matthews is back to lead the way after an all-state season last year.



Easton White
Bremen

CALLAWAY CAVALIERS

Head Coach (s): Dusty Hubbard

Assistant Coach (s): Jon Hopper, Tim Freeman, Lee Phelps

2021 Record: 24-14

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Justin Moore (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); RHP/INF Tucker Starling (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Andrew Locke (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); U CJ Stephens (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); C Blake Sheppard (Jr., 5-9, 195, R/R); 3B/RHP Bryce Hubbard (So., 6-1, 180, L/R); 1B/DH Nate Lee (Sr., 6-4, 245, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Garrett Huckleberry (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); INF/RHP Houston Wilson (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R); OF Avery Hewell (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); LHP/1B Brantin Swanson (So., 5-8, 185, R/L)

Top Newcomers: SS/RHP Jacob Karvelas (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: If the Cavaliers can be consistent on offense, they will be expected to contend for the region title. Callaway returns two of the region's top two pitchers in senior right-handers Justin Moore (8-4, 1.55 ERA) and Tucker Starling (7-4, 2.06 ERA). Outfielder Andrew Locke and third baseman Bryce Hubbard return after posting solid offensive numbers last year.

HARALSON COUNTY REBELS

Head Coach (s): Patrick Syer

Assistant Coach (s): Joe Cash, Triston Cash, Ethan Simms, Luke Cash

2021 Record: 15-15

Returning Starters: RHP/1B Colton Sanders (Sr., 6-3, 250, R/R); C/INF Haldyn Williams (So., 5-8, 140, R/R); RHP/INF Holden Davis (So., 5-8, 165, R/R); LHP/OF Carson Ray (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/L); RHP/3B Clay Hyatt (Sr., 6-1, 200, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/INF Evan Long (Jr., 5-11, 185, R/R); OF Caden Hughes (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R); C Colin Brown (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF Logan Addison (Jr., 5-11, 155, R/R); 3B Nate Buchanan (Jr., 5-10, 210, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Rebels have some key positions to fill after making a run to the state quarterfinals last year. But don't count them out. The good news is that three of the team's top pitchers are back – right-handers Clay Hyatt and Holden Davis and left-hander Carson Ray. If Haralson can perform consistently on offense, they could approach last year's success.

HEARD COUNTY BRAVES

Head Coach (s): Trent Bianco

Assistant Coach (s): Gavin Porter, Tyler Spradlin, Trevor Spradlin, Matt Hornsby

2021 Record: 11-20

Returning Starters: SS Chance Brown (Sr., 6-2, 165, R/R); OF Isaiah O'Neal (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); OF Blayne Barlow (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Aidan Boyd

(Sr., 6-3, 175, R/R); C Tyler Lasseter (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP Connell White (Jr., 6-2, 165, R/R); 1B John Paul Awbrey (Jr., 6-3, 170, R/R); INF Will Alford (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Noah Cantrell (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); DH Bo Langley (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B Matthew Raines (Sr., 6-2, 170, L/R); OF/RHP Jacob Watts (Jr., 5-9, 145, R/R); C Blake Oldham (So., 6-0, 190, R/R); RHP/OF Sammy Calhoun (So., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Sammy Holliday (So., 6-3, 215, R/R)

Season Outlook: After a disappointing finish in 2021, Heard County looks to rebound this spring as seven starters are back as well as two of its top pitchers in Connell White and Aidan Boyd. All-region catcher Tyler Lasseter returns behind the plate. Versatile athlete Isaiah O'Neal also returns to spark the offense.

TEMPLE TIGERS

Head Coach (s): Jamie Sexton

Assistant Coach (s): Ryan Zaideman, Vaughn Lee, Brad Alligood

2021 Record: 11-17

Returning Starters: C/1B Gage Tucker (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); OF/LHP Carter Kittrell (Sr., 6-2, 175, L/L); 3B/RHP Ricky Ruiz (Sr., 5-9, 195, R/R); INF/RHP Luke Watson (Sr., 6-2, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Kael Whiddon (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R); C Parker Aniel (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); OF Roman Marron (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Isaiah Allen (Jr., 6-1, 165, R/R); 3B/RHP Preston Bott (Jr., 5-10, 215, R/R); OF/1B Connor Mincey (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Tigers continue to make positive strides under coach Jamie Sexton. Seven starters are back, including pitcher Luke Watson (5-3, 3.98 ERA) and offensive leaders Gage Tucker and Carter Kittrell. Keep an eye on outfielder/pitcher Kael Whiddon who was promising as a sophomore last year.

REGION 6-2A

Region Favorite: Pace Academy

Players to Watch

SS/RHP/U – RJ Austin, Sr., Pace Academy; **RHP** – Hayden Bernard, Jr., Lovett; **SS** – Kai Cunningham, Sr., Lovett; **OF** – Logan Givens, Sr., Lovett; **OF/2B** – Duece Jordan, Sr., Pace Academy; **U** – Akil Lewis, Sr., Columbia; **C/RHP/INF** – Milton Little, Sr., McNair; **1B/OF** – Michael Lynch, Sr., Pace Academy; **OF** – Robert Mitchell, Sr., Lovett; **RHP** – Will Prigge, Sr., Lovett; **1B** – Jack Steel, Sr., Lovett; **OF/INF** – Jae Williams, Sr., Pace Academy

COLUMBIA EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Greg Barnett
Survey not returned

Class 2A



KIPP WARRIORS

Head Coach (s): Kevin Hayles
Survey not returned



LOVETT LIONS

Head Coach (s): Lance Oubs
Assistant Coach (s): Jamie Palmer, Vince Nasca, John Rice
2021 Record: 22-14

Returning Starters: SS Kai Cunningham (Sr., 5-10, 175, L/R); 1B Jack Steel (Sr., 6-3, 185, R/R); C Charles Lindsay (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); OF Robert Mitchell (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); OF Logan Givens (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); 3B Anderson Beavor (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP Hayden Bernard (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); RHP Will Prigge (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/LHP Conner Partin (Sr., 5-10, 175, L/L); RHP Nope Kirkpatrick (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R); RHP Diego Sarabia (Sr., 6-1, 165, R/R); SS/2B Christopher Fielden (Jr., 5-8, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/RHP Daniel Sams (So., 6-1, 165, R/R); C/RHP William Sams (So., 6-1, 165, L/R); 3B/RHP Corey Nelson (So., 6-3, 170, R/R); SS/2B Blake Fielden (So., 5-6, 140, R/R)

Season Outlook: After a run to the state championship series, the Lions have enough leftovers to make another deep run. Top pitchers Will Prigge (4-1, 2.88 ERA) and Hayden Bernard return, while shortstop Kai Cunningham (.349 avg.) and all-state outfielder Robert Mitchell return to lead the offense.



Logan Givens
Lovett

Greyson O'Berry (Sr., 5-8, 140, R/R); 1B Henry Smith (Sr., 5-10, 165, L/L); LHP/OF Jackson Hurd (So., 5-10, 165, L/L); C Jonathan Merlin (Sr., 5-8, 150, R/R); 3B/OF Will Moore (So., 6-0, 185, R/R); OF Davis Rice (Jr., R/R); INF Henry Levenson (So., 5-6, 130, R/R); INF Sammy Finklestein (Sr., R/R); 1B/OF Jack Janko (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: SS/C/OF Terrance Kiel (So., 5-11, 165, R/R); 1B/3B Jayden Mock (So., 6-2, 240, R/R); SS/2B Caden Austin (Fr., 5-6, 140, R/R)

Season Outlook: Pace Academy will be expected to pick up from where it left off last year. A wealth of talent returns, including all-state performers RJ Austin (.437 avg., 8 HR; 3-1, 1.31 ERA) and Jae Williams (.420 avg., 32 RBIs). The Knights will need to find some pitching depth.



SOUTH ATLANTA HORNETS

Head Coach (s): Inglis Hunter
Survey not returned



THERRELL PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): TBA
Survey not returned



TOWERS TITANS

Head Coach (s): TBA
Survey not returned



MCNAIR MUSTANGS

Head Coach (s): Marcus Salter
Assistant Coach (s): TBA

2021 Record: 0-0

Returning Starters: C/RHP/INF Milton Little (Sr., 5-8, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Ta'Neaious McCune (Sr., 5-0, 105, R/R)

Season Outlook: After not playing last season, McNair looks to get things going this season. The Mustangs welcome back Milton Little who gives the program a solid leader to build around. McNair will need some younger players to help out.



WASHINGTON BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): TBA
Survey not returned



PACE ACADEMY KNIGHTS

Head Coach (s): Donice Bloodworth/Nelson Pedraza
Assistant Coach (s): Jase Wigley, LV Ware, Shane McGill

2021 Record: 21-8-1

Returning Starters: SS/RHP/U RJ Austin (Sr., 5-9, 185, R/R); OF/INF Jae Williams (Sr., 6-0, 195, R/R); OF/2B Lawrence Duece Jordan (Sr., 5-6, 170, R/R); 1B/OF Michael Lynch (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/L); OF/LHP/INF Paul Ramseur (Sr., 5-11, 155, L/L); 2B/INF Tucker Ausbund (So., 5-9, 155, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/INF/3B Ryan Reiss (So., 5-8, 150, R/R); C/RHP/U

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REGION 7-2A

Region Favorite: Pepperell

Players to Watch

3B/SS/RHP – Jace Armstrong, Jr., Model; **C** – Jake Ashley, Sr., Model; **RHP/OF** – Harrison Benton, Sr., Gordon Central; **SS/RHP** – Trent Cantrell, Jr., Coosa; **SS/RHP** – Davis Chastain, Sr., Model; **1B** – Zander Cook, Sr., Chattooga; **U/LHP** – Dakota Corntassel, Sr., Pepperell; **RHP/1B/3B** – Frank Curry, Jr., Model; **C** – Kolby Davis, Sr., Pepperell; **2B/RHP** – Andrew Earwood, Jr., Coosa; **1B/LHP** – Gavin East, Jr., Coosa; **SS/RHP** – Ryan Ely, Jr., Pepperell; **CF/RHP** – Blake Floyd, Jr., Pepperell; **2B** – Nolan Heath, Sr., Dade County; **OF** – Andrew Holt, Jr., Coosa; **SS/RHP** – Gavin Jarrett, Sr., Chattooga; **SS/RHP** – Cody King, Sr., Coosa; **1B/RHP** – Logan Lawrence, Sr., Pepperell; **OF/RHP** – Landen Loyd, Sr., Pepperell; **OF** – Carter Mann, Sr., Fannin County; **RHP/INF** – Connor Martin, Jr., Fannin County; **3B/RHP** – Hayden McBurnett, Jr., Coosa; **U/RHP** – Brenton McGinnis, Sr., Pepperell; **OF/RHP** – Kaden Moore, So., Dade County; **OF** – Sawyer Moreland, Sr., Fannin County; **OF/RHP** – Brayden Nethery, Sr., Dade County; **2B/RHP** – Gage Owens, Jr., Pepperell; **OF** – Brant Pace, Jr., Model; **RHP/OF** – Jason Pearson, Sr., Fannin County; **OF/INF/RHP** – Pacey Smith, So., Coosa; **SS** – Brodie Swader, Sr., Dade County; **U** – Landon Williams, So., Dade County



CHATTOOGA INDIANS

Head Coach (s): Marc Walsh

Assistant Coach (s): Chris Davis, Wade Lanier

2021 Record: 3-27

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Gavin Jarrett (Sr., 6-2, 165, R/R); 1B Zander Cook (Sr., 6-3, 240, R/R); 1B/LHP Billy Settlemoir (Jr., 6-2, 245, L/L); OF Haign Stephens (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Luke Hughes (Jr., 5-8, 150, R/R); 1B/C/OF Brady Groce (Jr., 6-4, 185, R/R); 3B/RHP Raedon Sumner (So., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 2B Webb Wyatt (Jr., 5-7, 150, R/R); 2B/OF Will Bare (Jr., 5-6, 145, R/R); OF Hunter Brown (So., 5-9, 155, R/R); 1B Aidan McGuire (So., 5-9, 205, L/L); 2B/OF Sam Forsyth (So., 5-8, 145, R/R); INF/RHP Caden Wolford (So., 5-8, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C Brody Mobbs (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); SS/OF Jonathan Mejia (Fr., 5-7, 150, R/R); OF/RHP Landon Willingham (Fr., 5-9, 160, L/R); OF Zaden Cook (Fr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Indians may be a young team in 2022, but they should have a chance to be much better. Seven starters are back, including seniors Gavin Jarrett and Zander Cook. Keep an eye on a solid group of juniors and sophomores who will be ready to contribute.



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COOSA EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Michael Dougherty

Assistant Coach (s): Dave Williams, Johnathan Cook

2021 Record: 19-12

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Cody King (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); SS/RHP Trent Cantrell (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); 3B/RHP Hayden McBurnett (Jr., 5-10, 170, L/R); C Ryan Smith (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); 1B/LHP Gavin East (Jr., 5-9, 160, L/L); 2B/RHP Andrew Earwood (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF Andrew Holt (Jr., 6-1, 190, R/R); OF/INF/RHP Pacey Smith (So., 5-8, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/OF Ashton Williams (Jr., 5-7, 155, R/R); OF/RHP Trevor Cantrell (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF Britton Gordon (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/OF Cord Youngblood (Jr., 6-0, 220, R/R); OF/RHP CJ Wade (Fr., 5-6, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Eagles will contend for the region title and a postseason berth after winning 19 games last year. Coosa will still be a relatively young team full of juniors and sophomores, but eight starters are back. Senior pitcher Cody King is back to lead the way, while shortstop/pitcher Trent Cantrell also returns. Keep an eye on this young team.



DADE COUNTY WOLVERINES

Head Coach (s): Chris Brown

Survey not returned



FANNIN COUNTY REBELS

Head Coach (s): Travis Stone

Assistant Coach (s): Cline Bowers, Trevor Stone

2021 Record: 9-19

Returning Starters: RHP/U Landon Norton (Sr., 6-4, 175, R/R); RHP/OF Jason Pearson (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); RHP/3B Chance Stacy (Sr., 5-10, 200, R/R); OF Sawyer Moreland (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF Carter Mann (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP/INF Jordan Bennett (Sr., 5-11, 155, R/R); RHP/C/1B Derrick Peacock (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R); 1B Jake Kuna (Sr., 5-9, 210, R/R); RHP/C Hayden Danner (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Carter Johnson (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R); RHP/INF Connor Martin (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); LHP/OF Clay Heaton (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/L); INF Bryson Holloway (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/INF Luke Bright (So., 6-2, 205, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/U Bryce Burnette (So., 5-11, 165, R/R); RHP/U Gaige Foster (So., 5-9, 190, R/R); RHP/C Avery Crowder (So., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP/U



Connor Martin
Fannin County



Sawyer Moreland
Fannin County



Jason Pearson
Fannin County



Chance Stacy
Fannin County

Carson Callihan (Fr., 5-9, 165, R/R); RHP/U Bristol Hughes (Fr., 5-10, 145, R/R); RHP/U Gavin Davis (Fr., 5-10, 145, R/R); RHP/1B Colton Gray (Fr., 5-10, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Rebels look to rebound from a disappointing season in 2021. This spring should be much better. Eight of the team's nine returning starters are seniors. Pitchers Jason Pearson and Chance Stacy return to lead what could be a strong rotation. Outfielder Sawyer Moreland returns to lead the offense.



GORDON CENTRAL WARRIORS

Head Coach (s): Austin Norell

Survey not returned



MODEL BLUE DEVILS

Head Coach (s): Brandon Patch

Assistant Coach (s): Brett White, Jake Storey, Hunter Chastain, Randy Winton

2021 Record: 24-8

Returning Starters: C Jake Ashley (Sr., 6-3, 225, R/R); SS/RHP Davis Chastain (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Landon Cantrell (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); 3B/SS/RHP Jace Armstrong (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF Brant Pace (Jr., 6-1, 180, L/R); 2B Dillon Silver (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/OF/LHP Jacob Brock (Sr., 6-1, 175, L/L); OF Kyle Kessler (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R); RHP/1B/3B Frank Curry (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF/C/1B Drake Swiger (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Landon Thacker (Jr., 5-10, 165, L/R); INF Winston Cash (So., 5-9, 150, R/R); U Chance Minshew (So., 5-9, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 2B/SS/RHP Cooper Dean (Fr., 5-8, 150, R/R); SS/RHP Jared Terhune (Fr., 5-9, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Blue Devils return an excellent nucleus of players and will contend for the playoffs again. Six starters are back, including standout shortstop/pitcher Davis Chastain (5-2, 2.81 ERA; .301 avg., 21 RBIs) and catcher Jake Ashley (.386 avg., 31 RBIs). Versatile infielder/pitcher Jace Armstrong also returns after a solid sophomore season last year.



PEPPERELL DRAGONS

Head Coach (s): Chad Brown

Assistant Coach (s): Britt Chandler, Riley Forson, Jonathan Cannon, Robert Scoggins, Cole Baker

2021 Record: 23-12

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Landon Loyd (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); U/LHP Dakota Corntassel (Sr., 5-9, 180, R/L); C Kolby Davis (Sr., 5-9, 195, R/R); U/RHP Brenton McGinnis (Sr., 6-0, 170, L/R); 1B/RHP Logan Lawrence (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); SS/RHP Ryan Ely (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF/RHP

Blake Floyd (Jr., 5-9, 140, R/R); 2B/RHP Gage Owens (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 2B Grant Sheppard (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R); OF Chandler Hall (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF Logan Newberry (Sr., 5-11, 140, R/R); 1B DeeJay Bowers (Jr., 6-0, 240, R/R); C Nolan Ely (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF Ashton



Dakota Corntassel
Pepperell



Ryan Ely
Pepperell

Class 2A

Vuckovich (Jr., 5-8, 140, R/R); 3B/RHP Layton Sanford (So., 6-0, 150, R/R); U/RHP Will York (So., 6-0, 155, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP Ethan Tucker (Sr., 6-3, 215, R/R); RHP Caleb Buck (Jr., 6-3, 175, R/R);

Season Outlook: The Dragons captured the region title last year and have enough talent to be the team to beat again. All-state pitcher Landen Loyd and all-state catcher Kolby Davis return. Pepperell will be looking for big things from Dakota Corntassel and versatile senior Brenton McGinnis.



