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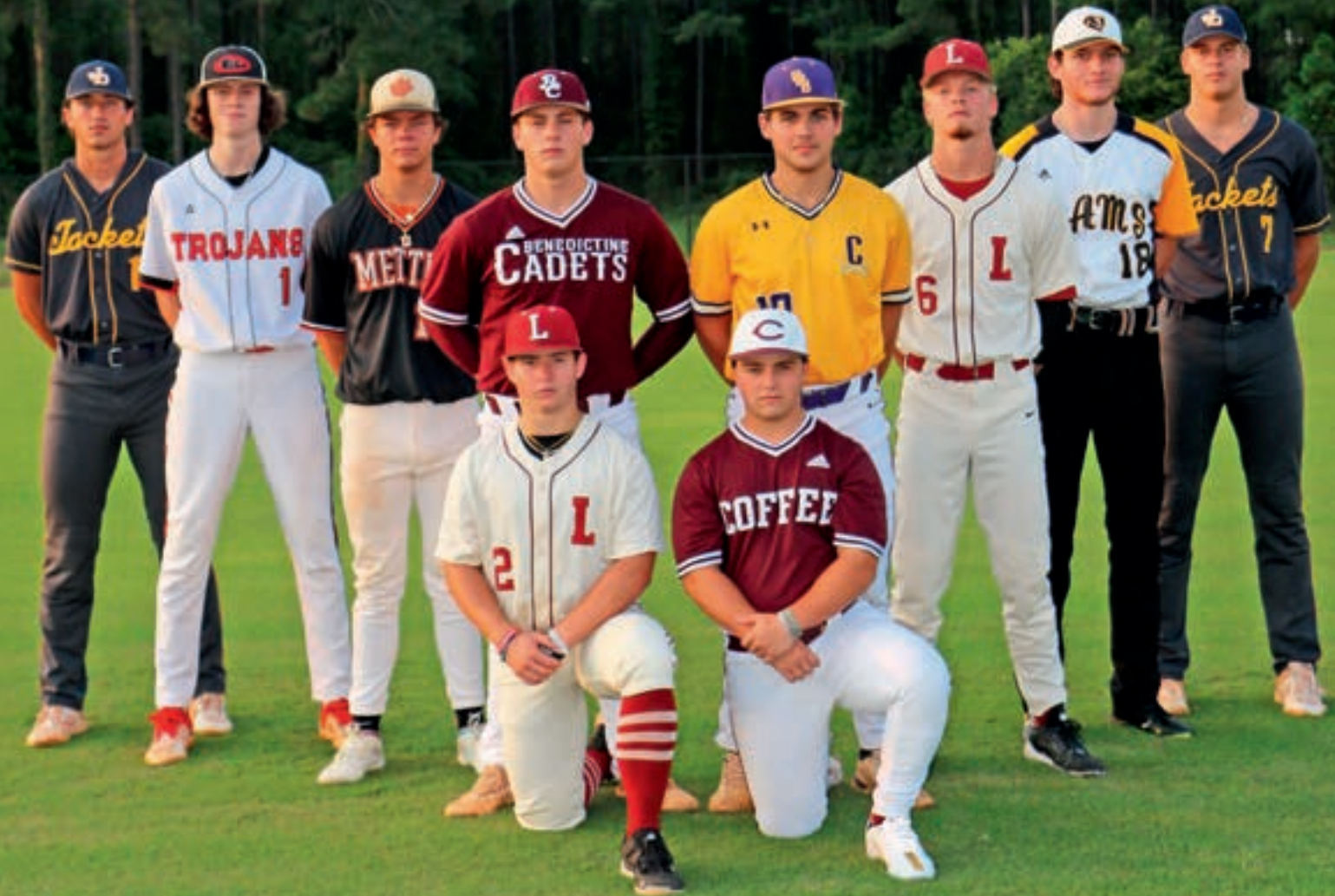


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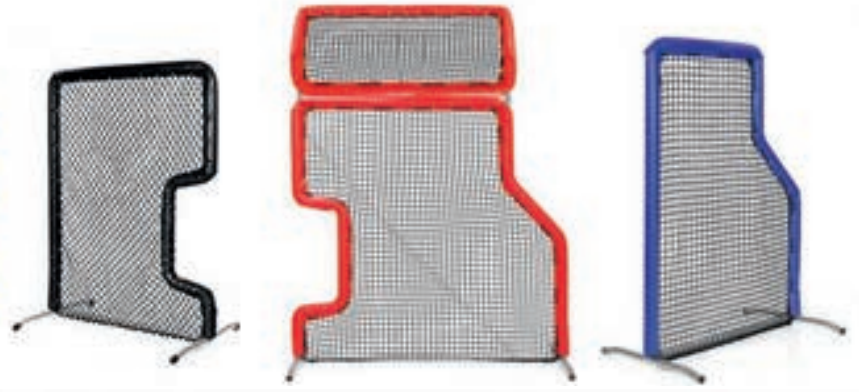
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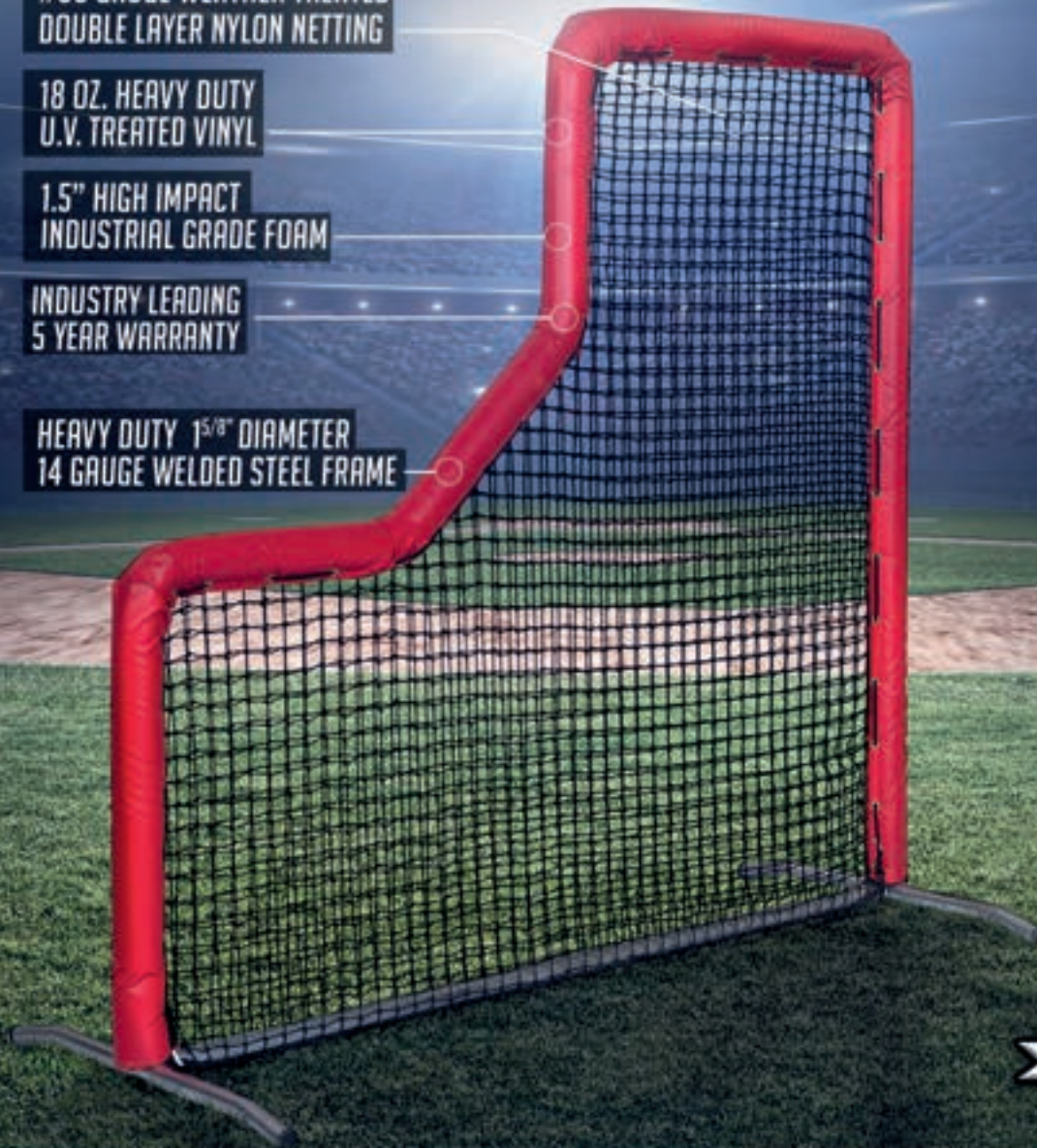
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Dear Readers,

We hear media pundits speak of how good Georgia high school baseball really is. From names like Zack Wheeler, Matt Olson, Byron Buxton, Dylan Cease, Josh Lowe to CJ Abrams, those are just a handful of current Major League Baseball stars from this great state. Those names also graced the cover at some point of this magazine's 18-year history.

There are many more from this state still playing professionally. Georgia truly is a hotbed for prep baseball.

That brings us to 2024 with some key questions. Will Loganville's dynasty continue? The Red Devils have played in the state baseball championship series every year since 2016. Will North Oconee join so many others who have won three consecutive state baseball titles? Harlem lost just one game in its run to a Class 3A title last year. Can the Bulldogs do it again?

Can anyone slow down Prince Avenue Christian in Class 1A Division I?

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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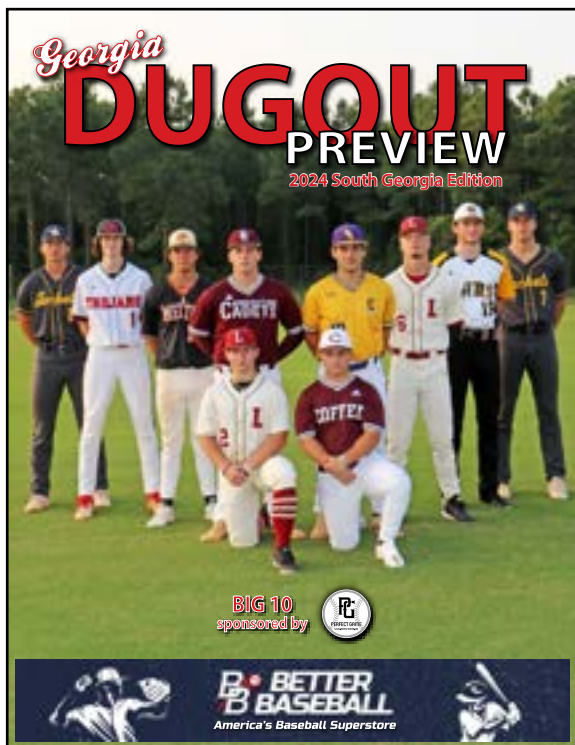
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On our North Georgia cover is, **Front Row (kneeling)**, Cherokee Bluff's Jacob Vokal. **Back Row (l-r)**, Forsyth Central's Alex Hernandez, Ringgold's Sebastian Haggard, North Cobb Christian's Michael Mullinax, North Cobb's Jay Abernathy, Pickens' Connor Shouse, North Oconee's KJ Moon, Apalachee's Judah Powell and Cartersville's Ryan Johnson. (Not pictured is Jackson County's Sam Bradley)



On our South Georgia cover is, **Front Row (kneeling)**, Lowndes' Carson Page and Coffee's Cannon Jones. **Back Row (l-r)**, Jeff Davis' Alex Mason, Lee County's Gaven Smith, Metter's Rustan Rigdon, Benedictine's Parker McCoy, Calvary Day's Will Hampton, Lowndes' Tate Sirmans, Worth County's Owen Hancock and Jeff Davis' Duke Stone



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Name: Dimitri Angelakos

School: Etowah

Position: Pitcher/infielder

Height/Weight: 6-3/200

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

A: I always tap my wrist band before I pitch.



Name: Conrad Cason

School: Greater Atlanta Christian

Position: Infielder/pitcher

Height/Weight: 6-2/185

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

A: Playing pickleball.



Name: Cade Brown

School: Parkview

Position: Infielder

Height/Weight: 6-2/200

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

A: Professional fisherman.



Name: Levi Clark

School: Walton

Position: Catcher/infielder

Height/Weight: 6-2/195

Q: Who has been the most influential person in your life and why?

A: My brother. He taught me how to play baseball and how to play it the right way.



Name: Bryce Clavon

School: Kell

Position: Infielder

Height/Weight: 6-0/185

Q: Who is your favorite professional sports team?

A: Los Angeles Lakers.



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Metro Atlanta BIG 10



Name: Terrence Kiel
School: Pace Academy
Position: Infielder/outfielder
Height/Weight: 6-0/180
Q: Who is your favorite teacher and what is your favorite high school subject?
A: My favorite teacher is Mr. Gannon and my favorite subject is science.



Name: Thorpe Musci
School: Parkview
Position: Pitcher
Height/Weight: 6-0/190
Q: Name one thing people may be surprised to learn about you?
A: I love kayaking.



Name: Dane Moehler
School: Walton
Position: Pitcher
Height/Weight: 6-3/190
Q: What is your favorite food to eat?
A: Spaghetti and meat balls, and I can always go for some breadsticks with that too.



Name: Erik Parker
School: North Gwinnett
Position: Infielder
Height/Weight: 6-3/185
Q: What jersey number do you wear and what reason did you choose that number?
A: No. 24 - I wear 24 because while my mom played in college & overseas, she wore either 42 or 24, & my dad wore 22 while playing basketball. So, I just basically combined them together & got 24.



Name: Nate Taylor
School: Buford
Position: Pitcher/infielder
Height/Weight: 6-2/205
Q: What do you like the most about playing baseball?
A: I like the aspect of how much mental goes into it.



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North Georgia BIG 10



Name: Jay Abernathy
School: North Cobb
Position: Infielder
Height/Weight: 5-10/175
Q: What in-game rituals or superstitions do you have?
A: I fix my gloves with my teeth.



Name: Alex Hernandez
School: Forsyth Central
Position: Pitcher/infielder/
outfielder
Height/Weight: 6-2/200
Q: Who has been the most
influential person in your life and
why?
A: Great Grandma Marlene. She
has always taught me to compete.
Even in her 90s, she still wants to
compete and beat me in everything
– golf, ping-pong, tennis, etc.



Name: Sebastian Haggard
School: Ringgold
Position: Pitcher/infielder
Height/Weight: 6-4/200
Q: Who is your favorite teacher
and what is your favorite high
school subject?
A: My favorite teacher is Mrs.
Johnson and my favorite high
school subject is chemistry.



Name: Ryan Johnson
School: Cartersville
Position: Pitcher
Height/Weight: 6-3/180
Q: What is your favorite food to
eat?
A: A good grilled burger.



Name: KJ Moon
School: North Oconee
Position: Infielder/pitcher
Height/Weight: 6-1/210
Q: What do you like the most
about playing baseball?
A: I love the mental challenges
that it incorporates. I feel like it
can really prepare you to be a
mentally sharp person in the
real world and be able to handle
mentally-challenging tasks.



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North Georgia BIG 10



Name: Michael Mullinax
School: North Cobb Christian
Position: Outfielder
Height/Weight: 6-0/185

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

A: I play the guitar.



Name: Connor Shouse
School: Pickens
Position: Pitcher/infielder
Height/Weight: 6-1/180

Q: What jersey number do you wear and what reason did you choose that number?

A: No. 8 – I switched to No. 8 because I found out my mother passed away on 8/8.



Name: Judah Powell
School: Apalachee
Position: Infielder/pitcher
Height/Weight: 6-4/225

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

A: I hold the school record for the longest punt.



Name: Jacob Vokal
School: Cherokee Bluff
Position: Infielder/pitcher
Height/Weight: 6-0/160

Q: What do you like the most about playing baseball?

A: The bond I have with my teammates and the fun that comes with it.



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South Georgia BIG 10



Name: Will Hampton

School: Calvary Day

Position: Infielder/outfielder/
pitcher

Height/Weight: 5-11/195

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

A: Bible verse in back pocket,
tape wrists, eye black.



Name: Cannon Jones

School: Coffee

Position: Infielder

Height/Weight: 5-7/170

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

A: I want to stay in the game. I
hope to be a grad assistant after
I am done playing and make a
career coaching college baseball.



Name: Owen Hancock

School: Worth County

Position: Pitcher

Height/Weight: 6-4/180

Q: What is your favorite food to
eat?

A: Steak and creamed corn.



Name: Alex Mason

School: Jeff Davis

Position: Third Baseman/pitcher

Height/Weight: 6-4/215

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

A: I wear the same pair of socks
every time I pitch.



Name: Parker McCoy

School: Benedictine

Position: Infielder/pitcher

Height/Weight: 6-1/190

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

A: Playing pickleball.



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South Georgia BIG 10



Name: Carson Page

School: Lowndes

Position: Infielder

Height/Weight: 5-7/165

Q: What jersey number do you wear and what reason did you choose that number?

A: No. 2 – My dad also wore no. 2.



Name: Tate Sirmans

School: Lowndes

Position: Third-Baseman/
outfield

Height/Weight: 6-0/175

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

A: I like to metal detect.



Name: Rustan Rigdon

School: Metter

Position: Shortstop/pitcher

Height/Weight: 6-0/185

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

A: Coach Skyler Smith – math.



Name: Gaven Smith

School: Lee County

Position: Pitcher

Height/Weight: 6-4/170

Q: Who has been the most influential person in your life and why?

A: My parents. They push me to be better every day.



Name: Duke Stone

School: Jeff Davis

Position: Infielder/pitcher

Height/Weight: 6-5/220

Q: What do you like the most about playing baseball?

A: I like the battle between the pitcher and the hitter.



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GIAA BIG 10



Name: Blake Bellflower

School: John Millledge

Position: Infielder

Height/Weight: 6-0/205

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

A: I wear sliding shorts all day and drink a Red Bull.



Name: Daylor Drawdy

School: Terrell Academy

Position: Infielder/utility

Height/Weight: 5-10/155

Q: What jersey number do you wear and what reason did you choose that number?

A: No. 3 – Because I am Kenneth Daylor Drawdy III.



Name: Ty Cobb

School: Thomas Jefferson

Position: First-baseman/pitcher

Height/Weight: 6-1/195

Q: What do you like the most about playing baseball?

A: Going out and competing with my friends.



Name: David Kile

School: Terrell Academy

Position: Infielder

Height/Weight: 6-2/185

Q: Who is your favorite professional sports team?

A: The University of Georgia.



Name: Cooper McMullen

School: Tattnall Square

Position: Pitcher/outfielder

Height/Weight: 6-2/195

Q: What is your favorite food to eat?

A: My grandma's gumbo.



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GIAA BIG 10



Name: Taft Middleton

School: Brookstone

Position: Pitcher/infielder/
outfielder

Height/Weight: 6-3/220

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

A: Mrs. Smith (a.k.a. Mrs. Boofus) was the most fun teacher. I had her for fifth-grade English and it was so obvious she cared about us.



Name: Bricen Smith

School: Mount de Sales

Position: Infielder

Height/Weight: 6-0/185

Q: Who has been the most influential person in your life & why?

A: My parents have been the most influential people in my life because they have always believed in me. They have always given me the emotional support when things haven't gone so well because the mental side of the game is tough. They have always encouraged me to keep taking small steps to reach my goal in this sport.



Name: Evan North

School: First Preparatory Christian

Position: Infielder/pitcher

Height/Weight: 6-0/175

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

A: I honestly don't know what I want to do after baseball. I'm considering going to technical school for machinist or welding, but right now, I'm enjoying every bit of baseball while I can. I am attending showcases and would like to believe college baseball is in my future.



Name: Cooper Willburn

School: John Milledge

Position: Infielder/pitcher

Height/Weight: 5-11/165

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

A: Nickname at school is "Texas," being that's where I moved to Georgia from back in 2021.



Name: Lawson Wooten

School: Gatewood

Position: Pitcher/infielder

Height/Weight: 6-2/195

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

A: I chew gum while pitching to control my rhythm and delivery.



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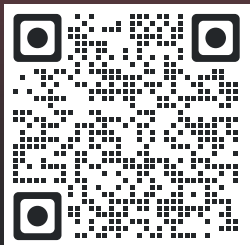
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Jerry Boatner	Clarke Central	1205	390
**Bobby Howard	Mosley (Fla.)	1,062	349
Gerald Barnes	retired, 2022	953	337
Jimmie Lewis	Harlem	860	438
John Brown	retired, 2014	781	356
Donnie English	retired, 2014	716	397
Stuart Chester	Buford	707	191
Harvey Cochran	retired, 2012	682	348
Andy Harlin	Saint Pius X	680	234
Joey Hiller	Peach County	641	144
Carl Carter	retired, 2019	637	223
Donnie Branch	LaGrange	627	299
Chip Henderson	retired, 2021	623	191
Renza Israel	retired, 2009	623	316
Terry Holder	retired, 2009	588	153
Mike Power	Kings Ridge Christian	586	248
Tommy Knight	retired, 2022	585	454
Cliff Shelton	retired, 2014	578	298
Terry Cadenhead	retired, 2005	577	305
Franklin Deloach	East Coweta	560	225
Tony Boyd	East Paulding	551	417
Chan Brown	Parkview	551	166
Dennis Jordan	retired, 2022	550	224
Jeff Rowland	Holy Innocents'	550	254
Jeff Segars	retired, 2021	547	212
Hugh Buchanan	retired, 2004	546	245
Bubber Adams	retired, 2001	543	157
Doug Jones	Mill Creek	543	279
Mike Strickland	Marist	539	272
Danny Blue	retired, 2019	536	224
Charlie Griffeth	retired, 2016	532	320
Rob Williams	retired, 2013	529	203
Mark Clark	retired, 2015	528	245
Dwayne Sapp	retired, 2022	528	245
John White	Lanier County	527	238
Bob Owsley	retired, 2010	520	218
Kevin Farmer	retired, 2023	517	157
Frank Vashaw	Rockdale County	515	314
Brian Smith	Winder-Barrow	514	273
Charlie Owens	retired, 2011	513	442
John Sawyer	retired, 1999	513	295
Marvin Pruitt	retired, 2014	510	300
Lance Oubs	Lovett	509	229
Brent Moseley	Starr's Mill	507	226
Todd Eubanks	Woodland-Bartow	505	281
James Bolden	retired, 2007	504	305
Brad Porter	retired, 2022	504	249
James Conoly	retired, 2010	498	313
Paul Glass	Jeff Davis	498	257
David McDonald	retired, 2010	496	322



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Georgia High School Baseball State Records

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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
2	Eric Snow	Mary Persons	70	2022

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	Carson Kerce	Pope	11	2023
3	Harrison Stewart	Thomasville	10	2017

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	Kaleb Cost	Sandy Creek	84	2023
2	Ladonis Bryant	Early County	59	2013
3	Eddie Noble	Lanier County	57	2001

RBI's in a Season

1	Brodie Pullen	Calhoun	74	2005
2	Drew Burress	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	Carson Kerce	Pope	19	2000-2023
3	Two players tied		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	Kaleb Cost	Sandy Creek	151	2020-2023
2	Antonio Allen	Jonesboro	134	2007-2010
3	Andrew Smith	North Hall	122	2010-2014

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	Vance Walker	Heritage-Conyers	118	1982

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

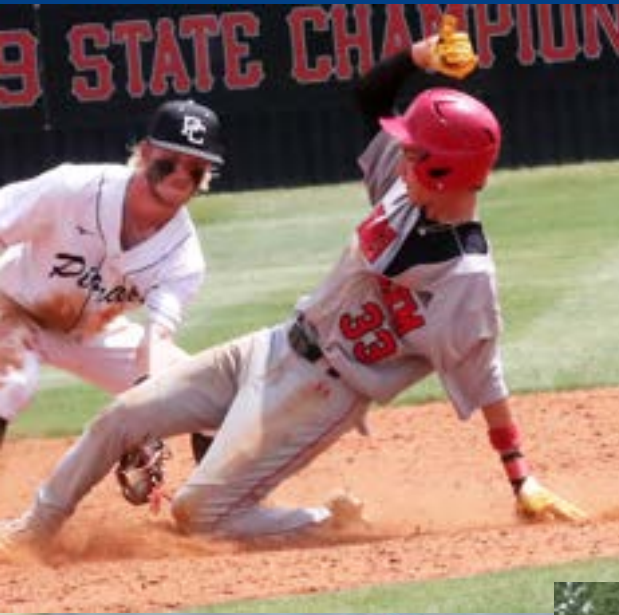
Strikeouts in a Career

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



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Class 7A State Champions: Lowndes Vikings



Team members are (l-r), Maddox Harrell, Carson Page, Caleb Thornton, Cooper Scruggs, Luke Register, Tate Sirmans, Garrett Carter, Ashton Bohler, Coleman Lewis, Qrey Lott, Caleb Moore, Frank Ruepp, Layten Shelton, Hayden Hall, Eli Willis, Noah Thigpen, Jordan Hudson, Brayden York, Cason Fletcher, Jack Lockhart, Nate Slaughter, Kyle Alonso, Jude Jaramillo, Jackson Hill, Cooper Melvin and Ty Macera. Coaches are Ryan Page (Head Coach), Luke Miller, Lance Jarriel, Matt Crews, Taylor Wilkins, Adam Amar, Scott Fletcher and Kyler Kirkland.

2023 Leaders

Offense

Avg. – Tate Sirmans (.426)
 Hits – Cooper Melvin (49)
 Doubles – Qrey Lott (12)
 Triples – Qrey Lott (2)
 Homers – Tate Sirmans, Qrey Lott (7)
 RBIs – Cooper Melvin (38)
 Runs – Tate Sirmans (43)
 Walks – Carson Page (25)

Pitching

Innings – Caleb Thornton, Ashton Bohler (66)
 Wins – Ashton Bohler (8)
 Strikeouts – Caleb Thornton (61)
 ERA – Luke Register (1.80)



Lowndes' Carson Page is tagged out at home by Parkview's Ethan Finch in Game 1 of the Class 7A state championship series. **Photo by GHSA.**

Lowndes Vikings (28-12)

Lee County, W, 3-2
 Houston County, L, 2-14
 South Forsyth, W, 3-2
 Carrollton, W, 11-6
 Lee County, L, 0-4
 Tampa (FL) Jesuit, L, 1-11
 Neumann (FL), W, 10-4
 Thomas Co. Central, W, 6-3
 Daphne (AL), L, 3-4
 Jackson Prep (MS), L, 4-14
 Faith Academy (AL), L, 2-10

Hueytown (AL), L, 6-11
 Bartram Trail (FL), L, 3-19
 St. Johns (FL), L, 10-12
 Richmond Hill, W, 10-0
 Richmond Hill, W, 9-7
 Richmond Hill, W, 13-2
 Colquitt County, W, 10-0
 Colquitt County, W, 13-0
 Colquitt County, W, 10-0
 Chiles (FL), L, 3-7
 Bishop Kenny (FL), L, 3-4

Univ. Christian (FL), W, 8-6
 Camden County, W, 12-3
 Camden County, W, 9-5
 Valdosta, W, 2-0
 Valdosta, W, 8-0
 Valdosta, W, 10-3
 Thomas Co. Central, W, 3-2

Grayson, W, 16-1
 North Gwinnett, L, 3-12
 North Gwinnett, W, 9-4
 North Gwinnett, W, 9-3
 North Paulding, W, 3-0
 North Paulding, W, 4-3

State Playoffs

Westlake, W, 15-11
 Westlake, W, 12-2
 Grayson, W, 8-6

State Championship Series (At Truist Park, Atlanta)

Parkview, W, 3-2
 Parkview, W, 5-2

Class 6A State Champions: Houston County Bears



Team members are **Sitting (l-r)**, Elijah Smith, Christian Wahiwe, Reagan Bogue (manager). **Kneeling (l-r)**, Noah Odom, Isaac Velez, Landon Tankersley, Vick Gann, Max Willhide, Ty Waters, Ethan Buffone, Drew Burress, Hunter Chiappetta, Kendall Jackson, JT Withers, Jacy Harrelson (manager), Tess Rollins (manager). **Back Row (l-r)**, Coach Jared Allen, Coach Nate Moorhouse, Coach Carson Balliew, Coach Christian Davis, Mike Minicozzi (trainer), Nicholas Noel (manager), Lawson Kent, Logan Elble, Coach Ethan Broome, Carson Small, Eli Stephens, Hudson Sherman, Will Allen, Andrew Dunford, Cam Cunningham, Brooks Willis, Troy Carpenter, Tucker Hale, Braylen Matthews (manager), Kai Decker, Ryker Chavis, Coach Steve Pickett, Jase Hopkins (bat boy), Head coach Matt Hopkins, Coach Chris Harrelson and Coach Randy Jones. **Photo by GHSA.**

2023 Leaders

Offense

Avg. – Andrew Dunford (.489)
 Hits – Andrew Dunford (69)
 Doubles – Drew Burress (17)
 Triples – Drew Burress (3)
 Homers – Drew Burress (13)
 RBIs – Drew Burress (59)
 Runs – Drew Burress (52)
 Walks – Eli Stephens (35)

Pitching

Innings – Ryker Chavis (77)
 Wins – Ryker Chavis (10)
 Strikeouts – Ryker Chavis (92)
 ERA – Ryker Chavis (1.45)



Houston County players celebrate after winning the Class 6A state baseball championship at Coolray Field.

Houston County Bears (36-6)

Lowndes, W, 14-2
 Marist, W, 10-5
 Marist, W, 10-8
 Warner Robins, W, 22-3
 Jones County, W, 10-0
 Perry, W, 3-0
 Helena (AL), W, 10-6
 N. Broward Prep (FL), W, 7-6
 Central-Phenix City (AL), W, 5-4
 IMG Academy (FL), L, 1-13
 Northside-WR, W, 12-4
 Northside-WR, W, 15-0

Northside-WR, W, 8-2
 Veterans, W, 8-2
 Veterans, W, 11-1
 Veterans, W, 10-0
 Thomas Co. Central, W, 13-0
 Thomas Co. Central, W, 14-1
 Thomas Co. Central, W, 10-0
 JSerra Catholic (CA), L, 3-4
 Hagerty (FL), L, 3-4
 Calvary Christian (FL), W, 3-0
 Jesuit (OR), L, 3-4
 Tift County, W, 10-4

Tift County, W, 6-3
 Tift County, W, 7-4
 Lee County, W, 7-1
 Lee County, W, 12-2
 Lee County, W, 6-5
 Ola, W, 4-1

State Playoffs

Brunswick, W, 13-1
 Brunswick, W, 11-4
 Marist, W, 8-3
 Marist, L, 3-7

Marist, W, 18-7
 Blessed Trinity, L, 3-5
 Blessed Trinity, W, 4-2
 Blessed Trinity, W, 6-1
 Etowah, W, 6-5
 Etowah, W, 4-1

State Championship Series (At Coolray Field, Lawrenceville)

Pope, W, 8-3
 Pope, W, 7-4

Class 5A State Champions: Loganville Red Devils



Team members are, Gage Fullerton, Tucker Segars, Jaylen Jones, Angel Quezada, Sherman Johnson II, Nolan Keener, Ace Kenny, Jordan Johnson, Jordan Davis, Tyler Whitley, Mason Steele, Kaiden Howell, Sam Scolamiero, Davis Roesler, Jake Boland, Layne Ayers, Kaden Freeman, Landon Hollis, James Beaver, Joshua Myers, Joseph Johnson and Jack Phillips. Not pictured is Brody Hannah and Matthew Berardinelli. Coaches are Bran Mills (Head Coach), Mike Ryan, Brandon Anglin, Jeff Segars, Andy Sargent, Jeff Hewatt, Cody McCance and Ashley Senn. **Photos by Brett Fowler.**

2023 Leaders

Offense

Avg. – Sherman Johnson II (.417)
 Hits – Jaylen Jones (51)
 Doubles – Sherman Johnson II, Jaylen Jones (10)
 Triples – Sherman Johnson II (2)
 Homers – Jaylen Jones (3)
 RBIs – Sherman Johnson II (37)
 Runs – Jaylen Jones (43)
 Walks – Tucker Segars (25)

Pitching

Innings – Jordan Davis (70)
 Wins – Jordan Davis (12)
 Strikeouts – Jordan Davis (69)
 ERA (Minimum 30 inn) – Tucker Segars (0.96)



Loganville pitcher Sherman Johnson II and catcher Joe Johnson celebrate after the final out in Game 2 against McIntosh in the state championship series.

Loganville Red Devils (33-8)

Mill Creek, W, 3-1	Eastside, W, 11-1
Buford, W, 6-2	North Gwinnett, L, 5-7
Wayne County, W, 8-5	Archer, W, 5-3
Etowah, L, 2-7	Clarke Central, W, 5-1
South Forsyth, L, 7-0	Clarke Central, W, 15-0
Etowah (AL), W, 12-5	Parkview, L, 8-12
Catholic BR (LA), W, 2-0	Flowery Branch, W, 5-2
Montverde Academy (FL), L, 3-5	Flowery Branch, W, 2-1
Bob Jones (AL), L, 1-3	Heritage-Conyers, W, 7-3
Grayson, W, 9-0	Heritage-Conyers, W, 9-0
Brookwood, L, 4-5	Plainfield North (IL), W, 8-1
Eastside, W, 10-1	Marist, W, 4-1

Oconee County, W, 14-8	Locust Grove, L, 3-6
Winder-Barrow, W, 9-3	Locust Grove, W, 5-0
Winder-Barrow, W, 3-0	Locust Grove, W, 3-2
Jefferson, W, 7-3	Greenbrier, W, 12-5
Jefferson, W, 6-1	Greenbrier, W, 7-4
Winder-Barrow, W, 4-3	

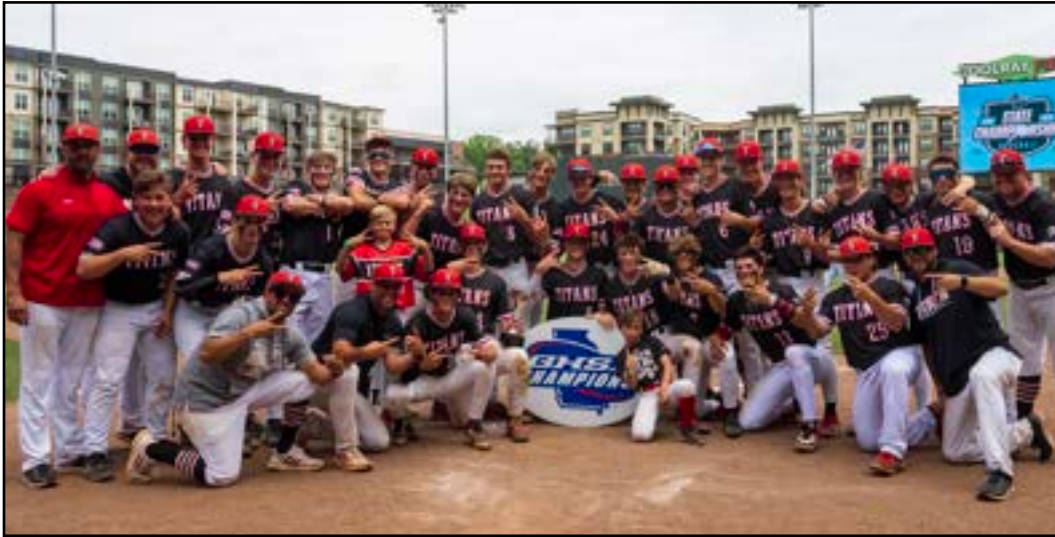
State Playoffs

Dalton, W, 11-1
 Dalton, W, 11-4
 Chapel Hill, W, 5-1
 Chapel Hill, W, 12-0

State Championship Series (At Coolray Field, Lawrenceville)

McIntosh, W, 4-1
 McIntosh, W, 5-4

Class 4A State Champions: North Oconee Titans



Team members are, Grayson Godbee, Cale Stricklin, Luke Burnett, Wyatt Land, Nick Wiley, Jack Fabris, Nolan Morris, Don Sams, Branson Dykes, Braden Warren, KJ Moon, Kyle Jones, Ethan Jarvis, Colin Bull, Ryan Postnieks, Braedon Hassan, Timothy Todd, Landon Roldan, Cameron Hassan, Denton Morris, Casey Cloud, Garrett Post, Wyatt Brown, Wyatt Bull, Noah Allen, Cannon O'Mara, Landon Wilson, AJ O'Mara (bat boy) and Hayes Lasley (bat boy). Coaches are Jay Lasley (head coach), Tom Dimitroff, Matthew Kelley, Eric Bounds, Brandon Gaubert, Tyler Pittman.

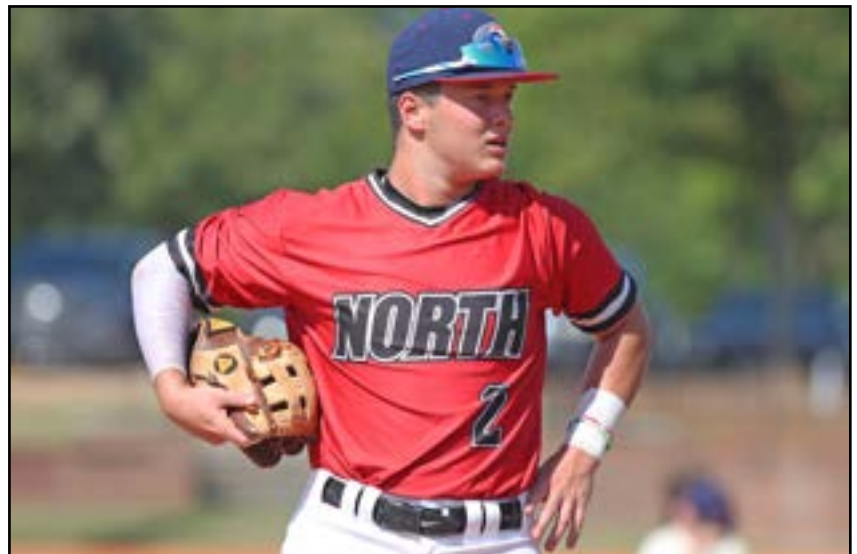
2023 Leaders

Offense

Avg. – Cale Stricklin (.474)
 Hits – Cale Stricklin (55)
 Doubles – KJ Moon (13)
 Triples – Jack Fabris, Kyle Jones(3)
 Homers – KJ Moon (10)
 RBIs – KJ Moon (57)
 Runs – Jack Fabris (56)
 Walks – Ethan Jarvis (26)

Pitching

Innings – KJ Moon (57 2/3)
 Wins – KJ Moon (12)
 Strikeouts – KJ Moon (71)
 ERA (Minimum 30 inn) – Nolan Morris (1.01)



North Oconee's Grayson Godbee played a key role in the Titans' second straight state title.

North Oconee Titans (34-5)

Marist, W, 3-0	Cedar Shoals, W, 16-5
Richmond Hill, W, 7-3	Cedar Shoals, W, 15-3
North Forsyth, W, 12-2	Winder-Barrow, L, 3-8
Oconee County, W, 12-4	Cedar Shoals, W, 14-0
Archer, W, 16-3	Seckinger, W, 11-1
Cherokee Bluff, L, 2-6	Seckinger, W, 15-0
Chestatee, W, 13-4	Seckinger, W, 7-3
North Hall, W, 9-2	Walnut Grove, W, 6-4
East Forsyth, W, 4-0	Walnut Grove, W, 10-2
East Hall, W, 10-0	Walnut Grove, W, 10-7
Peachtree Ridge, W, 13-2	Madison County, W, 5-2
Peachtree Ridge, W, 9-3	Madison County, W, 11-0

Madison County, L, 2-7
 Cherokee Bluff, L, 7-13
 Cherokee Bluff, W, 16-1
 Cherokee Bluff, W, 11-0

Starr's Mill, W, 16-5
 Starr's Mill, W, 4-1

State Playoffs

Central-Carrollton, W, 13-2
 Central-Carrollton, W, 12-0
 Pace Academy, W, 14-3
 Pace Academy, W, 11-7
 Whitewater, W, 14-5
 Whitewater, W, 9-3

State Championship Series (At Coolray Field, Lawrenceville)

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

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CLASS OF 2024 TOP 10 PLAYER RANKINGS

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1	ARNOLD ABERNATHY NORTH COBB	SS	6	NATE TAYLOR BUFORD	RHP
2	MICHAEL MULLINAX NORTH COBB CHRISTIAN	OF	7	JACKSON BARBERI BROOKWOOD	RHP
3	RUSTAN RIGDON METTER	SS	8	BRYCE CLAVON KELL	SS
4	TATE STRICKLAND HARRISON	RHP	9	DANE MOEHLER WALTON	RHP
5	LEVI CLARK WALTON	C	10	CONRAD CASON GREATER ATLANTA CHRISTIAN	RHP/ SS





**SUNDAY
SERIES #1**

2/18

**SUNDAY
SERIES #2**

3/25

**SEASON
OPENER**

3/1
TO
3/3

**SUNDAY
SERIES #3**

3/3

**PREP BASEBALL
INVITATIONAL**

3/8
TO
3/10

**SHAMROCK
CLASSIC**

3/15
TO
3/17

**MARCH
MADNESS**

3/22
TO
3/24

**EASTER
CHALLENGE**

3/29
TO
3/30

**GEORGIA
MAJOR ELITE**

4/5
TO
4/7

**BATTLE AT
LAKEPOINT**

4/12
TO
4/14

**PREP
BASEBALL
OPEN**

4/19
TO
4/21

**LAKEPOINT
CHALLENGE**

4/26
TO
4/28

**GEORGIA OPEN
STATE
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

5/3
TO
5/5

**MAY
SLUGFEST**

5/10
TO
5/12

**SOUTHEAST
SUPER SELECT**

5/17
TO
5/19

**STATE GAMES
OF GEORGIA**

5/24
TO
5/27

**PREP
BASEBALL
SHOWDOWN**

5/31
TO
6/3

**NATIONAL
PROGRAM
INVITATIONAL**

6/6
TO
6/10

**PREP
BASEBALL
CLASSIC**

6/14
TO
6/17

**IGU NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIP**

6/20
TO
6/26

**15U NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIP**

6/27
TO
7/3

**13/14U NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIP**

7/4
TO
7/10

**SOUTHEAST
SELECT**

7/11
TO
7/16

**17U NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIP**

7/17
TO
7/23

2024 LAKEPOINT

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Class 3A State Champions: Harlem Bulldogs



Team members are, Caiden Coile, Pierce Perdue, Jake Fulmer, Tryston McCladdie, Mason Crozier, Tyler Simmons, Dawson Reed, Trey Jennings, Will Holder, Walker Spivey, Landen Lewis, Emery Burnett, Brody Knight, Antonio Lindo, Landon Wingate, Braeden Prince, Brenden Morrison, Shane Wheelless, Domenic Titus, Jeremiah Hamilton, Mason Grant, Wyatt McComb, Bryce Anderson, Joseph Clark, Amerson Guy, Gio Arroyo, Jackson Decker and Banks Young. Coaches are Jimmie Lewis (head coach), Chris Waters, Lonnie Morris, Russell James and Hunter McBride.

2023 Leaders

Offense

Avg. – Tryston McCladdie (458)
 Hits – Tryston McCladdie (49)
 Doubles – Will Holder (9)
 Triples – Tyler Simmons, Tryston McCladdie (5)
 Homers – Tyler Simmons, Tryston McCladdie (3)
 RBIs – Emery Burnett, Will Holder (32)
 Runs – Tryston McCladdie (44)
 Walks – Tryston McCladdie (27)

Pitching

Innings – Will Holder (65 2/3)
 Wins – Caiden Coile, Will Holder (11)
 Strikeouts – Will Holder (85)
 ERA (Minimum 30 inn) – Amerson Guy (0.26)



Harlem players celebrate after beating Pike County in the state semifinals.

Harlem Bulldogs (35-1)

Evans, W, 5-3	Greenbrier, W, 3-2
Evans, W, 7-2	Greenbrier, W, 2-1
Grovetown, W, 15-7	Cross Creek, W, 15-0
Benedictine, W, 7-0	Cross Creek, W, 18-1
Commerce, W, 11-0	Hephzibah, W, 20-0
Lakeside-Evans, W, 7-0	North Augusta (SC), W, 5-1
Jeff Davis, W, 1-0	Hephzibah, W, 15-0
Jeff Davis, W, 3-0	Richmond Academy, W, 10-0
Lakeside-Evans, W, 8-1	Richmond Academy, W, 15-0
Westside-Augusta, W, 9-0	Greenbrier, W, 7-6

Thomson, W, 11-1
 Salem, W, 16-0
 Grovetown, W, 15-0
 Morgan County, W, 1-0
 Morgan County, L, 4-8
 Salem, W, 15-0

State Playoffs

Long County, W, 10-4
 Long County, W, 11-1
 Thomasville, W, 5-1

Thomasville, W, 11-1
 Gordon Lee, W, 2-1
 Gordon Lee, W, 7-4
 Pike County, W, 7-5
 Pike County, W, 3-2

State Championship Series (At AdventHealth Stadium, Rome)

Ringgold, W, 5-3
 Ringgold, W, 2-1

Class 2A State Champions: North Cobb Christian Eagles



Team members are, Reid Morlan, Cooper Williams, Gustavo Melgar, Jackson Uggla, Ryan Kelley, Brock Parker, Kade Gwaltney, Asher Sabom, Mattheson Go, Hudson Newell, Tobias Rupp, Juan Vargas, Ross Rea, Armando Nunez, Nicholas Stinson, Blake Dean, Carter Van Orden, Michael Mullinax, Mills Morris, Caden Dollar and Spears Martin.

2023 Leaders

Offense

Avg. – Mattheson Go (.464)
 Hits – Mattheson Go (51)
 Doubles – Asher Sabom (17)
 Triples – Brock Parker (8)
 Homers – Cooper Williams, Michael Mullinax (8)
 RBIs – Asher Sabom (36)
 Runs – Cooper Williams (49)
 Walks – Cooper Williams (21)

Pitching

Innings – Blake Dean (62 1/3)
 Wins – Blake Dean (10)
 Strikeouts – Blake Dean (113)
 ERA (Minimum 30 inn) – Blake Dean (1.23)



North Cobb Christian pitcher Armando Nunez throws in a game last year.

North Cobb Christian Eagles (34-7)

Woodstock, W, 6-1	Therrell, W, 15-0
North Cobb, L, 0-4	Drew Charter, W, 10-0
Westminster, W, 12-6	Drew Charter, W, 13-0
Pope, L, 2-5	Mt. Paran Christian, W, 4-3
Effingham County, W, 5-3	Washington, W, 15-0
Norcross, L, 6-8	Washington, W, 17-0
Prince Ave. Christian, W, 2-1	South Atlanta, W, 1-0
Calvary Day, L, 6-7	South Atlanta, W, 1-0
Savannah Christian, L, 3-4	Mountain Brook (AL), W, 8-2
BEST Academy, W, 15-0	Florida Christian, L, 0-4
BEST Academy, W, 16-1	Cullman (AL), W, 11-0
Therrell, W, 17-0	Venice (FL), W, 8-4

KIPP Collegiate, W, 15-0
 KIPP Collegiate, W, 15-0
 Walker, W, 13-0
 Citizens Christian, W, 9-0
 Walker, W, 3-2
 Mt. Paran Christian, W, 5-2

State Playoffs

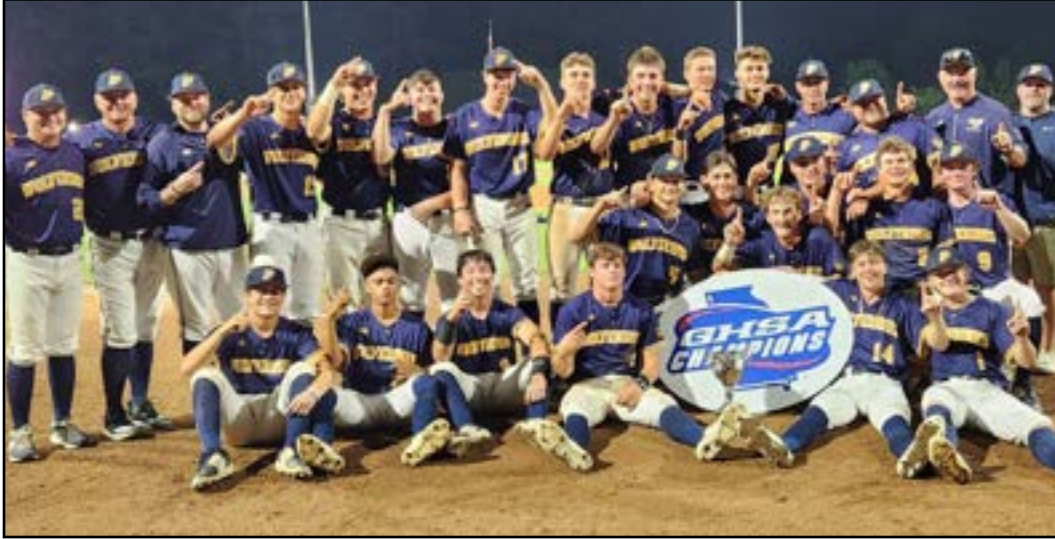
Callaway, W, 3-0
 Callaway, W, 6-0
 Providence Christian, W, 5-0
 Providence Christian, W, 10-3

Cook, W, 4-2
 Cook, W, 6-3
 Appling County, W, 3-1
 Appling County, W, 5-3

State Championship Series (At AdventHealth Stadium, Rome)

Mt. Paran Christian, W, 4-2
 Mt. Paran Christian, L, 0-6
 Mt. Paran Christian, W, 11-1

Class 1A Division I State Champions: Prince Avenue Christian Wolverines



Team members are, Griff Bryant, Will Goff, Mac Bradley, Bailey Stockton, Connor Causby, Trey Taylor, Daniel Bell, Ben Chatham, Eli Attaway, Grant Guest, Luke Burnett, Andrew Gillespie, Hayden Marshall, Cole Broxton, Mason Banks, Ethan Christian, Judson Hartwell, Dylan White, Ross Whitworth. Coaches are Allen Osborne (head coach), Matt Jones, Glenn Ross, Matt Nicks, Tanner Martin, Jeff Guy and trainer Zeb Rogers.

2023 Leaders

Offense

Avg. – Judson Hartwell (.471)
 Hits – Judson Hartwell (56)
 Doubles – Judson Hartwell (20)
 Triples – Andrew Gillespie, Dylan White (2)
 Homers – Judson Hartwell (11)
 RBIs – Judson Hartwell (59)
 Runs – Daniel Bell (50)
 Walks – Judson Hartwell (27)

Pitching

Innings – Hayden Marshall (82)
 Wins – Mason Banks (12)
 Strikeouts – Hayden Marshall (98)
 ERA (Minimum 30 inn) – Judson Hartwell (0.68)



Prince Ave. Christian players celebrate after winning the state championship.

Prince Avenue Christian Wolverines (35-3-1)

Franklin County, W, 13-3
 Monroe Area, W, 4-1
 Madison County, W, 5-2
 Franklin County, W, 15-4
 Monroe Area, W, 15-5
 Madison County, T, 3-3
 Apalachee, W, 7-2
 North Cobb Christian, L, 1-2
 Metter, W, 10-0
 Calvary Day, L, 2-4
 Hart County, W, 8-1

Hart County, W, 4-1
 Hart County, W, 4-3
 Tattnall Square, W, 3-0
 Calvary Day, W, 11-0
 Savannah Christian, W, 9-5
 Tallulah Falls, W, 10-3
 Tallulah Falls, W, 11-9
 Jasper County, W, 9-0
 Jasper County, W, 17-1
 Jasper County, W, 5-4
 Alcovy, W, 13-1

Oglethorpe County, W, 3-2
 Oglethorpe County, W, 12-1
 Oglethorpe County, W, 6-1
 Social Circle, W, 9-7
 Social Circle, W, 17-2
 Social Circle, W, 6-3

Athens Christian, W, 10-0
 Metter, L, 9-11
 Metter, W, 11-3
 Metter, W, 9-7
 Darlington, W, 10-3
 Darlington, W, 6-4

State Playoffs

Mount Vernon, W, 6-1
 Mount Vernon, W, 24-2
 Athens Christian, W, 4-3

State Championship Series (At Georgia Southern, Statesboro)

Irwin County, W, 4-0
 Irwin County, W, 9-1

Class 1A Division II State Champions: Charlton County Indians



Team members are, Brodie Baker, Heath Ray, David Walters, Jude Shaw, Isaiah Baker, Ian Vickers, Griffin Thomas, Garrett Stevenson, Chance Hendrix, Cole Crawford, Colton Crews, Conner Lloyd, Chase Rhoden, Eli Hobbs, Jorge Rivera, Gant Geiger, Garrett Vickers, Dylan McAlister, Haze Johnson, Morgan Dampier (manager and Kennedy Taylor (manager). Coaches are Thad Marchman (head coach), Rhett Hellgren and Joshua Graham.

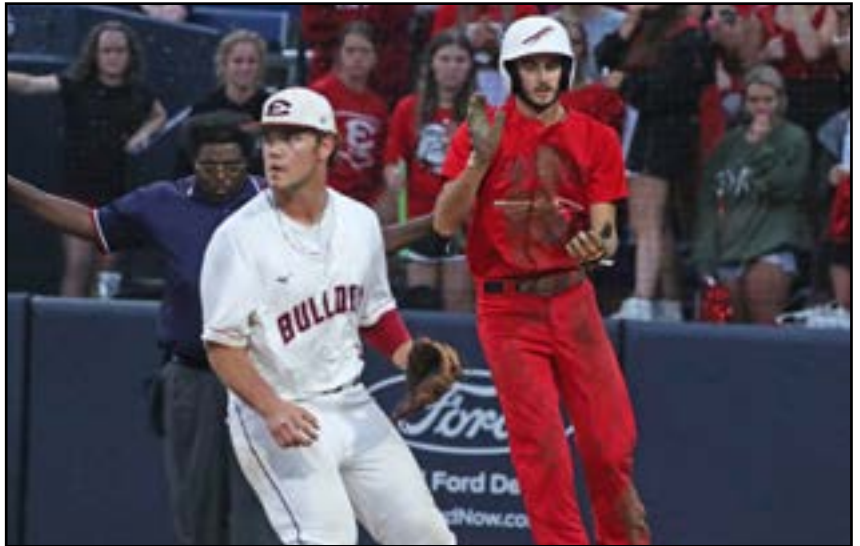
2023 Leaders

Offense

Avg. – Cole Crawford (.423)
 Hits – Cole Crawford (44)
 Doubles – Cole Crawford (11)
 Triples – Gant Geiger (3)
 Homers – Gant Geiger (7)
 RBIs – Cole Crawford (41)
 Runs – Gant Geiger (51)
 Walks – Gant Geiger (25)

Pitching

Innings – Ian Vickers (72 1/3)
 Wins – Ian Vickers, Gant Geiger (10)
 Strikeouts – Ian Vickers (105)
 ERA (Minimum 30 inn) – Ian Vickers (1.16)



Charlton County's Gant Geiger claps his hands after scoring a run in Game 2 of the state championship series.

Charlton County Indians (36-5)

Brunswick, L, 1-4	Lanier County, W, 6-5
Ware County, W, 7-3	Lanier County, W, 6-1
Brantley County, W, 11-3	Savannah Country Day, W, 7-1
Bryan County, W, 8-0	Lanier County, W, 14-5
Echols County, W, 10-0	Atkinson County, W, 11-0
Bryan County, W, 11-6	Atkinson County, W, 10-0
Clinch County, L, 0-1	Turner County, W, 15-0
Atkinson County, W, 6-2	Turner County, W, 11-0
Turner County, W, 15-0	Ware County, W, 15-2
West Nassau (FL), W, 7-2	Hilliard (FL), W, 9-4
Turner County, W, 22-2	Clinch County, W, 4-2
Lanier County, W, 16-3	Clinch County, W, 13-0

Clinch County, L, 5-6
 Brantley County, L, 1-11
 Echols County, W, 11-1
 Atkinson County, W, 7-5
 Echols County, W, 10-0
 Echols County, W, 15-2

State Playoffs

Early County, W, 5-4
 Early County, W, 13-5
 Jenkins County, W, 15-0
 Jenkins County, W, 12-2

Washington-Wilkes, W, 4-0
 Washington-Wilkes, W, 5-2
 McIntosh Co. Academy, W, 11-1
 McIntosh Co. Academy, W, 7-2

State Championship Series (At Georgia Southern, Statesboro)

ECI, W, 3-1
 ECI, L, 4-5
 ECI, W, 5-0

GIAA Class 4A State Champions: Strong Rock Christian Patriots



Team members are, Grant Miller, Nate Andrews, Lleyton Hallman, Colin Mendiola, Zack Wallace, Blake Burghardt, Adam Brown, Jackson Glenn, Brooks Bibby, Hunt Tatum, Cooper Culberson, Andrew Reid, Will Styers, Eric Adams, Landon Stancil, Isaiah Pou, Hunter Cash, David Longino. Coaches are Toby Evans (head coach), Jason Godbee and Justin Nicholson.

2023 Leaders

Offense

Avg. – Hunt Tatum (.435)
 Hits – Hunt Tatum (50)
 Doubles – Adam Brown (7)
 Triples – Isaiah Pou, Adam Brown, Blake Burghardt, Landon Stancil, Lleyton Hallman (2)
 Homers – Hunt Tatum, Isaiah Pou (4)
 RBIs – Hunt Tatum (34)
 Runs – Landon Stancil (38)
 Walks – Lleyton Hallman (26)

Pitching

Innings – Zack Wallace (63)
 Wins – Grant Miller (11)
 Strikeouts – Zack Wallace (67)
 ERA (Minimum 30 inn) – Zack Wallace (1.78)



Pitcher Zack Wallace played a key role in helping Strong Rock Christian to the state title.

Strong Rock Christian Patriots (34-10)

Stratford, W, 10-0	Saint Mary's, W, 15-0
Mount de Sales, W, 2-1	Saint Mary's, W, 17-0
King's Ridge Christian, L, 4-15	Saint Mary's, W, 16-0
First Presbyterian Day, W, 6-2	Heritage, W, 8-2
Mount de Sales, L, 0-5	Heritage, W, 4-1
Glenwood (AL), W, 4-2	Heritage, W, 8-2
Perry, W, 4-3	Clearwater Catholic (FL), L, 2-6
Tattnall Square, L, 5-6	Cardinal Mooney (FL), W, 13-7
Bleckley County, W, 2-5	Sarasota (FL), L, 2-12
Bleckley County, W, 8-1	Westfield, W, 9-2
Stratford, W, 10-0	Westfield, L, 3-4

Westfield, W, 6-1
 Brookstone, L, 1-4
 Brookstone, W, 13-2
 Brookstone, W, 5-3
 Saint Anne-Pacelli, W, 7-5
 Saint Anne-Pacelli, W, 8-2
 Saint Anne-Pacelli, L, 2-5

State Playoffs

Bulloch Academy, L, 5-6
 Bulloch Academy, W, 2-1

Bulloch Academy, W, 3-0
 Tattnall Square, W, 10-0
 Tattnall Square, W, 5-4

State Championship Series (At Lakepoint Sports, Emerson)

Bethlehem Christian, W, 7-4
 Bethlehem Christian, L, 3-7
 Bethlehem Christian, W, 11-1

GIAA Class 3A State Champions: John Milledge Trojans



Team members are **Standing (l-r)**, Assistant Coach Walter Prestwood, Head Coach Chad Starley, Assistant Coach Jacob Prestwood, Bryce McDonel, Kolt McMichael, Cohen Brooks, Landon Byrd, Brooks Latimer, Greyson Paradise, Tyler Greene, Brayden Harrison, David Todd, Will Adams, Banks Eady, Jackson Thomas, Cooper Young, Sean Scott, Parker Thomas, Remington Weaver, Assistant Coach Jared Prestwood, Manager Kole Jones, Addison Fain, Cayden Avant, Blake Bellflower.

2023 Leaders

Offense

Avg. – Briggs Eady (.444)
 Hits – Blake Bellflower (38)
 Doubles – Blake Bellflower (14)
 Triples – Blake Bellflower (4)
 Homers – Jackson Thomas (9)
 RBIs – Blake Bellflower (30)
 Runs – Brady Rollins (35)
 Walks – Brady Rollins (36)

Pitching

Innings – Cooper Wilburn (52 2/3)
 Wins – Cooper Wilburn (7)
 Strikeouts – Cooper Wilburn (60)
 ERA (Minimum 30 inn) – Colt McMichael (1.71)



John Milledge's Cayden Avant throws to first base in a game last season.

John Milledge Trojans (21-7)

Bethlehem Christian, L, (FF) 0-1
 Tiftarea, W, 1-0
 Crawford County, L, 3-9
 Thomas Jefferson, W, 18-3
 Brentwood, W, 12-0
 First Presbyterian Day, L, 2-7
 First Presbyterian Day, W, 13-4
 Dominion Christian, W, 11-8
 Dominion Christian, W, 12-2
 Mount de Sales, W, 8-2

Mount de Sales, W, 4-3
 Tattnall Square, L, 5-10
 Tattnall Square, L, 1-3
 Thomas Jefferson, W, 6-2
 Briarwood, W, 10-0
 Stratford, L, 8-12
 Brentwood, W, 12-1
 Stratford, W, 8-5
 Tiftarea, W, 9-1

First Preparatory, W, 12-4
 Briarwood, W, 13-0

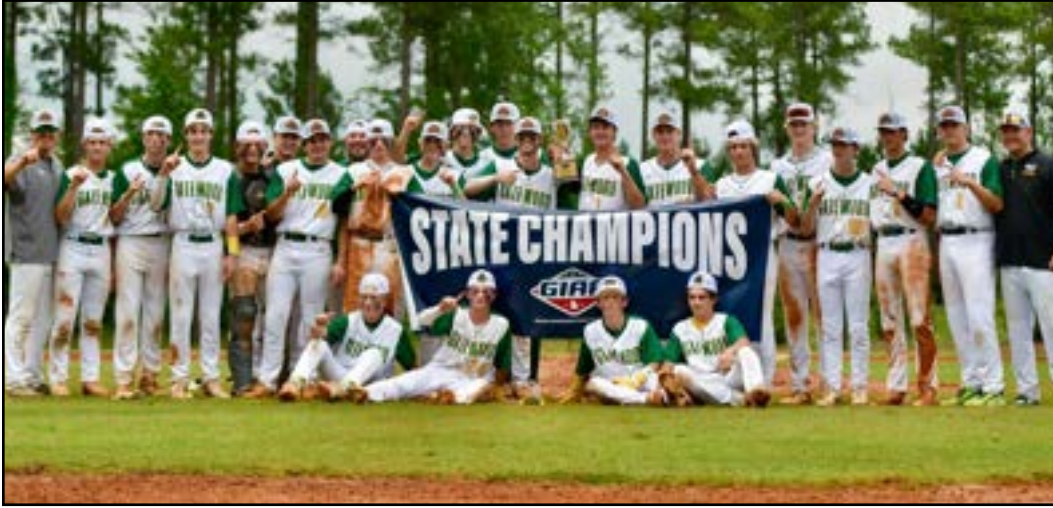
State Playoffs

Heritage, W, 10-3
 Heritage, W, 12-8
 Valwood, L, 1-11
 Valwood, W, 13-4
 Valwood, W, 12-2

State Championship Series (At Edmund Burke, Waynesboro)

Pinewood Christian, W, 6-0
 Pinewood Christian, W, 12-1

GIAA Class 2A State Champions: Gatewood Gators



Team members are **Standing (l-r)**, Coach Daulton Veal, Mason Sinclair, Lawrey Benner, Ben Brannen, Caleb Riser, Coach John McMillian, Wilson Moore, Coach Nick Rudolph, Hunter Johnson, Jake Carnes, Carson Fried, Jake Rich, John Wallace Thompson, Walker Brannen, Dylan Sinclair, Ames Johnson, Lawson Wooten, Holden Turner, Walker Roberts, Trey Wiggins, Head Coach Brandon Moss. **Sitting (l-r)**, Drew Love, Tanner Johnson, Jackson Hewatt, Jackson Love. **Photos by Dawn Sinclair.**

2023 Leaders

Offense

Avg. – Ames Johnson (.357)
 Hits – Ames Johnson (30)
 Doubles – Caleb Riser (7)
 Triples – Ames Johnson (3)
 Homers – Walker Roberts (8)
 RBIs – Walker Roberts (26)
 Runs – Caleb Riser (29)
 Walks – Caleb Riser (33)

Pitching

Innings – Lawson Wooten (52 1/3)
 Wins – Walker Roberts (6)
 Strikeouts – Walker Roberts (62)
 ERA (Minimum 30 inn) – Walker Roberts (0.97)



Gatewood's Wilson Moore celebrates after a strikeout in a game last year.

Gatewood Gators (19-9)

Loganville Christian, L, 7-8
 Loganville Christian, L, 5-10
 Stratford, W, 5-1
 Pinewood Christian, L, 8-9
 Robert Toombs, W, 8-0
 Vidalia Heritage, W, 4-2
 Piedmont, W, 2-1
 Piedmont, W, 9-5
 Westminster Christian, W, 11-0
 Westminster Christian, W, 9-3
 First Presbyterian Day, W, 9-2

Brentwood, W, 8-1
 Brentwood, L, 4-5
 Edmund Burke, W, 11-2
 Thomas Jefferson, W, 13-1
 Vidalia Heritage, W, 7-4
 Stratford, L, 0-10
 Bethlehem Christian, L, 4-11
 Briarwood, W, 5-1
 Pinewood Christian, L, 0-11

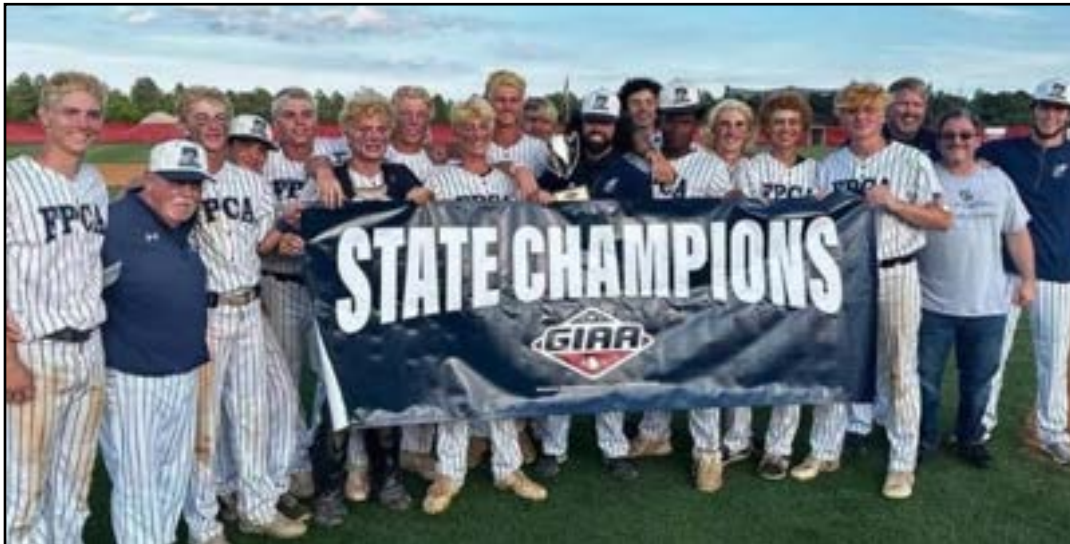
State Playoffs

Trinity Christian, W, 5-0
 Trinity Christian, W, 8-3
 Edmund Burke, L, 2-6
 Edmund Burke, W, 8-7
 Edmund Burke, W, 5-1

State Championship Series

(Edmund Burke, Waynesboro)
 SW Georgia, W, 10-4
 SW Georgia, L, 1-2
 SW Georgia, W, 10-0

GIAA Class 1A State Champions: First Preparatory Christian Highlanders



Team members are, Evan North, Coach Tony Harmon, Mason Bruning, Chase Streeper, Logan Dore, Jake Diven, Cameron Eason, Hayden Arney, River North, Jace Reid, Head Coach Elias Macias, Jade Varnedoe-Cook, Xavier Anderson, Caleb Harmon, Mitch Codero, Logan Brown, Coach Robert Green, Head Master Dr. Canup, Coach Dustin Green.



First Preparatory's Caleb Harmon throws in a game last season.

