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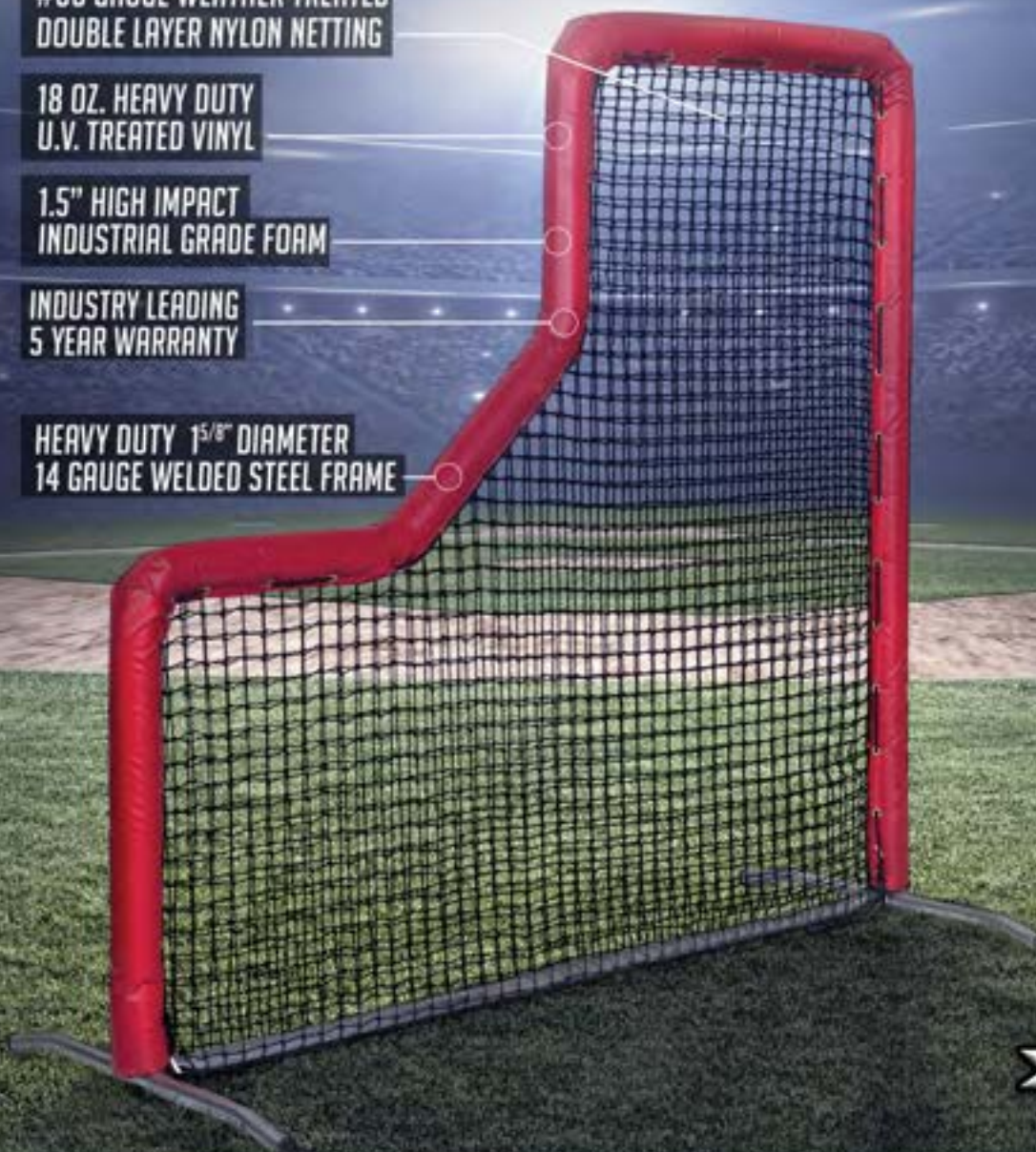
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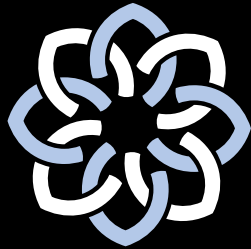


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Dear Readers,

Nearly 18 years ago, my wife Stacy and I were blessed with our only child, our daughter Olivia. The fact that she is even here is a miracle in itself. That's a testimony about how good God has been to us and is another story for another day. A true girly-girl, there was something about baseball that intrigued her at an early age. She followed me around at games, played with my camera, talked to coaches and players. She has been with me to countless clinics and photo shoots. While she never played, she has served her high school as the baseball manager. She has also played a huge role in helping me pull off this magazine for many years, doing behind-the-scenes work that nobody will ever see.

Like many of you, I will watch her graduate from high school this spring and while I'm excited, I'm saddened at the same time because this is probably the last time she will put her stamp on this publication. I started this magazine when she was a year old. She has grown up with it. I won't bore you with the details, but I just want her to know how much I appreciate her efforts and how much her mom and I love her.

Hopefully this magazine will give you something to talk about while we anticipate another season. As always, I thank my wonderful Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ for his guidance and wisdom as well as my family.

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

Sincerely,

Tim Morse
Publisher

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On our North Georgia cover is **Front Row (standing)**, North Cobb Christian's Matheson Go. **Middle Row (l-r)**, Denmark's Francesco Capocci, North Paulding's Jake Hembree, Hebron Christian's Parker Marlatt, Cartersville's Caden Carroll. **Back Row (l-r)**, Harlem's Tryston McCladdie, North Oconee's Cale Stricklin, Cedartown's Dylan Cupp, Social Circle's Mason Moore and Rome's Bryson Thacker



On our South Georgia cover is **Front Row (standing)**, Houston County's Drew Burress. **Middle Row (l-r)**, Irwin County's Cody Soliday, Thomas County Central's Reid Harvey, Pike County's Mason Trucks, Ware County's Landon Dean. **Back Row (l-r)**, LaGrange's Trevor Booton, Charlton County's Gant Geiger, Lowndes' Qrey Lott, Appling County's Dawson Griffis and Houston County's Andrew Dunford



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Name: Antonio Anderson

School: North Atlanta

Position: Infielder/pitcher

Height/Weight: 6-3/205

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

A: Mr. Hollis – history.



Name: Luke Dotson

School: Mount Paran Christian

Position: Outfielder/pitcher

Height/Weight: 6-4/190

Q: What is your favorite food to eat?

A: Any kind of buffalo chicken sandwich, and my mom's homemade mac-and-cheese.



Name: Connor Crisp

School: Locust Grove

Position: Pitcher/shortstop

Height/Weight: 5-10/185

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

A: Mike Trout. He plays hard and has a great attitude win or lose. He is as good defensively as he is offensively.



Name: Isaiah Drake

School: North Atlanta

Position: Outfielder/pitcher

Height/Weight: 5-10/180

Q: After baseball, what career are you planning to pursue?

A: Sports commentator.



Name: Colin Houck

School: Parkview

Position: Infielder/pitcher

Height/Weight: 6-2/190

Q: Outside of baseball, what is your next hobby?

A: Playing football.



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Metro Atlanta BIG 10



Name: Jake Lankie
School: Blessed Trinity
Position: Pitcher
Height/Weight: 6-1/175
Q: What is your favorite food to eat?
A: Nothing beats a nice authentic Mexican meal.



Name: Dylan Lonergan
School: Brookwood
Position: Pitcher/first baseman
Height/Weight: 6-2/215
Q: What in-game rituals or superstitions do you have?
A: Always walk in a circle around the mound after every strikeout.



Name: Caleb Lavallee
School: Whitefield Academy
Position: Catcher/outfielder
Height/Weight: 6-0/215
Q: Who is your favorite professional sports team?
A: New York Yankees and the Pittsburgh Steelers.



Name: Tate McKee
School: Mount Paran Christian
Position: Pitcher/infielder
Height/Weight: 6-2/180
Q: Name one thing people may be surprised to learn about you.
A: I'm the fourth generation of Tate McKee in the family.



Name: Tai Peete
School: Trinity Christian
Position: Infielder/pitcher
Height/Weight: 6-3/190
Q: Outside of baseball, what is your next hobby?
A: Playing golf, buying and reselling shoes, playing video games.



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North Georgia BIG 10



Name: Francesco Capocci

School: Denmark

Position: Pitcher/infielder

Height/Weight: 6-4/205

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

A: Europe. I have always wanted to travel across Europe to visit different countries like Spain or Italy. I love learning about the culture and history of different countries.



Name: Dylan Cupp

School: Cedartown

Position: Infielder

Height/Weight: 6-2/190

Q: Outside of baseball, what is your next hobby?

A: I help out with our Challenger League for our local recreation department.



Name: Caden Carroll

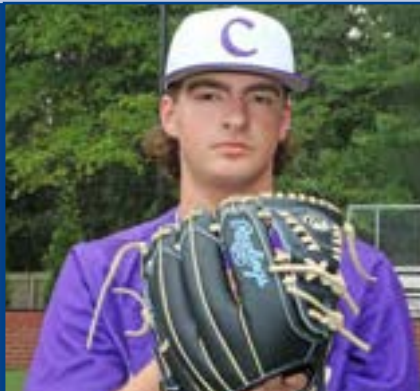
School: Cartersville

Position: Pitcher/infielder

Height/Weight: 6-3/200

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

A: Coach Mike Candela is my favorite teacher. He taught me history last year. His class was very interesting, and he loves to talk about sports.



Name: Matheson Go

School: North Cobb Christian

Position: Catcher/infielder/
outfielder

Height/Weight: 5-10/170

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

A: I'm in a singing group.



Name: Jake Hembree

School: North Paulding

Position: Pitcher/outfielder

Height/Weight: 6-1/190

Q: What in-game rituals or superstitions do you have?.

A: Before I pitch on game days, I don't like when people talk to me and I don't want any of my stuff touched. I just like to mind my own business and do my thing.



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North Georgia BIG 10



Name: Parker Marlatt
School: Hebron Christian
Position: Pitcher/infielder
Height/Weight: 5-11/175
Q: Name one thing people may be surprised to learn about you.
A: I own a small business that specializes in lawn maintenance.



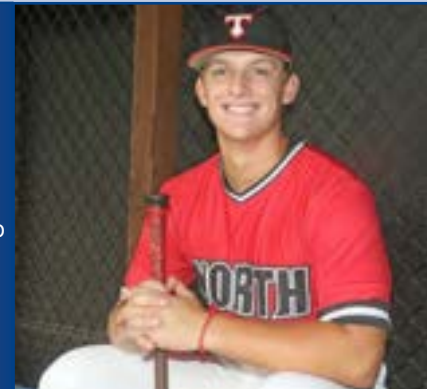
Name: Mason Moore
School: Social Circle
Position: Infielder/outfielder
Height/Weight: 6-3/190
Q: Who is your favorite teacher and what is your favorite high school subject?
A: My favorite teacher is Casey Wilkerson because she is always willing to help when needed and is very outgoing. My favorite subject is social studies.



Name: Tryston McCladdie
School: Harlem
Position: Shortstop/outfielder
Height/Weight: 6-0/180
Q: Who has been the most influential person in your life?
A: My father because he is the most hard-working person I know.



Name: Cale Stricklin
School: North Oconee
Position: Catcher/infielder/pitcher
Height/Weight: 5-11/185
Q: Name the person you'd like to meet the most and why.
A: Mike Trout because he's the best player in the game.



Name: Bryson Thacker
School: Rome
Position: Pitcher/first baseman/outfielder
Height/Weight: 6-2/175
Q: What is your favorite food to eat?
A: Steak, asparagus, loaded potato and cucumbers.



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South Georgia BIG 10



Name: Trevor Booton

School: LaGrange

Position: Pitcher

Height/Weight: 6-5/195

Q: After baseball, what career are you planning to pursue?

A: I would like to go to medical school and become a surgeon.



Name: Landon Dean

School: Ware County

Position: Infielder/pitcher

Height/Weight: 6-2/175

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

A: Hawaii because I'd like to try and surf there.



Name: Drew Burress

School: Houston County

Position: Outfielder/third-baseman

Height/Weight: 5-9/185

Q: What in-game rituals or superstitions do you have?

A: My bat has to be the first one on the rack. Nobody can touch my bats. I have to shave before game days.



Name: Andrew Dunford

School: Houston County

Position: First baseman/pitcher

Height/Weight: 6-7/230

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

A: I love animals. I'm a big cat guy.



Name: Gant Geiger

School: Charlton County

Position: Pitcher/infielder

Height/Weight: 6-2/190

Q: What is your favorite food to eat?

A: A PB&J with chocolate milk.



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South Georgia BIG 10



Name: Dawson Griffis
School: Appling County
Position: Catcher/outfielder
Height/Weight: 6-1/220
Q: Name the person you'd like to meet the most and why.
A: Dewayne 'The Rock' Johnson. I love all the movies he is in and love his work-ethic. I would love to meet him and talk to him about how he does it and how he pushes himself so hard.



Name: Cody Soliday
School: Irwin County
Position: Pitcher/outfielder
Height/Weight: 6-0/175
Q: Who is your favorite teacher and what is your favorite high school subject?
A: Jami Willis – biology.



Name: Reid Harvey
School: Thomas County Central
Position: Infielder/outfielder/pitcher
Height/Weight: 6-3/195
Q: What in-game rituals or superstitions do you have?
A: Always have to rub a little pine tar on your bat every at bat.



Name: Mason Trucks
School: Pike County
Position: Pitcher/infielder
Height/Weight: 6-2/195
Q: Outside of baseball, what is your next hobby?
A: Any kind of hunting, but I prefer duck hunting. Also, golfing to see how many balls I can lose in one day.



Name: Qrey Lott
School: Lowndes
Position: Outfielder
Height/Weight: 6-3/165
Q: Name one thing people may be surprised to learn about you.
A: I like to play soccer.



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GIAA BIG 10



Name: Jimmy Bowden
School: Stratford
Position: Outfielder/catcher/
 pitcher
Height/Weight: 6-0/195
Q: What in-game rituals or
 superstitions do you have?
A: I always pull my sleeves up
 before every pitch.



Name: Zack Counts
School: Brookwood
Position: Catcher/first-
 baseman/outfielder
Height/Weight: 6-2/205
Q: After baseball, what career
 are you planning to pursue?
A: Sports medicine.



Name: Davis Coleman
School: Deerfield-Windsor
Position: Infielder
Height/Weight: 6-2/190
Q: Name the person you'd like to
 meet the most and why.
A: Clint Eastwood because he is
 the master of being cool.



Name: Blake Dollar
School: Thomas Jefferson
Position: Pitcher/outfielder
Height/Weight: 5-11/170
Q: What is your favorite food
 to eat?
A: Chicken and rice.



Name: James Hays
School: Westfield
Position: Pitcher/infielder
Height/Weight: 6-2/210
Q: If you could travel anywhere
 outside the U.S., what would be
 your dream location and why?
A: I would like to travel to
 Europe to see some cool places
 and try the great food.



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Name: Jax Lewis
School: Pinewood Christian
Position: Pitcher/infielder
Height/Weight: 6-1/155
Q: Who has been the most influential person in your life?
A: My dad -- he taught me everything I know about baseball and uses it to teach me about life.



Name: Colt Ratliff
School: George Walton
Position: Catcher/first baseman
Height/Weight: 6-2/185
Q: After baseball, what career are you planning to pursue?
A: After baseball, I plan to pursue a career in electrical engineering.



Name: Dawson Pinckard
School: Robert Toombs
Position: First baseman/outfielder
Height/Weight: 6-4/190
Q: Name one thing people may be surprised to learn about you.
A: When I was a baby, I was diagnosed with cerebral palsy and was told I would never walk.



Name: Jackson Thomas
School: John Milledge
Position: First baseman/pitcher
Height/Weight: 6-5/225
Q: Who is your favorite teacher and what is your favorite high school subject?
A: Mrs. Prestwood and math.



Name: Zack Wallace
School: Strong Rock Christian
Position: Pitcher
Height/Weight: 6-3/195
Q: Who is your favorite professional sports team?
A: New York Yankees.



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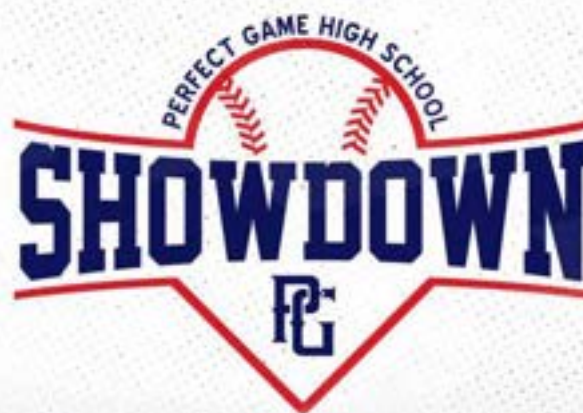
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Stuart Chester	Buford	688	176
Harvey Cochran	retired, 2012	682	348
Andy Harlin	Saint Pius X	658	221
Carl Carter	retired, 2019	637	223
Joey Hiller	Peach County	625	128
Chip Henderson	retired, 2021	623	191
Renza Israel	retired, 2009	623	316
Donnie Branch	LaGrange	596	289
Terry Holder	retired, 2009	588	153
Tommy Knight	Jefferson	585	454
Cliff Shelton	retired, 2014	578	298
Terry Cadenhead	retired, 2005	577	305
Mike Power	Kings Ridge Christian	560	240
Dennis Jordan	North Paulding	550	224
Jeff Rowland	retired, 2021	550	254
Jeff Segars	retired, 2021	547	212
Hugh Buchanan	retired, 2004	546	245
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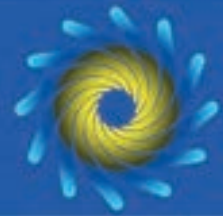
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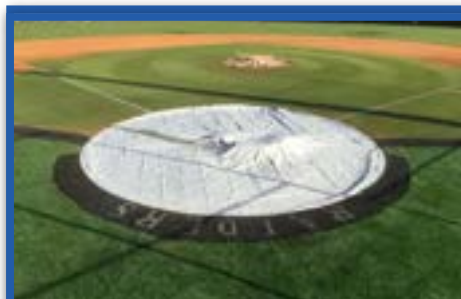
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Batting

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	Drew Burruss	Houston County	73	2022
3	Casey Moody	Spalding	71	2011

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	Eric Snow	Mary Persons	0.660	2022

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	Eric Snow	Mary Persons	212	2019-2022

Doubles in a Career

1	Kaleb Cowart	Cook	54	2007-2010
2	Adam Frazier	Oconee County	53	2008-2010
3	Eric Snow	Mary Persons	49	2019-2022

Triples in a Career

1	Eric Snow	Mary Persons	27	2019-2022
2	Corey Patterson	Harrison	17	1995-1998
2	Jon Bracket	Wheeler	17	?

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	Eric Snow	Mary Persons	0.545	2019-2022
3	Whit Robbins	Calhoun	0.534	2000-2003

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	Derrick Quinn	MD Collins	16	1983
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	Cade Fisher	NW Whitfield	0.71	2020-2022
2	Kaleb Cowart	Cook	0.83	2007-2010
3	Braden Hays	Parkview	0.91	2016-2018

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

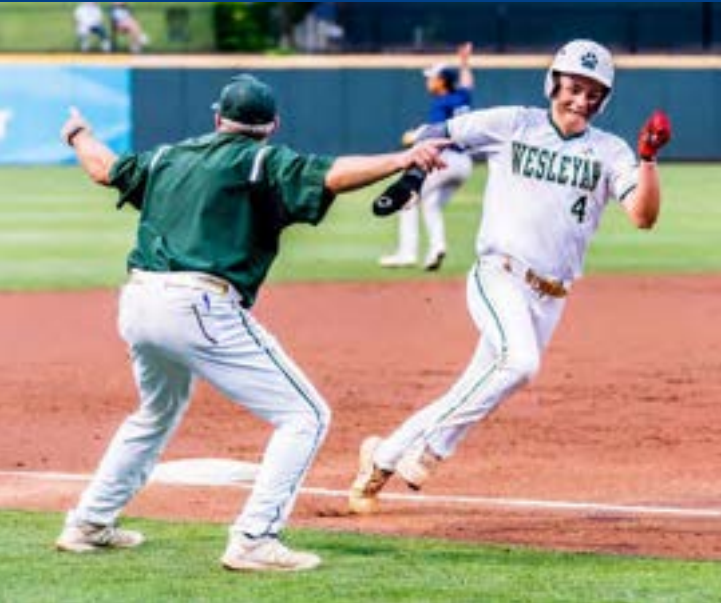
Strikeouts in a Career

1	Drew Tanner	Coffee	519	1979-1982
2	Josh Smoker	Calhoun	487	2004-2007
3	John Davis	Forest Park	474	1983-1986

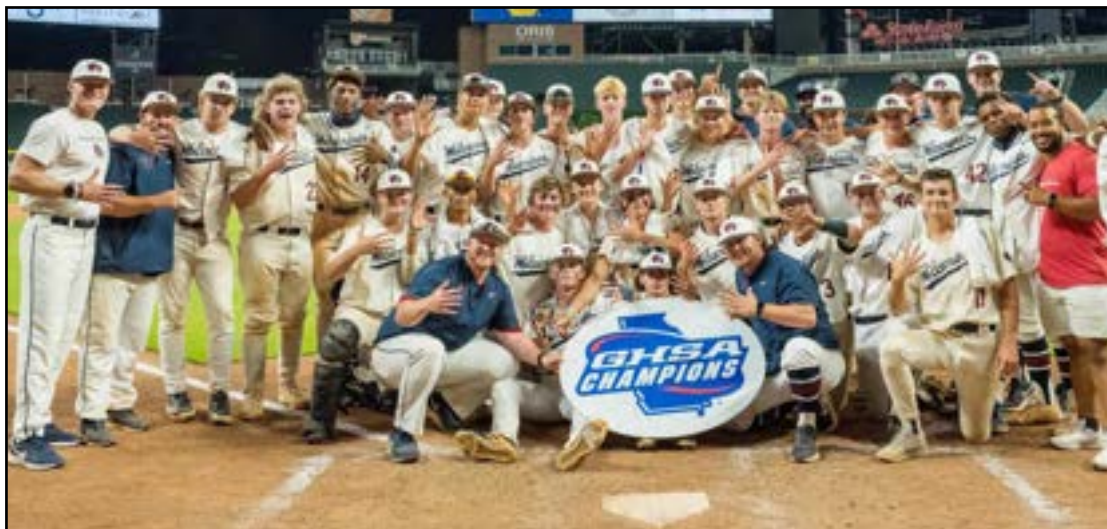
Innings Pitched in a Career

1	John Davis	Forest Park	386	1983-1986
2	Drew Tanner	Coffee	361	1979-1982
3	Sylvester West	Lanier County	320	1981-1984

Salute to the State Champions



Class 7A State Champions: Woodstock Wolverines



Members of the team are, Mylon Uribe, Dan Comeau, Gabe Wuerth, Zac Calabrese, Andrew Ianitello, Tyler Schroeder, Michael Preiser, Colin Bryant, Ryan Muehlberger, Luke Mabry, Brayden Davis, Jack Poor, Addison Palm, Kameron Douglas, Logan Bryson, Hunter Jackson, Mark May, Brooks McKenna, Hudson Casdia, Jack Hartman, Albert Moore, Coogan Bombard, Caden Tuck, Spencer Mullins, Oz Eckard, Elijah Wadsworth, Kevin Maurer. Coaches are Jeff Brown, Ben Abner, John Duran, Brandon Marcus, Reed Nixon, Parker Acuff, Clay Cross, Garrett Hodges.

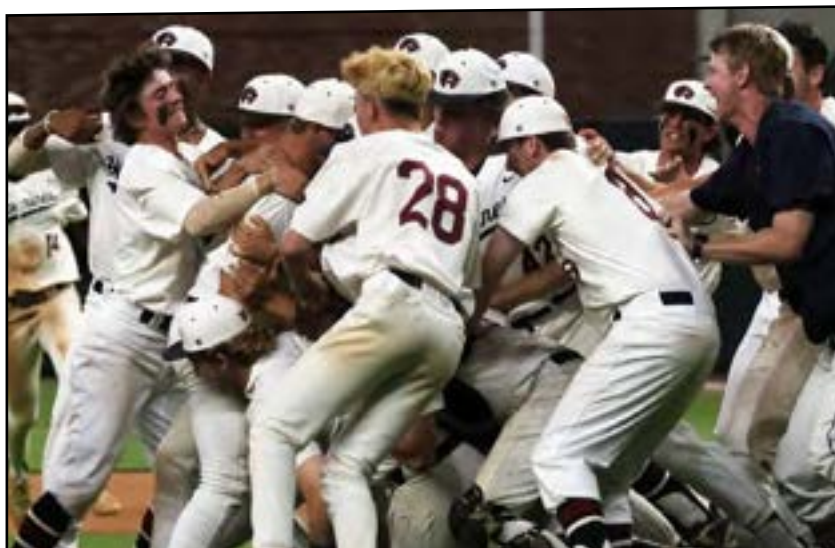
2022 Leaders

Offense

Avg. – Kameron Douglas (.374)
 Hits – Kameron Douglas (49)
 Doubles – Kameron Douglas (15)
 Triples – Gabe Wuerth (4)
 Homers – Kameron Douglas (6)
 RBIs – Kameron Douglas (40)
 Runs – Gabe Wuerth (40)
 Walks – Jack Poor (22)

Pitching

Innings – Kevin Maurer (83)
 Wins – Brayden Davis (11)
 Strikeouts – Kevin Maurer (99)
 ERA – Brayden Davis (1.235)



Woodstock players celebrate after defeating Etowah to win the Class 7A state championship.

Woodstock Wolverines (33-7)

Creekview, W, 3-1	Roswell, L 4-6
Lambert, W, 6-5	Roswell, W, 9-4
Brookwood, L, 5-7	Roswell, W, 4-2
Richmond Hill, L, 0-2	Cherokee, W, 2-1
Vidalia, W, 4-0	Cherokee, L, 3-5
South Effingham, L, 1-5	Cherokee, L, 0-1
Kell, W, 5-4	Alpharetta, W, 2-1
Grayson, W, 6-1	Alpharetta, W, 11-1
North Paulding, W, 1-0	Sequoyah, W, 6-3
Marietta, W, 16-1	Sequoyah, W, 10-1
Hillgrove, W, 4-1	Walton, W, 4-0

River Ridge, W, 3-2	North Cobb, W, 9-4
Etowah, W, 1-0	North Cobb, W, 7-2
Etowah, L, 3-4	Newnan, W, 4-2
Etowah, W, 8-6	Newnan, W, 4-3
Milton, W, 9-1	Parkview, W, 4-3
Milton, W, 9-5,	Parkview, W, 6-4
Milton, W, 10-3	

State Playoffs
 Duluth, W, 9-2
 Duluth, W, 12-0

**State Championship Series
 (At Truist Park, Atlanta)**
 Etowah, W, 5-0
 Etowah, W, 4-0

Class 6A State Champions: Pope Greyhounds



Members of the team are, **Front row (kneeling, L-R)**, Caid Heflin, Cody McGill, Jesse Walter, Carson Kerce, Marco Cabrera, Coach Chris Turco, Cooper Orr, Nick Jones, Dawson Jones, Coach Michael Nelson. **Standing (L-R)**, Manager Maddie Hill, Coach Matt Liedberg, Coach Will Harrison, Jon Strydom, Zach Wright, Blythe Keisler, Andrew Nelms, Andrew Walters, Kent Schmidt, Jack Butler, Trey Kaiser, Grady Bivens, Dawson Campbell, Nate Levine, Logan Rapp, Heath Owen, Jackson Winbush, Jack Myers, Calvin Koo, Tyler Urowsky, Luke Tener, Jake Gastley, Coach Kenny Lotz, Coach Alan Savransky, Manager Kailey Martin, Manager Kate East. **Not pictured** is Coach Ryan Khan.

Photo by Pope High School

2022 Leaders

Offense

Avg. – Kent Schmidt (.463)
 Hits – Kent Schmidt (50)
 Doubles – Cody McGill (12)
 Triples – Carson Kerce (7)
 Homers – Cody McGill (8)
 RBIs – Cody McGill (46)
 Runs – Dawson Campbell (50)
 Walks – Dawson Campbell (32)

Pitching

Innings – Jack Butler (75 2/3)
 Wins – Dawson Campbell (12)
 Strikeouts – Dawson Campbell (67)
 ERA – Dawson Campbell (1.76)



Pope players storm the field at Truist Park after sweeping Allatoona to win the Class 6A state championship.

Pope Greyhounds (33-7)

McEachern W, 2-1	Etowah, L, 5-8	Kell, FFW	Effingham County, W, 17-2
Roswell, W, 8-4	Allatoona, L, 4-5	Osborne, W, 15-0	Effingham County, W, 15-1
Effingham County, W, 8-4	Kell, W, 4-3	Sprayberry, W, 7-4	Evans, W, 8-4
Effingham County, W, 18-4	Osborne, W, 16-1	South Cobb, W, 16-1	Evans, W, 9-6
Cambridge, L, 0-1	Sprayberry, W, 3-0	Lassiter, L, 4-5	Buford, W, 8-5
Lambert, L, 0-7	South Cobb, W, 15-0	Wheeler, W, 6-2	Buford, W, 8-4
Franklin County, W, 7-4	Lassiter, W, 9-1		
Norcross, L, 4-5	Wheeler, W, 9-1		
North Forsyth, L, 0-6	Kennesaw Mountain, W, 12-9	State Playoffs	State Championship Series
Milton, W, 11-8	Allatoona, W, 5-1	Dacula, W, 11-0	(At Truist Park, Atlanta)
Dunwoody, W, 8-1	Walton, W, 5-4	Dacula, W, 10-0	Allatoona, W, 10-0
Kennesaw Mountain, W, 11-0	Harrison, W, 10-9		Allatoona, W, 9-2

Class 5A State Champions: Loganville Red Devils



Members of the team are, **Front row (l-r)**, Jordan Davis, Gage Fullerton, Jaylen Jones. **Second Row, (l-r)**, Luke Schnider, Tucker Segars, Kyle Shivers, Davis Roesler, Jacob Alvey, Angel Quezada, JP Myers, Christian Donaldson, James Beaver, Connor Brooks; **Back Row (l-r)**, Coach McCance, Coach McGaughey, Coach Sargent, Noah Robinson, Nolan Keener, Coach Parrish, Blake Carter, Cooper Johnson, Fisher Procter, Layne Ayers, Aidan Adams, Joseph Johnson, Sherman Johnson II, Coach Anglin, Gavin Pankhania, Matthew Heard, Hoyt Dobeck, Tanner Truesdell, Jackson Chizek, Dawson Coe, Trenton Burnett, Coach Mills, Coach Hewatt, Coach Ryan, Coach Segars.

Special Photo: Loganville High School

2022 Leaders

Offense

Avg. – Matthew Heard (.443)
 Hits – Matthew Heard (54)
 Doubles – Matthew Heard (14)
 Triples – Matthew Heard, Jackson Chizek, Kyle Shivers (2)
 Homers – Matthew Heard (4)
 RBIs – Matthew Heard (44)
 Runs – Gage Fullerton (35)
 Walks – Joe Johnson (26)

Pitching

Innings – Trenton Burnett (66)
 Wins – Trenton Burnett (9)
 Strikeouts – Trenton Burnett (104)
 ERA – Trenton Burnett (1.38)



Loganville's Davis Roesler pumps his fist after scoring a run against Cartersville in the state championship series.

Loganville Red Devils (32-9)

Winder-Barrow, W, 6-1
 Mill Creek, W, 3-2
 Savannah Christian, W, 12-1
 East Paulding, W, 4-2
 Decatur, W, 12-6
 Hueytown (Ala.), W, 4-3
 Russellville (Ala.), W, 8-1
 Central-Phenix City (Ala.), L, 4-5
 Chelsea (Ala.), W, 9-1
 North Gwinnett, L, 2-8
 Collins Hill, L, 1-5
 Brookwood, W, 3-2

Clarke Central, W, 8-0
 Clarke Central, W, 10-0
 Greenbrier, W, 10-0
 Greenbrier, L, 2-3
 Apalachee, W, 13-2
 Apalachee, W, 8-0
 Hoover (Ala.), W, 1-0
 Johnson-Gainesville, W, 21-0
 Johnson-Gainesville, W, 15-0
 Parkview, L, 3-5
 Jackson County, L, 5-6
 Marist, L, 0-2

Jackson County, W, 4-2
 Walnut Grove, L, 3-6
 Walnut Grove, W, 1-0
 Eastside, W, 10-0
 Eastside, W, 9-0
 Grayson, W, 6-5

Ware County, W, 7-1
 Ware County, W, 9-0
 Decatur, W, 2-1
 Decatur, W, 13-6

State Playoffs

Midtown, W, 10-0
 Midtown, W, 12-0
 Harris County, W, 12-0
 Harris County, W, 7-6

State Championship Series (At AdventHealth Stadium, Rome)

Cartersville, W, 5-4
 Cartersville, L, 0-1
 Cartersville, W, 9-0

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GEORGIA CLASS OF 2023 TOP 10 PLAYER RANKINGS

1	COLIN HOUCK PARKVIEW MISSISSIPPI STATE COMMIT	SS	6	TAI PEETE TRINITY CHRISTIAN GEORGIA TECH COMMIT	3B/RHP
2	ANTONIO ANDERSON NORTH ATLANTA GEORGIA TECH COMMIT	SS	7	DREW BURRESS HOUSTON COUNTY GEORGIA TECH COMMIT	OF
3	DYLAN CUPP CEDARTOWN MISSISSIPPI STATE COMMIT	SS	8	LUKE MCNEILLIE MILTON FLORIDA COMMIT	RHP
4	MIKHAI GRANT GEORGIA PREMIER ACADEMY MISSISSIPPI STATE COMMIT	RHP	9	PORTER BUURSEMA BLESSED TRINITY GEORGIA SOUTHERN COMMIT	RHP
5	JEFFREY HEUER HOMESCHOOL TEXAS TECH COMMIT	RHP	10	FRANCESCO CAPOCCI DENMARK NORTH CAROLINA COMMIT	RHP/3B

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Class 4A State Champions: North Oconee Titans



Members of the team are, **Front Row (l-r)**, Ben Stuart, Gavin Black, Cole Evilsizor. **Middle Row kneeling (l-r)**, Nick Wiley, Bryce Toci, Grayson Godbee, Jacob Bennis, Andrew Arnold, Cale Stricklin, Ryan Postnieks, Batboy AJ O'Marra, Coach Tom Dimitroff, Coach Jay Lasley. **Back Row Standing (l-r)**, Coach Tyler Pittman, Garrett Post, Autumn Stringer, Cam Hassan, Stiles Begnaud, Branson Dykes, Coach Eric Bounds, Jack Fabris, Timmy Todd, Wyatt Land, Kyle Jones, Connor Harris, Braedon Hassan, Braeden Smith, Justin Byrd, Braden Warren, Landon Wilson, Parker Hernden, Cole Smith, KJ Moon, Ethan Jarvis, Coach Matt Kelley, Coach Brandon Gaubert and Tom "Cowboy" Meade

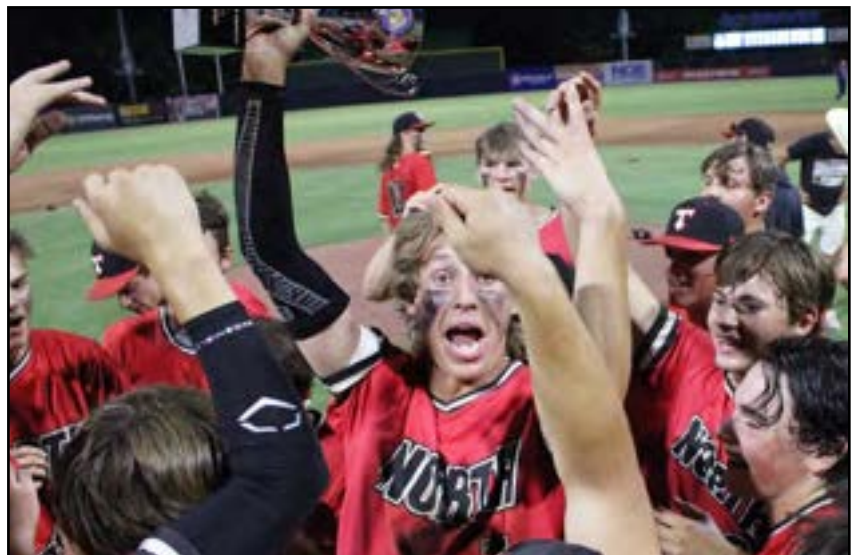
2022 Leaders

Offense

Avg. – Justin Byrd (.427)
 Hits – Braden Smith (49)
 Doubles – Justin Byrd (17)
 Triples – Jack Fabris (4)
 Homers – Justin Byrd (8)
 RBIs – Justin Byrd (47)
 Runs – Jack Fabris (53)
 Walks – Jack Fabris (39)

Pitching

Innings – Ben Stuart (52 2/3)
 Wins – Ben Stuart (11)
 Strikeouts – Ben Stuart (87)
 ERA – Ben Stuart (1.60)



North Oconee's Justin Byrd celebrates by hoisting the state championship trophy.

North Oconee Titans (39-1)

Marist, W, 1-0	Cedar Shoals, W, 11-0
North Hall, W, 6-2	Cedar Shoals, W, 12-0
Oconee County, W, 10-0	Cedar Shoals, W, 16-4
Lassiter, L, 6-9	Flowery Branch, W, 7-3
Brookwood, W, 4-3	Flowery Branch, W, 13-4
Wayne County, W, 4-1	Flowery Branch, W, 18-2
Stony Brook (NY), W, 1-0	Peachtree Ridge, W, 9-4
North Hall, W, 10-0	Pikeville (KY), W, 9-3
Chestatee, W, 6-1	Buckeye Valley (DE), W, 20-2
Chestatee, W, 7-2	Jefferson, W, 14-2
Chestatee, W, 8-0	Jefferson, W, 8-1
Lanier, W, 10-0	Jefferson, W, 10-8

East Hall, W, 15-1
East Hall, W, 15-0
East Hall, W, 13-3
Madison County, W, 16-3
Madison County, W, 10-2
Madison County, W, 11-0

State Playoffs

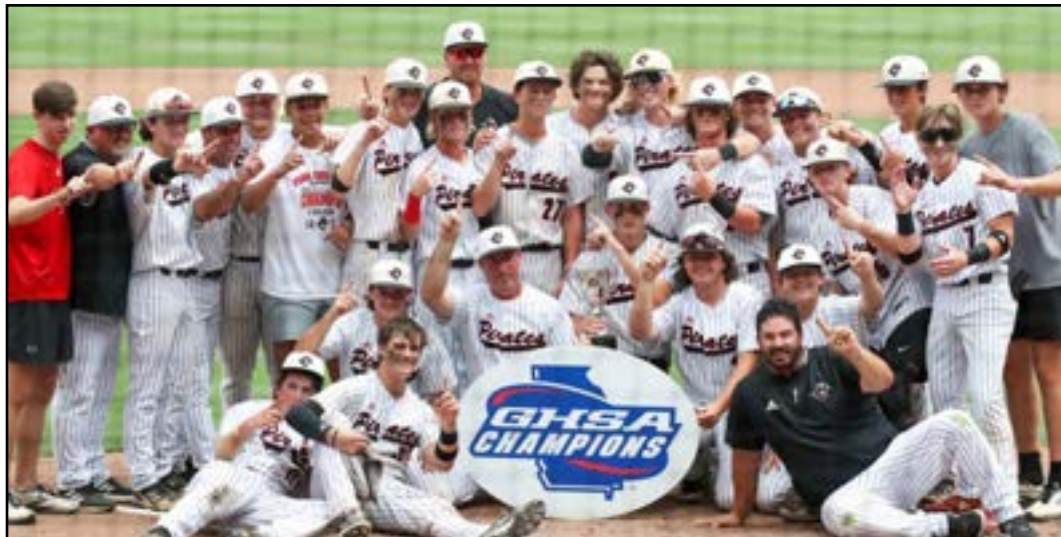
Mays, W, 15-0
Mays, W, 12-0
Columbus, W, 5-3

Columbus, W, 12-0
Thomas County Central, W, 9-3
Thomas County Central, W, 4-2
Benedictine, W, 16-4
Benedictine, W, 10-0

State Championship Series (At AdventHealth Stadium, Rome)

LaGrange, W, 3-2
LaGrange, W, 9-5

Class 3A State Champions: Pike County Pirates



Members of the team are, Jake Carden, Landon Clark, Kole Hammond, Zane Axelberg, Josh Buffington, Ridge Smith, Braden Osbolt, Kaleb Hammond, Andrew Huffstetler, Coleman Johnson, Carson Gaston, Trevor Bagwell, Mason Trucks, Ian Davis, Brooks Johnson, Caden Swift, Cyle Wells, Christian Childress, Garrett Child, Cooper Hanson (Statistician), London Gresham (Manager) and Ty Mobley (Manager). Coaches are Don Hanson, Blake Parrot, Kevin Mobley, Craig Chatman and John Hanson. Not pictured is coach John Sutton.

Special Photo by Dom Johnson

2022 Leaders

Offense

Avg. – Braden Osbolt (.450)
 Hits – Braden Osbolt (49)
 Doubles – Kole Hammond (8)
 Triples – Braden Osbolt (4)
 Homers – Caden Swift (5)
 RBIs – Caden Swift (37)
 Runs – Braden Osbolt, Coleman Johnson (36)
 Walks – Braden Osbolt (21)

Pitching

Innings – Braden Osbolt (71)
 Wins – Mason Trucks (9)
 Strikeouts – Trevor Bagwell (86)
 ERA – Braden Osbolt (0.89)



Pike County players pose with the state championship trophy after winning the GHSA Class 3A state title.

Special Photo by Dom Johnson

Pike County Pirates (36-6)

Fayette County, W, 6-0	Peach County, W, 13-2
Ola, W, 2-1	Upson-Lee, W, 6-1
Lanier County, W, 11-1	Upson-Lee, W, 7-0
Eastside, W, 13-1	Sumter County, W, 18-0
Whitewater, W, 7-2	Sumter County, W, 15-0
McIntosh, W, 2-1	East Coweta, W, 5-2
Ware County, L, 0-2	Crisp County, W, 4-3
Colquitt County, W, 15-5	Crisp County, W, 8-3
Fayette County, W, 15-0	Central Macon, W, 10-0
Lee County, W, 2-0	Calhoun, W, 3-1
Locust Grove, L, 9-12	Jackson, W, 11-0
Peach County, W, 14-0	Jackson, W, 13-1

Mary Persons, W, 7-0
 Mary Persons, W, 14-0
 Ola, L, 1-8

State Playoffs

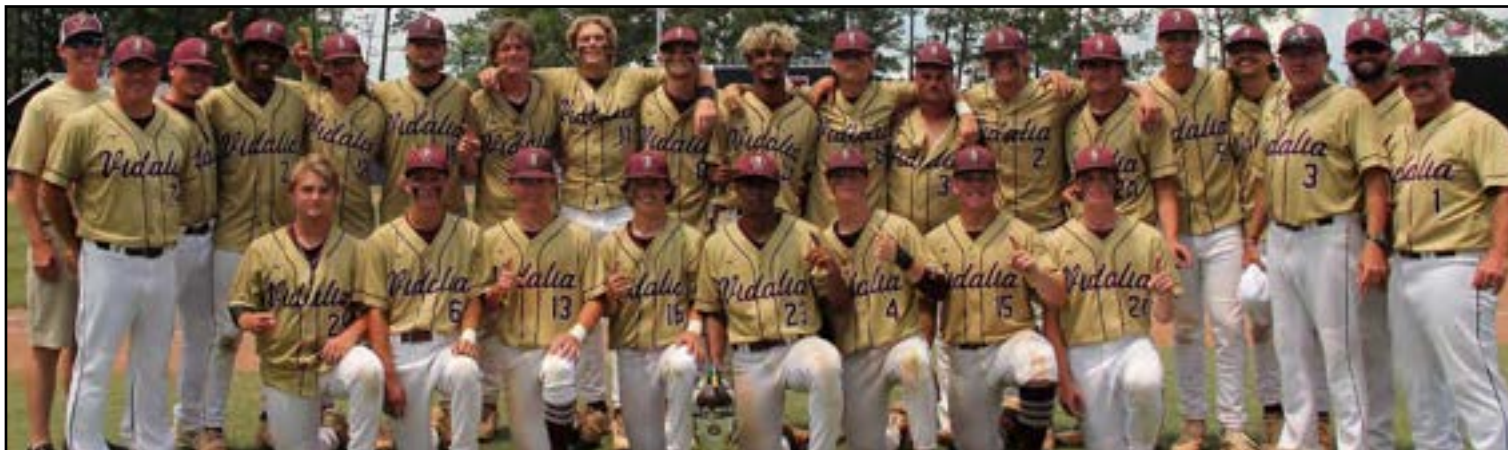
Thomson, W, 10-0
 Thomson, W, 10-1
 Sonoraville, L, 1-3
 Sonoraville, W, 5-0
 Sonoraville, W, 8-7
 Greater Atlanta Christian, L, 2-5

Greater Atlanta Christian, W, 3-2
 Greater Atlanta Christian, W, 8-1
 North Hall, W, 5-2
 North Hall, W, 9-2

State Championship Series (At Coolray Field, Lawrenceville)

Redan, W, 6-4
 Redan, L, 0-2
 Redan, W, 5-4

Class 2A State Champions: Vidalia Indians



Members of the team are, **Front Row (l-r)**, Tucker McDonald, Conner Whited, Cason Banks, Carson Ricks, Kaleb Bennett, Morgan Moye, Walker Moncus, Ty Carter. **Back Row (l-r)**, Blake Brooks (trainer), Coach Ben Beck, Coach Tucker Allmond, Andrew Norfleet, Jordan Walden, Hughes Graham, Kevin Cox, Ty Dalley, Bryson Whited, Chandler Corbett, Dawson Stewart, Haygen Brantley, Caden Spivey, Bryce Davis, Bryce Morley, Tucker Coleman, Coach Brent Korn, Coach Chris Dykes, Coach Rhett Carter.

2022 Leaders

Offense

Avg. – Kaleb Bennett (.395)
 Hits – Hughes Graham (48)
 Doubles – Hughes Graham, Jordan Walden, Ty Dalley (10)
 Triples – Hughes Graham (2)
 Homers – Bryson Whited (4)
 RBIs – Walker Moncus (39)
 Runs – Bryson Whited (37)
 Walks – Jordan Walden (19)

Pitching

Innings – Bryson Whited (62 2/3)
 Wins – Bryson Whited (8)
 Strikeouts – Caden Spivey (58)
 ERA – Bryson Whited (2.23)



Vidalia players celebrate after beating Thomasville to win the Class 2A state title last season. **Photo by Pat Donahue.**

Vidalia Indians (30-11)

Tattnall Square, L, 0-3
 Metter, W, 13-3
 Tattnall Square, L, 5-9
 Calvary Day, L, 5-6
 Metter, L, 2-4
 Woodstock, L, 0-4
 Madison County, W, 13-3
 West Laurens, L, 4-9
 Callaway, L, 0-4
 Heard County, W, 11-1
 Appling County, L, 1-8
 Veterans, W, 14-4

Pierce County, L, 5-9
 Swainsboro, W, 8-1
 Swainsboro, W, 9-3
 Swainsboro, W, 12-2
 Toombs County, W, 14-4
 Toombs County, W, 11-7
 Toombs County, W, 5-3
 East Laurens, W, 7-0
 East Laurens, W, 7-0
 Benedictine, W, 5-2
 East Laurens, W, 7-0
 Jeff Davis, W, 5-4

Jeff Davis, W, 6-2
 Jeff Davis, W, 11-7
 Bacon County, W, 14-9
 Bacon County, W, 12-2
 Bacon County, W, 11-1

Callaway, W, 17-0
 Lovett, L, 1-4
 Lovett, W, 5-3
 Lovett, W, 5-4

State Playoffs

Putnam County, W, 16-1
 Putnam County, W, 14-1
 Banks County, W, 12-2
 Banks County, W, 13-1
 Callaway, W, 2-0

State Championship Series (At Georgia Southern, Statesboro)

Thomasville, W, 14-4
 Thomasville, L, 3-10
 Thomasville, W, 7-0

Class 1A Public State Champions: Metter Tigers



Members of the team are, **Front Row (l-r)**, Reco Coney, Reese Hadden. **Middle Row (l-r)**, Smith Dekle, Jayden Deloach, DJ Redding, Trey Hall, Kason Johnson, John Luke Glanton, Rustan Rigdon, Brooks Longgear, Eric Verbel, Chayton Todd, Nick Waters, Ellis Strobridge. **Back Row (l-r)**, Riley Kingery, Eric Bragg, Carter Gainous, Kaden Hobbs, Kaliq Jordan, Tyranski Spann, Thomas Chicola, Kyzer Anthony, Skyler Smith, Zach Rackett, Nic Thompson.

Special Photo by Candi Salter

2022 Leaders

Offense

Avg. – Rustan Rigdon (.471)
 Hits – John Luke Glanton (44)
 Doubles – Kyzer Anthony (13)
 Triples – Kyzer Anthony (2)
 Homers – Reco Coney (4)
 RBIs – Kyzer Anthony (44)
 Runs – John Luke Glanton (48)
 Walks – John Luke Glanton (35)

Pitching

Innings – John Luke Glanton (82 1/3)
 Wins – John Luke Glanton (12)
 Strikeouts – John Luke Glanton (125)
 ERA – Rustan Rigdon (0.35)



Metter players celebrate after winning the state baseball title at Clements Field. **Special Photo by Candi Salter**

Metter Tigers (31-5)

Long County, L, 3-4
 Vidalia, L, 3-13
 Vidalia, W, 4-2
 Calvary Day, W, 8-4
 Tattnall County, W, 9-4
 Effingham County, L, 0-10
 Yulee, W, 8-2
 Calhoun, W, 4-3
 Portal, W, 14-3
 Savannah Country Day, L, 3-16
 Portal, W, 9-1

Tattnall County, W, 10-2
 Screven County, W, 8-0
 Screven County, W, 5-4
 Benedictine, L, 2-7
 McIntosh Co. Aca., W, 11-1
 Claxton, W, 12-10
 McIntosh Co. Aca., W, 12-6
 Bryan County, W, 9-1
 Claxton, W, 6-1
 Bryan County, W, 11-4
 Jenkins County, W, 11-1

Jenkins County, W, 19-5
 Savannah Christian, W, 10-0
 ECI, W, 10-1
 ECI, W, 6-0

State Playoffs

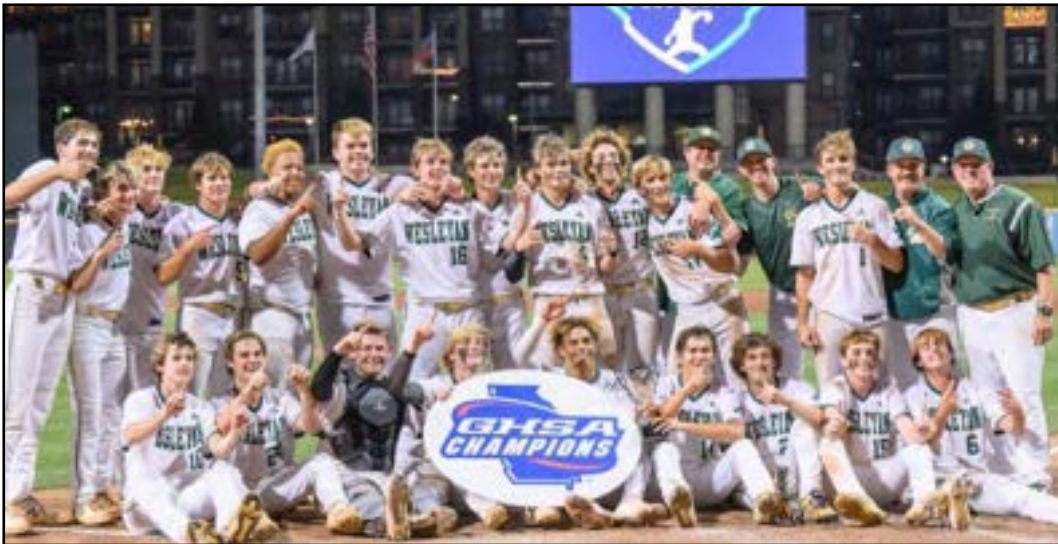
Pelham, W, 17-2
 Pelham, W, 11-0
 GMC, W, 10-0
 GMC, W, 16-3
 Gordon Lee, W, 5-2

Gordon Lee, W, 10-1
 Commerce, W, 11-4
 Commerce, W, 5-0

State Championship Series (At Georgia Southern, Statesboro)

Charlton County, W, 8-7
 Charlton County, W, 3-0

Class 1A Private State Champions: Wesleyan Wolves



Members of the team are, **Front Row (l-r)**, Drew Wren, Tim Hillegass, Bryce Hubbard, Cooper Blausner, Druw Jones, Carson Ballard, Nate Kerpics, Jett Miller, Lucas Schelhammer. **Back Row (l-r)**, Joe Laurite, Chris Izzo, Will Hillegass, Will Tucker, Stacy Johnson, Matthew Wright, Grayson McCollum, Schley Gordy, Dominick Scalese, Forrest Lietz, Coach Michael Mann, Coach Matt Plate, Reed Purcell, Coach Brett Denney, Head Coach Brian Krehmeyer.

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2022 Leaders

Offense

Avg. – Druw Jones (.579)
 Hits – Druw Jones (65)
 Doubles – Bryce Hubbard (14)
 Triples – Druw Jones (4)
 Homers – Druw Jones (13)
 RBIs – Cooper Blausner (49)
 Runs – Druw Jones (72)
 Walks – Druw Jones (33)

Pitching

Innings – Carson Ballard (53 1/3)
 Wins – Druw Jones (10)
 Strikeouts – Carson Ballard (67)
 ERA – Carson Ballard (1.58)



Wesleyan players celebrate after winning the Class 1A Private state title.

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Wesleyan Wolves (31-5)

Lovett, L, 2-6	Galloway, W, 11-1
Greater Atlanta Christian, W, 10-5	Galloway, W, 5-4
Whitefield Academy, W, 12-2	Brookstone, W, 16-2
Providence (Fla), L, 1-10	North Springs, W, 10-3
Fla. State Univ. High, W, 6-4	Prov. Christian, W, 13-5
Westminster, W, 13-1	Prov. Christian, W, 14-0
Decatur, W, 6-1	North Gwinnett, L, 4-7
South Forsyth, W, 15-7	Mount Vernon, W, 18-5
Blessed Trinity, L, 3-14	Mount Vernon, W, 12-2
Dunwoody, W, 4-2	Mount Vernon, W, 11-4
Galloway, W, 11-1	Holy Innocents, W, 7-3

Holy Innocents, W, 12-9
 Holy Innocents, W, 11-0
 Hebron Christian, W, 12-0
 Hebron Christian, W, 13-1
 Hebron Christian, W, 10-5
 Grayson, W, 7-1

State Playoffs

Christian Heritage, W, 16-1
 Christian Heritage, W, 15-3
 Calvary Day, W, 16-0

Calvary Day, W, 10-4
 Whitefield Academy, W, 18-0
 Whitefield Academy, W, 9-5
 Mount Paran Christian, L, 2-4
 Mount Paran Christian, W, 11-7
 Mount Paran Christian, W, 7-6

State Championship Series (At Coolray Field, Lawrenceville)

North Cobb Christian, W, 3-0
 North Cobb Christian, W, 18-3

GISA Class 3A State Champions: John Milledge Trojans



Members of the team are, **Front Row (l-r)**, Coach Jacob Prestwood, Briggs Eady, Keaton Prior, Hudson Starley, Bud Veal, Dawson Spires, Brady Rollins. **Middle Row (l-r)**, Head Coah Chad Starley, Justin England, Kolt McMichael, Hunter Stalnaker, Blake Bellflower, Lexi Starley, Tyler Greene, Will Adams, Caleb Haines, Remi Weaver, Sean Scott, Banks Eady, Coach Jay Bracewell. **Back Row (l-r)**, David Todd, Landon Byrd, Cooper Wilburn, Jackson Thomas, Spencer Beahm, Cooper Young, Coach Walter Prestwood, Coach Jared Prestwood, Coach Justin Mills.

2022 Leaders

Offense

Avg. – Keaton Prior (.483)
 Hits – Bud Veal (35)
 Doubles – Caleb Haines (8)
 Triples – Bud Veal (5)
 Homers – Jackson Thomas (4)
 RBIs – Jackson Thomas (36)
 Runs – Bud Veal (38)
 Walks – Banks Eady (23)

Pitching

Innings – Keaton Prior (73 1/3)
 Wins – Keaton Prior (13)
 Strikeouts – Keaton Prior (110)
 ERA – Keaton Prior (1.52)



John Milledge players celebrate after winning the state championship.

John Milledge Trojans (24-5)

Trinity Christian, W, 12-0	Bethlehem Christian, W, 5-1	Southland, W, 17-2	Tiftarea, W, 7-1
Brentwood, L, 6-7	Bethlehem Christian, L, 1-11	Piedmont, W, 10-0	Tiftarea, W, 13-1
Pinewood Christian, W, 5-0	Piedmont, W, 7-4		
Piedmont, W, 13-3	Bulloch, W, 7-1	State Playoffs	
Young Americans Chr., W, 16-0	Bulloch, W, 17-7	Westminster (Aug.), W, 14-0	State Championship Series
Trinity Christian, W, 8-5	Westminster (Aug.), W, 15-0	Westminster (Aug.), W, 6-3	(At Grayson Stadium, Savannah)
Piedmont, W, 12-0	Westminster (Aug.), W, 8-3	Dominion Christian, W, 4-3	Pinewood Christian, W, 4-3
Thomas Jefferson, W, 14-2	Westfield, L, 2-4	Dominion Christian, W, 10-1	Pinewood Christian, L, 0-2
Young Americans Chr., W, 7-0	Westfield, L, 10-11		Pinewood Christian, W, 6-5

GISA Class 2A State Champions: Terrell Academy Eagles



Members of the team are, David Kile, Trevor Shipley, Quindon Wright, Daylor Drawdy, Travis Shipley, Hayden Crosson, Kade Muliford, Trey Ladley, Hill Murdock, Tucker Leanza, John Mark Irvin, Luke Addison, Braylon Green, Carter Kennedy, Jay Murdock, Ryker Moyer, Lawrence Carpenter, Jay Austin, Jack Douglas, Ethan Askew, Dozier Swain, Kale Cooling, Mason Bonner. Head coach Ashley Walker, Assistant Coach Max Evans, Assistant Coach Curtis Stanfield, Assistant Coach Shelton Murdock, Pitching Coach Robert Nelson, Manager Will Harvey and Statistician Beck Maloney.

2022 Leaders

Offense

Avg. – Luke Addison, Jay Murdock (.535)
 Hits – Luke Addison (38)
 Doubles – Daylor Drawdy (10)
 Triples – Luke Addison (2)
 Homers – Luke Addison, Jay Murdock (9)
 RBIs – Jay Murdock (32)
 Runs – Luke Addison (45)
 Walks – Jay Murdock (37)

Pitching

Innings – Luke Addison (40 1/3)
 Wins – Luke Addison (5)
 Strikeouts – Luke Addison (45)
 ERA – Lawrence Carpenter (2.39)



Terrell's Jay Austin rounds the bases in the state championship series.

Terrell Academy Eagles (17-7)

Brookwood, L, 8-12	Westwood, L, 8-9
Fullington, W, 16-1	Fullington, W, 20-2
Valwood, W, 13-3	Savannah Country Day, W, 8-5
Glenwood (Ala.), L, 3-12	Jenkins (Sav.), W, 13-1
Brookwood, W, 14-4	Westwood, W, 14-4
Southland, L, 1-11	Crisp, W, 14-2
SW Georgia, W, 18-4	Valwood, L, 0-2
Crisp, W, 26-0	Southland, L, 0-4
SW Georgia, W, 4-3	

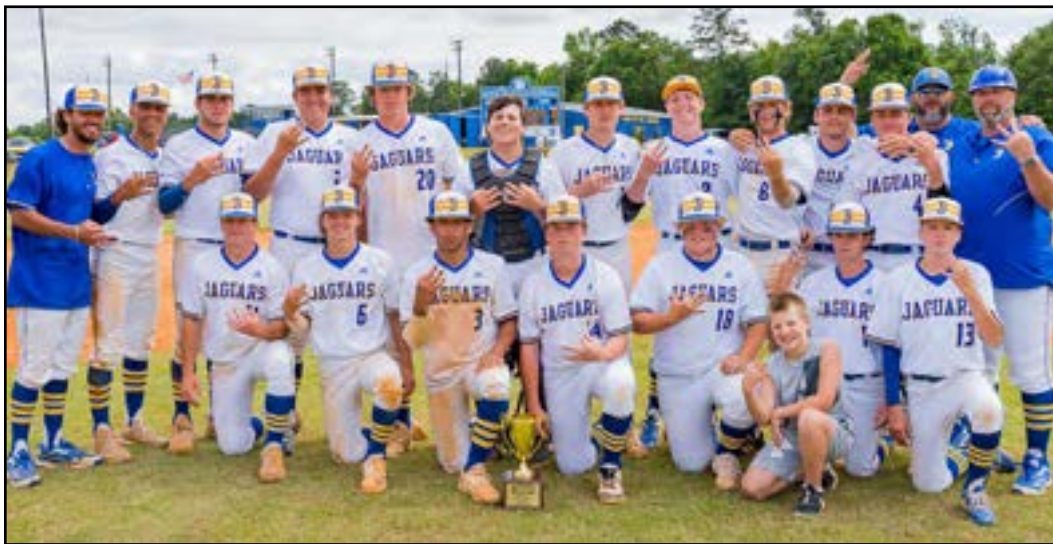
State Playoffs

Brentwood, W, 11-10
 Brentwood, W, 9-1
 SW Georgia, W, 8-5
 SW Georgia, W, 13-5

State Championship Series (At Grayson Stadium, Savannah)

Gatewood, W, 12-0
 Gatewood, L, 10-11
 Gatewood, W, 10-8

GISA Class 1A State Champions: Thomas Jefferson Jaguars



Members of the team are, **Front row (l-r)**, John Durden, Carson Peavy, Cam Beasley, Cameron Peavy, Tre Moore, Sam Miller, Colt Chaffinch. **Back Row (l-r)**, Coach Tanner Brackett, Beans Hunt, Carter Walden, Joe Miller, Jaedon Crunkelton, Samuel Smith, Will McNeely, Carson Davis, Myles Weekly, Ben Bailey, Blake Dollar, Coach Myran Hunt and Head Coach Chris Chaffinch.

2022 Leaders

Offense

Avg. – Cameron Beasley (.531)
 Hits – Cameron Beasley (34)
 Doubles – Blake Dollar (10)
 Triples – Cameron Beasley, Carson Peavy (2)
 Homers – Cameron Peavy (4)
 RBIs – Cameron Peavy (27)
 Runs – Cameron Beasley (34)
 Walks – Carter Walden (17)

Pitching

Innings – Carter Walden (31)
 Wins – Blake Dollar, Myles Weekly (5)
 Strikeouts – Myles Weekly (36)
 ERA – Blake Dollar (2.05)



Thomas Jefferson players celebrate with the state championship trophy.
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Thomas Jefferson Jaguars (19-2)

Briarwood, W, 4-2	Briarwood, W, 10-0
David Emanuel, W, 20-0	Brentwood, W, 15-10
Augusta Prep, W, 18-4	Edmund Burke, L, 4-6
Monsignor Donovan, W, 20-0	Augusta Prep, W, 12-2
John Milledge, L, 2-14	Monsignor Donovan, W, 2-0
John Hancock, W, 11-0	John Hancock, W, 10-0
Gatewood, W, 14-4	Brentwood, W, 11-3
Twiggs, W, 6-0	Gatewood, W, 6-4
Twiggs, W, 10-0	

State Playoffs

Fullington, W, 11-1
 Fullington, W, 14-1

State Championship Series (At Thomas Jefferson)

First Preparatory, W, 7-6
 First Preparatory, W, 10-6

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Utility • Junior
South Forsyth



Beau Brailey
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Mill Creek



Cade Brown
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Parkview



Francesco Capocci
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Denmark



Levi Clark
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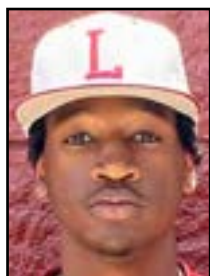
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Campbell



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Nate Leverette
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Parkview



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Infielder • Senior
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Etowah



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Blessed Trinity



Kevin Maurer
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Woodstock



Brooks McKenna
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Woodstock



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Blessed Trinity



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Apalachee



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Lassiter



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Dunwoody



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Joe Cable
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River Ridge



Will Carson
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Pitcher • Senior
Houston County



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Outfielder • Senior
Alpharetta



Ty Devlin
Outfielder • Senior
Glynn Academy



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Pitcher • Senior
Allatoona



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Infielder • Junior
Lanier



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South Effingham



Spencer Muffuletto
Infielder • Senior
Jackson County



Jack Myers
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Pope



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Lassiter



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Blessed Trinity



Judah Powell
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Apalachee



Harrison Ratner
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South Paulding



JD Rediger
Infielder • Senior
River Ridge



Gaven Smith
Pitcher • Junior
Lee County



Griffin Sorrow
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Hayden Sottile
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Lassiter



Bryson Thacker
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Rome



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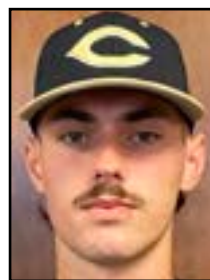
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Ware County



Cooper Evans
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Calhoun



Caden Henderson
Pitcher • Senior
Ware County



Cam Hodge
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Sophomore
Winder-Barrow



Bowman Horn
Infielder • Senior
Jefferson



Nate Isler
Pitcher • Senior
Cambridge



Daniel Jackson
Catcher • Senior
North Springs



Ryan Johnson
Pitcher • Junior
Cartersville



Cannon Jones
Infielder • Junior
Coffee



Chandler Jones
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Decatur



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Canyon Meeks
Infielder • Senior
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Will Rempfer
Catcher • Senior
Cambridge



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Loganville



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Kell



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Jackson Freeman
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Gage Fullerton
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Dylan Gronefeld
Pitcher • Senior
Statesboro



Camden Helms
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Greater Atlanta
Christian



Aaron Hobson
Infielder • Senior
Greater Atlanta
Christian



Nick Kane
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Kell



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Ola



Noah McMahon
Infielder • Senior
Decatur



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Tate Morris
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Benedictine



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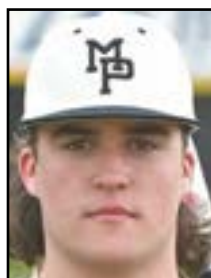
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Mary Persons



Nate Coker
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Hebron Christian



Brendan Conway
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Morgan County



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Trent Lanier
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Camden Miner
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Ross Norman
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Ringgold



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Franklin County



Landon Runyon
Pitcher • Junior
Long County



Dom Scalse
Pitcher • Senior
Wesleyan



Ben Stowe
Infielder • Senior
Stephens County



Landon Tate
Infielder • Senior
Oconee County



Logan Taylor
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Oconee County



James Tilley
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Jeff Davis



Chip Cooper
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Frank Curry
Pitcher • Senior
Model



Cooper Davidson
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Fellowship Christian



Luke Dotson
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Mount Paran Christian



Paul Farley
Pitcher • Senior
Mount Paran Christian



Matheson Go
Catcher • Senior
North Cobb Christian



Dawson Griffis
Catcher • Senior
Appling County



Dayson Griffis
Infielder • Sophomore
Appling County



Bryce Hubbard
Utility • Junior
Callaway



Alex Mason
Pitcher • Junior
Jeff Davis



Tate McKee
Infielder • Senior
Mount Paran Christian



Bernard Moon
Infielder • Senior
Redan



Michael Mullinax
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North Cobb Christian



Daniel Powell
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Fellowship Christian



Jack Rickheim
Infielder • Senior
Fellowship Christian



Cole Royer
Pitcher • Junior
Pierce County



Duke Stone
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Jeff Davis



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Holden Davis
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ACE Charter



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Hunter Heath
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Model



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Senior
Model



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Utility • Junior
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Coosa



Bryce Clements
Pitcher • Senior
Irwin County



Reco Coney
Outfielder • Senior
Metter



James Fordham
Pitcher • Senior
Bleckley County



Trey Hall
Catcher • Senior
Metter



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Commerce



Landen Ingram
Infielder • Senior
Elbert County



Chance Ivey
Pitcher • Junior
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Konner Leggett
Outfielder • Senior
Bryan County



Caleb Lavallee
Catcher • Senior
Whitefield Academy



Cayden Lord
Outfielder • Senior
Commerce



Brayden Mitchell
Pitcher • Senior
Social Circle



Mason Moore
Infielder • Senior
Social Circle



Eli Mullis
Pitcher • Senior
Bleckley County



Rustan Rigdon
Infielder • Junior
Metter



Coleson Smith
Utility • Senior
Commerce



Mason Snyder
Pitcher • Senior
Irwin County



Cody Soliday
Pitcher • Senior
Irwin County



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Sammy Calhoun
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Outfielder • Senior
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Logan Cross
Infielder • Senior
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Ryan Ely
Pitcher • Senior
Pepperell



Tanner Ennis
Outfielder • Junior
Bryan County



Logan Floyd
Infielder • Senior
Darlington



Will Goff
Infielder • Junior
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Buck Hill
Outfielder • Senior
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Luke Hill
Pitcher • Junior
Kings Ridge Christian



Ayden Hollis
Infielder • Senior
Lamar County



Kaliq Jordan
Outfielder • Senior
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Nate Kittredge
Infielder • Junior
Kings Ridge Christian



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Coosa



Mitchell McCullough
Catcher • Senior
Social Circle



Blane McFarland
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Armuchee



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Colton Crews
Pitcher • Junior
Charlton County



Parker Culpepper
Utility • Senior
Lanier County



Zane Floyd
Pitcher • Junior
Towns County



Gant Geiger
Pitcher • Senior
Charlton County



BJ Gibson
Outfielder • Junior
Wilcox County



Gaines Harrell
Infielder • Senior
Early County



Robert Hunt
Outfielder • Senior
Washington-Wilkes



Garret Keene
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Sophomore
Wilcox County



Bryce Kearson
Pitcher • Senior
ECI



Patrick Kimple
Outfielder • Senior
Clinch County



Owen Lamb
Pitcher • Senior
Schley County



Lawson Mercer
Pitcher • Senior
ECI



Johnny Nutt
Outfielder • Sophomore
Wilcox County



Jackson Owens
Outfielder • Junior
Wilcox County



Trace Peoples
Infielder • Senior
Treutlen



Will Rainwater
Infielder • Senior
Bowdon



Jordan Stephens
Pitcher • Senior
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Ian Vickers
Pitcher • Senior
Charlton County



Jack Walden
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Catcher • Senior
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Early County



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Will Huggins
Infielder • Sophomore
Bowdon



Lake Linton
Catcher • Senior
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Tanner Meeks
Infielder • Sophomore
Hawkinsville



Will Morris
Infielder • Senior
Telfair County



Brayden Odom
Pitcher • Senior
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Noah Odom
Pitcher • Junior
Early County



Will Philmore
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McIntosh Co. Academy



Abe Stowe
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Stratford



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Pitcher • Junior
First Presbyterian Day



Jake Canterbury
Pitcher • Senior
Westfield



Cal Hatcher
Pitcher • Senior
Stratford



James Hays
Pitcher • Senior
Westfield



Carter Hennon
Pitcher • Senior
Bulloch



Conner Hilton
Outfielder • Senior
Bethlehem Christian



Mercer Hudson
Catcher • Sophomore
Brookstone



Evan Ivester
Infielder • Senior
George Walton



Maxwell Jones
Outfielder • Sophomore
Brookstone



Riley McCallum
Pitcher • Junior
Tattnall Square



Colton McDonald
Infielder • Senior
First Presbyterian Day



Cooper McMullen
Outfielder • Junior
Tattnall Square



Brooks Parkerson
Infielder • Senior
Saint Anne-Pacelli



Isaiah Pou
Infielder • Senior
Strong Rock Christian



Ryan Powers
Infielder • Senior
Westfield



Colt Ratliff
Catcher • Senior
George Walton



Bryson Scott
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Senior
Bulloch



Bricen Smith
Pitcher • Junior
Mount de Sales



Logan Strickland
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John Milledge



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Pinewood Christian



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Deerfield-Windsor



Sebastian Collender
Designated Hitter • Senior
Dominion Christian



Zack Counts
Catcher • Senior
Brookwood



Daylor Drawdy
Infielder • Junior
Terrell



Banks Eady
Outfielder • Senior
John Milledge



Briggs Eady
Outfielder • Senior
John Milledge



Will Elkins
Pitcher • Senior
Brookwood



Tim Fant
Infielder • Senior
Dominion Christian



Ethan Garrett
Infielder • Junior
Heritage



Emory Hogan
Pitcher • Senior
Valwood



Chase Ledger
Pitcher • Senior
Southland



Jax Lewis
Pitcher • Senior
Pinewood Christian



Matthew Malone
Utility • Senior
Tiftarea



Brady Rollins
Catcher • Senior
John Milledge



Jackson Thomas
Pitcher • Senior
John Milledge



Bud Veal
Outfielder • Junior
John Milledge



Rodge Waldrop
Pitcher • Junior
Brookwood



Colin White
Infielder • Freshman
Dominion Christian



Cooper Wilburn
Pitcher • Junior
John Milledge



Chewy Willis
Outfielder • Senior
Deerfield-Windsor



Aiden Woolard
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Citizens Christian



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Brentwood



Seth Copeland
Catcher • Senior
Georgia Christian



Hollis Evans
Pitcher • Junior
Briarwood



Carson Everett
Pitcher • Junior
Brentwood



Jaxson Haire
Infielder • Senior
Southwest Georgia



Nick Hasnain
Outfielder • Senior
Notre Dame



Tiger Howard
Pitcher • Senior
Covenant



Ames Johnson
Infielder • Sophomore
Gateway



Banks Johnson
Catcher • Sophomore
Southwest Georgia



Wilson Moore
Pitcher • Sophomore
Gateway



Mason Morris
Infielder • Senior
Piedmont



Sebastian Neave
Outfielder • Senior
Augusta Prep



Dyllan Ramirez
Outfielder • Senior
Citizens Christian



Owen Redd
Utility • Sophomore
Edmund Burke



Caleb Riser
Pitcher • Sophomore
Gateway



Walker Roberts
Pitcher • Sophomore
Gateway



Tanyon Stella
Infielder • Junior
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Sam Summerlin
Infielder • Sophomore
Westwood



Nathan Sumner
Outfielder • Sophomore
Trinity Christian



Braydon Tindell
Pitcher • Junior
Edmund Burke



Trey Wiggins
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Thomas Jefferson



Christopher Callahan
Infielder • Junior
Flint River



Ty Cobb
Utility • Junior
Thomas Jefferson



Blake Dollar
Outfielder • Senior
Thomas Jefferson



Cameron Eason
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Senior
First Preparatory



Keith Eidson
Pitcher • Sophomore
Grace Christian



Brody Fleming
Catcher • Freshman
David Emanuel



Caleb Harmon
Outfielder • Senior
First Preparatory



Clayton Hood
Infielder • Sophomore
David Emanuel



Tyler Kindle
Catcher • Junior
Memorial Day



Lucas Martin
Pitcher • Junior
Flint River



Cayden Nance
Infielder • Freshman
Robert Toombs



Hunter Normandeau
Pitcher • Junior
Flint River



Evan North
Pitcher • Junior
First Preparatory



River North
Pitcher • Senior
First Preparatory



Dawson Pinckard
Pitcher • Senior
Robert Toombs



Aiden Price
Outfielder • Junior
Fullington



Cody Price
Outfielder • Senior
Fullington



TJ Stanley
Pitcher • Sophomore
Robert Toombs



Josh Tanner
Pitcher • Senior
Harvester Christian



Cutter Tharpe
Infielder • Sophomore
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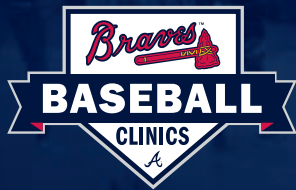


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GHSA Class 7A

No.	Team	2022 Record	Returning Starters	Comment
1.	Parkview	30-8	10	Panthers will be tough to beat
2.	Mill Creek	26-14	5	Hawks quietly will make a run
3.	Lowndes	27-9	7	Vikings will be fun team to watch
4.	Buford	29-8	4	Wolves will be there in the end
5.	East Coweta	23-10	6	Indians will be team to keep eye on
6.	Denmark	22-11	6	Danes have strong senior class
7.	North Paulding	15-15	9	Wolfpack has talent to go long way
8.	Walton	22-13	5	Raiders will be solid as usual
9.	North Gwinnett	25-13	5	Young talent will mature quickly
10.	Mountain View	17-16	5	Pitching will lead the Bears
11.	South Forsyth	20-11	8	Pitching will take South to playoffs
12.	Brookwood	14-19	9	Broncos will be much better in 2023
13.	North Cobb	21-11	7	Robitzsch, Abernathy lead the way
14.	Colquitt County	18-17	3	Packers will keep going up
15.	Carrollton	22-13	6	Trojans need to find some depth

Teams to watch (In alphabetical order)

Grayson, Harrison, Kennesaw Mountain, Lambert, Norcross, Richmond Hill, Westlake

GHSA Class 6A

No.	Team	2022 Record	Returning Starters	Comment
1.	Etowah	30-11	8	Eagles will be tough to beat
2.	Houston County	28-6	10	Bears will be in the chase
3.	Blessed Trinity	22-11	9	Titans have major Division I talent
4.	Woodstock	33-7	8	Wolverines will contend ... again
5.	Pope	33-7	4	Greyhounds look to make it two straight
6.	Allatoona	35-6	4	Buccaneers will still be tough
7.	North Forsyth	21-12	8	Raiders have the pitching
8.	Lassiter	28-12	7	Trojans will be strong again
9.	Thomas Co. Central	26-9	9	Harvey, Taylor, Carson lead Jackets
10.	Newnan	23-12	9	Cougars are always tough
11.	Marist	25-9	6	War Eagles will find a way
12.	Apalachee	24-16	7	Wildcats look to build off 2022
13.	Glynn Academy	24-10	9	Terrors could be a sleeper
14.	North Atlanta	18-13	13	All-Americans lead the way
15.	River Ridge	21-7	7	Knights have talent to contend

Teams to watch (In alphabetical order)