Blake Floyd
Pepperell



Logan Lawrence
Pepperell



Brenton McGinnis
Pepperell



Gage Owens
Pepperell

REGION 8-2A

Region Favorite: Elbert County

Players to Watch

INF – Carson Adams, Sr., Elbert County; **OF** – Trustin Allen, Jr., Elbert County; **RHP/3B** – Cadan Brown, Sr., Elbert County; **RHP/INF** – Grayson Carver, Sr., Rabun County; **3B/RHP** – Cam Davis, Jr., Banks County; **OF** – Thomas Dyer, Sr., Union County; **OF** – Landon Heaton, Sr., Elbert County; **C/OF** – Cade Herrin, Sr., Banks County; **C** – Cole Hudson, Sr., Elbert County; **LHP/OF** – Lake Hughes, Sr., Union County; **INF** – Landen Ingram, Jr., Elbert County; **INF** – Baxley O'Brian, Sr., Rabun County; **1B/OF/RHP** – Bowen Roberts, Sr., Banks County; **INF** – Keilin Sanders, So., Rabun County; **INF** – Conner Shields, Sr., Union County; **OF** – Christian West, Sr., Riverside Military; **RHP/OF** – Tripp Williams, Sr., Banks County

BANKS COUNTY LEOPARDS

Head Coach (s): Derrick Davis (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Dylan Charles, Eli Cooper, Justin Sexton, Ramsey Allen

2021 Record: 21-12

Returning Starters: C/OF Cade Herrin (Sr., 5-9, 180, R/R); 1B/OF/RHP Bowen Roberts (Sr., 6-2, 210, R/R); RHP/OF Tripp Williams (Sr., 6-4, 215, R/R); 3B/RHP Cam Davis (Jr., 6-0, 210, R/R); LHP Tyler Stancill (So., 5-8, 170, L/L); RHP/OF Roman Haynes (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP/OF Caine Griffith (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/L); SS/RHP Blake Holcomb (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF/C/RHP Nolan Angel (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R);

2B Carson Hill (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); RHP/1B Hunter Heath (Jr., 6-2, 200, R/R); OF/C Landon Tench (So., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/U Collin Caudell (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP/1B Judd Spear (Fr., 6-5, 215, R/R); C/OF Cam Cooper (Fr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: Longtime assistant and former Commerce head coach Derrick Davis takes over and inherits six returning starters, including all-state pitcher Tripp Williams. Versatile Bowen Roberts and infielder/pitcher Cam Davis return to help out. The Leopards will be looking for some talented underclassmen to step up and contribute.



ELBERT COUNTY BLUE DEVILS

Head Coach (s): Lance Ingram

Assistant Coach (s): Brett Padgett, Reuben Haynes, Marcus Bonds, Justin Bellew

2021 Record: 27-9

Returning Starters: C Cole Hudson (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); INF Landen Ingram (Jr., 5-10, 155, B/R); INF Carson Adams (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); RHP/3B Cadan Brown (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF Trustin Allen (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); OF Landon Heaton (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP Camden Harris (Sr., 6-0, 155, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/INF Lamarious Odister (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF/INF Skylar Bray (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); C Grayson Hendrix (Jr., 6-1, 155, R/R); OF/RHP Brant Brady (Jr., 5-9, 155, L/R); RHP Lawson Adams (Jr., 6-0, 150, R/R); OF Chris Belli (Sr., 5-10, 155, R/R); INF Eli Harris (So., 5-8, 145, R/R)

Season Outlook: Look for the Blue Devils to pick up from where they left off last season. A wealth of talent returns, including a solid pitching staff led by Cadan Brown and Camden Harris. Offensively, infielders Carson Adams and Landen Ingram as well as catcher Cole Hudson return to lead a group capable of putting up big numbers.



RABUN COUNTY WILDCATS

Head Coach (s): Wesley Satterfield

Assistant Coach (s): Preston Pitts, Jonathan Welch, Wes Holcombe

2021 Record: 13-13

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Grayson Carver (Sr., R/R); U Trevor Reese (Sr., R/R); OF Grant Britton (Sr., R/R); OF Cory Keller (Jr., R/R); INF Keilin Sanders (So., R/R); RHP/INF Cooper Welch (So., R/R); OF Jarret Giles (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Baxley O'Brian (Sr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wildcats welcome back seven returning starters after finishing as the No. 4 seed from Region 8 last year. Senior pitcher/infielder Grayson Carver leads a trio of returning seniors, while infielder Keilin Sanders was promising as a freshman last year.



RIVERSIDE MILITARY EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Chad Sage

Assistant Coach (s): James Paul, Craig Fulks, Jason Pleasant

2021 Record: 4-18

Returning Starters: OF Christian West (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Jouglian Rowton (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Declan Bethel (Jr., 5-9, 140, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Micah Buice (So., 5-7, 135, R/R); OF Evan Dewey (Jr., 5-9, 140, R/R); 1B/3B Stone Phillips (Jr., 5-10, 190, R/R); C/1B Brady

Class 2A

Kreigal (So., 5-11, 225, R/R); OF Dylan Rwagasana (So., 6-3, 190, R/R); OF Ryan Gandara (So., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/U Justin Hornick (So., 5-9, 165, R/R); RHP/INF Starr Jackson (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Mike Giampapa (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); U/C Gus Twenge (Fr., 5-8, 150, R/R); C Jackson Orso (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); U Maxwell Pincott (Fr., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Eagles seek to improve upon last year's finish. The senior class is small, but the good news is that outfielder Christian West returns after a solid junior season. Riverside will be looking for a talented group of juniors and sophomores to help carry the load.



UNION COUNTY PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): Zach Odom

Assistant Coach (s): Brock Gordon

2021 Record: 12-19

Returning Starters: LHP/OF Lake Hughes (Sr., 5-11, 160, L/L); OF Thomas Dyer (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); INF Conner Shields (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); 2B Bailey Brown (Sr., 5-6, 145, R/R); OF Hunter Fleming (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/L); 3B/OF Tyler Loyd (Sr., 5-10, 225, R/R); OF Caleb Towe (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/RHP Brayden Sweat (So., 5-10, 145, R/R); C Jace Vinez (Jr., 5-11, 190, R/R); 2B/RHP Will Duncan (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C Brayden Sweat (So., 5-10, 145, R/R); RHP/C Hayden Hughes (Fr., 5-11, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: A solid group of returning players should help Union County improve upon last year's record. Left-handed pitcher Lake Hughes leads a young but talented group of pitchers, while outfielder Thomas Dyer and infielder Conner Shields return to spark the offense.

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Class 1A Public

Preseason Top 15

No.	Team	2021 Record	Returning Starters	Comment
1.	 Metter	29-9	6	Much of '21 team returns
2.	 Gordon Lee	36-5	7	Trojans will be back
3.	 Charlton County	30-8	7	Indians young but talented
4.	 Irwin County	27-5	8	Irwin still may be a year away
5.	 Wilcox County	24-5	6	Patriots could go a long way
6.	 ACE Charter	33-6	6	Gryphons ready for more after '21
7.	 Claxton	22-7	7	Claxton has pitching to be strong
8.	 Schley County	20-10	5	Wildcats will contend again
9.	 Crawford County	21-8	6	Eagles could be dangerous team
10.	 Johnson County	24-7	6	Trojans young but talented
11.	 Clinch County	14-14	8	Panthers will be trouble for opponents
12.	 ECI	13-12	8	Bulldogs still a year away
13.	 Washington-Wilkes	25-9	9	WW ready to turn the corner
14.	 Lanier County	15-15	7	Faircloth will keep Bulldogs in chase
15.	 Bowdon	16-16	5	Red Devils solid as usual

Teams to watch (In alphabetical order)

Bryan County, Commerce, Marion County, McIntosh County Academy, Pataula Charter, Seminole County, Social Circle, Trion

REGION 1-1A PUBLIC

Region Favorite: Pataula Charter

Players to Watch

OF – Zech Anderson, Sr., Webster County; **U** – Tyquann Bass, Sr., Randolph-Clay; **1B/P** – Caden Brooks, Sr., Baconton Charter; **RHP/1B** – Ashton Childree, Sr., Seminole County; **OF/RHP** – Tucker Cleveland, Sr., Pataula Charter; **2B/P** – Bernardo Marquez-Cruz, So., Baconton Charter; **U** – Jackson Curles, Jr., Pelham; **U** – Dajon Hamm, Sr., Randolph-Clay; **CF/RHP** – Andrew Hartsfield, Sr., Pataula Charter; **3B/RHP** – Kade Haywood, Sr., Pataula Charter; **1B** – Connor Holbrook, Sr., Webster County; **OF/INF/P** – Shaheed Huckaby, So., Terrell County; **C/P/INF** – Shytavion Johnson, Sr., Terrell County; **C/2B/P** – Jayvion King, Jr., Terrell County; **1B** – Demarion McDaniel, Sr., Terrell County; **U** – Keonte Nunnally, So., Randolph-Clay; **RHP/3B** – Braydon Odom, Jr., Seminole County; **1B/RHP** – Kolbie Radney, Sr., Pataula Charter; **U** – Angel Rios, Sr., Mitchell County; **C** – Jamie Rowland, Sr., Webster County; **U** – Jaiden Starling, Sr., Randolph-Clay; **U** – Tyler Tabb, Sr., Pataula Charter; **RHP/SS** – Will Walker, Jr., Seminole County; **INF/RHP** – Mason Wilson, So., Miller County; **SS/P** – Will Worsham, Jr., Baconton Charter

Assistant Coach (s): Clay Bell, Bruce Bryant

2021 Record: 14-11

Returning Starters: 1B/P Caden Brooks (Sr.); CF/P Landan Jones (Sr.); 2B/P Bernardo Marquez-Cruz (So.); OF Brady Clark (Jr.); 3B/P/1B Jimmy Woods (Jr.); P/3B Seth Gay (Jr.); SS/P Will Worsham (Jr.); OF/P Jose Garcia (Jr.); OF/P Grayson Reber (So.); C/1B Collin Barber (Jr.)

Other Returning Players: 1B Anthony Jones (Jr.); OF/C Austin Hatcher (So.); OF/P Reid Shiver (So.); P/2B Kaleb Flanders (So.); OF Jones Baucom (Jr.)

Top Newcomers: C Grayson White (Fr.); U/P Hunter Hoskins (Fr.); P Lee Worsham (Fr.)

Season Outlook: New coach Ryan Davis inherits a wealth of young talent as the Blazers look to rebound from a disappointing finish last spring. If Baconton can develop some pitching depth, they should do just that. Offensive leader Caden Brooks (.493 avg.) and Landan Jones are back. Look for a solid corps of juniors to contribute.



BAKER COUNTY BEARS

Head Coach: Jeff Henderson

Survey not returned



CALHOUN COUNTY COUGARS

Head Coach: Eugene Wright

Survey not returned



BACONTON CHARTER BLAZERS

Head Coach: Ryan Davis (new)

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MILLER COUNTY PIRATES

Head Coach (s): Eddie Whitaker

Assistant Coach (s): Dylan Johnson

2021 Record: 4-5

Returning Starters: OF Will Langley (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF AJ Peterson (Jr., 5-10, 190, R/R); INF/RHP Mason Wilson (So., 5-8, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Hawk Phillips (So., 6-0, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Landon Givens (So., 5-10, 180, R/R); C/RHP Felix Butler (So., 5-9, 185, R/R); INF/C/RHP Brody Kelly (So., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: U Cade Cornado (Jr., 5-9, 185, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/OF JP Powell (Fr., 5-9, 170, R/R); RHP/INF Noah Smith (Fr., 5-9, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Pirates look to get back on track and contend for a playoff berth after a disappointing finish in 2021. The team will be very young. If they can mature and develop quickly, they should be much better. Pitcher/infielder Mason Wilson is a player to keep an eye on.



MITCHELL COUNTY EAGLES

Head Coach: Marcus Logue

Survey not returned



PATAULA CHARTER PANTHERS

Head Coach: Zach Mauldin

Assistant Coach (s): Matt Fowler

2021 Record: 17-10

Returning Starters: 3B/RHP Kade Haywood (Sr., 6-1, 210, R/R); CF/RHP Andrew Hartsfield (Sr., 5-11, 215, R/R); 1B/RHP Kolbie Radney (Sr., 6-4, 215, R/R); U Tyler Tabb (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); C/RHP Justin Brown (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); LF/RHP Tucker Cleveland (Sr., 6-3, 170, R/R); SS/RHP Charles Holley (Jr., 5-11, 150, R/R); RF/RHP Grayson Waltman (Jr., 6-2, 165, R/R); DH/LHP Brent Wiley (Sr., 6-3, 195, L/L)

Other Returning Players: OF/RHP Peyton Williams (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); U/RHP Chad Jones (So., 5-10, 190, R/R); 2B/RHP Cam Wright (So., 5-7, 135, R/R); OF John Lanier (Jr., 6-2, 250, R/R); 3B/RHP PT Wolfe (So., 6-0, 215, R/R)

Top Newcomers: CF/RHP Adam Caldwell (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Panthers return leadership and experience and should be one of the teams to beat in region play this season. Nine starters are back, including standouts Kade Haywood (7-2, 0.92 ERA; .480 avg., 35 RBIs) and Andrew Hartsfield (4-4, 3.71 ERA; .396 avg.). Senior leaders Kolbie Radney and Tyler Tabb also return after posting solid numbers in 2021.



PELHAM HORNETS

Head Coach (s): Ron Best

Assistant Coach (s): TBA

2021 Record: 16-11

Season Outlook: The Hornets seek to return to the playoffs again. Pelham should be able to do that, but some younger players must step forward.



QUITMAN COUNTY HORNETS

Head Coach: Fred Drake

Survey not returned



RANDOLPH-CLAY RED DEVILS

Head Coach: Scott Swantic

Survey not returned



SEMINOLE COUNTY INDIANS

Head Coach (s): Dirk Williams (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Jacob Cunningham, Al Rumble

2021 Record: 25-8

Returning Starters: RHP/1B Ashton Childree (Sr., 6-2, 215, R/R); RHP/SS Will Walker (Jr., 5-8, 165, R/R); RHP/3B Braydon Odom (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Baylor Williams (Sr., 5-8, 140, R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP/1B Will Miller (Jr., 6-0, 160, L/L); RHP/OF Royce Robinson (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP/C Owen Cross (Sr., 6-2, 170, R/R); LHP/1B Hugh Scarborough (Jr., 6-2, 160, R/L); OF Demarion Clemons (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); RHP/OF Ladavion Williams (Jr., 6-1, 165, R/R); OF Glenn Mintos (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Indians welcome new coach Dirk Williams who inherits four returning starters and a solid group of juniors. All-region selections Ashton Childree, Will Walker and Braydon Odom return to lead the team. If some younger players mature quickly, this team could be the team to beat in Region 1-1A play.



TERRELL COUNTY GREENWAVE

Head Coach: Pat Cuff

Survey not returned



WEBSTER COUNTY BOBCATS

Head Coach: James McCullough

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REGION 2-1A PUBLIC

Region Favorite: Charlton County

Players to Watch

2B/SS – Colby Bryant, Sr., Charlton County; **RHP/1B/3B** – Bryce Clements, Jr., Irwin County; **RHP/C** – Parker Culpepper, Jr., Lanier County; **OF/P** – Jake Dees, Sr., Echols County; **RHP/INF** – Jacob Faircloth, Sr., Lanier County; **C/INF** – Matthew Ferrell, Jr., Brooks County; **3B/2B/RHP** – Seth Fields, Jr., Irwin County; **INF/RHP** – Josh Furney, Jr., Lanier County; **RHP/SS** – Gant Geiger, Jr., Charlton County; **C/P** – John Henry Guess, Sr., Turner County; **2B** – Kaleb Joiner, So., Turner County; **OF** – Patrick Kimple, Jr., Clinch County; **RHP/C/3B** – Freddie Loftly, Sr., Clinch County; **INF/OF** – Noah Newbern, Sr., Lanier County; **RHP/OF** – Ethan North, Sr., Lanier County; **RHP/INF** – Jack Perry, Sr., Brooks County; **RHP/INF** – Brady Register, Sr., Clinch County; **OF** – Tucker Robbins, Jr., Clinch County; **CF** – Wade Rodeffer, Sr., Charlton County; **OF** – Evan Ross, Jr., Irwin County; **C** – Sean Russell, Sr., Charlton County; **INF/P** – Blaine Sealey, So., Echols County; **OF** – Naajee Smith, Sr., Charlton County; **2B/OF/RHP** – Mason Snyder, Jr., Irwin County; **RHP/SS/OF** – Cody Soliday, Jr., Irwin County; **RHP/INF** – Grant Spikes, Sr., Lanier County; **SS/RHP** – Colton Sylvester, Sr., Irwin County; **DH/1B/RHP** – Hunter Tyson, Jr., Irwin County; **3B/C/RHP** – Cooper Yanzetich, Sr., Irwin County



CHARLTON COUNTY INDIANS

Head Coach (s): Thad Marchman

Assistant Coach (s): Josh Graham, Rhett Hellgren, Bobby Jones, Jeff Schwing

2021 Record: 30-8

Returning Starters: C Sean Russell (Sr., 5-11, 210, R/R); CF Wade Rodeffer (Sr., 6-2, 170, R/L); 2B/SS Colby Bryant (Sr., 6-0, 165, L/R); OF Naajee Smith (Sr., 5-10, 165, L/L); RHP/SS Gant Geiger (Jr., 6-4, 175, R/R); LHP/1B Colton Crews (So., 5-9, 185, L/L); OF/RHP Dylan McAlister (Jr., 5-8, 165, R/R)



Sean Russell
Charlton County



Naajee Smith
Charlton County

Other Returning Players: RHP/U Connor Lloyd (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/R); 2B/C/RHP Jude Shaw (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP/3B Ian Vickers (Jr., 5-11, 185, R/R); U/RHP Haze Johnson (So., 5-8, 155, R/R); RHP/U Heath Ray (So., 5-9, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C Eli Hobbs (Fr., 5-8, 175, R/R); RHP/U Keyshawn Hobbs (Sr., 5-8, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: After a run to the state semifinals in 2021, the Indians may be doing some rebuilding this spring. But the cupboard isn't bare by any means. If Charlton can find some consistent pitching to compliment junior right-hander Gant Geiger, they could approach last year's success. Outfielder Wade Rodeffer, catcher Sean Russell and infielder Colby Bryant are back to lead the offense.



ATKINSON COUNTY REBELS

Head Coach (s): Keenan Thomas
Survey not returned



BROOKS COUNTY TROJANS

Head Coach (s): Bart Shuman (new)
Assistant Coach (s): Shawn Sharp, Buck Carter, Adam Greene
2021 Record: 4-24

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Jack Perry (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); RHP/INF Devin Sims (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); C/INF Matthew Ferrell (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); RHP/INF Dashaun Hayes (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); INF/C Legend Hallman (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Nolan Harrell (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Tramaine Demps (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R); LHP/OF Amari Miley (So., 6-0, 175, L/L)

Other Returning Players: 1B Eli Garrison (So., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF Jamaurice Gray (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R)

Season Outlook: Hall of Fame coach Bart Shuman takes over at Brooks County and inherits eight returning starters. A pair of solid pitchers return in seniors Jack Perry and Devin Sims. Catcher/infielder Mathew Ferrell also returns. If Brooks can get some experience, they could be trouble by the end of the season.