First Preparatory Christian Highlanders (25-10)

Saint Andrews, W, 12-2	Memorial Day, W, 13-0	Robert Toombs, W, 5-2	Harvester Christian, W, 10-0
Saint Andrews, W, 10-4	Citizens Christian, W, 7-6	Pinewood Christian, L, 1-2	Flint River, W, 7-6
Frederica, W, 7-6	Robert Toombs, W, 10-3	Thomas Jefferson, W, 2-1	Flint River, W, 4-3
Liberty County, L, 2-12	Memorial Day, W, 17-2	Twiggs Academy, W, 20-0	
Bradwell Institute, W, 13-5	Bridges Prep (SC), W, 23-0	Twiggs Academy, W, 12-1	
Coastal Home School, W, 13-1	Hilton Head Christian (SC), W, 9-5	John Milledge, L, 4-12	State Championship Series
Hilton Head Christian (SC), L, 2-6	John Hancock, W, 13-1	Coastal Home School, W, 16-0	(At GSIC, Hephzibah, GA)
Patrick Henry (SC), W, 3-2	Pinewood Christian, W, 13-3		Thomas Jefferson, W, 11-6
Patrick Henry (SC), L, 1-9	Northside Christian (FL), L, 7-8	State Playoffs	Thomas Jefferson, L, 3-10
Bethlehem Christian, L, 8-19	Boardman (Ohio), L, 2-3	Harvester Christian, W, 16-1	Thomas Jefferson, W, 9-2
Bethlehem Christian, L, 4-17			

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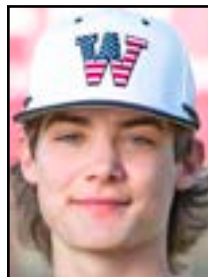
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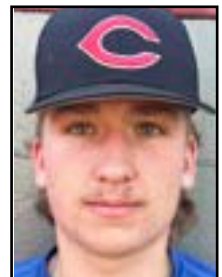
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Senior
East Jackson



Reece Grodeman
Pitcher • Sophomore
Model



Greyson Hall
Infielder • Senior
Appling County



Trayvone Harris
Utility • Senior
Toombs County



Tripp Hendrix
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Brantley County



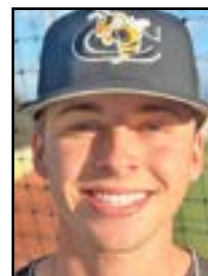
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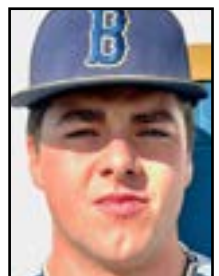
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Rockmart



Charles Moore
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Derek Peoples
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Pitcher • Senior
Callaway



Hayden Turner
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Jeff Davis



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Infielder • Junior
Rockmart



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Elbert County



Mason Banks
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Prince Avenue
Christian



Sammy Calhoun
Pitcher • Senior
Heard County



Connor Causby
Outfielder • Senior
Prince Avenue
Christian



Chandler DeBlois
Outfielder • Senior
King's Ridge Christian



Tanner Ennis
Outfielder • Senior
Bryan County



Andrew Gillespie
Designated Hitter •
Senior
Prince Avenue
Christian



Will Goff
Infielder • Senior
Prince Avenue
Christian



Drew Hammock
Pitcher • Senior
Crawford County



Judson Hartwell
Infielder • Senior
Prince Avenue
Christian



Luke Hill
Outfielder • Senior
King's Ridge Christian



Jake Hutto
Pitcher • Senior
Lamar County



Nate Jones
Infielder • Senior
Whitefield Academy



JP Kilgo
Infielder • Junior
Pepperell



Cam King
Utility • Senior
Lamar County



Nate Kittredge
Pitcher • Senior
King's Ridge Christian



Luke Lively
Outfielder • Junior
Armuchee



Ryan MacLellan
Catcher • Senior
Whitefield Academy



Brice Marchman
Catcher • Junior
Swainsboro



Jaylen Martin
Pitcher • Junior
Irwin County



Rustan Rigdon
Infielder • Senior
Metter



Layton Sanford
Pitcher • Senior
Pepperell



Talan Shirey
Infielder • Senior
Darlington



Luke Smith
Pitcher • Senior
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Coy Argo
Outfielder • Senior
Commerce



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Outfielder • Senior
Mount Pisgah
Christian



Clayton Beck
Pitcher • Junior
Bleckley County



Mark Buelow
Pitcher • Senior
Saint Francis



Josh Butler
Pitcher • Junior
Darlington



Wesley Calloway
Infielder • Senior
Whitefield Academy



Braegan Cravey
Pitcher • Junior
Bleckley County



Hunter Godfrey
Catcher • Junior
Pepperell



Trevor Hansford
Infielder • Senior
Heard County



Makale Harris
Outfielder • Junior
Crawford County



Chance Ivey
Pitcher • Senior
Bacon County



Bagley Larry
Infielder • Senior
Darlington



Max Lasseter
Infielder • Sophomore
Heard County



Caiden Lewis
Pitcher • Sophomore
Bacon County



Lenox Lively
Utility • Senior
Swainsboro



Matthew Pressnall
Infielder • Senior
Saint Francis



Tyrese Robinson
Outfielder • Junior
Dublin



Wyman Shaheen
Outfielder • Senior
Whitefield Academy



Kade Smith
Pitcher • Junior
Trion



Pacey Smith
Pitcher • Senior
Coosa



Johnny Stone
Catcher • Senior
Lamar County



Parker Westbrook
Infielder • Senior
Athens Christian



Landon Williams
Infielder • Senior
Dade County



Will York
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Pepperell

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Tuff Boddiford
Infielder • Sophomore
ECI



Hayden Brown
Outfielder • Junior
Lake Oconee



Connor Chastain
Catcher • Senior
Towns County



Jack Clark
Infielder • Senior
Schley County



Cole Crawford
Outfielder • Senior
Charlton County



Colton Crews
Pitcher • Senior
Charlton County



Leland Dodson
Pitcher • Senior
Marion County



Caison Duncan
Pitcher • Junior
Bowdon



Zane Floyd
Pitcher • Senior
Towns County



BJ Gibson
Outfielder • Senior
Wilcox County



Landon Griswell
Pitcher • Senior
Glascocock County



Hudson Henry
Infielder • Senior
ECI



Jake Howell
Pitcher • Junior
Wilcox County



Will Huggins
Pitcher • Junior
Bowdon



Jaden King
Utility • Junior
Turner County



Gabe Lee
Designated Hitter •
Junior
ECI



Kade McConnell
Pitcher • Senior
Towns County



Johnny Nutt
Pitcher • Junior
Wilcox County



Jackson Owens
Catcher • Senior
Wilcox County



Bryson Porter
Outfielder • Senior
Washington-Wilkes



Trenton Stubbs
Infielder • Senior
Schley County



Griffin Thomas
Infielder • Sophomore
Charlton County



Malik Ware
Outfielder • Senior
Washington-Wilkes

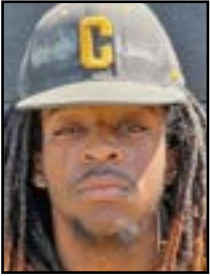


Carson Westbrook
Infielder • Senior
Schley County

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Kason Binn
Infielder • Senior
Chattahoochee
County



Brendan Brooks
Pitcher • Senior
Taylor County



Trace Callaway
Catcher • Senior
Washington-Wilkes



Stone Carey
Infielder • Sophomore
Lanier County



Hunter Dodson
Outfielder •
Sophomore
Marion County



Carson Ellis
Pitcher • Junior
Telfair County



Grant Gano
Pitcher • Sophomore
Lanier County



Cade Griffis
Pitcher • Senior
Clinch County



Astyn Grimes
Infielder • Senior
Early County



Eli Hobbs
Catcher • Junior
Charlton County



Garret Keene
Pitcher • Junior
Wilcox County



Jake Little
Pitcher • Sophomore
Schley County



Marquis Martin
Utility • Senior
Montgomery County



Kolby McClendon
Outfielder • Senior
Treutlen



Aden McQuaig
Outfielder • Senior
ECI



Andrew Meech
Designated Hitter •
Senior
Washington-Wilkes



Noah Odom
Infielder • Senior
Early County



Ashton Raybon
Pitcher • Junior
Schley County



Charlie Rehberg
Outfielder • Senior
ECI



Wesley Silas
Pitcher • Junior
GSIC



Sage Stapleton
Infielder • Junior
Johnson County



Will Truitt
Infielder • Senior
Marion County



Jose Vega-Matos
Pitcher • Senior
Telfair County



Trace Wood
Outfielder • Senior
Lake Oconee

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Adam Brown
Outfielder • Senior
Strong Rock Christian



Hayes Bryant
Pitcher • Senior
First Presbyterian Day



Cody Craft
Designated Hitter •
Senior
Bethlehem Christian



Cooper Culberson
Pitcher • Senior
Strong Rock Christian



Jared Diaz
Pitcher • Senior
Mount de Sales



Tristen Hill
Outfielder • Senior
George Walton



Walker Hilton
Pitcher • Senior
Saint Anne-Pacelli



Mercer Hudson
Catcher • Junior
Brookstone



Keon Johnson
Infielder • Sophomore
First Presbyterian Day



Maxwell Jones
Outfielder • Junior
Brookstone



Omar Kimbrough
Utility • Senior
Saint Anne-Pacelli



Mason Maughon
Pitcher • Senior
George Walton



Riley McCallum
Pitcher • Senior
Tattnall Square



Cooper McMullen
Pitcher • Senior
Tattnall Square



Taft Middleton
Pitcher • Senior
Brookstone



Landen Moore
Catcher • Senior
Mount de Sales



Colin Otes
Outfielder • Junior
Bethlehem Christian



Austin Smith
Infielder • Senior
Bulloch



Bricen Smith
Infielder • Senior
Mount de Sales



Cope Smith
Infielder • Senior
Stratford



Cole Stansell
Infielder • Senior
Brookstone



Hunt Tatum
Outfielder • Senior
Strong Rock Christian



Josh Wilson
Pitcher • Senior
Loganville Christian



Carter Woods
Outfielder • Senior
Loganville Christian

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Blake Bellflower
Infielder • Senior
John Milledge



Banks Booth
Pitcher • Senior
Pinewood Christian



Ricky Brown
Pitcher • Senior
Lakeview Academy



Maddox Coile
Outfielder •
Sophomore
Valwood



Daylor Drawdy
Infielder • Senior
Terrell Academy



Ethan Garrett
Infielder • Senior
Heritage



Will Godwin
Catcher • Senior
Southland



Brock Graham
Pitcher • Senior
Lakeview Academy



Colt Howes
Outfielder •
Sophomore
Frederica



Conner Hutto
Infielder • Senior
Valwood



John Jackson
Utility • Junior
Tiftarea



David Kile
Infielder • Senior
Terrell Academy



Kolt McMichael
Pitcher • Junior
John Milledge



Kade Muliford
Catcher • Senior
Terrell Academy



Jake Rogers
Outfielder • Senior
Pinewood Christian



Cole Rowland
Pitcher • Senior
Dominion Christian



Dalton Smith
Infielder • Senior
Valwood



Dozier Swain
Pitcher • Senior
Terrell Academy



Walker Todd
Outfielder • Senior
Pinewood Christian



Perry Usher
Pitcher • Senior
Southland



Bud Veal
Outfielder • Senior
John Milledge



Rodge Waldrop
Pitcher • Senior
Brookwood



Cooper Wilburn
Pitcher • Senior
John Milledge



Quindon Wright
Designated Hitter •
Senior
Terrell Academy

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Blake Bryant
Pitcher • Sophomore
Citizens Christian



Drew Carter
Designated Hitter • Senior
Brentwood



Cooper Dasher
Pitcher • Junior
Trinity Christian



Sawyer Franklin
Pitcher • Sophomore
Southwest Georgia



Ames Johnson
Infielder • Junior
Gatewood



Banks Johnson
Outfielder • Junior
Southwest Georgia



Gray McLean
Infielder • Sophomore
Citizens Christian



Mason Merritt
Infielder • Senior
Windsor



Grant Mobley
Pitcher • Senior
Edmund Burke



Wilson Moore
Utility • Junior
Gatewood



Owen Redd
Pitcher • Junior
Edmund Burke



Caleb Riser
Pitcher • Junior
Gatewood



Walker Roberts
Outfielder • Junior
Gatewood



Zach Simmons
Outfielder • Sophomore
Piedmont



Case Snipes
Outfielder • Senior
Citizens Christian



Tanyon Stella
Infielder • Senior
Central Fellowship



Sam Summerlin
Catcher • Junior
Westwood



Nathan Sumner
Infielder • Junior
Trinity Christian



Chase Taylor
Catcher • Junior
Piedmont



Braydon Tindell
Pitcher • Senior
Edmund Burke



John Wallace Thompson
Outfielder • Junior
Gatewood



Trey Wiggins
Infielder • Senior
Gatewood



Colt Williams
Pitcher • Freshman
Southwest Georgia



Lawson Wooten
Pitcher • Senior
Gatewood

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Brody Ashley
Pitcher • Senior
Fullington



Oathen Atkinson
Pitcher • Sophomore
Grace Christian



Christopher Callahan
Infielder • Senior
Flint River



Ty Cobb
Infielder • Senior
Thomas Jefferson



Tripp Durden
Outfielder • Senior
Robert Toombs



Keith Eidson
Pitcher • Junior
Grace Christian



William Hawkins
Pitcher • Senior
Memorial Day



Clayton Hood
Utility • Sophomore
David Emanuel



Tyler Kindle
Catcher • Senior
Memorial Day



Lucas Martin
Designated Hitter •
Senior
Flint River



Will McNeely
Catcher • Senior
Thomas Jefferson



Jacob Moore
Infielder • Sophomore
Crisp Academy



Ethan Newman
Outfielder •
Sophomore
Flint River



Hunter Normandeau
Infielder • Senior
Flint River



Evan North
Pitcher • Senior
First Preparatory
Christian



Aidan Price
Infielder • Senior
Fullington



Blake Scarboro
Outfielder • Senior
Fullington



Noah Smith
Outfielder • Junior
Grace Christian



Brack Spangler
Pitcher • Junior
Flint River



Britton Tabor
Pitcher • Sophomore
Robert Toombs



Landon Temples
Outfielder • Junior
Grace Christian



Cutter Tharpe
Infielder • Junior
Fullington



Aiden Whittaker
Pitcher • Junior
Grace Christian



Wyatt Youngblood
Infielder • Senior
Crisp Academy

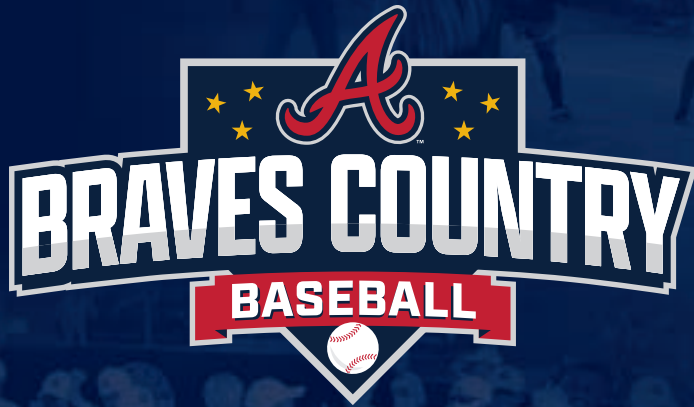


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GHSA Class 7A

No.	Team	2023 Record	Returning Starters	Comment
1.	Parkview	32-8	10	Panthers back for another run
2.	Lowndes	28-12	8	Most of defending state champs' team returns
3.	Buford	19-15	10	Wolves have the talent to go deep
4.	Walton	23-14	10	Raiders have pitching to be in hunt
5.	Brookwood	19-12	10	Broncos could be really good
6.	North Gwinnett	31-8	7	Bulldogs have plenty of playmakers
7.	South Forsyth	20-13	12	War Eagles will be dangerous in '24
8.	North Paulding	23-12	8	Wolfpack have pieces to make a run
9.	Mill Creek	24-15	5	Hawks have pitching to get there
10.	Dacula	24-12	6	Falcons out to prove '23 was no fluke
11.	Hillgrove	25-12	9	Hawks will be back in chase
12.	Carrollton	16-14	8	Trojans have a lot of young talent
13.	Mountain View	12-16	7	Bears will be strong as usual
14.	Cherokee	23-8	8	Warriors could be tough team to beat
15.	Marietta	17-16	9	Blue Devils will only get better

Teams to watch (In alphabetical order)

Denmark, East Coweta, Kennesaw Mountain, Lambert, Richmond Hill

GHSA Class 6A

No.	Team	2023 Record	Returning Starters	Comment
1.	Etowah	24-14	7	Eagles have talent to go deep
2.	Pope	31-11	7	Greyhounds back for more
3.	Houston County	36-6	7	New look Bears still good
4.	Tift County	27-9	9	Devils will be dangerous team
5.	Woodstock	23-11	7	Wolverines will be tough again
6.	Blessed Trinity	28-9	7	Titans reloading for another run
7.	River Ridge	23-12	9	Knights to build off '23 run
8.	Allatoona	20-14	9	Bucs will be much better in 2024
9.	Apalachee	16-15	10	Powell, Park lead the way
10.	Lassiter	20-15	7	Trojans have pitching to contend
11.	North Forsyth	21-12	5	Don't discount the Raiders
12.	Woodward Academy	31-7	9	War Eagles have good group back
13.	Saint Pius X	22-12	9	Lions will be good again
14.	Lee County	19-13	8	Trojans only going to get better
15.	Thomas County Central	21-16	8	TCC has lot of young talent

Teams to watch (In alphabetical order)

Alexander, East Paulding, Evans, Glynn Academy, Jackson County, Marist, Newnan, North Atlanta, Roswell, South Paulding

GHSA Class 5A

No.	Team	2023 Record	Returning Starters	Comment
1.	Loganville	33-8	8	Red Devils will be tough again
2.	Cartersville	32-4	5	'Canes ready for another run
3.	Greenbrier	30-8	7	Wolfpack will be dangerous again
4.	McIntosh	32-9	7	Chiefs could be even better
5.	Winder-Barrow	24-12	7	WB has pitching to be good
6.	Ola	22-11	8	Mustangs will be in the hunt
7.	Locust Grove	33-4	6	Wildcats lost a lot; still tough
8.	Centennial	29-10	2	Knights have pitching to contend
9.	Coffee	18-14	10	Trojans have talent to make run
10.	Kell	17-15	7	'Horns loaded with stars
11.	Jefferson	19-10	4	Dragons have talent to be dangerous
12.	Union Grove	18-15	4	Webster, Wyche lead the way
13.	Woodland-Bartow	19-14	7	Wildcats aim to go farther
14.	Villa Rica	23-7	12	Wildcats could be state's sleeper
15.	Chapel Hill	21-12	9	Panthers ready to turn corner

Teams to watch (In alphabetical order)

Calhoun, Cambridge, Decatur, Flowery Branch, Greater Atlanta Christian, Statesboro, Ware County

GHSA Class 4A

No.	Team	2023 Record	Returning Starters	Comment
1.	Cherokee Bluff	28-5	9	Bears have been building for this year
2.	North Oconee	34-5	4	Titans still going to be tough
3.	Starr's Mill	22-11	8	Panthers have talent to go long way
4.	LaGrange	31-10	6	Grangers ready for another run
5.	Lovett	27-9	6	Lions will build off late surge
6.	Pace Academy	18-12	8	Knights will be fun to watch
7.	East Forsyth	22-14	12	Broncos seek to build off 2023
8.	North Hall	19-12	11	Trojans will be back in chase
9.	Wayne County	25-14	12	Jackets will be dangerous team
10.	Holy Innocents'	29-4	10	Golden Bears tough to beat
11.	Cedartown	22-9	7	Bulldogs look to rebound in '24
12.	Perry	27-9	8	Panthers are team to watch out for
13.	West Laurens	29-5	4	Raiders will be solid
14.	Walnut Grove	18-13	8	Warriors have talent to make run
15.	Benedictine	22-11	6	New coach, same good team

Teams to watch (In alphabetical order)

Heritage-Catoosa, Seckinger, Shaw, Sonorville, Westminster, Whitewater



GHSA Class 3A

No.	Team	2023 Record	Returning Starters	Comment
1.	 Harlem	35-1	8	Defending champs could be even better
2.	 Pickens	29-7	9	Dragons will be dangerous team
3.	 Ringgold	34-9	4	Defending runner-ups strong again
4.	 Calvary Day	22-10	10	Cavs will be in the chase
5.	 Franklin County	27-9	5	Lions may be a year away
6.	 Savannah Christian	29-8	5	Raiders going to be good again
7.	 Oconee County	18-19	6	Warriors going to reload
8.	 Pike County	23-15	4	Pirates will still be strong
9.	 Mary Persons	22-13	8	Bulldogs should be pretty good
10.	 Gordon Lee	22-11	5	Young Trojans will be solid
11.	 Long County	20-10	8	A lot returns for Blue Tide
12.	 Morgan County	18-13	7	New coach, same good team
13.	 Upton Lee	15-10	10	Knights have excellent talent
14.	 Thomasville	25-10	5	Bulldogs young, but solid
15.	 Peach County	16-16	9	Keep an eye on this team

Teams to watch (In alphabetical order)

Adairsville, Columbus, Dawson County, Hebron Christian, Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe, Lumpkin County, Sandy Creek, Wesleyan

GHSA Class 2A

No.	Team	2023 Record	Returning Starters	Comment
1.	 Mt. Paran Christian	31-6	7	Eagles will be back in the hunt
2.	 North Cobb Christian	30-7	5	Mullinax, Sabom will keep NCC in it
3.	 Jeff Davis	27-8	7	Jackets have talent to go a long way
4.	 Appling County	24-12	7	Ewaldsen, Griffis, Hall lead way
5.	 Rockmart	19-12	9	Jackets have all of the key ingredients
6.	 Model	27-7	6	Blue Devils continue to reload
7.	 Brantley County	22-14	9	Herons could be the state's sleeper
8.	 Cook	23-13	8	Hornets will be solid as usual
9.	 Worth County	19-12	10	Rams could be a dangerous team
10.	 Callaway	16-14	6	Cavs will be tough in 2024
11.	 Redan	23-12	5	New coach, same tough team
12.	 Toombs County	16-18	8	This could be fun team to watch
13.	 Banks County	17-13	6	Leopards have good group back
14.	 Providence Christian	15-17	8	Storm will be team to keep eye on
15.	 Washington County	9-18	7	Transfers will help WaCo contend

Teams to watch (In alphabetical order)

ACE Charter, Fannin County, Haralson County, Pierce County, Putnam County, Vidalia, Walker

GHSA Class 1A Division I

No.	Team	2023 Record	Returning Starters	Comment
1.	Prince Ave. Christian	35-3	7	Wolverines are loaded again
2.	King's Ridge Christian	26-8	9	Tigers could make deep run
3.	Bleckley County	24-14	5	Royals will again be strong
4.	Metter	26-7	4	Tigers young but talented
5.	Whitefield Academy	24-7	6	Wolfpack will be strong again
6.	Pepperell	22-9	7	Dragons have ingredients to be very good
7.	Darlington	24-14	5	Tigers look to build off 2023
8.	Bryan County	15-15	8	Redskins could be dangerous
9.	Lamar County	22-11	7	Trojans could have special season in '24
10.	Heard County	16-15	7	Braves only getting better
11.	Elbert County	27-7	5	Young Devils will be tough
12.	Swainsboro	21-11	6	Keep an eye on this program
13.	Irwin County	31-7	4	Young Indians still tough
14.	Bacon County	16-14	9	Raiders have pitching to contend
15.	Social Circle	25-10	5	Redskins will be back

Teams to watch (In alphabetical order)

Athens Christian. Commerce, Crawford County, Mount Pisgah Christian, Saint Francis, Tallulah Falls

GHSA Class 1A Division II

No.	Team	2023 Record	Returning Starters	Comment
1.	Charlton County	36-5	8	Indians could make deep run again
2.	ECI	31-10	7	Bulldogs back for more
3.	Wilcox County	25-8	6	Patriots will be dangerous team
4.	Washington-Wilkes	24-10	9	Tigers going to be tough again
5.	Towns County	22-13	7	Indians have pitching to contend
6.	Schley County	26-10	8	Wildcats strong as usual
7.	Lanier County	23-11	6	Lanier will be very good
8.	Bowdon	23-12	9	Red Devils may be a year away
9.	Johnson County	22-7	7	Trojans will be back in the chase
10.	Baconton Charter	23-7	6	New coach, same good team
11.	Early County	17-12	9	Bobcats have playmakers
12.	Lake Oconee	18-13	9	Titans ready to turn corner
13.	Marion County	11-16	9	Eagles have talent to contend
14.	Hawkinsville	7-18	7	Young team will be solid
15.	Jenkins County	17-15	5	Eagles look to build off '23

Teams to watch (In alphabetical order)

Chattahoochee County, Clinch County, McIntosh County Academy, Seminole County, Taylor County, Telfair County

GIAA Class 4A

No.	Team	2023 Record	Returning Starters	Comment
1.	Strong Rock Christian	26-11	9	Defending champs tough again
2.	Bethlehem Christian	30-6	7	Knights have talent to go deep
3.	Brookstone	13-18	9	Cougars going to be dangerous
4.	First Presbyterian Day	20-14	8	Bryant, Johnson lead way
5.	Tattnall Square	19-11	7	Trojans strong again
6.	Saint Anne-Pacelli	16-13	7	Vikings have a lot of talent
7.	Mount de Sales	18-13	7	This team could be very good
8.	George Walton	12-13	6	Bulldogs always a solid team
9.	Bulloch	23-7	5	New coach, same good team
10.	Loganville Christian	14-16	6	Lions keep getting better

Teams to watch (In alphabetical order)

Stratford, Westfield

GIAA Class 3A

No.	Team	2023 Record	Returning Starters	Comment
1.	John Milledge	24-5	8	Defending champs ready for another run
2.	Terrell Academy	16-13	7	Eagles will be dangerous
3.	Pinewood Christian	21-13	9	Patriots have all the ingredients
4.	Dominion Christian	16-15	5	Pitching will keep DC in hunt
5.	Valwood	19-11	7	Senior-heavy team will be tough
6.	Heritage	12-16	8	Hawks will turn it around
7.	Tiftarea	11-15	8	Panthers will be in the chase
8.	Brookwood	17-11	2	Young Warriors still tough
9.	Lakeview Academy	10-11	2	Brown, Graham lead the way
10.	Frederica	11-14	5	Knights will be much better

Teams to watch (In alphabetical order)

Deerfield-Windsor, Southland

GIAA Class 2A

No.	Team	2023 Record	Returning Starters	Comment
1.	Gatewood	19-9	10	Gators could be even better
2.	Edmund Burke	14-10	8	Spartans have playmakers
3.	SW Georgia	15-13	7	Warriors back in the chase
4.	Piedmont	12-9	7	Cougars will be talented
5.	Brentwood	8-13	5	Carter, Williford lead way
6.	Trinity Christian	13-11	6	Crusaders may be year away
7.	Citizens Christian	14-14	7	Keep an eye on this team
8.	Westwood	13-9	6	Wildcats going to be tough
9.	Briarwood	6-15	5	Bucs will be solid again
10.	Windsor	5-12	5	Knights should be much better

Teams to watch (In alphabetical order)

Augusta Prep, Central Fellowship, Covenant

GIAA Class 1A

No.	Team	2023 Record	Returning Starters	Comment
1.	Flint River	13-8	7	Wildcats will be tough to beat
2.	Thomas Jefferson	18-7	3	Expect Jags to be back
3.	Grace Christian	15-9	7	Cougars will be solid
4.	Robert Toombs	12-9	6	Crusaders will be back in hunt
5.	First Preparatory	25-10	5	Highlanders still tough
6.	Fullington	10-9	4	Trojans have good talent
7.	David Emanuel	13-11	5	Eagles a team to watch
8.	Memorial Day	7-11	9	Keep eye on this group
9.	Harvester Christian	9-7	NA	Hawks also in the hunt
10.	Crisp Academy	1-13	5	Wildcats will turn it around

Teams to watch (In alphabetical order)

John Hancock, Twiggs

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
24	25	26	27	28 PHI	29	30 PHI
31 PHI	1 CWS	2 CWS	3 CWS	4	5 ARZ	6 ARZ
7 ARZ	8 NYM	9 NYM	10 NYM	11 NYM	12 MIA	13 MIA
14 MIA	15 HOU	16 HOU	17 HOU	18	19 TEX	20 TEX
21 TEX	22 MIA	23 MIA	24 MIA	25	26 CLE	27 CLE
28 CLE	29 SEA	30 SEA				

MAY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 SEA	2	3 LAD	4 LAD
5 LAD	6	7 BOS	8 BOS	9	10 NYM	11 NYM
12 NYM	13 CHC	14 CHC	15 CHC	16	17 SD	18 SD
19 SD	20 SD	21 CHC	22 CHC	23 CHC	24 PIT	25 PIT
26 PIT	27 WSH	28 WSH	29 WSH	30 WSH	31 OAK	

JUNE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 OAK
2 OAK	3	4 BOS	5 BOS	6 WSH	7 WSH	8 WSH
9 WSH	10	11 BAL	12 BAL	13 BAL	14 TB	15 TB
16 TB	17 DET	18 DET	19 DET	20	21 NYY	22 NYY
23 NYY	24 STL	25 STL	26 STL	27	28 PIT	29 PIT
30 PIT						

JULY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 SF	3 SF	4 SF	5 PHI	6 PHI
7 PHI	8 ARZ	9 ARZ	10 ARZ	11 ARZ	12 SD	13 SD
14 SD	15	16	17	18	19 STL	20 STL
21 STL	22 CIN	23 CIN	24 CIN	25 NYM	26 NYM	27 NYM
28 NYM	29 MIL	30 MIL	31 MIL			

AUGUST

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 MIA	2 MIA	3 MIA
4 MIA	5	6 MIL	7 MIL	8 MIL	9 COL	10 COL
11 COL	12 SF	13 SF	14 SF	15 SF	16 LAA	17 LAA
18 LAA	19	20 PHI	21 PHI	22 PHI	23 WSH	24 WSH
25 WSH	26 MIN	27 MIN	28 MIN	29 PHI	30 PHI	31 PHI

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 PHI	2	3 COL	4 COL	5 COL	6 TOR	7 TOR
8 TOR	9	10 WSH	11 WSH		13 LAD	14 LAD
15 LAD	16 LAD	17 CIN	18 CIN	19 CIN	20 MIA	21 MIA
22 MIA	23	24 NYM	25 NYM	26	27 KC	28 KC
29 KC	30					

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REGION 1-7A

Region Favorite: Lowndes

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

INF/RHP – Garrett Albright, Sr., Camden County; **RHP/INF** – Ashton Bohler, Sr., Lowndes; **INF/OF** – Cam Cook, Sr., Colquitt County; **INF** – Talon Daignault, Sr., Camden County; **INF** – Cason Fletcher, So., Lowndes; **3B** – Tyler Fountain, Sr., Richmond Hill; **C** – Hayden Hembree, Jr., Colquitt County; **LHP/OF** – Bryce Hendricks, Sr., Richmond Hill; **RHP/SS** – Christian Hill, Jr., Colquitt County; **INF/RHP** – Skyler Howell, Sr., Valdosta; **OF** – Jordan Hudson, Sr., Lowndes; **OF/RHP** – Lee Johnson, Jr., Richmond Hill; **LHP/OF** – Matthew Kerrigan, So., Lowndes; **OF** – Coleman Lewis, Jr., Lowndes; **C** – Gavin Martin, Sr., Richmond Hill; **OF/RHP** – Andre Mason, Sr., Valdosta; **LHP/OF** – Mason Moore, Sr., Colquitt County; **INF** – Carson Page, Sr., Lowndes; **OF** – Cayden Parker, Sr., Colquitt County; **C** – Turner Samples, Jr., Valdosta; **3B/OF** – Tate Sirmans, Sr., Lowndes; **C** – Nate Slaughter, Sr., Lowndes; **DH/RHP** – Noah Thigpen, Sr., Lowndes; **C/1B** – Grant Wagner, So., Richmond Hill; **1B** – Jake Walker, Jr., Colquitt County; **INF/RHP** – Alex Wilson, Sr., Valdosta



CAMDEN COUNTY WILDCATS

Head Coach: Ladonis Bryant (new)

Assistant Coaches: Chase Morris, Spanky McFarland, Jordan Reiling

2023 Record: 7-16

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Garrett Albright (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R); INF Talon Daignault (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); OF Caden Napier (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); U Will Johnson (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/L); C Parker Riendeau (So., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF/RHP Caden Sullivan (So., 6-0, 220, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wildcats struggled last season and new coach Ladonis Bryant looks get Camden back into contention. He inherits six returning starters, including pitching standout Garrett Albright. The Wildcats will also be looking for some younger players to step forward.



COLQUITT COUNTY PACKERS

Head Coach: Brandon Brock

Assistant Coaches: Ryan Davis, Tyler Hembree, Ethan Hopper, Kirk Woodall, Mack Crosby

2023 Record: 12-17

Returning Starters: INF/OF Cam Cook (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); LHP/OF Mason Moore (Sr., 5-11, 170, L/L); OF Cayden Parker (Sr., 5-11, 150, L/R); RHP Garron Wingate (Sr., 6-3, 195, R/R); INF Adam Beverly (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF Brady

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DeRosso (Jr., 5-11, 160, L/R); LHP Gabe Eubanks (Jr., 5-9, 145, L/L); C Hayden Hembree (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); RHP/SS Christian Hill (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); 1B Jake Walker (Jr., 6-2, 210, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Charlie Thornton (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); RHP/INF Ethan Allegood (Jr., 6-4, 160, R/R); RHP/INF Jaxon Chambers (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R); LHP/OF Cook Tompkins (Jr., 6-2, 155, L/L); RHP Dylan Chapman (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); RHP Ross Sparkman (Jr., 6-1, 190, R/R); RHP/C/INF Davis Lightsey (So., 5-9, 155, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP Cole Holder (Jr., 6-3, 270, R/R); INF Tyson Hobby (So., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP/INF Logan Plymel (So., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Packers struggled with a young team in 2023. Most of that team returns this spring as Colquitt should be improved. Top pitchers Mason Moore and Christian Hill return as well as Garron Wingate and Gabe Eubanks. Offensively, all-region standouts Jake Walker and Hayden Hembree are back as well as senior leaders Cayden Parker and Cam Cook.



Cam Cook
Colquitt County



Cayden Parker
Colquitt County



Charlie Thornton
Colquitt County



Garron Wingate
Colquitt County



LOWNDES VIKINGS

Head Coach: Ryan Page
Assistant Coaches: Taylor Wilkins, Matt Crews, Luke Miller, Lance Jarriel, Adam Amari

2023 Record: 28-12

Returning Starters: 3B/OF

Tate Sirmans (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF Carson Page (Sr., 5-7, 165, R/R); OF Coleman Lewis (Jr., 6-0, 205, L/R); OF Jordan Hudson (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); DH/RHP Noah Thigpen (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); C Nate Slaughter (Sr., 5-10, 200, R/R); RHP/INF Ashton Bohler (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); INF Cason Fletcher (So., 5-8, 155, R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP/1B Eli Willis (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/L); C Hayden Hall (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); RHP Jackson Hill (Sr., 6-1, 170, L/R); OF Jude Jaramillo (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Kyle Alonso (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); 1B Ty Macera (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP/OF Matthew Kerrigan (So., 6-0, 160, L/L); RHP Drew Inman (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP/INF Garrett Moon (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); RHP Easton Blanton (So., 6-2, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The defending state champions could be even better in 2024. Top pitchers Ashton Bohler and Noah Thigpen return to anchor a solid rotation. Meanwhile, offensive leaders Tate Sirmans, Carson Page, Coleman



Matthew Kerrigan
Lowndes



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Lowndes

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RICHMOND HILL WILDCATS

Head Coach: Hill Thomas

Assistant Coaches: Joe Scott, Kevin Matthews, Robbie Flanders, Luis Lugo, Josh Davis

2023 Record: 17-17

Returning Starters: 3B Tyler Fountain (Sr., 6-2, 200, R/R); C/1B Grant Wagner (So., 6-3, 175, R/R); 1B/OF Alex Harwood (Sr., 6-4, 215, R/R); C Gavin Martin

(Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); LHP/OF Bryce Hendricks (Sr., 6-3, 165, R/L)

Other Returning Players: OF/RHP Lee Johnson (Jr., 6-3, 215, R/R); LHP Jacob Montelbano (Sr., 6-1, 165, R/L); LHP Ben Zwicker (Sr., 6-4, 170, L/L); RHP/OF Jaxson Wagner (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R); SS Connor Gilkey (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); 2B Victor Villela (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Noah Stone (So., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF/LHP Joey Succi (So., 5-8, 150, L/L); INF Tony Berry (Jr., 5-8, 140, L/R); RHP/INF Eli Howard (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wildcats lost seven starters to graduation and will need some underclassmen to step forward this spring. There is talent returning, it will just need time to mature. Catcher Gavin Martin returns behind the plate to power the offense. Keep an eye on sophomore Grant Wagner who was promising as a freshman last year.

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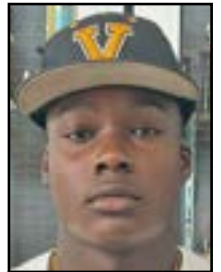
VALDOSTA WILDCATS

Head Coach: Bart Shuman

Assistant Coaches: Keith McConnehead, Mario Lampkin, Ryan Davis

2023 Record: 16-14

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Andre Mason (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); INF/RHP Alex Wilson (Sr., 6-4, 200, R/R); C Turner Samples (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); INF Braeden Lampkin (So., 5-10, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Skyler Howell (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R)



Andre Mason
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Other Returning Players:

INF/RHP Hayden Coats (So., 5-11, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Colton Spires (So., 6-0, 160, R/R); C/U Tony Dinkins (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook:

The Wildcats played well at times last season, then struggled at times. If Valdosta can show consistency, they should have a chance to improve upon last season's finish. Pitching depth is a concern, but right-handers Andre Mason, Alex Wilson and Skyler Howell are back. Some younger players will need to step up and help out.



Turner Samples
Valdosta



Alex Wilson
Valdosta



CARROLLTON TROJANS

Head Coach: Trent Bianco

Assistant Coaches: Adam Bright, Ty Fowlkes, Kurt Hitzeman, Jake Richardson, Andrew Turner, Sam Turner

2023 Record: 16-14

Returning Starters: INF Andrew Albertus (Sr., 5-10, 180, L/R); INF/OF Bryce Kingeter (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R); INF Maddox Monsour (Jr., 5-11, 185, R/R); RHP/INF John Cobb (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Landon Eubanks (Jr., 6-1, 170, L/R); C Lane Bell (So., 5-9, 165, R/R); RHP/OF CJ Morris (So., 6-1, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Evan Moody (So., 6-1, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Carson Waldrop (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF Logan Turner (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Landon Clayton (Jr., 6-1, 225, R/R); INF/RHP Dylan Bishop (So., 6-2, 175, R/R); C Maddox Bonner (So., 5-9, 180, L/R); RHP Caden Opperman (So., 6-2, 185, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/RHP Caleb Hudson (Fr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Trojans could be the team to beat in Region 2-7A this spring. A wealth of talent returns, including perhaps the best middle infield combo in the state in shortstop Maddox Monsour and second-baseman Andrew Albertus. Right-handers John Cobb and CJ Morris anchor a young but solid pitching rotation. Keep an eye on a strong group of underclassmen who will compete for playing time.



John Cobb
Carrollton

REGION 2-7A

Region Favorite: Carrollton

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

INF – Andrew Albertus, Sr., Carrollton; **C** – Lane Bell, So., Carrollton; **C/U** – Joey Blomberg, Sr., Campbell; **RHP/INF** – John Cobb, Jr., Carrollton; **RHP** – Reece Davis, Sr., East Coweta; **RHP/2B** – Evan Doss, Sr., East Coweta; **RHP/1B** – Boomer Dunn, Sr., Campbell; **INF/RHP** – Landon Eubanks, Jr., Carrollton; **C/U** – Lucas Grantham, Sr., Campbell; **SS** – Chance Izzo, Jr., East Coweta; **OF/LHP** – Joel James, Jr., Campbell; **SS/2B** – Cedric Langford, So., Westlake; **INF** – Maddox Monsour, Jr., Carrollton; **RHP/OF** – CJ Morris, So., Carrollton; **RHP** – Dylan Nemeth, Sr., East Coweta; **RHP/3B/SS** – Renard Strickland, So., Westlake; **INF/OF** – Nathan Taylor, Sr., Campbell; **RHP/INF** – Bryce Thomas, Sr., Westlake



CAMPBELL SPARTANS

Head Coach: Jackson Cargle

Assistant Coaches: Josh Kimball, Chris Law, Will Robertson, Haleigh Dickeyl

2023 Record: 9-18

Returning Starters: OF/LHP Joel James (Jr., 5-10, 160, L/L); C/U Braden Lightsey (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R); C/U Joey Blomberg (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); C/U Lucas Grantham (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); RHP/1B Boomer Dunn (Sr., 6-4, 210, R/R); INF/OF Nathan Taylor (Sr., 5-11, 155, R/R); INF William Blosser (Sr., 5-6, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP/OF Theo Angell (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/L); 1B/DH Alex Dominguez (Sr., 6-0, 265, R/R); RHP/OF Drew Duellmer (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF Matthew Prather (Sr., 5-7, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/OF Milo Kennedy (Jr., 5-11, 155, R/R); RHP/1B Alex Johns (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Jackson Ramon (Jr., 6-0, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Spartans won nine games in coach Jackson Cargle's first season last year. They look to be even better in 2024. Seven starters are back, including offensive catalysts Joel James and Lucas Grantham. Senior right-hander Boomer Dunn returns to lead a solid pitching rotation.



EAST COWETA INDIANS

Head Coach: Franklin Deloach

Assistant Coaches: Mark Bowles, Tyler Ridgeway, Mark Barfield, Cam Smith, Roc Coleman, Kyle Bowman

2023 Record: 26-5

Returning Starters: RHP/2B Evan Doss (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); C/3B CJ Rivera (Jr., 5-8, 175, R/R); SS Chance Izzo (Jr., 5-6, 160, R/R); 2B Carson Kish (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 3B/1B Conor Goltermann (Jr., R/R); C Cub Tinsley (Sr., R/R); RHP/OF Derrick Hand (Jr., R/R); RHP Dylan Nemeth (Sr., R/R); OF Gavin Lee (Jr., R/R); OF Logan Bence (Jr., R/R); OF Mason Smith (Jr., R/R); RHP Reece Davis (Sr., R/R); LHP Maddox Bridges (Sr., L/L)

Season Outlook: The Indians lost a ton of talent to graduation and the 2024 senior class will be somewhat small. However, don't sleep on East Coweta. A strong junior class will contend for playing time while four starters are back. One of them is pitcher/infielder Evan Doss.



PEBBLEBROOK FALCONS

Head Coach: Jason Ryals

Survey not returned

GHSA Class 7A

WESTLAKE LIONS

Head Coach: Kelcey White

Assistant Coaches: Sean Moore, D'Anthony Morrow, Gerald Martin, Antonio Allen, Jaden Hardin

2023 Record: 16-11

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Bryce Thomas (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); RHP/1B Jacob Hardman (Sr., 6-4, 225, R/R); OF DJ McLaughlin (Sr., 5-11, 155, R/R); RHP/C Micah Jones (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); RHP Malik Allen (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); SS/2B Cedric Langford (So., 5-8, 155, R/R); RHP/3B/SS Renard Strickland (So., 5-11, 165, R/R); RHP/3B/1B Joseph Williams (Jr., 6-1, 165, R/R); C/1B Kobe Wimberly (Jr., 5-10, 210, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Daryl Smith (Sr., 5-8, 155, L/L); OF Grant Bartell (So., 5-7, 150, R/R); RHP Kyler Glenn (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R); U Kaden Peterson (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF DJ McKinnon (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); 1B/OF Savon Harper (So., 6-2, 195, R/R); LHP/OF Naim Foster (So., 5-8, 150, L/L); INF Justice Morrison (Fr., 5-8, 145, B/R); C Elias Gandy (Fr., 5-8, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Lions return a good nucleus of talent and will be expected to challenge for the region title. The senior class is solid and boasts depth in the pitching rotation as right-handers Bryce Thomas (4-2, 3.88 ERA), Jacob Hardman, Micah Jones and Malik Allen return. Keep an eye on an excellent group of underclassmen.



Cedric Langford
Westlake



Bryce Thomas
Westlake

HARRISON HOYAS

Head Coach: Jake Storey

Assistant Coaches: Chris Widing, Taylor Butler, Mic Knox, Christian Turnipseed

2023 Record: 9-20

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Craig Kalkbrenner (Sr., R/R); C/OF Dominic Stephenson (Jr., R/R); U Andrew Komar (Jr., R/R); 1B/LHP Nick Yarbrough (Jr., L/L); INF Ben Connelly (Sr., L/R); INF Luke Griffin (Sr., R/R); OF Xavier Hill (Jr., R/R); RHP William Homan (Sr., R/R); RHP Grant Largen (Jr.)

Other Returning Players: OF/INF/RHP Brett Leseman (Jr., R/R); INF Luke Herring (Sr., R/R); LHP Will Sanford (Sr., L/L); OF/RHP Carter Mowery (Sr., R/R); RHP TJ Mortimore (Sr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Cole Abercrombie (Jr., R/R); C/INF Luke Hudson (So., R/R); INF/OF Gianni Gibson (So., R/R); RHP Micah Knox (Jr., R/R); RHP Jack Kennedy (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Harrison struggled last season, but look for the Hoyas to turn things around this spring. A good mixture of talent returns. Seven starters are back, including standout Craig Kalkbrenner. One area that will be much better is on the mound where Grant Largen and William Homan return.



William Homan
Harrison



Grant Largen
Harrison



Dominic Stephenson
Harrison



Nick Yarbrough
Harrison

REGION 3-7A

Region Favorite: North Paulding

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

SS – Jacob Bohacek, Sr., Marietta; **RHP/1B** – Jordan Bright, Sr., McEachern; **CF** – Andrew Carter, Sr., McEachern; **SS** – Cade Cox, So., North Paulding; **RHP** – Landon Estes, Sr., North Paulding; **OF/LHP** – Mason Gazaway, Jr., Marietta; **OF** – Tanner Greenwald, Sr., Hillgrove; **RHP** – Caden Hewitt, Sr., North Paulding; **RHP** – William Homan, Sr., Harrison; **INF** – Victor Junco, Sr., North Paulding; **RHP** – Sawyer Kale, Sr., Hillgrove; **SS/RHP** – Craig Kalkbrenner, Sr., Harrison; **RHP** – Grant Largen, Jr., Harrison; **INF/RHP** – Karsten Leibel, Sr., Marietta; **LHP/DH** – Zac Miller, Sr., Hillgrove; **RHP** – DeShawn Morgan, Sr., North Paulding; **INF/OF/RHP** – Joe Moseley, Sr., Marietta; **OF** – Jack Peek, Sr., Hillgrove; **C/OF** – Nathan Rowland, Jr., North Paulding; **C** – Cayden Sheffield, Sr., North Paulding; **C/3B** – Carson Vick, Jr., Hillgrove; **OF/LHP** – Andy Watters, Sr., Marietta; **C** – Alex Whiteside, Sr., Marietta; **OF** – Avery Wilson, Jr., Hillgrove; **1B/LHP** – Nick Yarbrough, Jr., Harrison

HILLGROVE HAWKS

Head Coach: David Richardson

Assistant Coaches: Andrew Alverson, Richard Dombrowsky, David Ellis, Fred West, Kwodwo Branigan

2023 Record: 25-12

Returning Starters: OF Avery Wilson (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); C/3B Carson Vick (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Tanner Greenwald (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); C Landon Abrams (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); 1B/LHP Cooper May (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/L); INF Daniel Parker (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF Jack Peek (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); LHP/DH Zac Miller (Sr., 6-1, 180, L/L); RHP Sawyer Kale (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Xavier Cahill (Sr., 5-8, 170, R/R); RHP Carl Paolino (Sr., 5-11, 150, R/R); INF/OF Donovan McGhee (Jr., 5-8, 150, R/R); RHP/3B Graham Daniels (So., 5-8, 175, R/R); RHP Tucker Bowen (So., 6-0, 165, R/R); RHP Aiden Moore (So., 6-1, 175, R/R); INF Donovan Dortch (So., 5-9, 165, R/R); OF Jordan Walker (So., 5-9, 165, L/L)



Tanner Greenwald
Hillgrove



Sawyer Kale
Hillgrove

GHSA Class 7A

Top Newcomers: OF/INF Bryson Hicks (Jr., 5-7, 155, R/R); LHP Ethan Mauricio (Jr., 5-10, 170, L/L); RHP Jason Statham (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); RHP Camron Holmes (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); 1B Jackson Curtis (Jr., 6-1, 195, R/R)



Zac Miller
Hillgrove



Jack Peek
Hillgrove

Season Outlook: Hillgrove returns a solid group from last year's team that won the region title. Look for the Hawks to be back in the hunt this spring. Outfielder Avery Wilson, catcher/third-baseman Carson Vick and outfielder Tanner Greenwald return, while right-hander Sawyer Kale and lefty Zac Miller are back to anchor a talented pitching rotation.

MARIETTA BLUE DEVILS

Head Coach: Josh Davis

Assistant Coaches: Thomas Turner, Blake Davis

2023 Record: 17-16

Returning Starters: SS Jacob Bohacek (Sr., R/R); OF/LHP Andy Watters (Sr., L/L); C Alex Whiteside (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Karsten Leibel (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Brooks Gresehover (Sr., R/R); INF/OF/RHP Joe Moseley (Sr., R/R); OF/LHP Mason Gazaway (Jr., L/L); OF/RHP Carson Snipes (So., L/R); C/INF James Lowe (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Ethan Stanley (Sr., R/R); RHP/OF Carter Reed (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Sam Sparger (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP Luke Fennelly (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: After making the state playoffs last year, Marietta looks to take things farther this spring. The Blue Devils have the talent to do just that. Most of last year's team returns, including all-region standouts Jacob Bohacek, Andy Watters, Mason Gazaway and Alex Whiteside. Keep an eye on this program.

McEACHERN INDIANS

Head Coach: Eli Autry

Assistant Coaches: Zach Smith, Stephen Wells, Jacob Thrash

2023 Record: 17-14

Returning Starters: CF Andrew Carter (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); RHP/1B Jordan Bright (Sr., 6-5, 220, R/R); OF/INF Carmelo Jones (Sr., 5-9, 155, R/R); INF JJ Chapman (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); RHP/OF Ethan Barno (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Nick Edwards (Sr., 6-2, 200, R/R); RHP/3B Derick Moise (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R); RHP/INF Matthias Keys (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); 1B/DH Parker McClendon (Sr., 6-2, 295, R/R); LHP/OF Josiah Hatchett (Jr., 5-11, 175, L/L); LHP/1B Tyce Williams (Jr., 5-9, 225, L/L); LHP/1B Adrien Islas (So., 5-10, 230, L/L)

Top Newcomers: LHP Joseph Allen (Jr., 5-10, 150, L/L); RHP/INF JC Crenshaw (Jr., 5-9, 145, R/R); C/3B Jordan Stokes (So., 5-10, 195, R/R); RHP/SS Chubb Jones (Fr., 6-3, 185, R/R); INF/OF Malachi Butler (Fr., 5-9, 165, L/R)

Season Outlook: The Indians welcome back an excellent senior class that should have them contending for a postseason berth. All-state outfielder Andrew Carter returns after batting .400 last year. Standout pitcher Jordan Bright is back to lead what should be a solid pitching rotation. Look for this program to keep getting better.

NORTH PAULDING WOLFPACK

Head Coach: Matt Richardson

Assistant Coaches: Karlton Schilling, AJ Pederson, JoJo Kelliher, Mike Day

2023 Record: 23-12

Returning Starters: C Cayden Sheffield (Sr., R/R); INF Victor Junco (Sr., R/R); C/OF Nathan Rowland (Jr., R/R); SS Cade Cox (So., R/R); U Jonathan Croxton (Sr., R/R); RHP Caden Hewitt (Sr., R/R); OF Bryce Tibbitts (Sr., L/L); RHP DeShawn Morgan (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: U AJ Lynch (Sr., R/R); RHP Landon Estes (Sr., R/R); U Sean O'Brien (Sr., R/R); RHP/3B Colin Loeffler (Sr., R/R); 1B Aiden Elkins (Jr., R/R); RHP Lucas Vargo (Jr., R/R); C Derek Race (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/RHP Yenli Nolasco (Jr., R/R); OF Chandler Weldon (So., B/R); RHP Parker Fennelly (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: After making a deep playoff run last spring, the Wolfpack have the ingredients for another strong run in 2024. Cayden Sheffield returns behind the plate and will lead the offense, while standout pitchers Caden Hewitt and DeShawn Morgan anchor what should be a strong pitching rotation.



DeShawn Morgan
North Paulding

REGION 4-7A

Region Favorite: Parkview

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

OF – Mason Archie, Jr., Brookwood; **INF/RHP** – Landon Arroyos, Jr., Grayson; **RHP/INF** – Jackson Barberi, Sr., Brookwood; **LHP** – Porter Berryman, Jr., Parkview; **OF** – John Beverley, Sr., Brookwood; **C** – Preston Bonn, Sr., Brookwood; **3B** – Cade Brown, Sr., Parkview; **INF/RHP** – Alex Espinoza, Jr., Grayson; **C/RHP** – Ethan Finch, Sr., Parkview; **LHP** – Charlie Foster, Sr., Brookwood; **RHP** – Clinton Harris, Sr., Brookwood; **OF** – VJ Heath, Sr., Brookwood; **SS/2B** – Adrian Jimenez, Sr., Parkview; **RHP** – Thorpe Musci, Sr., Parkview; **OF** – Eli Pitts, Jr., Parkview; **C/INF** – Alex Reyes, So., Brookwood; **U** – Boomer Rogozinski, So., Brookwood; **OF** – Alex Sanchez, Jr., Grayson; **INF/RHP/C** – JD Smith, Sr., Grayson; **LHP/1B** – Ford Thompson, Sr., Parkview; **OF** – William Wallace, Sr., Archer; **OF/RHP/INF** – Austin Williamson, Sr., Grayson; **INF** – Alex Wright, Sr., Brookwood; **RHP** – Jack Young, Sr., Archer

GHSA Class 7A



Head Coach: Eric Love
Survey not returned



Head Coach: Robby Gilbert
Assistant Coaches: Bret Carithers, Curtis Burke, Hayden Hollingsworth, Charlie Goens
2023 Record: 19-12
Returning Starters: C Preston Bonn (Sr.); OF John Beverley (Sr.); OF VJ Heath (Sr.); INF Cody Fuller (Sr.); LHP Charlie Foster (Sr.); RHP Clinton Harris (Sr.); P JT Soto (Sr.); OF Mason Archie (Jr.); U Boomer Rogozinski (So.); C/INF Alex Reyes (So.)
Other Returning Players: RHP/INF Jackson Barberi (Sr.); OF Jay Bueno (Sr.); OF Justin Bass (Sr.); INF Alex Wright (Sr.); OF Avery Butler (Sr.); P/OF Joe Soto (So.); P/OF Christian Mendez (Jr.)
Top Newcomers: P/U Dylan Larsen (Jr.); INF Ryan Morris (Jr.); U Kip O'Neal (Jr.); C/U Chase Goodwin (Jr.)
Season Outlook: The Broncos return enough talent to make a run at the region title this spring. A wealth of talent is back, including a lethal pitching rotation of Charlie Foster, Clinton Harris and the return of Jackson Barberi. Catcher Preston Bonn and outfielder John Beverley return to lead an offensive capable of scoring a lot of runs.



Head Coach: Jed Hixson
Assistant Coaches: Jackson Hood, Glen Williamson, Ben Bone, Jaylen Woullard, Bradley Glore
2023 Record: 20-15
Returning Starters: INF/RHP Landon Arroyos (Jr., 5-8, 155, R/R); INF/RHP Alex Espinoza (Jr., 5-8, 155, R/R); INF/RHP/C JD Smith (Sr., 5-8, 155, L/R); OF/RHP/INF Austin Williamson (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R)
Other Returning Players: OF Alex Sanchez (Jr., 6-3, 190, L/L); RHP/INF Ekrem Kruskic (Jr., 5-11, 175, L/R); RHP/INF Shane Smith (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); C/1B Nik Jackson (Sr., 5-10, 195, R/R); RHP/1B Will Maier (Sr., 6-4, 180, R/R); OF/INF Elijah Miller (Jr., 5-8, 185, R/R)
Top Newcomers: C Vernon Woodard (So., 5-10, 170, L/R); OF/RHP Tre Watkins (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R); C/INF David Paez (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R); INF/OF/RHP Dylan Blackmon (Jr., 6-2, 185, R/R)
Season Outlook: The Rams return four starters and will be expected to challenge for the postseason as usual. Keep an eye on a talented group of juniors who will be expected to contribute. Outfielder Alex Sanchez is a player to watch.



Head Coach: Delvin Jordan (new)
Survey not returned



Head Coach: Chan Brown
Assistant Coaches: David Reynolds, Dustin Kline, Jordan McCoy, Mike Cooper, Ellis Appling, Ryan Emers, Austin Lord, Dion Williams
2023 Record: 32-8
Returning Starters: 3B Cade Brown (Sr., 6-2, 200, R/R); INF Caleb Brown (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R); OF Makhi Buckley (Sr., 5-8, 165, L/L); C/RHP Ethan Finch (Sr., 5-11, 190, R/R); RHP Thorpe Musci (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); LHP/1B Ford Thompson (Sr., 6-0, 180, L/L); LHP Porter Berryman (Jr., 5-10, 175, L/L); INF/RHP Mason Davis (Jr., 5-8, 150, R/R); OF Eli Pitts (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R); OF Malachi Washington (So., 6-2, 180, R/R)
Other Returning Players: 1B/RHP Kason Gleaton (Sr., 6-5, 250, R/R); RHP Jon Holcomb (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R); 1B Greg Jones (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); OF Johnny Petrucelli (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); LHP JT Whritenour (Jr., 5-11, 165, L/L); C Tyler Yoon (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Ellis Appling (So., 5-10, 200, R/R); INF Diego DeJesus (So., 5-8, 150, R/R)
Top Newcomers: LHP Coby Hornsby (Jr., 5-10, 165, L/L); INF/RHP Emani Ford (So., 5-11, 165, B/R); SS/2B Adrian Jimenez (Sr., 5-11, 190, R/R)
Season Outlook: After finishing as the state runner-up in 2023, the Panthers are loaded this spring ... again. Top pitchers Thorpe Musci and Ford Thompson anchor a strong rotation. The offense will rank among the state's best as All-American Cade Brown, Ethan Finch and Eli Pitts return. Former Lanier standout Adrian Jimenez gives the Panthers another infield leader.



Head Coach: Ryan Patterson
Survey not returned

GHSA Class 7A

REGION 5-7A

Region Favorite: Walton

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

INF – Jay Abernathy, Sr., North Cobb; **LHP/OF** – Miller Alston, Sr., Walton; **INF/OF** – Parker Bare, Jr., North Cobb; **OF** – Jackson Bradfield, Sr., Cherokee; **C/1B** – Levi Clark, Sr., Walton; **SS** – Jason Cox, Sr., Wheeler; **RHP** – Sammy Ericson, Jr., Cherokee; **SS/RHP** – Tyson Harmon, Sr., Kennesaw Mountain; **C** – Evan Holstein, Sr., Cherokee; **LHP/1B** – Pete Jezerinac, Sr., Kennesaw Mountain; **OF/RHP** – Elijah Johnson, Jr., Osborne; **INF/OF** – Jayce Jones, Jr., Cherokee; **INF** – Collin McGhee, Jr., Cherokee; **RHP** – Dane Moehler, Sr., Walton; **3B/SS** – Isander Poventud, So., Kennesaw Mountain; **2B/OF** – Bryan Rivera, Sr., Kennesaw Mountain; **RHP/C/INF** – Josh Tattershall, Jr., Osborne; **RHP** – Reid Worley, Jr., Cherokee; **C/OF** – Davis Wright, Sr., Walton

CHEROKEE WARRIORS

Head Coach: Josh Thomas

Assistant Coaches: David Blaylock, Zack Brigham, Charlie Buck, Nick Hammonds, Zack Lemons, Tyler Sands

2023 Record: 23-8

Returning Starters: OF Jackson Bradfield (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R); C Evan Holstein (Sr., 6-1, 195, R/R); OF/C Wesley Hurt (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF Collin McGhee (Jr., 5-8, 155, L/R); INF/OF Jayce Jones (Jr., 5-8, 155, R/R); RHP Reid Worley (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R); INF Alex Morales (So., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP Sammy Ericson (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Semaj Burley (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); RHP Liam Kirkman (Sr., 6-3, 200, R/R); INF/RHP Brennan Roth (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF/LHP Jayce Carson (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/L); OF/LHP Jared Jones (Jr., 5-10, 165, L/L); RHP Owen Prisock (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Andre Sweet (So., 5-11, 155, R/R); C/INF Brody Smith (So., 6-1, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Warriors should battle for the region title this spring as a wealth of talented starters return. If the pitching rotation performs consistently, look for the Warriors to be a dangerous team. Offensive leaders Jackson Bradfield and Evan Holstein return to lead the way.

KENNESAW MOUNTAIN MUSTANGS

Head Coach: George Hansen

Assistant Coaches: Rich Oria, Chase Slone, Jarred Parker, Will McCrum

2023 Record: 25-9

Returning Starters: LHP/1B Pete Jezerinac (Sr., L/L); SS/RHP Tyson Harmon (Sr., R/R); 2B/OF Bryan Rivera (Sr., R/R); OF Garrett Bartlett (Sr., R/R); RHP Landon Meng (Sr., R/R); LHP Blake Martin (Sr., L/L); RHP Jackson Dietz (Jr., R/R); OF Ryan Maddocks (Sr., R/R); 3B/SS Isander Poventud (So., R/R); OF

Austin Henderson (Sr., R/R); C Mason Williams (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Dario Volo (Sr., R/R); INF John Trollingier (Jr., R/R); OF Jeremiah Tatum (Jr., R/R); INF/C George Lutz (Jr., R/R); OF Jake Phelps (So., R/R); LHP Andrew Lewis (Sr., L/L)

Season Outlook: The defending region champions lost some key ingredients from last season's squad. The good news is that most of the team's pitching rotation returns. All-state standout Pete Jezerinac returns along with right-hander Tyson Harmon. Offensive leaders Bryan Rivera, Garrett Bartlett and Isander Poventud also return.

NORTH COBB WARRIORS

Head Coach: Tom Callahan

Assistant Coaches: Mike Turchan, Evan Hester

2023 Record: 12-18

Returning Starters: INF Jay Abernathy (Sr., 5-10, 175, L/R); INF/RHP Haruki Kawano (Sr., 5-7, 170, R/R); OF TJ Smith (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); C/INF Nick Grimstead (Jr., 6-1, 190, R/R); INF/OF Parker Bare (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF/INF Steele Ingram (So., 6-2, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP Kendall Vincent (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/L); INF Reed Dekle (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R); INF/RHP Keenan Mobley (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF/RHP Jacob Belfield (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Kaleb Narcisse (So., 6-0, 195, R/R); 1B/RHP Duncan Kennedy (Sr., 6-3, 195, R/R); OF/RHP Jamauri Major (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP Mitchell Addison (Sr., 5-11, 155, R/R); RHP/OF Brandon Goshay (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Warriors lost a good bit of talent to graduation after making the state playoffs last spring. But North Cobb has six returning starters to help out. One of those is infielder Jay Abernathy, one of the state's top players. The lack of experienced pitching is a concern.

OSBORNE CARDINALS

Head Coach: Neal Sammons

Assistant Coaches: Bobby Fisher, Phillip Nasworthy, Shannon Pearson

2023 Record: 6-23

Returning Starters: 3B/RHP Koge Walker-Smith (Sr., B/R); RHP/C/INF Josh Tattershall (Jr., R/R); 1B/RHP Jaden Hall (Jr., R/R); OF/RHP Elijah Johnson (Jr., R/R); OF/RHP Gavin Hosterman (Jr., L/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/RHP Angel Tobias (So., R/R); OF/LHP Isaiah Brisbane (So., L/L); INF Landon Gilford (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/INF Bryant Edge (Fr.); OF Famous Jackson (Fr.); OF Miles Hosterman (Fr.)

Season Outlook: A young team returns at Osborne, but the Cardinals look to continue making positive strides this spring. Five starters are back, including one of the region's more-exciting players in pitcher/catcher/infielder Josh Tattershall. The Cardinals will be looking for some underclassmen to step forward this spring.

GHSA Class 7A



Head Coach: Shane Amos

Assistant Coaches: John Miller, Parker Orr, Austin Driskell, Pierce Smith, Chuck Payton

2023 Record: 23-14

Returning Starters: C/1B Levi Clark (Sr., 6-2, 195, R/R); RHP Eli Hardage (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP Dane Moehler (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R); LHP/OF Miller Alston (Sr., 5-11, 160, L/L); C/OF Davis Wright (Sr., 6-0, 185, L/R); INF Parker Dastou (Jr., 6-0, 155, R/R); RHP Hyland Brown (Jr., 6-3, 175, R/R); SS Jackson Taylor (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R); RHP Kaeden Gilstrap (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF Walker Killimett (So., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Adam Wideman (Sr., 5-11, 210, L/R); 3B Wyatt Reuter (Jr., 6-1, 165, R/R); RHP/OF Gavin Pilger (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); RHP/3B Vaughn Krohn (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP/1B Waylon Christman (Sr., 6-6, 195, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Weston Chen (So., 5-6, 145, R/R); RHP/OF Luke Wheeler (So., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF Matthew Haber (So., 5-8, 155, L/L); 1B Todd Haley (So., 5-10, 185, R/R); C/OF Max McRaney (So., 5-10, 180, R/R); RHP/OF Palmer McRaney (So., 5-10, 180, R/R); RHP/OF Jude Cascone (So., 6-2, 210, R/R); C/1B/3B Noah Lavallee (So., 6-2, 215, R/R); C William Crowell (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); 3B/OF Matthew McConkey (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); C/DH Buie Crawford (Jr., 5-9, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Raiders should contend for the region title with a strong pitching rotation leading the way. All-state right-hander Dane Moehler and lefty Miller Alston anchor a rotation that should be the backbone of the team. All-American Levi Clark returns at catcher and will lead the offense.



Head Coach: Mark Collins

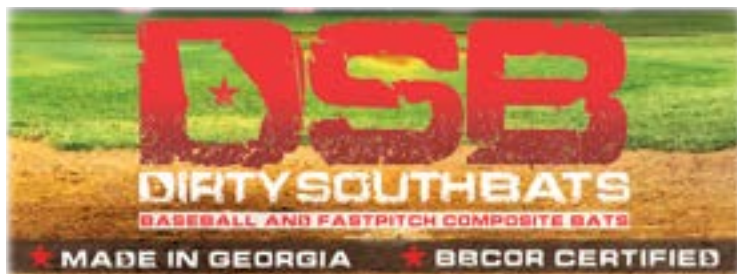
Assistant Coaches: Coach McEvilly, Gary Lammie, Tyler McKinley

2023 Record: 4-26

Returning Starters: SS Jason Cox (Sr., R/R); OF Jaden Carroll (So., R/R); C/INF Caleb Gollatz (So., R/R); INF Chayse Greenwood (So., L/R); RHP/1B Josh Welkis (Jr., R/R); OF Kevin Mejia (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: U Owen Carlsen (So.); U Camden Lansdell (So.); U Dennis Chen (Jr.); U Chris Alvarez (So.)

Season Outlook: The young Wildcats will look to get things turned around after a disappointing finish in 2023. Six starters are back, but most of the team will be underclassmen. Shortstop Jason Cox returns and is one of the few seniors. A solid group of incoming freshmen will be expected to contribute.



REGION 6-7A

Region Favorite: South Forsyth

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

RHP/OF/1B – Ty Bayer, Sr., South Forsyth; **LHP** – Anthony Biondo, Sr., Denmark; **3B** – Aiden Boileau, Sr., Denmark; **OF/DH** – Tyler Brobst, Jr., South Forsyth; **OF** – Hudson Brown, Sr., West Forsyth; **2B** – Payton Cardarette, Sr., South Forsyth; **C/1B** – Landon Cane, Sr., South Forsyth; **SS/2B** – Stephen Clark, Sr., Denmark; **OF** – Bayler Duncan, Sr., South Forsyth; **OF** – Matthew Franatovich, So., Lambert; **LHP/OF** – Krish Gandhi, Sr., Lambert; **SS/RHP** – Josh Gibbs, Jr., Forsyth Central; **OF** – Geno Goralski, So., Denmark; **RHP/INF/OF** – Alex Hernandez, Sr., Forsyth Central; **INF** – Nick Holcomb, Sr., South Forsyth; **RHP/U** – Parker Johnson, Sr., Denmark; **1B/3B** – Cam Kenney, Sr., Denmark; **RHP** – Connor McAllister, Sr., South Forsyth; **SS** – Ty Petrovich, Sr., Milton; **INF/RHP** – Riley Poppe, Sr., West Forsyth; **LHP/1B/OF** – Cohen Rogers, Jr., South Forsyth; **C** – Ryan Schneider, Sr., Denmark; **RHP/3B** – Parker Townes, Sr., Milton; **RHP** – Conner Williams, Sr., West Forsyth; **SS/2B** – Jason Williams, So., Denmark



Head Coach: Jamie Corr

Assistant Coaches: Travis Bailey, DC Aiken, Jack Williams, Dustin Rennspies, Austin Wagner, Kyle Jones

2023 Record: 28-7

Returning Starters: SS/2B Stephen Clark (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); 3B Aiden Boileau (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); 1B/3B Cam Kenney (Sr., 6-0, 195, R/R); OF Geno

Goralski (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); SS/2B Jason Williams (So., 5-10, 160, L/R); C Ryan Schneider (Sr., 6-0, 155, R/R); LHP Anthony Biondo (Sr., 6-4, 180, L/L)

Other Returning Players: OF Jack White (Sr., 5-11, 150, R/R); OF Nolan Mitchell (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); RHP/U Parker Johnson (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP Luke Savage (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP/C Aidan Wray (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); LHP Kurtis Maher (Jr., 5-10, 155, L/L)

Top Newcomers: RHP/3B Jack Powell (So., 6-1, 170, L/R); LHP/1B Sebastien Walsh (So., 6-1, 170, L/L)

Season Outlook: Denmark will need some help to win a potential fourth consecutive region title this spring. The talent is there, but some of it is unproven. Seven starters are back. The good news is that left-handed pitcher Anthony Biondo (5-2, 3.96 ERA) is back as well as offensive leaders Geno Goralski and Aiden Boileau



Aiden Boileau
Denmark



Geno Goralski
Denmark

GHSA Class 7A

FORSYTH CENTRAL BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Kevin McCollum

Assistant Coaches: John Arundale, Nic Verbeke, Spencer Trasue, Kyle Barr

2023 Record: 20-12

Returning Starters: RHP/INF/OF Alex Hernandez (Sr.); SS/RHP Josh Gibbs (Jr.)

Other Returning Players: C Hudson Roach (Jr.); INF Abhay Raheja (Sr.); OF Brady Smith (Jr.); INF Landon Barr (Jr.); INF Cason Pirkle (Sr.); P Bryson Wagoner (Sr.); P Luke Dijohn (Sr.); P Grant Castle (Jr.); OF Taylor Dunn (Sr.); INF/C Denton Long (Jr.)

Season Outlook: Forsyth Central will be expected to contend for the region crown, especially with the return of a pair of Division I baseball signees in Alex Hernandez and Josh Gibbs. But the Bulldogs have several key positions to fill. Plenty of talent returns, but that talent will need some time to mature.

LAMBERT LONGHORNS

Head Coach: David Smart

Assistant Coaches: Lee Fisher, Nate Richardson, Craig Scott

2023 Record: 15-17

Returning Starters: LHP/OF Krish Gandhi (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/L); RHP Carson Knowles (Sr., 5-10, 200, R/R); C/INF Ethan Day (Sr., 5-8, 155, R/R); C Jackson Monie (Sr., 5-11, 155, R/R); OF Matthew Franatovich (So., 6-2, 185, L/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/INF Rhett Howard (Sr., 6-4, 200, R/R); INF Sam Schaeffer (Sr., 5-10, 155, R/R); OF Alex Murdock (Sr., 5-8, 150, R/R); OF Parker Beasley (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF Ethan Terry (Sr., 5-8, 165, R/R); LHP Mason Corsaro (So., 5-8, 155, R/L)

Top Newcomers: LHP Carter Hudson (Jr., 5-10, 155, L/L); INF/RHP Trenton Warrick (So., 5-10, 190, R/R); RHP/INF Ethan Daughtery (So., 6-2, 185, R/R); INF/C Will Keating (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Longhorns welcome back five returning starters and a good nucleus of talent. Pitching should be solid as left-hander Krish Gandhi, Carson Knowles and Rhett Howard return to lead a solid rotation. Keep an eye on outfielder Matthew Franatovich who showed a lot of promise as a freshman last year.

MILTON EAGLES

Head Coach: Jeff Heusing

Assistant Coaches: Ed Black, Daniel Szathmary, Kris Medlen, Jason Novak, Matt Phillips, Austin Mitchell

2023 Record: 10-18-1

Returning Starters: DH/OF Will Critchfield (Sr., 6-0, 180, L/R); LHP Jackson Leach (Sr., 6-1, 190, L/L); SS Ty Petrovich (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); OF Hixon Rumph (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R); RHP/3B Parker Townes (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R); OF Thomas Wharton (Sr., 5-10, 160, L/R); 2B Jacob Meador (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); C Logan Cohn (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); 1B Miller Pierce (So., 6-3, 225, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 3B Ryan Muhs (Sr., 6-1, 200, R/R); RHP Peter Farrell (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R); RHP Ralph McMurry (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R); RHP Jace Weir (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/OF Jack Brantner (So., 6-0, 160, R/R); RHP/1B Jack Hamilton (Jr., 6-1, 220, L/R); LHP Sebastian Yohn (Jr., 5-9, 145, L/L); C/INF Will Stewart (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); RHP Memphis Mize (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Eagles just missed out on the postseason last year. Milton should be in contention this spring. The Eagles return a good nucleus of talent led by shortstop Ty Petrovich. The pitching staff will be solid, highlighted by left-hander Jackson Leach and right-hander Parker Townes.

SOUTH FORSYTH WAR EAGLES

Head Coach: Russ Bayer

Assistant Coaches: Adam Baldwin, Triston Campbell, Thomas Reddin, Alex Fernandez, Joe Stucky

2023 Record: 20-13

Returning Starters: RHP/OF/1B Ty Bayer (Sr., 6-4, 190, B/R); OF Bayler Duncan (Sr., 6-0, 195, L/R); RHP Connor McAllister (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); C/3B Emiliano Dominguez (Sr., 6-1, 195, R/R); C/1B Landon Cane (Sr., 6-0, 250, R/R); 2B Payton Cardarette (Sr., 5-9, 155, R/R); INF Nick Holcomb (Sr., 5-10, 160, L/R); C Jason Butler (Sr., 5-10, 155, R/R); LHP/1B/OF Cohen Rogers (Jr., 6-1, 175, L/L); OF/DH Tyler Brobst (Jr., 6-1, 175, L/R); INF Alex Thompson (So., 6-1, 170, R/R); 3B Jack Farlow (So., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players:

RHP Luke Latham (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP Jackson Ross (Sr., 6-2, 165, R/R); OF Justin McKelvey (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); OF Troy Barber (So., 5-11, 165, L/L); OF/RHP Duncan Lavelle (So., 5-10, 175, B/R); U Thomas Holck (So., 5-5, 145, R/R); DH/1B Jacob Bayer (So., 6-5, 250, R/R); RHP Jesus Perez (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP Austin Jackson (Jr., 6-0, 175, L/L)

Season Outlook: This could be a dangerous South Forsyth team. The War Eagles return a ton of talent and will contend for the region title. Versatile Ty Bayer and right-hander Connor McAllister return to lead what should be a solid group of pitchers. Offensively, outfielder Bayler Duncan is back to lead the way. Keep an eye on a strong senior class.



Landon Cane
South Forsyth



Payton Cardarette
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South Forsyth



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WEST FORSYTH WOLVERINES

Head Coach: Tom Kratowicz

Assistant Coaches: Mike Pruitt, Will Skidmore, Josh Tate

2023 Record: 16-14

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Talan Born (Sr., 6-1, 165, R/R); OF/RHP Caden King (Sr., 6-0, 180, L/R); OF Blake Pearson (Sr., 6-2, 175, L/R); INF/RHP Riley Poppe (Sr., 6-2, 170, R/R); RHP Conner Williams (Sr., 6-4, 170, R/R); C Jacob Worthey (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); INF/OF Sanders Dyer (Jr., 5-10, 150, L/R); INF/RHP Cade Centracchio (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); RHP/OF Jacob Sheckter (Jr., 6-1, 165, R/R); 1B/RHP Charlie Delp (So., 6-1, 165, L/R); C Mason Meehan (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF Colton Sweat (So., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Hudson Brown (Sr., 6-2, 200, R/R); RHP Miles Gaude (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R); INF Nick Morgan (Sr., 5-8, 155, R/R); RHP Alexander Palma (Sr., 6-0, 205, R/R); INF Hunter Wood (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Parker Stevens (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Camden Ernst (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); OF Dylan Meehan (So., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wolverines struggled with a young team in 2023. A lot of younger players received playing time which should pay off this spring. A wealth of talent returns, including infielder Riley Poppe, outfielder Hudson Brown and right-handed pitcher Conner Williams. Look for West Forsyth to be much better this year.



DULUTH WILDCATS

Head Coach: Ryan Turner

Assistant Coaches: Orlando Alvarez, Collin Welborne

2023 Record: 14-13

Returning Starters: RHP/U Riley Hasenstab (Sr.); RHP/1B Antoine Rucker (Sr.); C/U Jonathan Shiriachi (Sr.); P/2B Samuel Romero (Sr.); C/1B Manuel Guarate (So.); OF/P Will Payne (Sr.); SS/OF Chaz Echerer (Sr.)

Other Returning Players: OF/P Noah Whitaker (Sr.); P/OF Ethan Levine (Sr.)

Season Outlook: Making the playoffs has become nearly automatic at Duluth under coach Ryan Turner. Look for the Wildcats to contend again this spring. A wealth of talent returns including a solid senior class. Standout Riley Hasenstab is a player to keep an eye on after a solid junior campaign in 2023.



MEADOWCREEK MUSTANGS

Head Coach: Jeffery Johnson

Survey not returned



NORCROSS BLUE DEVILS

Head Coach: Aaron Wilkins

Assistant Coaches: Sylvester Lake, Kyle Babb, Corey Hamm, Reilly McCullough, Gregory Cantrell, David Whitlaw, Todd Dyleski

2023 Record: 20-10

Returning Starters: INF Andrew Bernard (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); 3B/1B/C Carter Cocks (Sr., 6-3, 185, R/R); RHP Joseph Mendoza (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP/OF Sam Choate (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R); CF Daniel Isaacson (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Bryson Bizzell (Jr., 6-2, 175, L/R); INF Eric Wilburn (Sr., 5-6, 180, R/R); C Hayden Garcia (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); C/OF/RHP Will Thiry (So., 5-10, 160, L/R); INF Yohan Silverio (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); 1B/RHP/OF Cameron Coll (So., 6-5, 235, R/R)

Season Outlook: Norcross lost a good bit of talent to graduation, and the Blue Devils have some holes to fill. However, the cupboard isn't bare. The Blue Devils will be back in the postseason hunt as five senior starters return. All-region performers Andrew Bernard and Carter Cocks return to power the offense, while right-hander Sam Choate is back to lead a young but talented pitching rotation.

REGION 7-7A

Region Favorite: North Gwinnett

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

RHP/INF – Brodie Baweja, Sr., North Gwinnett; **INF** – Andrew Bernard, Sr., Norcross; **RHP** – Liam Bestermann, Sr., Peachtree Ridge; **RHP/OF** – Sam Choate, Sr., Norcross; **3B/1B/C** – Carter Cocks, Sr., Norcross; **OF/P** – Santiago Daal, So., Discovery; **LHP/OF** – Josh Evans, Sr., Peachtree Ridge; **OF** – Jake Gaskill, Jr., North Gwinnett; **C** – William Gomez, Sr., Berkmar; **RHP/U** – Ryan Hall, Jr., North Gwinnett; **P/U** – Riley Hasenstab, Sr., Duluth; **LHP/1B** – Trey James, Jr., North Gwinnett; **1B/OF/LHP** – Trey Majette, Sr., Peachtree Ridge; **RHP** – Joseph Mendoza, Sr., Norcross; **SS** – Erik Parker, Sr., North Gwinnett; **RHP/1B** – Antoine Rucker, Sr., Duluth; **3B** – Brandon Sunwoo, Sr., Peachtree Ridge; **1B** – Ryan Ward, Jr., Peachtree Ridge



BERKMAR PATRIOTS

Head Coach: Luis Lozada

Survey not returned



DISCOVERY TITANS

Head Coach: Samuel Hamilton

Survey not returned



NORTH GWINNETT BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Ryan Moity

Assistant Coaches: Tait Poitevint, Gary McBryar, Rob Brace, Collier Knox, Greg Singleton

2023 Record: 31-8

Returning Starters: SS Erik Parker (Sr., 6-4, 185, R/R); RHP/INF Brodie Baweja (Sr., 6-4, 190, R/R); C/OF Andrew Doherty (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); RHP/U Ryan Hall (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF Jake Gaskill (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); LHP/U Nathan Kindland

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(Sr., 6-0, 205, L/L); INF Caiden Wilson (Jr., 5-11, 150, R/R)

Other Returning Players:

INF Jacob Belyea (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); OF Donnie Bryan (Sr., 6-1, 160, R/R); RHP/OF Cooper Chunn (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); LHP/1B Trey James (Jr., 6-0, 175, L/L); C Nathan Shaffer (Jr., 5-11, 185, R/R); OF Samford Halcomb (Jr., 5-11, 175, L/R);

INF Ryan Shumate (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF Ian Bicknell (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); RHP/INF Ryan Taran (So., 6-0, 180, R/R); INF Sean Moore (So., 5-6, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Austin Neese (Fr., 6-4, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Bulldogs have the talent to make a deep postseason run this spring. Shortstop Erik Parker, one of the nation's top prospects, returns as well as outfielder Jake Gaskill to spark the offense. The pitching rotation is also solid as right-handers Brodie Baweja (7-1, 1.93 ERA) and Ryan Hall anchor what should be a strong rotation.



Jake Gaskill
North Gwinnett



Ryan Hall
North Gwinnett

Dacula; **OF** – Caleb Farr, Sr., Mountain View; **RHP/INF** – Jared Glenn, Jr., Dacula; **OF** – Cannon Goldin, Jr., Buford; **C/2B** – Chase Graham, Jr., Central Gwinnett; **LHP/1B** – Cooper Johnson, Sr., Mountain View; **INF/OF** – Ethan Moore, Sr., Collins Hill; **INF** – Ethan Murray, Sr., Buford; **3B/RHP** – Brandon Novak, So., Central Gwinnett; **INF/OF/RHP** – Jayden Nunez, Sr., Collins Hill; **SS** – Daniel Pierce, Jr., Mill Creek; **RHP/1B** – Nate Taylor, Sr., Buford; **RHP/INF** – Dale Towe, Sr., Dacula; **RHP** – Aryan Virani, Sr., Dacula; **2B/SS** – Jayden Wilson, Sr., Mountain View

PR PEACHTREE RIDGE LIONS

Head Coach: Jamie Suggs

Assistant Coaches: Jon Zopf, James Clanahan, Daniel Pulliam, Austin Williams, Eric Jones

2023 Record: 14-14

Returning Starters: 1B Ryan Ward (Jr., 6-5, 230, R/R); SS Quinten Jones (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R); 3B Brandon Sunwoo (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R); 1B/OF/LHP Trey Majette (Sr., 6-1, 180, B/L); LHP/OF Josh Evans (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/L); OF Josh Brown (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); OF Tyler Kelson (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP Liam Bestermann (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP Brady Zopf (Sr., 6-2, 210, R/R)

Other Returning Players: U Nico Diaz (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); 2B Dariel Cruz (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); RHP Eric Fountain (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF/LHP Jordan Taylor (Sr., 5-10, 170, L/L); LHP Luke Clanahan (Jr., 6-0, 170, L/L); 1B/LHP Brady Holt (So., 6-1, 175, L/L); RHP Seth Guinn (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Aaron Alonso (So., 5-8, 160, R/R); RHP Jaxon Barron (So., 6-1, 190, R/R)

Season Outlook: Peachtree Ridge should have a chance to challenge for the region crown this spring as a solid group of returning players are back. Offensive catalysts Ryan Ward, Brandon Sunwoo and Trey Majette return, while pitchers Josh Evans and Liam Bestermann return to anchor a solid rotation.