Evans, Jackson County, Lanier, Rome, South Effingham, Woodward Academy

GHSA Class 5A

No.	Team	2022 Record	Returning Starters	Comment
1.	Cartersville	32-8	5	Canes may be better than 2022 team
2.	Loganville	32-9	8	Red Devils continue to reload
3.	Winder-Barrow	20-11	7	Bulldoggs have little of everything
4.	Cambridge	25-9	5	Bears will beat tough to beat
5.	Harris County	22-11	7	Tigers will be a dangerous team
6.	Locust Grove	20-12	10	Wildcats have ingredients for a run
7.	Flowery Branch	21-12	10	Falcons will be strong again
8.	Decatur	26-12	5	Bulldogs are older and more mature
9.	Coffee	21-11	5	Trojans' pitching is solid
10.	Jefferson	16-15	8	New coach, no problem for Dragons
11.	Ware County	21-9	5	Dean, Henderson keep Gators in chase
12.	Calhoun	17-14	8	Jackets have loads of young talent
13.	Greater Atlanta Christian	26-8	7	Spartans just need some depth
14.	Greenbrier	23-11	5	Wolfpack always tough
15.	Statesboro	15-14	7	Blue Devils could be a sleeper

Teams to watch (In alphabetical order)

Chapel Hill, Kell, McIntosh, Northside-Columbus, North Springs, Ola

GHSA Class 4A

No.	Team	2022 Record	Returning Starters	Comment
1.	North Oconee	39-1	6	Titans have enough to contend again
2.	LaGrange	31-12	8	Could be better than '04 title team
3.	Cedartown	27-11	9	Bulldogs have ingredients for deep run
4.	Cherokee Bluff	25-10	9	Bears will have their best team
5.	Benedictine	30-8	6	Cadets will be tough as usual
6.	Troup County	26-12	7	Tigers have talent for strong run
7.	Wayne County	20-14	11	Jackets could be dangerous team
8.	North Hall	32-7	7	Young Trojans will only improve
9.	West Laurens	24-8	7	Raiders going to be tough
10.	Starr's Mill	19-14	9	Panthers back after rebuilding
11.	Walnut Grove	17-10	5	Warriors will be a very good team
12.	Heritage-Catoosa	23-14	12	Generals going to be tough
13.	Whitewater	25-9	8	'Cats will prove 2022 was no fluke
14.	Perry	26-11	5	Young Panthers going to be solid
15.	Sonoraville	23-9	8	Phoenix will be fun to watch

Teams to watch (In alphabetical order)

Burke County, Cairo, East Forsyth, Holy Innocents', Lovett, Madison County, Pace Academy, Trinity Christian, Westminster

GHSA Class 3A

No.	Team	2022 Record	Returning Starters	Comment
1.	Savannah Christian	28-9	10	Raiders should make deep run
2.	Pike County	36-6	7	Defending champs have pitching to repeat
3.	Wesleyan	35-5	4	Wolves lost a lot, but still strong
4.	Harlem	27-8	7	Bulldogs will be dangerous team
5.	Hebron Christian	19-13	7	Marlatt, Barwick tough on mound
6.	Mary Persons	26-6	10	Bulldogs out to prove 2022 was no fluke
7.	Oconee County	18-13	8	Warriors will still be good
8.	Pickens	19-13	10	Dragons will be team to watch
9.	Long County	28-9	6	Blue Tide tough as usual
10.	Ringgold	20-14	9	Tigers will be ready to go
11.	Thomasville	30-7	8	Defending Class 2A runner-ups have talent
12.	Gordon Lee	23-11	9	Trojans will be fun team to watch
13.	Columbus	20-13	4	Blue Devils just need some pitching
14.	Sandy Creek	16-13	6	Patriots have exciting players again
15.	Morgan County	20-12	8	Morgan will have strong team

Teams to watch (In alphabetical order)

Bremen, Calvary Day, Franklin County, Peach County, Stephens County

GHSA Class 2A

No.	Team	2022 Record	Returning Starters	Comment
1.	Mount Paran Christian	32-4	7	Eagles could be better than '21 champs
2.	North Cobb Christian	30-9	7	North Cobb Christian ready for another run
3.	Fellowship Christian	28-5	11	Paladins will be team to watch
4.	Jeff Davis	23-12	7	Jackets tough, but may be year away
5.	Appling County	18-9	7	Pirates have pitching and offense
6.	Pierce County	30-6	4	Bears lost a lot, but still good
7.	Redan	29-8	3	Young Raiders will be there in end
8.	Model	28-6	7	Blue Devils are back again
9.	Callaway	24-8	7	Cavs will be in the chase
10.	Rockmart	20-8	6	Jackets have talent to be dangerous
11.	Fitzgerald	9-23	8	Hurricanes will be much better
12.	Toombs County	14-17	6	Toombs will be back in hunt
13.	Vidalia	30-11	3	Don't sleep on defending champs
14.	Worth County	10-18	7	Hancock, Cooper will lead Rams
15.	ACE Charter	25-9	9	Gryphons could be a sleeper

Teams to watch (In alphabetical order)

Banks County, Brantley County, Cook, Dodge County, Haralson County

GHSA Class 1A Division I

No.	Team	2022 Record	Returning Starters	Comment
1.	Prince Avenue Christian	27-8	7	Wolverines have players to go deep
2.	Metter	31-5	6	Tigers could make it three straight
3.	Social Circle	27-13	8	SC has plenty of talent
4.	Irwin County	20-4	6	This is Irwin's year
5.	Whitefield Academy	22-10	11	Wolfpack have been building for '23
6.	Elbert County	28-6	6	Blue Devils will be strong again
7.	Commerce	26-14	8	Commerce has a lot returning
8.	Kings Ridge Christian	15-11	6	Tigers could be dangerous team
9.	Coosa	22-10	7	Eagles will be in the chase
10.	Bleckley County	24-12	5	Royals will be good ... again
11.	Saint Francis	15-15	8	Knights always a solid program
12.	Bryan County	20-9	7	Redskins will be team to watch
13.	Darlington	19-16	7	Tigers will rebound this spring
14.	Lamar County	23-7	7	Trojans have talent to be strong
15.	Heard County	11-18	6	Braves will be much better

Teams to watch (In alphabetical order)

Athens Christian, Bacon County, Mount Pisgah Christian, Pepperell, Trion

GHSA Class 1A Division II

No.	Team	2022 Record	Returning Starters	Comment
1.	Charlton County	32-8	7	Indians have pitching to go deep
2.	Wilcox County	27-2	9	Patriots will be dangerous team
3.	Washington-Wilkes	25-7	10	Tigers will be tough to beat
4.	Schley County	21-10	8	Wildcats ready for another run
5.	ECI	20-12	8	This is the Bulldogs' year
6.	Johnson County	24-7	7	JoCo will be team to watch
7.	Early County	15-17	6	Bobcats have pieces to make a run
8.	Clinch County	19-13	7	Panthers will be fun to watch
9.	Bowdon	14-18	7	Young Red Devils will be tough
10.	Towns County	13-15	7	Indians are trending up
11.	GMC	17-15	7	Bulldogs could be a sleeper
12.	Hawkinsville	16-12	7	Red Devils will be in hunt
13.	Telfair County	15-12	11	Trojans have ingredients to be good
14.	McIntosh Co. Academy	13-14	8	Keep an eye on the Bucs
15.	Baconton Charter	19-6	10	Blazers will be solid team

Teams to watch (In alphabetical order)

Lanier County, Pataula Charter, Seminole County, Treutlen

GIAA Class 4A

No.	Team	2022 Record	Returning Starters	Comment
1.	Westfield	19-10	7	Hornets exciting team to watch
2.	Tattnall Square	22-10	5	New coach, but same Tattnall
3.	First Presbyterian Day	23-8	5	FPD is a team to keep an eye on
4.	Strong Rock Christian	14-15	10	Pats have strong pitching
5.	Bethlehem Christian	15-11	9	Knights have strong talent
6.	Brookstone	14-17	6	Young Cougars still tough
7.	Saint Anne-Pacelli	22-12	4	Vikings have good talent back
8.	George Walton	15-10	7	Keep an eye on the Bulldogs
9.	Bulloch	12-12	7	Hennon, Scott lead the way
10.	Stratford	12-15	3	Young players will step up

Teams to watch (In alphabetical order)

Loganville Christian, Mount de Sales

GIAA Class 3A

No.	Team	2022 Record	Returning Starters	Comment
1.	John Milledge	24-5	8	Defending champs ready for another run
2.	Pinewood Christian	24-5	7	Patriots have the pitching staff
3.	Dominion Christian	14-13	5	Knights have talent for deep run
4.	Brookwood	12-15	8	Warriors will be fun to watch
5.	Terrell Academy	17-7	7	Defending 2A champs tough ... again
6.	Deerfield-Windsor	15-16	8	Keep an eye on DWS
7.	Heritage	6-23	7	Hawks will be much better
8.	Valwood	10-14	9	Valiants will be a solid team
9.	Southland	12-13	7	Ledger will keep Raiders in chase
10.	Frederica	11-11	7	Knights are always tough

Teams to watch (In alphabetical order)

Lakeview Academy, Tiftarea

GIAA Class 2A

No.	Team	2022 Record	Returning Starters	Comment
1.	Gatewood	19-10	10	Gators will make another deep run
2.	Brentwood	12-9	8	Eagles will be team to watch
3.	Edmund Burke	14-7	8	Tindell, Redd lead the way
4.	Piedmont	7-17	7	Cougars have wealth of young talent
5.	Southwest Georgia	14-10	5	Warriors a team to watch
6.	Trinity Christian	14-11	4	Crusaders will be there in end
7.	Westwood	12-5	6	New coach, same tough team
8.	Briarwood	9-15	7	Bucs have strong nucleus returning
9.	Citizens Christian	15-7	8	Patriots will be good again
10.	Notre Dame	10-10	13	Wolfhounds have the talent

Teams to watch (In alphabetical order)

Central Fellowship, Covenant, Windsor

GIAA Class 1A

No.	Team	2022 Record	Returning Starters	Comment
1.	Thomas Jefferson	19-2	7	Defending champs back in the chase
2.	Robert Toombs	15-4	8	Crusaders are team to watch
3.	First Preparatory	17-11	8	Highlanders could go deep ... again
4.	Fullington	10-14	4	Veteran leaders lead way
5.	David Emanuel	13-4	7	Eagles will be tough again
6.	Crisp	3-14	6	Wildcats will be much better
7.	Flint River	8-11	7	Flint River tough as usual
8.	Harvester Christian	8-3	6	Hawks look to make splash
9.	Memorial Day	0-12	6	Matadors should rebound
10.	Grace Christian	0-7	9	Cougars will be better

Teams to watch (In alphabetical order)

John Hancock, Twiggs



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GHSA Class 7A

REGION 1-7A

Region Favorite: Lowndes

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

INF/RHP – Garrett Albright, Jr., Camden County; **SS** – Cam Cook, Jr., Colquitt County; **OF** – Landon Griffin, Sr., Colquitt County; **INF** -- Alex Harwood, Jr., Richmond Hill; **LHP/1B** – Isaiah Haygood, Jr., Valdosta; **RHP/INF** -- Hunter Legas, Sr., Richmond Hill; **CF** – Orey Lott, Sr., Lowndes; **1B/DH** – Cooper Melvin, Sr., Lowndes; **LHP/OF** – Mason Moore, Jr., Colquitt County; **RHP/OF/INF** -- Blayne Newman, Sr., Richmond Hill; **2B** – Carson Page, Jr., Lowndes; **OF** – Cooper Scruggs, Sr., Lowndes; **3B** – Tate Sirmans, Jr., Lowndes; **RHP/1B/3B** – Cohen Smith, Sr., Valdosta; **RHP** – Noah Thigpen, Jr., Lowndes; **SS/OF** – Weston Turner, Sr., Lowndes; **LHP/INF** -- Garrett Wright, Sr., Richmond Hill



CAMDEN COUNTY WILDCATS

Head Coach (s): Brian English

Assistant Coach (s): Drew Shealy, Ladonis Bryant, Jordan Rieling

2022 Record: 9-15

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Garrett Albright (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); INF Talon Daignault (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: Graduation took a chunk of Camden County's 2022 roster. The Wildcats have some holes to fill, but some talented underclassmen will be expected to step in and contend for key positions. If that happens, the Wildcats should have a chance to improve upon last season's finish.



COLQUITT COUNTY PACKERS

Head Coach (s): Brandon Brock

Assistant Coach (s): Ryan Davis, Tyler Hembree, Ethan Hopper

2022 Record: 18-17

Returning Starters: OF Landon Griffin (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); LHP/OF Mason Moore (Jr., 5-10, 160, L/L); SS Cam Cook (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Kale Hopper (Sr., 5-11, 155, R/R); 1B/DH Miller Tompkins (Sr., 6-3, 240, R/R); LHP/OF/DH Jar'dae Williams (Sr., 6-1, 180, L/L); C Tucker Sparkman (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF/OF Neko Fann (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF Cayden



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Colquitt County



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Parker (Jr., 5-11, 150, L/R);
1B/3B Asher Cox (Jr., 5-10,
170, R/R); RHP Garron Wingate
(Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R); C Hayden
Hembree (So., 5-11, 155, R/R);
LHP/OF Cook Tompkins (So.,
6-1, 160, L/L); RHP/INF Adam
Beverly (So., 5-8, 140, R/R);
RHP/1B/3B Ethan Allegood
(So., 6-3, 160, R/R); RHP/OF
Brady DeRosso (So., 5-11, 155,
L/R)



Tucker Sparkman
Colquitt County



Miller Tompkins
Colquitt County

Season Outlook: The Packers look to take things farther in 2023 after making the quarterfinals last year. Some underclassmen will need to step forward. Outfielder Landon Griffin returns to lead a small senior class. Two-year starters Mason Moore and Cam Cook are back to lead a young team. The lack of experienced pitching is a concern.



Jar'dae Williams
Colquitt County



LOWNDES VIKINGS

Head Coach: Ryan Page

Assistant Coach(s): Taylor Wilkins, Matt Crews, Luke Miller, Lance Jarriel, Jacob McDaniel

2022 Record: 27-9

Returning Starters: CF Grey Lott (Sr., 6-3, 165, R/R); 1B/DH Cooper Melvin (Sr., 6-1, 205, R/R); SS/OF Weston Turner (Sr., 6-3, 185, R/R); 3B Tate Sirmans (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); 2B Carson Page (Jr., 5-6, 170, R/R); RHP Noah Thigpen (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); OF Cooper Scruggs (Sr., 5-10, 165, B/R)



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Other Returning Players: OF/RHP Maddox Harrell (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); OF Coleman Lewis (So., 6-0, 205, L/R); C Cross Galbraith (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); SS Ashton Bohler (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); RHP Caleb Thornton (Sr., 6-3, 185, R/R); OF Frank Ruepp (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/L)

Top Newcomers: OF Jordan Hudson (Jr., 5-11, 185, R/R); OF Jude Jaramillo (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: If the Vikings can find a few more arms to go with right-hander Noah Thigpen, they should make a deep postseason run. The offense has the ability to put up big numbers. Outfielder Qrey Lott, Georgia Tech commit Carson Page and South Carolina commit Tate Sirmans along with Cooper Melvin and Weston Turner return to lead an explosive offense.

RICHMOND HILL WILDCATS

Head Coach: Hill Thomas (new)

Assistant Coach(s): Joe Scott, Brandon Sharpe, Kevin Mathews, Matt Masce, Taylor Kewler, Robbie Flanders

2022 Record: 24-9

Returning Starters: RHP/OF/INF Blayne Newman (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); RHP/INF Hunter Legas (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF Tyler Fountain (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); INF Ty Goldrick (Jr., 6-3, 215, R/R); C Joseph Baker (Sr., 6-2, 200, R/R); C Gavin Martin (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Alex Harwood (Jr., 6-3, 210, R/R); LHP/INF Garrett Wright (Sr., 6-0, 160, B/L); RHP/OF Lee Johnson (So., 6-2, 205, R/R); OF Mason Wilcox (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); RHP/OF Joseph Gibson (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Jaxson Wagner (So., 6-1, 210, R/R); INF Victor Villea (So., 5-9, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Conner Gilkey (So., 5-11, 170, R/R); INF Cooper Mobley (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); RHP/OF Bryce Hamilton (Jr., 6-2, 175, L/R); C Grant Wagner (Fr., 6-2, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Noah Stone (Fr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: Former Coffee High assistant Hill Thomas makes his coaching debut this spring. He inherits six returning starters as the Wildcats make the move up from Class 6A to 7A. Richmond Hill will need to find some offense, but the pitching rotation of Blayne Newman, Hunter Legas and Garrett Wright will keep the Wildcats in the chase.



Hunter Legas
Richmond Hill



Blayne Newman
Richmond Hill

VALDOSTA WILDCATS

Head Coach (s): Bart Shuman (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Keith McConnehead, Taylor Prain, Dustin Doscher, Mario Lampkin

2022 Record: 18-13

Returning Starters: LHP/1B Isaiah Haygood (Jr., 5-11, 190, L/L); RHP/1B/3B Cohen Smith (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Colson Moody (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); RHP/OF Sam Houston (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); RHP/INF Jacob King (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); RHP/OF



Isaiah Haygood
Valdosta

Andre Mason (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP/OF Michael Kirk (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); C Turner Samples (So., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: Former coach Bart Shuman returns to Valdosta and inherits a young but talented team that will be expected to be in the playoff hunt. All-region performer Isaiah Haygood returns to lead the way. Pitching should be a strength as Haygood and right-handers Cohen Smith, Colson Moody, Sam Houston, Jacob King, Andre Mason and Michael Kirk all received innings last year.



Cohen Smith
Valdosta

REGION 2-7A

Region Favorite: East Coweta

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

2B – Andrew Albertus, Jr., Carrollton; **RHP/INF** – Bryce Alewine, Sr., East Coweta; **1B/RHP** – Myles Barrett, Sr., Westlake; **C** – Hayden Blair, Sr., East Coweta; **LHP** – Khamari Bush, Sr., Westlake; **OF** – Seth Childers, Sr., Carrollton; **RHP/INF** – Cade Cospers, Sr., Carrollton; **LHP/1B** – Ryan Gold, Sr., Campbell; **C/U** – Lucas Grantham, Jr., Campbell; **OF** – Ben Hollenbeck, Sr., East Coweta; **RHP/1B** – Alex Karst, Sr., Campbell; **LHP** – Jansen Kenty, Sr., East Coweta; **SS/2B/RHP** – Devon Lee, Sr., Westlake; **C/OF** – Nate Leverette, Sr., Westlake; **INF/OF/RHP** – Maddox Monsour, So., Carrollton; **INF/LHP** – Carson Sewell, Sr., Carrollton; **3B** – Chris Smith, Sr., Westlake; **OF** – Seth Spann, Sr., Westlake; **2B/RHP** – Bryce Thomas, Jr., Westlake; **OF** – Travarez Thomas, Sr., Westlake; **INF/OF** – Luke Turner, Sr., Carrollton



CAMPBELL SPARTANS

Head Coach: Jackson Cargle (new)

Assistant Coach(s): Josh Kimball

2022 Record: 15-15-1

Returning Starters: LHP/1B Ryan Gold (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/L); RHP/1B Alex Karst (Sr., 6-7, 215, R/R); OF Bryant James (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); OF/U Jacori McGee (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); INF/U Kaden Baio (Sr., 5-11, 125, R/R); OF Wyatt Harper (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); C/U Lucas Grantham (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/U Joey Blomberg (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); RHP/1B Boomer Dunn (Jr., 6-4, 210, R/R); LHP/OF Joel James (So., 5-10, 160, L/L); INF/U William Blosser (Jr., 5-5, 135, R/R); LHP Zach Blogett (Sr., 6-0, 160, L/L); LHP/OF Theo Angel (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/L); RHP Brady O'Tuel (Sr., 6-6, 220, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 1B Alex Dominguez (Jr., 6-0, 220, R/R); RHP/U Matthew Prather (Jr., 5-7, 165, L/R); OF Nathan Taylor (Jr., 5-11, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: Look for the Spartans to contend for the region crown this spring. Seven starters are back, including a strong senior class led by pitchers Ryan Gold and Alex Karst.

GHSA Class 7A



CARROLLTON TROJANS

Head Coach (s): Trent Bianco (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Adam Bright, Jake Richardson, Jonah Holliday, Andrew Turner, Ty Fowlkes, Jeff Skinner

2022 Record: 22-13

Returning Starters: 2B

Andrew Albertus (Jr., 5-10, 175, L/R); INF/RHP Cade Cospoer (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); INF/OF Luke Turner (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); INF/LHP Carson Sewell (Sr., 6-1, 210, L/L); OF Seth Childers (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF Noah Clairborne (Sr.)

Other Returning Players:

INF/OF/RHP Maddox Monsour (So., 5-11, 185, R/R); INF Bryce Kingeter (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF Carson Waldrop (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF/LHP Cole Britton (Sr., 5-10, 165, L/L); INF/RHP John Cobb (So., 5-10, 155, R/R); RHP/C Malik Kemp (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R); INF Myles Butler (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Malachi Kemp (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R); C/INF/RHP Landon Clayton (So., 6-0, 210, R/R)

Season Outlook: Former Heard County coach Trent Bianco takes over and inherits five returning starters. All-state pitcher Cade Cospoer (9-3, 1.59 ERA) and left-hander Carson Sewell (6-3, 2.83 ERA) anchor what should be a solid rotation. If Carrollton can generate some offense, they should be in good shape. Keep an eye on sophomore Texas commit Maddox Monsour.



Andrew Albertus
Carrollton



Seth Childers
Carrollton



Maddox Monsour
Carrollton



Carson Sewell
Carrollton



Luke Turner
Carrollton



EAST COWETA INDIANS

Head Coach (s): Franklin Deloach

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

2022 Record: 23-10

Returning Starters: LHP/DH Jansen Kenty (Sr., 6-3, 200, L/L); RHP/INF Bryce Alewine (Sr., 6-3, 215, R/R); C Hayden Blair (Sr., 6-3, 220, L/R); RHP/2B Evan Doss (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF Ben Hollenbeck (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); LHP/OF Elijah Edwards (Sr., 5-11, 180, L/L)

Other Returning Players: INF Kris Colton (So., 5-8, 170, R/R); OF Jackson Divido (Sr., 5-9, 180, R/R); RHP/INF Sinjon Lash (So., 6-2, 190, L/R); INF Nathan Murray (Sr., 6-2, 195, R/R); INF Carson Kish (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF CJ Rivera (So., 5-9, 170, R/R); INF Conor Goltermann (So., 6-1, 210, R/R)

Season Outlook: After a strong finish in 2022, East Coweta looks to build



Hayden Blair
East Coweta



PEBBLEBROOK FALCONS

Head Coach (s): Jason Ryals

Survey not returned



WESTLAKE LIONS

Head Coach: Kelcey White

Assistant Coach(s): Sean Moore, Matthew Vandusen, Gerald Martin, D'anthony Morrow

2022 Record: 23-6

Returning Starters: SS/2B/RHP Devon Lee (Sr., 5-11, 155, B/R); C/OF Nate Leverette (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R); 2B/RHP Bryce Thomas (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Travarez Thomas (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); 1B/RHP Myles Barrett (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); 3B Chris Smith (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); OF

Seth Spann (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); LHP Khamari Bush (Sr., 6-0, 185, L/L); RHP/OF Christian Clayton (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/INF Kyler Glenn (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); RHP/OF Christian Campbell (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); C Ethan Adegoko (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); RHP Trey Smith (Sr., 6-2, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF DJ McLaughlin (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); C Micah Jones (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); OF Josh Goodens (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: After winning back-to-back region titles in Region 4-6A, the Lions move back up to Class 7A and should challenge for the region title again. A wealth of talent returns, including versatile Devon Lee and catcher/outfielder Nate Leverette. The Lions will look for big things from a talented senior class.



Khamari Bush
Westlake



Chris Smith
Westlake



Travarez Thomas
Westlake



GHSA Class 7A

REGION 3-7A

Region Favorite: North Paulding

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

INF/RHP – Lorenzo Atwell, Sr., Hillgrove; **RHP** -- Davis Budd, Sr., North Paulding; **OF** – Andrew Carter, Jr., McEachern; **RHP/3B** -- Carson Dougherty, Sr., Marietta; **U/RHP** -- Payton Doyle, Sr., North Paulding; **RHP** -- Jackson Greer, Sr., North Paulding; **LHP/OF** -- Jake Hembree, Sr., North Paulding; **SS** – Craig Kalkbrenner, Jr., Harrison; **INF** – Reece Kingeter, Sr., McEachern; **3B/C/RHP** -- Cayden Sheffield, Jr., North Paulding; **RHP** – Tate Strickland, Jr., Harrison; **RHP/1B** -- Mason Sutherland, Sr., Marietta; **C** – Carson Vick, So., Hillgrove; **OF** – Jason Walk, Sr., Harrison; **INF/RHP** – Zach Wieder, Sr., Hillgrove



HARRISON HOYAS

Head Coach: Jake Storey (new)

Assistant Coach(s): Chris Widing, Alex Gonzales, Taylor Butler, Mic Knox, Christian Turnipseed

2022 Record: 17-12

Returning Starters: 3B

Landon Scott (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); OF Jason Walk (Sr., 5-10, 155, B/R); SS Craig Kalkbrenner (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); C Dominic Stephenson (So., 6-0, 165, R/R); RHP Tate Strickland (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R); C Alex Whiteside (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R)



Craig Kalkbrenner
Harrison



Tate Strickland
Harrison

Other Returning Players: RHP Andrew Armstrong (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF Charlie Yokely (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); RHP Jeremy Kahle (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R); OF Josh Regalla (Sr., 6-0, 195, R/R); RHP Doug Anderson (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); RHP/OF Carter Mowery (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); 2B Ben Connelly (Jr., 5-10, 150, L/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/RHP Xavier Hill (So., 5-10, 150, R/R); INF Carter Black (Jr., 6-0, 185, B/R); INF/C Andrew Komar (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF Luke Griffin (Jr., 5-10, 135, R/R); RHP Jack Robertson (Jr., 5-11, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: Longtime assistant Jake Storey takes over and inherits a talented team that should contend for the postseason as usual. Six starters are back, including outfielder Jason Walk and pitcher Tate Strickland. A lot of young talent will be expected to contribute.



HILLGROVE HAWKS

Head Coach: David Richardson

Assistant Coach(s): Andrew Alverson, Richard Dombrowsky, Ronney Daniels, JJ Julian, David Ellis, Austin Stephens

2022 Record: 8-22

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Zach Wieder (Sr., 6-1, 170, B/R); INF/RHP Lorenzo Atwell (Sr., 6-0, 180,



Lorenzo Atwell
Hillgrove

R/R); INF/OF Seth Wright (Sr., 5-7, 160, R/R); RHP Ben Hoffman (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF Tanner Greenwald (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF/LHP Zac Miller (Jr., 6-0, 175, L/L); C Carson Vick (So., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/DH Jamison Millsap (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); RHP Brady Martel (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Braeden Rodriguez (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); OF Jack Peek (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); RHP Sawyer Kale (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); C Landon Abrams (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R); 1B/OF/LHP Cooper May (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/L)

Top Newcomers: OF Avery Wilson (So., 6-0, 165, R/R); OF Daniel Okonkwo (So., 6-2, 185, R/R); RHP Carl Paolino (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/R); INF Xavier Cahill (Jr., 5-8, 155, R/R); OF Tyson Smith (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Hawks look to be much better this spring and should return to the playoffs as seven starters are back. Seniors Zach Wieder, Lorenzo Atwell and Seth Wright return to lead the way. Hillgrove will also look for some pitchers to rebound from injuries they suffered last year. A solid corps of juniors will also contribute.



Ben Hoffman
Hillgrove



MARIETTA BLUE DEVILS

Head Coach: Josh Davis (new)

Assistant Coach(s): Thomas Turner, Jackson Jones

2022 Record: 7-22

Returning Starters: OF/LHP Andy Watters (Jr., 5-10, 175, L/L); OF/RHP Joseph Moseley (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); SS/RHP Jacob Bohacek (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); C/RHP Karsten Liebel (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); RHP/3B Carson Dougherty (Sr., 6-3, 205, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/RHP Mason Gazaway (So.); RHP/1B Mason Sutherland (Sr.); RHP/INF Blake Bartlett (Jr., R/R); RHP/INF Brett Bartlett (So.); INF/U Brooks Greshover (Jr.); INF/RHP Luke Fennelley (So.); RHP/OF Carter Reed (Jr.); INF Donovan Gomer (Fr.)

Top Newcomers: OF Mercer Groves (Fr.); C/RHP/INF James Lowe (Fr.); C/RHP/INF Brady Murray (Fr.); OF/RHP Carson Snipes (Fr.)

Season Outlook: Former Harrison assistant Josh Davis takes over at Marietta and will look to help get the Blue Devils into playoff contention. He inherits a young but talented team. Pitcher/third-baseman Carson Dougherty returns to give the Blue Devils a leader to build around.



McEACHERN INDIANS

Head Coach: Eli Autry (new)

Assistant Coach(s): Zach Smith, Jacob Thrash, Reggie Stancil, Assamee Asad, Everette Kitchens

2022 Record: 10-22

Returning Starters: SS/3B/2B Reece Kingeter (Sr., 6-1, 195, R/R); RHP/U Noah Johnson (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); U Tyrie Snead (Sr., 5-8, 175, R/R); C/1B Jordan Baynes (Sr., 6-1, 205, R/R); RHP Ethan Carroll (Sr., 6-2, 200, R/R); RHP/OF Brice Abrams (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); OF Andrew Carter (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 2B/OF Tahj Williams (Sr., 5-8, 175, R/R); OF Lincoln Henry (Sr., 5-10, 145, R/R); C/OF Edgar Adomo (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); 1B/3B/RHP Grant Lester (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); RHP/2B Owen Marler (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R)

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Top Newcomers: U Carmelo Jones (Jr., 5-8, 145, R/R); RHP/1B Jordan Bright (Jr., 6-6, 205, R/R); U Lane Kingeter (So., 6-2, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: First-year coach Eli Autry inherits a talented group of returning seniors that should help the Indians contend for a playoff berth. Infielder Reece Kingeter returns to lead a veteran team. If the pitching rotation is consistent, McEachern could be dangerous.

NORTH PAULDING WOLFPACK

Head Coach: Matt Richardson (new)

Assistant Coach(s): Karlton Schilling, Mike Day, Josh Hatfield, AJ Pederson, Hunter Phillips

2022 Record: 15-15

Returning Starters: LHP/OF Jake Hembree (Sr., L/L); RHP Davis Budd (Sr., R/R); RHP Jackson Greer (Sr., R/R); U/RHP Payton Doyle (Sr., L/R); 3B/C/RHP Cayden Sheffield (Jr., R/R); OF Bryce Tibbitts (Jr., L/L); OF/1B Jake Epstein (Sr., L/R); U Victor Junco (Jr., R/R); 1B Cameron Strader (Sr., L/L)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF DeShawn Morgan (Jr., R/R); RHP/3B Jackson Miller (Sr., R/R); U/RHP Ashton Odak (Sr., R/R); C Nick Casonova (Sr., R/R); RHP Landon Estes (Jr., R/R); U Collin Hammond (Sr., R/R); C Trent New (Sr., R/R); U Cooper Holbrook (Sr., L/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP Caden Hewitt (Jr., R/R); U/RHP Jonathan Croxton (Jr., R/R); OF Matthew Bright (Jr., L/R); INF/RHP Collin Loeffler (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Longtime assistant Matt Richardson takes over and inherits eight returning starters, including all-state pitcher Jake Hembree. Pitchers Davis Budd, Jackson Greer and Payton Doyle also return. Third baseman/catcher Cayden Sheffield is back to lead the offense.



Davis Budd
North Paulding



Payton Doyle
North Paulding



Jackson Greer
North Paulding



Cayden Sheffield
North Paulding



ARCHER TIGERS

Head Coach: Eric Love (new)

Assistant Coach(s): Connor Sims

2022 Record: 19-12

Returning Starters: LHP Cody Russell (Sr., 6-2, 180, L/L); OF William Wallace (Jr., 6-2, 185, L/L); OF David Falloon (Jr., 6-3, 175, R/R); RHP Jack Young (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: SS Amari McCoy (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); RHP/OF Henry McGee (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); LHP/OF Karson Kelly (Jr., 5-10, 160, L/L); LHP/1B Benton Streuber (Sr., 6-1, 185, L/L); C Andrew Streuber (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); 3B/RHP Jacob Huckaby (Sr., 6-0, 195, R/R); INF Jayden Castro (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); C Tanner Humphries (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Ty Humphries (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); 3B/RHP James Keeler (Sr., 6-0, 170, L/R); RHP Richard Keeler (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Karmelo Crumpton (So., 5-9, 155, R/R); RHP Chris Pavlich (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Logan Pogorzelski (So., 5-11, 175, R/R); OF Jarin Johnson (Jr., 6-3, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: Former Druid Hills coach Eric Love takes over at Archer and inherits four returning starters. The Tigers should contend for a postseason berth. Pitchers Jack Young and Cody Russell lead a solid pitching staff, while William Wallace, David Falloon and Amari McCoy return to lead the offense.



David Falloon
Archer



William Wallace
Archer



Jack Young
Archer

REGION 4-7A

Region Favorite: Parkview

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

1B/DH -- Isaiah Abrams, Sr., Grayson; C/3B -- Lucas Ballard, Jr., Newton; OF/INF -- Ali Banks, Sr., Parkview; RHP/INF -- Jackson Barberi, Jr., Brookwood; RHP -- Jayson Barber, Sr., Grayson; C/U -- Preston Bonn, Jr., Brookwood; 3B/2B -- Cade Brown, Jr., Parkview; OF -- Anthony Bynum, Sr., Newton; OF -- David Falloon, Jr., Archer; C/RHP -- Ethan Finch, Jr., Parkview; RHP/OF -- Charlie Foster, Jr., Brookwood; OF/RHP -- Rayne Fry, Sr., Grayson; RHP/INF -- Cody Fuller, Jr., Brookwood; SS/RHP -- Colin



BROOKWOOD BRONCOS

Head Coach (s): Robby Gilbert (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Bret Carithers, Zach Shelnut, Curtis Burke

2022 Record: 14-19

Returning Starters: RHP/1B Dylan Lonergan (Sr., R/R); INF Ethan Reyes (Sr., R/R); U Kedeau Madden (Sr., R/R); C/U



Preston Bonn
Brookwood



Cody Fuller
Brookwood

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Preston Bonn (Jr., R/R); RHP/INF Cody Fuller (Jr., R/R); RHP/INF Jackson Barberi (Jr., R/R); OF John Beverley (Jr., R/R); OF Jay Bueno (Jr., R/R); RHP/OF Charlie Foster (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players:

RHP/3B Collin Hart (Sr., R/R); RHP/3B Brendan Keller (Sr., R/R); C/1B Alex Wright (Jr., R/R); RHP/OF Clinton Harris (Jr., R/R); RHP/U VJ Heath (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/INF Mason Archie (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: Former Decatur coach Robby Gilbert will look to get Brookwood back on track after injuries ravaged the team last year. All-state pitcher Dylan Lonergan returns to lead the way, while infielder Ethan Reyes and Preston Bonn return to lead the offense. Look for the Broncos to be much better in 2023.



Alex Hays
Brookwood



Ethan Reyes
Brookwood



PARKVIEW PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): Chan Brown

Assistant Coach (s): David Reynolds, Dustin Kline, Jordan McCoy, Mike Cooper, Ellis Appling, Ryan Ermers, Austin Lord, Chris Hunter

2022 Record: 30-8

Returning Starters: OF/INF

Ali Banks (Sr., 6-1, 200, R/R); SS/RHP Colin Houck (Sr., 6-3, 200, R/R); RHP/1B Garrett Lambert (Sr., 6-3, 210, R/R); 1B/OF/RHP

Landon Stripling (Sr., 6-0, 190, L/R); 3B/2B Cade Brown (Jr., 6-2, 195, R/R); OF Makhi Buckley (Jr., 5-8, 165, L/L); LHP Ford Thompson (Jr., 6-0, 185, L/L); RHP Thorpe Musci (Jr., 6-0, 190, R/R); RHP/OF Jon Holcomb (Jr., 6-3, 180, R/R); LHP Porter Berryman (So., 5-10, 175, L/L)

Other Returning Players: RHP Jackson Collett (Sr., 6-4, 190, R/R); OF Grant Garrett (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); INF Erick Rodriguez (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R); OF Carson Wagnon (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); C Mason Watler (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); INF Caleb Brown (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R); INF/OF/RHP Mason Davis (So., 5-9, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/RHP Ethan Finch (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); 1B/RHP Kason

Gleaton (Jr., 6-5, 240, R/R); 1B Greg Jones (Jr., 5-11, 190, R/R); C Robert Livingston (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF/RHP Yanni McDuffie (Jr., 6-2, 170, R/R); INF/OF Johnny Petrucelli (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: Parkview has the offense and the pitching rotation to make another deep playoff run. The Panthers welcome back top pitchers Garrett Lambert, Landon Stripling, Ford Thompson and Thorpe Musci. Offensively, all-state players Colin Houck, Ali Banks and Cade Brown return.



Caleb Brown
Parkview



Makhi Buckley
Parkview



GRAYSON RAMS

Head Coach: Jed Hixson

Assistant Coach(s): Jackson Hood, Glen Williamson

2022 Record: 18-12

Returning Starters: C Tyler Phillips (Sr., 6-3, 200, R/R); 1B/DH Isaiah Abrams (Sr., 6-4, 200, R/R); INF/OF/RHP Wyatt Williams (Sr., 6-4, 210, R/R); RHP Jayson Barber (Sr., 6-3, 175, R/R); OF/RHP Jeramie Favors (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); INF Landon Brooks (So., 5-7, 125, R/R); INF Alex Espinoza (So., 5-8, 135, R/R); OF/RHP Rayne Fry (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); INF/RHP Austin Williamson (Jr., 6-2, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/OF/RHP JD Smith (Jr., L/R); OF Kevin McConaghy (Sr., R/R); OF Caden High (Sr., R/R); INF Antonio Shuler (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Toby Gunter (Sr., R/R); RHP Carlos Ceron (Sr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: 1B/RHP Will Maier (Jr., 6-4, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: A veteran team returns at Grayson who will be expected to be in the thick of the Region 4-7A playoff chase. Nine returners are back, including catcher Tyler Phillips (.355 avg.) and first-baseman Isaiah Abrams (.356 avg.). Right-hander Jayson Barber returns to lead a solid pitching rotation.



Isaiah Abrams
Grayson



Jayson Barber
Grayson



Tyler Phillips
Grayson



SOUTH GWINNETT COMETS

Head Coach (s): Ryan Patterson

Survey not returned

REGION 5-7A

Region Favorite: Walton

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

INF – Jay Abernathy, Jr., North Cobb; **RHP** – Daniel Berry, Sr., Kennesaw Mountain; **OF** – Jackson Bradfield, Jr., Cherokee; **OF** – Kyle Chatham, Sr., Walton; **C/3B** – Levi Clark, Jr., Walton; **C** – Evan Holstein, Jr., Cherokee; **OF/RHP** – Josh Horton, Sr., Osborne; **1B/LHP** – Pete Jezerinac, Jr., Kennesaw Mountain; **RHP/INF** – Jakob McKinney, Sr., North Cobb; **RHP** – Dane Moehler, Jr., Walton; **LHP/1B** – Sam Parker, Sr., Kennesaw Mountain; **C/SS** – Eliud Poventud, Sr., Kennesaw Mountain; **INF/OF** – Brian Rivera, Jr., Kennesaw Mountain; **C/INF** – Kyle Robitzsch, Sr., North Cobb; **C/RHP/SS** – Josh Tattershall, So., Osborne; **OF** – Tucker Wills, Sr., Walton



NEWTON RAMS

Head Coach (s): Derwin McNealy
Survey not returned

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CHEROKEE WARRIORS

Head Coach: Josh Thomas

Assistant Coach(s): David Blaylock, Zach Brigham, Charlie Buck, Bo Carruth, Nick Hammonds, Zack Lemons, Tyler Sands

2022 Record: 22-12

Returning Starters: OF Jackson Bradfield (Jr., R/R); C Evan Holstein (Jr., R/R); LHP Tams Mullins (Sr., L/L)

Other Returning Players: INF Cooper Isaacs (Sr., R/R); OF Caiden Townsend (Sr., L/R); INF Chase Montgomery (Jr., R/R); INF Alex Shaw (Sr., R/R); OF/C Wesley Hurt (Jr., R/R); RHP Daniel Green (Sr., R/R); LHP Brighton Cux (Sr., L/L)

Top Newcomers: RHP Reid Worley (So., R/R); RHP Blake Myers (Jr., R/R); INF Jayce Jones (So., R/R); OF Semaj Burley (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: After winning 22 games last year, Cherokee may be in for some rebuilding this spring. Just three starters are back, but the good news is that a wealth of players received playing time last year. That should help out. Outfielder Jackson Bradfield and catcher Evan Holstein are back to lead the Warriors.



KENNESAW MOUNTAIN MUSTANGS

Head Coach: George Hansen

Assistant Coach(s): Rich Oria, Kefla Hare, Jared Parker, Chase Slone

2022 Record: 18-14

Returning Starters: C/SS Eliud Poventud (Sr., R/R); LHP/1B Sam Parker (Sr., L/L); 3B/RHP Dhruva Narine (Sr., R/R); OF Trey Kinnan (Sr., B/R); INF Jesus Crespo (Sr., R/R); C/OF Matthew Garcia (Sr., R/R); RHP John LoCurto (Sr., R/R); RHP Braden Sperry (Sr., R/R); RHP Daniel Berry (Sr., R/R); C Mason Williams (Jr., R/R); OF Ryan Maddocks (Jr., R/R); INF/OF Brian Rivera (Jr., R/R); LHP/1B Pete Jezerinac (Jr., L/L); SS/OF Tyson Harmon (Jr., R/R); RHP/OF Landon Meng (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Isander Poventud (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Mustangs move back up to Class 7A with a load of talented players. Standout pitcher Sam Parker and catcher Eliud Poventud return to lead what should be a solid team this spring. Pitching will be strong as Pete Jezerinac, Daniel Berry and Landon Meng all return.



Pete Jezerinac
Kennesaw Mountain



NORTH COBB WARRIORS

Head Coach: Tom Callahan

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

2022 Record: 21-11

Returning Starters: C/INF Kyle Robitzsch (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF Andrew Trelles (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF Jay Abernathy (Jr., 5-10, 150, L/R); INF/RHP Haruki Kawano (Jr., 5-8, 170, R/R); RHP/INF Jakob McKinney (Sr., 6-3, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Will Tarwater (Sr., 6-0, 145, R/R); OF/INF TJ Smith (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R)

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Other Returning Players: LHP/1B Kendall Vincent (Jr., 6-0, 145, R/L); LHP/OF Garrison Markwalter (Sr., 5-10, 165, L/L); 1B/LHP Sydney Grimstead (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/L)

Top Newcomers: OF/RHP Jamauri Major (So., 5-11, 155, R/R); INF/OF Parker Bare (So., 5-10, 150, R/R); INF/RHP Kennan Mobley (So., 5-10, 150, R/R); C/INF Nick Grimstead (So., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: After making the second round of the state playoffs last year, North Cobb looks to take things farther this spring. Seven starters are back, including all-state infielder Jay Abernathy and catcher Kyle Robitzsch. All-region pitcher Jakob McKinney returns to lead a solid group of pitchers.

OSBORNE CARDINALS

Head Coach: Neal Sammons

Assistant Coach(s): Shannon Pearson, Robert Fisher

2022 Record: 5-23

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Josh Horton (Sr., R/R); RHP Jonathan Smith (Sr., R/R); C/RHP/SS Josh Tattershall (So., R/R); 1B/RHP Jaden Hall (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Gavin Hosterman (So., L/R); 2B/RHP Jose Gonzalez (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/3B Elijah Johnson (So., R/R); OF Zephaniah Msimanga (Jr., R/R); RHP Kevin Woeber (Jr., R/R); U Walter Solis (Sr., L/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Porfirio Carasco-Diaz (So.); INF Isaiah Brisbane (Fr.); INF Jacob McKinnies (Fr.)

Season Outlook: Six starters return as Osborne looks to be much better this spring. Outfielder Josh Horton returns to lead a solid senior class. Keep an eye on versatile Josh Tattershall who was promising as a freshman in 2022. Some solid underclassmen will also be expected to contribute.

WALTON RAIDERS

Head Coach: Shane Amos

Assistant Coach(s): John Miller, Parker Orr, Pierce Smith, Chuck Peyton

2022 Record: 22-13

Returning Starters: RHP Dane Moehler (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); OF Kyle Chatham (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF Tucker Wills (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); INF Hayden Shoup (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); OF/RHP Wyatt Sonderman (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 3B/RHP Ryan Lathem (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); 3B/1B Cooper Davis (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); C Ty Baker (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); RHP Jared Brown (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); INF Thomas Donovan (Sr., 5-9, 140, R/R); OF Dylan Bhatia (Sr., 5-11, 150, R/R); C Davis Wright (Jr., 5-11, 180, L/R)

Top Newcomers: C/3B Levi Clark (Jr., 6-0, 190, R/R); RHP/1B Hyland Brown (So., 6-3, 180, R/R); INF Parker Dastou (So., 5-10, 165, R/R); INF Jackson Taylor (So., 6-2, 170, L/R); 3B/INF Vaughn Krohn (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Raiders welcome back five returning starters and a solid group of seniors waiting for their chance to be in the spotlight. All-state pitcher Dane Moehler returns to lead a talented but inexperienced



Tucker Wills
Walton



Kyle Chatham
Walton

rotation. The transfer of former Decatur and all-state standout Levi Clark is a big win for the Raiders.



WHEELER WILDCATS

Head Coach: Mark Collins

Assistant Coach(s): Parker Madden

2022 Record: 7-21

Returning Starters: RHP CJ Brennan (Sr.); P/C Austin Treadwell (So.) OF Cameron Pollock (Sr.); 1B/3B Trey Edwards (Sr.); OF Drew Marshall (Sr.)

Other Returning Players: INF Tino Davis (Jr.); C Kevin Mejia (So.); P/OF Connor Dilorenzo (So.); P Bryson Simmons (Jr.)

Season Outlook: The Wildcats move back up to Class 7A with a young team. Wheeler does have a lot of potential. Five starters are back, four of them seniors. Right-handed pitcher CJ Brennan returns to lead a solid group of pitchers. Look for underclassmen to step up and contribute.

REGION 6-7A

Region Favorite: Denmark

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

INF/C -- Landon Armstrong, Sr., Denmark; **RF/1B/RHP** -- Ty Bayer, Jr., South Forsyth; **RHP/1B** -- Francesco Capocci, Sr., Denmark; **RHP** -- Bayler Duncan, Jr., South Forsyth; **RHP/INF** -- Ben Hays, Sr., Lambert; **CF** -- Kyle Henley, Sr., Denmark; **INF/OF/P** -- Alex Hernandez, Jr., Forsyth Central; **RHP** -- Yash Jain, Sr., South Forsyth; **RHP** -- Gavin Lynch, Sr., Milton; **RHP** -- Greyson Madonia, Sr., Lambert; **C** -- Kole McGlumphy, Sr., Forsyth Central; **RHP** -- Luke McNeillie, Sr., Milton; **LHP/1B** -- Lucas Meehan, Sr., West Forsyth; **3B/1B** -- Tyler Oneacre, Sr., Milton; **INF/OF** -- Tanner Patterson, Sr., Lambert; **OF** -- Daniel Smith, Sr., Forsyth Central; **INF** -- Jonny Smith, Sr., Lambert; **RHP/3B** -- Sean Totten, Sr., West Forsyth; **OF/LHP** -- Alex Urias, Sr., South Forsyth



DENMARK DANES

Head Coach (s): Jamie Corr

Assistant Coach (s): Travis Bailey, Tommy Miranda, Jack Williams

2022 Record: 22-11

Returning Starters: RHP/1B Francesco Capocci (Sr., 6-4, 215, R/R); CF Kyle Henley (Sr., 6-4, 185, R/R); 2B Chris Bradburn (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); INF/C Landon Armstrong (Sr.,



Landon Armstrong
Denmark



Chris Bradburn
Denmark

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5-11, 180, R/R); RHP/OF Garrett Powers (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP/INF Parker Johnson (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players:

C Ryan Schneider (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R); INF Aiden Boileau (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF Nolan Mitchell (Jr., 5-9, 185, R/R); INF Stephen Clark (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: SS Jason Williams (Fr., 5-10, 155, L/R); LHP Anthony Biondo (Jr., 6-2, 170, L/L); RHP Luke Savage (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: Denmark boasts one of the state's top returning pitchers in Francesco Capocci and one of the top returning hitters in Kyle Henley. The Danes should be the region favorite as a heavy senior class will lead the way. All-region infielder Landon Armstrong also returns.



Parker Johnson
Denmark



Garrett Powers
Denmark

Infielder Tanner Patterson and Jonny Smith return to lead the offense, while right-handers Greyson Madonia and Ben Hays are back to lead a talented pitching rotation.

M MILTON EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Jeff Heusing

Assistant Coach (s): Ed Black, Kris Medlen, Daniel Szathmary, Jason Novak, Kory Keys, Matt Hartwell, Matt Phillips, Austin Mitchell

2022 Record: 11-19

Returning Starters: C Ryan Iannone (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF Jimmy Keneck (Sr., 6-4, 200, R/R); RHP Gavin Lynch (Sr., 6-7, 240, R/R); RHP Luke McNeillie (Sr., 6-3, 170, L/R); 3B/1B Tyler Oneacre (Sr., 6-3, 185, R/R); SS Ty Petrovich (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); 3B Parker Townes (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Matteo LaFratta (Sr., 6-1, 205, R/R); RHP Seth Lakin (Sr., 5-8, 180, R/R); 2B/C Thomas Pearce (Sr., 5-11, 140, R/R); OF Benji Watry (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); LHP Jackson Leach (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Hixon Rumph (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); C/DH Will Critchfield (Jr., 5-11, 185, L/R)

Season Outlook: A veteran team should help Milton chase a postseason position this spring. Top pitcher Luke McNeillie (3-3, 2.77 ERA) returns as well as Gavin Lynch. If the Eagles can be consistent at the plate, they will be much better. Infielder Tyler Oneacre, catcher Ryan Iannone and outfielder Jimmy Keneck return to power the offense.



Tyler Oneacre
Milton

F FORSYTH CENTRAL BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Kevin McCollum

Assistant Coach (s): John Arundale, Nick Verbeke

2022 Record: 9-21

Returning Starters: INF/OF/P Alex Hernandez (Jr.); OF Daniel Smith (Sr.); C Kole McGlumphy (Sr.); 3B/1B Brandon Semple (Sr.); OF/2B Braden Wudi (Sr.); OF Cam Yeager (Sr.); P Griffin MacAllaster (Sr.); P Jake Walther (Sr.)

Other Returning Players: 1B/P Bryson Kuhn (Sr.); SS Josh Gibbs (So.); P Andrew Gardiner (Sr.); P Tyler McNew (Sr.); P Averett Thompson (Sr.)

Season Outlook: Forsyth Central will look to turn things around after a disappointing finish last year. The Bulldogs have a solid senior class expected to lead the way. All-region catcher Kole McGlumphy and outfielder Daniel Smith are back to lead the team. A solid group of sophomores will also be expected to contribute.

T LAMBERT LONGHORNS

Head Coach (s): David Smart (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Will Azbell, Lee Fisher, Nate Richardson, Kyle Smith, Craig Scott, Brian Daugherty

2022 Record: 20-14

Returning Starters: OF Bradley Gabriel (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); C Will Gillice (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R); RHP/INF Ben Hays (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); RHP Greyson Madonia (Sr., 6-1, 165, R/R); INF/OF Tanner Patterson (Sr., 6-4, 180, B/R); OF Manny Prados (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); INF Jonny Smith (Sr., 6-1, 160, R/R); C Ethan Day (Jr., 5-8, 145, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Matthew Mapes (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R); RHP Ryan Cameron (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R); LHP/INF/OF Krish Ghandi (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/L); RHP/INF Rhett Howard (Jr., 6-3, 185, R/R); RHP/INF Carson Knowles (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); C Jackson Monie (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); INF Ethan Terry (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: Former Denmark High and Creekview coach David Smart takes over and inherits a senior-oriented team that will be back in the postseason chase. The Longhorns have a good nucleus of leaders.

S SOUTH FORSYTH WAR EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Russ Bayer

Assistant Coach (s): Adam Baldwin, Triston Campbell, Alex Fernandez, Joe Stucky, Enrique Escolano

2022 Record: 20-11

Returning Starters: OF/LHP Alex Urias (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); RHP Baylor Hicks (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R); RHP Yash Jain (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Michael Sime (Sr., 6-3, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Nate Ward (Sr., 6-4, 200, R/R); RF/1B/RHP Ty Bayer (Jr., 6-4, 185, B/R); DH Bayler Duncan (Jr., 6-0, 200, L/R); INF/RHP Jackson Broach (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Colin Brown (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); U Cade Aycock (Jr., 6-3,



Bayler Duncan
South Forsyth



Baylor Hicks
South Forsyth



Yash Jain
South Forsyth



Michael Sime
South Forsyth

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165, L/R); INF Nick Holcomb (Jr., 5-11, 170, L/R); INF Connor McAllister (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); INF Payton Cardarette (Jr., 5-7, 140, R/R); OF Justin McElvey (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/1B Emiliano Dominguez (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Duncan Lavelle (Fr., 5-10, 175, B/R); INF/RHP Alex Thompson (Fr., 6-0, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: A talented senior class will help South Forsyth contend for the region crown. Eight starters are back, including outfielder/pitcher Alex Urias and two-way player Ty Bayer. The War Eagles have a deep pitching rotation that should be the team's strength.



WEST FORSYTH WOLVERINES

Head Coach (s): Tom Kratowicz (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Mike Pruitt, Will Skidmore, Josh Tate
2022 Record: 16-14

Returning Starters: C Braylan Bull (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); LHP/1B Lucas Meehan (Sr., 6-3, 190, L/L); RHP/3B Sean Totten (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); OF/RHP Hudson Brown (Jr., 6-2, 200, R/R); INF/RHP Riley Poppe (Jr., 6-2, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 2B/3B Jackson Slider (Sr., 5-8, 175, R/R); OF/RHP Shane Carroll (Sr., 6-0, 150, R/R); INF Destin Coursey (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); 1B/RHP Camden Garfield (Sr., 6-2, 210, R/R); OF Jackson Moore (Sr., 6-2, 195, R/R); INF Talan Born (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); C/RHP Jacob Worthey (Jr., 5-11, 190, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 1B/RHP AJ Fundora (Jr., 6-0, 225, R/R); RHP/OF Connor Williams (Jr., 6-4, 170, R/R); C/OF Caden King (Jr., 6-0, 180, L/R)

Season Outlook: Former Northview coach Tom Kratowicz takes over and inherits a young but talented team. The Wolverines lost 12 seniors to graduation, and they will rely on a lot of young talent. However, don't write off West Forsyth. The return of senior pitchers Lucas Meehan and Sean Totten give the Wolverines some experience to build around.

REGION 7-7A

Region Favorite: North Gwinnett

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

OF – Tyler Bak, Sr., North Gwinnett; **INF** – Andrew Bernard, Jr., Norcross; **INF/RHP** – Avery Bizzell, Sr., Norcross; **OF/1B** – Jackson Bussey, Jr., Norcross; **RHP/OF** – Sam Choate, Jr., Norcross; **INF/RHP** – Tomas Franklin, So., Discovery; **RHP/1B/OF** – Ryan Hall, So., North Gwinnett; **RHP/INF** -- Riley Hasenstab, Jr., Duluth; **C** – Koa Kloehs, Sr., North Gwinnett; **RHP** – Nick Lanning, Sr., Norcross; **OF** – Anthony Manbeck, Sr., Peachtree Ridge; **SS** – Erik Parker, Jr., North Gwinnett; **INF/OF** – Eli Pitts, So., North Gwinnett; **LHP/OF** -- Josiah Satterwhite, Sr., Duluth; **C/RHP** – Charlie Smith, Sr., Norcross; **SS** – Brandon Sunwoo, Jr., Peachtree Ridge; **RHP/INF** – Anthony Vega, Sr., Peachtree Ridge; **OF** – Chase Wilcox, Sr., Discovery; **LHP/OF** – Gavin Zoeller, Sr., North Gwinnett



BERKMAR PATRIOTS

Head Coach: TBA

Survey not returned



DISCOVERY TITANS

Head Coach: Samuel Hamilton (new)

Survey not returned



DULUTH WILDCATS

Head Coach: Ryan Turner

Assistant Coach(s): Orlando Alvarez, Collin Welborn

2022 Record: 5-24

Returning Starters: INF/OF Chaz Echerer (Jr., R/R); RHP/INF Riley Hasenstab (Jr., R/R); LHP/OF Josiah Satterwhite (Sr., L/L); RHP/OF Will Payne (Jr., R/R); C/U Jonathan Shirachi (Jr., R/R); RHP/INF Antoine Rucker (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Noah Whitaker (Jr., R/R); LHP/OF Ethan Levine (Jr., L/L); INF/RHP Daniel Aleman (So., R/R); C/U Keith Autrey (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Duluth looks to turn things around after winning just five games last year. The Wildcats welcome back the return of six starters, most of them juniors. The senior class is small. Pitcher/outfielder Josiah Satterwhite is one of the few returning seniors. Right-hander Riley Hasenstab also returns.



MEADOWCREEK MUSTANGS

Head Coach: Jeff Johnson

Assistant Coach(s): TBA

2022 Record: 0-17

Returning Starters: INF Gio Rodriguez (So., R/R); OF Danirion Moxey (Jr., R/R); 1B D'Amari Wright (Jr., L/L); 1B Marcus Mitchell (Jr., L/L); 2B Eliana Chan-Mendez (Sr., R/R); C Eric Tavares (Sr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Coach Jeff Johnson begins his second season at Meadowcreek and seeks to help the Mustangs make positive strides. Meadowcreek should have a chance to be much better. The good news is that six starters are back to help out. The bad news is that Meadowcreek must develop some pitching.



NORCROSS BLUE DEVILS

Head Coach (s): Aaron Wilkins

Assistant Coach (s): Sylvester Lake, Todd Dyleski, Greg Cantrell

2022 Record: 17-15

Returning Starters: RHP Nick Lanning (Sr., 6-5, 225, R/R); INF/RHP Avery Bizzell (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); C/RHP Charlie Smith (Sr., 5-9, 190, B/R); OF/1B Jackson Bussey (Jr., 6-3, 235, R/R); RHP/OF Sam Choate (Jr., 6-2, 170, R/R); INF Andrew Bernard (Jr., 5-7, 155, R/R); DH/1B/OF Ryan Pfeifer (Sr., 6-4, 185, R/R);

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OF/RHP Daniel Isaacson (Jr., 5-11, 150, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/INF Joseph Mendoza (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); 2B/RHP Ben Rochecharlie (Sr., 5-11, 150, R/R); 3B Griffin Scott (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); C/1B Carter Cocks (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R); OF Tripp Allen (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); 3B/1B David Garcia (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); RHP/3B Jackson Kelly (Sr., 6-2, 160, R/R); OF Dorian Foster (Sr., 5-10, 150, L/L)

Season Outlook: An experienced Norcross squad should contend for the region title this spring. The Blue Devils welcome back the return of eight starters, including right-handed pitcher Nick Lanning and all-region selection Avery Bizzell. The senior class is strong and will carry the load.



NORTH GWINNETT BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Ryan Moity

Assistant Coach (s): Tait Poitevint, Joe Molony, Gary McBryar, Greg Singleton, Mitch Robertson, Collier Knox, Beau Jones, Nick Dunn

2022 Record: 25-13

Returning Starters: C Koa Kloehs (Sr., 5-11, 190, L/R); INF/OF Eli Pitts (So., 6-0, 180, R/R); SS Erik Parker (Jr., 6-3, 185, R/R); LHP/OF Gavin Zoeller (Sr., 5-11, 185, L/L); OF Tyler Bak (Sr., 5-11, 170, L/L)

Other Returning Players: OF Jake Gaskill (So., 5-8, 150, R/R); LHP Justin Bowman (Sr., 6-2, 190, L/L); 1B/3B Brodie Baweja (Jr., 6-4, 185, R/R); C/OF Andrew Doherty (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Cooper Chunn (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/1B/OF Ryan Hall (So., 6-1, 170, R/R); LHP/OF Nathan Kindland (Jr., 6-1, 205, L/L); RHP/1B Mateo Estrada (Jr., 6-2, 205, R/R); LHP Trey James (So., 6-0, 190, L/L)

Season Outlook: The Bulldogs lost a good bit of talent to graduation, but a solid corps of underclassmen are waiting for their chance to step into the spotlight. Five starters are back, including all-state outfielder Tyler Bak. If the Bulldogs can find some pitching depth, they should challenge for the region title. Left-hander Gavin Zoeller returns.



PEACHTREE RIDGE LIONS

Head Coach (s): Jamie Suggs (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Tyler Collins, Eric Jones, John Zopf, James Clanahan, Daniel Pulliam

2022 Record: 13-16

Returning Starters: OF Anthony Manbeck (Sr., 6-3, 170, R/R); RHP/INF Anthony Vega (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); C Ashton Bridewell (Sr., 6-1, 210, R/R); LHP/1B Trey Majette (Jr., 6-1, 180, B/L); RHP/OF Tyler Kelson (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP/INF Liam Besterman (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); SS Brandon Sunwoo (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Nico Diaz (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF Jordan Taylor (Jr., 5-10, 170, L/L); RHP/U Brady Zopf (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/C Josh Brown (Jr., 6-2, 190, B/R); LHP/OF Josh Evans (Jr., 6-1, 180, L/L); RHP/OF Hunter Sheppard (Sr., 6-2, 205, R/R)

Season Outlook: First-year coach Jamie Suggs takes over and will look to help Peachtree Ridge contend for a postseason berth. The Lions welcome back seven starters, including offensive leaders Anthony Manbeck (.322 avg., 10 RBIs) and Ashton Bridewell (.302 avg.). Right-hander Anthony Vega leads a young but talented group of pitchers.

REGION 8-7A

Region Favorite: Mill Creek

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

RHP – Beau Brailey, Sr., Mill Creek; **OF** – Tyson Brown, Sr., Dacula; **LHP/OF** – Greg Gonzalez, Sr., Collins Hill; **LHP/1B/OF** – Cooper Johnson, Jr., Mountain View; **C** – Vahn Lackey, Sr., Collins Hill; **1B** – Cole Mullins, Jr., Mill Creek; **INF** – Ethan Murray, Jr., Buford; **RHP/INF** – Tyshon Patty, Sr., Mountain View; **INF/RHP** – Kaleb Perry, Sr., Dacula; **INF** – Daniel Pierce, So., Mill Creek; **RHP** – Hunter Pirkle, Sr., Mill Creek; **RHP/INF** – Jake Rutkowski, Sr., Collins Hill; **INF** – Matthew Simay, Sr., Mill Creek; **INF** – Cole Taylor, Sr., Buford; **RHP/INF** – Nate Taylor, Jr., Buford; **SS/RHP** – Omar Zachery, Sr., Central Gwinnett



BUFORD WOLVES

Head Coach: Stuart Chester

Assistant Coach(s): Trent Adams, Drew Dasher, Clay Gant, Terry McClure, Bryan Rogers, Blake Church

2022 Record: 29-8

Returning Starters: INF Cole Taylor (Sr., L/R); OF Tyler Dushane (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF Nate Taylor (Jr., R/R); INF Ethan Murray (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Cannon Goldin (So., L/L); C Sam Humphrey (Jr., R/R); LHP Hayden Bradley (So., L/L); RHP Davis Church (Sr., R/R); C Drew Davidson (Sr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Bubba Coleman (Fr., R/R); OF Ayden Lockett (Fr., R/R); RHP/INF Kyle Krause (Fr., R/R); RHP/INF Madden Young (Jr., R/R); INF Blake Russell (Jr., R/R); OF Brandon Taliaferro (Sr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wolves have some holes to fill after combining to win more than 60 games the past two years. But Buford will reload. Third baseman Cole Taylor returns, but keep an eye on Georgia Tech commits Nate Taylor and Ethan Murray who had solid seasons in 2022. An excellent group of sophomores and freshmen will challenge for playing time.



CENTRAL GWINNETT BLACK KNIGHTS

Head Coach: Brandon Jackson

Assistant Coach (s): Karl Craig, Mike Yocca

2022 Record: 6-20-1

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Omar Zachery (Sr., R/R); 2B/RHP Felipe Lopez (Sr., R/R); OF Jayden Harris (Sr., R/R); C Chase Graham (So., R/R); INF Diego Montano (So., R/R); OF Sonny Stephens (Sr., R/R); INF/OF Aiden Keizer (So., R/R); OF Jaedin Hidalgo (Jr., R/R); OF Nathan Thrasher (Sr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Knights look to be much better in coach Brandon Jackson's second season at the school. Nine starters are back, but the lack of experienced pitching is a concern. Shortstop/pitcher Omar Zachery is back to lead the way.

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COLLINS HILL EAGLES

Head Coach: Bryan Linnell (new)

Assistant Coach(s): Ross Book, Nathan Koerner, Ryan Smithson, Justin Herring, Will Hardesty

2022 Record: 12-17

Returning Starters: C Vahn Lackey (Sr., 6-0, 185, B/R); LHP/OF Greg Gonzalez (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/L); RHP/INF Jake Rutkowski (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); INF Ethan Moore (Jr., 5-9, 180, R/R); INF/OF/RHP Jayden Nunez (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Jacob Frisina (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); RHP/INF Michael Gonzalez (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); LHP/INF Sam Schwark (Jr., 6-4, 195, L/L)

Season Outlook: First-year coach Bryan Linnell takes over and inherits five returning starters. A good senior class will lead the way. Catcher Vahn Lackey is back as well as a pair of standout pitchers in left-hander Greg Gonzalez and right-hander Jake Rutkowski. Keep an eye on this team.



DACULA FALCONS

Head Coach: Jake Bova

Assistant Coach (s): Austin Miller, Matt Milligan, Paul Carter, Steve Sims, Evan DeVries

2022 Record: 12-16

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Kaleb Perry (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); OF Tyson Brown (Sr., 5-10, 160, L/L); 3B/1B Alex Gelmini (Sr., 6-1, 215, R/R); 2B AJ Weiss (Sr., 5-8, 150, R/R); 3B/RHP Jared Glenn (So., 5-11, 185, R/R); INF/RHP Dale Towe (Jr., 6-2, 140, R/R); RHP Aryan Virani (Jr., 5-6, 150, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/LHP Samuel Zaa (So., 5-9, 160, L/L); INF/RHP Ryan Higdon (So., 5-8, 140, R/R); RHP Austin Brooks (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); RHP Jacob Merchant (Sr., 6-1, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/INF Harry Bouldin (Jr., 6-1, 180, L/R); C/INF Tanner Holloway (Sr., 5-11, 200, R/R); 1B/RHP Marquise Blackman (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); INF Reiston Durham (Fr., 5-10, 145, L/R)

Season Outlook: The Falcons welcome back seven returning starters and will contend for a postseason berth. The lack of experienced pitching is a concern, but the good news is that right-hander Kaleb Perry returns after seeing action last year. Outfielder Tyson Brown is also back.



MILL CREEK HAWKS

Head Coach: Doug Jones

Assistant Coach (s): Paul Pierce

2022 Record: 26-14

Returning Starters: 1B Cole Mullins (Jr., 6-5, 230, L/R); INF Daniel Pierce (So., 5-11, 160, R/R); INF Matthew Simay (Sr., 6-3, 160, R/R); RHP Hunter Pirkle (Sr.,

6-0, 190, R/R); RHP Beau Brailey (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Brandon Brown (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); RHP Ryan Thomas (Sr., 6-5, 230, R/R); 3B Caleb Pierce (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP Caleb Bennett (Sr., 6-2, 170, R/R); RHP Nick Bennett (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Will Christensen (Jr., 5-8, 140, R/L)

Top Newcomers: INF Will Farmer (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); C Wes Farmer (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Hawks should pick up from where they left off last year. All-state pitcher Beau Brailey returns to lead a strong pitching rotation with senior Hunter Pirkle. The offense should also be in good shape. Infielder Daniel Pierce is back after a strong freshman campaign last year. Infielder Matthew Simay and Cole Mullins also return.



MOUNTAIN VIEW BEARS

Head Coach: Jason Johnson

Assistant Coach (s): Billy Best, Kenny Knudsen, Christian Helsel, Chris Hankins, Mason Goolsby, Dylan Sadler

2022 Record: 17-16

Returning Starters: LHP/1B/OF Cooper Johnson (Jr., L/L); RHP/INF Tyshon Patty (Sr., R/R); RHP/OF Jackson Smith (Sr., R/R); RHP/3B/1B Jabari Spencer (Jr., R/R); LHP/OF Jesse Crews (Jr., L/L)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Brett Sportsman (Sr., R/R); OF Caleb Farr (Jr., L/R); C/INF Alan Roe (Sr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Jayden Wilson (Jr., R/R); OF Drew Kuiters (Sr., R/R); 1B Vik Patel (Sr., R/R); RHP Kyle Hong (Sr., R/R); RHP/OF Julian Hays (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Bears have enough proven pitchers to contend for the region title this spring. Left-handers Cooper Johnson and Jesse Crews as well as right-handers Tyshon Patty, Jackson Smith and Jabari Spencer will keep Mountain View in the hunt.



GHSA Class 6A

REGION 1-6A

Region Favorite: Houston County

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)
SS/RHP – Rhett Adams, Jr., Northside-Warner Robins; **LHP/OF** – Jacob Beach, Jr., Veterans; **OF** – Jesse Benton, Sr., Thomas County Central; **C** – Gavin Brinkley, Sr., Lee County; **OF/3B** – Drew Burress, Sr., Houston County; **C** – Will Carson, Sr., Thomas County Central; **LHP** – Ryker Chavis, Sr., Houston County; **INF** – Hunter Chiappetta, Sr., Houston County; **OF** – Dalton Cohen, Sr., Northside-Warner Robins; **RHP/3B** – Cody Daugherty, Sr., Veterans; **OF** – John Davis, So., Tift County; **3B/RHP** – Kai Decker, Jr., Houston County; **INF** – John Dorman, Jr., Tift County; **1B/RHP** – Andrew Dunford, Sr., Houston County; **U/RHP** – Reid Harvey, Sr., Thomas County Central; **RHP** – Greyson Holley, Sr., Lee County; **INF** – Tyler Holmes, Jr., Tift County; **3B/RHP** – DJ Hudson, So., Northside-Warner Robins; **OF** – Lawson Odom, Jr., Thomas County Central; **INF/LHP** – Brayden Payne, So., Thomas County Central; **U** – JJ Potts, Sr., Thomas County Central; **OF** – Hudson Rice, Sr., Thomas County Central; **LHP** – Carson Small, Jr., Houston County; **OF** – Elijah Smith, Sr., Houston County; **LHP** – Gaven Smith, Jr., Lee County; **C/DH** – Eli Stephens, Jr., Houston County; **RHP** – Landon Tankersley, Jr., Houston County; **OF/LHP** – Eli Taylor, Jr., Thomas County Central; **INF/RHP** – Griffin Taylor, Sr., Thomas County Central; **RHP** – Brooks Willis, Jr., Houston County



HOUSTON COUNTY BEARS

Head Coach (s): Matt Hopkins

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

2022 Record: 28-6

Returning Starters: **OF/3B** Drew Burress (Sr., 5-9, 185, R/R); **1B/RHP** Andrew Dunford (Sr., 6-7, 230, R/R); **LHP** Ryker Chavis (Sr., 6-2, 165, R/L); **INF** Hunter Chiappetta (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); **OF** Elijah Smith (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); **3B/RHP** Kai Decker (Jr., 6-1, 185, L/R); **C/DH** Eli Stephens (Jr., 6-2, 200, L/R); **LHP** Carson Small (Jr., 6-2, 185, L/L); **RHP** Brooks Willis (Jr., 6-5, 205, L/R); **RHP** Landon Tankersley (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: **RHP** Camden Cunningham (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); **1B** Ty Waters (Jr., 5-11, 210, L/L); **OF** Christian Wahiwe (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R); **RHP/OF** Creighton Zanfardino (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); **INF** Ethan Buffone (So., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: **OF** Vick Gann (So., 5-10, 175, L/R); **RHP** Tucker Hale (So., 6-0, 200, R/R); **INF/OF** Kendall Jackson (So., 5-9, 170, R/R); **OF** Caleb Adkinson (So., 5-8, 165, R/R)



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Season Outlook: The bulk of last year's team returns from what many labeled as a rebuilding season in 2022. All-state standouts Drew Burress and Andrew Dunford headline a team that also includes top pitchers Ryker Chavis and Carson Small. The junior class is also strong. It includes right-handed pitchers Kai Decker, Brooks Willis and Landon Tankersley.



Brooks Willis
Houston County

LEE COUNTY TROJANS

Head Coach: Wes Shiver (new)

Assistant Coach(s): Scott Williams, Matthew Suggs, Tyler Ward, Matt Mears
2022 Record: 18-14

Returning Starters: C Gavin Brinkley (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); RHP Greyson Holley (Sr., 6-0, 155, R/R); LHP Gaven Smith (Jr., 6-4, 165, L/L); OF Brayden Proctor (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); LHP Mason Ray (Sr., 5-10, 200, L/L)

Other Returning Players:

INF Harrison Pafford (Sr., 5-11, 155, R/R); RHP Caden King (Sr., 6-3, 165, R/R); RHP/OF Connor Hall (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Durrah Butler (So., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Ethan Powell (So., 5-9, 165, R/R); RHP Billy Myler (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP

Carter Singletary (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Wilder Etheridge (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R); OF Brent Smith (So., 6-2, 175, R/R); INF/OF Weston Bryan (So., 6-3, 200, R/R); OF/RHP Brendan Nash (So., 6-2, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: Former Central-Carrollton coach Wes Shiver returns to South Georgia and takes over at Lee County. Shiver has talent to work with. Five starters are back, including pitcher Gaven Smith. Smith anchors what should be a solid rotation with right-hander Greyson Holley and lefty Mason Ray returning. The Trojans will need to generate some offense.



Gavin Brinkley
Lee County



Greyson Holley
Lee County



Brayden Proctor
Lee County

NORTHSIDE-WARNER ROBINS EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Corey Jones

Assistant Coach (s): Joey Walker, Jacob Walker

2022 Record: 9-19

Returning Starters: OF Dalton Cohen (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); C Gabe Turner (Sr., 5-11, 225, R/R); SS/RHP Rhett Adams (Jr., 5-8, 130, R/R); 3B/RHP DJ Hudson (So., 6-1, 185, R/R); 2B/SS Jayden Baker (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); U/RHP Kenyan Walker (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/1B Mac Raley (Sr., 6-3, 160, R/R); 1B Justin Canceran (So., 5-10, 200, R/R); LHP Marty Dietric (So., 6-1, 140, R/L)

Top Newcomers: OF Landon Canceran (Sr., 6-1, 215, L/R); C/INF Zion Hudson (Fr., 5-9, 135, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Eagles welcome back six returning starters. The bulk of the team are underclassmen, but a solid senior class is back to lead the way. Outfielder Dalton Cohen returns. Keep an eye on shortstop/pitcher Rhett Adams and pitcher/third baseman DJ Hudson who had excellent seasons last year.



THOMAS COUNTY CENTRAL YELLOW JACKETS

Head Coach: Ryan Strickland

Assistant Coach(s): Chance Carter, Trent Dews, Lawrence Hyde, Houston Massey, Trent Viche

2022 Record: 26-9

Returning Starters: C Will Carson (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); U/RHP Reid Harvey

(Sr., 6-2, 200, R/R); U JJ Potts (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Griffin Taylor (Sr., 6-4, 215, R/R); OF Hudson Rice (Sr., 5-9, 180, L/L); OF Lawson Odom (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); OF/LHP Eli Taylor (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/L); INF Lee McCorkle (Jr., 6-0, 190, R/R); INF/LHP Brayden Payne (So., 6-1, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP

Aiden Barnett (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); OF Jesse Benton (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); RHP Hunter Ryan (Sr., 6-3, 215, R/R); U Marx Gaines (Jr., 5-8, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Branson Gates (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R); C/RHP Drake Singletary (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R); U/RHP Bryce Roberts (So., 6-3, 160, R/R)

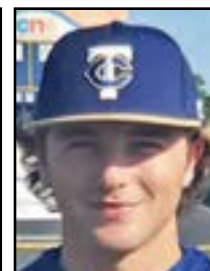
Top Newcomers: OF/RHP

Cooper Chastain (Fr., 5-7, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Reid Gainous (Fr., 6-1, 175, R/R); RHP Braden Griffin (Fr., 5-10, 150, R/R); LHP/OF Dallas Pitts (Fr., 5-10, 175, L/L); C/RHP Nolan Taylor (Fr., 5-9, 150, R/R); U/RHP Landon Walsh (Fr., 5-10, 150, R/R); INF/RHP Zach Williams (Fr., 5-8, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Jackets move up two classes but could have their best team in recent memory and will be strong. Top pitchers Reid Harvey and Griffin Taylor return as well as all-state catcher Will Carson. Versatile JJ Potts also returns. Keep an eye on infielder/pitcher Brayden Payne who showed a lot of promise as a freshman last year.



Lee McCorkle
Thomas County Central



Lawson Odom
Thomas County Central



Brayden Payne
Thomas County Central



JJ Potts
Thomas County Central



TIFT COUNTY BLUE DEVILS

Head Coach (s): Greg Williams

Assistant Coach (s): Taylor Barber, Heath Champion, Trae Harvin, Xavier Holmes, Brian McLain, Michael Sneed, Boone Webster

2022 Record: 17-13

Returning Starters: INF Tyler Holmes (Jr., 5-9, 155,



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L/R); INF John Dorman (Jr., 6-0, 150, R/R); OF Luke Ellerbee (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); INF Brady Moretz (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF John Davis (So., 5-11, 145, L/L)

Other Returning Players: OF Mae Brooks (So., 6-2, 175, L/R); INF Drew Hembree (So., 5-10, 155, R/R); OF Landon Parrish (So., 6-0, 165, R/R); OF Will Pridgen (So., 5-10, 145, R/R); C

Cameron Smith (Jr., 6-0, 150, R/R); OF Walker Lasseter (Sr., 5-11, 165, L/R); INF Ryan Whitley (So., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Trey Dorminey (Fr., 6-0, 150, R/R); INF Karson Ponder (Fr., 6-3, 165, R/R); OF Tyler VanSumeren (Fr., 5-10, 155, L/L)

Season Outlook: Five starters are back for Tift County who drops a classification this spring. The Blue Devils welcome back a young but talented team that will need to mature quickly. The lack of experienced pitching is a concern. The good news is that all-region performers John Davis, Tyler Holmes and John Dorman are back to lead the way.