CLINCH COUNTY PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): Lee Douglas
Assistant Coach (s): Sean Mercer, Cary Kight, Tim Carroll
2021 Record: 14-14

Returning Starters: RHP/C/3B Freddie Loftly (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); RHP/INF Brady Register (Sr., 5-8, 150, R/R); OF Kahlil Jenkins (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R); OF Patrick Kimple (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF Tucker Robbins (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R); C/1B Avery Crosby (Jr., 5-7, 205, R/R); RHP/INF Eli Cason (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); RHP/U Cade Griffis (So., 5-9, 150, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/U Chase Peagler (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); OF Alex Smith (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); RHP/OF Ben Crosby (Sr., 5-11, 190, R/R); OF JR Goodman (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Daterrius Adams (So., 5-8, 175, R/R); RHP/U Gavin Moten (Jr., 5-7, 160, R/R); LHP/1B Levi Corbitt (Fr., 5-8, 175, R/L)

Season Outlook: A lot of younger players gained valuable playing time during Clinch's growing pains last year. That experience should pay off this spring. Eight starters are back, including do-it-all Freddie Loftly. Pitcher Brady Register leads a solid pitching rotation, while outfielder Patrick Kimple is back to lead the offense.



ECHOLS COUNTY WILDCATS

Head Coach (s): Jay Hamlett
Assistant Coach (s): Garrett Lasseter, Adam Amar, Chad McLeod

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2021 Record: 9-13

Returning Starters: OF Eli Pafford (Sr.); C/RHP Kaden DeLoach (So.); OF/RHP Jacob Rowe (Jr.); OF/P Jake Dees (Jr.); INF/P Skyler Howell (So.); INF/P Zach Jones (So.); INF Gage Morey (So.); INF/P Blaine Sealey (So.)

Other Returning Players: INF Landon Bush (So.); OF Hunter Castleberry (So.); OF Lonzo Padgett (So.); OF Dawson Collier (So.)

Season Outlook: Echols has shown considerable improvement the past few seasons. The Wildcats look to keep making progress this season. The team is young, but eight starters are back, including infielder/pitcher Blaine Sealey and outfielder/pitcher Jake Dees. Some younger players will be expected to contribute.



TURNER COUNTY TITANS

Head Coach (s): TBA
Survey not returned

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GEORGIA CLASS OF 2022 TOP 10 PLAYER RANKINGS

1	TERMARR JOHNSON	SS	6	MAYDEN MURPHY	RHP
2	DYLAN LESKO	INF	7	RILEY STANFORD	INF
3	ORLWY ADNES	OF	8	RJ AUSTEN	INF
4	CADE FISHER	LHP	9	CADE HARRELSON	OF
5	JARED JONES	C	10	LEIGHTON FINLEY	INF



IRWIN COUNTY INDIANS

Head Coach (s): Drew Tankersley

Assistant Coach (s): Nathan Martin, Kenny Yanzetich, Seth Young

2021 Record: 27-5

Returning Starters: RHP/SS/OF Cody Soliday (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP/1B/3B Bryce Clements (Jr., 6-1, 185, L/R); 2B/OF/RHP Mason Snyder (Jr., 5-6, 150, R/R); 3B/2B/RHP Seth Fields (Jr., 5-11, 155, R/R); DH/1B/RHP Hunter Tyson (Jr., 6-2, 215, R/R); C Judge Royal (Sr., 5-8, 175, R/R); SS/RHP Colton Sylvester (Sr., 5-11, 145, R/R); OF Evan Ross (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/LHP Connor Paulk (So., 5-7, 140, R/L); U Wesley Walters (So., 5-9, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 3B/C/RHP Cooper Yanzetich (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); SS/OF/RHP Jalen Martin (Fr., 6-0, 175, R/R); C/RHP Brodie Suggs (Fr., 6-2, 210, R/R)

Season Outlook: It's been 25 years since Irwin County last won a state baseball title. The next two years present a solid chance for the Indians to end that drought. Irwin welcomes back all-state pitchers Cody Soliday and Bryce Clements as well as shortstop Colton Sylvester. And look for former Claxton standout Cooper Yanzetich to make the Indians that much better. This team has the potential to be very dangerous.



LANIER COUNTY BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Michael Sneed

Assistant Coach (s): Ben Davis, Joshua Ernst, Scott Ray

2021 Record: 15-15

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Jacob Faircloth (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF/OF Noah Newbern (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/INF Grant Spikes (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); RHP/OF Ethan North (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); 1B/OF Trent Harnage (Sr., 6-5, 185, R/R); OF/INF Kahmariyan Wade (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF Nate Bowman (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/OF Jaden Young (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Josh Furney (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R); RHP/C Parker Culpepper (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R); LHP Payton Culpepper (Jr., 5-11, 175, L/L); OF/INF Sam Mancil (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); RHP/INF Lane Roberts (Jr., 5-10, 215, R/R)

Season Outlook: Look for the Bulldogs to be in the postseason hunt again this spring. Seven starters, all of them seniors, return. Three-year starter Jacob Faircloth returns as well as pitchers Grant Spikes and Ethan North. If the Bulldogs can be consistent on offense, they could have a chance to do some damage.



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Region Favorite: Metter

Players to Watch

3B/RHP – Kyzer Anthony, Sr., Metter; **CF/P** – Reco Coney, Jr., Metter; **LHP/OF** – Hunter Elder, Jr., McIntosh County Academy; **OF/RHP** – Tanner Ennis, So., Bryan County; **C/RHP** – John Luke Glanton, Sr., Metter; **2B/1B/P** – Reese Hadden, Sr., Metter; **RHP/1B** – Caleb Handley, Sr., McIntosh County Academy; **OF** – Tanner Henry, Sr., Claxton; **RHP/3B/C** – Jacob Hughes, Sr., Bryan County; **U/P** – Kaliq Jordan, Jr., Metter; **RHP/INF** – Bryce Kearson, Jr., ECI; **SS/RHP** – Robbie Lane, Sr., Claxton; **CF/LHP** – Konner Leggett, Jr., Bryan County; **C/RHP** – Lake Linton, Jr., McIntosh County Academy; **RHP/OF** – Brady Mallard, Sr., Portal; **3B/RHP** – Hayden Morris, Sr., Claxton; **OF/RHP** – Will Philmore, Jr., McIntosh County Academy; **SS/P** – Jake Pollock, Jr., Screven County; **SS/RHP** – Rustan Rigdon, So., Metter; **C/RHP** – Eli Sapp, Sr., Claxton; **1B/3B** – Cade Sikes, So., Claxton; **SS/U** – Zach Sitton, Jr., Bryan County; **RHP** – Joseph Stewart, Sr., ECI; **C/RHP** – Gavin Underwood, Jr., Jenkins County; **C** – Jack Walden, So., ECI



BRYAN COUNTY REDSKINS

Head Coach (s): Justin Covington

Assistant Coach (s): Zach Ledbetter, Tony Leggett, Kyle Hills

2021 Record: 12-14

Returning Starters: RHP/3B/C Jacob Hughes (Sr., 6-1, 170, L/R); 1B Aaron Bailey (Sr., 5-11, 180, L/R); OF/LHP Konner Leggett (Jr., 5-9, 165, L/L); SS/U Zach Sitton (Jr., 5-8, 170, R/R); C/2B Aidan Martin (Jr., 5-7, 145, R/R); OF/RHP Tanner Ennis (So., 5-10, 160, L/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Hunter Gibson (So., 5-8, 175); U Sean Hills (So., 5-9, 170)

Top Newcomers: INF Cooper Ennis (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: After just missing out on the postseason last year, look for Bryan County to make a run at the playoffs again. Six starters are back, including Region 3-1A Offensive Player of the Year Konner Leggett. The Redskins are still somewhat young. Keep an eye on an excellent group of underclassmen who will contribute.



CLAXTON TIGERS

Head Coach (s): Andy Yanzetich

Assistant Coach (s): Kevin Hendrix, Jason Lane, Shannon Sapp, Chris Johnson

2021 Record: 22-7

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Robbie Lane (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); 3B/RHP Hayden

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Morris (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF Tanner Henry (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); C/RHP Eli Sapp (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); OF Loghann Hendrix (Sr., 5-9, 155, L/R); 1B/3B Cade Sikes (So., 6-1, 230, L/R); 1B/RHP Nathan Deloach (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/RHP Dakota Haire (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); 3B/C Hunter Taylor (Jr., 5-9, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/C Christian Mixon (Fr., 5-6, 140, R/R); INF Cameron Whitfield (Fr., 5-7, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: Claxton, who made the state quarterfinals last year, could have a chance to approach last year's success as seven returning starters are back. All-state performers Robbie Lane and Hayden Morris as well as junior Dakota Haire will form a solid pitching rotation. Outfielder Tanner Henry and catcher Eli Sapp, a pair of all-region performers last year, are back on offense.



ECI BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Brooks Collins

Assistant Coach (s): Chad Harper, Caleb Pressey

2021 Record: 13-12

Returning Starters: OF Natavus Robertson (Sr., 5-8, 155, R/R); RHP Joseph Stewart (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); RHP/INF Bryce Kearson (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP/INF Lawson Mercer (Jr., 6-2, 240, R/R); OF PJ Farnum (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R); INF Caleb Avery (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R); C Jack Walden (So., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF Hudson Henry (So., 5-10, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP/OF Charlie Rehberg (So., 5-10, 170, L/L); RHP/INF Andrew Chalkley (So., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF Drew Grimes (Jr., 5-9, 145, R/R); C Gunnar Oliver (So., 5-8, 140, R/R); OF Ethan Cowart (So., 5-8, 135, R/R)

Season Outlook: Eight starters are back as ECI should contend for the postseason again. First Team all-region performer Bryce Kearson returns, while catcher Jack Walden and pitcher Joseph Stewart are back after both had strong seasons in 2021. Pitching should be the backbone of the team as Stewart, Kearson and Lawson Mercer all return.



Bryce Kearson
ECI



Lawson Mercer
ECI



JENKINS COUNTY EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Zac Clark

Assistant Coach (s): Ernest Lanier, Rusty Keys, Wendell Clark

2021 Record: 12-12

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Kade Johnson (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); OF Damien Carter (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); C/RHP Gavin Underwood (Jr., 5-11, 190, R/R); INF/RHP Jackson Lanier (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); 2B/RHP Gage Oglesby (So., 5-8, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B Baker Jenkins (Jr., 6-2, 215, R/R); 3B/C Vance Garvin (So., 6-1, 230, R/R); 3B Reid Weathersby (So., 5-7, 120, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP James Allen (Fr., 6-2, 185, R/R); OF Tyler Williams (Fr., 6-1, 190, L/L); OF Gray Amerson (Fr., 5-6, 130, R/R); DH Will Brinson (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Eagles should be much better after finishing the season at .500 last year. Jenkins County returns five starters, including a pair of senior leaders in Kade Johnson and Damien Carter. Catcher/pitcher Gavin Underwood also returns after a solid sophomore season last year.



MCINTOSH COUNTY ACADEMY BUCCANEERS

Head Coach (s): Mike Campbell (new)

Assistant Coach (s): TBA

2021 Record: 10-14

Returning Starters: RHP/1B Caleb Handley (Sr. R/R); 3B/1B Payton Waters (Sr., R/R); LHP/OF Hunter Elder (Jr., L/L); C/RHP Lake Linton (Jr., R/R); OF Blake Taylor (Jr., R/R); 2B/RHP Dawson Hasler (So., R/R); OF/RHP Will Philmore (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: Dalton Ryals (So.); Austin Rowe (Jr.); Brett Warren (So.); Adam Poppell (Jr.); Gabe Gale (So.)

Top Newcomers: INF Jackson Coley (Fr., R/R); OF Nash Campbell (Fr., L/R); INF Logan Gault (Fr., R/R); RHP Tyler Alexander (Fr., R/R); INF Jaylen Randolph (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: New coach Mike Campbell takes over and inherits seven starters from a team that made the state playoffs last year. The Bucs return a pair of first team all-region performers in Caleb Handley and Hunter Elder. Keep an eye on an excellent group of underclassmen who will contribute.



METTER TIGERS

Head Coach (s): Zach Rackett

Assistant Coach (s): Skyler Smith, Chayton Todd, Riley Kingery

2021 Record: 29-9

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Rustan Rigdon (So.); 3B/RHP Kyzer Anthony (Sr.); 2B/1B/P Reese Hadden (Sr.); U/P Kaliq Jordan (Jr.); CF/P Reco Coney (Jr.); C/RHP John Luke Glanton (Sr.)

Other Returning Players: C/U Trey Hall (Jr.); OF/P Jaden Deloach (Jr.); OF/P Eric Bragg (Sr.)

Season Outlook: The defending state champions should have enough leftovers to make another run this spring. Six starters are back, including top pitchers John Luke Glanton and Rustan Rigdon, who blossomed late last year. Offensive leaders Kyzer Anthony, Reese Hadden, Kaliq Jordan and Reco Coney also return. The Tigers, however, will need to develop more depth.



PORTAL PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): Travis Motes

Assistant Coach (s): Brantley Spence, Jodi Shuman

2021 Record: 1-18

Returning Starters: RHP/OF Brady Mallard (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); C Walker Bowen (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); INF/RHP Chandler Grooms (Jr., 6-2, 210, R/R); INF/RHP Austin Smith (So., 5-9, 150, R/R); OF/RHP Cole Shuman (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R); OF Tim Ortiz (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); INF Austin Coleman (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/OF Laine Miller (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R); OF Pierce Anderson (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF/RHP Tucker Chester (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/INF Chase Smith (Fr., 5-8, 180, R/R); INF/OF Brodie Motes (Fr., 5-8, 160, L/L); INF Tucker Baird (So., 5-9, 170, R/R); INF Rico Hagins (Jr., 6-2, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: Portal will be much better in coach Travis Motes' second season at the school this year. A solid crop of returning seniors will lead the way. Eight starters are back, including pitcher/outfielder Brady Mallard. The Panthers have a good group of underclassmen that will be expected to compete for playing time.

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SCREVEN COUNTY GAMECOCKS

Head Coach (s): J.R. Doyle

Assistant Coach (s): Matthew Sheley, Josh Sheley

2021 Record: 7-18

Returning Starters: SS/P Jake Pollock (Jr.); OF/P Xander Kile (Jr.); OF/P TJ Melvin (Sr.); OF/P/SS Chase Hart (Sr.); 2B/SS Jared Dixon (Sr.); 3B/1B/P Elijah Williams (Jr.); OF/P Conner Thompson (Jr.); 1B/P/3B Danny Thompson (Sr.)

Other Returning Players: 2B/SS Ryland Robbins (So.); C/OF Bryant Scott (Sr.); P/OF Ren Brower (Sr.); C/1B Ryan Warren (Jr.); OF/2B Hayden Skinner (Jr.); OF/P Jeremiah Stuart (Jr.)

Top Newcomers: C/P Gatlin Scott (Fr.); OF/2B/P BJ Carver (Fr.); OF/P Jeremiah White (Fr.)

Season Outlook: A solid group of returning players are back for the Gamecocks who should have a chance to improve upon last season's finish. Eight starters are back as well as an excellent group of underclassmen who should compete for playing time. Junior shortstop/pitcher Jake Pollock is a player to keep an eye on after a solid sophomore season last year.



DUBLIN FIGHTING IRISH

Head Coach (s): Todd Hogan

Survey not returned



HAWKINSVILLE RED DEVILS

Head Coach (s): David Coffey

Assistant Coach (s): Bragg Thompson, Troy Varnadoe, Kenny Johnson

2021 Record: 7-17

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Chase Sinyard (So., 5-6, 135, R/R); RHP/OF Cam Salter (Jr., 5-8, 150, R/R); RHP/INF Randal Holder (Sr., 5-9, 230, R/R); OF Chase Reese (So., 6-1, 160, R/R); RHP/U Chandler Powers (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); C/RHP Braden Simmons (Sr., 6-2, 220, R/R); 1B/DH Hudson Bass (Sr., 6-1, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/LHP Darius Anderson (So., 6-1, 185, R/L); 1B/DH Antonio Sanders (Sr., 6-3, 300, R/R); OF Peyton Smith (So., 6-0, 150, R/R); OF Wesley Johnson (So., 5-5, 140, R/R); 2B Justin Bentley (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/SS Tanner Meeks (Fr., 5-9, 160, R/R); RHP/U Rigdon McCall (Fr., 5-7, 175, R/R); RHP/OF Harlem Phillips (Fr., 6-0, 150, R/R); U Bryson Faulk (Fr., 5-6, 145, L/L); U Mason Coley (Fr., 5-5, 140, R/R)

Season Outlook: Look for Hawkinsville to be much better in coach David Coffey's second season at the school. Seven starters and a solid senior class will lead the way. All-region catcher Braden Simmons returns, while outfielder Chase Reese is back after a solid season as a freshman last year.

REGION 4-1A PUBLIC

Region Favorite: Wilcox County

Players to Watch

RHP/3B – Aaron Adams, Sr., Johnson County; **OF** – Collin Beall, Sr., Treutlen; **1B** – Cole Blackwell, Jr., Wilcox County; **OF** – Tim Blair, Sr., Treutlen; **OF** – Chase Cardell, Sr., Montgomery County; **INF** – Gabe Conley, So., Dublin; **RHP/INF** – Landon Connell, Sr., Telfair County; **OF/INF** – Brian Cook, Jr., Telfair County; **INF/OF** – Matthew Corbett, Sr., Treutlen; **RHP/1B** – Bo Davidson, Sr., Montgomery County; **OF/RHP** – BJ Gibson, So., Wilcox County; **3B** – Larsen Luke, Jr., Wilcox County; **RHP/INF/OF** – Kolby McLendon, So., Treutlen; **INF** – Jamie Norris, So., Telfair County; **C/U** – Jackson Owens, So., Wilcox County; **LHP/INF** – Trace Peeples, Jr., Treutlen; **RHP/INF** – Deon Rawlings, Sr., Johnson County; **C/RHP** – Russ Ray, Sr., Telfair County; **OF** – Chase Reese, So., Hawkinsville; **RHP/INF** – Harrison Rutherford, Sr., Treutlen; **C/RHP** – Braden Simmons, Sr., Hawkinsville; **RHP/1B** – Jordan Stephens, Jr., Wilcox County; **SS** – Abe Stowe, Jr., Wilcox County; **OF** – William Taylor, Sr., Johnson County; **OF** – Germivey Tucker, So., Johnson County; **LHP/OF/INF** – Cam Waller, Jr., Johnson County; **INF/OF** – Jeloney Waters, Sr., Johnson County



JOHNSON COUNTY TROJANS

Head Coach (s): Chuck Beale

Assistant Coach (s): Jonathan Morris, Charles Greenway, Alex Allen

2021 Record: 24-7

Returning Starters: RHP/3B Aaron Adams (Sr., R/R); INF/OF Jeloney Waters (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF Deon Rawlings (Sr., R/R); OF William Taylor (Sr., R/R); OF Germivey Tucker (So., R/R); LHP/OF/INF Cam Waller (Jr., R/L)

Other Returning Players: RHP/INF Ashton Davis (So., R/R); RHP/INF Barrett Wombles (So., R/R); OF Dekalvion Johnson (So., R/R); RHP/INF Gannon Carter (Jr., R/R); RHP/C/1B Jonathan Watkins (Jr., R/R); RHP/C/INF/OF Landon McCoy (So., R/R); RHP/INF/OF Matthew Holley (Sr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Sage Stapleton (Fr., R/R); LHP/1B Sage Newsome (Fr., L/L); RHP/INF Olarte Wilcher (Fr., R/R); INF Damarion Sharber (Fr., R/R); RHP/OF Candon Scott (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: In what was supposed to be a rebuilding season in 2021, the Trojans won 24 games and made the second round of the state playoffs. Six starters are back, including versatile Jeloney Waters and pitching standout Cam Waller. The Trojans will need a talented group of sophomores and juniors to contribute.