REGION 8-7A

Region Favorite: Buford

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

RHP – Nick Bennett, Sr., Mill Creek; **1B** – Marquise Blackman, Sr., Dacula; **RHP** – Damian Brown, Sr., Buford; **OF/LHP** – Trae Burton, Sr., Collins Hill; **LHP/OF** – Jesse Crews, Sr., Mountain View; **INF** – Reiston Durham, So.,



BUFORD WOLVES

Head Coach: Stuart Chester

Assistant Coaches: Trent Adams, Drew Dasher, Beau Jones, Clay Gant, Blake Church, Drew Camp, Kurt Swygert

2023 Record: 19-15

Returning Starters: RHP/1B

Nate Taylor (Sr., 6-2, 205, R/R); INF Ethan Murray (Sr., 6-4, 190, R/R); C Sam Humphrey (Sr., 6-0, 190, L/R); INF Madden Young (Sr., 6-0, 175, L/R); INF Blake Russell (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF Cannon Goldin (Jr., 5-11, 180, L/L); OF Ayden Lockett (So., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF Bubba Coleman (So., 5-11, 175, R/R); RHP Damian Brown (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP Kyle Krause (So., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Jaden Clark (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); LHP Hayden Bradley (Jr., 6-5, 210, L/L); INF Luke Hopper (Jr., 6-2, 210, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP Braden Burton (Jr., 6-6, 200, R/R); RHP/OF Colin Oates (Jr., 6-4, 205, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wolves won the region title in a rebuilding season in 2024. A strong group of players return including top pitcher Nate Taylor (7-2, 1.60 ERA) and offensive standouts Cannon Goldin and Ethan Murray. Defensive specialist Sam Humphrey returns at catcher, while infielder Madden Young and pitcher Damian Brown are also back.



Ayden Lockett
Buford



Ethan Murray
Buford



Madden Young
Buford



CENTRAL GWINNETT BLACK KNIGHTS

Head Coach: Karl Craig (new)

Assistant Coaches: Mike Yocca, Steve Teschner, Cameron Olds, Irfan Khan

2023 Record: 4-20

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Izaiah De Los Santos (So., 5-8, 150, R/R); C/2B Chase Graham (Jr., 5-4, 135, R/R); 1B/RHP Benjamin Kimmel (So., 5-11, 200, R/R); 3B/RHP Brandon Novak (So., 6-0, 205, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 2B Alvarez Marco (Sr., 5-5, 150, R/R); 3B/2B Gabriel Guerrero (Sr., 5-7, 165, R/R); 1B/OF Aiden Keizer (Jr., 5-9, 180, R/R); OF Daniel Steele (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); RHP Seth Thrasher (Sr., 5-6, 190, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Christian Harris (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Black Knights return a solid nucleus of talent

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and should have a chance to improve upon last season's finish. Four starters are back, including catcher/second-baseman Chase Graham and third-baseman/pitcher Brandon Novak. Look for a talented group of underclassmen to contend for playing time.

COLLINS HILL EAGLES

Head Coach: Bryan Linnell
Assistant Coaches: Ross Book, Nathan Koerner, Justin Herring, Tommy Thrasher, Terence Hendrix
2023 Record: 14-16
Returning Starters: LHP/1B Sam Schwark (Sr., 6-3, 200, L/L); INF/OF Ethan Moore (Sr., 5-9, 180, R/R); 3B/RHP Ruben Balderas (Jr., 5-7, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Noah Alvarado (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF/LHP Trae Burton (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/L); OF TJ Wilson (Jr., 5-7, 170, R/R); INF Aiden Wakefield (Jr., 5-8, 165, R/R)
Other Returning Players: 3B/RHP Wes Smith (Sr., 6-0, 230, R/R); INF/OF/RHP Jayden Nunez (Sr., 5-9, 180, R/R); OF/INF Atticus Joseph (So., 5-8, 165, R/R); 3B/C JC Pichardo (Sr., 6-0, 195, R/R)
Top Newcomers: RHP/1B Kehlan Hendrix (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R)
Season Outlook: A solid group of returning players should help Collins Hill contend for a playoff berth this spring. Seven starters return, including senior offensive leaders Ethan Moore and Trae Burton. If the Eagles can be consistent on the pitcher's mound, they should be much better.

DACULA FALCONS

Head Coach: Jake Bova
Assistant Coaches: Austin Miller, Matt Milligan
2023 Record: 24-12
Returning Starters: 1B Marquise Blackman (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); C Harry Bouldin (Sr., 6-0, 185, L/R); RHP/INF Dale Towe (Sr., 6-3, 145, R/R); INF Reiston Durham (So., 5-11, 165, L/R); RHP/INF Jared Glenn (Jr., 6-0, 205, R/R); OF DJ Quary (Jr., 5-9, 150, L/R)
Other Returning Players: RHP Jake Bramlett (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); RHP Aryan Virani (Sr., 5-6, 150, R/R); OF MJ Allen (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R); INF Ryan Higdon (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R)
Top Newcomers: OF David Fallon (Sr., 6-3, 200, R/R); RHP/OF Grant Dzikowski (Jr., 6-0, 155, R/R); RHP/OF Jacob Mayfield (So., 6-3, 200, R/R); INF Brandon Hernandez (Sr., 5-11, 215, R/R)
Season Outlook: The Falcons made a strong postseason run last year and look to build off that momentum. Dacula welcomes back what should be a solid pitching rotation led by right-handers Jared Glenn and Dale Towe. Infielders Marquise Blackman and Reiston Durham and catcher Harry Bouldin are back to lead the offense after solid 2023 seasons.



Reiston Durham
Dacula



Aryan Virani
Dacula

MILL CREEK HAWKS

Head Coach: Doug Jones
Assistant Coaches: Paul Pierce, Steve Green
2023 Record: 24-15
Returning Starters: SS Daniel Pierce (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); RHP Luke Pierce (Sr., 6-0, 160, L/R); RHP Nick Bennett (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF Brandon Brown (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); OF/1B Will Myhand (So., 6-0, 180, L/L)
Other Returning Players: OF Owen Rogers (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R); OF Will Christensen (Sr., 5-6, 145, R/L); INF Chandler Moon (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); U Tate Parlipiano (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); OF Dylan Armstrong (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF Luke Tippin (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R); RHP Victor Cisneros (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); RHP Nick Perdw (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); C Hunter Parlipiano (Sr., 5-11, 195, R/R)
Top Newcomers: RHP/C Andrew Benson (Jr., 6-2, 180, L/R); INF Nicholas Felix (Jr., 5-10, 150, L/R)
Season Outlook: The Hawks have some key positions to fill if they want to approach last year's success. A strong senior class returns, but a lot of that talent will need to mature. The good news is that right-handers Luke Pierce and Nick Bennett are back to anchor a solid pitching rotation. All-state shortstop Daniel Pierce returns on offense.

MOUNTAIN VIEW BEARS

Head Coach: Jason Johnson
Assistant Coaches: Billy Best, Kenny Knudsen, Chris Hankins, Dylan Sadler, Mason Goolsby, Kyle Johnson
2023 Record: 12-16
Returning Starters: LHP/1B Cooper Johnson (Sr., 6-6, 210, L/L); OF Caleb Farr (Sr., 5-9, 165, L/R); 2B/SS Jayden Wilson (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); LHP/OF Jesse Crews (Sr., 6-1, 175, L/L); RHP Joel Taylor (Sr., 6-6, 200, R/R); RHP/2B/OF Julian Hayes (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); C/3B Nick Clayborn (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R)
Other Returning Players: RHP Ryan Bauman (Sr., 5-8, 165, R/R); OF Sean Forbes (So., 6-2, 220, R/R); 3B/OF Kaden Mallory (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); RHP/OF Aaron Shelton (So., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP/3B Jabari Spencer (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R)
Top Newcomers: C/1B/3B Miguel Acosta (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); 3B/1B Johnavon Moreno (Jr., 5-10, 200, R/R); RHP/2B/SS Jake Rolley (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); RHP/SS/2B Trevor Waite (So., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP/3B Eli Beam (So., 5-10, 175, R/R)
Season Outlook: The Bears struggled with a young team in 2023. Look for Mountain View to be much better this spring. A solid pitching rotation led by all-state standout Cooper Johnson returns, while outfielder Caleb Farr and middle infielder Jayden Wilson are back to spark the offense. Mountain View will rely heavily on a solid senior class.



Jesse Crews
Mountain View



Jayden Wilson
Mountain View

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REGION 1-6A

Region Favorite: Houston County

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

SS – Rhett Adams, Sr., Northside-Warner Robins; **RHP/1B** – Will Allen, Jr., Houston County; **C/1B** – Josh Barnes, Jr., Lee County; **OF** – Mac Brooks, Jr., Tift County; **1B/DH** – Weston Bryan, Jr., Lee County; **SS** – Ethan Buffone, Jr., Houston County; **OF** – Joshua Chavous, Jr., Veterans; **RHP** – Camden Cunningham, Sr., Houston County; **OF** – John Davis, Jr., Tift County; **3B/RHP** – Kai Decker, Sr., Houston County; **INF** – John Dorman, Sr., Tift County; **INF/P** – Bryce Dryden, Jr., Veterans; **OF** – Luke Ellerbee, Sr., Tift County; **P** – Noah Fries, Sr., Veterans; **INF** – Reid Gainous, So., Thomas County Central; **OF** – Vick Gann, Jr., Houston County; **RHP** – Tucker Hale, Jr., Houston County; **INF** – Drew Hembree, Jr., Tift County; **OF** – JJ Howe, Sr., Veterans; **OF/2B** – Kendall Jackson, Jr., Houston County; **INF/P** – Brooks Masters, Jr., Veterans; **1B/3B** – Lee McCorkle, Sr., Thomas County Central; **INF** – Brady Moretz, Sr., Tift County; **OF** – Lawson Odom, Sr., Thomas County Central; **OF** – Landon Parrish, Jr., Tift County; **SS** – Brayden Payne, Jr., Thomas County Central; **LHP** – Dallas Pitts, So., Thomas County Central; **OF** – Will Pridgen, Jr., Tift County; **3B** – Carter Singletary, Sr., Lee County; **LHP** – Carson Small, Sr., Houston County; **OF** – Brent Smith, Jr., Lee County; **C** – Cameron Smith, Sr., Tift County; **LHP** – Gaven Smith, Sr., Lee County; **C** – Eli Stephens, Sr., Houston County; **RHP** – Landon Tankersley, Sr., Houston County; **LHP** – Eli Taylor, Sr., Thomas County Central; **OF** – Tyler VanSumeren, So., Tift County; **1B/DH** – Ty Waters, Sr., Houston County; **INF** – Ryan Whitley, Jr., Tift County; **INF** – Zach Williams, So., Thomas County Central; **RHP** – Brooks Willis, Sr., Houston County



HOUSTON COUNTY BEARS

Head Coach: Matt Hopkins
Assistant Coaches: Randy Jones, Nate Moorhouse, Carson Balliew, Steve Pickett, Ethan Broome, Christian Davis, Casey Newsome, Hunter Phillips

2023 Record: 36-6

Returning Starters: C Eli Stephens (Sr., 6-2, 215, L/R); LHP Carson Small (Sr., 6-2, 195, L/L); 3B/RHP Kai Decker (Sr., 6-2, 200, L/R); OF Vick Gann (Jr., 5-10, 170, L/R); SS Ethan Buffone (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); 1B/DH Ty Waters (Sr., 5-10, 220, L/L); RHP Brooks Willis (Sr., 6-6, 220, L/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/2B Kendall Jackson (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP/1B Will Allen (Jr., 6-3, 195, R/R); INF Troy Carpenter (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); RHP Landon Tankersley (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); RHP Camden Cunningham (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); INF Lawson Kent (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Isaac Velez (Sr.,



Ethan Buffone
Houston County



Landon Tankersley
Houston County

5-11, 170, R/R); RHP Tucker Hale (Jr., 6-0, 215, R/R); OF Christian Wahiwe (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); INF/OF Hudson Sherman (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); 1B/OF JT Withers (Sr., 6-2, 205, R/R); OF Noah Odom (So., 5-10, 165, R/R); C Logan Elble (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); C Max Willhide (Jr., 6-2, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: Houston County lost just five starters to graduation, but three were big pieces to HoCo's state championship run. There is plenty of talent left over for another deep run. Lefty Carson Small and right-hander Brooks Willis will lead a talented pitching rotation. Meanwhile, versatile Kai Decker, Eli Stephens and outfielder Vick Gann return to power an offense that can put up a lot of runs.



Brooks Willis
Houston County

LEE COUNTY TROJANS

Head Coach: Wes Shiver

Assistant Coaches: Matt Suggs, James Moree, Matt Mears, Todd Vickery

2023 Record: 19-13

Returning Starters: LHP

Gaven Smith (Sr., 6-4, 170, L/L); RHP Connor Hall (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); 3B Carter Singletary (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); C/1B Josh Barnes (Jr., 6-3, 185, B/R); OF/U

Durrah Butler (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); SS/2B Ethan Powell (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Brent Smith (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R); 1B/DH Weston Bryan (Jr., 6-4, 235, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Wilder Etheredge (Sr., 5-9, 155, R/R); OF Pete Patterson (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); 2B Austin Paul (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); DH/U Temerez Williams (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); OF/RHP Brendan Nash (Jr., 6-2, 185, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/U Jackson Creech (Jr., 5-10, 160, L/R); OF Chris Davis (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); OF Ethan Ferguson (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); LHP Hudson Vallandingham (Jr., 5-8, 150, L/L); C/3B Matt Bounds (So., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Trojans welcome back six returning starters from last season and should be back in the postseason chase. Pitching should be solid as all-state left-hander Gaven Smith returns along with right-hander Connor Hall. Third-baseman Carter Singletary is back to lead an offense capable of scoring a lot of runs.



Josh Barnes
Lee County



Connor Hall
Lee County



Carter Singletary
Lee County

NORTHSIDE-WARNER ROBINS EAGLES

Head Coach: Joey Walker

Assistant Coaches: Craig Johnson, Colton Craft

2023 Record: 3-27

Returning Starters: SS Rhett Adams (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R); 2B JB Baker (Sr., 5-10, 140, R/R); 1B Conner Beck (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); C Emerson Rugama (So.,



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5-8, 160, R/R); DH Justin Canceran (Jr., 5-6, 210, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/LHP Marty Dietrich (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/L); C/U Chris Gunderman (Jr., 5-8, 170, R/R); OF Hunter Lawson (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/U Jesus Gil (So., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF Caden Nelson (So., 5-7, 155, R/R); INF Daniel Valdes (Fr., 5-7, 145, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Eagles struggled last season and will be looking to get things turned around this spring. Northside returns five starters, including a trio of seniors who will be heavily depended upon. Shortstop Rhett Adams, second-baseman JB Baker and first-baseman Conner Beck give the Eagles a trio of leaders to build around.

Trey Dorminey (So., 6-0, 150, R/R); INF Ryan Whitley (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); C Ty Dorden (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R); INF Mason Grist (Jr., 6-1, 165, R/R); INF Sam Pritchard (So., 5-7, 140, R/R); C Ean Weldon (So., 5-10, 140, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Jake Spurlin (Fr., 6-0, 160, L/R); INF Walker Brannen (Fr., 6-0, 185, R/R)

Season Outlook: After a solid playoff run in 2023, Tift County aims to go farther this spring. And the Blue Devils have the talent to do it. Left-hander John Davis headlines a solid pitching rotation, while offensive leaders John Dorman and Brady Moretz return to lead a lineup that produced big numbers last year. This should be a dangerous team this season.



THOMAS COUNTY CENTRAL YELLOW JACKETS

Head Coach: Ryan Strickland

Assistant Coaches: Chance Carter, Trent Dews, Errick Fox, Bill McCullough, Richie Post, Trent Viche, Ashleigh Wilkes

2023 Record: 21-16

Returning Starters: 1B/3B Lee McCorkle (Sr., 6-0, 195, R/R); OF Lawson Odom (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); C Drake Singletary (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); LHP Eli Taylor (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/L); SS Brayden Payne (Jr., 6-2, 185, R/R); INF Reid Gainous (So., 6-2, 185, R/R); LHP Dallas Pitts (So., 5-10, 190, L/L); INF Zach Williams (So., 5-9, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: U Marx Gaines (Sr., 5-8, 170, R/R); OF Cooper Chastain (So., 5-9, 160, R/R); U Braden Griffin (So., 6-2, 160, R/R); U Nolen Taylor (So., 5-9, 155, R/R); U Landon Walsh (So., 6-2, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: Thomas County Central finished strong last year and looks to keep that positive momentum going. Eight starters are back, including standout pitcher Eli Taylor. If the Jackets can find some more pitching depth, they will be trouble. The offense returns hitting leaders Lee McCorkle, Brayden Payne and Lawson Odom.



Lee McCorkle
Thomas County Central



Zach Williams
Thomas County Central



VETERANS WARHAWKS

Head Coach: Jeff Sans

Assistant Coaches: Andy Moore, Tyler Kinsler, KR Eaton, Chris Chavous

2023 Record: 13-14

Returning Starters: OF JJ Howe (Sr.); INF/P Gavin Pike (Sr.); OF Jacob Beach (Sr.); P Noah Fries (Sr.); INF/P Brooks Masters (Jr.); INF/P Bryce Dryden (Jr.); OF Joshua Chavous (Jr.)

Other Returning Players: C/INF Lucas Wilson (Sr.); INF/P Brandon Mercer (Jr.); C/INF Gabe Freyer (Jr.); OF Alex Washington (Sr.)

Season Outlook: Look for the Warhawks to be much better in coach Jeff Sans' second season at the school. Seven starters return, including a solid group of returning seniors. Outfielder JJ Howe is back to lead the offense. Keep an eye on juniors Brooks Masters and Bryce Dryden who showed a lot of promise last year.

REGION 2-6A

Region Favorite: Glynn Academy

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

C – Brayden Baker, Jr., Grovetown; **RHP** – Luke Barch, Sr., Glynn Academy; **OF/RHP** – Tyler Cantaline, Sr., South Effingham; **INF** – Roland Chance, Sr., Brunswick; **C** – Jackson Cliatt, Sr., Evans; **U** – Nick Cooper, Sr., South Effingham; **OF** – Bryson Crewe, So., Evans; **3B/RHP** – Dru Futch, Sr., South Effingham; **INF** – Gus Gandy, Sr., Glynn Academy; **OF** – Greyson Gegg, Sr., Glynn Academy; **3B/RHP** – Alex Gonzalez, So., Evans; **C** – Griffin Hedrick, Sr., Lakeside-Evans; **RHP/OF** – Clayton Hicks, Jr., Evans; **INF** – Brett Hickson, So., Brunswick; **RHP** – Caden Kessler, Sr., Effingham County; **1B** – Newton Kieffer, Jr., Effingham County; **OF** – Q King, Jr., Effingham County; **SS/RHP** – Jordan Lodise, Jr., Brunswick; **RHP/3B** – Josh Lombardo, Jr., Lakeside-Evans; **LHP/1B** – Jude Matthews, So., Lakeside-Evans; **INF/RHP** – Grant Moore, So., Brunswick; **RHP** – Eli Newbern, Sr., Glynn Academy; **SS** – Dalton Redmond, Jr., South Effingham; **U** – Wesley Roberson, So., Glynn Academy; **1B/RHP** – Ryan Schueneman, Sr., Glynn Academy; **RHP** – Knox Sheppard, Sr., Evans; **RHP** – Ethan Strength, Jr., Grovetown; **INF/C/RHP** – Trent Tankersley, Sr., Glynn Academy; **OF** – Ryan Thomas, Sr., Brunswick; **SS** – Bryson Thompson, So., Evans; **1B/LHP** – Hunter Thompson, Sr., Evans; **RHP/INF** – Elijah Wellman, Sr., Brunswick



TIFT COUNTY BLUE DEVILS

Head Coach: Greg Williams

Assistant Coaches: Taylor Barber, Heath Champion, Xavier Holmes, Brian McLain, Michael Sneed, Boone Webster

2023 Record: 27-9

Returning Starters: INF Tyler Holmes (Sr., 5-9, 155, L/R); INF John Dorman (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R); OF Luke Ellerbee (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); INF Brady Moretz (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF John Davis (Jr., 5-11, 160, L/L); OF Mac Brooks (Jr., 6-2, 175, L/R); OF Landon Parrish (Jr., 6-0, 165, L/L); C Cameron Smith (Sr., 6-1, 160, R/R); OF Tyler VanSumeren (So., 5-10, 155, L/L)

Other Returning Players: INF Drew Hembree (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/R); OF Will Pridgen (Jr., 5-10, 145, R/R); INF Karson Ponder (So., 6-3, 165, R/R); INF



Tyler Holmes
Tift County

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BRUNSWICK PIRATES

Head Coach: Greg Roberts

Assistant Coaches: Kyle Bialousz, Charles Skipper, Steve Bialousz, Josh Smith

2023 Record: 17-14

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Elijah Wellman (Sr., R/R); INF Roland Chance (Sr., R/R); OF Ryan Thomas (Sr., R/R); OF/LHP Logan Graversen (Sr., L/L); SS/RHP Jordan Lodise (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP Grant Moore (So., R/R); OF/RHP Trenton Robinson (So., R/R); INF Brett Hickson (So., L/R); C/RHP Avery Jefferson (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Dawson Parke (Jr., R/R); LHP/OF Stunnar Hutchinson (Jr., L/L); OF Tim Williams (Sr., R/R); OF R'Marion Lamar (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Collin Willis (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Pirates return a good mixture of talent and should be in the postseason chase this spring. Four senior starters are back, including pitcher/infielder Elijah Wellman. Infielder Roland Chance also returns. Brunswick played a lot of underclassmen last season which is expected to pay off this season.



EFFINGHAM COUNTY REBELS

Head Coach: Eric McCombie (new)

Survey not returned



EVANS KNIGHTS

Head Coach: Jay Matthews

Assistant Coaches: Blake Crewe, Chase Frady, Chet Frady, Bob Halliday, Dan Sneeringer, Chris Seagraves

2023 Record: 18-12

Returning Starters: C Jackson Cliatt (Sr., 6-1, 215, R/R); RHP Knox Sheppard (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); 1B/LHP Hunter Thompson (Sr., 6-2, 235, L/L); RHP/OF Clayton Hicks (Jr., 6-2, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Bryant Rushing (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); 3B/RHP Alex Gonzalez (So., 6-0, 180, R/R); SS Bryson Thompson (So., 6-0, 160, R/R); OF Bryson Crewe (So., 5-9, 170, L/R); DH Hank Wimmer (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Jackson Denton (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); OF Drue Patterson (Sr., 5-9, 155, R/R); C Jackson Evans (Jr., 5-8, 165, R/R); C/RHP Patrick Halliday (Jr., 6-0, 225, R/R); INF Landon May (Jr., 6-0, 145, R/R); RHP/INF Patrick Downey (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP/OF Carter Morris (Jr., 5-11, 140, L/L); 1B/OF Tripp Ferguson (So., 5-11, 145, L/L); OF/INF Matthew West (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Conner Paist (Fr., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Knights will challenge for the region crown, especially with the return of a pitching rotation that consists of right-handers Knox Sheppard, Clayton Hicks and lefty Hunter Thompson. If Evans can be consistent at the plate, this team could go a long way. Defensive specialist Jackson Cliatt returns behind the plate.



Clayton Hicks
Evans

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GLYNN ACADEMY RED TERRORS

Head Coach: John Welborn

Assistant Coaches: Raynor Nelson, Dan Meyers, Travis Irby

2023 Record: 24-10

Returning Starters: OF Greyson Gegg (Sr., 6-2, 190, L/R); INF Gus Gandy (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); INF/C/RHP Trent Tankersley (Sr., 6-0, 195, R/R); RHP Luke Barch (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); 1B/RHP Ryan Schueneman (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); RHP Eli Newbern (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); U Wessley Roberson (So., 6-1, 170, B/R); LHP Carson Ritola (Jr., 6-3, 205, L/L); LHP Jeb Carson (Jr., 6-3, 185, L/L); OF Gavin Wells (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: U Jacob Adamson (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); C/RHP Nolan Long (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); RHP Noah Heinmuller (So., 6-1, 165, R/R); OF/2B Cooper Stratton (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); OF Joshua Meeks (Sr., 5-6, 140, R/R); OF Slater Vinson (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); INF/OF/RHP Will Pralinsky (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); C Jackson Donovan (So., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF/2B Wyatt Kolkmeier (Jr., 5-9, 140, R/R); LHP Jim Young (Jr., 6-0, 160, L/L)

Top Newcomers: OF/LHP Kai Orr (Fr., 5-9, 150, L/L); U Luke Parrish (Fr., 5-9, 140, L/R)

Season Outlook: The defending region champs should contend for the region title again as a strong senior class is back to lead the way. Top pitcher Luke Barch anchors a solid pitching staff that includes Carson Ritola, Jeb Carson and versatile Ryan Schueneman. Offensively, sparkplugs Greyson Gegg, Gus Gandy and Trent Tankersley all return.



Wessley Roberson
Glynn Academy

2023 Record: 5-22

Returning Starters: C Griffin Hedrick (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); RHP/3B Sawyer Green (Jr., 6-4, 150, L/R); RHP/INF/C Will Colvin (So., 6-1, 175, R/R); 1B Landon McCoy (Jr., 5-8, 160, L/L); RHP/OF Lucas Hurd (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); LHP/1B Jude Matthews (So., 6-1, 175, L/L); RHP/3B Josh Lombardo (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); RHP/3B Gable Maddox (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/3B/C Manny Wilkins (Jr., 6-1, 165, L/R); OF Bryce Rolland (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF Braylon Springs (Sr., 5-10, 150, L/R); RHP/OF Mason Davis (Sr., 6-0, 150, R/R); OF Benton Starks (Sr., 5-9, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Panthers struggled to an uncharacteristic 5-22 mark last season. Lakeside will look to put last year in the rearview mirror in 2024. Eight starters are back to help the Panthers improve upon last season's finish. One of those is catcher Griffin Hedrick.



SOUTH EFFINGHAM MUSTANGS

Head Coach: Jesse Osborne

Assistant Coaches: Turner Davis, Noah Lancaster, Adam Nave, Jason Shiehl, Jake White, Tre Campbell

2023 Record: 18-13

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Tyler Cantaline (Sr., R/R); SS Dalton Redmond (Jr., R/R); 3B/RHP Dru Futch (Sr., R/R); LHP Hayden Pevey (Sr., L/L); U Nick Cooper (Sr., R/R)



GROVETOWN WARRIORS

Head Coach: Travis Lee

Assistant Coaches: Trent Lee, Cade Combs

2023 Record: 6-22

Returning Starters: 1B Will Murphy (Sr., R/R); LHP Davis Boyd (Sr., L/L); C Brayden Baker (Jr., R/R); OF Noah Powell (Sr., R/R); RHP Ethan Strength (Jr., R/R); INF Boston Rowan (So., R/R); INF Dylan Lord (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Noah Riggs (So., R/R); OF Dawson Boyd (Sr., R/R); 3B JB Bright (Sr., R/R); 3B Nick Rivera (Sr., R/R); 1B Jake Maldonado (So., R/R); C Owen McClellan (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Brodie Combs (Fr., R/R); RHP/INF/OF Coby Espinoza -Eckert (Fr., R/R); C Bobby Whitley (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Look for the Warriors to be much better this spring as seven starters are back. All-region pitcher Ethan Strength and Davis Boyd return to anchor a solid pitching staff, while all-region catcher Brayden Baker also returns. A good group of younger players will also contend for playing time.



LAKESIDE-EVANS PANTHERS

Head Coach: TJ Davis

Assistant Coaches: Jon Johnson, Cameron Johnson



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Other Returning Players: OF/RHP Cade Priester (Sr., R/R); OF Jake Waldhour (Sr., R/R); 1B Peyton Kirby (Sr., R/R); OF Cohen Perry (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Bryce Hodges (So., R/R); C JT Barkley (So., R/R); C Bishop Fields (Sr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/RHP Lance Cantaline (So., R/R); OF/RHP Landon Edwards (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Mustangs lost a good bit of talent to graduation and will be looking for some underclassmen to step forward this spring. Five starters are back, including a solid group of returning seniors. Keep an eye on outfielder/pitcher Tyler Cantaline and third-baseman/pitcher Dru Futch, a pair of standouts to build around

REGION 3-6A

Region Favorite: Woodward Academy

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

C/INF/RHP – Dareon Adkins, Jr., Rockdale County; **C** – Hudson Aspes, Sr., Woodward Academy; **RHP** – Aidan Beall, So., Woodward Academy; **INF/OF/RHP** – Tyler Cason, Sr., Woodward Academy; **RHP/OF/3B** – Montrell Christian, Sr., Forest Park; **INF/DH** – Khalon Davis, So., Woodward Academy; **P/INF/OF** – Cooper Duncan, Jr., Alcovy; **INF/RHP** – Dash Edwards, Sr., Woodward Academy; **OF/INF** – Nizhan Feagin, Jr., Lovejoy; **RHP** – Max Forde, So., Woodward Academy; **1B** – Parker Gassmann, Jr., Alcovy; **C/SS/OF** – Samajay Gladmon, Jr., Mundy's Mill; **INF/P/C** – Chris Guillory, So., Alcovy; **3B/RHP** – Ethan Hall, Sr., Woodward Academy; **3B/1B/RHP** – Jamir Holloway, Jr., Mundy's Mill; **DH/INF** – Tyrese Jenkins, So., Forest Park; **RHP/OF** – Jamon Jones, Jr., Jonesboro; **1B/DH** – Austin Mance, Sr., Woodward Academy; **LHP** – Turner Marshall, So., Woodward Academy; **RHP/INF** – Hunter Parker, Sr., Alcovy; **OF/LHP** – Reece Payne, Sr., Alcovy; **LHP/OF** – Terrance Pree, Sr., Forest Park; **3B/C** – Jonathan Raggs, Jr., Rockdale County; **INF** – Carson Ray, So., Woodward Academy; **C/INF/RHP** – Bill Rubenstein, Sr., Woodward Academy; **1B/RHP** – Dontrez Scandrett, Sr., Lovejoy; **OF/RHP** – Roman Stamps, Sr., Woodward Academy; **OF/RHP** – Kevin Stephens, Sr., Woodward Academy; **RHP/3B/1B** – Trayvon Taylor, Sr., Forest Park; **SS/RHP** – Reggie Tuggle, Sr., Rockdale County; **SS/3B/RHP** – Kyler Wimbish, Jr., Mundy's Mill



ALCOVY TIGERS

Head Coach: Kareem Hayes

Assistant Coach: Christopher Salmon

2023 Record: 18-11

Returning Starters: P/INF/OF Cooper Duncan (Jr.); 1B Parker Gassmann (Jr.); INF/P/C Chris Guillory (So.); OF/LHP Reece Payne (Sr.); RHP/INF Hunter Parker (Sr.); C Christopher Salmon (Sr.)

Other Returning Players: INF Brandon Scott (Jr.); INF Myles Blackstock (Sr.); INF Tristan Toussaint (Sr.); OF/P Hunter Ewing (Sr.); OF Dylan Lester (Sr.); OF Jonathan Andrews (Jr.); OF/P Luke Rosser (Sr.)

Season Outlook: The Tigers showed a lot of promise in coach Kareem Hayes' first season last year. Alcovy looks to take things farther this spring. Six starters are back to help the Tigers do just that. Region Offensive Player of the Year Parker Gassmann returns to spark the offense, while seniors Reece Payne and Hunter Parker also return to lead a solid pitching rotation.



FOREST PARK PANTHERS

Head Coach: Josh Froneberger

Assistant Coaches: Demetrius Ringfield, Quint Avery, Lance Lewis, Montrell Christian, Antonio Kendrick, Jay Jones, Morelando Johnson

2023 Record: 18-9

Returning Starters: RHP/OF/3B Montrell Christian (Sr., 6-4, 220, R/R); LHP/OF Terrance Pree (Sr., 5-9, 190, R/L); RHP/3B/1B Trayvon Taylor (Sr., 6-0, 210, R/R); 2B/C Mark Washington (Jr., 6-1, 160, R/R); DH/INF Tyrese Jenkins (So., 6-1, 220, R/R); C Robert Meadows (So., 6-2, 185, R/R); OF Nate Edmunds (So., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Kaleb Harper (Jr., 5-5, 105, R/R); RHP/1B Kaden Blackmon (Sr., 6-3, 200, R/R)

Top Newcomers: SS/RHP Jacoby Hendricks (So., 6-0, 185, R/R); INF/OF Jaheem Williams (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); C/OF Andre Turnipseed (Fr., 5-9, 185, R/R); INF Chris Butler (Fr., 5-7, 165, R/R); INF Andy Barredo (Fr., 5-7, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: Forest Park has continually improved and the Panthers look to take the next step this spring. The Panthers should contend for the region title with a wealth of talented players returning. Versatile Montrell Christian returns as well as all-region selections Trayvon Taylor and Terrance Pree.



Montrell Christian
Forest Park



JONESBORO CARDINALS

Head Coach: Matt Garner (new)

Assistant Coach: Sean Jones

2023 Record: 11-12

Returning Starters: RHP/OF Jamon Jones (Jr., R/R); C/1B/RHP Montrell Jones (So., R/R); OF/RHP Katreyl Jenkins (So., L/R); 1B/3B Malachi Addy (Sr.)

Other Returning Players: 3B/2B Jacob Daniel (Jr., R/R); C/1B Jaylon Cross (Sr., R/R); LHP/OF Izaiah William (So., L/L); RHP/INF/C Adan Sanchez (Sr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP/OF/1B Ike Osby (Fr., L/L); RHP/OF Benjamin Boyd (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Cardinals look to turn things around after a disappointing finish in 2023. Jonesboro will be young, but the Cardinals do have some talent returning that will need to mature quickly. Four starters are back, including junior pitcher/outfielder Jamon Jones.



LOVEJOY WILDCATS

Head Coach: Antonio Mitchell

Assistant Coaches: Rodrick Franklin, Clayton Roach, Brandon Gaither

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2023 Record: 9-18

Returning Starters: INF Tae Boze (Sr., 5-6, 150, R/R); 3B/OF Anthony Finkley (Jr., 6-3, 160, B/R); OF/INF Nizhan Feagin (Jr., 5-11, 200, R/R); 1B/RHP Dontrez Scandrett (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R); OF/INF Jordan King (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Tykwon Carpenter (So., 5-9, 150, R/R); RHP/2B Prince Ford (So., 6-0, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/3B Evan Shaw (Fr., 5-9, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wildcats made positive strides last spring. Lovejoy hopes to keep improving this season. Five returning starters are back, including a pair of seniors in infielder Tae Boze and first-baseman/pitcher Dontrez Scandrett. A solid corps of underclassmen will need to step up and contribute.



MORROW MUSTANGS

Head Coach: Kyle Smith (new)

Survey not returned



MUNDY'S MILL TIGERS

Head Coach: Anthony Love

Assistant Coaches: Coach Springer, Coach Hall, Coach Holloway, Coach Brooks

2023 Record: 11-11

Returning Starters: 3B/LF Kishon Brown (Sr., R/R); 1B/RF/C/2B Brandon Thompson (Sr., R/R); OF Noah Bloodworth (Sr., R/R); 3B/1B/RHP Jamir Holloway (Jr., R/R); C/SS/OF Samajay Gladmon (Jr., R/R); SS/3B/RHP Kyleer Wimbish (Jr., R/R); CF/SS/RHP Christopher Hill (So., R/R); OF/LHP Kenneth West (So., R/L); 2B/1B/C Christopher Johnson (So., R/R); 3B/SS/OF Adrian Dunn (So., B/R)

Season Outlook: Mundy's Mill will contend for a postseason berth this spring with a wealth of returning talent. The senior class is small, but keep an eye on an excellent group of juniors and sophomores. Standout Jamir Holloway is a player to keep an eye on.



ROCKDALE COUNTY BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Frank Vashaw

Assistant Coaches: Ricky Bailey, Terrance Williams, Steve Wagner

2023 Record: 11-18

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Reggie Tuggle (Sr., R/R); C/INF/RHP Dareon Adkins (Jr., R/R); 3B/C Jonathan Raggs (Jr., R/R); OF/RHP Wade Maddox (So., R/R); INF/RHP Caleb Ellison (So., R/R); OF/RHP Gary Borders (So., R/R); LHP/OF Kameron Stephens (Sr., L/L)

Other Returning Players: OF Cameron Bright (Sr., R/R); OF Tyrique Eastman (Jr., R/R); 1B Malik Sow (Sr., R/R); OF Logan Sprinkle (Sr., L/L); OF Kami Bryant (Sr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/P/C Noah Lester (Jr.); P/INF Caleb Cox (Fr.)

Season Outlook: Look for Rockdale County's second season under coach Frank Vashaw to be better. The Bulldogs welcome back seven returning

starters from last season's team that showed a lot of promise. One of those returning players is shortstop/pitcher Reggie Tuggle.



WOODWARD ACADEMY WAR EAGLES

Head Coach: John Hurston

Assistant Coaches: Joe Jordan, Joey Jordan

2023 Record: 31-7

Returning Starters: C/INF/RHP Bill Rubenstein (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); 3B/RHP Ethan Hall (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); 1B/DH Austin Mance (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R); C Hudson Aspes (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); INF/OF/RHP Tyler Cason (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Kevin Stephens (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Dash Edwards (Sr., 5-7, 155, R/R); INF Carson Ray (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF/DH Khalon Davis (So., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Brandon Burnett (Sr., 5-8, 170, R/R); OF Cam Kelly (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF/DH Austin Harland (Sr., 5-8, 165, R/R); OF/RHP Roman Stamps (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); RHP Parker Hollis (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Jack Mobley (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); INF Chance Dixon (So., 5-6, 140, R/R); RHP Aidan Beall (So., 5-11, 165, R/R); RHP Max Forde (So., 6-1, 155, R/R); LHP Turner Marshall (So., 5-10, 165, L/L)

Top Newcomers: OF/RHP Will Parton (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: The War Eagles will be expected to contend for the region title again this spring. A wealth of talent returns, including versatile senior standout Bill Rubenstein. If the War Eagles can find consistent pitching, they could go a long way. Offensive leaders Austin Mance, Tyler Cason and Kevin Stephens all return.



Austin Mance
Woodward Academy

REGION 4-6A

Region Favorite: Saint Pius X

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

RHP – David Albert, Sr., Marist; **OF/1B** – Owen Anchors, Sr., Dunwoody; **LHP/OF** – Jacob Arnberger, Sr., Lakeside-DeKalb; **3B** – Charles Ashe, Jr., Saint Pius X; **OF** – Xaden Benson, Sr., North Atlanta; **RHP/OF** – Reid Brosnan, Sr., Lakeside-DeKalb; **OF** – John Calame, Sr., North Atlanta; **LF** – Casey Comerford, Sr., Marist; **RHP** – Justin Conn, Sr., Dunwoody; **LHP/OF** – Aidan Conrad, Jr., Lakeside-DeKalb; **SS** – Michael Dee, Jr., Saint Pius X; **OF/1B/LHP** – Liam Ebbs, Sr., Saint Pius X; **RHP** – William Edwards, Jr., Saint Pius X; **SS** – Jack Euart, Jr., Marist; **RHP** – Will Fairris, Sr., Dunwoody; **CF** – Noah Gerrick, Jr., Marist; **LHP/OF** – Caleb Grubbs, Sr., South Cobb; **INF** – Ira Jefferies-Harris, Sr., North Atlanta; **INF/RHP** – Charlie Hendrix, Sr., Saint Pius X; **INF** – Robert Hicks, Jr., Riverwood; **LHP** – Daniel Hollingsworth, Sr., Marist; **C** – Wesley Ingham, Jr., Saint Pius X; **OF/RHP** – Ben Mason, Jr., North Atlanta; **RHP/C** – Joe Montembeau, Jr., Marist; **1B/3B** – Jayden Mosley, Jr., Lakeside-DeKalb; **LHP/1B** – Sam Neal, Sr.,

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North Atlanta; **C** – Marco Nunez, Jr., Riverwood; **INF** – Zach Paulling, Jr., Dunwoody; **RHP** – Matthew Pearch, Jr., Dunwoody; **C** – Davis Strickland, Sr., Marist; **OF** – Kai Takeuchi, Sr., Lakeside-DeKalb; **RHP/INF** – Drew Tovin, Sr., Riverwood; **3B/RHP** – Stanley Vidal, So., South Cobb; **INF** – Cole Williams, Jr., Riverwood; **RHP/INF** – Padgett Wilson, Jr., Riverwood; **LHP** – Luke Yano, Jr., North Atlanta

165, R/R); **LHP/OF** Grant Jackson (So., 5-10, 145, L/L)
Top Newcomers: RHP Anderson Easom (Fr., 6-1, 180, R/R); INF Matthew Russell (Jr., 5-8, 165, R/R); 1B/C Gabriel Edwards (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R)
Season Outlook: The Vikings return two of their top pitchers from last year in right-hander Reid Brosnan and left-hander Jacob Arnberger. If Lakeside can find some consistency at the plate, they should have a chance to improve upon last season's record.



Kai Takeuchi
Lakeside-DeKalb

DUNWOODY WILDCATS

Head Coach: Kyle Smith (new)
Assistant Coaches: Bill Cefarratti, Demarcus Adams England, Wes Bancroft, Johnathan Langley, Mike Berry, Roger Gay
2023 Record: 12-19

Returning Starters: OF/1B Owen Anchors (Sr., L/L); RHP Justin Conn (Sr., R/R); OF Sam Dale (Sr., L/L); RHP Will Fairris (Sr., R/R); OF Owen Painter (Sr., R/R); INF Zach Paulling (Jr., R/R); RHP Matthew Pearch (Jr., R/R)
Other Returning Players: OF/2B Brand Lawson (Sr., L/R); C Alton Mamaghani (Sr., R/R); RHP/3B Harrison Butler (Sr., R/R); C Reece Williams (Sr., R/R); LHP Tyler Sleep (Sr., L/L); RHP Connor Smith (Sr., R/R); OF Danny Boden (Jr., R/R)
Top Newcomers: OF Porter Allison (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP Ryan Davies (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP Caleb Hamilton (Jr., R/R); C/3B Michael Gregozeski (So., R/R); OF/RHP Alec Koehly (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wildcats welcome new coach Kyle Smith who inherits seven returning starters and should be in thick of the Region 4-6A playoff chase this spring. Outfielder/first-baseman Owen Anchors returns to lead a strong group of returning seniors. Right-handed pitcher Matthew Pearch also is back after a solid 2023 season.

MARIST WAR EAGLES

Head Coach: Mike Strickland
Assistant Coaches: Troy Hall, Cory Tibbs, Pete Geist, Tim Perez
2023 Record: 21-13-1

Returning Starters: C Davis Strickland (Sr., R/L); RHP David Albert (Sr., R/R); SS Jack Euart (Jr., R/R); 2B Hamilton Adams (Jr., R/R); LF Casey Comerford (Sr., R/R); LHP/1B Reed Edwards (Sr., L/L); CF Noah Gerrick (Jr., L/R)
Other Returning Players: RHP/C Joe Montembeau (Jr., R/R); 3B/RHP William Pruitt (Sr., R/R); OF John Loudon (Jr., R/R); LHP Daniel Hollingsworth (Sr., L/L); RHP Jamie Vicens (Jr., R/R); C Xavier Byams (Jr., R/R); LHP/1B Duncan McLamb (Sr., R/L)
Top Newcomers: 3B/RHP Jack Richerson (So., R/R); OF/RHP Martin Shelar (So., R/R); 1B Jackson Cox (So., R/R); 3B/RHP Roshan Bullard (So., R/R)
Season Outlook: As usual, look for Marist to contend for the region title and contend for a postseason berth. Seven starters are back. Keep an eye on a solid group of juniors and sophomores who will be expected to compete for playing time.

LAKESIDE-DEKALB VIKINGS

Head Coach: Brian Granger
Assistant Coaches: Bill Newsome, Kyle Johnson, Christian Griffine, Andrew Parkin, Henry Buice, Fred Chapman
2023 Record: 11-17-1

Returning Starters: RHP/OF Reid Brosnan (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); LHP/OF Jacob Arnberger (Sr., 5-10, 180, L/L); OF Kai Takeuchi (Sr., 5-8, 145, R/R); C Jose Cedeno-Chacon (Sr., 5-7, 180, R/R); LHP/OF Aidan Conrad (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/L); 1B/3B Jayden Mosley (Jr., 5-10, 225, R/R); SS Mason Williams (Sr., 6-0, 145, R/R)
Other Returning Players: 1B Adam Voogd (Sr., 6-5, 200, R/R); 3B/DH Gabe Fioresi (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); INF Andrew Booth (So., 6-1,



Jacob Arnberger
Lakeside-DeKalb



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Lakeside-DeKalb



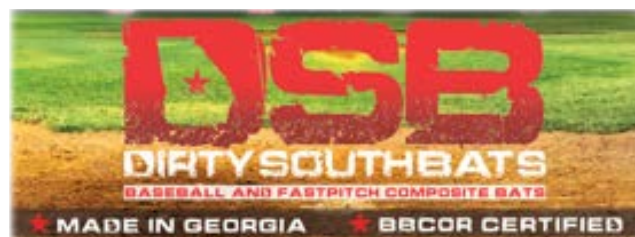
Aidan Conrad
Lakeside-DeKalb



Jayden Mosley
Lakeside-DeKalb

NORTH ATLANTA WARRIORS

Head Coach: Ricky Plante
Assistant Coaches: Will Leonard, Chago Santiago, Henry Quiles, Courtney Ward
2023 Record: 27-7
Returning Starters: LHP/1B Sam Neal (Sr., L/L); INF Ira Jefferies-Harris (Sr., B/R); OF Xaden Benson (Sr., R/R); C Walker Stone (Sr., R/R)
Other Returning Players: LHP Luke Yano (Jr., L/L); OF John Calame (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Ben Mason (Jr., R/R); LHP Brayden Bassett (Sr., L/L)
Top Newcomers: 1B Ian Reynolds (Jr., R/R); INF Brooks Allen (Jr., R/R); OF/LHP Dallas Peoples (So., L/L)
Season Outlook: The defending region champions have some holes to fill after graduation raided their roster. But plenty of talent returns including standout Sam Neal and Ira Jefferies-Harris. If North Atlanta can establish some pitching depth, they could potentially approach last year's success.



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RIVERWOOD RAIDERS

Head Coach: Phillip Byrd

Assistant Coaches: Jason Russo, Patrick Hope

2023 Record: 7-22

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Drew Tovin (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); LHP Duncan Freeman (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/L); C Luke Miller (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); U Dylan Mathews (Sr., 6-2, 195, R/R); U Julian Carter (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); INF Robert Hicks (Jr., 6-1, 210, R/R); C Marco Nunez (Jr., 6-1, 205, R/R); OF Bradey Shannon (Jr., 5-10, 180, L/L); INF Cole Williams (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); RHP/INF Padgett Wilson (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP/OF Zack Stair (So., 6-2, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Gavin Braun (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP/INF Andrew Chronopolous (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/R); C/OF Manny Pargman (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF Noah Glenn (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF Asher Glenn (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); RHP/INF Tully Hanlin (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); RHP/INF Cooper Bernath (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF Jimmy McCabe (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: U Ethan Collins (Jr., 5-9, 165, B/R); U Luke Ritchie (So., 6-0, 165, R/R); OF Simon Turial (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R); INF Riley Martiny (So., 5-10, 155, R/R); RHP/INF Maxwell Bodenheimer (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Raiders struggled last season, and they look to get things back on track this spring. A strong group of returning players should help Riverwood improve upon last year's finish. Pitcher/infielder Drew Tovin and catcher Marco Nunez are back to lead the way.

SAINT PIUS X GOLDEN LIONS

Head Coach: Andy Harlin

Assistant Coaches: Kevin Ksionzyk, Mike Lancaster

2023 Record: 22-13

Returning Starters: C Wesley Ingham (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); OF/1B/LHP Liam Ebbs (Sr., 6-1, 190, L/L); INF/RHP Charlie Hendrix (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); SS Michael Dee (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R); 3B Charles Ashe (Jr., 5-11, 200, R/R); OF Archer Love (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Aiden Portee (Jr., 6-0, 170, L/L); RHP McKale Stevenson (Jr., 6-3, 200, R/R); RHP/1B Andrew Kazmer (So., 6-4, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: U/RHP Charlie Capretta (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); RHP William Edwards (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Will Freeman (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); C/1B Logan Lucas (Jr., 6-1, 190, R/R)

Season Outlook: In what was supposed to be a rebuilding year, St. Pius X won 22 games and made the state quarterfinals. The bulk of that talent returns including senior outfielder/first-baseman Liam Ebbs (.317 avg.) and right-hander Charlie Hendrix (4-2, 3.96 ERA). The team is still young, but a strong junior class will lead the way.

SOUTH COBB EAGLES

Head Coach: Patrick Wright

Survey not returned

REGION 5-6A

Region Favorite: Newnan

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

SS – Terrance Bowen, Jr., Alexander; **RHP/3B/C** – Kody Clancy, Sr., South Paulding; **OF** – Brady Cole, Sr., East Paulding; **RHP/DH** – Carson Daniel, Sr., Newnan; **OF** – Brannon Farmer, Sr., South Paulding; **RHP/OF** – Caden Folsom, Sr., South Paulding; **1B** – Marvin Gibson, Sr., Langston Hughes; **INF/RHP** – Cole Gilmore, Jr., Newnan; **U** – Bryan Hendricks, Sr., New Manchester; **RHP** – Heath Henley, Sr., Alexander; **U/RHP** – James Johnson, Jr., Douglas County; **INF** – Dax Kilby, Jr., Newnan; **INF/RHP** – Wills Maginnis, Sr., Newnan; **SS/RHP** – Sam Peterson, Sr., East Paulding; **SS/RHP** – Pedro Rodriguez, Sr., East Paulding; **LHP/OF/1B** – Talyn Spencer, Jr., South Paulding; **3B** – Baylor Thomason, Sr., East Paulding; **INF** – Rodney Weekes, Jr., Langston Hughes; **1B** – Jakali Williams, So., New Manchester

ALEXANDER COUGARS

Head Coach: Dalton Martinez

Assistant Coaches: Cale Foster, Rico Billups, Luis Lowe, Mark Schroyer, Ezra Brown

2023 Record: 19-11

Returning Starters: SS Terrance Bowen (Jr., 6-1, 190, R/R); RHP Heath Henley (Sr., 6-4, 210, R/R); C Andrew Stewart (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); 1B Colton Pickett (Sr., 5-11, 195, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Mac Nail (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF Devyn Strickland (Sr., 5-8, 155, R/L); SS/2B Joshua Sellers (Jr., 5-10, 145, R/R); C Jesse Williams (So., 5-11, 175, R/R); LHP Blake Fortner (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/L); LHP/OF David Jackson (So., 6-4, 185, L/L); RHP/INF Jayden Whitlesey (So., 5-10, 155, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Mathew Westbrook (Fr., 6-2, 180, R/R); LHP/OF David Jackson (So., 6-4, 185, L/L); RHP Nate Cromey (So., 6-2, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The defending region champions could be the team to beat again. Four starters, including a trio of seniors, return. Shortstop Terrance Bowen is back on offense, but a solid group of pitchers led by right-hander Heath Henley will be the team's biggest strength.

DOUGLAS COUNTY TIGERS

Head Coach: John Farmer

Survey not returned

EAST PAULDING RAIDERS

Head Coach: Tony Boyd

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Assistant Coaches: Andrew Deaton, Zack Kilday, Michael Bloodworth, Mike Wilson, Nick Cail, Jake Capalbo

2023 Record: 20-12

Returning Starters: 3B Baylor Thomason (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); SS/RHP Sam Peterson (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); SS/RHP Pedro Rodriguez (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF Brady Cole (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); 2B Hunter Shiver (Sr., 4-10, 140, R/R); RHP/1B/C Tyler Williams (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/RHP Hayden Biles (Sr., 5-11, 155, R/R); 3B/2B Mason Cobb (Sr., 6-0, 155, R/R); C/OF Connor Sherrill (Sr., 5-8, 150, R/R); 1B Cooper Unangst (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); OF/C Brayden Clarke (Jr., 5-10, 145, R/R); RHP/1B Price Strickland (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Tyler Cain (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); INF Josh Toler (Jr., 5-10, 145, R/R)

Season Outlook: A solid senior class will lead the way at East Paulding this season. Six starters, all of them seniors, are back. All-state infielder/pitcher Sam Peterson returns. Pitching depth is a concern, but the good news is that offensive catalysts Pedro Rodriguez and Baylor Thomason return.



HUGHES (LANGSTON) PANTHERS

Head Coach: Robert Jones

Survey not returned



NEW MANCHESTER JAGUARS

Head Coach: Ivan Carroll

Survey not returned



NEWNAN COUGARS

Head Coach: Marc Gilmore

Assistant Coaches: Mitch Williams, Braden Griner, Matt Nash, Brian Morgan, Matt Ross, Joseph Lucas, Cody Bevil

2023 Record: 15-13

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Wills Maginnis (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R); OF/LHP Cam Barnes (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/L); RHP Cason Rhodes (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP/DH Carson Daniel (Sr., 5-11, 215, R/R); OF/1B Ben Edge (Jr., 5-10, 180, L/R); INF/RHP Cole Gilmore (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); INF Dax Kilby (Jr., 6-1, 170, L/R); OF Gus Anderson (Jr., 5-11, 160, L/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/INF Bryce Stanfield (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); 1B/RHP Evan Russell (So., 5-10, 190, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Brodie Campbell (Fr., 6-0, 150, L/R); INF/RHP Hayes Maginnis (Fr., 5-9, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Cougars welcome back eight returning starters and will be expected to compete for a postseason berth. Infielder/pitcher Wills Maginnis will provide a spark. Pitching should be the biggest strength as right-handers Cason Rhodes and Caron Daniel both return, while lefty Cam Barnes can also throw. A solid group of underclassmen will also compete for playing time.



PAULDING COUNTY PATRIOTS

Head Coach: David Devey (new)

Assistant Coach: Cooper Murphy

2023 Record: 12-15

Season Outlook: New coach David Devey takes over at Paulding County and will look to help the Patriots improve upon last season's finish. Paulding has some talented players, but it may take some time for the team to mature. Keep an eye on them.



SOUTH PAULDING SPARTANS

Head Coach: Jay Sneddon

Assistant Coaches: Chris Adair, Jason Chatham, Brian Meadows, Brian Welak, Adam Graham, Scooter Houston, Cody Sauls

2023 Record: 18-10

Returning Starters: RHP/3B/C Kody Clancy (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); LHP/OF/1B Talyn Spencer (Jr., 6-2, 160, L/L); OF Brannon Farmer (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); RHP/OF Nolan McKinstry (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Caden Folsom (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 3B/RHP Logan Maddox (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); 2B/RHP Jake Wilkey (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); SS Braden Goolsby (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/R); LHP/OF Mason Whitaker (Jr., 6-2, 175, L/L); C Ethan James (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); 1B Ryan Bebout (Sr., 6-3, 175, R/R); RHP Matthew Ballard (Sr., 6-3, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP/1B Ryder Porter (Jr., 5-10, 170, L/L); RHP/3B Carson Adomnik (So., 6-4, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Spartans will be back in the postseason chase this spring and should challenge for the region title. Pitching will be the biggest strength. Three-year starter Kody Clancy, Nolan McKinstry and Caden Folsom, all right-handers, anchor a strong pitching rotation. If the offense can be consistent, look out.

REGION 6-6A

Region Favorite: Etowah

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

RHP/SS – Dimitri Angelakos, Sr., Etowah; **RHP** – Jack Burns, Sr., Creekview; **OF/INF** – Deion Cole, So., Etowah; **RHP** – Oz Eckard, Sr., Woodstock; **C** – Michael Fallon, Sr., River Ridge; **RHP/3B** – PJ Fitzpatrick, Jr., Creekview; **1B/DH** – Jack Gibson, Sr., Creekview; **RHP** – Logan Grass, Sr., Allatoona; **1B** – Aidan Guilbeau, Sr., Allatoona; **2B** – Gavin Hamrick, Jr., River Ridge; **OF/RHP** – KJ Hart, Jr., River Ridge; **3B** – Alec Hotaling, Sr., Creekview; **LHP** – Carson Howard, Sr., Sequoyah; **RHP** – Caleb Hughes, Sr., Etowah; **OF** – Matthew Lipcsey, Sr., River Ridge; **3B/RHP** – Ean Marria, Jr., Sequoyah; **LHP** – Kevin Maurer, Sr., Woodstock; **INF** – Brooks McKenna, Sr., Woodstock; **RHP** – Scotty Millbourn, Sr., River Ridge; **RHP/SS/2B** – Luke Nitkowski, So., Creekview; **RHP** – Ethan Osada,

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Sr., River Ridge; **OF** – Jack Reynolds, Jr., Allatoona; **SS** – Gavin Savage, Sr., Sequoyah; **DH** – Gavin Settle, Sr., Allatoona; **RHP/INF** – Matthew Sharman, So., Etowah; **OF** – Micah Shipman, Sr., Sequoyah; **LHP/1B/OF** – Hunter Smith, Sr., Sequoyah; **OF** – Bryce Stack, Sr., Allatoona; **SS/2B** – Jackson Stanley, Jr., Creekview; **RHP/3B** – Chandler Thiel, Sr., River Ridge; **C** – Sam Tomczak, Jr., Allatoona; **OF/LHP** – Caden Tuck, Sr., Woodstock; **LHP** – Cooper Underwood, Jr., Allatoona; **RHP** – Braxton Wade, Sr., Rome; **LHP/1B** – Coleman Wylie, Sr., Sequoyah; **RHP/1B/OF** – Cooper Zeckman, Sr., Sequoyah



ALLATOONA BUCCANEERS

Head Coach: Keith Hansen

Assistant Coaches: Brad Strickland, David Eeles, Mike Dennison, Casey Linch, Mike Linch

2023 Record: 20-14

Returning Starters: C Sam Tomczak (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); 1B Aidan Guilbeau (Sr., 6-3, 220, R/R); SS Anthony Planeta (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/R); OF Jack Reynolds (Jr., 5-11, 175, L/L); OF/RHP Jacob Jenkins (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); OF/3B/RHP Cruz Paul (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); DH Gavin Settle (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); LHP Cooper Underwood (Jr., 6-2, 165, L/L); RHP Logan Grass (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/OF Dylan Mancini (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); RHP Matthew Perkins (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); OF Bryce Stack (Sr., 5-6, 160, R/R); RHP/1B Ben Martin (Jr., 6-3, 175, R/R); OF Tyler Turner (Jr., 5-7, 160, L/L); RHP/OF Will Elms (Jr., 6-0, 155, R/R); C Cash Brown (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); LHP Cohen Bohannon (So., 5-11, 150, R/L); RHP Will Brown (Sr., 6-1, 160, R/R); RHP Hayden Glover (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP Nick Jones (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP/1B JT Tow (So., 6-2, 155, L/L); LHP Davis Bargeron (Jr., 5-11, 165, L/L)

Season Outlook: The Buccaneers played a lot of youth last year which should pay off this spring. Pitchers Logan Grass and Cooper Underwood are back to lead a solid rotation, while catcher Sam Tomczak and Aidan Guilbeau also return. Keep an eye on a solid junior class that will contribute.



Aidan Guilbeau
Allatoona



Sam Tomczak
Allatoona



Cooper Underwood
Allatoona



CREEKVIEW GRIZZLIES

Head Coach: Matt Gershon

Assistant Coaches: Cameron Gibson, Ben Greene, Chris Jeffreys, Josh Link, Chandler Wold

2023 Record: 10-20

Returning Starters: RHP Jack Burns (Sr., 6-6, 180, R/R); U Brodie Carter (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP/3B PJ Fitzpatrick (Jr., 6-3, 175, L/R); 1B/DH Jack Gibson

(Sr., 6-0, 195, L/R); OF Carter Gilliam (Sr., 5-9, 155, R/R); 3B Alec Hotaling (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP/SS/2B Luke Nitkowski (So., 6-0, 145, L/R); SS/2B Jackson Stanley (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players:

LHP Micah Bailey (Sr., 6-2, 200, L/L); 1B/DH Will Clevenger (Sr., 6-4, 190, L/R); C Levi Crowe

(Jr., 5-10, 170, L/R); OF Ty Gill (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R); RHP Bryson Guy (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP Clay Herring (So., 6-1, 165, R/R); RHP Chase Jones (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP Alex Hayes (Jr., 6-1, 180, L/L); RHP/3B Caden Jackson (So., 5-11, 155, R/R); RHP/C/3B Alex Penrod (So., 6-0, 175, R/R); U Austin Penrod (So., 5-8, 165, R/R); RHP/OF Garrett Ray (So., 5-10, 150, R/R); 1B/DH Baylor Seals (Jr., 6-3, 215, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Grizzlies struggled last season, but look for them to be a much better team this spring. Eight starters are back, including a standout group of pitchers led by right-handers Jack Burns and PJ Fitzpatrick. Junior Jackson Stanley also returns.



Jack Gibson
Creekview



Jackson Stanley
Creekview



ETOWAH EAGLES

Head Coach: Greg Robinson

Assistant Coaches: Mike Foley, Taylor Majors, Jason Borcharding, Jake Stephens, Brandon Stephens, Matthew Ridgeway

2023 Record: 24-14

Returning Starters: 2B Jake Sabo (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP/SS Dimitri Angelakos (Sr., 6-3, 200, R/R); RHP Caleb Hughes (Sr., 6-0, 195, R/R); RHP/INF Matthew Sharman (So., 6-3, 195, R/R); OF/INF Deion Cole (So., 6-1, 185, R/R); OF/INF Bryce Adams (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); OF Reece Wehr (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/L)

Other Returning Players: LHP Oliver Bandy (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/L)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Jack Turner (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); LHP/INF Jackson Rose (Jr., 6-3, 195, L/L); C Carson Moore (So., 5-11, 180, R/R); C Cayden Borcharding (Fr., 5-11, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Eagles will be tough to beat this spring with a pitching rotation that consists of Dimitri Angelakos, Caleb Hughes and Matthew Sharman. Seven total starters are back. Keep an eye on versatile Deion Cole, one of the state top players for the Class of 2026.



RIVER RIDGE KNIGHTS

Head Coach: Jeff Runion

Assistant Coaches: Andrew Marinelli, Mark Lewis, Nick Blubaugh, Harrison Thiel

2023 Record: 23-12

Returning Starters: C Michael Fallon (Sr., 6-1, 185, B/R); RHP/3B Chandler Thiel (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); OF Matthew Lipcsey (Sr., 5-9, 175, L/L); SS/RHP Jowsell Seda Nunez (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); RHP Scotty Milbourn (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); 2B Gavin Hamrick (Jr., 5-10, 160, L/R); OF/RHP KJ Hart (Jr., 6-6, 205, R/R); OF Grant Hollier (Jr., 6-4, 215, R/R); OF Adam Lipscey (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

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Other Returning Players: RHP Ethan Osada (Sr., 6-7, 215, R/R); C/3B Aiden Perry (Sr., 5-7, 185, R/R)

Season Outlook: After a strong postseason run last year, the Knights have enough leftovers to make another solid run this spring. A strong pitching rotation led by right-handers Scotty Milbourn, Ethan Osada and Chandler Thiel returns as well as offensive leaders Gavin Hamrick and Matthew Lipcsey.



Michael Fallon
River Ridge



Gavin Hamrick
River Ridge



KJ Hart
River Ridge



Scotty Milbourn
River Ridge



ROME WOLVES

Head Coach: Shane Ramsey (new)

Assistant Coaches: Ty Delancy, Trevor Proctor, Landon Stevenson, Jack Martz

2023 Record: 11-16

Returning Starters: RHP Braxton Wade (Sr., 6-2, 200, R/R); RHP Bryson Bridges (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF/INF Alex Rodriguez (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); 2B/SS Jeremiah Farrer (Sr., 5-9, 170, L/R); OF Chaz Moore (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C JD Lanier (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: Former Effingham County coach Shane Ramsey returns to Northwest Georgia and takes over a Rome program that struggled last season. The Wolves welcome back an excellent group of seniors. Three-year starter Braxton Wade returns to lead what could be a solid pitching rotation.



SEQUOYAH CHIEFS

Head Coach: Scott Barber

Assistant Coaches: Steve Flake, Robbie Ramsdell, Jason Thomason

2023 Record: 15-13

Returning Starters: 3B/RHP Ean Marria (Jr., 6-0, 205, R/R); LHP Hunter Smith (Sr., 6-2, 155; LHP Coleman Wylie (Sr., 6-3, 215); SS Gavin Savage (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP/OF Cooper Zeckman (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R); LHP Carson Howard (Sr., 5-11, 145); OF Micah Shipman (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); OF Eli Jerguson (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); C/1B Colin Campbell (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/3B Cooper Price (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); 2B/3B Luke McRae (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); LHP Michael Gagliano (Sr., 6-0, 170)

Top Newcomers: RHP/3B Luke Barber (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R); RHP/OF Tristan Altman (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); RHP/1B Drew Harmon (So., 6-1, 170, R/R); C Maddox Waller (So., 6-1, 175, R/R); SS/2B Kolby Martin (So., 5-9, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: An excellent senior class returns to help Sequoyah challenge for a playoff spot this spring. Nine starters are back. Left-handed pitcher Hunter Smith returns to highlight a solid pitching rotation. Meanwhile, third-baseman/pitcher Ean Marria also is back after a solid sophomore season last year.



WOODSTOCK WOLVERINES

Head Coach: Jeff Brown

Assistant Coaches: John Duran, Brandon Marcus, Ben Abner, Clay Cross, Reed Nixon, Parker Acuff, Garrett Hodges

2023 Record: 23-11

Returning Starters: INF

Brooks McKenna (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R); LHP Kevin Maurer (Sr., 5-11, 180, L/L); OF/LHP Caden Tuck (Sr., 5-9, 170, L/L); RHP Oz

Eckard (Sr., 6-4, 215, R/R); U Mylon Uribe (Sr., 6-0, 170, L/R); OF/RHP Spencer Mullins (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); 1B/RHP Anthony Holloway (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Gabe Coleman (Sr., 5-9, 155, L/R); OF/RHP Ben Blankenship (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Dalton Shakar (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); U/RHP Bennie Bartolero (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); U Fuller Morrish (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); OF Elijah Wadsworth (Sr., 6-3, 195, R/R); RHP Jamey Tolve (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); RHP Roy Shewmake (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Sullivan Aita (So., 5-10, 150, R/R); INF/RHP Hunter Reese (So., 5-9, 150, R/R); INF/RHP MJ McKay (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Wyatt Riske (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Brandon Dell (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); C Cooper Casdia (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); OF George Loehr (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: In what many labeled as a rebuild last year, the Wolverines still won 23 games. Woodstock will be even better this spring as a strong senior class returns. Offensive leader Brooks McKenna is back, while left-handers Caden Tuck, Kevin Maurer and Oz Eckard return to form a solid pitching rotation.



Oz Eckard
Woodstock



Mylon Uribe
Woodstock

REGION 7-6A

Region Favorite: Pope

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

C – Drew Abney, So., Pope; **RHP/OF** – Ethan Adams, Jr., Alpharetta; **INF/RHP** – Logan Brock, Sr., Lassiter; **SS** – Colby Cather, Sr., Roswell; **OF** – Foster Currie, Sr., Sprayberry; **3B/INF** – John Dickerson, Sr., Lassiter; **RHP/OF** – Ethan Garrett, Jr., Pope; **RHP** – Grant Hodges, Sr., Blessed Trinity; **LHP** – Dawson Jones, Sr., Pope; **RHP/3B** – Braydon Kersey, Sr., Alpharetta; **3B** – Kade Kisz, Jr., Blessed Trinity; **3B** – Robbie Kosakoski, Sr., Roswell; **SS** – Brayden Leonard, Sr., Alpharetta; **RF** – Eli MacDonald, Sr., Roswell; **OF/1B/LHP** – Colin Manning, Jr., Johns Creek; **C** – Jackson Marvel, Sr., Johns Creek; **RHP/3B** – Darrell McDowell, Jr., Lassiter; **LHP/1B** – Adam McKelvey, Sr., Roswell; **OF** – Tanner Morneau, Jr., Pope; **INF** – Jack Myers, Sr., Pope; **RHP/C/INF** – Andrew Nelms, Sr., Pope; **RHP** – Cam Novak, Jr., Blessed Trinity; **LHP** – Will Petteys, Sr., Roswell; **C/3B** – Logan Racine, Sr., Alpharetta; **OF/INF** – John Stuetzer, Jr., Pope; **LHP** – Jared Webb, Sr., Lassiter; **SS/RHP** – Michael Zito, Sr., Blessed Trinity

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ALPHARETTA RAIDERS

Head Coach: Marc Lassiat

Assistant Coaches: Allen Strohecker, Kevin Amerson, Kari Anderson

2023 Record: 12-16

Returning Starters: RHP/3B Braydon Kersey (Sr., L/R); SS Brayden Leonard (Sr., R/R); C/3B Logan Racine (Sr., R/R); RHP/OF Ethan Adams (Jr., R/R); 1B Carter Few (Sr., L/R); RHP Jackson Chappell (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: 2B Brady McDonough (Jr., L/R); LHP Eli Gerdes (Jr.); OF Ian Austin (Jr., R/R); LHP Matthew Shapiro (So.)

Season Outlook: After a disappointing finish last spring, the Raiders look to get back on track. Alpharetta has an older and more-experienced team returning. Six starters are back, including seniors Brayden Leonard and Braydon Kersey. Keep an eye on junior pitcher/outfielder Ethan Adams, a Georgia commit.



Ethan Adams
Alpharetta



Jackson Chappell
Alpharetta



Braydon Kersey
Alpharetta



Brayden Leonard
Alpharetta



BLESSED TRINITY TITANS

Head Coach: Jamie Wagner

Assistant Coaches: Brandon Harwell, Cornell Dore

2023 Record: 28-9

Returning Starters: 3B Kade Kisz (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); 2B Carson Zagryn (Jr., 6-2, 195, R/R); OF William Hamacher (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R); OF/RHP Sean Greene (Sr., 5-11, 220, R/R); SS/RHP Michael Zito (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); RHP Cam Novak (Jr., 6-3, 205, R/R); RHP Grant Hodges (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C Alex Morgan (Sr., 6-1, 200, R/R); C/OF Andrew Dabbs (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Aiden Zagryn (Jr., 6-2, 185, R/R); OF Anderson Deaderick (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Joe Nevle (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF Wesley Bass (Jr., 6-3, 185, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/RHP Caden Dawson (Fr., 6-1, 185, L/R); INF/RHP Ryder Register (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Joseph Contreras (So., 6-1, 155, B/R); INF/OF Mik Thiebaut (Jr., 6-2, 180, L/L); C/OF Davis Beilstein (Jr., 6-2, 200, R/R)



Sean Greene
Blessed Trinity



Grant Hodges
Blessed Trinity



Michael Zito
Blessed Trinity



Cam Novak
Blessed Trinity

Season Outlook: Blessed Trinity welcomes back seven starters and a potent lineup capable of scoring a lot of runs this spring. Georgia Tech commit Kade Kisz returns at third-base, while Michael Zito is back at shortstop. Both return to spark the offense. Right-handers Grant Hodges and Cam Novak return to anchor what should be a solid pitching rotation.



JOHNS CREEK GLADIATORS

Head Coach: Billy Nicholson

Assistant Coaches: Ted Fithian, Jenno Marvel, Taylor Leslie, Ron Loula, Jim Ernst, Keith Siegfried

2023 Record: 9-21

Returning Starters: C Jackson Marvel (Sr., 5-8, 170, R/R); RHP/1B Pete Pappas (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); INF Jack Landers (Sr., 5-11, 205, R/R); OF Cooper Teeple (Jr., 5-10, 170, L/L); INF Matt Richards (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); RHP Lance Frazer (Sr., 5-10, 195, R/R); OF/1B/LHP Colin Manning (Jr., 5-10, 165, L/L)

Other Returning Players: OF Colin Morelle (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); RHP Austin McMillan (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); LHP Charlie Aycok (Sr., 5-11, 165, L/L); C/INF Brady Carnesale (Sr., 5-9, 180, R/R); LHP Ryan Vane (Jr., 5-11, 170, L/L)

Top Newcomers: RHP Niket Barot (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); OF TJ Lockhart (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: Johns Creek should be much better this spring after struggling at times in 2023. Seven starters are back, including All-Region standouts Jackson Marvel at catcher and versatile Colin Manning. If the Gladiators can find consistency on the mound, they should have a solid season.



Colin Manning
Johns Creek



LASSITER TROJANS

Head Coach: Kyle Rustay

Assistant Coaches: Brac Barton, Michael Fraker, Ken Ling

2023 Record: 20-15

Returning Starters: RHP/3B Darrell McDowell (Jr., 6-4, 175, R/R); 3B/INF John Dickerson (Sr., 6-0, 170, B/R); OF Eric Brown (Sr., 5-7, 170, B/R); OF Connor Carlson (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/L); C Ben Bodoh (Sr., 5-8, 165, R/R); LHP Jared Webb (Sr., 5-11, 160, L/L); 1B/RHP Ian Fullerton (Sr., 6-0, 190, L/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/INF Michael O'Brien (Sr., 5-9, 160, B/R); OF Rennen Kelly (Sr., 5-10, 150, L/L); INF/RHP Logan Brock (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Hudson McElreath (Sr., 6-2, 165, R/R); OF Quinn Hughes (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R); C Will Michaels (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); C Preston Smith (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/OF Preston Dean (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); C/1B Griffin John (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); RHP/OF Parker Wilson (Jr., 6-2, 150, R/R); LHP/1B Caden Lenzi (So., 6-3, 165, L/L)



John Dickerson
Lassiter



Jared Webb
Lassiter

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Season Outlook: A strong senior class will lead the way at Lassiter this spring. Pitching will be the Trojans' biggest strength as right-hander Darrell McDowell and lefty Jared Webb return to form a strong pitching rotation. There is enough talent for this team to contend for the region title and the playoffs once again.

POPE GREYHOUNDS

Head Coach: Chris Turco

Assistant Coaches: Will Harrison, Matt Liedberg, Antonio Jareno, Kenny Lotz, Mike Nelson, Grant Papelian, Alan Savransky

2023 Record: 31-11

Returning Starters: INF Jack Myers (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); LHP Dawson Jones (Sr., 6-0, 170, L/L); 1B/RHP/DH Bryce Chapin (Sr., 6-6, 210, R/R); OF/INF John Stuetzer (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP/OF Ethan Garrett (Jr., 6-1, 160, R/R); OF Tanner Morneau (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); C Drew Abney (So., 6-0, 180, R/L)

Other Returning Players: 1B/OF Brady Otero (Sr., 6-2, 170, R/R); RHP/C/INF Andrew Nelms (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); RHP/INF Carter Joachim (Sr., 5-8, 150, R/R); OF Griffin Tamucci (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); OF Logan Castro (Sr., 6-1, 155, R/R); C Nick Chao (Jr., 6-3, 225, R/R)

Top Newcomers: U Hudson Deline (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Matt Levinson (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: After finishing as the state runner-up last year, Pope lost a good bit of its offense to graduation. It may take some time for the offense

to mature, but look for a strong pitching rotation led by Dawson Jones, Ethan Garrett and Andrew Nelms to keep the Greyhounds in the chase.

ROSWELL HORNETS

Head Coach: Matt McCarthy

Assistant Coaches: Chris Carroll, Danny MacDonald, Kevin Squiers, John Lash

2023 Record: 16-15

Returning Starters: LHP/1B Adam McKelvey (Sr., 6-4, 240, L/L); LHP Will Petteys (Sr., 6-3, 205, L/L); SS Colby Cather (Sr., 5-8, 155, R/R); RF Eli MacDonald (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); 3B Robbie Kosakoski (Sr., 5-8, 185, R/R); OF Grant Cook (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF/INF Colin Phillips (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); OF Blake Gartner (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Trey Smith (So., 5-11, 190, R/R); RHP Graham Pinniger (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); C Wyatt Heslin (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Nolan Slaughter (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R); RHP Connor Beech (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); LHP Alex Lupinski (Jr., 6-1, 170, L/L); C Hiram Zamora (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Hornets made the state playoffs last year, and they will be expected to do so again this spring. A strong returning nucleus of players are back, including a solid senior class. Left-handers Adam McKelvey and Will Petteys return on the mound and will keep Roswell in games. Shortstop Colby Cather also returns.



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SPRAYBERRY YELLOW JACKETS

Head Coach: James Tejcek

Assistant Coaches: Kevin Lofthus, Desmond Atwell, Brandon Varner

2023 Record: 10-19

Returning Starters: OF Foster Currie (Sr., 6-2, 195, R/R); C Matt Luciano (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); OF/RHP Jack Hellenga (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); 3B Jared James (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R); RHP/1B Aiden Lynch (Jr., 6-5, 225, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Colton Clearman (So., 5-10, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/INF Josh Allequinn (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF Ethan Grider (Jr., 5-5, 140, R/R); INF/OF Luke Hopkins (So., 5-9, 165, R/R); RHP Taylor Posten (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R); LHP/1B Lucas Balzer (So., 6-0, 190, L/L)

Season Outlook: Sprayberry will be young this spring, but don't count the Jackets out. Five starters are back, including All-State outfielder Foster Currie (.436 avg., 27 RBIs) and catcher Matt Luciano. Pitching depth is a concern, but the Jackets will look for some younger players to step up and contribute.