Tyler Holmes
Tift County



John Dorman
Tift County



BRUNSWICK PIRATES

Head Coach: Greg Roberts

Assistant Coach(s): Kyle Bialousz, Paul Sorrow, Josh Smith

2022 Record: 14-16

Returning Starters: 1B/LHP Caden Purvis (Sr., 6-4, 225, L/L); C Isaiah Brauda (Sr., 5-8, 180, R/R); LHP/OF Riley Morgan (Sr., 5-9, 165, L/L); INF Roland Chance (Jr., 6-2, 230, L/R); RHP/INF Elijah Wellman (Jr., 6-3, 175, R/R); OF Ryan Thomas (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); INF Jordan Lodise (So., 5-9, 145, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/INF Hunter Bratcher (Sr., 5-9, 200, R/R); U Tai Gadson (Jr., 5-8, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Pirates look to improve upon last season's record. They should be able to do just that as seven starters return. Left-hander Riley Morgan and right-hander Elijah Wellman return to lead a solid pitching staff. If Brunswick can be consistent at the plate, they should contend for the playoffs.



EFFINGHAM COUNTY REBELS

Head Coach (s): Shane Ramsey

Assistant Coach (s): Matt Alligood, Chuck Smith, Jake White, Eric McCumbie

2022 Record: 16-18

Returning Starters: SS Blake Hendrix (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); CF Trent Newberry (Sr., 5-11, 165, L/L); RHP Griffin Howe (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R); OF Hunter Hales (Sr., 6-1, 175, L/R); RHP Caden Kessler (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); RHP Mason Mock (Sr., 5-9, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B Newton Kieffer (So., 5-11, 165, L/L); OF Q King (So., 6-1, 165, R/R); 2B Will Floyd (So., 5-9, 155, R/R); OF Caleb Swindle (So., 6-1, 160, R/R); OF Brandon Morgan (Sr., 5-7, 155, R/R); 3B Eric Johnson (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: Effingham County should challenge for the region title as a wealth of talent returns. Shortstop Blake Hendrix is back to lead the offense, while top pitchers Griffin Howe (6-4, 3.98 ERA) and Caden Kessler return to anchor a solid pitching rotation.



EVANS KNIGHTS

Head Coach: Jay Matthews

Assistant Coach(s): Dan Sneeringer, Blake Crewe, Chris Segraves, Chet Frady, Davis Murray, Bob Halliday, Chase Frady

2022 Record: 28-8

Returning Starters: 3B/2B Ty McClintock (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); SS/2B Caleb Bennett (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); OF/RHP Tate Thompson (Sr., 5-11, 155, R/R); 1B/LHP Hunter Thompson (Jr., 6-2, 200, L/L); RHP/OF Knox Sheppard (Jr., 6-3, 160, R/R); C/RHP Jackson Cliatt (Jr., 6-1, 170,



Caleb Bennett
Evans



Ty McClintock
Evans



VETERANS WARHAWKS

Head Coach (s): Jeff Sans (new)

Survey not returned

REGION 2-6A

Region Favorite: Glynn Academy

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

INF – Dalton Adams, Sr., Grovetown; C – Brayden Baker, So., Grovetown; P – Luke Barch, Jr., Glynn Academy; INF – Owen Barton, Sr., South Effingham; SS/2B – Caleb Bennett, Sr., Evans; C – Aaron Benton, Sr., South Effingham; C/RHP – Jackson Cliatt, Jr., Evans; OF – Ty Devlin, Sr., Glynn Academy; INF – Gus Gandy, Jr., Glynn Academy; C -- Griffin Hedrick, Jr., Lakeside-Evans; SS – Blake Hendrix, Sr., Effingham County; RHP – Griffin Howe, Sr., Effingham County; RHP/OF – Kaleb Johnson, Sr., South Effingham; RHP – Caden Kessler, Jr., Effingham County; 2B/SS/RHP -- Colten Moak, Sr., Lakeside-Evans; LHP/OF – Riley Morgan, Sr., Brunswick; INF – Will Murphy, Jr., Grovetown; CF – Trent Newberry, Sr., Effingham County; U – Hank Noonan, Sr., Glynn Academy; SS/RHP -- Santiago Pacheco, Jr., Lakeside-Evans; CF – Tyler Prosnak, Sr., Grovetown; SS/RHP – Dalton Redmond, So., South Effingham; RHP/OF – Knox Sheppard, Jr., Evans; RHP/OF – Maddox Shiell, Sr., South Effingham; RHP/RF – Kam Stalcup, Sr., Grovetown; 3B/P – Trent Tankersley, Jr., Glynn Academy; RHP – Reid Teston, Sr., Grovetown; 1B/LHP – Hunter Thompson, Jr., Evans; OF/RHP – Tate Thompson, Sr., Evans; RHP/INF – Elijah Wellman, Jr., Brunswick

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R/R); RHP/3B Austin Weeks (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Wade Monaco (Sr., 5-10, 135, R/R); INF Peyton Screws (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); LHP/OF Eli Perrin (Sr., 6-0, 150, L/L); RHP Harrison Hubbard (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); 1B Brady Newsome (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); 2B Dalton Key (Sr., 5-8, 140, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/OF Clayton Hicks (So., 6-0, 140, R/R); INF/OF/RHP Bryant Rushing (So., R/R); INF/RHP Patrick Downey (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: Evans had its best season in years in 2022, making the state quarterfinals. The Knights aim to build off that run. Graduation hit Evans hard, but there is talent for the Knights to contend. Seven starters are back, including infielder Ty McClintock and first baseman/pitcher Hunter Thompson. Georgia commit Knox Sheppard leads a young but solid rotation.



**Knox Sheppard
Evans**



**Hunter Thompson
Evans**

Returning Starters: OF Ty Devlin (Sr.); U Hank Noonan (Sr.); C/P Hugh Edgy (Sr.); INF Gus Gandy (Jr.); 3B/P Trent Tankersley (Jr.); P Luke Barch (Jr.); U Brandon Kasper (Sr.); OF/P Greyson Gegg (Jr.); P Carson Ritola (So.)

Other Returning Players: OF Luis Luccioni (Sr.); U Gavin Wells (Jr.); P Jeb Carson (So.); C Nolan Long (Jr.); 1B Kam LaRoche (Sr.); 3B/P William Pralinsky (Jr.); C Jacob Adamson (Jr.)

Top Newcomers: INF Wesley Roberson (Fr.); P Noah Heinmuller (Fr.); OF/P Ryan Schueneman (Jr.); OF Slater Vinson (Jr.); INF/P Eli Newbern (Jr.)

Season Outlook: Glynn should build from last season's team that won 24 games. Pitcher Luke Barch is back after a strong sophomore campaign. Meanwhile, outfielder Ty Devlin, shortstop Gus Gandy and versatile Hank Noonan return to lead the offense.



**Gus Gandy
Glynn Academy**



**Hank Noonan
Glynn Academy**



GLYNN ACADEMY RED TERRORS

Head Coach (s): John Welborn

Assistant Coach (s): Raynor Nelson, Jake Sandlin, Ted Wallen, Dan Meyers, Taylor Barron, Chandler Newman, Travis Irby

2022 Record: 24-10



GROVETOWN WARRIORS

Head Coach: Travis Lee

Assistant Coach (s): Sam Joiner, Trent Lee, Cade Combs

2022 Record: 14-13

Returning Starters: RHP/RF Kam Stalcup (Sr., R/R); RHP Reid Teston (Sr.,

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L/R); INF Dalton Adams (Sr., R/R); CF Tyler Prosnak (Sr., R/L); 1B Will Murphy (Jr., R/R); C Brayden Baker (So., R/R); 2B Dylan Lord (So., R/R); RHP Ethan Strength (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Caleb Smith (Sr., L/L); C/OF/RHP Dawson Boyd (Jr., R/R); INF Julian Townsend (Jr., R/R); OF/RHP Noah Powell (Jr., R/R); INF Iram Mendez (Sr., R/R); 3B/1B JB Bright (Jr., R/R); INF/OF Nick Rivera (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: A good bit of talent returns for Grovetown who should be in the hunt for the playoffs. Eight starters are back, including pitchers Kam Stalcup and Reid Teston who lead what should be a solid pitching rotation. Infielder Dalton Adams and outfielder Tyler Prosnak return to spark the offense.

LAKESIDE-EVANS PANTHERS

Head Coach: TJ Davis

Assistant Coach(s): Jon Johnson, Cameron Johnson, Kim Chambers

2022 Record: 21-12

Returning Starters: 2B/SS/RHP Colten Moak (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); SS/RHP Santiago Pacheco (Jr., 5-10, 155, B/R); OF/RHP Kaden Newton (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); C Griffin Hedrick (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); 1B/LHP Kaden Odom (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/L)

Other Returning Players: RHP Gable Maddox (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R); 3B/1B Clayton Sabo (Sr., 6-3, 230, R/R); RHP/1B Ryan Smail (Sr., 5-10, 290, R/R); RHP/3B Josh Lombardo (So., 6-1, 180, R/R); 1B/LHP Landon McCoy (So., 5-8, 185, L/L); RHP/SS/2B Lucas Hurd (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Braylon Springs (Jr., 5-10, 145, L/R)

Season Outlook: The Panthers welcome back five starters and as usual, should be in the chase for a postseason berth. All-region infielder Colten Moak returns as well as shortstop/pitcher Santiago Pacheco. Catcher Griffin Hedrick also returns after a solid sophomore season in 2022.

SOUTH EFFINGHAM MUSTANGS

Head Coach (s): Jesse Osborne (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Turner Davis, Justin Merritt, Jason Shiell, Noah Lancaster, Adam Nave

2022 Record: 23-12

Returning Starters: RHP/OF Kaleb Johnson (Sr., R/R); INF Owen Barton (Sr., L/R); RHP/U Avery Sikes (Sr., R/R); C Aaron Benton (Sr., R/R); RHP/OF Maddox Shiell (Sr., R/R); INF Zach Zorbo (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Chace Funderburk (Sr., R/R); C Ethan Atkins (Sr., R/R); INF Nick Midock (Sr., R/R); OF Tyler Cantaline (Jr., R/R); SS/RHP Dalton Redmond (So., R/R); OF Jake Waldhour (Jr., R/R); INF Dru Futch (Jr., R/R); LHP Hayden Pevey (Jr., L/L)

Top Newcomers: C JT Barkley (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Former assistant Jesse Osborne takes over and inherits six returning senior starters. One of those is all-state pitcher Kaleb Johnson. Right-handers Maddox Shiell and Avery Sikes return, forming what should be an excellent pitching rotation. Catcher Aaron Benton and infielder Owen Barton are back to power the offense.



Noah Hollis
South Effingham

REGION 3-6A

Region Favorite: Woodward Academy

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

OF -- Nick Allen, Sr., Woodward Academy; **LHP/CF** -- Jaquez Atkins, Sr., Jonesboro; **OF** -- Jeremiah Bonner, Sr., Rockdale County; **OF/RHP/3B** -- Montrell Christian, Jr., Forest Park; **1B** -- Kaliph Gaston, Sr., Rockdale County; **INF/RHP** -- Jamir Holloway, So., Mundy's Mill; **1B/RHP** -- Elijah Johnson, Sr., Forest Park; **OF** -- Jordin Johnson, Sr., Lovejoy; **INF/DH** -- Austin Mance, Jr., Woodward Academy; **U/RHP** -- Connor Merritt, Sr., Alcovy; **C/INF** -- Matthew Nettles, Sr., Jonesboro; **RHP/U** -- Hunter Parker, Jr., Alcovy; **OF/LHP** -- Reece Payne, Sr., Alcovy; **1B/3B** -- Rodgis Ponder, Sr., Alcovy; **OF/LHP/C** -- Terrance Pree, Jr., Forest Park; **INF** -- Cesar Rodriguez, Sr., Jonesboro; **C/OF** -- Luke Rosser, Jr., Alcovy; **C** -- CJ Salmon, Jr., Alcovy; **INF** -- Griffin Sorrow, Sr., Woodward Academy; **OF/P** -- Deshaun Strane, Jr., Rockdale County; **SS/P/C** -- Reggie Tuggle, Jr., Rockdale County; **SS/OF** -- Kayden Wilcox, Sr., Mundy's Mill



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ALCOVY TIGERS

Head Coach (s): Kareem Hayes (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Chris Salmon, Henry Clay

2022 Record: 8-24

Returning Starters: RHP/U Hunter Parker (Jr., R/R); OF/LHP Reece Payne (Sr., L/L); 1B/3B Rodgis Ponder (Sr., R/R); U/RHP Connor Merritt (Sr., R/R); C CJ Salmon (Jr., R/R); U/RHP Cooper Duncan (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Kale Ramer (Sr., R/R); 1B Parker Gassmann (So., R/R); C/OF Luke Rosser (Jr., R/R); OF Zeke Dixon (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Ashton Evans (Sr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Dylan Lester (Jr., R/R); 1B Myles Blackstock (Jr., R/R); RHP/U Hunter Ewing (Jr., R/R); C Brandon Scott (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: Former assistant Kareem Hayes takes over at Alcovy and inherits six returning starters. All-region pitcher Hunter Parker and utility/pitcher Connor Merritt return to lead the Tigers. A solid group of juniors and sophomores will be expected to contribute.



FOREST PARK PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): Josh Froneberger

Assistant Coach (s): Demetrius Ringfield, Dennis Colbert, Lance Lewis, Montrell Christian, Morelando Johnson, Jay Jones, Quint Avery

2022 Record: 16-8

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Jacari Hardaway (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R); RHP/DH Bradley Murphy (Sr., 6-1, 200, L/R); RHP/OF Michael Storey (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); 1B/RHP Elijah Johnson (Sr., 6-0, 225, R/R); INF/OF Jeremy Tinsley (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); OF/RHP/3B Montrell Christian (Jr., 6-4, 220, R/R); OF/LHP/C Terrance Pree (Jr., 5-9, 195, R/L)

Other Returning Players: C/INF Mark Washington (So., 6-0, 180, R/R); INF/RHP Kaleb Harper (So., 5-8, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Israel McKay (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); C/1B Kendal Jackson (Jr., 6-3, 230, L/R); 3B/RHP/1B Tra Taylor (Jr., 6-1, 200, R/R); INF Tyrese Jenkins (Fr., 6-0, 185, R/R); C/INF Robert Meadows (Fr., 6-1, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: Look for Forest Park to be back in the postseason chase as seven starters are back. Keep an eye on the versatile Montrell Christian. All-region selections Elijah Johnson and Terrance Press also return. A talented group of underclassmen will also be expected to contribute.



Montrell Christian
Forest Park



JONESBORO CARDINALS

Head Coach: Brian Paige

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

2022 Record: 15-5

Returning Starters: LHP/OF Jaquez Atkins (Sr., 6-2, 165, L/L); INF Cesar Rodriguez (Sr., 6-0, 150, R/R); C/INF Matthew Nettles (Sr., 6-0, 145, R/R); RHP/INF Rico Scandrett (Sr., 5-10, 230, R/R); C/2B Adan Sanchez (Jr., 5-7, 145, R/R);

RHP/OF Jamon Jones (So., 5-8, 140, R/R); OF Tarrill Hall (Jr., 6-0, 145, R/R); OF Monterrius Zachery (Sr., 5-8, 155, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/2B Jesus Rodriguez-Porras (Sr., 5-7, 125, L/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/3B Jacoby Hendricks (Fr., 6-0, 140, R/R); RHP/INF/OF Katreyl Jenkins (Fr., 5-10, 140, R/R); RHP/INF Josiah Patrick (Fr., 5-9, 135, R/R); RHP/INF Isaias Rodriguez (Fr., 6-3, 150, R/R); LHP/1B Kamil Cassius (So., 5-10, 165, L/L)

Season Outlook: The Cardinals will once again be expected to be in the postseason chase. Eight starters are back, including standout pitcher Jaquez Atkins. Seniors Cesar Rodriguez and Matthew Nettles also return. Jonesboro will be looking for some underclassmen to contribute.



LOVEJOY WILDCATS

Head Coach: Antonio Mitchell

Assistant Coach(s): Brandon Gaither, RJ Franklin

2022 Record: 7-19

Returning Starters: OF Jordin Johnson (Sr., 5-9, 210, R/R); 2B/RHP Christopher Smith (Sr., 5-7, 175, R/R); RHP/OF Patrick Ford (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B Jalen Botello (Jr., 5-11, 180, L/L); RHP/2B Me'kel Hayes (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP Demetrius Webb (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); 3B Dontrez Scandrett (Jr., 6-1, 200, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Tae Boze (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R); INF Nizhan Feagin (So., 6-0, 190, R/R); INF/OF Elijah Johnson (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wildcats welcome back three starters and look to turn things around after winning just seven games last year. Outfielder Jordin Johnson and a solid senior class should help Lovejoy improve upon last season's finish.



MORROW MUSTANGS

Head Coach: Kyle Smith

Survey not returned



MUNDY'S MILL TIGERS

Head Coach: Anthony Love

Survey not returned



ROCKDALE COUNTY BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Frank Vashaw (new)

Assistant Coach(s): Rickey Bailey, Terrance Williams

2022 Record: 8-17

Returning Starters: OF Jeremiah Bonner (Sr.); P Jordan Jackson (Sr.); 1B Kaliph Gaston (Sr.); INF/OF Jordan Foster (Sr.); INF/OF Brice Dockett (Sr.); OF Nehemiah Bonner (Sr.); INF Ian Harris (Sr.); INF/OF Josiah Hunt (Sr.); SS/P/C Reggie Tuggle (Jr.); P/OF Kameron Stephens (Jr.)

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Other Returning Players: Dareon Adkins, Jonathan Raggs
Top Newcomers: OF/P Deshaun Strane (Jr.), Caleb Ellison (Fr.); Gary Borders (Fr.)

Season Outlook: Longtime Georgia prep coach Frank Vashaw takes over at Rockdale County and will look to help the Bulldogs improve upon last season's record. There is talent to make a run. Versatile Reggie Tuggle and outfielder/pitcher Deshaun Strane return to lead the way.



WOODWARD ACADEMY WAR EAGLES

Head Coach (s): John Hurston

Assistant Coach (s): Joe Jordan, Kenny Hopkins, Shawn Stratton

2022 Record: 24-4

Returning Starters: OF Nick Allen (Sr., 6-2, 195, R/R); C Hudson Aspes (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); INF/OF/RHP Tyler Cason (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Dash Edwards (Jr., 5-7, 145, R/R); OF/RHP Kevin Stephens (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF/DH Austin Mance (Jr., 6-3, 190, R/R); RHP/1B Drew Moss (Sr., 6-5, 205, R/R); INF/OF/C/RHP Bill Rubenstein (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF Griffin Sorrow (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Jay Bhatt (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); INF/OF Brandon Burnett (Jr., 5-7, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Forrest Johnson (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF Austin Harland (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Parker Hollis (Jr., 6-0, 190, R/R); INF/RHP Ethan Hall (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R); OF Cam Kelly (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Jack Mobley (So., 6-0, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: Look for the War Eagles to contend for the region title this spring. Nine starters are back, including standout hitter Griffin Sorrow (.420 avg.) and outfielder Nick Allen (.329 avg.). Senior pitcher/first baseman Drew Moss returns to anchor a young but solid group of pitchers.



Nick Allen
Woodward Academy



Austin Mance
Woodward Academy



Drew Moss
Woodward Academy



Bill Rubenstein
Woodward Academy

REGION 4-6A

Region Favorite: Marist

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

OF/1B – Owen Anchors, Jr., Dunwoody; **SS** – Antonio Anderson, Sr., North Atlanta; **LHP** – Jacob Arnberger, Jr., Lakeside-DeKalb; **OF/U** – Xaden Benson, Jr., North Atlanta; **RHP** – Will Berry, Sr., Lakeside-DeKalb; **OF** – Andrew Buschmann, Sr., Marist; **RHP** – Sims Delong, Sr., North Atlanta; **OF/RHP** – Isaiah Drake, Sr., North Atlanta; **INF** – Harrison Feldman, Sr., Marist; **2B/OF** – Jonathan French, Sr., North Atlanta; **LHP/**

OF – Caleb Grubbs, Jr., South Cobb; **INF** – Hayden Hightower, Sr., Marist; **C** – Pierce Juhan, Sr., Marist; **SS** – Cooper Kuriger, Sr., Dunwoody; **C/INF** – Porter LeDoyen, Sr., Dunwoody; **3B** – Devin Moyer, Sr., Lakeside-DeKalb; **LHP** – Gunnar Plante, Sr., North Atlanta; **RHP** – Mac Reynolds, Sr., North Atlanta; **LHP** – Ty Siksta, Sr., Marist; **C** – Walker Stone, Jr., North Atlanta; **C** – Marco Nunez-Suarez, So., Riverwood; **RHP/OF** – Daniel Simontacchi, Sr., Saint Pius X; **RHP/INF** – Caleb Soto, Jr., South Cobb; **RHP** – Drew Tovin, Jr., Riverwood; **RHP/OF** – Luke Wiltrakis, Sr., Saint Pius X



DUNWOODY WILDCATS

Head Coach: Chan English

Assistant Coach(s): Max Gertz, Demarcus England, Roger Gay, Mike Berry, Dan Buis

2022 Record: 16-13

Returning Starters: SS Cooper Kuriger (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF/LHP Jake Lawson (Sr., 5-11, 175, L/L); OF/1B Owen Anchors (Jr., 6-3, 185, L/L); C/INF Porter LeDoyen (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); RHP/DH William Farris (Jr., 6-6, 190, R/R); RHP/3B Ben Davies (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 2B Quinn Madden (Sr., 5-11, 165, L/R); RHP/INF Adrian Aquino (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP Zachary Branum (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP Nate Chambers (Sr., 6-5, 190, R/R); C Jake Smith (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); OF Mac Harbin (Sr., 5-10, 170, L/L); RHP Michael Mattison (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C Alton Mamaghani (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF Zach Pauling (So., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP/INF Matt Pearch (So., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: Dunwoody welcomes back an excellent group of returners as well as a solid senior class. Look for the Wildcats to be in the postseason chase. Six starters are back, including first baseman/outfielder Owen Anchors. Shortstop Cooper Kuriger also returns.



LAKESIDE-DEKALB VIKINGS

Head Coach: Brian Granger

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

2022 Record: 18-13

Returning Starters: 3B Devon Moyer (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF Jack Albright (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP Will Berry (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); 1B Bradley Towner (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); LHP Jacob Arnberger (Jr., 5-10, 180, L/L); C/1B Adam Vgood (Jr., 6-5, 205, R/R); INF Giovanni Rios-Barrios (So., 5-11, 170, L/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/RHP John Roath (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF Nitin Rao (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP Miles Kirsch (Sr., 6-2, 195, R/R); 1B Luke Keenan (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R); OF Josh Boden (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); INF/RHP Reid Brosnan (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R); OF James Deaver (Sr., 6-2,



Jacob Arnberger
Lakeside-DeKalb



Will Berry
Lakeside-DeKalb



Devon Moyer
Lakeside-DeKalb

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160, R/R); OF Liam Gini (Sr., 5-11, 140, R/R); OF John Force (Sr., 5-10, 155, L/L); C Alex Santana (So., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Mason Williams (Jr., 6-0, 140, R/R); OF/LHP Aidan Conrad (So., 5-8, 150, L/L); INF Jayden Mosely (So., 5-11, 210, R/R)

Season Outlook: A solid senior class will help Lakeside pick up from where it left off last year. Seven starters are back, including third baseman Devin Moyer (.358 avg., 19 RBIs). Right-handed pitcher Will Berry (3-2, 2.49 ERA) and lefty Jacob Arnberger return to anchor what should be a solid pitching staff.



MARIST WAR EAGLES

Head Coach: Mike Strickland

Assistant Coach(s): Dale Carey, Troy Hall, Ronnie Davis

2022 Record: 25-9

Returning Starters: LHP Ty Siksta (Sr., L/L); INF Harrison Feldman (Sr., R/R); OF Andrew Buschmann (Sr., R/R); INF Hayden Hightower (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF OF Ripp Perez (Sr., R/R); C Pierce Juhan (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Michael Schoenberg (Sr., R/R); C Davis Strickland (Jr., L/R); OF Drew Avitable (Sr., R/R); OF/LHP Reed Edwards (Jr., L/L); OF Casey Comerford (Jr., R/R); INF Colin Hare (Sr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Noah Gerrick (So.); INF Jack Evert (So.); P/INF David Albert (So.)

Season Outlook: The War Eagles have some key positions to fill, but plenty of returning talent should keep Marist in the region title chase. Six starters are back, including outfielder Andrew Buschmann and infielder Hayden Hightower. Left-hander Ty Siksta returns to lead a young but solid group of pitchers.



NORTH ATLANTA WARRIORS

Head Coach: Ricky Plante

Assistant Coach(s): Will Leonard, Courtney Ward

2022 Record: 18-13

Returning Starters: SS Antonio Anderson (Sr., 6-4, 205, B/R); 2B/OF Jonathan French (Sr., 5-7, 150, R/R); LHP Gunnar Plante (Sr., 6-8, 195, L/L); RHP Sims Delong (Sr., 6-3, 170, R/R); 1B/LHP Sam Neal (Jr., 6-1, 180, L/L); 3B/C Duskin Balch (Sr., 5-8, 150, R/R); C Walker Stone (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF/U Xaden Benson (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); OF Dillon Harris (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/3B John Gibson (Sr., 6-2, 210, R/R); LHP Jacob Leroux (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/L); RHP Mac Reynolds (Sr., 6-3, 165, R/R); RHP/OF Silas Cunningham (Sr., 5-8, 165, B/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/U Mac Perno (Sr., 5-7, 160, R/R); RHP Ben Adams (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP Sam Levitt (Sr., 6-0, 150, R/R); RHP Ben Felton (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R); C/U Mason Ramos (Sr., 5-8, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF John Calame (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R); OF/RHP Ben Mason (So., 5-8, 160, R/R); INF Jaiden Spencer (So., 5-7, 120, R/R); OF/RHP Isaiah Drake (Sr., 5-10, 180, L/R)

Season Outlook: North Atlanta has the talent and should be in the thick of the chase for the region title this spring. The Warriors have two of the nation's top players in shortstop Antonio Anderson and outfielder Isaiah

Drake as well as versatile Jonathan French. But the team's biggest strength might be its pitching staff, led by left-hander Gunnar Plante and right-hander Sims Delong.



RIVERWOOD RAIDERS

Head Coach (s): Phillip Byrd (new)

Assistant Coach(s): Marcus Shoemake, Tom Nostadt, Jason Russo, Patrick Hope

2022 Record: 15-15

Returning Starters: 3B/RHP Mark Miller (Sr., R/R); RHP Drew Tovin (Jr., R/R); C Marco Nunez-Suarez (So., R/R); 1B/RHP Padgett Wilson (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: C Gavin Pointer (Sr., R/R); 1B Dylan Matthews (Jr., R/R); OF/LHP Brady Shannon (So., L/L); C/OF Cole Williams (So., R/R); 3B/RHP Robert Hicks III (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/OF Julian Carter (So., R/R); INF/OF Ethan Collins (So., B/R); 3B Cooper Bernath (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: First-year coach Phillip Byrd takes over and inherits a young but talented team. Four starters are back, including catcher Marco Nunez-Suarez. The senior class is small and a solid group of underclassmen will need to step up and contribute.



SAINT PIUS X GOLDEN LIONS

Head Coach (s): Andy Harlin

Assistant Coach(s): Kevin Ksionzyk, Mike Lancaster

2022 Record: 22-12

Returning Starters: OF/LHP Aiden Portee (So., 6-0, 165); RHP/OF Daniel Simontacchi (Sr., 6-3, 190)

Other Returning Players:

RHP/OF Luke Wiltrakis (Sr., 6-3, 205); 1B Kevin Beirne (Sr., 6-2, 200); OF Shug Bentley (Sr., 6-0, 215); INF Chris Carreras (Sr., 5-10, 175); RHP/INF Charlie Hendrix (Jr., 5-11, 165); RHP TJ Mooney (Sr., 6-3, 175); C/U Will Waters (Sr., 6-0, 215)

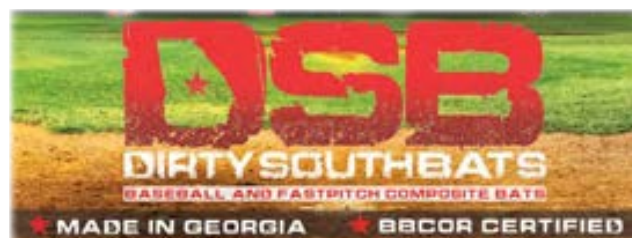
Top Newcomers: INF Michael Dee (So., 6-2, 175); C/U Wesley Ingham (So., 5-11, 170); 1B/LHP Liam Ebbs (Jr., 6-0, 175)

Season Outlook: Graduation took a bite out of Saint Pius X's roster in 2022. The Lions have excellent returning talent, but they will need some time to mature and develop. The lack of pitching depth is a concern. The good news is that senior pitcher/outfielder Daniel Simontacchi returns, giving Saint Pius X a solid leader to build around.



Daniel Simontacchi
Saint Pius X

Luke Wiltrakis
Saint Pius X



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SOUTH COBB EAGLES

Head Coach: Patrick Wright

Assistant Coach(s): Tammy Hawkins, Travis Sabdo, Jermaine Slay, Alan Trout, Garrison Green

2022 Record: 6-21

Returning Starters: C/RHP/1B Carter Edge (Sr., R/R); LHP/OF Caleb Grubbs (Jr., L/L); RHP/INF Caleb Soto (Jr., R/R); RHP/C/OF Kolin Webster (Jr., R/R); RHP/INF Josiah Carter (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP Mark Lara (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/U Blayke Wilder (Fr., R/R); RHP/U Brock Adams (Fr., R/R); RHP/INF Aidan Cloud (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Eagles look to turn things around after a disappointing finish in 2022. Six starters are back. Senior Carter Edge returns to give the Eagles a leader to build around, but keep an eye on pitcher/outfielder Caleb Grubbs and pitcher/infielder Caleb Soto who showed a lot of promise last year as sophomores.

REGION 5-6A

Region Favorite: Newnan

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

SS/2B -- Terrance Bowen, So., Alexander; **RHP/3B** – Kody Clancy, Jr., South Paulding; **SS/2B/OF** -- Breydon Divine, Sr., Alexander; **2B/SS** – Emarion Dozier, Sr., Langston Hughes; **OF** -- Cole Eison, Sr., Alexander; **LHP/OF** – Austin Gurley, Sr., South Paulding; **C** – Ron Hodges, Sr., Langston Hughes; **INF /RHP**– Nathaniel Kirkendoll, Sr., Douglas County; **RHP** – Logan Lankford, Sr., Paulding County; **RHP/INF** -- Wills Maginnis, Jr., Newnan; **C/OF** -- Garrett McGee, Sr., Newnan; **RHP** -- Chase Moller, Sr., Alexander; **3B/RHP** -- Kole Orshoski, Sr., Alexander; **RHP/INF** – Jonah Pace, Sr., East Paulding; **C/RHP** – Spencer Pethel, Sr., Paulding County; **SS/2B** – Harrison Ratner, Sr., South Paulding; **INF/RHP** – Pedro Rodriguez, Jr., East Paulding; **INF/C** – Jack Shipp, Sr., Paulding County; **1B/RHP** – Jordan Thompson, Jr., Langston Hughes; **OF** – Joshua Wilder, Sr., Paulding County; **RHP/3B** – DJ Williams, Sr., Langston Hughes; **C/RHP/INF** – Tyler Williams, Jr., East Paulding



ALEXANDER COUGARS

Head Coach: Dalton Martinez (new)

Assistant Coach(s): Rico Billups, Cale Foster, Luis Lowe, Jason Crook, Ray Grimmer

2022 Record: 18-17

Returning Starters: SS/2B Terrance Bowen (So., R/R); OF Cole Eison (Sr., L/R); 3B/RHP Kole Orshoski (Sr., L/R); SS/2B/OF Breydon Divine (Sr., R/R); OF/1B Thomas Musser (Sr., R/R); C/OF Brock Lucas (Sr., R/R); RHP Chase Moller (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/OF Ben Thomas (Sr., R/R); 3B/RHP Luke Collins (Sr., R/R); C/RHP PJ Curtis (Sr., R/R); INF/OF Mac Nail (Jr., R/R); 1B/3B Heath Henley (Jr., R/R); RHP Joshua Montelban (Sr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Alexander looks to build off last year's state playoff run. First-year coach Dalton Martinez has the talent to do just that. Seven starters are back, including middle infielders Terrance Bowen and Breydon Divine. Top pitcher Kole Orshoski also returns.



DOUGLAS COUNTY TIGERS

Head Coach: John Farmer

Assistant Coach(s): Mark Wilson, Eric Bryant

2022 Record: 6-18

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Nathaniel Kirkendoll (Sr., 6-1, 165, R/R); INF Ryan Robinson (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); C/RHP Tre Relliford (Jr., 6-0, 210, R/R); INF Michael Clark (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); C Connor Robb (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); INF/RHP James Johnson (So., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF/LHP Jaden Strong (So., 6-2, 165, R/L); OF/RHP Ian Ayala (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Cameron Camp (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Brice Porter (So., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Tigers look to be much-improved after winning six games in 2022. Eight starters are back, including infielder/pitcher Nathaniel Kirkendoll. The senior class is small, but look for a solid corps of underclassmen to step up and contribute this spring.



EAST PAULDING RAIDERS

Head Coach (s): Tony Boyd

Assistant Coach (s): Andrew Deaton, Zack Kilday, Austin Driskell, Mike Wilson, Michael Bloodworth

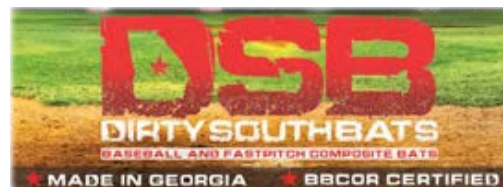
2022 Record: 17-15

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Jonah Pace (Sr., 5-10, 145, R/R); OF/RHP Austin Sims (Sr., 5-11, 155, R/R); OF/1B Stephan French (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); INF/RHP Pedro Rodriguez (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); 3B/RHP Baylor Thomason (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); C/RHP/INF Tyler Williams (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Jon Michael Huisman (Sr., 5-9, 145, R/R); RHP Riley Kelly (Sr., 5-9, 145, L/R); 1B/RHP Jonah Parish (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); 1B/RHP Marcus Tolston (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF Brady Cole (Jr., 5-8, 140, R/R); 2B/RHP Sam Peterson (Jr., 5-8, 155, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/RHP/INF Hayden Biles (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R); OF/INF/RHP Mason Cobb (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/R); OF Kody Faulkner (Jr., 5-8, 140, R/R); 2B/RHP Hunter Shiver (Jr., 5-8, 135, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Raiders will be in the postseason hunt as usual as six starters return. Pitchers Jonah Pace and Tyler Williams anchor what should be a solid pitching rotation. Infielder Pedro Rodriguez returns after having a promising sophomore campaign in 2022. Keep an eye on a solid corps of underclassmen who will contribute.



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HUGHES (LANGSTON) PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): Bo Jones

Assistant Coach (s): Levi Lawson

2022 Record: 12-15

Returning Starters: C Ron Hodges (Sr.); RHP/3B DJ Williams (Sr.); 2B/SS Emarion Dozier (Sr.); 1B/RHP Jordan Thompson (Jr.); CF/INF Malik Huffman (Sr.); DH/1B Andrew Dorsey (Sr.)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP/U Rodney Weekes (So.); SS/INF/RHP Que Walton (Sr.); 1B/INF/P Xavier Patmon (Fr.)

Season Outlook: A solid corps of returning players should help Hughes improve upon last season's finish. An excellent senior class will lead the way. Catcher/pitcher Ron Hodges, pitcher/third baseman DJ Williams and infielder Emarion Dozier return after posting solid numbers as juniors in 2022.



NEW MANCHESTER JAGUARS

Head Coach: Ivan Carroll (new)

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NEWNAN COUGARS

Head Coach: Marc Gilmore

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

2022 Record: 23-12

Returning Starters: C/OF Garrett McGee (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); INF/OF Hunter Snyder (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); LHP Drew Ellsworth (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/L); OF Kage Bossman (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/INF Wills Maginnis (Jr., R/R); LHP/OF Cam Barnes (Jr., R/L); RHP/INF Carson Daniel (Jr., R/R); RHP Cason Rhodes (Jr., R/R); U Cole Murphy (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/3B Dylan Davis (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Ben Edge (So., L/R); U/RHP Cole Gilmore (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: After making the state quarterfinals in Class 7A last year, the Cougars drop to Class 6A. A wealth of talent returns as Newnan should contend for the region title this spring. All-region third-baseman Wills Maginnis and all-region outfielder/catcher Garrett McGee return.



PAULDING COUNTY PATRIOTS

Head Coach: Phillip Nasworthy

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

2022 Record: 15-13

Returning Starters: C/RHP Spencer Pethel (Sr., 6-0, 205, R/R); INF/C Jack Shipp (Sr., 5-7, 165, R/R); OF Joshua Wilder (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP Logan Lankford (Sr., 5-10, 200, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Chris Carson (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); RHP Josh Price (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Alex Benitez (So., 5-9, 155, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 1B Jacob Clayton (So., 6-1, 200, R/R); OF Ryan Gorski (Jr., 6-0, 150, R/R); OF Josh Hollins (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Patriots made a lot of positive strides last year. Paulding County aims to take it up a notch this spring. Four starters are back, including top hitters Spencer Pethel (.380 avg., 27 RBIs) and Jack Shipp (.415 avg., 28 RBIs). The senior class is small but solid. Some talented underclassmen will need to contribute.



SOUTH PAULDING SPARTANS

Head Coach: Jay Sneddon

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

2022 Record: 28-8

Returning Starters: SS/2B Harrison Ratner (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); LHP/OF Austin Gurley (Sr., 5-10, 175, L/L); RHP/OF Austin Robinson (Sr., 6-4, 185, R/R); 2B Zach Maloney (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); RHP/3B Kody Clancy (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Logan Ervine (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF Trey Barker (Sr., 5-9, 165, L/L); C/1B Austin Jetmore (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); C/3B Carson Taylor (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); RHP/OF Nolan McKinstry (Jr., 6-1, 165, R/R); RHP/2B Caden Folsom (Jr., 5-9, 140, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Brannon Farmer (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); LHP/1B Mason Whitaker (So., 6-0, 180, L/L)

Season Outlook: The Spartans won 28 games and had the best season in school history in 2022. South Paulding should follow it up with an excellent 2023 campaign. Five starters are back, including a solid pitching staff – left-hander Austin Gurley and right-handers Austin Robinson and Kody Clancy. Infielders Harrison Ratner and Zach Maloney also return.

REGION 6-6A

Region Favorite: Etowah

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

RHP/INF – Dimitri Angelakos, Jr., Etowah; **RHP** – Bryson Bridges, Jr., Rome; **C/OF/RHP** – Joe Cable, Sr., River Ridge; **RHP/INF** – Ethan Crawley, Sr., Allatoona; **INF** – Will Curcio, Sr., Etowah; **C/1B** – AJ Demastrie, Sr., River Ridge; **2B** – Jeremiah Farrer, Jr., Rome; **LHP** – Drew Fields, Sr., Allatoona; **OF** – Reece Fountain, Jr., Rome; **RHP** – Isaac Griffin, Sr., Etowah; **RHP** – Daniel Hershberger, Sr., Etowah; **RHP/1B** – Caleb Hughes, Jr., Etowah; **3B/RHP** – Ean Marria, So., Sequoyah; **LHP** – Kevin Maurer, Jr., Woodstock; **INF** – Brooks McKenna, Jr., Woodstock; **RHP/SS** – JD Rediger, Sr., River Ridge; **OF/1B** – Acton Smith, Sr., Sequoyah; **SS** – Jackson Stanley, So., Creekview; **3B/RHP** – Ethan Sutton, Sr., Allatoona; **OF/LHP** – Caden Tuck, Jr., Woodstock; **3B/RHP** – Braxton Wade, Jr., Rome; **LHP** – Coleman Wylie, Jr., Sequoyah

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ALLATOONA BUCCANEERS

Head Coach (s): Keith Hansen

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

2022 Record: 35-6

Returning Starters: RHP/3B Ethan Sutton (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF Ethan Crawley (Sr., R/R); C/1B Tyler McGuire (Sr., R/R); LHP Drew Fields (Sr., R/L); LHP Cooper Underwood (So., R/L)

Other Returning Players: C Gray Coker (Sr., R/R); OF Bryce Stack (Jr., R/R); C/OF Gavin Settle (Jr., R/R); 1B Aidan Guilbeau (Jr., R/R); RHP Hudson Moore (Jr., R/R); INF Anthony Planeta (So., R/R); OF/LHP Jack Reynolds (So., L/L); U/RHP Cruz Paul (So., R/R); C/OF/RHP Sam Tomczak (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/RHP Jacob Jenkins (So., R/R); INF/RHP Matthew Perkins (So., R/R); RHP Logan Grass (Jr., R/R); RHP Hayden Glover (Jr., R/R); RHP/OF Will Elms (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: The defending Class 6A runner-ups have some holes to fill, but Allatoona will reload. The pitching staff will be in good hands as right-hander Ethan Sutton and lefty Drew Fields return. Infielder Ethan Crawley, who is also a solid pitcher, returns to power the offense along with catcher/first-baseman Tyler McGuire.



CREEKVIEW GRIZZLIES

Head Coach (s): Matt Gershon (new)

Assistant Coach(s): Cameron Gibson, Ben Greene, Chris Jeffreys, Josh Link

2022 Record: 11-19

Returning Starters: OF Blake Brown (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R); OF Carter Gilliam (Jr., 5-9, 140, R/R); C Cam Lusk (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); 1B Adam Murphy (Sr., 6-4, 185, R/R); SS/CF Easton Sears (Sr., 5-9, 155, R/R); SS Jackson Stanley (So., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: U Brodie Carter (So., 5-8, 155, R/R); 1B/RHP Jack Gibson (Jr., 6-0, 200, L/R); RHP Spencer Golden (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP/OF Jacob Hefner (Sr., 6-2, 230, R/R); OF Will Richardson (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); U/RHP Wyatt Seals (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP/1B Micah Bailey (Jr., 6-2, 185, L/L); C Levi Crowe (So., 5-10, 160, L/R); U Alec Hotaling (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); LHP/OF Will Lumpkin (Jr., 6-0, 160, L/L); 1B/3B Baylor Seals (So., 6-3, 220, R/R); 3B/OF/P Brant Tucker (So.)

Season Outlook: Former North Springs coach Matt Gershon takes over and inherits six returning starters. Gershon will look to get Creekview back into playoff contention. The lack of experienced pitching is a concern, but the Grizzlies have a lot of young talent ready to step into the spotlight. Shortstop Jackson Stanley was promising as a freshman last year.



Easton Sears
Creekview



Jackson Stanley
Creekview



ETOWAH EAGLES

Head Coach: Greg Robinson

Assistant Coach(s): Mike Foley, Taylor Majors, Jake Stephens, Brandon Stephens

2022 Record: 30-11

Returning Starters: RHP/1B Caleb Hughes (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); RHP Daniel Hershberger (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); RHP/INF Dimitri Angelakos (Jr., 6-1, 195, R/R); INF Will Curcio (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); RHP Isaac Griffin (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); C Haiden Shultz (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF Jake Sabo (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); OF/C Reece Wehr (Jr., 5-9, 180, L/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Logan Stradley (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); INF Jason Gray (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); LHP Kevin Bucca (Sr., 6-1, 190, L/L)

Top Newcomers: OF/INF Deion Cole (Fr., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP/INF Mathew Sharman (Fr., 6-2, 185, R/R); OF Trevor Condon (Fr., 5-9, 160, L/L); OF Jake Zehner (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Eagles return most of the team that finished as the Class 7A state runner-up in 2022. Look for Etowah to be strong this spring, especially with the 1-2 pitching punch of all-state players Dimitri Angelakos and Caleb Hughes returning. Right-handers Isaac Griffin and Daniel Hershberger also return. Offensively, Will Curcio returns after an excellent junior campaign.



Danny Hershberger
Etowah



Isaac Griffin
Etowah



RIVER RIDGE KNIGHTS

Head Coach: Jeff Runion

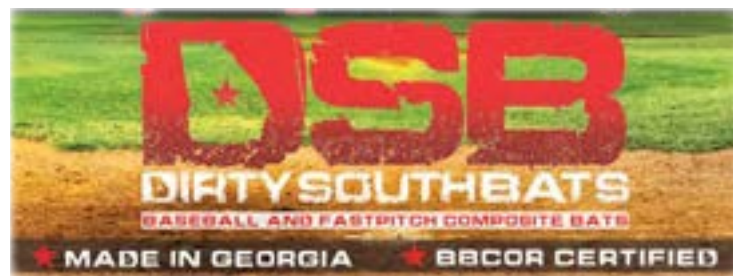
Assistant Coach(s): Andy Marinelli, Eric Britt, Mark Lewis, Lantz Cleveland

2022 Record: 21-7

Returning Starters: RHP/SS JD Rediger (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); C/1B AJ Demastrie (Sr., 6-0, 200, B/R); C/OF/RHP Joe Cable (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); 3B/RHP Chandler Thiel (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Matthew Lipscey (Jr., 5-8, 160, L/L); OF/RHP Craig Chase (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); INF/RHP Jowsell Nunez (Jr., 5-6, 140, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Ethan Osada (Jr., 6-6, 185, R/R); C Aiden Perry (Jr., 5-7, 165, R/R); 1B/DH Caleb Lewis (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Knights have an excellent nucleus of returning players and should be in the thick of the postseason chase. Standout hitter AJ Demastrie (.405 avg., 20 RBIs) returns as well as pitcher/shortstop JD Rediger and versatile Joe Cable. The Knights also have a talented junior class that will contribute.



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ROME WOLVES

Head Coach (s): Brent Tucker

Assistant Coach(s): Tanner Gallman, Justin Kilpatrick, Landon Stevenson

2022 Record: 12-18

Returning Starters: 3B/RHP Braxton Wade (Jr., 6-3, 175, R/R); OF Reece Fountain (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF Joe Wilkinson (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); 2B Jeremiah Farrer (Jr., 5-8, 155, R/R); RHP Bryson Bridges (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Grant Bullard (Sr., 5-10, 180, L/R); SS Nevin Boswell (So., 5-9, 155, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 3B/RHP Wyatt Costlow (So., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP/1B Bryson Thacker (Sr., L/L); RHP/C Reece Grodeman (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wolves struggled last season with a very young team. That experience, however, should pay off in 2023. A strong group of juniors led by third baseman/pitcher Braxton Wade will lead the team. In addition, left-handed pitcher Bryson Thacker is expected to help out tremendously.



SEQUOYAH CHIEFS

Head Coach: Scott Barber

Assistant Coach(s): Steven Flake, Robbie Ramsdale, Colin O'Neal

2022 Record: 18-14

Returning Starters: OF/1B Acton Smith (Sr., 6-3, 190, L/L); OF/RHP Ty Moores (Sr., 6-3, 230, R/R); LHP/1B Coleman Wylie (Jr., 6-3, 210, R/L); LHP/OF Hunter Smith (Jr., 6-1, 145, R/L); 2B/SS Gavin Savage (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); 3B/

RHP Ean Marria (So., 5-11, 200, R/R); LHP Carson Howard (Jr., 5-11, 140, L/L)
Other Returning Players: C/3B Colin Campbell (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); 3B/RHP Ryan Coughanour (Sr., 6-2, 195, R/R); RHP/OF Cooper Zeckman (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R); OF Nolan Caldwell (Sr., 6-3, 165, R/R); RHP Jonathan O'Reilly (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/1B Luke Barber (So., 6-2, 170, R/R); LHP/OF/1B Michael Gagliano (Jr., 6-0, 160, L/L)

Season Outlook: The Chiefs lost a good bit to graduation. Seven returning starters are back, including outfielder/first-baseman Acton Smith and pitcher/first-baseman Coleman Wylie. The Chiefs will be young, but look for an excellent group of underclassmen to compete for playing time



WOODSTOCK WOLVERINES

Head Coach: Jeff Brown

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

2022 Record: 33-7

Returning Starters: RHP Colin Bryant (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); OF Jack Poor (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP Hunter Jackson (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); U Mark May (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); LHP Kevin Maurer (Jr., 5-10, 175, L/L); INF Brooks McKenna (Jr., 6-3, 185, R/R); C Hudson Casdia (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); LHP Coogan Bombard (Sr., 5-11, 165, L/L)



Colin Bryant
Woodstock

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Other Returning Players: INF Dan Comeau (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); U Zac Calabrese (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); INF Tyler Schroeder (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); RHP Ryan Muehlberger (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); RHP Addison Palm (Sr., 6-2, 170, R/R); C/1B Jack Hartman (Sr., 6-0, 210, R/R); OF/RHP Spencer Mullins (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF/LHP Caden Tuck (Jr., 5-10, 180, L/L)

Top Newcomers: U Mylon Uribe (Jr., 5-11, 175, L/R); C/RHP Oz Eckard (Jr., 6-3, 200, R/R); RHP Roy Shewmake (Jr., 6-0, 195, R/R); INF/RHP Anthony Holloway (Jr., 5-10, 200, R/R); U MJ McKay (So., 5-10, 165, R/R); U Fuller Morrish (So., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The defending Class 7A state champions drop a classification, but the competition will be just as tough. Eight starters are back, including all-state pitcher Kevin Maurer and infielder Brooks McKenna. Pitching will be the team's strength again. In addition to Maurer, senior right-handers Colin Bryant (7-0, 1.29 ERA) and Hunter Jackson also return.



Caden Tuck
Woodstock

(Jr., L/L); INF Brady McDonough (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Brady Leonard (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Alpharetta drops a classification after making the second round of the Class 7A state playoffs last year. The Raiders look to build off that success. Seniors Jakob Cowart and Jackson Frank return, while right-handers Brandon Nielsen and Jackson Chappell return to anchor a solid pitching staff.

BT BLESSED TRINITY TITANS

Head Coach: Jamie Wagner

Assistant Coach(s): Brandon Harwell, Jameson Contratto, Cornel Dore
2022 Record: 22-11

Returning Starters: RHP Jake Lankie (Sr., L/R); RHP Porter Buursema (Sr., R/R); RHP Evan O'Neill (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Cooper Milford (Sr., R/R); 1B/OF Ryan Novak (Sr., L/L); SS/RHP Michael Zito (Jr., R/R); 3B/OF/RHP Sean Greene (Jr., R/R); 2B/RHP Kade Kisz (So., R/R), C Cole Harof (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/OF Jackson Morgan (Sr., R/R); INF/OF Luke Flading (Sr., L/R); C Alexander Morgan (Jr., R/R); C Andrew Dabbs (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Wesley Bass (So., R/R); INF/OF/RHP Aiden Zagryn (So., R/R); INF/OF Carson Zabryn (So., R/R); OF Will Hamacher (So., R/R); INF/OF Ty Harpring (So., R/R); INF/RHP Grant Hodges (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Titans move up to Class 6A, but there is plenty of talent for Blessed Trinity to make a deep postseason run. A trio of Division I pitching signees return in right-handers Jake Lankie, Porter Buursema and Evan O'Neil. Meanwhile, outfielder Cooper Milford and first-baseman Ryan Novak are back to power the offense.

REGION 7-6A

Region Favorite: Blessed Trinity

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

RHP – Porter Buursema, Sr., Blessed Trinity; **OF** – Jakob Cowart, Sr., Alpharetta; **OF** -- Foster Currie, Jr., Sprayberry; **INF** – Jackson Frank, Sr., Alpharetta; **OF/C** -- Jack Hellenga, Jr., Sprayberry; **RHP** – Alex Johnson, Sr., Roswell; **LHP** – Dawson Jones, Jr., Pope; **SS** – Carson Kerce, Sr., Pope; **INF** – Braydon Kersey, Jr., Alpharetta; **RHP** – Jake Lankie, Sr., Blessed Trinity; **OF/1B/LHP** – Colin Manning, So., Johns Creek; **C/3B** – Jackson Marvel, Jr., Johns Creek; **LHP/1B** – Adam McKelvey, Jr., Roswell; **OF/RHP** – Cooper Milford, Sr., Blessed Trinity; **INF** – Jack Myers, Jr., Pope; **RHP** – Brandon Nielsen, Sr., Alpharetta; **OF** – Dixon Noland, Sr., Lassiter; **1B/OF** -- Ryan Novak, Sr., Blessed Trinity; **RHP** -- Evan O'Neil, Sr., Blessed Trinity; **2B** – Cooper Orr, Sr., Pope; **LHP** – Will Petteys, Jr., Roswell; **1B/3B** – Garrett Reid, Sr., Lassiter; **1B/3B** – Kent Schmidt, Sr., Pope; **LHP** – Walker Shaw, Sr., Johns Creek; **RHP/2B** – Hayden Sottile, Sr., Lassiter; **C** – Collin Strovinskas, Sr., Lassiter; **LHP/OF** – Jared Webb, Jr., Lassiter; **SS/RHP** – Michael Zito, Jr. Blessed Trinity



ALPHARETTA RAIDERS

Head Coach (s): Marc Lassiter

Assistant Coach (s): Allen Strohecker, Kevin Amerson

2022 Record: 16-18

Returning Starters: OF Jakob Cowart (Sr., L/R); INF Jackson Frank (Sr., R/R); OF Kyle Wilkins (Sr., R/R); INF Braydon Kersey (Jr., L/R); INF Logan Racine (Jr., R/R); RHP Brandon Nielsen (Sr., R/R); RHP Jackson Chappell (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP Eli Gredes (So., L/L); RHP Tahsan Hasan (Sr., R/R); U Landon Walker (So., R/R); RHP Tyler Zandstra (Jr., R/R); LHP Jacob Ko

JOHNS CREEK GLADIATORS

Head Coach (s): Billy Nicholson

Assistant Coach (s): Ted Fithian, Jenno Marvel, Tayler Leslie, Ron Loula, David Burton

2022 Record: 13-17

Returning Starters: C/3B Jackson Marvel (Jr., 5-7, 185, R/R); OF/LHP Trevor Toth (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/L); LHP Walker Shaw (Sr., 6-5, 170, L/L); OF/LHP Tommy Moonan (Sr., 5-7, 160, R/L); OF/1B/LHP Colin Manning (So., 6-1, 170, L/L)

Other Returning Players: LHP Kalen Milstead (Sr., 6-5, 165, L/L); 3B/2B Patrick Manning (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); 3B Luke Lanford (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: Johns Creek should have a chance

to improve upon last season's record as five starters are back. Catcher/third baseman Jackson Marvel and versatile Colin Manning return. Left-handers Walker Shaw (4-3, 2.81 ERA) and Kalen Milstead (1-1, 2.19 ERA) anchor what should be a solid pitching staff.



Colin Manning
Johns Creek



Jackson Marvel
Johns Creek



Walker Shaw
Johns Creek

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LASSITER TROJANS

Head Coach (s): Kyle Rustay

Assistant Coach (s): Kurt Rinehimer, Brac Barton, Michael Fraker, Beau Welborn, Ken Ling

2022 Record: 28-12

Returning Starters: OF Dixon Noland (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); INF Rylam Lewallen (Sr., 5-10, 155, B/R); OF/RHP Luke Manry (Sr., 6-0, 155, R/R); 1B/3B Garrett Reid (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R); RHP/2B Hayden Sottile (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); C Collin Strovinskas (Sr., 5-10, 195, R/R); SS/3B Brandon Trichell (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Joe Blackwell (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); LHP/OF Gavin Ruegger (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/L); C Ben Bodoh (Jr., 5-8, 165, R/R); OF Eric Brown (Jr., 5-7, 170, B/R); OF/RHP Miles Shore (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); LHP/OF Jared Webb (Jr., 5-11, 160, L/L)

Top Newcomers: RHP/3B Darrell McDowell (So., 6-3, 170, R/R); LHP/OF Connor Carlson (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/L); OF Quinn Hughes (So., 6-0, 170, R/R); C/2B Will Michaels (So., 5-10, 165, R/R); 1B/RHP Ian Fullerton (Jr., 6-0, 190, L/R)

Season Outlook: A strong senior class should help Lassiter contend for the region title. Pitchers Hayden Sottile (5-2, 1.86 ERA) and Jared Webb (2-0, 3.68 ERA) lead a talented rotation, while all-state catcher Collin Strovinskas, outfielder Dixon Noland and infielder Garrett Reid are back to lead an offense capable of putting up big numbers.



POPE GREYHOUNDS

Head Coach (s): Chris Turco

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

2022 Record: 33-7

Returning Starters: SS Carson Kerce (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); 1B/3B Kent Schmidt (Sr., 6-3, 185, L/R); 2B Cooper Orr (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); INF Jack Myers (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP Blythe Keisler (Sr., 6-1, 180, L/L); OF/RHP Calvin Koo (Sr., 6-1,

170, R/R); U/RHP Andrew Walters (Sr., 6-3, 170, L/R); 3B/RHP Tyler Urowsky (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF Logan Rapp (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF Jake Gastley (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); C Jesse Walter (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); LHP Nate Levine (Sr., 6-3, 175, L/L); C/RHP/1B Andrew Nelms (Jr., 6-3, 170, R/R); LHP Dawson Jones (Jr., 6-0, 170, L/L)

Top Newcomers: U Eli Overstreet (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); 1B/RHP Bryce Chapin (Jr., 6-5, 210, R/R); RHP Ethan Garrett (So., 6-1, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: There is enough talent left over for Pope to make another run at a state title. The defending state champions welcome back all-



Dawson Jones
Pope



Blythe Keisler
Pope



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state players Carson Kerce and Kent Schmidt. Most of the team's pitching rotation graduated, but the Greyhounds have some younger arms waiting for their chance to shine. Left-hander Dawson Jones is back.



ROSWELL HORNETS

Head Coach: Matt McCarthy

Assistant Coach(s): Chris Carroll, Danny MacDonald, Cale Rosario

2022 Record: 13-16

Returning Starters: RHP Alex Johnson (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); SS Emmett Lovings (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R); LHP/1B Adam McKelvey (Jr., 6-2, 245, L/L); LHP Will Petteys (Jr., 6-3, 195, L/L); 2B Colby Cather (Jr., 5-8, 150, R/R); C/OF Eli MacDonald (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); INF/OF Colin Phillips (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); C/OF Chris Elko (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); 1B Bridger Douglas (Sr., 6-3, 195, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Blake Gartner (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); 3B Robbie Kosakoski (Jr., 5-7, 170, R/R); RHP Ryan Travis (Sr., 6-1, 150, R/R); LHP Alex Lupinski (So., 6-0, 160, L/L); RHP Graham Pinniger (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP/OF Nolan Slaughter (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); C Wyatt Heslin (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); OF Billy Westerfield (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R); C Will Harrison (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R)

Top Newcomers: SS/OF Grant Cook (So., 5-8, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: Roswell looks to keep making positive strides under coach Matt McCarthy. The Hornets have a veteran team returning, but they still may be a year away. Seven starters are back, including pitcher/first-baseman Adam McKelvey and pitchers Will Petteys and Alex Johnson.



SPRAYBERRY YELLOW JACKETS

Head Coach (s): Jim Tejcek

Assistant Coach (s): Desmond Atwell, Brandon Varner, Jason Eller

2022 Record: 10-19

Returning Starters: OF Foster Currie (Jr., 6-2, 195, R/R); OF/C Jack Hellenga (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Bryce Hamilton (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/L); 1B/RHP Brandt McKinnon (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); SS Collin Trevison (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); 2B Pascal Trevison (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); C Chase Smith (Sr., 6-1, 185, B/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Ben Hutchins (Jr., 6-3, 185, L/R); RHP Jake Schock (Sr., 6-4, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/INF Matt Luciano (Jr., R/R); RHP Trey Posten (Sr., R/R); LHP Chris Layman (Jr., L/L)

Season Outlook: After a rebuilding year in 2022, the Jackets look to contend for a postseason berth this spring. The lack of experienced pitching is a concern, but Sprayberry has good experience returning on offense. Junior outfielders Foster Currie and Jack Hellenga are back, while senior infielders Collin and Pascal Trevison also return.

REGION 8-6A

Region Favorite: North Forsyth

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

INF/DH – Nick Austin, Jr., Jackson County; SS/2B – Zack Bowman, Sr.,

Apalachee; INF – Sam Bradley, Jr., Jackson County; OF – Kaleb Chastain, Jr., Habersham Central; LHP – Andrew Elkhill, Sr., North Forsyth; RHP – Cason Engert, Sr., North Forsyth; LHP/1B – Caleb Fones, Sr., Lanier; LHP – Hayden Gregory, Sr., Jackson County; OF/RHP – Colin Hedges, Jr., Apalachee; SS – Adrian Jimenez, Jr., Lanier; INF – Spencer Muffuletto, Sr., Jackson County; C/RHP – Traver Park, Jr., Apalachee; RHP/1B – Judah Powell, Jr., Apalachee; INF – Jake Prince, Jr., North Forsyth; RHP – Kyle Roper, Sr., North Forsyth; RHP/C/INF – Weston Skinner, Sr., Jackson County; RHP – Nick Spry, Sr., Shiloh; LHP/DH – Hunter Tatum, Sr., Habersham Central; RHP – Riley Valentine, Sr., Gainesville; RHP – Jack Venable, Sr., Jackson County



APALACHEE WILDCATS

Head Coach: Allan Bailey

Assistant Coach(s): Russ Hodsdon, Kyle Bailey, Chad Mashburn

2022 Record: 24-16

Returning Starters: SS/2B Zack Bowman (Sr., 5-10, 155, L/R); 2B/OF Kade Greeson (Sr., 5-10, 165, L/R); C/RHP Traver Park (Jr., 5-8, 145, R/R); RHP/1B Judah Powell (Jr., 6-4, 240, R/R); OF/RHP Colin Hedges (Jr., 6-3, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Nate Valles (Jr., 5-8, 140, R/R); RHP Jacob Harrison (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: SS/RHP Hudson Mashburn (So., 6-0, 160, R/R); C/3B TJ Wilson (Jr., 5-9, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Chase Carter (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Koby Sellers (Jr., 5-10, 140, R/R); INF Hayden Mashburn (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP Brayden Ritenour (Sr., 5-10, 160, L/R); RHP/INF Jacob Abner (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF

Bowen Woodall (Fr., 5-10, 155, R/R); RHP/INF JJ Gonzalez (So., 5-10, 150, R/R); RHP/INF Jaime Orrostieta (So., 5-10, 150, R/R); INF/OF Cole Cash (So., 5-11, 150, R/R); RHP/INF Zack James (Fr., 5-10, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: After the best season in school history which included a trip to the state semifinals, Apalachee looks to build from that run. The Wildcats welcome back a wealth of talent including all-state catcher Traver Park and standout pitcher Judah Powell. Some underclassmen will also compete for playing time.



Zack Bowman
Apalachee



Colin Hedges
Apalachee



GAINESVILLE RED ELEPHANTS

Head Coach: Adam Miller

Survey not returned

GHSA Class 6A



HABERSHAM CENTRAL RAIDERS

Head Coach: Chris Akridge

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

2022 Record: 9-21

Returning Starters: INF Cooper Shirley (Sr., R/R); INF Mason Dawe (Sr., R/R); C Blandon Grizzle (Sr., R/R); LHP/DH Hunter Tatum (Sr., L/L); RHP/1B Konner Burrell (Jr., R/R); INF Cody Thomas (Sr., R/R); OF Kaleb Chastain (Jr., R/R); INF Hayden Gailey (Jr.)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Alex Nava (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Logan Kay (Sr., R/R); OF Slade Dover (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Canon Wilbanks (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Kaydon Bass (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP Kade Nicholson (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP/OF Maverick Chitwood (Fr., L/L)

Season Outlook: Habersham Central looks to get things turned around after winning just nine games in 2022. The Raiders have the talent to do that. Eight starters are back. All-region selections Hunter Tatum and Kaleb Chastain return to lead the team.



JACKSON COUNTY PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): Matt Bolt

Assistant Coach (s): Kegan Bailey, Chad Brannon, Brent Gilstrap, Joseph Laird, Jarrett MacKinnon

2022 Record: 12-15

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Bryson Evans (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); LHP Hayden Gregory (Sr., 6-4, 175, L/L); RHP/OF Drew Mathews (Sr., 6-0, 175, L/R); INF Spencer Muffuletto (Sr., 5-7, 145, R/R); RHP/INF Luke Pruitt (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); RHP/C/INF Weston Skinner (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Ben Strickland (Sr., 6-3, 205, R/R); RHP Jack Venable (Sr., 6-2, 205, R/R); INF/DH Nick Austin (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R); INF Sam Bradley (Jr., 6-4, 215, L/R); C/INF Karson Wheeler (Jr., 6-3, 180, R/R); RHP/OF Colin Price (So., 6-0, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Michael Harrison (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Drew Nash (Sr., 5-10, 175, L/L); OF Sam Rountree (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF Matthew Whaley (Sr., 5-8, 165, R/R); INF Ryker Brownfield (Jr., 5-8, 155, R/R); C/INF Cooper Green (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF Jake Pepper (Jr., 5-8, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/OF Brice Branton (Jr., 6-2, 185, R/R); LHP Joe Chapman (Jr., 6-2, 170, L/L); OF Bo Souto (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); RHP/INF Reese Wolczek (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); RHP/OF Dylan Grimes (So., 6-0, 170, R/R)

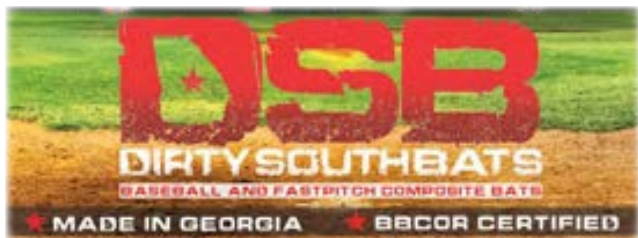
Season Outlook: The Panthers turned the corner last year in Class 5A and look to continue that positive momentum in Class 6A this spring. A wealth of talent returns, including Kentucky commit Sam Bradley and infielder Spencer Muffuletto. Pitcher Jack Venable returns to lead a solid pitching rotation.



Nick Austin
Jackson County



Hayden Gregory
Jackson County



LANIER LONGHORNS

Head Coach (s): Colby May

Assistant Coach (s): Christopher Hawkins, Jojo Cruz, Trevor Juneau, Carson Alday, Jeremy Matthews

2022 Record: 16-14

Returning Starters: LHP/1B Caleb Fones (Sr., L/L); CF Chase Jameson (Jr., R/L); 2B Jordan Wilson (Sr., R/R); SS Adrian Jimenez (Jr., R/R); OF Alex Martinez (Sr., R/R); 3B Braden Richards (Jr., B/R); LHP Barrett Blackwell (Sr., L/L); RHP Jared Huse (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: U Johnathan Salazar (Jr., R/R); RHP/U Caleb Napier (Jr., R/R); RHP Clayton McKinney (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Longhorns will be back in the postseason chase as eight returning starters are back. Pitcher/shortstop Caleb Fones and shortstop Adrian Jimenez are back after strong seasons in 2022. Pitching depth is a concern, but Lanier's rotation should be solid.



NORTH FORSYTH RAIDERS

Head Coach (s): Jim Cahill

Assistant Coach (s): Chris Brown, Hayden Martin, Jacob Bollinger, Matt Howell, David McDaniel

2022 Record: 21-12

Returning Starters: INF Jake Prince (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); C Logan Curry (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF/1B/RHP Brady Holbrook (So., 6-0, 175, R/R); LHP Andrew Elkhill (Sr., 6-2, 200, R/L); RHP Cason Engert (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R); INF Colin Seabold (Sr., 6-0, 165, L/R); 1B Austin McCabe (Jr., 6-4, 190, R/R); RHP Kyle Roper (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Parker Adams (Sr., 6-5, 185, R/R); INF/RHP Kyle Duckwall (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); C Billy Mason (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP Drew Bentley (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF Gavin Busse (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); INF Gabe Cuellar (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Luke Mercado (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Raiders should once again contend for the playoffs as eight starters are back, including right-handed pitcher Cason Engert and left-hander Andrew Elkhill. If North Forsyth can perform consistently on offense, they could approach last year's success. Infielder Jake Prince returns to give the offense a boost.



SHILOH GENERALS

Head Coach (s): Reggie Ingram

Assistant Coach (s): Chris Polk, Mathew Nesbit, Myles Smith

2022 Record: 8-16

Returning Starters: RHP Nick Spry (Sr., R/R); INF/OF Malcolm Robinson (Sr., R/R); C/RHP/INF Anthony Vu (Jr., R/R); OF/LHP David Johnson (Sr., L/L); OF/RHP Anthonie Stroman (Sr., R/R); INF Uriel Fagoth (Sr., R/R); SS/RHP Nick Johnson (So., R/R); OF/INF Traden Davis (Jr., R/R); INF/C Gavin Anderson (So., R/R); C Jaden Mercedes (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: Alexis Leal Contreras

Season Outlook: A solid nucleus of returning players should help Shiloh improve upon last season's finish. The Generals welcome back 10 starters, including right-handed pitcher Nick Spry. Shiloh will also look for some younger players to contribute.

GHSA Class 5A

REGION 1-5A

Region Favorite: Coffee

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

RHP/INF – Mark Abell, Sr., Greenbrier; **RHP/C/1B** – Payton Bryant, Jr., Coffee; **OF** – Jamie Daly, Jr., Greenbrier; **INF/RHP** – Landon Dean, Sr., Ware County; **INF/RHP** – Nigel Green, Sr., Bradwell Institute; **LHP/OF/1B** – Dylan Gronefeld, Sr., Statesboro; **INF/RHP** – Caden Henderson, Sr., Ware County; **SS/RHP** – Zaer Hernandez, Jr., Jenkins; **OF** – Jhordan Holmes, Sr., Jenkins; **2B** – Cannon Jones, Jr., Coffee; **INF** – Hunter Knutson, Sr., Greenbrier; **CF/LHP** – Zaelyn Smith, Jr., Coffee; **DH/INF** – Lane Steedley, Sr., Ware County; **RHP/3B/1B** – Michael Strickland, So., Coffee; **OF/C/RHP** – Landon Yates, Sr., Statesboro; **1B/3B** – Drew Yawn, Sr., Statesboro



BRADWELL INSTITUTE TIGERS

Head Coach (s): David Wasdin
Survey not returned



COFFEE TROJANS

Head Coach (s): Sy Jones
Assistant Coach(s): Luke Sims, Luis Lugo, Sam Hoff, Jacob Courson

2022 Record: 21-11

Returning Starters: 2B Cannon Jones (Jr., B/R); RHP/C/1B Payton Bryant (Jr., R/R); OF/LHP Zaelyn Smith (Jr., L/L); OF/RHP Ben Roberts (Jr., R/R); RHP/3B/1B Michael Strickland (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Braydon Musgrove (Jr., R/R); OF Brax Carson (So., R/R); C/RHP Charles Byrd (Jr., R/R); 3B/RHP Connor Stewart (So., R/R); RHP Austin Strickland (Sr., L/R); 3B Will Pack (Sr., R/R); C Lawton Hood (Sr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: SS Ben Fussell (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: After winning 21 games last year, look for the Trojans to be rebuilding somewhat after losing a strong senior class to graduation. There is plenty of talent returning, but the group will need some time to mature. The offense will be led by returning all-state second baseman Cannon Jones.



Ben Roberts
Coffee



Zaelyn Smith
Coffee



Connor Stewart
Coffee



Michael Strickland
Coffee



GREENBRIER WOLFPACK

Head Coach (s): David Barnes

Assistant Coach(s): Alex Sickman, Jason Osborn, Aaron McCorkle, Garth Thomas

2022 Record: 23-11

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Mark Abell (Sr., 5-10, 180, L/R); INF Gage Kirkland (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); INF Hunter Knutson (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF Jamie Daly (Jr., 6-0, 180, L/R); OF Kyle Puffer (Sr., 5-8, 170, L/L)

Other Returning Players: OF Gauge Toole (Sr., 5-10, 170,

R/R); LHP Griffin Stewart (Sr., 6-2, 180, L/L); RHP/INF Luke Rosier (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); LHP/INF Logan Brogdon (Jr., 5-10, 175, L/L)

Top Newcomers: C Taylor Maciaszek (So., 5-9, 180, R/R); RHP/OF Bryson Bell (So., 6-2, 180, R/R); OF Mitchell Garnto (So., 6-1, 185, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wolfpack have some key positions to fill, but look for Greenbrier to challenge for a playoff berth this spring. Pitcher/infielder Mark Abell returns as well as shortstop Hunter Knutson and outfielder Jamie Daly. Greenbrier will be looking for some younger players to step forward.



Gage Kirkland
Greenbrier



Hunter Knutson
Greenbrier



JENKINS WARRIORS

Head Coach (s): Seth Gaspin

Assistant Coach(s): Billy McAdams

2022 Record: 4-15

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Zaer Hernandez (Jr., 5-8, 155, R/R); INF/RHP Kaleb Baker (Jr., 5-7, 140, R/R); OF Jhordan Holmes (Sr., 5-7, 150, L/L); OF Trenton Rhodes (So., 5-7, 145, R/R); LHP/OF Connor Bote (So., 5-10, 150, L/L); RHP/1B Shane Dyal (Sr., 6-0, 225, R/R)

Top Newcomers: P/3B Charlie Stuart (Fr.); INF Jacob Pitcher (Fr.)

Season Outlook: Jenkins welcomes back six returning starters as the Warriors look to improve upon last season's finish. All-region selections Zaer Hernandez and Jhordan Holmes return to give Jenkins a pair of solid leaders to build around.



STATESBORO BLUE DEVILS

Head Coach (s): Chris Bishop

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

2022 Record: 15-14

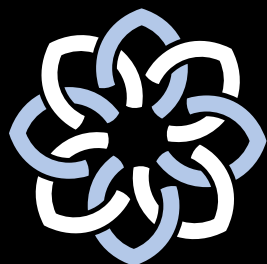
Returning Starters: 1B/3B Drew Yawn (Sr., 6-3, 260, L/R); LHP/OF/1B Dylan Gronefeld (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/L); OF Denim Mincey (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF/C/RHP Landon Yates (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Brian Deal (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); U Avery Newton (Sr., 5-9, 150, B/R); 1B/LHP Mathis Lanier (Jr., 5-10, 240, R/L)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Ethan Hiers (Sr.,



Drew Yawn
Statesboro

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6-1, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Logan Wallace (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF/LHP Aiden Lewis (Jr., 5-10, 165, L/L); INF/RHP Aubrey Smith (So., 5-9, 150, R/R); INF/RHP Nathan Newkirk (So., 5-9, 155, R/R); OF/RHP Landon Johnson (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Bruce Yawn (So., 6-1, 195, R/R); C/RHP Brittan Baggarly (So., 5-11, 210, R/R); 3B/RHP TJ Durden (So., 6-2, 220, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Blue Devils welcome back one of their top pitchers in left-hander Dylan Gronefeld (5-1, 1.13 ERA) and one of their top hitters in first baseman Drew Yawn (.389 avg., 25 RBIs). The pair are two of the team's seven returning starters. The senior class is solid and a strong corps of underclassmen should help the Blue Devils contend for the postseason.



WARE COUNTY GATORS

Head Coach (s): Jamie Ammons

Assistant Coach(s): Evan Durden, Jay Barefield, Taylor Meadows, Chris Musgrove

2022 Record: 21-9

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Landon Dean (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Caden Henderson (Sr., R/R); OF Alex Justice (Sr., R/R); DH/INF Lane Steedley (Sr., L/L); OF/RHP Bryce Dixon (So., R/R)



Bryce Dixon
Ware County



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Ware County



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Other Returning Players: INF Ben Bruner (Sr., R/R); INF Zack Watson (Sr., L/L); INF Easton Weathersby (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Noah Bunch (Jr., R/R); U Teagan Harris (Jr., R/R); OF Tyson Justice (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP Cole Cox (So., R/R); INF/RHP Luke Hooks (So., L/R); INF/RHP Evan Joiner (So., R/R); C/RHP Evan Pearson (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: Graduation took a bite out of the Gators' roster, but there is talent for Ware County to make another strong run. Five starters are back, including all-state performers Landon Dean and Caden Henderson. Ware County will be looking for some younger players to step forward and contribute.



Lane Steedley
Ware County

Leonard and catcher Tre Callaway. Keep a watch on a solid group of underclassmen.



EAGLES LANDING EAGLES

Head Coach: Fontayne Washington (new)

Assistant Coach(s): TBA

2022 Record: 2-23

Returning Starters: OF/2B/RHP Wendell Jones (Sr., 5-10, 165, L/R); SS/OF/RHP Joshua Wimbley (So., 5-6, 135, R/R); 3B/OF/RHP Granison Prentice IV (So., 6-0, 155, R/R); RHP/OF/1B Breytan Dewberry (So., 6-0, 175, R/R); C/3B/1B Brennen Garner (So., 5-10, 200, R/R); INF/RHP/OF Jeremiah Coley (Jr., 5-5, 120, R/R); OF/RHP/SS Clifford Wysinger (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/RHP/2B Charles Gaut (Jr., 5-11, 130, R/R); C/RHP Jordan Scott (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP/1B Caden Abrams (Fr., 6-0, 160, L/L); INF/RHP Kyric Drummond (So., 5-9, 145, R/R); INF/RHP/OF Daryl Norwood (Fr., 5-5, 135, R/R)

Season Outlook: New coach Fontayne Washington looks to help Eagles Landing turn things around after a disappointing finish last year. The Eagles have a good mixture of talent to be able to do that. The Eagles will be young, but keep an eye on some solid underclassmen.