DOOLY COUNTY BOBCATS

Head Coach (s): Adam Turner

Survey not returned



MONTGOMERY COUNTY EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Chase Young

Assistant Coach (s): Shane Taylor, Eric Burns

2021 Record: 15-13

Returning Starters: RHP/1B Bo Davidson (Sr., 5-11, 205, R/R); OF Chase

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Cardell (Sr., 5-11, 150, R/R); 1B/3B Maurice Polke (Jr., 6-1, 220, R/R); RHP Maverick Miller (So., 6-2, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 2B Marquis Martin (So., 5-9, 170, L/R); OF Bill Bland (So., 5-8, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 2B Eric White (Fr., 5-7, 150, R/R); 1B Ben Bailey (Fr., 6-3, 280, R/R); C/3B Bray Williamson (Fr., 6-0, 160, R/R); SS Tristan Bell (Fr., 5-10, 150, R/R); 3B/OF Jay Harris (Fr., 5-7, 145, R/R); OF Taylor Scott (Fr., 5-9, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: After advancing to the second round of the state playoffs last season, Montgomery County has some holes to fill to approach last year's success. Four starters are back, including a pair of senior leaders in pitcher/first baseman Bo Davidson and outfielder Chase Cardell. The Eagles will need some younger players to help out.



TELFAIR COUNTY TROJANS

Head Coach (s): Hart Mizell

Assistant Coach (s): Jody Stone, Thor Ott

2021 Record: 6-16

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Landon Connell (Sr.); C/RHP Russ Ray (Sr.); OF/INF Brian Cook (Jr.); INF Will Morris (Jr.); INF Jamie Norris (So.); LHP Jose-Vega Matos (So.); OF Za-Miyan McDuffie (So.)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Austin Conley (Jr.); C Skye Siddall (Jr.); RHP/INF Gavin Carver (Jr.)

Top Newcomers: INF/LHP Bradyn Cook (Fr.); OF/RHP Ben Rogers (Fr.); C/RHP Carson Ellis (Fr.); INF/RHP Jabari Zanders (Fr.); OF/LHP Aiden Singleton (Fr.); 1B/LHP Wes Pope (Fr.)

Season Outlook: Telfair County seeks to put last season behind after the Trojans struggled. The good news is that this team should be able to do that. Top pitcher Landon Connell returns as well as his favorite target – catcher Russ Ray. Telfair is still young and will need some underclassmen to step forward.



Landon Connell
Telfair County



TREUTLEN VIKINGS

Head Coach (s): Brad Collins

Assistant Coach (s): Jason McCoy

2021 Record: 13-14

Returning Starters: OF Tim Blair (Sr., R/R); INF/OF Matthew Corbett (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF Harrison Rutherford (Sr., R/R); OF Collin Beall (Sr., R/R); INF Qamar Jordan (Jr., R/R); LHP/INF Trace Peeples (Jr., L/L); RHP/INF/OF Kolby McLendon (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP/INF Ridge Swain (Jr., L/L); INF Jamar Jordan (Jr., L/L); INF Quentez Jordan (Sr., R/R); INF Cooper Brantley (So., R/R); RHP/INF Pierce Walker (So., R/R); OF Chad Bright (So., R/R); OF Logan Coursey (So., R/R); OF Jaylen Redding (Jr., L/L)

Top Newcomers: OF/LHP Kylan Page (Fr., L/L)

Season Outlook: An excellent returning group of players are back as Treutlen should contend for a postseason berth this spring. Pitching should be a team strength as left-hander Trace Peeples and right-hander Harrison Rutherford anchor what should be a solid pitching rotation. Keep an eye on this team.



WHEELER COUNTY BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Chris Carr

Assistant Coach (s): Dennis Logue, Todd Vann, Cory Reynolds, Tony Rogers

2021 Record: 8-16

Returning Starters: P/SS Rhett Rodgers (So., 6-0, 180); 1B Layton Horne (So., 5-9, 190); OF Drew Dixon (So., 5-8, 170); P/C/INF Walker Bridges (So., 6-2, 230)

Other Returning Players: P/OF Mason Ford (Sr., 5-9, 190); OF Ian Scott (So., 5-9, 160); P Kolby Adams (Jr., 6-0, 175)

Top Newcomers: P/INF Kolt Bell (Fr., 5-8, 150); P/INF Kyle Stinson (Fr., 5-8, 160); P/INF Danyun Hayes (Fr., 6-0, 165); P/1B Bobby Rowland (Fr., 5-10, 175); P/U KJ Williams (Fr., 5-8, 185)

Season Outlook: The rebuild continues at Wheeler County as the Bulldogs will field a very young but talented team in 2022. Four sophomore starters are back and the bulk of the team are sophomores and freshmen. But don't write the Bulldogs off. If they can get some valuable experience, they could surprise many.



WILCOX COUNTY PATRIOTS

Head Coach (s): Stephen McDuffie

Assistant Coach (s): Cote Jones, Tommy Fuller

2021 Record: 24-5

Returning Starters: SS Abe Stowe (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); 3B Larsen Luke (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R); RHP/1B Jordan Stephens (Jr., 6-4, 195, R/R); 1B Cole Blackwell (Jr., 5-9, 225, R/R); OF/RHP BJ Gibson (So., 6-0, 185, R/R); C/U Jackson Owens (So., 5-9, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Trevor Collier (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Karsen Bruce (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); INF Tanner Collier (Jr., 5-8, 175, R/R); OF Devon Grace (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP/OF Jake Howell (Fr., 5-10, 160, L/L); LHP/1B Johnny Nutt (Fr., 5-10, 165, L/L); RHP/INF Garrett Keene (Fr., 5-11, 155, R/R); 3B Trey Griffin (Fr., 5-6, 190, R/R); C/INF Carter Barnard (Fr., 5-11, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: Wilcox County has had a good run of success the past few seasons. Don't expect it to stop this year. Six starters return, including pitcher Jordan Stephens and outfielder BJ Gibson. Look for the Patriots to challenge for the region title again.



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Region Favorite: Schley County

Players to Watch

SS – Brendan Brooks, So., Taylor County; **C** – Grant Brown, Sr., Manchester; **C/3B/1B** – Jack Clark, So., Schley County; **RHP/INF** – Leland Dodson, So., Marion County; **INF/C/RHP** – Caleb Floyd, So., Chattahoochee County; **P** – Hayden Harbin, Sr., Manchester; **C/3B/OF** – Rett Harris, Sr., Taylor County; **OF** – Haven Hartage, Sr., Manchester; **OF/LHP/1B** – Ridge James, Sr., Schley County; **SS/RHP** – Tyler Johnson, Jr., Chattahoochee County; **OF/LHP** – Owen Lamb, Jr., Schley County; **C/LHP/OF/1B** – Trypp Lumpkin, Sr., Schley County; **OF** – Winzaevis Marshall, Sr., Manchester; **LHP/OF** – Colten O’Neal, Sr., Marion County; **OF** – Nathan Patterson, Sr., Taylor County; **INF** – Will Penoncello, Sr., Marion County; **RHP/INF** – Kaleb Powell, Sr., Marion County; **LHP/OF** – Alex Prevost, Jr., Chattahoochee County; **OF/C** – Zane Toms, Jr., Chattahoochee County; **C** – Dylan Vessel, Jr., Marion County; **SS/2B** – Carson Westbrook, So., Schley County; **RHP/INF** – Austin Woodell, Sr., Marion County



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
2021 Record: 14-14

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Kaleb Powell (Sr., 5-10, 160, L/R); INF Will Penoncello (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); RHP/INF Austin Woodell (Sr., 6-1, 205, R/R); OF CJ Way (Jr., 6-0, 150, R/R); OF Clayton McDaniel (Jr., 6-0, 160, L/R); LHP/OF Colten O’Neal (Sr., 6-2, 165, R/L); C Dylan Vessel (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP/INF Leland Dodson (So., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Domonic Briggs (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); OF Ian Williams (So., 6-0, 165, R/R); OF Jasper Currington (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Jordan Holbrook (So., 5-9, 160, R/R); INF Michael Armour (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/OF/INF Ty Goodroe (Fr., 5-8, 140, L/R); OF Jayden Richardson (Fr., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: Eight returning starters are back for Marion County who should contend for the region title and a postseason berth. Pitcher Kaleb Powell (5-4, 3.74 ERA) leads a solid rotation, while infielder Will Penoncello (.377 avg.) returns to spark the offense.



SCHLEY COUNTY WILDCATS

Head Coach (s): Chuck Cheek
Assistant Coach (s): William Rooks, Jody Sellars, Earl Dupree
2021 Record: 20-10

Returning Starters: C/LHP/OF/1B Trypp Lumpkin (Sr., 6-0, 170, L/L); OF/LHP/1B Ridge James (Sr., 5-8, 165, L/L); OF/LHP Owen Lamb (Jr., 6-3, 160, L/L); C/3B/1B Jack Clark (So., 5-10, 225, R/R); SS/2B Carson Westbrook (So., 5-9, 155, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/RHP Owen Shufflebarger (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); SS/2B Jay Kanazawa (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); C/2B Riley Cooper (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R); DH Cody Betts (Sr., 6-1, 265, R/R); OF/1B/RHP Nick White (So., 6-0, 165, R/R); C/INF Brody Fuller (Jr., 5-10, 155, L/R); 3B/C Trenton Stubbs (So., 6-0, 235, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/OF/RHP/C Ashton Raybon (Fr., 5-10, 150, R/R); SS/2B Rylan Conner (Fr., 5-9, 145, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wildcats made an uncharacteristic early exit in the postseason last year. They look to rebound this spring. They may be the only team in Class 1A Public that will trot three lefties to the mound as all-state pitcher Owen Lamb, Ridge James and Trypp Lumpkin return. Lumpkin, Carson Westbrook and Jack Clark return to power the offense.



CHATTAHOOCHEE COUNTY PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): Seth Gorman
Assistant Coach (s): Justin Newman, Ray Harrelson
2021 Record: 11-9

Returning Starters: 3B Jacob Walker (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); LHP/OF Alex Prevost (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/L); SS/RHP Tyler Johnson (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF/C Zane Toms (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); INF/C/RHP Caleb Floyd (So., 5-9, 160, R/R); INF/OF/RHP Tesean Ryals-Wilson (So., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/U Zachary Parker (So., 5-8, 150, R/R); OF Sean Eiermann (So., 5-9, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Cason Binn (So., 5-9, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: A young but talented team returns at Chattahoochee County as the Panthers should contend for a playoff berth. Six starters are back. Senior third baseman Jacob Walker returns, giving the Panthers a leader to build around. Keep an eye on a solid group of juniors and sophomores.



FURLOW CHARTER FALCONS

Head Coach (s): Brooks McDonel
Survey not returned



GREENVILLE PATRIOTS

Head Coach (s): Jamison McCray
Survey not returned

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STEWART COUNTY KNIGHTS

Head Coach (s): TBA
Survey not returned



TAYLOR COUNTY VIKINGS

Head Coach (s): Mark Wilson
Survey not returned



BEST ACADEMY EAGLES

Head Coach (s): TBA
Survey not returned



BOWDON RED DEVILS

Head Coach (s): Brian Vance
Assistant Coach (s): Mark Huggins, Brad Yarborough, Darius Dillard, Mitch Johnson, Pop Prothro
2021 Record: 16-16

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Carson Robinson (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Brady Entrekin (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); INF/RHP Jack Watkins (Sr., 5-8, 130, R/R); OF Will Upchurch (Sr., 6-0, 150, R/R); INF/C Will Rainwater (Jr., 5-8, 145, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/DH/RHP Zach McEwen (Sr., 5-9, 185, R/R); RHP/INF Bryson Adams (So., 5-8, 130, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Will Huggins (Fr., 5-11, 150, L/R); OF/RHP Dalton Ballenger (Fr., 5-9, 155, R/R); OF Luke Windom (Fr., 5-8, 140, R/R); INF/OF/RHP Jacob Williams (Fr., 5-5, 125, R/R)

Season Outlook: Bowdon got off to a slow start in 2021 but finished the season strong. The Red Devils look to keep riding that positive momentum, but they will need to mature quickly. Five seniors, four of which were starters, are back to lead the team. Infielder/catcher Will Rainwater is back after a solid sophomore campaign last year.



Brady Entrekin
Bowdon



Carson Robinson
Bowdon



Jack Watkins
Bowdon

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Region Favorite: Gordon Lee

Players to Watch

C/3B – Cameron Anderson, Sr., Drew Charter; **OF** – Clay Chesley, Jr., Trion; **SS/RHP** – Kade Cowan, Jr., Gordon Lee; **CF** – Jayden Daniels, Jr., Drew Charter; **RHP/C** – Aaron Decarlo, Sr., Drew Charter; **OF/P** – Connor Deparlier, Sr., Trion; **SS/RHP** – Chandler Desanto, Jr., Armuchee; **U** – Brandon Dover, Sr., Trion; **OF/LHP** – Nate Dunfee, Jr., Gordon Lee; **INF/RHP** – Brady Entrekin, Sr., Bowdon; **RHP/3B/C** – Brodie Genter, Jr., Gordon Lee; **C** – Garrett Gordon, Sr., Mount Zion-Carrollton; **3B/SS/RHP** – Jessie Hart, So., Drew Charter; **P** – Jase Mason, So., Trion; **1B** – Jackson Morrison, Jr., Trion; **INF/C** – Will Rainwater, Jr., Bowdon; **LHP/OF** – Garren Ramey, Sr., Gordon Lee; **RHP/OF** – Bo Rhudy, Jr., Gordon Lee; **OF/RHP** – Carson Robinson, Sr., Bowdon; **1B/LHP** – Blake Rodgers, Jr., Gordon Lee; **LHP** – Jack Rogers, Jr., Armuchee; **OF/RHP** – Dylan Roulaire, Sr., Mount Zion-Carrollton; **C** – Skyler Thurston, Jr., Armuchee; **INF/RHP** – Jack Watkins, Sr., Bowdon; **C** – Brantley Wilbanks, Sr., Trion; **RHP/OF** – Tanner Wilson, Sr., Gordon Lee



ARMUCHEE INDIANS

Head Coach (s): Andy Henderson
Assistant Coach (s): David Honea
2021 Record: 11-15

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Chandler Desanto (Jr., 5-10, 150, L/R); U Jackson Coonley (So., 6-0, 180, R/R); C Skyler Thurston (Jr., 5-6, 140, L/R); INF Jaiden Bunch (Jr., 5-8, 145, R/R); LHP Jack Rogers (Jr., 5-11, 125, L/L); OF/LHP Blake Mathis (Jr., 5-11, 175, L/L); OF/LHP Braxton Honea (Jr., 5-11, 175, L/L)

Other Returning Players: OF Kameron Parker (Sr., 5-11, 185, L/R); RHP/INF Ethan Campbell (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Blane Ragland (Fr., 5-6, 145, R/R); U/RHP Luke Lively (Fr., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: Armuchee welcomes back the return of seven starters,



DREW CHARTER EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Walter Nunnally
Assistant Coach (s): Anthony White, Kenyatta Bennett, Ryan Martin
2021 Record: 5-18

Returning Starters: RHP/C Aaron Decarlo (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); C/3B Cameron Anderson (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); SS/OF Jayden Hudson (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Jerrell Franks (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF Kashawn Myers (Sr., 5-6, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Che Williams (So., R/R); INF/OF Kenyatta Bennett (So., B/R); 3B/SS/RHP Jessie Hart (So., R/R); OF Jayden Daniels (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: 2B/OF Kendrick Myers (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Walter Nunnally (Fr., R/R); OF/RHP Joseph Richburg (Fr., R/R); INF/OF Pierce Lindie (Fr., R/R); INF/RHP Cade Hudson (Fr.,

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R/R); C/INF Alex Decarlo (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Eagles will be looking to improve upon last season's finish. A solid group of returning players are back, including offensive leaders Jayden Daniels, Aaron Decarlo and Cameron Anderson. Drew Charter must find some consistent pitching.



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, Justin Wooden

2021 Record: 36-5

Returning Starters: RHP/OF Tanner Wilson (Sr.); OF/LHP Garren Ramey (Sr.); OF/LHP Nate Dunfee (Jr.); SS/RHP Kade Cowan (Jr.); 1B/LHP Blake Rodgers (Jr.); RHP/OF Bo Rhudy (Jr.); RHP/3B/C Brodie Genter (Jr.)

Other Returning Players: RHP/2B Ethan Rider (Sr.); C/2B/RHP Holt Roberts (Jr.); RHP/OF Cooper Jackson (Jr.); U Tyler Forester (Jr.); C/RHP/INF Barrett Dockery (So.)

Season Outlook: Graduation robbed the Trojans of some very good players, but don't count out Gordon Lee. The Trojans will still rank among the state's best as seven starters are back, including all-state pitcher Bo Rhudy and offensive standouts Kade Cowan and Blake Rodgers. There are enough leftovers for the Trojans to make another deep playoff run.



Brodie Genter
Gordon Lee

Top Newcomers: SS Kade Smith (Fr.); 1B/P Logan Stokes (Fr.); OF Ethan Willingham (Fr.)

Season Outlook: The Bulldogs expect to be much-improved after last season's finish. Trion welcomes back the return of 10 starters, including versatile Brandon Dover, catcher Brantley Wilbanks and outfielder/pitcher Connor Deplarier. If the Bulldogs can find some pitching depth, they could be trouble.