REGION 8-6A

Region Favorite: Apalachee

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

OF – Ellis Alldredge, So., North Forsyth; **3B/DH** – Nick Austin, Sr., Jackson County; **1B** – Sam Bradley, Sr., Jackson County; **U/RHP** – Brice Branton, Sr., Jackson County; **LHP/OF** – Maverick Chitwood, So., Habersham Central; **U** – Branson Crawford, So., Gainesville; **LHP** – Ethan Curtis, So., Lanier; **2B** – Zach Diaz, So., Lanier; **RHP/INF** – Kyle Duckwall, Sr., North Forsyth; **RHP** – Jacob Harrison, Sr., Apalachee; **OF/INF** – Colin Hedges, Sr., Apalachee; **OF/LHP** – Brady Holbrook, Jr., North Forsyth; **OF** – Logan Laughlin, Jr., Lanier; **INF/RHP** – Traver Park, Sr., Apalachee; **1B/RHP** – Judah Powell, Sr., Apalachee; **SS** – Jake Prince, Sr., North Forsyth; **RHP/INF** – Cooper Reid, Sr., Gainesville; **3B/2B** – Braden Richards, Sr., Lanier; **RHP** – Gavyn Seitz, Sr., North Forsyth; **OF/RHP** – Nate Valles, Sr., Apalachee; **C/OF** – Karson Wheeler, Sr., Jackson County; **C** – TJ Wilson, Sr., Apalachee; **C/OF** – Baxter Wright, Sr., Gainesville



APALACHEE WILDCATS

Head Coach: Kyle Bailey (new)

Assistant Coaches: Chad Mashburn, Thomas Hall, Brian Cavanaugh

2023 Record: 16-15

Returning Starters: 1B/RHP Judah Powell (Sr., 6-4, 225, R/R); INF/RHP Traver Park (Sr., 5-9, 155, R/R); OF/RHP Nate Valles (Sr., 5-9, 145, R/R); OF/INF Colin Hedges (Sr., 6-3, 195, R/R); RHP Jacob Harrison (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Chase Carter (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); C TJ Wilson (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); LHP Gray Emmett (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/L); SS Hudson Mashburn (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); 2B Cole

Cash (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B Jesse Lee (Sr., 6-1, 240, R/R); C/1B Briggs Randall (Sr., 6-0, 210, R/R); 3B/RHP Jamie Orrostieta (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); U JJ Gonzalez (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 3B/RHP Adrian Palacios (Fr., 5-8, 150, R/R); LHP/1B Carter Hill (Fr., 5-9, 140, R/R)

Season Outlook: Former assistant Kyle Bailey inherits a wealth of talent that should help the Wildcats challenge for a playoff berth. Senior leaders Judah Powell and Traver Park return as well as standouts Nate Valles and Colin Hedges. This team has the potential to be very dangerous.



Colin Hedges
Apalachee



GAINESVILLE RED ELEPHANTS

Head Coach: Cris Carpenter (new)

Assistant Coaches: Micah Owings, Jon Mark Owings

2023 Record: 13-15

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Cooper Reid (Sr., R/R); RHP/C/INF Jeremy Medina (Sr., R/R); C/OF Baxter Wright (Sr., R/R); Branson Crawford (So., R/R); Tavarus Dowdy (Jr., R/R); Smith McGarvey (So., R/L); Dawson Vaughn (So., R/R); Phillip Williams (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: Grier Burton (So., R/R); Jacob Griffin (Jr., R/R); Silas Ingram (So., R/R); Stephen Keel (Jr., R/R); Adrian Medina (Jr., R/R); Tyler Rothel (So., R/R); Jairo Vazquez (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: Cohen Miller (So.); Walker Dubose (Jr.)

Season Outlook: Former Gainesville High greats Cris Carpenter, Micah Owings and Jon Mark Owings will try and return the Red Elephants to their past glory days. The rebuild may take some time. The good news is that nine starters are back, including All-region standouts Cooper Reid, Baxter Wright and Branson Crawford.



HABERSHAM CENTRAL RAIDERS

Head Coach: Chris Akridge

Assistant Coaches: Josh Slate, Dan Keef, Austin Cates

2023 Record: 14-16

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Konner Burrell (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Kaleb Chastain (Sr., 6-0, 150, R/R); LHP/OF Maverick Chitwood (So., 5-10, 150, L/L)

Other Returning Players: RHP/1B Kade Nicholson (Sr., R/R); INF/P Kaydon Bass (Sr.); INF/P Jared Holbrook (Sr.); C Spencer Frady (Jr.)

Top Newcomers: U Hayes Gunn (Jr.); U Kreed Barrett (So.)

Season Outlook: The Raiders have some key positions to fill this spring. Three starters are back, including seniors Kaleb Chastain and pitcher/first-baseman Konner Burrell. Habersham Central will be looking for some underclassmen to step forward and challenge for playing time.

GHSA Class 6A



JACKSON COUNTY PANTHERS

Head Coach: Nick Pou (new)

Assistant Coaches: Zeb Lackey, Russ Parrish, Joseph Laird

2023 Record: 14-18

Returning Starters: 1B Sam Bradley (Sr., 6-4, 220, L/R); C/OF Karson Wheeler (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R); 3B/DH Nick Austin (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); C/1B Mitchell Bryce (Jr., 6-1, 190, R/R); OF/RHP Colin Price (Jr., 6-1, 155, R/R); INF Brody Strickland (Jr., 6-1, 160, R/R); RHP/OF Ollie Tinglehoff (So., 6-2, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Wes Ashcraft (So., 5-6, 160, R/R); OF/RHP Dylan Grimes (Jr., 6-1, 160, R/R); U Cooper Green (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); U Charlie Crowe (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); U/RHP Brice Branton (Sr., 6-2, 170, R/R); U Ryker Brownfield (Sr., 5-8, 145, R/R); U Jake Pepper (Sr., 5-5, 115, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 1B/OF Preston Willson (So., 6-1, 175, L/L); C Bryce Garrison (Fr., 5-11, 150, L/R)

Season Outlook: Former Sandy Creek coach Nick Pou takes over at Jackson County and inherits a talented team capable of contending for the playoffs. Jackson County returns one of the state's top players in first-baseman Sam Bradley. Catcher/outfielder Karson Wheeler also returns. The lack of experienced pitching is a concern, but the Panthers should have a chance to be solid.

RHP Matthew Sibenaller (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); INF/RHP Thomas Aucoin (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); C/OF Bryson Germanenko (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP Brayden Seabold (Jr., 6-0, 155, R/R); C Ozzie Patterson (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); RHP/INF Seth Dixon (So., 5-11, 145, R/R); 1B/OF/RHP Austin McCabe (Sr., 6-3, 205, R/R); RHP/3B/OF Sam Moore (So., 6-1, 200, R/R)



Kyle Duckwall
North Forsyth



Jake Prince
North Forsyth

Season Outlook: North Forsyth should challenge for the region title again as a wealth of players return. Five starters are back, including versatile Brady Holbrook. A trio of returning seniors also return in shortstop Jake Prince, pitcher/infielder Kyle Duckwall and pitcher Gavyn Seitz. A solid junior class will be expected to help out.



LANIER LONGHORNS

Head Coach: Colby May

Assistant Coaches: Christopher Hawkins, JT Donald, Jeremy Matthews, Chase Niekro

2023 Record: 19-12

Returning Starters: C Logan Wilson (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Chase Jameson (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/L); RHP Caleb Napier (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); 3B/2B Braden Richards (Sr., 5-9, 175, B/R); 2B Zach Diaz (So., 5-8, 150, R/R); LHP Ethan Curtis (So., 5-11, 145, L/L); OF Logan Laughlin (Jr., 5-10, 175, L/R); 1B/OF Jake Renuart (Sr., 6-2, 175, L/L)

Other Returning Players: OF/3B Bryce Seay (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); 1B Dillon Keeline (Sr., 6-0, 180, L/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP Jack Dorris (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Longhorns return an excellent group of players and will be expected to contend for the playoffs. Eight starters are back, including outfielder Logan Laughlin and infielder Zach Diaz. Left-hander Ethan Curtis returns to lead what could be a solid pitching staff.



SHILOH GENERALS

Head Coach: Marcus McCorkle (new)

Assistant Coaches: Zach Bogardts, J'Markus George, Matt Nesbit, Marcus Henderson

2023 Record: 5-16

Returning Starters: INF/OF/P Traden Davis (Sr.); INF/C Alexis Leal-Contreras (Sr.); INF/OF/C/P Anthony Vu (Sr.); OF/INF/P Jaylen Seabrooks (So.); INF Gavin Anderson (Jr.); INF/P Nicholas Johnson (Jr.)

Season Outlook: New coach Marcus McCorkle looks to get Shiloh back on track after the Generals had a disappointing finish in 2023. Six starters are back to help Shiloh do just that. Seniors Taden Davis, Alexis Leal-Contreras and Anthony Vu return to lead the team.



NORTH FORSYTH RAIDERS

Head Coach: Jim Cahill

Assistant Coaches: Chris Brown, Hayden Martin, Will Azbell

2023 Record: 21-12

Returning Starters: OF/LHP Brady Holbrook (Jr., 6-0, 190, L/L); SS Jake Prince (Sr., 6-0, 155, R/R); RHP/INF Kyle Duckwall (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); RHP Gavyn Seitz (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF Ellis Alldredge (So., 6-0, 155, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Luke Mercado (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF/RHP Jett Cothran (Jr., 5-11, 150, R/R); OF Jordan Cox (Jr., 5-9, 140, R/R); OF Colton Constable (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); 1B/RHP Ty Womack (Jr., 6-1, 160, R/R); INF Jace Cahill (So., 5-10, 165, L/R); LHP/1B/OF Brayden Weems (Jr., 6-3, 175, L/L);



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REGION 1-5A

Region Favorite: Greenbrier

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

C/RHP – Logan Bashelor, Sr., Jenkins; **OF** – Bryson Bell, Jr., Greenbrier;
LHP/1B – Logan Brogdon, Sr., Greenbrier; **RHP** – Noah Bunch, Sr., Ware
 County; **C/RHP** – Payton Bryant, Sr., Coffee; **RHP** – Brody Cleveland, Sr.,
 Greenbrier; **U/RHP** – Cole Cox, Jr., Ware County; **OF** – Jamie Daly, Sr.,
 Greenbrier; **OF/RHP** – Bryce Dixon, Jr., Ware County; **INF/RHP** – Ben
 Fussell, So., Coffee; **3B/P** – Felix Garcia, Sr., Bradwell Institute; **U/RHP** –
 Luke Hooks, Jr., Ware County; **INF** – Cannon Jones, Sr., Coffee; **INF/RHP**
 – Mathis Lanier, Sr., Statesboro; **C** – Taylor Maciaszek, Jr., Greenbrier; **OF**
 – Brayden Musgrove, Sr., Coffee; **C/INF** – Ryan Patrick, Sr., Greenbrier; **OF/**
RHP – Ben Roberts, Sr., Coffee; **OF** – Zaelyn Smith, Sr., Coffee; **OF/INF/**
RHP – Bruce Yawn, Jr., Statesboro



BRADWELL INSTITUTE TIGERS

Head Coach: David Wasdin
Survey not returned



COFFEE TROJANS

Head Coach: Sy Jones
Assistant Coaches: Sam Hoff, Luke Sims, Josh Owsley, Hayden Weems, Jacob Lawson, Justin Swords
2023 Record: 18-14
Returning Starters: OF Zaelyn Smith (Sr., 6-1, 185, L/L); INF Cannon Jones (Sr., 5-7, 170, R/R); C/RHP Payton Bryant (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); OF Brayden Musgrove (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF/RHP Ben Roberts (Sr., 5-8, 155, R/R); INF/RHP Ben Fussell (So., 5-9, 180, R/R); OF Brax Carson (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); 1B/RHP Carter McMillan (So., 6-3, 180, R/R); U Connor Stewart (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); RHP/1B Michael Strickland (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R)
Other Returning Players: 3B Jadon Register (Jr., R/R); RHP Brody Hare (Jr., R/R); 1B/RHP Weston Brown (Jr., R/R); OF Hunter Bennett (Sr., R/R); OF Mason Lott (Sr., R/R)



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Carter McMillan
Coffee



Brayden Musgrove
Coffee



Ben Roberts
Coffee

Top Newcomers: 1B/RHP Eli Wood (Fr., B/R); C Eli Vickers (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Trojans look to be back after a somewhat disappointing finish last spring. The offense is in good hands with outfielder Zaelyn Smith and infielder Cannon Jones returning. The pitching staff will need to mature quickly. Catcher/pitcher Payton Bryant (6-1, 2.82 ERA) returns to give the Trojans a leader to build around.



GREENBRIER WOLFPACK

Head Coach: David Barnes
Assistant Coaches: Jason Osborn, Alex Sickman, Garth Thomas

2023 Record: 30-8

Returning Starters: C Taylor Maciaszek (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R); C/INF Ryan Patrick (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); LHP/1B Logan Brogdon (Sr., 5-10, 180, L/L); OF Bryson Bell (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); OF Jamie Daly (Sr., 6-0, 185, L/R); RHP Brody Cleveland (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); INF Brayden Murray (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Quinn Jackson (Sr., 5-11, 170); OF Jackson Farlow (Jr., 6-0, 150); INF Harris Bachelder (Jr., 6-1, 185); INF Baird Osborn (Jr., 6-0, 170); OF Mitchell Garnto (Jr., 6-0, 185); C/INF Cole Trupp (So., 6-2, 220)

Top Newcomers: LHP/1B Logan Wise (Sr., 5-11, 205, L/L); OF Vernon Guyton (Sr., 6-2, 170, R/R); OF Vaden Guyton (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: In what many labeled as a rebuild last year, Greenbrier won 30 games and made the state semifinals. The Wolfpack have the talent for a return. Pitchers Logan Brogdon and Brody Cleveland lead a solid pitching rotation. Outfielders Jamie Daly and Bryson Bell and catcher Taylor Maciaszek return to power a lineup that has the ability to put up big numbers.



Brayden Murray
Greenbrier



Ryan Patrick
Greenbrier



JENKINS WARRIORS

Head Coach: Sy Jones
Assistant Coaches: Bill McAdams, Drew McKenzie
2023 Record: 4-25

Returning Starters: C/RHP Logan Bashelor (Sr., 6-2, 170, R/R); OF Brian Swinton (So., 5-9, 150, R/R); 1B Charles Stuart (So., 6-0, 210, R/R); OF Marquis Bush (Jr., 5-8, 155, R/R); RHP/INF Jacob Pilcher (So., 5-7, 140, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/C Sam Best (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); 2B Jackson McKenzie (So., 5-7, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: P/INF Maurice Barnes (Jr.); P/INF Ronald Dunlap (Fr.)
Season Outlook: The Warriors look to put a disappointing finish in 2023 behind. Jenkins will still be a very young team this spring, depending heavily on underclassmen. The good news is that catcher/pitcher Logan Bashelor returns, giving the Warriors a senior leader to build around.



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STATESBORO BLUE DEVILS

Head Coach: Nick McIntosh (new)

Assistant Coaches: Chad Schildt, Keith Legree

2023 Record: 17-13

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Nathan Newkirk (Jr., 5-9, 175, R/R); INF Aubrey Smith (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R); INF Matthew Newton (So., 5-9, 175, R/R); OF Landon Johnson (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF/INF/RHP Bruce Yawn (Jr., 6-2, 200, R/R); OF/LHP Aiden Lewis (Sr., 5-10, 175, L/L); INF/RHP Mathis Lanier (Sr., 5-9, 230, R/R); OF/RHP Logan Wallace (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/INF/RHP Michael Dinello (Sr., 5-10, 155, R/R); OF/INF/RHP Witt Brannen (So., 6-3, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/OF/RHP Randon Gay (Fr., 5-8, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: New coach Nick McIntosh takes over and inherits a young but talented team at Statesboro. The Blue Devils look to return to the postseason. Eight starters are back, including versatile Bruce Yawn. Keep an eye on an excellent group of underclassmen who will compete for playing time.



WARE COUNTY GATORS

Head Coach: Jamie Ammons

Assistant Coaches: Evan Durden, Chris Musgrove, Taylor Meadows, Jay Barefield, Jesse Barfield

2023 Record: 14-17

Returning Starters: RHP Noah Bunch (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); U/RHP Cole Cox (Jr., 5-11, 155, R/R); OF/RHP Bryce Dixon (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R); U/RHP Luke Hooks (Jr., 6-0, 175, L/R); INF/RHP Evan Joiner (Jr., 5-9, 140, R/R); U/RHP Evan Pearson (Jr., 5-11, 195, R/R); C/RHP Walker Hudson (So., 6-0, 225, R/R); U/RHP Slade Sweat (So., 6-1, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players:

OF/RHP Logan Hatcher (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP/1B Landon Smallwood (So., 6-1, 250, L/L); U/RHP Seth Suess (So., 6-1, 195, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Gators may be doing some rebuilding this spring. There is excellent talent, but it will need time to mature. Eight starters are back, including senior pitcher Noah Bunch and outfielder/pitcher Bryce Dixon. A solid group of juniors and sophomores will need to step up and contribute.



Noah Bunch
Ware County



Cole Cox
Ware County



Walker Hudson
Ware County



Luke Hooks
Ware County



Evan Joiner
Ware County

REGION 2-5A

Region Favorite: Ola

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

INF/OF – Melvin Blocker, Sr., Locust Grove; **C/1B/RHP** – Trey Callaway, Sr., Dutchtown; **OF** – Isiah Canion, Sr., Warner Robins; **RHP/SS/2B** – Jeremiah Coley, Sr., Eagles Landing; **OF/LHP** – Jackson Ginther, Sr., Locust Grove; **CF** – Aiden Harris, Jr., Ola; **2B/OF** – Bryce Herring, Sr., Dutchtown; **C/INF** – Kai Huber, Sr., Union Grove; **U** – Devin Kendall, So., Dutchtown; **LHP/1B** – Brayden Lawrence, Sr., Locust Grove; **C** – James McGee, Sr., Ola; **1B/RHP** – O’Rion Merritt, Sr., Dutchtown; **OF** – Logan Mortimer, Jr., Union Grove; **CF/RF** – AJ Posada, Sr., Ola; **RF/DH/RHP** – Braden Pourron, Jr., Ola; **RHP/3B/OF** – Granison Prentice, Jr., Eagles Landing; **INF** – Mac Sanders, Jr., Ola; **LHP/1B** – Gavin Webster, Sr., Union Grove; **RHP/SS/2B/OF** – Joshua Wimbley, Jr., Eagles Landing; **OF** – Bruce Wyche, Sr., Union Grove; **OF** – Clifford Wysinger, Sr., Eagles Landing



DUTCHTOWN BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Adrian McLendon (new)

Survey not returned



EAGLES LANDING GOLDEN EAGLES

Head Coach: Fontayne Washington

Assistant Coaches: Donte Williams, Timothy Bennett, Terrel Baker, Jeremy Burton

2023 Record: 3-22

Returning Starters: RHP/3B/OF Granison Prentice IV (Jr., 6-2, 165, R/R); LHP/1B/OF Caden Abrams (So., 6-0, 155, L/L); RHP/SS/2B/OF Joshua Wimbley (Jr., 5-8, 145, R/R); OF Clifford Wysinger II (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/OF/3B/1B Breylan Dewberry (Jr., 5-11, 185, R/R); C/1B Brennen Garner (Jr., 5-10, 200, R/R); RHP/SS/2B Jeremiah Coley (Sr., 5-7, 150, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/SS/2B Allen Martinez (So., 5-6, 135, R/R); RHP/OF/2B Bryant Ralls (Jr., 5-8, 155, R/R); RHP Perryman Baker (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); C/1B Cameron Newsome (6-1, 190, R/R)

Top Newcomers: SS/2B/RHP Jeremiah Grier (Fr., 5-4, 120, R/R); RHP/OF Lamar Blackmon (So., 5-11, 140, R/R); RHP/3B/OF Jackson King (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/R); C/3B/1B Phoenix Baker (Fr., 6-0, 220, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Golden Eagles have a chance to be better in 2024 as seven starters return. Outfielder Clifford Wysinger and versatile standouts Granison Prentice and Joshua Wimbley are three players Eagles Landing will depend on. A solid corps of underclassmen will also contribute.

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JONES COUNTY GREYHOUNDS

Head Coach: Michael Paulk
Survey not returned

LOCUST GROVE WILDCATS

Head Coach: Chad Crawford
Assistant Coaches: Dalton Kuhn, Chris Huffman, Raul Delgado, Cortez McDowell

2023 Record: 33-4-1

Returning Starters: OF/LHP Jackson Ginther (Sr., 5-9, 180, B/L); LHP/1B Brayden Lawrence (Sr., 6-6, 215, R/L); INF/OF Melvin Blocker (Sr., 5-9, 175, B/R); OF/LHP Davin

Miller (Sr., 5-9, 175, L/L); U/RHP Bowen Bradberry (Sr., 5-8, 165, R/R); OF/RHP Landen Baird (Sr., 5-9, 170, L/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Tucker Maddox (Sr., 5-7, 155, L/R)

Top Newcomers: C Freddie Ovalles (Jr., 5-9, 180, R/R); RHP/INF Christian Colon (So., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF Jamir Johnson (So., 6-2, 180, R/R); 1B/OF/LHP Liam Collier (Fr., 5-10, 180, L/L); OF Ayden Elliott (So., 5-11, 165, L/R); INF/OF/RHP Logan Burrell (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wildcats lost a lot after a quarterfinal run last year, but don't count out Locust Grove in 2024. Pitchers Brayden Lawrence returns to lead what should be a solid pitching staff. Outfielder Jackson Ginther and Melvin Blocker return to lead an offense that should be pretty good.



Melvin Blocker
Locust Grove

Davin Miller
Locust Grove

OLA MUSTANGS

Head Coach: Kyle McCreary
Assistant Coaches: Austin Smith, Chad Sanders, Will Pierce, David Carter, Jason Grammer, Tom Stanley

2023 Record: 22-11

Returning Starters: C James McGee (Sr., R/R); CF/RF AJ Posada (Sr., R/R); RHP Baylen Gilmore (Sr., R/R); CF Aiden Harris (Jr., L/R); INF Mac Sanders (Jr., R/R); LF/DH Traeton McLaughlin (Jr., L/L); RF/DH/RHP Braden Pourron (Jr., R/R); 3B Ellis George (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Landon Moore (Sr., R/R); C/INF Dayton Bruce (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/OF Timothy Clark (So., R/R); RHP/INF Daniel Mendez (So., L/R); 1B/DH/LHP Bryson Long (So., L/L); RHP Ryan Cook (Jr., R/R); RHP/INF Brady Cunningham (Jr., R/R); 1B/DH Jake Hill (Jr., R/L)

Season Outlook: Ola should pick up from where it left off last season. Some key positions need to be filled, but the Mustangs should be solid. Catcher James McGee (.363 avg., 30 RBIs) returns to spark the offense. Ola will be looking for some talented juniors to contribute this spring.

UNION GROVE WOLVERINES

Head Coach: Allen Franklin

Assistant Coaches: Mark Mortimer, Austin Hyde, Tres Moore, Zane Hoover
2023 Record: 18-15

Returning Starters: OF Bruce Wyche (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); C/INF Kai Huber (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); LHP/1B Gavin Webster (Sr., 6-2, 170, L/L); OF Logan Mortimer (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B Kane Moye (Jr., 6-1, 200, L/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Maddox Earls (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); RHP/INF JJ Speck (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wolverines made the second round of the state playoffs last season, and they look to keep their positive momentum going. Four starters are back, including left-handed pitcher Gavin Webster and outfielder Bruce Wyche. Good talent returns, but it will need to mature quickly.

WARNER ROBINS DEMONS

Head Coach: Jeremy Avery
Survey not returned

REGION 3-5A

Region Favorite: McIntosh

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

RHP – Ty Beck, Sr., McIntosh; **RHP** – Fisher Cantrell, Sr., Harris County; **OF** – Caden Clay, Jr., Northside-Columbus; **OF** – Cameron Coleman, Sr., Northgate; **2B/SS** – Josh Dalton, Sr., Northgate; **3B** – Walker Elrod, Sr., Northside-Columbus; **RHP/INF/C** – Chase Fralick, Sr., McIntosh; **3B** – James Hooper, Sr., McIntosh; **3B/RHP** – Brannon Horton, Sr., Harris County; **C** – John Michael Jennings, So., Northgate; **U** – Ford Lambert, Sr., McIntosh; **RHP** – Andrew Malstaff, Sr., Harris County; **C/OF** – Drew Manley, Sr., Northgate; **C/2B** – Sam Marvin, So., Northgate; **RHP/3B** – Blake Moore, Jr., Northgate; **OF** – Mason Olivarez, Sr., McIntosh; **LHP** – Dominic Ottone, Sr., Northgate; **OF** – Reece Pafford, Sr., McIntosh; **RHP/1B** – Connor Soper, Sr., McIntosh

DREW TITANS

Head Coach: Brian Paige

Assistant Coaches: TBA

2023 Record: 7-14

Returning Starters: LF/C Michael Clawson (Sr.); C Jeancarlos Treminio (Sr.); 1B Cameron Patterson (Jr.); 2B Kenny Milford (Sr.); 3B Kevin Nash (Sr.); SS

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Aljajuan Gatlin (Jr.); LF Charles Jackson (Sr.); P Christopher Vasquez (Sr.)
Other Returning Players: LF Savon Gatlin (Sr.); P Christain Vasquez (Sr.)
Season Outlook: Longtime Jonesboro coach Brian Paige takes over at Drew and inherits eight returning starters. The Titans look to put behind a disappointing finish last year. The senior class is solid, which should help Drew improve upon last season's record.



HARRIS COUNTY TIGERS

Head Coach: Tony Dimitri (new)
Assistant Coaches: Steven Sikes, Payne Kosobucki, Sammie Mathis, Greg Stotser
2023 Record: 21-12
Returning Starters: 2B/SS Parker Clark (Sr., R/R); 3B/RHP Brannon Horton (Sr., R/R); 2B/RHP TJ Franks (Sr., R/R); OF/LHP Pierce Proffitt (Sr., L/L); C Caden Mills (Jr., R/R); RHP Fisher Cantrell (Sr., R/R); RHP Andrew Malstaff (Sr., R/R); LHP Joel Rogers (Jr., L/L)
Other Returning Players: Hudson King (Jr.); Ashton Herring (Jr.); Colt Kennedy (Jr.); Jacob Eber (So.); Dejon Elder (So.); Carter Keefe (So.); Brooks Green (So.)
Top Newcomers: Colt Angel (Fr.); Hudson Clark (Fr.); Kaiden Harrison (Fr.); Luke McEldoon (Fr.); Caden Johnson (Fr.)
Season Outlook: For the first time in more than a decade, Harris County has a new head baseball coach. Tony Dimitri takes over and inherits eight returning starters, including right-handed pitchers Andrew Malstaff and Fisher Cantrell. Keep an eye on this program.



McINTOSH CHIEFS

Head Coach: Tom Kelley
Assistant Coaches: Avery Roth, Nate Mothershed, Tom Rosa, Dallas Reagan, Keith Roberts, Nick Bellantoni
2023 Record: 32-9
Returning Starters: RHP/INF/C Chase Fralick (Sr., 6-2, 210, L/R); RHP/1B Connor Soper (Sr., 6-3, 205, R/R); RHP Ty Beck (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF Mason Olivarez (Sr., 6-1, 170, L/R); U Ford Lambert (Sr., 6-0, 210, R/R); 3B James Hooper (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); OF Reece Pafford (Sr., 6-3, 170, R/R)
Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Braden Roop (Sr., 5-9, 185, R/R); RHP John Peters (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R); OF Gehrig Rogers (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); LHP Alex White (Jr., 5-7, 160, R/L); RHP Elliot Sturbaum (Jr., 6-1, 155, R/R); OF Ryan Heffelfinger (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); C Jake Lutz (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R)
Season Outlook: The defending state runner-ups have enough leftovers to make another deep run this spring. A strong senior class returns and will be led by versatile Chase Fralick and top pitchers Connor Soper and Ty Beck. This team could be even better than the 2023 version.



NORTHGATE VIKINGS

Head Coach: Todd Herrington
Assistant Coaches: Brennen Knight, Dylan Thompson, Zander Ogletree
2023 Record: 10-22



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Returning Starters: 2B/SS Josh Dalton (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); LHP Dominic Ottone (Sr., 6-4, 190, L/L); OF Cameron Coleman (Sr., 5-10, 155); C/P/3B Ben Kelley (Sr., 6-0, 160, RHP/3B Blake Moore (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); C/2B Sam Marvin (So., 5-7, 130, R/R); C John Michael Jennings (So., 5-9, 150, R/R); LHP/1B Tristan Brown (Sr., 6-2, 160, L/L); LHP/1B Landon O'Brian (Sr., 6-2, 155, L/L); C/OF Drew Manley (Sr., 6-1, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 3B/RHP Justin Cosme (So., 6-1, 170, R/R); OF Bryce Oswalt (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); RHP/OF Nolan Phillips (Sr., 5-5, 125, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP Noah Byrd (Jr., 6-1, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: A good mix of talent returns at Northgate who should have a chance to improve upon last season's finish. Offensive standout Josh Dalton returns as well as Dominic Ottone, Ben Kelley and Blake Moore who return to form a solid pitching rotation.

NORTHSIDE-COLUMBUS PATRIOTS

Head Coach: Steve Sparks

Assistant Coaches: Taylor Harper, Pat McGregor, Chad Bray, Will Graydon

2023 Record: 17-13-1

Returning Starters: 3B Walker Elrod (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); OF Caden Clay (Jr., 6-2, 200, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/RHP Reece Adams (Jr., 5-7, 150, R/R); C Ryan Arnold (Sr., 5-10, 210, R/R); INF Ryland Rogers (Sr., 5-8, 155, R/R); INF/RHP Brody Wells (Jr., 5-8, 150, R/R); INF Javion Windham (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Jackson Close (Jr., 5-8, 150, R/R); OF Nash Fox (Sr., 5-8, 155, R/R); INF/RHP Sam Laney (So., 5-11, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Patriots must find some pitching to approach last year's success. Northside will be young with just two returning starters. The good news is that third-baseman Walker Elrod and outfielder Caden Clay are back to power the offense. The Patriots will be looking for some talented underclassmen to step up and contribute.

REGION 4-5A

Region Favorite: Decatur

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

INF/RHP – Cameron Cook, Jr., MLK; **SS/RHP** – Joey David, Jr., Chamblee;

RHP/SS – Cesar De Los Santos, Jr., Tucker; **INF/C/RHP** – Evan Fulks, So., MLK; **RHP** – Ellington Hodge, Sr., Decatur; **1B/OF/RHP** – Robert Robinson, Jr., Tucker; **LHP** – Rapheal Schneider, Sr., Decatur; **LF/1B** – Tristan Strickland, Sr., Decatur; **CF/RHP** – Alec Waller, Jr., Tucker

ARABIA MOUNTAIN RAMS

Head Coach: Eric Hoxie

Survey not returned



CHAMBLEE BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Brian Ely

Assistant Coaches: Mike Padgett, Jonathan Rosen, Nathan Woodruff, Jack Phelps, Will Shiffrin

2023 Record: 13-14

Returning Starters: RHP/OF Cian Khajavi (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); SS/RHP Joey David (Jr., 5-7, 155, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Sam Heetderks (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); RHP/2B Zach Picheta (Sr., 5-9, 140, R/R); LHP/OF James Morton (Jr., 6-3, 165, L/L); C/2B Travis Sun (So., 5-8, 155, R/R); C/RHP Ben Council (Jr., 6-2, 200, R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP/1B Cooper Lewis (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/L)

Season Outlook: Chamblee lost 12 seniors to graduation last year and will be doing some rebuilding. But Chamblee returns some solid talent and will be expected to contend for a postseason berth again. Shortstop/pitcher Joey Davis returns and will be a player to watch.



CROSS KEYS INDIANS

Head Coach: Marion Hill

Survey not returned



DECATUR BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Vic Radcliff

Assistant Coach: Cil Gordon

2023 Record: 24-9

Returning Starters: LF/1B Tristan Strickland (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); RHP Ellington Hodge (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C Andrew Fowler (Jr., 6-0, 160, L/R); 3B/OF Andwele Pittman (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); OF Donovan White (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); RHP Graham Sanders (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); RHP Isaiah Guthrie (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); INF Nicholas Williams (Sr., 6-1, 155, R/R); LHP Rapheal Schneider (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/L); OF Wiley Parker (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Bulldogs will be looking for some younger players to step forward and contribute. Only two starters return, but the good news is that Decatur played a lot of players last year which should pay off this spring. Tristan Strickland and Ellington Hodge are two players to keep an eye on.



LITHONIA BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Crystalyn Savage (new)

Assistant Coach: Jerome Walton

2023 Record: 3-12

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Josiah Bryant (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); INF/C/RHP Robert Washington (Jr., 5-9, 200, R/R); OF/RHP Xavier Scott (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R); INF Wesley Covert (Sr., 5-9, 270, R/R)

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Other Returning Players: INF Cepeda Hilton (So., 5-7, 155, R/R); OF Justin Westbrook (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); INF Larodous Jackson (Jr., 5-8, 230, R/R)
Season Outlook: The Bulldogs may be doing some rebuilding this spring, but don't count them out. Four starters are back, two of them seniors. Pitcher/infielder Josiah Bryant and infielder Wesley Covert return to give the young Bulldogs a pair of leaders to build around.



Head Coach: Lamont Barner
Assistant Coaches: Anthony Jackson, Patric Worrell
2023 Record: 15-11

Returning Starters: 1B/3B Calvin Carter (Sr., 5-9, 250, R/R); OF Connor Jones (Sr., 5-6, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Cameron Cook (Jr., 5-7, 150, B/R); INF/C/RHP Evan Fulks (So., 5-6, 140, R/R); OF/1B Charlton Randolph (Jr., 6-1, 175, B/L); OF/C Jordan Ford (So., 5-6, 145, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Keontae Banks (Fr., 5-1, 100, L/L); INF/RHP Brandon Ray (Fr., 5-3, 105, B/R); OF/C/RHP Donovan Pinn (Fr., 5-2, 105, B/R)

Season Outlook: The Lions have some key positions to fill to approach last year's success. MLK will be a young team, but the good news is that four returning starters are back to lead the team, including infielder/pitcher Cameron Cook and infielder/catcher/pitcher Evan Fulks.



Head Coach: Johnathan Farley
Assistant Coach: Christopher Parker
2023 Record: 11-11

Returning Starters: RHP/SS Cesar De Los Santos (Jr., R/R); CF/RHP Alec Waller (Jr., R/R); 1B/OF/RHP Robert Robinson (Jr., R/R); LF/C Cameron Martinez (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF David Stanard (Sr., R/R); RHP/2B/SS Harrison Morledge (So., R/R); 1B/RHP Landen Sherrill (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/1B Evan Guilford (Sr., R/R); RHP Kyrie Drummond (So.)

Season Outlook: The Tigers should be back in the postseason hunt with a good bit of last season's team returning. The senior class is small, but a trio of juniors -- Cesar De Los Santos, Alec Waller and Robert Robinson -- will help Tucker contend. Look for a solid group of sophomores to also help out.



REGION 5-5A

Region Favorite: Villa Rica

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

2B/DH – Phillip Ackerman, Jr., Chapel Hill; **INF** – Jaylon Allen, So., Chapel Hill; **C/INF** – Will Barbary, Sr., Chapel Hill; **P** – Brody Blair, Jr., Villa Rica; **OF/LHP** – Jeremiah Brown, Jr., Banneker; **RHP/INF** – Kanious Davis, Sr., Maynard Jackson; **C** – Layton Hyneman, Sr., Villa Rica; **1B/3B** – Jacob Jordan, Sr., Mays; **RHP/OF** – Jayden Lawrence, Jr., Chapel Hill; **RHP/INF** – Daniel McIntosh, Sr., Chapel Hill; **C** – Taquan Ruff, Sr., Banneker; **RHP/U** – Caiden Stewart, Sr., Chapel Hill; **INF** – Mason Westmoreland, Sr., Villa Rica; **SS** – Easton White, Sr., Villa Rica



BANNEKER TROJANS

Head Coach: Eddie Smith
Assistant Coach: Eric Fleming
2023 Record: 0-23

Returning Starters: C Taquan Ruff (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF/LHP Jeremiah Brown (Jr., 6-0, 130, L/L); INF/OF Jhalani Nguyen (Sr., 6-0, 140, R/R); INF/C Ethan Smalls (Jr., 5-10, 130, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Aaron Vance (Sr., 5-9, 125, R/R); OF/C Denzell Broadnax (Jr., 6-1, 160, R/R); 1B/OF Jimmy Hanks (Jr., 6-1, 190, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Dalesean Hodges (Fr., 5-6, 130, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Trojans look to get things turned around after a disappointing season in 2023. Banneker welcomes back four returning starters, including catcher Taquan Ruff and outfielder/pitcher Jeremiah Brown. Banneker should have a chance to improve upon last season's finish.



CHAPEL HILL PANTHERS

Head Coach: TJ Watson
Assistant Coaches: Austin Cauley, Shane Boston
2023 Record: 21-12

Returning Starters: C/INF Will Barbary (Sr., 6-0, 185, L/R); RHP/U Caiden Stewart (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); RHP/INF Daniel McIntosh (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R); OF/1B Greg Wardlaw (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); 2B/DH Phillip Ackerman (Jr., 5-9, 150, L/R); RHP/OF Jayden Lawrence (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R); 1B/C Mykah Pelzer (Jr., 5-10, 190, R/R); OF/3B George Sabb (Jr., 6-2, 170, R/R); INF Jaylon Allen (So., 5-7, 150, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B Kemonte Maynard (Sr., 6-4, 220, R/R); OF/LHP Aden Brown (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/L); LHP Bryant Monday (Jr., 5-10, 160, L/L); C/RHP Haiden Price (Jr., 6-2, 210, R/R); INF Kasaan Willis (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/RHP Chry'shawn Sellers (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF/INF/RHP Jaiden Whitehead (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF/RHP PJ Glenn (So., 5-8, 155, R/R); INF/RHP Stephan Paul (So., 5-11, 195, R/R); OF/INF/RHP Delacio Spencer (So., 5-11, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Panthers could be a dangerous team this spring as a wealth of talent returns. All-state pitcher Caiden Stewart (7-2, 2.81 ERA)

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and right-hander Daniel McIntosh return to lead a solid pitching rotation. Catcher Will Barbary returns to lead an offense capable of putting up some big numbers.

CREEKSIDE SEMINOLES

Head Coach: Martin Seay
Survey not returned

JACKSON (MAYNARD) JAGUARS

Head Coach: Desmond Stegall
Assistant Coaches: Karel Butler, Caleb Vega, Ron Killingsworth
2023 Record: 22-8

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Kanious Davis (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); INF Jack DeFoor (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF Devin Jackson (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF Charlie Schrope (So., 6-1, 170, R/R); C Aric Dean (Jr., 6-1, 200, R/R); U Jesse Hart (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/RHP David Wilkinson (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF Derrick Handspike (Sr., 6-2, 170, R/R); 1B/RHP Marcus Blash (Jr., 5-10, 230, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Tyler Dunn (Jr., 5-11, 200, R/R); INF/OF Seth Creter (Jr., 5-8, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Jaguars won 22 games last year and a good portion of that team returns. Expect Maynard Jackson to be in the hunt for the region title. Versatile Kanious Davis returns to lead the Jaguars as well as infielder Jack DeFoor. The Jaguars have a good senior class returning, but look for a solid group of underclassmen to also compete for playing time.

LITHIA SPRINGS LIONS

Head Coach: John Rivers (new)
Survey not returned

MAYS RAIDERS

Head Coach: Jason Anderson
Assistant Coach: Jasen Williams
2023 Record: 9-16

Returning Starters: 1B/3B Jacob Jordan (Sr., 6-0, 215, R/R); INF/C/RHP Loden Habersham (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); INF/OF/RHP Ronald Tucker (Jr., R/R); INF/OF/RHP Amari Robinson (So., 5-7, 125, R/R); INF/OF/RHP Amarion Robinson (So., 5-5, 125, R/R); U/RHP LaMarqious Sandifer (Jr., 6-0, 200, R/R); OF Tyreon Byner (Jr., 5-4, 125, L/L); OF Jaiden Byse (So., 5-7, 130, R/R); C/INF Jordan Slaton (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: U Ny'Lan Owens (Sr., R/R); 1B/OF Jamari Dunn (Sr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Mays should have a chance to be improved as eight

returning starters are back. The bulk of the team are underclassmen. Infielder Jacob Jordan is one of the few seniors on the team. He returns to give the Raiders a leader to build around.

MIDTOWN KNIGHTS

Head Coach: Jordan Tarver
Survey not returned

TRI-CITIES BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Terrow Davis
Survey not returned

VILLA RICA WILDCATS

Head Coach: Wade Bailey
Assistant Coaches: Mike Best, David White, Josh Morris
2023 Record: 23-7

Returning Starters: C Layton Hyneman (Sr.); OF Brady Perry (Sr.); 1B Zach Pharr (Sr.); INF Mason Westmoreland (Sr.); INF Cooper Robinson (Jr.); OF Will Wallace (Jr.); OF Will Brookshire (Sr.); P Colin Wilson (Sr.); P Brody Blair (Jr.); 1B/P Will Orr (Jr.); P Wesley Wallace (Sr.); SS Easton White (Sr.)

Season Outlook: The Wildcats continue to improve and make positive strides under coach Wade Bailey. Villa Rica could be the team to beat in Region 5-5A this season. A wealth of talent returns, including infielder Mason Westmoreland (.410 avg.), shortstop Easton White and catcher Layton Hyneman. Pitcher Brody Blair also returns after a solid spring last year.

REGION 6-5A

Region Favorite: Centennial

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

INF/RHP – Anderson Agueros, Sr., Chattahoochee; **INF/OF/RHP** – Tyler Bradford, Sr., Kell; **RHP** – Logan Brown, Jr., Northview; **OF** – Dennis Trey Butler, Sr., Kell; **INF/RHP** – Conrad Cason, Sr., Greater Atlanta Christian; **INF** – Bryce Clavon, Sr., Kell; **OF** – Nate Dollinger, Jr., North Springs; **C/OF** – Jackson Fardo, Sr., Cambridge; **C/INF/OF** – Henry Gill, Jr., North Springs; **INF/RHP** – Eli Hanna, Sr., Greater Atlanta Christian; **RHP/OF** – Jackson Harrell, Jr., Centennial; **LHP** – Jasper Johnson, Jr., Greater Atlanta Christian; **OF/INF** – Logan Kimberl, Sr., Greater Atlanta Christian; **RHP/2B** – LJ King, Sr., Centennial; **OF** – Ryan Knight, Sr., Kell; **INF** – Caden Marcos, Sr., Kell; **RHP/INF** – Owen Olson, Sr., North Springs; **INF/OF/RHP** – Aidan

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Petrocco, Sr., Chattahoochee; **OF** – Logan Pierce, Sr., Cambridge; **INF** – Zayd Rogan, Jr., Kell; **RHP/CF** – Ayush Shetty, Sr., Northview; **RHP/3B** – Grayson Stroumpis, Jr., Centennial; **RHP** – Reed Thursby, Sr., Centennial; **RHP** – Jamie Whittier, Sr., Centennial; **C** – Jacob Young, Sr., Kell; **RHP/INF** – Ryan Zapanianuk, Sr., North Springs



CAMBRIDGE BEARS

Head Coach: Evan Tiele

Assistant Coaches: Justin Zier, Michael Grade, Henry Rowling, Jerric Johnson, Will Glenn

2023 Record: 19-14

Returning Starters: C/OF Jackson Fardo (Sr., 6-0, 195, R/R); OF Logan Pierce (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); INF/RHP Carson Rech (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); INF Ross Greene (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP/OF Alex Drymalski (Sr., 5-11, 165, L/L); C/INF Matt Paulus (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF Austin Woods (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); 1B Junior Moore (Jr., 6-1, 215, R/R); RHP Josh Stewart (Sr., 5-11, 205, R/R); RHP Tommy Dowd (Sr., 6-4, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP/OF Diego Becerra (So., 5-11, 175, L/L); OF/INF Nick Warner (So., 6-1, 170, R/R); OF Hayden Pierce (Jr., 5-11, 165, L/L); RHP Andy Oltmann (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Nico Sanchez (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Bears look to be back in the postseason hunt this spring as four starters return. Offensive leaders Jackson Fardo and Logan Pierce are back. The lack of experienced pitching is a concern, but right-handers Tommy Dowd and Josh Stewart return after seeing some action last year.



CENTENNIAL KNIGHTS

Head Coach: Colin Kirkland

Assistant Coaches: David Kelly, Mark Nelson, Avery Poteet

2023 Record: 29-10

Returning Starters: RHP Jamie Whittier (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); RHP Reed Thursby (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/2B LJ King (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP Nicolas Mascola (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); RHP Gates York (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R); C/1B Nate Middlebrooks (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R); OF Josh Brannan (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); RHP/U Ben Renell (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); RHP/3B Grayson Stroumpis (Jr., 6-4, 185, R/R); RHP/OF Jackson Harrell (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 1B Lance Isaacs (Jr., 5-11, 185, R/R); RHP/1B Jake Porambo (Jr., 6-3, 210, R/R); RHP/SS Jacob Turner (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); 2B/SS Hunter Josephson (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R); OF Terry Settle (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R); INF Alex Newara (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R); OF Hunter Campbell (Jr., 6-3, 180, R/R); OF/C Jacob Moore (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); SS/C Juan Pablo Rivas (So., 5-7, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: The defending region champions have some holes to fill after the best baseball season in school history last year. But they have the talent to be just as dangerous this spring. Pitchers Jamie Whittier (10-1, 1.34 ERA) and Reed Thursby (8-3, 2.74 ERA) return. Centennial just needs to find some offensive leaders to step up.



CHATTAHOOCHEE COUGARS

Head Coach: TJ Lemons

Survey not returned



GREATER ATLANTA CHRISTIAN SPARTANS

Head Coach: Josh Lee

Assistant Coaches: Steve Farris, De'Marko Farley

2023 Record: 18-13

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Conrad Cason (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); INF/RHP Eli Hanna (Sr., 6-4, 190, R/R); OF/INF Logan Kimberl (Sr., 5-9, 160, L/R); INF Everett Braswell (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); OF Jakobi Bowens (Jr., 6-1, 195, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/LHP Trace Joiner (Jr., 6-1, 170, L/L); C Luke Winter (Jr., 5-11, 185, R/R); RHP Luke Russell (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); LHP Jasper Johnson (Jr., 5-11, 180, L/L)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Johnson Dubose (So., 6-2, 160, R/R); OF Henry Glime (So., 5-11, 175, L/L); INF/C/RHP Denzell Watkins (So., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Spartans will be expected to challenge for the region title this spring as a talented senior class returns to lead the way. All-American Conrad Cason is back as well as senior pitcher Eli Hanna. Outfielder/infielder Logan Kimberl also returns.



KELL LONGHORNS

Head Coach: Todd Harris

Assistant Coaches: Josh Burrus, Rick Mang

2023 Record: 17-15

Returning Starters: C Jacob Young (Sr., R/R); INF Bryce Clavon (Sr., R/R); INF Caden Marcos (Sr., R/R); INF/OF/RHP Tyler Bradford (Sr., R/R); OF Ryan Knight (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Caleb Woodruff (Jr., R/R); INF Zayd Rogan (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Ricky Solorzano (Sr., R/R); RHP Austin Gross (Jr., R/R); LHP David McKechnie (Jr., L/L); INF/RHP Cooper Moreno (Jr., R/R); INF/LHP Zachary Simmons (So., R/L); INF/LHP Patrick Honeyman (So., R/L)

Top Newcomers: OF Dennis Trey Butler (Sr., L/L)

Season Outlook: Kell has the offensive firepower to hang with anybody. But the lack of experienced pitching is a concern. The Longhorns return two of the state's top middle infielders in All-American Bryce Clavon and Caden Marcos. Catcher Jacob Young also returns. Incoming outfielder Dennis Trey Butler will also be a tough out. Keep an eye on this team.



NORTH SPRINGS SPARTANS

Head Coach: Dewayne Crowder

Assistant Coaches: Garrett Daily, Matt Whiteside, Marcus Banks, Larry Colbert, Alton Barrett

2023 Record: 15-15

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Ryan Zapanianuk (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R); RHP/INF

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Owen Olson (Sr., 6-1, 160, R/R); OF Will Stevenson (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); C/INF/OF Henry Gill (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF Nate Dollinger (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF Josh Streeter (So., 5-10, 170, L/R)

Other Returning Players: U Nick Clyde (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP Sam Curtin (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); U Andrew Mbow (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); INF/OF Shawn Brown (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); INF/OF Tory Coats (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF Ed Gorgoll (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Harris Cornelius (So., 5-9, 175, R/R); RHP Byron Vale (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); U Jakobe Collins (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); U Dayton Walden (Jr., 5-11, 185, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Spartans have some key positions to fill, but six returning starters will help out. An excellent senior class also returns. Seniors Ryan Zaparaniuk and Owen Olson, both right-handers, return. Utility player Henry Gill also is back after a strong sophomore season last year.

N NORTHVIEW TITANS

Head Coach: Steve Bombard

Assistant Coaches: Kelly Amante, Genetaar Hawkins

2023 Record: 4-24

Returning Starters: RHP/CF Ayush Shetty (Sr., R/R); LHP/1B Mathew White (Sr., R/L); RHP Logan Brown (Jr., R/R); LHP/1B Brad Chuo (Sr., L/L); SS Daniel Tompkins (So., R/R); CF Everett Schwartz (Jr., R/R); C/RF Cooper Cammack (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: CF Carter Willis (Sr., R/L); OF/2B Evan Bates (Jr., R/R); C/3B Graham Forney (So., R/R); RHP/1B Nate Clough (Sr., R/R); RHP/C/3B Vedu Iyer (Sr., R/R); RHP/2B Ryan DiSano (Jr., R/R); 2B/3B Bryant Gamble (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Titans struggled last season in coach Steve Bombard's first season. Look for Northview to be much better this spring. Seven starters are back. One of those is senior pitching standout Ayush Shetty who returns and will join Logan Brown to form a solid pitching rotation. The offense must be more consistent.

REGION 7-5A

Region Favorite: Cartersville

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

OF/1B/LHP – Cohen Chadwick, Sr., Calhoun; **OF/P** – Charles Chappelle, So., Dalton; **DH/1B** – Cameron Cochran, Jr., Cartersville; **INF** – Conrad Coleman, Jr., Dalton; **OF/C** – Caleb Daniel, Sr., Cartersville; **LHP** – Austin Daves, Jr., Woodland-Bartow; **OF/LHP** – Isaac Green, Sr., Calhoun; **RHP** – Devan Hutchinson, Sr., Cass; **OF** – Connor Jenkins, Sr., Cass; **RHP** – Ryan Johnson, Sr., Cartersville; **SS** – Aidan Larkin, Sr., Cartersville; **C/RHP** – Hunter Lovett, Jr., Cass; **OF** – Luke Miller, Sr., Cartersville; **RHP** – Trenton Payne, Sr., Cass; **INF/RHP** – Andrew Purdy, Jr., Cartersville; **RHP/3B** – Ayden Ray, Sr., Woodland-Bartow; **RHP/INF** – Cayden Roberts, Sr., Cass;

LHP/1B – Avery Shiflett, Jr., Cartersville; **C** – Luke Sims, Sr., Calhoun; **SS** – Connor Stermer, Sr., Woodland-Bartow; **RHP** – Connor Stockard, Jr., Dalton; **OF/LHP** – Chase Tatum, So., Cass; **3B/RHP** – Wes Taylor, Jr., Calhoun; **INF/C/RHP** – Ripken West, Jr., Calhoun; **RHP/OF** – Mason Williams, Sr., Woodland-Bartow



CALHOUN YELLOW JACKETS

Head Coach: Matt Montgomery

Assistant Coaches: Stephen Gaylor, Jeff Fowler, Ty Fowler, Bret Greene, Tanner Gallman, Caleb Brooks

2023 Record: 10-21

Returning Starters: OF/1B/LHP Cohen Chadwick (Sr., 6-3, 225, L/L); OF/LHP Isaac Green (Sr., 5-10, 180, L/L); C Luke Sims (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); INF/C/RHP Ripken West (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); 3B Jake Jordan (Jr., 6-3, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 2B/RHP Jacob Layson (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); 3B/RHP Wes Taylor (Jr., 5-9, 185, R/R); 1B/OF/RHP Evan Reeves (Jr., 6-2, 215, R/R); U Devin Crawley (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R); U Dylan Crawley (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R); U Camden Stewart (So., 5-7, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/1B/LHP Hudson Chadwick (Fr., 6-1, 185, R/L); INF/RHP Mason Peek (Fr., 6-1, 175, R/R); U/RHP Bryce Davis (So., 5-11, 165, R/R); 1B/RHP Hampton Weathers (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Jackets will look to turn things around after a disappointing finish in 2023. A good mixture of talent returns including versatile Cohen Chadwick (.304 avg., 12 RBIs) and seniors Isaac Green and Luke Sims. A solid group of juniors and sophomores will be expected to help out.



CARTERSVILLE PURPLE HURRICANES

Head Coach: Kyle Tucker

Assistant Coaches: Brian Adams, Jojo Underwood, Asa Williams, Jody Shiflett, River Brannon, Cody Bamforth, Lee Daniel

2023 Record: 32-4

Returning Starters: RHP Ryan Johnson (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R); OF/C Caleb Daniel (Sr., 6-1, 185, L/R); OF Luke Miller (Sr., 5-10, 175, L/L); INF Landon Cole (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); DH/1B Cameron Cochran (Jr., 5-11, 205, R/R)

Other Returning Players: SS Aidan Larkin (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); INF Tristan McKibben (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R); RHP Nate Russell (So., 6-2, 185, R/R); C Julez Pratt (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); LHP Jackson Harwell (Sr., 6-1, 170, L/L); RHP Sawyer Wilson (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); LHP Dawson Bishop (Sr., 5-10, 165, L/L); RHP Nick Hruby (Sr., 6-1, 190); OF Hayden James (Sr., 5-8, 165); INF Charlie Rothschild (Sr., 5-10, 175); OF Turner Abernathy (Sr., 5-11, 180)

Top Newcomers: LHP/1B Avery Shiflett (Jr., 6-2, 190, L/L); INF/RHP Andrew Purdy (Jr., 6-2, 185, L/R); OF/INF Maddox Frazier (Jr., 6-0, 205, R/R); RHP Logan Shrewsbury (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); C/INF Cole Crawford (Fr., 6-2, 185, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Purple Hurricanes should make another deep postseason run this spring. Standout pitcher Ryan Johnson returns as well as all-state outfielder/catcher Caleb Daniel and shortstop Aidan Larkin. Cartersville should also benefit from incoming transfers Avery Shiflett and Andrew Purdy. This should be a very good team.

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CASS COLONELS

Head Coach: Matt Thompson

Assistant Coaches: Jamey Gaddy, Tyler Washington, Thomas Brown, Brett Gaddy, Burt Jackson

2023 Record: 10-18

Returning Starters: C/RHP Hunter Lovett (Jr., B/R); OF/LHP Chase Tatum (So., R/L); INF Nic Wright (Jr., R/R); INF Jesiel Moctezuma (Sr., R/R); OF Connor Jenkins (Sr., R/R); RHP Trenton Payne (Sr., R/R); RHP Devan Hutchinson (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF Cayden Roberts (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/1B Justin Peace (Sr., R/R); INF Caleb Freeman (Sr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Tucker Ivester (Jr., L/L); OF Landon Lamb (So., R/R); INF Jay Sheldon (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Cass will be expected to contend for a postseason berth this spring. Eight starters are back, including outfielder Chase Tatum and Connor Jenkins. Hunter Lovett returns behind the plate and will also pitch. Lovett, Trenton Payne and Devan Hutchinson return to form a solid pitching rotation.

DALTON CATAMOUNTS

Head Coach: Wes Caldwell (new)

Assistant Coaches: Brian Harrison, Eric Long, TJ Binder, Curtis Carson

2023 Record: 9-19

Returning Starters: OF Brady McCullough (Sr., 5-11, 165); SS Jose Orrelanos (Jr., 5-10, 175); RHP Connor Stockard (Jr., 6-2, 195); OF/P Charles Chappelle (So., 5-10, 175); P Scottie Miller (Jr., 5-9, 150); INF Conrad Coleman (Jr., 6-0, 170)

Other Returning Players: INF Jose Santiago (Sr., 5-10, 160); P Josh Mitchell (Sr., 5-11, 165); C Asher Renfroe (So., 6-1, 165); OF Ethan Long (Jr., 6-0, 170); P RJ Donahue (Jr., 6-0, 165)

Season Outlook: New coach Wes Caldwell inherits a young but talented team. The Catamounts welcome back six returning starters, most of them underclassmen. Keep an eye on junior infielder Conrad Coleman, pitcher Connor Stockard and outfielder/pitcher Charles Chappelle. The trio showed a lot of promise last season.

HIRAM HORNETS

Head Coach: Clay McKnight (new)

Survey not returned

WOODLAND-BARTOW WILDCATS

Head Coach: Todd Eubanks

Assistant Coaches: Justin Mackey, Hunter Osborn, Khyri Rogers, Nick Shields, Hunter Reaid

2023 Record: 19-14

Returning Starters: RHP/3B Ayden Ray (Sr., 6-2, 240, L/R); SS Connor Stermer (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP/OF Mason Williams (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); C Brett Good (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); RHP/1B Zach Lambert (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); 3B/2B Conner Lujan (Jr., 5-9, 175, R/R); LHP Austin Daves (Jr., 5-10, 160, L/L)

Other Returning Players:

RHP/1B Logan Bentley (Sr., 6-2, 235, R/R); OF Luke Evans (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); C Joshua Hicks (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); C Jake Clowers (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP/2B Carson Waits (Jr., 5-9, 175, RR); OF Cam Williams (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/1B Lucas Baker (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); RHP/OF Josh Churchwell (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); C/1B Ben Turcotte (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); OF Jonathan Ryan (So., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wildcats return an excellent group of players and should be even better this spring. Senior right-hander Ayden Ray and junior lefty Austin Daves return to anchor a solid pitching rotation, while shortstop Connor Stermer is back to power the offense. A talented senior class will help Woodland challenge for a postseason berth again.



Austin Daves
Woodland-Bartow



Connor Stermer
Woodland-Bartow



Mason Williams
Woodland-Bartow

REGION 8-5A

Region Favorite: Loganville

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

RHP/INF – Layne Ayers, Sr., Loganville; **INF/OF** – James Beaver, Sr., Loganville; **SS/RHP** – William Cutshall, So., Eastside; **C/RHP** – Colton Fincher, Sr., Eastside; **C** – Cam Hodge, Jr., Winder-Barrow; **RHP/3B/OF** – Jordan Johnson, So., Loganville; **SS** – Jaylen Jones, Sr., Loganville; **OF** – Aiden Mixon, Sr., Jefferson; **LHP** – JP Myers, Sr., Loganville; **OF/RHP** – Javy Ojeda, So., Flowery Branch; **SS/RHP** – Jase Peoples, Sr., Jefferson; **C/RHP** – Dawson Petree, Sr., Eastside; **RHP** – Brady Price, Sr., Winder-Barrow; **OF** – Owen Primm, Sr., Jefferson; **OF/LHP** – Torrey Robinson, Jr., Eastside; **RHP/3B** – Tucker Segars, Sr., Loganville; **RHP** – Eston Simpson, Jr., Jefferson; **C/RHP** – Hunter Stonecipher, Jr., Clarke Central; **RHP** – Gabe Tatum, Sr., Winder-Barrow



CLARKE CENTRAL GLADIATORS

Head Coach: Jerry Boatner

Assistant Coach: Jason Bedgood

2023 Record: 3-21

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Returning Starters: OF Andrew Sussman (Sr., 5-10, 145, R/R); C/OF Chris Walker (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); SS/OF Alex Walker (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); 3B Alexander Leahy (Sr., 6-0, 215, R/R); C/RHP Hunter Stonecipher (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP/1B Macon Davis (Jr., 6-1, 205, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Zacarion Sims (Jr., 5-8, 140, R/R); SS/2B Asher McElhannon (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/R); OF Kenny Little (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 1B/3B Patrick Howe (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R)

Season Outlook: A solid group of returning players should help Clarke Central improve upon last season's finish. Six starters are back, including four seniors. Keep an eye on catcher/pitcher Hunter Stonecipher who returns after a solid sophomore campaign.

RHP Walker Allen (Jr., 5-8, 150, R/R); OF Rylan Roper (So., 5-11, 135, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/LHP Torrey Robinson (Jr., 5-11, 155, L/L); 1B/RHP William Russell (Fr., 6-6, 185, B/R)

Season Outlook: The Eagles return an excellent group of returning players and should challenge for a postseason berth this spring. A solid senior class highlighted by Dawson Petree and Colton Fincher return, but keep an eye on shortstop/pitcher William Cutshall who showed a lot of promise as a freshman last year.



**EASTSIDE
EAGLES**

Head Coach: Cody Walker

Assistant Coaches: Shane Griffin, Seth Sullivan, Jimmy Bruno, Scott Walker

2023 Record: 16-12

Returning Starters: C/RHP Dawson Petree (Sr., 6-0, 195, R/R); C/RHP Colton Fincher (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); RF Isiah Biggers (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP/2B Brandon Ellis (Sr., 5-10, 130, R/R); RHP/1B Blake Hughes (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); SS/2B/RHP Brayson Osborn (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); CF Braydon Smith (Jr., 6-0, 150, R/R); SS/RHP William Cutshall (So., 6-2, 185, R/R); 2B Chase Jordan (So., 5-6, 140, R/R); 3B Payton Shaw (So., 6-0, 160, R/R); RHP Landon Black (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); 2B/OF Will Norton (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 2B/RHP Parker Denmark (So., 5-6, 145, R/R); 2B/

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FLOWERY BRANCH FALCONS

Head Coach: Dusty Black (new)

Assistant Coaches: Zach English, Nick Collins, Carter Boswell, Austin Brown, Kraig Peebles

2023 Record: 21-3

Returning Starters: LHP Chase Hammock (Sr., L/L); RHP/OF Tristan Browning (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Javy Ojeda (So., L/R); C/RHP Jackson Freeman (Jr., R/R); INF Luke Stone (Jr., R/R); OF/RHP Kyle Adamec (Jr., R/R); OF Jaysean Dyer (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Tyler Folkers (Jr., R/R); OF/LHP David Miller (Jr., L/L); C/OF Antonio De La Torre (Jr., R/R); INF Riley Bourrie (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Bubba Coleman (So., R/R); INF Anthony Almeroth (Jr., R/R); OF JT Thomas (Jr., R/R); INF Parker Bourrie (So., R/R); C Patrick Hall (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Falcons lost a good bit of talent to graduation. While Flowery Branch may be a younger team this spring, they will still be expected to contend for the region title. Senior pitchers Chase Hammock and Tristan Browning will lead the way, but keep an eye on versatile Javy Ojeda who was promising as a freshman last year.



HERITAGE-CONYERS PATRIOTS

Head Coach: Lemuel Lackey (new)

Survey not returned



JEFFERSON DRAGONS

Head Coach: Kyle Hardy

Assistant Coaches: Jon Veldhuis, Jordan Perdue, Lane Watkins, Rob Farriba

2023 Record: 19-10

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Jase Peoples (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R); OF Owen Primm (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); RHP Eston Simpson (Jr., 6-6, 185, R/R); OF Aiden Mixon (Sr., 5-11, 180, L/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B Chris Law (Sr., 6-2, 210, R/R); C Hudson Hodge (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); LHP Austin Stegner (Sr., 5-10, 170, L/L); INF/RHP Aaron Strickland (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R); OF Rett Hemphill (Jr., 5-11, 195, R/R); INF/RHP Steven Tavares (Jr., 6-2, 210, R/R); INF Candler Cain (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); INF Logan Woodruff (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/LHP Eli Primm (Fr., 5-9, 170, R/L)

Season Outlook: The Dragons return a good nucleus of talent and should once again factor into the postseason chase. Four starters are back. One of those is all-state infielder/pitcher Jase Peoples. Keep an eye on right-handed pitcher Eston Simpson who had a strong sophomore season in 2023.



LOGANVILLE RED DEVILS

Head Coach: Bran Mills

Assistant Coaches: Jeff Segars, Mike Ryan, Brandon Anglin, Andy Sargent, Cody McCance, Jeff Hewatt, Ashley Senn, Jackson Jones

2023 Record: 33-8

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Layne Ayers (Sr., 5-9, 140, R/R); SS Jaylen Jones (Sr., 5-8, 170, R/R); RHP/3B Tucker Segars (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF/OF James Beaver (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP/3B/OF Jordan Johnson (So., 6-3, 210, R/R); C/OF Nolan Keener (Sr., 5-11, 195, R/R); RHP Kaden Freeman (Sr., 5-11, 200, R/R); LHP JP Myers (Sr., 6-0, 185, L/L)

Other Returning Players: C Angel Ouezada (Sr., 5-6, 165, R/R); LHP Landon Hollis (Sr., 5-8, 175, L/L); LHP Tyler Whitley (Sr., 6-2, 215, L/L); RHP Sam Scolamiero (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); OF Jack Phillips (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C Brody Hannah (So., 6-2, 210, R/R); LHP/OF Ace Kenny (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/L); RHP/3B Jake Boland (So., 6-0, 180, R/R); INF Matthew Berardinelli (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: Loganville's dynasty will be expected to keep rolling in 2024. The Red Devils will be tough to beat again this spring. Eight starters are back, including all-state standouts Jaylen Jones and Tucker Segars. Versatile James Beaver and lefty JP Myers also return. A strong senior class will help Loganville contend again.



WINDER-BARROW BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Brian Smith

Assistant Coaches: John Scoville, Aaron Trammell, Daniel Buice, Jeff Maddox

2023 Record: 24-12

Returning Starters: SS Jack Perno (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); RHP Brady Price (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R); RHP Gabe Tatum (Sr., 6-5, 210, R/R); OF Ryan McNally (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); INF Noah Anderson (Sr., 6-3, 185, R/R); OF/LHP Ayden Hall (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/L); C Cam Hodge (Jr., 5-11, 190, L/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Ken Shipman (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP Maddox Collier (Sr., 6-0, 185, L/L); INF/RHP Frankie Boyle (So., 6-0, 195, R/R); INF Dom Lordo (So., 6-0, 190, R/R); INF Seth McDaniel (Jr., 6-0, 190, R/R); INF Bryson Polk (So., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: Winder-Barrow will be tough as usual this spring as a solid group of returning players are back. Catcher Cam Hodge returns after a strong sophomore season, while right-handers Brady Price and Gabe Tatum and lefty Ayden Hall return to form a solid pitching rotation.



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GHSA Class 4A

REGION 1-4A

Region Favorite: Shaw

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

INF – Kale Bearden, Jr., Cairo; **C** – Arin Chevers, Sr., Westover; **SS** – Drew Clayton, Sr., Bainbridge; **INF/SS/RHP** – Sincere Ford, Jr., Shaw; **OF** – Korey Fortson, Sr., Westover; **C** – Jayden Foster, Jr., Hardaway; **INF/RHP** – Joriyen Gordon, Jr., Shaw; **C/RHP** – Luke Hardy, Sr., Shaw; **RHP/INF** – Ty Hatcher, So., Cairo; **SS/RHP/2B** – Dante Hill, Jr., Hardaway; **RHP/INF** – Brooks Hines, So., Bainbridge; **U** – Christopher Jones, So., Westover; **RHP/INF** – Parker Landrum, Jr., Bainbridge; **INF/RHP** – Cannon Maige, Jr., Cairo; **2B/3B** – Denny Martinez, Sr., Shaw; **C/U** – Jacob Pyles, Sr., Cairo; **INF** – Adan Reese, Jr., Westover; **1B/RHP** – Fletcher Roberts, Sr., Hardaway; **1B/RHP** – John Roland, Sr., Shaw; **LHP/1B** – Nick Torres, Jr., Shaw

BAINBRIDGE BEARCATS

Head Coach: Donnie Coxwell

Assistant Coaches: Joe Dollar, Kevin Toole

2023 Record: 19-11

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Brooks Hines (So., R/R); SS Drew Clayton (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF Parker Landrum (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: C Luke Griffin (Jr., R/R); OF Nate Cannon (Jr., R/R); RHP/INF Cain Worthington (Sr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: C Graham Beckham (Sr., R/R); INF Corbyn Thompson (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Bearcats lost nine players to graduation last year and will need some younger players to step forward this spring. Three starters are back, including shortstop Drew Clayton (.326 avg.) and promising pitching standout Brooks Hines, who was solid as a freshman last year.

CAIRO SYRUPMAKERS

Head Coach: Randy Adams

Survey not returned

HARDAWAY HAWKS

Head Coach: Eric Anthony

Assistant Coaches: Rick Roberts, Greg Dupree, Dwayne Burke, Kelvin Williams

2023 Record: 12-15

Returning Starters: 1B/RHP Fletcher Roberts (Sr., 6-6, 180, R/R); SS/RHP/2B Dante Hill (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); 3B Tristan Jackson (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R); 2B Nick Hudson (Jr., 5-7, 155, R/R); C Jayden Foster (Jr., 6-1, 200, R/R); OF Khalil

Luttrell (Sr., 5-9, 155, R/R); OF Jordyn Malone (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); 2B/OF Cash Smith (So., 5-7, 140, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Dario Ladrive (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF Deandre Dennison (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Kanivus Biggers (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF Kamari Luttrell (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Hawks must find some pitching to improve upon last season's finish. Hardaway welcomes back versatile junior Dante Hill, one of the few returning pitchers on the roster. The good news is that first-baseman/pitcher Fletcher Roberts (.431 avg., 5 2B) returns to spark the offense after a strong season in 2023.

SHAW RAIDERS

Head Coach: Howie Shackelford

Assistant Coaches: Clinton Britton, Charley Marquand, John Lovett

2023 Record: 21-12

Returning Starters: C/RHP Luke Hardy (Sr., R/R); 1B/RHP John Roland (Sr., R/R); 2B/3B Denny Martinez (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Joriyen Gordon (Jr., R/R); INF/SS/RHP Sincere Ford (Jr., R/R); LHP/1B Nick Torres (Jr., L/L); 1B Ashton Weeks (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/OF/RHP Jeremiah Lovett (So., L/R); OF Ayaan Garnett (Sr., R/R); C/3B/RHP Khonnor Dorminey (So., R/R); RHP Kalon Popham (So., R/R); OF Kamden Walker (Jr., R/R); OF Josh Simmons (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Cameron Fletcher (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: 3B/RHP Otis Stephens (Fr., R/R); OF Jordan McGee (Fr., R/R); OF Charles Smith (Fr., R/R); C/RHP Kayden Blackmon (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Shaw could be the team to beat in Region 1-4A this spring. Seven starters are back, but the Raiders will still be a relatively young team. Shaw has a good mixture of returning talent. Senior John Roland returns as well as juniors Joriyen Gordon and Sincere Ford. Both showed a lot of promise as sophomores last year.

WESTOVER PATRIOTS

Head Coach: Jordan Cambron

Assistant Coaches: Derrick Simon, Curtis Williams

2023 Record: 9-15

Returning Starters: OF Korey Fortson (Sr.); C Arin Chevers (Sr.); INF Aden Reese (Jr.); U Christopher Jones (So.); 1B Jaxon Reese (So.); 1B/C Tommie Terrell (Sr.); P Andrew Perry (Sr.); OF Jaylan McLloyd (Jr.); OF Kingston Offord (So.)

Top Newcomers: OF Kenton Quimby (Jr.); OF/1B Chris Henley (Jr.)

Season Outlook: If the Patriots can find some pitching depth, they should have a chance to contend for the playoffs this spring. The offense should be in good hands as outfielder Korey Fortson (.315 avg., 3 HR) and catcher Arin Chevers (.462 avg., 21 RBIs) return. Keep an eye on a solid group of juniors and sophomores.

GHSA Class 4A

REGION 2-4A

Region Favorite: Perry

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

RHP/INF/U – Kaden Baggett, Sr., West Laurens; **INF/RHP** – Jameson Bailey, So., Perry; **OF** – Brady Bearden, Sr., Perry; **RHP/C** – Parker Bryant, Jr., West Laurens; **OF/RHP** – Nate Campbell, Sr., Howard; **1B** – Peyton Davis, Sr., Perry; **OF** – Jackson Grieser, Sr., Howard; **SS/RHP** – Hunter Jackson, Jr., Spalding; **RHP** – Miles Jones, Sr., Perry; **LHP** – Connor Langdon, So., Perry; **C/3B** – Griffin Lewis, Sr., Baldwin; **INF** – Nathan O'Rear, Sr., Perry; **C/1B** – Carson Shaw, Sr., Perry; **1B** – Jayden Todd, Sr., West Laurens; **LHP/OF** – Kam Vandersee, Jr., Perry; **OF/RHP** – Jayden Washington, Sr., Howard



BALDWIN BRAVES

Head Coach: Rob Gibson (new)
Survey not returned



GRIFFIN BEARS

Head Coach: Quyleen Barham (new)
Survey not returned



HOWARD HUSKIES

Head Coach: Bradley Hunnicutt
Assistant Coach: Milton Ivery
2023 Record: 8-16

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Jayden Washington (Sr., R/R); OF Jackson Grieser (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Nate Campbell (Sr., R/R); C Damon Underwood (Sr., R/R); OF Kaleb Liston (Jr., R/L); INF Alex Spell (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/INF/RHP Colton Beard (So., R/R); INF/OF Victor Pinkney (So., R/R); INF/DH Jayden Sallette (Jr., R/R); INF Keon Gray (Sr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Huskies look to be much better in 2024 as six starters return to lead the way. Howard welcomes back a solid senior class led by outfielder/pitcher Jayden Washington. Outfielders Jackson Grieser and Nate Campbell also return.



PERRY PANTHERS

Head Coach: Denny Bryant
Assistant Coaches: Whit Campbell, Devin Skelton, Nolan Lowery, Jeffrey Hairrington
2023 Record: 27-9

Returning Starters: RHP Miles Jones (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); INF Nathan O'Rear (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); OF Brady Bearden (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); C/1B Carson Shaw (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R); LHP/OF Kam Vandersee (Jr., 5-10, 195, L/L); INF/RHP Jameson Bailey (So., 6-0, 170, R/R); 1B Peyton Davis (Sr., 6-2, 235, R/R); 2B Tyler Davie (Jr., 5-7, 155, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 1B Jackson Thompson (So., 6-0, 230, L/R); OF/RHP Zack Herman (So., 6-0, 180, R/R); LHP Connor Langdon (So., 6-3, 200)

Season Outlook: The Panthers played a lot of players last season and that should pay off this spring. Standout pitcher Miles Jones returns, while offensive leaders Nathan O'Rear, Brady Bearden and Carson Shaw all return. Keep an eye on this program.



SPALDING JAGUARS

Head Coach: Seth Harris

Assistant Coaches: Steven Ashe, Mike Banks, Isaac Rodgers, Drew East, Russ Samples

2023 Record: 13-16

Returning Starters: RHP/3B Dalton James (Sr., 6-2, 210, R/R); RHP/1B Tyler Ball (So., 6-0, 215, R/R); C Grant Henson (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); SS/RHP Hunter Jackson (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF/RHP Ben McDaniel (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Baxter Key (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); C Quintin Owens (So., 5-8, 150, R/R); U Stephen Gilbert (So., 6-0, 150, R/R); OF/RHP Gage Sisavath (Sr., 6-0, 210, R/R); OF/LHP Nate Webb (So., 5-10, 150, L/L)

Season Outlook: The Jaguars have a solid nucleus of returning talent and should factor into the postseason chase this spring. Five starters are back, including pitcher/third-baseman Dalton James. A solid corps of underclassmen will also contend for playing time.



WEST LAURENS RAIDERS

Head Coach: Josh Carter

Assistant Coaches: Jody Pollock, Martin Cauthen, Case Matthews, Parker Gordon

2023 Record: 29-5



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Returning Starters: RHP/INF/U Kaden Baggett (Sr., 6-1, 195, L/R); 1B Jayden Todd (Sr., 6-6, 215, R/R); OF/RHP Nelson Loyd (Sr., 5-7, 170, R/R); RHP/C Parker Bryant (Jr., 6-1, 190, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Mason Dunn (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF/RHP Carter Mathews (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); RHP/U Grant Baker (So., 5-8, 170, R/R); RHP/1B Kolby Clark (So., 6-0, 150, R/R); RHP/3B Cason Pollock (So., 5-8, 170, R/R); RHP/INF Jakob Sahli (So., 5-8, 170, R/R); C Holden Stokes (So., 5-8, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Jordan Hall (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: Some younger players will need to step up and contribute if West Laurens is going to match last year's success. The Raiders will be young, but the good news is that four starters are back, including standout pitcher Parker Bryant and versatile Kaden Baggett. First-baseman Jayden Todd also returns.