REGION 2-5A

Region Favorite: Locust Grove

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

C – Tre Callaway, Jr., Dutchtown; **OF** – Isiah Canion, Jr., Warner Robins; **SS/RHP** – Connor Crisp, Sr., Locust Grove; **LHP/OF** – Brody Gordon, Sr., Jones County; **2B/RHP** – Bryce Herring, Jr., Dutchtown; **C/3B** – Kai Huber, Jr., Union Grove; **INF/OF** – Kendric Jernigan, Sr., Warner Robins; **OF/2B/RHP** – Wendell Jones, Sr., Eagles Landing; **SS/3B/RHP** – Landon Leonard, Sr., Dutchtown; **C** – James McGee, Jr., Ola; **1B** – Lathan McLaughlin, Sr., Ola; **DH/1B/RHP** – Peyton Morefield, Sr., Ola; **INF** – Al Nsah, Sr., Union Grove; **SS** – Hunter Robinson, Sr., Ola; **RHP** – Will Smith, Sr., Ola; **LHP** – Hudson Spear, Sr., Locust Grove; **OF/INF/RHP** – Jalin Spicer, Sr., Locust Grove; **LHP/1B** – Gavin Webster, Jr., Union Grove; **SS/OF/RHP** – Joshua Wimbley, So., Eagles Landing; **OF** – Bruce Wyche, Jr., Union Grove

DUTCHTOWN BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Brandon Carter

Assistant Coach(s): Jonathan Ross, Clarence Callaway, James Jackson

2022 Record: 14-14

Returning Starters: SS/3B/RHP Landon Leonard (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); C Tre Callaway (Jr., 6-0, 210, B/R); 2B/RHP Bryce Herring (Jr., 5-2, 110, R/R); 1B/RHP O'Rion Merritt (Jr., 5-11, 265, L/R); LHP/OF Carter McKenzie (Jr., 5-11, 170, L/L)

Other Returning Players: 3B/RHP Cameron Blasingame (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/R); OF/LHP Xavion Gaither (Sr., 6-1, 190, L/L); OF/RHP Trey Webb (So., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Donte Curry (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/3B Logan Leonard (So., 5-10, 165, R/R); LHP Ayden Bohannon (So., 6-0, 170, L/L); SS/2B Devin Kendall (Fr., 5-11, 150, R/R); U Michael Johnson (Fr., 6-1, 170, R/R); RHP/3B Taver Harden (Fr., 6-2, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Bulldogs lost a good bit to graduation, but there is talent to contend for a postseason berth. Five starters are back, including two of the region's more-exciting players in infielder/pitcher Landon



JONES COUNTY GREYHOUNDS

Head Coach: Michael Paulk (new)

Assistant Coach(s): Jay Jones, Ty Gordon, Jacob Walden

2022 Record: 18-9

Returning Starters: LHP/OF Brody Gordon (Sr., 5-11, 165, L/L); LHP/OF Bo Mansfield (Sr., 6-1, 170, L/L); RHP/1B Dawson Harris (Sr., 6-1, 185, L/R); INF Tucker Maddox (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF Marlin Mills (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: Former assistant Michael Paulk takes over and inherits five returning starters. All-region pitcher Brody Gordon is back to lead the Greyhounds, Left-hander Bo Mansfield and right-hander Dawson Harris return to form a strong rotation. Jones County will also be looking for some solid underclassmen to help out.



LOCUST GROVE WILDCATS

Head Coach: Chad Crawford

Assistant Coach(s): Chris Huffman, Dalton Kuhn, Casey Wrye, Raul Delgado

2022 Record: 20-12

Returning Starters: RHP/SS Connor Crisp (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); RHP Andrew Cedano (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); LHP Hudson Spear (Sr., 6-1, 190, L/L); OF/INF/RHP Jalin Spicer (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Bransen Powell (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); 3B/DH Keshawn Wright (Sr., 6-0, 215, L/R); C/RHP Connor Merritt (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); 3B/1B Ashton Essex (Sr., 5-11, 205, R/R); OF/INF Landen



Andrew Cedano
Locust Grove

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Wrye (Sr., 6-0, 165, L/R); OF/LHP Jackson Ginther (Jr., 5-9, 180, B/L)

Other Returning Players:

3B Maddox Turner (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); OF Canton Hinson (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); RHP Riley Wilson (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); OF Landen Baird (Jr., 5-10, 170, L/R)

Top Newcomers:

INF/OF Melvin Blocker (Jr., 5-9, 175, B/R); 1B/LHP Brayden Lawrence (Jr., 6-5, 215, L/L)

Season Outlook: This could potentially be Locust Grove's best team since they won the state championship in 2016. A wealth of talent returns, including top pitchers Connor Crisp, Andrew Cedano, Jalin Spicer and Hudson Spear. If the offense performs consistently, the Wildcats will go a long way.



Jackson Ginther
Locust Grove



Bransen Powell
Locust Grove

UNION GROVE WOLVERINES

Head Coach (s): Allen Franklin

Assistant Coach (s): Mark Mortimer, Zane Hoover, Austin Hyde, Tres Moore
2022 Record: 14-10-1

Returning Starters: C/3B Kai Huber (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); LHP/1B Gavin Webster (Jr., 6-1, 175, L/L); INF Al Nsah (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); INF/RHP KJ Clarington (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF Bruce Wyche (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Logan Mortimer (So., R/R); OF/RHP Brandon Cook (Sr., R/R); 1B/OF/RHP Canyon Taylor (Sr., R/R); OF/2B Roman Brown (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Royalton Davis (Sr., R/R); C/3B/OF Mason Hammond (Jr., R/R); OF TJ Jones (So., B/R)

Season Outlook: The Wolverines have some key positions to fill this spring. The team may be young, but Union Grove welcomes back a lot of young talent. Pitcher/first baseman Gavin Webster returns after a strong sophomore season last year. Catcher Kai Huber and infielder Al Nsah also return.

OLA MUSTANGS

Head Coach (s): Kyle McCreary

Assistant Coach (s): Austin Smith, Jason Grammer, Chad Sanders, Coston Anderson, David Carter, Jason Borcharding, Will Smith

2022 Record: 23-8

Returning Starters: C James McGee (Jr., 5-11, 200, R/R); SS Hunter Robinson (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP Will Smith (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); 1B Lathan McLaughlin (Sr., 5-11, 220, L/L); OF AJ Posada (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); DH/1B/RHP Peyton Morefield (Sr., 6-4, 240, R/R); OF Gage Walters (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players:

RHP Will O'Quinn (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP Will Wesley (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); LHP Gavin Curtis (Sr., 6-1, 160, L/L); 3B Thomas Bennett (Sr., 5-8, 195, R/R); OF Traeton McLaughlin (So., 5-9, 160, L/L); SS/2B Maclin Sanders (So., 6-0, 165, R/R); OF Aiden Harris (So., 5-11, 165, L/L); RHP Baylen Gilmore (Jr., 6-5, 180, R/R); RHP Braden Pourron (So., 6-1, 185, R/R)

Season Outlook:

The Mustangs return a wealth of talent and will factor into the thick of the Region 2-5A chase. Offensive leaders James McGee, Peyton Morefield (.357 avg.), shortstop Hunter Robinson (.360 avg., 18 RBIs) and Lathan McLaughlin (.339, 26 RBIs) return. Will Smith is back to lead a solid pitching staff.



Lathan McLaughlin
Ola



Peyton Morefield
Ola



William O'Quinn
Ola



Hunter Robinson
Ola



Will Smith
Ola

WARNER ROBINS DEMONS

Head Coach (s): Jeremy Avery

Survey not returned

REGION 3-5A

Region Favorite: Harris County

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

RHP/3B/INF – Chase Arrington, Sr., Northgate; **SS** – Sam Brown, So., Harris County; **C/OF** – Bradford Bush, Sr., Northside-Columbus; **U** – Josh Dalton, Jr., Northgate; **C** – Julian Hall, So., Drew; **OF** – Tyler Kennedy, Sr., Harris County; **RHP/INF** – Gabby King, Sr., Northside-Columbus; **INF** – Trey King, Sr., McIntosh; **OF** – Luke LaFortune, Sr., Harris County; **C/RHP** – Colton Masse, Sr., Northside-Columbus; **2B** – Canyon Meeks, Sr., Harris County; **INF** – Luke Meszar, Sr., McIntosh; **INF** – Connor Michel, Sr., Northside-Columbus; **C/RHP/INF** – Tate Morris, Sr., McIntosh; **RHP** – John Peters, Jr., McIntosh; **CF** – Cam Prather, Jr., Drew; **RHP** – Cayden Slocumb, Sr., Northside-Columbus; **1B/RHP** – Connor Soper, Jr., McIntosh; **INF/OF/RHP** – Ben Traxler, Sr., Northgate; **OF** – Logan Willis, Sr., Harris County

DREW TITANS

Head Coach: Nick Collins (new)

Assistant Coach(s): Jamari Stewart, Antonio Malone

2022 Record: 3-19

Returning Starters: OF Cam Prather (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R); C Malik Allen (Jr., 5-8,

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160, R/R); OF Savon Gatlin (Jr., 5-10, 200, R/R); 2B Al'jajuan Gatlin (So., 5-9, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: SS Maurice Glenn (So., 5-8, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C Julian Hall (So., 6-2, 190, R/R); RHP Michael Clawson (So., 6-0, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: New coach Nick Collins takes over a Drew program that struggled last season. The Titans look to turn things around this spring. Four starters are back including outfielder Cam Prather.

HARRIS COUNTY TIGERS

Head Coach (s): Steve Westmoreland

Assistant Coach (s): Tracy Powell, Sammie Mathis, Greg Stotser, Chad Pigg, Ryan Daniel, Don Bice, Shawn Fridley, Hunter Hartshorne

2022 Record: 22-11

Returning Starters: 2B Canyon Meeks (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); SS Sam Brown (So., 5-10, 185, L/R); C Joey Walter (Sr., 5-10, 195, R/R); OF Luke LaFortune (Sr., 5-10, 165, L/R); OF Logan Willis (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/L); OF Tyler Kennedy (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP Tony Fuerte (Sr., 6-0, 220, R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP Ethan Moss (Sr.); INF Dylan Pressley (Sr.); C Jake Byers (Sr.); RHP Andrew Malstaff (Jr.)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Brennon Horton (Jr.); RHP Fisher Cantrell (Jr.); INF/RHP Parker Clark (Jr.); U Carson Ward (Jr.); RHP Cole McLemore (Jr.)

Season Outlook: Harris County could be the team to beat in Region 3-5A

this spring. The Tigers welcome back seven returning starters, including one of the best middle infield combos in the region in second baseman Canyon Meeks and shortstop Sam Brown. Pitching depth is a concern, but right-hander Tony Fuerte (5-1, 2.38 ERA) is back to lead the pitching staff.

McINTOSH CHIEFS

Head Coach (s): Tom Kelley

Assistant Coach (s): Tom Rosa, Nate Mothershed, Avery Roth, Dallas Reagan, Tyler Routon, Keith Roberts, Nick Bellantoni

2022 Record: 17-15

Returning Starters: INF Trey King (Sr., 6-1, 180, L/R); INF Luke Meszar (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); C/RHP/INF Tate Morris (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); 1B/RHP Connor Soper (Jr., 6-2, 185, R/R); RHP Braden Roop (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP John Peters (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 3B Gehrig Rogers (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP Alex White (So., 5-8, 150, L/L); RHP/INF Elliot Sturbaum (So., 6-0, 160, R/R); OF Reece Pafford (Jr., 6-1, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: McIntosh welcomes back an excellent group of returning players. The Chiefs will be expected to challenge for the region crown. Infielder Trey King, catcher/pitcher/infielder Tate Morris and first-baseman/pitcher Connor Soper return, while junior right-hander Braden Roop returns to lead the pitching staff.



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NORTHGATE VIKINGS

Head Coach (s): Todd Herrington
Survey not returned



NORTHSIDE-COLUMBUS PATRIOTS

Head Coach (s): Steve Sparks (new)
Assistant Coach (s): David Buchanan, Taylor Harper, Pat McGregor, Chad Bray
2022 Record: 13-17
Returning Starters: C/OF Bradford Bush (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); C/RHP Colton Masse (Sr., 6-2, 170, L/R); INF Connor Michel (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/INF Ryan Grantham (Sr., 6-1, 195, R/R); RHP/INF Gabby King (Sr., 5-11, 210, R/R); INF Walker Elrod (Jr., 5-11, 185, R/R); RHP Cayden Slocumb (Sr., 6-2, 185, L/R); RHP Andrew Trawick (Sr., 6-6, 220, R/R)
Other Returning Players: OF Jaylen Fairris (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF Spencer Schorr (Sr., 5-8, 165, R/R); C/OF Reese Adams (So., 5-7, 135, R/R); INF Javion Windham (So., 5-9, 150, R/R)
Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Bryce Richey (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R)
Season Outlook: Former assistant Steve Sparks takes over and inherits eight returners as the Patriots look to put the 2022 season behind them. Standout pitcher Colton Masse returns to anchor a solid corps of pitchers, while infielder Connor Michel and catcher Bradford Bush are back to lead the offense.



CHAMBLEE BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Brian Ely
Assistant Coach(s): Mike Padgett, Jonathan Rosen, Alan Loper, Jack Phelps
2022 Record: 15-14
Returning Starters: 1B/OF/LHP David Welsh (Sr., 6-0, 170, L/L); RHP/SS Noah Harkins (Sr., 5-8, 140, R/R); 2B Demery White (Sr., 6-1, 160, R/R); C Bobby Rivers (Sr., 5-8, 155, R/R); 3B Luke Rohrer (Sr., 5-10, 155, R/R); SS/OF Fabian Walker (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Zavier Tsai (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R)
Other Returning Players: RHP Jake Potthoff (Sr., 6-2, 145, R/R); OF/LHP Sean O'Brien (Sr., 5-7, 160, L/L); OF/RHP Cian Khajavi (Jr., 6-1, 205, R/R); 2B/SS/C Joey David (So., 5-8, 150, R/R); P Jack Brobst (Sr.)
Top Newcomers: LHP/OF James Morton (So., 6-2, 175, L/L); C/3B Ari Meyer (So., 5-7, 155, L/R); OF/RHP Sammy Heetderks (So., 5-11, 160, R/R)
Season Outlook: The Bulldogs return a veteran team and will be in the playoff hunt this spring. Versatile David Welsh (.382 avg., 22 RBIs) and pitcher Noah Harkins (4-4, 2.63 ERA) are two of Chamblee's seven returning starters. A solid group of sophomores will also help out.



CROSS KEYS INDIANS

Head Coach: Marion Hill
Survey not returned



DECATUR BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Vic Radcliff (new)
Assistant Coach(s): Trumon Jefferson, Andre Mastrogiacomio
2022 Record: 26-12
Returning Starters: INF/RHP Noah McMahon (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R); U Chandler Jones (So., 6-1, 185, R/R); INF Will Harrison (Sr., 6-0, 160, L/R); C/1B Griffin Knabe (Sr., 6-1, 210, R/R); OF/RHP Keenan Nelms (Sr., 6-1, 160, R/R)
Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Brandon Stephens (Sr., 6-3, 165, R/R); INF Camden Laney (Sr., 6-3, 170, L/R); OF/RHP Creighton Dunbar (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); LHP/1B Jackson Cheek (Sr., 6-1, 160, L/L); OF Jason Jones (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Layton Dickson (Sr., 6-0, 150, R/R); 2B Mekhi Smith (Jr., 5-8, 140, R/R); 3B/RHP Nate Malkin (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP/1B Paul Gaeta (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF Santos Miranda (Sr., 5-8, 190, R/R); OF Will Adkins (Sr., 6-0, 155, L/R); OF/RHP Isaiah Guthrie (Jr., 6-2, 185, R/R)
Top Newcomers: 1B/3B Tristan Strickland (Sr., 6-3, 210, R/R)
Season Outlook: First-year coach Vic Radcliff takes over a Decatur program that was supposed to be rebuilding in 2022 but managed to make the state semifinals. A good bit of that talent is back, including versatile Chandler Jones and pitcher Noah McMahon. Catcher/first-baseman Griffin Knabe and infielder Will Harrison also return.



Tristan Strickland
Decatur

REGION 4-5A

Region Favorite: Decatur

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

RHP/SS -- Noah Harkins, Sr., Chamblee; **INF** -- Will Harrison, Sr., Decatur;
U -- Chandler Jones, So., Decatur; **C/1B** -- Griffin Knabe, Sr., Decatur; **INF/RHP** -- Noah McMahon, Sr., Decatur; **RHP** -- Jake Potthoff, Sr., Chamblee;
3B/OF/RHP -- Aidan Turner, Sr., Tucker; **1B/OF/LHP** -- David Welsh, Sr., Chamblee



ARABIA MOUNTAIN RAMS

Head Coach: Eric Hoxie
Survey not returned



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LITHONIA BULLDOGS

Head Coach: TBA
Survey not returned

MLK LIONS

Head Coach: TBA
Survey not returned

TUCKER TIGERS

Head Coach: Bobby Link
Survey not returned

REGION 5-5A

Region Favorite: Chapel Hill

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

C – Will Barbary, Jr., Chapel Hill; **OF/LHP** -- Jeremiah Brown, So., Banneker; **SS/C** – Demarco Brownlee, Sr., Lithia Springs; **SS/RHP** – Kanious Davis, Jr., Maynard Jackson; **SS/RHP** -- Joseph Dawson, Jr., Banneker; **2B** – Jack DeFoor, Jr., Maynard Jackson; **INF/C** – Taylor Goldstein, So., Midtown; **3B/RHP** – Jesse Hart, Jr., Maynard Jackson; **C/3B** – Layton Hyneman, Jr., Villa Rica; **2B/DH/RHP** – Jabari Johnson, Sr., Chapel Hill; **SS/RHP** – Braden Jones, Sr., Villa Rica; **1B/3B** – Zach Kelly, Sr., Maynard Jackson; **RHP/INF** – Daniel McIntosh, Jr., Chapel Hill; **C** -- Taquan Ruff, Jr., Banneker; **INF/RHP** – Christian Timmons, Jr., Midtown; **OF/LHP** – Jefferson Twombly, Sr., Midtown; **SS/3B/RHP** – Mason Westmoreland, Jr., Villa Rica; **INF/OF** -- Jaylen Woods, Sr., Mays; **SS/RHP** – Ryan Wynn, Sr., Chapel Hill

BANNEKER TROJANS

Head Coach: Eddie Smith
Assistant Coach(s): Eric Fleming, Jerald Burkes, Eddie Rush
2022 Record: 5-14-1

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Joseph Dawson (Jr., 6-1, 160, R/R); C Taquan Ruff (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF/LHP Jeremiah Brown (So., 6-0, 130, L/L); 2B Patrick Gillispie (Sr., 5-8, 150, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Ebenezer Onile (Sr., 5-9, 130, R/L); INF Jhalani Nguyen (Jr., 6-0, 140, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Trojans will be a very young team in 2023. Banneker welcomes back four returning starters. Second-baseman Patrick Gillespie is

one of the team's few seniors, but keep an eye on infielder/pitcher Joseph Dawson, catcher Taquan Ruff and outfielder/pitcher Jeremiah Brown who showed promise last year.

CHAPEL HILL PANTHERS

Head Coach: TJ Watson
Assistant Coach(s): Daniel Willis, Shane Boston, Cameron Holmes
2022 Record: 17-12

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Ryan Wynn (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); 2B/DH/RHP Jabari Johnson (Sr., 5-8, 170, R/R); 2B Jaylen Bryan (Sr., 5-8, 170, R/R); C Will Barbary (Jr., 5-11, 165, L/R); RHP/U Caiden Stewart (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R); OF Greg Wardlaw (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); RHP/INF Daniel McIntosh (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); OF George Sabb (So., 6-1, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Reggie Garmon (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); INF Dominick Barnes (Sr., 5-11, 190, R/R); RHP/OF Jayden Lawrence (So., 6-1, 175, R/R); C/RHP Mykah Pelzer (So., 5-9, 185, R/R); INF/RHP Phillip Ackerman (So., 5-8, 155, R/R); INF Kasaan Willis (So., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Jaylon Allen (Fr., 5-6, 155, R/R); OF/RHP Leon Alford (Fr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Panthers should pick up from where they left off last year. Eight starters are back, including standout shortstop Ryan Wynn (.443 avg., 5 HR) and catcher Will Barbary. If the pitching rotation performs consistently, Chapel Hill could be the team to beat in region play.

CREEKSIDE SEMINOLES

Head Coach (s): Martin Seay
Survey not returned

JACKSON (MAYNARD) JAGUARS

Head Coach (s): Desmond Stegall
Assistant Coach (s): Karel Butler, Caleb Vega, Ron Killingsworth
2022 Record: 19-13

Returning Starters: 1B/3B Zach Kelly (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF Jay Wilcox (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); 2B Jack DeFoor (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R); SS/RHP Kanious Davis (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); 3B/RHP Jesse Hart (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Kaleb Bodman (Sr., 6-3, 165, R/R); OF Dakota Frady (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); 1B/RHP Marcus Blash (So., 5-8, 190, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Charles Schrope (Fr., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF Devin Jackson (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: Look for the Jaguars to be back in the postseason chase this spring. Maynard Jackson welcomes back five returning starters and a solid group of underclassmen. One of the returners is infielder Zach Kelly. Senior outfielder Jay Wilcox also returns.

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LITHIA SPRINGS LIONS

Head Coach: Reginald Austin
Assistant Coach(s): Frank Rivers
2022 Record: 3-16

Returning Starters: SS/C Demarco Brownlee (Sr., 6-2, 225, R/R); OF Shannon Harris (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R); 1B/OF Kamron Jones (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); INF/OF Omarion Jackson (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R); OF Charles Walden (Jr., 6-2, 215, R/R)

Season Outlook: Look for coach Reginald Austin's second season at Lithia Springs to be much better. The Lions welcome back five returning starters. One of those is all-region shortstop/catcher Demarco Brownlee. Lithia Springs will need some younger players to step forward and contribute.



MAYS RAIDERS

Head Coach: Jason Anderson
Assistant Coach(s): Michael Jennings, Jasen Williams
2022 Record: 9-13-1

Returning Starters: INF/OF Jaylen Woods (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); CF/LHP Anthony Bivins (Sr., 5-10, 160, L/L); U/RHP Loden Habersham (So., 5-8, 160, R/R); 1B/RHP Quitavious Johnson (Jr., 6-4, 240, R/R); OF Ronald Tucker (So., 5-5, 125, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/RHP Jacob Jordan (Jr., 5-11, 220, R/R); OF LaMarqious Sandifer (So., 6-0, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C Malachi Youngblood (Fr., 5-7, 130, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Raiders lost seven seniors and top player Termarr Johnson to graduation, but Mays looks to be in postseason contention. Five starters are back, including offensive leaders Jaylen Woods and Anthony Bivins. Mays will be looking for some underclassmen to help out.



MIDTOWN KNIGHTS

Head Coach: Jordan Tarver
Assistant Coach(s): Ryan Knox
2022 Record: 9-17

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Zach Posel (Sr., R/R); OF/LHP Jefferson Twombly (Sr., L/L); INF/C/RHP Sam McFarland (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Spencer Lieberman (Sr., R/R); INF/C Taylor Goldstein (So., R/R); INF/RHP Christian Timmons (Jr., R/R); OF Harrison Briggs (Sr., R/R); OF Meyer Mackler (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/C/OF Ethan Polk (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Daniel Coan (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP Quinn Fishcel (Jr., R/R); OF Nikolas Constantinides (Sr., R/R); RHP/OF Atticus Gibbs (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: A good nucleus of returning talent is back for the Knights as coach Jordan Tarver begins his second season. Eight starters are back, including senior Jefferson Twombly. The bulk of the team are underclassmen. Keep an eye on Christian Timmons and Taylor Goldstein who were promising last year.



TRI-CITIES BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Terrow Davis
Survey not returned



VILLA RICA WILDCATS

Head Coach (s): Wade Bailey (new)
Assistant Coach (s): Mike Best, Kyle Gamble, Bryson Smith, Josh Morris
2022 Record: 9-12

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Braden Jones (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); C/3B Layton Hyneman (Jr., 5-9, 175, R/R); SS/3B/RHP Mason Westmoreland (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); 1B Zach Pharr (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); LF Brady Perry (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); CF Dorian Jordan (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); 2B Wesley Gaines (Sr., 5-7, 150, L/R); C/RHP Matthew Green (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Will Brookshire (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R); OF James Hutter (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); LHP Colin Wilson (Jr., 5-9, 150, L/L); 3B Drew Croker (Sr., 5-7, 140, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/LHP Corey Hutter (Fr., 5-10, 155, L/L); OF/1B Jasper Best (Fr., 6-0, 165, R/R); 2B/SS Henry Brookshire (Fr., 5-7, 140, R/R)

Season Outlook: New coach Wade Bailey takes over and should help guide the Wildcats to a much better season in 2023. Offensive leader Braden Jones (.395 avg.) returns, but keep an eye on a pair of promising juniors in Layton Hyneman and Mason Westmoreland.

REGION 6-5A

Region Favorite: Cambridge

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

3B – Trey Becton, Sr., Chattahoochee; **C/1B** – Matthew Cannon, Sr., Centennial; **1B/C/RHP** – Lucas Cardona, Sr., Northview; **INF/RHP** – Conrad Cason, Jr., Greater Atlanta Christian; **1B/LHP** – Brad Chuo, Jr., Northview; **INF** – Bryce Clavon, Jr., Kell; **SS/2B** – Davis Hancock, Sr., Centennial; **C/OF** – Camden Helms, Sr., Greater Atlanta Christian; **INF** – Aaron Hobson, Sr., Greater Atlanta Christian; **RHP** – Nate Isler, Sr., Cambridge; **C/RHP** – Daniel Jackson, Sr., North Springs; **RHP/INF/OF** – Nick Kane, Sr., Kell; **RHP/2B** – LJ King, Jr., Centennial; **1B/RHP** – Elliott Kuykendall, Sr., Cambridge; **INF** – Caden Marcos, Jr., Kell; **RHP** – Nicolas Mascola, Jr., Centennial; **RHP** – Garrett Moody, Sr., Cambridge; **SS** – Aidan Petrocco, Jr., Chattahoochee; **C** – Will Rempfer, Sr., Cambridge; **INF/RHP** – Ayush Shetty, Jr., Northview; **C/INF/OF** – David Simmons, Sr., Northview; **RHP/1B** – Eli Simon, Sr., North Springs; **C** – Luke Sweigart, Sr., Centennial; **RHP** – Jamie Whittier, Jr., Centennial; **RHP/3B** – Ryan Zaparaniuk, Jr., North Springs

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CAMBRIDGE BEARS

Head Coach (s): Evan Tiele

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

2022 Record: 25-9

Returning Starters: RHP Nate Isler (Sr., 6-6, 220, R/R); C Will Rempfer (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); RHP Garrett Moody (Sr., 6-3, 210, R/R); 1B/RHP Elliott Kuykendall (Sr., 6-2, 225, R/R); INF/RHP Carson Rech (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Trip Barron (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF Austin Middlebrooks (Sr., 6-1, 180, L/R); C/OF/1B Jackson Fardo (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); OF Logan Pierce (Jr., 6-2, 185, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/OF/3B Josh Stewart (Jr., 5-11, 200, R/R); LHP Alex Drymalski (Jr., 5-10, 165, L/L); U Matt Paulus (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF Ross Greene (So., 5-10, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Bears have enough proven pitching to be the team to beat in Region 6-5A. Right-handers Nate Isler (7-2, 2.39 ERA), Garrett Moody, Elliott Kuykendall and Trip Barron anchor a strong rotation. Meanwhile, catcher Will Rempfer (.368 avg., 19 RBIs) and Carson Rech are back to lead the offense.



CENTENNIAL KNIGHTS

Head Coach: Colin Kirkland (new)

Assistant Coach(s): Josh Horton, David Kelly, Mark Nelson, Brian Smith

2022 Record: 10-17

Returning Starters: C Luke Sweigart (Sr., 6-1, 160, R/R); C/1B Matthew Cannon (Sr., 5-10, 210, R/R); SS/2B Davis Hancock (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); 3B/RHP Sam Refeca (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); RHP/2B LJ King (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R); OF Carter Wit (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/L); 2B/SS Santiago Marquez (Sr., 5-9, 160, L/R); RHP Jamie Whittier (Jr., 5-8, 170, R/R); OF Chris Tanagho (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R); RHP Reed Thursby (Jr., 6-3, 175, R/R); 2B Wesley Warren (Sr., 5-8, 145, R/R); OF Reid Bourgeois (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Nick Southard (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); RHP Nicolas Mascola (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R); OF Alex Machenheimer (Sr., 5-8, 170, R/R); RHP Owen Craig (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/1B Hernan Prieto (Sr., 5-11, 210, R/R); RHP Gates York (Jr., 5-9, 145, R/R); C/1B Nate Middlebrooks (Jr., 6-3, 200, R/R); RHP Grayson Stroumpis (So., 6-4, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: Former Alpharetta assistant Colin Kirkland takes over and inherits a talented team looking to make its mark this spring. Catcher Luke Sweigart and all-region catcher/first baseman Matthew Cannon return to power the offense. The Knights will be a team to keep an eye on.



CHATTAHOOCHEE COUGARS

Head Coach: TJ Lemons

Survey not returned



GREATER ATLANTA CHRISTIAN SPARTANS

Head Coach (s): Josh Lee

Assistant Coach (s): Steve Farris, De'Marko Farley

2022 Record: 28-8

Returning Starters: INF Aaron Hobson (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF Bailey Teague (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); C/OF Camden Helms (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Conrad Cason (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Cole Scott (Sr., 6-2, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Brody Lussier (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); INF Everett Braswell (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/C Eli Hanna (Jr., 6-3, 185, R/R); LHP Wynn Boren (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/L)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Aiden Kitchings (So., 6-4, 205, R/R)

Season Outlook: If the Spartans can be consistent on the mound, they have a good chance to approach last year's success despite moving up two classifications. Offensively, GAC is in good shape. All-state infielder Aaron Hobson (.392 avg., 33 RBIs) is back as well as Camden Helms (.320 avg., 39 RBIs). Mississippi State commit Conrad Cason is a player to keep an eye on.



KELL LONGHORNS

Head Coach: Todd Harris

Assistant Coach(s): Josh Burrus, Rick Mang, Phillip Hillhouse

2022 Record: 19-11

Returning Starters: RHP/INF/OF Nick Kane (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); INF Caden Marcos (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); INF Kennedy Jones (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); OF/INF/RHP Tyler Bradford (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF Ryan Knight (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/OF Ethan Schricker (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); C Jacob Young (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Bryce Clavon (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Longhorns drop a classification after having success in Class 6A. Five starters are back, including pitcher Nick Kane (5-0, 1.75 ERA). Infielder Caden Marcos returns, but keep an eye on junior infielder Bryce Clavon, one of the country's top prospects for the Class of 2024.



NORTH SPRINGS SPARTANS

Head Coach: Dewayne Crowder (new)

Assistant Coach(s): Matt Whiteside, Garrett Daily, Alex Rubin, Marcus Banks

2022 Record: 25-7

Returning Starters: C/RHP Daniel Jackson (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); SS Justin Wolfson (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); RHP/1B Eli Simon (Sr., 6-1, 180, L/R); RHP/3B Ryan Zapananiuk (Jr., 6-2, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/INF Orane Ivey (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R); OF/U Will Stevenson (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Owen Olsen (Jr., 5-11, 140, R/R); U Nate Dollinger (So., 5-8, 150, R/R); C/OF Nick Clyde (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R); LHP/1B Wanel Perez (Sr., 6-0, 190, L/L)

Top Newcomers: U Henry Gill (So., 5-8, 140, R/R); SS/2B/RHP Sam Curtin (So., 5-9, 170, R/R); RHP Benny Griset (So., 5-9, 140, R/R)

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Season Outlook: First-year coach Dwayne Crowder takes over and inherits four returning starters. All-state catcher/pitcher Daniel Jackson and pitcher/first-baseman Eli Simon return. North Springs will be looking for an excellent group of underclassmen to step up and contribute.

NORTHVIEW TITANS

Head Coach: Steve Bombard (new)
Survey not returned

REGION 7-5A

Region Favorite: Cartersville

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

RHP/1B – Rowan Billings, Sr., Woodland-Bartow; **RHP/OF** – Jax Bishop, So., Calhoun; **RHP** – Caden Carroll, Sr., Cartersville; **OF** – Chase Carson, Sr., Woodland-Bartow; **INF** – Harrison Childers, Sr., Cartersville; **INF/OF/C** – Caleb Daniel, Jr., Cartersville; **RHP/OF** – Cooper Evans, Sr., Calhoun; **OF** – Isaac Green, Jr., Calhoun; **C/RHP** – Carson Hill, Sr., Cass; **RHP/INF** – Ryan Johnson, Jr., Cartersville; **INF/RHP** – Tyler Neises, Sr., Dalton; **3B** – JaKiyon Porter, Sr., Woodland-Bartow; **RHP/INF** – Andrew Purdy, So., Calhoun; **RHP/1B** – Ayden Ray, Jr., Woodland-Bartow; **RHP/INF** – Cayden Roberts, Jr., Cass; **RHP** – Philip Schiltz, Sr., Cartersville; **LHP/1B** – Avery Shiflett, So., Calhoun; **RHP** – Hunter Shirley, Sr., Woodland-Bartow



CALHOUN YELLOW JACKETS

Head Coach: Matt Montgomery (new)
Assistant Coach (s): Justin Bishop, Ty Fowler, Jeff Fowler, Brett Green, Caleb Brooks
2022 Record: 17-14

Returning Starters: RHP/OF Cooper Evans (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); RHP/INF Andrew Purdy (So., 6-1, 180, L/R); RHP/OF Jax Bishop (So., 6-2, 175, R/R); LHP/1B Avery Shiflett (So., 6-4, 190, L/L); OF CJ Hawkins (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); INF Ripken West (So., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF/RHP Cohen Chadwick (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); OF Isaac Green (Jr., 6-1, 180, L/R)

Other Returning Players: C Luke Sims (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); 1B/RHP Brooks Crawford (Sr., 6-5, 175, R/R); RHP/INF/OF Wes Taylor (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF Jake Jordan (So., 6-2, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP Spencer Evans (Fr., 6-1, 165, L/L)

Season Outlook: New coach Matt Montgomery takes over and inherits a wealth of young talent. The Yellow Jackets have enough pitching to contend for the region title with a rotation that includes right-handers Cooper Evans, Andrew Purdy, Jax Bishop and lefty Avery Shiflett. Outfielder Isaac Green is back to spark the offense.



CARTERSVILLE PURPLE HURRICANES

Head Coach: Kyle Tucker

Assistant Coach (s): Brian Adams, Jojo Underwood, Asa Williams, River Brannon, Cody Bamforth, Luke Daniel, Bryce Wilkins

2022 Record: 32-8

Returning Starters: RHP Caden Carroll (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); RHP/INF Ryan Johnson (Jr., 6-4, 175, R/R); INF/OF/C Caleb Daniel (Jr., 6-0, 170, L/R); INF Harrison Childers (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); RHP Philip Schiltz (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Miles Owen (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); OF Trip Bradley (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); INF Kaden Stephenson (Sr., 6-0, 170, L/R); RHP Geoffrey Gore (Sr., 6-3, 175, R/R); C Isaac McNair-Seigler (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); INF Landon Cole (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF Paul Gamble (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Luke Miller (Jr., 6-0, 175, L/L); OF Pearse Mullinax (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); RHP Sawyer Wilson (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); INF Gavin Shrewsbury (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); INF Tristan McKibben (So., 6-1, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The defending Class 5A state runner-ups should have enough leftovers to make another deep playoff run. The Hurricanes boast one of the best pitching rotations in Class 5A as right-handers Caden Carroll, Ryan Johnson and reliever Philip Schiltz return. Versatile Caleb Daniel and Harrison Childers are back to power the offense.



CASS COLONELS

Head Coach: Matt Thompson

Assistant Coach (s): Jamie Gaddy, Tyler Washington, Brett Gaddy

2022 Record: 5-25

Returning Starters: C/RHP Carson Hill (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Wesley Collins (Sr., 6-3, 165, R/R); RHP/INF Cayden Roberts (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF Todd Gaddy (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); INF Jesiel Moctezuma (So., 5-8, 155, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/RHP Connor Jenkins (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP/INF Chase Batts (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); RHP Devan Hutchinson (Jr., 5-10, 140, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Colonels look to get things turned around after a disappointing finish in 2022. Five returning starters are back, including a trio of seniors. Cass should be much better. All-region pitchers Carson Hill and Cayden Roberts, a pair of right-handers, return to lead the way.



DALTON CATAMOUNTS

Head Coach: Ronnie Natola

Assistant Coach (s): Brian Harrison

2022 Record: 14-10

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Tyler Neises (Sr., L/R); C/OF Jackson Blackwood (Sr., R/R); OF Tyson Greenwade (Sr., R/R); C/INF Jose Santiago (Jr., R/R); OF Brady McCoullough (Jr., R/R); RHP Scottie Miller (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Connor Stockard (So., R/R); LHP/U RJ Donahue (So., L/L)

Top Newcomers: RHP/OF Charles Chappelle (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Catamounts begin their second season under coach Ronnie Natola and should contend for a playoff berth. Six starters are back, including versatile Tyler Neises. Seniors Jackson Blackwood and Tyson

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Greenwade also return. An excellent group of underclassmen will also contribute.



Head Coach: Neal Hannah (new)

Assistant Coach (s): TBA

2022 Record: 2-27

Season Outlook: Longtime Villa Rica coach Neal Hannah takes over at Hiram and looks to help the Hornets turn things around after a disappointing finish last year. Hannah will have work to do after graduation bit the program. The new coach will have some solid underclassmen to work with this spring.



WOODLAND-BARTOW WILDCATS

Head Coach: Todd Eubanks (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Justin Mackey, Hunter Osborn, Nick Shield, Khyrie Rogers, Hunter Reid, Logan Nelson

2022 Record: 16-18

Returning Starters: RHP/1B Rowan Billings (Sr., 6-2, 230, R/R); OF Chase Carson (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); 3B JaKiyon Porter (Sr., 5-8, 200, R/R); OF Julian Wright (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); SS/RHP Austin Sanders (Sr., 5-8, 175, R/R); RHP Hunter Shirley (Sr., 6-2, 200, R/R); RHP/1B Ayden Ray (Jr., 6-2, 240, R/R)



Rowan Billings
Woodland-Bartow



Chase Carson
Woodland-Bartow

Other Returning Players: RHP Jack Chatman (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP/1B Logan Bentley (Jr., 6-3, 210, R/R); RHP/SS Mason Williams (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); OF Luke Evans (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); C/3B Brett Good (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP/OF Austin Daves (So., 5-11, 150, L/L)

Season Outlook: Longtime coach Todd Eubanks returns to Bartow County and will look to keep Woodland in playoff contention. He inherits seven returning starters, including pitcher/first baseman Rowan Billings, third baseman JaKiyon Porter and outfielder Chase Carson. The senior class is strong, but keep an eye on a talented group of juniors who will contribute.

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Region Favorite: Loganville

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

RHP/C – Aaron Attaway, Sr., Flowery Branch; **LHP** – Blake Baldwin, Sr., Winder-Barrow; **P** – Brennan Carter, Sr., Jefferson; **RHP/3B** – Mason Compton, Sr., Flowery Branch; **OF/RHP** – Keith Copeland, Sr., Heritage-Conyers; **2B/P** – Aiden Dumas, Sr., Jefferson; **3B/1B** – Ryan Ford, Sr.,

Winder-Barrow; **C/3B** – Jackson Freeman, So., Flowery Branch; **OF** – Gage Fullerton, Sr., Loganville; **C/RHP** – Cam Hodge, So., Winder-Barrow; **SS** – Bowman Horn, Sr., Jefferson; **RHP** – Brooks House, Sr., Winder-Barrow; **C** – Roger Hulsey, Sr., Jefferson; **INF** – Sherman Johnson, Sr., Loganville; **1B/3B** – Cameron Jones, Sr., Clarke Central; **INF/OF** – Jaylen Jones, Jr., Loganville; **U** – Brett Kelley, Sr., Jefferson; **INF/RHP** – Riley Mitchell, Sr., Flowery Branch; **LHP** – JP Myers, Jr., Loganville; **3B/P** – Jase Peoples, Jr., Jefferson; **RHP** – Layton Pruitt, Sr., Winder-Barrow; **OF/C** – Davis Roesler, Sr., Loganville; **C/RHP** – Carson Royal, Sr., Winder-Barrow; **1B** – Kade Smallwood, Sr., Flowery Branch; **INF/RHP** – Sam Swain, Sr., Heritage-Conyers



CLARKE CENTRAL GLADIATORS

Head Coach: Jerry Boatner (new)

Assistant Coach(s): Josh Black, Jason Bedgood, Matt Bishop

2022 Record: 10-16

Returning Starters: 1B/3B Cameron Jones (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); 1B/OF Tristan Lowery (Sr., 5-10, 155, L/L); C/2B Michael Campbell (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Benjamin Campbell (Sr., 5-10, 145, R/R)

Other Returning Players: SS/3B Andrew Sussman (Jr., 5-10, 145, R/R); 1B/C Chris Walker (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); OF Alex Walker (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); 2B Alexander Leahy (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R); SS/RHP Tom Gilley (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF/RHP Sam Gilley (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 1B/RHP Luke Davis (Jr., 6-2, 215, R/R); RHP/C Hunter Stonecipher (So., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: Longtime coach Jerry Boatner takes over a Clarke Central program that has some key positions to fill after graduation took a chunk out of its lineup. Four starters are back, including infielder Cameron Jones. Keep an eye on a solid group of juniors and sophomores who will help out.



EASTSIDE EAGLES

Head Coach: Cody Walker (new)

Survey not returned



FLOWERY BRANCH FALCONS

Head Coach (s): Joey Ray

Assistant Coach (s): Dusty Black, Zach English, Nick Collins, Austin Brown, Kraig Peebles, Kyler Neal, Matt Adams

2022 Record: 21-12

Returning Starters: RHP/3B Mason Compton (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Riley Mitchell (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF Ethan Mieldezis (Sr., R/R); OF Kyle Adamec (So., R/R); OF/LHP David Miller (So., R/L); 1B Kade Smallwood (Sr., L/R); INF Austin Bourrie (Sr., R/R); RHP Max Wagner (Sr., R/R); C/3B Jackson Freeman (So., R/R); RHP/C Aaron Attaway (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Tyler Folkers (So., R/R); OF Jake Kross (Sr.,

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L/L); LHP/1B Chase Hammock (So., L/L); INF Luke Stone (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/INF/RHP David Ojeda (Fr., R/R); C Antonio De La Torre (So., R/R); 3B Walker Dubose (So., R/R); RHP/OF Tristan Browning (Jr., R/R); RHP/OF Jacob Moore (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Falcons move up a classification, but that won't matter. Look for Flowery Branch to once again be in the postseason chase. A talented senior class returns. All-state pitcher Mason Compton is back as well as all-state outfielder Kade Smallwood to lead the way.

HERITAGE-CONYERS PATRIOTS

Head Coach (s): Michael Marra

Assistant Coach (s): Levin Lackey, Steven Chester

2022 Record: 4-16

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Sam Swain (Sr., 5-7, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Keith Copeland (Sr., 6-4, 150, R/R); OF Cameron Usher (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); INF Jackson McGill (Sr., 6-1, 160, R/R); OF/RHP Mason Lynch (So., 5-10, 145, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Rylan Holden (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); C Jacob Roman-Pascual (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); DH/1B David Harris (Sr., 5-10, 230, R/R); C Javon Harrison (Jr., 5-8, 140, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C Cal Lumpkin (Fr., 5-9, 140, R/R); 1B Charles Walker (Fr., 5-9, 180, R/R); 1B/3B Denzel Gillespie (Fr., 5-7, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Patriots look to be much better in 2022 with a solid senior class returning to lead the way. Five starters are back, including

infielder/pitcher Sam Swain. The senior class will be expected to help lead a solid group of underclassmen who will need to contribute.

JEFFERSON DRAGONS

Head Coach (s): Kyle Hardy (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Jon Veldhuis, Tommy Knight, Jordan Perdue, Keenan Lord, Jared Hulsey, Rob Ferriba

2022 Record: 16-15

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Returning Starters: C Roger Hulsey (Sr., 6-0, 185); SS Bowman Horn (Sr., 5-10, 175); U Brett Kelley (Sr., 6-0, 170); 2B/P Aiden Dumas (Sr., 6-0, 170); 3B/P Jase Peoples (Jr., 5-11, 195); OF Owen Primm (Jr., 6-0, 185); P Eston Simpson (So., 6-5, 175); P Brennan Carter (Sr., 6-1, 185)

Other Returning Players: OF/P Jojo Martin (Sr., 6-4, 175); OF Sammy Maxwell (Sr., 6-0, 165); P Dylan Smith (Sr., 6-3, 230); P Brandon Ehl (Sr., 5-10, 150); 1B/3B/C Nick Cremeens (Sr., 5-11, 205)

Top Newcomers: OF Aiden Mixon (Jr., 5-10, 175)

Season Outlook: Former assistant Kyle Hardy takes over at Jefferson and inherits eight returning starters. Standout infielders Bowman Horn and Jase Peoples return to lead a talented team that should contend for a playoff berth. The senior class is solid, but keep an eye on a talented group of underclassmen.



Aiden Dumas
Jefferson



Owen Primm
Jefferson

LOGANVILLE RED DEVILS

Head Coach (s): Bran Mills

Assistant Coach (s): Mike Ryan, Brandon Anglin, Jeff Segars, Cody McCance, Andy Sargent, Jeff Hewatt, Ashley Senn

2022 Record: 32-9

Returning Starters: OF/C Davis Roesler (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); OF Gage Fullerton (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); C Joe Johnson (Sr., 5-11, 210, R/R); INF Sherman Johnson (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); RHP Jordan Davis (Sr., 6-2, 170, R/R); LHP JP Myers (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/L); INF/RHP Tucker Segars (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R); INF/OF Jaylen Jones (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP Fisher Procter (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/L); C Angel Quezada (Jr., 5-6, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Layne Ayers (Jr., 5-10, 130, R/R); 1B Aiden Adams (Sr., 6-2, 210, R/R); OF James Beaver (Jr., 5-9, 145, R/R); C/OF Nolan Keener (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/OF Jordan Johnson (Fr., 6-3, 180, R/R); RHP/1B Mason Steele (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R)

Season Outlook: Graduation hit the Red Devils pretty hard and some younger players will have to step forward for the defending Class 5A champs. All-state standouts Davis Roesler and Jaylen Jones return. The lack of experienced pitching is a concern, but Loganville has young talent waiting for their chance to step into the spotlight.



Sherman Johnson
Loganville

WINDER-BARROW BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Brian Smith

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

2022 Record: 20-11

Returning Starters: RHP Layton Pruitt (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); RHP Brooks House (Sr., 6-5, 190, R/R); LHP Blake Baldwin (Sr., 5-10, 175, L/L); LHP Ayden Hall (So., 5-10, 180, L/L); C/RHP Cam Hodge (So., 5-10, 190, L/R); C/RHP Carson Royal (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); 3B/1B Ryan Ford (Sr., 6-1, 220, R/R)

Other Returning Players: U Jack Perno (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); RHP Ken Shipman (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); RHP Gabe Tatum (Jr., 6-6, 195, R/R); OF Ryan McNally (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: Winder-Barrow won 20 games in 2022 in what many labeled as a rebuilding season. Look for the Bulldogs to pick up from where they left off this spring. Seven starters are back, including offensive leaders Cam Hodge and Ryan Ford and pitcher Layton Pruitt.



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REGION 1-4A

Region Favorite: Cairo

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

LHP/OF -- Elijah Anderson, Jr., Cairo; **C/OF** -- Arin Chevers, Jr., Westover;
SS -- Drew Clayton, Jr., Bainbridge; **RHP/3B** -- Chris Cooper, Sr.,
 Bainbridge; **OF/1B/RHP** -- Korey Fortson, Jr., Westover; **SS/RHP** -- Dante
 Hill, So., Hardaway; **INF/RHP** -- Cannon Maige, So., Cairo; **1B/RHP** --
 Fletcher Roberts, Jr., Hardaway; **RHP/U** -- Braylon Robinson, Sr., Cairo;
1B/3B/RHP -- John Roland, Jr., Shaw; **DH/OF** -- Bo Smith, Sr., Bainbridge;
OF -- Tremayne Upshaw, Sr., Shaw; **RHP/U** -- Koby Wynn, Sr., Bainbridge



BAINBRIDGE BEARCATS

Head Coach: Donnie Coxwell

Assistant Coach(s): Blake Cecil, Joe Dollar

2022 Record: 18-13

Returning Starters: 1B Bolton Yarbrough (Sr., R/R);
 2B Parker Landrum (So., R/R); SS Drew Clayton (Sr.,
 R/R); RHP/3B Chris Cooper (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF Chase
 Parker (Sr., R/R); RHP/U Koby Wynn (Sr., R/R); DH/OF
 Bo Smith (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Bricen Palmer (Sr., R/R);
 LHP/1B Owen Richard (Sr., L/L); OF Logan Rich (Sr.,
 R/R)

Top Newcomers: U Nate Cannon (So., R/R); 3B Cain Worthington (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Bearcats should be much better after a rebuilding
 season in 2022. A solid group of seniors return to lead the way. Outfielder
 Bo Smith is back to lead the offensive attack, while right-handed pitcher
 Chris Cooper returns to anchor what should be a solid pitching staff.



Bo Smith
Bainbridge



CAIRO SYRUPMAKERS

Head Coach: Randy Adams (new)

Assistant Coach(s): Daniel Joiner, Cooper Mayhall, Spence Cooper

2022 Record: 18-11

Returning Starters: RHP/U
 Braylon Robinson (Sr., 6-3, 175,
 R/R); LHP/OF Elijah Anderson
 (Jr., 6-0, 175, L/L); INF/RHP
 Cannon Maige (So., 5-10, 170,
 R/R); OF/RHP Robert Watson
 (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/
 RHP Braden Kines (Jr., 6-1, 200,
 R/R); INF/RHP Tommy Owen
 (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); INF Cade Puckett (Jr., 6-2, 245, R/R); INF Collin Johnson (Jr.,
 6-5, 300, R/R); INF Pace Mitchell (Sr., 5-11, 220, R/R); C/U Jacob Pyles (Jr., 6-0,
 165, R/R)



Elijah Anderson
Cairo



Cannon Maige
Cairo

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Ty Hatcher (So., 6-1, 170, R/R); C/RHP Eli Cooper
 (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF Jaxon Cox (So., 5-8, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: First-year coach Randy Adams inherits four returning
 starters from a team that made the second round of the state playoffs last
 year. Pitcher Braylon Robinson returns, while Cannon Maige and Elijah
 Anderson return on offense. A solid corps of juniors will need to step up and
 help out.



HARDAWAY HAWKS

Head Coach (s): Eric Anthony

Assistant Coach (s): Rick Roberts, Greg Dupree, Dwayne Burke

2022 Record: 12-12

Returning Starters: 1B/RHP Fletcher Roberts (Jr., 6-4, 205, R/R); SS/RHP
 Dante Hill (So., 5-10, 165, R/R); RF/LHP A'Nahze Purnell (So., 5-10, 160, L/L);
 3B/RHP Jayden Foster (So., 5-11, 175, R/R); 2B/RHP Nick Hudson (So., 5-5,
 145, R/R); CF Jonathan Burke (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Jordyn Malone (So., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF Khalil
 Luttrell (Jr., 5-7, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: Hardaway welcomes back six returning starters and
 should be much better this spring. The Hawks will still be very young. First
 baseman/pitcher Fletcher Roberts returns to give Hardaway a solid leader
 to build around. A solid group of underclassmen will be expected to help
 out.



SHAW RAIDERS

Head Coach (s): Howie Shackelford

Assistant Coach (s): Clinton Britton, Charley Marquand

2022 Record: 14-15

Returning Starters: OF Tremayne Upshaw (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF Caleb
 Walker (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); 1B/3B/RHP John Roland (Jr., 6-2, 225, R/R); C/RHP
 Luke Hardy (Jr., 6-2, 170, R/R); CF Jeshua Figueroa (Jr., 5-8, 150, R/R); INF/RHP
 Denny Martinez (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R); SS/RHP Sincere Ford (So., 5-8, 155, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Joriyen Gordon (So., 5-9, 155, R/R); INF
 Davyn Campbell (Jr., 5-8, 155, R/R); 1B/LHP Nick Torres (So., 5-11, 210, L/L)

Top Newcomers: INF/OF/RHP Jerimiah Lovett (Fr., 5-10, 150, L/R)

Season Outlook: Shaw aims to make it three straight playoff seasons this
 spring. The Raiders could do just that with the return of seven starters. All-
 region standout John Roland is back after an excellent sophomore season,
 while outfielder Tremayne Upshaw returns for his senior season. The senior
 class is small, but look for some solid underclassmen to contend for playing
 time.



WESTOVER PATRIOTS

Head Coach (s): Jordan Cambron

Assistant Coach (s): Derrick Simon, Frederick West

2022 Record: 10-6

Returning Starters: OF Malachi Wright (Sr., R/R); C/OF Arin Chevers (Jr.,
 R/R); OF/1B/RHP Korey Fortson (Jr., R/R); RHP Andrew Perry (Jr., R/R); 2B

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Caleb Cox (Jr., R/R); OF/RHP Anthony Chatmon (Jr., R/R); OF/C/RHP Kamron Knighton (So., R/R); INF Aden Reese (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/1B Tommie Terrell (Jr., R/R); OF/C Zakiah Williams (Sr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Christopher Jones (Fr., R/R); OF/1B Kingston Offord (Fr., L/L); INF/RHP Calvin Johnson (Fr., R/R); INF Jaxson Reese (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Patriots will field a relatively young team in 2023. Outfielder Malachi Wright is one of the team's few returning seniors. The good news is that eight total starters are back, including a solid corps of juniors and sophomores. Catcher Arin Chevers and outfielder Korey Fortson are two players to keep an eye on.

REGION 2-4A

Region Favorite: West Laurens

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

OF – Ian Anderson, Sr., West Laurens; **INF/RHP** – Kaden Baggett, Jr., West Laurens; **INF/RHP** – Ryan Barnes, Sr., Spalding; **OF** – Brady Bearden, Jr., Perry; **OF/RHP** – Tucker Brown, Sr., West Laurens; **OF** – Nate Campbell, Jr., Howard; **CF/SS/P** – Terrell Cordy, Sr., Westside-Macon; **RHP/C/INF** – Landon Daniels, Sr., Howard; **LHP** – Cooper Edwards, Sr., Perry; **OF** – Christian Fletcher, Sr., Perry; **1B/P** – Colby Frashier, Sr., Baldwin; **U/RHP** – Connor Griffin, Sr., Perry; **2B** – Marshawn Harvey, Sr., Westside-Macon; **INF/RHP** – Dalton James, Jr., Spalding; **INF/RHP** – William Kellam, Sr., West Laurens; **RHP/1B** – Ben McDow, Sr., Perry; **OF/C** – Janson Meeks, Sr., West Laurens; **INF** – Brayden Milford, Sr., Spalding; **OF** – Nathan Mitchell, Sr., Baldwin; **INF/RHP** – Nathan O'Rear, Jr., Perry; **INF** – Jackson Smith, Sr., Howard; **INF/RHP** – Lane Smith, Sr., Perry; **OF** – Caden Thigpen, So., Baldwin; **INF/RHP** – Matthew Thigpen, Sr., West Laurens; **INF/RHP** – Camden Thomas, Sr., West Laurens; **OF** – Jayden Washington, Jr., Howard; **INF/RHP** – Ayden Whidby, So., Baldwin; **OF** – Gavin Williams, Sr., Howard



BALDWIN BRAVES

Head Coach: Jimmie Tucker (new)
Survey not returned



GRIFFIN BEARS

Head Coach: Daniel Gooden
Survey not returned



HOWARD HUSKIES

Head Coach: TBA
Survey not returned



PERRY PANTHERS

Head Coach: Denny Bryant
Assistant Coach (s): Jacob Harrell, Gavin Bloodworth, Avory Belflower
2022 Record: 26-11
Returning Starters: RHP/1B Ben McDow (Sr., 6-4, 205, R/R); LHP Cooper Edwards (Sr., 6-4, 210, L/L); INF/RHP Lane Smith (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); U/RHP Connor Griffin (Sr., 5-11, 175, L/R); OF Christian Fletcher (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R)
Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Nathan O'Rear (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF Brady Bearden (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); C Carson Shaw (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF/LHP Kam Vandersee (So., 5-9, 180, L/L); OF Bradley Parrish (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP Miles Jones (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R)
Top Newcomers: INF Tyler Davey (So., 5-7, 160, R/R); INF Peyton Davis (Jr., 6-1, 210, R/R); INF/RHP Nate Walker (So., 5-11, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Brody Roland (So., 5-11, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Cole Thompson (So., 6-0, 175, R/R); C Cullen McDaniel (So., 6-1, 180, R/R)
Season Outlook: Graduation took a bite out of Perry's 2022 roster, but the Panthers have enough young talent that with some experience, could be dangerous come playoff time. Five starters are back, including all-state pitcher Ben McDow. The senior class is solid and should keep the Panthers in the region title chase.



SPALDING JAGUARS

Head Coach: Seth Harris
Assistant Coach(s): Mike Banks, Josh Kennedy, Blake Ashe, Drew East, Russ Samples, Issac Rodgers
2022 Record: 11-19
Returning Starters: OF/RHP Hatcher Bailey (Sr., 6-2, 200, R/R); OF/INF/RHP Bo Meeks (Sr., 5-11, 215, R/R); INF Brayden Milford (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); OF Zo Barkley (Sr., 5-11, 190, R/R); INF/RHP Ryan Barnes (Sr., 5-7, 175, R/R); RHP Jordan Oliver (Sr., 5-11, 150, R/R); INF/OF Zy Barham (Jr., 5-9, 190, R/R); INF/RHP Dalton James (Jr., 6-2, 215, R/R); INF/RHP Hunter Jackson (So., 5-10, 160, R/R)
Other Returning Players: OF/RHP Baxter Key (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); C Grant Henson (Jr., 5-9, 185, R/R); RHP/INF Ben McDaniel (So., 6-0, 160, R/R); INF Gavin Chapman (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R)
Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Griffin Davis (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R)
Season Outlook: Spalding looks to improve upon last season's record. The Jaguars should be able to do just that in 2023. Nine starters and an excellent senior class returns. Infielder/pitcher Ryan Barnes, an all-region selection, returns to lead the way after a solid junior campaign in 2022.

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WEST LAURENS RAIDERS

Head Coach: Josh Carter
Assistant Coach (s): Jody Pollock, Martin Cauthen, Case Matthews, Josh Crawford, Parker Gordon

2022 Record: 24-8

Returning Starters: OF Ian Anderson (Sr., 5-10, 155, L/R); INF/RHP William Kellam (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF/C Janson Meeks (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); INF/RHP Camden Thomas (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Matthew Thigpen (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R); OF/RHP Tucker Brown (Sr., 6-0, 155, R/R); INF/RHP Kaden Baggett (Jr., 6-0, 200, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Jessy Dover (Sr., 5-8, 150, B/R); OF/RHP Nelson Loyd (Jr., 5-8, 150, R/R); INF Jayden Todd (Jr., 6-5, 230, R/R); RHP/C Parker Bryant (So., 6-0, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: A strong returning group of seniors will lead the way for West Laurens this season. All-state infielder William Kellam (.453 avg., 35 RBIs) is back to highlight the group. Infielder Camden Thomas also returns, while pitchers Matthew Thigpen and Tucker Brown return to anchor what should be a solid pitching staff.



Kaden Baggett
West Laurens



Tucker Brown
West Laurens



Janson Meeks
West Laurens



Camden Thomas
West Laurens



WESTSIDE-MACON SEMINOLES

Head Coach: Lance Reid (new)
Survey not returned

REGION 3-4A

Region Favorite: Benedictine

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

LHP – Grayson Britt, Jr., Benedictine; **LHP/OF** – Johnny Calloway, Jr., Islands; **INF/RHP** – Joey Cardillo, Jr., Islands; **LHP/OF** – Hunter Carroll, Jr., Burke County; **C/INF** – Robert Carver, Sr., Benedictine; **OF** – Clay Dean, Sr., Benedictine; **RHP/INF** – Gage DiGiovanni, Sr., Southeast Bulloch; **RHP/INF** – Marshall Flowers, Sr., Burke County; **INF** – Aden Hall, Sr., Wayne County; **RHP/OF** – Myles Heatwole, Sr., Burke County; **RHP/OF** – Palmer Lamb, Jr., Wayne County; **RHP/U** – Hadley Long, Sr., Wayne County; **C/RHP** – Landon Ludwig, So., Benedictine; **C** – Brice Marchman, So., Burke County; **RHP/INF** – Parker McCoy, Jr., Benedictine; **LHP** – Gavin Mixon, Jr., Wayne County; **INF/RHP** – Wyatt Oliver, Jr., Islands; **RHP/1B/3B** – Beckam Ramirez, Sr., Burke County; **RHP/3B** – Aiden Roberson, So., Burke County; **OF/RHP** – Charlie Sindah, Sr., Islands; **INF/RHP** – Braedin Swab, Jr., Islands; **OF** – Rashawn Truell, So., New Hampstead; **RHP/INF/OF** – Kaden Tuten, Sr., Benedictine; **RHP/C** – Tyler Walling, Jr., Wayne County; **OF/INF** – Messiah Worriels, So., New Hampstead

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BENEDICTINE CADETS

Head Coach: Kevin Farmer

Assistant Coach(s): Kyle Farmer, Jason Pascual, Drew Schwalbe, Kevin Aimar, Michael Proto

2022 Record: 30-8

Returning Starters: RHP/INF/OF Kaden Tuten (Sr., R/R); OF Clay Dean (Sr., R/R); C/INF Robert Carver (Sr., R/R); INF/OF Miles Clemmons (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF Parker McCoy (Jr., R/R); C/RHP Landon Ludwig (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/INF Brooks Bradshaw (So., R/R); LHP Grayson Britt (Jr., R/L); RHP/INF Ross Ducey (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/INF Jack Ganem (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: As usual, look for Benedictine to challenge for the region title. That won't change this season. The Cadets welcome back all-state pitcher/infielder Parker McCoy. Catcher/pitcher Landon Ludwig also returns, but Benedictine will need some younger players to contribute this spring. Pitcher Kaden Tuten and outfielder Clay Dean also return.



Robert Carver
Benedictine



Clay Dean
Benedictine



Kaden Tuten
Benedictine



ISLANDS SHARKS

Head Coach: Brandon Collins

Assistant Coach(s): Marty Collins, Rob Arnold, Tim Keur

2022 Record: 11-21

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Charlie Sindahl (Sr., L/R); LHP/OF Johnny Calloway (Jr., L/L); INF/RHP Joey Cardillo (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP Wyatt Oliver (Jr., R/R); LHP/OF/1B Jackson Paul (Jr., L/L); INF/RHP Braedin Swab (Jr., R/R); 1B/C Ben Fernandez (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/OF/RHP Robbie Holden (Jr., R/R); RHP/OF Christian Daniels (Sr., R/R); OF Mazzeo Iannuzzi (Sr., R/R); INF/C Dylan Gordon (So., R/R); RHP/U Brendan Lanigan (So., R/R); OF William Schieber (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Sharks have a strong nucleus of returning players and will be in the mix for a playoff berth. Islands may still be a year away. Pitching will be the backbone of the team as right-hander Charlie Sindahl and left-handers Joey Cardillo and Johnny Calloway are back.



Johnny Calloway
Islands



Joey Cardillo
Islands



Charlie Sindahl
Islands



NEW HAMPSHED PHOENIX

Head Coach (s): Alfred Boni

Survey not returned



SOUTHEAST BULLOCH YELLOW JACKETS

Head Coach (s): Brandon Peterson

Assistant Coach (s): Rob Alford, Cam Haydon, Derek Harnage

2022 Record: 18-11

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Gage DiGiovanni (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF Parker Youmans (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Dylan Lewis (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Carter Bowman (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Cale Thompson (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); 1B Collin Jackson (Sr., 6-4, 240, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Brendan O'Dowd (So., 6-2, 170, R/R); LHP/1B Noah Rogers (Jr., 5-11, 175, L/L); C Brandon Stuart (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF Layne Alford (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); OF Kyle Ruarks (So., 5-11, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Jackets have some holes to fill after winning 18 games last year. Only four starters return, but an excellent group of younger players will be expected to contend for playing time. Right-handed pitcher Gage DiGiovanni is back to anchor what should be a solid pitching staff.



BURKE COUNTY BEARS

Head Coach (s): Billy Marchman

Assistant Coach (s): Tarry Stokes, Tavis Cummings

2022 Record: 26-8

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Marshall Flowers (Sr., 6-5, 180, R/R); RHP/1B/3B Beckam Ramirez (Sr., 6-3, 280, R/R); RHP/OF Myles Heatwole (Sr., 6-2, 205, R/R); LHP/OF Hunter Carroll (Jr., 5-10, 160, L/L); DH/3B Owen Adams (Jr., 6-1, 225, R/R); C Brice Marchman (So., 6-2, 180, R/R); RHP/3B Aiden Roberson (So., 6-0, 215, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B Chavous Johnson (Sr., 6-2, 220, L/L); OF Jaidyn Foster (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); U Noah Boynton (Jr., 5-7, 150, R/R); RHP/U Jayden Duncan (So., 5-7, 140, R/R)

Season Outlook: Burke went to the state quarterfinals last year and seeks to build off that momentum. The Bears have a lot of that team back, including all-region pitchers Marshall Flowers and Aiden Roberson. Infielder Beckam Ramirez, outfielder Myles Heatwole and catcher Brice Marchman are back to power the offense.



Marshall Flowers
Burke County

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WAYNE COUNTY YELLOW JACKETS

Head Coach: Justin McDonald

Assistant Coach(s): Colt Brockington, Chase Hinson, Sid Royal, Barrett Browning, Mike Roberts, Dylan Brown

2022 Record: 20-14-1

Returning Starters: RHP/U Hadley Long (Sr., 6-3, 200, R/R); INF Jaxon Dolan (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); INF Aden Hall (Sr., 5-11, 155, L/R); LHP Gavin Mixon (Jr., 6-5, 240, L/L); RHP/OF Palmer Lamb (Jr., 5-11, 150, R/R); LHP/OF Joshua Campbell (Jr., 5-11,



Jaxon Dolan
Wayne County



Aden Hall
Wayne County

145, L/L); RHP/INF Carson Shaver (Jr., 6-3, 175, R/R); RHP/C Tyler Walling (Jr., 5-11, 240, R/R); OF Garrison Grantham (Jr., 5-9, 155, L/R); RHP/U Nicholas Thomas (So., 6-3, 175, B/R); RHP CJ Fullmore (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: U Andy Peel (Jr., 6-1, 190, L/R); RHP/INF Grayson Spell (Jr., 5-11, 185, R/R); RHP/OF Cade Lynn (So., 6-1, 140, R/R); RHP/OF Will Greene (So., 6-2, 175, R/R); 1B/RHP Logan Scarborough (So., 6-6, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: After a rebuilding season by Wayne County standards, the Jackets should be better in 2023. A wealth of talent is back including top pitchers Gavin Mixon (7-3, 2.92 ERA) and Hadley Long (5-1, 3.88 ERA). Infielder Aden Hall (.304 avg.) returns to power the offense. Keep an eye on a strong group of juniors and sophomores.



FAYETTE COUNTY TIGERS

Head Coach (s): Matt Coldiron

Assistant Coach (s): Ed Moore, Keith Shellman, Bryan Thompson

2022 Record: 21-12

Returning Starters: C/RHP Alex Thompson (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Seth Wash (Sr., R/R); U/RHP Jack Brady (Sr., R/R); OF/LHP Jelani Kingston (Sr., L/L); SS/RHP Dee King (Jr., R/R); 1B Brady Towle (Sr., R/R); OF/INF Evan Wiley (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: 3B Nicholas Kenner (Sr., R/R)

Season Outlook: An excellent group of returning players, including a solid senior class, are back from a Fayette County team that won 21 games in 2022. All-region pitcher Alex Thompson is back as well as infielder Jack Brady and outfielder Seth Wash who were both all-region selections last year.



LAGRANGE GRANGERS

Head Coach (s): Donnie Branch

Assistant Coach (s): Drew Eady, Harrison Kurtz, Jamie Schmitt, Clancy Alford, Jonathan Burns, John Hardie

2022 Record: 31-12

Returning Starters: LHP/OF Trey Cook (Sr., 5-9, 165, L/L); RHP Trevor Booton (Sr., 6-5, 195, R/R); OF Seth Stargell (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF Preston Pressley (Sr., 6-1, 165, R/R); OF Tanner Langley (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Robbie Parker (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF Gryson Cockrell (So., 6-0, 170, L/R); 1B/C Cooper Stephens (So., 5-10, 200, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Bryson Monteith (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Grady Westmoreland (So., 5-10, 155, L/R); INF Jackson Bozeman (So., 5-11, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Rob Skinner (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF/INF/RHP Kaden Sutton (So., 6-2, 175, R/R); RHP/INF Caden Wood (So., 5-11, 215, R/R); INF/RHP Ty Monteith (So., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF/INF/RHP Brandon Bennett (So., 6-1, 180, R/R); C Lucas Harpole (So., 5-8, 155, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/RHP Cole Garner (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: After finishing as the Class 4A state runner-up last year, the Grangers have the talent to make a return trip. The Grangers return their top three starting pitchers in right-handers Trevor Booton and Caden Wood and left-hander Trey Cook. Outfielder Seth Stargell and infielder Preston Pressley return to spark the offense.

REGION 4-4A

Region Favorite: LaGrange

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

RHP/OF – Dexter Benoit, Sr., Whitewater; **RHP** – Trevor Booton, Sr., LaGrange; **U/RHP** – Jack Brady, Sr., Fayette County; **OF/RHP** – Henry Brodnax, Sr., Trinity Christian; **INF** – Jake Carter, Sr., Whitewater; **OF** – Gryson Cockrell, So., LaGrange; **LHP/OF** – Trey Cook, Sr., LaGrange; **RHP** – Bryon Demps, Sr., Riverdale; **INF** – Ty Ellington, Sr., Whitewater; **C/RHP** – Cole Garner, Sr., LaGrange; **OF** – Logan Griffith, Sr., Whitewater; **2B/3B** – Evan Harrah, Sr., Starr's Mill; **SS/RHP** – Dee King, Jr., Fayette County; **OF** – Tanner Langley, Jr., LaGrange; **1B** – Josh McDonald, Sr., Troup County; **C** – Ty Medders, Sr., Troup County; **INF** – Landon Moran, Jr., Whitewater; **3B** – Reed Morris, Sr., Troup County; **U** – Braxton Mueller, Sr., Whitewater; **SS/RHP** – Devon Murphy, Sr., Troup County; **INF/RHP** – Robbie Parker, Jr., LaGrange; **SS/RHP** – Tai Peete, Sr., Trinity Christian; **INF** – Preston Pressley, Sr., LaGrange; **RHP/1B** – Jack Ryan, Jr., Starr's Mill; **SS** – Austin Sellars, Jr., Starr's Mill; **RHP** – Shawn Sower, Sr., Whitewater; **OF** – Seth Stargell, Sr., LaGrange; **1B/C** – Cooper Stephens, So., LaGrange; **C/RHP** – Alex Thompson, Sr., Fayette County; **C** – Ariston Veasey, Jr., Starr's Mill; **OF/RHP** – Bo Walker, Jr., Starr's Mill; **OF/RHP** – Seth Wash, Sr., Fayette County; **LHP/OF** – Heath Whitlock, Jr., Starr's Mill; **RHP/INF** – Caden Wood, So., LaGrange



NORTH CLAYTON EAGLES

Head Coach: Dray Blanton (new)

Survey not returned



RIVERDALE RAIDERS

Head Coach: Charles McFadden

Assistant Coach(s): TBA

2022 Record: 8-12

Returning Starters: RHP Bryon Demps (Sr., R/R); 3B Zyaire Miller (So., R/R);

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1B/C Keith Demps (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: 2B Stephin Asibey (So., R/R); C Jayden Howard (So., R/R); 1B Kaemon Canty (Jr., R/R); 2B Arjohnie Shorter (Jr., R/R); OF Alexander Martez (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Raiders welcome back three returning starters and a host of talented underclassmen. The senior class is small, but pitcher Bryon Demps returns to give the young Raiders a solid nucleus to build around. Keep an eye on an excellent junior class.



Robbie Parker
LaGrange



Caden Wood
LaGrange

Top Newcomers: INF/OF Brock Rein (Fr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Lions return an excellent nucleus of players including All-American Tai Peete. Trinity also returns a good mixture of underclassmen who should help them improve upon last season's record. Outfielder/pitcher Henry Brodnax also returns



TROUP COUNTY TIGERS

Head Coach (s): Tanner Glisson

Assistant Coach (s): Richie Barber, Brock Barber, Patrick Shivers, Joey Doughman

2022 Record: 26-12

Returning Starters: C Ty Medders (Sr., 5-10, 210, R/R); 1B Josh McDonald (Sr., 6-2, 245, R/R); SS/RHP Devon Murphy (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); 2B Fisher Baltzel (So., 5-9, 150, R/R); LF Will Keeter (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); LHP Tripp Cummings (Jr., 5-10, 185, L/L); 3B Reed Morris (Sr., 6-0, 215, R/R)

Other Returning Players: CF Jaxon Duncan (So., 5-9, 155, R/R); RF/RHP Demetris Hardnett (So., 5-9, 170, R/R); C Dylan Stotsky (Sr., 5-10, 200, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/LHP Caleb Allen (So., 6-0, 200, L/L)

Season Outlook: The Tigers should pick back up from where they left off last year. Troup returns seven starters, including versatile Devon Murphy. Senior first baseman Josh McDonald, catcher Ty Medders and third baseman Reed Morris are back to power the offense. The lack of experienced pitching is a concern, but left-hander Tripp Cummings returns.



STARR'S MILL PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): Brent Moseley

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

2022 Record: 19-14

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Bo Walker (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R); LHP/OF Heath Whitlock (Jr., 6-0, 185, L/L); C Ariston Veasey (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP/1B Jack Ryan (Jr., 6-0, 195, R/R); SS Austin Sellars (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); 2B/3B Evan Harrah (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); OF Sully White (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); 2B Max Prozny (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); RHP Drew Richardson (Jr., 6-2, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C Cole Manetti (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF Austin Killingsworth (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Charlie Clem (Jr., 5-7, 160, R/R); RHP Andrew Scott (Sr., 6-1, 210, R/R); LHP Jake Willoughby (Jr., 5-10, 165, L/L); LHP Julian Rush (Sr., 6-2, 175, L/L)

Season Outlook: The Panthers finished strong after struggling to start the 2022 season. Starr's Mill looks to build off that momentum this spring. The Panthers are still young, but nine returning starters are back including all-state outfielder/pitcher Bo Walker. Ariston Veasey, Heath Whitlock and Austin Sellars are three players to keep an eye on.



Evan Harrah
Starr's Mill



Austin Sellars
Starr's Mill

TRINITY CHRISTIAN LIONS

Head Coach: Tommy Gregg

Assistant Coach(s): Steve Smeal, Mark Eskins

2022 Record: 14-16

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Tai Peete (Sr., 6-3, 180, B/R); OF/RHP Henry Brodnax (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP Logan Barnes (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); INF/OF Nathan Huff (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); C Ryan Melton (So., 6-0, 185, R/R); INF/OF Logan Moss (So., 5-11, 165, R/R); OF/RHP Dillon Stiltner (So., 6-1, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Jake Campbell (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); C Landon Clare (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); 1B Amari Collins (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); 1B/OF Will Owens (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Camden Rodgers (So., 6-0, 185, R/R); INF/RHP Dominic Smeal (So., 6-1, 170, R/R); RHP Cole Carrell (Jr., 6-0, 190, R/R)



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WHITEWATER WILDCATS

Head Coach: Brandon Crumbley

Assistant Coach(s): Brandon Bales, Derrick Laney, Austin Pharr, Andrew Self, Christopher Clanton, Blain Williamson, Adrian Williams

2022 Record: 25-9-1

Returning Starters: RHP Shawn Sower (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Dexter Benoit (Sr., 5-9, 185, R/R); INF Jake Carter (Sr., 5-5, 150, R/R); C Blake Elsenpeter (Sr., 5-9, 190, R/R); U Braxton Mueller (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); INF Ty Ellington (Sr., 5-8, 165, R/R); INF Landon Moran (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF Logan Griffith (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Jacobi Brooks (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); RHP Adams Walls (Sr., 5-7, 165, R/R); C Nicholas Routolo (Jr., 5-8, 165, R/R); OF Codey Gunnin (Sr., 5-5, 150, R/R); INF Connor Kolisnyk (Sr., 5-4, 170, R/R); LHP Luke Lezaj (Sr., 5-10, 150, L/L); INF/RHP Trent Ellington (So., 6-1, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Austen Davis (So., 5-8, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP/1B Trey Robbins (Fr., 6-2, 205, L/L); OF/C Will Roan (So., 5-8, 165, R/R); 1B/RHP TJ Thacker (Jr., 6-1, 165, R/R); INF Devin Elsenpeter (Jr., 5-7, 170, B/R); C Parker Wallace (Jr., 5-4, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wildcats welcome back eight returning starters and a strong senior class. Pitching will be solid as right-handers Shawn Sower and Dexter Benoit, who combined for 11 of the team's 25 wins last year, are back. Infielder Jake Carter returns to power the offense.

REGION 5-4A

Region Favorite: Pace Academy

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

INF -- Anderson Beavor, Sr., Lovett; **OF/RHP** -- Hayden Bernard, Sr., Lovett; **RHP/INF** -- Xavier Bradley, Jr., Luella; **OF/LHP** -- Kenton Collier, Sr., Woodland-Stockbridge; **RHP/3B** -- Zach Evans, Jr., Stockbridge; **RHP/U** -- Quentin Forts, Sr., McDonough; **INF** -- Z'Liyah Harris, Sr., Luella; **OF** -- Omarii James, Sr., Hampton; **3B/RHP** -- Joshua Kendrick, Jr., Woodland-Stockbridge; **3B/OF** -- Terrence Kiel, Jr., Pace Academy; **RHP/OF** -- Lucas Klopp, Sr., Pace Academy; **RHP/U** -- Josh Lee, So., McDonough; **SS/RHP** -- Brian Martinez, Sr., Hampton; **U** -- Tyler Oatis, Sr., McDonough; **RHP** -- Ethan Rucker, Jr., Pace Academy; **OF/RHP** -- Daniel Sams, Jr., Lovett; **RHP/2B** -- Brent Sims, Sr., Stockbridge; **3B/C/RHP** -- Logan Smith, Sr., Hampton; **1B/RHP** -- Tyler Tucker, Jr., Stockbridge; **RHP/3B/1B** -- Walker Watson, Sr., Hampton



HAMPTON HORNETS

Head Coach: Mack Majors (new)

Assistant Coach(s): CJ Oakley, TBA

2022 Record: 19-11

Returning Starters: RHP/3B/1B Walker Watson (Sr., R/R); SS/RHP Brian Martinez (Sr., R/R); 3B/C/RHP Logan Smith (Sr., R/R); OF Omarii James (Sr.,

R/R); 2B/SS/3B Tadan Chaffin (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/2B Brady Sewell (Sr., R/R); RHP/OF Darryl Sweat (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP John Paul Jones (Sr., R/R); RHP/1B Caleb Moody (Sr., R/R); OF Kana Johnson (Sr., R/R); C Harrison Court (So., R/R); U/RHP Bradley Morse (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: U/RHP Gavin Aiken (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: New coach Mack Majors takes over and inherits a talented team that should contend for a postseason position. The Hornets welcome back five starters, including standout pitcher Walker Watson as well as offensive leaders Brian Martinez, Logan Smith and Omarii James.