REGION 7-1A PUBLIC

Region Favorite: Ace Charter

Players to Watch

SS – Cayden Avant, Jr., GMC; **2B** – Blake Bishop, Sr., Crawford County; **CF/RHP** – Christian Black, Jr., GMC; **C** – Caleb Carr, Sr., Crawford County; **C/RHP/INF** – Colton Chalker, Jr., Glascock County; **OF/SS/2B** – Trevor Derrick, Sr., ACE Charter; **1B/RHP** – Ashton Donaldson, Jr., ACE Charter; **RHP/OF** – Grant Edwards, Jr., ACE Charter; **U** – Hunter Fricks, So., Twiggs County; **DH** – Brennan Hudson, Sr., Crawford County; **SS/RHP** – Hunter Justice, Sr., GSIC; **LHP/OF** – JD Lewis, Sr., ACE Charter; **LHP** – Griffin Parker, So., Crawford County; **SS** – Judd Puckett, Jr., Crawford County; **U** – Triemendiez Sanders, Sr., Twiggs County; **1B/LHP** – Blake Smith, Sr., GSIC; **U** – Jaden Stevenson, Sr., Wilkinson County; **INF/RHP/C** – Trent Thompson, So., GSIC; **U** – Kanden Vargas, Sr., Wilkinson County; **3B/RHP/C** – Gavin West, Jr., ACE Charter; **OF/RHP/SS** – Sam Whitley, Jr., ACE Charter; **C** – Trey Woods, Sr., GMC



MOUNT ZION-CARROLLTON EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Randall Wright

Survey not returned



TRION BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Trent Stamey

Assistant Coach (s): Brad Beck, Hunter Davis, Ronnie Stamey, Eric Brock

2021 Record: 11-14

Returning Starters: 2B/SS Brody Brown (Jr.); OF Clay Chesley (Jr.); OF/P Connor Deplarier (Sr.); U Brandon Dover (Sr.); INF Toby Maddux (So.); P Jase Mason (So.); 1B Jackson Morrison (Jr.); OF/P Cayden Watson (Jr.); C Brantley Wilbanks (Sr.); OF Nathan Willingham (Jr.)

Other Returning Players: OF Lincoln Farrar (Sr.); OF Bryce Cordell (Sr.)



Brody Brown
Trion



Jackson Morrison
Trion



ACE CHARTER GRYPHONS

Head Coach (s): Josh McLendon

Assistant Coach (s): Kevin Balkcom, Mark Mimbs, Dickie Horton, Josh Loosier, Wade Bennett

2021 Record: 33-6

Returning Starters: LHP/OF JD Lewis (Sr., 5-11, 175, L/L); 3B/RHP/C Gavin West (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); 1B/RHP Ashton Donaldson (Jr., 6-1, 225, R/R); OF/RHP/SS Sam Whitley (Jr., 6-1, 155, R/R); OF/SS/2B Trevor Derrick (Sr., 6-0, 150, R/R); RHP/OF Grant Edwards (Jr., 6-2, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/RHP Micah Thompson (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); 2B/OF Trevor Cannon (Jr., 6-2, 140, R/R); OF/C Henry Lewis (So., 5-8, 150, R/R); RHP/OF/2B Jack Corrigan (So., 5-8, 140, R/R); RHP/1B Owen Cannon (Jr., 6-1, 260, R/R); 1B Grayson Floyd (Jr., 6-2, 210, R/R); 3B/OF/C Tate Brown (Sr., 6-3, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/OF Cody Colter (Fr., 6-2, 190, R/R); C/RHP/OF Brice Whitley (Fr., 5-9, 150, R/R); 2B/SS/RHP Jake McLendon (Fr., 5-7, 130, R/R);



Trevor Derrick
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Ashton Donaldson
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3B/DH Noev Sardoma (So., 5-7, 195, R/R); RHP/OF Chase Gazafy (So., 6-0, 150, R/R); OF/RHP Will Crowder (So., 5-9, 160, R/R); 1B Weldon Ballard (So., 6-2, 210, R/R)

Season Outlook: After the best season in school history last year, the Gryphons will be rebuilding this spring.

But there is enough for ACE to make another strong run. The pitching staff must mature and develop, but outfielder/pitcher JD Lewis (.395 avg., 9 2B; 3-1, 1.90 ERA) and third baseman Gavin West (.388 avg., 35 RBIs) return. A talented group of young players will contribute.



Grant Edwards
ACE Charter



Sam Whitley
ACE Charter



GLASCOCK COUNTY PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): Johnny Cantrell

Assistant Coach (s): Bobby Videon, Stanley Phillips

2021 Record: 8-16

Returning Starters: 3B/RHP Dee Gilmore (Jr., 6-2, 235, R/R); C/RHP/INF Colton Chalker (Jr., 5-7, 145, R/R); SS/RHP Landon Griswell (So., 6-0, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 3B/RHP Bryce Wheeler (So., 5-11, 170, R/R); INF/OF Easton Pittman (So., 5-6, 140, R/R); INF/OF Caleb Pittman (So., 5-6, 135, R/R); RHP/OF Nathan Perry (So., 6-0, 160, R/R); OF/2B Nicholas Holton (So., 5-7, 150, R/R); OF Josh Sleister (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: Caeden Downs (Fr.); Tristan Clark (Fr.); Christian Phillips (Fr.); Blake Daniels (Fr.)

Season Outlook: The senior class is very small, but look for an excellent group of underclassmen to help Glascoc County contend for a playoff berth. Juniors Dee Gilmore and Colton Chalker return, while sophomore shortstop/pitcher Landon Griswell is back after a solid freshman season last year.



CRAWFORD COUNTY EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Craig Puckett

Assistant Coach (s): Trevor Moncrief, Shannon West

2021 Record: 21-8

Returning Starters: C Caleb Carr (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); DH Brennan Hudson (Sr., 6-2, 170, R/R); 2B Blake Bishop (Sr., 5-9, 155, R/R); U Bubba Taylor (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); OF Trace Hodges (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R); SS Judd Puckett (Jr., 6-4, 215, R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP Griffin Parker (So., 5-9, 180, L/L); 3B Devin Eubanks (Jr., 6-1, 190, R/R); RHP Luke Cody (Jr., 6-0, 190, R/R); OF Trevor West (Jr., 6-0, 175, L/L); OF Pate Spires (Jr., 5-10, 140, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 3B Drew Hammock (Fr., 6-0, 150, R/R); RHP Isaac Meadows (Fr., 5-10, 165, R/R); LHP Makale Harris (Fr., 5-11, 200, L/L)

Season Outlook: After winning 21 games last spring, Crawford County could be even better this year. The biggest concern is the lack of pitching depth, but a strong senior class led by catcher Caleb Carr and Brennan Hudson return. Shortstop Judd Puckett also returns after a strong sophomore campaign last year.



GMC BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Rusty Courson

Assistant Coach (s): Brian Humphrey

2021 Record: 10-13

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Christian Black (Jr., R/R); SS Cayden Avant (Jr., R/R); 2B Tyler Saunders (Jr., R/R); C Trey Woods (Sr., R/R); OF Jessie Washington (So., R/R); OF Brice Smith (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP JJ Hines (Sr., R/R); 1B Jason Heayberd (Jr., R/R); OF Murphy Letson (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: C Logan McMilian (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Bulldogs will be a relatively young team in 2022, but there is talent for GMC to contend for the playoffs as usual. Six starters are back, including senior catcher Trey Woods, one of the team's few seniors. Look for a solid corps of juniors to step forward and help out.



GSIC PATRIOTS

Head Coach (s): Chileno Valdez

Assistant Coach (s): Jason Norris, Steven Justice

2021 Record: 4-11

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Hunter Justice (Sr., 5-8, 150, R/R); 1B/LHP Blake Smith (Sr., 6-0, 160, L/L); OF/LHP Logan James (So., 5-8, 110, L/L); INF/RHP/C Trent Thompson (So., 5-7, 110, R/R); RHP/1B Drew Salis (So., 5-10, 250, R/R); OF/INF Andrew Stewart (So., 6-1, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Wesley Silas (Fr., 5-10, 125, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Patriots won four games last season, and they look to take things a step farther this spring. Six starters are back, including senior shortstop/pitcher Hunter Justice and pitcher/first baseman Blake Smith. A solid corps of sophomores will be expected to 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

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Region Favorite: Washington-Wilkes

Players to Watch

INF/RHP/C – Ray Adcock, Jr., Lincoln County; **RHP** – Jason Ball, Sr., Social Circle; **LHP** – Cole Bentley, So., Lincoln County; **P/1B/3B** – Caleb Berrong, Jr., Towns County; **C** – Connor Chastain, So., Towns County; **RHP/U** – Desmond Cofer, Jr., Washington-Wilkes; **INF** – Ryan Cooper, Sr., Commerce; **1B/2B** – Logan Cross, Jr., Social Circle; **P/SS** – Collin Crowder, Sr., Towns County; **SS/2B** – Landon Davis, So., Social Circle; **LHP/OF** – Nathan Durham, Sr., Washington-Wilkes; **RHP** – Owen Etris, Sr., Lake Oconee Academy; **RHP/SS/OF** – Zane Floyd, So., Towns County; **OF/1B** – Mason Hill, So., Social Circle; **LHP/OF** – Robert Hunt, Jr., Washington-Wilkes; **1B/RHP** – Hampton Hutto, Jr., Commerce; **SS/2B** – Ty Lemaster, Jr., Social Circle; **OF/INF/RHP** – Cayden Lord, Jr., Commerce; **1B/RHP** – James Mattison, Jr., Lincoln County; **C/OF** – Mitchell McCullough, Jr., Social Circle; **OF** – Brayden Mitchell, Jr., Social Circle; **3B/C** – Mason Moore, Jr., Social Circle; **C/OF/INF** – Kyle Oakes, Sr., Towns County; **2B/RHP** – Garrett Payne, Jr., Lake Oconee Academy; **OF** – Hunter Price, Sr., Washington-Wilkes; **RHP** – Nate Rainey, Sr., Commerce; **C/RHP/INF** – Coleson Smith, Jr., Commerce; **LHP/1B** – Drew Sofield, So., Towns County; **U** – Jackson Thornton, Sr., Washington-Wilkes; **SS** – Harrison Tolleson, Jr., Lake Oconee Academy



GREENE COUNTY TIGERS

Head Coach (s): William Thompson
Survey not returned



LAKE OCONEE TITANS

Head Coach (s): Jeremy Donaldson
Assistant Coach (s): Dave Herring, Tommy McDonald, Guy Hart
2021 Record: 13-10

Returning Starters: RHP Owen Etris (Sr., 6-1, 195, R/R); SS Harrison Tolleson (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); 2B/RHP Garrett Payne (Jr., 6-1, 150, R/R); 2B/RHP Noah Strausbaug (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF Rhett Sandhagen (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); OF Sumner Coleman (Jr., 5-7, 140, R/R); 1B Ian Watson (So., 5-9, 155, R/R); C Will Moore (So., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Alex Perry (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); INF Jack Walker (So., 5-10, 230, R/R); OF/RHP Maddox Robinson (So., 5-10, 140, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Cameron Kelley (Fr., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF Reid Davis (Fr., 5-11, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Titans look to build off their first state playoff appearance in school history last year. Lake Oconee has enough returning players to do that. Right-hander Owen Etris (5-3, 2.07 ERA) returns, while shortstop Harrison Tolleson and second baseman/pitcher Garrett Payne return after strong sophomore seasons last year.



LINCOLN COUNTY RED DEVILS

Head Coach (s): Robert McCarty (new)
Assistant Coach (s): Chris Knight, Todd Ware
2021 Record: 4-21

Returning Starters: 1B/RHP James Mattison (Jr., 6-2, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Aubrey Flanigan (Jr., 6-0, 155, R/R); INF/RHP/C Ray Adcock (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); OF Judson Beggs (Jr., 5-11, 150, R/R); OF/1B Jack Antonakos (Jr., 6-3, 200, R/R); OF Heath Creswell (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); C/U Peyton Rowe (So., 5-8, 155, R/R); LHP Cole Bentley (So., 5-8, 150, R/L); INF/RHP Tristan Tankersley (Sr., 6-1, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 2B Devin Hogan (So., 5-7, 140, R/R); INF Kellen Smith (Sr., 5-11, 190, R/R); 1B Braelyn Stephens (Sr., 6-1, 245, R/R)

Top Newcomers: SS/RHP Trey Huff (Jr., 5-9, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: New coach Robert McCarty takes over and inherits nine returning starters as the Red Devils should have a chance to compete for a playoff position. The team is still relatively young, but returning juniors James Mattison and Ray Adcock return, giving the team a pair of experienced leaders to build around.



SOCIAL CIRCLE REDSKINS

Head Coach (s): Kevin Dawkins
Assistant Coach (s): Brent Moore, Brook Adams
2021 Record: 17-16

Returning Starters: 3B/C Mason Moore (Jr., B/R); 1B/2B Logan Cross (Jr., R/R); C/OF Mitchell McCullough (Jr., R/R); RHP Jason Ball (Sr., R/R); SS/2B Ty



BARROW BLAZERS

Head Coach (s): Robert Kolowich
Survey not returned



COMMERCE TIGERS

Head Coach (s): Steve Cotrell
Assistant Coach (s): Dustin Allen
2021 Record: 24-12

Returning Starters: OF/INF/RHP Cayden Lord (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); C/RHP/INF Coleson Smith (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); 1B/RHP Hampton Hutto (Jr., 6-3, 230, L/R); RHP/OF Nate Rainey (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Alex Rainey (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R); OF/RHP Kade Morgan (Sr., 6-1, 160, R/R); INF JP Allen (So., 5-9, 140, R/R); C/RHP Mason Anderson (So., 5-10, 155, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Ryan Cooper (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Coy Argo (So., 5-10, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Tigers lost a good bit of experience after winning 24 games last year. But don't sleep on Commerce. An excellent group returns, including right-handed pitcher Nate Rainey (4-0, 1.78 ERA) and infielder Ryan Cooper. Versatile junior Coleson Smith also returns.

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Lemaster (Jr., R/R); SS/2B Landon Davis (So., R/R); OF/1B Mason Hill (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B Luke Smith (So., R/R); C/OF Paul Kendall (Jr., R/R); OF Mason Allen (Jr., R/R); OF Bryce Swartout (Jr., R/R); OF Brayden Mitchell (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/OF Lucas Langley (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Redskins have a relatively young team returning, but they could be dangerous. All-state catcher/third baseman Mason Moore returns to lead an offense capable of putting up big numbers. Social Circle must develop some pitching depth, but keep an eye on a solid group of underclassmen.

TOWNS COUNTY INDIANS

Head Coach (s): Shannon Floyd

Survey not returned

WASHINGTON-WILKES TIGERS

Head Coach (s): Drew Wilson

Assistant Coach (s): Ty McGill, Wayne Jackson

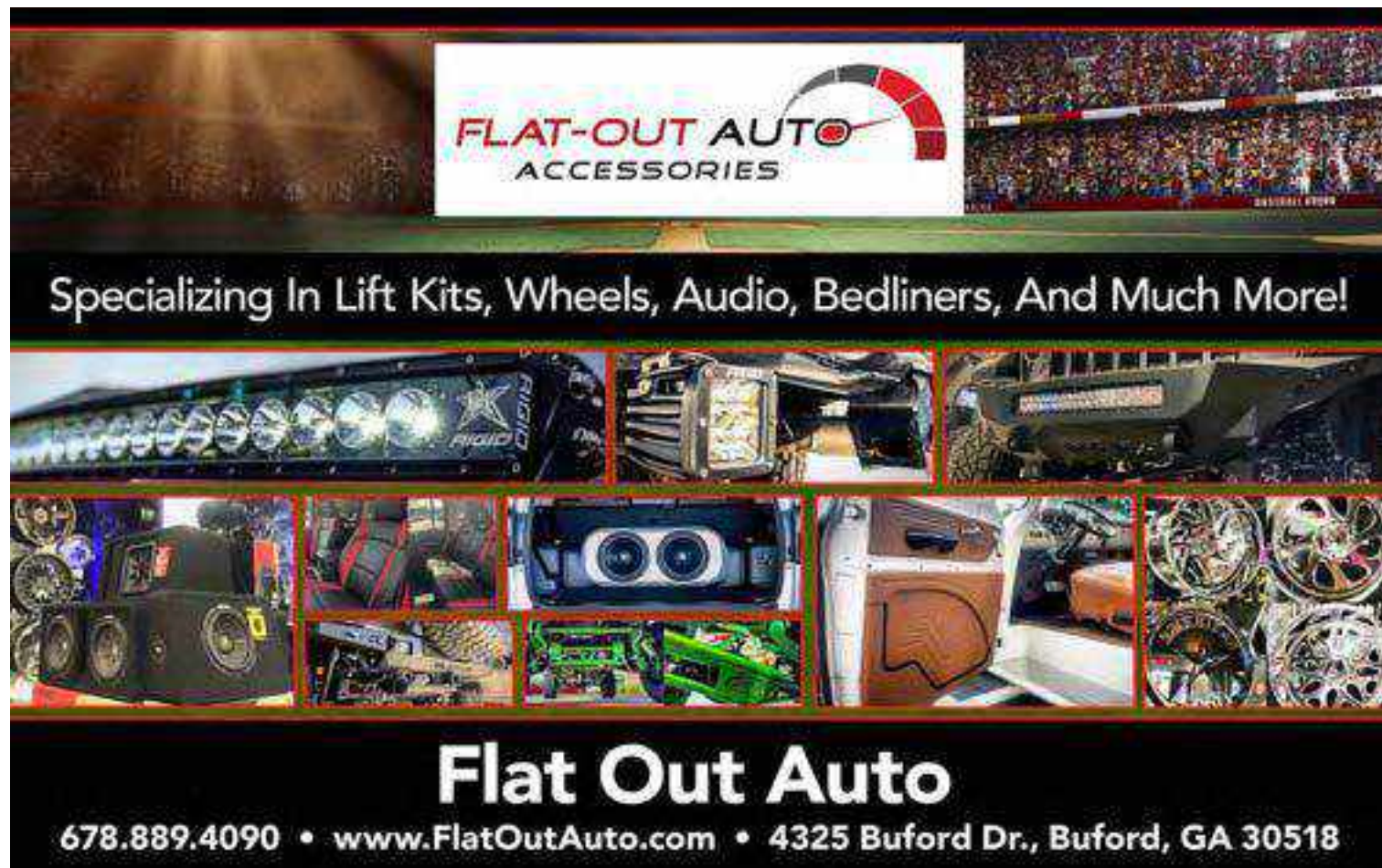
2021 Record: 25-9

Returning Starters: LHP/OF Nathan Durham (Sr., 6-2, 165, L/L); OF Hunter Price (Sr., 5-8, 155, L/R); U Jackson Thornton (Sr., 6-2, 165, R/R); LHP/OF Robert Hunt (Jr., 6-6, 195, L/L); RHP/U Desmond Cofer (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R);

1B Levi Durham (Jr., 6-1, 210, R/R); C Trace Callaway (So., 5-9, 165, B/R); SS Mason Wheatley (So., 5-9, 130, R/R); RHP Morgan Shedd (So., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/U Sam Moon (So., R/R); 1B Nick Harkins (So., L/R); LHP Lawrence Murray (Sr., L/L); OF Bryson Porter (So., R/L); OF Malik Ware (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: Washington-Wilkes will be expected to contend for the region title this spring as a wealth of starters return, including all-state players Nathan Durham and Robert Hunt. The bulk of the team returns. Look for a strong group of juniors and sophomores to help out.