WESTSIDE-MACON SEMINOLES

Head Coach: TBA

Survey not returned

REGION 3-4A

Region Favorite: Wayne County

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

3B – Carter Bowman, Sr., Southeast Bulloch; **LHP/OF** – Johnny Calloway, Sr., Islands; **LHP** – Joshua Campbell, Sr., Wayne County; **INF/RHP** – Joey Cardillo, Sr., Islands; **LHP/OF** – Hunter Carroll, Sr., Burke County; **C/INF** – Mason Diamond, So., Benedictine; **C/RHP** – Dylan Gordon, Jr., Islands; **OF** – Palmer Lamb, Sr., Wayne County; **U/RHP** – Landon Ludwig, Jr., Benedictine; **INF/RHP** – Parker McCoy, Sr., Benedictine; **LHP** – Gavin Mixon, Sr., Wayne County; **INF** – Will Nelson, Sr., Southeast Bulloch; **LHP/1B/OF** – Nate Pearson, So., New Hampstead; **INF** – Zach Pearson, Sr., New Hampstead; **RHP/3B** – Aiden Roberson, Jr., Burke County; **LHP/1B** – Noah Rogers, Sr., Southeast Bulloch; **RHP/1B** – Logan Scarborough, Jr., Wayne County; **C** – Brandon Stuart, Sr., Southeast Bulloch; **RHP/OF** – Braiden Swab, Sr., Islands; **RHP/U** – Nic Thomas, Jr., Wayne County; **OF** – Rashawn Truell, Jr., New Hampstead; **C** – Tyler Walling, Sr., Wayne County

BENEDICTINE CADETS

Head Coach: Jason Pascual (new)

Assistant Coaches: Kyle Farmer, Kevin Aimar, Mike Proto, Stevie Powers

2023 Record: 22-11

Returning Starters: LHP Grayson Britt (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/L); INF/RHP Parker McCoy (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); 1B Cole Walker (Sr., 6-3, 235, R/R); U/RHP Landon Ludwig (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); INF Joseph Garner (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R); C/INF Mason Diamond (So., 5-8, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Ross Ducey (Sr., 6-1, 170, L/R); INF/RHP Brooks Bradshaw (Jr., 6-2, 195, R/R); OF Tyler Brown (Jr., 6-1, 160, R/R); OF

Jack Ganem (Jr., 5-8, 165, R/R); 1B Jack Murphy (Jr., 5-9, 185, B/R); C/RHP Colvin Proto (So., 6-0, 150, L/R); OF/C Jacob Sidelko (So., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/OF Jackson Austin (Jr., 6-2, 185, R/R); RHP TJ Windsor (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP Kaleb Roberts (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: A new era begins at Benedictine as new coach Jason Pascual takes over. He inherits six starters, including one of the state's top playmakers in Parker McCoy. Grayson Britt, McCoy and Landon Ludwig return to form a strong pitching rotation. Catcher/infielder Mason Diamond, Cole Walker and Joseph Garner are back to lead the offense.



BURKE COUNTY BEARS

Head Coach: Tavis Cummings (new)

Survey not returned



ISLANDS SHARKS

Head Coach: Brandon Collins

Assistant Coaches: Marty Collins, Russell Perry, Rob Arnold, Scott Strickland

2023 Record: 13-19

Returning Starters: LHP/OF Johnny Calloway (Sr.); INF/RHP Joey Cardillo

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Other Returning Players: OF Will Schieber (Sr.); INF/RHP Brendan Lanigan (Jr.); INF/RHP Jacob Meza (Jr.); INF/RHP Dylan Stewart (So.); LHP/OF Hayden Burroughs (Sr.); OF/RHP Hudson Zaragoza (Jr.)

Top Newcomers: LHP/OF Jack Young (Jr.); RHP/INF Lincoln Ure (Sr.); OF Logan Balsamo (So.); OF Dillon Bradley (So.)

Season Outlook: The Sharks should contend for the region title this spring as a wealth of talent returns. Left-hander Johnny Calloway, his top target in catcher Dylan Gordon and infielder Joey Cardillo all return to lead the way. Islands will rely heavily on a strong senior class.



Joey Cardillo
Islands

(Sr., 5-11, 150, L/L); OF Garrison Grantham (Sr., 5-10, 155, L/R); RHP Carson Shaver (Sr., 6-3, 185, R/R); RHP/U Nic Thomas (Jr., 6-3, 180, B/R); RHP/1B Logan Scarborough (Jr., 6-8, 185, R/R); RHP Greyson Spell (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); 1B Andy Peel (Sr., 6-1, 200, L/R); RHP/OF Cade Lynn (Jr., 6-1, 160, R/R); RHP/U Luke Carter (Jr., 6-3, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Jack Oden (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP Tate Altman (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF Joel Tinsley (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Eric Hodges (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); RHP/U Rouan Blanton (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); RHP Isaiah Lee (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); RHP/INF Jeb Craven (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP/INF Haddy Peel (So., 5-10, 150, R/R); RHP/INF Dekan Yeomans (So., 5-10, 155, R/R); RHP/INF Eli Grantham (So., 6-3, 200, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Yellow Jackets return a pile of talent and could be the team to beat in region play this spring. Pitching will be solid as left-hander Gavin Mixon and Logan Scarborough headline a strong rotation. Their favorite target, catcher Tyler Walling, also returns.

NEW HAMPSHIRE PHOENIX

Head Coach: Alfred Boni
Survey not returned

SOUTHEAST BULLOCH YELLOW JACKETS

Head Coach: Brandon Peterson
Assistant Coaches: Rob Alford, Derek Harnage, Cam Hayden, Jay Thompson
2023 Record: 9-16

Returning Starters: OF Layne Alford (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); 3B Carter Bowman (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); RHP/INF Cade Harnage (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R); INF Will Nelson (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); RHP/INF Brendan O'Dowd (Jr., 6-1, 160, R/R); LHP/1B Noah Rogers (Sr., 6-0, 180, L/L); C Brandon Stuart (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Kyle Ruarks (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); RHP Ryan Cammack (Jr., 6-3, 185, R/R); U Trent Jones (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Josh Deterra (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); OF Colby Smith (So., 5-8, 160, R/R); C Rhett Morgan (Fr., 5-10, 170, R/R); SS Kase Dye (Fr., 5-9, 155, R/R); LHP Murphy Grovenstein (Fr., 5-10, 170, L/L)

Season Outlook: A good nucleus returns as Southeast Bulloch looks to be much better this spring. Seven starters are back to lead the way, including pitchers Noah Rogers, Brendan O'Dowd and Cade Harnage. Catcher Brandon Stuart and third-baseman Carter Bowman return to lead the offense.

WAYNE COUNTY YELLOW JACKETS

Head Coach: Justin McDonald
Assistant Coaches: Colt Brockington, Chase Hinson, Sid Royal, Dalton Cameron, Chase Bryant, Dylan Brown, Barrett Browning, Mike Roberts
2023 Record: 25-14

Returning Starters: LHP Gavin Mixon (Sr., 6-5, 250, L/L); C Tyler Walling (Sr., 6-0, 215, R/R); OF Palmer Lamb (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); LHP Joshua Campbell

REGION 4-4A

Region Favorite: Starr's Mill

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

OF – Charlie Clem, Sr., Starr's Mill; **RHP/INF** – Austen Davis, Jr., Whitewater; **OF** – Gryson Cockrell, Jr., LaGrange; **U** – Trent Ellington, Jr., Whitewater; **RHP** – Demetris Hardnett, Jr., Troup County; **RHP/INF** – Dee King, Sr., Fayette County; **OF** – Tanner Langley, Sr., LaGrange; **C** – Ryan Melton, Jr., Trinity Christian; **SS/RHP** – Robbie Parker, Sr., LaGrange; **INF** – Max Prozny, Sr., Starr's Mill; **LHP/INF** – Trey Robbins, So., Whitewater; **RHP** – Kyle Rudolph, Jr., Starr's Mill; **INF** – Jack Ryan, Sr., Starr's Mill; **INF** – Austin Sellers, Sr., Starr's Mill; **1B** – Cooper Stephens, Jr., LaGrange; **RHP** – Dillon Stiltner, Jr., Trinity Christian; **OF** – Bo Walker, Sr., Starr's Mill; **RHP** – Caden Wood, Jr., LaGrange



FAYETTE COUNTY TIGERS

Head Coach: Matt Coldiron
Assistant Coaches: Ed Moore, Keith Stelman
2023 Record: 8-17

Returning Starters: C Isaiah Reynolds (Sr., R/R); RHP/OF Jayden Burns (Jr., R/R); RHP/U Hayden Mullins (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF Dee King (Sr., R/R); INF Evan Wiley (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Tryston Brewer (Sr., R/R); 1B Jamal Johnson (Jr., R/R); OF Terrence Bell (Sr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Tigers have some key positions to fill. Fayette welcomes back five returning starters, including senior standout Dee King. The Tigers should be solid on the mound as King, Hayden Mullins and Jayden Burns return to form a solid rotation. Catcher Isaiah Reynolds and infielder Evan Wiley are back to lead the offense.

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LAGRANGE GRANGERS

Head Coach: Donnie Branch

Assistant Coaches: Drew Eady, Jamie Schmitt, Harrison Kurtz

2023 Record: 31-10

Returning Starters: 1B Cooper Stephens (Jr., 5-10, 200, R/R); SS/RHP Robbie Parker (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF Gryson Cockrell (Jr., 6-0, 170, L/R); OF Tanner Langley (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); 3B/OF/RHP Rob Skinner (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); RHP Caden Wood (Jr., 6-0, 200, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 2B/SS/RHP Grady Westmoreland (Jr., 5-11, 165, L/R); 3B/2B Jackson Bozeman (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF/RHP Kaden Sutton (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R); 1B/OF/RHP Brandon Bennett (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); C Lucas Harpole (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); C/INF/RHP Mason Calhoun (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); LHP/1B/OF Blake Miller (So., 6-1, 160, L/L)

Top Newcomers: RHP Malik Kemp (Sr., 6-2, 210, R/R); 1B/DH Malachi Kemp (Sr., 6-2, 210, R/R); OF Carson Wells (Jr., 5-6, 140, R/R); INF/OF Max Richardson (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: After finishing as the state runner-up the last two years, LaGrange looks for a return to the state championship series. Despite losing two of the team's top four pitchers, there is enough for a return as Caden Wood and Robbie Parker are back. Offensively, outfielders Gryson Cockrell and Tanner Langley and first-baseman Cooper Stephens are back to power the offense.



NORTH CLAYTON EAGLES

Head Coach: Dray Blanton

Survey not returned



RIVERDALE RAIDERS

Head Coach: Charles McFadden

Survey not returned



STARR'S MILL PANTHERS

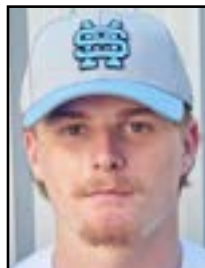
Head Coach: Brent Moseley

Assistant Coaches: David Cooper, Jeff Klein, JJ Julien, Walt Ellison, Taylor Sweeney, Scott Camp

2023 Record: 22-11

Returning Starters: INF Max Prozny (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); INF Austin Sellers (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); INF Jack Ryan (Sr., 6-0, 195, R/R); OF Heath Whitlock (Sr., 6-0, 190, L/L); INF Drew Richardson (Sr., 6-3, 200, R/R); OF Charlie Clem (Sr., 5-7, 165, R/R); OF Austin Killingsworth (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF Bo Walker (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C Cole Manetti (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R); OF/RHP Christian Mattingly (Sr., 5-10, 165, L/R); OF Eric Lundstrom



Heath Whitlock
Starr's Mill

(So., 5-10, 175, R/L); RHP Aiden Wilson (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); RHP Kyle Rudolph (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); LHP Jake Willoughby (Sr., 5-11, 165, L/L)

Season Outlook: This could be the best Starr's Mill team since the Panthers won a state title in 2021. A strong senior class returns, including all-state outfielder Bo Walker. If the pitching rotation is consistent, look for Starr's Mill to make a deep run. The Panthers have the offense to match up with any team.



TRINITY CHRISTIAN LIONS

Head Coach: Tommy Gregg

Assistant Coaches: Mark Eskins, Josh Henrey, Tony Campbell, Bobby Totten

2023 Record: 18-12

Returning Starters: OF Nathan Huff (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); OF Logan Moss (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Camden Rodgers (Jr., 6-2, 210, R/R); C Ryan Melton (Jr., 6-2, 220, R/R); 3B Will Owens (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); RHP Dillon Stiltner (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: SS Evan Osterman (So., 5-11, 170, R/R); RHP/1B Cole Carrell (Sr., 6-3, 240, R/R)

Season Outlook: Trinity Christian has some key positions to fill after making the state baseball playoffs last season. The senior class is small, but the good news is that All-Region pitcher Dillon Stiltner returns to anchor a solid pitching staff. Junior catcher Ryan Melton returns behind the plate after a solid sophomore campaign.



TROUP COUNTY TIGERS

Head Coach: Tanner Glisson

Assistant Coaches: Patrick Shivers, Richie Barber, Brock Barber

2023 Record: 17-11

Returning Starters: LHP Tripp Cummings (Sr., 5-11, 190, L/L); OF/3B Carson Walker (So., 6-0, 190, R/R); RHP Demetris Hardnett (Jr., 5-11, 195, R/R); INF Fisher Baltzell (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Tigers missed the state playoffs last season and look to get back into the postseason this spring. Troup County will be young and some underclassmen will need to step forward. Two solid pitchers return in right-hander Demetris Hardnett and left-hander Tripp Cummings.



WHITEWATER WILDCATS

Head Coach: Brandon Crumbley

Assistant Coaches: Brandon Bales, Derrick Laney, Andrew Self

2023 Record: 22-15-1

Returning Starters: OF Devin Elsenpeter (Sr., 5-10, 170, B/R); C Parker Wallace (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Landon Moran (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); C/RHP Nicholas Routolo (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); RHP/OF Drew Gable (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); U Trent Ellington (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R); RHP/INF Austen Davis (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP/INF Trey Robbins (So., 6-3, 190, L/L); C/OF Will Roan (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); RHP Ryder Blythe (Sr., 6-4, 185, R/R); OF Chad

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Jones (Sr., 5-9, 185, R/R); RHP/INF TJ Thacker (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Chris Naggles (Jr., 5-6, 160, R/R); LHP/OF Hunter Gratzler (So., 5-8, 125, L/L); RHP/OF Kason Hicks (So., 5-11, 145, R/R); P/OF Paxton Benoit (So.)

Season Outlook: Look for Whitewater to pick up from where they left off last season. The Wildcats welcome back seven starters including versatile Trent Ellington and pitcher/infielder Austen Davis. But the strength of the team will be a solid returning senior class.

REGION 5-4A

Region Favorite: Lovett

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

U – Jonathan Anderson, Jr., McDonough; **INF** – Tucker Ausband, Sr., Pace Academy; **SS** – Joel Lopez-Ayala, Jr., Lovett; **C/OF** – Bryce Bause, Sr., Stockbridge; **C** – Harrison Court, Jr., Hampton; **C/DH** – Joe Crenshaw, Jr., Lovett; **SS/RHP** – Tyler Dunn, Jr., Woodland-Stockbridge; **RHP/3B** – Zach Evans, Sr., Stockbridge; **SS/3B** – Emery Hackney, Jr., McDonough; **LHP** – Jackson Hurd, Sr., Pace Academy; **3B/RHP** – Joshua Kendrick, Sr., Woodland-Stockbridge; **INF/OF** – Terrence Kiel, Sr., Pace Academy; **U** – Josh Lee, Jr., McDonough; **INF** – Henry Levenson, Sr., Pace Academy; **C** – Miles Mador, Jr., Pace Academy; **OF** – Will Moore, Sr., Pace Academy; **1B** – Corey Nelson, Sr., Lovett; **3B** – Ryan Reiss, Sr., Pace Academy; **RHP** – Ethan Rucker, Sr., Pace Academy; **RF/RHP** – Daniel Sams, Sr., Lovett; **C/DH** – William Sams, Sr., Lovett; **RHP** – Harrison Smith, Sr., Lovett; **RHP** – Cameron Stewart, Jr., Lovett; **1B/RHP** – Tyler Tucker, Sr., Stockbridge; **OF/U** – Preston Wright, Sr., Stockbridge



HAMPTON HORNETS

Head Coach: Mack Majors

Assistant Coach: Paul Barnard

2023 Record: 14-14

Returning Starters: U/RHP Bradley Morse (Sr., 6-4, 170, R/R); C Harrison Court (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: SS/RHP Cole Moody (So., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF Michael Moore (So., 6-1, 200, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Javier Glotfelty (Jr., 6-1, 190, R/R); 3B/OF Nathan Proffitt (So., 6-3, 180, R/R); 1B/C/3B Grayson Payne (So., 6-0, 220, R/R); INF/RHP Leo Vivaldo-Garcia (Fr., 5-10, 150, R/R); INF/RHP Zaylon Chaffin (Fr., 5-6, 120, R/R)

Season Outlook: After winning 14 games last year, Hampton will be doing some rebuilding this spring. A pair of starters return as well as a young but talented group of newcomers. Versatile Bradley Morse is one of the few seniors on the team. He along with catcher Harrison Court are two players to watch.



LOVETT LIONS

Head Coach: Lance Oubs

Assistant Coaches: Jamie Palmer, Vince Nasca, Michael Gedman

2023 Record: 27-9

Returning Starters: RF/RHP Daniel Sams (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); C/DH William Sams (Sr., 6-1, 185, L/R); 1B Corey Nelson (Sr., 6-4, 195, R/R); CF Michael Mitchell (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); SS Joel Lopez-Ayala (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R); C/DH Joe Crenshaw (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 2B Blake Fielden (Sr., 5-6, 150, R/R); LF Logan Lutz (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); RHP Harrison Smith (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP Brian Stephens (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); LHP Charlie Sheets (Jr., 6-1, 170, L/L); RHP Cameron Stewart (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP James Lester (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 3B/C Will Forte (So., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF Jack Rees (So., 6-5, 180, R/R); SS/2B Griffin Brogan (So., 5-9, 160, R/R); LHP Marshall Kirkpatrick (Jr., 6-1, 190, L/L)

Season Outlook: The Lions should pick up from where they left off last season. Right-handed pitcher Daniel Sams (9-4, 3.15 ERA) headlines a talented pitching staff, while offensive leaders William Sams (.386 avg., 24 RBIs) and shortstop Joel Lopez-Ayala return to lead an offense capable of putting up big numbers.



LUELLA LIONS

Head Coach: TBA

Survey not returned



McDONOUGH WARHAWKS

Head Coach: Sean Stallings

Assistant Coach: Donnie Brown

2023 Record: 2-18

Returning Starters: U Jonathan Anderson (Jr., R/R); U Josh Lee (Jr., R/R); SS/3B Emery Hackney (Jr., L/R); U Dedrick Cooper (Jr., 5-9, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Warhawks look to get things turned around after a disappointing finish in 2023. McDonough welcomes back four juniors who will be expected to lead the team. A solid group of underclassmen will also be expected to step up and contribute.



MOUNT ZION-JONESBORO BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Nathan Coggins

Survey not returned

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PACE ACADEMY KNIGHTS

Head Coaches: Donice Bloodworth/Nason Pedraza
Assistant Coaches: LV Ware, Jase Wrigley, Shane McGill
2023 Record: 18-12

Returning Starters: INF Tucker Ausband (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); INF Henry Levenson (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF/OF Terrence Kiel (Sr., 6-0, 180, B/R); 3B Ryan Reiss (Sr., 5-9, 180, R/R); OF Will Moore (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R); C Miles Mador (Jr.); LHP Jackson Hurd (Sr., 5-10, 175, L/L); RHP Ethan Rucker (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: P Maddox Crawford (Sr.); OF George Little (Sr.)
Season Outlook: Pace Academy should be a fun team to watch this spring. A wealth of talent returns including leading hitters Terrence Kiel (.595 avg., 16 RBIs), Will Moore, Henry Levenson and Ryan Reiss. Right-hander Ethan Rucker and lefty Jackson Hurd return to form a solid pitching rotation.

STOCKBRIDGE TIGERS

Head Coach: Daniel Greene
Survey not returned

WOODLAND-STOCKBRIDGE WOLFPACK

Head Coach: TBA
Survey not returned

REGION 6-4A

Region Favorite: Holy Innocents'

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

SS – Stanton Aldridge, Sr., Westminster; **RHP** – Carter Barth, Sr., Westminster; **INF/OF/RHP** – Taylor Fuller, So., Holy Innocents'; **RHP/INF** – Ronald Hunter, Sr., Miller Grove; **OF/RHP** – Zach Jackson, Sr., Holy Innocents'; **INF** – Matt Luigs, Jr., Holy Innocents'; **RHP** – Calvin McBurney, Jr., Westminster; **OF** – James Rhee, Sr., Westminster; **SS/RHP** – Kameron Scott, Jr., Southwest DeKalb

CLARKSTON ANGORAS

Head Coach: Daniel Clarke
Survey not returned

DRUID HILLS RED DEVILS

Head Coach: TBA
Survey not returned

HAPEVILLE HORNETS

Head Coach: Winston Gordon
Survey not returned

HOLY INNOCENTS' GOLDEN BEARS

Head Coach: Jeff Rowland (new)

Assistant Coaches: Dan Healy, Ned Mason, Nick Stidham, Eric White, Jim Voyles, Jeff Norman
2023 Record: 29-4

Returning Starters: INF/OF/RHP Taylor Fuller (So., 6-0, 170, L/R); OF/RHP Zach Jackson (Sr., 6-1, 180, L/R); INF Braxton Padgett (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); RHP/INF/C Jack Fernandez (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); C Tucker Martin (Jr., 6-1, 225, R/R); INF/OF Whit McGrotty (Sr., 6-1, 190, L/R); RHP Davis Jabaley (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); INF Matt Luigs (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF Emmett Campbell (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); RHP Tyler Malsom (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP Wesley Lybrook (Jr., 6-0, 170, L/L); OF JD Woodham (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); 1B Eric Malsom (Sr., 6-1, 250, R/R); RHP Colin McGinty (Jr., 6-4, 210, R/R); 1B Luke Binney (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R); LHP Michael O'Connor (Sr., 6-0, 150, L/L)

Top Newcomers: INF/OF/RHP Davis Harper (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); 1B/C Noah Goldberg (Jr., 6-2, 200, R/R); RHP Sam Holland (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP William Glahn (Jr., 6-6, 160, R/R); RHP Dawson Radaszewski (So., 6-0, 150, R/R); RHP/INF Cooper Graves (So., 6-2, 150, R/R); LHP/OF Amaree Griffen (Fr., 6-3, 170, L/L)

Season Outlook: Georgia Dugout Club Hall of Fame coach Jeff Rowland takes over after building Pope into a state power. He looks to do the same at Holy Innocents'. He has a wealth of talent to work with this spring. All-state performer Zach Jackson returns to lead the team. Keep an eye on Taylor Fuller and Matt Luigs who were promising as underclassmen last year.



Taylor Fuller
Holy Innocents'



Matt Luigs
Holy Innocents'



Whit McGrotty
Holy Innocents'



Braxton Padgett
Holy Innocents'

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MILLER GROVE WOLVERINES

Head Coaches: Darrel Hawkins/St Stanley McCormick

Assistant Coach: Olatunji Cunningham

2023 Record: 10-14-1

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Ronald Hunter (Sr., 6-1, 160, R/R); 3B Joel Harris (Sr., 6-2, 230, R/R); OF Teyonte Harrow (Sr., 5-6, 140, L/L)

Other Returning Players: INF Dacori Jeter (So., 5-11, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Mazin Robow (Sr., 5-9, 140, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C Raymond Scott (Fr., 6-2, 190, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wolverines will look to contend for a postseason berth this spring. Three starters are back to lead the way. One of those is pitcher/infielder Ronald Hunter. Miller Grove will be looking for a solid group of underclassmen to contribute.



SOUTHWEST DEKALB PANTHERS

Head Coach: Tyrus Taylor

Assistant Coaches: Cedric Horton, Ronnie Kendrick, James Bing, Jonathan Sheffield, Jerald Hatchett

2023 Record: 14-12

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Kameron Scott (Jr., 5-9, 170, L/R); OF/RHP Bri'Shawn Reese (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); 3B/2B Savion Borden (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); C Daejeon Jones (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); 1B Larry McCuller (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 3B/RHP/1B Aaron Brown (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R); 1B Desmond McCord (Jr., 6-2, 190, L/L); 2B Christopher Trotty (So., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF Cameron Trotty (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF Allister Jennings (Jr., 5-10, 190, R/R); 1B Montagus Phillips (Jr., 5-11, 185, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Panthers will be young in 2024, but that doesn't mean Southwest DeKalb won't be talented. Five starters are back, including talented infielder/pitcher Kameron Scott. A large junior and sophomore class will be expected to carry the load this spring. However, the Panthers should still be in the postseason hunt.



STEPHENSON JAGUARS

Head Coach: Darryl Watkins

Survey not returned



STONE MOUNTAIN PIRATES

Head Coach: TBA

Survey not returned



WESTMINSTER WILDCATS

Head Coach: Chad Laney

Assistant Coaches: Doug Boomer, Adam Pullen, Joe Sturniolo, Travis Rutkiewicz, Taylor Johnson

2023 Record: 25-9

Returning Starters: RHP Calvin McBurney (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP Carter Barth (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF James Rhee (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); SS Stanton Aldridge (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Jackson Hausner (Jr., 6-2, 185, R/R); C/RHP Gibson Thompson (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); INF Henry Deriso (Jr., 5-9, 170, L/R); OF/RHP Owen Cohn (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); 1B/RHP Jack Schwartz (Jr., 6-0, 190, R/R); RHP Fain Barton (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/LHP Locke Patton (Jr., 5-10, 170, L/L); RHP/1B/DH Lawton Sodemann (Sr., 6-4, 200, R/R); OF Nitin Raju (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP Daniel Qiu (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP Alex Carr (Jr., 6-0, 190, R/R); OF/LHP/1B Houston Gagnani (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/L); C William Wickliffe (Jr., 6-0, 190)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Jackson Hausner (Jr., 6-2, 185, R/R); RHP Alex Carr (Jr., 6-0, 190, R/R); INF Kyle Coleman (Jr., 5-10, 175)

Season Outlook: The Wildcats return a wealth of talent and should contend for the region title this spring. Pitching will be the biggest strength as right-handers Calvin McBurney (7-2, 2.92 ERA) and Carter Barth (2-0, 1.25 ERA) return. Offensive standouts James Rhee and Stanton Aldridge also are back.

REGION 7-4A

Region Favorite: Cedartown

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

SS/3B – Ace Allen, So., Cedartown; **1B/RHP** – JC Armour, Sr., Heritage-Catoosa; **3B/RHP** – Brady Chandler, Sr., Heritage-Catoosa; **C** – Brock Clements, Sr., Sonora; **1B/RHP** – Korbin Dietrich, Jr., Central-Carrollton; **1B** – Cole Dingle, Sr., Cedartown; **OF/RHP** – Hank Harrison, Sr., Northwest Whitfield; **SS/RHP** – Xavier Holiday, Sr., Cedartown; **3B/DH** – Gavin Morgan, Sr., Northwest Whitfield; **INF/RHP** – Brandon Musick, Sr., Central-Carrollton; **RHP/3B/1B** – Rhett Nelson, So., Central-Carrollton; **C/RHP** – Max Owens, Sr., Heritage-Catoosa; **SS/RHP** – Jaxon Pate, Sr., Sonora; **OF** – Tony Ware, Sr., Cedartown; **INF/RHP** – Maxx Williamson, Sr., Central-Carrollton



CEDARTOWN BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Gevin Johnson

Assistant Coaches: Josh Davenport, Jeff Dingle, Austin Pope

2023 Record: 22-9

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Xavier Holiday (Sr., 6-1, 170, L/R); OF Tony Ware (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); 1B Cole Dingle (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); OF Jack Roper (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); SS/3B Ace Allen (So., 6-0, 155, R/R); LHP/OF Samuel Formby (Jr., 6-2, 170, L/L); C Dakota Matthews (Sr., 5-11, 175, L/R)

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Other Returning Players: INF Caleb Formby (Jr., 6-2, 170, R/R); C/RHP Gavin Allred (So., 5-11, 160, R/R); OF Brodie Blackmon (Sr., 6-1, 165, R/R); RHP/OF Konner Peek (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); RHP/OF Cole Cochran (Jr., 6-1, 165, R/R); RHP/3B Rah Ware (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP Owen Pilgrim (So., 6-0, 170, R/R); INF Owen Jarrell (So., 5-11, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Daylen Holiday (Fr., 5-11, 190, R/R); RHP/OF Connor Weaver (Fr., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF Wyatt Mosely (Fr., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF Everett Perkins (Fr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: After dominating region play the past two years, Cedartown will be doing some rebuilding this spring. But the Bulldogs will still be expected to contend for the region title. Standout pitcher Xavier Holiday returns as well as offensive catalysts Tony Ware and Cole Dingler.



CENTRAL-CARROLLTON LIONS

Head Coach: Riley Presnell

Assistant Coaches: Stephen Kegley, Vaughn Lee, Jim Baeumel, Steven Dunham, Mack McKinley

2023 Record: 14-18

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Brandon Musick (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Maxx Williamson (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); U/RHP Tyler Woodside (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); 1B/RHP Korbin Dietrich (Jr., 6-7, 200, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Tyler Roden (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); RHP/3B/1B Rhett Nelson (So., 6-0, 185, R/R); C Bryce Knight (So., 5-8, 160, R/R); RHP/3B Tucker Lambert (Jr., 6-0, 200, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/3B/1B/RHP Roy Blakeman (Jr., 5-9, 175, L/R); RHP Hayden Richardson (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF Jake Ivester (Fr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Lions will field a very young team in 2024. However, don't expect Central to be down. Four starters return, including all-region standout Brandon Musick (.395 avg.) and second-baseman Maxx Williamson (.310 avg.). Keep an eye on first-baseman/pitcher Korbin Dietrich who showed a lot of promise last year.



HERITAGE-CATOOSA GENERALS

Head Coach: David Dinger (new)

Assistant Coaches: Cody Lones, Ronnie Natola, Logan Peterson

2023 Record: 19-13

Returning Starters: C/RHP Max Owens (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R); 3B/RHP Brady Chandler (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); 1B/RHP JC Armour (Sr., 6-4, 170, L/R); U Maddox Henry (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C Bryce Quails (Sr., 5-9, 155, R/R); OF Jake Collett (So., 6-0, 155, R/R); OF Cody Bryan (So., 5-9, 155, R/R); SS/RHP Ty Hunt (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); 3B/RHP Caden Strickland (So., 5-11, 180, R/R); 1B/LHP Owen Carstens (So., 6-1, 165, R/L)

Top Newcomers: INF Brody James (So., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: Former assistant David Dinger takes over and inherits a talented team that should challenge for a playoff berth. There are some key positions to fill, but a solid senior class will be expected to carry most of the load. Catcher Max Owens, third-baseman Brady Chandler and first-baseman JC Armour are three returning seniors to keep an eye on.



NORTHWEST WHITFIELD BRUINS

Head Coach: David Redmond

Assistant Coaches: Jason Brooker, Quinn Smith

2023 Record: 11-16

Returning Starters: 1B Hank Scruggs (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); 3B/DH Gavin Morgan (Sr., 5-11, 225, R/R); OF/RHP Hank Harrison (Sr., 5-7, 135, R/R); OF Austin Cooley (Sr., 6-3, 150, R/R); 2B/SS Cameron Collins (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); C Deakon Edwards (Jr., 5-10, 195, R/R); RHP Sam Crossen (Jr., 5-8, 180, R/R); 3B Trent Hixson (So., 6-2, 210, R/R); OF Gavin Nuckolls (So., 5-10, 150, R/R); LHP/OF Will Wade (So., 6-1, 165, R/L)

Other Returning Players: RHP Avery O'Neal (Sr., 6-2, 215, R/R); OF Dawson Whitmore (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); LHP/OF Caden Ramsey (Jr., 6-0, 200, L/L); RHP/OF Jackson Beckler (Jr., 6-1, 160, R/R); 2B/U Eli Speights (Jr., 5-9, 140, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Bruins were young and inexperienced last season and struggled at times. That should change this spring. A wealth of talent returns. All-region third-baseman Gavin Morgan is back to spark the offense, while outfielder/pitcher Hank Harrison also returns. Look for Northwest to be much better.



SONORVILLE PHOENIX

Head Coach: Deron Walraven

Assistant Coaches: Chip Henderson, Justin Patterson, Clay Pruett, Tyler Lyles

2023 Record: 19-10

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Jaxon Pate (Sr., 6-0, 180, L/R); C Brock Clements (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B Dalen Belcher (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); 2B Carter Sampson (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); OF Luke Caldwell (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF Blake Cole (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); 1B/3B Titus Smith (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); 3B/RHP Ty Brown (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); 3B/RHP Griffin Long (So., 6-2, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Eli Balliew (So., 5-9, 160, R/R); 1B/LHP Sam Dixon (So., 5-8, 170, L/L)

Top Newcomers: 1B Will Patterson (So., 6-1, 185, L/R); SS/RHP Ethan Williams (Jr., 6-3, 175, R/R); SS/RHP Lewis Burke (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); U/RHP Jack Burke (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); C Aidan Fleming (So., 6-0, 165, R/R); INF Isaac Allen (Jr., 5-7, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Gary Mayfield (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R); U Langston Butler (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Brayden Cantrell (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF Slade West (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Phoenix lost a lot to graduation, but the good news is a lot returns. Sonorville just needs to get some experience. Senior shortstop/pitcher Jaxon Pate (.375 avg., 6 2B; 6-1, 2.28 ERA) and catcher Brock Clements return to give the Phoenix some returning experience. But keep an eye on an excellent group of younger players. This team could be tough by season's end.



SOUTHEAST WHITFIELD RAIDERS

Head Coach: Chad Ikerd

Survey not returned

GHSA Class 4A

REGION 8-4A

Region Favorite: Cherokee Bluff

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

RHP/INF – Drew Baker, Sr., Walnut Grove; **RHP/INF/OF** – Brandon Blalock, So., Walnut Grove; **INF/RHP** – Josh Bull, Sr., Chestatee; **LHP/OF** – Thomas Burke, Sr., Walnut Grove; **1B/RHP** – Drew Campbell, Sr., East Hall; **OF** – Alec Clayton, Sr., Walnut Grove; **C/OF** – Ty Corbin, Sr., Cherokee Bluff; **OF** – Caden Crocker, Jr., East Hall; **INF** – Ethan England, So., Cherokee Bluff; **LHP/1B/OF** – Trey Farr, Jr., East Forsyth; **OF** – Caleb Fleitz, Sr., Seckinger; **OF/C** – Kenny Foudy, So., North Hall; **LHP** – Gabe Gowder, Jr., Cherokee Bluff; **OF/RHP** – Tyler Greene, Sr., Seckinger; **2B** – Joseph Gurr, Sr., East Forsyth; **RHP/DH** – Bradlee Hamby, Sr., East Forsyth; **OF/LHP** – Jake Hitchcock, Sr., Chestatee; **RHP** – Tucker Holton, Jr., Cherokee Bluff; **OF** – Ethan Jarvis, Sr., North Oconee; **OF** – Ajay Jones, Sr., North Hall; **1B** – Hewett Jones, Sr., Walnut Grove; **INF** – Jin Kasuya, Jr., Seckinger; **INF/RHP** – Landon Kemp, Jr., Cherokee Bluff; **INF/LF** – Lucas Kniola, Sr., East Forsyth; **INF** – Blake Ledford, Sr., Madison County; **OF/RHP/INF** – Mills Lothridge, Jr., North Hall; **3B/INF** – Owen McGee, Sr., East Forsyth; **C/OF** – Caleb Miele, Sr., Cherokee Bluff; **CF** – Will Moffit, Sr., East Forsyth; **INF** – JoJo Montgomery, Sr., Seckinger; **1B/RHP** – KJ Moon, Sr., North Oconee; **3B/RHP** – Josh Niles, Sr., East Hall; **INF/RHP** – Tyler Parker, Jr., East Hall; **OF/LHP** – Campbell Payton, Jr., North Hall; **C/INF** – Ryan Postnieks, Sr., North Oconee; **INF** – Jon Jon Read, Sr., North Hall; **OF** – Landon Roldan, Jr., North Oconee; **INF/LHP** – Kaleb Sexton, So., North Hall; **CF** – Camden Smith, Sr., Madison County; **U/RHP** – Dylan Thompson, Sr., Chestatee; **U** – KT Thompson, Jr., Cherokee Bluff; **RHP/OF** – Maverick Torres, Sr., Seckinger; **INF/RHP** – Jacob Vokal, Sr., Cherokee Bluff; **CF/RHP** – Colton Wilbanks, Sr., Chestatee



CEDAR SHOALS JAGUARS

Head Coach: Josh Campbell
Survey not returned



CHEROKEE BLUFF BEARS

Head Coach: Jeremy Kemp
Assistant Coaches: Luke Crumley, Spencer Sorrells, Gerry Pope, Breck Davidson, David Cogswell
2023 Record: 28-5
Returning Starters: C/OF Ty Corbin (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); C/OF Caleb Miele (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); INF/RHP Jacob Vokal (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Landon Kemp (Jr., 6-0, 165, L/R); U KT Thompson (Jr., 6-3, 195, L/R); RHP Tucker

Holton (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); LHP Gabe Gowder (Jr., 6-3, 165, L/L); 1B Garrett Harper (Jr., 5-11, 205, R/R); INF Ethan England (So., 6-0, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Tanaka Mukono (Sr., 6-2, 170, R/R); RHP Jack Sparks (Sr., 6-2, 210, R/R); 3B/OF Caleb Davis (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); LHP Jackson Grant (Sr., 6-0, 165, L/L); OF/C Rylan Ackerman (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); OF/C Logan Robinson (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP Nate Wilson (Jr., 5-11, 145, R/R); INF/RHP Erik Grunduski (So., 5-10, 145, R/R); OF Gavin Price (So., 5-11, 160, R/R); U Cody Bridger (So., 6-3, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: U Beau Bruns (Fr., 5-10, 145, R/R); 1B/3B Cohen Carter (Fr., 5-10, 215, R/R); RHP/1B Bryce Fontenot (Fr., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP Landon Rawlins (Fr., 5-10, 145, R/R); U Jordan Wilkerson (Fr., 5-10, 145, R/R); C/RHP Ben Zawacki (Fr., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: This could potentially be the best Cherokee Bluff team in the school's brief history. The Bears welcome back nine starters and a strong senior class that has looked forward to this spring. Versatile Jacob Vokal and Landon Kemp headline what should be a strong pitching rotation. Meanwhile, offensive leaders Ty Corbin, Caleb Miele and KT Thompson return to anchor an offense capable of scoring a lot of runs.



CHESTATEE WAR EAGLES

Head Coach: Griffin Olson (new)

Assistant Coaches: Russ Chapman, Heath Wasylow, Geoff Chaffin, Reece Chambers

2023 Record: 14-14

Returning Starters: U/RHP Dylan Thompson (Sr., R/R); CF/RHP Colton Wilbanks (Sr., R/R); OF/LHP Jake Hitchcock (Sr., L/L); INF/RHP Josh Bull (Sr., R/R); U Eli Chaffin (Jr., R/R); INF/C/RHP Thomas Martens (Jr., R/R); LHP/OF/1B Brock Moody (Sr., L/L)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Wesley Gossett (Sr., R/R); 1B Ethan Dunn (Jr., R/R); U/RHP Chandler Holcomb (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: First-year coach Griffin Olson takes over a Chestatee program that has made great strides in recent memory. He inherits seven returning starters and a solid senior class. Utility/pitcher Dylan Thompson and outfielder/pitcher Colton Wilbanks return to give Olson a solid nucleus to build around.



EAST FORSYTH BRONCOS

Head Coach: Kyle Counts

Assistant Coaches: Billy Kiener, Johnny Hernandez, Taylor McGilvray, Robby Boudreau, Conner Weldy, Jakob York, Brandon Coury

2023 Record: 22-14

Returning Starters: 3B/INF Owen McGee (Sr., R/R); 2B Joseph Gurr (Sr., L/R); INF/LF Lucas Kniola (Sr., R/R); RF

Matthew Lyons (Sr., L/L); CF Will Moffit (Sr., L/R); C Chase Hall (Sr., R/R); RHP/DH Bradlee Hamby (Sr., R/R); RHP Parker Roberts (Sr., R/R); INF Zach Aschoff



Owen McGee
East Forsyth



Will Moffit
East Forsyth

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(Jr., R/R); RHP/1B Wyatt Barden (Jr., R/R); LHP/1B/OF Trey Farr (Jr., L/L); C Mason Schreiber (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Braxton Woody (Sr., R/R); RHP Ethan Hulsey (Sr., R/R); INF Wyatt Cooke (Sr., R/R); RHP Jackson Weir (Jr., R/R); RHP Davis Downs (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF JD Sexton (Jr., R/R); C Jackson Allred (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Broncos have been building for this season since the school opened three years ago. A wealth of talent returns as East Forsyth will contend for a postseason berth. The senior class is strong, and East Forsyth should have a chance to put up some big numbers. This team should be fun to watch.



EAST HALL VIKINGS

Head Coach: Andy Mochabee (new)

Assistant Coaches: Victor Vega, Derrick Lucas, Andy Buffington, Avery Milligan

2023 Record: 4-21

Returning Starters: OF Caden Crocker (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); 1B/RHP Drew Campbell (Sr., 6-1, 250, R/R); 3B/RHP Josh Niles (Sr., 5-10, 220, R/R); INF/RHP Tyler Parker (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 3B Cody Knight (So., 5-9, 175, R/R); OF Parker Worley (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); 1B CJ Fair (So., 6-2, 220, R/R); INF Anthony Juarez (Jr., 5-11, 190, R/R); OF Hunter Buffington (So., 5-8, 150, R/R); 1B Jamyus Demory (So., 5-10, 230, R/R); OF Alex Torres (So., 5-11, 190, L/L)

Top Newcomers: INF Jaxon Bambarger (Fr., 6-1, 170, R/R); INF Nate Beasley (Fr., 6-0, 170, R/R); INF Tripp Moore (Fr., 6-2, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: Former Ringgold High School standout Andy Mochabee, in his first head coaching stint, inherits a young East Hall squad that has struggled recently. The Vikings return four starters and a wealth of young talent. If that talent matures quickly, East Hall should have a chance to improve.



JOHNSON-GAINESVILLE KNIGHTS

Head Coach: Justin Dooly

Assistant Coaches: Mac McCord, James Lancaster, Kevin Sapp

2023 Record: 0-10

Returning Starters: RHP/1B Braydon Black (Jr., R/R); OF Trae Couget (Jr., R/R); SS Cruz Gobert (Jr., R/R); 1B/2B Payton Rose (So., R/R); 3B Dane Saunders (Sr., R/R); OF Cristian Lemos (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Wyatt Casper (Jr., R/R); OF Jack Phan (Sr., R/R); OF Rafael Serrano (Jr., R/R); C Justin Yanez (Sr., R/R); 2B Michael Tempel (Sr., L/L)

Top Newcomers: 3B/RHP Rye Kelly (Fr., R/R); 2B/OF Alvaro Araujo (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Knights will continue playing a nonregion schedule this spring. A young team returns, but a pair of senior starters return to lead the way – third-baseman Dane Saunders and outfielder Cristian Lemos. Look for a solid group of juniors to contribute.



MADISON COUNTY RED RAIDERS

Head Coach: Chad Gillespie

Assistant Coaches: Jeff Davis, Jack May, Jarred Bolton, Neal McGaha

2023 Record: 6-21-1

Returning Starters: INF Blake Ledford (Sr., 5-7, 150, R/R); CF Camden Smith (Sr., 5-8, 155, R/R); INF/C Max Miller (So., 6-0, 160, R/R); RHP Griffin Morris (Jr., 6-3, 165, R/R); LHP Ethan Gillespie (Sr., 6-1, 195, L/L); INF/C Micah Waldroup (Jr., 6-0, 150, R/R); INF/DH Justin Smith (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Elijah Willoughby (Sr., 6-1, 165, R/R); RHP Lincoln Hudgens (Sr., 5-8, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Garrett Smith (Fr., 6-1, 165, R/R); INF Cason Hillsman (So., 5-6, 175, R/R); OF Braden Clark (So., 5-11, 195, R/R)

Season Outlook: Madison County struggled to an uncharacteristic 6-21 finish in 2023. Look for the Raiders to be much better this spring. Seven starters return, including infielder Blake Ledford and centerfielder Camden Smith. Madison County will be looking for some pitchers to step up and contribute.



NORTH HALL TROJANS

Head Coach: Trevor Flow

Assistant Coaches: Wes Crow, Dacen Cash, Preston Lowther, Trey Pinson, Farris Mance, Tim Nunez

2023 Record: 19-12

Returning Starters: INF Jon Jon Read (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); OF Ajay Jones (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF/C Charlie Wright (Sr., 5-10, 195, R/R); OF/INF/RHP Luke Sanders (Sr., 5-7, 160, R/R); OF/RHP/INF Mills Lothridge (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF/C Kenny Foudy (So., 5-9, 175, R/R); INF/LHP Kaleb Sexton (So., 5-11, 170, R/L); C Nathan Vermeer (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF/LHP Campbell Payton (Jr., 6-2, 165, R/L); INF/RHP Micah Jimerson (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF/INF Korbyn Sosebee (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Carson Brown (Jr., 5-7, 150, R/R); INF Owen Stowers (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); INF/RHP/C Jake Beard (So., 6-1, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Kian Allen (Jr., 5-11, 150, R/R); OF McKinnley Kemp (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); INF Andrew Bales (Sr., 6-3, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: In a rebuilding season, the Trojans still won 19 games and made the state playoffs. The Trojans are still relatively young, but offensive leaders Jon Jon Read and Ajay Jones return. Meanwhile, first team all-region pitcher Kaleb Sexton returns to anchor a solid rotation that includes Mills Lothridge and Campbell Payton.



Nathan Vermeer
North Hall



NORTH OCONEE TITANS

Head Coach: Jay Lasley

Assistant Coaches: Tom Dimitroff, Eric Bounds, Matthew Kelley, Brandon Gaubert, Allen Rice, Nick Brown, Tom Meade

2023 Record: 34-5

Returning Starters: 1B/RHP KJ Moon (Sr., 6-1, 210, R/R); OF Ethan Jarvis (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); C/INF Ryan Postnieks (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF Landon Roldan

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(Jr., 6-0, 185, L/R)

Other Returning Players: INF

Branson Dykes (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); C Casey Cloud (Sr., 5-9, 220, R/R); OF/RHP Braedon Hassan (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); RHP Noah Allen (Jr., 6-6, 180, R/R); RHP Wyatt Brown (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); INF Don Sams (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R)



Noah Allen
North Oconee



Branson Dykes
North Oconee

Top Newcomers: RHP Sam

Clower (Jr., 6-3, 175, R/R); INF Claxton Pilgrim (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R); RHP Denton Morris (So., 5-9, 185, R/R); OF/RHP Luke Burnett (So., 5-11, 195, R/R); INF Connor O'Mara (So., 6-1, 160, B/R); INF/RHP Wyatt Bull (So., 6-3, 195, R/R); C Landyn Dykes (So., 6-2, 190, R/R); INF Carson Rollins (Jr., 5-7, 155, R/R); INF Evan Warren (Jr., 6-0, 280, R/R); RHP Ben Haley (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: North Oconee has some key positions to fill after winning back-to-back state titles, but the Titans will still be strong. Versatile KJ Moon returns to lead the way as well as offensive leaders Ethan Jarvis, Ryan Postnieks and Landon Roldan. Pitching depth is a concern, but look for the Titans to be tough again.



SECKINGER JAGUARS

Head Coach: Justin Bishop

Assistant Coaches: Cameron Crawford, Casey Innis, Bryan Petty, Cameron Shirley, Robert Wise

2023 Record: 15-14

Returning Starters: INF Jojo Montgomery (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); OF/RHP Tyler Greene (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R); OF Caleb Fleitz (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R); RHP/OF Maverick Torres (Sr., 6-2, 170, R/R); RHP/U Jordan Oldknow (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); INF Jin Kasuya (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); INF Nicholas Fernandez (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/RHP Jack Kehnle (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); 1B/RHP Aiden O'Brien (Jr., 6-3, 210, R/R); LHP Shia Carnish (Jr., 5-10, 170, L/L); RHP/INF Harry Pirkle (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Grant Williams (Jr., 6-3, 175, R/R); RHP/C Mark Johnson (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); U JP Gautreaux (Sr., 5-11, 215, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF DJ Carr (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); U Andrew Carr (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP/INF Alex Newnam (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Sam Melanson (So., 5-9, 160, R/R); C/INF Zach White (So., 5-9, 160, L/R)

Season Outlook: The Jaguars won 15 games in their inaugural season last year. The growing pains should be mostly over as Seckinger should contend for the playoffs this spring. Most of the team returns, including pitcher Maverick Torres (4-2, 2.56 ERA) and South Carolina commit Jin Kasuya. Standout hitter Tyler Greene also returns. This team is going to keep getting better.



WALNUT GROVE WARRIORS

Head Coach: Carl Allen

Assistant Coaches: Brian Fiddler, Cody Tait, Bryce Shupe, Joe Lindsey

Dwayne Yancey, Scott Antwine

2023 Record: 18-13

Returning Starters: LHP/OF Thomas Burke (Sr., 6-5, 190, L/L); 1B

Hewett Jones (Sr., 6-3,

210, R/R); RHP/INF Drew Baker (Sr., 6-1, 165, R/R);

OF Alec Clayton (Sr., 5-10, 175, L/L); OF/LHP

Carter Hodges (Sr., 5-10, 165, L/L); 1B/LHP Sam

Martell (Jr., 6-4, 215, R/L);

C Sawyer Bradford (Sr., 6-4, 245, R/R); RHP/INF/OF

Brandon Blalock (So., 6-4, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP/1B Braylon Clower (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/L);

RHP/OF Skylar English (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Landon Moore (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); RHP/OF Bailey Butler (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); INF Garrett

Wasson (Sr., 6-0, 205, R/R); INF Austin Cleghorn (Sr., 5-9, 185, R/R); OF

Chase Goodwin (Sr., 6-1, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP JR Staffins (So., 5-9, 145, R/R); U Cade Trinkle (Jr., 5-8, 145, R/R)

Season Outlook: Walnut Grove will factor into the postseason chase in 2024. The Warriors return two of the region's top pitchers in lefty Thomas Burke (3-0, 2.60 ERA) and right-hander Drew Baker. Offensively, first-baseman Hewett Jones (.387 avg., 22 RBIs) returns to lead a lineup capable of putting up solid numbers.



Drew Baker
Walnut Grove

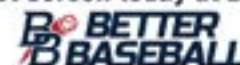


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REGION 1-3A

Region Favorite: Thomasville

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

C – Brandon Allen, So., Thomasville; **OF/LHP** – Ethan Barrett, Sr., Thomasville; **INF/RHP** – Deshawne Bryant, So., Carver-Columbus; **SS/RHP** – Bradyn Chamberlain, Jr., Monroe; **OF/RHP** – Jasper Davis, Jr., Thomasville; **RHP/OF** – Kameron Davis, Sr., Dougherty; **U** – Keshawn Davis, Jr., Carver-Columbus; **2B** – Christian Eleby, Jr., Carver-Columbus; **C** – Wilson Holland, Sr., Columbus; **INF/RHP** – Jadon Lirette, Sr., Thomasville; **RHP/INF/OF** – Kingsley Long, So., Carver-Columbus; **RHP/OF** – Kingston Long, So., Carver-Columbus; **U** – Courtney Love, Jr., Dougherty; **INF/P** – Jayden Miller, Jr., Dougherty; **LHP/1B** – Michael Nottleman, So., Columbus; **1B/LHP** – Jack Peak, Sr., Columbus; **C/RHP** – Kenton Peterson, Sr., Crisp County; **INF/C/RHP** – Talen Pugh, Jr., Monroe; **U** – Braiden Rouse, Jr., Crisp County; **SS** – Braylon Still, Jr., Dougherty; **INF/RHP** – Nehemiah Tinch, Jr., Monroe; **2B** – Raymond Tinch, Sr., Monroe; **LHP/OF** – Hunter Walls, Jr., Crisp County



CARVER-COLUMBUS TIGERS

Head Coach: Michael Long, Jr.

Assistant Coaches: Michael Long, Sr., Dane Bullock, Marquel Stephens

2023 Record: 9-17

Returning Starters: U Keshawn Davis (Jr., 5-7, 185); 2B Christian Eleby (Jr., 5-5, 145); RHP/OF Kingston Long (So., 6-0, 150); RHP/INF/OF Kingsley Long (So., 6-0, 150); RHP/OF Jamal Claiborne (Sr., 5-5, 130); INF/RHP Deshawne Bryant (So., 5-7, 160); C/OF Kolin Hodge (Jr., 5-9, 150)

Other Returning Players: OF/RHP Justin Thomas (Jr., 5-8, 135); RHP/OF Jakobe Dewhart (So., 5-7, 130); 2B/RHP Tayshaun Williams (So., 5-4, 125); OF John McGowan (Jr., 5-6, 135); OF Timothy Davenport (Sr., 5-6, 200); INF Jacoby Jackson (Jr., 5-7, 180)

Top Newcomers: SS/RHP Asthon Thomas (Fr., 5-7, 130); C/RHP/OF Kevin Williams (So., 5-6, 130); C/OF Kaleb Crenshaw (Fr., 5-6, 140)

Season Outlook: The Tigers will still be relatively young this spring, but an excellent group of returning players are back. Utility player Keshawn Davis and second-baseman Christian Eleby are back as well as versatile standouts Kingston and Kingsley Long.



COLUMBUS BLUE DEVILS

Head Coach: Chad Mathis

Assistant Coaches: McLendon Hill, Scott Livingston, George Elder

2023 Record: 25-13

Returning Starters: C Wilson Holland (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); 1B/LHP Jack Peak (Sr., 6-3, 215, L/L); 2B Collin Cates (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF/RHP David Scott Livingston (Jr., 5-9, 180, R/R); LHP/1B Michael Nottleman (So., 6-4, 170, L/L)

Other Returning Players: 3B Saxon Anderson (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R); SS William

Taylor (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); CF Quintavious Fudge (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); INF Robert Harford (Sr., 6-1, 195, L/R); RHP Jack Brown (Sr., 6-5, 215, R/R); RHP Oakley Koontz (Sr., 6-6, 200, R/R); LHP Deuce Malone (Sr., 5-9, 180, L/L)
Top Newcomers: U Reginald Griffin (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); OF Jamari Blackmond (So., 5-9, 170, R/R); INF Axel Serra (So., 5-9, 170, R/R); INF David Vega (So., 5-10, 185, R/R)

Season Outlook: Look for Columbus High to contend for the region title as a talented senior class returns to lead the way. Five starters are back, including left-handed pitchers Jack Peak and Michael Nottleman who will anchor a solid pitching rotation. If the offense can perform consistently, this team could be strong.



CRISP COUNTY COUGARS

Head Coach: Kyle Kirk

Assistant Coaches: Stewart Tyler, Landon Ledford, Roger Roney, Toby Stripling

2023 Record: 15-17

Returning Starters: C/RHP Kenton Peterson (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); U Ashden Mitchell (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); U Braiden Rouse (Jr., 5-11, 195, R/R); LHP/OF Hunter Walls (Jr., 6-0, 195, R/L); INF/RHP Dawson Coleman (So., 5-9, 175, B/R); INF/RHP Payton Chadwick (So., 5-9, 180, L/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Rich Young (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); U Taylor Branch (So., 6-0, 195, R/R)

Season Outlook: Crisp County has some key positions to fill if they want to approach last year's success. Six starters return, including talented senior Kenton Peterson. The senior class is small, but a solid group of juniors and sophomores will contribute. Pitchers Hunter Walls and Braiden Rouse return to anchor a solid pitching staff.



DOUGHERTY TROJANS

Head Coach: Kenyan Conner

Assistant Coach: Ronnie Nelson

2023 Record: 12-10

Returning Starters: RHP/OF Kameron Davis (Sr., 5-10, 210, R/R); RHP/1B/3B Johnny Wells (Sr., 6-3, 280, R/R); RHP/OF Chauncey Brown (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); SS Braylon Still (Jr., 5-8, 155); 2B/SS Joshua Weaver (Jr., 5-2, 110); U Courtney Love (Jr.); INF/P Jayden Miller (Jr., 5-10, 145); OF/P Jordan Miller (Jr., 5-9, 145); OF Chancey Brown (Sr., 5-9, 180); OF Tyler Rivers (So., 5-9, 160)

Other Returning Players: OF Jeremiah Kitchens (Jr., 6-1, 185); OF Timothy Davis (So., 6-0, 150); INF Dashaun Robinson (So., 5-8, 170); INF Darrius Robinson (So., 5-8, 190); OF Cornelius Walker (So., 5-8, 175); 1B Billy O'Neal (So., 5-10, 230); OF Rodney Pruitt (So., 5-9, 160); 1B Braylin King (So., 5-10, 220)

Top Newcomers: RHP Brandon Green (Sr., 6-4, 190)

Season Outlook: The Trojans should be in the playoff hunt this spring. Dougherty may be young, but there is talent. Senior Kameron Davis returns and can do a little of everything. He and shortstop Braylon Still are two players to keep an eye on.

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MONROE TORNADOES

Head Coach: Jesse Breedlove

Assistant Coaches: Cleatus Hopkins, Nequanis Hall, George Hall

2023 Record: 9-17

Returning Starters: 2B Raymond Tinch (Sr., 5-10, 155); C/INF Chase Dixon (Jr., 5-7, 190); INF/RHP Nehemiah Tinch (Jr., 5-11, 165); SS/RHP Bradyn Chamberlain (Jr., 5-8, 130); INF/C/RHP Talen Pugh (Jr., 6-3, 240); OF Tyler Conley (Sr., 6-0, 185); C/OF/RHP JaBraylen Mulkey (Jr., 6-0, 195); OF Calvin Grant (Jr., 5-5, 125)

Other Returning Players: OF Isaiah Royal (Jr., 5-8, 125); OF Tyler Barrett (Sr., 5-8, 145); OF Darius Hardy (Sr., 5-11, 215); 2B Quadree Anderson (Jr., 5-10, 160); OF Demetrius Ross (Jr., 5-0, 100)

Top Newcomers: INF/OF Javion Tinch (Fr.); OF Jaelyn Alford (Jr.)

Season Outlook: The Tornadoes should have a chance to improve upon last season's finish as eight returners are back to lead the way. All-region standout Raymond Tinch is back after a solid junior campaign. Look for a solid group of juniors to contribute.



THOMASVILLE BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Erik McDougald

Assistant Coaches: Brice Warner, Kyle Fiveash, Daniel Young, JR Robinson, W. Hamby

2023 Record: 25-10

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Jadon Lirette (Sr., 6-0, 210, R/R); OF/LHP Ethan Barrett (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/L); OF/RHP Jad Doane (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF/RHP Jasper Davis (Jr., 6-4, 215, R/R); C Brandon Allen (So., 5-11, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Cruz McCall (Sr., R/R); LHP JW Hawthorne (Sr., L/L); INF Tyler Lee (Sr., R/R); OF Parker Beckham (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Bradley Vanlerberghe (Jr., R/R); OF/RHP Kiff Parrish (Jr., R/R); OF Kohen Howell (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP Jay Harrison (Jr., L/R); INF/RHP Trip Gebel (Jr., R/R); INF David Chastain (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP Jamisen Byram (Jr., R/R); U Joe Douglas (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: The defending region champions have some holes to fill, but plenty of talent returns, and the younger players will be ready to step into the spotlight. Five starters are back to help lead the way, including left-handed pitcher Ethan Barrett and right-hander Jadon Lirette. Look for the Bulldogs to pick up from where they left off.



REGION 2-3A

Region Favorite: Pike County

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

INF – Nick Arnold, Jr., Mary Persons; **RHP/DH** – Jackson Blakely, Sr., Upson-Lee; **RHP/INF** – Cole Carr, Jr., Mary Persons; **1B** – Ryan Causey, Sr., Mary Persons; **2B** – Xavion Childs, So., Peach County; **C/OF** – Brady Christman, Jr., Mary Persons; **RHP/OF** – Cooper Crow, Sr., Pike County; **2B/OF** – Jake Gore, Sr., Mary Persons; **RHP** – Jake Grant, Sr., Mary Persons; **RHP** – Zach Grizzard, Sr., Mary Persons; **OF** – Justin Hardy, So., Jackson; **SS/RHP** – Bryce Harrelson, Sr., Peach County; **OF** – Torin Helms, Jr., Peach County; **P/1B** – Colby Hemphill, Sr., Upson-Lee; **SS/3B/RHP** – DJ Hudson, Jr., Peach County; **OF/C** – Zion Hudson, So., Peach County; **C/INF** – Andrew Huffstetler, Sr., Pike County; **INF/RHP** – Tristan Hunt, Jr., Mary Persons; **RHP** – Luke Johnson, So., Jackson; **CF** – Trae Jones, Jr., Upson-Lee; **RHP/DH** – Ian Lewis, Sr., Mary Persons; **OF** – Elijah Moss, Sr., Pike County; **LHP** – Jackson Peavy, Jr., Peach County; **LF** – JT Reeves, Jr., Upson-Lee; **C/INF** – Jackson Terry, Sr., Pike County; **SS** – Trey Webb, Jr., Upson-Lee



JACKSON RED DEVILS

Head Coach: Ryan Duffey

Assistant Coaches: Charlie Biles, Jonathan Wilson

2023 Record: 7-21

Returning Starters: OF Justin Hardy (So., R/R); C/RHP/INF Zane Walker (Jr., R/R); U Thomas Frost (Jr., R/R); INF Jordan Williams (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP Canaan Bernhardt (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Lincoln Sears (So., R/R); OF/LHP Nick Gervasio (So., R/L); RHP Luke Johnson (So., R/R); RHP Jake Bowers (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/RHP/INF Johnny Vega (Fr., R/R); RHP/INF Evan Novotny (Fr., R/R); LHP/INF Ira Couch (Fr., R/L)

Season Outlook: The Red Devils will need some younger players to step up in a hurry. Five starters, all underclassmen, are back. Outfielder Justin Hardy is back after a solid freshman campaign last spring. Meanwhile, right-hander Luke Johnson also returns after getting some innings last year and showing promise.



MARY PERSONS BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Blake Cannady (new)

Assistant Coaches: Justen Chambers, Ryan Mullis, Tyler Skelton

2023 Record: 22-13

Returning Starters: C/OF Brady Christman (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R); INF/RHP Tristan Hunt (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP/INF Cole Carr (Jr., 6-3, 190, R/R); 2B/OF Jake Gore (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); INF Nick Arnold (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/R); RHP Jake Grant (Sr., 6-2, 170, R/R); RHP/DH Ian Lewis (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); 1B Ryan Causey (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R)

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Other Returning Players: RHP Zack Grizzard (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R); OF Lake Evans (So., 5-8, 160, R/R); RHP/OF Nick Howard (Jr., 6-3, 170, R/R); C Ayden Ussery (Jr., 5-10, 200, R/R); INF Gavin Mitchell (So., 5-9, 140, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Gavin Barr (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); 1B/RHP Wiley Smith (So., 6-3, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: Former assistant Blake Cannady takes over and inherits a talented squad that should contend for the region title. Top pitchers Jake Grant (6-2, 3.19 ERA) and Ian Lewis (4-1, 1.91 ERA) return to anchor a solid rotation. Catcher Brady Christman and first-baseman Ryan Causey (.336 avg., 40 RBIs) return to spark the offense.



PEACH COUNTY TROJANS

Head Coach: Joey Hiller

Assistant Coaches: Trent Franzago, Keith Barker, Brandon Christian

2023 Record: 16-16

Returning Starters: LHP Jackson Peavy (Jr., 6-3, 180, L/L); SS/3B/RHP DJ Hudson (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R); C/OF Zion Hudson (So., 5-11, 170, R/R); 2B Xavion Childs (So., 5-5, 150, R/R); OF Torin Helms (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); SS/RHP Bryce Harrelson (Sr., 6-1, 160, B/R); OF Nathan Smith (Sr., 5-5, 155, L/L); DH/RHP Hunter Moye (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); RHP/1B Landon Moye (So., 5-11, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Carson Freeman (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); C/OF Dalton Welch (So., 5-7, 155, R/R); 2B Noah Griggs (So., 5-8, 155, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C Zach Veillon (Fr., 5-11, 145, R/R); 3B/RHP Thomas Gregory (Fr., 5-10, 185, R/R); OF/RHP Wyatt Blanton (Fr., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF/OF Matt Cannon (Fr., 5-8, 135, R/R); INF/RHP Jaden Jones (Fr., 5-8, 140, R/R); U/RHP Kenyon Walker (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Trojans made positive strides last spring. They aim to be even better in 2024. Most of last season's team returns including top pitchers Jackson Peavy, Bryce Harrelson and DJ Hudson. Catcher/outfielder Zion Hudson returns to lead what should be a solid offense. Keep an eye on this program.



PIKE COUNTY PIRATES

Head Coach: Blake Parrott (new)

Assistant Coaches: Craig Chatman, Bo Townsend, John Sutton

2023 Record: 23-15

Returning Starters: RHP/OF Cooper Crow (Sr., R/R); C/INF Andrew Huffstetler (Sr., R/R); C/INF Jackson Terry (Sr., R/R); OF Elijah Moss (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Kade McLeroy (Sr., R/R); OF Caleb Boyt (Sr., L/L); RHP Ashton Cox (Jr., R/R); INF/OF/LHP Sawyer Selman (So., L/L); RHP Brooks Johnson (Sr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Garrison Blessett (Jr., R/R); RHP/OF Luke Spraggins (Jr., R/R); OF TJ Snyder (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP Bryce Sammons (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Longtime assistant Blake Parrott takes over at Pike County and inherits four returning starters. One of those is standout pitcher Cooper Crow. Andrew Huffstetler and Jackson Terry return to lead the offense. After losing six starters to graduation, some younger players will need to step forward.



UPSON-LEE KNIGHTS

Head Coach: Eddie Peyton

Assistant Coaches: Nath Legg, Kalen Puckett, Bobby Rainey

2023 Record: 15-10

Returning Starters: RHP/DH Jackson Blakely (Sr.); SS Trey Webb (Jr.); RF/LF Jax Harrison (Sr.); CF Trae Jones (Jr.); C Walker Stevens (Sr.); 2B/3B/DH Trace Peaden (Jr.); P/1B Colby Hemphill (Sr.); LF JT Reeves (Jr.); 2B/3B Jackson Wells (Sr.); 1B/DH Campbell Hinson (Sr.)

Other Returning Players: C/DH Drake Dyer (So.); P Hunter Smith (Jr.); OF Zae Howard (Sr.); P/1B Braden Williams (Jr.)

Season Outlook: The Knights lost just one senior to graduation last year and will challenge for the region title. Look for Upson-Lee to be very tough with a strong pitching rotation led by right-hander Jackson Blakely. The senior class is strong. Outfielder Trae Jones also is back after a strong sophomore season last year.

REGION 3-3A

Region Favorite: Calvary Day

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

SS – Caden Arnold, Sr., Calvary Day; **LHP/OF** – Blaine Burnsed, Sr., Savannah Christian; **LHP/OF/1B** – Harding Dennis, Jr., Savannah Christian; **2B/RHP** – Shannon Filkins, Sr., Long County; **1B/OF/RHP** – Will Hampton, Sr., Calvary Day; **OF/LHP** – Dawson Kelly, Jr., Savannah Christian; **INF/C/RHP** – Brooks Kleinpeter, Jr., Savannah Country Day; **C/OF** – Garrett Lorfano, Sr., Savannah Country Day; **RHP** – Brian Lowry, Sr., Calvary Day; **3B/OF/P** – Sam Renshaw, Jr., Calvary Day; **RHP/OF** – Landon Runyon, Sr., Long County; **INF/OF/RHP** – Tyler Scott, Jr., Savannah Country Day; **RHP/OF** – Carlos Singleton, Sr., Liberty County; **SS/RHP** – Nick Sizemore, Jr., Long County; **C/OF** – Noah Stone, Sr., Savannah Christian; **P/INF** – Jamison Thomas, Sr., Long County; **RHP/INF** – Jayden White, Sr., Savannah Christian



BEACH BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Eddie Brown

Survey not returned



CALVARY DAY CAVALIERS

Head Coach: Phillip Lee

Assistant Coach(es): TBA

2023 Record: 22-10

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Returning Starters: 1B/OF/RHP Will Hampton (Sr.); SS Caden Arnold (Sr.); RHP Brian Lowry (Sr.); OF Brooks Phillips (Sr.); 2B Brody Dawson (Jr.); 3B/OF/P Sam Renshaw (Jr.); OF/P Cutter Powell (Jr.); OF Max Arnold (Jr.); 1B/P Quinn Johnson (So.); 3B/1B/P Carter Hampton (So.)

Other Returning Players: C/3B/P Scottie Budrow (Jr.); INF Russell Christian (So.); C Waylan Heidik (So.); INF/P Dalton Kelley (So.)

Top Newcomers: OF/P James Mobley (Fr.); 3B/P Ryan Wallace (Jr.)

Season Outlook: There is enough talent for the Cavaliers to contend for the region title. Versatile standout Will Hampton returns as well as shortstop Caden Arnold and Sam Renshaw. Right-hander Brian Lowry is back to anchor a solid pitching rotation.



GROVES REBELS

Head Coach: Robert Carter

Survey not returned



JOHNSON-SAVANNAH ATOM SMASHERS

Head Coach: TBA

Survey not returned



LIBERTY COUNTY PANTHERS

Head Coach: Brandon Whitmore

Assistant Coaches: Douglas Greenfield, Tyrone Edy

2023 Record: 14-13

Returning Starters: RHP/OF Carlos Singleton (Sr.); SS DJ Frison (Sr.); C Matt Richardson (Sr.); 2B Bryce Stafford (Sr.); OF Jadon Cruver (Sr.); 3B AJ Gerace (So.)

Other Returning Players: INF Glemon English (So.); C Jonathan Williams (Jr.); P/OF Zeke Herrington (So.)

Top Newcomers: P Shedrick Pass (So.); OF Landan Usher (So.); OF Omari Hill (Fr.); OF Thomas Murphy (So.); P/1B Caden Chancey (Fr.)

Season Outlook: The Panthers continue to improve and they should be in the chase for a postseason spot this spring. A solid senior class returns to lead the way. Versatile Carlos Singleton (.367 avg., 4 3B) is a player to keep an eye on. Shortstop DJ Frison (.323 avg.) and catcher Matt Richardson return to provide leadership and experience.



LONG COUNTY BLUE TIDE

Head Coach: James Hobbs

Assistant Coaches: Tyler Chambless, Kenny Pickens, Jeffrey Edmondson

2023 Record: 20-10

Returning Starters: RHP/OF Landon Runyon (Sr., R/R); 2B/RHP Shannon Filkins (Sr., L/R); 1B/RHP Elijah Lester (Sr., R/R); OF Roderick Randall (Sr., R/R); OF Steven Wyatt (Sr., R/R); SS/RHP Nick Sizemore (Jr., R/R); C/RHP Kenny

Pickens (Jr., R/R); OF/RHP Creighton Rogers (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/P Anthony Bramwell (Jr.); P/INF Dylan Lester (So.); C Peyton Batt (So.); OF Wyatt Huston (So.); INF Jace Petooff (So.); OF Luke Poppell (So.); P Colton Keen (So.); INF Landon Murphy (Jr.); INF Peyton Pilon (Jr.)

Top Newcomers: P/INF Jamison Thomas (Sr.); 1B Isaiah Miller (Fr.); P/INF Gage Owens (Fr.); C Braedon Chambless (Fr.); OF Jamari Smith (Fr.)

Season Outlook: The bulk of Long County's roster is back after the Blue Tide lost just two seniors to graduation. Top pitcher Landon Runyon is back, while offensive leaders Nick Sizemore and Shannon Filkins both return. The Blue Tide will be experienced but keep an eye on a talented group of sophomores who should contribute.



SAVANNAH CHRISTIAN RED RAIDERS

Head Coach: Matt Oglesby

Assistant Coaches: Alan Brannen, Brent Hoeprich, David Kelly, Jordan Edwards

2023 Record: 29-8

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Jayden White (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); LHP/OF Blaine Burnsed (Sr., 6-3, 215, L/L); C/OF Noah Stone (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); OF/LHP Dawson Kelly (Jr., 5-8, 150, L/L); 2B Jack Stahl (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP/OF/1B Harding Dennis (Jr., 6-2, 210, L/L); INF Brody Schuman (So., 5-9, 165, R/R); INF Chase Boyer (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); C Cardin Patrick (So., 5-8, 175, R/R); OF Mason Omohundro (So., 5-9, 150, R/R); OF/C Athen Hudspeth (So., 5-9, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP Brayden Austin (Fr., 6-1, 185, R/R); INF Brody Mallard (Fr., 5-9, 185, R/R); LHP Aden Johnson (Fr., 5-10, 165, L/L)

Season Outlook: Graduation took a chunk out of Savannah Christian's roster from last season, and the Raiders will need to replace significant offensive production from that team. But there is plenty of talent back. All-state standouts Jayden White and Blaine Burnsed return as well as senior standout Noah Stone.



SAVANNAH COUNTRY DAY HORNETS

Head Coach: Nate Ward

Survey not returned

REGION 4-3A

Region Favorite: Harlem

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

1B – Drew Ainslie, So., Morgan County; **OF/INF/RHP** – Carson Brooker, So., Cross Creek; **RHP/OF** – Caiden Coile, Sr., Harlem; **INF/OF/RHP** – Tyler Crapps, Jr., Cross Creek; **INF** – Jack Decker, Sr., Harlem; **C** – David Denton, Sr., Morgan County; **OF/LHP** – Brooks Dickinson, Jr., Richmond Academy; **RHP** – Grayson Ensley, Sr., Richmond Academy; **C/OF** – Jackson Evans,

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Jr., Richmond Academy; **OF/RHP** – Jake Fulmer, Sr., Harlem; **LHP/INF** – Amerson Guy, Sr., Harlem; **INF/C/RHP** – Jeremiah Hamilton, Sr., Harlem; **OF/RHP** – Wyatt Henderson, Jr., Cross Creek; **RHP/INF** – Will Holder, Jr., Harlem; **1B** – Marcus Kohn, Sr., Hephzibah; **INF** – Tripp Lancaster, Sr., Morgan County; **OF** – Tyler Simmons, Sr., Harlem; **INF/RHP** – Parker Skedsvold, So., Richmond Academy; **RHP/INF** – Ty Tillery, So., Morgan County; **OF** – Shane Wheelless, Sr., Harlem



CROSS CREEK RAZORBACKS

Head Coach: James Jackson

Assistant Coach(es): TBA

2023 Record: 8-12

Returning Starters: RHP/RF/1B Jordan Frasier (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R); OF/RHP Wyatt Henderson (Jr., 5-9, 175, R/R); OF/2B Dylan Tally (Jr., 5-8, 180, R/R); INF/OF Ben Johnson (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF/OF/RHP Tyler Crapps (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R); 1B Kaleb Burton (Jr., 6-2, 260, R/R); OF/C/1B Mikayl Evans (Jr., 6-0, 190, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Tajon Asforis (Jr., 5-7, 160, R/R); OF/RHP Ke'Shaun Posely (Sr., 5-9, 185, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/INF/RHP Carson Brooker (So., 6-1, 185, R/R); C/OF C.J. Johnson (Fr., 5-9, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: The senior class is small, but a solid group of juniors return at Cross Creek this spring. The Razorbacks should contend for a postseason berth. Seven starters are back, including Tyler Crapps and Wyatt Henderson.



HARLEM BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Jimmie Lewis

Assistant Coaches: Chris Waters, Rusty James, Hunter McBride, Lonnie Morris

2023 Record: 35-1

Returning Starters: OF Tyler Simmons (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); RHP/OF Caiden Coile (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); INF/C/RHP Jeremiah Hamilton (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); LHP/INF Amerson Guy (Sr., 6-3, 220, L/L); INF Jack Decker (Sr., 5-8, 145, R/R); OF Shane Wheelless (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); OF/RHP Jake Fulmer (Sr., 5-8, 170, R/R); RHP/INF Will Holder (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: Look for the defending state champions to pick up from where they left off with a senior-heavy roster. Harlem's 1-2 pitching punch of right-handers Caiden Coile and Will Holder return. Throw in ace reliever Amerson Guy and this team will be tough to beat. Outfielder Tyler Simmons returns to spark the offense.




HEPHZIBAH REBELS

Head Coach: Joey Norris (new)

Survey not returned



MORGAN COUNTY BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Steve Westmoreland (new)

Assistant Coaches: Chad Pigg, Blake Butcher, Andrew Couch

2023 Record: 18-13

Returning Starters: C David Denton (Sr., R/R); 1B Drew Ainslie (So., R/R); OF Zach Moore (Sr., R/R); OF Talan Fuller (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF Ty Tillery (So., R/R); INF Tripp Lancaster (Sr., R/R); OF Jack Whitlow (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Draco Frazzitta (Jr., R/R); C Robert Pearson (Jr., R/R); INF Eli Whitlow (So., R/R); LHP/1B Caylem Richardson (So., L/L)

Top Newcomers: C/RHP Davis Strickland (So., R/R); INF Ben Atkinson (Jr., R/R); LHP/1B Skylar McCoy (Jr., L/L); INF Jake Jenkins (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Former Harris County coach Steve Westmoreland takes over at Morgan County and inherits seven returning starters from last season's team that won the region title. A good senior class led by catcher David Denton and infielder Tripp Lancaster returns, but keep an eye on Georgia commit Ty Tillery who was very promising last year.