LOVETT LIONS

Head Coach: Lance Oubs

Assistant Coach(s): Jamie Palmer, Vince Nasca, Ryan D'Amelio

2022 Record: 28-10

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Hayden Bernard (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF Anderson Beavor (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); 3B/RHP Christopher Fielden (Sr., 5-8, 165, R/R); OF/RHP Daniel Sams (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/RHP William Sams (Jr., 6-1, 175, L/R); 1B/RHP Corey Nelson (Jr., 6-3, 190, R/R); OF/C/RHP Preston Lusink (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R); SS Joel Lopez (So., 5-7, 155, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Blake Fielden (Jr., 5-7, 150, R/R); INF Brian Stephens (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R); OF Michael Mitchell (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/R); OF/RHP Dylan Mayers (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); 1B/LHP Marshall Kirkpatrick (So., 6-1, 185, L/L); RHP/C Joe Crenshaw (So., 6-0, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: Lovett moves up two classifications and returns four starters. The Lions welcome back nine-game winner Hayden Bernard who gives the team a chance to win each time he takes the mound. Infielder Anderson Beavor and outfielder/pitcher Daniel Sams also return.



Christopher Fielden Lovett



Daniel Sams Lovett



LUELLA LIONS

Head Coach: Ashley Sims

Assistant Coach(s): Matt Fountain

2022 Record: 11-11

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Xavier Bradley (Jr., 5-10, 190, R/R); INF Z'Liyah Harris (Sr., 5-8, 180, R/R); RHP/OF Xavier Pittman (So., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF Nate Ashmon (Jr., 6-0, 190, R/R); C/INF Cam Robinson (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Lions welcome back five starters and should have a chance to improve upon last season's record. Pitcher/infielder Xavier Bradley, last year's Region Player of the Year, returns to lead a relatively young team. If the Lions can be consistent on the mound, they should contend for a postseason berth.

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McDONOUGH WARHAWKS

Head Coach: Sean Stallings

Assistant Coach(s): Donnie Brown

2022 Record: 9-9

Returning Starters: U Tyler Oatis (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); 3B/RHP Jairus Roper (Sr., 6-3, 295, R/R); RHP/U Josh Lee (So., 5-7, 145, R/R); 3B/1B/RHP Dedrick Cooper (So., 5-8, 185, R/R); RHP/OF Dakota Arrington (Jr., 6-1, 160, R/R); OF Emery Hackney (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP/U Quentin Forts (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Christian Greene (Sr., 6-2, 165, R/R); 2B Marcus King (Jr., 5-5, 135, R/R); U Jonathan Anderson (So., 5-7, 145, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Warhawks have a good nucleus of talent returning and McDonough should have a chance to improve upon last season's finish. Seven starters are back. Utility player Tyler Oatis and Quentin Forts return as well as pitcher Josh Lee.



MOUNT ZION-JONESBORO BULLDOGS

Head Coach: TBA

Survey not returned



PACE ACADEMY KNIGHTS

Head Coach: Donice Bloodworth

Assistant Coach(s): Nelson Pedraza, LV Ware, Shane McGill

2022 Record: 29-6

Returning Starters: RHP/OF Lucas Klopp (Sr., 5-8, 135, B/R); 2B Henry Levenson (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); 3B/OF Terrence Kiel (Jr., 5-11, 175, B/R); RHP Ethan Rucker (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R); INF Tucker Ausband (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); C Miles Mador (So., 6-0, 185, R/R); 3B/INF Ryan Reiss (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 3B/1B Jayden Mock (Jr., 6-2, 230, R/R); 3B/OF Will Moore (Jr., 6-1, 195, R/R); LHP Jackson Hurd (Jr., 5-9, 175, L/L); OF Forest Pollard (Sr., 5-10, 165, L/R); OF James Romig (Sr., 6-2, 160, R/R); 1B Jack Janko (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); RHP Porter Kendall (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Knights move up two classifications after solid success in Class 2A. Look for the Knights to contend for the region crown. Pace welcomes back seven returning starters, including all-state pitcher Lucas Klopp and infielder/outfielder Terrence Kiel. Right-hander Ethan Rucker also returns.



STOCKBRIDGE TIGERS

Head Coach: Daniel Greene

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

2022 Record: 11-15

Returning Starters: RHP/2B Brent Sims (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF Darius Keyton (Sr., 6-0, 195, R/R); OF Keion Dunlap (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); OF Chance Stocks (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); 1B/RHP Tyler Tucker (Jr., 6-4, 235, R/R); RHP/3B Zach Evans (Jr., 6-0, 190, R/R); C/OF Bryce Bause (Jr., 6-0, 190, R/R); OF/U Preston Wright

(Jr., 5-10, 165, B/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/U Samuel Minniefield (So., 5-10, 155, R/R); OF Reginald Jones (So., 5-10, 150, R/R); LHP Daelyn Cardell (So., 5-10, 150, L/L)

Top Newcomers: U Casey McBride (Fr., 5-9, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Tigers welcome back a wealth of talent and should factor into the postseason chase this spring. Pitcher/utility Brent Sims, first-baseman Tyler Tucker and pitcher/infielder Zach Evans are back after posting solid numbers in 2022.



WOODLAND-STOCKBRIDGE WOLFPACK

Head Coach: Quinton King

Assistant Coach(s): Peter Fraley

2022 Record: 4-12

Returning Starters: OF/LHP Kenton Collier (Sr., L/L); 2B/OF Jeffrey Allen (Sr., R/R); 3B/RHP Joshua Kendrick (Jr., R/R); SS/RHP Tyler Dunn (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/RHP Jalen Johnson (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Seth Geter (So., R/R); 3B/RHP Jacob Summers (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP Kaden Borst (Jr., R/R); C Chad Brooks (Jr., R/R); 2B Damian Gibson (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Woodland looks to turn things around after a disappointing finish in 2022. The Wolfpack will need some underclassmen to step up and contribute. All-region outfielder Kenton Collier as well as infielders Joshua Kendrick and Tyler Dunn return to lead the team. The lack of pitching depth is a concern.

REGION 6-4A

Region Favorite: Holy Innocents'

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

INF -- Storey Abernathy, Sr., Westminster; **LHP** -- Griffin Bittel, Sr., Holy Innocents'; **OF** -- Vincent Bontempo, Sr., Westminster; **SS/RHP** -- Noah Brocklebank, So., Druid Hills; **C** -- Ryan Carr, Sr., Westminster; **SS/RHP** -- Matthew Evans, So., Southwest DeKalb; **OF** -- Nick Harris, Jr., Stephenson; **OF/SS** -- Zach Jackson, Jr., Holy Innocents'; **OF** -- Chandler Ketchup, Sr., Holy Innocents'; **1B/OF/RHP** -- Antrez McDowell, Sr., Southwest DeKalb; **C/RHP** -- Ian O'Connor, Sr., Druid Hills; **RF** -- Dylan Radaszewski, Sr., Holy Innocents'; **RHP/INF** -- Cullen Riel, Sr., Druid Hills; **1B** -- Steve Taylor, Jr., Stephenson; **RHP** -- Jaryl Williams, Sr., Southwest DeKalb; **OF/RHP** -- Bobby Yarbrough, Sr., Westminster



CLARKSTON ANGORAS

Head Coach: TBA

Survey not returned

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DRUID HILLS RED DEVILS

Head Coach: TBA

Assistant Coach(s): Anthony Hunter, Aaron Hannon

2022 Record: 17-8

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Cullen Riel (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); SS/RHP Noah Brocklebank (So., 6-0, 160, B/R); C/RHP Ian O'Connor (Sr., 6-2, 195, R/R); OF Jacquez Cullars (Sr., 6-1, 160, R/R); OF Bryson Parker (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/1B Ryan Horner (Jr., 6-2, 200, R/R); U Brandon Parker (So., 6-0, 175, R/R); 1B Banks Coffman (Sr., 6-1, 210, R/R); LHP/1B Jude Hiley (Sr., 5-10, 160, L/L)

Top Newcomers: C/INF Jake Brown (Fr., 5-9, 160, R/R); U Caelan Rogers (So., 5-11, 160, L/R); U Oliver Myers (Fr., 6-2, 165, R/R); 3B/RHP Phillip Fishbein (So., 5-10, 165, R/R); LHP/1B Sean Crawford (So., 6-0, 160, L/L)

Season Outlook: The Red Devils could have a good chance to approach last year's success with a solid group of returning players coming back. Pitcher/infielder Cullen Riel returns as well as catcher/pitcher Ian O'Connor. Keep an eye on shortstop Noah Brocklebank who was promising as a freshman last year.



HAPEVILLE HORNETS

Head Coach: Winston Gordon

Survey not returned



HOLY INNOCENTS' GOLDEN BEARS

Head Coach: DC Aiken

Assistant Coach (s): Dan Healy, Ned Mason, Michael Zarrillo

2022 Record: 18-13

Returning Starters: RF Dylan Radaszewski (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); C Will Holland (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); LHP Griffin Bittel (Sr., 6-1, 165, R/L); RHP/OF Ian Graves (Sr., 6-1, 170, L/R); OF Chandler Ketchup (Sr., 6-1, 175, L/R); OF/SS Zach Jackson (Jr., 6-2, 185, L/R); SS/2B Braxton Padgett (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); 3B/1B Matt Luigs (So., 6-2, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Graham Murray (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); RHP Chase Causey (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R); RHP Chris McDonald (Sr., 6-1, 165, R/R); RHP Harrison Fahy (Sr., 5-11, 145, R/R); OF Whit McGrotty (Jr., 6-0, 175, L/R); C Jack Fernandez (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R); LHP Wesley Lybrook (Jr., 6-3, 160, L/L); C/3B Davis Jabaley (So., 6-0, 175, R/R); SS/RHP Lucas Fernandez (So., 6-0, 160, R/R); C Tucker Martin (So., 6-2, 195, R/R); 2B Emmett Campbell (So., 5-7, 140, R/R); RHP Colin McGinty (So., 6-5, 200, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Golden Bears return eight position players this spring



Griffin Bittel
Holy Innocents'



Chandler Ketchup
Holy Innocents'



Dylan Radaszewski
Holy Innocents'

and should be a dangerous team. Senior outfielders Dylan Radaszewski and Chandler Ketchup return to lead the offense. Keep an eye on outfielder/shortstop Zach Jackson who showed a lot of promise as a sophomore last year. Lefty Griffin Bittel and right-hander Ian Graves return to lead a solid pitching rotation.



MILLER GROVE WOLVERINES

Head Coach: Darrel Hawkins

Survey not returned



SOUTHWEST DEKALB PANTHERS

Head Coach: Tyrus Taylor

Assistant Coach(s): Cedric Horton, Jerald Hatchett, James Bling, Jonathan Sheffield

2022 Record: 17-11

Returning Starters: 1B/OF/RHP Antrez McDowell (Sr., 6-1, 215, R/R); RHP Jaryl Williams (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF/SS/RHP Raekwon Wedderburn (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); SS/RHP Matthew Evans (So., 5-10, 165, R/R); 2B/RHP Kameron Scott (So., 5-10, 160, L/R); 3B/RHP Kyler Wimbish (So., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Bre'Shawn Reese (So., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Panthers welcome back an excellent group and should contend for the playoffs this spring. Offensive catalyst Antrez McDowell (.435 avg., 20 RBIs) returns, while right-hander Jaryl Williams (6-6, 3.60 ERA) leads a solid pitching rotation.



STEPHENSON JAGUARS

Head Coach: Tim Jones

Assistant Coach(s): Byron Dixon, Elliot Bonner

2022 Record: 8-10

Returning Starters: OF Nick Harns (Jr., 5-6, 180, R/R); 1B Steve Taylor (Jr., 6-6, 205, R/L)

Top Newcomers: SS/RHP Ramondo Craddock (Jr., 6-0, 210, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Jaguars welcome back a young team, but don't sleep on Stephenson. A solid group of juniors return including outfielder Nick Harris and first baseman Steve Taylor. Some underclassmen will need to step up and help out this season.



STONE MOUNTAIN PIRATES

Head Coach: Corey Lazenby

Survey not returned

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WESTMINSTER WILDCATS

Head Coach: Chad Laney

Assistant Coach(s): Adam Pullen, Doug Boomer, Taylor Johnson, Joe Sturniolo

2022 Record: 10-15

Returning Starters: C Ryan Carr (Sr., 6-1, 205, R/R); OF Vincent Bontempo (Sr., 5-10, 180, L/L); INF Storey Abernathy (Sr., 6-2, 195, R/R); OF/RHP Bobby Yarbrough (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF Zach Hanson (Sr., R/R); 1B John Hendrix (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players:

RHP Jack Schwartz (So., R/R); INF/P Trey Hill (Jr.); C Gipson Thompson (So., R/R); OF Greg Egan (Jr., R/R); RHP Carson Stout (Sr., R/R); C/DH Sam Reavis (Sr., R/R); INF Jace Rhee (Jr., R/R); OF Owen Cohn (Jr., L/L); RHP Arjun Pradham (Jr., R/R); RHP Fain Barton (Jr., R/R); RHP Reid Pemberton (Sr., R/R); OF Stanton Aldridge (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wildcats got off to a slow start in 2022, then finished strong. They hope to continue their positive momentum this spring. The lack of experienced pitching is a concern, but offensive leaders Ryan Carr (.377 avg.) and Vincent Bontempo (.357 avg.) return to lead the way.



Ryan Carr
Westminster



Zach Hanson
Westminster



Bobby Yarbrough
Westminster

REGION 7-4A

Region Favorite: Cedartown

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

LHP – Walker Altman, Sr., Central-Carrollton; **RHP/INF** – JC Armour, Jr., Heritage-Catoosa; **RHP/INF** – Zach Barrett, Sr., Heritage-Catoosa; **C** – Eli Barrow, Sr., Cedartown; **INF/RHP** – Brady Chandler, Jr., Heritage-Catoosa; **C** – Brock Clements, Jr., Sonoraville; **OF/RHP** – Joe Cooney, Sr., Central-Carrollton; **SS/RHP** – Dylan Cupp, Sr., Cedartown; **1B** – Cole Dinger, Jr., Cedartown; **OF** – Kannon England, Sr., Sonoraville; **C/INF** – Brady Ensley, Sr., Southeast Whitfield; **LHP** – AJ Hensley, Sr., Sonoraville; **INF/RHP** – X Holiday, Jr., Cedartown; **OF/LHP** – Zach Lyles, Sr., Sonoraville; **INF/RHP** – Hayden Manson, Sr., Central-Carrollton; **RHP/INF** – Jay O’Neal, So., Cedartown; **OF/C** – Max Owens, Jr., Heritage-Catoosa; **SS** – Jaxon Pate, Jr., Sonoraville; **SS** – Seth Riverman, Sr., Northwest Whitfield; **OF/INF** – Gage Shaver, Sr., Heritage-Catoosa; **CF/RHP** – Reece Tanner, Sr., Cedartown; **U** – Dawson Townsend, Sr., Sonoraville; **RHP/INF** – Sam Turner, Sr., Central-Carrollton; **OF/RHP** – Tony Ware, Jr., Cedartown



CEDARTOWN BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Gevin Johnson

Assistant Coach (s): Ryan Evans, Josh Davenport, Austin Pope, Jeff Dinger, Z Scofield

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2022 Record: 27-11

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Dylan Cupp (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R); C Eli Barrow (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); INF/RHP X Holiday (Jr., 5-10, 165, L/R); 1B Cole Dangler (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); CF/RHP Reece Tanner (Sr., 6-2, 185, L/R); OF/RHP Tony Ware (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); 2B Denver Nale (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP/INF Jay O'Neal (So., 6-2, 210, R/R); OF/RHP Britt Baxter (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/OF Dakota Matthews (Jr., 5-10, 200, L/R); OF Chance White (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Matthew Henslee (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); OF/RHP Jack Roper (Jr., 5-10, 145, R/R); OF/LHP Sam Formby (So., 5-10, 145, L/L); OF/RHP Cole Cochran (So., 5-10, 195, R/R); OF/RHP Hayden Rittenhouse (So., 6-0, 145, R/R); INF Drew Tuck (So., 5-8, 145, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Konnor Peak (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Ace Allen (Fr., 5-10, 150, R/R); INF Beau Ball (Fr., 6-2, 225, R/R); INF/RHP Gavin Alred (Fr., 5-9, 150, R/R); OF/LHP Jones Wigley (Fr., 5-9, 140, L/L)

Season Outlook: After a run to the Class 4A semifinals, look for Cedartown to approach last year's success. A wealth of talent returns including All-American Dylan Cupp. But the strength of the team will be its solid pitching rotation led by all-state pitchers X Holiday and Jay O'Neal. Versatile Reece Tanner and all-state catcher Eli Barrow are also back. This will be a dangerous team.



CENTRAL-CARROLLTON LIONS

Head Coach (s): Riley Presnell (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Stephen Kegley, Drew Young, Vaughn Lee, Pete Gleason, Mack McKinley

2022 Record: 18-11

Returning Starters: LHP Walker Altman (Sr., 6-1, 165, B/L); RHP/INF Sam Turner (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Hayden Manson (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); RHP/U Brandon Musick (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R); OF Vicari Swain (Sr., 6-2, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/OF/RHP Maxx Williamson (Jr., 5-8, 150, R/R); INF Brennan Ray (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); OF Matt Tanner (Sr., 5-10, 155, R/R); U Andrew Bass (Sr., 5-8, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/RHP Joe Cooney (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); RHP/1B Korbin Dietrich (So., 6-6, 195, R/R); RHP/3B Tucker Lambert (So., 6-1, 180, R/R); C Davis Smith (So., 5-9, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: First-year coach Riley Pressnell takes over and inherits five returning starters, but the Lions have a wealth of returning pitchers who should help them contend for a postseason berth. Left-hander Walker Altman and right-hander Sam Turner anchor what should be a solid unit. The offense must be more consistent.



HERITAGE-CATOOSA GENERALS

Head Coach (s): Eric Beagles

Assistant Coach (s): David Dinger, Cody Lones

2022 Record: 23-14

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Zach Barrett (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); RHP/INF Jonathan Glover (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); INF JJ Hunt (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP/INF Garrison May (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); RHP/OF Landen Skeen (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF Eli Thotherow (Sr., 5-7, 145, R/R); OF/INF Gage Shaver (Sr., 6-1, 165, L/L); RHP/INF Taylor Vinson (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R); RHP/INF JC Armour (Jr., 6-4, 155,

L/R); INF/RHP Brady Chandler (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF/C Max Owens (Jr., 6-3, 155, R/R); INF/OF Maddox Henry (So., 5-11, 140, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/INF Ryland Black-Long (Jr., 6-0, 210, R/R); INF/RHP Nathan Johnson (Jr., 5-8, 165, R/R); INF/C Bryce Quails (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF Grant Wilson (Jr., 5-9, 145, R/R); INF Braden Greene (So., 5-11, 150, R/R); C/OF Riley Womack (So., 5-1, 100, R/R)

Season Outlook: Heritage looks to build off last season's late momentum as a strong group returns. All-state pitcher Zach Barrett (7-3, 0.84 ERA) and all-state outfielder/infielder Gage Shaver (.378 avg., 35 RBIs) return. The senior class is experienced. Look for the Generals to make a run at the region title.



NORTHWEST WHITFIELD BRUINS

Head Coach: David Redmond (new)

Assistant Coach(s): Jason Brooker, Josh Hall, Quinn Smith

2022 Record: 20-16

Returning Starters: SS Seth Riverman (Sr., 6-0, 145, R/R); 1B Hank Scruggs (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Austin Cooley (Jr., 6-2, 150, R/R); C Deakon Edwards (So., 5-8, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: U Gabriel Perez (Sr., 5-8, 170, R/R); U/RHP Hank Harrison (Jr., 5-6, 130, R/R); 1B/RHP Avery O'Neal (Jr., 6-1, 210, R/R); 3B/RHP Cameron Collins (So., 5-11, 165, R/R); OF/LHP Caden Ramsey (So., 6-0, 185, L/L); RHP/C Sam Crossen (So., 5-6, 170, R/R); 2B/OF Eli Speights (So., 5-8, 140, R/R); RHP/OF Jackson Beckler (So., 6-0, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: Former assistant David Redmond takes over and inherits four returning starters. Graduation took most of the Bruins' pitching staff from last year. Northwest Whitfield has an excellent group of underclassmen. They just need time to mature.



SONORVILLE PHOENIX

Head Coach (s): Deron Walraven

Assistant Coach (s): Justin Patterson, Hayden Morrow, Tyler Lyles, Clay Pruett

2022 Record: 23-9

Returning Starters: OF/LHP Zach Lyles (Sr., 6-1, 185, L/L); OF Kannon England (Sr., 6-0, 165, L/L); U Dawson Townsend (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); 1B Easton Childs (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); 3B Zevyn Ferguson (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); SS Jaxon Pate (Jr., 6-1, 170, L/R); C Brock Clements (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); LHP AJ Hensley (Sr., 6-2, 175, L/L)

Other Returning Players: 2B Coy Godfrey (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R); 3B Joey Van Dyke (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); C/OF Jackson Balliew (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); 2B Carter Sampson (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Blake Cole (Jr., 6-0, 155, R/R); 1B Dalen Belcher (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF Luke Caldwell (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); 3B Ty Brown (Jr., 6-1, 195, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/RHP Griffin Long (Fr., 6-1, 150, R/R); OF/RHP Eli Balliew (Fr., 6-0, 150, R/R); 1B Will Patterson (Fr., 6-2, 175, L/R)

Season Outlook: After a solid playoff run in Class 3A in 2022, the Phoenix look to build on last season. The bulk of that team is back, including all-state outfielder/pitcher Zach Lyles and shortstop Jaxon Pate. If Sonorville can find a little more pitching depth, they should be a very dangerous team.

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SOUTHEAST WHITFIELD RAIDERS

Head Coach (s): Chad Ikerd
Survey not returned



CHEROKEE BLUFF BEARS

Head Coach: Jeremy Kemp
Assistant Coach (s): Luke Crumley, Breck Davidson, Kirklan Moore, Griffin Olson, Gerry Pope, Spencer Sorrells
2022 Record: 25-10

Returning Starters: OF Bryce England (Sr., 6-0, 195, R/R); OF Brett House (Sr., 6-3, 210, R/R); RHP Braxton Beal (Sr., 6-2, 200, R/R); C/3B/CF Ty Corbin (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); C Caleb Miele (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R); SS/RHP Jacob Vokal (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); 2B/RHP Landon Kemp (So., 5-11, 165, L/R); 1B Kaden Thompson (So., 6-2, 190, L/R); RHP/OF Tucker Holton (So., 6-1, 175, R/R)
Other Returning Players: LHP Gabe Gowder (So., 6-2, 165, L/L); RHP Jack Sparks (Jr., 6-2, 210, R/R); OF Tanaka Mukono (Jr., 6-2, 165, R/R); U Caleb Davis (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); 1B Garrett Harper (So., 5-11, 200, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP Brady Stephens (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); INF Ethan England (Fr., 5-10, 155, R/R); INF Erik Grunduski (Fr., 5-9, 135, R/R)

Season Outlook: This could potentially be the best Cherokee Bluff team in the school's short history. A wealth of talent returns including all-state outfielder Bryce England, infielder Jacob Vokal and versatile Ty Corbin. Pitcher Braxton Beal also returns as well as standout hitter Caleb Miele. Keep an eye on a strong group of underclassmen.



CHESTATEE WAR EAGLES

Head Coach: Kevin McConnell
Assistant Coach(s): Josh Owings, Brandon Miller, Geoff Chaffin, Reece Chambers

2022 Record: 14-16

Returning Starters: C Ethan Andrews (Sr., R/R); INF/OF Nick McKoy (Sr., R/R); OF Christian Jarrard (Sr., R/R); INF Josh Bull (Jr., R/R); OF/INF/RHP Colton Wilbanks (Jr., R/R); OF/LHP Jake Hitchcock (Jr., L/L);

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Dylan Thompson (Jr., R/R); OF/LHP Brock Moody (Jr., L/L); RHP/OF/INF Wesley Gossett (Jr., R/R); RHP/INF/OF Thomas Martens (So., R/R); INF/OF/RHP Eli Chaffin (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: 1B/3B/RHP Cohen Miller (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The War Eagles welcome back a talented group of returning players and should once again challenge for a playoff berth. Chestatee will be young, but don't count them out. Versatile Nick McKoy returns as well as juniors Josh Bull and Jake Hitchcock. Keep an eye on some talented underclassmen.



EAST FORSYTH BRONCOS

Head Coach: Kyle Counts
Assistant Coach(s): Billy Kieninger, Johnny Hernandez, Taylor McGilvray, Robby Boudreau, Todd Webster, Tyler Martin, Brandon Coury

2022 Record: 18-14

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Logan Pedretti (Sr., R/R); SS Blake Riley (Sr., R/R); 3B Lucas Kniola (Jr., R/R); OF Matthew Lyons (Jr., L/L); OF/LHP Will Moffitt (Jr., R/L); 2B/SS Zach Aschoff (So., R/R); RHP/1B Wyatt Barden



Logan Pedretti
East Forsyth

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Region Favorite: North Oconee

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

2B/SS – Zach Aschoff, So., East Forsyth; **RHP/1B** – Wyatt Barden, So., East Forsyth; **LHP/1B/OF** – Walker Barrett, Sr., East Hall; **RHP** – Braxton Beal, Sr., Cherokee Bluff; **OF/INF/RHP/C** – Braxton Brooks, Sr., Walnut Grove; **INF** – Josh Bull, Jr., Chestatee; **LHP/OF** – Thomas Burke, Jr., Walnut Grove; **INF/RHP/C** – Robert Chatmon, So., Cedar Shoals; **C/3B/OF** – Ty Corbin, Jr., Cherokee Bluff; **OF** – Bryce England, Sr., Cherokee Bluff; **OF** – Jack Fabris, Sr., North Oconee; **LHP/1B/OF** – Trey Farr, So., East Forsyth; **3B** – Grayson Godbee, Sr., North Oconee; **RHP/U** – Tyler Greene, Jr., Seckinger; **C** – Sebastian Hernandez, Sr., Seckinger; **INF** – Cole Hillsman, Sr., Madison County; **OF/LHP** – Jake Hitchcock, Jr., Chestatee; **RHP/OF** – Tucker Holton, So., Cherokee Bluff; **OF** – Brett House, Sr., Cherokee Bluff; **RHP/INF** – Dom Hyatt, Sr., Walnut Grove; **INF** – Malachi Jeffries, Sr., Seckinger; **OF** – Ajay Jones, Jr., North Hall; **INF/RHP** – Hewett Jones, Jr., Walnut Grove; **OF** – Kyle Jones, Sr., North Oconee; **INF** – Jin Kasuya, So., Seckinger; **2B/RHP** – Landon Kemp, So., Cherokee Bluff; **3B** – Lucas Kniola, Jr., East Forsyth; **RHP** – Wyatt Land, Sr., North Oconee; **RHP** – Landon Lee, Sr., North Hall; **INF** – Shane Little, Sr., Madison County; **OF** – Matthew Lyons, Jr., East Forsyth; **INF/OF/RHP** – Christian McCullough, Sr., East Hall; **OF** – Cooper McFarlin, Sr., Madison County; **INF/OF** – Nick McKoy, Sr., Chestatee; **C** – Caleb Miele, Jr., Cherokee Bluff; **OF/LHP** – Will Moffitt, Jr., East Forsyth; **INF/RHP** – KJ Moon, Jr., North Oconee; **INF/C** – Nate Nguyen, So., Johnson-Gainesville; **C/OF** – Lane Nix, Sr., Madison County; **OF/RHP** – Logan Pedretti, Sr., East Forsyth; **RHP** – Tristan Poss, Sr., Madison County; **SS** – Blake Riley, Sr., East Forsyth; **C** – Mason Schreiber, So., East Forsyth; **OF/LHP** – Conner Smith, Sr., Madison County; **RHP/1B** – Cole Stanley, Sr., Cedar Shoals; **C/2B** – Cale Stricklin, Sr., North Oconee; **1B** – Kaden Thompson, So., Cherokee Bluff; **SS/RHP** – Jacob Vokal, Jr., Cherokee Bluff; **3B/C/RHP** – Taiyo Watanabe, Sr., Cedar Shoals



CEDAR SHOALS JAGUARS

Head Coach: Josh Campbell (new)
Survey not returned

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(So., R/R); LHP/1B/OF Trey Farr (So., L/L); C Mason Schreiber (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: 2B Bryce Bracco (Sr., R/R); RHP Ethan Eidson (Sr., R/R); OF Wyatt Simpson (Sr., R/R); 2B/RHP Eric Walsh (Sr., R/R); RHP Parker Roberts (Jr., R/R); RHP Davis Downs (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/DH Bradlee Hamby (Jr., R/R); OF Braxton Woody (Jr., R/R); RHP Jackson Weir (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Broncos made the state playoffs in their inaugural season last year. East Forsyth looks to go higher this spring. First Team All-region selections Logan Pedretti and Trey Farr return as well as infielders Blake Riley, Lucas Kniola and outfielder Will Moffit. Keep an eye on Wyatt Barden who had an excellent freshman campaign last year.



Blake Riley
East Forsyth



NORTH HALL TROJANS

Head Coach: Trevor Flow
Assistant Coach (s): Wes Crow, Dacen Cash, Trey Pinson, Farris Mance, Tim Nunez

2022 Record: 32-7

Returning Starters: OF Ajay Jones (Jr., 5-8, 170, R/R); INF Jon Jon Read (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); C/OF Nathan Vermeer (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP Landon Lee (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); RHP/OF Britton Glover (Sr., 6-1, 165, R/R); RHP/INF/OF Mills Lothridge (So., 5-10, 155, R/R); OF/INF Korbyn Sosebee (Jr., 5-9, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Brantley Watson (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); RHP/INF/OF Luke Sanders (Jr., 5-6, 150, R/R); INF/RHP Andrew Hiavacek (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); OF Will Jackson (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); INF Wyatt Gowan (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP/OF Campbell Payton (So., 6-2, 175, R/L); LHP/INF Kaleb Sexton (Fr., 6-0, 180, R/L); C/OF Kenny Foudy (Fr., 5-10, 165, R/R); C/OF Charlie Wright (Jr., 5-9, 185, R/R); INF/RHP Kian Allen (So., 5-10, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: North Hall will be doing some rebuilding in 2023. However, don't sleep on the Trojans as plenty of young talent will help them contend. The senior class is small and much of the pitching staff is unproven, but the Trojans will improve as the season progresses. All-state outfielder Ajay Jones returns, giving the young Trojans a leader to build around.



Landon Lee
North Hall



Jon Jon Read
North Hall



Korbyn Sosebee
North Hall



Nathan Vermeer
North Hall



EAST HALL VIKINGS

Head Coach: Zeb Lackey
Survey not returned



JOHNSON-GAINESVILLE KNIGHTS

Head Coach: Justin Dooly (new)
Survey not returned



MADISON COUNTY RED RAIDERS

Head Coach: Chad Gillespie
Assistant Coach(s): Jeff Davis, Jack May, Alex Jordan, Jarred Bolton
2022 Record: 15-16

Returning Starters: RHP Tristan Poss (Sr., 6-1, 200, R/R); INF Shane Little (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); INF Cole Hillsman (Sr., 5-7, 145, R/R); OF/LHP Conner Smith (Sr., 6-1, 155, L/L); C/OF Lane Nix (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); OF Cooper McFarlin (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); C Micah Waldroup (So., 5-9, 135, R/R); INF Blake Ledford (Jr., 5-9, 145, R/R); OF Camden Smith (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R); INF Austin Towe (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF Caylan Kettle (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Mason Whitehead (Jr., 5-6, 130, R/R); C Chad Sparkman (Sr., 5-11, 195, R/R); C Casey Lovelace (Sr., 5-8, 175, R/R); INF Bryson Drake (Jr., 5-9, 180, R/R); RHP Griffin Morris (So., 6-2, 165, R/R); LHP Ethan Gillespie (Jr., 6-0, 165, L/L)

Season Outlook: A veteran team will be back to lead Madison County this season. Right-hander Tristan Poss returns to lead a solid group of pitchers, while infielders Shane Little and Cole Hillsman return to power the offense. Expect Madison County to challenge for a postseason berth this spring.



Lane Nix
Madison County



NORTH OCONEE TITANS

Head Coach: Jay Lasley
Assistant Coach(s): Tom Dimitroff, Eric Bounds, Matthew Kelley, Tyler Pittman, Brandon Gaubert, Tom Meade

2022 Record: 39-1

Returning Starters: INF/RHP KJ Moon (Jr., 6-1, 200, R/R); C/2B Cale Stricklin (Sr., 5-11, 200, R/R); 3B Grayson Godbee (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); OF Jack Fabris (Sr., 6-2, 195, B/R); OF Kyle Jones (Sr., 6-4, 170, R/R); RHP Wyatt Land (Sr., 6-3, 170, L/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Landon Wilson (Sr., 6-3, 200, R/R); OF Nick Wiley (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); OF/INF Braden Warren (Sr., 6-1, 205, L/R); C Cameron Hassan (Sr., 5-7, 200, R/R); INF/OF Ethan Jarvis (Jr., 5-8, 150, R/R); SS/2B/RHP Timmy Todd (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/RHP Nolan Morris (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF Branson Dykes (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); RHP Colin Bull (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R); C/INF Ryan Postnieks (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); RHP Braedon Hassan (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R)

Season Outlook: If the defending Class 4A state champions can find some pitching depth, they should pick up from where they left off. All-state

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players KJ Moon, Cale Stricklin, Grayson Godbee and Jack Fabris return. The senior class is strong as outfielder Kyle Jones and right-hander Wyatt Land are back. The Titans have enough talent to make another deep run.



WALNUT GROVE WARRIORS

Head Coach: Carl Allen

Assistant Coach (s): Brian Fiddler, Cody Tait, Bryce Shupe, Joe Lindsey, Mason Yancey

2022 Record: 17-10

Returning Starters: OF/INF/RHP/C Braxton Brooks (Sr., 6-1, 200, R/R); INF/OF Rhett Lamberth (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); RHP/INF Dom Hyatt (Sr., 6-5, 225, R/R); LHP/OF Thomas Burke (Jr., 6-5, 185, L/L); OF/LHP Carter Hodges (Jr., 5-10, 160, L/L)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Hewett Jones (Jr., 6-3, 210, R/R); INF Kole Houston (Sr., 5-7, 145, R/R); INF Ty Trinkle (Sr., 5-9, 180, R/R); C Jackson Wright (Sr., 5-8, 145, R/R); C/RHP Thomas Grace (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); OF/INF Alec Clayton (Jr., 5-7, 155, L/L)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Branson Blalock (Fr., 6-2, 145, R/R); INF/LHP Sam Martell (So., 6-3, 160, R/L)

Season Outlook: Expect Walnut Grove to make another run at the state playoffs. The Warriors welcome back five returning starters, including all-state standout Braxton Brooks. Pitching will be solid as right-handers Dom Hyatt (4-1, 1.80 ERA) and Hewett Jones as well as lefty Thomas Burke all return.



SECKINGER JAGUARS

Head Coach: Justin Bishop (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Scott Gaffney, Cameron Crawford, Casey Innis, Bryan Petty

2022 Record: 0-0

Top Newcomers: C Sebastian Hernandez (Sr., 5-10, 200, R/R); INF Malachi Jeffries (Sr., 5-7, 170, B/R); INF/RHP Isaiah Williams (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP/U Tyler Greene (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R); RHP/INF Jordan Oldknow (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); RHP/OF Maverick Torres (Jr., 6-2, 165, R/R); INF Jin Kasuya (So., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: Seckinger opens its inaugural season with longtime Parkview assistant Justin Bishop leading the program. The Jaguars will be young but talented. There are a few seniors, but the bulk of the team will be underclassmen. Keep an eye on infielder Jin Kasuya who has been promising. Catcher Sebastian Hernandez, infielder Malachi Jeffries and infielder/pitcher Isaiah Williams are three seniors to watch.

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REGION 1-3A

Region Favorite: Thomasville

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

SS – Jake Courville, Sr., Columbus; **OF/INF/RHP** – Dylan Davis, Sr., Crisp County; **OF** – Kameron Davis, Jr., Dougherty; **INF/RHP** – Kashaun Davis, So., Carver-Columbus; **INF** – Christian Eleby, So., Carver-Columbus; **INF/RHP** – Anderson Everett, Sr., Thomasville; **U** – Carson Fryman, Sr., Thomasville; **OF/1B** – Jacob Jordan, Sr., Thomasville; **INF/RHP** – Jadon Lirette, Jr., Thomasville; **OF** – Beck Nicholson, Sr., Thomasville; **INF/RHP** – Gus Novak, Sr., Thomasville; **OF** – Nathyn Patrick, Sr., Columbus; **1B/C** – DeAndre Pridgett, Sr., Carver-Columbus; **INF/RHP** – Ryan Renfroe, Sr., Thomasville; **1B/3B** – Andrew Wells, Sr., Columbus



CARVER-COLUMBUS TIGERS

Head Coach (s): Michael Long
Survey not returned



COLUMBUS BLUE DEVILS

Head Coach (s): Chad Mathis
Assistant Coach (s): McLendon Hill, JR Lassiter, Steven Swinehart, Scott Livingston
2022 Record: 20-13
Returning Starters: SS Jake Courville (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); 1B/3B Andrew Wells (Sr., 6-2, 210, R/R); 2B/3B Pearson McKenzie (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); CF Nathyn Patrick (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R)
Other Returning Players: RHP/3B Mason Schoonover (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); C Wilson Holland (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); 1B Toby Tomaski (Sr., 6-1, 160, L/L); RHP Ahkil Gutta (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); LHP Jack Peak (Jr., 6-2, 220, L/L); 2B Collin Cates (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); SS William Taylor (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R)
Top Newcomers: RHP Jack Brown (Jr., 6-5, 215, R/R); RHP Oakley Koontz (Jr., 6-6, 200, R/R); RHP/OF David Scott Livingston (So., 5-9, 180, R/R)
Season Outlook: If the Blue Devils can find some pitchers to step forward, they could be the team to beat in Region 1-3A this spring. A talented senior class returns to lead the way. First-baseman Jake Courville, first-baseman/third-baseman Andrew Wells and outfielder Nathyn Patrick are three players to keep an eye on.



CRISP COUNTY COUGARS

Head Coach (s): Kyle Kirk (new)
Assistant Coach (s): Stewart Tyler, Toby Stripling, Landon Ledford
2022 Record: 10-17
Returning Starters: OF/INF/RHP Dylan Davis (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); OF/RHP/INF Julian Fox (Sr., 6-2, 195, R/R); RHP/INF Braiden Rouse (So., 5-10, 175, R/R);

RHP/INF Ashden Mitchell (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/R); INF/LHP Jaylyn Weitman (Sr., 6-0, 195, L/L)

Other Returning Players: OF/C/RHP Kenton Peterson (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/R); C/RHP Davis Pullen (Sr., 5-9, 155, R/R); LHP Weston Thomson (Sr., 6-0, 185, L/L); INF Avery Anderson (So., 6-0, 200, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/P Dawson Coleman (Fr.); C/P Taylor Branch (Fr.); INF Jordan Fox (Fr.)

Season Outlook: Former assistant Kyle Kirk takes over and inherits five returning starters. Outfielder Dylan Davis returns to lead the way after batting .463 last year. If the Cougars can develop some consistent pitching, they could contend for the region title. A wealth of young players will compete for playing time.



DOUGHERTY TROJANS

Head Coach (s): Kenyan Conner
Survey not returned



MONROE TORNADOES

Head Coach (s): TBA
Survey not returned



THOMASVILLE BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Erik McDougald
Assistant Coach(s): Brice Warner, Kyle Fiveash, Daniel Young, Phil Swindell
2022 Record: 30-7

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Ryan Renfroe (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R); U Carson Fryman (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF/1B Jacob Jordan (Sr., 6-0, 190, L/L); INF/RHP Gus Novak (Sr., 6-3, 185, R/R); OF Beck Nicholson (Sr., 5-8, 150, R/R); INF/RHP Anderson Everett (Sr., 6-1, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Jadon Lirette (Jr., 6-0, 190, R/R); OF/RHP Jad Doane (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Asher Little (Sr., R/R); OF Jeray Randall (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Jack Gibbs (Sr., R/R); INF James Douglas (Sr., R/R); C/RHP Matt Delarber (Sr., R/R); LHP JW Hawthorne (Jr., L/L); RHP Cruz McCall (Jr., R/R); OF/RHP Parker Beckham (Jr., R/R); INF Tyler Lee (Jr., R/R); INF David Chastain (So., R/R); INF/RHP Jay Harrison (So., L/R); U Jasper Davis (So., R/R)



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Top Newcomers: OF/LHP Ethan Barrett (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/L); U/RHP Jamisen Byrum (So., 6-0, 170, R/R); INF/C Brandon Allen (Fr., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: After finishing as the Class 2A runner-up last year, the Bulldogs jump up a classification. Thomasville welcomes back a ton of talent including standout pitcher Jacob Jordan and versatile all-state selection Anderson Everett. All-region performer Carson Fryman also returns. Keep an eye on a strong senior class.

REGION 2-3A

Region Favorite: Pike County

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

2B – Zane Axelberg, Sr., Pike County; **RHP** – Trevor Bagwell, Sr., Pike County; **RHP/INF** – Jackson Blakely, Jr., Upson-Lee; **1B/OF/LHP** – Thomas Brooks, Sr., Mary Persons; **1B** – Ryan Causey, Jr., Mary Persons; **C/OF** – Brady Christman, So., Mary Persons; **3B/C** – Beau Ellington, Sr., Upson-Lee; **C/RHP** – Colter Ginn, Jr., Peach County; **3B** – Kaleb Hammond, Sr., Pike County; **RHP** – Kole Hammond, Sr., Pike County; **SS/RHP** – Bryce Harrelson, Jr., Peach County; **3B/INF** – Gage Hopper, Sr., Mary Persons; **OF/LHP/1B** – Ryan Jenkins, Sr., Mary Persons; **OF** – Coleman Johnson, Sr., Pike County; **CF** – Trae Jones, So., Upson-Lee; **OF** – Camden Miner, Sr., Jackson; **LHP/OF/1B** – Jackson Peavy, So., Peach County; **OF** – Ridge Smith, Sr., Pike County; **RHP/1B** – Mason Trucks, Sr., Pike County

JACKSON RED DEVILS

Head Coach (s): Ryan Duffey

Assistant Coach (s): Charlie Biles, Rhett Carroll, Jonathan Wilson

2022 Record: 7-20

Returning Starters: OF Camden Miner (Sr., R/R); RHP Chase Harris (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Austin Lyle (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Thomas Frost (So., R/R); INF/RHP Jordan Williams (So., R/R); U Zane Walker (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF James Williams (Jr., R/R); RHP Braylon Taylor (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Luke Johnson (So., R/R); RHP Jake Bowers (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Canaan Bernhardt (Fr., R/R); INF/RHP Lincoln Sears (Fr., R/R); INF/LHP Colby Wheeler (So., L/L); OF/LHP Ben Gervasio (Fr., R/L)

Season Outlook: The Red Devils have an excellent group of returning players and should improve upon last season's finish. If Jackson can be consistent on the pitcher's mound, they should contend for a postseason berth. Outfielder Camden Miner (.438 avg.) returns to lead the team.



MARY PERSONS BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Clae Mathis

Assistant Coach (s): Blake Cannady, Ryan Mullis

2022 Record: 26-6

Returning Starters: C/OF Brady Christman (So., R/R); 1B/OF/LHP Thomas Brooks (Sr., L/L); 3B/INF Gage Hopper (Sr., R/R); 1B Ryan Causey (Jr., R/R); OF/INF/RHP Tristan Hunt (So., R/R); OF/LHP/1B Ryan Jenkins (Sr., R/L); OF Leighton Judd (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF/OF Ian Lewis (Jr., R/R); OF Jake Gore (Jr., R/R); RHP/OF Jake Grant (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/INF Cooper Mitchell (Sr., R/R); INF/OF/RHP Gavin Barr (So., B/R); OF/RHP Carter Mitchell (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF Zack Grizzard (Jr., R/R); OF Drew Mixon (So., L/R); INF/OF/RHP Nic Arnold (So., R/R); INF/OF/RHP Nick Howard (So., R/R); INF/RHP Cole Carr (So., R/R); 2B Shivan Patel (So., L/R); C Ayden Ussery (So., R/R); RHP Brycen Horne (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: 1B Wiley Smith (Fr., R/R); INF Gavin Mitchell (Fr., R/R); RHP Evan Walker (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: After winning 26 games last year, the Bulldogs look to continue moving forward. A wealth of talent returns, including standout hitters Thomas Brooks, Ryan Jenkins and Gage Hopper. Catcher/outfielder Brady Christman is a player to watch after a strong freshman season in 2022. Some pitchers must mature and develop.



Ryan Causey
Mary Persons



PEACH COUNTY TROJANS

Head Coach (s): Joey Hiller (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Trent Franzago, Daniel Johnson, Keith Barker, Brandon Christian

2022 Record: 9-17

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Bryce Harrelson (Jr., 6-2, 155, B/R); CF Austin Carmichael (Sr., 5-7, 140, R/R); LHP/OF/1B Jackson Peavy (So., 6-3, 180, L/L); C/RHP Colter Ginn (Jr., 6-4, 190, R/R); INF/C Cam Griggs (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF Hayden Quick (Jr., 6-0, 230, R/R); LHP/1B Aden New (So., 6-2, 185, L/L)

Other Returning Players: INF Hunter Moye (So., 5-11, 200, R/R); INF/OF Aiden Holland (So., 6-1, 145, R/R); INF/OF Cam Holcomb (So., 6-1, 150, R/R); C/OF Caden Pender (So., 5-11, 175, R/R); INF Dylan Hall (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); OF/LHP Nathan Smith (Jr., 5-7, 155, L/L)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Xavion Childs (Fr., 5-8, 145, R/R); INF/RHP Reid Ginn (Fr., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: Longtime Tattnell Square coach Joey Hiller takes over and will look to help Peach County challenge for a playoff berth. The Trojans are talented but very young. Keep an eye on junior shortstop/pitcher Bryce Harrelson and pitcher/outfielder/first baseman Jackson Peavy. Both were promising in 2022.



Bryce Harrelson
Peach County



Jackson Peavy
Peach County

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PIKE COUNTY PIRATES

Head Coach (s): Don Hanson

Assistant Coach (s): Blake Parrott, Kevin Mobley, Craig Chatman, John Hanson

2022 Record: 36-6

Returning Starters: RHP/1B Mason Trucks (Sr., R/R); RHP Kole Hammond (Sr., R/R); 3B Kaleb Hammond (Sr., R/R); OF Coleman Johnson (Sr., R/R); OF Ridge Smith (Sr., R/L); 2B Zane Axelberg (Sr., R/R); RHP Trevor Bagwell (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Jake Carden (Sr., R/R); C Andrew Huffstetler (Jr., R/R); LHP/OF Carson Gaston (Sr., L/L); C/1B Ian Davis (Sr., R/R); RHP Brooks Johnson (Jr., R/R); INF Christian Childress (Sr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/OF Cooper Crow (Jr., R/R); RHP/OF Caleb Boyt (Jr., R/R); RHP/INF Kade McLeRoy (Jr., R/R); RHP/OF Elijah Moss (Jr., R/R); RHP/1B Ty Mobley (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The defending Class 3A state champions have most of its team returning and could make another deep run. Top pitchers Mason Trucks, Trevor Bagwell and Kole Hammond, all right-handers, return. Meanwhile, offensive leaders Kaleb Hammond, Coleman Johnson, Ridge Smith and Zane Axelberg all return.



UPSON-LEE KNIGHTS

Head Coach: Eddie Peyton

Assistant Coach(s): Garrett Wilson, Nath Legg, Kalen Puckett

2022 Record: 14-13

Returning Starters: 3B/C Beau Ellington (Sr., 5-11, 190, R/R); RHP/INF Jackson Blakely (Jr., 6-0, 190, R/R); U Davis Mitcham (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF Trae Jones (So., 6-2, 180, L/R); INF Jackson Wells (Jr., 5-7, 165, L/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Jax Harrison (Jr., 5-6, 125, R/R); OF Zae Howard (Jr., 5-4, 150, R/R); RHP Colby Hemphill (Jr., 6-1, 135, L/R); INF Trey Webb (So., 5-10, 135, R/R); RHP Hunter Smith (So., 5-11, 185, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Knights have some holes to fill after graduation took a bite out of their lineup from last year. Upson-Lee welcomes back five returning starters. One of those is standout pitcher Jackson Blakely. The senior class is small, but a solid group of juniors and sophomores will help out.

REGION 3-3A

Region Favorite: Savannah Christian

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

INF – Caden Arnold, Jr., Calvary Day; **LHP/1B/OF** – Dalton Brown, Jr., Savannah Country Day; **CF/LHP** – Ely Brown, Sr., Savannah Christian; **OF/LHP** – Blaine Burnsed, Jr., Savannah Christian; **2B** – Shannon Filkins, Jr., Long County; **C/RHP/OF** – Josh Gates, Sr., Savannah Christian; **1B/RHP** – Tison Graham, Sr., Savannah Christian; **LHP/1B/OF** – Will Hampton, Jr., Calvary Day; **OF/RHP** – Gio Jackson, Sr., Long County; **INF/C/RHP** –

Brooks Kleinpeter, So., Savannah Country Day; **SS/RHP** – Trent Lanier, Sr., Savannah Christian; **RHP/OF** – Pierce Powell, Sr., Calvary Day; **RHP/OF** – Landon Runyon, Jr., Long County; **C/OF/RHP/SS** – Tyler Scott, So., Savannah Country Day; **RHP/3B** – Carlos Singleton, Jr., Liberty County; **2B** – Jack Stahl, So., Savannah Christian; **C/RHP/INF** – Daegan Strickland, Sr., Savannah Christian; **C** – Mason Turner, Sr., Calvary Day; **INF/3B** – Leiden Van Abshoven, Jr., Savannah Country Day; **CF** – Demetre Walker, Sr., Liberty County; **RHP/INF/C** – Jayden White, Jr., Savannah Christian



BEACH BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Eddie Brown
Survey not returned



CALVARY DAY CAVALIERS

Head Coach (s): Phillip Lee

Assistant Coach (s): Gary Allen, Mason Griffin, Jakob Gross, Austin Masters, Stephen Vaughn, Chris Witherington

2022 Record: 22-10

Returning Starters: C Mason Turner (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF Mo Bing (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); 1B/OF Caleb Sineath (Sr., 6-4, 220, L/R); RHP Dawson Carll (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Pierce Powell (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP PJ Fox (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); LHP/1B/OF Will Hampton (Jr., 5-11, 190, L/L); INF Caden Arnold (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Brody Dawson (So., 5-9, 160, R/R); INF/OF Sam Renshaw (So., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Cavaliers move up two classifications after winning 22 games last year. There is talent for a strong run in Class 3A. Eight starters are back, including all-state standout Will Hampton and infielder Caden Arnold. The senior class is solid.



GROVES REBELS

Head Coach (s): Robert Carter
Survey not returned



JOHNSON-SAVANNAH ATOM SMASHERS

Head Coach (s): TBA
Survey not returned

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LIBERTY COUNTY PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): Brandon Whitmore

Assistant Coach (s): Doug Greenfield, Tyrone Eaddy

2022 Record: 16-15-1

Returning Starters: CF Demetre Walker (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); RHP/3B Carlos Singleton (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); RHP/SS Jamison Thomas (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); C Matt Richardson (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); 2B Bryce Stafford (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); RF NiJia Battle (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); U Darnell Frison (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Jadon Cruver (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); C Jonathon Williams (So., 6-1, 200, R/R); RHP Richard Quina (Sr., 5-4, 130, R/R)

Top Newcomers: U Glemon English (Fr., 5-4, 120, R/R)

Season Outlook: Liberty County seeks to keep its positive momentum going after back-to-back playoff seasons. Graduation did, however, take a bite out of its lineup. Outfielder Demetre Walker (.398 avg.) and pitcher/third baseman Carlos Singleton are back to lead a young but talented team.



LONG COUNTY BLUE TIDE

Head Coach (s): James Hobbs

Assistant Coach (s): Tyler Chambless, Kenny Pickens

2022 Record: 21-9

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Gio Jackson (Sr., R/R); INF Ryder Dawson (Sr., R/R); RHP/OF Landon Runyon (Jr., R/R); 2B Shannon Filkins (Jr., L/R); SS Nick Sizemore (So., R/R); C/RHP Kenny Pickens (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/RHP Elijah Lester (Jr., R/R); OF Steven Wyatt (Jr., R/R); OF Roderick Randall (Jr., R/R); 1B/RHP Anthony Bramwell (So., R/R); OF/C Kaleb Carter (So., L/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Creighton Rogers (So., R/R); 3B/RHP Landon Murphy (So., R/R); C/RHP Peyton Batt (Fr., R/R); 2B Jace Petoff (Fr., L/R); SS/RHP Dylan Lester (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Blue Tide have some key positions to fill after graduation raided their roster, but don't sleep on Long County. Pitchers Landon Runyon and Gio Jackson anchor a solid rotation, while infielders Shannon Filkins, Nick Sizemore and catcher/pitcher Kenny Pickens return to lead the offense.



Gio Jackson
Long County



SAVANNAH CHRISTIAN RED RAIDERS

Head Coach (s): Matt Oglesby

Assistant Coach (s): Alan Brannen, Brent Hoeprich, Jordan Edwards, Robert Walsh, David Kelly, Roy Langston

2022 Record: 28-9

Returning Starters: CF/LHP Ely Brown (Sr., 5-11, 190, L/L); C/RHP/INF Daegan Strickland (Sr., 5-11, 205, R/R); C/RHP/OF Josh Gates (Sr., 6-2, 215, R/R); SS/RHP Trent Lanier (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP/INF/C Jayden White (Jr., 5-11, 210, R/R); OF/LHP Blaine Burnsed (Jr., 6-1, 210, L/L); 1B/RHP Tison Graham (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); 1B/OF/RHP Luke Rowland (Jr., 6-1, 190, L/R); 2B Jack Stahl (So., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF/2B Noah Stone (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Mason Best (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF/LHP Dawson Kelly (So., 5-5, 115, L/L); OF/1B/LHP Harding Dennis (So., 6-0, 175, L/L)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Brady Edwards (Fr., 5-11, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Chase Boyer (Fr., 5-9, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Brody Schuman (Fr., 5-7, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Red Raiders have the talent to make a strong run at the postseason this spring. All-state players Ely Brown, Daegan Strickland and Josh Gates are back to lead the way. Shortstop/pitcher Trent Lanier and versatile junior Jayden White also return. Keep an eye on a strong group of underclassmen who will also contribute.



SAVANNAH COUNTRY DAY HORNETS

Head Coach (s): Nate Ward

Survey not returned

REGION 4-3A

Region Favorite: Harlem

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

RHP/OF – Bryce Bragg, Jr., Morgan County; **RHP/3B** – Emery Burnette, Sr., Harlem; **RHP/OF** – Caiden Coile, Jr., Harlem; **OF** – Brendan Conway, Sr., Morgan County; **2B** – Jackson Decker, Jr., Harlem; **C** – David Denton, Jr., Morgan County; **INF/RHP** – Jeremiah Hamilton, Jr., Harlem; **INF** – Jack Harper, Sr., Morgan County; **OF/SS/2B** – Kaleb Joyner, Sr., Cross Creek; **SS/RHP** – Tryston McCladdie, Sr., Harlem; **DH** – Ethan Mizell, Sr., Morgan County; **INF** – TJ Moore, Sr., Morgan County; **RHP/SS** – Jack Murphy, Sr., Richmond Academy; **RHP** – Sam Schofield, Sr., Morgan County; **OF** – Tyler Simmons, Jr., Harlem



CROSS CREEK RAZORBACKS

Head Coach (s): James Jackson

Assistant Coach (s): Augustine Rodriguez

2022 Record: 6-19

Returning Starters: OF/SS/2B Kaleb Joyner (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); RHP/INF Tyler Crapps (So., 5-10, 165, R/R); C/3B/1B Robert Whitehead (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/3B/2B Jordan Frazier (So., 5-10, 165, R/R); C/OF Wyatt Henderson (So., 5-10, 175, R/R); RHP/OF Markel Pyatt (Sr., 6-2, 160, R/R); RHP/OF Keshawn Posley (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 2B Ben Johnson (So., 5-9, 180, R/R); U Dylan Talley (Fr., 5-10, 185, R/R)

Season Outlook: Cross Creek welcomes back three returning starters and will contend for a playoff berth this spring. One of its returners is standout Kaleb Joyner (.340 avg., 8 3B). The senior class is small, but look for a solid group of underclassmen to step forward and contribute.

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HARLEM BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Jimmie Lewis

Assistant Coach (s): Chris Waters, Rusty James, Hunter McBride, Lonnie Morris

2022 Record: 27-8

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Tryston McCladdie (Sr., 6-0, 180, L/R); RHP/3B Emery Burnette (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); C Pierce Perdue (Sr., 6-1, 150, R/R); INF/RHP Jeremiah Hamilton (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R); RHP/OF Caiden Coile (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); OF Tyler Simmons (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); 2B Jackson Decker (Jr., 5-9, 140, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/RHP Jake Fulmer (Jr., 5-7, 160, R/R); 1B/DH Braeden Prince (Sr., 6-0, 140, R/R); LHP/1B Amerson Guy (Jr., 6-2, 215, L/L); INF/RHP Will Holder (So., 6-1, 150, R/R); OF/DH Shane Wheelless (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); 2B Landen Lewis (Sr., 5-11, 140, R/R)

Season Outlook: Harlem has made deep postseason runs the past two seasons. The Bulldogs look to take it a step farther this spring. All-state shortstop Tryston McCladdie returns to lead a strong offensive lineup, while all-state pitcher Emery Burnette returns to lead what should be a strong pitching rotation. This could be a very dangerous team.



HEPHZIBAH REBELS

Head Coach (s): Devonta Osborne

Survey not returned



MORGAN COUNTY BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Merritt Ainslie

Assistant Coach (s): Russ Parrish, Andrew Couch, Jerry McCullough, Blake Butcher

2022 Record: 20-12

Returning Starters: RHP Sam Schofield (Sr., R/R); INF Jack Harper (Sr., L/R); INF TJ Moore (Sr., R/R); OF Brendan Conway (Sr., R/R); DH Ethan Mizell (Sr., R/R); OF Zach Moore (Jr., R/R); C David Denton (Jr., R/R); RHP/OF Bryce Bragg (Jr., L/R)

Top Newcomers: 3B Hudson Reed (Fr., R/R); RHP Ty Tillery (Fr., R/R); RHP/1B Drew Ainslie (Fr., R/R); OF Dallas Dickerson (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: A strong nucleus returns as Morgan County should contend for the region title. Eight starters are back, including all-state pitcher Sam Schofield as well as Region 4-3A Offensive Player of the Year Jack Harper. Offensive standouts TJ Moore, Brendan Conway and Ethan Mizell also return after a solid spring last year. Pitcher Bryce Bragg is also back.



RICHMOND ACADEMY MUSKETEERS

Head Coach (s): Kyle Blum

Survey not returned



SALEM SEMINOLES

Head Coach (s): Denzel McDaniel

Survey not returned

REGION 5-3A

Region Favorite: Sandy Creek

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

1B/3B – Kaden Brown, Sr., Sandy Creek; **OF** – Kaleb Cost, Sr., Sandy Creek; **RHP/OF** – PJ Green, Jr., Sandy Creek; **INF** – Chance Izzo, So., Sandy Creek



CARVER-ATLANTA PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): TBA

Survey not returned



CEDAR GROVE SAINTS

Head Coach (s): Marquise Edwards

Survey not returned



DOUGLASS ASTROS

Head Coach (s): Henry Culverson

Survey not returned



SANDY CREEK PATRIOTS

Head Coach: Nick Pou

Assistant Coach(s): Parker Mallett

2022 Record: 16-13

Returning Starters: OF Kaleb Cost (Sr., R/R); 1B/3B Kaden Brown (Sr., R/R); 2B Beau Sheppard (Sr., R/R); C/3B Joel Reid (Sr., R/R); INF Chance Izzo (So., R/R); RHP/OF PJ Green (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/U Gee Latimer (Sr., R/R); RHP/1B Alex Stallworth (Jr., R/R); RHP/3B Taylor Ganci (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Cameron Layfield (Fr., B/R)

Season Outlook: Sandy Creek should be the team to beat this spring in Region 5-3A. The Patriots welcome back a ton of talent, including all-state outfielder Kaleb Cost, infielder Kaden Brown and pitcher/outfielder PJ Green. Infielder Chance Izzo is also back after a breakout freshman season in 2022.

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REGION 6-3A

Region Favorite: Ringgold

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

SS – Austyn Acuff, Sr., Ridgeland; **C/RHP/OF** – Nick Adams, Sr., LaFayette; **1B/P** – Dylan Blankenship, Sr., Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe; **P/C** – Donnie Brown, Sr., Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe; **RHP** -- Julian Childs, Sr., Coahulla Creek; **C/INF** – Conner Christopher, Jr., Ringgold; **C** – Hudson Couch, Sr., Ridgeland; **INF/RHP** – Kade Cowan, Sr., Gordon Lee; **INF/RHP** – Sam Crew, Sr., Ringgold; **C/RHP** – Barrett Dockery, Jr., Gordon Lee; **OF** – Tyler Driggers, Sr., Adairsville; **OF/LHP** – Nate Dunfee, Sr., Gordon Lee; **U** – Tyler Forester, Sr., Gordon Lee; **U/RHP** – Brodie Genter, Sr., Gordon Lee; **INF/RHP** – Aiden Goodwin, So., Gordon Lee; **INF/RHP** – Sebastian Haggard, Jr., Ringgold; **OF** – Brady Hermann, Sr., Ringgold; **OF/RHP** – Cooper Jackson, Sr., Gordon Lee; **SS** – Tanner Mantooth, Sr., Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe; **RHP** – Jack Nelson, So., Adairsville; **INF/RHP** – Ross Norman, Sr., Ringgold; **LHP/OF** – Aiden Price, So., Bremen; **RHP/OF** – Bo Rhudy, Sr., Gordon Lee; **INF** – Holt Roberts, Sr., Gordon Lee; **1B/LHP** – Blake Rodgers, Sr., Gordon Lee; **INF** – Chris Roper, Sr., Adairsville; **RHP** -- Pedro San Martin, Sr., Coahulla Creek; **1B/RHP** -- Evan Sanders, Sr., Adairsville; **U/RHP** – Jackson Scali, So., Gordon Lee; **C/SS** – Zain Smith, Sr., LaFayette; **2B** – Dakota Stone, Sr., Ridgeland; **OF** -- Bailey Stroud, Sr., Coahulla Creek; **2B/SS** – Eli Walker, Jr., Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe; **LHP** – Ethan Waters, Jr., Ridgeland; **OF** – PJ Weeks, Jr., Adairsville; **SS/RHP** – Easton White, Jr., Bremen; **LHP** – Jack Whitley, Sr., Adairsville

A ADAIRSVILLE TIGERS

Head Coach: Billy Roper

Assistant Coach(s): Jimmy Whittemore, Bill Bishop, Josh Mitchell, Blaine Bishop

2022 Record: 11-14

Returning Starters: 1B/RHP Evan Sanders (Sr., 6-4, 220, R/R); INF Chris Roper (Sr., 5-11, 190, R/R); OF Tyler Driggers (Sr., 5-9, 185, R/R); LHP Jack Whitley (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/L); RHP Jack Nelson (So., 5-11, 170, R/R); INF Dawson Craig (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); C Landon O'Neal (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF PJ Weeks (Jr., 5-9, 160, L/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Grayson Belcher (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); INF Hayden Blalock (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF Easton Elrod (Jr., 5-8, 150, R/R); 1B/RHP Jarrett Scott (So., 6-0, 225, R/R); INF/RHP Peyton Bowen (So., 5-9, 165, R/R); 1B Luke Altizer (Jr., 6-1, 230, R/R); INF/RHP Ryan Farr (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C Lucas Henry (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: Adairsville welcomes back a large group of returning starters and the Tigers should be in postseason contention this spring. A talented senior class led by first-baseman/pitcher Evan Sanders and infielder Chris Roper will help Adairsville improve upon last season's finish.

B BREMEN BLUE DEVILS

Head Coach: Chris Brown

Assistant Coach(s): Mick Harper, Tim Trowell, Brad Matthews, Carson Strickland

2022 Record: 19-12

Returning Starters: RHP Mitchell Sauls (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP/1B Jake Steed (Jr., 6-0, 200, L/R); SS/RHP Easton White (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); LHP/OF Aiden Price (So., 5-11, 180, R/L); C Dylan Huey (So., 5-9, 170, L/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Jonah Hatchett (Jr., 6-1, 200, L/R); C/U Sully Senft (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); LHP/1B Caden Johnson (Jr., 5-9, 170, L/L); RHP Noah Walker (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R); INF William Seale (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP Charlie Plummer (So., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: Bremen moves back up into Class 3A after having considerable success in Class 2A. The Blue Devils, however, will be a young team in 2023. The senior class is small, but the good news is that five starters are back. All-region infielder Easton White returns as well as pitcher/outfielder Aiden Price.

COAHULLA CREEK COLTS

Head Coach: Justin Dover

Assistant Coach(s): Michael Carter, Trent Collins, Josh King

2022 Record: 13-16

Returning Starters: OF Bailey Stroud (Sr., 5-9, 160, L/L); RHP Julian Childs (Sr., 6-3, 230, R/R); RHP Pedro San Martin (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); C Luke Swiney (Jr., 6-2, 160, L/R); OF Keith Collins (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); SS Fernando Hernandez (So., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 2B Liam Roche (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); OF Tyler Heyworth (Sr., 5-9, 140, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Isaiah Hernandez (So., 6-0, 195, R/R); INF Eli Jones (Sr., 6-3, 215, R/R); OF Tay Brogdon (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Colts begin their second year under coach Justin Dover and look to turn things around after a disappointing finish. Six starters are back including all-region outfielder Bailey Stroud. All-region pitcher Julian Childs returns to team with Pedro San Martin to form a solid pitching staff.

G GORDON LEE TROJANS

Head Coach (s): Mike Dunfee

Assistant Coach (s): Derek McDaniel, Thomas Gray, Logan Peterson

2022 Record: 23-11

Returning Starters: RHP/OF Bo Rhudy (Sr., R/R); OF/LHP Nate Dunfee (Sr., L/L); INF/RHP Kade Cowan (Sr., R/R); U/RHP Brodie Genter (Sr., R/R); 1B/LHP Blake Rodgers (Sr., L/L);



Cade Cowan
Gordon Lee



Nate Dunfee
Gordon Lee

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INF Holt Roberts (Sr., R/R); U Tyler Forester (Sr., R/L); OF/RHP Cooper Jackson (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Aiden Goodwin (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players:

C/RHP Barrett Dockery (Jr., R/R); 1B/RHP Colton Baker (Jr., R/R); INF Adkin Finch (Jr., R/R); LHP Gage Taylor (Jr., R/L); U Ben Gilliam (Jr., R/R); OF Brody Hickman (Jr., R/R); U/RHP Jackson Scali (So., R/R); OF/LHP Ty Thompson (So., L/L); OF/RHP Brock Crutchfield (So., R/R); C Dalton Russell (So., R/R); U/RHP Gabe Daughtery (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Dustin Day (Fr., R/R); INF/RHP Peyton Groce (Fr., R/R); INF/RHP Garrett Ross (Fr., R/R); U Layne Vaughn (Fr., R/R); OF/LHP Landon Norton (Fr., L/L); INF/RHP Maddux Millard (Fr., R/R); OF Bryson Oliver (Fr., R/R); U Kaden Ellis (Fr., R/R); U James Davis (Fr., R/R); OF Hurley McAllister (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Trojans move up two classifications this spring. However, that shouldn't matter as Gordon Lee will still contend for the playoffs in Region 6-3A. A wealth of talent returns, including all-state pitcher Bo Rhudy. Seniors Nate Dunfee and Kade Cowan also return. Gordon Lee has a strong group of juniors and sophomores ready to step into the spotlight.



Brodie Genter
Gordon Lee

Blake Rodgers
Gordon Lee

Team all-region selections Tanner Mantooth and Donnie Brown are back as well as Eli Walker and Dylan Blankenship. A solid corps of underclassmen will also contribute.



Head Coach: Scott Harden

Assistant Coach(s): Dee Arnold, Tanner Hill, Dennis Snyder, Billy Robert

2022 Record: 13-15

Returning Starters: C Hudson Couch (Sr., 6-0, 185, L/R); SS Austyn Acuff (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); OF Levi Millsaps (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R); 2B Dakota Stone (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); LHP Ethan Waters (Jr., 6-2, 180, L/L); U Wyatt Blevins (So., 5-11, 165, R/R); OF Aiden McGill (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/3B Hunter Medrano (So., 5-8, 170, R/R); 1B Dakota Tillman-Leonard (Jr., 5-11, 230, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 3B Ronnie Franklin (So., 5-11, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Panthers welcome back seven starters and should contend for a postseason berth this spring. Ridgeland will need to find some pitching depth. Left-hander Ethan Waters returns. Offensively, catcher Hudson Couch (.405 avg.), shortstop Austyn Acuff (.375 avg.), outfielder Levi Millsaps (.305 avg.) and second-baseman Dakota Stone (.325 avg.) all return.



Head Coach (s): Drew Walker

Assistant Coach (s): Danny Wiltz, Tas Womack, Devin Lancaster, Holden Shell

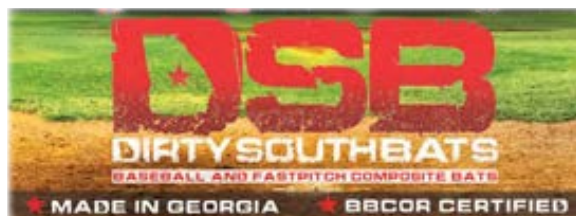
2022 Record: 20-14

Returning Starters: OF Brady Hermann (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Sam Crew (Sr., 6-4, 180, R/R); INF/RHP Ross Norman (Sr., 6-6, 180, R/R); INF/RHP Sebastian Haggard (Jr., 6-4, 190, R/R); C/INF Conner Christopher (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF Ty Gilbert (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); OF Dawsyn Ware (Sr., 5-6, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Aiden Hickman (So., 5-10, 160, L/R); OF Ryder Fairchild (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Deven Black (Sr., 6-0, 195, R/R); C Cade Tankersley (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); INF Myles Hudson (Sr., 5-10, 230, R/L); INF/RHP Jackson Black (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF Garrett Edgar (So., 5-11, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP/OF Phillip Johnson (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/L); OF/U Hudson Moss (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/INF Brent Lee Raby (Jr., 6-1, 205, R/R); OF Jacob Swanson (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); INF/DH Jack Mealor (Jr., 5-10, 210, R/R); INF/DH Logan Bramlett (So., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: In what many labeled as a rebuilding season in 2022, Ringgold still won 20 games. The Tigers welcome back nine returning starters and should challenge for the Region 6-3A crown. Pitcher/infielder Ross Norman and outfielder Brady Hermann as well as pitcher Sebastian Haggard return to lead the way.



Head Coach (s): Chris Base

Assistant Coach (s): Drew Pence, Greg Neal

2022 Record: 8-20

Returning Starters: C/SS Zain Smith (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); C/RHP/OF Nick Adams (Sr., 5-11, 205, R/R); INF Jathan Harding (Sr., 5-11, 170, L/R); OF Kadin Smith (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Jayden Dixon (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); U Hunter Jefferies (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/3B Cody Davis (Jr., 6-1, 200, L/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/1B Aaron Sullivan (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); 1B Michael Hamilton (Jr., 6-0, 225, R/R)

Season Outlook: A solid group of returning players should help LaFayette improve upon last season's finish. The Ramblers have seven returning starters back, including senior standouts Zain Smith and Nick Adams. Some solid younger players will also be expected to contribute.



Head Coach (s): Matt Holden

Assistant Coach (s): Justin Walker, Dexter Scudgins, Cody Commons

2022 Record: 16-12

Returning Starters: SS Tanner Mantooth (Sr.); 1B/P Dylan Blankenship (Sr.); P/C Donnie Brown (Sr.); CF Gabe Helton (Sr.); 2B/SS Eli Walker (Jr.); LF Jacob Gregg (Jr.); RF Carson Goff (So.)

Other Returning Players: LF Carter Davis (Sr.)

Season Outlook: The Warriors should be in the postseason chase again as seven starters are back, including a talented group of returning seniors. First

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REGION 7-3A

Region Favorite: Wesleyan

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

OF/1B -- Nate Bray, Sr., White County; **OF** – Evan Connor, Sr., West Hall; **INF/RHP** -- Mark Daniels, Sr., White County; **OF/RHP** – Harper Davenport, Jr., Lumpkin County; **INF/OF** -- Ryan Fowler, Jr., White County; **RHP/INF** – Davis Glass, So., Dawson County; **INF/OF** – Schley Gordy, Sr., Wesleyan; **OF** – Noah Gutillo, So., Gilmer; **1B** – Trace Ledbetter, Jr., Pickens; **OF/LHP** – Forrest Lietz, Sr., Wesleyan; **INF/RHP** – Grayson McCollum, So., Wesleyan; **RHP/SS** – Alejandro Narvaez, Jr., Lumpkin County; **P** – JP Nunn, Jr., Pickens; **OF/RHP** – Trey Payne, Jr., Pickens; **OF/RHP** – Reed Purcell, Sr., Wesleyan; **INF** – Colton Rucker, Sr., Dawson County; **RHP/INF** – Dom Scalese, Sr., Wesleyan; **RHP/OF/INF** – Cooper Scott, Sr., Lumpkin County; **C/INF** – Justin Shaffer, Jr., West Hall; **INF/P** – James Tilley, Jr., Pickens; **INF/RHP** – Matthew Wright, So., Wesleyan; **U** – Austin Zabala, Jr., Gilmer



DAWSON COUNTY TIGERS

Head Coach: Logan Burt (new)

Assistant Coach(s): Levi Whitmire, Cory Gilleland, Jason Dyer, Zach Thompson

2022 Record: 19-13

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Trey Harvey (Jr., 6-3, 185, R/R); INF Colton Rucker (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); OF Sawyer Bearden (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF Julian Horner (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP/INF Davis Glass (So., 6-2, 200, R/R); RHP/INF Joshua Priest (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R); INF/C Elijah Odom (So.)

Other Returning Players: OF/LHP Jacson Rickett (So., 5-10, 160, L/L); LHP Banks Hickman (Jr., 6-1, 190, L/L); C/INF Chase Adams (Jr.)

Season Outlook: Former assistant Logan Burt takes over after graduation raided the Tigers' roster. There is talent, but Dawson County will need to mature and develop after making the state playoffs in 2022. An excellent group of juniors and sophomores will contribute. Senior infielder Colton Rucker returns.



GILMER BOBCATS

Head Coach: Jeff Thurman

Assistant Coach(s): PG Standard, Will Barnes, Todd Gibson, Avery Bertolini

2022 Record: 10-18

Returning Starters: 3B Carter Jones (Sr., 6-2, 170, R/R); U Austin Zabala (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Ethan McCollum (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Bryson Daniel (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF Mason Smith (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); 2B Marcello Valle (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF Noah Gutillo (So., 6-1, 185, R/R); 1B/C Brandon Davis (Jr., 6-1, 205, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Hayden West (So., 5-11, 160, L/R); SS/RHP Eli Cooper (So., 5-11, 165, R/R); C Hayden Berry (So., 5-11, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: Gilmer aims to turn things around after a disappointing

finish in 2022. The Bobcats welcome back three starters, including utility player Austin Zabala. Gilmer has a solid group of returning seniors, but some younger players will be expected to help out.



LUMPKIN COUNTY INDIANS

Head Coach (s): Ryan Zaideman (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Daniel McCrary, Steve Horton, Cody Waters, Bob Herman

2022 Record: 10-20

Returning Starters: RHP/OF/INF Cooper Scott (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R); RHP/SS Alejandro Narvaez (Jr., 6-1, 170, B/R); OF/RHP Harper Davenport (Jr., 6-2, 180, L/R); 1B/3B Hayden Gilbert (Jr., 5-11, 170, L/R); INF/RHP Hunter Cooper (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF/RHP Peyton Wood (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); C/DH Dakota Bennett (Jr., 6-2, 200, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Landon Greene (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); C Tyler Boggs (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP Aiden Rogers (So., 5-11, 170, R/R); OF/INF Alex Thompson (So., 6-0, 160, R/R); OF Dolan Harder (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF Landon Marlow (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: Former Carrollton coach Ryan Zaideman takes over at Lumpkin and will look to get the Indians into playoff contention. Seven returning starters are back, including versatile senior Cooper Scott. Pitcher/shortstop Alejandro Narvaez and outfielder Harper Davenport return after solid sophomore seasons in 2022.



PICKENS DRAGONS

Head Coach: Adam Williams

Assistant Coach(s): Mike Nayman, Ryan Broussard, Jack Wood, Mac Lowdermilk

2022 Record: 19-13

Returning Starters: C/DH Harlan Will (Sr.); INF Evan Giddens (Sr.); LHP Tee Knight (Sr.); INF/P James Tilley (Jr.); 1B Trace Ledbetter (Jr.); C Tyler Payne (Jr.); OF/RHP Trey Payne (Jr.); OF Colby Brooks (Sr.); 3B Cade Sutton (So.); P JP Nunn (Jr.)

Other Returning Players: 1B/DH Sam Hammontree (So.); OF Dawson Hollans (So.); 1B Bradley Prince (Jr.); 3B Jackie Jarrett (Jr.); LHP Brodie Keener (Jr.); RHP Cason Cannon (Jr.); LHP Tate Hales (Jr.)

Top Newcomers: P/INF Christian Starks (Fr.); P/INF AJ Rice (Fr.); C Kam Jenkins (Fr.); C/OF Ezra Faber (Fr.); OF/P Landon Poole (Fr.)

Season Outlook: After making the second round of the state playoffs in Class 4A last year, the Dragons look to build off that momentum. Nine starters are back, including infielder/pitcher James Tilley, outfielder/pitcher Trey Payne, first-baseman Trace Ledbetter and pitcher JP Nunn. The Dragons may still be a year away.



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WESLEYAN WOLVES

Head Coach: Brian Krehmeyer

Assistant Coach(s): Michael Mann, Brett Denney, Matt Plate

2022 Record: 35-5

Returning Starters: INF/OF Schley Gordy (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); OF/LHP Forrest Lietz (Sr., 6-0, 175, L/L); OF/RHP Reed Purcell (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); RHP/INF Dom Scalse (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Tim Hillegass (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); OF Will Hillegass (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); C/OF Christopher Izzo (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); RHP/INF Stacy Johnson (Sr., 5-10, 195, R/R); INF/OF Joe Laurite (Sr., 6-1, 175, B/L); C/OF Will Tucker (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Grayson McCollum (So., 5-11, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Matthew Wright (So., 6-4, 225, L/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP/1B Bo Britt (Jr., 6-3, 235, R/L); OF Baer Cole (Jr., 6-0, 175, L/R); INF/OF Townes Hardy (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The defending Class 1A Private state champions move up in classification. The Wolves have some holes to fill, but a wealth of talent returns. All-state performers Forrest Lietz and Reed Purcell are back as well as standouts Dom Scalse and Schley Gordy.