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Preseason Top 15

No.	Team	2021 Record	Returning Starters	Comment
1.	 Mount Paran Christian	29-4	10	Eagles good for a while
2.	 Wesleyan	32-6	6	Wolves back for another shot
3.	 Tattnall Square	24-5	7	Trojans will be in hunt as usual
4.	 Fellowship Christian	25-8	8	Paladins' pitching will keep them in it
5.	 Hebron Christian	23-10	7	Lions have talent to go long way
6.	 Athens Christian	25-11	7	New coach, but same tough team
7.	 Calvary Day	21-14	10	Cavaliers only getting better
8.	 Savannah Christian	28-8	6	Raiders young but still strong
9.	 Saint Anne-Pacelli	17-18	7	Vikings will keep moving up
10.	 Kings Ridge Christian	20-9	6	Tigers only going to get better
11.	 Brookstone	21-10	6	Cougars can be dangerous if healthy
12.	 First Presbyterian Day	20-10	7	Cauley, McCart, Moore lead way
13.	 Prince Ave. Christian	24-10	7	Marshall will keep Wolverines in hunt
14.	 North Cobb Christian	11-15	7	Eagles have talent to contend
15.	 Whitefield Academy	13-16	14	Wolfpack continue to build

Teams to watch (In alphabetical order)

Darlington, Heritage, Holy Innocents', Mount Pisgah Christian, Saint Francis, Stratford, Trinity Christian

REGION 1-1A PRIVATE

Region Favorite: Tattnall Square

Players to Watch

RHP/3B – Cooper Baskette, Sr., Stratford; **OF** – Jimmy Bowden, Jr., Stratford; **OF/RHP** – Coleman Cauley, Sr., First Presbyterian Day; **INF/OF** – Blake Cohen, Sr., First Presbyterian Day; **RHP/1B** – Lawson Cole, Sr., Stratford; **RHP/OF** – Dakota Crumbley, So., Strong Rock Christian; **RHP** – Luke McCart, Sr., First Presbyterian Day; **RHP/C** – Jack McCune, Jr., Strong Rock Christian; **RHP/OF** – Gabe McGregor, Jr., Tattnall Square; **RHP/OF** – Cooper McMullen, So., Tattnall Square; **INF** – Russ Miller, Sr., Tattnall Square; **INF/OF** – Jackson Moore, Sr., First Presbyterian Day; **1B** – Charlie Morris, Sr., Tattnall Square; **RHP/1B** – Will Plowden, Sr., Deerfield-Windsor; **INF** – Isaiah Pou, Jr., Strong Rock Christian; **SS/RHP** – Thomas Ray, Jr., Deerfield-Windsor; **INF/OF** – Clay Rowland, Sr., Tattnall Square; **INF** – Camden Skinner, Jr., Tattnall Square; **SS/RHP** – Bricen Smith, So., Mount de Sales; **LHP/OF** – Benjamin Stubbs, Sr., Tattnall Square; **RHP/INF** – Micah Takac, Sr., Stratford; **C/RHP** – Zach Wallace, So., Strong Rock Christian; **RHP/OF/SS** – Garrett Watson, Sr., Deerfield-Windsor

DEERFIELD-WINDSOR KNIGHTS

Head Coach (s): Bill Cefaratti

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Assistant Coach (s): Mark Smith, Jonathan Foster, John Pinson

2021 Record: 6-16

Returning Starters: RHP/1B Will Plowden (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); RHP/OF/SS Garrett Watson (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF Will Gray (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); SS/RHP Thomas Ray (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R); C/1B Davis Coleman (Jr., 6-1, 190, R/R); OF Tillman Dew (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); U Parks Cohen (Jr., 5-7, 150, R/R)

Other Returning Players: DH Henry Hood (Jr., 5-9, 175, L/R); RHP Luke Daniel (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: SS/RHP Charlie Willcox (Fr., 6-0, 160, B/R); OF/RHP Chewy Willis (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Knights made their debut in the GHSA last year and struggled. Deerfield-Windsor should be better in 2022. Seven starters are back, including seniors Will Plowden, Garrett Watson and Will Gray. Junior Thomas Ray also returns after a solid sophomore campaign.



Will Plowden
Deerfield-Windsor

INF Matt Langan (Jr., R/R); RHP/OF Bryce Garvin (Sr., R/R); RHP/1B Connor West (Jr., 6-4, 185, R/R); LHP/OF Hayden Partain (So., 5-10, 135, L/L); INF/OF Cayden Pugh (Jr., R/R); OF/RHP Evan Iullucci (Jr., 5-11, 145, R/R); INF/OF Glen Keith Phillip (So., 5-4, 125, R/R); C/OF Jamie Peirson (Sr., R/R); INF Jack Mullinax (So., 5-10, 125, R/R); 1B Cooper Spires (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: The senior class is small, but the Cavaliers return a pile of underclassmen and should have a chance to be much better. Eight starters return, including sophomore shortstop/pitcher Bricen Smith who was promising as a freshman last year. The Cavaliers will be young once again but should be tough once they get some experience.



STRATFORD EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Danny Camp (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Jeff Treadway, Robbie Camp, Bill Meeks

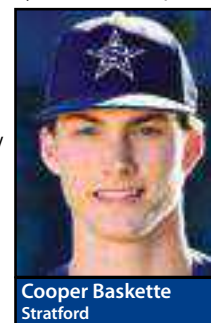
2021 Record: 18-12

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Micah Takac (Sr., R/R); RHP/1B Lawson Cole (Sr., R/R); RHP/3B Cooper Baskette (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF Garrett Lang (Sr., R/R); OF Nate Slappey (Sr., R/R); OF Jimmy Bowden (Jr., R/R); DH Cal Hatcher (Jr., L/L)

Other Returning Players: C/INF Billy Noblitt (So., R/R); RHP

John Pavlo (Sr., R/R); OF Carson Chambliss (Sr., R/R); RHP John Wade (Sr., R/R); LHP/INF Ellis Harrell (So., R/L); INF Cope Smith (So., R/R); OF Mekhi Lyder (Sr., R/R)

Season Outlook: New coach Danny Camp inherits a team that should challenge for a playoff position again. Seven starters are back, including three solid right-handed pitchers in Micah Takac, Lawson Cole and Cooper Baskette. Seniors Garrett Lang and Nate Slappey also return. Look for some talented younger players to help out.



Cooper Baskette
Stratford



Garrett Lang
Stratford

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN DAY VIKINGS

Head Coach (s): Greg Moore

Assistant Coach (s): Seth Graham, Wayne Hotchkiss

2021 Record: 20-10

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Coleman Cauley (Sr., 6-2, 220, R/R); INF/OF Jackson Moore (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); INF/OF Blake Cohen (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); INF Colton McDonald (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R); RHP Luke McCart (Sr., 5-11, 155, R/R); OF Griffin Green (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); C Micah Henley (Sr., 5-10, 200, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/RHP Garrett Veal (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); OF Chandler Cawley (Jr., 5-10, 160, L/R); INF/OF Walker Perkins (Sr., 6-3, 210, R/R); INF/DH BJ Hughes (So., 5-9, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Lucas Buckner (So., 6-0, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Gavin Spillers (So., 6-2, 220, L/L); LHP/OF Hayes Bryant (So., 5-9, 145, R/L); LHP/OF Wills Handberry (So., 5-11, 155, R/R); INF Reynolds Handberry (So., 5-11, 165, R/R); OF Cody Strandmark (So., 6-2, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Vikings, as usual, will be expected to contend for a postseason berth. FPD welcomes back seven returning starters and should have a chance to approach last year's success. Outfielder/pitcher Coleman Cauley is a player to watch, while versatile senior Jackson Moore and right-handed pitcher Luke McCart will help FPD stay in the chase. A solid corps of underclassmen will also contribute.



Jackson Moore
First Presbyterian Day



STRONG ROCK CHRISTIAN PATRIOTS

Head Coach (s): Toby Evans

Assistant Coach (s): Julius Gaines, Dow Culberson, Tripp Lawrence

2021 Record: 12-18

Returning Starters: INF Isaiah Pou (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); 1B Braden Burghardt (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); RHP/3B Jack McCune (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); INF Colin Mendiola (So., 5-8, 140, 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); INF/OF Chase Murphy (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); INF Adam Brown (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP Cooper Culberson (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP Grant Miller (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Hunt Tatum (So., 6-2, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Charlie Guinade (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); C Lleyton Hallman (Fr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Patriots closed the season strong last year, and they look to continue their positive momentum into 2022. The senior class is small, but the good news is that four starters are back. Junior pitcher/third baseman Jack McCune returns as well as infielder Isaiah Pou. Some younger players will need to step up and contribute.

MOUNT DE SALES CAVALIERS

Head Coach (s): Bubba Pool

Assistant Coach (s): Todd Freeman, Shannon Sheheane, Craig Carroll

2021 Record: 11-17

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Jordan Green (So., 5-7, 135, R/R); SS/RHP Bricen Smith (So., 6-0, 165, L/R); 3B/RHP Elijah Freeman (Sr., 5-11, 210, R/R); C/RHP/INF Jared Diaz (So., 5-8, 150, R/R); OF/RHP Drew Senn (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R); OF/LHP Fernando Washington (Jr., 6-1, 210, L/L); OF/RHP Carson Craig (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/R); RHP/1B/3B Kyle Shaugnessy (So., 6-2, 210, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/C Landen Moore (So., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP/

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TATTNALL SQUARE TROJANS

Head Coach (s): Joey Hiller

Assistant Coach (s): Jordan Brooks, Tom Gorman, Kevin Brown, Bryan Kemp
2021 Record: 24-5

Returning Starters: INF/OF Clay Rowland (Sr., 6-2, 170, R/R); INF Russ Miller (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); INF DJ Willis (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); 1B Charlie Morris (Sr., 6-1, 205, R/R); LHP/OF Benjamin Stubbs (Sr., 5-8, 150, L/L); RHP/OF Gabe McGreggor (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); RHP/OF Cooper McMullen (So., 6-1, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Hardy Hudson (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF John Kitchens (Jr., 5-6, 135, R/R); RHP/INF Riley McCallum (So., 6-1, 185, R/R); INF Camden Skinner (Jr., 6-2, 210, R/R); C/U Carsen Gibson (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R); RHP/U Maclain Brown (Jr., 6-1, 165, R/R); C/RHP Wilton Bumgardner (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); 1B Carter Brown (Jr., 6-5, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/OF Kade Thompson (Fr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF Braden Smith (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); C/RHP Scout Willingham (Fr., 6-0, 165, R/R); 1B/3B Tristen Turner (Fr., 6-1, 190, L/R); INF Tucker Brown (Fr., 5-7, 150, R/R); OF William Stuart (Fr., 6-1, 150, R/R); LHP/OF/1B Maddox Kimball (Fr., 5-8, 155, L/L)

Season Outlook: In a rebuilding year in 2021, Tattnall Square still won the region title and made the state quarterfinals. Seven starters are back, including all-state standouts Benjamin Stubbs and Clay Rowland. The senior class is small and the Trojans will still be very young, but the talent is very promising. Look for Tattnall to make another strong postseason run.



LANDMARK CHRISTIAN WAR EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Jared Williams

Assistant Coach (s): Durand Rice, Marion Dukes, Barry Williams
2021 Record: 14-17

Returning Starters: LHP/1B Luke Balentine (Sr., 6-3, 190, L/L); INF Jake Melear (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); C/RHP/INF Cody Lee (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); OF/LHP Grant Thigpen (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/L); OF Avery Hardeman (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Hayden Crews (So., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Max Echevarria (So., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF/1B Alex Larsh (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); U/RHP Nathan Riediger (Jr., 6-4, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/RHP/INF Cam LeGrier (Fr., 5-8, 150, R/R); INF Trey Maull (Fr., 5-10, 145, R/R)

Season Outlook: The War Eagles lost some talent to graduation, but don't sleep on them. First Team all-region pitcher Luke Balentine returns as well as outfielder/pitcher Grant Thigpen. The senior class is small, but look for a promising group of juniors and sophomores to help out.



OUR LADY OF MERCY BOBCATS

Head Coach (s): TBA

Survey not returned



PAIDEIA PYTHONS

Head Coach (s): Drew Kise

Assistant Coach (s): Wes Hollins, Rodney Henderson

2021 Record: 10-11

Returning Starters: INF/C Bruno Damiani (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); 1B/C Cal Forde (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); INF/RHP/OF William Moore (Sr., 6-0, 150, R/R); INF/RHP/C David Raygoza (Sr., 6-0, 165, L/R); 3B/RHP Jack Tope (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); OF Alex Liu (Jr., 5-6, 135, L/R); SS/2B/C Kaj Barron (So., 5-9, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Gabe Elliott (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Sahil Gandhi (So., 5-9, 150, R/R); OF Lucas Tangpricha (So., 5-7, 130, R/R); 2B Esteban De Alba (So., 5-8, 150, R/R); 3B Gabriel Jones (So., 6-1, 160, R/R); 2B Bennett Davis (So., 5-6, 130, R/R); OF Daniel Sommerfeld (So., 6-0, 140, R/R)

Season Outlook: Coach Drew Kise continues to help Paideia make positive strides on the baseball diamond. Seven starters are back this season, including infielder/catcher Bruno Damiani (.439 avg., 24 RBIs). Paideia, however, will need to develop some pitching depth.



WHITEFIELD ACADEMY WOLFPACK

Head Coach (s): Mike Shaheen

Assistant Coach (s): Josh Blunier, Blake Edwards, Justin Krueger

2021 Record: 13-16

Returning Starters: LHP/1B Brayden May (Jr., 5-11, 175, L/L); RHP/3B Nick Olson (Jr., 6-2, 195, R/R); C Caleb Lavallee (Jr., 6-0, 205, R/R); 2B/RHP Parker Ladd (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R); RHP Reilly Cullen (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); CF/LHP Conlon Walker (Jr., 6-0, 195, L/L); RF/RHP



Cooper Craig
Whitefield Academy

REGION 2-1A PRIVATE

Region Favorite: Whitefield Academy

Players to Watch

LHP/1B – Luke Balentine, Sr., Landmark Christian; **1B** – Michael Clark, Sr., Eagles Landing Christian; **RF/RHP** – Cooper Craig, Sr., Whitefield Academy; **INF/C** – Bruno Damiani, Sr., Paideia; **OF** – Colton Hood, Jr., Eagles Landing Christian; **2B/RHP** – Parker Ladd, Jr., Whitefield Academy; **C** – Caleb Lavallee, Jr., Whitefield Academy; **C/RHP/INF** – Cody Lee, Jr., Landmark Christian; **LHP/1B** – Brayden May, Jr., Whitefield Academy; **INF/RHP/OF** – William Moore, Sr., Paideia; **C** – Caleb Moran, Jr., Eagles Landing Christian; **SS** – Cole Peterson, Sr., Whitefield Academy; **INF/RHP/C** – David Raygoza, Sr., Paideia; **OF/LHP** – Grant Thigpen, Jr., Landmark Christian; **SS** – Christian White, Sr., Eagles Landing Christian



EAGLES LANDING CHRISTIAN CHARGERS

Head Coach (s): Doug Campbell

Survey not returned

Class 1A Private

Cooper Craig (Sr., 6-1, 195, R/R); RHP/1B Charlie Baxter (Sr., 6-2, 225, R/R); SS Cole Peterson (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); C/1B Harris Wright (Sr., 6-0, 205, R/R); LF Cole Long (Sr., 5-11, 215, L/L); OF Wyman Shaheen (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/INF Nate Jones (So., 5-7, 150, R/R); C Ryan McLellan (So., 5-8, 160, R/R)



Nick Olson
Whitefield Academy



Cole Peterson
Whitefield Academy

Season Outlook: The

Wolfpack got a chance to play a lot of players last season and that should pay off this spring. The defending region champions welcome back Region Pitcher of the Year Brayden May as well as First Team all-region selections in Parker Ladd, Nick Olson and Cooper Craig. They should have a chance to keep improving.

REGION 3-1A PRIVATE

Region Favorite: Calvary Day

Players to Watch

SS – Caden Arnold, So., Calvary Day; **CF/LHP** – Ely Brown, Jr., Savannah Christian; **INF** – Charlie Bussey, Sr., Aquinas; **C/OF** – Brooks Dawson, Sr., Calvary Day; **RHP/INF** – Brandon Exley, Sr., Calvary Day; **INF/RHP** – Cade Garola, Sr., Savannah Country Day; **C/RHP** – Josh Gates, Jr., Savannah Christian; **LHP/1B** – Will Hampton, So., Calvary Day; **INF/OF/RHP** – Barry Kleinpeter, Sr., Savannah Country Day; **SS/RHP** – Trent Lanier, Jr., Savannah Christian; **RHP/1B** – Dayyan O’Neal, Sr., Calvary Day; **C/OF** – Ty Schneider, Sr., Savannah Country Day; **RHP/1B/3B** – Roman Smith, Sr., Savannah Country Day; **C/INF/RHP** – Daegan Strickland, Jr., Savannah Christian; **RHP/C/1B** – Jayden White, So., Savannah Christian



AQUINAS FIGHTING IRISH

Head Coach: TBA
Survey not returned



CALVARY DAY CAVALIERS

Head Coach: Phillip Lee
Assistant Coach (s): Derward Poole, Justin Fields, Austin Masters, Stephen Vaughn
2021 Record: 21-14
Returning Starters: RHP/INF Brandon Exley (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); C/OF Brooks Dawson (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); RHP/1B Dayyan O’Neal (Sr., 6-4, 220, R/R); RHP/INF Logan Lewis (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); LHP/OF Kellen Blankenship (Sr., 5-10,

170, R/L); RHP/INF Niko Nichols (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); LHP/OF Dylan Shuman (Sr., 5-11, 175, L/L); LHP/1B Will Hampton (So., 5-11, 190, L/L); SS Caden Arnold (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); C Mason Turner (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Jake Merklinger (So., 6-4, 190, R/R); OF Mo Bing (So., 6-1, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Sam Renshaw (Fr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP/U Brody Dawson (Fr., 5-7, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: Calvary peaked late last year and made a solid run in the playoffs. The Cavs look to build off that momentum with a senior-oriented team. A talented team returns, including all-state left-handed pitcher Will Hampton. Senior Brandon Exley returns to give Calvary another strong arm on the mound, while versatile Brooks Dawson returns on offense.



SAVANNAH CHRISTIAN RED RAIDERS

Head Coach (s): Matt Oglesby

Assistant Coach (s): Alan Brannen, Jordan Edwards, David Kelley, Brent Hoeprich

2021 Record: 28-8

Returning Starters: OF/LHP Ely Brown (Jr., 6-0, 185, L/L); SS/RHP Trent Lanier (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); C/RHP Josh Gates (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R); C/INF/RHP Daegan Strickland (Jr., 5-11, 190, R/R); RHP/C/1B Jayden White (So., 5-10, 215, R/R); RHP/OF Ethan Macklin (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP Jackson Bosch (Sr., 5-9, 160, L/L); 2B Evan Lowrimore (Sr., 5-7, 140, R/R); SS/OF David Bucey (So., 5-11, 160, R/R); OF



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Tyler Penrose (So., 5-11, 175, R/R); RHP Mason Best (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); RHP/3B Tison Graham (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); LHP/OF Blaine Burnsed (So., 6-1, 185, L/L)

Top Newcomers: RHP/OF Luke Rowland (So., 6-2, 185, R/R); SS/OF Jacques King (Fr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: After winning 28 games last year, the Raiders will be doing some rebuilding this spring. But don't discount this team. A wealth of young talent returns, including outfielder/pitcher Ely Brown, catcher/pitcher Josh Gates and versatile sophomore Jayden White. This could be a dangerous team.