RICHMOND ACADEMY MUSKETEERS

Head Coach: Kyle Blum

Assistant Coaches: Rudy Camejo, Emanuel Wilson

2023 Record: 15-11

Returning Starters: RHP Grayson Ensley (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); U Jared Ensley (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Sam Barfield (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); OF/LHP Brooks Dickinson (Jr., 5-10, 165, L/L); C/OF Jackson Evans (Jr., 6-1, 180, L/R); INF/RHP Henry Oliver (So., 5-9, 170, R/R); INF Ben Wright (So., 5-8, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Aaryn Sanders (Jr., 6-2, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Samuel Roberts (So., 5-11, 165, R/R); U Cameron Runyon (So., 6-0, 200, R/R); OF Michael Sims (So., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Parker Skedsvold (So., 5-9, 150, R/R); C/RHP/INF Connor Shouse (Fr., 6-0, 160, R/R); RHP/INF Sam Dunaway (Fr., 6-3, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Musketeers continue to improve under coach Kyle Blum. Richmond Academy looks to keep moving forward. Left-hander Brooks Dickinson and right-hander Grayson Ensley return to give Richmond a solid 1-2 pitching punch. Meanwhile, shortstop Parker Skedsvold and Jackson Evans return to spark the offense.



SALEM SEMINOLES

Head Coach: TBA

Survey not returned

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REGION 5-3A

Region Favorite: Sandy Creek

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

RHP/3B – Colin Davis, So., Cedar Grove; **OF/RHP** – PJ Green, Sr., Sandy Creek; **SS/2B** – Cameron Layfield, So., Sandy Creek; **C/U** – Brian Morgan, Sr., Sandy Creek; **RHP/1B** – Alex Stallworth, Sr., Sandy Creek; **RHP/2B** – Geremiah Turner, Sr., Cedar Grove; **SS** – Boden Walker, Jr., Cedar Grove



CARVER-ATLANTA PANTHERS

Head Coach: TBA

Survey not returned



CEDAR GROVE SAINTS

Head Coach: Marquise Edwards

Assistant Coach: Lagregory Hicks

2023 Record: 7-18

Returning Starters: C Keith Bass (Jr., 6-2, 220, R/R); RHP/2B Geremiah Turner (Sr., 5-7, 200, R/R); RHP/3B Colin Davis (So., 5-10, 240, R/R); LF Rashad Nash (So., 5-8, 175, L/R); C Paul Banks (Sr., 5-8, 190, R/R); RF Maurice Talley (Sr., 5-11, 145, L/L); SS Boden Walker (Jr., 5-5, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B Elijah McClammy (Jr., 5-8, 220, R/R); LF Emanuel Simpson (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); CF Tony Parker (So., 5-9, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Saints return enough talent to challenge for the region title this season. Cedar Grove will still be a relatively young team. Keep an eye on pitcher/third-baseman Colin Davis who showed a lot of promise as a freshman last year.



DOUGLASS ASTROS

Head Coach: Henry Culverson

Survey not returned



SANDY CREEK PATRIOTS

Head Coach: Brandon Carter (new)

Assistant Coaches: Ian Chisolm, Cameron Holmes, Ben Quick

2023 Record: 13-12-1

Returning Starters: OF/RHP PJ Green (Sr., R/R); RHP/1B Alex Stallworth (Sr., R/R); C/U Brian Morgan (Sr., R/R); SS/2B Cameron Layfield (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/RHP Colin Janeski (Jr., R/R); OF Tre Maull (Jr., R/R); OF Jalen Woolfolk (Jr., R/R); 2B Isaiah Dorsey (So., R/R); OF/RHP/C Grant Housley (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: 2B/SS Ethan Campbell (Fr., R/R); INF/OF/RHP Ian Chisolm (Fr., R/R); 3B/OF/RHP Omar Ganzy (Fr., R/R); OF/RHP Ethan Harvey (Fr., R/R); C/3B/RHP Noah Reid (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Former Dutchtown coach Brandon Carter takes over at Sandy Creek. He inherits four returning starters and a talented group of underclassmen. All-state outfielder/pitcher PJ Green returns as well as pitcher/first-baseman Alex Stallworth and infielder Brian Morgan.

REGION 6-3A

Region Favorite: Ringgold

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

INF/OF – Austyn Acuff, Sr., Ridgeland; **INF/RHP** – Jackson Black, Jr., Ringgold; **U/P** – Wyatt Blevins, Sr., Ridgeland; **3B** – Peyton Bowen, Jr., Adairsville; **C** – Conner Christopher, Sr., Ringgold; **SS/3B/2B** – Kendall Chumley, Sr., Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe; **RHP/INF** – Dawson Craig, Sr., Adairsville; **C/RHP** – Barrett Dockery, Sr., Gordon Lee; **OF** – Ryder Fairchild, Sr., Ringgold; **CF** – Carson Goff, Jr., Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe; **P/INF** – Aiden Goodwin, Jr., Gordon Lee; **2B/3B/LF** – Jacob Gregg, Sr., Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe; **RHP/INF** – Sebastian Haggard, Sr., Ringgold; **OF** – Jonah Hatchett, Sr., Bremen; **SS/RHP** – Fernando Hernandez, Jr., Coahulla Creek; **RHP/1B** – Isaiah Hernandez, Jr., Coahulla Creek; **INF/RHP** – Aiden Hickman, Jr., Ringgold; **C** – Dylan Huey, Jr., Bremen; **SS/OF** – Isaiah McKenzie, Jr., LaFayette; **OF** – Owen Millians, Jr., Bremen; **RHP/OF** – Jack Nelson, Jr., Adairsville; **C** – Landon O’Neal, Sr., Adairsville; **1B/RHP** – Jarrett Scott, Jr., Adairsville; **RHP/1B** – Jake Steed, Sr., Bremen; **C** – Luke Swiney, Sr., Coahulla Creek; **SS/RHP** – Eli Walker, Sr., Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe; **LHP/OF/1B** – Ethan Waters, Sr., Ridgeland



ADAIRSVILLE TIGERS

Head Coach: Billy Roper

Assistant Coaches: Jimmy Whittemore, Bill Bishop, Josh Mitchell, Hayden Morrow

2023 Record: 17-13

Returning Starters: C Landon O’Neal (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); RHP/INF Dawson Craig (Sr., 5-9, 155, R/R); OF PJ Weeks (Sr., 5-9, 155, L/R); 1B/RHP Jarrett Scott (Jr., 6-2, 225, R/R); 3B Peyton Bowen (Jr., 5-9, 185, R/R); RHP/OF Jack Nelson (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R); 1B/RHP Braxton Ryan (Jr., 6-3, 255, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Easton Elrod (Sr., 5-7, 140, R/R); 1B Luke Altizer (Sr., 6-1, 225, R/R); 2B Hayden Blalock (Sr., 5-8, 165, R/R); C Lucas Henry (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF/INF Harrison Cole (So., 5-7, 140, R/R); RHP/INF Hudson Parr (So., 5-9, 150, R/R); LHP/OF Kaiden Coker (So., 6-0, 160, L/L)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Isaac Burnett (So., 5-8, 155, R/R); C/OF Landon Cassidy (So., 5-9, 165, R/R); LHP/OF Aiden Ritchie (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/L); C/RHP Brody Varner (So., 5-8, 155, R/R)

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Season Outlook: An excellent nucleus of talent returns at Adairsville where the Tigers should be in playoff contention this spring. Right-handers Dawson Craig and Jack Nelson return to anchor what should be a solid pitching staff. First-base/pitcher Jarrett Scott also returns.

B BREMEN BLUE DEVILS

Head Coach: Chris Brown

Assistant Coaches: Mick Harper, Carson Cook, Brad Matthews, Doug Allen, Austin Slate

2023 Record: 16-12

Returning Starters: RHP/1B Jake Steed (Sr., 6-0, 200, L/R); OF Jonah Hatchett (Sr., 6-1, 200, L/R); LHP/OF Aiden Price (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/L); C Dylan Huey (Jr., 5-9, 170, L/R); OF Owen Millians (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R); C/U Sully Senft (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); LHP/1B Caden Johnson (Jr., 5-9, 170, L/L); INF Cooper Mincey (So., 5-11, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Noah Walker (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R); INF Micah Harper (So., 5-11, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP Charlie Plummer (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); RHP/OF Slade Bishop (So., 6-0, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: After missing out on the playoffs last year, Bremen aims for a return this spring. Eight starters are back as the Blue Devils should have a chance to challenge for the postseason. All-region selections Owen Millians, Jonah Hatchett, Jake Steed and Dylan Huey are back to lead the way.

COAHULLA CREEK COLTS

Head Coach: Justin Dover

Assistant Coaches: Michael Carter, Trent Collins, Josh King

2023 Record: 13-13

Returning Starters: C Luke Swiney (Sr., 6-3, 180, L/R); OF Keith Collins (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP Tay Brogdon (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); RHP/1B Isaiah Hernandez (Jr., 6-1, 205, R/R); SS/RHP Fernando Hernandez (Jr., 5-10, 160, B/R); OF Peyton King (Jr., 5-8, 140, L/L); OF Connor Chastain (So., 5-11, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/RHP Colton Simpkins (Jr., 6-3, 155, R/R); 2B Koby Womac (Jr., 5-7, 155, R/R); U Gavyn Skidmore (Jr., 5-9, 140, R/R); C Carson Thomas (So., 5-7, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Tyler Douglas (Fr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: A good mixture of talent returns as Coahuilla Creek looks to improve upon last season's finish. Seven starters are back, including all-region standouts Luke Swiney and Isaiah Hernandez. The Colts will be looking for a solid corps of underclassmen to step up and contribute this spring.

GORDON LEE TROJANS

Head Coach: Mike Dunfee

Assistant Coaches: Derek McDaniel, Thomas Gray

2023 Record: 22-11

Returning Starters: C/RHP Barrett Dockery (Sr.); P/INF Aiden Goodwin (Jr.); P/INF Jackson Scali (Jr.); P/OF Ty Thompson (Jr.); P/INF Dustin Day (So.)

Other Returning Players: C

Dalton Russell (Jr.); OF Brock Crutchfield (Jr.); INF/P Peyton Groce (So.); INF/P Garrett Ross (So.); INF/P Maddox Millard (So.); OF/P Landon Norton (So.); U Layne Vaughn (So.); OF Brysyn Oliver (So.); U Kaden Ellis (So.); U James Davis (So.); U Josh Stone (So.); OF/P Corin Curd (So.)

Top Newcomers: Colt Wood (Fr.); Brayden Stoker (Fr.); Braxton Daniel (Fr.); Keaton Lockhart (Fr.); Gage Helton (Fr.); Gavin Johnson (Fr.); Koltin Webb (Fr.); Sawyer Chronalogar (Fr.); Dylan Currie (Fr.); Gray Snider (Fr.); Logan Price (Fr.); Brady Little (Fr.)

Season Outlook: Graduation took a chunk out of Gordon Lee's lineup, but the Trojans welcome back five returning starters. A large group of talented sophomores and freshmen will be expected to compete for playing time. All-region selections Barrett Dockery and Aiden Goodwin return



Barrett Dockery
Gordon Lee



Aiden Goodwin
Gordon Lee

LAFAYETTE RAMBLERS

Head Coach: Chris Base

Survey not returned



LAKEVIEW-FORT OGLETHORPE WARRIORS

Head Coach: Matt Holden

Assistant Coaches: Justin Walker, Dexter Scudgins, Cody Commons

2023 Record: 20-14

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Eli Walker (Sr., R/R); CF Carson Goff (Jr., R/R); SS/3B/2B Kendall Chumley (Sr., R/R); 2B/3B/LF Jacob Gregg (Sr., R/R); RF/RHP Graydon Johnson (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B Brock Donnahoo (Sr., R/R); 2B AJ Stout (Jr., R/R); RHP Aiden Crawford (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: C Wyatt Huling (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Warriors made the state playoffs last year, and they aim for a return trip this spring after making the second round. LFO should contend again, especially with standout pitcher Eli Walker (9-3, 2.30 ERA) returning. Offensive leaders Jacob Gregg and Carson Goff also return.

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Head Coach: Scott Harden
Survey not returned



Head Coach: Drew Walker
Assistant Coaches: Tas Womack, Devin Lancaster, Holden Shell
2023 Record: 34-9

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Sebastian Haggard (Sr., 6-4, 200, R/R); C Conner Christopher (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Aiden Hickman (Jr., 5-9, 170, L/R); INF/RHP Jackson Black (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Ryder Fairchild (Sr., 5-11, 205, R/R); LHP/OF Phillip Johnson (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/L); OF Hudson Moss (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF Jacob Swanson (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); INF Jack Mealor (Sr., 5-10, 210, R/R); INF/RHP Logan Bramlett (Jr., 5-10, 195, R/R); INF/U Garrett Edgar (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Eli Crew (Jr., 6-3, 175, R/R); C/INF Isaac Crew (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Colt Forgey (Jr., 6-2, 230, R/R); OF/U Haddon Fries (So., 5-9, 195, R/R); U Logan Moore (So., 5-10, 180, R/R); U Rhett Blankenship (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP Cam Denton (So., 6-2, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Tigers lost some talent from last year's squad that finished as the state runner-up, but Ringgold should be strong again. Senior pitcher Sebastian Haggard and Conner Christopher are back to lead the team. All-region standouts Aiden Hickman and Jackson Black also return.

REGION 7-3A

Region Favorite: Pickens

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

OF – Sawyer Bearden, Sr., Dawson County; **C** – Tyler Boggs, Jr., Lumpkin County; **INF/DH** – Bo Britt, Sr., Wesleyan; **OF/LHP** – Trevor Butler, Jr., White County; **SS** – Eli Cooper, Jr., Gilmer; **RHP/OF** – Harper Davenport, Sr., Lumpkin County; **INF/C** – Alex Freeman, So., White County; **INF** – Hayden Gilbert, Sr., Lumpkin County; **1B** – Davis Glass, Jr., Dawson County; **INF** – Townes Hardy, Sr., Wesleyan; **RHP/INF** – Trey Harvey, Sr., Dawson County; **RHP/INF** – Carter Hayes, So., Wesleyan; **INF/OF** – Mason Hester, So., Lumpkin County; **LHP** – Banks Hickman, Sr., Dawson County; **OF** – Dawson Holland, Jr., Pickens; **OF** – Julian Horner, Sr., Dawson County; **C** – Kam Jenkins, So., Pickens; **1B** – Trace Ledbetter, Sr., Pickens; **INF** – Oziel Lopez, So., West Hall; **OF/RHP** – Ethan McCollum, Sr., Gilmer; **RHP/INF** – Grayson McCollum, Sr., Wesleyan; **RHP/INF** – Alejandro Narvaez, Sr., Lumpkin County; **RHP** – JP Nunn, Sr., Pickens; **C/3B** – Elijah Odom, Jr., Dawson County; **OF** – Trey Payne, Sr., Pickens; **RHP/INF** – Joshua Priest, Sr., Dawson County; **INF/RHP** – Shelton Ramey, Jr., White

County; **P/INF** – AJ Rice, So., Pickens; **OF** – Jacson Rickett, Jr., Dawson County; **RHP/INF** – Adian Rogers, Jr., Lumpkin County; **C/INF** – Justin Shaffer, Sr., West Hall; **RHP/INF** – Connor Shouse, Sr., Pickens; **C/INF** – Brett Sturm, So., West Hall; **RHP/1B** – Cooper Tapp, Sr., West Hall; **RHP** – James Tilley, Sr., Pickens; **RHP/INF** – Matthew Wright, Jr., Wesleyan; **OF/RHP** – Austin Zabala, Sr., Gilmer



Head Coach: Logan Burt
Assistant Coaches: Levi Whitmire, Cory Gilleland, Jason Dyer
2023 Record: 16-16

Returning Starters: OF Sawyer Bearden (Sr., R/R); OF Julian Horner (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF Trey Harvey (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF Joshua Priest (Sr., R/R); OF Jacson Rickett (Jr., L/L); C/3B Elijah Odom (Jr., R/R); 1B Davis Glass (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP Banks Hickman (Sr., L/L); INF Jady Mattie (So., R/R); C Chase Adams (Sr., R/R); OF/INF Preston Bannister (Jr., R/L)

Top Newcomers: C Beckham Ayers (Fr., R/R); C/INF Carson Sosebee (Fr., R/R); RHP/1B Case Gravitt (Fr., R/R); RHP Will Battles (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: Dawson County won't be flying under the radar this season, especially with a solid group of returning players back to lead the way. The strength will be an experienced pitching rotation led by right-handers Trey Harvey, Joshua Priest and lefty Banks Hickman. Outfielders Julian Horner and Sawyer Bearden are back to provide a spark.



Head Coach: Jeff Thurman
Assistant Coaches: PG Standard, Will Barnes, Todd Gibson, Avery Bertolini
2023 Record: 7-21

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Austin Zabala (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF/RHP Ethan McCollum (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); 1B/LHP Dalton Crisp (Sr., 6-3, 195, L/L); SS Eli Cooper (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R); OF Noah Guttilo (Jr., 6-2, 185, L/L); 1B Brandon Davis (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); 2B/RHP Haden West (Jr., 5-11, 155, R/R); C Hayden Berry (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/LHP CJ Hatchett (Jr., 6-1, 165, L/L); OF Will Capstick (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 3B Mel Mosley (So., 5-10, 155, R/R); 1B/LHP Cooper Cochran (So., 5-9, 155, L/L); C Zander Shute (Fr., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Bobcats welcome back eight starters and should have a chance to improve upon last season's finish. The senior class is small, but Austin Zabala, Ethan McCollum, Dalton Crisp and Brandon Davis return to give the Bobcats some leadership to build around.



Head Coach: Ryan Zaideman
Assistant Coaches: Daniel McCrary, Jack Lowry, Grant Miller, Cody Waters
2023 Record: 20-11

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Returning Starters: RHP/INF Alejandro Narvaez (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Harper Davenport (Sr., 6-1, 175, L/R); INF Hayden Gilbert (Sr., 6-1, 200, L/R); C/INF Bakota Bennett (Sr., 6-3, 210, R/R); RHP/INF Adian Rogers (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); C Tyler Boggs (Jr., 5-9, 175, R/R); INF/OF Peyton Wood (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); INF/OF Mason Hester (So., 6-0, 150, L/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Dolan Harder (Sr., 5-10, 145, R/R); OF Landon Marlow (Sr., 5-9, 140, R/R); C/INF Kendal Lee (Jr., 5-8, 155, R/R); OF Chase Smith (Jr., 5-11, 150, R/R); INF/OF Aidyn Flanagan (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Grant Hallman (So., 6-4, 165, R/R); RHP/INF Jayzen Johnson (Fr., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Indians welcome back eight starters and will factor into the playoff chase this spring. Lumpkin should have a solid pitching rotation as right-handers Alejandro Narvaez, Harper Davenport and Adian Rogers all return. While the senior class is solid, a talented group of underclassmen return and will contribute.

PICKENS DRAGONS

Head Coach: Adam Williams

Assistant Coaches: Mike Nayman, Mike Marra, Kim Alderdice, Ryan Broussard, Connor Cohen, Ben Bowman

2023 Record: 29-7

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Connor Shouse (Sr.); RHP James Tilley (Sr.); RHP JP Nunn (Sr.); P/INF AJ Rice (So.); 1B Trace Ledbetter (Sr.); 3B Cade Sutton (Jr.); OF Dawson Holland (Jr.); C Kam Jenkins (So.); OF Trey Payne (Sr.)

Other Returning Players: C Tyler Payne (Sr.); INF/OF Christian Starks (So.); 1B Sam Hammontree (Jr.); 1B Bradley Prince (Sr.); LHP Tate Hales (Sr.); LHP Brodie Keener (Sr.); RHP Cason Cannon (Sr.); 3B Jackie Jarrett (Sr.)

Top Newcomers: INF/P/OF Christian Starks (So.); OF/P Ezra Faber (So.); INF Coleman Keener (Jr.); RHP Davin Abernathy (So.); 3B Kyle Grno (Jr.)

Season Outlook: The Dragons return a ton of talent and should be the team to beat in Region 7-3A. Pitching will be strong as seniors Connor Shouse, James Tilley, JP Nunn and Cason Cannon return to form a lethal rotation. Outfielders Trey Payne and Dawson Holland and catcher Kam Jenkins return to power the offense. Keep an eye on pitcher/infielder AJ Rice who had a strong freshman campaign last year.

WESLEYAN WOLVES

Head Coach: Brian Krehmeyer

Assistant Coaches: Matt Plate, Jimmy Cox

2023 Record: 19-11

Returning Starters: INF/DH Bo Britt (Sr., 6-3, 240, R/R); INF Townes Hardy (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); RHP/INF Grayson McCollum (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Jacob Binney (Sr., 6-1, 195, R/R); OF Baer Cole (Sr., 6-0, 180, L/R); C/INF JJ Gracey (Sr., 5-8, 145, R/R); RHP/INF Eli Hewitson (Sr., 6-2, 175, R/R); INF/OF Owen Hodges (Sr., 6-2, 195, R/R); RHP/OF Shawn Simmons (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); C Noah Sanders (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); RHP/INF Matthew Wright (Jr., 6-4, 230, L/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Connor Roush (Jr., 6-4, 220, R/R); RHP/OF Coleman



Bo Britt
Wesleyan

Eldridge (So., 6-0, 165, R/R); RHP/INF Carter Hayes (So., 5-11, 160, R/R); RHP/INF Ryley Webb (So., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wolves have some key positions to fill this spring. However, don't discount Wesleyan. A solid senior class will lead the way. Right-handed pitcher Grayson McCollum returns to anchor a young but talented group of pitchers. Meanwhile, offensive leaders Bo Britt, Townes Hardy and Matthew Wright are back.



Townes Hardy
Wesleyan



Matthew Wright
Wesleyan

WEST HALL SPARTANS

Head Coach: Brannon Humphries

Assistant Coaches: Jeff Brothers, Luke Stephenson, Merritt Gazaway, Jeffrey Jenkins, Carson Alday, Braxton Nicholson

2023 Record: 9-19

Returning Starters: C/INF Justin Shaffer (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); RHP/1B Cooper Tapp (Sr., 6-0, 210, R/R); RHP/OF Brandon Roberts (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Marcus Pugh (Jr., 5-7, 140, R/R); OF/INF Jaden Young (Jr., 5-8, 130, R/R); INF Oziel Lopez (So., 5-6, 160, R/R); C/INF Brett Sturm (So., 5-10, 180, L/R)

Other Returning Players: C/INF Drew Svetz (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R); INF Luis Rosales (So., 5-7, 150, L/R); 1B/RHP John Kendrick (Jr., 5-10, 195, R/R); 2B Andreas Muller (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); INF Ricardo Raaz (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); RHP Jack Lemoine (Jr., 6-3, 200, R/R); OF Barry Bulluck (Jr., 5-10, 140, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Spartans return seven starters and look to improve upon last season's finish. The senior class is small, but a solid group of underclassmen will contribute. Senior pitchers Cooper Tapp and Brandon Roberts anchor a solid pitching staff, while catcher/infielder Justin Shaffer also returns.

WHITE COUNTY WARRIORS

Head Coach: Jim Waits

Assistant Coaches: Brett Westmoreland, Erich Stahl

2023 Record: 12-16

Returning Starters: OF Ryan Fowler (Sr., 5-8, 170, R/R); INF/C Alex Freeman (So., 6-0, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Shelton Ramey (Jr., 5-11, 150, R/R); OF/LHP Trevor Butler (Jr., 5-11, 150, L/L)

Other Returning Players: OF Carson Bruce (Sr., 6-1, 185, L/L); OF Cooper Garrett (So., 5-7, 150, R/R); U Brayden Roach (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); LHP/1B Grant Gooch (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/L); INF John Bannon (Jr., 5-8, 155, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C Cole Shelton (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP/INF Caleb Campbell (Jr., 6-3, 205, R/R); INF Carter Nguyen (So., 5-6, 145, R/R)

Season Outlook: White County took a step backward in 2023, but look for the Warriors to be back in 2024. The team will be relatively young, but there is talent. Four starters are back including infielder/catcher Alex Freeman who showed promise as a freshman last year. Outfielder Ryan Fowler is back to give White County a leader to build around.

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Region Favorite: Franklin County

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

RHP/INF – Daniel Barwick, Sr., Hebron Christian; **OF** – Ryan Bruce, Sr., Hebron Christian; **RHP/1B** – Caden Cawthon, So., Franklin County; **OF** – Kanyon Coulter, Sr., Hart County; **INF/RHP** – Zach Dombrowsky, Sr., Hart County; **OF** – Colby Fowler, Sr., Stephens County; **P/INF** – Carson Fuchs, Jr., Oconee County; **RHP/3B** – Easton Gailey, So., Franklin County; **INF/P** – Hayden Gmerek, Sr., Monroe Area; **C** – Dylan Hamby, Sr., Monroe Area; **OF/P** – Jake Hegwood, Sr., Monroe Area; **P/OF** – Cole Johnson, Jr., Oconee County; **RHP/SS** – Dean Livingston, Jr., Hebron Christian; **C/DH** – Sam Mitchell, Sr., Hebron Christian; **CF/RHP** – Ty Peebles, Jr., Franklin County; **C/OF/P** – Parker Sims, So., Monroe Area; **INF/OF** – Isaac Smith, Jr., Oconee County; **INF/RHP** – Avery Strickland, Sr., Hart County; **SS** – Craig Thurmond, Sr., Stephens County; **C/INF** – Demetri Watts, So., Hebron Christian



FRANKLIN COUNTY LIONS

Head Coach: David Skelly

Assistant Coaches: Ryan Phillips, Demond Rivers, Drew Phillips, Chandler Skelly

2023 Record: 27-9

Returning Starters: CF/RHP Ty Peebles (Jr., 6-2, 180, L/R); RHP/3B Easton Gailey (So., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP/1B Caden Cawthon (So., 6-0, 145, R/R); 2B Tyler Welborn (Sr., 5-7, 170, R/R); C Will Dodd (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Cade Gibson (Jr., 5-10, 140, R/R); LHP/OF Parker Moorhead (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/L); 1B/3B Rowan Kennedy (Jr., 5-11, 185, R/R); OF Keyes Harbin (So., 5-10, 165, L/R); OF/LHP Will Cary (Sr., 5-8, 155, L/L); C Colby Cape (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); INF Mason Davis (So., 6-1, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: SS Keylin Sanders (Sr., 5-7, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Kain Roach (Fr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: After what many labeled as a rebuilding season in 2023, Franklin still won 27 games and made the state quarterfinals. The Lions look to be even better this spring. Two-year starting outfielder Ty Peebles returns as well as talented pitching duo Easton Gailey and Caden Cawthon. Franklin County, however, may still be a year away

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HART COUNTY BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Hunter Barton

Assistant Coaches: Chris Wilson, Brett Carey, Leland Jones

2023 Record: 12-20

Returning Starters: OF Kanyon Coulter (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Trey Chafin (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); INF/RHP Owen Kesler (Sr., 6-3, 220, R/R); U Coleman Moore (So., 6-3, 200, R/R); LHP Will Pittman (Sr., 6-0, 160, L/L); INF/RHP Avery Strickland (Sr., 6-4, 190, R/R); INF/RHP Zach Dombrowsky (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C Bobo Mewborn (Jr., 5-9, 145, R/R); RHP Brent Franklin (Sr., 6-3, 190, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/LHP Cooper Green (So., 5-8, 130, L/L); INF/RHP Riley Kesler (Jr., 6-0, 150, R/R); OF Boston Graham (So., 5-10, 150, R/R); INF Crew Franklin (Fr., 5-10, 130, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Bulldogs return talent and experience and should be much-improved this season. A talented senior class will lead the way. Hart County will be expected to be back into the postseason hunt. Seven starters are back, including a pair of standout seniors in Zach Dombrowsky and Avery Strickland.



HEBRON CHRISTIAN LIONS

Head Coach: Jonathan Wyman

Assistant Coaches: Drew Coker, David Lincoln, Ty Lewis

2023 Record: 12-17-1

Returning Starters: OF Sebastian Daigle (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); LHP/OF Leyton Jones (Sr., 5-8, 155, L/L); C/DH Sam Mitchell (Sr., 6-0, 170, L/R); INF/RHP Barrett Bruce (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP/INF Daniel Barwick (Sr., 5-10, 140, R/R); RHP/OF Andrew Azar (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); OF Ryan Bruce (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); C/INF Demetri Watts (So., 5-10, 155, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Aubrey Wilbanks (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); RHP/OF Dallas Rice (So., 6-3, 170, R/R); C/INF Dylan Webb (So., 6-0, 160, R/R); INF/OF Destin Matthews (Jr., 5-5, 135, R/R); OF Joseph Sexton (Sr., 5-7, 145, R/R); 1B/3B Tag Clement (So., 5-11, 230, L/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/SS Dean Livingston (Jr., 6-3, 185, R/R); INF/RHP Thomas Stallworth (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF Dominic Gerome (Jr., 6-1, 190, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Lions return a wealth of talent and should challenge for a playoff berth again. A strong senior class will lead the way. All-state pitcher Daniel Barwick returns as well as catcher Sam Mitchell and outfielder Ryan Bruce.



MONROE AREA PURPLE HURRICANES

Head Coach: Blake McCullers (new)

Assistant Coaches: Connor Hughes, Josh Stephens, Drew Helm, Eric Ruud

2023 Record: 8-21

Returning Starters: OF/P Hamilton Shinn (Jr.); C/OF/P Parker Sims (So.); INF/P Andrew Chappell (So.); C Dylan Hamby (Sr.); OF/P Jake Hegwood (Sr.); INF/P Hayden Gmerek (Sr.); OF/1B/P Jaiven Todd (Sr.); INF/P Robbie Gay (Sr.)

Other Returning Players: P Austin Kupronis (Sr.); C Emery White (Sr.); 1B/P Mason Salyer (Sr.)

Top Newcomers: LHP Grady Phiel (Jr.)

Season Outlook: Former assistant Blake McCullers takes over and inherits

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eight returning starters as Monroe Area looks to contend for a playoff berth. McCullers has some solid talent to work with. Pitchers Jake Hegwood and Hayden Gmerek return as well as offensive standout Dylan Hamby (.323 avg., 26 RBIs).

OCONEE COUNTY WARRIORS

Head Coach: Brian Trivette
Assistant Coaches: Mitch Holloway, Josh Bentley, Phillip Faulkner, Braden Hyde

2023 Record: 18-19

Returning Starters: C/INF Bryson Dempsey (Sr.); LHP/OF Grady Wilkes (Sr.); P/OF Cole Johnson (Jr.); INF/OF Isaac Smith (Jr.); C/INF Will Roberson (Jr.); P/INF Carson Fuchs (Jr.)

Season Outlook: The Warriors lost a good bit of talent to graduation, but the good news is that six starters are back. Some underclassmen will need to step up and contribute this spring. Keep an eye on pitcher/outfielder Cole Johnson and infielder/outfielder Isaac Smith. Both had excellent seasons as sophomores last year.



Peyton Byrne
Oconee County



Bryson Dempsey
Oconee County



Bristol Skinner
Oconee County



Grady Wilkes
Oconee County



STEPHENS COUNTY INDIANS

Head Coach: Greg McCall

Assistant Coaches: Michael Thomas, Dawson Sorrells, Dave Poffenberger, Mike Stoew

2023 Record: 13-15

Returning Starters: SS Craig Thurmond (Sr., R/R); U William Roush (Sr., R/R); OF Colby Fowler (Sr., R/R); 1B Ethan Smith (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: 2B Nate Ivester (Sr., R/R); C Landon Carter (Jr., R/R); 2B/SS Christian Hewitt (So., R/R); LHP/1B Konnor Loudermilk (Jr., L/L); RHP/3B Caiden Sweat (Sr., R/R); C Ismael Mathias (Jr., R/R); RHP/OF Hayden Scott (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/3B Findley Ward (So., R/R); RHP/OF Noah McCollum (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: If the Indians can find some consistent pitching, they should have a chance to be much better this spring. All-region standout infielder Craig Thurmond returns as well as outfielder Colby Fowler to spark the offense. Stephens will be looking for some younger players to step up and contribute.



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REGION 1-2A

Region Favorite: Jeff Davis

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

OF – Wilson Davis, So., Fitzgerald; **RHP** – Lalan Ellis, Sr., Worth County;
OF – Coy Etheredge, Sr., Worth County; **INF** – Owen Fletcher, Sr., Worth County; **RHP/INF** – Landon Fordham, Sr., Dodge County; **RHP** – Owen Hancock, Sr., Worth County; **RHP/DH/OF** – Avery Kilcrease, So., Worth County; **INF/RHP** – Jeremy Kilpatrick, Jr., Berrien; **3B/RHP** – Alex Mason, Sr., Jeff Davis; **INF/RHP** – Charles Moore, Sr., Cook; **RHP/INF** – Tye Moore, Sr., Dodge County; **C/RHP/1B** – Carter Mullis, Sr., Jeff Davis; **2B** – Ethan Picanso, Sr., Jeff Davis; **SS/RHP** – Eli Saunders, Jr., Jeff Davis; **INF/RHP** – Colby Smith, Jr., Berrien; **1B/RHP** – Duke Stone, Sr., Jeff Davis; **OF/RHP** – Hayden Turner, Sr., Jeff Davis; **C** – Chase Ward, Sr., Berrien



BERRIEN REBELS

Head Coach: Doug Nix

Assistant Coaches: Cole Garrett, Shawn Witt

2023 Record: 11-19

Returning Starters: C Chase Ward (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); OF Key Forehand (Sr., 5-10, 155, R/R); INF/RHP Jeremy Kilpatrick (Jr., 6-1, 160, R/R); INF/OF Mason Cribb (Jr., 6-1, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Colby Smith (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R); INF/OF Jake Barker (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF Bryce Crews (So., 5-9, 145, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Joseph Stallings (So., 6-4, 185, R/R); INF Brady Solomon (So., 5-8, 140, R/R); RHP Cayden Vickers (So., 6-0, 145, R/R); INF Dustin Kilpatrick (So., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Rebels struggled last season with a very young team. Berrien is expected to be young again, however, many of those younger players last season received valuable playing time, which should help this spring. Catcher Chase Ward returns as well as outfielder Key Forehand, giving the underclassmen a pair of senior leaders to build around.



COOK HORNETS

Head Coach: Rusty Beale

Assistant Coaches: Buck Carter, Jace Walker

2023 Record: 23-13

Returning Starters: C/RHP Landon Dixon (Jr., R/R); INF Kayden Arnold (So., R/R); INF/RHP Josh Skinner (So., R/R); OF/LHP MJ Tippins (So., L/L); OF/RHP Brooks Moore (So., R/R); INF/RHP Kyson Lane (So., R/R); INF/RHP Charles Moore (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Kaleb Stephens (Sr., B/R)

Season Outlook: Expect the Hornets to challenge for a playoff berth again this spring. Cook welcomes back eight returning starters from last season's squad that won 23 games. The Hornets are still relatively young, but keep an eye on versatile Charles Moore who had a strong 2023 season. Senior Kaleb Stephens also returns.



DODGE COUNTY INDIANS

Head Coach: Matt Herring

Assistant Coaches: Mitch Johnson, Barry Simpson

2023 Record: 12-17

Returning Starters: RHP/OF Gavin Fordham (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP/INF Landon Fordham (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP/INF Tye Moore (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); OF Aston Pitts (Sr., 5-9, 160, L/L); LHP/1B Riley Williams (Sr., 5-11, 165, L/L); 2B



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Karson Jones (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF Chris Johnson (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP/1B Holden Thomas (So., 5-11, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 2B Asher Pattillo (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R); RHP/C Landon Sheffield (So., 5-10, 190, R/R); RHP/INF Landon Walker (So., 5-10, 155, R/R); RHP/SS Kendall Yawn (So., 5-8, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/C/3B Kain Mincey (Fr., 6-1, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: Dodge County returns eight starters and should be in the postseason chase this spring. A solid group of seniors return to lead the team. Versatile seniors Landon Fordham and Tye Moore return after both posted solid numbers as juniors last season. Dodge County will be looking for some younger players to also contribute.

FITZGERALD PURPLE HURRICANES

Head Coach: Brandon Reeder

Assistant Coaches: Will Emadi, Joel Ellis, Rakeyvin Peterson, Garrett Wright, Johnny Croley

2023 Record: 17-16

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Dustin Williamson (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); OF Wilson Davis (So., 6-0, 170, L/R); 1B Ashton Bryan (Jr., 6-2, 180, L/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Aiden Bryan (So., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF Tyler Krause (Jr., 5-11, 185, R/R); C Cason Brown (Jr., 5-11, 210, R/R); LHP/OF Kade Gibbs (So., 5-11, 160, L/L); LHP Mason Erwin (Sr., 6-1, 190, L/L); C Brett Martin (So., 5-9, 160, R/R); INF Matthew Cowan (So., 5-7, 135, R/R); INF Dylan Harper (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); OF Jahtyre Horne (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); INF Stephen Martin (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Gabe Grubbs (Fr., 5-7, 140, R/R); INF/OF/RHP Evan Turner (Fr., 5-7, 135, R/R); LHP Connor Price (Fr., 6-0, 165, R/L); C Brodie

Singleary (Fr., 5-10, 140, R/R)

Season Outlook: Fitzgerald has plenty of young talent that must mature quickly if the Purple Hurricanes are going to contend. Three starters are back and the senior class is small. The bulk of the talent resides in a large junior and sophomore class. First Team all-region outfielder Wilson Davis returns to power the offense.



JEFF DAVIS YELLOW JACKETS

Head Coach: Paul Glass

Assistant Coaches: Roger Metts, Kaleb Brown, Cody Ogilvie, Jeff Weems

2023 Record: 27-8

Returning Starters: 3B/RHP Alex Mason (Sr., 6-4, 215, R/R); 1B/RHP Duke Stone (Sr., 6-5, 220, R/R); C/RHP/1B Carter Mullis (Sr., 6-1, 200, R/R); 2B Ethan Picanso (Sr., 5-8, 165, R/R); OF/RHP Hayden Turner (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF Kamden Munsayac (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); SS/RHP Eli Saunders (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 3B Jackson Sayer (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); OF/RHP Colby Beach (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); OF/LHP Andrew White (Jr., 6-0, 170, L/L); C Dylan Carelock (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R); OF Jude Worthington (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF/LHP Treyton Webster (So., 5-7, 170, L/L); 3B/RHP Jonathan Bohannon (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R)



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Top Newcomers: RHP/1B Reese Mullis (So., 6-1, 220, R/R); 2B Braydon Lolley (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Jackets have the talent to make another deep postseason run. There are some holes to fill, but look for some solid underclassmen to step forward and fill them. Top pitchers Alex Mason and Duke Stone return, as well as first team all-region infielders Eli Saunders and Ethan Picanso as well as versatile Carter Mullis.

SUMTER COUNTY RAMS

Head Coach: Lee Wright
Survey not returned

WORTH COUNTY RAMS

Head Coach: Will Smith
Assistant Coaches: Kaleb Hathcock, Lee Caquelard
2023 Record: 19-12
Returning Starters: RHP Owen Hancock (Sr., 6-4, 180, R/R); OF Coy Etheredge (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); INF Owen Fletcher (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); 3B



Lalan Ellis
Worth County



Coy Etheredge
Worth County

Luke Smith (Sr., 5-8, 170, R/L); RHP Lalan Ellis (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); 1B Christian McDonald (Sr., 5-10, 160, L/L); RHP Drake Jones (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP/DH/OF Avery Kilcrease (So., 6-0, 165, R/R); DH Luke Rogers (So., 6-0, 190, R/R); C Brady Weaver (So., 5-9, 150, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Clint Bragg (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/C/1B Caden Emerson (Jr., 6-1, 230, R/R); OF Tate Cooper (Sr., 5-10, 135); OF Logan Fox (Jr., 5-10, 150); P/OF Grant Juster (Jr., 6-4, 190)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Colby Griffis (So., 5-8, 150, R/R); RHP/OF Landon Rachels (So., 5-11, 150, R/R); OF Kaden Ware (Fr., 5-9, 170, R/R); C/RHP/INF Hayden Short (Fr., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF Kayden Murphy (Fr., 5-9, 170, R/R); RHP/INF Lyndon Worthy (Fr., 6-1, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: Worth County has the talent to challenge for the region crown. Top pitcher and Ole Miss signee Owen Hancock returns as well as right-handers Lalan Ellis, Drake Jones and Avery Kilcrease. Outfielder Coy Etheredge and infielder Owen Fletcher also return. If the Rams can be consistent at the plate, this could be a very dangerous team.



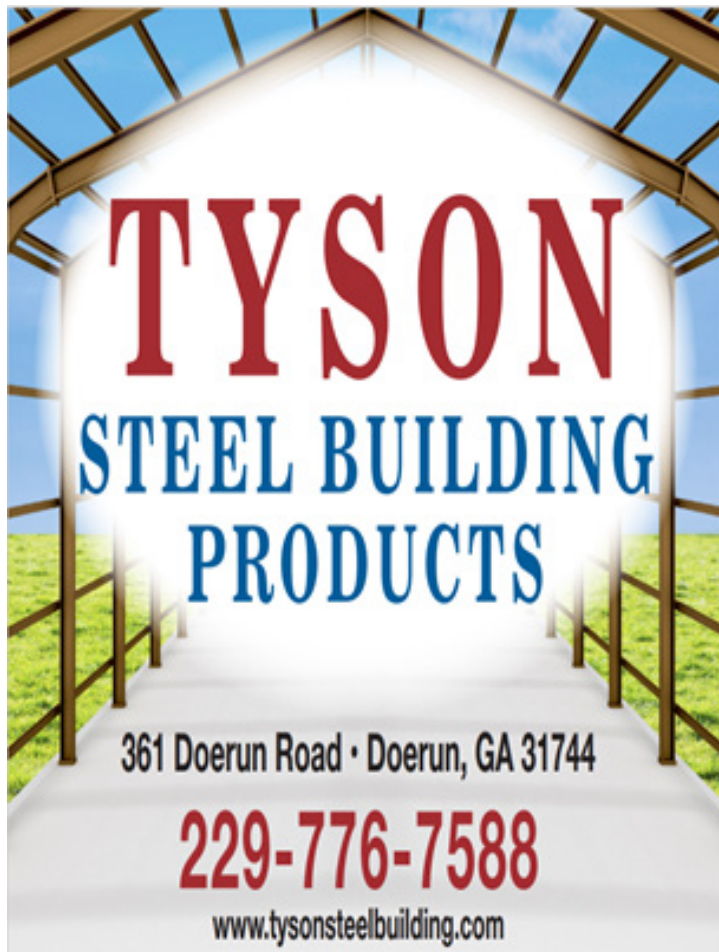
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REGION 2-2A

Region Favorite: ACE Charter

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

LHP – Lewis Cheney, So., Northeast; **1B/OF/RHP** – Cody Colter, Jr., ACE Charter; **RHP/OF** – Jack Corrigan, Sr., ACE Charter; **SS** – Zakie Denson, Jr., Northeast; **INF** – Glenn Edmondson, So., Jordan; **RHP/SS/2B/OF** – Oliveaye Fuller, Jr., Southwest; **OF** – Reginald Glover, So., Northeast; **OF** – Daytroy Green, So., Northeast; **RHP/2B** – Montese Green, So., Southwest; **2B/3B/RHP** – Cameron Hill, Jr., Southwest; **SS** – Fisher Hopkins, Sr., Rutland; **SS/2B/RHP** – Jake McLendon, Jr., ACE Charter; **OF/2B** – Steve Robinson, Jr., Southwest; **3B** – Noey Sardoma, Sr., ACE Charter; **OF/LHP** – Ajai Spradley, Jr., Central; **CF** – Joshua Vinson, Sr., Rutland; **RHP/3B/2B** – Jamarea Watkins, Jr., Southwest; **C/OF** – Brice Whitley, Jr., ACE Charter; **2B** – Jeremy Wiggins, So., Northeast; **1B/OF** – Cole Williams, Jr., Jordan; **OF/LHP/1B** – Joshua Williams, So., ACE Charter



ACE CHARTER GRYPHONS

Head Coach: Josh McLendon

Assistant Coaches: Kevin Balkcom, Mark Mimbs, Dickie Horton, Justin Skinner

2023 Record: 20-11

Returning Starters: RHP/OF Jack Corrigan (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); 3B Noey Sardoma (Sr., 5-6, 185, R/R); SS/2B/RHP Jake McLendon (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); 1B/OF/RHP Cody Colter (Jr., 6-2, 220, R/R); C/OF Brice Whitley (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/RHP Chase Gazafy (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); 2B/SS Camden Bailey (So., 5-9, 130, R/R); RHP/OF Slade Hodge (So., 5-11, 165, R/R); OF Henry Lewis (Sr., 5-7, 150, R/R); 1B Weldon Ballard (Sr., 6-3, 210, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/LHP/1B Joshua Williams (Sr., 5-10, 200, L/L); OF/2B/3B Drake Davidson (So., 5-10, 130, R/R); OF Brooklyn Giles (Jr., 6-0, 150, R/R); OF James Patterson (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R); 3B/RHP Niko Sardoma (So., 5-4, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Gryphons lost seven seniors to graduation last spring and will be doing some rebuilding this season. But don't discount ACE Charter. The Gryphons may be a younger team, but there is still plenty of talent. All-state performers Jack Corrigan and Joshua Williams return, giving the team a pair of leaders to build around. Keep an eye on a strong group of underclassmen.



Cody Colter
ACE Charter



Jake McLendon
ACE Charter



Brice Whitley
ACE Charter



Joshua Williams
ACE Charter



CENTRAL-MACON CHARGERS

Head Coach: Wally Pritchard

Assistant Coach: Austen Rowe

2023 Record: 8-17

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Jaylen Lovette (Sr., R/R); RHP/C/INF Jaylen Mosley (Jr., R/R); 2B Wayne Foster (Jr., R/R); 3B Patrick Reed (So., R/R); C/RHP Anthony Adorno (So., R/R); OF/LHP Ajai Spradly (Jr., L/L); RHP/INF/OF Nazir Johnson (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Kijuan Pryor (So., R/R); INF/RHP Justin Releford (So., R/R); OF Tiberius Fuller (So., R/R); OF Jeremiah Harris (Sr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Chargers should have a chance to be much better in 2024 as seven starters return. The team is still very young, but senior pitcher/infielder Jaylen Lovette returns to give the Chargers a leader to build around. A solid group of underclassmen will be expected to contribute.



JORDAN RED JACKETS

Head Coach: David Lane

Survey not returned



KENDRICK CHEROKEES

Head Coach: Michael Peek

Survey not returned



NORTHEAST-MACON RAIDERS

Head Coach: Maurice Bethea (new)

Assistant Coach: Percy Charlton, Jeremy Wiggins

2023 Record: 8-9

Returning Starters: C/DH Isaiah Quainton (Sr.); SS Zakie Denson (Jr., 6-3, 190, R/R); 2B Jeremy Wiggins (So., 5-6, 145, R/R); 3B Santana Balkcom (Jr., 5-10, 215, R/R); LHP Lewis Cheney (So., 6-3, 180, L/L); OF Reginald Glover (So., 5-8, 140, R/R); U Joshua Evans (So., 5-8, 130, R/R); OF Daytroy Green (So., R/R); 1B Demorrian Jackson (So., 6-3, 270, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/OF Amir Harris (Fr., 5-8, 140, R/R); C Bryce Talley (Fr., 5-8, 130, R/R); INF/OF Emmanuel Thorpe (Fr., 5-8, 120, R/R); INF/OF Oziyon Kitchens (Fr., R/R); OF Jaden Smith (Fr., R/R); INF Xavier Hutchings (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: New coach Maurice Bethea inherits a young but talented group of returning players as the Raiders look to contend for a playoff spot. The bulk of the team are underclassmen. Keep an eye on left-handed pitcher Lewis Cheney who posted solid numbers as a sophomore last year.

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RUTLAND HURRICANES

Head Coach: Darryl Silas (new)
Survey not returned

SOUTHWEST-MACON PATRIOTS

Head Coach: Ron Hill
Assistant Coach: Marvin Gilbert
2023 Record: 8-9

Returning Starters: RHP/SS/2B/OF Oliveaye Fuller (Jr., R/R); RHP/3B/2B Jamarea Watkins (Jr., R/R); C/OF Christian Hill (Jr., R/R); OF/2B Steve Robinson (Jr., R/R); 2B/3B/RHP Cameron Hill (Jr., R/R); RHP/2B Montese Green (So., R/R); 2B/RHP Jamarian Leghorn (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: C Keymarion Gurry (Sr., R/R); SS/OF Cameron Ketchup (Sr., R/R); OF Chauncey Brown (So., R/R); OF Neiko Iverson (So., R/R); OF Ja'Teaveon Propst (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: SS/2B Noah Wheeler (Fr., R/R); OF Renardo Johns (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Southwest looks to be much-improved in 2024 with a solid nucleus of returning players. Seven starters, all of them underclassmen, return to lead the way. Versatile Oliveaye Fuller and Jamarea Watkins are two players to watch.

SPENCER GREENWAVES

Head Coach: Brandon Pickett
Survey not returned

REGION 3-2A

Region Favorite: Appling County

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

RHP/INF – Miles Brown, Jr., Tattnall County; **INF/RHP** – Luke Carter, Sr., Brantley County; **RHP/1B** – Isaac Edenfield, Sr., Appling County; **RHP/INF** – Collin Ewaldsen, Sr., Appling County; **RHP/INF** – Dayson Griffis, Jr., Appling County; **INF/U** – Greyson Hall, Sr., Appling County; **RHP/C** – Trayvone Harris, Sr., Toombs County; **OF/LHP** – Tripp Hendrix, Sr., Brantley County; **P/OF** – Jones Herrin, Jr., Pierce County; **1B** – Lawson Lowe, Sr., Vidalia; **C** – Austin Nipper, Sr., Brantley County; **RHP/SS** – Jesus Quintero, Sr., Toombs County; **RHP/INF** – Cole Royer, Sr., Pierce County; **C** – Johnny Stone, So., Pierce County; **INF/OF/RHP** – Colt Thrift, Jr., Brantley County; **RHP/1B** – Brantley Upshaw, Sr., Toombs County; **INF/P** – Auburn Walker, Jr., Pierce County; **OF/LHP** – Brody Yeomans, Sr., Brantley County

APPLING COUNTY PIRATES

Head Coach: Zack Griffis
Assistant Coaches: William McCranie, Leslie Griffis, Jacob Hendrix, Kyle Miller, Kyle Mercer, Joseph Livingston

2023 Record: 24-12

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Collin Ewaldsen (Sr., 5-10, 175, L/R); INF/U Greyson Hall (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/INF Dayson Griffis (Jr., 5-11, 215, R/R); RHP/OF Jack Carter (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); RHP/1B Isaac Edenfield (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); C Nate Livingston (Sr., 5-9, 200, R/R); OF Kaden Walls (So., 5-9, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Cole Higgins (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF NJ Nance (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/OF Ty Hutchinson (So., 5-11, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Jarrod Deen (So., 5-11, 175, R/R); OF John Evan Sikes (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Pirates made the state semifinals last season and could make a similar run this spring. Seven starters are back, including two-time Region 3-2A Pitcher of the Year Dayson Griffis and talented right-hander Collin Ewaldsen. Infielder Greyson Hall and Ewaldsen return to power the offense.

BRANTLEY COUNTY HERONS

Head Coach: Garrett Cox
Assistant Coaches: Justen White, Skylar Kersey
2023 Record: 22-14-1

Returning Starters: C Austin Nipper (Sr., 6-0, 200, R/R); OF/LHP Brody Yeomans (Sr., 5-11, 165, L/L); INF/RHP Luke Carter (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF/LHP Tripp Hendrix (Sr., 5-7, 165, L/L); INF/RHP Talyn Coger (Sr., 6-2, 195, R/R); INF Avery Saunds (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Mason Thomas (Sr., 5-5, 155, R/R); DH Luke Wood (Sr., 5-8, 205, R/R); INF/OF/RHP Colt Thrift (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/LHP Ian Nielson (Sr., 6-0, 215, L/L); OF/RHP Dallin Hester (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF/LHP Nolan Guy (Sr., 5-9, 140, L/L)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Kaden Hendrix (So., 6-4, 170, L/R); INF/RHP Carson Coger (Fr., 6-5, 250, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Herons made the state quarterfinals last year and aim to go even farther this spring with 11 seniors returning. Catcher Austin Nipper and outfielder Brody Yeomans return as well as pitching standouts Luke Carter and Tripp Hendrix. Brantley County has a chance to be very good.

PIERCE COUNTY BEARS

Head Coach: Andrew Evans
Assistant Coaches: Matt White, Walker Reddish, Cameron Moore, Jason Demos

2023 Record: 12-15

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Cole Royer (Sr.); OF/P Caden Williams (Sr.); P/OF Caden McGatha (Jr.); P/OF Jones Herrin (Jr.); INF/P Auburn Walker (Jr.); INF Emmitt Hall (So.); INF/P Braxton McCook (So.); C Johnny Stone (So.)

Other Returning Players: C Will Inman (Sr.); INF/P Cole McGatha (Sr.); C Mark Sweet (Jr.); INF Dylan Figueroa (Jr.); INF K'don Lashley (Jr.); INF Brayden Andreae (Jr.); INF Dalton Weathersby (So.); 1B Jacob Bennett (So.)

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Top Newcomers: C/OF Teagan Harris (Sr.); P/INF Jaxton Harris (Jr.); P/OF Garrett Stevenson (So.); P/INF Talan Tanner (So.); U Slade Oxley (So.); P/INF Chance Williams (Fr.); P/INF Jacob Martin (Fr.); P/INF Colt Hickox (Fr.); P/INF Isaac Chancey (Fr.); P/OF Graham Thomas (Fr.)

Season Outlook: After missing the state playoffs last year, the Bears will be back into the postseason chase with a talented roster led by Georgia Tech signee Cole Royer. Pierce County will still be a young team, but keep an eye on infielder Emmitt Hall and pitcher/outfielder Jones Herrin. Both were promising last spring.



TATTNALL COUNTY BATTLE CREEK WARRIORS

Head Coach: Paul Sorrow (new)

Assistant Coaches: Tyler Yancey, Gary Few, Jake Kennedy

2023 Record: 9-18

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Miles Brown (Jr., 6-1, 205, R/R); RHP/INF Brody Chambless (So., 5-10, 175, R/R); RHP/U Lane Dutton (So., 6-2, 175, R/R); C/INF Hunter Dasher (So., 5-10, 140, R/R); RHP/1B Bailey Blair (Jr., 6-2, 220, R/R)

Other Returning Players: U Kaden Nasholts (Jr., 5-9, 140, L/R); OF Nick Trevino (Jr., 5-8, 145, R/R); U Jasper Weathers (So., 6-0, 165, L/L); RHP/OF Mason Barnard (So., 5-10, 130, R/R); OF Landon Knight (So., 5-10, 140, R/R); OF Peyton Finnerty (So., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/OF Carter Sikes (Jr., 5-10, 160, L/R); RHP/OF Emery Thigpen (So., 5-9, 120, R/R); INF/OF Caden Driggers (Jr., 5-11, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: Former Brunswick High assistant Paul Sorrow takes over at Tattall County and inherits a young team looking to make its mark in the

rugged Region 3-2A. The senior class is small, but a solid group of juniors and sophomores will carry the load. Pitcher/infielder Miles Brown returns.



TOOMBS COUNTY BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Derek James

Assistant Coaches: Hayne Brant, Dirk Brantley

2023 Record: 16-18

Returning Starters: RHP/1B Brantley Upshaw (Sr., L/R); RHP/C Trayvone Harris (Sr., R/R); RHP/SS Jesus Quintero (Sr., R/R); OF Kipp Mosley (Jr., R/R);



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RHP/1B Jackson Jenkins (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP Tyson Brantley (So., R/R); INF/RHP Tucker Braddy (So., R/R); OF/LHP Ryder Sears (So., R/L)

Other Returning Players: OF Caleb McCoy (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Cameron Ledford (Jr., R/R); 1B/RHP Ben Bailey (Jr., R/R); C Payton McLaughlin (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/OF TJ Stanley (Jr., R/R); 3B/RHP MJ Burton (Fr., R/R); C/RHP Riley Kersey (Fr., R/R); 1B/P Brody Benton (Fr.); OF/P Slade McDonald (Fr.)

Season Outlook: The Bulldogs lost some of their top pitching arms to graduation, but they do return eight starters. All-Region pitcher/catcher Trayvone Harris, pitcher/first-baseman Brantley Upshaw and pitcher/shortstop Jesus Quintero return as Toombs will be expected to challenge for a postseason berth again.



BUTLER BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Joseph Nero
Survey not returned



GLENN HILLS SPARTANS

Head Coach: Dominique Robbins
Survey not returned



VIDALIA INDIANS

Head Coach: Brent Korn

Assistant Coaches: Rhett Carter, Ben Beck, Zach Wilson

2023 Record: 18-15-1

Returning Starters: U Andrew Norfleet (Sr., R/R); SS/RHP Carson Ricks (Sr., R/R); 1B Lawson Lowe (Sr., L/R); RHP/3B Tucker McDonald (Sr., R/R); RHP/C Dawson Stewart (Jr., R/R); RHP/3B Veer Patel (So., L/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Ty Beck (Sr., R/R); OF Mason Toole (Sr., R/R); OF Brayden McCaw (Sr., R/R); RHP Jackson Berry (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Cayden Nance (So., L/R)

Season Outlook: In a rebuilding season, the Indians still won 18 games and made the second round of the state playoffs. The rebuild will continue this spring, but a solid senior class will keep the Indians in the postseason chase. All-region first-baseman Lawson Lowe returns as well as pitcher Tucker McDonald and infielder/pitcher Carson Ricks.



JOSEY EAGLES

Head Coach: James Draine
Survey not returned



LANEY WILDCATS

Head Coach: TBA
Survey not returned



PUTNAM COUNTY WAR EAGLES

Head Coach: Michael Phiel

Assistant Coach(es): TBA

2023 Record: 12-14

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Hunter Holder (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); LHP/RF RJ Ruff (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/L); C/RHP Mark Winslette (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF Branan Griffin (So., 5-10, 180, R/R); SS/RHP Gates Lanzarone (So., 5-8, 155, R/R); 1B/RHP Tanner Lukens (Jr., 6-3, 195, R/R); C/2B Jackson Dodd (So., 5-8, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/LHP Wade Johnson (So., 5-11, 175, B/L); OF/2B Wyatt Simms (So., 5-7, 150, L/R); OF Christian Cox (So., 5-10, 145, R/R); 3B Victor McClean (So., 6-1, 225, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/LHP Ethan Whately (So., 5-9, 150, L/L)

Season Outlook: The War Eagles will be expected to contend for a region title this spring. All-region selections Mark Winslette, Hunter Holder, Jackson Dodd, Gates Lanzarone and Branan Griffin return to lead the way. Keep an eye on a solid group of sophomores who will be expected to contribute.



WINDSOR FOREST KNIGHTS

Head Coach: TBA

Survey not returned

REGION 4-2A

Region Favorite: Washington County

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

2B/P – Hunter Barrow, Jr., Westside-Augusta; **INF/OF/RHP** – Tyler Brookins, Sr., Washington County; **C/2B** – Jackson Dodd, So., Putnam County; **LHP/OF** – Dalton Gergen, Jr., Thomson; **OF** – Branan Griffin, So., Putnam County; **OF** – Storm Hunt, Sr., Thomson; **INF** – Tre Lazenby, Jr., Thomson; **1B/RHP** – Tanner Lukens, Jr., Putnam County; **RHP/1B** – Ty Mobley, So., Washington County; **INF** – Mason Roundtree, Sr., Westside-Augusta; **C/INF/RHP** – Payton Severance, Sr., Washington County; **C/RHP** – Mark Winslette, Sr., Putnam County



THOMSON BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Sean Tiernan
Survey not returned

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WASHINGTON COUNTY GOLDEN HAWKS

Head Coach: Kevin Mobley (new)

Assistant Coach: Brannon Bonifay

2023 Record: 9-18

Returning Starters: C/INF/RHP Payton Severance (Sr., R/R); 1B/RHP Mack May (So., R/R); 2B/RHP Reese Stewart (So., R/R); SS/RHP Brayden Lanthrip (Jr., R/R); OF/RHP Mason Welch (Jr., R/R); INF/OF/RHP Tyler Brookins (Sr., R/R); OF/LHP Jack Taylor (Sr., R/L)

Other Returning Players: OF/INF Justice Lester (So., R/R); INF/C Ben Davis (So., R/R); OF Stephen Norwood (So., R/R); C/OF Brayden Wood (So., R/R); OF Matthew Mullen (So., R/R); OF Peyton Mathis (So., R/R); OF Preston Carroll (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/1B Ty Mobley (So., R/R); 3B/SS/OF Cam Beasley (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Colton Brown (Fr., R/R); INF/RHP Clark Trussell (Fr., R/R); 1B/3B/RHP Will Welch (Fr., R/R); OF Liam Beck (Fr., L/L); INF Trey Cannida (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: First-year coach Kevin Mobley inherits seven returning starters and a pair of transfers that could make the Golden Hawks the team to beat in Region 4-2A. Payton Severance, Tyler Brookins and Jack Taylor return, but keep an eye on former Pike County standout pitcher Ty Mobley and former Thomas Jefferson Academy standout Cam Beasley. Both are expected to help out.



WESTSIDE-AUGUSTA PATRIOTS

Head Coach: Darius Washington

Survey not returned

REGION 5-2A

Region Favorite: Callaway

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

OF/RHP – Collin Brightwell, Sr., Redan; **RHP/3B/INF** – Hayden Crews, Sr., Landmark Christian; **RHP/OF** – Max Echevarria, Sr., Landmark Christian; **2B** – Leshun Gates, Jr., Callaway; **RHP** – Daelyn House, Sr., Redan; **INF/RHP** – Bryce Hubbard, Sr., Callaway; **SS/RHP** – Antwan Parks, Sr., Towers; **SS/RHP** – Derek Peoples, Sr., Redan; **1B/LHP** – Brantin Swanson, Sr., Callaway; **OF** – Joshua Westbrook, Sr., Redan; **U/RHP** – Tyrell Wyatt, Sr., Redan



CALLAWAY CAVALIERS

Head Coach: Dusty Hubbard

Assistant Coaches: Tim Freeman, Jon Hopper, Auston Wilson, Dalton Reed

2023 Record: 16-14

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Bryce Hubbard (Sr., 6-2, 190, L/R); C/1B Julian Dukes (Sr., 6-3, 225, R/R); 1B/LHP Brantin Swanson (Sr., 5-9, 185, L/L); 2B

Leshun Gates (Jr., 5-9, 165, L/L); 3B Landon Alsobrook (Jr., 5-8, 185, R/R); C/OF Luke Taylor (So., 5-11, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Wesley Williams (So., 6-1, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Slade Hunt (So., 5-10, 140, R/R); OF/RHP Blake Harrington (So., 5-11, 165, R/R); OF Vince Williams (Sr., 5-10, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Cavaliers should be much better after struggling at times last season. All-state infielder Bryce Hubbard (.456 avg., 21 RBIs) returns to lead the team. He and left-hander Brantin Swanson (5-4, 2.36 ERA) lead what could be a solid pitching rotation. If the Cavaliers can find a few more pitching arms, they could challenge for the region crown.



COLUMBIA EAGLES

Head Coach: Greg Barnett

Survey not returned



EAGLES LANDING CHRISTIAN CHARGERS

Head Coach: TBA

Survey not returned



LANDMARK CHRISTIAN WAR EAGLES

Head Coach: Scott Fletcher

Survey not returned



McNAIR MUSTANGS

Head Coach: Marcus Salter

Survey not returned



REDAN RAIDERS

Head Coach: Derwin McNealy (new)

Assistant Coaches: Chris Hardnett, Marcus Mays, Lucius Weaver, Harrison Moore

2023 Record: 23-12

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Derek Peoples (Sr., 6-1, 165, R/R); OF/RHP Collin Brightwell (Sr., 6-1, 165, B/R); U/RHP Tyrell Wyatt (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); RHP Daelyn House (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF Joshua Westbrook (Sr., 6-0, 150, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Conrad Veasley (So., 5-6, 145, B/R); 3B/RHP Dyson Marks (So., 5-9, 150, R/R); Eris Smith; Jayden Johnson

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Moxie McNealy (Fr., 5-6, 115, R/R); OF/RHP Thomas Thigpen (Fr., 6-3, 185, B/R)

Season Outlook: Former Newton High coach Derwin McNealy takes over and will look to keep Redan in the region title hunt. He inherits five

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returning starters. Keep an eye on versatile seniors Derek Peoples, Collin Brightwell and Tyrell Wyatt who return to lead the team.



Head Coach: Henry Garrett (new)
Survey not returned

REGION 6-2A

Region Favorite: Mount Paran Christian

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

RF – Grant Addison, So., Walker; **LF** – Henry Akopov, Jr., Mount Paran Christian; **OF/RHP** – Laquavius Bailey, Sr., Therrell; **CF** – Ahmad Bridges, Jr., Therrell; **RHP/1B** – Jarricus Cook, Sr., Washington; **C** – Kyle Crisp, Sr., Mount Paran Christian; **CF** – Garrett Droege, Sr., Mount Paran Christian; **RHP** – Michael Fredette, Jr., Mount Paran Christian; **SS/2B** – Braden Gabel, Sr., Mount Paran Christian; **C/INF** – Jonathan Griggs, So., Walker; **RHP/C** – Anthony Hill, Jr., BEST Academy; **3B** – Carson Hodges, Jr., Mount Paran Christian; **RHP/3B** – Cade Hudson, Jr., Drew Charter; **LHP/1B** – Miles Jones, Sr., Therrell; **RHP/2B** – Beau Lindic, So., Drew Charter; **U/RHP** – Jaycob Linsey, Sr., Therrell; **OF** – Michael Mullinax, Sr., North Cobb Christian; **RHP/OF** – Brock Parker, Sr., North Cobb Christian; **SS/2B/3B** – Josiah Rich, So., Drew Charter; **OF** – Joseph Richburg, Jr., Drew Charter; **RHP/INF** – Asher Sabom, Sr., North Cobb Christian; **INF** – Jackson Uggla, Sr., North Cobb Christian; **RHP/SS** – Che Williams, Sr., Drew Charter; **1B/OF** – Jackson Williams, Sr., Walker



Head Coach: Terry Norman
Assistant Coach: William Smalls
2023 Record: 6-14

Returning Starters: RHP/C Anthony Hill (Jr., 5-8, 180, R/R); RHP/1B Nehemiah Johnson (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); 3B/OF Jamarian Brown (Jr., 6-0, 190, R/R); OF Marquis Scherrer (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R); RHP/SS Amir Robinson (Sr., 6-1, 195, R/R); SS/OF Khylen Harris Norman (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF Xavier Timmons (Jr., 5-9, 140, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Aaron Staples (So., 5-6, 130, R/R)
Season Outlook: BEST Academy should have a chance to improve upon last season's finish as seven starters return to lead the way. The senior class is small, but keep an eye a solid group of returning juniors. Pitcher/catcher Anthony Hill is back after a solid sophomore campaign.



DREW CHARTER EAGLES

Head Coach: Billy Lucas
Assistant Coaches: Bill Lucas, Kenyatta Bennett
2023 Record: 12-9

Returning Starters: OF Joseph Richburg (Jr., R/R), RHP/3B Cade Hudson (Jr., R/R); RHP/2B Beau Lindic (So., R/R); RHP/1B Walter Nunnally (Jr., R/R); C Alex DeCarlo (Jr., R/R); RHP/SS Che Williams (Sr., R/R); OF Myron Leonard (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: SS/2B/3B Josiah Rich (So., R/R); OF Atticus Forstarter (So., R/R); RHP/3B Ellis Grega (So., R/R); 2B Jacob Haynes (Jr., R/R); OF Andre Barnes (Jr., R/R); OF Ty Selles (Jr., L/L); 3B Pierce Lindic (Jr., R/R); OF Michael McLain (Jr., R/R); OF Troy Smith (Jr., R/R); 1B/OF Kenyatta Bennett (Sr., R/R); OF Kendrick Myers (Sr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Eagles won 12 games in 2023 and look to improve on that total this spring. Drew Charter has a good nucleus of returning players to do that. Pitcher Cade Hudson returns to anchor a solid pitching staff, while offensive leaders Che Williams and Joseph Richburg also return.



KIPP ATLANTA COLLEGIATE WARRIORS

Head Coach: Kevin Hayles
Survey not returned



MOUNT PARAN CHRISTIAN EAGLES

Head Coach: Kyle Reese
Assistant Coaches: Kevin Rusk, Will Thompson
2023 Record: 31-6

Returning Starters: CF Garrett Droege (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); C Kyle Crisp (Sr., 5-10, 195, B/R); SS/2B Braden Gabel (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); 3B Carson Hodges (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); LF Henry Akopov (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); SS Gabe Hester (So., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF/1B Will Hennessey (Jr., 6-4, 200, L/R)

Other Returning Players: C/RHP Luke Norris (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); RHP Nolan O'Connor (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP Jack Robertson (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); INF/OF Sean Westmoreland (Sr., 5-9, 155, R/R); RHP Michael Fredette (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R); INF/OF/RHP Andrew Jones (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Chase Landmesser (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); INF Carter Galbreath (Sr., 6-2, 170, R/R); U Patrick Kilgo (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/RHP Jack Johnson (Fr., 6-2, 180, R/R); OF/LHP Rhett Bonner (So., 6-0, 180, R/L); INF/OF Cade Saldi (So., 5-9, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Eagles finished as the state runner-up last year. While they have some key positions to fill, there are enough leftovers to make another run at a championship. If Mount Paran can find a few more quality arms, they will be dangerous. The offense is in good hands as outfielder Garrett Droege and catcher Kyle Crisp return.

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NORTH COBB CHRISTIAN EAGLES

Head Coach: Jimmy Keane

Assistant Coaches: Gil Navarro, Edgar Mercado, Ryan Moore

2023 Record: 30-7

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Asher Sabom (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R); INF Jackson Uggla (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); C/INF Spears Martin (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); RHP/OF Brock Parker (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Michael Mullinax (Sr., 6-0, 185, B/R)

Other Returning Players: C/INF Hudson Newell (So., R/R); RHP Ross Rea (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP Caden Dollar (Jr., R/R); OF Carter Van Orden (Sr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/LHP/OF Carson Bruce (Fr., 5-11, 160, L/L); OF J.D. Aufderheide (Fr., 6-1, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Teddy Jarrard (Fr., 6-1, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: The defending state champions have some holes to fill, but they will still be tough to beat. All-American outfielder Michael Mullinax returns as well as infielder Jackson Uggla. Pitcher/infielder Asher Sabom and pitcher/outfielder Brock Parker return to lead a solid pitching rotation



SOUTH ATLANTA HORNETS

Head Coach: Melvin Moore

Survey not returned



THERRELL PANTHERS

Head Coach: Ryan Christian

Assistant Coach: Jalin Stanley

2023 Record: 10-10

Returning Starters: LHP/1B Miles Jones (Sr., 5-11, 170, L/L); U/RHP Jaycob Linsey (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); CF Ahmad Bridges (Jr., 5-9, 175, L/L); OF/RHP Laquavius Bailey (Sr., 6-3, 210, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Panthers continue to make positive strides. Look for that trend to continue in 2024. Therrell welcomes back four returning starters, including a trio of seniors. Pitcher/first-baseman Miles Jones and utility player/pitcher Jaycob Linsey are back, giving the Panthers a pair of strong leaders to build around.



WALKER WOLVERINES

Head Coach: Derrick Williams

Assistant Coaches: Demeterius Banks, Josh Lammert, Austin Green, Jordan Gibson

2023 Record: 21-10

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Tyler Fallmann (Jr., 5-10, 145, R/R); C/INF Jonathan Griggs (So., 5-9, 190, R/R); CF/INF Brendan Finger (Jr., 5-10, 145, R/R); RF Grant Addison (So., 6-1, 160, R/R); 1B/OF Jackson Williams (Sr., 6-4, 210, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF/1B Jack Roehl (So., 6-5, 200, R/R); RHP/OF Joaquin Santos (So., 6-1, 160, R/R); RHP/INF Anthony Spradling (Sr., 6-4, 215, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wolverines keep getting better and should have a chance to approach last year's success. Walker will be relatively young this spring, but first-baseman/outfielder Jackson Williams (.380 avg., 28 RBIs) and catcher Jonathan Griggs return. Look for some solid underclassmen to contribute.



BOOKER T. WASHINGTON BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Cheron Thompson

Assistant Coaches: Theodore Minter, Ken Dabney

2023 Record: 2-14

Returning Starters: RHP/1B Jarricus Cook (Sr., R/R); 1B/OF Jeremiah Broom (Sr., R/R); SS/C Joseph Smith (Jr., R/R); RF/LHP Kedren Ceesay (So., L/L); 2B Joseph Rosser (So., R/R); CF Mikael Fife (So., L/L); LF/RHP Cam'ron McKinney (So., R/R); RF/RHP Jakobi Caldwell (Jr., R/R); C/LF Kash Walton (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP Zion Gilstrap (So., R/R); SS Mikel Key (Fr., R/R); RF Robert Lyons (Jr., R/R); LF Keyshawn Dixon (Sr., R/R); RHP Leon Morris (Sr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Henry Dunn (Fr., R/R); SS Zerak Lester (Fr., R/R); C Jahliel Cross (Fr., R/R); 3B Amarius Myrick (Fr., R/R); LHP Deyshawn Myers (Fr., L/L)

Season Outlook: The Bulldogs return a good group of talent and should have a chance to improve upon last season's record. Pitcher Jarricus Cook and shortstop/catcher Joseph Smith are two players to keep an eye on.

REGION 7-2A

Region Favorite: Rockmart

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

LHP/1B – Hunter Atkins, Jr., Rockmart; **SS** – Jake Bailey, Sr., Rockmart;
C/INF – Grayson Bartley, Sr., North Murray; **INF/RHP** – Brylan Bond, Jr., North Murray; **OF** – Bryce Burnette, Sr., Fannin County; **SS** – Carson Callihan, Jr., Fannin County; **OF** – Champ Cash, Sr., Haralson County;
LHP/OF – Nolan Clemons, Jr., Rockmart; **3B/RHP** – Gavin Davis, Jr., Fannin County; **RHP/INF** – Holden Davis, Sr., Haralson County; **U/INF/RHP** – Cooper Dean, Jr., Model; **U/RHP** – Gaige Foster, Sr., Fannin County;
INF – Taylor Frazier, Sr., North Murray; **INF/OF** – Ju'Alan George, Sr., North Murray; **1B/RHP** – Colton Gray, Jr., Fannin County; **INF/RHP** – Reece Grodeman, So., Model; **RHP/INF** – Bristol Hughes, Jr., Fannin County; **C** – Neyland Hulsey, So., Rockmart; **DH** – Luke Johnson, Sr., Haralson County;
1B/RHP – Hudson Latimer, Jr., Model; **LHP/OF** – Trey Luke, So., Rockmart; **RHP/OF** – Chance Minshew, Sr., Model; **OF** – Landon Patterson, So., Rockmart; **P/INF** – Tristyn Perry, Jr., Murray County; **INF/OF** – Calliyon Thompson, Jr., Rockmart; **INF/OF/RHP** – Braxton Vineyard, Sr., Murray County; **U** – Tucker Wade, Jr., Haralson County; **C** – Haldyn Williams, Sr., Haralson County; **INF/RHP** – Rob Yagy, Jr., Rockmart

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FANNIN COUNTY REBELS

Head Coach: Travis Stone

Assistant Coaches: Cline Bowers, Trevor Stone, Kevin Cochran

2023 Record: 12-17

Returning Starters: SS Carson Callihan (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); U/RHP Gaige Foster (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); 1B/RHP Colton Gray (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); 3B/RHP Gavin Davis (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R); OF Bryce Burnette (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); 1B/DH/RHP Paul Stroemer (Jr., 6-3, 205, R/R); RHP/INF Bristol Hughes (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: CF Elijah Weaver (Jr., R/R); OF Carter Fox (Sr., R/R); U Tucker Dockery (Jr., R/R); C Christian Beavers (Sr., R/R); LHP/OF

Mason McDaniel (Jr., L/L); LHP/OF Cole Stevenson (Sr., L/L)

Top Newcomers: RHP/OF Kaden Davis (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Rebels look to be back in the playoff hunt this spring as a solid group of returning players are back. Shortstop Carson Callihan and senior Gaige Foster return to give Fannin a pair of leaders to build around. A pair of juniors in Colton Gray and Gavin Davis also return after posting solid numbers as sophomores last year.