Will Tucker
Wesleyan

Top Newcomers: C/INF/RHP Alex Freeman (Fr., 6-0, 165, R/R); LHP/1B Grant Gooch (So., 6-0, 170, R/L)

Season Outlook: Look for the Warriors to contend for the postseason as six starters return. The senior class is solid. Outfielder/first baseman Nate Bray and infielder/pitcher Mark Daniels return to lead an experienced team capable of doing some big things this spring. A solid corps of underclassmen will also contribute

REGION 8-3A

Region Favorite: Hebron Christian

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

P – Banks Arnold, Sr., Oconee County; **LHP** – Grant Babbitt, Sr., Stephens County; **RHP** – Daniel Barwick, Jr., Hebron Christian; **OF/C** – Nate Coker, Sr., Hebron Christian; **OF** – Kanyon Coulter, Jr., Hart County; **CF** – Colby Fowler, Jr., Stephens County; **OF/RHP** – Garrett Garner, Sr., Franklin County; **SS** – Robbie Gay, Jr., Monroe Area; **C** – Dylan Hamby, Jr., Monroe Area; **CF** – Jake Hegwood, Jr., Monroe Area; **RHP/3B** – Parker Marlatt, Sr., Hebron Christian; **C** – Sam Mitchell, Jr., Hebron Christian; **RHP/DH** – Patrick Murray, Sr., Stephens County; **INF** – Dee Oliver, Sr., Franklin County; **OF/RHP** – Ty Peebles, So., Franklin County; **C** – Riley Posey, Sr., Hart County; **C/RHP** – Nick Randall, Sr., Stephens County; **3B** – Ben Stowe, Sr., Stephens County; **INF** – Landon Tate, Sr., Oconee County; **P/INF** – Logan Taylor, Sr., Oconee County; **SS** – Craig Thurmond, Jr., Stephens County



WEST HALL SPARTANS

Head Coach: Brannon Humphries

Assistant Coach(s): Luke Stephenson, Preston Lowther, Jeff Brothers

2022 Record: 8-19

Returning Starters: 2B Cody Davis (Sr., 5-5, 150, R/R); OF Evan Connor (Sr., 5-11, 145, L/L); C/INF Justin Shaffer (Jr., 5-11, 155, R/R); RHP/1B Cooper Tapp (Jr., 6-0, 215, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/RHP Marcus Pugh (So., 5-7, 130, R/R); 1B/RHP John Kendrick (So., 5-8, 215, R/R); U/RHP Jaden Young (So., 5-8, 115, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/INF Brett Sturm (Fr., 5-9, 155, L/R); INF/RHP Luis Rosales (Fr., 5-6, 130, L/R); 2B Andreas Muller (So., 5-8, 130, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Spartans look to turn things around after a disappointing finish in 2022. Four starters are back, including seniors Cody Davis and Evan Connor. The team will be young but talented. West Hall will need some younger players to step forward and mature.



WHITE COUNTY WARRIORS

Head Coach (s): Jim Waits

Assistant Coach (s): Brett Westmoreland, Erich Stahl

2022 Record: 16-12

Returning Starters: OF/1B Nate Bray (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); INF/RHP Mark Daniels (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); INF Landon Roberts (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); INF/OF Ryan Fowler (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R); OF/RHP Kyler Mayo (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); INF Devin Norton (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C Mason Gee (Sr., 5-10, 200, R/R); RHP Shelton Ramey (So., 6-0, 160, R/R); LHP/OF Trevor Butler (So., 5-9, 160, L/L); INF/RHP Riley Swain (Sr., 6-1, 200, R/R)



FRANKLIN COUNTY LIONS

Head Coach: David Skelly

Assistant Coach(s): Ryan Phillips, Demond Rivers, Matt Cearbaugh

2022 Record: 27-8

Returning Starters: SS Dee Oliver (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); OF/RHP Garrett Garner (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); OF/RHP Ty Peebles (So., 6-2, 175, L/R); RHP/INF Duncan Beasley (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Ryder Emmons (Sr., 6-1, 150, R/R); 1B Rylan Tamplin (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); OF Andrew Miller (Sr., 5-8, 130, R/R); OF/LHP Will Cary (Jr., 5-9, 150, L/L); C/RHP Will Dodd (So., 5-9, 140, R/R); OF Cade Gibson (So., 5-11, 140, R/R); INF Rowan Kennedy (So., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: U/RHP Easton Gailey (Fr., 5-9, 155, R/R); U/RHP Keyes

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Harbin (Fr., 5-8, 155, R/R); OF/RHP Caden Cawthon (Fr., 6-0, 130, R/R)

Season Outlook: After back-to-back deep playoff runs the past two years, Franklin may be in for some rebuilding after graduation took a chunk out of the Lions' roster. The bulk of the team's pitching staff graduated too, leaving an inexperienced staff returning. The cupboard isn't all bare. All-state shortstop Dee Oliver (.391 avg.) is back as well as outfielder Ty Peebles.

HART COUNTY BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Hunter Barton (new)

Assistant Coach(s): Chris Wilson, Brett Carey, Leland Jones, Blake Sowell

2022 Record: 15-15

Returning Starters: C Riley Posey (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); OF Kanyon Coulter (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Avery Strickland (Jr., 6-3, 190, R/R); INF Zach Dombrowsky (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Reece Maxwell (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/RHP Eli Tyler (Sr., 5-8, 210, R/R); INF Logan Fulghum (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); OF Jarvis Bullard (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); INF/C Pearce Mewborn (So., 5-7, 140, R/R); RHP Jordan Leech (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Brent Franklin (Jr., 6-3, 200, R/R); U Coleman Moore (Fr., 6-3, 200, R/R); INF/RHP Cole Whitworth (Fr., 5-7, 160, R/R); OF/RHP Bryce Williamson (Fr., 6-4, 200, R/R)

Season Outlook: Former assistant Hunter Barton takes over and inherits five returning starters. Hart County will be a relatively young team this

spring, but there is a lot of young talent that needs to mature. All-region catcher Riley Posey and outfielder Kanyon Coulter are back to lead the way.

HEBRON CHRISTIAN LIONS

Head Coach: Ben Dust

Assistant Coach(s): Drew Coker, Danny Daigle, David Lincoln, Jonathan Wyman

2022 Record: 19-13

Returning Starters: RHP/3B Parker Marlatt (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); OF/C Nate Coker (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R) 3B/SS Morgan Wiles (Sr., 6-0, 155, R/R); RHP/1B Jack Cayce (Sr., 6-3, 200, R/R); RHP/INF Garrison Mitchell (Sr., 6-1, 150, L/R); C Sam Mitchell (Jr., 6-0, 150, L/R); RHP Daniel Barwick (Jr., 5-10, 140, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Ryan Bruce (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); LHP Leyton Jones (Jr., 5-9, 150, L/L); LHP/1B Chase Arnow (Sr., 6-2, 200, R/L); 1B Jeremiah Bowie (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Ayden Hudson (Sr., 6-0, 170, L/R); RHP/INF Conner Donnell (Sr., 5-11, 150, R/R); RHP Andrew Azar (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Aubrey Willbanks (Jr., 6-2, 170, R/R); OF Joe Sexton (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); OF/RHP Sebastian Daigle (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Lions move up to Class 3A after having considerable success in the Class 1A Private classification. Look for Hebron Christian to be just fine. A strong nucleus of returning players are back, including all-state pitchers Parker Marlatt and Daniel Barwick.

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MONROE AREA PURPLE HURRICANES

Head Coach: Chad Kitchens

Assistant Coach(s): Blake McCullers, Josh Stephens, Conner Hughes, Todd Dalton, Chuck Bowling, Drew Helm

2022 Record: 14-17

Returning Starters: RHP/2B Aiden Harrison (Sr., 5-10, 140, R/R); C Dylan Hamby (Jr., 5-9, 130, R/R); 1B Camron Conner (Sr., 6-0, 270, R/R); 2B Aidan Harrison (Sr., 5-10, 140, R/R); SS Robbie Gay (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); CF Jake Hegwood (Jr., 6-0, 170, L/L); RF Jaiven Todd (Jr., 6-6, 190, R/R); DH Tyler Jackson (Sr., 6-1, 220, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 2B Cameron Baldwin (Sr., 5-9, 130, R/R); RHP/OF AM Gattis (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R); OF Harrison Shinn (Sr., 6-3, 200, R/R); RHP/3B Isaac Rivas (Sr., 5-11, 190, R/R); RHP/SS Hayden Gmerek (Jr., 5-9, 130, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Branson Perkins (Sr., 5-10, 140, R/R)

Season Outlook: Monroe Area just missed making the state playoffs in 2022. An experienced Hurricanes squad should help them contend for the postseason again. Eight starters are back. Keep an eye on a solid junior class who were promising last year as catcher Dylan Hamby, shortstop Robbie Gay and outfielder Jake Hegwood all return.



OCONEE COUNTY WARRIORS

Head Coach: Brian Trivette (new)

Assistant Coach(s): Mitch Holloway, Phillip Faulkner, Stephen Bentley, Austin Walls

2022 Record: 18-13

Returning Starters: P/INF Logan Taylor (Sr.); INF Landon Tate (Sr.); P Banks Arnold (Sr.); OF Dylan Manders (Sr.); U Kyle Strickland (Sr.); P Landon Kuykendall (Sr.); OF Billy Lewis (Sr.); OF Brooks Kilzi (Sr.)

Top Newcomers: P/OF Cole Johnson (So.); INF Isaac Smith (So.); P/OF/INF Owen Suddeth (Jr.)

Season Outlook: Former Lee County coach Brian Trivette takes over and inherits some playmakers. Pitcher Banks Arnold is back as well as Logan Taylor. Meanwhile, infielder Landon Tate also returns. Trivette should benefit from a senior-oriented team that has excellent chemistry.



STEPHENS COUNTY INDIANS

Head Coach: Greg McCall

Assistant Coach(s): Michael Thomas, Dawson Sorrells, Dave Poffenberger

2022 Record: 16-17

Returning Starters: CF Colby Fowler (Jr., L/R); C/RHP Nick Randall (Sr., R/R); RHP/DH Patrick Murray (Sr., R/R); SS Craig Thurmond (Jr., R/R); 3B Ben Stowe (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players:

LHP Grant Babbitt (Sr., R/L);

INF Dylan White (Sr., R/R);

INF/C William Roush (Jr., R/R);

OF Bailey Stowe (Sr., R/R); OF

Aiden Figueroa (Sr., R/R); OF

Rhett Arrowood (Sr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: 1B/3B Ethan Smith (Jr., R/R); RHP/OF Andrew Keown (So., R/R); 1B Konnor Loudermilk (So., L/L); RHP/OF Hayden Scott (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: Stephens County finished strong last year, and the Indians hope to build off that momentum this spring. Five starters are back, including standouts Nick Randall and Patrick Murray. Two-time all-region third-baseman Ben Stowe, outfielder Colby Fowler and shortstop Craig Thurmond are back to lead the offense.



Nick Randall
Stephens County



Craig Thurmond
Stephens County



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REGION 1-2A

Region Favorite: Jeff Davis

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

CF – Zachary Alexander, Sr., Fitzgerald; **OF/LHP** – Cason Clance, Sr., Jeff Davis; **OF/RHP** – Chip Cooper, Sr., Worth County; **SS/RHP** – Deron Dowdell, Sr., Sumter County; **C/RHP** – Aaron Felts, Sr., Cook; **INF/RHP** – Owen Fletcher, Jr., Worth County; **OF/RHP** – Jasper Goodman, Sr., Fitzgerald; **1B/DH** – Ethan Griffin, Sr., Jeff Davis; **RHP** – Owen Hancock, Jr., Worth County; **RHP** – Drake Jones, So., Worth County; **LHP/1B** – Landon Kight, Sr., Fitzgerald; **RHP/3B** – Alex Mason, Jr., Jeff Davis; **RHP/OF** – Justin McCall, Sr., Cook; **OF** – Tanner McCranie, Sr., Berrien; **1B** – Christian McDonald, Jr., Worth County; **OF** – Braylon Mincey, Sr., Dodge County; **RHP/INF** – Charles Moore, Jr., Cook; **C** – Drew Moore, Sr., Fitzgerald; **3B/1B/C/RHP** – Carter Mullis, Jr., Jeff Davis; **SS/RHP** – Ty Paulk, Sr., Fitzgerald; **LHP/CF/1B** – Koby Robinson, Sr., Sumter County; **LHP/1B** – Brant Sain, Sr., Berrien; **OF** – Josh Spells, Sr., Berrien; **RHP/1B** – Duke Stone, Jr., Jeff Davis; **RHP/OF** – Hayden Turner, Jr., Jeff Davis; **RHP/INF** – Cole Walker, Sr., Cook; **OF** – Parker Weaver, Sr., Worth County

Season Outlook: The Hornets will be rebuilding this season with a very young team. The senior class is small, but keep an eye on a strong group of underclassmen who will contribute. All-region performers Charles Moore, Aaron Felts and Cole Walker return to lead the way.

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BERRIEN REBELS

Head Coach: Doug Nix

Assistant Coach(s): Adam Haire, Cole Garrett

2022 Record: 5-25

Returning Starters: OF Josh Spells (Sr., 5-8, 170, R/R); OF Tanner McCranie (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); INF Bart Nix (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); LHP/1B Brant Sain (Sr., 6-0, 220, L/L); OF Key Forhand (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF Colby Smith (So., 5-8, 145, R/R); C Chase Ward (Jr., 5-9, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Gavin Woods (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); INF Hoss Holbrook (So., 5-8, 145, R/R); C Jacob Barker (So., 5-9, 150, R/R); INF Jeremy Kilpatrick (So., 6-0, 150, R/R); 1B Colby Price (Jr., 6-4, 240, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Brice Crews (Fr., 5-9, 145, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Rebels should be much better in 2023 as seven starters are back. Berrien must find some pitching depth, but the good news is that a solid senior class returns to lead the way. Outfielders Josh Spells and Tanner McCranie are two players to keep an eye on.

COOK HORNETS

Head Coach: Rusty Beale

Assistant Coach(s): Zach Folsom, Buck Carter, Jace Walker

2022 Record: 23-8

Returning Starters: RHP/OF Justin McCall (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF Cayden Dixon (Sr., R/R); C/RHP Aaron Felts (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF Cole Walker (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF Charles Moore (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP/OF Case Forte (Jr., R/L); RHP/INF Kaleb Stephens (Jr., R/R); RHP/C Landon Dixon (So., R/R); OF Noah Boykin (Jr., R/R); RHP/INF Brant Dobson (So., R/R)


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DODGE COUNTY INDIANS

Head Coach: Matt Herring

Assistant Coach(s): Kolby Kinsler, Chance Pittman

2022 Record: 13-16

Returning Starters: OF Braylon Mincey (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); INF Tye Moore (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); LHP/1B Riley Williams (Jr., 5-10, 165, L/L); INF/RHP Noah Wahl (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); INF Landon Fordham (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF Gavin Fordham (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/1B Jonah Collins (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); OF Aston Pitts (Jr., 5-9, 170, L/L); OF/1B Grayson Carver (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/L); INF Korson Jones (So., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF Chris Johnson (So., 5-9, 165, R/R); INF Asher Pottillo (So., 5-7, 150, R/R); OF Duke Johnson (So., 6-2, 190, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Kendall Yawn (Fr., 5-8, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: Dodge County looks to turn things around after a disappointing finish last year. The Indians will still be young. Six starters, five of them juniors, return to lead the way. Outfielder Braylon Mincey (.348 avg., 27 RBIs) gives the Indians a leader to build around.



FITZGERALD PURPLE HURRICANES

Head Coach: Brandon Reeder

Assistant Coach(s): Scott Williams, Jacob McIntosh, Will Emadi, Johnny Croley

2022 Record: 9-23

Returning Starters: LHP/1B Landon Kight (Sr., 5-11, 190, L/L); C Drew Moore (Sr., 6-2, 200, R/R); OF/RHP Jasper Goodman (Sr., 5-8, 180, L/R); SS/RHP Ty Paulk (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); OF Zachary Alexander (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); U Ryan Smith (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R); DH Ashton Bryan (So., 6-1, 180, L/R); 3B Chase Carroll (Sr., 6-1, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C Cason Brown (So., 5-9, 210, R/R); INF/RHP Dustin Williamson (So., 5-11, 160, R/R); 1B/RHP Gabe Pearce (Jr., 6-6, 270, R/R); OF/RHP Jahtyre Horne (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF/RHP Kyler Krause (So., 5-10, 180, R/R); LHP Mason Erwin (Jr., 6-1, 190, L/L); INF Stephen Martin (So., 5-10, 150, R/R); INF DJ Gibbs (So., 5-10, 145, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Wilson Davis (Fr., 5-10, 150, L/R); RHP/OF Aiden Bryan (Fr., 5-11, 165, R/R); LHP/OF Kade Gibbs (Fr., 5-10, 155, L/L); U Matthew Cowan (Fr., 5-6, 130, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Hurricanes made the state playoffs last year in coach Brandon Reeder's first year. Look for Fitzgerald to build off that experience and challenge for a postseason spot again. A wealth of talent returns, including left-hander Landon Kight and catcher Drew Moore.



JEFF DAVIS YELLOW JACKETS

Head Coach: Paul Glass

Assistant Coach(s): Roger Metts, Kaleb Brown, Cody Ogilvie

2022 Record: 23-12

Returning Starters: OF/LHP Cason Clance (Sr., 5-9, 140, L/L); 1B/DH Ethan Griffin (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); RHP/3B Alex Mason (Jr., 6-3, 200, R/R); RHP/1B Duke



Ethan Griffin
Jeff Davis

Stone (Jr., 6-5, 210, R/R); RHP/OF Hayden Turner (Jr., 6-0, 190, R/R); 2B Ethan Picanso (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R); 3B/1B/C/RHP Carter Mullis (Jr., 6-1, 190, R/R)

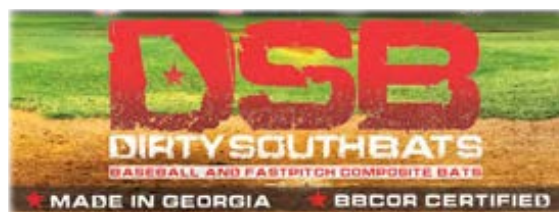
Other Returning Players: OF Kamden Munsayac (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); DH Tre Rea (Jr., 5-9, 220, R/R); U Jackson Sayer (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF Holden Ellis (Jr., 5-8, 140, R/R)

Top Newcomers: SS Eli Saunders (So., 5-9, 140, R/R); LHP Andrew White (So., 6-0, 160, L/L); 3B/RHP Jonathan Bohannon (So., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP Colby Beach (So., 6-1, 180, R/R); OF Jude Worthington (So., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Jackets return the bulk of their team that made the state quarterfinals last year. Pitching will be strong again as right-handers Alex Mason and Duke Stone lead a strong rotation. All-state performers Hayden Turner and Cason Clance also return.



Carter Mullis
Jeff Davis



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SUMTER COUNTY RAMS

Head Coach: Lee Wright

Assistant Coach(s): TBA

2022 Record: 3-21

Returning Starters: 3B/OF/RHP Braylon Terry (Jr., 5-11, 185, R/R); SS/RHP Deron Dowdell (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R); OF De'Marri Brown (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); 1B Justin Jones (Jr., 6-0, 295, R/R); OF/LHP/1B Koby Robinson (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/L); 2B/RHP Torrence Rush (Sr., 5-11, 135, R/R); C/OF Jakory Wise (Jr., 5-11, 185, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/RHP Aaron Kears (Fr., 6-0, 180, R/R); 2B/SS T.K. Rush (Fr., 5-2, 135, R/R)

Season Outlook: Sumter County moves down a classification after struggling last season. The Rams welcome back seven returning starters and should have a chance to be improved. The good news is that leaders Deron Dowdell, Torrence Rush and Koby Robinson return.



WORTH COUNTY RAMS

Head Coach: Will Smith

Assistant Coach(s): Kaleb Hathcock, Lee Caquelard

2022 Record: 10-18

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Chip Cooper (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); INF Cody Garwood (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF Parker Weaver (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); RHP Owen Hancock (Jr., 6-3, 170, R/R); 1B Christian McDonald (Jr., 5-10, 165, L/L); INF/RHP Owen Fletcher (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); INF Luke Smith (Jr., 5-8, 170, R/R)



Cody Garwood
Worth County



Parker Weaver
Worth County

Other Returning Players: OF Coy Etheredge (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); RHP Drake Jones (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP/INF Lalan Ellis (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); INF/C Johnathan McDonald (Jr., 5-8, 150, R/R); RHP Grant Juster (So., 6-3, 180, R/R); OF Clint Bragg (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R); P/C/1B Caden Emerson (So.)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Luke Rogers (Fr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP/INF Avery Kilcrease (Fr., 5-10, 150, R/R); C Brady Weaver (Fr., 5-8, 145, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Rams struggled in a rebuilding year in 2022. Look for this spring to be much better. Ole Miss commit Owen Hancock returns on the mound as well as all-state outfielder Chip Cooper. There is talent for this team to make a run at the region title, but consistency will be key for the Rams.



REGION 2-2A

Region Favorite: ACE Charter

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

RHP/2B/OF – Trevor Cannon, Sr., ACE Charter; **RHP/1B** – Cody Colter, So., ACE Charter; **RHP/U** – Jack Corrigan, Jr., ACE Charter; **1B/RHP** – Ashton Donaldson, Sr., ACE Charter; **RHP/OF** – Grant Edwards, Sr., ACE Charter; **OF/INF/P** – Fisher Hopkins, Sr., Rutland; **2B/RHP** – Jake McLendon, So., ACE Charter; **3B** – Gabe Melvin, So., Rutland; **SS/P** – Casen Summerday, Sr., Rutland; **CF** – Joshua Vinson, Jr., Rutland; **OF/P** – Fernando Washington, Sr., ACE Charter; **2B/P** – Kurt Weiche, Jr., Rutland; **3B/RHP** – Gavin West, Sr., ACE Charter; **OF/RHP** – Sam Whitley, Sr., ACE Charter



ACE CHARTER GRYPHONS

Head Coach (s): Josh McLendon

Assistant Coach (s): Kevin Balkcom, Dickie Horton, Mark Mimbs, Wade Bennett, Justin Skinner

2022 Record: 25-9

Returning Starters: 3B/RHP Gavin West (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); RHP/OF Grant Edwards (Sr., 6-3, 205, R/R); OF/RHP Sam Whitley (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); RHP/2B/OF Trevor Cannon (Sr., 6-4, 150, R/R); 1B/RHP Ashton Donaldson (Sr., 6-2, 235, R/R); RHP/U Jack Corrigan (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); RHP/1B Cody Colter (So., 6-2, 195, R/R); 2B/RHP Jake McLendon (So., 5-8, 140, R/R); DH Noey Sardoma (Jr., 5-6, 205, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/RHP Owen Cannon (Sr., 6-2, 250, R/R); C/OF Brice Whitley (So., 5-11, 165, R/R); OF/RHP Chase Gazafy (Jr., 6-1, 165, R/R); OF Henry Lewis (Jr., 5-8, 145, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/LHP Josh Williams (Jr., 5-10, 185, L/L); RHP/OF/C Slade Hodge (Fr., 5-11, 150, R/R); INF Camden Bailey (Fr., 5-6, 115, R/R); OF Max Bradshaw (Fr., 6-1, 150, R/R); OF JT Fry (Fr., 5-10, 130, R/R); OF/2B Drake Davidson (Fr., 5-9, 130, R/R); 1B Wilson Senn (Fr., 6-0, 150, R/R); 2B/RHP Carter Lewis (Fr., 5-5, 130, R/R); 3B/RHP Niko Sardoma (Fr., 5-5, 130, R/R); OF Sebastian Falduti (Fr., 5-9, 150, R/R); RHP/INF Aiden Sanderson (Fr., 5-8, 130, R/R); OF/P Fernando Washington (Sr., 6-2, 215)

Season Outlook: The Gryphons move up a classification, but ACE Charter should still contend for the region title and a postseason berth. A wealth of talent returns, including all-state infielder/pitcher Gavin West (.525 avg., 45 RBIs). Top pitcher Grant Edwards (8-3, 2.21 ERA) leads a solid pitching rotation. Outfielder Sam Whitley also returns.



Trevor Cannon
ACE Charter



Jack Corrigan
ACE Charter



Fernando Washington
ACE Charter



Sam Whitley
ACE Charter

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CENTRAL-MACON CHARGERS

Head Coach (s): Wally Pritchard (new)
Survey not returned



JORDAN RED JACKETS

Head Coach (s): David Lane (new)
Survey not returned



KENDRICK CHEROKEES

Head Coach (s): Michael Peek
Survey not returned



NORTHEAST-MACON RAIDERS

Head Coach (s): Darryl Silas
Survey not returned



RUTLAND HURRICANES

Head Coach: Steven Gunn
Assistant Coach(s): Adam Weiche
2022 Record: 10-16

Returning Starters: SS/P Casen Summerday (Sr.); OF/INF/P Fisher Hopkins (Sr.); C/P Dylan Pope (Sr.); 3B Gabe Melvin (So.); OF Joshua Vinson (Jr.); 1B Raylan Maddox (Sr.); OF Branden Andrakin (Jr.); 2B/P Kurt Weiche (Jr.); P/C Andrew Butterworth (Jr.)

Top Newcomers: 2B/SS Jordan Green (Jr.)

Season Outlook: Look for Rutland to contend for the region title as a talented team returns. The Hurricanes welcome back nine returners, including shortstop/pitcher Casen Summerday and pitcher Fisher Hopkins. Keep an eye on a solid group of underclassmen who will be expected to contribute.



SOUTHWEST-MACON PATRIOTS

Head Coach (s): TBA
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Head Coach (s): Brandon Pickett
Survey not returned



Head Coach: Garrett Cox (new)
Assistant Coach(s): Justen White, Cameron Martin
2022 Record: 9-21-1
Returning Starters: RHP Aidan Adams (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); RHP/C Nathan Willis (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); LHP/OF Brody Yeomans (Jr., 5-10, 160, L/L); RHP/INF Talyn Coger (Jr., 6-1, 190, R/R); RHP/INF/OF Luke Carter (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); INF Avery Saunds (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); INF Colt Thrift (So., 5-11, 155, R/R); LHP/OF Tripp Hendrix (Jr., 5-7, 150, L/L); C/INF Austin Nipper (Jr., 5-11, 190, R/R)
Other Returning Players: LHP/INF Ian Nielson (Jr., 5-11, 200, L/L); RHP/INF Hunter Johns (Jr., 5-10, 145, R/R); C/INF Luke Wood (Jr., 5-8, 200, R/R); INF/OF Mason Thomas (Jr., 5-4, 150, R/R)
Season Outlook: Former Hampton High coach Garrett Cox takes over a Brantley County program that struggled last season. Cox has some talent to work with this spring. All-region pitcher Tripp Hendrix and versatile Brody Yeomans returns. Pitcher/catcher Nathan Willis is also back.

REGION 3-2A

Region Favorite: Appling County

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)
OF – Cason Banks, Sr., Vidalia; **OF** – Kaleb Bennett, Sr., Vidalia; **3B/1B** – Spencer Callanan, Sr., Tattnall County; **INF/RHP** – Patrick Crosby, Sr., Appling County; **C** – Dawson Griffis, Sr., Appling County; **INF/RHP** – Dayson Griffis, So., Appling County; **INF/C** – Greyson Hall, Jr., Appling County; **2B/C/RHP** – Trayvone Harris, Jr., Toombs County; **LHP/OF** – Tripp Hendrix, Jr., Brantley County; **RHP/3B** – Walker Moncus, Sr., Vidalia; **C/INF** – Austin Nipper, Jr., Brantley County; **RHP/1B** – Lucas O’Conner, Sr., Toombs County; **P/INF** – Jacob Pittman, Sr., Pierce County; **RHP/INF** – Cole Royer, Jr., Pierce County; **INF** – Avery Saunds, Jr., Brantley County; **RHP/1B** – Brantley Upshaw, Jr., Toombs County; **RHP/C** – Nathan Willis, Sr., Brantley County; **LHP/OF** – Brody Yeomans, Jr., Brantley County



Head Coach: Andrew Evans
Assistant Coach(s): Matt White, Walker Reddish
2022 Record: 30-6
Returning Starters: P/INF Cole Royer (Jr., 6-6, 185); P/OF Jones Herrin (So., 5-8, 175); P/OF Caden McGatha (So., 5-11, 185); P/INF Jacob Pittman (Sr., 6-0, 165)
Other Returning Players: OF Seth Hunt (Sr.); OF/P Caden Williams (Jr.); INF/P Cole McGatha (Jr.); C Will Inman (Jr.); C Mark Sweet (So.); INF/P Auburn Walker (So.); INF Dylan Figueroa (So.); OF Payton Turner (So.); INF Brooks Edenfield (So.); OF Landon Taylor (So.); INF Bradyn Andrace (So.)
Top Newcomers: INF Emmitt Hall (Fr.); INF/P Braxton McCook (Fr.); OF Parker White (Fr.); OF Beau Aspinwall (Fr.); INF Dalton Weathersby (Fr.); INF Drake Dowling (Fr.)
Season Outlook: After a deep postseason run last year, the Bears will be doing some rebuilding. But don’t let Pierce’s young roster fool you. There is plenty of young talent waiting for its chance at the spotlight. It just needs to mature and develop. Four starters are back. One of those is versatile Georgia Tech commit Cole Royer.



Head Coach: Zack Griffis
Assistant Coach (s): Leslie Griffis, Will McCranie, Jacob Hendrix, Kyle Mercer
2022 Record: 18-9

Returning Starters: C Dawson Griffis (Sr., 6-1, 225, R/R); INF/RHP Patrick Crosby (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); INF/RHP Dayson Griffis (So., 5-11, 195, R/R); INF/RHP Colin Ewaldsen (Jr., 5-9, 150, L/R); INF/C Greyson Hall (Jr., 5-10, 145, R/R); RF/DH Jack Coleman (Sr., 6-2, 250, R/R); 1B/DH Jacob Gardner (Sr., 6-3, 260, R/R)



Colin Ewaldsen
Appling County

Greyson Hall
Appling County

Other Returning Players: INF/C Nate Livingston (So., 5-9, 160, R/R); 3B/RHP Levi Reynolds (Sr., 5-11, 225, R/R); CF/LHP Mason Williamson (Sr., 5-11, 150, L/L); U Jack Carter (Jr., 6-0, 150, R/R); INF Colin Campbell (Sr., 5-7, 115, R/R)
Season Outlook: The Pirates should be one of the teams to beat in Region 3-2A this spring. Seven starters are back, including all-state catcher Dawson Griffis and Region Player of the Year Dayson Griffis. Shortstop Patrick Crosby also returns. Keep an eye on this program.



Head Coach: Ben Collins
Assistant Coach (s): Andrew Waters, Brooks Robins
2022 Record: 2-21
Returning Starters: 3B/1B Spencer Callanan (Sr., 5-11, 200, R/R); C/OF Landon Hughes (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); INF Kaiden Kennedy (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Miles Brown (So., 5-10, 200, R/R); RHP/1B Bailey Blair (So., 6-0, 235, R/R); OF Henry Prigeon (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R)
Other Returning Players: OF Jaycer Cruz (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R)
Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Brody Chambless (Fr., 5-9, 180, R/R); C/RHP Hunter Dasher (Fr., 5-9, 155, R/R); INF/RHP Lane Dutton (Fr., 5-10, 165, R/R)
Season Outlook: The Warriors should turn things around after a



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disappointing finish in 2022. Six starters are back, including all-region infielder Spencer Callanan. The lack of experienced pitching is a concern, but Tattnall County has enough returning experience to be much-improved over last season.

T TOOMBS COUNTY BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Derek James

Assistant Coach (s): Pat Craft, Hayne Brant, Dirk Brantley, Tucker Allmond

2022 Record: 14-17

Returning Starters: 3B/C

Wil Watts (Sr., R/R); RHP/1B Lucas O'Conner (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Dawson Brantley (Sr., R/R); RHP/1B Brantley Upshaw (Jr., L/R); 2B/C/RHP Trayvone Harris (Jr., R/R); SS/RHP Jesus Quintero (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Gavin Hall (Sr., R/R); 3B/C Dylan

Vetter (So., R/R); OF/RHP Kipp Mosley (So., R/R); 1B/RHP Jackson Jenkins (So., R/R); OF Anthony Underwood (So., R/R); OF Cameron Ledford (So., R/R); OF Caleb McCoy (Jr., R/R)



Trayvone Harris
Toombs County



Lucas O'Conner
Toombs County

Top Newcomers: SS/RHP Tyson Brantley (Fr., R/R); 2B/RHP Tucker Braddy (Fr., R/R); OF/LHP Rider Sears (Fr., R/L); OF/RHP Parker Stanley (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Bulldogs should be in postseason contention as six starters return. Pitcher/first baseman Brantley Upshaw and second-baseman/catcher Trayvone Harris return after strong sophomore seasons in 2022. Senior pitcher Lucas O'Conner (5-2, 3.50 ERA) returns to anchor a solid pitching staff.



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VIDALIA INDIANS

Head Coach: Brent Korn

Assistant Coach (s): Rhett Carter, Ben Beck, Zack Wilson

2022 Record: 30-11

Returning Starters: RHP/3B Walker Moncus (Sr., R/R); OF Kaleb Bennett (Sr., L/R); OF Cason Banks (Sr., L/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/SS Carson Ricks (Jr., R/R); RHP/OF Andrew Norfleet (Jr., R/R); RHP/C Tucker McDonald (Jr., R/R); LHP/OF Ty Carter (Sr., R/L); RHP/INF Conner Whited (Sr., R/R); RHP/C Dawson Stewart (So., R/R); RHP Haygen Brantley (Sr., R/R); 2B Morgan Moya (Sr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/SS Veer Patel (Fr., L/R)

Season Outlook: The defending Class 2A state champions have some holes to fill as graduation hit the program hard. The lack of experienced pitching is a major concern. The good news is that seniors Walker Moncus, Kaleb Bennett and Cason Banks return, giving Vidalia some returning experience. Some talented underclassmen will contribute.

WINDSOR FOREST KNIGHTS

Head Coach: Jacob Gray

Survey not returned

REGION 4-2A

Region Favorite: Thomson

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

1B/C – Seth Adams, Sr., Thomson; **RHP/INF/OF** – Matthew Dena, Sr., Thomson; **DH/1B** – Keith Fraley, Sr., Washington County; **LHP** – Dalton Gergan, So., Thomson; **OF/LHP** – Gerald Grimes, Sr., Putnam County; **C** – Connor Gunn, Sr., Washington County; **OF** – Storm Hunt, Jr., Thomson; **OF/RHP/SS** – Jalik Johnson, Sr., Thomson; **RHP/1B** – Logan Land, Sr., Thomson; **LHP/1B/OF** – Logan Wise, Jr., Westside-Augusta



BUTLER BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Joseph Nero

Survey not returned



GLENN HILLS SPARTANS

Head Coach (s): Dominique Robbins (new)

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JOSEY EAGLES

Head Coach (s): James Draine
Survey not returned



LANEY WILDCATS

Head Coach (s): TBA
Survey not returned



PUTNAM COUNTY WAR EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Michael Phiel
Survey not returned



THOMSON BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Sean Tiernan
Survey not returned



WASHINGTON COUNTY GOLDEN HAWKS

Head Coach (s): Joel Griffin
Assistant Coach (s): Brannon Bonifay
2022 Record: 8-19

Returning Starters: C Connor Gunn (Sr., 5-9, 160); 3B Payton Severance (Jr., 5-8, 170); DH/1B Keith Fraley (Sr., 6-0, 240); 2B Robert Clark (Sr., 5-7, 150); SS Brayden Lanthrip (So., 5-7, 135)

Other Returning Players: P/C/OF Tyler Brookins (Jr., 5-10, 175); OF Mason Welch (So., 5-11, 180); P/OF Jay Taylor (Jr., 5-7, 160); OF Khalil Ivey (Sr., 6-0, 180); 2B Tyson Lane (So., 5-7, 140); OF Preston Carrol (So., 6-0, 145); OF Chance Canty (Sr., 5-9, 170)

Top Newcomers: P/1B Mack May (Fr., 6-1, 160); 2B Justice Lester (Fr., 5-6, 130); OF Ben Davis (Fr., 5-8, 140); INF Reese Stewart (Fr., 5-7, 145); OF Payton Mathis (Fr., 5-8, 155); 3B Brayden Wood (Fr., 5-9, 160)

Season Outlook: Washington County finished strong last year and made the state playoffs. They seek to build off that positive momentum this spring. Five starters are back, including a trio of seniors in catcher Connor Gunn, first baseman Keith Fraley and second-baseman Robert Clark who will be expected to lead the way.



WESTSIDE-AUGUSTA PATRIOTS

Head Coach (s): Darius Washington (new)
Survey not returned

REGION 5-2A

Region Favorite: Redan

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

C/CF -- Deshaun Broughton, Sr., Towers; **LHP/OF** – Kam Estes, Sr., Eagles Landing Christian; **OF** – Colton Hood, Sr., Eagles Landing Christian; **3B/RHP** – Bryce Hubbard, Jr., Callaway; **INF** – Chase Jackson, Sr., Eagles Landing Christian; **C/RHP/INF** – Cody Lee, Sr., Landmark Christian; **C** – Adriel Martinez, Sr., Redan; **SS/RHP** – Bernard Moon, Sr., Redan; **OF** – Dylan Nation, Sr., Callaway; **SS/RHP** -- Antwan Parks, Jr., Towers; **C** – Blake Sheppard, Sr., Callaway; **OF/RHP** – CJ Stephens, Sr., Callaway; **1B** – Brantin Swanson, Jr., Callaway; **RHP/2B/C** – Levi Trask, Jr., Landmark Christian; **C/INF/RHP** – Hunter Waters, Sr., Eagles Landing Christian



CALLAWAY CAVALIERS

Head Coach: Dusty Hubbard

Assistant Coach(s): Tim Freeman, Jon Hopper, Brad Miller, Dalton Reed, Houston Wilson

2022 Record: 24-8

Returning Starters: 3B/RHP Bryce Hubbard (Jr., 6-2, 190, L/R); OF Dylan Nation (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); 1B Brantin Swanson (Jr., 5-9, 185, R/L); OF/RHP CJ Stephens (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); C Blake Sheppard (Sr., 5-10, 200, R/R); OF/DH Avery Hewell (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); DH/C Julian Dukes (Jr., 6-2, 235, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Garret Huckleberry (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); U Houston Wilson (Sr., 5-9, 155, R/R); 1B Avery Bartlett (Jr., 6-2, 245, R/R); 3B/1B Jace Raper (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); INF LeShun Gates (So., 5-8, 145, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Kaden Carlisle (Jr., 5-8, 140, R/R); C/OF Luke Taylor (Fr., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF Wes Williams (Fr., 5-10, 155, R/R); RHP/INF Slade Hunt (Fr., 5-9, 145, R/R)

Season Outlook: Callaway lost a lot to graduation, but the Cavaliers aren't short on talent. Look for them to pick up from where they left off last year. Experienced pitching is a concern, but the Cavaliers have plenty of playmakers to make a run at the playoffs. Infielder Bryce Hubbard returns as well as catcher Blake Sheppard and outfielder CJ Stephens.



COLUMBIA EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Greg Barnett
Survey not returned



EAGLES LANDING CHRISTIAN CHARGERS

Head Coach (s): Doug Campbell
Survey not returned

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LANDMARK CHRISTIAN WAR EAGLES

Head Coach (s): TBA
Survey not returned



McNAIR MUSTANGS

Head Coach (s): Marcus Salter
Survey not returned



REDAN RAIDERS

Head Coach: Delvin Jordan (new)
Assistant Coach(s): Chris Hardnett, Tim Lott, Marcus Mays
2022 Record: 29-8
Returning Starters: SS/RHP Bernard Moon (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); C Adriel Martinez (Sr., 5-8, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Derek Peoples (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R)
Other Returning Players: U Jaden Johnson (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); RHP Daelyn House (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R)
Top Newcomers: RHP/3B Yannick Butler (Sr. 6-2, 195, R/R); INF Tyrell Wyatt (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF/1B Jamie Howze (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); RHP/1B Antretz McDowell (Sr., 5-11, 190, R/R)
Season Outlook: The defending Class 3A state runner-ups have some holes to fill as first-year coach Delvin Jordan takes over. The Raiders welcome back all-state shortstop/pitcher Bernard Moon and catcher Adriel Martinez, but the lack of pitching depth is a concern. Look for some younger players to step forward.



TOWERS TITANS

Head Coach: Crystalyn Savage
Assistant Coach(s): Tyrone Stephens
2022 Record: 11-9
Returning Starters: C/CF Deshaun Broughton (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Caleb Bradshaw (Jr., R/R); SS/RHP Antwan Parks (Jr., R/R); OF Antonio Taylor (Sr., R/R); 3B Zandarious Washington (Sr., R/R)
Other Returning Players: 1B Keashawn Williams (Sr., L/L); OF Craig Jones (Jr., R/R); OF Tamare Scudder (So., R/R); OF Ezekiel Thomas (Jr., R/R)
Season Outlook: The Titans turned a corner last season and look to build off that positive momentum this spring. Five starters are back, including senior catcher/outfielder Deshaun Broughton and shortstop/pitcher Antwan Parks. Towers will look for some underclassmen to contribute.

REGION 6-2A

Region Favorite: Mount Paran Christian

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

C/3B – Kyle Crisp, Jr., Mount Paran Christian; **OF/2B** – Jaden Daniels, Sr., Drew Charter; **RHP** -- Blake Dean, Sr., North Cobb Christian; **OF** -- DJ Dennis, Sr., Walker; **OF/LHP** – Luke Dotson, Sr., Mount Paran Christian; **RHP/OF** – Paul Farley, Sr., Mount Paran Christian; **OF** – Nick Germain, Sr., Mount Paran Christian; **C** -- Matheson Go., Sr., North Cobb Christian; **2B/3B/C** -- Jason Hebert, Sr., Walker; **SS/RHP** – Anthony Hill, So., BEST Academy; **SS/RHP** – Tate McKee, Sr., Mount Paran Christian; **OF** -- Michael Mullinax, Jr., North Cobb Christian; **C** – Khylen Norman, So., BEST Academy; **LHP** -- Armando Nunez, Sr., North Cobb Christian; **SS/2B/RHP** -- Ashton Pass, Sr., Walker; **2B/RHP** – Amir Robinson, Jr., BEST Academy; **RHP/DH** -- Nick Stinson, Sr., North Cobb Christian; **1B/LHP** – Jake Tucker, Sr., Mount Paran Christian; **INF** -- Jackson Uggla, Jr., North Cobb Christian; **INF/RHP** – Che Williams, Jr., Drew Charter



BEST ACADEMY EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Terry Norman
Assistant Coach (s): TBA
2022 Record: 2-5
Returning Starters: 2B/RHP Amir Robinson (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R); SS/RHP Anthony Hill (So., 5-8, 150, R/R); OF Marquis Sherrer (So., 6-0, 150, R/R); C Khylen Norman (So., 6-0, 165, R/R); 1B Demerus Love (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R)
Other Returning Players: OF Xavious Timmons (So., R/R)
Season Outlook: The Eagles look to be improved in 2023. BEST Academy has a good nucleus returning and they should be able to do just that. Keep an eye on pitchers Anthony Hill and Amir Robinson as well as catcher Khylen Norman.



DREW CHARTER EAGLES

Head Coach (s): TBA
Survey not returned



KIPP COLLEGIATE WARRIORS

Head Coach (s): Kevin Hayles
Survey not returned

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MOUNT PARAN CHRISTIAN EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Kyle Reese

Assistant Coach (s): Kevin Rusk

2022 Record: 32-4

Returning Starters: C/3B Kyle Crisp (Jr., 5-10, 190, B/R); SS/RHP Tate McKee (Sr., 6-3, 185, R/R); 1B/LHP Jake Tucker (Sr., 6-5, 190, L/L); CF Nick Germain (Sr., 5-11, 205, R/R); OF/RHP Garrett Droege (Jr., 5-10, 180, B/R); OF/LHP Luke Dotson (Sr., 6-4, 190, L/L); RHP/OF Paul Farley (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 3B/1B/C Will Hennessey (So., 6-4, 180, L/R); OF Henry Akopov (So., 5-11, 180, R/R); INF Braden Gabel (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Bryce Adams (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); 1B/3B Pete Czaska (Sr., 6-2, 225, L/R)

Season Outlook: After falling in the state semifinals last year, Mt. Paran will be aiming for another deep run. They return top pitchers Paul Farley and Luke Dotson as well as all-state infielders Tate McKee and Jake Tucker. Outfielder Nick Germain also returns. This team will be tough to beat.



NORTH COBB CHRISTIAN EAGLES

Head Coach: Jimmy Keane

Assistant Coach(s): Edgar Mercado, Ryan Moore, Gil Navarro

2022 Record: 30-9

Returning Starters: C Matheson Go (Sr., R/R); RHP/DH Nick Stinson (Sr., L/R); INF Jackson Uggla (Jr., R/R); OF Brock Parker (Jr., R/R); OF Michael Mullinax (Jr., B/R); RHP Blake Dean (Sr., R/R); LHP Armando Nunez (Sr., R/L)

Other Returning Players: RHP Tobias Rupp (Jr., R/R); C/INF Spears Martin (So., R/R); RHP Juan Vargas (Sr., R/R); OF Reid Morlan (Sr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Kade Gwaltney (Sr., L/R); OF/INF Cooper Williams (Sr., L/R)

Season Outlook: The Eagles finished as the state runner-up last season in Class 1A, and most of that talent is back. Top pitchers Blake Dean and Armando Nunez lead a solid rotation, while catcher Matheson Go returns behind the plate. All-state outfielder Michael Mullinax, a major 2024 prospect, returns to lead the offense.



SOUTH ATLANTA HORNETS

Head Coach: TBA

Survey not returned



THERRELL PANTHERS

Head Coach: Ryan Christian

Assistant Coach(s): Jalin Stanley

2022 Record: 8-7

Returning Starters: LHP/1B Miles Jones (Jr.); U Jaycob Linsey (Jr.)

Season Outlook: The Panthers showed a lot of progress in coach Ryan Christian's first season at Therrell last year. The program looks to keep

improving this spring. Christian has a pair of returning players in pitcher/first-baseman Miles Jones and utility player Jaycob Linsey to keep building around.



WALKER WOLVERINES

Head Coach: Derrick Williams

Assistant Coach(s): Josh Lammert, Jordan Gibson

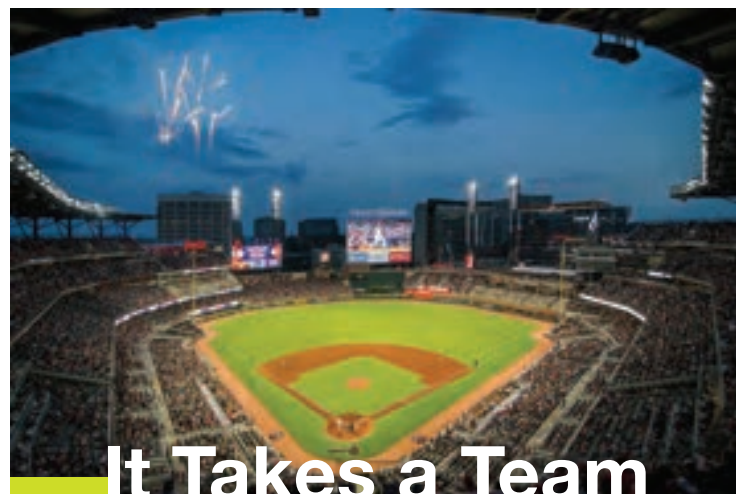
2022 Record: 5-13

Returning Starters: SS/2B/RHP Ashton Pass (Sr., 5-6, 160, R/R); OF DJ Dennis (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); 2B/3B/C Jason Hebert (Sr., 5-7, 150, R/R); 2B/SS/RHP Ryan Fallmann (Sr., 5-10, 145, R/R); 1B/OF Jackson Williams (Jr., 6-4, 200, R/R); OF/RHP Jackson Davis (Jr., 5-7, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C Thomas Healey (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); LHP/OF Max Goldstein (Sr., 5-7, 160, L/L); 3B/RHP Anthony Spradling (Jr., 6-2, 250, R/R); RHP/OF Cole McKee (Jr., 5-7, 140, R/R); RHP/2B Tyler Fallmann (So., 5-9, 135, R/R); RHP/OF/2B Brendan Finger (So., 5-9, 135, R/R); OF Tate Bachman (So., 5-8, 130, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/3B Jonathan Griggs (Fr., 5-8, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: Interim coach Derrick Williams inherits six returning starters and will look to help Walker improve upon last season's finish. Infielder/pitcher Ashton Pass (.362 avg.) returns to lead an experienced team that should be improved this spring.



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WASHINGTON BULLDOGS

Head Coach: TBA
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REGION 7-2A

Region Favorite: Model

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

3B/SS/RHP – Jace Armstrong, Sr., Model; **LHP/1B** – Hunter Atkins, So., Rockmart; **SS/RHP** – Jake Bailey, Jr., Rockmart; **C/INF** – Grayson Bartley, Jr., North Murray; **OF** – Landon Bennett, Sr., Murray County; **SS** – Carson Callihan, So., Fannin County; **C** – Peyton Chastain, Jr., Gordon Central; **LHP/OF** – Nolan Clemons, So., Rockmart; **RHP** – Frank Curry, Sr., Model; **RHP/C** – Hayden Danner, Sr., Fannin County; **INF/RHP** – Holden Davis, Jr., Haralson County; **RHP/INF** – Taylor Frazier, Jr., North Murray; **1B/DH** – Steven Gregory, Jr., Rockmart; **OF** – Seth Haygood, Sr., Gordon Central; **OF** – Skylar Hill, Sr., Gordon Central; **U** – Bryson Holloway, Sr., Fannin County; **OF/RHP** – Evan Long, Sr., Haralson County; **OF/RHP** – Chance Minshew, Jr., Model; **INF** – Dakota Mulkey, Sr., Gordon Central; **OF** – Brant Pace, Sr., Model; **OF/LHP** – Carson Ray, Sr., Haralson County; **2B** – Dillon Silver, Sr., Model; **RHP/OF** – Daniel Skojac, Jr., North Murray; **C/U** – Drake Swiger, Sr., Model; **U** – Calliyon Thompson, Jr., Rockmart; **RHP/OF** – Sebastian Villarreal, Jr., North Murray; **U** – Braxton Vineyard, Jr., Murray County; **U** – Tucker Wade, So., Haralson County; **RHP/OF** – Karl Whiddon, Sr., Haralson County; **C** – Haldyn Williams, Jr., Haralson County; **3B/RHP** – Rob Yagyu, So., Rockmart



FANNIN COUNTY REBELS

Head Coach (s): Travis Stone
Assistant Coach (s): Cline Bowers, Trevor Stone, Kevin Cochran
2022 Record: 15-15

Returning Starters: LHP/OF Clay Heaton (Sr., R/L); U Bryson Holloway (Sr., R/R); RHP/U Connor Martin (Sr., R/R); RHP/C Hayden Danner (Sr., R/R); SS Carson Callihan (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Bryce Burnette (Jr., R/R); RHP/U Gaige Foster (Jr., R/R); RHP/U Bristol Hughes (So., R/R); RHP/1B Colton Gray (So., R/R); RHP/3B Gavin Davis (So., R/R)
Top Newcomers: LHP/OF Cole Stevenson (Jr., R/L); INF Lawson Sullivan (So., R/R); RHP/OF Carter Fox (Jr., R/R); RHP/1B Paul Stroerner (So., R/R); C Christian Beavers (Jr., R/R); LHP/OF Mason McDaniel (So., L/L); OF Elijah



Hayden Danner
Fannin County



Clay Heaton
Fannin County

Weaver (So., R/R); C/U Tucker Dockery (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: Fannin County looks to build off last year's playoff run. The Rebels welcome back five returning starters, four of them seniors. Utility player Bryson Holloway and catcher Hayden Danner are back to lead the way. Keep an eye on shortstop Carson Callihan who showed a lot of promise as a freshman last year.



Bryson Holloway
Fannin County



Connor Martin
Fannin County



GORDON CENTRAL WARRIORS

Head Coach (s): Austin Norrell
Survey not returned



HARALSON COUNTY REBELS

Head Coach: Patrick Syer
Assistant Coach(s): Triston Cash, Ethan Sims, Luke Cash, Joe Cash
2022 Record: 13-12

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Holden Davis (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); C Haldyn Williams (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF/RHP Evan Long (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); OF/LHP Carson Ray (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/L); U Tucker Wade (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Caden Hughes (Sr., 5-10, 195, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B Gaige Vann (Sr., 5-10, 195, L/L); INF Luke Armstrong (So., 5-11, 155, R/R); OF Champ Cash (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R)

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

Season Outlook: The Rebels welcome back six returning starters and should be in the postseason chase this spring. All-region catcher Haldyn Williams returns to power the offense, while standout pitcher Holden Davis returns to anchor a solid pitching staff.



MODEL BLUE DEVILS

Head Coach (s): Brandon Patch
Assistant Coach (s): Brett White, Jake Storey, Hunter Chastain, Randy Winton, Matt Watson
2022 Record: 28-6

Returning Starters: 3B/SS/RHP Jace Armstrong (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); OF Brant Pace (Sr., 6-2, 180, L/R); RHP Frank Curry (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); C/U Drake Swiger (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); 2B Dillon Silver (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); 3B/2B Winston Cash (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); 2B/OF Cooper Dean (So., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/RHP Chance Minshew (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); 1B/DH Carter Oyler (Jr., 5-11, 190, R/R); SS/2B/3B Jared Terhune (So., 6-0, 165, R/R); C Ryan Camp (So., 5-7, 150, R/R); U Hudson Latimer (So., 6-0, 155, L/R); 3B/RHP Sam Brownlow (So., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/RHP Cooper Watson (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); P/INF Reece Grodeman (Fr., 6-2, 175)

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Season Outlook: Model looks to build off last year's deep playoff run. And they should. Top pitchers Jace Armstrong (8-0, 1.90 ERA) and Frank Curry (7-0, 1.96 ERA) return, while offensive leaders Brant Pace, Drake Swiger and Dillon Silver are also back. Keep an eye on this program



MURRAY COUNTY INDIANS

Head Coach (s): Josh Wiggins
Survey not returned



NORTH MURRAY MOUNTAINEERS

Head Coach (s): Ethan Lents (new)
Assistant Coach(s): Aaron Granger, Jared Goswick
2022 Record: 4-22

Season Outlook: New coach Ethan Lents takes over and will look to get things turned around after a disappointing finish in 2022. Some talented underclassmen return and will need to step forward.



ROCKMART YELLOW JACKETS

Head Coach: TC Boyd
Assistant Coach(s): Levi Austin, Luc Culver, Jeff Lewis
2022 Record: 20-8

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Jake Bailey (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R); LHP/1B Hunter Atkins (So., 6-1, 165, L/L); U Calliyon Thompson (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); 3B/RHP Rob Yagy (So., 6-0, 200, R/R); 1B/DH Steven Gregory (Jr., 6-2, 185, L/R); LHP/OF Nolan Clemons (So., 6-0, 150, R/L)

Other Returning Players: INF Carson Matthews (Jr., 5-9, 140, R/R); C Easton Petty (So., 5-9, 145, R/R); OF Aiden Wright (So., 6-0, 160, R/R); RHP Braedyn Roberson (Jr., 6-1, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP/OF Trey Luke (Fr., 5-8, 140, L/L); C/INF Neyland Hulse (Fr., 5-8, 170, L/R); INF/RHP Gage Campbell (Fr., 6-2, 190, L/R); OF/RHP Landon Patterson (Fr., 5-10, 140, L/R); 1B/RHP Andrew Watson (Fr., 5-11, 215, R/R)

Season Outlook: Rockmart won the Region 6-3A title last season and should be one of the favorites in Region 7-2A this year. The senior class is small, but six starters are back, including all-state standout Jake Bailey. Pitcher/first-baseman Hunter Atkins, utility player Calliyon Thompson and pitcher/outfielder Nolan Clemons also return.

REGION 8-2A

Region Favorite: Fellowship Christian

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

RHP – Samuel Albee, Sr., Fellowship Christian; **OF/RHP** – Nolan Angel, Sr., Banks County; **2B** – Will Austin, Sr., Fellowship Christian; **SS** – Sam

Bush, Jr., Athens Academy; **OF** – Charlie Chandler, Sr., Fellowship Christian; **C/OF** – Cam Cooper, So., Banks County; **CF** – Cooper Davidson, Sr., Fellowship Christian; **3B/RHP** – Cam Davis, Sr., Banks County; **LHP/OF** – Thomas Ferland, So., Athens Academy; **OF** – Hunter Fleming, Sr., Union County; **C** – Payton Garner, Jr., East Jackson; **RHP/OF** – Caine Griffith, Sr., Banks County; **RHP** – Griffin Guinther, Sr., Fellowship Christian; **RHP** – Hunter Heath, Sr., Banks County; **2B** – Carson Hill, Sr., Banks County; **SS** – Blake Holcomb, Sr., Banks County; **INF/RHP** – Aidan Holley, Jr., East Jackson; **OF** – Luke Hughes, Sr., Fellowship Christian; **RHP/INF** – Connor Jones, Sr., Providence Christian; **1B/DH** – Evan Lecesse, Sr., Fellowship Christian; **INF** – Caleb Lee, Jr., Providence Christian; **RHP/1B** – James McPherson, Sr., Union County; **C/RHP** – Reece Newberry, So., Providence Christian; **C** – Will Phipps, Sr., Fellowship Christian; **3B/RHP** – Daniel Powell, Sr., Fellowship Christian; **SS** – Jack Rickheim, Sr., Fellowship Christian



ATHENS ACADEMY SPARTANS

Head Coach: Casey Kane
Assistant Coach(s): Don Chuboff, Jimmy Rider, Denny Dotson, Will Divers
2022 Record: 21-10

Returning Starters: SS Sam Bush (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R); OF Parker McLeary (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); LHP/OF Thomas Ferland (So., 5-11, 165, L/L); INF Brad DeMent (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R); INF/C Hampton Johnson (So., 5-11, 170, R/R); LHP Om Patel (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/L); INF/RHP Bo Stephens (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); C Eli Ossick (So., 5-9, 175, R/R); INF Boone Presnell (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); RHP/1B Crawford Grow (So., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 3B Jeremiah Wingfield (So., 5-10, 190, R/R); OF Tucker Rhodes (Fr., 6-0, 165, R/R); SS/OF Charlie Walton (Fr., 6-2, 165, R/R); 3B Reese Walton (Fr., 6-2, 165, R/L)

Season Outlook: The Spartans return a lot of the talent that led them to 21 victories in 2022. While much of it is young, look for the Spartans to challenge for the postseason again. Shortstop Sam Bush and outfielder Thomas Ferland return. Look for an excellent group of juniors and sophomores to compete for playing time.



BANKS COUNTY LEOPARDS

Head Coach: Derrick Davis
Assistant Coach(s): Dylan Charles, Eli Cooper, Jason Sexton
2022 Record: 16-12

Returning Starters: 3B/RHP Cam Davis (Sr., 6-1, 220, R/R); OF/RHP Nolan Angel (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); RHP Hunter Heath (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R); SS Blake Holcomb (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); C/OF Cam Cooper (So., 5-11, 185, R/R); 2B Carson Hill (Sr., 5-7, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Caine Griffith (Sr., 5-11, 175, L/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Aucy Jacobs (So., 5-6, 170, R/R); C/OF Landon Tench (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/1B Judd Spear (So., 6-6, 220, R/R); U Hunter Youngblood (So., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF Colin Caudell (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Leopards won 16 games in coach Derrick Davis' first season last year. Banks looks to continue building. A wealth of

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talent returns, including standout pitchers Cam Davis and Hunter Heath. Outfielder Nolan Angel (.476 avg., 9 2B) and shortstop Blake Holcomb (.312 avg) are back after posting solid numbers last year.

EAST JACKSON EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Scott Myers

Assistant Coach (s): Caleb Hardy, Bucky Sorrow, Hunter Reynolds, AJ Moore, Chris Blazi

2022 Record: 5-21

Returning Starters: OF Randy Smith (Sr., 6-3, 185, R/R); OF/RHP Anthony Carpenter (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); U/RHP Brayden King (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); C Payton Garner (Jr., 5-7, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Aidan Holley (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); LHP/OF Garrett Waugh (Jr., 6-1, 170, L/L); INF/RHP Bryce Patterson (So., 5-10, 205, L/R)

Other Returning Players: C/INF Noah Allen (So., 5-8, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Nick Carpenter (So., 6-0, 235, R/R); OF Tristen Pressley (Jr., 5-7, 145, R/R); INF/RHP JJ Dutton (Jr., 5-7, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Drew Richardson (Fr., 5-9, 140, R/R)

Season Outlook: An excellent group of returning players are back and should help East Jackson contend for the playoffs. Seven starters are back, including a trio of seniors - outfielder Randy Smith, outfielder/pitcher Anthony Carpenter and utility/pitcher Brayden King -- who will be expected to lead the way. Keep an eye on catcher Payton Garner.

FELLOWSHIP CHRISTIAN PALADINS

Head Coach (s): Shawn Oliver

Assistant Coach (s): Lane Perrins, Logan Mikell, Greg Conley, Mike Costoulas

2022 Record: 28-5

Returning Starters: RHP Samuel Albee (Sr., 6-5, 180, R/R); 3B/RHP Daniel Powell (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); 1B/OF Darren Zhang (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); SS Jack Rickheim (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); CF Cooper Davidson (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP Griffin Guinther (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); C Will Phipps (Sr., 6-3, 195, R/R); OF Luke Hughes (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); 1B/DH Evan Lecesse (Sr., 6-4, 195, R/R); OF Charlie Chandler (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); 2B Will Austin (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/RHP Aubrey Moraitakis (Sr., 5-11, 165, L/R)

Top Newcomers: CF Jonathan Granby (Fr., 5-10, 185, R/R); RHP Matthew Wells (Sr., 6-3, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: A move up in classification won't matter for Fellowship Christian. The Paladins welcome back a senior-oriented team that should be very good. Top pitcher Daniel Powell is back, while offensive leaders Cooper Davidson, Jack Rickheim and Will Austin also return.



Samuel Albee
Fellowship Christian

PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN STORM

Head Coach: Adam Cantrell

Assistant Coach(s): Sean West, Joey Hamilton

2022 Record: 10-18

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Connor Jones (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); INF/RHP Brian Oh (Sr., 5-7, 130, B/R); OF JohnMark Compton (Sr., 5-10, 140, R/R); INF Caleb Lee (Jr., 5-8, 165, R/R); C Stephen Kemmerer (Sr., 5-8, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Brady Williams (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); C/RHP Reece Newberry (So., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Bryan Chesnut (So., 5-7, 150, R/R); 1B/RHP Colin Hendry (Sr., 6-0, 220, L/R); INF/RHP Keegan DeMayo (Jr., 6-1, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/U Killian DeMayo (So., 5-10, 140, R/R); RHP/U Peyton Rogers (So., 5-8, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: Providence Christian welcomes back seven returning starters as the Storm looks to improve upon last season's finish. Right-handed pitcher Connor Jones returns to lead the pitching rotation, while shortstop Caleb Lee and catcher Reece Newberry return after solid seasons in 2022.

UNION COUNTY PANTHERS

Head Coach: Zach Odom

Assistant Coach(s): Brock Gordon, Caleb Paul

2022 Record: 9-20

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Will Duncan (Sr., R/R); RHP/1B James McPherson (Sr., R/R); OF Hunter Fleming (Sr., L/R); C Jace Vinez (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/RHP Brayden Sweat (Jr., R/R); C/RHP Will Doyle (Jr., R/R); OF Jordan Gilliam (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF Hayden Hughes (So., R/R); 3B/RHP Caden Combs (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Lane Haney (Fr., R/R); LHP/OF Gunnar Akins (Fr., L/L); LHP/OF Maddox Patton (Fr., L/L); RHP/INF Eli Gwynn (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Panthers have some key positions to fill after graduation took a toll on their lineup. Four starters, all seniors, return. Pitchers Will Duncan and James McPherson return after combining for five of the team's nine wins last year. Look for an excellent group of younger players to help out.



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REGION 1-1A

Region Favorite: Irwin County

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

RHP -- Rhett Bulloch, Sr., Pelham; **INF/RHP** -- Bryce Clements, Sr., Irwin County; **INF** -- Jackson Curles, Sr., Pelham; **RHP/C/SS** -- Matthew Ferrell, Sr., Brooks County; **INF** -- Seth Fields, Sr., Irwin County; **RHP/C/3B/OF** -- Deshawn Hayes, Sr., Brooks County; **RHP** -- Chance Ivey, Jr., Bacon County; **C/RHP** -- Knox Ledbetter, So., Bacon County; **RHP/INF** -- Jaylen Martin, So., Irwin County; **RHP/OF** -- Evan Ross, Sr., Irwin County; **RHP/INF/OF** -- Mason Snyder, Sr., Irwin County; **RHP/OF** -- Cody Soliday, Sr., Irwin County; **RHP/3B/1B** -- Emory Williford, Jr., Brooks County



BACON COUNTY RED RAIDERS

Head Coach: Noble Coley

Assistant Coach (s): Patrick McDonald, Matthew Beecher

2022 Record: 5-20

Returning Starters: RHP Chance Ivey (Jr., 6-5, 180, R/R); INF/RHP Garrett Ahl (Jr., 5-7, 160, R/R); 1B/C/LHP Jarrett Arney (Sr., 6-1, 205, R/L); U/RHP Jordan Martin (Sr., 6-2, 200, R/R); INF/RHP Aiden White (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R); OF/RHP Cale Taylor (Jr., 5-10, 190, R/R); INF/RHP Hayden Taylor (Jr., 5-10, 200, R/R); C/RHP Knox Ledbetter (So., 6-0, 200, R/R); INF/RHP Ray Tucker (So., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Ryland Boatright (So., 5-0, 150, R/R); OF Jason Guest (So., 6-2, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Kayden Tyre (Fr., 5-3, 145, R/R); OF/LHP Santiago Bizell (Fr., 6-0, 160, L/L); U/P Caiden Lewis (Fr., 5-10, 170); INF Ryker Clement (Fr., 5-5, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: Look for Bacon County to be significantly improved this spring as a wealth of talent returns. Nine starters are back, including standout pitcher Chance Ivey. The senior class is small, but keep an eye on a solid group of juniors and sophomores. Catcher/pitcher Knox Ledbetter is back after a strong freshman season last year.



BROOKS COUNTY TROJANS

Head Coach: Shawn Sharp (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Tyler Dukes

2022 Record: 7-18

Returning Starters: RHP/C/SS Matthew Ferrell (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); RHP/C/3B/OF Deshawn Hayes (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); 1B/RHP/OF Nolan Harrell (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); RHP/OF Jamaurice Gray (Sr., 6-1, 210, R/R); RHP/3B/1B Emory Williford (Jr., 5-10, 190, R/R); RHP/2B/OF Jaxon Smith (Jr., 5-7, 150, R/R); RHP/OF Javen Watts (Jr., 6-2, 215, R/R); RHP/OF Westin Chastain (So., 5-6, 145, L/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B Gavin Ellsberry (So., 5-8, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/OF Zach Peck (Fr., 5-6, 150, R/R); RHP/C/3B/1B Conner Priest (Fr., 5-6, 160, R/R); RHP/C/3B/1B Dallas Leverette (Fr., 5-6, 160, R/R)



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Season Outlook: New coach Shawn Sharp takes over and will try to help Brooks County improve on last season's record. Sharp has eight returning starters to work with and a solid group of underclassmen. Catcher Matthew Ferrell is back as well as versatile Deshawn Hayes. Pitcher Emory Williford returns to lead the rotation.

IRWIN COUNTY INDIANS

Head Coach: Drew Tankersley

Assistant Coach (s): Nathan Martin, Kenny Yanzetich, Seth Young

2022 Record: 29-4

Returning Starters: RHP/OF Cody Soliday (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Bryce Clements (Sr., 6-1, 195, L/R); RHP/INF/OF Mason Snyder (Sr., 5-7, 165, B/R); RHP/OF Evan Ross (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); INF Seth Fields (Sr., 6-0, 155, R/R); OF Bubba Walters (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/INF Jaylen Martin (So., 6-0, 175, R/R); C Brodie Suggs (So., 6-2, 215, R/R); OF/RHP Trey Laster (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); RHP/INF Luke Snyder (So., 6-1, 160, R/R); INF/DH Hunter Tyson (Sr., 6-1, 200, R/R); OF/LHP Connor Paulk (Jr., 5-6, 140, R/L)

Season Outlook: Irwin County has been building for this year for some time. A wealth of talent, including strong pitching, returns. All-state players Cody Soliday, Bryce Clements and Mason Snyder return as well as pitcher/outfielder Evan Ross. Look for the Indians to make a deep postseason run.

PELHAM HORNETS

Head Coach: Ron Best

Assistant Coach(s): Alex Flowers

2022 Record: 12-11

Returning Starters: INF Jackson Curles (Sr.); RHP Rhett Bulloch (Sr.); INF Silas Smith (Sr.); INF Tre Shaver (Sr.)

Season Outlook: Pelham looks to improve upon last season's record. The Hornets have a good chance to do that with four returning seniors leading the way. Infielder Jackson Curles and right-handed pitcher Rhett Bulloch are two players to keep an eye on.

REGION 2-1A

Region Favorite: Bleckley County

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

SS – Brandon Chapman, Jr., Swainsboro; **OF** – Dawson Chapman, Sr., Bleckley County; **INF/RHP** – Gabe Conley, Jr., Dublin; **C/3B** – Caden Daley, Jr., Swainsboro; **RHP/INF** – Jase Giles, Sr., Dublin; **CF** – River Green, Sr., Swainsboro; **C/INF** – Josh Guyton, Jr., Dublin; **OF** – Buck Hill, Sr., Bleckley County; **3B** – Deago Jackson, Jr., Dublin; **C** – Lenox Lively, Jr., Swainsboro; **RHP/3B** – Eli Mullis, Sr., Bleckley County; **OF** – Tyrese Robinson, So., Dublin; **2B/SS** – Caleb Senters, Sr., Bleckley County; **P/OF** – Zach Wall, Sr., Dublin; **INF/OF/RHP** – Garrett Young, Sr., Dublin

BLECKLEY COUNTY ROYALS

Head Coach: Brad Davis

Assistant Coach(s): William Barham, Jacob Byram, Tyler Sellars, Shane Savant

2022 Record: 24-12

Returning Starters: RHP/3B Eli Mullis (Sr., 6-1, 200, L/R); RHP/OF James Fordham (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF Dawson Chapman (Sr., 5-9, 165, L/R); OF Buck Hill (Sr., 5-8, 160, L/L); 2B/SS Caleb Senters (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/

DH Shane Knighton (Jr., 6-1, 180, L/R); LHP/1B Braegan Cravey (So., 6-0, 190, R/L); C Jacob Grant (Jr., 6-1, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: SS/2B/RHP Clayton Beck (So., 5-8, 155, R/R); C Austin Youn (So., 5-9, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Royals could be the team to beat in region play. Pitchers Eli Mullis and James Fordham return to anchor what should be a strong rotation. Meanwhile, offensive leaders Dawson Chapman, Buck Hill and Caleb Senters return to power the offense.



Braegan Cravey
Bleckley County

Caleb Senters
Bleckley County

DUBLIN FIGHTING IRISH

Head Coach: Todd Hogan

Survey not returned

EAST LAURENS FALCONS

Head Coach: Tyler Green

Survey not returned

JEFFERSON COUNTY WARRIORS

Head Coach: Craig Brock

Assistant Coach(s): Cameron Busby, Mitch Vaughn

2022 Record: 18-7

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Ryan Tripp (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R); SS/RHP Baylor Parker (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); 3B/RHP Dawson Sheppard (Sr., 5-8, 155, R/R); RHP/OF Gabe Hendricks (Sr., 5-9, 145, L/R); C/OF Caleb Dukes (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R); RHP/OF Evin Usry (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); 2B Chevy Farmer (So., 5-8, 130, R/R); OF/RHP Sam Hendricks (So., 5-8, 140, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/OF Nathan Sims (Sr., 5-6, 135, R/R); 1B Grayson Maxwell (Jr., 6-1, 190, L/L); C Liam Stone (Jr., 5-8, 145, R/R); RHP/1B Trey Davis (So., 6-1, 190, R/R); OF Ethan Sims (Jr., 5-8, 145, R/R); OF/RHP Caine Hall (Jr., 6-1, 195, R/R); 2B Jackson Hoffman (So., 5-4, 155, R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP/OF Myles Weekly (Sr., 6-1, 185, L/L)

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Season Outlook: Jefferson County won 18 games last year and could have a chance to approach last season's success. The Warriors will contend for the playoffs as eight starters are back, including pitcher/infielder Ryan Tripp (5-3, 3.42 ERA) and shortstop Baylor Parker.

SWAINSBORO TIGERS

Head Coach: Ashley Hooks

Assistant Coach(s): Corey Chalker, Daniel Overstreet, Heath Palmer

2022 Record: 16-16

Returning Starters: CF River Green (Sr., R/R); LF Jakari Nobles (Sr., R/R); C Lenox Lively (Jr., L/R); SS Brandon Chapman (Jr., R/R); 3B/1B Kason Palmer (Jr., R/R); C/3B Caden Daley (Jr., R/R); 2B Jeffery Brown (Sr., R/R); RF Isiah Fultz (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B Jackson Gray (Jr., R/R); LF Shane Gamiza (So., R/R); CF Caden Tapley (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: 2B Peyton Mason (Fr., R/R); LHP Kason Edenfield (Fr., L/L)

Season Outlook: The Tigers welcome back eight returning starters and will be expected to contend for the region title. First Team all-region returnees Lenox Lively and River Green return at catcher and outfielder respectively. Meanwhile, shortstop Brandon Chapman and catcher/third-baseman Caden Daley also return.

REGION 3-1A

Region Favorite: Metter

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

CF/P – Reco Coney, Sr., Metter; **OF/P** – Jayden Deloach, Sr., Metter; **OF/RHP** – Tanner Ennis, Jr., Bryan County; **C/3B** – Trey Hall, Sr., Metter; **OF/P** – Kaliq Jordan, Sr., Metter; **OF/P** – Xander Kile, Sr., Screven County; **OF/LHP** – Konner Leggett, Sr., Bryan County; **1B** – Brooks Longgear, Sr., Metter; **C** – Aiden Martin, Sr., Bryan County; **2B/C/P** – Christian Mixon, So., Claxton; **SS/P** – Jake Pollock, Sr., Screven County; **SS/RHP** – Rustan Rigdon, Jr., Metter; **C/P** – Gatlin Scott, So., Screven County

BRYAN COUNTY REDSKINS

Head Coach: Justin Covington

Assistant Coach(s): Zach Ledbetter, Kyle Hill

2022 Record: 20-9

Returning Starters: OF/LHP Konner Leggett (Sr., 6-0, 180, L/L); C Aiden Martin (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); SS Zach Sitton (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Tanner Ennis (Jr., 6-1, 175, L/R); 2B Sean Hill (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF/RHP Justin Beck (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R); OF Hunter Gibson (Jr., 5-11, 185, R/R)



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Other Returning Players: OF/LHP Kris Martin (Jr., 6-3, 200, L/L); 3B/C Tripp Wiggins (Jr., 5-9, 180, R/R); 1B AJ Thomas (So., 6-1, 190, R/R); U Geoff Hovis (So., 5-9, 170, R/R); SS Cooper Ennis (So., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF Cayron Rawls (So., 5-9, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Redskins should pick up from where they left off last year as seven starters are back. Versatile Konner Leggett returns to lead the team. Junior outfielder/pitcher Tanner Ennis also returns after a solid sophomore season. Keep an eye on a talented group of underclassmen.



CLAXTON TIGERS

Head Coach (s): Gohneil Brown (new)

Survey not returned



METTER TIGERS

Head Coach (s): Zach Rackett

Assistant Coach (s): Skyler Smith, Chayton Todd, Eric Verbel

2022 Record: 31-5

Returning Starters: CF/P Reco Coney (Sr.); OF/P Kaliq Jordan (Sr.); OF/P Jayden Deloach (Sr.); 1B Brooks Longgear (Sr.); C/3B Trey Hall (Sr.); SS/RHP Rustan Rigdon (Jr.)

Other Returning Players: 2B/SS Smith Dekle (Sr.); OF Kason Johnson (Jr.); OF Desmond Redding (Sr.); OF/P Kaden Hobbs (So.); 1B/DH Tyranski Spann (Jr.); INF/P Carter Gainous (So.)

Season Outlook: The two-time defending state champions have enough talent to make another deep postseason run. However, they will need a few more pitchers to compliment Vanderbilt commit Rustan Rigdon. Offensively, all-state players Reco Coney, Kaliq Jordan and Trey Hall all return.



SAVANNAH BLUE JACKETS

Head Coach (s): TBA

Survey not returned



SCREVEN COUNTY GAMECOCKS

Head Coach (s): JR Doyle

Assistant Coach (s): Josh Sheley, Matthew Sheley, Mike Martin

2022 Record: 7-17

Returning Starters: SS/P Jake Pollock (Sr.); OF/P Xander Kile (Sr.); C/1B Ryan Warren (Sr.); OF/P Conner Thompson (Sr.); 2B/SS Ryan Robbins (Jr.); C/P Gatlin Scott (So.)

Other Returning Players: OF/2B Hayden Skinner (Sr.); P Josh Oglesby (Jr.); OF/P Jeremiah White (So.)

Season Outlook: The Gamecocks welcome back six starters and should have a chance to improve upon last season's finish. Shortstop/pitcher

Jake Pollock and outfielder/pitcher Xander Kile are two senior leaders the Gamecocks will depend on. Keep an eye on sophomore Gatlin Scott who was promising as a freshman last year.