SAVANNAH COUNTRY DAY HORNETS

Head Coach (s): Nathan Ward

Survey not returned

REGION 4-1A PRIVATE

Region Favorite: Saint Anne-Pacelli



BROOKSTONE COUGARS

Head Coach (s): Vince Massey

Players to Watch

LHP/OF/1B – Calvin Baker, Sr., Heritage; **OF** – Jimbo Batchelor, Sr., Trinity Christian; **2B/OF** – Jayce Blalock, Sr., Trinity Christian; **INF** – Jackson Boatner, Jr., Saint Anne-Pacelli; **RHP/3B** – Aedan Cates, Sr., Trinity Christian; **DH** – Amari Collins, Jr., Trinity Christian; **RHP/1B** – Tripp Duncan, Sr., Brookstone; **SS/RHP** – Ethan Garrett, So., Heritage; **SS/3B** – Aaron Gates, Jr., Trinity Christian; **LHP/1B** – Jackson Hilton, Sr., Saint Anne-Pacelli; **RHP** – Evan Jackson, Sr., Heritage; **INF/RHP** – Zach Johnpeer, Sr., Saint Anne-Pacelli; **SS/RHP** – Coates Massey, Sr., Brookstone; **LHP/OF** – Taft Middleton, So., Brookstone; **RHP/U** – Luke Norman, Sr., Brookstone; **INF/RHP** – Brooks Parkerson, Jr., Saint Anne-Pacelli; **SS/3B** – Tai Peete, Jr., Trinity Christian; **C/OF** – Carson Pilgrem, Sr., Saint Anne-Pacelli; **INF** – Jack Schondelmayer, Sr., Brookstone; **RHP/INF** – Austin Stephenson, Sr., Saint Anne-Pacelli; **OF** – James Thorpe, Sr., Heritage; **RHP/OF** – Haze Voltz, Sr., Brookstone

BROOKSTONE BASEBALL



REGION CHAMPS 2021

Class 1A Private

Assistant Coach (s): Greg Mathis, Nate McConnell, Matt Dorminy, Rodney Rutherford, Russell Henderson

2021 Record: 21-10

Returning Starters: RHP Coates Massey (Sr., 6-3, 220, R/R); RHP/U Luke Norman (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); INF Jack Schondelmayer (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP/OF Haze Voltz (Sr., 6-2, 160, R/R); RHP/1B Tripp Duncan (Sr., 6-3, 225, R/R); LHP/OF Taft Middleton (So., 6-1, 185, L/L)

Other Returning Players: RHP/C Buddy Denson (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP/OF Walter Blanchard (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); LHP Jack Ivey (Jr., 5-10, 170, L/L); INF DJ Brown (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); C/OF Taylor Hancock (So., 5-9, 160, R/R); INF Brett Novlesky (So., 6-1, 175, R/R); INF Cole Stansell (So., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C Mercer Hudson (Fr., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP Jarin Gor (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); OF Maxwell Jones (Fr., 6-2, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Davis Harris (So., 5-9, 155, R/R); LHP/OF Patrick Parr (So., 5-9, 165, L/L)

Season Outlook: The defending region champions welcome back the return of six starters and a solid senior class. Pitchers Coates Massey (5-3, 2.10 ERA) and Taft Middleton (3-2, 1.62 ERA) lead what should be a solid pitching rotation. Middleton and senior Haze Voltz (.352 avg., 21 RBIs) are back to lead the offense.



Luke Norman
Brookstone



Jack Schondelmayer
Brookstone



Haze Voltz
Brookstone

Boatner (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/L); LHP/1B Jackson Hilton (Sr., 6-5, 190, L/L); C/OF Carson Pilgrim (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Austin Stephenson (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Drew Ashton (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF/LHP Walker Hilton (So., 5-6, 150, R/L); INF Joseph Dawson (So., 5-7, 150, R/R); OF/C Omar Kimbrough (So., 5-9, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Zach Johnpeer (Sr., 6-1, 180, L/R); RHP/OF Fisher Cantrell (So., 6-5, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: Look for the Vikings to pick up from where they left off last season. Auburn signee Jackson Hilton and Austin Stephenson are back to lead a strong pitching staff. If the Vikings can find consistency on offense, they should challenge for the region crown.

TRINITY CHRISTIAN LIONS

Head Coach (s): Tommy Gregg (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Kevin Elrod, Phillip Skinner

2021 Record: 11-19

Returning Starters: SS/3B Aaron Gates (Jr., R/R); C Connor Boswell (Sr., R/R); OF Jimbo Batchelor (Sr., L/L); OF/2B Tucker Mask (So., R/R); SS/3B Tai Peete (Jr., L/L); DH Amari Collins (Jr., L/L); 2B/OF Jayce Blalock (Sr., R/R); 1B Max Gosdin (Sr., L/L); OF Henry Brodnax (Jr., R/R); RHP Adrian Roman (Sr., R/R); RHP/3B Aedan Cates (Sr., R/R); RHP Andrew Martin (Sr., R/R); RHP/3B Carson Beach (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Jackson Sullivan (Sr., R/R); OF Lane Werling (Jr., R/R); RHP Mason Waters (Sr., R/R); 2B Will Witherington (Sr., R/R); C Landon Clare (Jr., R/R); OF/SS Nathan Huff (So., R/R); RHP Jake Campbell (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: Trinity Christian didn't lose much from last season and first-year coach Tommy Gregg inherits a wealth of returning talent. First Team all-region performers Jayce Blalock and Tai Peete return, while second-teamers Aedan Cates and Jimbo Batchelor also return.

HERITAGE HAWKS

Head Coach (s): Ryan Danbury

Assistant Coach (s): Gatlin Curlee, Cale Foster, Rusty Evans, Marcus Wilde

2021 Record: 12-16

Returning Starters: RHP Evan Jackson (Sr., R/R); OF James Thorpe (Sr., R/R); LHP/OF/1B Calvin Baker (Sr., L/L); SS/RHP Ethan Garrett (So.); OF Braxton Goodwin (Sr.); 2B Noah Meyer (Sr.)

Other Returning Players: 2B William Booth (Sr.); C/SS/P Davis Chapman (So.)

Top Newcomers: OF/P Landon Justice (Fr.); 1B/P Griggs Smith (Fr.); INF/P Derrick Hand (Fr.)

Season Outlook: The Hawks have some rebuilding to do, but the cupboard isn't bare by any means. Senior right-handed pitcher Evan Jackson and versatile Calvin Baker lead a solid group of pitchers, but keep an eye on shortstop/pitcher Ethan Garrett who had an excellent freshman campaign last year.

SAINT ANNE-PACELLI VIKINGS

Head Coach (s): Bobby Howard

Assistant Coach (s): Matt Aldrich, Jeff Boatner, Jared Stansell, Jonathan Lawrence, Josh Hudson

2021 Record: 17-18

Returning Starters: OF Keith Ward (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); 1B Canyon Anderson (Sr., 6-5, 285, R/R); INF/RHP Brooks Parkerson (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); INF Jackson

REGION 5-1A PRIVATE

Region Favorite: Wesleyan

Players to Watch

OF – Will Allison, Sr., Mount Vernon; **SS** – Cooper Blausler, Sr., Wesleyan; **OF** – Cayden Cameron, Sr., Holy Innocents'; **OF** – Nate Coker, Jr., Hebron Christian; **C/3B/1B** – Bryce Hubbard, Sr., Wesleyan; **OF/RHP** – Zach Jackson, So., Holy Innocents'; **OF/RHP** – Druw Jones, Sr., Wesleyan; **OF** – Chandler Ketchup, Jr., Holy Innocents'; **1B** – David Luigs, Sr., Holy Innocents'; **RHP/3B** – Parker Marlatt, Jr., Hebron Christian; **SS/RHP** – Braxton Padgett, So., Holy Innocents'; **SS** – Luke Starling, Sr., Hebron Christian; **LHP** – Dawson Stevens, Jr., Mount Vernon; **1B** – Austin Taylor, Sr., Mount Vernon; **RHP/OF** – Carson Tillotson, Sr., Providence Christian



GALLOWAY SCOTS

Class 1A Private

Head Coach (s): Jesus Martinez-Saldana
Survey not returned

HEBRON CHRISTIAN LIONS

Head Coach (s): Ben Drust
Assistant Coach (s): Drew Coker, David Lincoln, Jonathan Wyman
2021 Record: 23-10
Returning Starters: SS Luke Starling (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); C/1B Tyler Jay Sciacivco (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); C Bennett Waters (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); INF Brad Ihm (Sr., 5-9, 175, L/R); RHP Will Snead (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); RHP/3B Parker Marlatt (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Nate Coker (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R)
Other Returning Players: RHP/1B Greg Troxell (Sr., 6-4, 175, R/R); INF Hunter Trussell (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R)
Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Garrison Mitchell (Jr., 6-1, 170, L/R); RHP/INF Morgan Wiles (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP/INF Jack Cayce (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); C Sam Mitchell (So., 5-11, 160, L/R); OF Ryan Bruce (So., 5-10, 165, R/R)
Season Outlook: Look for Hebron Christian to challenge for the region title as seven returning starters are back. Junior all-state pitcher Parker Marlatt leads a solid pitching staff, while shortstop Luke Starling, infielder Brad Ihm and catcher/first baseman Tyler Jay Sciacivco return to spark the offense.

HOLY INNOCENTS' GOLDEN BEARS

Head Coach (s): DC Aiken
Assistant Coach (s): Dan Healy, Bentley Heyman, Chuck Lusted, Ned Mason
2021 Record: 14-15
Returning Starters: SS/RHP Drew Jabaley (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); 3B/RHP Joe Hingson (Sr., 6-1, 200, R/R); 1B David Luigs (Sr., 6-4, 200, R/R); OF Cayden Cameron (Sr., 6-3, 175, R/R); SS/RHP Braxton Padgett (So., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF/RHP Dylan Radaszewski (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF/RHP Zach Jackson (So., 6-1, 175, L/R); OF/RHP Ian Graves (Jr., 6-1, 175, L/R); OF Chandler Ketchup (Jr., 6-1, 165, L/R); C/RHP Will Holland (Jr., 5-8, 165, R/R)
Other Returning Players: 3B Stone Smith (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); 2B Shannon Huskins (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); 1B/RHP Chris McDonald (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); RHP/2B Wade VanDyke (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); 1B/DH Jack Mallady (Sr., 6-4, 245, R/R); LHP/OF Griffin Bittel (Jr., 5-10, 155, L/L); LHP Wesley Lybrook (So., 6-0, 155, L/L); C Jack Fernandez (So., 6-1, 175, R/R); RHP Stephen Goetze (Sr., 6-4, 190, R/R)



Cayden Cameron
Holy Innocents'



Chandler Ketchup
Holy Innocents'



Drew Jabaley
Holy Innocents'

Season Outlook: After a disappointing finish in 2021, look for the Bears to be back in the chase this spring. An excellent group of returning starters are back, including first baseman David Luigs and outfielder/pitcher Zach Jackson, who showed a lot of promise last season. If Holy Innocents' can find some consistency on the mound, they could contend for the region crown.

MOUNT VERNON MUSTANGS

Head Coach (s): Jeremy Beckham
Assistant Coach (s): Trey Lang
2021 Record: 10-14-1
Returning Starters: 1B Austin Taylor (Sr., 6-2, 215, R/R); RHP Dylan Holbrook (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R); OF Jack Mette (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF Will Allison (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); LHP Dawson Stevens (Jr., 6-5, 185, L/L); OF Edward Hires (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); U David Adkins (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R)
Other Returning Players: INF Luke Barnes (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Avery Anderson (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/L); RHP Chase Perry (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP/C Maddox Chasman (So., 5-11, 160, R/R)
Top Newcomers: RHP Carson Tice (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R); 3B/RHP Holden Baker (Jr., 6-3, 210, L/R)
Season Outlook: The Mustangs should be much better this spring as seven starters are back, including senior first baseman Austin Taylor and a solid group of returning pitchers led by junior right-hander Dylan Holbrook and left-hander Dawson Stevens. Outfielder Will Allison also returns. The Mustangs look for big things from newcomer Holden Baker.

PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN STORM

Head Coach (s): Adam Cantrell
Assistant Coach (s): Sean West, Russ Pullen, Joey Hamilton, Kyler Neal
2021 Record: 6-21
Returning Starters: RHP/OF Carson Tillotson (Sr., 6-2, 165, R/R); RHP/INF Connor Jones (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); INF/RHP Brian Oh (Jr., 5-7, 130, B/R); OF John Mark Compton (Jr., 5-10, 140, R/R); INF Caleb Lee (So., 5-8, 150, R/R); C Stephen Kemmerer (Jr., 5-8, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Brady Williams (So., 5-11, 180, R/R)
Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Kennan Sukkert (Sr., 6-0, 155, R/R); OF Brian Saraiva (Sr., 5-7, 145, R/R); OF/RHP Jeffrey Stutzman (Jr., 5-9, 135, L/R); RHP/1B Colin Hendry (Jr., 5-11, 220, L/R)
Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Karmelo Crumpton (Fr., 5-8, 135, R/R); C/RHP Reece Newberry (Fr., 5-10, 180, R/R); INF/RHP Brian Chestnut (Fr., 5-6, 135, R/R); OF/C Jeremiah Campbell (Sr., 5-9, 180, R/R); OF/1B/RHP Luke Krakoviak (Jr., 6-2, 170, R/R)
Season Outlook: The rebuild continues at Providence Christian as the Storm will have a relatively young team again. However, don't write Providence off. Senior Carson Tillotson is one of seven returning starters. A strong group of juniors and sophomores return to help out. This team needs some experience.

WESLEYAN WOLVES

Head Coach (s): Brian Krehmeyer
Assistant Coach (s): Michael Mann, Brett Denney, Matt Plate
2021 Record: 32-6
Returning Starters: RHP/OF Carson Ballard (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); SS Cooper Blausler (Sr.,



Carson Ballard
Wesleyan



Schley Gordy
Wesleyan

Class 1A Private

6-1, 180, R/R); C Bryce Hubbard (Sr., 6-0, 205, L/R); OF/RHP Druw Jones (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R); RHP/INF Nate Kerpics (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); INF/RHP Dom Scalse (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players:

RHP/1B Hampton Bingham (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); INF Luca Salmieri (Sr., 5-10, 145, R/R); RHP Lucas Schelhammer (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Drew Wren (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); INF/RHP Schley Gordy (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF/RHP Reed Purcell (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); C/OF Will Tucker (Jr., 5-8, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wolves lost most of their pitching from last year. If they can find some younger players to step forward, look for Wesleyan to make another deep run. Offensively, the Wolves are stacked with All-American Druw Jones, Cooper Blausner and Bryce Hubbard returning.



Nate Kerpics
Wesleyan



Dom Scalise
Wesleyan



FELLOWSHIP CHRISTIAN PALADINS

Head Coach (s): Shawn Oliver

Assistant Coach (s): Will Mackenzie, Lane Perrins, Logan Mickell

2021 Record: 25-8

Returning Starters: RHP/INF/OF Wilson Long (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R); INF Jack Rickheim (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Cooper Davidson (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); LHP Thomas Bourne (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/L); RHP Jason Gilley (Sr., 6-4, 220, R/R); RHP/INF Daniel Powell (Jr., 6-3, 180, R/R); C/RHP Will Phipps (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R); RHP Grant Hudson (Sr., 6-4, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/OF Hayes Price (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R); OF/RHP Charlie Chandler (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); INF Will Austin (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); 1B Evan Lecesse (Jr., 6-4, 230, R/R); RHP Samuel Albee (Jr., 6-4, 200, R/R); RHP/OF Darren Zhang (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP Griffin Guinther (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Luke Hughes (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Paladins should contend for the region title again as most of the team's top pitchers are back – right-handers Jason Gilley, Wilson Long and Grant Hudson. Infielder Jack Rickheim and outfielder Cooper Davidson are back to power the offense. Some younger players will be expected to step up and help out.

REGION 6-1A PRIVATE

Region Favorite: Fellowship Christian

Players to Watch

2B/OF – Owen Adkin, Sr., Kings Ridge Christian; **1B/LHP** – Tanner Allen, Sr., Lakeview Academy; **OF/LHP** – Jaden Anderson, Sr., Mount Pisgah Christian; **INF** – Aaron Bock, Sr., Weber; **OF** – Cooper Davidson, Jr., Fellowship Christian; **3B/1B/RHP** – Carter Davies, Sr., Saint Francis; **3B/1B/RHP** – Evan Fuerst, Sr., Saint Francis; **OF** – Mason Fuller, Sr., Saint Francis; **RHP** – Jason Gilley, Sr., Fellowship Christian; **SS/RHP** – Walker Harris, Sr., Mount Pisgah Christian; **RHP/OF** – Luke Hill, So., Kings Ridge Christian; **RHP** – Grant Hudson, Sr., Fellowship Christian; **3B/RHP** – Charlie Jones, Sr., Kings Ridge Christian; **RHP/SS** – Nate Kittredge, So., Kings Ridge Christian; **2B/C/RHP** – Jordan Lail, Sr., Saint Francis; **RHP/INF/OF** – Wilson Long, Sr., Fellowship Christian; **P** – Jason May, Sr., Weber; **C/RHP** – Will Phipps, Jr., Fellowship Christian; **RHP/INF** – Daniel Powell, Jr., Fellowship Christian; **INF** – Jack Rickheim, Jr., Fellowship Christian; **3B/RHP** – Benjy Tucker, Sr., Mount Pisgah Christian; **SS/RHP** – Jackson Westmoreland, Jr., Saint Francis



KINGS RIDGE CHRISTIAN TIGERS

Head Coach (s): Mike Power

Assistant Coach (s): Eric Swegman

2021 Record: 20-9

Returning Starters: 3B/RHP Charlie Jones (Sr., 6-4, 220, R/R); 2B/LF Owen Adkin (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); RHP/OF Luke Hill (So., 5-10, 150, R/R); RHP/SS Nate Kittredge (So., 5-9, 165, R/R); RHP/INF Lucas Clements (So., 6-2, 175, R/R); C/RHP Mason Battersby (Jr., 6-2, 155, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Mason Adkin (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); C Paul Fiorillo (Sr., 5-7, 190, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/INF Chandler Benson (Fr., 5-9, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Tigers begin their second season under coach Mike Power and should have a chance to approach last year's success. Kings Ridge Christian will be a relatively young team full of talent. Seniors Charlie Jones (.349 avg., 29 RBIs) and Owen Adkin (.376 avg., 31 RBIs) are back to lead the way.