Bryce Burnette
Fannin County



Gavin Davis
Fannin County



Gaige Foster
Fannin County



Colton Gray
Fannin County



MODEL BLUE DEVILS

Head Coach: Brandon Patch

Assistant Coaches: Brett White, Jake Storey, Matt Watson, Ryan Evans, Randy Winton

2023 Record: 27-7

Returning Starters: RHP/OF Chance Minshew (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); U/INF/RHP Cooper Dean (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); 1B/RHP Hudson Latimer (Jr., 6-2, 165, L/R); U/OF/RHP Winston Cash (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); INF Jared Terhune (Jr., 6-2, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Reece Grodeman (So., 6-3, 185, L/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B Carter Oyler (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); OF/RHP Sam Brownlow (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); C/RHP Ryan Camp (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R); OF/RHP John Myles Mason (So., 6-1, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Cooper Watson (Jr., 5-10, 170, L/R); OF/RHP Caden Oswalt (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Landen Mitchell (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); C/RHP Collin Watson (Fr., 5-9, 165, L/R); INF/RHP Jonah Winton (Fr., 5-9, 140, L/R); INF/RHP Brantley Patch (Fr., 6-0, 160, L/R)

Season Outlook: After winning 27 games last year, the Blue Devils may be in for a little rebuilding this spring. But don't count them out as this team is still dangerous. Region co-Pitcher of the Year Chance Minshew is back as well as All-Region first-teamers Reece Grodeman and Cooper Dean. Look for some solid underclassmen to contribute.



MURRAY COUNTY INDIANS

Head Coach: Josh Wiggins

Survey not returned



GORDON CENTRAL WARRIORS

Head Coach: Austin Norrell

Survey not returned



HARALSON COUNTY REBELS

Head Coach: Patrick Syer

Assistant Coaches: Tristan Cash, Joe Cash, Luke Cash, Ethan Simms

2023 Record: 18-13

Returning Starters: C Haldyn Williams (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP/INF Holden Davis (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); OF Champ Cash (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); U Tucker Wade (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: DH Luke Johnson (Sr., 5-10, 250, L/L); OF Junior Hutson (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); INF Luke Armstrong (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); LHP/OF Tucker Durden (Sr., 5-9, 155, L/L)

Season Outlook: Haralson County should be back in the postseason chase this spring. Top pitcher Holden Davis (9-3) returns on the mound, while his favorite target, catcher Haldyn Williams, also returns. The Rebels welcome back four starters as well as a solid senior class. Haralson County could be a dangerous team this spring.



NORTH MURRAY MOUNTAINEERS

Head Coach: Ethan Lents

Assistant Coaches: Jared Goswick, Aaron Granger, Blake Davis, Andrew Wood

2023 Record: 6-20

Returning Starters: INF Taylor Frazier (Sr., R/R); INF/OF Ju'Alan George (Sr., R/R); C/INF Grayson Bartley (Sr., R/R); C/INF Sebastian Villarreal (Sr., R/R); OF/INF Luke Maton (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Alex Brown (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP Brylan Bond (Jr., R/R); INF Joel Mallett (So., R/R); INF/OF Caden Bush (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP Caden Painter (Jr., R/R); C Landon Atkins (So., R/R); OF Owen Otts (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/LHP Anthony Skojsc (Fr., L/L); OF/INF Levi Martin (Fr., R/R); INF Braydon Parton (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Look for the Mountaineers to improve upon last season's finish as a wealth of returning starters are back to lead the way. All-region standouts Taylor Frazier, Ju'Alan George, Brylan Bond and Grayson Bartley return. Look for some talented juniors to also contribute.

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ROCKMART YELLOW JACKETS

Head Coach: TC Boyd

Assistant Coaches: Levi Austin, Luc Culver, Jeff Lewis, Luke Queen

2023 Record: 19-12

Returning Starters: SS Jake Bailey (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); LHP/1B Hunter Atkins (Jr., 6-3, 175, L/L); INF/OF Calliyon Thompson (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); INF Kason Zuker (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); LHP/OF Nolan Clemons (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/L); INF/RHP Rob Yagyu (Jr., 6-0, 190, R/R); LHP/OF Trey Luke (So., 5-9, 165, L/L); OF Landon Patterson (So., 5-9, 165, L/R); C Neyland Hulsey (So., 5-9, 165, L/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP Tucker Woody (Jr., 5-9, 175, L/L); RHP Braedyn Roberson (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF Aiden Wright (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP/1B Andrew Watson (So., 6-1, 220, R/R); RHP/INF Gage Campbell (So., 6-2, 205, L/R)

Season Outlook: The Jackets may be a year away from reaching their full potential, but they have a chance to be very good in 2024. Eight starters are back, including shortstop Jake Bailey (.345 avg., 12 RBIs) and Georgia commit Hunter Atkins. Versatile Calliyon Thompson, Rob Yagyu and Trey Luke also return

REGION 8-2A

Region Favorite: Banks County

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

LHP/1B/OF – Gunnar Akins, So., Union County; **RHP/OF** – AJ Cantrell, So., Providence Christian; **RHP/U** – Colin Caudell, Sr., Banks County; **OF** – Cam Cooper, Jr., Banks County; **RHP/U** – Keegan DeMayo, Sr., Providence Christian; **INF** – Brad DeMent, Sr., Athens Academy; **C** – Payton Garner, Sr., East Jackson; **OF** – Jordan Gilliam, Jr., Union County; **INF/OF/RHP** – Eli Gwynn, So., Union County; **C** – Hayden Hughes, Jr., Union County; **OF** – Ancy Jacobs, Jr., Banks County; **INF/C** – Hampton Johnson, Jr., Athens Academy; **RHP/INF** – Han Seaong Kang, Jr., East Jackson; **SS** – Caleb Lee, Sr., Providence Christian; **RHP/C** – Reece Newberry, Jr., Providence Christian; **OF** – Maddox Patton, So., Union County; **RHP/INF** – Peyton Rogers, Jr., Providence Christian; **C** – Gaven Sears, So., Banks County; **RHP/1B** – Judd Spear, Jr., Banks County; **INF/RHP** – Bo Stephens, Sr., Athens Academy; **INF** – Santos Wade, So., Providence Christian; **LHP/OF** – Garrett Waugh, Sr., East Jackson



ATHENS ACADEMY SPARTANS

Head Coach: Casey Kane

Assistant Coaches: Don Chuboff, Denny Dotson, Will Divers

2023 Record: 14--16

Returning Starters: LHP/OF Thomas Ferland (Jr., 5-11, 165, L/L); INF Brad DeMent (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R); INF/C Hampton Johnson (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); LHP Om Patel (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/L); INF/RHP Bo Stephens (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); RHP/1B

Crawford Grow (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF Charlie Hutton (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B Lam Hardman (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Camp Kinsler (So., 6-0, 150, R/R); 3B/RHP Wes O'Neil (So., 5-10, 155, R/R); OF/LHP Hank Stephens (Jr., 6-1, 175, L/L); OF DJ Sumbry (Jr., 6-2, 165, R/R); SS/CF Charlie Walton (So., 6-2, 165, R/R); 3B Reese Walton (So., 6-2, 165, R/L)

Top Newcomers: OF Tucker Rhodes (Fr., 6-0, 165, R/R); OF Cash Cowart (So., 5-9, 165, R/L); CF Jalen Ford (Fr., 5-8, 160, R/R); SS Beckett Newland (Fr., 5-8, 150, R/R); C Buck Talley (So., 5-11, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Spartans welcome back a good group of talent and should contend for a playoff berth this spring. The bulk of the team are underclassmen. The senior class is small, but there is good talent. Catcher Hampton Johnson returns to lead the way after a solid sophomore campaign last year.



BANKS COUNTY LEOPARDS

Head Coach: Jared Jones (new)

Assistant Coaches: Rhett Carroll, Eli Cooper, Jason Sexton, DJ Davis, Jordan Nix

2023 Record: 17-13

Returning Starters: RHP/U Colin Caudell (Sr., 6-0, 155, R/R); 1B/2B Andrew Humphries (Sr., 5-10, 195, R/R); RHP/1B Judd Spear (Jr., 6-6, 245, R/R); OF Ancy Jacobs (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); OF Cam Cooper (Jr., 5-10, 200, R/R); C Gaven Sears (So., 5-11, 200, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 2B John Faulkner (Sr.); U Landon Tench (Sr.); P/OF Trevor Cox (Jr.); P/OF Austin Anderson (Jr.); 1B Warren Leftwich (So.); SS Owen Miller (So.); OF Walker Brown (So.)

Top Newcomers: RHP/U Chase Morrison (Jr.); U Judd Schmackel (Fr.)

Season Outlook: New coach Jared Jones inherits six returning starters from last season and should have his team in postseason contention. Pitcher/first-baseman Judd Spear and outfielder Cam Cooper return to give the Leopards a pair of playmakers to build around. Some underclassmen will also compete for playing time.



EAST JACKSON EAGLES

Head Coach: Scott Myers

Assistant Coaches: Caleb Hardy, Will Bartlett, Bucky Sorrow, Chris Blazi, Joey Brooks

2023 Record: 13-15

Returning Starters: C Payton Garner (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF Aidan Holley (Sr., R/R); LHP/OF Garrett Waugh (Sr., L/L); INF JJ Dutton (Sr., L/R); U Ty Bennett (Sr., R/R); INF Nick Carpenter (Jr., R/R); INF Bryse Patterson (Jr., L/R); OF Tristen Pressley (Sr., R/R); RHP/OF Drew Richardson (So., R/R); RHP/INF Han Seong Kang (Jr., R/R); RHP/OF Reed Cassidy (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: East Jackson has a chance to be much better this spring. A wealth of talent returns, including All-Region catcher Payton Garner (.340 avg., 26 RBIs) and All-Region pitcher Garrett Waugh. A solid group of underclassmen will also be expected to contribute.

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FELLOWSHIP CHRISTIAN PALADINS

Head Coach: Shawn Oliver

Assistant Coaches: Lane Perrins, Mike Costoulas, Logan Mikell, Greg Conley, Jesse Vaughn

2023 Record: 29-6

Returning Starters: OF Jonathan Granby (So., 6-0, 185, R/R); OF Tristan Costoulas (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); 1B Jack Hughes (So., 6-1, 190, R/R); INF Jack Oetinger (Jr., 5-8, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C Clayton Stock (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); RHP Walker Price (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF Colby Stock (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); C/RHP Lawson Ivey (Jr., 5-11, 185, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/RHP Jake Brannon (Fr., 6-1, 180, L/R); INF Reid Harke (Fr., 6-1, 180, R/R); INF James Sharp (Fr., 6-0, 180, R/R); INF/C Coe Puckett (Fr., 5-11, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Walker Waggoner (Fr., 6-1, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: Graduation took a chunk out of Fellowship Christian's roster and the Paladins will be doing some rebuilding this spring. The team will be very young with mostly underclassmen. Four starters are back. Senior right-handed pitcher Walker Price is one of the team's few seniors. He will give the young Paladins a leader to build around.



PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN STORM

Head Coach: Adam Cantrell

Assistant Coaches: Sean West, Zach Shelnuitt

2023 Record: 15-17

Returning Starters: RHP/1B Brady Williams (Sr., 6-1, 200, R/R); RHP/U Keegan DeMayo (Sr., 6-1, 160, R/R); SS Caleb Lee (Sr., 5-8, 165, R/R); RHP/C Reece Newberry (Jr., 6-0, 205, R/R); U Bryan Chesnut (Jr., 5-5, 150, R/R); RHP/INF Peyton Rogers (Jr., 5-11, 200, R/R); INF Santos Wade (So., 5-11, 175, R/R); RHP/OF AJ Cantrell (So., 6-6, 155, L/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/1B Harrison Purcell (Sr., 6-3, 220, R/R); RHP/U Kilian DeMayo (Jr., 6-0, 145, R/R); OF Traeh Singleton (So., 5-6, 125, R/R); RHP/INF Owen Harris (So., 6-1, 180, R/R); LHP/1B Ethan Buddoo (So., 5-8, 190, L/L); INF/RHP Wesley Smith (Jr., 5-6, 135, R/R)

Season Outlook: Providence Christian looks to build off its second-round playoff trip last year. The Storm welcomes back shortstop Caleb Lee and catcher Reece Newberry to spark the offense, while right-handers Keegan DeMayo and Peyton Rogers are back to lead what could be a strong group of pitchers.



UNION COUNTY PANTHERS

Head Coach: Scott Williams (new)

Survey not returned



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GHSA Class 1A Division I

REGION 1-1A

Region Favorite: Irwin County

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

INF/P – Garrett Ahl, Sr., Bacon County; **OF/LHP** – Santiago Bizzell, So., Bacon County; **OF** – Cody Buckner, Sr., Pelham; **C/RHP** – Knox Ledbetter, Jr., Bacon County; **RHP/SS** – Dallas Leverett, So., Brooks County; **RHP/OF** – Caiden Lewis, So., Bacon County; **INF/RHP** – Jaylen Martin, Jr., Irwin County; **OF/LHP** – Connor Paulk, Sr., Irwin County; **INF/OF/RHP** – Luke Snyder, Jr., Irwin County; **C** – Brodie Suggs, Jr., Irwin County; **OF** – Bubba Walters, Sr., Irwin County; **C/1B** – Ja’Ven Watts, Sr., Brooks County



BACON COUNTY RED RAIDERS

Head Coach: Noble Coley

Assistant Coaches: Sky Kaeck, Randy Roland

2023 Record: 16-14

Returning Starters: RHP Chance Ivey (Sr., 6-4, 185, R/R); C/RHP Knox Ledbetter (Jr., 6-0, 200, R/R); OF Cale Taylor (Sr., 5-11, 185, R/R); U Hayden Taylor (Sr., 5-11, 190, R/R); INF Garrett Ahl (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Ray Tucker (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); RHP/OF Caiden Lewis (So., 5-11, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Kayden Tyre (So., 5-7, 145, R/R); OF/LHP Santiago Bizzell (So., 6-1, 165, L/L)

Other Returning Players: Eli Griffin (Jr.); Ryland Boatright (Jr.); Jason Guest (Jr.); Jacob Soto (So.); Hunter Duck (So.)

Top Newcomers: Brody Roland (Jr.); Matthew Schell (So.); Keith Moore (Fr.); Jamison Carter (Fr.); Bryson Landis (Fr.); Clayton Kelley (Fr.)

Season Outlook: Bacon County has enough returning talent to make a run at the region title this spring. Pitching will be solid as right-hander Chance Ivey, Caiden Lewis and Knox Ledbetter are back to form what should be a good pitching rotation. Some excellent younger players will also contribute.



BROOKS COUNTY TROJANS

Head Coach: Shawn Sharp

Assistant Coaches: Tyler Dukes, Jonathan Hamm, William Holt

2023 Record: 2-28

Returning Starters: C/1B Ja’Ven Watts (Sr., 6-2, 220, R/R); OF/RHP Westin Chastain (Jr., 5-7, 150, L/R); RHP/SS Dallas Leverett (So., 5-8, 165, R/R); 2B Noel Tapia (So., 5-7, 150, R/R); OF Henry Maine (So., 5-8, 160, R/R); 3B/SS Thomas Maine (So., 5-8, 160, R/R); 1B/RHP Conner Priest (So., 5-8, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: The young Trojans continue to build for the future. Brooks County won just two games last year, but look for them to continue making positive strides this spring. Senior catcher/first-baseman Ja’Ven Watts returns as well as pitcher/shortstop Dallas Leverett.



Ja’Ven Watts
Brooks County



IRWIN COUNTY INDIANS

Head Coach: Drew Tankersley

Assistant Coaches: Nathan Martin, Kenny Yanzetich, Seth Young

2023 Record: 31-7

Returning Starters: OF Bubba Walters (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); OF/LHP Connor Paulk (Sr., 5-7, 135, R/L); INF/RHP Jaylen Martin (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); C Brodie Suggs (Jr., 6-2, 225, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/OF/RHP Luke Snyder (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R); INF/OF/RHP Peyton Reeves (So., 5-10, 155, R/R); INF/RHP Thadd Royal (So., 5-10, 155, R/R); INF/RHP Tanner Ross (So., 5-10, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: After finishing as the state runner-up, Irwin County has some rebuilding to do in 2024. Graduation took all of Irwin’s talented senior class as well as most of its pitching. The Indians will be young, but there is talent. Versatile Jaylen Martin returns after an all-state season last spring.



PELHAM HORNETS

Head Coach: Ron Best

Assistant Coach: Alex Flowers

2023 Record: 12-18

Returning Starters: INF Aberum Knight (Jr.); P/INF Reid Jewell (Jr.); P/OF Addison McEntyre (Sr.); OF Cody Buckner (Sr.); OF Derrian Harris (Sr.); C Jayden Feagin (Jr.)

Season Outlook: The Hornets look to be improved as six starters return this spring. Pelham will need to find consistent pitching. Senior Addison McEntyre and junior Reid Jewell give the Hornets a good starting point on the mound. The good news is that outfielder Cody Buckner returns to power the offense.

REGION 2-1A

Region Favorite: Bleckley County

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

RHP/SS – Clayton Beck, Jr., Bleckley County; **INF** – Brandon Chapman, Sr., Swainsboro; **RHP/U** – Gabe Conley, Sr., Swainsboro; **RHP/3B** – Braegan Cravey, Jr., Bleckley County; **3B/C/RHP** – Caden Daley, Sr., Swainsboro; **C** – Jacob Grant, Sr., Bleckley County; **1B/RHP** – Jackson Gray, Sr., Swainsboro; **U** – Josh Guyton, Jr., Dublin; **OF/RHP** – Sam Hendricks, Jr., Jefferson County; **C** – Lenox Lively, Sr., Swainsboro; **C/SS/RHP** – Brice Marchman, Jr., Swainsboro; **RHP/U** – Peyton Mason, So., Swainsboro; **OF/RHP** – Konner O’Neal, So., East Laurens; **OF** – Tyrese Robinson, Jr., Dublin; **OF/RHP** – Evan Usry, Sr., Jefferson County

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BLECKLEY COUNTY ROYALS

Head Coach: Brad Davis
Assistant Coaches: William Barham, Shane Savant, Alex Garnto

2023 Record: 24-14

Returning Starters: C Jacob Grant (Sr., 6-2, 170, R/R); 1B Shane Knighton (Sr., 6-3, 190, L/R); RHP/SS Clayton Beck (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP/3B Braegan Cravey (Jr., 5-11, 195, R/R); C/3B Austin Youn (Jr., 5-9, 190, R/R)

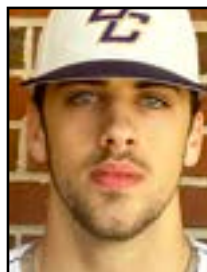
Other Returning Players: SS/C/RHP Gavin Cole (So., 5-8, 165, R/R); RHP/2B/3B Walker Boatright (So., 5-8, 155, R/R); RHP/OF Carson Powell (Jr., 5-8, 150, R/R); OF/RHP Josh Dillard (Jr., 5-8, 165, R/R); OF/LHP Jay Johnson (So., 5-10, 165, L/L); 1B/RHP Brady Brannon (Jr., 6-4, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/RHP Thomas Evans (So., 5-8, 160, R/R); 2B Tanner Holley (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R); OF Jett Fordham (Jr., 5-6, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Royals graduated a lot of talent from last year's squad that made a deep postseason run. Bleckley County, a lot younger this season, will need some talented underclassmen to step up. The good news is that pitcher/shortstop Clayton Beck and pitcher/third-baseman Braegan Cravey return after strong sophomore seasons last year.



Jacob Grant
Bleckley County



Shane Knighton
Bleckley County

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Konner O'Neal (So., 5-11, 160, L/R); 2B/RHP Kaden Mimbs (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/R); C Rylan Harden (Jr., 6-1, 160, R/R); SS/RHP Conner Lawrence (So., 6-0, 150, R/R); 3B/RHP Landon Ayers (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/RHP Sam Wynn (So., 5-9, 145, R/R); OF/RHP Cade Oliver (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF Jeremiah Worthen (Jr., 6-0, 140, R/R)

Season Outlook: New coach Vic Thigpen takes over at East Laurens and inherits five returning starters. The Falcons will be young, but there is talent. Outfielder/pitcher Konner O'Neal returns after a promising freshman campaign last year.



JEFFERSON COUNTY WARRIORS

Head Coach: Craig Brock

Assistant Coaches: Cameron Busby, Scott Wheeler

2023 Record: 13-17

Returning Starters: 1B Grayson Maxwell (Sr., 6-2, 200, L/L); C Caleb Dukes (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Evan Usry (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); 2B/RHP Chevy Farmer (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); OF/RHP Sam Hendricks (Jr., 5-10, 170, L/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/RHP Trey Davis (Jr., 6-2, 200, R/R); INF Landon Schmidt (So., 5-6, 145, R/R); C Georquel Murray (So., 5-10, 190, R/R); 2B Jayden Wilson (So., 5-2, 110, R/R); OF Marcus Scott (So., 5-4, 115, R/R); OF/3B Mason Turgate (So., 5-9, 155, R/R); OF Landyn Judy (So., 6-0, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Easton Pittman (Sr., 5-5, 145, R/R); RHP/INF/OF Caleb Pittman (Sr., 5-5, 145, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Warriors look to be in the postseason chase this spring as five returning starters are back. The lack of pitching depth is a concern, but outfielder Evan Usry and catcher Caleb Dukes are back, giving Jefferson County a solid pair of senior leaders to build around.



DUBLIN FIGHTING IRISH

Head Coach: Todd Hogan
Survey not returned



EAST LAURENS FALCONS

Head Coach: Vic Thigpen (new)
Assistant Coach: Chance Pittman
2023 Record: 8-15



SWAINSBORO TIGERS

Head Coach: Billy Marchman (new)

Assistant Coaches: Corey Chalker, Daniel Overstreet

2023 Record: 21-11

Returning Starters: C Lenox Lively (Sr., 6-3, 195, L/R); INF Brandon Chapman (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); 3B/C/RHP Caden Daley (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); 1B/RHP Jackson Gray (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); RHP/U Peyton Mason (So., 5-8, 150, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Caden Tapley (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); LHP/OF Kason Edenfield (So., 5-11, 165, L/L); OF Isahiah Fultz (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF Jaylen Clark (So., 5-11, 145, R/R); RHP/1B Kadorian Benjamin (So., 6-3, 240, R/R); RHP/2B Jeremy Justice (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/SS/RHP Brice Marchman (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R); RHP/U Gabe Conley (Sr., 5-7, 185, L/R); RHP/OF Cole Conley (So., 5-8, 180, R/R); RHP/OF Demetri Stanford (Fr., 5-9, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: Former Burke County coach Billy Marchman takes over and inherits a talented team capable of contending for the region title. The Tigers return catcher/first-baseman Lenox Lively to lead the way. Keep an eye on junior catcher/shortstop Brice Marchman, a transfer who will help out.



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REGION 3-1A

Region Favorite: Metter

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

OF/RHP – Justin Beck, Sr., Bryan County; **SS/RHP** – Jonathan Brown, Jr., Claxton; **OF/RHP** – Tanner Ennis, Sr., Bryan County; **3B/RHP** – Carter Gainous, Jr., Metter; **2B** – Sean Hills, Sr., Bryan County; **C/RHP** – Kaden Hobbs, Jr., Metter; **3B/RHP** – Christian Mixon, Jr., Claxton; **SS/RHP** – Rustan Rigdon, Sr., Metter; **C/P** – Gatlin Scott, Jr., Screven County; **1B** – Cade Sikes, Sr., Claxton; **1B/DH** – Tyranski Spann, Sr., Metter; **OF/P** – Jeremiah White, Jr., Screven County



**METTER
TIGERS**

Head Coach: Zach Rackett

Assistant Coaches: Skyler Smith, Riley Kingery, Chris Carr

2023 Record: 26-7

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Rustan Rigdon (Sr., R/R); 3B/RHP Carter Gainous (Jr., R/R); C/RHP Kaden Hobbs (Jr., R/R); 1B/DH Tyranski Spann (Sr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Tigers lost a wealth of talent to graduation after a deep postseason run in 2023. The cupboard isn't all bare though. Three-year starter and Vanderbilt signee Rustan Rigdon is one of the nation's top prep players. A pair of juniors in Carter Gainous and Kaden Hobbs also return to help out.



**BRYAN COUNTY
REDSKINS**

Head Coach: Justin Covington

Assistant Coaches: Zachary Ledbetter, Kyle Hill

2023 Record: 15-15

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Tanner Ennis (Sr., L/R); OF/RHP Justin Beck (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Kris Martin (Sr., L/R); 2B Sean Hills (Sr., R/R); 1B AJ Thomas (Jr., L/R); OF/RHP Hunter Gibson (Sr., R/R); SS/RHP Cooper Ennis (Jr., R/R); 3B/C Trip Wiggins (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Geoff Hovis (Jr., R/R); OF CayRon Rawls (Jr., R/R); 3B/RHP Trevor Lanier (Jr., R/R); U Ethan Williams (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Redskins return enough talent to challenge for the region title this season. Eight starters are back including First Team All-Region players Sean Hills and Justin Beck. Region Pitcher of the Year Tanner Ennis also returns. Bryan County has a chance to be very good this spring.



**SAVANNAH
BLUE JACKETS**

Head Coach: TBA

Survey not returned



**SCREVEN COUNTY
GAMECOCKS**

Head Coach: Josh Sheley (new)

Survey not returned



**CLAXTON
TIGERS**

Head Coach: Gohneil Brown

Assistant Coaches: Kevin Hendrix, Christopher Johnson

2023 Record: 5-20

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Jonathan Brown (Jr., 5-10, 140, R/R); 1B Cade Sikes (Sr., 6-0, 250, L/R); 3B/RHP Christian Mixon (Jr., 5-7, 150, R/R); OF Nicholas Snellgrove (Sr., 5-10, 160, L/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/C Collyn Powell (Sr., 5-8, 130, R/R); OF/RHP Cameron Whitfield (Jr., 5-9, 135, R/R); OF/RHP Preston Waters (So., 5-7, 145, R/R); OF/C Zach Waters (Jr., 5-6, 155, R/R); OF Shawn Hunter (So., 5-10, 185, R/R); 3B/RHP Anthony Cook (Jr., 6-5, 180, R/R); 1B/RHP Jaxson Saylor (So., 6-3, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 2B Michael Hendrix (Fr., 5-5, 135, R/R); OF/1B Brody Dillard (Fr., 5-9, 135, L/R)

Season Outlook: The Tigers look to get things turned around after a disappointing finish in 2023. Claxton will still be a relatively young team, but the good news is that five starters return. One of those is senior first-baseman Cade Sikes. Jonathan Brown and Christian Mixon also return after solid seasons last year.

REGION 4-1A

Region Favorite: Lamar County

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

INF/RHP – Gage Andel, Jr., Temple; **RHP** – Sammy Calhoun, Sr., Heard County; **OF** – Logan Cannon, Jr., Heard County; **OF** – Carter Coleman, Sr., Heard County; **1B/RHP** – Talon Dender, Sr., Lamar County; **LHP/INF** – Thomas Evans, Jr., Temple; **OF/INF/RHP** – Jackson Gribben, So., Temple; **SS/RHP** – Drew Hammock, Sr., Crawford County; **SS** – Trevor Hansford, Sr., Heard County; **OF/1B** – Makale Harris, Jr., Crawford County; **RHP** – Sammy Holliday, Sr., Heard County; **OF/RHP** – Reece Holloway, Sr., Temple; **RHP/INF** – Jake Hutto, Sr., Lamar County; **INF/RHP** – Cam King, Sr., Lamar County; **1B/3B** – Max Lasseter, So., Heard County; **RHP/INF** – Logan Miller, So., Lamar County; **C/DH** – Blake Oldham, Sr., Heard County; **OF/LHP** – Griffin Parker, Sr., Crawford County; **C** – Johnny Stone, Sr., Lamar County

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CRAWFORD COUNTY EAGLES

Head Coach: Trevor Moncrief (new)

Assistant Coaches: Shannon West, Jeff Bailey, Charles O'Neal, Caleb Adams

2023 Record: 24-9

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Drew Hammock (Jr., 6-1, 165, R/R); OF/1B

Makale Harris (Jr., 6-2, 230, L/L); OF/LHP Griffin Parker (Sr., 6-1, 165, L/L)

Other Returning Players: OF/LHP Dayton Prater (So., 5-9, 140, L/L); INF Carter Williams (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); U Isaac Meadows (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF/LHP Blakely White (So., 6-1, 175, R/L); C Clayton Kelley (So., 5-9, 145, R/R); OF Jayden Maddon (Jr., 5-8, 135, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/3B/RHP Talen O'Neal (So., 5-9, 135, R/R); OF/LHP Braylan Thomas (Fr., 5-8, 130, R/L); 3B/RHP Michael Chitty (Fr., 6-2, 230, R/R)

Season Outlook: New coach Trevor Moncrief takes over a rebuilding Crawford County team that lost eight players to graduation last year. The Eagles will be young, but there is talent to build around. All-state pitcher Drew Hammock returns, while all-region outfielder/first-baseman Makale Harris also returns.



HEARD COUNTY BRAVES

Head Coach: Tyler Spradlin

Assistant Coaches: Trevor Spradlin, Gavin Porter, James Arp, Zach Odom

2023 Record: 16-15

Returning Starters: RHP Sammy Calhoun (Sr., 5-11, 170, L/R); RHP Sammy Holliday (Sr., 6-3, 220, R/R); SS Trevor Hansford (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); C/DH Blake Oldham (Sr., 6-2, 240, R/R); 1B/3B Max Lasseter (So., 6-1, 215, L/R); OF Logan Cannon (Jr., 6-1, 220, R/R); OF Carter Coleman (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 3B/OF/RHP River White (So., 6-1, 200, R/R); INF Gray Hester (So., 5-11, 175, R/R); OF/LHP Aidan Palmer (So., 5-10, 170, L/L); C/OF Evan Red (So., 5-9, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Cason Holtzclaw (Fr., 5-11, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: Heard County has a good nucleus of returning talent which should help them contend for the region title. Region Pitcher of the Year Sammy Calhoun is back to lead the team. Infielder Max Lasseter also returns after a solid freshman campaign. Shortstop Trevor Hansford is also back.



LAMAR COUNTY TROJANS

Head Coach: Mike Oberg

Assistant Coaches: Tim Jones, Kyle Kelly

2023 Record: 22-11

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Cam King (Sr., 6-2, 195, R/R); C Johnny Stone (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R); RHP/INF Jake Hutto (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); 1B/RHP Talon Dender (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF Hutson Traylor (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Caden Dewitt (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); RHP/INF Logan Miller (So., 6-0, 150, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Caden Crawford (So., 5-10, 155, R/R); RHP Jackson Grogan (Sr., 6-0, 140, R/R); INF Everett Horne (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF Lane Wilson (Sr., 5-10, 135, R/R); INF Carter Parlor (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Abel Ramirez (Jr., 5-9, 145, R/R); RHP Seth Cochran (So., 6-2, 220, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 1B Matthew Stone (Fr., 6-3, 200, R/R); INF Aiden Maurice (Fr., 5-8, 200, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Trojans should pick up from where they left off last year. A strong senior class returns. Right-handers Cam King, the region Co-Player of the Year in 2023, returns along with Jake Hutto who has combined to win 11 games in his career at Lamar. All-region catcher Johnny Stone is back behind the plate. This team should be pretty good.



TEMPLE TIGERS

Head Coach: Evan Hochstetler

Assistant Coaches: Coach Walker, Coach Brown, Coach Smith, Coach Aldridge

2023 Record: 7-21

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Reece Holloway (Sr., R/R); OF Asthon Eskew (Jr., R/R); OF/INF/RHP Jackson Gribben (So., R/R); LHP/INF Thomas Evans (Jr., L/L); INF Kade Brown (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Gage Andel (Jr., R/R); INF Will Dorsey (Sr., R/R); INF/C Jack Jordan (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF/INF/C Hudson Nix (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Tigers look to be much better in Coach Evan Hochstetler's second season. Temple welcomes back five returning starters, including standout pitcher/outfielder Reece Holloway. Keep an eye on a solid group of underclassmen. Sophomore Jackson Gribben and pitcher Thomas Evans showed a lot of promise last year.

REGION 5-1A

Region Favorite: Prince Avenue Christian

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

C – Chandler Aguirre, Jr., Jasper County; **LHP** – Mason Banks, Sr., Prince Avenue Christian; **INF** – Luke Burnett, Sr., Prince Avenue Christian; **OF** – Connor Causby, Sr., Prince Avenue Christian; **C** – Ben Chatham, Jr., Prince Avenue Christian; **SS/2B** – Landon Davis, Sr., Social Circle; **INF/RHP** – Andrew Gillespie, Sr., Prince Avenue Christian; **INF** – Will Goff, Sr., Prince Avenue Christian; **INF/RHP** – Judson Hartwell, Jr., Prince Avenue Christian; **OF** – Matthew Martin, So., Oglethorpe County; **RHP** – Tom Schilling, Sr., Jasper County; **RHP/1B** – Luke Smith, Sr., Social Circle



JASPER COUNTY HURRICANES

Head Coach: Brady McMichael

Assistant Coaches: Zach Houston, Steve Johnson, Clint Lavaughn, Taylor Fields, Amantae Sands

2023 Record: 5-26

Returning Starters: RHP Tom Schilling (Sr., 6-3, 195, R/R); OF/RHP Hunter Hays (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); U Tres Cohran (Sr., 5-7, 150, R/R); OF Chevy Sands (Sr.,

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5-8, 160, R/R); 2B Evan Diaz (So., 5-6, 140, R/R); C Chandler Aguirre (Jr., 5-10, 200, R/R); RHP Grady Jordan (So., 5-9, 150, R/R); 1B/RHP Ethan McMichael (So., 5-9, 195, L/R)

Top Newcomers: U Brellynd Beasley (Fr., 6-2, 185, R/R); U Jaxson Cohran (Fr., 6-3, 170, R/R); C/RHP Justin Crowder (Fr., 6-1, 185, R/R); OF Cope Durand (Fr., 5-10, 195, R/R)

Season Outlook: Jasper County looks to improve after struggling in 2023. The Hurricanes welcome back a good nucleus of talent although much of the team's returning talent is young. Right-handed pitcher Tom Schilling returns after a solid campaign last year.



OGLETHORPE COUNTY PATRIOTS

Head Coach: Mike Campbell (new)

Survey not returned



PRINCE AVENUE CHRISTIAN WOLVERINES

Head Coach: Allen Osborne

Assistant Coaches: Jeff Guy, Matt Jones, Glen Ross, Tanner Martin, Matt Nicks

2023 Record: 35-3



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Returning Starters: INF Will Goff (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); INF/RHP Andrew Gillespie (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R); LHP Mason Banks (Sr., 6-2, 180, L/L); OF Connor Causby (Sr., 5-10, 160, L/R); INF Luke Burnett (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Judson Hartwell (Jr., 6-3, 200, R/R); C Ben Chatham (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Eli Attaway (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); C Mac Bradley (Jr., 6-0, 200, R/R); INF/RHP Cole Broxton (So., 6-2, 175, R/R); INF/OF Griff Bryant (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Trey Taylor (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Hudson Hill (Fr., 5-9, 150, R/R); INF Ty Kerns (Fr., 5-9, 155, R/R); INF Garrett Powell (Fr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP Bryson Towler (Fr., 6-2, 190, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wolverines may have won the Class 1A Division I state title a year ahead of schedule. Prince Avenue returns the bulk of the 2023 championship team. Top pitcher Mason Banks returns to anchor a strong pitching rotation, while power-hitting Judson Hartwell is back as well as offensive leaders Will Goff, Andrew Gillespie, Luke Burnett and Ben Chatham. Prince will be strong again in 2024



SOCIAL CIRCLE REDSKINS

Head Coach: Kevin Dawkins

Assistant Coaches: Brent Moore, Donny Hartman, Brook Adams, Eddie Barrow

2023 Record: 25-10

Returning Starters: RHP/1B Luke Smith (Sr., 6-4, 225, R/R); SS/2B Landon Davis (Sr., 5-11, 140, R/R); 2B/3B Landon Harpe (Sr., 5-10, 155, R/R); OF Lucas Langley (Jr., 6-2, 240, R/R); RHP/C Caden Richardson (Jr., 5-6, 195, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 3B/1B Luke Cross (Jr., 6-3, 155, R/R); C Griffin Conn (So., 5-10, 165, R/R); OF Barrett Bramlett (So., 5-10, 165, R/R); RHP Gehrig Knapp (Jr., 5-5, 140, R/R); INF Brayden Allen (So., 5-10, 140, R/R); OF Jase Blankenship (So., 5-9, 140, R/R); RHP Nolan Mitchell (Sr., 5-11, 155, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Hunter Boyett (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP Jayden Smith (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); RHP Ethan Hauck (So., 5-10, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Redskins won 25 games and made the state quarterfinals in 2023. There are enough leftovers from that team to make a solid run again. Five starters are back, including a trio of returning seniors. One of those is standout pitcher Luke Smith who will give Social Circle a chance to win each time he takes the mound.

REGION 6-1A

Region Favorite: King's Ridge Christian

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

2B – Jake Arispe, Sr., Whitefield Academy; **RHP/C** – Ethan Babcock, Sr., King's Ridge Christian; **C/INF** – Kaj Barron, Sr., Paideia; **CF/RHP** – Brandon Bostic, Sr., Mount Pisgah Christian; **LHP/1B/OF** – Isaac Brody, Jr., Weber; **RHP/INF** – Mark Buelow, Sr., Saint Francis; **1B** – Wesley Calloway, Sr., Whitefield Academy; **RHP/OF** – Landon Comer, Jr., King's Ridge Christian; **OF** – Taylor Craig, Sr., Whitefield Academy; **RHP/OF** – Chandler Deblois, Sr., King's Ridge Christian; **U/RHP** – Sam Delikat, Sr., Saint Francis; **RHP/**

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OF – Sahil Gandhi, Sr., Paideia; **1B/C/RHP** – Jack Garver, Jr., Mount Pisgah Christian; **RHP/1B** – Chip Glogorski, So., King's Ridge Christian; **RHP/OF** – Luke Hill, Sr., King's Ridge Christian; **RHP/3B** – Ben Jacobs, Sr., Mount Pisgah Christian; **SS** – Nate Jones, Sr., Whitefield Academy; **RHP/SS** – Nate Kittredge, Sr., King's Ridge Christian; **RHP** – Aaron Mackinson, Jr., Mount Bethel Christian; **C** – Ryan MacLellan, Sr., Whitefield Academy; **RHP/1B** – Aaron Peterson, Sr., Mount Pisgah Christian; **RHP/1B/3B** – Matthew Pressnall, Sr., Saint Francis; **INF/OF** – Aidan Pullaro, Sr., Mount Pisgah Christian; **LHP/OF** – Toby Reitman, Sr., Galloway; **CF** – Wyman Shaheen, Sr., Whitefield Academy; **RHP** – Nathan Shumway, Jr., Mount Vernon; **CF/RHP/3B** – David Oglesby-Smith, So., Paideia; **INF** – Hudson Spencer, Jr., King's Ridge Christian; **OF/DH** – Brady Survilas, Sr., Saint Francis; **OF** – Lucas Tangpricha, Sr., Paideia; **RHP/OF/INF** – Colin Thomas, So., Paideia; **INF/RHP** – Nathaniel Thomas, Jr., Mount Vernon; **OF** – Jack Ward, Sr., Mount Pisgah Christian



GALLOWAY SCOTS

Head Coach: Brandon Fish

Assistant Coaches: Ryan Fortgang, Kevin Walker, Chris Curtis

2023 Record: 6-14

Returning Starters: LHP/OF Toby Reitman (Sr., 5-10, 165, L/L); OF/RHP Elijah Roth (Sr., 5-8, 165, R/R); C Paul Stout (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Giancarlo Martinez Saldana (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/INF/OF Evan Herman (So., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP/OF/INF Matthew Edmonds (So., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF Tucker Happel (So., 5-11, 160, R/R); 1B/RHP Bennett Kelly (Jr., 6-5, 190, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Quinn Smith (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R); INF Adam Berardi (So., 5-7, 150, R/R); INF/OF Zack Graves (So., 5-9, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Scots will look to get things turned around after a disappointing finish in 2023. Eight starters are back, including four senior leaders. Left-hander Toby Reitman and right-hander Elijah Roth are back to lead an experienced pitching staff. Keep an eye on a solid group of underclassmen who will be expected to contribute.



KING'S RIDGE CHRISTIAN TIGERS

Head Coach: Mike Power

Assistant Coaches: Kyle Wilkie, Will Foster, Clay Cleveland

2023 Record: 26-8

Returning Starters: RHP/OF Luke Hill (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Chandler DeBlois (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); RHP/SS Nate Kittredge (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); RHP/OF Landon Comer (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); RHP/1B Chip Glogorski (So., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP/C Ethan Babcock (Sr., 6-0, 185, L/R); RHP/INF Hudson Phillips (So., 5-11, 150, R/R); RHP/INF Chandler Benson (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); INF Hudson Spencer (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C Austin Rhodes (Jr., 6-2, 200, R/R); OF Thomas Daniel (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R); 1B Max Cuzdey (So., 6-1, 160, R/R); RHP Lucas Clements (Sr., 6-3, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: CF Marcus Wood (So., L/L)

Season Outlook: The Tigers lost just one player from last season's team that

made it to the state quarterfinals. A strong group of seniors will lead the way. Versatile standouts Luke Hill and Chandler DeBlois as well as pitcher/shortstop Nate Kittredge will keep Kings Ridge Christian in the region title chase. Keep an eye on a solid group of underclassmen.



MOUNT BETHEL CHRISTIAN EAGLES

Head Coach: Eric McAfee

Assistant Coaches: Justin Pinker, Clark Spell

2023 Record: 4-22

Returning Starters: OF Will Kuimjian (Sr.); INF/RHP Clark Taylor (Sr.); U Mattox Gendron (Jr.); RHP Aaron Mackinson (Jr.); U Matthew Trent (So.)

Other Returning Players: OF Camden McKinley (Jr.); OF Tripp Lemming (So.); INF Austin Carlton (So.)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Hayes Stephens (Fr.); INF Blake Van Wagenen (Fr.); OF/LHP Will White (Fr.); OF/RHP Asher Adams (Fr.)

Season Outlook: If some younger players can contribute this spring, the Eagles should have a chance to improve upon last season's record. Five starters are back, including senior leaders Clark Taylor and Will Kuimjian.



MOUNT PISGAH CHRISTIAN PATRIOTS

Head Coach: Jamey Woods

Assistant Coaches: John O'Connor, Rusty Jones

2023 Record: 9-17-1

Returning Starters: CF/RHP Brandon Bostic (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/1B Aaron Peterson (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF Jack Ward (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); INF/OF Aidan Pullaro (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); RHP/3B Ben Jacobs (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); 1B/C/RHP Jack Garver (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP/1B Hunter Grube (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); RHP/INF/DH Lucas Beals (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); INF Jackson Williams (So., 6-0, 150, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 3B/RHP Jay Lemond (So., 5-9, 180, R/R); 2B/C/RHP Ryder Kotake (So., 5-8, 175, R/R); 1B Matthew Steele (So., 5-10, 195, R/R); 1B Osahon Uhuango (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 1B Ryan Dean (Jr., 5-11, 150, R/R); 3B/1B/RHP Hendrix Jain (Jr., 5-11, 185, R/R); INF/OF Ryan Hempel (Fr., 5-10, 150, R/R); LHP/1B/OF Luke Stefl (Fr., 6-0, 155, L/L); U Noah Dean (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Patriots welcome back nine returning starters and should be in the postseason chase this spring. A solid senior class will lead the way. Outfielder/pitcher Brandon Bostic and pitcher/first-baseman Aaron Peterson return. Keep an eye on an excellent group of younger players who will contribute.



MOUNT VERNON MUSTANGS

Head Coach: Jeremy Beckham

Assistant Coach: Trey Lang

2023 Record: 14-8

Returning Starters: OF/RHP Landon Brice (Sr.); INF/RHP Hampton Hudson (Sr.); INF/RHP Nathaniel Thomas (Jr.); INF Bennett Bogdanchik (Sr.); C/1B Alec

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Fahlbusch (So.); INF Hudson Forrest (So.); RHP Nathan Shumway (Jr.)

Other Returning Players: C Hayes Hudson (So.); OF Rigby Anderson (So.); OF Harrison Mills (So.); C/RHP Maddox Chasman (Sr.); INF/OF Ethan Pajot (Jr.); RHP Jack Riddle (Jr.); C/1B Aiden Hoath (Jr.)

Season Outlook: Seven starters are back which should help Mount Vernon Presbyterian challenge for a postseason berth again. Infielder Nathaniel Thomas, outfielder Landon Brice and infielder/pitcher Hampton Hudson are three players to keep an eye on.



PAIDEIA PYTHONS

Head Coach: Drew Kise

Assistant Coaches: Wess Hollins, Rodney Henderson

2023 Record: 8-16

Returning Starters: OF Lucas Tangpricha (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); C/INF Kaj Barron (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); RHP/OF Sahil Gandhi (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); INF/RHP/OF Milo Cannon (Jr., 5-7, 145, R/R); INF/RHP Jayden Clay (Jr., 6-2, 170, R/R); RHP/OF/INF Colin Thomas (So., 6-1, 165, R/R); CF/RHP/3B David Oglesby-Smith (So., 6-2, 170, L/R)

Other Returning Players: 2B/OF Bennett Davis (Sr., 5-7, 140, R/R); 2B/OF Esteban De Alba (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); C/OF Calvin Jardina (So., 5-8, 150, R/R); INF/RHP Eli Coffey (So., 5-6, 140, R/R); OF Devin Pearson (So., 5-7, 140, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/3B/SS Cade Goodmark (Fr., 5-11, 160, R/R); C/RHP/OF/INF Ryan Liu (Fr., 5-6, 135, B/R); INF/RHP Nick Bruce (Fr., 5-7, 140, R/R)

Season Outlook: Paideia continues to make positive strides under coach Drew Kise. They doubled their win total in 2023 from the previous season, and they should contend for the playoffs this spring. Seven starters are back, including versatile Jayden Clay and outfielder Lucas Tangpricha. Colin Thomas also returns after a solid freshman season.



SAINT FRANCIS KNIGHTS

Head Coach: Brandon Bates

Assistant Coaches: Clark Adams, Peter Irwin

2023 Record: 15-14-1

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Mark Buelow (Sr., R/R); U/RHP Sam Delikat (Sr., R/R); RHP/1B/3B Matthew Pressnall (Sr., R/R); OF/DH Bailey Survilas (Sr., L/L); SS/CF/RHP Mack Town (So., R/R); OF/1B/LHP Will Hawkins (So., L/L); C/RHP Harrison Bucovetsky (Jr., R/R); INF Luke Hill (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Tanner Powell (Jr., R/R); OF Tyler Christy (Sr., R/L); RHP/OF Finn Popkowski (So. R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/1B Bishop Dameron (Fr., R/R); OF Dyson Beaty (So., R/R); INF Owen Smith (Fr., R/R); INF/OF Max Kraselsky (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Look for Saint Francis to be back in the postseason chase this spring. The Knights have eight returning starters back to lead the way, including offensive standout Matthew Pressnall and versatile Mark Buelow. This team has the potential to be pretty good.



WEBER RAMS

Head Coach: TBA

Survey not returned



WHITEFIELD ACADEMY WOLFPACK

Head Coach: Mike Shaheen

Assistant Coaches: Tim Turner, Justin Krueger

2023 Record: 24-7

Returning Starters: 1B Wesley Calloway (Sr., 6-0, 220, R/R); SS Nate Jones (Sr., 5-10, 165, R/R); C Ryan MacLellan (Sr., 5-11, 175, L/R); CF Wyman Shaheen (Sr., 5-11, 195, R/R); 2B Jake Arispe (Sr., 5-8, 160, R/R); OF Taylor Craig (Sr., 5-11, 200, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/RHP Thomas Figaretti (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Thomas Perdue (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); RHP Peyton Robidoux (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Case Martin (Fr., 6-1, 200, R/R); RHP/INF Harrison Brantley (So., 6-0, 170, R/R); LHP Samuel Marshall (So., 6-0, 170, R/L); RHP Will Holland (So., 6-1, 190, R/R); INF Pacey English (So., 6-2, 190, L/R)

Season Outlook: The Wolfpack lost some key players to graduation, but a strong senior class should keep Whitefield in the hunt. Six starters, all seniors, return to lead the way. The lack of pitching depth is a concern, but shortstop Nate Jones and catcher Ryan MacLellan are back to lead the offense after batting better than .400 last year.



Jake Arispe
Whitefield Academy

REGION 7-1A

Region Favorite: Pepperell

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

OF/RHP – Ashton Albers, Sr., Darlington; **RHP** – Josh Butler, Jr., Darlington; **3B/RHP** – Jackson Coonley, Sr., Armuchee; **SS** – Kaleb Davis, Jr., Pepperell; **OF** – Caleb Deems, Sr., Coosa; **U** – Sam Forsyth, Sr., Chattooga; **2B** – Ayden Frazier, Jr., Pepperell; **INF/RHP** – Mason Gatlin, Sr., Dade County; **C** – Hunter Godfrey, Jr., Pepperell; **OF** – Marcus Harris, Sr., Armuchee; **1B/RHP** – JP Kilgo, Jr., Pepperell; **OF/RHP** – Eli Kimball, Sr., Dade County; **1B** – Bagley Larry, Sr., Darlington; **OF/RHP** – Luke Lively, Jr., Armuchee; **RHP/OF** – Jase Mason, Sr., Trion; **OF** – Caleb Massey, Sr., Dade County; **RHP** – Cade Middleton, Jr., Pepperell; **INF/RHP** – Blaine Ragland, Jr., Armuchee; **CF** – Sam Ross, So., Pepperell; **RHP** – Layton Sanford, Sr., Pepperell; **U** – Talan Shirey, Sr., Darlington; **SS/RHP** – Kade Smith, So., Trion; **RHP/U** – Pacey Smith, Sr., Coosa; **C** – Gavin Stivers, So., Trion; **RHP/1B** – Logan Stokes, Jr., Trion; **INF/RHP** – Raeden Sumner, Sr., Chattooga; **OF** – Myles Twyman, So., Darlington; **OF** – CJ Wade, Jr., Coosa; **INF/RHP/C** – Landon Williams, Sr., Dade County; **RHP/OF** – Will York, Sr., Pepperell

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ARMUCHEE INDIANS

Head Coach: Michael Dougherty

Assistant Coaches: Dave Williams, Cliff Flagello, Johnathan Cook, Josh Nabors, David Honea

2023 Record: 17-14

Returning Starters: OF Marcus Harris (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); 3B/RHP Jackson Coonley (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R); C/INF

Tristian Young (Sr., 5-10, 210, L/R); INF/RHP Blaine Ragland (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Luke Lively (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/RHP Reese Pasley (So., 6-0, 165, L/R); U/RHP Evan Hayes (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R); OF Zaiden Pasley (So., 6-0, 165, R/R); OF/1B/RHP Caleb Fellows (So., 6-3, 205, R/R); INF Ben Owens (So., 5-9, 140, R/R); U/RHP Cohen Sprayberry (So., 5-11, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Colton McBurnett (Jr., 6-1, 180, L/R); INF/RHP Noah Rayburn (Fr., 6-3, 200, L/R)

Season Outlook: The Indians have some key positions to fill to approach last year's success. Five starters are back including all-region standout outfielder Luke Lively and infielder/pitcher Jackson Coonley. Armuchee will need some underclassmen to step forward and contribute.



Returning Starters: RHP/U Pacey Smith (Sr., 5-10, 195, R/R); OF Caleb Deems (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF DJ Johnson (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF CJ Wade (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/1B Seth Elrod (Jr., 5-10, 200, R/R); OF Tristan Adams (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); RHP/INF Ian Hulsey (So., 6-0, 200, R/R); RHP/INF Jaedin Locklear (So., 6-2, 200, R/R); INF Rocco Willis (Sr., 5-9, 130, R/R)

Top Newcomers: U Kayne Couch (Fr., 5-9, 130, R/R); INF Tyler Fennell (Jr., 5-10, 140, R/R); C/INF Braxton Cole (So., 5-9, 130, R/R); OF JJ Warren (Fr., 5-10, 150, R/L)

Season Outlook: The Eagles have some holes to fill this spring. Coosa will be a young team in 2024, but that doesn't mean there isn't talent. It will just need time to mature. The good news is that versatile Pacey Smith (.321 avg., 23 RBIs) and outfielder Caleb Deems return. Look for a solid group of underclassmen to step forward and contribute.



DADE COUNTY WOLVERINES

Head Coach: Chris Brown

Assistant Coach: David Swader

2023 Record: 9-19

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Mason Gatlin (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); OF/RHP Eli Kimball (Sr., 6-4, 260, R/R); INF/RHP/C Landon Williams (Sr., 6-2, 205, R/R); INF/RHP/C Jax Guinn (Sr., 5-9, 195, R/R); OF Caleb Massey (Sr., 5-11, 195, R/R); 1B Brayden Jones (Jr., 6-2, 165, R/R); OF/INF/RHP River McBryar (Jr., 6-2, 150, R/R); INF Parker Hill (So., 5-8, 130, R/R); INF/RHP Jake Harris (So., 6-1, 190, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Harley Russell (So., 6-0, 160, R/R); OF/RHP Gavin Wright (So., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: Dade County may still be young, but the Wolverines played a lot of younger players in 2023. That experience will help out this spring. Nine starters are back, including versatile Landon Williams and outfielder Caleb Massey. Seniors Mason Gatlin and Eli Kimball also return. A solid group of juniors and sophomores will also contribute.



CHATTOOGA INDIANS

Head Coach: Johnny Burch (new)

Assistant Coaches: Brandon Ponder, Blaine Woody, Tyler Blalock, Trent Elsberry

2023 Record: 5-22

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Raeden Sumner (Sr., R/R); U Sam Forsyth (Sr., R/R); 1B Korei Shaver (Sr., R/R); OF Landon Willingham (Jr., R/R); 1B Aiden McGuire (Sr., L/L); INF Evan Stephens (Jr., R/R); 3B Hunter Brown (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Gavin Mann (So., R/R); OF/LHP Brock Cooper (So., L/L); RHP Caden Wolford (Sr., R/R); INF Kolten Walker (So., R/R); 2B/OF Devin Campbell (Sr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: U Colton Humphrey (Fr., R/R); 3B/RHP Lawston Hurley (Fr., R/R); INF/RHP Will Mitchell (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: New coach Johnny Burch looks to turn around a Chattooga program that has struggled recently. The Indians have some talent to work with, and they should have a chance to be better. Seven starters are back, including infielder/pitcher Raeden Sumner and utility player Sam Forsyth.



COOSA EAGLES

Head Coach: Hunter Davis

Assistant Coaches: Brad Brumbelow, Peyton Posey, Nick Tucker

2023 Record: 13-15



DARLINGTON TIGERS

Head Coach: Matt Larry

Assistant Coaches: Chad Woods, Derek Fine, Gus Bell

2023 Record: 24-14

Returning Starters: U Talan Shirey (Sr., 5-10, 180, B/R); 1B Bagley Larry (Sr., 5-11, 230, L/R); RHP Josh Butler (Jr., 6-3, 195, R/R); OF/RHP Ashton Albers (Sr., 6-2, 200, R/R); OF Myles Twyman (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: LHP/INF Henry Ledbetter (So., 6-3, 200, L/L); INF Trustin Mercer (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Trenton Moore (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R); INF/RHP Porter Barnett (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); C/RHP Julian Lowery (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R); RHP/INF Braxton Stegall (So., 6-1, 180, R/R); OF Jacob Johnson (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: U Jackson Loy (Fr., 6-0, 160, B/R); U Thomas Hargett (Fr., 5-11, 155, R/R); C/RHP Beck McKinney (So., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: After a run to the state semifinals last year, the Tigers have some key positions to fill. But that doesn't mean the cupboard is bare. Offensive leaders Talan Shirey and Bagley Larry return, while right-hander Josh Butler returns after a strong sophomore season. Keep an eye on the team's talented underclassmen.

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Head Coach: Chad Brown

Assistant Coaches: Riley Forson, Mason Fincher, Joe Knight, Wright Edge

2023 Record: 22-9

Returning Starters: RHP Layton Sanford (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); 1B/RHP JP Kilgo (Jr., 6-0, 200, R/R); C Hunter Godfrey (Jr., 6-1, 205, R/R); SS Kaleb Davis (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/R); 2B Ayden Frazier (Jr., 5-7, 130, R/R); RHP Cade Middleton (Jr., 6-1, 165, R/R); CF Sam Ross (So., 5-9, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Will York (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF Nate Alford (Sr., 5-8, 140, R/R); 1B/LHP Cooper Middleton (Jr., 6-2, 160, L/L)

Top Newcomers: RHP Kameron Stager (Jr., 6-0, 145, R/R); U Madoc Garcia (So., 5-8, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Dragons could be the team to beat in Region 7-1A this season. Region Pitcher of the Year Layton Sanford highlights a solid pitching rotation that includes right-handers Will York and Cade Middleton. All-state catcher Hunter Godfrey and first-baseman JP Kilgo return to power the offense.



Head Coach: Jason Lanham

Assistant Coaches: Chandler Pettyjohn, Matt Brooks, Alan Shepherd

2023 Record: 15-13

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Kade Smith (Jr., R/R); OF Jake Dawson (Jr., R/R); C Gavin Stivers (So., R/R); RHP/1B Logan Stokes (Jr., R/R); RHP/OF Jase Mason (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Brayden Broadrick (Sr., R/R); OF Landon Bandy (Sr., L/R); OF Christian Henderson (So., R/R); INF Ely Cooper (Jr., R/R); RHP Ben Shepherd (Jr., R/R); RHP/INF Will Groce (So., R/R); RHP/OF Lincoln Hefner (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/OF Ashton Mason (Fr., R/R); INF Staven Gardner (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Former Trion coach Jason Lanham returns to the diamond this spring and inherits a young but talented group of players. All-state shortstop/pitcher Kade Smith returns after a strong sophomore season last year. Senior pitcher/outfielder Jase Mason also returns.



REGION 8-1A

Region Favorite: Elbert County

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

LHP – Haven Adams, So., Elbert County; **INF** – JP Allen, Sr., Commerce; **OF/RHP** – Coy Argo, Sr., Commerce; **DH** – Brooks Banks, Jr., Elbert County; **RHP** – Cole Bonitatibus, Jr., Tallulah Falls; **OF/RHP** – BJ Carver, Jr., Tallulah Falls; **RHP** – Jaxon Foster, Sr., Commerce; **OF/RHP** – Jacob Gafner, Sr., Athens Christian; **OF** – Jarret Giles, Sr., Rabun County; **OF** – Reid Giles, So., Rabun County; **INF/RHP** – Eli Harris, Sr., Elbert County; **1B** – Elvis Hunt, So., Rabun County; **3B/OF/C** – Mason Hyde, So., Barrow; **3B** – Bryce Odom, So., Barrow; **SS/RHP** – Rohajae Pinder, Sr., Tallulah Falls; **3B/RHP** – Chase Pollock, Jr., Tallulah Falls; **2B** – Ty Truelove, So., Rabun County; **C/1B** – Caden Walker, Sr., Tallulah Falls; **INF/RHP** – Parker Westbrook, Sr., Athens Christian



ATHENS CHRISTIAN EAGLES

Head Coach: TBA

Survey not returned



BARROW BLAZERS

Head Coach: Tony Matos (new)

Survey not returned



COMMERCE TIGERS

Head Coach: Steve Cotrell

Assistant Coaches: Dustin Allen, Kris Patel

2023 Record: 14-21

Returning Starters: RHP Jaxon Foster (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Coy Argo (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Beau Neisler (Sr., R/R); INF JP Allen (Sr., R/R); OF/RHP Hudson Thomason (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: C Mason Anderson (Sr., R/R); INF/RHP Carson McDuffie (Sr., R/R); INF/OF/RHP Mac Mullis (Jr., R/R); INF/RHP Evan Martinez (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Seth Rainey (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Tigers lost a good bit to graduation last year, but five starters are back. If Commerce can be consistent on offense, they should be in postseason contention. All of its returning starters can pitch. Versatile Coy Argo and right-handed pitcher Jaxon Foster are two players to keep an eye on.

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ELBERT COUNTY BLUE DEVILS

Head Coach: Lance Ingram

Assistant Coaches: Brett Padgett, Reuben Haynes, Bryce Bowen, Marcus Banks, Craig Fleming

2023 Record: 27-7

Returning Starters: C Camden Bryant (Sr., 5-10, 140, R/R); RHP Brady Bowen (Sr., 6-4, 190, R/R); INF/RHP Eli Harris (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); DH Brooks Banks (Jr., 6-3, 180, R/R); LHP Haven Adams (So., 6-4, 200, L/L)

Other Returning Players: LHP Eli Jourolmon (Sr., 5-9, 230, L/L); OF/C Branson Bonds (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP Colson Brown (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); INF Brady Dickerson (Jr., 6-3, 195, R/R); INF Brayden Ingram (So., 5-8, 145, R/R); OF Cheyvis McLendon (So., 5-9, 145, R/R); OF Jose Rodriguez (So., 5-8, 130, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Blue Devils lost some firepower to graduation last year, but don't sleep on Elbert County. The team returns Region 8-1A Division I Pitcher of the Year in Haven Adams and a trio of returning seniors in Camden Bryant, Brady Bowen and Eli Harris. Elbert will need some younger players to step forward and contribute.



RABUN COUNTY WILDCATS

Head Coach: Wesley Satterfield

Assistant Coaches: Preston Pitts, Brady Wilson

2023 Record: 10-14

Returning Starters: OF Jarret Giles (Sr., R/R); SS Parker Smith (Jr., R/R); 2B Ty Truelove (So., R/R); OF Reid Giles (So., R/L); 1B Elvis Hunt (So., R/R); C Noah English (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Carver Jarrard (Jr., R/R); 2B Hunter Giles (So., R/R); RHP Gabe Porter (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wildcats welcome back six returning starters and should challenge for a postseason berth. Rabun County will be young, but don't be fooled – there is talent. The lack of experienced pitching is a concern, but the good news is that offensive leaders Reid Giles and Ty Truelove return.



TALLULAH FALLS INDIANS

Head Coach: Justin Pollock

Assistant Coaches: Kyle Dampier, Daniel Fowler, Nathan Stanley

2023 Record: 12-17

Returning Starters: C/1B Caden Walker (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); SS/RHP Rohajae Pinder (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); OF Zaiden Cox (Sr., 6-2, 190, R/R); 1B/OF Danny Grant (Jr., 6-0, 180, L/L); 3B/RHP Chase Pollock (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); OF Ashton Roache (So., 6-0, 175, L/R); OF/RHP BJ Carver (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); RHP Cole Bonitatibus (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Wyatt Franks (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); RHP Andrew Skvarka (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); RHP Justin Smith (Jr., 6-4, 220, R/R); INF Dylan Brooks (So., 5-10, 150, R/R); INF/RHP Wyatt Dorsey (So., 6-0, 165, R/R); C Jackson Savage (So., 5-10, 140, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/1B David Dutary (Sr., 5-10, 230, R/R); INF Gregory Mendez (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); OF Christopher Waldron (Sr., 5-11, 175, L/L); SS/RHP Diego Gonzalez (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF/RHP Robert Grant (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: Tallulah Falls made the state playoffs last season, and the Indians return most of that team. Eight starters are back, including offensive leaders Caden Walker and Rohajae Pinder. Danny Grant and Chase Pollock also return. Look for this team to be even better this spring.

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REGION 1-1A

Region Favorite: Baconton Charter

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

RHP/SS – Jayden Buckhannon, So., Quitman County; **C** – Felix Butler, Sr., Miller County; **OF/RHP** – Alex Caldwell, Jr., Pataula Charter; **LHP/1B/OF** – Thomas Cook, So., Miller County; **1B/3B/RHP** – Cliff Gill, Sr., Southwest Georgia STEM; **U** – Tre'Cori Green, So., Terrell County; **INF/C/RHP** – Astyn Grimes, Sr., Early County; **C** – Brayden Hodges, Jr., Seminole County; **OF/INF/P** – Shaheed Huckaby, Sr., Terrell County; **OF** – Logan Hurst, Jr., Baconton Charter; **INF** – Dru Johnson, So., Miller County; **C/RHP** – Macon McNair, Sr., Early County; **P/CF** – Keonte Nunnally, Sr., Randolph-Clay; **INF/RHP** – Noah Odom, Sr., Early County; **OF/RHP** – Reid Shiver, Sr., Baconton Charter; **LHP/1B** – John Walker, Jr., Seminole County; **C** – Grayson White, Jr., Baconton Charter; **INF/RHP** – Mason Wilson, Sr., Miller County; **INF/RHP** – Lee Worsham, Jr., Baconton Charter; **OF/2B** – Kolby Yates, Jr., Miller County

Other Returning Players: 3B Eddie Stapleton (Jr., 5-9, 185, R/R); **OF/RHP** Noah Still (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); **RHP** Matthew King (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); **C/OF** Atticus Lumpkin (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); **INF** Jayden Summerset (So., 5-10, 165, R/R); **RHP/OF** Jimmy Powell (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: Enough returning talent should put the Bobcats back into the playoff chase this spring. Nine returning starters are back at Early County this spring, including offensive leaders Noah Odom (.444 avg.) and Astyn Grimes (.368 avg.). Pitching depth, however, is a concern.



MILLER COUNTY PIRATES

Head Coach: Gavin Sloan (new)

Survey not returned



MITCHELL COUNTY EAGLES

Head Coach: James Holton

Survey not returned



BACONTON CHARTER BLAZERS

Head Coach: Dusty Griffis (new)

Survey not returned



BAKER COUNTY BEARS

Head Coach: TBA

Survey not returned



CALHOUN COUNTY COUGARS

Head Coach: Eugene Wright

Survey not returned



EARLY COUNTY BOBCATS

Head Coach: Shawn Gilmer

Assistant Coaches: Dee Grist, Chip White

2023 Record: 17-12

Returning Starters: **INF/RHP** Noah Odom (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); **INF/C/RHP** Astyn Grimes (Sr., 6-3, 215, R/R); **C/RHP** Macon McNair (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); **OF** Mason Warfield (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); **OF/LHP** JD Holmes (Sr., 6-0, 180, L/L); **OF/RHP** Christian Grist (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); **INF/RHP** Evan Grist (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); **1B** Charles Williams (Jr., 6-2, 225, R/R); **1B/DH** Jacob McKie (So., 6-1, 160, R/R)

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PATAULA CHARTER PANTHERS

Head Coach: Matt Fowler (new)
Assistant Coaches: Eric Thomas, Will Bruner
2023 Record: 11-16

Returning Starters: 3B/RHP Chad Jones (Sr., R/R); SS/RHP Cam Wright (Sr., R/R); C Henry Holley (So., R/R); 1B Will Nunnery (So., R/R); U Riley Lashley (So., L/R); OF/LHP Morgan Bentley (So., L/L); OF/RHP Alex Caldwell (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Wyatt Usry (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Jud Marshall (Fr., R/R); 3B/RHP Walker Hixon (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: First-year coach Matt Fowler takes over a young Pataula Charter squad that struggled last year. A handful of seniors return, but most of the team will be underclassmen. Third-baseman/pitcher Chad Jones and shortstop/pitcher Cam Wright return to give the Panthers a pair of leaders to build around.



QUITMAN COUNTY HORNETS

Head Coach: Larry Franklin
Survey not returned



RANDOLPH-CLAY RED DEVILS

Head Coach: TBA
Survey not returned



SEMINOLE COUNTY INDIANS

Head Coach: Dirk Williams
Assistant Coaches: Jacob Cunningham, Justin Clutter, Al Rumble
2023 Record: 21-12

Returning Starters: C Brayden Hodges (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); LHP/1B John Walker (Jr., 6-3, 225, R/L); INF/RHP Jonathan Jarvis (Jr., 5-11, 175, L/R); OF/DH Kendan Miller (Jr., 5-8, 150, R/R); RHP/INF Landon Lawson (Sr., 6-1, 145, R/R); RHP/SS/2B Kade Touchton (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/1B Christian Albritton (So., 6-1, 145, R/R); OF Terry Daniels (Jr., 5-7, 185, R/R); OF DeShawn Edwards (Jr., 5-9, 145, R/R); 2B Devin Gale (Jr., 5-8, 175, R/R); OF Drew Hornsby (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF Tucker Lynn (Jr., 5-8, 190, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Ellis Denham (Fr., 5-10, 145, R/R); RHP/INF Jarrod Milton (Fr., 5-7, 115, R/R); RHP/INF Drew Rogers (Fr., 5-8, 135, R/R); RHP/SS/INF Brennen McGowen (Fr., 6-0, 140, R/R)

Season Outlook: Graduation took a bite out of Seminole County's roster, but the Indians welcome back six returning starters and will be in the postseason chase as usual. All-region standouts Brayden Hodges and John Walker return to lead a young but talented team.



SOUTHEAST GEORGIA STEM CHARTER AGGIES

Head Coach: Myles Gay
Survey not returned



STEWART COUNTY ROYAL KNIGHTS

Head Coach: Jeffrey Thornton
Survey not returned



TERRELL COUNTY GREENWAVE

Head Coach: Pat Cuff
Survey not returned

REGION 2-1A

Region Favorite: Charlton County

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

2B/OF – Landon Bush, Sr., Echols County; **3B/RHP** – Stone Carey, So., Lanier County; **SS/RHP** – Ashton Cook, Jr., Lanier County; **OF** – Cayden Cook, Jr., Lanier County; **1B/RHP/OF** – Cole Crawford, Sr., Charlton County; **LHP/1B** – Colton Crews, Sr., Charlton County; **LHP** – Grant Gano, So., Lanier County; **SS/RHP** – Cade Griffis, Sr., Clinch County; **C** – Eli Hobbs, Jr., Charlton County; **SS/RHP** – Skyler Howell, Sr., Echols County; **SS/RHP/C** – Jaden King, Jr., Turner County; **SS/OF/RHP/C** – Gavin Lewis, Jr., Turner County; **2B/RHP** – Kendrick Noble, So., Lanier County; **3B/LHP** – Blaine Sealey, Sr., Echols County; **SS/RHP** – Griffin Thomas, So., Charlton County; **INF** – Jack Tillman, So., Atkinson County



ATKINSON COUNTY REBELS

Head Coach: Stan Hughes (new)
Assistant Coaches: Chan Hughes, Joey Floyd
2023 Record: 5-23

Returning Starters: INF MJ McKinnon (Sr., 6-0, 240, R/R); INF Jack Tillman (So., 5-9, 160, R/R); C Tyler Smith (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R); OF Braydon Lollie (So., 5-9, 160, R/R); RHP Brandon Vining (Sr., 6-0, 210, R/R); INF Jesse James (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF Tyquavius Williams (Sr., 6-1, 180, L/L)

Other Returning Players: OF Connor Hall (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF LaDarien Roberts (So., 5-10, 180, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/C Gevin Smith (Fr., 5-9, 150, R/R); INF/RHP Jovi Meeks (Fr., 6-0, 175, R/R); INF Keegan Mancil (Fr., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP/INF Tykevius

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Locke (Fr., 6-1, 200, R/R); INF/P Brice Clement (So., 6-1, 180)

Season Outlook: New coach Stan Hughes looks to get Atkinson County turned around after the Rebels struggled last season. He inherits seven returning starters. There is promise. A solid senior class as well as some talented underclassmen should help Atkinson improve.



CHARLTON COUNTY INDIANS

Head Coach: Thad Marchman

Assistant Coaches: Josh Graham, Trevor Knowles

2023 Record: 36-5

Returning Starters: 1B/RHP/OF Cole Crawford (Sr., 6-0, 225, B/R); LHP/1B Colton Crews (Sr., 5-9, 190, L/L); C Eli Hobbs (Jr., 5-8, 185, R/R); SS/RHP Griffin Thomas (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); U David Walters (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); OF Haze Johnson (Sr., 5-11, 175, R/R); LHP/OF/1B Garrett Vickers (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/L); RHP/C/3B Chase Rhoden (Jr., 5-8, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/SS Brodie Baker (So., 5-8, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/U Ethan Crawford (Fr., 6-0, 170, R/R); RHP Brantley Nettles (Fr., 5-11, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: If the Indians can find a few more pitchers, they could pick up from where they off last year. The defending state champions have enough leftovers to make another strong playoff run. Lefty Colton Crews (8-0, 1.27 ERA) returns to anchor a young pitching staff, while offensive leaders Cole Crawford (.423 avg., 41 RBIs), Eli Hobbs and Griffin Thomas return.



CLINCH COUNTY PANTHERS

Head Coach: Lee Douglas

Assistant Coaches: Cary Kight, Andrew Rowland, Thomas Lankford

2023 Record: 20-12

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Cade Griffis (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); 1B/LHP Levi Corbitt (Jr., 5-9, 205, R/L); C/OF Watts Fortner (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Daterrius Adams (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); OF Thomas Kennedy (Sr., 5-7, 150, L/L); INF/RHP Taylor Kennedy (Jr., 5-7, 160, R/R); C/RHP Weston Bennett (So., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF Xavion Johnson (So., 5-7, 170, R/R); 1B/3B/RHP Calyja Lee (So., 6-2, 245, R/R); INF/RHP Mattox Allen (So., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Tate Denmark (Fr., 5-9, 150, R/R); RHP Jacob Delk (Fr., 6-1, 170, R/R); RHP Elijah Smith (So., 5-8, 160, R/R); OF Carter Griffis (Fr., 5-7, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: Graduation hit the Panthers hard, and Clinch County will be rebuilding this spring. A young group returns, but that group will need time to mature. Senior Cade Griffis is back to give the Panthers a strong leader to build around. Keep an eye on a solid group of freshmen and sophomores.

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ECHOLS COUNTY WILDCATS

Head Coach: Brack Deloach (new)
Survey not returned



LANIER COUNTY BULLDOGS

Head Coach: John White
Assistant Coaches: Will Watson, Greg Sealey, JR Rogers
2023 Record: 23-11

Returning Starters: LHP Grant Gano (So., 6-0, 190, L/L); 2B/RHP Kendrick Noble (So., 5-9, 165, R/R); 3B/RHP Stone Carey (So., 5-9, 160, R/R); SS/RHP Ashton Cook (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); CF Cayden Cook (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/L); OF/RHP Bradley Knudson (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/RHP Hayden Mullis (So., 6-0, 200, L/R); OF McKenzie West (So., 6-0, 200, R/R); INF/RHP Talen Tarbox (So., 6-0, 170, R/R); C Jackson Squires (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); 3B/RHP Gage Williford (Sr., 6-0, 220, R/R); LHP Cole Howell (Jr., 6-2, 180, L/L); OF Keshavious Tumbling (Jr., 5-7, 140, L/L)

Top Newcomers: C/RHP Christian Conteras (Fr., 6-0, 165, R/R); C/RHP Cason Griffin (Fr., 5-9, 165, R/R); 1B Zack Lee (Fr., 5-9, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Bulldogs made a solid run to the playoffs last year and aim to take things farther this spring. There is plenty of talent to do that, but the young talent must mature quickly. Grant Gano and Stone Carey return after promising freshman campaigns. Juniors Ashton and Cayden Cook return to spark the offense.



TURNER COUNTY TITANS

Head Coach: Will Williford
Assistant Coach(es): TBA
2023 Record: 3-24-1

Returning Starters: 2B/SS/RHP Kaleb Joiner (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R); SS/RHP/C Jaden King (Jr., 6-4, 195, R/R); SS/OF/RHP/C Gavin Lewis (Jr., 5-10, 175, R/R); C/OF Julian Sodaitis (Jr., 5-6, 150, R/R); 1B/OF Jacob Wilson (Jr., 5-10, 280, R/R); RHP/OF Cedric Hillmon (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); LHP/OF Demetrius Johnson (Jr., 5-10, 155, L/L); OF Ty Perry (Jr., 6-3, 200, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Titans return a talented nucleus of players that should help them improve upon last season's finish. The senior class is small, but keep an eye on a solid group of juniors. Shortstop/pitcher/catcher Jaden King (.508 avg., 8 HR) returns, giving the Titans a leader to build around.

REGION 3-1A

Region Favorite: ECI

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

SS/3B – James Allen, Jr., Jenkins County; **RHP/INF/OF** – Tuff Boddiford, So., ECI; **RHP/INF** – Jackson Coley, Jr., McIntosh County Academy; **C/INF** – Logan Gault, Jr., McIntosh County Academy; **SS/2B** – Jay Harris, Jr., Montgomery County; **RHP/INF** – Dawson Hassler, Sr., McIntosh County Academy; **RHP/INF** – Hudson Henry, Sr., ECI; **C/RHP** – Gabe Lee, Jr., ECI; **2B/SS** – Marquis Martin, Sr., Montgomery County; **INF/OF** – Aden McQuaig, Sr., ECI; **LHP/INF/OF** – Brodie Motes, Jr., Portal; **LHP/OF** – Charlie Rehberg, Sr., ECI; **SS/RHP** – Austin Smith, Sr., Portal; **C/INF** – Chase Smith, Jr., Portal; **OF** – Tyler Williams, Jr., Jenkins County



ECI BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Brooks Collins

Assistant Coaches: Chad Harper, Caleb Pressey

2023 Record: 31-10

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Hudson Henry (Sr., 5-11, 195, R/R); INF/OF Aden McQuaig (Sr., 5-7, 145, R/R); LHP/OF Charlie Rehberg (Sr., 5-10, 180, L/L); C/RHP Gabe Lee (Jr., 5-9, 175, R/R); RHP/INF/OF Tuff Boddiford (So., 5-8, 165, R/R); RHP Andrew Chalkley (Sr., 6-0, 220, R/R); C/INF Jack Walden (Sr., 6-1, 200, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF James Parker (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); OF Kanyon Thompson (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); INF Oisin Matthews (Jr., 6-1, 200, R/R); C Gunnar Oliver (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); RHP/INF Jackson Kennedy (So., 5-8, 165, L/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF AB Marsh (Fr., 5-9, 165, R/R); RHP/INF/OF Davis Johnson (Fr., 5-9, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: The defending state runner-ups should have enough leftovers to make another deep run this spring. Seven starters are back, including all-state standouts Hudson Henry, Gabe Lee and Tuff Boddiford. The lack of pitching depth is a concern, but the Bulldogs have some talented underclassmen who are ready for the challenge.