REGION 4-1A

Region Favorite: Lamar County

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

RHP/INF – Will Alford, Sr., Heard County; **1B** – John Paul Awbrey, Sr., Heard County; **LF** – Kale Bryan, Sr., Lamar County; **RHP/OF** – Sammy Calhoun, Jr., Heard County; **RHP** – Luke Cody, Sr., Crawford County; **1B** – Talon Dender, Jr., Lamar County; **RHP** – Caden Dewitt, Jr., Lamar County; **3B** – Drew Hammock, So., Crawford County; **OF** – Trace Hodges, Sr., Crawford County; **SS/3B** – Ayden Hollis, Sr., Lamar County; **SS** – Judd Puckett, Sr., Crawford County; **C** – Johnny Stone, Jr., Lamar County; **CF** – Hutson Traylor, Jr., Lamar County; **OF** – Trevor West, Sr., Crawford County; **RHP/3B** – Connell White, Sr., Heard County



CRAWFORD COUNTY EAGLES

Head Coach: Craig Puckett

Survey not returned



HEARD COUNTY BRAVES

Head Coach: Tyler Spradlin (new)

Assistant Coach(s): Gavin Porter, Trevor Spradlin, James Arp

2022 Record: 11-18

Returning Starters: RHP/3B Connell White (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); RHP/INF Will Alford (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); 1B John Paul Awbrey (Sr., 6-3, 175, R/R); C/INF Tyler Lasseter (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); INF/OF/RHP Jacob Watts (Sr., 5-9, 140, R/R); RHP/OF Sammy Calhoun (Jr., 5-10, 160, L/R)

Other Returning Players: C/3B Blake Oldham (Jr., 6-0, 220, R/R); RHP/INF Sammy Holliday (Jr., 6-2, 240, R/R); OF Carter Coleman (Jr., 5-5, 150, R/R); INF Trevor Hansford (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); RHP/OF Logan Cammon (So., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Max Lasseter (Fr., 6-0, 210, R/R); RHP/OF/INF River White (Fr., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: Former assistant Tyler Spradlin takes over and inherits six returning starters. The Braves should have a chance to be much better this spring. Pitching should be solid as Connell White, Will Alford and Sammy Calhoun return. First baseman John Paul Awbrey is back to lead the offense.

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LAMAR COUNTY TROJANS

Head Coach (s): Mike Oberg
Assistant Coach (s): Tim Jones, Kyle Kelly
2022 Record: 23-7

Returning Starters: C Johnny Stone (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); 1B Talon Dender (Jr., 5-11, 150, R/R); SS/3B Ayden Hollis (Sr., 5-6, 155, R/R); RHP Cam King (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); LF Kale Bryan (Sr., 5-11, 165, L/R); CF Hutson Traylor (Jr., 6-1, 155, R/R); RHP Caden Dewitt (Jr., 6-0, 210, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Jackson Grogan (Jr., 5-10, 140, R/R); OF Lane Wilson (Jr., 5-9, 130, R/R); INF Carter Parlor (So., 5-6, 130, R/R); RHP Mason Oberg (Sr., 6-0, 150, R/R); 1B Aiden Albritton (Jr., 5-11, 300, R/R); INF Everett Horne (So., 5-6, 140, R/R); RHP Jake Hutto (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R)

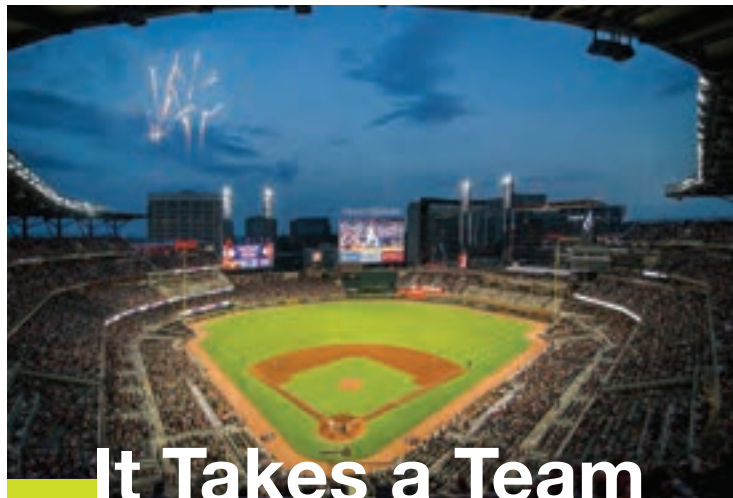
Top Newcomers: RHP/C Logan Miller (Fr., 5-10, 125, R/R); RHP/1B Seth Cochran (Fr., 6-0, 210, R/R); OF Caden Crawford (Fr., 5-3, 120, R/R)

Season Outlook: Lamar County should pick up from where it left off last season. Seven starters are back, including all-state outfielder Kale Bryan (.494 avg., 22 RBIs) and infielder Ayden Hollis (.403 avg., 9 2B). The senior class is small, but a strong corps of juniors and sophomores are ready to step forward and contribute.



TEMPLE TIGERS

Head Coach: Evan Hochstetler (new)
Survey not returned



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REGION 5-1A

Region Favorite: Prince Avenue Christian

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

LHP – Will Atha, Sr., Social Circle; **OF** – Daniel Bell, Sr., Prince Avenue Christian; **C** – Mac Bradley, So., Prince Avenue Christian; **U** – Tres Cochran, Jr., Jasper County; **1B/3B** – Logan Cross, Sr., Social Circle; **SS/2B** – Will Goff, Jr., Prince Avenue Christian; **OF** – Grant Guest, Sr., Prince Avenue Christian; **3B/RHP** – Judson Hartwell, So., Prince Avenue Christian; **SS/RHP** – Hunter Hays, Jr., Jasper County; **OF** – Paul Kendall, Sr., Social Circle; **OF/RHP** – Lucas Langley, So., Social Circle; **RHP/INF** – Hayden Marshall, Sr., Prince Avenue Christian; **3B** – Coop Mattox, Sr., Oglethorpe County; **C** – Mitchell McCullough, Sr., Social Circle; **RHP/OF** – Blane McFarland, Sr., Oglethorpe County; **LHP/OF** – Brayden Mitchell, Sr., Social Circle; **3B/C** – Mason Moore, Sr., Social Circle; **RHP** – Caden Richardson, So., Social Circle; **OF** – Bailey Stockton, Sr., Prince Avenue Christian; **1B/RHP** – Ross Whitworth, Sr., Prince Avenue Christian



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JASPER COUNTY HURRICANES

Head Coach: Brady McMichael

Assistant Coach(s): Zach Houston, Jared Jones, Taylor Fields, Amantae Sands

2022 Record: 9-19

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Hunter Hays (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); U Tres Cohran (Jr., 5-7, 150, R/R); OF/2B Chevy Sands (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R); OF/RHP/1B Tom Schilling (Jr., 6-3, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: U Riley Savage (So., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF Hunter Sorrows (So., 5-9, 175, L/L)

Top Newcomers: C Chandler Aguirre (So., 5-10, 205, R/R); 1B/RHP Ethan McMichael (Fr., 5-9, 175, L/R); U Evan Diaz (Fr., 5-6, 140, R/R); RHP/2B Grady Jordan (Fr., 5-9, 150, R/R); OF/RHP Tristan Boring (Fr., 6-1, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Hurricanes look to get back on track after graduation took a toll on the program. Four starters are back, including shortstop Hunter Hays and utility player Tres Cohran. A solid group of sophomores and freshmen will need to step up and help out.



OGLETHORPE COUNTY PATRIOTS

Head Coach (s): Kris Patel

Assistant Coach (s): James Moree, Brice Bonner, Steven Irwin

2022 Record: 17-14

Returning Starters: RHP/OF Blane McFarland (Sr., R/R); 3B Coop Mattox (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: C Caleb Hall (Jr., R/R); C Daniel Garcia (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF Eli Frost (So., R/R); 1B Landon Autry (Sr., R/R); OF Owen Fletcher (Sr., R/R); OF Rylee Clark (Jr., L/L)

Top Newcomers: OF/LHP Tripp White (Fr., L/L); SS Evans Wilkins (Fr., R/R); OF/RHP Hayden Brown (Fr., R/R); RHP/1B Brock Barrett (Fr., R/R); U/RHP Haiden Ashworth (Fr., R/R); INF/RHP Jacob Sass (Fr., R/R); OF Bryce Frankel (So., R/R); INF Landon Fields (So., R/R); 1B Landyn Westbrook (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: The senior class is small, but look for a solid group of underclassmen to step forward and contribute. The good news is that a pair of senior leaders – pitcher/outfielder Blane McFarland and third-baseman Coop Mattox – return to bring experience and leadership.



PRINCE AVENUE CHRISTIAN WOLVERINES

Head Coach (s): Allen Osborne

Assistant Coach (s): Jeff Guy, Matt Jones, Glenn Ross, Tanner Martin, Matt Nicks

2022 Record: 27-8

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Hayden Marshall (Sr., 6-1, 160, R/R); 3B/RHP Judson Hartwell (So., 6-4, 190, R/R); OF Daniel Bell (Sr., 6-3, 165, L/R); 1B/RHP Ross Whitworth (Sr., 6-3, 230, R/R); SS/2B Will Goff (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); OF Bailey Stockton (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); C Mac Bradley (So., 6-0, 215, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/RHP/SS Ben Chatham (So., 5-10, 180, R/R); INF/OF/RHP Griff Bryant (So., 5-10, 155, R/R); 1B/LHP Mason Banks (Jr., 6-1, 175, L/L); OF Luke Leverett (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF Riley Cartey (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Andrew Gillespie (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); 3B/RHP Trey Taylor (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Grant Guest (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); OF Eli Attaway (Fr., 5-10, 155, R/R); RHP/INF Cole Broxton (Fr., 6-2, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: Look for Prince Avenue Christian to be a dangerous team in 2023. Top pitchers Ross Whitworth and Hayden Marshall return, while all-state performers Will Goff, Bailey Stockton and Judson Hartwell return to lead the offense. Senior leader Daniel Bell also returns.



SOCIAL CIRCLE REDSKINS

Head Coach (s): Kevin Dawkins

Assistant Coach (s): Brent Moore, Brook Adams, Eddie Barrett, Danny Hartman

2022 Record: 27-13

Returning Starters: 3B/C Mason Moore (Sr., 6-3, 190, B/R); 1B/3B Logan Cross (Sr., 6-6, 195, R/R); C Mitchell McCullough (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF/LHP Brayden Mitchell (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/L); OF Paul Kendall (Sr., 5-8, 165, R/R); 2B/SS Ty Lemaster (Sr., 5-8, 165, R/R); SS/2B Landon Davis (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); OF/RHP Lucas Langley (So., 6-2, 200, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Bryce Swartout (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); RHP Blaize Pierce (Sr., 6-1, 225, R/R); 1B/RHP Luke Smith (Jr., 6-4, 200, R/R); 2B/3B Luke Cross (So., 6-2, 180, R/R); U Gehrig Knapp (So., 5-8, 165, B/R); RHP Caden Richardson (So., 5-8, 195, R/R); LHP Will Atha (Sr., 6-1, 175, L/L)

Season Outlook: After a deep playoff run in 2022, the Redskins look to build off that run. And they should. A wealth of talent returns, including two-time all-state third-baseman/catcher Mason Moore (.463 avg., 30 RBIs). Offensive leaders Mitchell McCullough and Logan Cross also return as well as top pitchers Brayden Mitchell, Will Atha and Caden Richardson.

REGION 6-1A

Region Favorite: Whitefield Academy

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

RHP/OF – Mason Adkin, Sr., Kings Ridge Christian; **C** – Kaden Alford, Sr., Mount Pisgah Christian; **1B** – Holden Baker, Sr., Mount Vernon; **SS/C/RHP** – Kaj Barron, Jr., Paideia; **OF/RHP** – Brandon Bostic, Jr., Mount Pisgah Christian; **LHP/1B/OF** – Isaac Brody, So., Weber; **3B** – Wesley Calloway, Jr., Whitefield Academy; **CF/INF** – Jayden Clay, So., Paideia; **RHP/C/OF** – Chandler Deblois, Jr., Kings Ridge Christian; **1B/C** – Jack Garver, Jr., Mount Pisgah Christian; **RHP/OF** – Luke Hill, Jr., Kings Ridge Christian; **RHP/SS** – Dylan Holbrook, Sr., Mount Vernon; **RHP/INF** – Nate Jones, Jr., Whitefield Academy; **SS** – Nate Kittredge, Jr., Kings Ridge Christian; **C/OF** – Caleb Lavallee, Sr., Whitefield Academy; **LHP/1B** – Brayden May, Sr., Whitefield Academy; **RHP/1B** – Nick Olson, Sr., Whitefield Academy; **INF/C/RHP** – Seth Pettett, So., Saint Francis; **1B/3B/RHP** – Matthew Pressnall, Jr., Saint Francis; **INF/RHP** – Aidan Pullaro, Jr., Mount Pisgah Christian; **LHP/1B** – Dawson Stephens, Sr., Mount Vernon; **CF/LHP** – Conlon Walker, Sr., Whitefield Academy; **OF/1B/RHP** – Jack Ward, Jr., Mount Pisgah Christian; **INF/RHP** – Jackson Westmoreland, Sr., Saint Francis; **LHP/1B** – Evan Wood, Sr., Saint Francis

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GALLOWAY SCOTS

Head Coach: Chris Curtis
Survey not returned



KINGS RIDGE CHRISTIAN TIGERS

Head Coach: Mike Power
Assistant Coach(s): Eric Swegman, Will Foster, Clay Cleveland
2022 Record: 15-11
Returning Starters: RHP/OF Mason Adkin (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); SS Nate Kittredge (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Landon Comer (So., 5-8, 160, R/R); 3B/C Chandler Benson (So., 5-9, 160, R/R); RHP/OF Luke Hill (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); 1B/C Austin Rhoades (So., 6-2, 180, R/R)
Top Newcomers: RHP/C/OF Chandler Deblois (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF Marcus Ward (Fr., 5-8, 140, L/L); RHP/INF Spencer Hudson (So., 5-9, 150, R/R)
Season Outlook: The Tigers should pick up from where they left off last season. Six starters return, including right-handed pitcher Mason Adkin (7-2, 1.92 ERA). Right-hander Luke Hill also returns after a strong sophomore season last year. Junior shortstop Nate Kittredge is also back to spark the offense.



MOUNT BETHEL CHRISTIAN EAGLES

Head Coach: Eric McAfee
Survey not returned



MOUNT PISGAH CHRISTIAN PATRIOTS

Head Coach: Jamey Woods
Assistant Coach(s): John O'Connor
2022 Record: 17-13
Returning Starters: C Kaden Alford (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF Paul Ross (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); OF/RHP Brandon Bostic (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Aidan Pullaro (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF/1B/RHP Jack Ward (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); 1B/C Jack Garver (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R)
Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Ben Jacobs (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); 3B/1B/RHP Aaron Peterson (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Lucas Beals (So., 5-11, 170, R/R); OF Jadon Lane (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); 1B/3B Hunter Grube (So., 5-11, 165, R/R)
Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Jackson Williams (Fr., 6-0, 140, R/R); 1B/LHP Drew O'Reilly (Fr., 5-10, 155, L/L); 1B/RHP Jay Lemond (Fr., 5-6, 155, R/R)
Season Outlook: The Patriots return a relatively young team after some heavy graduation losses. But there is enough returning to contend for a postseason berth. Six starters are back, including standout catcher Kaden Alford and outfielder/pitcher Brandon Bostic. Keep an eye on some talented younger players who will contribute.



MOUNT VERNON MUSTANGS

Head Coach: Jeremy Beckham
Assistant Coach (s): Trey Lang
2022 Record: 8-15
Returning Starters: C/RHP Maddox Chasman (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); RHP/SS Dylan Holbrook (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); RHP/3B Nathan Shumway (So., 6-0, 175, R/R); LHP/1B Dawson Stevens (Sr., 6-9, 205, L/L); 1B Holden Baker (Sr., 6-2, 215, L/R); OF Landon Brice (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF Avery Anderson (Sr., 5-6, 150, L/R); RHP Carson Tise (Sr., 6-4, 200, R/R)
Other Returning Players: 3B/RHP Nate Thomas (So., 6-3, 180, R/R); OF Brooks Champney (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF Ethan Pajot (So., 5-10, 150, R/R); INF Chase Perry (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/R)
Top Newcomers: SS Hudson Forrest (Fr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF Rigby Anderson (Fr., 5-10, 160, R/R)
Season Outlook: Expect Mount Vernon to be much-improved this spring as a wealth of talent returns. Pitching should be solid as left-hander Dawson Stevens and right-hander Dylan Holbrook are back. The Mustangs, however, must be more consistent at the plate.



PAIDEIA PYTHONS

Head Coach: Drew Kise
Assistant Coach (s): Wess Hollins, Rodney Henderson
2022 Record: 4-19
Returning Starters: OF/LHP Alex Liu (Sr., 5-5, 130, L/L); SS/C/RHP Kaj Barron (Jr., 5-9, 175, R/R); OF/RHP/1B Sahil Gandhi (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R); CF/INF Jayden Clay (So., 6-1, 170, R/R); 2B/OF/RHP Milo Cannon (So., 5-4, 125, R/R); 3B/RHP Gabriel Jones (Jr., 5-11, 155, R/R)
Other Returning Players: OF Lucas Tangpricha (Jr., 5-7, 175, R/R); 2B/OF Bennett Davis (Jr., 5-6, 135, R/R); 2B/OF Esteban De Alba (Jr., 5-8, 170, R/R); 1B/RHP Emerson Green (So., 6-1, 155, R/R)
Top Newcomers: OF Colin Thomas (Fr., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF/INF David Oglesby-Smith (Fr., 5-11, 170, R/R)
Season Outlook: The Pythons should be much better in 2023. The senior class is small, but a wealth of younger players received playing time last year. That should pay off this spring. Six starters are back, including Kaj Barron and Jayden Clay. Senior outfielder/pitcher Alex Liu gives Paideia a leader to build around.



SAINT FRANCIS KNIGHTS

Head Coach: Brandon Bates
Assistant Coach(s): Clark Adams, Gracie Lewis, Peter Irwin, Will Graham
2022 Record: 15-15
Returning Starters: OF/3B/RHP AJ Benton (So., 5-10, 200, R/R); 1B/3B/RHP Matthew Pressnall (Jr., 5-10, 215, R/R); INF/RHP Jackson Westmoreland (Sr., 5-9, 180, R/R); LHP/1B Evan Wood (Sr., 6-2, 195, R/L); OF/RHP Roman Stamps (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); 1B/OF Bailey Survilas (Jr., 6-1, 190, L/L); INF/C/RHP Seth Pettett (So., 6-0, 155, R/R); C/OF/RHP Sam Delikat (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R);
Other Returning Players: RHP/1B Stephen Harvey (Sr., 5-11, 190, R/R); OF/LHP Tyler Christy (Jr., 6-3, 205, R/L); OF/C/RHP Harrison Bucovetsky (So., 5-5,

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130, R/R); OF/RHP Tanner Powell (So., 5-4, 155, R/R); LHP/OF Colin Campbell (So., 5-10, 165, L/L)

Top Newcomers: OF/3B Finn Popowski (Fr., 5-9, 115, R/R); 1B/RHP Will Hawkins (Fr., 5-11, 175, R/R); 3B Mack Town (Fr., 5-11, 175, R/R); OF Luke Hill (Fr., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Knights should contend for a postseason position again as eight starters return. Saint Francis will still be a relatively young team and may be a year away. All-state standout Jackson Westmoreland (.451 avg., 13 2B; 5-2, 3.70 ERA) and lefty Evan Wood return to lead what could be a very dangerous team.



**WEBER
RAMS**

Head Coach: TBA
Survey not returned



**WHITEFIELD ACADEMY
WOLFPACK**

Head Coach: Mike Shaheen
Assistant Coach(s): Justin Krueger
2022 Record: 22-10

Returning Starters: C/OF Caleb Lavallee (Sr., 6-0, 215, R/R); LHP/1B Brayden May (Sr., 6-0, 175, L/L); RHP/1B Nick Olson (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); SS/RHP Parker Ladd (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); OF/LHP Conlon Walker (Sr., 6-1, 205, L/L); 3B Wesley Calloway (Jr., 5-11, 225, R/R); C Ryan MacLellan (Jr., 5-9, 160, L/R); OF Wyman Shaheen (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R); RHP/INF Nate Jones (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); RHP/INF Reilly Cullen (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R); OF Taylor Craig (Jr., 5-11, 190, R/R)
Other Returning Players: OF Thomas Figaretti (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF Alex Greenwald (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); INF Thomas Perdue (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); INF Mac Wotton (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R)
Top Newcomers: C/RHP Jake Arispe (Jr., 5-7, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wolfpack have continued to improve in coach Mike Shaheen's first two seasons at the school. Look for Whitefield to take things farther this spring as a strong group of seniors will lead the way. A wealth of talent returns, including all-state standout Caleb Lavallee and top pitcher Brayden May.



Noah Hollis
Whitefield Academy



Parker Ladd
Whitefield Academy



Conlon Walker
Whitefield Academy



REGION 7-1A

Region Favorite: Coosa

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

U -- Thomas Bethel, Sr., Darlington; **2B/OF** -- Hunter Brown, Jr., Chattooga; **2B** -- Ethan Campbell, Sr., Armuchee; **SS/RHP** -- Trent Cantrell, Sr., Coosa; **3B** -- Jackson Coonley, Jr., Armuchee; **SS** -- Chandler Desanto, Sr., Armuchee; **INF/RHP** -- Andrew Earwood, Sr., Coosa; **1B/OF/LHP** -- Gavin East, Sr., Coosa; **RHP/U** -- Ryan Ely, Sr., Pepperell; **CF** -- Blake Floyd, Sr., Pepperell; **INF/RHP** -- Logan Floyd, Sr., Darlington; **RHP/INF** -- Mason Gatlin, Jr., Dade County; **OF/RHP** -- Andrew Holt, Sr., Coosa; **OF** -- Braxton Honea, Sr., Armuchee; **RHP/1B** -- JP Kilgo, So., Pepperell; **RHP/OF** -- Eli Kimball, Jr., Dade County; **OF** -- Luke Lively, So., Armuchee; **P** -- Jase Mason, Jr., Trion; **1B** -- Blake Mathis, Sr., Armuchee; **INF/RHP** -- Hayden McBurnett, Sr., Coosa; **1B** -- Jackson Morrison, Sr., Trion; **U** -- Gage Owens, Sr., Pepperell; **LHP** -- Jack Rogers, Sr., Armuchee; **RHP** -- Layton Sanford, Jr., Pepperell; **U** -- Hill Shropshire, Sr., Darlington; **SS** -- Kade Smith, So., Trion; **OF/INF/RHP** -- Pacey Smith, Jr., Coosa; **C** -- Ryan Smith, Sr., Coosa; **RHP/OF** -- Raeden Sumner, Jr., Chattooga; **C** -- Skyler Thurston, Sr., Armuchee; **P/OF** -- Cayden Watson, Sr., Trion; **C/INF** -- Zeke Wheeler, Sr., Dade County; **INF/OF** -- Ashton Williams, Sr., Coosa



**ARMUCHEE
INDIANS**

Head Coach: Michael Dougherty (new)
Assistant Coach(s): David Honea, Johnathan Cook, Josh Nabors, Cliff Fligello, Dave Williams
2022 Record: 12-16

Returning Starters: LHP Jack Rogers (Sr., L/L); C Skyler Thurston (Sr., L/R); 1B Blake Mathis (Sr., L/L); OF Braxton Honea (Sr., R/L); 2B Ethan Campbell (Sr., R/R); SS Chandler Desanto (Sr., L/R); 3B Jackson Coonley (Jr., R/R); OF Luke Lively (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: U Blaine Ragland (So., R/R); C Tristan Young (Jr., L/R); U Jaiden Bunch (Sr., R/R); 3B Lance Kerr (Sr., R/R); OF Marcus Harris (Jr., R/R); OF Kolby Dempsey (Sr., R/R); OF Cameron Anthony (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: U Evan Hayes (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: Former Coosa coach Michael Dougherty takes over and will look to turn things around at Armuchee. He inherits a wealth



Ethan Campbell
Armuchee



Chandler Desanto
Armuchee



Luke Lively
Armuchee



Blake Mathis
Armuchee



Skyler Thurston
Armuchee

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of talent, including top pitcher Jack Rogers (4-1, 2.98 ERA) and shortstop Chandler Desanto. Keep an eye on Luke Lively who had a strong freshman campaign in 2022.

CHATTOOGA INDIANS

Head Coach (s): Wade Lanier (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Chris Davis, Tyler Blalock, Cameron Evans

2022 Record: 5-24

Returning Starters: CF Haign Stephens (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP/1B Brady Groce (Sr., 6-7, 210, R/R); SS Will Bare (Sr., 5-7, 150, R/R); RHP/OF Raeden Sumner (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); C Sam Forsyth (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R); 1B Aidan McGuire (Jr., 5-8, 190, L/L); 2B/OF Hunter Brown (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/3B Korei Shaver (Jr., 5-7, 180, R/R); RHP/3B Caden Wolford (Jr., 5-8, 170, R/R); RHP/3B Lucas Adams (So., 5-8, 170, R/R); RHP Preston Wooten (So., 5-9, 210, R/R); OF Zaden Cook (So., 5-9, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/SS Sam Mobbs (Fr., 5-9, 170, R/R); LHP/OF Brock Cooper (Fr., 6-2, 185, L/L)

Season Outlook: New coach Wade Lanier looks to turn things around at Chattooga. The Indians have a good nucleus of returning talent and should have a chance to be much better. Seven starters are back, including pitcher/outfielder Raeden Sumner and second baseman/outfielder Hunter Brown.

COOSA EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Hunter Davis (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Tony Potts, Justin Ware

2022 Record: 22-10

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Trent Cantrell (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Hayden McBurnett (Sr., 5-11, 195, L/R); C Ryan Smith (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); 1B/OF/LHP Gavin East (Sr., 5-9, 160, L/L); INF/RHP Andrew Earwood (Sr., 5-9, 160, L/R); OF/RHP Andrew Holt (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); OF/INF/RHP Pacey Smith (Jr., 5-9, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/OF Ashton Williams (Sr., 5-7, 155, R/R); OF Britton Gordon (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); 1B Cord Youngblood (Sr., 6-0, 220, R/R); C/1B Seth Elrod (So., 5-10, 200, R/R); INF/RHP Colton McBurnett (So., 5-10, 160, L/R); INF/OF Cohen Sprayberry (So., 5-9, 155, R/R); INF/OF Rocco Willis (So., 5-7, 155, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/OF Connor Carvalho (Fr., 5-8, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: First-year coach Hunter Davis takes over and inherits a talented team capable of contending for the region title. Offensive leaders Trent Cantrell (.405 avg., 23 RBIs), Hayden McBurnett (.321 avg., 31 RBIs) and Gavin East (.310 avg., 15 RBIs) return. If the pitching is consistent, this team will be tough.

DADE COUNTY WOLVERINES

Head Coach: Chris Brown

Assistant Coach(s): David Swader

2022 Record: 14-15

Returning Starters: C/INF Zeke Wheeler (Sr., R/R); INF Landon Williams (Jr.,

R/R); RHP/OF Eli Kimball (Jr., R/R); INF Braylon Sullivan (Jr., R/R); INF/OF Jax Guinn (Jr., R/R); RHP/INF Mason Gatlin (Jr., R/R); RHP/INF Bryson Shrader (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/OF Halen Chaney (So., R/R); OF/INF/RHP Justin Bradford (Jr., R/R); OF Ryker Stanley (So., R/R); INF Brayden Jones (So., R/R); RHP/OF River Mcbryar (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: A young team returns at Dade County this spring. But there is talent. All-region selections Eli Kimball and Zeke Wheeler return, giving the Wolverines a pair of leaders to build around. Dade County will need a solid corps of juniors and sophomores to step forward and contribute.

DARLINGTON TIGERS

Head Coach: Matt Larry

Assistant Coach(s): Chad Woods, Derek Fine, Gus Bell

2022 Record: 10-17

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Logan Floyd (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); U Thomas Bethel (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); C/3B Briant Powell (Sr., 6-1, 215, R/R) OF Slade Clevenger (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); U Hill Shropshire (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); C/1B Bagley Larry (Jr., 5-10, 210, L/R); U Talan Shirey (Jr., 5-8, 155, R/R)

Other Returning Players: U Ashton Albers (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); RHP/1B Joshua Butler (So., 6-0, 170, R/R); P/OF Thomas Norris (Sr.); OF Dre Beniot (Sr.)

Top Newcomers: LHP/1B Henry Ledbetter (Fr., 6-1, 190, L/L); OF Myles Twyman (Fr., 5-10, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: Look for Darlington to be improved this spring. The Tigers have seven returning starters back and some solid senior leadership returning. Infielder/pitcher Logan Floyd and utility player Thomas Bethel return to lead the way. The Tigers should be in the postseason chase.

PEPPERELL DRAGONS

Head Coach: Chad Brown

Assistant Coach(s): Riley Forson, Jonathan Cannon, Robert Scoggins, Cole Baker, Joe Knight, Jakolbi Griffin

2022 Record: 19-16

Returning Starters: RHP/U Ryan Ely (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF Blake Floyd (Sr., 5-9, 130, R/R); U Gage Owens (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); RHP Layton Sanford (Jr., 6-1, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Ashton Vuckovich (Sr., 5-9, 145, R/R); RHP Will York (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/1B JP Kilgo (So., 6-0, 185, R/R); C Hunter Godfrey (So., 6-2, 205, R/R); RHP/2B Ayden Frazier (So., 5-6, 130, R/R); RHP/SS Kaleb Davis (So., 5-9, 145, R/R); RHP Cade Middleton (So., 6-0, 150, R/R); LHP/1B Cooper Middleton (So., 6-2, 160, L/L)

Season Outlook: The Dragons lost a lot to



Blake Floyd
Pepperell



Gage Owens
Pepperell



Layton Sanford
Pepperell

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graduation, but the good news is that a solid senior class returns to lead the way. Pitcher Ryan Ely (3-0, 1.24 ERA) returns to give the Dragons a strong leader to build around. Ely and junior right-hander Layton Sanford are back to lead a solid rotation. Offensive leaders Blake Floyd and Gage Owens also are back.

T TRION BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Trent Stamey
Assistant Coach(s): Chandler Pettyjohn, Johnny Burch, Ronnie Stamey
2022 Record: 16-12
Returning Starters: SS Kade Smith (So.); 2B Brody Brown (Sr.); P Jase Mason (Jr.); 3B Clay Chesley (Sr.); OF Dale Willingham (Sr.); 1B Jackson Morrison (Sr.); P/OF Cayden Watson (Sr.)



Jase Mason
Trion



Jackson Morrison
Trion

Other Returning Players: OF Jake Dawson (So.); P/INF Logan Stokes (So.); P Logan Eller (Sr.); C Brayden Broadrick (Jr.)

Top Newcomers: INF Malachi Burch (Sr.); U Christian Henderson (Fr.); C Gavin Stivers (Fr.)

Season Outlook: The Bulldogs welcome back seven returning starters and should contend for a postseason berth. Shortstop Kade Smith is back after a promising freshman season last year, while pitcher Jase Mason leads a solid group of returning pitchers.



Kade Smith
Trion

REGION 8-1A

Region Favorite: Elbert County

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

INF – JP Allen, Jr., Commerce; **OF** – Trustin Allen, Sr., Elbert County; **OF/RHP** – Brant Brady, Sr., Elbert County; **C** – Russell Clifton, Sr., Athens Christian; **RHP/OF** – Jaxon Foster, Jr., Commerce; **OF** – Jarret Giles, Jr., Rabun County; **1B/DH** – Hampton Hutto, Sr., Commerce; **INF/RHP** – Landen Ingram, Sr., Elbert County; **OF** – Cory Keller, Sr., Rabun County; **OF/INF/RHP** – Cayden Lord, Sr., Commerce; **INF/RHP** – Frankey Moree, Sr., Tallulah Falls; **U/RHP** – Alex Rainey, Sr., Commerce; **INF/RHP** – Abdi Shah, Sr., Athens Christian; **C/RHP** – Coleson Smith, Sr., Commerce; **OF** – Cohen Thomason, Sr., Commerce; **INF/P** – Josh Wilson, Sr., Athens Christian



ATHENS CHRISTIAN EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Jake Westbrook (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Jeff Griffeth

2022 Record: 15-14

Returning Starters: INF Titus Cummings (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Abdi Shah (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Josh Wilson (Sr., 5-11, 170, L/R); C Russell Clifton (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); LHP/OF Brooks Byram (Sr., 6-0, 165, L/L); INF/RHP Parker Westbrook (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP/OF JD Garland (Jr., 5-11, 150, R/L); OF JD Brown (Jr., 5-11, 185, R/R); C/INF Myles Cass (Jr., 5-11, 185, R/R); C/OF Drew Whitlock (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: New coach Jake Westbrook takes over and inherits six returning starters. The good news is that five of the team's returners are seniors, including all-region standouts Abdi Shah, Russell Clifton and Josh Wilson. A talented group of juniors will also be expected to help out.



BARROW BLAZERS

Head Coach (s): Robert Kolowich

Survey not returned



COMMERCE TIGERS

Head Coach (s): Steve Cotrell

Assistant Coach (s): Dustin Allen

2022 Record: 26-14

Returning Starters: 1B/DH Hampton Hutto (Sr., 6-3, 230, L/R); C/RHP Coleson Smith (Sr., 5-11, 195, R/R); OF/INF/RHP Cayden Lord (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); OF/RHP Braxton Morris (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); OF Cohen Thomason (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); INF JP Allen (Jr., 5-9, 140, R/R); INF/OF Coy Argo (Jr., 5-10, 190, R/R); RHP/OF Jaxon Foster (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: U/RHP Alex Rainey (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); OF/RHP Hudson Thomason (Jr., 5-10, 140, R/R); OF/INF/RHP Beau Neisler (Jr., 6-1, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Carson McDuffie (Jr., 5-11, 150, R/R); C/RHP Mason Anderson (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP Kyler Stancil (Jr., 5-10, 185, L/L); C Jaxon Pearce (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: After a deep postseason run last year, Commerce looks to build off that run this spring. The bulk of the team returns and the Tigers could duplicate last year's success. All-state standouts Hampton Hutto (.400 avg., 52 RBIs), Coleson Smith (.442 avg., 31 RBIs) and versatile Cayden Lord all return.

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ELBERT COUNTY BLUE DEVILS

Head Coach (s): Lance Ingram

Assistant Coach (s): Brett Padgett, Reuben Haynes, Marcus Bonds, Bryce Bowen

2022 Record: 28-6

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Eli Harris (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R); INF/RHP Landen Ingram (Sr., 5-10, 170, B/R); OF/RHP Brant Brady (Sr., 5-10, 165, L/R); OF Trustin Allen (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); 1B/OF Skylar Bray (Sr., 5-10, 195, R/R); RHP/INF Brady Bowen (Jr., 6-4, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Canaan Browner (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF/INF Nate Webb (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); RHP/INF Lawson Adams (Sr., 6-1, 160, R/R); 1B/DH Trevor Atkins (Sr., 6-2, 250, R/R); OF Juan Martinez (Jr., 5-8, 165, R/R); RHP Ethan Brown (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); C/INF Camden Bryant (Jr., 5-8, 140)

Season Outlook: The Blue Devils drop to Class 1A after having success in Class 2A. Elbert welcomes back six returning starters and could be the team to beat in region play. All-state standout Landen Ingram is back as well as outfielder Trustin Allen. Some younger players will also be expected to contribute.



RABUN COUNTY WILDCATS

Head Coach: Wesley Satterfield

Assistant Coach(s): Preston Pitts, Matt Drummond

2022 Record: 6-19



TALLULAH FALLS INDIANS

Head Coach: Justin Pollock

Assistant Coach(s): Kyle Dampier, Daniel Fowler, Nathan Stanley

2022 Record: 12-13

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Frankey Moree (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); 1B Danny Grant (So., 5-10, 165, L/L)

Other Returning Players: C/P/3B Caden Walker (Jr.); OF Zaiden Cox (Jr.); OF Hutson Eller (Sr.); P/OF Chase Pollock (So.); P Cole Bonitatibus (So.)

Top Newcomers: C/RHP Davante Brown (Sr., R/R); SS Rohajae Pinder (Jr.); OF Ashton Roache (Fr.); P Andrew Skvarka (So.)

Season Outlook: The Indians welcome back a very young team in 2023. The cupboard, however, isn't bare. Two starters are back. One of those is all-region infielder Frankey Moree. Tallulah Falls will need some talented underclassmen to step forward and contribute.

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REGION 1-1A

Region Favorite: Early County

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

RHP – Seth Gay, Sr., Baconton Charter; **C/1B/RHP** – Astyn Grimes, Jr., Early County; **INF/RHP** – Gaines Harrell, Sr., Early County; **U/RHP** – Charles Holley, Sr., Pataula Charter; **OF** – Logan Hurst, So., Baconton Charter; **U** – Keonte Nunnally, Jr., Randolph-Clay; **3B/RHP/INF** – Brayden Odom, Sr., Seminole County; **INF/RHP** – Noah Odom, Jr., Early County; **U** – JP Powell, So., Miller County; **LHP/1B** – John Walker, So., Seminole County; **SS/RHP/INF** – Will Walker, Sr., Seminole County; **RF/RHP** – Grayson Waltman, Sr., Pataula Charter; **C** – Grayson White, So., Baconton Charter; **INF** – Jimmy Woods, Sr., Baconton Charter; **INF/RHP** – Will Worsham, Sr., Baconton Charter



BACONTON CHARTER BLAZERS

Head Coach: Ryan Davis

Assistant Coach(s): Clay Bell

2022 Record: 19-6

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Will Worsham (Sr., 6-2, 200, R/R); RHP Seth Gay (Sr., 5-10, 205, R/R); INF Jimmy Woods (Sr., 6-0, 210, R/R); OF Patrick Feely (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); INF Bernardo Cruz (Jr., 5-7, 140, R/R); C Grayson White (So., 5-9, 175, R/R); OF/RHP Reid Shiver (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); OF Logan Hurst (So., 5-11, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Lee Worsham (So., 6-4, 185, R/R); INF/RHP Hunter Hoskins (So., 5-11, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Brett Brown (So., R/R); OF Brady Clark (Sr., R/R); OF Grayson Reber (Jr., L/L); OF Austin Hatcher (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/INF Logan Mageland (Fr., R/R); U Colton Suggs (Fr., R/R); INF CJ Richardson (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Blazers won 19 games last season and should have a chance to win more in 2023. Most of the team's starters return, including standout Will Worsham (.485 avg., 2 HR) and catcher Grayson White. If the Blazers can be consistent on the pitcher's mound, they could be the team to beat in region play.



BAKER COUNTY BEARS

Head Coach: Marc Logue

Survey not returned



CALHOUN COUNTY COUGARS

Head Coach: Eugene Wright

Survey not returned



EARLY COUNTY BOBCATS

Head Coach: Shawn Gilmer

Assistant Coach(s): Myles Gay, Dee Grist

2022 Record: 15-17

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Noah Odom (Jr., 5-10, 140, R/R); C/1B/RHP Astyn Grimes (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R); C/OF Macon McNair (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF Mason Warfield (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Kade Smith (Sr., 5-9, 145, R/R); INF/RHP Gaines Harrell (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Matthew King (So., 6-0, 150, R/R); OF Christian Grist (So., 5-9, 135, R/R); OF Quentin Chrispen (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP Jimmy Powell (So., 6-0, 165, R/R); 2B Brandon Crozier (Jr., 5-6, 140, R/R); 1B Charles Williams (So., 6-1, 210, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 2B/RHP Evan Grist (Fr., 5-7, 130, R/R); 3B/RHP Jacob McKie (Fr., 5-10, 140, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Bobcats move down from Class 2A after making the state baseball playoffs last year. Look for Early to build from last season. Six starters, including all-state standout Gaines Harrell, are back. A pair of juniors – Noah Odom and Astyn Grimes – also return after strong seasons in 2022.



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MILLER COUNTY PIRATES

Head Coach: Gavin Sloan (new)
Survey not returned



MITCHELL COUNTY EAGLES

Head Coach: Jason Pannell (new)
Survey not returned



PATAULA CHARTER PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): Zach Mauldin
Assistant Coach (s): Matt Fowler
2022 Record: 19-11

Returning Starters: U/RHP Charles Holley (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); RF/RHP Grayson Waltman (Sr., 6-2, 150, R/R); 1B/RHP Chad Jones (Jr., 6-0, 205, R/R); 2B Cam Wright (Jr., 5-7, 140, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 3B/RHP PT Wolfe (Jr., 5-11, 220, R/R); RHP/CF Ashton Lee (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); 2B Jed Hines (Jr., 5-9, 140, R/R); OF Kyle McClendon (So., 5-8, 190, R/R); OF/RHP Alex Caldwell (So., 5-10, 155, R/R); C/RHP Landon Riggins (So., 5-10, 180, R/R); 1B Ashton Weathersby (So., 5-9, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Holton Whatley (Fr., 6-0, 160, R/R); U/RHP Henry Holley (Fr., 5-6, 120, R/R); C Landon Waltman (Fr., 5-10, 140, R/R); 1B Will Nunnery (Fr., 5-8, 200, R/R); OF/RHP Riley Lashley (Fr., 5-7, 120, L/R); LHP Morgan Bentley (Fr., 5-8, 140, L/L)

Season Outlook: After winning 19 games last year, Pataula Charter may be doing some rebuilding this spring. The senior class is small, but a strong group of underclassmen will push for playing time. Four starters are back, including seniors Charles Holley and Grayson Waltman, who return to give the Panthers a pair of leaders to build around.



QUITMAN COUNTY HORNETS

Head Coach: Fred Drake
Survey not returned



RANDOLPH-CLAY RED DEVILS

Head Coach: Treven Floyd
Survey not returned



SEMINOLE COUNTY INDIANS

Head Coach: Dirk Williams
Assistant Coach(s): Jacob Cunningham, Al Rumble, Justin Clutter
2022 Record: 13-11

Returning Starters: SS/RHP/INF Will Walker (Sr., 5-9, 155, R/R); 3B/RHP/INF Brayden Odom (Sr., 5-8, 170, R/R); LHP/1B John Walker (So., 6-1, 200, R/L); INF/C Brayden Hodges (So., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF Royce Robinson (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); OF Will Miller (Sr., 6-1, 165, L/L); C/INF/OF Jon Jarvis (So., 5-9, 170, R/L)

Other Returning Players: OF Hugh Scarbrough (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/L); OF Deshawn Edwards (So., 5-6, 130, R/R); RHP/INF Kade Touchton (So., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF Kendan Miller (So., 5-6, 142, R/R); RHP/OF Ladavion Williams (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Landon Lawson (Jr., 6-0, 130, R/R); OF Tucker Lynn (So., 5-8, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: Seminole won 13 games in coach Dirk Williams' first season last year. They should win even more in 2023. Seven starters are back as well as a wealth of talented underclassmen who received valuable playing time last year. Seniors Will Walker and Brayden Odom return to lead a solid team.



STEM CHARTER AGGIES

Head Coach: Ben Crowdis
Survey not returned



TERRELL COUNTY EAGLES

Head Coach: Pat Cuff
Survey not returned

REGION 2-1A

Region Favorite: Charlton County

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

OF/LHP – Amorion Blanks, Sr., Turner County; **INF/RHP** – Eli Cason, Sr., Clinch County; **RHP/1B** – Cole Crawford, Jr., Charlton County; **LHP/1B** – Colton Crews, Jr., Charlton County; **INF** – Avery Crosby, Sr., Clinch County; **C/RHP** – Parker Culpepper, Sr., Lanier County; **1B/RHP** – Payton Culpepper, Sr., Lanier County; **OF/LHP** – Jake Dees, Sr., Echols County; **RHP/SS** – Gant Geiger, Sr., Charlton County; **INF/RHP** – Cade Griffis, Jr., Clinch County; **SS/RHP** – Skyler Howell, Jr., Echols County; **CF** – Patrick Kimple, Sr., Clinch County; **SS/RHP/C** – Jaden King, So., Turner County; **RHP/U** – Conner Lloyd, Sr., Charlton County; **OF** – Sam Mancil, Sr., Lanier County; **2B** – MJ McKinnon, Jr., Atkinson County; **3B/LHP** – Blaine Sealey, Jr., Echols County; **RHP/OF** – Austin Smith, Sr., Atkinson County; **RHP/3B** – Ian Vickers, Sr., Charlton County

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ATKINSON COUNTY REBELS

Head Coach: Keenan Thomas

Assistant Coach(s): Joey Floyd, Eric Swah

2022 Record: 4-21

Returning Starters: 2B M.J. McKinnon (Jr., 5-10, 220, R/R); OF/LHP Tyquavious Williams (Jr., 6-1, 160, R/L); OF/1B Robby West (Jr., 6-2, 205, R/R); C/RHP Tyler Smith (Jr., 5-9, 145, R/R); RHP/OF Austin Smith (Sr., 5-8, 140, R/R); 3B/SS Cody Hayes (Sr., 6-0, 225, R/R); DH/1B Brandon Vining (Jr., 6-0, 240, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Luke Dorminey (So., 5-11, 160, R/R); OF Jesse James (So., 5-6, 135, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/C Jack Tillman (Fr., 5-8, 150, R/R); SS Bryce Clements (Fr., 5-9, 150, R/R); OF Darrian Roberts (Fr., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: Look for Atkinson County to be improved this spring with a wealth of starters returning. The Rebels will still be a relatively young team. Second-baseman MJ McKinnon returns after a solid sophomore season last year. Senior pitcher/outfielder Austin Smith also returns.



CHARLTON COUNTY INDIANS

Head Coach: Thad Marchman

Assistant Coach(s): Rhett Hellgren, Josh Graham

2022 Record: 32-8

Returning Starters: RHP/U Heath Ray (Jr., 5-11, 160, L/R); RHP/3B Ian Vickers (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R); RHP/1B Cole Crawford (Jr., 5-11, 195, R/R); LHP/1B Colton Crews (Jr., 5-10, 180, L/L); RHP/U Conner Lloyd (Sr., 5-8, 150, R/R); RHP/SS Gant Geiger (Sr., 6-5, 195, R/R); RHP/OF Dylan McAllister (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: U David Walters (So., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP/U Jude Shaw (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); RHP/3B Chase Rhoden (So., 5-8, 170, R/R); C/3B Eli Hobbs (So., 5-8, 180, R/R); OF Jorge Rivera (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/U Haze Johnson (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: SS/RHP Griffin Thomas (Fr., 5-8, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: Charlton County finished as the state runner-up last year and if the Indians can muster enough offense, they should make another deep playoff run. The bulk of Charlton's pitching staff, led by right-handers Gant Geiger and Ian Vickers and lefty Colton Crews, returns. Keep an eye on a pair of youngsters in Eli Hobbs and Griffin Thomas.



CLINCH COUNTY PANTHERS

Head Coach: Lee Douglas

Assistant Coach(s): Cary Kight, Tim Carroll, Andrew Rowland

2022 Record: 19-13

Returning Starters: CF Patrick Kimple (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF Avery Crosby (Sr., 5-9, 205, R/R); INF/RHP Eli Cason (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); OF/C Tucker Robbins (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF/C Gavin Moten (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); 3B/RHP Chase Peagler (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Cade Griffis (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Daterrius Adams (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); 1B/LHP Levi Corbitt (So., 5-7, 165, R/L); C/2B Watts Fortner (So., 5-7, 160, R/R); OF/

LHP Thomas Kennedy (Jr., 5-7, 150, L/L); INF/2B Taylor Kennedy (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Levi Reliford (Sr., 6-1, 225, R/R); C/RHP Weston Bennett (Fr., 5-11, 150, R/R); RHP/OF Aaron Walker (Fr., 6-1, 190, R/R); OF Xavion Johnson (Fr., 5-7, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: A strong senior class should help the Panthers contend for the region title. Seven starters are back, six of them seniors. If Clinch County can find some pitching depth, they could be dangerous. Outfielder Patrick Kimple, infielder Avery Crosby and junior Cade Griffis are three players to keep an eye on.



ECHOLS COUNTY WILDCATS

Head Coach: Jay Hamlett

Assistant Coach (s): Joe James, Garrett Laseter, Chad McLeod

2022 Record: 9-16

Returning Starters: OF/LHP Jake Dees (Sr., L/L); 3B/RHP Jacob Rowe (Sr., R/R); 3B/LHP Blaine Sealey (Jr., R/L); 2B/RHP Gage Morey (Jr., R/R); SS/RHP Skyler Howell (Jr., R/R); C/RHP Kaden Deloach (Jr., R/R); 2B/OF Landon Bush (Jr., R/R); U Zach Jones (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Alonzo Padgett (Jr., R/R); OF Hunter Castleberry (Jr., R/R); OF Rigo Flores (So., R/R); OF Jose Perez (Jr., R/R); OF Drew Sealey (So., R/R); 1B Hunter Lambert (So., L/R); OF Dawson Collier (Jr., R/R)



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Top Newcomers: 2B/RHP JP Dees (Fr., R/R); SS/RHP Remington Goss (Fr., R/R); 3B/RHP Reed Grant (Fr., R/R); 1B/C Holden Deloach (Fr., R/R); OF/RHP Colton Howell (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wildcats will be young and the senior class is small. However, don't sleep on Echols County. Eight starters are back, including senior outfielder/pitcher Jake Dees. Meanwhile, Skyler Howell and Blaine Sealey return to lead a solid junior class that was promising last year.

LANIER COUNTY BULLDOGS

Head Coach: John White (new)

Assistant Coach (s): JR Rogers, Greg Sealey, Zack Gibbs

2022 Record: 15-14

Returning Starters: 1B/RHP Payton Culpepper (Sr., 6-2, 200, L/R); C/RHP Parker Culpepper (Sr., 6-3, 215, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 3B/P Lane Roberts (Sr.); P/CF Josh Furney (Sr.); P/SS Ashton Cook (So.); P/CF Cayden Cook (So.); OF Sam Mancil (Sr.); OF Ashton Holder (So.); P/2B Bradley Knudson (So.); P/3B Gauge Williford (Jr.)

Top Newcomers: LHP Grant Gano (Fr.); RHP Talon Tarbox (Fr.); RHP Stone Carey (Fr.); RHP/1B Hayden Mullis (Fr.); RHP/2B Kendrick Noble (Fr.)

Season Outlook: Longtime coach John White returns to lead the Lanier County baseball program. He inherits a young team that is full of talent. The good news is that senior catcher/pitcher Parker Culpepper (.440 avg., 27 RBIs; 4-4, 4.32 ERA) returns to give the Bulldogs a leader to build around.



TURNER COUNTY TITANS

Head Coach: Will Williford

Assistant Coach(s): TBA

2022 Record: 5-21

Returning Starters: SS/RHP/C Jaden King (So., 6-3, 180, R/R); RHP/INF/C Gavin Lewis (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); C/INF Julian Sodaitis (So., 5-7, 150, R/R); 2B/RHP Kaleb Joiner (Jr., 6-1, 160, R/R); 3B/1B Corey Jordan (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R); OF/LHP Amorion Blanks (Sr., 6-0, 160, L/L)

Other Returning Players: OF/RHP Tyronne Perry (So., 6-3, 150, R/R); 1B/3B Jacob Wilson (So., 5-10, 250, R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP/OF DJ Johnson (So., 5-9, 140, L/L); OF Camari Richardson (So., 5-10, 155, R/R); OF/RHP/INF Cedric Hillmon (So., 5-9, 145, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Titans should have a chance to be much better in 2023. Six starters are back although the Titans will still be a very young team. Versatile Jaden King returns after a strong freshman campaign. Keep an eye on a solid group of juniors and sophomores.



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REGION 3-1A

Region Favorite: ECI

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

SS/RHP/3B – James Allen, So., Jenkins County; **OF/LHP** – Hunter Elder, Sr., McIntosh County Academy; **1B** – Chandler Grooms, Sr., Portal; **SS/RHP** – Jay Harris, So., Montgomery County; **SS/RHP** – Dawson Hasler, Jr., McIntosh County Academy; **INF** – Hudson Henry, Jr., ECI; **SS/RHP** – Bryce Kearson, Sr., ECI; **SS/RHP** – Jackson Lanier, Sr., Jenkins County; **C/RHP** – Lake Linton, Sr., McIntosh County Academy; **2B/SS** – Marquis Martin, Jr., Montgomery County; **1B/RHP** – Lawson Mercer, Sr., ECI; **OF/RHP** – Will Philmore, Sr., McIntosh County Academy; **1B/3B** – Maurice Polke, Sr., Montgomery County; **OF/LHP** – Charlie Rehberg, Jr., ECI; **RHP/OF** – Cole Shuman, Sr., Portal; **C/INF** – Chase Smith, So., Portal; **C/RHP/3B** – Gavin Underwood, Sr., Jenkins County; **C** – Jack Walden, Jr., ECI

ECI BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Brooks Collins

Assistant Coach (s): Chad Harper, Caleb Pressey

2022 Record: 20-12

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Bryce Kearson (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); 1B/RHP Lawson Mercer (Sr., 6-2, 235, R/R); 1B/RHP Jacob Durden (Sr., 5-9, 185, R/R); C Jack Walden (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF Hudson Henry (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R); OF/LHP Charlie Rehberg (Jr., 5-9, 170, L/L); OF/INF Aden McQuaig (Jr., 5-6, 145, R/R); OF/C/RHP Gabe Lee (So., 5-8, 150, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Andrew Chalkley (Jr., 6-0, 200, R/R); C Gunnar Oliver (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); OF Kanyon Thompson (So., 5-10, 155, R/R); OF/RHP James Parker (So., 5-8, 160, R/R); OF Clayton Stripling (So., 5-8, 145, R/R); 1B Cayden Jones (So., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Tuff Boddiford (Fr., 5-8, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: ECI may still be a year away from reaching its full potential, but the Bulldogs should be pretty good in 2023. Eight starters are back, including all-state standout Bryce Kearson (.433 avg.; 7-2, 2.87 ERA) and first-baseman/pitcher Lawson Mercer. A strong group of juniors and sophomores will also be expected to contribute.



JENKINS COUNTY EAGLES

Head Coach: Zac Clark

Assistant Coach(s): Rusty Kea, Ernest Lanier

2022 Record: 10-16

Returning Starters: C/RHP/3B Gavin Underwood (Sr., R/R); SS/RHP Jackson Lanier (Sr., R/R); 1B/RHP Baker Jenkins (Sr., R/R); 2B Gauge Oglesby (Jr., R/R); C/3B Vance Garvin (Jr., R/R); SS/RHP/3B James Allen (So., R/R); OF Tyler Williams (So., L/L); OF Gray Amerson (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: A strong group of returning starters should help Jenkins County contend for the region crown this spring. Eight returners are back, including versatile Gavin Underwood and infielder/pitcher James Allen who

showed a lot of promise as a freshman in 2022. Shortstop/pitcher Jackson Lanier is also back.



MCINTOSH COUNTY ACADEMY BUCCANEERS

Head Coach: Mike Campbell

Assistant Coach (s): TBA

2022 Record: 13-14

Returning Starters: C/RHP Lake Linton (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Will Philmore (Sr., R/R); OF/LHP Hunter Elder (Sr., L/L); 1B Austin Rowe (Sr., R/R); RF Blake Taylor (Sr., R/R); 3B Jackson Coley (So., R/R); SS/RHP Dawson Hasler (Jr., R/R); LF Nash Campbell (So., R/L)

Other Returning Players: OF Logan Gault (So., R/R); RHP Tyler Alexander (So., R/R); RHP Brett Warren (Jr., R/R); OF Jaylyn Ellison (Jr., R/R); 1B/3B Dalton Ryals (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Patrick Popill (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: McIntosh County Academy will be expected to contend for the region crown this season as a wealth of starters return. Catcher/pitcher Lake Linton, outfielder/pitcher Will Philmore and outfielder/pitcher Hunter Elder, a trio of returning seniors, are back to lead the team.



MONTGOMERY COUNTY EAGLES

Head Coach: Chase Young

Assistant Coach (s): Shane Taylor, Eric Burns

2022 Record: 6-20

Returning Starters: 1B/3B Maurice Polke (Sr., 6-1, 220, R/R); 2B/SS Marquis Martin (Jr., 5-10, 175, L/R); C/RHP Bray Williamson (So., 6-0, 165, R/R); SS/RHP Jay Harris (So., 5-7, 150, R/R); RHP/OF Neal Hower (So., 5-10, 145, R/R); OF Taylor Scott (So., 5-7, 150, R/R); OF Will Palmer (So., 5-8, 155, R/R); 1B Sam Fife (Sr., 6-0, 195, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Bill Bland (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); 2B Eric White (So., 5-8, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 1B/LHP Luke Burns (Fr., 5-8, 140, L/L); OF Ramsey Jordan (Fr., 5-10, 155, R/R); OF Landon Williams (Fr., 5-7, 140, R/R); 3B Mack Chambers (Fr., 5-10, 200, R/R); 2B Evan Hardeman (Fr., 5-8, 130, R/R)

Season Outlook: Look for Montgomery County to be much better after a disappointing finish in 2022. The Eagles, however, will still be relatively young. Eight starters are back, the bulk of them underclassmen. Senior infielder Maurice Polke is back to give the Eagles a senior leader to build around.



PORTAL PANTHERS

Head Coach: Travis Motes

Assistant Coach(s): Brantley Spence, Jody Shuman

2022 Record: 3-15-1

Returning Starters: RHP/OF Cole Shuman (Sr., 6-3, 175, R/R); 1B Chandler Grooms (Sr., 6-3, 185, R/R); RHP/U Laine Miller (Sr., 6-0, 155, R/R); OF Ivan Washington (Sr., R/R); LHP/INF/OF Brodie Motes (So., L/L); SS/RHP Austin Smith (Jr., R/R); C/INF Chase Smith (So., R/R); OF Pierce Anderson (Sr., R/R);

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RHP/OF Tucker Chester (Sr., R/R); RHP/3B Mathew Eubanks (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Rico Hagins (Sr., R/R); OF Liam Fordham (Jr., R/R); RHP Jay Milton (Jr., R/R); 2B Cooper Motes (So., R/R); OF Trey Wilson (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: Look for Portal to be much better this spring. A wealth of talent returns, including a solid senior class that will lead the way. Pitcher/outfielder Cole Shuman is back as well as first-baseman Chandler Grooms and catcher Chase Smith.

REGION 4-1A

Region Favorite: Wilcox County

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

OF/RHP – Darius Anderson, Jr., Hawkinsville; **INF/P** – Kolt Bell, So., Wheeler County; **1B** -- Cole Blackwell, Sr., Wilcox County; **INF** – Cooper Brantley, Jr., Treutlen; **DH/OF** – Brian Cook, Sr., Telfair County; **OF/P** – Drew Dixon, Jr., Wheeler County; **OF/RHP** -- BJ Gibson, Jr., Wilcox County; **3B** -- Trey Griffin, So., Wilcox County; **LHP/OF** -- Jake Howell, So., Wilcox County; **RHP/SS/2B** -- Garret Keene, So., Wilcox County; **3B** -- Larsen Luke, Sr., Wilcox County; **OF** – Kolby McLendon, Jr., Treutlen; **SS/RHP** – Tanner Meeks, So., Hawkinsville; **1B** – Will Morris, Sr., Telfair County; **INF/RHP** – Jamie Norris, Jr., Telfair County; **LHP/OF** -- Johnny Nutt, So., Wilcox County; **C/U** -- Jackson Owens, Jr., Wilcox County; **OF/LHP** – Kyland Page, So., Treutlen; **LHP/1B** – Trace Peeples, Sr., Treutlen; **U/P** – Rhett Rodgers, Jr., Wheeler County; **OF/RHP** – Cam Salter, Sr., Hawkinsville; **OF/P** – Ian Scott, Jr., Wheeler County; **C** – Skye Siddall, Sr., Telfair County; **RHP/1B** -- Jordan Stephens, Sr., Wilcox County; **SS** -- Abe Stowe, Sr., Wilcox County; **LHP/1B** – Ridge Swain, Sr., Treutlen; **INF** – Pierce Walker, Jr., Treutlen; **RHP/1B** – Gavin York, Sr., Telfair County



DOOLY COUNTY BOBCATS

Head Coach: Adam Turner

Survey not returned



HAWKINSVILLE RED DEVILS

Head Coach: David Coffey

Assistant Coach(s): Troy Varnadoe, Ken Johnson, Josh Cooley

2022 Record: 16-12

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Cam Salter (Sr., 5-9, 145, R/R); SS/RHP Tanner Meeks (So., 5-8, 140, R/R); OF Bryson Faulk (So., 5-6, 135, L/L); OF/RHP Darius Anderson (Jr., 6-3, 185, R/R); 1B/RHP Ben Broadnax (So., 5-10, 155, L/R); C/DH Rigdon McCall (So., 5-8, 165, L/R); OF/RHP Peyton Smith (Jr., 6-0, 150, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Harlem Phillips (So., 6-2, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: Look for the Red Devils to be back in the postseason

hunt as seven starters are back. All-region shortstop/pitcher Tanner Meeks returns after a strong freshman campaign last year. The bulk of the team are underclassmen. Senior outfielder/pitcher Cam Salter returns to give the young Red Devils a leader to build around.



TELFAIR COUNTY TROJANS

Head Coach (s): Hart Mizell

Assistant Coach (s): Jody Stone, Kyle Dean

2022 Record: 15-12

Returning Starters: 1B Will Morris (Sr.); DH/OF Brian Cook (Sr.); RHP/1B Gavin York (Sr.); C Skye Siddall (Sr.); INF/OF Austin Conley (Sr.); INF/RHP Jamie Norris (Jr.); OF Za'Miyan McDuffie (Jr.); LHP/OF Jose Vega-Matos (Jr.); RHP/C Carson Ellis (So.); RHP/OF Ben Rogers (So.); RHP/C Carson Ellis (So.)

Other Returning Players: OF Jackie Wilcox (Jr.); OF Jeremy Gilder (Sr.); OF Jeffrey Gilder (Jr.); 1B/LHP Wes Pope (So.); INF JJ Young (Sr.); OF DJ Morgan (Sr.); RHP/3B Jacob McMillian (Sr.)

Season Outlook: A strong senior class returns and should help Telfair County contend for a playoff berth. The Trojans will be led offensively by all-region standouts Will Morris (.348 avg., 23 RBIs) and Brian Cook (.365 avg., 31 RBIs). A solid group of juniors and sophomores will also be expected to contribute.



TREUTLEN VIKINGS

Head Coach: Brad Collins

Assistant Coach(s): Jason McCoy

2022 Record: 15-13

Returning Starters: LHP/1B Trace Peeples (Sr., L/L); LHP/1B Ridge Swain (Sr., L/L); INF Qamar Jordan (Sr., R/R); INF Cooper Brantley (Jr., R/R); INF Pierce Walker (Jr., R/R); OF Kolby McLendon (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP Branton Hackle (Jr., R/R); OF/LHP Kyland Page (So., R/L)

Other Returning Players: OF Chad Bright (Jr., R/R); OF JB Beachman (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Vikings have some experience and should contend for the postseason. Offensive catalyst Trace Peeples (.506 avg.) is back to



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lead the team. If the Vikings can find some consistent pitching, they could be a strong team. All-region infielder Pierce Walker and outfielder Kolby McLendon also return.

WHEELER COUNTY BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Chris Carr

Assistant Coach (s): Dennis Logue, Herron Gardner, Todd Vann

2022 Record: 9-18

Returning Starters: INF/P Kolt Bell (So., 5-8, 140); OF/P Kyler Stinson (So., 5-6, 140); INF/P Danyon Hayes (So., 6-0, 150); U/P Rhett Rodgers (Jr., 5-10, 175); OF/P Ian Scott (Jr., 5-10, 170); INF Layton Horne (Jr., 5-10, 220); P/C Walker Bridges (Jr., 6-4, 240); OF/P Drew Dixon (Jr., 5-8, 160)

Other Returning Players: P Kolby Adams (Sr., 6-1, 170); 1B/P Bobby Rowland (So., 5-10, 170)

Top Newcomers: U/P Shane Selph (Fr., 5-5, 130); U/P Carson Ford (Fr., 5-8, 150)

Season Outlook: The Bulldogs look to turn things around after a disappointing finish in 2022. Most of last year's team returns as Wheeler County should contend for a postseason berth. All-region outfielders Ian Scott and Drew Dixon return to spark the offense.

WILCOX COUNTY PATRIOTS

Head Coach: Stephen McDuffie

Assistant Coach(s): Cote Jones, Tommy Fuller

2022 Record: 27-2

Returning Starters: SS Abe Stowe (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); 3B Larsen Luke (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); RHP/1B Jordan Stephens (Sr., 6-4, 205, R/R); 1B Cole Blackwell (Sr., 5-9, 225, R/R); OF/RHP BJ Gibson (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); C/U Jackson Owens (Jr., 5-9, 175, R/R); LHP/OF Jake Howell (So., 5-10, 155, L/L); RHP/SS/2B Garret Keene (So., 5-11, 150, R/R); LHP/OF Johnny Nutt (So., 5-10, 175, L/L)

Other Returning Players: INF Tanner Collier (Sr., 5-8, 175, R/R); 3B Trey Griffin (So., 5-9, 210, R/R); C/OF Carter Barnard (So., 5-11, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Patriots look to pick up from where they left off. Wilcox returns a ton of talent and should make a deep postseason run. Top pitchers Jordan Stephens, Jake Howell and Johnny Nutt form a solid rotation. Meanwhile, all-state infielder Garret Keene and Abe Stowe, outfielder BJ Gibson and utility Jackson Owens return to lead the offense.

REGION 5-1A

Region Favorite: Johnson County

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

U – Garin Adside, Jr., Wilkinson County; **U** – Zac Bache, Jr., Wilkinson County; **RHP/CF** – Christian Black, Sr., GMC; **3B/RHP** – Dee Gilmore, Sr., Glascock County; **SS/RHP** – Landon Griswell, Jr., Glascock County; **C/RHP** – Landon McCoy, Jr., Johnson County; **OF/INF** – Caleb Pittman, So.,

Glascock County; **RHP/SS** – Tyler Saunders, Sr., GMC; **RHP/INF** – Sage Stapleton, So., Johnson County; **OF** – Germivy Tucker, Sr., Johnson County; **LHP/1B** – Cam Waller, Sr., Johnson County; **OF** – Jakelvis Whitley, Sr., Johnson County

GLASCOCK COUNTY PANTHERS

Head Coach: TBA

Survey not returned

GMC BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Rusty Courson

Assistant Coach(s): Brian Humphrey

2022 Record: 17-15

Returning Starters: RHP/OF Christian Black (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R); RHP/SS Tyler Saunders (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); RHP/3B Jason Heayberd (Sr., 6-3, 215, R/R); 1B Tyler Loerzel (Jr., 6-4, 205, R/R); C Bryce Smith (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF Jessie Washington (Jr., 5-7, 185, R/R); RHP/OF Murphy Letson (Sr., 6-3, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 2B Nate Webster (So., 5-9, 135, R/R); SS Levi Golden (So., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF James Ross (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF Dawson Well (So., 6-0, 170, R/R); 1B Cam Bentley (Sr., 6-1, 235, R/R); 2B Logan McMillian (So., 6-0, 145, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Bulldogs will challenge for the region crown this spring as a veteran team returns. GMC won 17 games last year and should win more this spring. Seven starters are back, including top pitcher Christian Black (5-3, 1.53 ERA). Some underclassmen will challenge for playing time.

HANCOCK CENTRAL BULLDOGS

Head Coach: TBA

Survey not returned

JOHNSON COUNTY TROJANS

Head Coach: Chuck Beale

Assistant Coach (s): Cordele Johnson, Zac Dollar

2022 Record: 24-6

Returning Starters: OF Germivy Tucker (Sr., R/R); OF Jakelvis Whitley (Sr., R/R); INF Gannon Carter (Sr., R/R); LHP/1B Cam Waller (Sr., R/L); RHP/1B Ashton Davis (Jr., R/R); C/RHP Landon McCoy (Jr., R/R); RHP/INF Sage Stapleton (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP Sage Newsome (So., L/L); OF Ja'Darrian Carswell (So., R/R); INF Da'Marion Sharber (So., R/R); OF Candon Scott (So., R/R); INF/RHP Barrett Wombles (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Will Peebles (Fr., R/R); OF Will Heutt (Fr., R/R); C

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Nathan Truberville (Fr., R/R); OF Joseph Rowland (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Trojans won 24 games in what was supposed to be a rebuilding season in 2022. Look for Johnson County to approach last year's success if they can find consistent pitching. Outfielders Germivy Tucker and Jakelvis Whitley and first-baseman/pitcher Cam Waller are back to lead the way.



TWIGGS COUNTY COBRAS

Head Coach: George Snead
Survey not returned



WILKINSON COUNTY WARRIORS

Head Coach: William Shepherd
Survey not returned

REGION 6-1A

Region Favorite: Schley County

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

2B/SS – Kason Binn, Jr., Chatahoochee County; **INF/RHP** -- Brendan Brooks, Jr., Taylor County; **1B/3B** – Jack Clark, Jr., Schley County; **SS/2B** – Rylan Conner, So., Schley County; **RHP/SS** -- Leland Dodson, Jr., Marion County; **OF** -- Aaron Fausel, Sr., Taylor County; **C/2B/SS/OF** – Brody Fuller, Sr., Schley County; **RHP/3B** -- Ty Goodroe, So., Marion County; **INF/RHP** -- Cody Harris, Sr., Taylor County; **LHP/1B** -- Dylan Hudgens, Sr., Taylor County; **RHP/SS** – Tyler Johnson, Sr., Chatahoochee County; **SS/2B** – Jay Kanazawa, Jr., Schley County; **OF/LHP** – Owen Lamb, Sr., Schley County; **RHP/OF** -- Clayton McDaniel, Sr., Marion County; **OF/RHP** – Zachary Parker, Jr., Chatahoochee County; **LHP/CF** – Alex Prevost, Sr., Chatahoochee County; **3B/OF** – Ashton Raybon, So., Schley County; **3B/1B** – Trenton Stubbs, Jr., Schley County; **RHP/2B** -- Robert Way, So., Marion County; **SS/2B** – Carson Westbrook, Jr., Schley County; **1B** – Christian Whitaker, So., Manchester



CHATAHOOCHEE COUNTY PANTHERS

Head Coach (s): Logan Colvin (new)
Assistant Coach (s): Ray Harralson
2022 Record: 10-8

Returning Starters: LHP/CF Alex Prevost (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/L); RHP/SS Tyler Johnson (Sr., 5-10, 155, R/R); 3B/C Philip Toms (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); 2B/SS Kason Binn (Jr., 5-9, 130, R/R); OF/RHP Zachary Parker (Jr., 5-9, 125, R/R); OF/

LHP AJ Lemaire (So., 5-6, 120, L/L); C/3B Caleb Floyd (Jr., 5-8, 150, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/1B Levi Peebles (So., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 1B/RHP Spencer Cate (Fr., 5-11, 205, R/R); 2B Jonathyn Yrigoyen (Fr., 5-5, 120, R/R); C Timothy Yrigoyen (Fr., 5-5, 120, R/R); OF Torrez James (Jr., 6-0, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: New coach Logan Colvin takes over and welcomes the return of seven starters. The Panthers should once again contend for a playoff berth. Senior Tyler Johnson returns after a solid junior campaign, while the Panthers will also look for a big season from senior pitcher/outfielder Alex Prevost.



FURLOW CHARTER FALCONS

Head Coach (s): Brooks McDonel
Survey not returned



GREENVILLE PATRIOTS

Head Coach (s): Jamison McCray
Survey not returned



MACON COUNTY BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): TBA
Survey not returned



MANCHESTER BLUE DEVILS

Head Coach (s): Jim Rowland
Survey not returned



MARION COUNTY EAGLES

Head Coach: John Dimitri
Assistant Coach(s): Monty Howard, Freddie Vazques
2022 Record: 20-13

Returning Starters: RHP/3B Ty Goodroe (So., 5-6, 155, L/R); RHP/SS Leland Dodson (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP/2B Robert Way (So., 6-0, 155, R/R); OF/C Jordon Holbrook (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); RHP/OF Clayton McDaniel (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Kelby Tymes (So., 5-9, 185, R/R); OF Jayden Richardson (So., 6-0, 170, R/R); INF Michael Armour (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Ian Williams (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF Jordan Mathis (So., 6-1, 220, R/R); INF Justin McCardle (So., 5-9, 200, R/R); RHP/INF Payton Kisor (So., 6-0, 185, R/R); RHP/OF Talan Welch (So., 6-2, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF/C Jake Brown (Fr., 6-0, 160, R/R); LHP/INF/OF

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Hunter Dodson (Fr., 5-8, 150, L/L)

Season Outlook: After making the state playoffs last year, Marion County may be doing some rebuilding this season. The Eagles are very young, but five starters return. Keep an eye on pitcher/third-baseman Ty Goodroe and pitcher/shortstop Leland Dodson who had excellent seasons last year.



SCHLEY COUNTY WILDCATS

Head Coach (s): Chuck Cheek

Assistant Coach (s): William Rooks, Jody Sellars, Earl Dupree

2022 Record: 21-10

Returning Starters: 1B/3B Jack Clark (Jr., 5-10, 220, R/R); OF/LHP Owen Lamb (Sr., 6-3, 180, L/L); SS/2B Carson Westbrook (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); 3B/OF Ashton Raybon (So., 5-9, 165, R/R); 3B/1B Trenton Stubbs (Jr., 6-0, 230, R/R); SS/2B Jay Kanazawa (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); C/2B/SS/OF Brody Fuller (Sr., 5-9, 150, L/R); SS/2B Rylan Conner (So., 5-9, 145, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/2B Riley Cooper (Sr., 5-9, 155, R/R); OF Wyatt James (Jr., 5-9, 150); OF Sam Forehand (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/C Jake Little (Fr., 5-11, 150, L/R); RHP/1B Julian Salazar (Fr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/SS Oscar Lloyd (Fr., 5-9, 145, R/R); RHP/OF Trent Wisham (Fr., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wildcats look to rebound after a disappointing finish, by their standards, in 2022. Schley has a wealth of talent back, including all-state infielder Jack Clark and top pitcher Owen Lamb. A strong group of underclassmen will compete for playing time. By the end of the season, this team will be tough.



TAYLOR COUNTY VIKINGS

Head Coach: Trey Reeves (new)

Assistant Coach(s): Ches Owens, Robert Yevak

2022 Record: 13-12

Returning Starters: LHP/1B Dylan Hudgens (Sr., L/L); INF/RHP Cody Harris (Sr., R/R); OF Aaron Fausel (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Levi Pounds (Sr., R/R); OF Braxton Driggers (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Brendan Brooks (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Payton Harris (Jr., R/R); INF Cody Moncrief (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP Jackson Hancock (So., R/R); C/INF Mason Hunter (So., R/R); INF Cohen Crews (So., R/R); OF Dylan Burns (So., L/L)

Season Outlook: Taylor County looks to turn the corner this spring. Experienced pitching returns with pitcher/first-baseman Dylan Hudgens leading the way. Infielder/pitcher Cody Harris also returns. Look for talented underclassmen to also contribute.



WEBSTER COUNTY BOBCATS

Head Coach (s): James McCullough

Survey not returned

REGION 7-1A

Region Favorite: Bowdon

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

RHP/INF/DH – Bryson Adams, Jr., Bowdon; **SS/RHP** – Chase Butler, Jr., Mount Zion-Carrollton; **OF/RHP** – Stanley Cross, Jr., Mount Zion-Carrollton; **2B** – Jake Gordon, Jr., Mount Zion-Carrollton; **RHP/U** – Evan Hood, Sr., Christian Heritage; **SS/RHP** – Will Huggins, So., Bowdon; **C/OF** – Mason Jakubiak, Jr., Mount Zion-Carrollton; **U** – Will Rainwater, Sr., Bowdon; **RHP/OF** – Eli Rivers, Sr., Mount Zion-Carrollton; **CF** – Luke Windom, So., Bowdon



BOWDON RED DEVILS

Head Coach (s): Brian Vance

Assistant Coach (s): Mark Huggins, Tim Perkins, Pop Prothro, Joe Skinner, Mitch Johnson, Ricky Sikes, Kiler Cole

2022 Record: 14-18

Returning Starters: U Will Rainwater (Sr., 5-8, 145, R/R); RHP/INF/DH Bryson Adams (Jr., 5-9, 140, R/R); SS/RHP Will Huggins (So., 6-2, 170, L/R); OF/RHP Dalton Ballenger (So., 5-9, 165, R/R); CF Luke Windom (So., 5-8, 145, R/R); 1B Blake

Cole (So., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Zander Langley (So., 6-0, 140, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/OF/RHP Jacob Williams (So., 5-5, 145, R/R); C/INF Ethan Kent (So., 5-10, 145, R/R); INF/RHP Micah Caldwell (So., 5-9, 120, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/INF/RHP Jackson Truett (Jr., 5-11, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Red Devils welcome back the return of seven starters. Bowdon will be a very young but talented team in 2023. All-state performer Will Rainwater returns to give the young Red Devils a solid leader to build around. The Red Devils' young talent will step forward and contend for playing time.



Bryson Adams
Bowdon



Luke Windom
Bowdon



CHRISTIAN HERITAGE LIONS

Head Coach (s): Kent Harrison

Survey not returned

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MOUNT ZION-CARROLLTON EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Randall Wright

Assistant Coach (s): Mark Lyle, Brad Gordon

2022 Record: 9-17

Returning Starters: RHP/OF Eli Rivers (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); SS/RHP Chase Butler (Jr., 5-11, 210, R/R); 2B Jake Gordon (Jr., 5-9, 175, R/R); C/OF Mason Jakubiak (Jr., 6-1, 135, R/R); OF/RHP Stanley Cross (Jr., 5-10, 135, R/R); U/RHP Hayden Young (So., R/R); OF/RHP Edgeren Dobbs (So., 6-0, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Brison Alexander (Fr., 5-8, 130, R/R); C/RHP Ryder Head (Fr., 5-8, 145, R/R); INF/RHP Levi Spray (Sr., 5-9, 145, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Eagles look to be much-improved over last season as seven starters return to lead the team. Mount Zion is still a relatively young team that will need to continue to grow and mature. Pitcher/outfielder Eli Rivers returns to give the Eagles a solid leader to build around.

REGION 8-1A

Region Favorite: Washington-Wilkes

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

INF/C/RHP – Ray Adcock, Sr., Lincoln County; **OF/1B** – Jack Antonakos, Sr., Lincoln County; **C** – Trace Callaway, Jr., Washington-Wilkes; **C** – Connor Chastain, Jr., Towns County; **3B/C** – Stone Chauncey, Jr., Towns County; **RHP/OF** – Desmond Cofer, Sr., Washington-Wilkes; **C** – Matthew Corley, Sr., GSIC; **LF** – Tanner Cunningham, Jr., Towns County; **OF/RHP** – Kevin Douglas, Sr., Aquinas; **1B/RHP** – Levi Durham, Sr., Washington-Wilkes; **RHP/INF** – Zane Floyd, Jr., Towns County; **2B** – Seth Gillis, Sr., Towns County; **SS/RHP** – Trey Huff, Sr., Lincoln County; **LHP/OF** – Robert Hunt, Sr., Washington-Wilkes; **RHP/C/1B** – James Mattison, Sr., Lincoln County; **RHP/1B** – Kade McConnell, Jr., Towns County; **RHP/1B** – Campbell Robertson, Sr., Lincoln County; **RHP** – Morgan Shedd, Jr., Washington-Wilkes; **RHP/SS** – Wesley Silas, So., GSIC; **INF/RHP** – Trent Thompson, Jr., GSIC; **SS** – Harrison Tolleson, Sr., Lake Oconee; **OF** – Malik Ware, Jr., Washington-Wilkes; **1B** – Ian Watson, Jr., Lake Oconee; **SS/RHP** – Mason Wheatley, Jr., Washington-Wilkes



AQUINAS FIGHTING IRISH

Head Coach: Colby Painter (new)

Assistant Coach(s): Tony Jones

2022 Record: 5-21

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Kevin Douglas (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); LHP/1B Brandon Lynch (Sr., 6-4, 155, R/L); RHP/3B Diego Washington (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); INF Jos Tyre (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); INF/OF Copeland Thurmond (Jr., 5-10, 175, L/L); C TJ Jackson (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); INF Aidan Payne (So., 5-8, 145, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Mattie Stewart (Jr., 5-9, 135, R/R); OF Daryl Gibson (So., 5-6, 130, R/R); 1B Tyler Hager (So., 5-9, 190, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Parker Skedsvold (Fr., R/R); C William Hargrove (Fr., R/R); INF Christopher Johnson (Fr., R/R); INF/RHP Greg Dorman (Fr., R/R); INF Cruz Washington (Fr., R/R); INF/OF Harry Pendergrass (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: First-year coach Colby Painter looks to help Aquinas put behind a disappointing finish in 2022. The Fighting Irish have some talent to work with and should be much better. Outfielder/pitcher Kevin Douglas is a player to keep an eye on after he had a solid junior season last year.