LAKEVIEW ACADEMY LIONS

Head Coach (s): Deuce Roark

Survey not returned



MOUNT BETHEL CHRISTIAN EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Eric McAfee (new)

Assistant Coach (s): TBA

2021 Record: 0-9

Returning Starters: INF/P Hunter Colier (Jr.); INF Liam Bunde (Jr.); INF Zach Williams (Sr.); OF Charlie Kirk (Jr.); INF/OF Tommy Milam (Jr.); OF Nate James (Sr.)

Season Outlook: Former Brandon Hall coach Eric McAfee takes over and



BRANDON HALL PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): TBA

Survey not returned

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looks to get Mount Bethel Christian heading in a positive direction. The Eagles return six starters, most of them juniors. A pair of seniors – infielder Zach Williams and outfielder Nate James – return, giving the team a solid pair of leaders to build around.



MOUNT PISGAH CHRISTIAN PATRIOTS

Head Coach (s): Jamey Woods

Assistant Coach (s): John O'Connor, Ben Tucker

2021 Record: 8-16

Returning Starters: OF/LHP Jaden Anderson (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/L); 3B/RHP Benjy Tucker (Sr., 6-2, 205, R/R); SS/RHP Walker Harris (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); C/1B/RHP Kaden Alford (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); OF/RHP Brandon Bostic (So., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF/2B Aidan Pullaro (So., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF/RHP Jack Ward (So., 5-11, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF John Bentley (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF Luke Harvey (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); 1B/RHP Aaron Peterson (So., 5-11, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Ben Jacobs (So., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/1B Paul Ross (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: Mount Pisgah Christian has enough talent to make a run at the playoffs this spring. Seven starters are back, including senior standouts Jaden Anderson and Benjy Tucker. Senior shortstop/pitcher Walker Harris also returns. Keep an eye on a solid group of younger players who will be expected to help out.



PINECREST ACADEMY PALADINS

Head Coach (s): Taylor Whitenton (new)

Survey not returned



SAINT FRANCIS KNIGHTS

Head Coach (s): Brandon Bates

Assistant Coach (s): Clark Adams, Gradie Lewis, BJ Smith

2021 Record: 9-16-1

Returning Starters: 3B/1B/RHP Evan Fuerst (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); SS/RHP Jackson Westmoreland (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R); 2B/C/RHP Jordan Lail (Sr., 5-8, 175, R/R); OF/INF/RHP Drew Robinson (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); OF Mason Fuller (Sr., 5-8, 165, R/R); LHP/OF Evan Wood (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/L); 3B/1B/RHP Carter Davies (Sr., 6-1, 195, R/R); U/RHP Matthew Pressnall (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Bailey Survilas (So., 6-0, 175, L/L); LHP/OF Connor Neumann (So., 5-11, 170, R/L); 2B/C Deacon Copeland (Sr., 5-11, 180, L/R); OF Roman Stamps (So., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF Sam Delikat (So., 5-8, 170, R/R); 1B Stephen Harvey (Jr., 5-9, 175, R/R); OF Tyler Christy (So., 5-11, 180, R/L)

Top Newcomers: INF AJ Benton (Fr., 5-10, 180, R/R); LHP/1B Charlie Roark (Fr., 5-9, 170, L/L); INF Tanner Powell (Fr., 5-7, 165, R/R); RHP/1B Christopher Phillips (Jr., 6-4, 190, R/R); RHP/C Seth Pettett (Fr., 5-11, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Knights look to rebound from a disappointing finish in 2021. Saint Francis welcomes back eight returning starters and a bunch of others who received playing time last year. Senior Carter Davies is back on the mound, while junior shortstop/pitcher Jackson Westmoreland is also back. Keep an eye on this program.



WEBER RAMS

Head Coach (s): Scott Seagraves

Survey not returned

REGION 7-1A PRIVATE

Region Favorite: Mount Paran Christian

Players to Watch

SS – Alex Adams, Sr., Mount Paran Christian; **U** – Elian Bautista, Sr., Christian Heritage; **INF/RHP** – Thomas Bethel, Jr., Darlington; **SS** – Omari Daniel, Sr., Walker; **OF** – DJ Dennis, Jr., Walker; **OF/LHP** – Luke Dotson, Jr., Mount Paran Christian; **OF/1B** – Lukas Farris, Sr., North Cobb Christian; **2B** – Josh Fitzpatrick, Sr., Mount Paran Christian; **INF/RHP** – Logan Floyd, Jr., Darlington; **OF** – Nick Germain, Jr., Mount Paran Christian; **C** – Mattheson Go, Jr., North Cobb Christian; **LHP/1B** – Davis Hodges, Sr., Walker; **C** – Harrison McClure, Sr., Walker; **3B/RHP** – Tate McKee, Jr., Mount Paran Christian; **C** – Tyler Minnick, Jr., Mount Paran Christian; **OF** – Michael Mullinax, So., North Cobb Christian; **RHP/INF** – Gavin Sollenburger, Sr., Walker; **LHP/1B/OF** – Niall Todd, Jr., Walker; **1B/LHP** – Jake Tucker, Jr., Mount Paran Christian; **INF** – Luke Wagner, Jr., Christian Heritage



CHRISTIAN HERITAGE LIONS

Head Coach (s): Kent Harrison (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Jay Poag, Steven Rogers, Brent Howard, Chris Baker, Bryan Evans, Matt Patterson, Bryan Griffin

2021 Record: 7-17

Returning Starters: U Elian Bautista (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Josiah Chiesa (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); OF Camp Carpenter (Jr., R/R); OF/RHP Brennen Richards (Sr., R/R); RHP/U Evan Hood (Jr., R/R); LHP/OF Brennan Corn (Jr., L/L); C Junior Castelo (So., R/R); INF Luke Wagner (Jr., R/R); U Lane Doran (Jr., R/R); 1B/RHP Tanner Hartley (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Former Darlington coach Kent Harrison takes over at Christian Heritage and he inherits 10 returning starters. Harrison has some good young talent to work with, but it may take some time. Seniors Elian Bautista and Josiah Chiesa return, giving the Lions a pair of leaders to build around.



DARLINGTON TIGERS

Head Coach (s): Matt Larry

Assistant Coach (s): Chad Woods, Gus Bell, Derek Fine

2021 Record: 13-12-1

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Returning Starters: INF/RHP Logan Floyd (Jr., 6-0, 195, R/R); RHP/1B Caleb Butler (Sr., 6-4, 210, R/R); INF/RHP Thomas Bethel (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Landon Fowler (Sr., 6-0, 175, L/R); INF/RHP Jack Payne (Sr., 6-1, 215, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Hill Shropshire (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); INF/OF Slade Clevenger (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Thomas Norris (Jr., 6-4, 195, L/R); C/3B Briant Powell (Jr., 6-2, 220, R/R); C/1B/RHP Bagley Larry (So., 5-9, 210, L/R); U Talan Shirey (So., 5-9, 165, B/R); INF/RHP Ashton Albers (So., 6-0, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP Mason McKenzie (Sr., 6-0, 190, L/L); OF Dre' Benoit (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R); INF/RHP Cal Robinson (Fr., 5-9, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Tigers look to be improved this spring as five starters are back. Offensive leaders Thomas Bethel (.400 avg., 9 RBIs) and Logan Floyd (.390 avg., 21 RBIs) are back to lead the offense, while senior right-hander Caleb Butler returns to lead what should be a solid pitching rotation.



MOUNT PARAN CHRISTIAN EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Kyle Reese

Assistant Coach (s): Kevin Rusk, Mike Brady, Matt Manry, Ty Kelley

2021 Record: 29-4

Returning Starters: SS Alex Adams (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); 2B Josh Fitzpatrick (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); C Tyler Minnick (Jr., 6-4, 205, R/R); 3B/RHP Tate McKee (Jr., 6-3, 180, R/R); OF/LHP Luke Dotson (Jr., 6-4, 190, L/L); 1B/LHP Jake Tucker (Jr., 6-5, 195, L/L); OF Nick Germain (Jr., 5-11, 200, R/R); OF Garrett Droeger (So., 5-10, 180, B/R); C/3B/RHP Kyle Crisp (So., 5-10, 185, B/R); RHP/U Paul Farley (Jr., 6-2, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Matt Dupuis (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); U Pierce Crane (Sr., 5-11, 155, R/R); RHP/INF Colton Mazur (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); RHP Ryan Moll (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R)

Top Newcomers: SS Michael Fredette (Fr., 5-9, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Eagles appear loaded and ready to defend their state title. While losing Cam Collier to early graduation was a huge loss, Mt. Paran has enough talent to make another run. Top pitchers Luke Dotson and Tate McKee return, while catcher Tyler Minnick and infielders Alex Adams, Josh Fitzpatrick and Jake Tucker all return after all-state seasons last year.



NORTH COBB CHRISTIAN EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Jimmy Keane

Assistant Coach (s): Edgar Mercado, Ryan Moore, Gil Navarro, Chris Dean

2021 Record: 11-15

Returning Starters: OF/1B Lukas Farris (Sr., 6-3, 185, R/L); INF Carlos Martans (Sr., 6-0, 155, R/R); RHP Wesley Moore (Sr., 6-5, 165, R/R); OF Michael Mullinax (So., 6-0, 175, B/R); C Mattheson Go (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF Gustavo Melgar (Jr., 5-11, 155, R/R); OF Brock Parker (So., 5-11, 155, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/INF Nick Stinson (Jr., 6-2, 155, L/R); C Ronaldo Rivera (Sr., 5-10, 145, R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP Armando Nunez (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/L); INF Grayson Baldovin (Jr., 6-0, 170, B/R)

Season Outlook: The Eagles seek to improve upon last season's finish as seven returning starters are back. The good news is that right-hander Wesley Moore and outfielder/first baseman Lukas Farris (.390 avg., 5 HR) return, giving North Cobb Christian a pair of leaders to build around.



WALKER WOLVERINES

Head Coach (s): Rick Holifield (new)

Survey not returned

REGION 8-1A PRIVATE

Region Favorite: Athens Christian

Players to Watch

P/1B – Will Atkinson, Jr., George Walton; **C/3B** – Norman Bastian, Sr., Tallulah Falls; **INF/RHP** – Drew Bates, Sr., Tallulah Falls; **OF** – Sam Bush, Jr., Athens Academy; **OF** – Riley Cartey, Jr., Prince Avenue Christian; **RHP** – Bradley Chatham, Sr., Prince Avenue Christian; **C** – Russell Clifton, Jr., Athens Christian; **LHP/OF** – Pratt Ferguson, Sr., Athens Academy; **OF** – Grant Guest, Jr., Athens Christian; **RHP** – Aubrey Higgins, Sr., Tallulah Falls; **INF/OF** – Evan Ivester, Jr., Athens Christian; **RHP/C** – Sam Johnson, Sr., Athens Academy; **SS/P** – Jake Lance, Sr., George Walton; **RHP** – Hayden Marshall, Jr., Prince Avenue Christian; **2B/P** – Mason Maughon, So., George Walton; **OF** – Jake Pintar, Sr., Athens Christian; **C** – Colt Ratliff, Jr., George Walton; **INF/RHP** – Abhi Shah, Jr., Athens Christian; **SS/2B** – Henry Smith, Sr., Athens Academy; **OF/RHP** – Caleb Williams, Sr., Athens Christian; **C** – Caleb Wilson, Sr., Prince Avenue Christian; **SS/RHP** – Carter Woods, So., Loganville Christian



ATHENS ACADEMY SPARTANS

Head Coach (s): Casey Kane

Assistant Coach (s): Don Chuboff, Denny Dotson

2021 Record: 13-14

Returning Starters: SS/2B Henry Smith (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); RHP/C Sam Johnson (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); LHP/OF Pratt Ferguson (Sr., 6-0, 160, L/R); OF Sam Bush (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R); OF Asa Drudge (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF Steven Holder (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); 1B/RHP Jackson Hutton (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Will Warner (Sr., 5-10, 155, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Taylor Muir (Sr., 6-1, 210, R/R); INF Jarrett Daniels (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); INF Michael Klass (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF Parker McLeary (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF Brad DeMent (So., 5-9, 150, R/R); LHP Om Patel (So., 5-9, 150, R/L); C/INF Boone Presnell (So., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP/1B/OF Thomas Ferland (Fr., 5-11, 165, B/L)

Season Outlook: Athens Academy should contend for a playoff berth as well as the region title as eight returning starters, most of them seniors, are back to lead the team. Pitchers Sam Johnson and Pratt Ferguson are back as well as infielder Henry Smith and outfielder Sam Bush.

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ATHENS CHRISTIAN EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Heath Kennedy (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Jake Westbrook, Brad Brown

2021 Record: 25-11

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Caleb Williams (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); OF Jake Pintar (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); OF/INF Evan Ivester (Jr., 6-3, 190, R/R); INF/RHP Abhi Shah (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Grant Guest (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); C Russell Clifton (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); LHP Brooks Byram (Jr., 6-0, 165, L/L)

Other Returning Players: INF Titus Cummings (Jr.); INF/RHP Trey Taylor (Jr.); INF/RHP Parker Westbrook (So.); OF/RHP Jake Strickland (Jr.); C Jaxon Pearce (So.); RHP Cole Stanley (So.); OF JD Garland (So.)

Season Outlook: Heath Kennedy takes over at Athens Christian and inherits seven returning starters from a team that made the state semifinals last year. The senior class is small, but the Eagles return a good bit of experience and should challenge for the region title again. Senior Caleb Williams and junior Grant Guest are two players to keep an eye on.



GEORGE WALTON BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Todd Shelnett

Assistant Coach (s): Robert Testa

2021 Record: 11-17

Returning Starters: SS/P Jake Lance (Sr.); OF/P Aiden Rainey (Sr.); 3B/P Nick Johnson (Sr.); C Colt Ratliff (Jr.); P/1B Will Atkinson (Jr.); 2B/P Mason Maughon (So.); 3B/P Mason Mathis (So.)

Other Returning Players:

OF/P Tristan Hill (So.); C Blake Woodring (So.); OF/P Riley Edwards (So.); INF Tyler Desmoreaux (So.)

Top Newcomers: INF Christian Henson (Jr.); OF/P Brandon Berenguer (Jr.); OF/P Davis King (Jr.); C/3B Maddox Henson (So.)

Season Outlook: The Bulldogs played a lot of younger players last season which should pay off this spring. Georgia Walton will still be a relatively young team but with more experience. Seven starters are back, including shortstop/pitcher Jake Lance and pitcher Will Atkinson. Catcher Colt Ratliff returns behind the plate.



LOGANVILLE CHRISTIAN LIONS

Head Coach (s): Nathan Stanley (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Dustin Nix, Ean Snell, Tyler Cloud, Andre King

2021 Record: 0-16

Returning Starters: 3B/RHP Joshua Wilson (So., 5-10, 180, R/R); U/RHP

Caden Lanier (So., 5-10, 130, R/R); SS/RHP Carter Woods (So., 5-10, 150, L/R); 1B/RHP Clayton Greer (Sr., 6-2, 155, R/R); OF/RHP Aiden Stephens (Sr., 5-10, 120, R/R); C/RHP Kyler Fellows (So., 5-10, 150, R/R); INF/RHP Noah Smallwood (Jr., 6-0, 140, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Anthony King (So., 5-8, 110, L/R); U/RHP Cole Kraus (Jr., 5-7, 120, R/R)

Top Newcomers: U/RHP Austin Schroeder (Fr., 5-9, 170, B/R); C/OF Kyler Giddens (Fr., 6-0, 145, R/R); C Eli Grimes (Jr., 6-1, 210, L/R)

Season Outlook: The Lions' first season in the GHSA last year didn't go well. Loganville Christian aims to be much better this spring. The team is still very young, but the good news is that seven starters return. One of those is shortstop/pitcher Carter Woods who was promising as a freshman last year.



PRINCE AVENUE CHRISTIAN WOLVERINES

Head Coach (s): Allen Osborne (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Matt Jones, Jeff Guy, Glenn Ross

2021 Record: 24-10

Returning Starters: INF Will Goff (So.); C Caleb Wilson (Sr.); OF Bailey Stockton (Jr.); RHP Bradley Chatham (Sr.); OF Riley Cartey (Jr.); RHP Aaron Philo (So.); RHP Hayden Marshall (Jr.)

Other Returning Players: Daniel Bell, Luke Leverett, Conner Causby, Peyton Talmadge, Mason Banks

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Judson Hartwell (Fr.)

Season Outlook: Former Athens Christian coach Allen Osborne takes over at Prince Avenue Christian and inherits a team that will challenge for the region title. Seven starters are back, including all region pitchers Hayden Marshall and Bradley Chatham. Outfielder Riley Cartey and catcher Caleb Wilson are back to lead the offensive attack.



TALLULAH FALLS INDIANS

Head Coach (s): Justin Pollock

Assistant Coach (s): Kyle Dampier, Bryson Fowler, Dustin Rogers, Kole Rogers

2021 Record: 13-14

Returning Starters: RHP Aubrey Higgins (Sr., 6-3, 175, R/R); SS/C Joel Miller (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF Malique Charlton (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF Frankey Moree (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); INF David Medina (Sr., 5-9, 180, R/R); INF/OF Tyler Popham (Sr., 5-11, 150, L/R); INF Tate Shaw (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); RHP Aiden Gragg (Sr., 6-2, 230, R/R); OF Kylar Clouatre (Sr., 6-4, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/3B/RHP Norman Bastian (Sr., 5-9, 200, R/R); INF/RHP Drew Bates (Sr., 6-2, 165, L/R); RHP Caden Walker (So., 6-2, 150, R/R); OF Zaiden Cox (So., 6-2, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: Tallulah Falls will be even better in coach Justin Pollock's second season at the school. The Indians return a wealth of starters, including right-handed pitcher Aubrey Higgins. Tallulah Falls hopes an experienced senior class will help them back to the postseason.

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Batting

Hits in a Season

Rank	Player	School	Record	Year
1	Payton Eeles	Allatoona	76	2018
2	Caleb Clark	North Hall	70	2019
2	Kaleb Cowart	Cook	70	2010

Doubles in a Season

1	Alex Lee	Lanier County	28	1989
2	Adam Frazier	Oconee County	24	2010
3	Kyle Shivers	Eastside	23	2021

Triples in a Season

1	Eric Snow	Mary Persons	18	2021
2	Harrison Stewart	Thomasville	10	2017
3	Doug Roper	Vidalia	9	1995

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	Harrison Stewart	Thomasville	14	2017-2020

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

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Jeff Rowland



Donnie English

Coach	School	Won	Loss
Bobby Howard	St. Anne-Pacelli	1,020	327
Gerald Barnes	Westside-Augusta	944	323
Jimmie Lewis	Harlem	798	429
John Brown	retired, 2014	781	356
Donnie English	retired, 2014	716	397
Harvey Cochran	retired, 2012	682	348
Stuart Chester	Buford	659	168
Carl Carter	retired, 2019	637	223
Andy Harlin	St. Pius X	636	209
Chip Henderson	retired, 2021	623	191
Renza Israel	retired, 2009	623	316
Joey Hiller	Tattnall Square	603	138
Terry Holder	retired, 2009	588	153
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