GREENE COUNTY TIGERS

Head Coach: William Thompson

Survey not returned



GSIC PATRIOTS

Head Coach: Chileno Valdez

Assistant Coach(s): Cephas Howard

2022 Record: 11-9

Returning Starters: C Matthew Corley (Sr., 5-9, 175, B/R); RHP/SS Wesley Silas (So., 6-0, 160, R/R); LHP/OF Logan James (Jr., 5-10, 140, L/L); 3B/1B/RHP Drew Silas (Jr., 6-0, 230, R/R); INF/RHP Trent Thompson (Jr., 5-8, 125, R/R); C/2B Triston Norris (So., 5-8, 150, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Byron Smith (So., 5-7, 120, L/L); 1B Caleb Bolwes (So., 5-7, 235, L/R); 1B Steven James (Jr., 6-4, 215, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Patriots continue to make positive strides. They aim to take things farther in 2023. Even though GSIC's roster will feature mostly underclassmen, six starters are back including top pitchers Wesley Silas and Logan James. Catcher Matthew Corley and Trent Thompson also return.



LAKE OCONEE ACADEMY TITANS

Head Coach: Mark Miller (new)

Survey not returned



LINCOLN COUNTY RED DEVILS

Head Coach: Scott McCarty

Assistant Coach(s): Wint Cook, Cody Griffith, Todd Ware

2022 Record: 9-19

Returning Starters: OF/1B Jack Antonakos (Sr., 6-3, 225, R/R); CF Judson Beggs (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF Heath Creswell (Sr., 5-8, 165, R/R); U Aubrey Flanagan (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); 2B Devin Hogan (Jr., 5-6, 130, R/R); INF/C/RHP Ray Adcock (Sr., 6-0, 155, R/R); SS/RHP Trey Huff (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); RHP/C/1B James Mattison (Sr., 6-5, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 3B Bryson Dawkins (So., 5-9, 160, R/R); LHP/OF Cole Bentley (Jr., 5-7, 135, R/L); 1B TJ Hunt (So., 5-9, 165, R/R); U Peyton Rowe (Jr., 5-9, 120, R/R); INF Trip Nelson (So., 5-9, 140, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/1B Campbell Robertson (Sr., 6-2, 210, R/R)

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Season Outlook: Look for Lincoln County to keep improving in coach Scott McCarty's second season at the school. Nine starters are back, including offensive leaders Ray Adcock, Trey Huff and Jack Antonakos. Top pitcher James Mattison also returns.



TOWNS COUNTY INDIANS

Head Coach: Shannon Floyd
Assistant Coach(s): Chase Phillips
2022 Record: 13-15

Returning Starters: OF Layne Rouse (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); 2B Seth Gillis (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); RHP/INF Zane Floyd (Jr., 6-4, 180, R/R); RHP/1B Kade McConnell (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); C Connor Chastain (Jr., 6-1, 180, L/R); LF Tanner Cunningham (Jr., 6-3, 165, R/R); 3B/C Stone Chauncey (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 2B/RHP Matthew Chastain (Jr., R/R); 1B/DH Kemp Walker (Sr., R/R); OF Ian Wood (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Kale Kirby (Jr., R/R); OF Eli Newberry (So., R/R); DH Caleb Berrong (Sr., R/R); OF Mason Barrett (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/RHP Eli McNabb (Fr., L/R); INF/RHP Braydon Barrett (Fr., R/R); 1B/RHP Tripp Shirley (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Towns County returns a good mixture of seniors and juniors. Expect the Indians to be in the playoff chase again this spring. Second-baseman Seth Gillis and catcher Connor Chastain are back after solid seasons in 2022, while right-hander Zane Floyd and Kade McConnell anchor a solid pitching staff.



Kade McConnell
Towns County



WASHINGTON-WILKES TIGERS

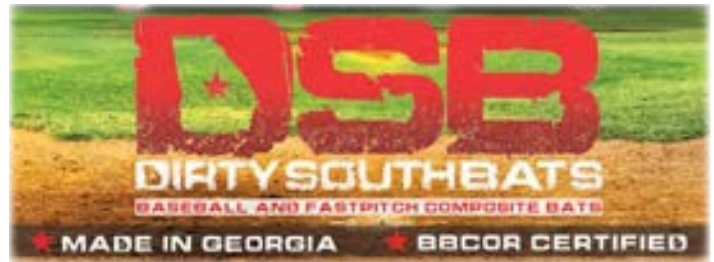
Head Coach: Drew Wilson
Assistant Coach(s): Ty McGill, Curt Gammon, Roper Smith
2022 Record: 25-7

Returning Starters: LHP/OF Robert Hunt (Sr., 6-5, 190, L/L); 1B/RHP Levi Durham (Sr., 6-0, 215, R/R); RHP/OF Desmond Cofer (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); C Trace Callaway (Jr., 5-10, 175, B/R); 3B/RHP Nick Harkins (Jr., 6-1, 180, L/R); 2B Andrew Meech (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF/RHP Bryson Porter (Jr., 5-10, 140, R/L); RHP Morgan Shedd (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF Malik Ware (Jr., 6-4, 175, R/R); SS/RHP Mason Wheatley (Jr., 5-9, 135, R/R)

Other Returning Players: U/RHP Trey Johnston (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); U/RHP Sam Moon (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF Jordan Dawson (So., 5-11, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: U Zane Lamar (Fr., 5-9, 125, R/R)

Season Outlook: Washington-Wilkes will continue to build off last year's success and should contend for the region crown. A wealth of talent returns, including standouts Robert Hunt, Levi Durham and Desmond Cofer. Outfielder Malik Ware also returns after a strong season in 2022. The talent is there for the Tigers to be a dangerous team.



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REGION 1-3A

Region Favorite: Dominion Christian

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

3B/RHP -- Max Caldwell, Jr., Dominion Christian; **C** -- Sebastian Collender, Sr., Dominion Christian; **SS** -- Tim Fant, Sr., Dominion Christian; **C/RHP** -- Alonso Rodriguez, So., Cristo Rey; **1B/LHP** -- Colin White, Fr., Dominion Christian; **3B** -- Andrew Wingate, So., Holy Spirit Prep



CHRISTO REY FLAMES

Head Coach: Danny Stephens

Assistant Coach(s): Willem McGee

2022 Record: 4-7

Returning Starters: C/RHP Alonso Rodriguez (So., 6-0, 165, R/R); OF Manny Garcia (So., 5-10, 150, R/R); SS Brentson Allen (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF Brandon McGruder (So., 5-11, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Tomas Mora (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF Jonathan Alcantara (So., 5-9, 140, R/R); OF Timothy Fambro (So., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Flames welcome back a young but talented team this spring. Four starters are back, including a talented group of sophomores. Catcher/pitcher Alonso Rodriguez is a player to keep an eye on.



DOMINION CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS

Head Coach: Brian Nelson

Assistant Coach(s): Chris Schmidt, Dalton Kent

2022 Record: 14-13

Returning Starters: 1B/LHP Colin White (Fr., 6-3, 175, L/L); SS Tim Fant (Sr., 5-10, 155, R/R); C Sebastian Collender (Sr., 6-0, 210, R/R); 3B/RHP Max Caldwell (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Skye Jackson (So., 6-0, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/RHP Gabe Buckner (So., L/R); OF/RHP Luke Meadors (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/RHP Cole Rowland (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP George Roberts (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Knights lost to eventual state champion John Milledge in the second round last year. Look for Dominion to be strong again. Catcher Sebastian Collender (.360 avg., 5 HR) returns as well as Georgia Tech commit Colin White. Offensive leader Tim Fant (.472 avg., 12 2B) also returns.



HOLY SPIRIT PREP COUGARS

Head Coach: Alex Sorobey (new)

Assistant Coach(s): Alex Johnson

2022 Record: 2-6

Returning Starters: 2B Anthony Lombardi (So.); RF Chris Kelly (So.); LF Beau

Donner (Jr.); SS/C Ben Messer (So.); P/SS Will Messer (Jr.); 1B Isaac Summers (Jr.); 3B John Insalaca (Jr.); CF Christian Harrison (So.); 3B Andrew Wingate (So.)

Other Returning Players: OF Erik Hansen (Jr.); RF Andrew Nannis (So.); Isaac Olgvin (Sr.)

Season Outlook: The Cougars look to be much better this spring as a wealth of young talent returns. The senior class is small, but keep an eye on a solid group of underclassmen who will carry the load. One of the team's returners is all-region third-baseman Andrew Wingate.

REGION 2-3A

Region Favorite: Pinewood Christian

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

RHP/SS -- Banks Booth, So., Pinewood Christian; **RHP/1B** -- Carter Hennon, Sr., Bulloch; **RHP/SS** -- Jax Lewis, Sr., Pinewood Christian; **1B** -- Sam Norris, Sr., Frederica; **OF** -- Jake Rogers, Jr., Pinewood Christian; **C/RHP** -- Bryson Scott, Sr., Bulloch; **OF** -- Walker Todd, Jr., Pinewood Christian; **RHP/3B** -- Aiden Woolard, Sr., Pinewood Christian



BULLOCH GATORS

Head Coach: Kevin Nix

Assistant Coach(s): Aaron Phillips, Tripp Turley

2022 Record: 12-12

Returning Starters: RHP/1B Carter Hennon (Sr., 6-2, 225, R/R); C/RHP Bryson Scott (Sr., 6-1, 250, R/R); OF/LHP Jack Connor (Sr., 5-7, 170, L/L); INF/RHP Mark Justen (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF Braylon Evans (Jr., 6-0, 155, R/R); INF/RHP Morgan Baird (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); OF Jackson Sheppard (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/INF/RHP Ben Aaron (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP/INF Andrew Walker (So., R/R); RHP/INF Tucker Howard (Jr., 5-9, 175, R/R); RHP/C Dylan May (Sr., 5-10, 215, L/R); OF Nick Walton (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/U Mason Johns (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Jacob Avery (So., 5-11, 165, R/R); C/1B Landon Brooks (Sr., 5-10, 220, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Gators have a veteran team returning and could make a run at the region crown this season. Standout pitcher Carter Hennon returns after winning six games last year. Catcher/pitcher Bryson Scott also returns as part of a strong senior class.



Mason Johns
Bulloch



FREDERICA KNIGHTS

Head Coach: Tim Orlosky

Assistant Coach(s): TBA

2022 Record: 11-11

Returning Starters: C Sutton Ellis (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); 1B Sam Norris (Sr., 5-11,

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205, R/R); U Jordan Triplett (Jr., 6-0, 205, R/R); OF Hayes Carter (So., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF TJ Sunderhaus (So., 5-10, 175, R/R); RHP/OF John Havens (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R); LHP/OF Colt Howes (Fr., 5-6, 160, L/L)

Other Returning Players: INF Gavin Grantham (Fr., 5-6, 160, R/R); RHP/1B Jackson Lewis (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Knights return seven starters and should have a chance to approach last year's success. All-region first-baseman Sam Norris is back, but the bulk of the talent resides in a solid group of juniors and sophomores. Frederica will need its young talent to mature quickly.

PINWOOD CHRISTIAN PATRIOTS

Head Coach: Brett Lewis

Assistant Coach(s): Chance Coefield

2022 Record: 24-5

Returning Starters: RHP/SS Jax Lewis (Sr., 6-0, 155, L/R); RHP/SS Banks Booth (So., 5-8, 155, R/R); OF Truett Rountree (Sr., 5-8, 170, R/R); OF Walker Todd (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); RHP/3B Aiden Woolard (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); OF Jake Rogers (Jr., 6-3, 180, R/R); 3B Tyce Miles (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C Avery Beasley (Jr., 5-6, 165, R/R); U Maddux Lewis (Fr., 5-10, 150, L/R); 1B Colton Sowell (Sr., 6-2, 225, R/R); U Hamilton Whiten (So., 5-10, 155, R/R); OF Jhase Blalock (Jr., 5-8, 200, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Banks Hearn (Fr., 5-8, 140, R/R); OF Maddox Akins (Fr., 5-9, 150, R/R); C Harrison Cleary (Fr., 5-8, 140, R/R); LHP/1B Luc Oates (8th, 5-8, 165, L/L); RHP/3B Nicholas Nobles (Fr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP/3B Bryson Dutton (Fr., 5-10, 165, R/R); C Carter Sikes (So., 5-7, 155, R/R); OF Rans McCall (Fr., 5-6, 145, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Patriots have played in the state championship series the past two years and could make another deep run. Seven starters are back, including all-state pitchers Jax Lewis and Banks Booth. Pinewood has a strong group of underclassmen who will also challenge for playing time.

SAINT ANDREWS LIONS

Head Coach: Scott Abernathy

Survey not returned

WESTMINSTER WILDCATS

Head Coach: TBA

Assistant Coach(s): TBA

2022 Record: 4-14

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Allen Grinalds (Sr., R/R); SS/RHP Jacob Stone (Sr., R/R); 3B/RHP Levi Murphey (So., R/R); 2B/RHP Charlie Grinalds (So., R/R); C Thomas Freeman (So., R/R); 1B/OF Mikey Kelsey (So., L/L)

Season Outlook: Westminster will look to get things headed in a different direction after winning four games in 2022. There is talent for the Wildcats to improve. A pair of seniors – Allen Grinalds and Jacob Stone – return to give the young Wildcats a pair of leaders to build around.

REGION 3-3A

Region Favorite: Brookwood

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

INF -- Jay Austin, Sr., Terrell Academy; **C/RHP** -- Davis Coleman, Sr., Deerfield-Windsor; **C** -- Zack Counts, Sr., Brookwood; **INF** -- Daylor Drawdy, Jr., Terrell Academy; **LHP/OF** -- Will Elkins, Sr., Brookwood; **INF/RHP** -- Robert Garner, So., Tiftarea; **C** -- Will Godwin, Jr., Southland; **RHP** -- Emory Hogan, Sr., Valwood; **U** -- John Jackson, So., Tiftarea; **INF** -- Henry Johnson, Sr., Southland; **OF/LHP** -- Matthew Kerrigan, Fr., Valwood; **INF/RHP** -- David Kile, Jr., Terrell Academy; **RHP** -- Chase Ledger, Sr., Southland; **U** -- Parker Lee, Sr., Brookwood; **OF/RHP** -- Matthew Malone, Sr., Tiftarea; **SS/INF** -- Chris May, Sr., Brookwood; **C** -- Justin Moore, Sr., Tiftarea; **C** -- Kade Muliford, Jr., Terrell Academy; **INF/RHP** -- Thomas Ray, Sr., Deerfield-Windsor; **U** -- Isaac Richardson, Sr., Brookwood; **INF/RHP** -- Jaevyn Salter, Jr., Brookwood; **SS** -- Dalton Smith, Jr., Valwood; **OF/RHP** -- Dozier Swain, Jr., Terrell Academy; **INF/RHP** -- Perry Usher, Jr., Southland; **LHP/1B** -- Rodge Waldrop, Jr., Brookwood; **RHP/3B** -- Charlie Wilcox, So., Deerfield-Windsor; **OF/RHP** -- Chewy Willis, Sr., Deerfield-Windsor; **OF/RHP** -- Quindon Wright, Jr., Terrell Academy



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BROOKWOOD WARRIORS

Head Coach: Daniel Funt
Assistant Coach(s): Jimmy Bryson, Bill Cook

2022 Record: 12-15

Returning Starters: C Zack Counts (Sr., 6-1, 195, R/R); LHP/OF Will Elkins (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/L); U Isaac Richardson (Sr., 6-0, 195, R/R); U Parker Lee (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); INF/SS Chris May (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); OF Camden Harbin (Sr., 5-8, 185, R/R); INF/RHP Jaevyn Salter (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); LHP/1B Rodge Waldrop (Jr., 6-5, 205, L/L)

Other Returning Players: OF Jackson Vaughn (Sr., 5-8, 185, L/L); U Jake Dunlop (So., 6-1, 165, R/R); U Owen Bodell (So., 5-9, 155, R/R); U Walker Jackson (So., 6-5, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: After a second-round playoff exit last year, look for the Warriors to make another run this spring. Eight starters are back, including all-state pitcher Zack Counts. A pair of lefties – Will Elkins and Rodge Waldrop – will also help out. Versatile Parker Lee also returns.



Parker Lee
Brookwood



Chris May
Brookwood



Isaac Richardson
Brookwood



SOUTHLAND RAIDERS

Head Coach: John Brady
Assistant Coach(s): Blaze Hargrove

2022 Record: 12-13

Returning Starters: RHP Chase Ledger (Sr., 5-10, 200, R/R); INF Henry Johnson (Sr., 6-0, 165, L/R); INF/RHP Perry Usher (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R); C Will Godwin (Jr., 6-1, 250, R/R); U Fisher Britt (Jr., 5-8, 165, R/R); U Scout Luvin (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); DH/INF Luke Exley (Sr., 6-1, 205, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Camden Rodgers (Fr., 5-9, 190, R/R); LHP/1B Matthew Saint (Sr., 6-1, 175, L/L); U Max McMichael (Fr., 5-9, 145, R/R); RHP/U Trey Sellers (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); LHP/OF Jackson Webb (So., 6-0, 160, R/L)

Season Outlook: Southland returns a wealth of talent and will be in the postseason hunt as usual. Seven starters are back, including all-state right-



Will Godwin
Southland



Henry Johnson
Southland



Perry Usher
Southland



DEERFIELD-WINDSOR KNIGHTS

Head Coach: Kyle Keen (new)
Assistant Coach(s): John Pinson

2022 Record: 15-16

Returning Starters: 2B Parks Cohen (Sr., R/R); C/RHP Davis Coleman (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Luke Daniel (Sr., R/R); OF Tillman Dow (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Thomas Ray (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Chewy Willis (Sr., R/R); 3B/RHP Landon Misamore (So., R/R); C Lan Wiggins (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/3B Charlie Wilcox (So., L/R); OF Burns Holton (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: 3B/RHP Lane Sceals (Fr., R/R); SS Greyson Spears (Fr., R/R); 1B/RHP Jackson Revell (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Former Lee County assistant coach Kyle Keen takes over and inherits a senior-oriented team that should contend for the region title this spring. A wealth of talent is back, including all-state catcher/pitcher Davis Coleman. Senior leaders Chewy Willis and Thomas Ray also return.



Thomas Ray
Deerfield-Windsor



Charlie Wilcox
Deerfield-Windsor

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handed pitcher Chase Ledger. Offensive leaders Henry Johnson, Perry Usher and Will Godwin also return. The Raiders will also be looking for some younger players to step forward and contribute.



TERRELL ACADEMY EAGLES

Head Coach: Ashley Walker

Assistant Coach(s): Max Evans, Curtis Stanfield, Shelton Murdock, Robert Nelson, Will Harvey

2022 Record: 17-7

Returning Starters: INF/RHP David Kile (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Quindon Wright (Jr., 6-3, 215, R/R); INF Daylor Drawdy (Jr., 5-10, 150, L/R); C Kade Muliford (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); INF Jay Austin (Sr., 6-0, 195, R/R); OF/RHP Dozier Swain (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); RHP Carter Kennedy (Sr., 5-11, 155, R/R)

Other Returning Players:

LHP/OF Trevor Shipley (Jr., 5-11, 185, L/L); C/INF Trey Ladley (Jr., 5-11, 225, R/R); U Hill Murdock (So., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF/RHP Tucker Leanza (So., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP/INF John Mark Irvin (So., 6-1, 170, R/R); RHP/1B Braylon Green (Jr., 6-4, 205, R/R); OF Ryker Moyer (So., 6-0, 150, R/R); INF Jack Douglas (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); LHP/OF Ethan Askew (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/L); C Kale Cooling (So., 5-9, 140, R/R); OF Mason Bonner (So., 5-10, 200, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Harrison Dozier (So., 5-11, 160, R/R); C Gavin Lacey (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R)

Season Outlook: The defending GISA Class 2A state champions have enough to make another run at a state title. The Eagles welcome back the return of seven starters, including outfielder Quindon Wright, outfielder/pitcher Dozier Swain and infielders David Kile, Daylor Drawdy and Jay Austin.



Jay Austin Terrell



David Kile Terrell



Kade Muliford Terrell



Dozier Swain Terrell

165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/RHP Parks Parrott (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); OF Kam Brown (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Parks Colwell (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); INF Coleman Mangham (Jr., 5-9, 180, L/L); OF Eli Stevens (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: After making the Class 3A state semifinals in 2022, the Panthers have some key positions to fill. The cupboard, however, isn't bare. Five starters are back, including outfielder/pitcher Matthew Malone (.312 avg., 23 RBIs) and catcher Justin Moore (21 RBIs).



VALWOOD VALIANTS

Head Coach (s): Robert Shipman

Assistant Coach (s): Chuck Young, Brad Wells

2022 Record: 10-14

Returning Starters: RHP Emory Hogan (Sr., R/R); U Cole Belue (Jr., R/R); 3B/1B/RHP Charles Hamsley (Jr., R/R); OF Maddux Cole (Fr., L/L); C Tony Dinkins (Jr., R/R); SS Dalton Smith (Jr., R/R); OF Jack Drew (Jr., R/R); 1B Conner Hutto (Jr., R/R); OF/LHP Matthew Kerrigan (Fr., L/L)



Matthew Kerrigan Valwood



Dalton Smith Valwood

Other Returning Players: 2B Cory Backe (Jr., R/R); OF Mason Barfield (Jr., L/R); RHP James Godbee (Jr., R/R); OF Jake Goff (Jr., R/R); 3B/RHP David Griffin (Jr., R/R); RHP Kasen Rice (Jr., R/R); OF Michael Matchett (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/OF Dallas Hatfield (Jr., R/R); U/RHP Triston White (So., R/R); 1B/3B/RHP Dywan Powell (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Valiants look to turn things around after a disappointing finish in 2022. Nine starters are back, including all-state pitcher Emory Hogan (6-2, 2.12 ERA). A strong junior class will help Valwood contend for a postseason berth. Keep an eye on shortstop Dalton Smith and outfielder/pitcher Matthew Kerrigan who showed a lot of promise last year.

REGION 4-3A

Region Favorite: Bethlehem Christian

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

RHP/1B – Will Atkinson, Sr., George Walton; **C/RHP** – Jarrett Atwill, Sr., Lakeview Academy; **RF/LHP** – Brandon Berenguer, Sr., George Walton; **RHP/2B** – Declan Bethel, Sr., Riverside Military; **U/RHP** – Ricky Brown, So., Lakeview Academy; **OF/RHP** – James Cobb, So., Lakeview Academy; **C/OF** – Kyler Giddens, So., Loganville Christian; **SS/RHP** – Brock Graham, So., Lakeview Academy; **OF/RHP** – Conner Hilton, Sr., Bethlehem Christian; **1B** – Evan Ivester, Sr., George Walton; **C** – Dominic Morgan, Sr., Riverside Military; **1B/RHP** – Bryce Peppers, Sr., Bethlehem Christian; **C/1B** – Colt Ratliff, Sr., George Walton; **OF/RHP** – Logan Strickland, Sr., Bethlehem Christian; **SS/C** – Carter Woods, Jr., Loganville Christian



TIFTAREA PANTHERS

Head Coach: Chance Benson

Assistant Coach(s): Rob Flick, Jordan Cox, Josh Haynes

2022 Record: 19-9

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Matthew Malone (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); C Justin Moore (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Lane Cole (Jr., 5-8, 155, R/R); INF/RHP Robert Garner (So., 6-1, 185, R/R); U John Jackson (So., 5-10,



Robert Garner Tiftarea



Justin Moore Tiftarea

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BETHLEHEM CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS

Head Coach (s): Mike DeSantis

Assistant Coach (s): Tim Wood, Drew Everette, Christian Vann

2022 Record: 15-11

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Logan Strickland (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Conner Hilton (Sr., R/R); 1B/RHP Bryce Peppers (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Cole Akins (Sr., R/R); OF Brady Logan (Sr., R/R); LHP Maddox Collier (Jr., L/L); INF Brayden Alexander (Jr., R/R); U/RHP Drew Baker (Jr., R/R); C Cody Craft (Jr., L/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Wilson Farr (Jr., R/R); RHP Tanner Gee (Jr., R/R); 3B Caleb Holland (Jr., R/R); 1B Aidan Browne (Sr., R/R)

Season Outlook: A veteran team returns to help Bethlehem Christian challenge for the region crown. Nine starters and a strong senior class will lead the way. Leading hitters Logan Strickland (.420 avg., 20 RBIs) and Conner Hilton (.390 avg., 22 RBIs) return. Most of the team's pitching staff from last season is also back.

CF Davis King (Sr., 6-1, 160, R/R); SS Christian Hansen (Sr., 5-7, 145, R/R); RF/RHP Maddox Hansen (Jr., 6-0, 150, R/R); 3B Mason Mathis (Jr., 6-0, 200, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/DH Blake Woodring (Jr., 5-7, 145, R/R); 2B Mason Maughon (Jr., 5-7, 140, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 1B Evan Ivester (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R)

Season Outlook: After having considerable success in the Georgia High School Association, George Walton will make its debut in the GIAA this season. Seven starters are back to lead the Bulldogs, including catcher/first baseman Colt Ratliff and pitcher/first baseman Will Atkinson. Keep an eye on this program.



Brandon Berenguer
George Walton



Mason Maughon
George Walton



GEORGE WALTON BULLDOGS

Head Coach (s): Todd Shelnett

Assistant Coach (s): Robert Testa, Jeff Hughes, Cale Brown, Don Williams

2022 Record: 15-10

Returning Starters: C/1B Colt Ratliff (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); RHP/1B Will Atkinson (Sr., 6-2, 200, R/R); RF/LHP Brandon Berenguer (Sr., 5-11, 165, L/L);



LAKEVIEW ACADEMY LIONS

Head Coach: Deuce Roark

Assistant Coach(s): Marvin Clarke, Derek Fadool, Kevin Millwood

2022 Record: 3-16

Returning Starters: C/RHP Jarrett Atwill (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R); SS/RHP Brock Graham (So., 5-9, 155, R/R); OF/RHP James Cobb (So., 6-1, 170, R/R); 1B

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Stuart Daniel (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); OF Ethan Croft (So., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/RHP Logan Stanley (Sr., 6-3, 185, R/R); U/RHP Ricky Brown (So., 5-9, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Lions should have a chance to be much better in 2023. The team will be young, but the good news is that top hitter Jarrett Atwill (.488 avg., 10 2B) is back to lead the way. Keep an eye on Brock Graham and James Cobb who were promising last year.



LOGANVILLE CHRISTIAN LIONS

Head Coach: Kevin Renz (new)

Assistant Coach(s): Tyler Cloud, Ean Snell, Ed Head, JC Carruthers, Jeff Lanier

2022 Record: 5-23

Returning Starters: RHP/U Noah Smallwood (Sr., 5-10, 145); SS/C Carter Woods (Jr., 6-1, 175); INF/P Josh Wilson (Jr., 5-11, 165); P/U Austin Schroeder (So., 5-9, 220); OF/P Caden Lanier (Jr., 5-10, 160); C/OF Kyler Giddens (So., 5-10, 165); 2B Jonathan Chapman (So., 5-8, 155)

Other Returning Players: C/1B Kyler Fellows (Jr., 5-10, 160); OF Brady Boss (So., 5-9, 160); DH Taylor Gordon (Sr., 6-2, 220); OF/P Cole Kraus (Sr., 5-9, 155); OF/2B Sam Smith (Sr., 4-11, 140)

Season Outlook: New coach Kevin Renz takes over as Loganville Christian will transition from the Georgia High School Association. Renz has seven starters to work with. One of them is shortstop/catcher Carter Woods who was promising as a sophomore in 2022. Senior Noah Smallwood returns to give the Lions a leader to build around.



RIVERSIDE MILITARY EAGLES

Head Coach: Derrick Lucas (new)

Assistant Coach(s): David Paul, Avery Milligan

2022 Record: 1-18

Returning Starters: RHP/2B Declan Bethel (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); OF Honghui He (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); C Dominic Morgan (Sr., 5-11, 200, R/R); OF/1B Stone Phillips (Sr., 5-11, 190, R/R); OF/C Jackson Orso (Jr., L/L)

Top Newcomers: U Perry Rauton (Sr., 5-9, 125, B/R)

Season Outlook: New coach Derrick Lucas takes over a Riverside program that struggled last season playing in the Georgia High School Association. Things should be much better this spring. Five starters are back, including pitcher/second-baseman Declan Bethel and catcher Dominic Morgan.

REGION 5-3A

Region Favorite: Westfield

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

SS -- Jackson Boatner, Sr., Saint Anne-Pacelli; **OF** -- Brady Bowman, Jr., Heritage; **RHP/2B** -- Jake Canterbury, Sr., Westfield; **RHP/DH** -- Cooper Culberson, Jr., Strong Rock Christian; **C** -- LJ Estrada, Sr., Heritage; **SS**

– Ethan Garrett, Jr., Heritage; **OF/C** – Taylor Hancock, Jr., Brookstone; **RHP/1B/3B** – James Hays, Sr., Westfield; **OF/LHP** -- Walker Hilton, Jr., Saint Anne-Pacelli; **C** – Mercer Hudson, So., Brookstone; **OF** – Maxwell Jones, So., Brookstone; **OF** – Landon Justice, So., Heritage; **C/1B** -- Omar Kimbrough, Jr., Saint Anne-Pacelli; **RHP/1B** – Colin Malally, Sr., Saint Mary's; **2B/SS** -- Colin Mendiola, Jr., Strong Rock Christian; **RHP/1B** – Jacob Miles, Sr., Heritage; **INF** -- Brooks Parkerson, Sr., Saint Anne-Pacelli; **SS** -- Isaiah Pou, Sr., Strong Rock Christian; **SS** – Ryan Powers, Sr., Westfield; **3B/RHP** – Cole Stansell, Jr., Brookstone; **RHP** -- Zack Wallace, Sr., Strong Rock Christian



BROOKSTONE COUGARS

Head Coach (s): Greg Mathis (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Nate McConnell

2022 Record: 14-17

Returning Starters: C Mercer Hudson (So., 6-2, 185, R/R); 3B/RHP Cole Stansell (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF/C Taylor Hancock (Jr., 5-6, 160, R/R); 2B/RHP Brett Novlesky (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R); OF Maxwell Jones (So., 6-2, 175, R/R); OF/RHP Davis Harris (Jr., 5-6, 165, R/R)



Taylor Hancock
Brookstone



Cole Stansell
Brookstone

Other Returning Players:

1B Peyton Wells (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); OF Fuller Jones (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); LHP/OF Patrick Parr (Jr., 5-9, 175, L/L); SS/2B Will Turner (So., 5-6, 150, R/R); C/3B Charles Briscoe (So., 5-6, 155, L/R); 1B/RHP Chapman Dykes (So., 6-4, 190, R/R); LHP/OF Chanwoo Kim (So., 5-9, 150, L/L)

Top Newcomers: OF Henry Tommey (So., 5-9, 165, R/R); INF Harrison Baker (Fr., 5-9, 165, R/R); INF Jake Lowery (Fr., 5-9, 160, R/R); INF Luke Lowery (Fr., 5-9, 160, R/R); C Gray Jones (Fr., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: Graduation took a chunk out of Brookstone's lineup. The Cougars will be young this spring, but there is talent. Six starters are back, including catcher Mercer Hudson who was promising as a freshman in 2022. Outfielders Maxwell Jones and third-baseman Cole Stansell also return. The lack of experienced pitching is a concern.



HERITAGE HAWKS

Head Coach (s): Lichon Terrell (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Johnny Estrada

2022 Record: 6-23

Returning Starters: SS Ethan Garrett (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); C/RHP Davis Chapman (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); RHP/1B Jacob Miles (Sr., 6-2, 250, R/R); OF Landon Justice (So., 5-8, 160, L/L); INF Robby Knight (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); C/INF Bryson Smallwood (So., 5-10, 185, R/R); LHP/1B Griggs Smith (So., 6-0, 180, L/L)

Other Returning Players: P/1B Sean Covey (So.); INF Asher Durham (Fr.); Colt Treadwell (So.); Will McCarthy (So.)

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Top Newcomers: C LJ Estrada (Sr., 5-9, 240, R/R); OF Brady Bowman (Jr., 6-0, 180, L/R); OF Reggie Nevels (Fr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Hawks look to put last season's disappointing finish behind as first-year coach Lichon Terrell takes over. He inherits seven returning starters to work with.

Shortstop Ethan Garrett returns to lead the team. Heritage will expect a solid group of underclassmen to also contribute.



Brady Bowman
Heritage



LJ Estrada
Heritage

Top Newcomers: C Thomas Sims (Jr., 5-11, 185, B/R); RHP/U Brody Sims (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: Former Chattahoochee Valley College coach Adam Thomas takes over and will look to help the Vikings stay among the state's best. St. Anne-Pacelli has some holes to fill, but Thomas has a lot of talent to work with, including infielders Brooks Parkerson and Jackson Boatner as well as Omar Kimbrough and outfielder/pitcher Walker Hilton.



SAINT MARY'S BOBCATS

Head Coach: Andrew McGovern

Assistant Coach(s): Sean Miller, Glenn Athearn

2022 Record: 3-4

Returning Starters: RHP/1B Colin Malally (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R); C/1B/OF/RHP Eric Doan (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); SS/RHP Gavin Dechant (Sr., 5-8, 145, R/R); OF James Riley (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); 3B/2B Jude Ogundipe (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF Collins Nwabuike (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); 1B David Riley (Jr., 6-1, 220, R/R); CF/RHP Zhakii Parris (Jr., 6-0, 150, R/R); OF/INF Neave Bryant (So., 5-7, 140, R/R); 2B/SS/CF/RHP William Washington (So., 5-9, 140, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Javier DeSantos (So., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/C Ronan Malally (Fr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Bobcats seek to keep making positive strides this spring. Saint Mary's welcomes back a ton of talent and should have a



SAINT ANNE-PACELLI VIKINGS

Head Coach: Adam Thomas (new)

Assistant Coach(s): Carson Bowers, Josh Hudson, Jonathan Lawrence, Dre Bowman, Collin Gomilla

2022 Record: 22-12

Returning Starters: INF Brooks Parkerson (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); SS Jackson Boatner (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); C/1B Omar Kimbrough (Jr., 6-1, 190, R/R); OF/LHP Walker Hilton (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/L)



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chance to be much better. The senior class is solid. Keep an eye on pitcher/first-baseman Colin Malally.



STRONG ROCK CHRISTIAN PATRIOTS

Head Coach: Toby Evans

Assistant Coach(s): Justin Nicholson, Julius Gaines, DJ Jennings

2022 Record: 14-15

Returning Starters: SS Isaiah Pou (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP Zack Wallace (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); RHP Grant Miller (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); 1B/3B Jack McCune (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); 2B/SS Colin Mendiola (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R); C/RHP Lleyton Hallman (Jr., 6-0, 190, R/R); OF Hunt Tatum (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R); RHP/DH Cooper Culberson (Jr., 6-1, 190, R/R); OF/RHP Adam Brown (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Landon Stancil (So., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/3B/RHP Nate Andrews (So., 6-0, 160, R/R); 3B/RHP Blake Burghardt (So., 6-0, 160, R/R); RHP/3B Eric Adams (Jr., 6-0, 150, R/R); LHP/OF Brooks Bibby (So., 5-10, 145, L/L)

Top Newcomers: OF/C Hunter Cash (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Patriots should be much better this spring. Top pitchers Zack Wallace and Cooper Culberson return, while shortstop Isaiah Pou returns to spark the offense. The Patriots have a strong group of underclassmen waiting for their chance.



WESTFIELD HORNETS

Head Coach: Rob Fitzpatrick

Assistant Coach(s): Ryan Wetherington, Jarrod Lewis, Wyatt Young

2022 Record: 19-10

Returning Starters: RHP/1B/3B James Hays (Sr., L/R); RHP/2B Jake Canterbury (Sr., R/R); SS Ryan Powers (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Hardy Hudson (Sr., R/R); C/OF Neal O'Brien (So., R/R); OF/RHP Ty Shelton (Sr., L/R); 3B Cooper Avery (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Trey Hardy (Jr., R/R); 2B Ross Alden (Sr., R/R); C Will Johnson (Sr., L/R); OF Will Herbert (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Grayson Waller (So., R/R); RHP/SS Mason Eason (So., R/R); RHP/1B Luke Davidson (So., L/R); RHP/1B Reid Black (So., R/R); RHP/ OF Russ Hilem (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: Look for Westfield to be strong again as a wealth of talent returns. The Hornets return three of their top players from last year including prospect James Hays as well as pitcher/second-baseman Jake Canterbury and shortstop Ryan Powers. The senior class is solid, but keep an eye on a solid corps of underclassmen who will contribute.

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REGION 6-3A

Region Favorite: John Milledge

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

SS/RHP – Cayden Avant, Sr., John Milledge; **2B** – Blake Bellflower, Jr., John Milledge; **OF** -- Jimmy Bowden, Sr., Stratford; **OF/RHP** – Maclain Brown, Sr., Tattnell Square; **LHP/OF** – Hayes Bryant, Jr., First Presbyterian Day; **C** – Wilton Bumgardner, Sr., Tattnell Square; **C/RHP** – Jared Diaz, Jr., Mount de Sales; **OF** – Banks Eady, Sr., John Milledge; **OF/INF** – Briggs Eady, Sr., John Milledge; **LHP** – Wills Handberry, Jr., First Presbyterian Day; **LHP/1B** -- Cal Hatcher, Sr., Stratford; **SS** – Keon Johnson, Fr., First Presbyterian Day; **3B/RHP** – Riley McCallum, Jr., Tattnell Square; **2B** – Colton McDonald, Sr., First Presbyterian Day; **OF/RHP** – Gabe McGreggor, Sr., Tattnell Square; **OF/RHP** – Cooper McMullen, Jr., Tattnell Square; **C** – Brady Rollins, Sr., John Milledge; **SS/RHP** – Bricen Smith, Jr., Mount de Sales; **INF** -- Cope Smith, Jr., Stratford; **DH/1B** – Gavin Spillers, Jr., First Presbyterian Day; **RHP/1B** – Jackson Thomas, Sr., John Milledge; **U** – Kade Thompson, So., Tattnell Square; **CF/RHP** – Bud Veal, Jr., John Milledge; **INF/RHP** – Cooper Wilburn, Jr., John Milledge



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN DAY VIKINGS

Head Coach (s): Greg Moore

Assistant Coach (s): Seth Graham, Gregory Thomas, Wayne Hotchkiss

2022 Record: 23-8

Returning Starters: 2B Colton McDonald (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); 3B BJ Hughes (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); LHP/OF Hayes Bryant (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/L); OF Griffin Green (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); DH/1B Gavin Spillers (Jr., 6-3, 220, L/L)

Other Returning Players: RHP/INF Lucas Buckner (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); LHP Wills Handberry (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/L); OF Chandler Cawley (Sr., 5-9, 170, L/R); 1B Reynolds Handberry (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF/RHP William King (So., 6-1, 175, R/R); INF/OF Hayden Aulds (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R); OF Gunnar Fuller (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: SS Keon Johnson (Fr., 6-1, 180, R/R); 1B/LHP Grant Martin (Fr., 5-10, 150, L/L); C Tinsley Lewis (Fr., 6-0, 170, R/R); INF Brady McHugh (Fr., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF Major Simmons (Fr., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Vikings have some holes to fill after winning 23 games last year. Five starters are back, including second-baseman Colton McDonald and pitcher/outfielder Hayes Bryant. FPD will be looking for some younger players to help out this spring.



JOHN MILLEDGE TROJANS

Head Coach (s): Chad Starley

Assistant Coach (s): Walter Prestwood, Jerry Hand

2022 Record: 24-5

Returning Starters: CF/RHP Bud Veal (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/R); OF Banks Eady (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); OF/INF Briggs Eady (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Cooper

Wilburn (Jr., 5-11, 150, R/R); 1B/RHP Jackson Thomas (Sr., 6-5, 225, R/R); 2B Blake Bellflower (Jr., 6-0, 175, L/R); C Brady Rollins (Sr., 5-9, 195, R/R); 1B/3B/RHP Landon Byrd (Sr., 6-2, 230, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP David Todd (So., 6-2, 175, R/R); INF/OF Justin England (So., 5-6, 130, R/R); INF/RHP Kolt McMichael (So., 6-3, 195, R/R); C Will Adams (So., 5-8, 145, R/R); INF Tyler Greene (Sr., 5-9, 195, R/R); OF/RHP Remington Weaver (So., 5-11, 160, R/R); OF Cooper Young (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF Sean Scott (So., 5-6, 130, R/R)

Top Newcomers: SS/RHP Cayden Avant (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: After winning the GISA Class 3A state title, the Trojans could be back for another run. A wealth of talent returns including offensive catalysts Banks Eady (.455 avg., 4 2B), Briggs Eady (.385 avg., 30 RBIs) and versatile Jackson Thomas (.400 avg., 40 RBIs). Defensive specialist Brady Rollins returns behind the plate. Junior Bud Veal is also back after a strong sophomore campaign last year.



MOUNT DE SALES CAVALIERS

Head Coach (s): Bubba Pool

Assistant Coach (s): Todd Freeman, Jeff Nebel, Craig Carroll

2022 Record: 13-14

Returning Starters: CF Carson Craig (Sr., R/R); C/RHP Jared Diaz (Jr., R/R); C/1B Landen Moore (Jr., R/R); RHP/3B Kyle Shaughnessy (Jr., R/R); SS/RHP Bricen Smith (Jr., R/R); OF Evan Iuliucci (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: P/1B Levi Siebenmorgan (So., R/R); OF/3B/2B Cayden Pugh (Sr., R/R); 2B/SS Glenkeith Phillip (Jr., R/R); RHP/1B Connor West (Sr., R/R); OF/LHP Hayden Partain (Jr., L/L); INF/RHP Matt Langan (Sr., R/R); INF/OF Jack Mullinax (Sr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Cavaliers struggled at times last season but should be much better this spring. Mount de Sales will still be a very young team. All-region performers Jared Diaz and Bricen Smith return after solid seasons as sophomores last year.



Jared Diaz
Mount De Sales



STRATFORD EAGLES

Head Coach: Danny Camp

Assistant Coach(s): Jeff Treadway, Kevin Long

2022 Record: 12-15

Returning Starters: OF Jimmy Bowden (Sr., R/R); LHP/1B Cal Hatcher (Sr., L/L); INF Cope Smith (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: U Billy Noblitt (Jr., R/R); INF Ellis Harrell (Sr., R/R); INF Will Lamb (Sr., R/R); OF West Kovacs (Sr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Eagles have some key positions to fill after graduation hit them hard. The lack of experienced pitching is a concern, but



Billy Noblitt
Stratford



Cope Smith
Stratford

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the good news is that pitcher/first-baseman Cal Hatcher returns as well as outfielder Jimmy Bowden who is back to spark the offense.

TATTNALL SQUARE TROJANS

Head Coach: Jordan Brooks (new)

Assistant Coach(s): Tom Gorman, Bryan Kemp, Kevin Brown, Corey Bartholomew, Brent Shade

2022 Record: 22-10

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Cooper McMullen (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R); C Wilton Bumgardner (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); OF/RHP Gabe Mcgreggor (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); 3B/RHP Riley McCallum (Jr., 6-1, 190, R/R); U Kade Thompson (So., 6-0, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B Carter Brown (Sr., 6-4, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Maclain Brown (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R); INF/C Carson Gibson (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF John Michael Kitchens (Sr., 5-8, 150, R/R); 1B Tristian Turner (So., 6-2, 190, L/R); OF Thomas Union (So., 6-1, 190, R/R); OF/LHP Maddox Kimball (So., 5-8, 165, L/L)

Season Outlook: The Trojans, after dominating the Georgia High School Association, are in the GIAA and should stay among the state's elite. Former assistant Jordan Brooks takes over and inherits a senior-oriented team that will be tough. Keep an eye on outfielder/pitcher Cooper McMullen who has already committed to Alabama.



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REGION 1-2A

Region Favorite: Notre Dame

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

SS – Will Borah, So., Notre Dame; **3B/CF/RHP** – Nick Hasnain, Sr., Notre Dame; **C** – Andrew Montello, Jr., Notre Dame



NOTRE DAME IRISH WOLFHOOUNDS

Head Coach: John Cole Kirksey

Assistant Coach(s): Noah Bickell, Lake McClure, Royce Grinaker

2022 Record: 10-10

Returning Starters: 3B/CF/RHP Nick Hasnain (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); RHP/2B Jacob Rowell (Sr., 6-1, 135, R/R); LHP/1B Joseph Glime (Sr., 6-1, 165, L/L); 2B Alaina Philpott (Sr., 5-4, 115, R/R); OF Andrew Murphy (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); 1B Carter Hanson (Sr., 6-4, 215, R/R); DH Bailey Dawkins (Sr., 6-1, 225, R/R); C Andrew Montello (Jr., 5-11, 215, R/R); LHP John Barcena (Jr., 6-3, 210, L/L); 2B Mason Bickell (Jr., 5-10, 145, R/R); SS Will Borah (So., 5-10, 145, R/R); 3B Jake Smith (So., 6-3, 185, R/R); LHP John Whitt (Fr., 5-10, 155, L/L)



Joseph Glime
Notre Dame



Andrew Montello
Notre Dame

Other Returning Players: OF Faustina Barcena (Jr., 6-1, 165, R/R); 2B/SS Antonio Razon (So., 5-8, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: Notre Dame moves down a classification after having success in Class 3A. The Wolfhounds welcome back a ton of talent and could be better. Versatile Nick Hasnain returns to lead the team. Pitcher/first-baseman Joseph Glime also returns after a solid season in 2022.

REGION 2-2A

Region Favorite: Gatewood

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

OF/INF – Drew Carter, So., Brentwood; **RHP** -- Carson Everett, Jr., Brentwood; **2B/RHP/INF** – Ames Johnson, So., Gatewood; **C/INF** – Hunter Johnson, So., Gatewood; **3B/RHP/SS** – Wilson Moore, So., Gatewood; **INF** – Mason Morris, Sr., Piedmont; **C/RHP/U** – Caleb Riser, So., Gatewood; **RHP/INF/OF** – Walker Roberts, So., Gatewood; **INF/RHP** – Brayden Ross, So., Piedmont; **OF** -- Colton Smith, Sr., Brentwood; **INF/OF** – Alex Statham, So., Piedmont; **C/3B** – Chase Taylor, So., Piedmont; **1B/3B/RHP** – Trey Wiggins, Jr., Gatewood; **INF** – Bryce Williford, Jr., Brentwood; **RHP/INF** – Lawson Wooten, Jr., Gatewood



BRENTWOOD EAGLES

Head Coach (s): Jeremy Boutelle

Assistant Coach (s): Stanley Williford, Sophia Boutelle

2022 Record: 12-9

Returning Starters: OF/INF Drew Carter (So., 5-11, 165); OF Colton Smith (Sr., 6-1, 210); OF Harlan Scott (Sr., 6-0, 185); INF Riley Helton (Fr., 6-0, 200); RHP Christian Rountree (So., 6-1, 190); INF Bryce Williford (Jr., 5-11, 185); RHP Carson Everett (Jr., 5-11, 210); LHP Blake McAfee (Jr., 5-10, 175)



Cyler Bloodworth
Brentwood



Richard Waller
Brentwood

Top Newcomers: INF/OF/C Cyler Bloodworth (Sr.); RHP/SS Richard Waller (Sr.); U Cole Jackson (Jr.)

Season Outlook: The Eagles have a good nucleus of returning talent and should challenge for the region crown. Brentwood will still be a young team. All-region standouts Bryce Williford and Drew Carter return. Keep an eye on a solid group of underclassmen who will contribute.



GATEWOOD GATORS

Head Coach (s): Brandon Moss

Assistant Coach (s): Daulton Veal, Nick Rudolph, John McMillian

2022 Record: 19-10

Returning Starters: 1B/3B/RHP Trey Wiggins (Jr., 6-2, 225, R/R); RHP/INF/OF Walker Roberts (So., 6-0, 160, L/R); 3B/RHP/SS Wilson Moore (So., 6-0, 170, R/R); 2B/RHP/INF Ames Johnson (So., 5-9, 150, R/R); OF/RHP John Wallace Thompson (So., 5-11, 155, R/R); C/RHP/U Caleb Riser (So., 5-9, 150, L/R); OF Tanner Johnson (So., 5-8, 135, R/R); OF Ben Brannen (Fr., 5-8, 140, R/R); C/INF Hunter Johnson (So., 5-10, 140, R/R); LHP/OF Holden Turner (So., 6-0, 155, L/L)

Other Returning Players: OF Dylan Sinclair (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); RHP/INF Walker Brannen (Sr., 6-2, 165, R/R); RHP/OF Jackson Love (So., 5-9, 145, R/R); 1B Blake Daniel (So., 6-2, 265, R/R); C Mason Sinclair (Fr., 5-10, 150, R/R); PO Jake Rich (So., 6-3, 150, R/R); PO Lawrey Benner (So., 5-10, 135, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Lawson Wooten (Jr., 6-2, 200, R/R)

Season Outlook: The defending Class 2A state runner-ups return most of its team and should pick up from it left off. Six of the team's eight returning starters were recognized as all-region or all-state players. All-state standouts Wilson Moore, Caleb Riser and Walker Roberts return after posting strong numbers as freshmen last year.



PIEDMONT COUGARS

Head Coach (s): Casey Moody (new)

Assistant Coach (s): Mike McCart, Keenan Wise, Peyton Barman

2022 Record: 7-17

Returning Starters: INF Mason Morris (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); C/3B Chase Taylor

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(So., 5-10, 150, R/R); INF/RHP Braden Ross (So., 5-10, 140, R/R); INF/OF Alex Statham (So., 5-10, 140, L/R); INF/RHP Carter Ginther (Jr., 6-0, 155, R/R); OF/RHP Zach Simmons (Fr., 6-1, 150, R/R); INF/RHP Jamus Wingate (Fr., 5-11, 155, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B Eli Parker (Sr., 6-0, 255, L/L)

Top Newcomers: U Gavin McCart (Fr., 6-0, 140, R/R); U Tyler Griswell (Fr., 5-11, 145, R/R)

Season Outlook: First-year coach Casey Moody takes over and looks to help the Cougars get back on the winning track. Seven starters are back, including all-region standout Mason Morris. Keep an eye on a trio of sophomores who showed a lot of promise last year – Brayden Ross, Chase Taylor and Alex Statham.



Zach Simmons
Piedmont



Chase Taylor
Piedmont

C Hunter Hayes (Jr., 5-7, 150, R/R); 3B/RHP Jonathan Rutland (So., 5-11, 160, R/R); RHP/SS Blake Bryant (Fr., 6-3, 160, B/R); 2B Gray McLean (Fr., 5-8, 130, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/OF Walker Altman (Sr., 6-3, 200, R/R); OF Brayden Bradshaw (Sr., 6-1, 225, L/L); 1B/OF/RHP Kason Hayes (Jr., 5-10, 220, R/R); 1B/OF Gannon Godwin (Jr., 6-2, 160, R/R); OF Eian Merritt (So., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF Elijah Carver (So., 5-10, 220, R/R); OF/RHP Landon Williams (Fr., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/1B Jackson Knight (Fr., 5-7, 150, R/R); OF Luke Russ (Fr., 5-5, 120, R/R); INF/RHP Taeven Harden (8th, 5-8, 130, R/R); LHP/1B/OF Sam Ables (8th, 5-7, 130, L/L); INF/RHP Gavin McElroy (8th, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Patriots welcome back a ton of talent and should have a chance to be even better in 2023. Versatile Dyllan Ramirez (.475 avg., 30 SB) is back to lead a solid senior class. Keep an eye on right-hander Blake Bryant who showed a lot of promise as an eighth-grader last season.



WESTMINSTER CHRISTIAN LIONS

Head Coach (s): TBA
Survey not returned

REGION 3-2A

Region Favorite: Southwest Georgia

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

LHP/INF – Nate Akers, So., Southwest Georgia; **RHP/SS** – Blake Bryant, Fr., Citizens Christian; **3B/RHP** – Braxton Ethridge, So., Westwood; **RHP/INF** – Sawyer Franklin, So., Southwest Georgia; **1B/RHP** – Kaden Gunn, So., Westwood; **RHP/INF** – Jaxson Haire, Sr., Southwest Georgia; **C** – Hunter Hayes, Jr., Citizens Christian; **C/OF** – Banks Johnson, So., Southwest Georgia; **SS/OF/RHP** – Dyllan Ramirez, Sr., Citizens Christian; **C/INF** – Sam Summerlin, So., Westwood; **DH** – Mic Swails, Sr., Citizens Christian



CITIZENS CHRISTIAN PATRIOTS

Head Coach: Jeremy Coram
Assistant Coach(s): Adam Soloman, Will Wiley
2022 Record: 15-7

Returning Starters: SS/OF/RHP Dyllan Ramirez (Sr., 5-9, 140, L/R); OF Cannon Moseley (Sr., 6-1, 145, R/R); DH Mic Swails (Sr., R/R); 1B/INF/RHP Case Snipes (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R);



Hunter Hayes
Citizens Christian



Case Snipes
Citizens Christian



SOUTHWEST GEORGIA WARRIORS

Head Coach: Adam Benton
Assistant Coach(s): Woodie Kirkland, Wes Williams, Vernon Nobles

2022 Record: 14-10

Returning Starters: C/OF Banks Johnson (So., 6-1, 185, R/R); OF/C Brayden Bailey (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); RHP/INF Sawyer Franklin (So., 5-10, 185, R/R); LHP/INF Nate Akers (So., 5-9, 175, R/L); RHP/INF Jaxson Haire (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Brodi McVey (So., 5-10, 155, L/R); RHP/OF Lenton Jernigan (Sr., 6-3, 165, R/R); C/INF Bo Williams (So., 5-11, 180, R/R); INF Hunter Duke (Jr., 5-7, 180, R/R); INF/OF Bodi Sheffield (Jr., 5-6, 140, R/R); OF Noah Fetner (So., 5-4, 135, R/R)



Tanner Rayfield
Georgia Christian



Austin Van Ausdall
Georgia Christian

Head Coach: Drew Suttles
Assistant Coach(s): Ed Boyce, Dalton Rizer, Jeff Guilliams
2022 Record: 5-15

Returning Starters: 2B/RHP Jeff Guilliams (So.); SS/3B/RHP Mac Bowling (So.); 1B/OF/RHP Tanner Rayfield (Jr.); C/SS/RHP Seth Copeland (Sr.); OF Rowan Lawson (So.); 1B Corbin Evans (Sr.); LHP/1B/OF Austin Van Ausdall (Sr.)

Other Returning Players: OF William Knapp (So.); C/OF Cooper Knapp (So.); OF Austin Knapp (Sr.)

Top Newcomers: 3B/RHP Carson Hanks (Fr.); 2B/SS/RHP Cason Evans (Fr.)

Season Outlook: Look for Georgia Christian to be much better in 2023 as seven starters are back to lead the way. All-state standout Seth Copeland is back as well as versatile Austin Van Ausdall and Tanner Rayfield. A talented group of underclassmen will also contribute.

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Top Newcomers: C/OF Noah Hayman (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF Eli Enfinger (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); INF/OF Colt Williamson (8th, R/R); RHP/INF Beau Adams (8th, R/R); LHP/OF Grant Fletcher (So., L/L)

Season Outlook: Look for Southwest Georgia to pick up from where they left off last season. Five starters are back, including pitcher/infielder Jaxson Haire, catcher/outfielder Banks Johnson and pitcher/infielder Sawyer Franklin. The Warriors may still be a year away.

WESTWOOD WILDCATS

Head Coach: Bubber Birdsong (new)

Assistant Coach(s): TBA

2022 Record: 12-5

Returning Starters: C/INF Sam Summerlin (So., 6-2, 170, L/R); OF/LHP Grayson Stanaland (Sr., 6-3, 180, L/L); LF Karson Barwick (So., 6-0, 140, R/R); 1B/RHP Kaden Gunn (So., 6-1, 160, R/R); 3B/RHP Braxton Ethridge (So., 6-0, 160, R/R); OF Ben Shirah (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R)



Braxton Ethridge
Westwood



Kaden Gunn
Westwood

Other Returning Players: OF Glynn West (Jr., 5-5, 120, R/R); OF Liam Rogers (So., 6-2, 165, R/R); OF Cody White (Jr., 5-10, 130, R/R); 1B Dalton Deloach (So., 6-2, 250, R/R); OF Chance Childress (So., 5-11, 145, R/R); RHP/INF Jett Hinteregger (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 2B/CF Ty Griner (Sr., 5-11, 165, L/R)

Season Outlook: Former Baconton Charter coach Bubber Birdsong takes over and inherits some talent. The Wildcats are still relatively young, but five starters are back, including catcher Sam Summerlin and infielders Kaden Gunn and Braxton Ethridge. Look for Westwood to contend for the region crown.

REGION 4-2A

Region Favorite: Edmund Burke

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

RHP/C – Hollis Evans, Jr., Briarwood; **RHP/C** – Stephen Harshburger, So., Briarwood; **C/RHP/INF** – Fripp McDougal, Jr., Augusta Prep; **RHP/CF** – Sebastian Neave, Sr., Augusta Prep; **2B/P** – Owen Redd, So., Edmund Burke; **SS** – Gavin Taylor, Sr., Briarwood; **C/P** – Braydon Tindell, Jr., Edmund Burke

AUGUSTA PREP CAVALIERS

Head Coach (s): Chris Gay

Assistant Coach (s): Ben Finlan

2022 Record: 7-15

Returning Starters: RHP/CF Sebastian Neave (Sr., 6-3, 185, R/R); C/RHP/INF Fripp McDougal (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); SS/RHP JT Gay (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); 3B/OF Sam Rogers (Sr., 5-9, 155, R/R); OF/RHP Scott Williams (Fr., 5-7, 125, R/R); OF Jack Macdonald (Sr., 6-1, 220, R/R); INF/RHP Jack Butler (Jr., 6-0, 150, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Jack Rish (Sr., 6-0, 225, R/R); OF Daniel Robertson (Jr., 5-8, 145, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/INF Scott Stallings (Fr., 5-9, 125, R/R); INF/RHP Viraj Bulla (Fr., 5-6, 115, R/R); INF/C Chase Jackson (Fr., 5-10, 155, R/R); 1B Conor Harris (So., 6-3, 245, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Cavaliers continue to make positive strides under coach Chris Gay. If the underclassmen continue to develop and mature, Augusta Prep could be a team to watch. All-state pitcher/outfielder Sebastian Neave and catcher/infielder Fripp McDougal return to lead the way.

BRIARWOOD BUCCANEERS

Head Coach (s): Wayne Wilson

Assistant Coach (s): Jason Knight

2022 Record: 9-15

Returning Starters: 3B Eli Bragg (Sr., 5-11, 185); SS Gavin Taylor (Sr., 6-0, 170); RHP/C Hollis Evans (Jr., 5-11, 185); 1B Braxton Blakey (Sr., 6-1, 220); LHP/1B Bonnor Reynolds (Jr., 6-1, 215); C/RHP Blake Tench (So., 5-7, 170); CF Sterling Nail (Fr., 5-9, 160)



Steven Harshburger
Briarwood



Gavin Taylor
Briarwood

Other Returning Players:

2B Johnston Hackenberry (So., 5-10, 150); OF Mason Poss (So., 5-11, 165); U Sawyer Thigpen (So., 5-9, 170); OF Brantley Bagget (Sr., 5-8, 150); RHP Allen Deloach (Sr., 6-2, 190); OF Trenton Cotton (Sr., 5-10, 200)

Top Newcomers: RHP/C Stephen Harshburger (So., 6-0, 190)

Season Outlook: The Buccaneers have an excellent group of returning players and should challenge for the region title this spring. Seven starters are back, including standout pitcher/catcher Hollis Evans. The senior class is solid and will lead the way. One of the team's returning seniors is shortstop Gavin Taylor.

EDMUND BURKE SPARTANS

Head Coach (s): Jonathan Broxton

Assistant Coach (s): TBA

2022 Record: 9-15

Returning Starters: C Braydon Tindell (Jr.); SS/RHP Owen Redd (So.); CF/RHP Grant Mobley (Jr.); 3B Marc Owen Chancey (So.); 2B/RHP Mark Thomas Wasden (So.); LF Kade McGill (So.); RF William Hood (Sr.); 1B Dawson Chandler (Jr.)

Other Returning Players: 2B/RHP Hill Zorn (Fr.); U Riland Miles (Fr.); OF/RHP Blake Brocato (Jr.); OF Dennis Elbertly (Jr.); OF Cutter Eskew (Jr.)

Top Newcomers: C/U/RHP Cooper Whitledge (Fr.); U Matthew Hood (Fr.)

Season Outlook: The Spartans welcome back eight starters and will be

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expected to pick up from where they left off last season. Edmund Burke is still a very young team. Keep an eye on standout catcher Braydon Tindell and shortstop Owen Redd. A strong group of freshmen will be expected to contend for playing time this spring.

REGION 5-2A

No Schools

REGION 6-2A

Region Favorite: Trinity Christian

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)
RHP/C/SS – Brody Ashley, Jr., Windsor; **RHP/OF** – Jonas Butler, Jr., Windsor; **RHP/U** – Tiger Howard, Sr., Covenant; **LHP/1B** – Jackson Myers, Sr., Windsor; **RHP** – Jesse Slife, Sr., Central Fellowship; **SS** – Tanyon Stella, Jr., Central Fellowship; **OF/1B/LHP** – Nathan Sumner, So., Trinity Christian; **C** – Asa Wood, Sr., Covenant

Top Newcomers: 1B Hunt Stevenson (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); RHP/OF Joseph Christy (Fr., 5-9, 180, R/R); RHP/OF Brett Mercer (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); 2B Haden Korink (Fr., 5-5, 130, R/R); RHP/3B Asa Powers (Fr., 6-2, 185, R/R)

Season Outlook: Covenant won 12 games last year and will look to build off its success. The Rams welcome back three returners. One of those is standout pitcher Tiger Howard. His top target – catcher Asa Wood – also returns. Covenant will be looking for some younger players to challenge for playing time.



TRINITY CHRISTIAN CRUSADERS

Head Coach: Josh Ward

Assistant Coach(s): Chuck Grooms, Shannon Cannady, Jed Marsh

2022 Record: 14-11

Returning Starters: INF Luke Bailey (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF/LHP Ben Helton (So., 6-0, 160, L/L); OF/1B/LHP Nathan Sumner (So., 5-10, 155, L/L)

Other Returning Players: INF/OF Jim Coleman (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); 1B/LHP Luke Goodwin (Sr., 6-2, 220, L/L); OF Carson Shepherd (So., 6-0, 160, R/R); OF Cruz Giles (So., 6-0, 160, R/R); OF/RHP Cooper Dasher (So., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/RHP Isaias Tolentino (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Crusaders have three returning starters and should have a chance to approach last year's success. Versatile Nathan Sumner returns after a promising season last year, while a wealth of talented underclassmen will contend for playing time.



CENTRAL FELLOWSHIP LANCERS

Head Coach: Joey Stella

Assistant Coach(s): TBA

2022 Record: 6-8

Returning Starters: RHP Jesse Slife (Sr., R/R); SS Tanyon Stella (Jr., L/R); RF Elijah Wilson (Sr., R/R); LF/3B Torin Helms (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: 2B Matthew Albritton (Fr., R/R); 2B Adam Peachy (Jr., R/R); RF Caelan Cripe (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Lancers look to be much better this spring. Four starters are back, including pitcher Jesse Slife and shortstop Tanyon Stella. Central Fellowship will be looking for some underclassmen to step forward and help out.



Jesse Slife
Central Fellowship



WINDSOR KNIGHTS

Head Coach: Mike Ashley

Assistant Coach(s): Jordan Huerta, Josh Butler

2022 Record: 9-9

Returning Starters: RHP/C/SS Brody Ashley (Jr., 6-2, 150, R/R); RHP/OF Jonas Butler (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); RHP/C/INF Ashton More (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); LHP/1B Jackson Myers (Sr., 5-9, 175, L/L); INF/OF Cam Houston (Jr., 5-7, 145, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Aiden Green (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); INF/OF Dawson Sims (Fr., 5-10, 160, R/R); 1B Braelin Parsons (Jr., 6-4, 220, R/R); OF Rylan Dennis (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); 1B/3B Coda Andrews (Sr., 6-3, 220, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Knights have a talented group of returning players and should be in the thick of the region title chase. Five starters are back, including a trio of all-region standouts in Brody Ashley, Jonas Butler and Jackson Myers.



Jonas Butler
Windsor



Ashton Moore
Windsor



COVENANT RAMS

Head Coach: Chris Oxford

Assistant Coach(s): Bubba Howard, Mitch Hinson

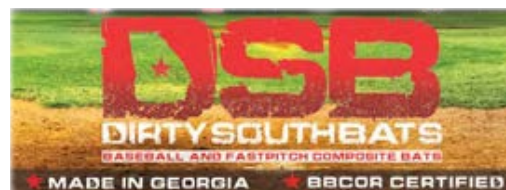
2022 Record: 12-11

Returning Starters: RHP/U Tiger Howard (Sr., 5-8, 155, R/R); RHP/OF Quint Hartley (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); C Asa Wood (So., 5-8, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Jack Hartley (So., 5-7, 140, R/R); RHP/2B Elijah Wood (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R)



Asa Wood
Covenant



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REGION 1-1A

Region Favorite: Flint River

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

INF -- Christopher Callahan, Jr., Flint River; **RHP/INF** -- Lucas Martin, Jr., Flint River; **P/INF** -- Hunter Normandeau, Jr., Flint River; **SS/RHP** -- Josh Tanner, Sr., Harvester Christian



ATLANTA JEWISH ACADEMY JAGUARS

Head Coach: TBA
Survey not returned



FLINT RIVER WILDCATS

Head Coach: Chris Callahan
Assistant Coach(s): Nick Salter, Jack Martin
2022 Record: 8-11

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Lucas Martin (Jr., L/R); INF Sullivan Jones (So., R/R); OF Tyler Pasley (Jr., R/R); INF Christopher Callahan (Jr., R/R); C Raines Foster (Sr., R/R); RHP/OF Brack Spangler (So., R/R); RHP Cole Perkins (Sr., R/R)
Other Returning Players: INF Brody Howard (Jr., R/R); OF Conner Amerson (So., R/R); OF J Stanton Pritchard (So., R/R); OF Hunter Pike (So., L/L)

Top Newcomers: INF Reece Johnson (Fr.); INF Mason Jones (Fr.); P/INF Hunter Normandeau (Jr.); OF Ethan Newman (Fr.); INF Hayden Salter (Fr.)

Season Outlook: The Wildcats welcome back the return of seven starters. First-baseman Christopher Callahan and pitcher/infielder Lucas Martin return, but Flint River will still be a relatively young team. However, expect Flint River to challenge for a postseason berth.



HARVESTER CHRISTIAN HAWKS

Head Coach: Chris Little
Assistant Coach(s): TBA
2022 Record: 8-3

Returning Starters: 2B Michael Allen (So., R/R); C/3B Zade Dunlap (So., R/R); 1B/LHP Parker Little (Sr., L/L); OF Max Pridgen (Sr., R/R); SS/RHP Josh Tanner (Sr., R/R); OF Aubry Young (Fr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Auston Young (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: If some younger players mature and develop, Harvester could have a chance to improve upon last year's finish. The Hawks welcome back six starters and a wealth of talented underclassmen. Shortstop/pitcher Josh Tanner is a player to keep an eye on.



LaGRANGE WARRIORS

Head Coach: TBA
Survey not returned



SOLID ROCK LIONS

Head Coach: TBA
Survey not returned

REGION 2-1A

No Schools

REGION 3-1A

Region Favorite: Fullington

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

RHP/INF/OF -- Oathen Atkinson, Fr., Grace Christian; **C** -- Graham Beckham, So., Grace Christian; **RHP/INF** -- Keith Eidson, So., Grace Christian; **1B/LHP/OF** -- Aiden Price, Jr., Fullington; **CF/LHP** -- Cody Price, Sr., Fullington; **SS/RHP** -- Cutter Tharpe, So., Fullington; **RHP/INF** -- Aiden Whittaker, So., Grace Christian; **SS/RHP** -- Wyatt Youngblood, So., Crisp



CRISP ACADEMY WILDCATS

Head Coach (s): Don Odom
Assistant Coach (s): Chuck Hester
2022 Record: 3-14

Returning Starters: 3B/DH Beau Floyd (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); CF Wade Rainey (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/L); 1B/LHP Cayden Sudduth (Jr., 5-10, 160, L/L); RF/1B Ethan Worthy (Jr., 5-10, 170, L/L); C Cody Nipper (Jr., 5-11, 185, R/R); SS/RHP Wyatt Youngblood (So., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Dalton Durham (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF Beau Collins (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R); OF Bruce Ellis (Jr., 5-6, 130, R/R); OF William Katz (So., 5-9, 125, L/L)

Top Newcomers: C/1B Luke Worley (Fr., 6-2, 175, R/R); C/OF Jacob Moore (Fr., 5-6, 135, R/R)

Season Outlook: Crisp Academy should be much better this spring as a solid group of returning players are back. The senior class is small, but keep an eye on a solid group of underclassmen who will contribute. Shortstop/pitcher Wyatt Youngblood returns after a promising season as a freshman last year.

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FULLINGTON TROJANS

Head Coach (s): Benji Brown

Assistant Coach (s): John Bryant, Jim Hartin

2022 Record: 10-14

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Cutter Tharpe (So., 5-7, 125, R/R); 2B Nic Warren (Sr., 6-1, 155, R/R); RHP/RF Roy Hall (Sr., 6-0, 140, R/R); OF Jacob Jones (Sr., 5-10, 140, R/R)

Other Returning Players: LF/1B Ryan Reed (Sr., 6-1, 160, R/R); 3B/DH Logan Boyd (Sr., 5-9, 200, R/R); RHP/3B Ben Howard (So., 5-9, 185, R/R); OF Will Greer (So., 5-9, 200, R/R); 1B/DH Garlan Godfrey (Fr., 5-9, 230, R/R); 1B/DH John Wilson Floyd (Fr., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: CF/LHP Cody Price (Sr., 5-10, 135, R/L); 1B/LHP/OF Aiden Price (Jr., 6-1, 150, L/L); OF/LHP Blake Scarboro (Jr., 5-10, 210, L/L)

Season Outlook: Look for Fullington to contend for the region title this spring. Four starters are back, three of them seniors. Keep an eye on shortstop/pitcher Cutter Tharpe who was an all-region selection as a freshman last year. A trio of seniors will lead the way in Nic Warren, Roy Hall and Jacob Jones.



GRACE CHRISTIAN COUGARS

Head Coach (s): Ryan Riles

Assistant Coach (s): TJ Andrews, Pate Dixon

2022 Record: 0-7

Returning Starters: INF John Crews (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF/OF Spencer Blanton (So., R/R); C Graham Beckham (So., R/R); OF Hayden Cohen (So., R/R); RHP/INF Keith Eidson (So., R/R); INF Hines Roberts (So., R/R); OF Landon Temples (So., R/R); RHP/INF Aiden Whittaker (So., R/R); RHP/INF/OF Oathen Atkinson (Fr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/OF Cade Wells (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Cougars look to turn things around after a disappointing finish in 2022. Grace will still be very young. The good news is that nine starters are back, including senior infielder John Crews who returns to give the Cougars a leader to build around.

REGION 4-1A

Region Favorite: Thomas Jefferson

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

2B/RHP – Cam Beasley, Jr., Thomas Jefferson; **C/RHP** – Richard Braddy, Fr., David Emanuel; **SS/RHP/C** – Cavan Calhoun, So., David Emanuel; **1B/LHP** – Ty Cobb, Jr., Thomas Jefferson; **OF/LHP** – Blake Dollar, Sr., Thomas Jefferson; **C/RHP** – Brody Fleming, Fr., David Emanuel; **SS/RHP/C** – Clayton Hood, So., David Emanuel



DAVID EMANUEL EAGLES

Head Coach: Clint Inman

Assistant Coach(s): Daniel Flowers

2022 Record: 13-4

Returning Starters: 3B/RHP Riley Griner (Sr., R/R); SS/RHP/C Cavan Calhoun (So., R/R); SS/RHP/C Clayton Hood (So., R/R); OF Jaxson Wiggins (So., R/R); C/RHP Brody Fleming (Fr., R/R); 2B/C/RHP Judd Wilkes (Fr., R/R); C/RHP Richard Braddy (Fr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/RHP Jay Carter (Jr., R/R); OF/RHP Cooper Riner (Fr., L/R); OF Billy Martin (Jr., R/R); OF Revan Fornter (Fr., R/R); OF/RHP Peyton Templeton (Fr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: SS/C/RHP Ethan Fields (8th, B/R); 2B/C/RHP Tucker Free (8th, R/R); 1B/C/RHP Layton Terwilliger (8th, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Eagles return a talented team and should have a chance to approach last year's success. David Emanuel welcomes back seven starters, including standouts Clayton Hood and Brody Fleming. Keep an eye on an excellent group of younger players who will contribute.



JOHN HANCOCK REBELS

Head Coach: TBA

Survey not returned



MONSIGNOR DONOVAN RAMS

Head Coach: TBA

Survey not returned



THOMAS JEFFERSON JAGUARS

Head Coach: Andy Bonifay (new)

Assistant Coach(s): Myran Hunt, Tanner Brackett

2022 Record: 19-2

Returning Starters: OF/LHP Blake Dollar (Sr., 5-11, 175, L/L); C/RHP Samuel Smith (Sr., 5-9, 185, R/R); SS Carson Peavy (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); INF/OF John Durden (Sr., 5-9, 180, R/R); 1B/LHP Ty Cobb (Jr., 5-11, 190, L/L); 2B/RHP Cam Beasley (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF Beans Hunt (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C Ben Bailey (Sr., 5-11, 190, R/R); OF Cole Parrish (Sr., 6-4, 190, R/R); 1B/OF Joe Miller (Sr., 6-2, 220, R/R); P/OF Carson Davis (Sr., 6-0, 185); C Will McNeely (Jr., 6-1, 190, R/R); OF Tre Moore (So., 5-7, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Sam Miller (So., 5-11, 150, R/R); OF JC Cox (So., 5-11, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: U Cason Walden (Fr., 6-1, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: After winning the Class 1A state championship last year, the Jaguars could make another deep run this spring. Seven starters are back, including all-state standouts Blake Dollar, Cam Beasley and Ty Cobb. The senior class is strong, but look for a solid group of juniors and sophomores to contend for playing time.

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REGION 5-1A

No Schools

REGION 6-1A

Region Favorite: Robert Toombs

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

INF/RHP -- Cameron Eason, Sr., First Preparatory Christian; **LHP/OF** -- Caleb Harmon, Sr., First Preparatory Christian; **C** -- Tyler Kindle, Jr., Memorial Day; **2B** -- Cayden Nance, Fr., Robert Toombs; **INF/RHP** -- Evan North, Jr., First Preparatory Christian; **INF/RHP** -- River North, Sr., First Preparatory Christian; **1B/RHP** -- Dawson Pinckard, Sr., Robert Toombs; **RHP/OF** -- TJ Stanley, So., Robert Toombs



FIRST PREPARATORY CHRISTIAN HIGHLANDERS

Head Coach (s): Elias Macias

Assistant Coach (s): Tony Harmon, James Arnold

2022 Record: 17-11

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Cameron Eason (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); LHP/OF Caleb Harmon (Sr., 6-0, 150, L/L); INF/RHP River North (Sr., 6-2, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Evan North (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF/OF Mason Bruning (Sr., 5-10, 140, R/R); INF/OF Hayden Arney (So., 5-9, 145, R/R); OF Xavier Anderson (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); INF/OF Logan Brown (So., 5-10, 170, R/R)



MEMORIAL DAY MATADORS

Head Coach: Tyler Helmly

Assistant Coach(s): Carson Lane

2022 Record: 0-12

Returning Starters: C Tyler Kindle (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R); 1B Joe Barnes (Jr., 6-3, 250, R/R); 3B Nate Parker (Jr., 5-9, 230, R/R); LHP/1B Jeremiah Toub (Jr., 5-10, 180, L/L); 2B Christian Vaughn (So., 6-1, 145, R/R); OF Assir Best (So., 5-8, 125, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Matadors look to rebound from a disappointing season in 2022. Memorial Day should do just that as six starters return. The Matadors will still be very young relying on mostly underclassmen. Keep an eye on catcher Tyler Kindle who was promising last year.



ROBERT TOOMBS CRUSADERS

Head Coach: Brian Fitzgerald

Assistant Coach(s): Scott Tuck, Billy Nance, Britt Tabor

2022 Record: 15-4

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Returning Starters: 2B Cayden Nance (Fr., 5-10, 160, R/L); SS Hayden Kight (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R); RHP/OF Andrew Tuck (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R); RHP/OF TJ Stanley (So., 6-3, 205, R/R); C Gage Brantley (So., 6-0, 205, R/R); OF/RHP Tripp Durden (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); 1B/RHP Dawson Pinckard (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R); OF Rayce Sharpe (Sr., 6-1, 140, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Britton Tabor (Fr., 6-0, 150, R/R); OF Ashton Phillips (Fr., 5-9, 140, R/L); OF Easton Drew (Fr., 5-9, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Blake Durden (Fr., 6-0, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Crusaders should contend for the region title as a wealth of talented players return. Robert Toombs will still be relatively young. All-state standout Dawson Pinckard returns to lead the way, but keep an eye on second-baseman Cayden Nance and pitcher/outfielder TJ Stanley who showed a lot of promise last season.



SCREVEN CHRISTIAN WILDCATS

Head Coach: TBA

Survey not returned



TWIGGS ACADEMY TROJANS

Head Coach: Jay Holliday

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