JENKINS COUNTY EAGLES

Head Coach: Zac Clark

Assistant Coach: Rusty Kea

2023 Record: 17-15

Returning Starters: C Vance Franklin (Sr., R/R); RHP/1B Reid Weathersby (Sr., R/R); SS/3B James Allen (Jr., R/R); OF Tyler Williams (Jr., L/L); OF Gray Amerson (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Ty Boynton (So.); OF Jake Bazemore (So.); OF Tannor Wiggins (So.)

Season Outlook: Graduation took a bite out of Jenkins County's lineup last season, taking five starters. But the Eagles look to return to the state playoffs



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again. Five returning starters should help them do just that. Outfielder Tyler Williams and infielder James Allen are back to spark the team.



McINTOSH COUNTY ACADEMY BUCCANEERS

Head Coach: Rhett Hellgren (new)

Assistant Coach(es): TBA

2023 Record: 24-15

Returning Starters: RHP/INF Dawson Hassler (Sr., 6-3, 185, R/R); RHP/INF Jackson Coley (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R); C/INF Logan Gault (Jr., 6-2, 185, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/RHP Tyler Alexander (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP/OF Brett Ward (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); RHP/INF Dalton Ryles (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); RHP/INF Jalen Randolph (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R); C/INF Patrick Poppell (So., 5-8, 150, R/R); LHP/OF Brandon Fowler (So., 6-2, 195, L/L)

Season Outlook: New coach Rhett Hellgren will try and duplicate McIntosh County Academy's 2023 postseason run when the school made the state semifinals. The Bucs lost a lot of talent to graduation, but the good news is that senior Dawson Hassler and juniors Jackson Coley and Logan Gault return from that team to provide leadership.



MONTGOMERY COUNTY EAGLES

Head Coach: Chase Young

Assistant Coaches: Shane Taylor, Eric Burns

2023 Record: 4-20

Returning Starters: SS/2B Jay Harris (Jr., 5-6, 145, R/R); LHP/1B/OF Luke Burns (So., 5-9, 140, L/L); 3B/OF Eric White (Jr., 5-9, 155, R/R); C Bray Williamson (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); OF Taylor Scott (Jr., 5-8, 160, R/R); RHP/OF Neal Hower (Jr., 6-0, 155, R/R); 2B/SS Marquis Martin (Sr., 5-10, 170, L/L)

Other Returning Players: OF Bill Bland (Sr., 5-10, 155, R/R); 3B Mack Chambers (So., 5-10, 185, R/R); RHP/OF Aiden Phillips (So., 6-0, 150, R/R); OF Mason Barwick (Jr., 5-10, 140, R/R); 2B Evan Hardeman (So., 5-7, 135, R/R); OF Dominique Martinez (Sr., 5-8, 195, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 3B Abisnel Mezquititla (Fr., 6-1, 200, R/R); C/RHP Joseph Owens (Fr., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: After a disappointing finish in 2023, look for Montgomery County to be much better this spring. Seven starters are back. Even though the senior class is small, the Eagles return enough experience to contend for a postseason berth. Standout infielder Marquis Martin is one of the team's few seniors.



PORTAL PANTHERS

Head Coach: Travis Motes

Survey not returned

REGION 4-1A

Region Favorite: Wilcox County

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

P/3B/SS – Quintez Alexander, So., Dooly County; **OF/LHP** – Darius Anderson, Sr., Hawkinsville; **INF/P** – Kolt Bell, Jr., Wheeler County; **INF** – Cooper Brantley, Sr., Treutlen; **P/C** – Walker Bridges, Sr., Wheeler County; **1B** – Ben Broadnax, Jr., Hawkinsville; **C** – Myles Davis, So., Wilcox County; **OF/P** – Drew Dixon, Sr., Wheeler County; **RHP/C** – Carson Ellis, Jr., Telfair County; **U/P** – Carson Ford, So., Wheeler County; **OF/RHP** – BJ Gibson, Sr., Wilcox County; **3B** – Tre Griffin, Jr., Wilcox County; **INF** – Branton Hackle, Sr., Treutlen; **INF** – Layton Horne, Sr., Wheeler County; **LHP/OF** – Jake Howell, Jr., Wilcox County; **RHP/SS/2B** – Garret Keene, Jr., Wilcox County; **OF/P** – Kolby McClendon, Sr., Treutlen; **OF** – Za'Miyan McDuffie, Sr., Telfair County; **SS/RHP** – Tanner Meeks, Jr., Hawkinsville; **SS** – Jamie Norris, Sr., Telfair County; **LHP/OF** – Johnny Nutt, Jr., Wilcox County; **C/U** – Jackson Owens, Sr., Wilcox County; **OF/P** – Kylan Page, Jr., Treutlen; **OF** – Harlem Phillips, Jr., Hawkinsville; **U/P** – Rhett Rodgers, Sr., Wheeler County; **OF** – Ben Rogers, Jr., Telfair County; **OF/P** – Ian Scott, Sr., Wheeler County; **U/P** – Shane Selph, So., Wheeler County; **OF/P** – Kyler Stinson, Jr., Wheeler County; **LHP** – Jose Vega-Matos, Sr., Telfair County; **INF/P** – Pierce Walker, Sr., Treutlen



DOOLY COUNTY BOBCATS

Head Coach: Adam Turner

Survey not returned



HAWKINSVILLE RED DEVILS

Head Coach: Bragg Thompson (new)

Assistant Coaches: Troy Varnadoe, Kenny Johnson

2023 Record: 7-18

Returning Starters: OF/LHP Darius Anderson (Sr., 6-3, 220, R/L); SS/RHP Tanner Meeks (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); 1B Ben Broadnax (Jr., 6-0, 185, L/R); OF Harlem Phillips (Jr., 6-4, 195, R/R); 3B Landon Johnson (So., 5-10, 210, R/R); OF/RHP Peyton Smith (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); 2B Duck Burch (So., 5-8, 135, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Noah Sutherland (Jr., 6-0, 230, R/R); OF Malek Brown (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C Ethan Coffey (Fr., 5-8, 190, R/R)

Season Outlook: New coach Bragg Thompson takes over and inherits a young but talented team. Seven starters are back, the bulk of them underclassmen. Senior Darius Anderson (.350 avg.) returns as well as shortstop/pitcher Tanner Meeks and outfielder Harlem Phillips. The Red Devils will be looking for some younger players to contribute.

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TELFAIR COUNTY TROJANS

Head Coach: Hart Mizell

Assistant Coaches: Jody Stone, Kyle Dean

2023 Record: 8-17

Returning Starters: LHP Jose Vega-Matos (Sr.); OF Za'Miyan McDuffie (Sr.); SS Jamie Norris (Sr.); OF Ben Rogers (Jr.); RHP/C Carson Ellis (Jr.); INF/RHP Brendan Riggins (So.)

Other Returning Players: RHP/INF Spenser Ellis (So.); OF Duke Mincey (So.); 1B/RHP Kowen Deloach (So.); C Josh Charbonneau (So.)

Season Outlook: Telfair County should have a chance to be much-improved this spring. The Trojans welcome back two of their top pitchers in left-hander Jose Vega-Matos and right-hander Carson Ellis. If the Trojans can find consistency at the plate, they should challenge for a postseason berth.



TREUTLEN VIKINGS

Head Coach: Brad Collins

Assistant Coach: Jason McCoy

2023 Record: 8-19

Returning Starters: OF/P Kolby McClendon (Sr.); INF Cooper Brantley (Sr.); INF/P Pierce Walker (Sr.); OF Chad Bright (Sr.); INF Branton Hackle (Sr.); OF/P Kylan Page (Jr.)

Other Returning Players: OF JB Beacham (Jr.); INF Jackson McCoy (So.)

Top Newcomers: C/INF Acie Dickens (Fr.); INF/P Jackson Walker (Fr.); OF/P Peyton Miller (Fr.); INF/P Gavin Wood (Fr.); OF Caleb Bridges (Fr.)

Season Outlook: An excellent group of seniors return to lead Treutlen as the Vikings should contend for a postseason berth this spring. Versatile Kolby McClendon is one of five returning senior starters. Don't sleep on an excellent group of underclassmen who will compete for playing time.



WHEELER COUNTY BULLDOGS

Head Coach: TBA

Survey not returned



WILCOX COUNTY PATRIOTS

Head Coach: Stephen McDuffie

Assistant Coaches: Tommy Fuller, Jacob Baxter

2023 Record: 25-8

Returning Starters: OF/RHP BJ Gibson (Sr., 6-1, 195, R/R); C/U Jackson Owens (Sr., 5-10, 200, R/R); LHP/OF Jake Howell (Jr., 5-10, 155, L/L); RHP/SS/2B Garret Keene (Jr., 5-11, 150, R/R); LHP/OF Johnny Nutt (Jr., 5-11, 190, L/L); 3B Tre Griffin (Jr., 5-9, 225, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C Myles Davis (So., 5-11, 165, R/R); INF Deacon McDuffie (So., 5-11, 150, R/R); OF Bo Bloodworth (So., 5-10, 155, R/R); INF Jackson Smith (So., 6-0, 160, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Patriots will be shooting for their fourth straight

region title. And this could be their best team. Six starters are back, including talented outfielder/pitcher BJ Gibson. Pitching should be the Patriots' backbone as standouts Garret Keene, Johnny Nutt and Jake Howell all return.

REGION 5-1A

Region Favorite: Johnson County

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

U – Garin Adside, Sr., Wilkinson County; **1B/RHP** – Tristan Clark, Jr., Glascock County; **RHP/1B** – Ashton Davis, Sr., Johnson County; **C/RHP** – Caeden Downs, Jr., Glascock County; **RHP/SS** – Landon Griswell, Sr., Glascock County; **OF** – Nick Holton, Sr., Glascock County; **1B** – Tyler Loerzel, Sr., Georgia Military College; **LHP/OF** – Sage Newsome, Jr., Johnson County; **U** – Jaidyn Pennington, Sr., Wilkinson County; **C** – Bryce Smith, Sr., Georgia Military College; **RHP/SS** – Sage Stapleton, Jr., Johnson County; **RHP/3B** – Barrett Wombles, Sr., Johnson County



GEORGIA MILITARY COLLEGE BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Rusty Courson

Survey not returned



GLASCOCK COUNTY PANTHERS

Head Coach: Johnny Cantrell

Assistant Coach: Blake Moore

2023 Record: 14-11

Returning Starters: RHP/SS Landon Griswell (Sr., 6-1, 210, R/R); C/RHP Caeden Downs (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R); 1B/RHP Tristan Clark (Jr., 6-1, 205, R/R); OF/RHP Nathan Perry (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF Nick Holton (Sr., 5-8, 155, R/R); 3B/2B/RHP Bryce Wheeler (Sr., 5-10, 200, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Jaxon Hicks (So., 5-8, 150, R/R); OF/C Blake Daniels (Jr., 5-7, 150, R/R); OF Thomas Nader (Jr., 6-1, 145, R/R); 1B Zion Moss (Jr., 6-0, 230, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Panthers return six starters and should contend for a postseason berth this spring. The senior class is solid and will be led by pitcher/shortstop Landon Griswell. Look for a talented group of juniors and sophomores who will be expected to help out.



HANCOCK CENTRAL BULLDOGS

Head Coach: TBA

Survey not returned

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JOHNSON COUNTY TROJANS

Head Coach: Chuck Beale

Assistant Coaches: Cordele Johnson, Charles Greenway

2023 Record: 22-7

Returning Starters: RHP/3B Barrett Wombles (Sr., R/R); RHP/1B Ashton Davis (Sr., R/R); RHP/C Landon McCoy (Sr., R/R); RHP/SS Sage Stapleton (Jr., R/R); LHP/OF Sage Newsome (Jr., L/L); RHP/C/2B Will Peeples (So., R/R); OF Joseph Rowland (So., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Candon Scott (Jr., R/R); OF Hunter Smith (So., R/R); INF Olarte Wilcher (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The defending region champions should pick up from where they left off in 2023. Seven starters are back, including a lot of players who saw pitching action last year. The Trojans will still be relatively young, but keep an eye on Barrett Wombles and Ashton Davis, a pair of returning seniors the team can build around.



TWIGGS COUNTY COBRAS

Head Coach: George Snead

Survey not returned



WILKINSON COUNTY WARRIORS

Head Coach: TBA

Survey not returned

REGION 6-1A

Region Favorite: Schley County

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

1B/RHP – Chris Beach, Sr., Chattahoochee County; **SS** – Kason Binn, Sr., Chattahoochee County; **INF/RHP** – Brendan Brooks, Sr., Taylor County; **RHP/C** – Jake Brown, So., Marion County; **3B/C/1B** – Jack Clark, Sr., Schley County; **OF/2B/RHP** – Rylan Conner, Jr., Schley County; **1B/OF** – Cohen Crews, Jr., Taylor County; **LHP/OF/1B** – Anthony Dixon, So., Manchester; **OF/INF/LHP** – Hunter Dodson, So., Marion County; **RHP/SS** – Leland Dodson, Sr., Marion County; **2B/P/INF** – Connor Godwin, Sr., Manchester; **INF/C/RHP** – Jackson Hancock, Jr., Taylor County; **2B/RHP** – Riley Harris, Jr., Taylor County; **3B/P/SS** – Charlie James, Sr., Manchester; **OF** – Torrez James, Sr., Chattahoochee County; **SS** – Jay Kanazawa, Sr., Schley County; **RHP/OF** – Jake Little, So., Schley County; **OF/RHP** – Zachary Parker, Sr., Chattahoochee County; **OF/RHP** – Ashton Raybon, Jr., Schley County; **OF/U** – Jayden Richardson, Jr., Marion

County; **RHP/3B** – Brody Smith, Jr., Schley County; **1B** – Trenton Stubbs, Sr., Schley County; **1B/RHP** – Will Truitt, Sr., Marion County; **P/C/U** – Jack Underwood, Sr., Manchester; **SS/2B/CF** – Carson Westbrook, Sr., Schley County; **1B** – Christian Whitaker, Jr., Manchester



CENTRAL TALBOTTON HAWKS

Head Coach: Calvin Epps

Survey not returned



CHATTAHOOCHEE COUNTY PANTHERS

Head Coach: Logan Colvin

Assistant Coach: Tyler Cadenhead

2023 Record: 15-14

Returning Starters: SS Kason Binn (Sr., 5-11, 150, R/R); OF Torrez James (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); 1B/RHP Chris Beach (Sr., 6-3, 290, R/R); OF/RHP Zachary Parker (Sr., 5-11, 160, R/R); 2B Kayleb Vegafria (So., 5-5, 130, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Will Drury (So., 5-9, 120, R/R); OF Ian Fajardo (So., 5-11, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Panthers lost some talent from last season's playoff squad. But Chattahoochee County welcomes back five returning starters from that team and should be in the chase again. Shortstop Kason Binn (.379 avg.), Chris Beach and Torrez James are back on offense, while right-hander Zachary Parker will lead a young group of pitchers.



FURLOW CHARTER FALCONS

Head Coach: TBA

Survey not returned



GREENVILLE PATRIOTS

Head Coach: TBA

Survey not returned



MACON COUNTY BULLDOGS

Head Coach: TBA

Survey not returned

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MANCHESTER BLUE DEVILS

Head Coach: TBA
Survey not returned



MARION COUNTY EAGLES

Head Coach: John Dimitri
Assistant Coaches: Monty Howard, Freddie Vazquez
2023 Record: 11-16

Returning Starters: RHP/SS Leland Dodson (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); 1B/RHP Will Truitt (Sr., 6-0, 185, R/R); RHP/3B Ty Goodroe (Jr., 5-9, 160, L/R); RHP/2B Robert Way (Jr., 6-1, 160, R/R); RHP/C Jake Brown (So., 6-0, 155, R/R); OF/C Jordan Holbrook (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); OF/U Jayden Richardson (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R); OF Kelby Tymes (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); OF/INF/LHP Hunter Dodson (So., 5-8, 155, L/L)

Other Returning Players: OF/RHP Payton Kisor (Jr., 6-1, 165, R/R); INF Justin McCardle (Jr., 6-0, 185, R/R); OF/RHP Talan Welch (Jr., 6-1, 160, R/R); OF Ian Williams (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); INF Jordan Mathis (Jr., 6-1, 205, R/R); INF Hunter Scott (So., 5-10, 185, R/R); OF/LHP Walker Johnson (Jr., 5-10, 185, L/L)

Top Newcomers: INF Nathan Truitt (Fr., 5-9, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Eagles return a talented team capable of challenging for the region title. Region Pitcher of the Year Leland Dodson (6-3, 2.82 ERA) returns as well as first-baseman Will Truitt (.389 avg., 17 RBIs). Marion County will still be a relatively young team, but keep an eye on this program.



SCHLEY COUNTY WILDCATS

Head Coach: Chuck Cheek
Assistant Coaches: William Rooks, Jody Sellars, Earl Dupree
2023 Record: 26-10

Returning Starters: 3B/C/1B Jack Clark (Sr., 5-10, 210, R/R); SS/2B/CF Carson Westbrook (Sr., 5-11, 170, R/R); 1B Trenton Stubbs (Sr., 6-1, 240, R/R); SS Jay Kanazawa (Sr., 5-11, 190, R/R); OF/2B/RHP Rylan Conner (Jr., 5-11, 160, R/R); OF/RHP Ashton Raybon (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); RHP/3B Brody Smith (Jr., 5-11, 195, L/R); RHP/OF Jake Little (So., 6-1, 165, L/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Wyatt James (Sr., 5-8, 150, R/R); INF/RHP Oscar Lloyd (So., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF Sam Forehand (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); OF Caleb Renfroe (So., 6-1, 175, R/R); OF Cameron Dowdey (So., 5-11, 160, R/R); U JuJu Salazar (So., 6-0, 180, R/R); U Christian Skipper (Sr., 6-0, 140, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wildcats will once again contend for the region crown as a wealth of talent returns. All-state infielder Jack Clark is back to lead the way as well as middle infielder Carson Westbrook. Schley's success will depend on its young pitching rotation. Jake Little and Ashton Raybon give the Wildcats a pair of returners to build around.



TAYLOR COUNTY VIKINGS

Head Coach: Clae Mathis (new)
Assistant Coaches: Diego Paz, Connor Tharpe, Zac Robison, Jess Devoursney, Bob Yevak
2023 Record: 10-15

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Brendan Brooks (Sr., R/R); 3B Payte Harris (Sr., R/R); 1B/OF Cohen Crews (Jr., R/R); 2B/RHP Riley Harris (Jr., R/R); INF/C/RHP Jackson Hancock (Jr., R/R); C/OF Mason Hunter (Jr., R/R); OF Cody Moncrief (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Carter Stokes (So., R/R); OF Colt Pandolfi (Jr., R/R); OF/LHP Dylan Barnes (Jr., L/L)

Top Newcomers: OF Cade Brown (Fr.); INF Hugh Harris (Fr.); INF Leland Holder (Fr.); INF/P Brogan Hunter (Fr.); C Cayden Hunter (Fr.); OF Jose Lopez (Fr.); INF Perry Robison (Fr.); INF/P Jax Simmons (Fr.); INF/P Ethan Wilder (Fr.); OF/P Logan Hobbs (So.)

Season Outlook: Former coach and local favorite Clae Mathis returns to Taylor County and looks to get the Vikings back into region title contention. It may take some time, but Taylor County has the talent to do it. Infielder/pitcher Brendan Brooks and versatile Jackson Hancock return, giving Mathis a pair of leaders to build his program around.



WEBSTER COUNTY BOBCATS

Head Coach: James McCullough
Survey not returned

REGION 7-1A

Region Favorite: Bowdon

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

INF/RHP – Brison Alexander, So., Mount Zion-Carrollton; **OF/RHP** – Dalton Ballenger, Jr., Bowdon; **SS/RHP** – Chase Butler, Sr., Mount Zion-Carrollton; **1B** – Blake Cole, Jr., Bowdon; **INF/RHP** – Sawyer Corn, So., Christian Heritage; **OF/RHP** – Stanley Cross, Sr., Mount Zion-Carrollton; **RHP/INF** – Caison Duncan, Jr., Bowdon; **2B** – Jake Gordon, Sr., Mount Zion-Carrollton; **SS/RHP** – Will Huggins, Jr., Bowdon; **C/OF** – Mason Jakubiak, Sr., Mount Zion-Carrollton; **C** – Ethan Kent, Jr., Bowdon; **INF** – Zander Langley, Jr., Bowdon; **INF/OF/RHP** – Jackson Locke, So., Christian Heritage; **INF** – Berkley Perkins, So., Bowdon; **INF** – David Person, Jr., Christian Heritage; **RHP** – Caleb Pryor, Sr., Mount Zion-Carrollton; **OF/RHP** – Jackson Truett, Sr., Bowdon; **OF/RHP** – Jacob Williams, Jr., Bowdon; **U/RHP** – Hayden Young, Jr., Mount Zion-Carrollton

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BOWDON RED DEVILS

Head Coach: Brian Vance

Assistant Coaches: Mark Huggins, Tim Perkins, Pop Prothro, Joe Skinner, Chris Wigley, Mitch Johnson, Ricky Sikes, Kiler Cole

2023 Record: 23-12

Returning Starters: : SS/RHP Will Huggins (Jr., 6-2, 180, L/R); OF/RHP Dalton Ballenger (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); 1B Blake Cole (Jr., 6-2, 170, R/R); INF Zander Langley (Jr., 6-1, 155, R/R); OF/RHP Jacob Williams (Jr., 5-7, 145, R/R); C Ethan Kent (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); RHP/INF Caison Duncan (Jr., 5-9, 140, R/R); INF Berkley Perkins (So., 5-8, 165, R/R); OF/RHP Jackson Truett (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/1B Kaiden Prothro (So., 6-6, 190, L/R); INF/RHP Bryson Adams (Sr., 5-11, 155, R/R); OF/RHP Nate Kovac (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF Jaxon Ledbetter (Sr., 5-11, 200, R/R); DH CJ Kidd (Sr., 6-3, 250, R/R); C/1B Phisher Perkins (So., 5-10, 205, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Kyler McGrinn (Sr., 6-0, 195, R/R); OF/LHP Jonas Wigley (So., 5-7, 125, L/L)

Season Outlook: Bowdon should be the team to beat this spring as nine starters return from last season's squad that made the state quarterfinals. The Red Devils, however, may be a year away from reaching their full potential. This junior-heavy lineup will be solid. All-state shortstop/pitcher Will Huggins is back to lead the team.

CHRISTIAN HERITAGE LIONS

Head Coach: Mike Brady (new)

Survey not returned

MOUNT ZION-CARROLLTON EAGLES

Head Coach: Randall Wright

Survey not returned

REGION 8-1A

Region Favorite: Washington-Wilkes

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

RHP/INF – Braydon Barrett, So., Towns County; **LF/RHP** – Hayden Brown, Jr., Lake Oconee; **C** – Trace Callaway, Sr., Washington-Wilkes; **C** – Connor Chastain, Sr., Towns County; **RHP** – Matthew Chastain, Sr., Towns County; **INF/C** – Stone Chauncey, Sr., Towns County; **OF** – Tanner Cunningham, Sr., Towns County; **RHP/INF** – Zane Floyd, Sr., Towns County; **1B** – Nick Harkins, Sr., Washington-Wilkes; **CF/RHP** – Dylan Hitler, So., Lake Oconee; **2B** – Devin Hogan, Sr., Lincoln County; **LHP/OF** – Logan James, Sr., GSIC; **3B/2B** – Cameron Kelley, Jr., Lake Oconee; **OF** – Cale Kirby, Sr., Towns County; **RHP/INF** – Kade McConnell, Sr., Towns County; **U** – Andrew

Meech, Sr., Washington-Wilkes; **RHP/U** – Sam Moon, Sr., Washington-Wilkes; **C** – Will Moore, Sr., Lake Oconee; **C** – Tristan Norris, Jr., GSIC; **LHP** – Ike O'Neal, Jr., Lake Oconee; **OF** – Bryson Porter, Sr., Washington-Wilkes; **U** – Peyton Rowe, Sr., Lincoln County; **RHP/1B** – Morgan Shedd, Sr., Washington-Wilkes; **INF/P** – Wesley Silas, Jr., GSIC; **INF/RHP** – Trent Thompson, Sr., GSIC; **OF** – Malik Ware, Sr., Washington-Wilkes; **SS/1B** – Ian Watson, Sr., Lake Oconee; **SS** – Mason Wheatley, Sr., Washington-Wilkes; **RF/RHP** – Trace Wood, Sr., Lake Oconee

AQUINAS FIGHTING IRISH

Head Coach: Colby Painter

Survey not returned

GSIC PATRIOTS

Head Coach: Chileno Valdez

Assistant Coach: Cephus Howard

2023 Record: 4-20

Returning Starters: : LHP/OF Logan James (Sr.); INF/RHP Trent Thompson (Sr.); C Tristan Norris (Jr.); 1B Caleb Bowles (Jr.); P/OF William Tucker (So.); OF/P Gavin Stephens (So.); INF/P Jaxon Watkins (So.); OF Bryson Smith (Jr.); INF/P/OF Ladon Braswell (So.); INF/P Wesley Silas (Jr.)

Season Outlook: The Patriots look to rebound from a disappointing finish in 2023. GSIC welcomes back a solid group of returners. The team is still young, but pitchers Wesley Silas, Trent Thompson and Logan James all return. Keep an eye on this young program.

GREENE COUNTY TIGERS

Head Coach: Brad Evans

Survey not returned

LAKE OCONEE ACADEMY TITANS

Head Coach: Mark Miller

Assistant Coaches: Glynn McDaniel, Reid Lipscomb, Josh Seymour, Tommy McDonald

2023 Record: 18-13

Returning Starters: LF/RHP Hayden Brown (Jr., 5-11, 165, L/R); SS/1B Ian Watson (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); CF/RHP Dylan Hiter (So., 5-11, 170, R/R); RF/RHP Trace Wood (Sr., 6-1, 200, R/R); 3B/2B Cameron Kelley (Jr., 5-11, 185, R/R); SS/RHP Maddox Robinson (Sr., 5-11, 150, R/R); RF Reid Davis (Jr., 6-1, 210, R/R); C Will Moore (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); 1B Jack Walker (Sr., 5-8, 210, R/R)

Other Returning Players: LF/RF Mason Salemi (Jr., 6-0, 200, R/R); 2B Evan Saterfield (So., 5-8, 150, R/R)

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Top Newcomers: LHP Ike O'Neal (Jr., 6-0, 180, L/L)

Season Outlook: The Titans will be expected to contend for the playoffs again as nine starters are back. Leftfielder/pitcher Hayden Brown returns as well as rightfielder/pitcher Trace Wood. Lake Oconee should pick up from where it left off last season.



LINCOLN COUNTY RED DEVILS

Head Coach: Robert McCarty

Survey not returned



TOWNS COUNTY INDIANS

Head Coach: Shannon Floyd

Assistant Coaches: Chase Phillips, Jackson Taylor

2023 Record: 22-13

Returning Starters: C Connor Chastain (Sr., 6-2, 185, L/R); RHP/INF Zane Floyd (Sr., 6-4, 185, R/R); RHP/INF Kade McConnell (Sr., 6-2, 170, R/R); INF/C Stone Chauncey (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); OF Tanner Cunningham (Sr., 6-2, 160, R/R); OF Cale Kirby (Sr., 5-9, 150, R/R); RHP Matthew Chastain (Sr., 6-1, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/INF Braydon Barrett (So., 5-11, 150, R/R); RHP/DH Tripp Shirley (So., 5-11, 190, R/R); OF Eli McNabb



Matthew Chastain
Towns County

(So., 5-8, 135, L/R); OF Mason Barrett (Sr., R/R); INF Morgan Walker (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF/P Oliver Serafin (Fr.); OF Grayson Youngblood (So.); P/OF Braydon Baldwin (So.); P Jonah Rouse (So.); INF/OF Mason Pierson (So.)

Season Outlook: The Indians won't be flying under the radar this spring. Seven returning senior starters are back, including all-region catcher Connor Chastain and pitchers Zane Floyd and Kade McConnell. Keep an eye on this program. They have a chance to be very good.



WASHINGTON-WILKES TIGERS

Head Coach: Drew Wilson

Assistant Coaches: Brantley Smith, Roper Smith

2023 Record: 24-10

Returning Starters: OF Malik Ware (Sr., 6-4, 175, R/R); U Andrew Meech (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); OF Bryson Porter (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/L); C Trace Callaway (Sr., 5-10, 190, B/R); SS Mason Wheatley (Sr., 5-9, 135, R/R); OF/DH Jordan Dawson (Jr., 6-0, 190, R/R); RHP/U Sam Moon (Sr., 5-11, 150, R/R); 1B Nick Harkins (Sr., 6-1, 185, L/R); RHP/1B Morgan Shedd (Sr., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Other Returning Players: U Zane Lamar (So., 5-10, 135, R/R); RHP Braxton Reed (Jr., 6-4, 185, R/R); DH Markel Laguins (So., 5-7, 250, R/R)

Season Outlook: Washington-Wilkes lost a lot of pitching from last season. Right-handers Sam Moon, Morgan Shedd and Braxton Reed will try to help fill that void. The Tigers are solid offensively. All-state outfielder Malik Ware, utility player Andrew Meech and outfielder Bryson Porter return. The Tigers hope catcher Trace Callaway can also return to the form he showed as a sophomore two years ago.



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REGION 1-3A

Region Favorite: Dominion Christian

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

OF – Beau Donner, Sr., Holy Spirit Prep; **U** – Josh Gunderson, Sr., Holy Spirit Prep; **CF** – Christian Harrison, Jr., Holy Spirit Prep; **2B/SS** – Anthony Lombardi, Jr., Holy Spirit Prep; **C/LHP/U** – Ben Messer, Jr., Holy Spirit Prep; **RHP/SS** – Will Messer, Sr., Holy Spirit Prep; **SS/RHP** – Ethan Minor, So., Cristo Rey; **SS/RHP** – Robert Minor, Jr., Cristo Rey; **C/RHP** – Alonso Rodriguez, Jr., Cristo Rey; **RHP/OF** – Cole Rowland, Sr., Dominion Christian; **RHP/3B** – Andrew Wingate, Jr., Holy Spirit Prep



CRISTO REY FLAMES

Head Coach: Danny Stephens

Assistant Coach(es): TBA

2023 Record: 9-5

Returning Starters: C/RHP Alonso Rodriguez (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); SS/RHP Robert Minor (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); CF Brandon McGruder (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); RF Manny Garcia (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); 2B/RHP Tomas Mora (Jr., 5-5, 140, R/R); RF Timothy Fambro (Jr., 6-0, 165, R/R); SS/RHP Ethan Minor (So., 5-10, 155, R/R)

Other Returning Players: DH Anthony Palacious (Jr., 5-9, 175, R/R); RF Julio Hernandez (Sr., 5-9, 165, R/R); LF Patrick Degado (Jr., 5-7, 150, R/R); RF Seyoum Gebrehiwot (So., 5-7, 145, L/L)

Top Newcomers: 3B/C Alfonso Rodriguez (Fr., 5-10, 155, R/R); SS/2B Jayden Boyd (Fr., 5-10, 140, R/R)

Season Outlook: Cristo Rey welcomes back seven returning starters and should have a chance to be even better in 2024. All-region performers Alonso Rodriguez, Robert Minor and Ethan Minor are back to lead the way. The senior class is small, but keep an eye on a solid group of juniors.



DOMINION CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS

Head Coach: Brian Nelson

Assistant Coaches: Dalton Kent, Kwodwo Brannigan

2023 Record: 16-15

Returning Starters: RHP/OF Cole Rowland (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); RHP/OF Gabe Buckner (Jr., 5-11, 160, L/R); RHP/U Jake Jackson (Jr., 5-11, 150, R/R); RHP/OF Skye Jackson (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Luke Meadors (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); INF Broughton Kelly (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); INF/RHP George Roberts (So., 5-11, 150, R/R); 3B/RHP Ben Eelsey (Jr., 5-11, 175, R/R); C/INF Luke Shackelford (So., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF/RHP Carter Cox (Jr., 5-10, 150, L/R); RHP/3B Gavin Langelotti (So., 5-10, 160, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/OF Canaan Bowen (Sr., 5-10, 185, R/R); OF Trae Wilson (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); OF Trent Wilson (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); LHP/1B Nick Gilbrook (Jr., 6-1, 200, L/L)

Season Outlook: The Knights return an excellent group of returning players and should contend for the region title this spring. Four starters are back, including top pitcher Cole Rowland. The senior class is small, but keep an eye on a solid group of juniors and sophomores.



HOLY SPIRIT PREP COUGARS

Head Coach: Alex Sorobey

Assistant Coach(es): TBA

2023 Record: 3-5

Returning Starters: C/LHP/U Ben Messer (Jr., R/L); 1B John Insalaca (Sr., R/R); 2B/SS Anthony Lombardi (Jr., R/R); RHP/SS Will Messer (Sr., R/R); RHP/3B Andrew Wingate (Jr., R/R); OF Beau Donner (Sr., R/R); CF Christian Harrison (Jr., R/R); LF Dylan Craig (Jr., R/R); U Josh Gunderson (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: U Andrew Nannis (Jr., R/R); U Andrew Purvis (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Jackson Sacco (Sr., R/R); U Roman Donner (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Holy Spirit continues to build its baseball program, and the Cougars should continue to improve this spring. A solid group of returning players are back, including senior pitcher/shortstop Will Messer and infielder Anthony Lombardi.

REGION 2-3A

Region Favorite: Pinewood Christian

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

SS/RHP – Banks Booth, Jr., Pinewood Christian; **OF/RHP** – Hayes Carter, Jr., Frederica; **2B/P** – Charlie Grinalds, Jr., Westminster-Augusta; **RHP/OF** – John Abbott Havens, Sr., Frederica; **3B** – Tucker Howard, Sr., Bulloch; **CF/LHP** – Colt Howes, So., Frederica; **CF** – Ike Hubbard, Jr., Bulloch; **1B/RHP** – Jackson Lewis, Sr., Frederica; **RHP** – Nicolas Nobles, So., Pinewood Christian; **1B/LHP** – Luc Oates, Fr., Pinewood Christian; **CF** – Jake Rogers, Sr., Pinewood Christian; **SS** – Austin Smith, Sr., Bulloch; **RF** – Walker Todd, Sr., Pinewood Christian; **INF/P** – Henry Wilkie, So., Westminster-Augusta



BULLOCH ACADEMY GATORS

Head Coach: Tripp Turley (new)

Assistant Coaches: Aaron Phillips, Robby Holder

2023 Record: 23-7

Returning Starters: SS Braylon Evans (Sr.); CF Ike Hubbard (Jr.); RF Andrew Welker (Jr.); 3B Tucker Howard (Sr.); 1B Jacob Avery (Jr.)

Other Returning Players: 2B Parker Chance (Jr.); SS Jake Lee (Jr.); OF Hudson Cason (Sr.); INF Brenigan Priest (So.); C Rob West (So.)

Top Newcomers: 3B/C JT Durden (Jr.); 3B/C JT Lee (Jr.); SS Austin Smith (Sr.); P Sam Hubbard (Fr.)

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Season Outlook: New coach Tripp Turley inherits five returning starters from last season's squad that made the second round of the state playoffs. The lack of experienced pitching is a concern, but offensive leaders Ike Hubbard and Tucker Howard return. Incoming transfer Austin Smith will also help out.

FREDERICA KNIGHTS

Head Coach: Tim Orlosky

Assistant Coaches: Mason Kolbe, Colton Roberts

2023 Record: 11-14

Returning Starters: 3B/RHP Braydon Goff (Jr., 5-10, 160, R/R); CF/LHP Colt Howes (So., 5-8, 165, L/L); OF/RHP Hayes Carter (Jr., 5-10, 185, R/R); 1B/RHP Jackson Lewis (Sr., 5-10, 190, R/R); RHP/OF John Abbott Havens (Sr., 6-2, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: U Gavin Granthem (So., 5-9, 150, R/R); INF/RHP Wyatt Partin (So., 6-1, 150, R/R); 1B Fuller Wimberly (So., 6-0, 205, R/R); RHP/C Tucker McLain (Jr., 5-10, 210, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/RHP Logan Wensel (So., 6-0, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Knights will once again be expected to challenge for the postseason this spring. Frederica may be young, but don't sleep on them. Five starters are back, including senior pitchers John Abbott Havens and Jackson Lewis. Outfielder/pitcher Colt Howes also returns.

PINEWOOD CHRISTIAN PATRIOTS

Head Coach: Brett Lewis

Assistant Coaches: Chance Coefield, Tanner Lewis

2023 Record: 21-13

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Banks Booth (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R); RF Walker Todd (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); CF Jake Rogers (Sr., 6-3, 185, R/R); 1B/LHP Luc Oates (Fr., 5-9, 195, L/L); 2B Maddux Lewis (So., 5-11, 150, R/L); INF/RHP Banks Hearn (So., 5-10, 140, R/R); RHP Nicolas Nobles (So., 6-0, 165, R/R); C Avery Beasley (Sr., 5-8, 165, R/R); LF Avant Anderson (Sr., 5-10, 155, R/R)

Season Outlook: Look for Pinewood Christian to pick up from where it left off last season. The Patriots have nine returning players and should be the team to beat in Region 2-3A. Versatile Banks Booth is back along with outfielders Walker Todd and Jake Rogers.

SAINT ANDREWS LIONS

Head Coach: Scott Abernathy

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WESTMINSTER WILDCATS

Head Coach: TBA

Survey not returned

REGION 3-3A

Region Favorite: Terrell Academy

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

RHP/INF – Owen Bodell, Jr., Brookwood; **OF** – Maddox Coile, So., Valwood; **INF/RHP** – Lane Cole, Sr., Tiftarea; **INF** – Daylor Drawdy, Sr., Terrell Academy; **RHP/OF** – Jake Dunlop, Jr., Brookwood; **C** – Will Godwin, Sr., Southland; **OF/DH** – Dallas Hatfield, Sr., Valwood; **1B** – Conner Hutto, Sr., Valwood; **U** – John Jackson, Jr., Tiftarea; **INF** – David Kile, Sr., Terrell Academy; **RHP/3B** – Landon Misamore, Jr., Deerfield-Windsor; **C** – Kade Muliford, Sr., Terrell Academy; **INF/RHP** – Camden Rodgers, So., Southland; **3B** – Lane Sceals, So., Deerfield-Windsor; **INF** – Dalton Smith, Sr., Valwood; **RHP/OF** – Dozier Swain, Sr., Terrell Academy; **INF/RHP** – Perry Usher, Sr., Southland; **LHP/1B** – Rodge Waldrop, Sr., Brookwood; **OF/RHP** – Quindon Wright, Sr., Terrell Academy

BROOKWOOD WARRIORS

Head Coach: Daniel Funt

Assistant Coaches: Jimmy Bryson, Tyler Hester, Bill Cook

2023 Record: 17-11



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Returning Starters: LHP/1B Rodge Waldrop (Sr., 6-50, 210, L/L); RHP/INF Owen Bodell (Jr., 6-0, 155, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/OF Jake Dunlop (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R); RHP/INF Walker Jackson (Jr., 6-7, 160, R/R); LHP/OF William Marler (So., 5-6, 150, R/L); LHP/1B/OF Jarrett Parr (So., 5-9, 150, L/L); OF Jacob Newberry (So., 5-8, 190, R/R); U Aidan Hunt (Sr., 5-8, 175, R/R); INF/RHP Jack Tuten (So., 5-7, 150, R/R)

Top Newcomers: U/RHP Toby Trumbower (Fr., 5-7, 150, R/R); INF/RHP Graham Jackson (Fr., 5-9, 155, R/R); OF Brinson King (Fr., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Warriors have some key positions to fill after making a strong playoff run last year. The bulk of the team are underclassmen. The good news is that left-handed pitcher/first-baseman Rodge Waldrop and right-handed pitcher/infielder Owen Bodell return to lead the young Warriors.

DW DEERFIELD-WINDSOR KNIGHTS

Head Coach: Kyle Keen

Assistant Coaches: John Brady, Tyler Ward, John Pinson, Zack Wingate

2023 Record: 10-18

Returning Starters: RHP/3B Landon Misamore (Jr., 5-10, 230, R/R); C Lan Wiggins (Jr., 5-7, 150, R/R); U Gabe Daniel (So., 5-10, 175, R/R); 3B Lane Sceals (So., 6-1, 190, R/R); INF David Hutchins (So., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF Brantley Michlig (So., 6-0, 190, R/R); INF Grier Morey (So., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/LHP Boyd Pollock (So., 6-0, 190, L/L); 1B/RHP Jackson Revell (So., 6-2, 180, R/R)



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Top Newcomers: LHP/1B Collins Clark (Fr., 6-2, 190, L/L)

Season Outlook: The Knights will have a very young team in 2024. Although seven returning starters are back, all of them are underclassmen. The lack of experienced pitching is a concern, but junior right-hander Landon Misamore returns. Catcher Lan Wiggins also returns.

SOUTHLAND RAIDERS

Head Coach: Blaze Hargrove (new)
Survey not returned

TERRELL ACADEMY EAGLES

Head Coach: Ashley Walker
Assistant Coaches: Max Evans, Curtis Stanfield, Robert Nelson
2023 Record: 16-13
Returning Starters: INF David Kile (Sr., 6-2, 185, R/R); INF Daylor Drawdy (Sr., 5-10, 155, L/R); OF/RHP Quindon Wright (Sr., 6-3, 230, R/R); RHP/OF Dozier Swain (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); C Kade Muliford (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); LHP Trevor Shipley (Sr., 5-11, 190, L/L); INF/RHP John Mark Irvin (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF/RHP Jack Douglas (Jr., R/R); OF Tucker Leanza (Jr., R/R); INF Harrison Dozier (Jr., R/R); OF Ethan Askew (Sr., R/L); OF/RHP Kyle Hall (Jr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Tyler Loewe (Sr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Terrell Academy has enough ingredients to make a deep playoff run this spring. David Kile, Daylor Drawdy, Quindon Wright and Dozier Swain return to lead an offense capable of putting up big numbers. Pitching depth is a concern, but keep an eye on this program.

TIFTAREA PANTHERS

Head Coach: Chance Benson
Assistant Coaches: Rob Flick, Jordan Cox, John Cox
2023 Record: 11-15

Returning Starters: INF/RHP Lane Cole (Sr., 5-10, 155, R/R); INF/RHP Parks Colwell (Sr., 6-1, 150, R/R); INF/RHP Eli Hannah (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); U John Jackson (Jr., 6-1, 170, R/R); OF William Garner (Jr., 6-0, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Robert Garner (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R); C/RHP Winston Lamb (So., 5-11, 170, R/R); INF Jackson Gray (So., 5-11, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/RHP Dawson Butler (So., 5-11, 190, R/R); INF/OF Jackson Parrish (So., 5-8, 165, R/R); OF Eli Stevens (Sr., 5-8, 170, R/R); INF Cody Griffin (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); OF Ridley Monk (So., 6-1, 175, R/R); INF Jacob Joyner (So., 6-2, 185, R/R); OF/RHP John Michael White (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: After a rebuilding season last spring, look for Tiftarea to be much better in 2024. Eight starters are back, including all-region selections John Jackson and Lane Cole. The Panthers are still relatively young. Keep an eye on a solid group of juniors and sophomores.



Lane Cole
Tiftarea



Robert Garner
Tiftarea




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VALWOOD VALIANTS

Head Coach: Robert Shipman

Assistant Coaches: Chuck Young, Brad Wells

2023 Record: 19-11

Returning Starters: INF

Dalton Smith (Sr., 6-0, 165, R/R); 1B Conner Hutto (Sr., 6-3, 230, R/R); OF/DH Dallas Hatfield (Sr., 6-0, 220, R/R); OF/RHP Jack Drew (Sr., 6-0, 190, R/R); OF/RHP Triston White (Jr., 5-11, 195, R/R); 3B/RHP Dywan Powell (So., 6-0, 205, R/R); OF Maddox Coile (So., 5-5, 140, L/L)

Other Returning Players:

RHP/OF James Godbee (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); RHP Jake Goff (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); RHP/C David Griffin (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF Michael Matchett (Sr., 6-0,

165, R/R); C Chase Helfer (So., 6-1, 200, R/R); 2B Will Greene (So., 5-6, 165, R/R); OF Brayden Thomas (So., 5-6, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: A strong senior class should help Valwood contend for the region crown this spring. All-state shortstop Dalton Smith and all-region standouts Conner Hutto and Maddox Coile return. If Valwood can find consistent pitching, they could go a long way this year.



Jack Drew
Valwood



Dallas Hatfield
Valwood



Dywan Powell
Valwood



Triston White
Valwood

REGION 4-3A

Region Favorite: Bethlehem Christian

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

INF – Brayden Alexander, Sr., Bethlehem Christian; **U/RHP** – Drew Baker, Sr., Bethlehem Christian; **OF/P** – Johnny Blue, Jr., Bethlehem Christian; **RHP/3B/2B** – Ricky Brown, Jr., Lakeview Academy; **3B** – Caleb Craft, Jr., Bethlehem Christian; **C** – Cody Craft, Sr., Bethlehem Christian; **RHP** – Tanner Gee, Sr., Bethlehem Christian; **RHP/OF** – Brock Graham, Jr., Lakeview Academy; **OF/P** – Maddox Hansen, Sr., George Walton; **OF/LHP** – Tristen Hill, Sr., George Walton; **RF** – Caden Lanier, Sr., Loganville Christian; **2B/P** – Mason Maughon, Sr., George Walton; **OF/C** – Jackson Orso, Sr., Riverside Military; **P/OF** – Colin Otes, Sr., Bethlehem Christian; **1B/3B** – Austin Schroder, Sr., Loganville Christian; **SS/RHP** – Josh Wilson, Sr., Loganville Christian; **OF/INF/RHP** – Carter Woods, Sr., Loganville Christian



BETHLEHEM CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS

Head Coach: Mike DeSantis

Assistant Coaches: Everett, Christian, Vann, Casey Dixon

2023 Record: 30-6

Returning Starters: C Cody Craft (Sr., 5-11, 235, L/R); RHP Tanner Gee (Sr., 6-4, 185, R/R); P Wilson Farr (Sr., 5-10, 175); P Ethen Smith (Sr., 5-10, 160); 3B Caleb Craft (Jr., 5-10, 180); OF/P Johnny Blue (Jr., 6-2, 175); SS Brandt Slack (So., 5-10, 165)

Other Returning Players: OF/P John Mark Christopher (Jr., 5-10, 175); OF/P Carson Kemerling (Jr., 5-10, 175)

Top Newcomers: P/OF Colin Otes (Jr., 6-4, 215); P/OF Caden Elinburg (Jr., 6-2, 180)

Season Outlook: The defending state runner-ups have some positions to fill, but the Knights return seven starters and should have a chance to approach last year's success. Offensive leader Cody Craft (.421 avg., 30 RBIs) returns at catcher, while right-handed pitcher Tanner Gee also returns.



GEORGE WALTON BULLDOGS

Head Coach: Todd Shelnett

Assistant Coaches: Robert Testa, Jeff Hughes

2023 Record: 12-18

Returning Starters: 2B/P Mason Maughon (Sr.); 3B/P Mason Mathis (Sr.); OF/P Maddox Hansen (Sr.); OF/LHP Tristen Hill (Sr.); C Blake Woodring (Sr.); SS/P Baylor Lowe (Fr.)

Other Returning Players: SS/2B Mac Maughon (So.); 1B Aidan Townsend (Jr.); OF/3B Lawson King (Jr.); OF Zach Wolf (So.); P Tyler Woodbury (Sr.)

Season Outlook: George Walton returns a good nucleus of players and will challenge for the region title this spring. Six starters are back, including



Mason Mathis
George Walton



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standout second-baseman/pitcher Mason Maughon and outfielder/pitcher Tristen Hill. The senior class is solid. Keep an eye on this team.

LAKEVIEW ACADEMY LIONS

Head Coach: Deuce Roark

Assistant Coaches: Marvin Clarke, Kevin Millwood

2023 Record: 10-11

Returning Starters: RHP/3B/2B Ricky Brown (Jr., 5-9, 180, R/R); RHP/OF Brock Graham (Jr., 6-1, 165, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/INF Joey Galan (Fr., 5-9, 150, R/R); OF/RHP Boris Korop (Fr., 5-9, 145, R/R)

Top Newcomers: CF Collin Waldrop (Jr., 5-10, 155, R/R); C/RHP Anthony Kauker (Fr., 5-10, 150, R/R); SS/RHP Beau Day (8th, 5-9, 140, R/R); 3B/1B/RHP Lewis Roberts (8th, 6-2, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: Lakeview Academy will field a very young team in 2024. However, the Lions have some talented underclassmen that will need to mature quickly. The good news is that pitcher/infielder Ricky Brown and pitcher/outfielder Brock Graham return to give Lakeview some experience.



LOGANVILLE CHRISTIAN LIONS

Head Coach: Kevin Renz

Assistant Coaches: Carson Renz, Ean Snell, EJ Alexander

2023 Record: 14-16

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Josh Wilson (Sr., R/R); OF/INF/RHP Carter Woods (Sr., L/R); RF Caden Lanier (Sr., R/R); 1B/3B Austin Schroder (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF Brooks Baldwin (So., R/R); 1B/C Kyler Fellows (Sr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Brady Boss (Jr., R/R); INF Hank Snell (Fr., R/R); OF JR Snell (Fr., R/R); INF Brody Hahn (Fr. R/R); RHP Banks Pourchier (So., R/R); RHP Landon McCoy (Sr., R/R)

Season Outlook: A solid nucleus of returning players should help Loganville Christian contend for a postseason berth. The Lions welcome back six returning starters, including shortstop/pitcher Josh Wilson, outfielder/infielder/pitcher Carter Woods and outfielder Caden Lanier.



RIVERSIDE MILITARY EAGLES

Head Coach: Derrick Lucas

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REGION 5-3A

Region Favorite: Brookstone

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

INF/OF – Adam Brown, Sr., Strong Rock Christian; **3B/RHP** – Blake Burghardt, Jr., Strong Rock Christian; **RHP** – Cooper Culberson, Sr., Strong Rock Christian; **SS/RHP** – Ethan Garrett, Sr., Heritage; **1B** – Ben Green, Jr., Saint Anne-Pacelli; **OF/C** – Taylor Hancock, Sr., Brookstone; **RHP/OF** – Davis Harris, Sr., Brookstone; **LHP/OF** – Walker Hilton, Sr., Saint Anne-Pacelli; **C** – Mercer Hudson, Jr., Brookstone; **OF** – Maxwell Jones, Jr., Brookstone; **3B/C** – Omar Kimbrough, Sr., Saint Anne-Pacelli; **RHP/1B/C** – Ronan Mallaly, So., Saint Mary's; **SS/2B** – Colin Mendiola, Sr., Strong Rock Christian; **LHP/1B/OF** – Taft Middleton, Sr., Brookstone; **C** – Thomas Sims, Sr., Saint Anne-Pacelli; **OF** – Landon Stancil, Jr., Strong Rock Christian; **SS/RHP** – Cole Stansell, Sr., Brookstone; **CF** – Hunt Tatum, Sr., Strong Rock Christian

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Cole Stansell (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); RHP/OF Brett Norlesky (Sr., 6-3, 210, R/R); RHP/OF Davis Harris (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); C Mercer Hudson (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R); OF Maxwell Jones (Jr., 6-2, 190, R/R); OF/C Taylor Hancock (Sr., 5-9, 170, R/R); 3B Charles Briscoe (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); 2B Will Turner (Jr., 5-8, 150, R/R); LHP Chanwoo Kim (Jr., 5-10, 165, L/L)

Other Returning Players: LHP/OF Patrick Parr (Sr., 6-0, 185, L/L); OF Fuller Jones (Sr., 6-1, 185, R/R); INF/OF/RHP Luke Lowery (So., 6-0, 170, R/R); INF/OF/RHP Jake Lowery (So., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: LHP/1B/OF Taft Middleton (Sr., 6-3, 220, L/L); SS Broughton Branch (Fr., R/R); LHP/OF Ben Ivey (Fr., L/L); 3B/1B Colton Jordan (Fr., R/R); SS/RHP Brennan Neal (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Cougars should be an exciting team to watch this spring. Left-handed pitcher Taft Middleton is back at the school and headlines what should be a solid pitching rotation. Catcher Mercer Hudson and outfielder Maxwell Jones return to spark the offense.



Taylor Hancock
Brookstone



Head Coach: Greg Mathis

Assistant Coaches: Nate McConnell, Matt Dorminey, Cam Mathis, Jeremy Mack

2023 Record: 13-18



HERITAGE HAWKS

Head Coach: Johnny Estrada

Assistant Coach: Rodney Dickinson

2023 Record: 12-16

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Ethan Garrett (Sr., R/R); RHP/U Davis Chapman (Sr., R/R); RHP Sean Covey (Jr., R/R); OF/RHP/LHP Landon Justice (Jr., L/B); C/



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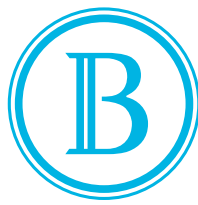
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RHP Bryson Smallwood (Jr., R/R); C/OF Jax Lathem (Fr., B/R); OF/RHP Asher Durham (So., R/R); LHP/1B Griggs Smith (Jr., L/L)

Top Newcomers: RHP/OF Cole Murphy (Sr., R/R); OF Brady Bowman (Sr., L/R)

Season Outlook: The Hawks look to rebound from a disappointing finish in 2023. A solid nucleus of returning players are back including standout hitter Ethan Garrett (.480 avg., 8 HR). Keep an eye on an excellent group of underclassmen who will be expected to contribute.



SAINT ANNE-PACELLI VIKINGS

Head Coach: Adam Thomas

Assistant Coaches: Carson Bowers, Josh Hudson, Tracy Powell

2023 Record: 16-13

Returning Starters: 3B/C Omar Kimbrough (Sr., 6-1, 200, R/R); LHP/OF Walker Hilton (Sr., 5-7, 180, R/L); C Thomas Sims (Sr., 5-9, 185, B/R); 1B Ben Green (Jr., 6-0, 175, L/R); SS Connor Zittrauer (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); LF Brody Sims (Sr., 5-7, 150, R/R); OF/INF Brayden Hagler (Sr., 5-5, 150, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 1B/DH Desi Morgan (Sr., 5-11, 225, R/R); LHP Carson Rameriz (Jr., 5-10, 170, L/L); INF Joe Dawson (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); OF Quinten Barber (Sr., 5-10, 180, R/R); RHP Billy Smith (So., 6-0, 175, R/R); 1B Jack Brannon (Jr., 6-3, 175, R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Cam Carino (Fr., 5-10, 170, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Vikings return all but two members of their starting lineup from last year. Look for them to be even better this spring. Offensive catalyst Omar Kimbrough (.416 avg., 23 RBIs) returns, while standout pitcher Walker Hilton (7-3, 3.75 ERA) leads a young but solid pitching rotation.



SAINT MARY'S BOBCATS

Head Coach: Andrew McGovern

Assistant Coaches: Glenn Athearn, Sean Miller

2023 Record: 1-19

Returning Starters: RHP/1B/C Ronan Mallaly (So., 6-2, 180, R/R); CF/SS/RHP BJ Washington (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); 1B David Riley (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R); OF John Wheeler (Sr., 6-1, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Javier DeSantos (Jr., 5-10, 150, R/R); OF Enrique DeSantos (Fr., 5-10, 150, L/L)

Top Newcomers: OF Michael Nixon (Fr., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Bobcats look to be improved from last season as four starters return. Versatile Ronan Mallaly returns after a promising freshman campaign last year. Seniors David Riley and John Wheeler return to give Saint Mary's a pair of senior leaders to build around.



STRONG ROCK CHRISTIAN PATRIOTS

Head Coach: Jason Godbee (new)

Assistant Coaches: Tommy Webb, Justin Nicholson

2023 Record: 26-11

Returning Starters: RHP Cooper Culberson (Sr., 6-1, 185, L/R); INF/OF Adam Brown (Sr., 6-0, 170, R/R); CF Hunt Tatum (Sr., 6-2, 220, R/R); SS/2B Colin

Mendiola (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); C/RHP Lleyton Hallman (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); LHP/1B/OF Jackson Glenn (Jr., 6-3, 160, L/L); 1B/RHP Nate Andrews (Jr., 6-3, 185, R/R); OF Landon Stancil (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); 3B/RHP Blake Burghardt (Jr., 6-1, 175, R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Andrew Reid (Jr., 5-1, 155, R/R); OF/LHP Brooks Bibby (Jr., 6-0, 175, L/L); C David Longino (So., 5-9, 140, R/R); 3B/RHP Eric Adams (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); OF/RHP Will Styers (Jr., 5-11, 170, R/R); OF Hunter Cash (Sr., 6-1, 165, L/R)

Season Outlook: The defending state champions lost some key pieces, but the Patriots have enough leftovers to make another strong run. All-state outfielder Hunt Tatum (.435 avg., 35 RBIs) and offensive standouts Adam Brown and Colin Mendiola are back as well as right-handed pitcher Cooper Culberson (8-3, 1.79 ERA).



WESTFIELD HORNETS

Head Coach: TBA

Survey not returned

REGION 6-3A

Region Favorite: John Milledge

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

2B/3B/SS – Blake Bellflower, Sr., John Milledge; **RHP/INF** – Tucker Brown, Jr., Tattnell Square; **LHP** – Hayes Bryant, Sr., First Presbyterian Day; **SS** – Keon Johnson, So., First Presbyterian Day; **C** – Tinsley Lewis, So., First Presbyterian Day; **RHP/3B** – Riley McCallum, Sr., Tattnell Square; **RHP/INF/OF** – Kolt McMichael, Jr., John Milledge; **RHP/OF** – Cooper McMullen, Sr., Tattnell Square; **C** – Landen Moore, Sr., Mount de Sales; **RHP/INF** – Billy Noblitt, Sr., Stratford; **SS** – Bricen Smith, Sr., Mount de Sales; **SS** – Cope Smith, Sr., Stratford; **U/RHP** – Kade Thompson, Jr., Tattnell Square; **LF/RHP** – Bud Veal, Sr., John Milledge; **3B/SS/RHP** – Cooper Wilburn, Sr., John Milledge; **RHP/C** – Scout Willingham, Jr., Tattnell Square



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN DAY VIKINGS

Head Coach: Greg Moore

Assistant Coaches: Seth Graham, Gregory Thomas, Wayne Hotchkiss

2023 Record: 20-14

Returning Starters: LHP Hayes Bryant (Sr., 5-10, 160, R/L); SS Keon Johnson (So., 6-1, 190, R/R); 3B BJ Hughes (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); DH/1B Gavin Spillers (Sr., 6-3, 230, L/L); 1B Reynolds Handberry (Sr., 5-11, 180, R/R); OF/INF Lucas Buckner (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); C Tinsley Lewis (So., 6-1, 190, R/R); U Brady McHugh (So., 5-10, 155, R/R)

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Other Returning Players: OF/1B Cody Strandmark (Sr., 6-3, 165, R/R); OF Gunnar Fuller (Sr., 5-10, 175, R/R); LHP Wills Handberry (Sr., 6-0, 170, L/L); RHP Conner Strandmark (So., 6-3, 175, R/R); RHP/INF William King (Jr., 6-2, 185, R/R); LHP/INF Grant Martin (So., 5-9, 165, L/L); RHP/INF Wyatt Waters (So., 6-2, 195, R/R)

Top Newcomers: OF Major Simmons (So., 6-0, 175, L/R); INF Carson Smith (Jr., 6-1, 180, R/R); INF/OF Harrison Keenan (Jr., 5-9, 160, R/R); U Connor Crosby (Jr., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Vikings could be the team to beat in region play this spring. Eight starters are back, including top pitcher Hayes Bryant (7-4, 2.87 ERA) and offensive leader Keon Johnson. The senior class is solid. Keep an eye on a solid group of underclassmen who will compete for playing time.

JM JOHN MILLEDGE TROJANS

Head Coach: Chad Starley

Assistant Coaches: Walter Prestwood, Jay Bracewell

2023 Record: 21-6

Returning Starters: 3B/SS/RHP Cooper Wilburn (Sr., 5-11, 165, R/R); LF/RHP Bud Veal (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); 2B/3B/SS Blake Bellflower (Sr., 6-0, 205, L/R); RHP/INF/OF Kolt McMichael (Jr., 6-3, 210, R/R); SS/3B/RHP David Todd (Jr., 6-3, 190, R/R); RHP/OF Remington Weaver (Jr., 5-11, 180, R/R); RHP/C/3B Cohen Brooks (So., 6-0, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/RHP Will Adams (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Bradyn Harrison (So., 5-8, 145, R/R); 1B/RHP Grayson Paradise (So., 6-3, 175, R/R); INF/OF Bryce McDonel (So., 6-0, 160, R/R); OF Cooper Young (Sr., 6-3, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: The two-time defending state champions have some key positions to fill, but plenty of talent returns for a run at a third straight state title. State Player of the Year Cooper Wilburn returns after a stellar 2023 season. If the Trojans can find some pitching depth to go along with Wilburn, they will be tough to beat. Offensive leaders Blake Bellflower and Bud Veal are also back.



Will Adams
John Milledge



David Todd
John Milledge



Remington Weaver
John Milledge

M MOUNT DE SALES CAVALIERS

Head Coach: Bubba Pool

Assistant Coaches: Todd Freeman, Jeff Nebel, Craig Carroll

2023 Record: 18-13

Returning Starters: SS Bricen Smith (Sr., 6-0, 185, L/R); RHP/3B Kyle Shaugnessy (Sr., 6-2, 205, R/R); LHP/OF Hayden Partain (Sr., 6-0, 160, L/L);

RHP/C/INF Jared Diaz (Sr., 5-9, 175, R/R); 2B Glenkeith Phillip (Sr., 5-4, 130, R/R); C Landen Moore (Sr., 6-1, 175, R/R); RHP/INF Levi Siebenmorgan (Jr., 6-2, 180, R/R)

Other Returning Players: RHP/1B Holden Lane (Jr., 6-2, 165, R/R); OF Noah Harris (Jr., 6-3, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: Mount de Sales welcomes back a strong nucleus of players that will have them in the postseason chase. Seven starters are back, including shortstop Bricen Smith (.433 avg., 26 RBIs) and pitchers Jared Diaz, Hayden Partain, Kyle Shaugnessy and Levi Siebenmorgan. The Cavaliers should be a fun team to watch.

★ STRATFORD ACADEMY EAGLES

Head Coach: Danny Camp

Assistant Coaches: Rob Fitzpatrick, Mike Greene, Stacy Edge, Kevin Long

2023 Record: 8-20

Returning Starters: SS Cope Smith (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF Billy Noblitt (Sr., R/R); INF Jett Johnston (Fr., B/R); INF Bobby Wooten (Fr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: INF Chase Sasser (So., R/R); INF Hayden Camps (So., R/R); OF Ellis Bridges (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: INF Jaxon Justice (Fr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Stratford finished a very uncharacteristic 8-20 last year. Look for the Eagles to be much better this spring. Even though Stratford will still be young, senior standouts Cope Smith and Billy Noblitt return. Stratford will need some underclassmen to step forward and contribute.

T TATTNALL SQUARE TROJANS

Head Coach: Jordan Brooks

Assistant Coaches: Tom Gorman, Kevin Brown, Bryan Kemp, Chris Oxford, Corey Bartholomew

2023 Record: 19-11

Returning Starters: RHP/3B Riley McCallum (Sr., 6-1, 210, R/R); RHP/OF Cooper McMullen (Sr., 6-2, 195, R/R); RHP/C Scout Willingham (Jr., 6-2, 200, R/R); U/RHP Kade Thompson (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF/LHP Maddox Kimball (Jr., 5-8, 175, L/L); RHP/INF Tucker Brown (Jr., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Thomas Union (Jr., 6-0, 195, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/RHP William Stuart (Jr., 6-3, 180, R/R); U Anson Talcott (Jr., 6-0, 185, L/R); 1B Tristan Turner (Jr., 6-2, 215, L/R); OF Mason Cullars (So., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF/LHP Wyatt Still (So., 6-1, 175, L/L); INF/RHP Braxton Cullars (So., 5-8, 165, R/R); INF Marquez Wilson (So., 5-6, 140, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 1B/LHP Miller Greene (Fr., 6-3, 215, L/L); U/RHP Griffey Gorman (Fr., 5-9, 170, R/R); INF/RHP Tate Morris (Fr., 5-11, 170, R/R); OF/RHP Caden McGreggor (Fr., 5-11, 175, R/R); INF Slayton Skinner (Fr., 5-8, 165, R/R); INF/RHP Avery Hill (Fr., 5-10, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Trojans should challenge for the region title and make a deep postseason run. Pitching will be the backbone as standouts Cooper McMullen and Riley McCallum return to anchor a strong rotation. Offensively, juniors Scout Willingham and Kade Thompson return.

GIAA Class 2A

REGION 1-2A

Region Favorite: Notre Dame



NOTRE DAME IRISH WOLFHOUSES

Head Coach: John Cole Kirksey
Survey not returned

REGION 2-2A

Region Favorite: Gatewood

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

OF/RHP – Ethan Barman, Jr., Piedmont; **OF** – Ben Brannen, So., Gatewood; **U** – Drew Carter, Sr., Brentwood; **3B/OF/RHP** – George Chisholm, So., Westminster Christian; **2B/RHP/INF** – Ames Johnson, Jr., Gatewood; **C/INF** – Hunter Johnson, Jr., Gatewood; **OF** – Gavin McCart, So., Piedmont; **3B/RHP/SS** – Wilson Moore, Jr., Gatewood; **C/RHP/U** – Caleb Riser, Jr., Gatewood; **RHP/INF/OF** – Walker Roberts, Jr., Gatewood; **U** – Zach Simmons, So., Piedmont; **C** – Chase Taylor, Jr., Piedmont; **CF/OF/RHP** – John Wallace Thompson, Jr., Gatewood; **1B/3B/RHP** – Trey Wiggins, Sr., Gatewood; **INF** – Bryce Williford, Sr., Brentwood; **RHP/INF** – Lawson Wooten, Sr., Gatewood



BRENTWOOD EAGLES

Head Coach: Jeremy Boutelle
Survey not returned



GATEWOOD GATORS

Head Coach: Brandon Moss
Assistant Coaches: Daulton Veal, Nick Rudolph, John McMillian, Josh McMillian
2023 Record: 19-9

Returning Starters: **1B/3B/RHP** Trey Wiggins (Sr., 6-2, 205, R/R); **RHP/INF/OF** Walker Roberts (Jr., 6-0, 175, L/R); **3B/RHP/SS** Wilson Moore (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/R); **2B/RHP/INF** Ames Johnson (Jr., 5-9, 165, R/R); **CF/OF/RHP** John Wallace Thompson (Jr., 5-11, 165, R/R); **C/RHP/U** Caleb Riser (Jr., 5-10, 165, L/R); **RF/OF** Tanner Johnson (Jr., 5-10, 135, R/R); **OF** Ben Brannen (So., 5-10, 140, R/R); **C/INF** Hunter Johnson (Jr., 5-10, 140, R/R); **RHP/INF** Lawson Wooten (Sr., 6-2, 195, R/R)



Ben Brannen
Gatewood



Hunter Johnson
Gatewood

Other Returning Players: **LHP/OF** Holden Turner (Jr., 5-10, 165, L/L); **OF/U** Jackson Hewatt (Jr., 5-8, 150, R/R); **INF** Drew Love (Fr., 5-8, 130, R/R); **RHP/OF** Jackson Love (Jr., 5-9, 145, R/R); **RHP/C** Mason Sinclair (Fr., 5-10, 160, R/R); **RHP** Jake Rich (Jr., 6-3, 150, R/R); **RHP** Lawrey Benner (Jr., 5-10, 135, R/R)

Top Newcomers: **LHP/INF** Lawson Moore (8th, 5-11, 195, L/L); **RHP/U** Jayden Moss (8th, 5-10, 180, R/R)

Season Outlook: The defending Class 2A champs have most of their team back and should make another deep postseason run. State Player of the Year Walker Roberts returns as well as standouts Caleb Riser, Ames Johnson, John Wallace Thompson and Lawson Wooten.



PIEDMONT COUGARS

Head Coach: Casey Moody

Assistant Coaches: Keenan Wise, Liam Thurston, Mike McCart, Ryan Burn

2023 Record: 12-9

Returning Starters: **C** Chase Taylor (Jr., 5-9, 150, R/R); **INF** Brayden Ross (Jr., 5-10, 145, R/R); **U** Alex Statham (Jr., 5-9, 135, R/L); **1B/LHP** Jayden Lintner (Jr., 6-0, 180, R/L); **U** Zach Simmons (So., 6-1, 165, R/R); **OF** Gavin McCart (So., 6-0, 140, R/R); **INF/RHP** Jamus Wingate (So., 6-0, 165, R/R)

Top Newcomers: **OF/RHP** Ethan Barman (Jr., 6-2, 175, R/R); **1B/OF** Silas Cowan (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R); **INF** Jake Jenkins (So., 6-0, 160, R/R); **OF** Jack Adams (Fr., 5-10, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Cougars return a wealth of talent and will challenge for the region title. Piedmont may still be a year away from reaching its full potential, but there is talent. Catcher Chase Taylor and utility player Zach Simmons return to lead the way.



Ethan Barman
Piedmont



WESTMINSTER CHRISTIAN LIONS

Head Coach: TBA
Survey not returned

REGION 3-2A

Region Favorite: Southwest Georgia

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

RHP – Blake Bryant, So., Citizens Christian; **RHP/3B** – Braxton Ethridge, Jr., Westwood; **RHP/INF** – Sawyer Franklin, So., Southwest Georgia; **RHP/INF** – Kaden Gunn, Jr., Westwood; **C/OF** – Banks Johnson, Jr., Southwest Georgia; **SS/2B** – Gray McLean, So., Citizens Christian; **RHP/INF** – Bryce Roberts, Jr., Westwood; **1B/OF** – Case Snipes, Sr., Citizens Christian; **C** – Sam Summerlin, Jr., Westwood; **INF** – Colt Williams, Fr., Southwest Georgia

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CITIZENS CHRISTIAN PATRIOTS

Head Coach: Jeremy Coram

Assistant Coaches: Justin McClellan, Will Wiley, Robby Epker

2023 Record: 14-14

Returning Starters: RHP Blake Bryant (So., 6-5, 190, B/R); 1B/OF Case Snipes (Sr., 5-11, 200, R/R); SS/2B Gray McLean (So., 5-11, 165, R/R); C/OF Hunter Hayes (Sr., 5-9, 155, R/R); RHP/3B Jonathan Rutland (Jr., 6-0, 170, R/R); OF Landon Williams (So., 5-11, 165, R/R); LHP Sam Ables (Fr., 5-10, 140, L/L)

Other Returning Players: OF Eian Merritt (Jr., 5-10, 180, R/R); C/1B Jackson Knight (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Luke Ross (So., 5-9, 150, R/R); 2B/OF Taeven Harden (Fr., 5-10, 145, R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Thomas Gentry (8th, 5-10, 140, R/R); OF Jonah Hall (Fr., 5-8, 140, R/R); RHP/3B Jotham Corbean (8th, 5-11, 160, R/R); OF Tyson Crosby (Fr.)

Season Outlook: The Patriots return a wealth of talent and could be the team to beat in region play. Citizens returns eight starters, including offensive leaders Gray McLean and Case Snipes. Keep an eye on sophomore right-hander Blake Bryant who has verbally committed to Clemson.



GEORGIA CHRISTIAN GENERALS

Head Coach: Drew Suttles

Survey not returned



SOUTHWEST GEORGIA WARRIORS

Head Coach: J. Adam Benton

Assistant Coaches: Woodie Kirkland, Wes Williams, Vernon Nobles

2023 Record: 15-13

Returning Starters: C/OF Banks Johnson (Jr., 6-1, 185, R/R); INF Beau Adams (Fr., 5-11, 150, R/R); RHP/INF Sawyer Franklin (So., 5-10, 185, R/R); LHP/INF Nate Akers (So., 5-9, 175, R/L); INF Colt Williams (Fr., 6-0, 185, R/R); OF Bodi Sheffield (Jr., 5-6, 140); OF Brody McVey (Jr., 5-10, 170)

Other Returning Players: INF Matthew Godwin (Fr., 5-4, 140, R/R); OF Reid Conner (So., 5-7, 135, R/R); OF Brody Enfinger (Fr., 5-11, 160, R/R); C/INF Bo Williams (So., 5-11, 180, R/R); INF Hunter Duke (Sr., 5-7, 180, R/R); LHP Grant Fletcher (Jr., 6-0, 190, L/L); OF Noah Fetner (So., 5-4, 135, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/OF Brayden Hudgins (Jr., 5-8, 185, R/R); LHP Brayden Horne (Fr., 5-9, 145, L/L)

Season Outlook: The defending state runner-ups have enough leftovers to make another deep playoff run. Seven starters return for the Warriors including all-state standouts Sawyer Franklin and Colt Williams. Catcher/outfielder Banks Johnson also returns.



WESTWOOD WILDCATS

Head Coach: Bubber Birdsong

Assistant Coach: Jonathan Gilliam

2023 Record: 13-9

Returning Starters: OF Jett Hinteregger (Sr., R/R); RHP/OF Liam Rogers (Jr., R/R); RHP/INF Kaden Gunn (Jr., R/R); RHP/3B Braxton Ethridge (Jr., R/R); SS Karson Barwick (Jr., R/R); C Sam Summerlin (Jr., L/R)

Other Returning Players: OF TC Moye (Sr., R/R); OF Glynn West (Sr., R/R); INF/OF Cody White (Sr., R/R); 1B Dalton DeLoach (Jr., R/R); LHP/OF Jace Bynum (So., L/L); 1B/OF Noah Sherman (So., R/R); OF Andrew Ward (So., R/R); OF Elic West (So., R/R); C Nebraska West (So., R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Bryce Roberts (Jr., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Wildcats should be much better this spring as six starters are back. A pair of all-state players return in catcher Sam Summerlin and pitcher/infielder Kaden Gunn. The senior class is small, but keep an eye on a solid group of underclassmen who will contribute.



Braxton Ethridge
Westwood



Kaden Gunn
Westwood

REGION 4-2A

Region Favorite: Edmund Burke

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

RHP/C – Hollis Evans, Sr., Briarwood; **SS/RHP** – JT Gay, Sr., Augusta Prep; **RHP/C** – Stephen Harshburger, Jr., Briarwood; **2B/3B** – Chase Jackson, So., Augusta Prep; **INF/RHP/C** – Fripp McDougal, Sr., Augusta Prep; **OF** – Kade McGill, Sr., Edmund Burke; **CF/RHP** – Grant Mobley, Sr., Edmund Burke; **CF** – Sterling Nail, So., Briarwood; **SS/RHP** – Owen Redd, Jr., Edmund Burke; **C/RHP** – Blake Tench, Jr., Briarwood; **C/RHP** – Brayden Tindell, Sr., Edmund Burke; **INF/RHP** – Mark Thomas Wasden, Jr., Edmund Burke



AUGUSTA PREP CAVALIERS

Head Coach: Tood Booker (new)

Assistant Coach: Ben Finlan

2023 Record: 7-11

Returning Starters: INF/RHP/C Fripp McDougal (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); SS/RHP JT Gay (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); 1B/RHP Jack Butler (Sr., 6-2, 165, R/R); 2B/3B Chase Jackson (So., 6-1, 175, R/R); RHP/OF Scott Williams (So., 6-2, 145, R/R); 1B/OF Colby Lott (So., 5-11, 155, R/R); OF/RHP/C Stephen Stallings (So., 5-10, 145, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/2B Logan Cira (So., 5-10, 145, R/R); OF Jackson Davis (So., 5-10, 150, R/R)

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Top Newcomers: C/RHP Parker Hollimon (Fr., 5-9, 155, R/R); OF/RHP Beau Polcha (So., 5-10, 165, R/R)

Season Outlook: Longtime public school coach Todd Booker takes over at Augusta Prep and inherits seven returning starters. The Cavaliers have a trio of seniors who will be expected to lead the way in Fripp McDougal, J.T. Gay and Jack Butler. Augusta Prep will need a solid group of sophomores to mature quickly.

BRIARWOOD BUCCANEERS

Head Coach: Wayne Wilson
Survey not returned

EDMUND BURKE SPARTANS

Head Coach: Jonathan Broxton
Assistant Coaches: Randy Broxton, Matt Tindell, Andy Woodard
2023 Record: 14-10

Returning Starters: SS/RHP Owen Redd (Jr., 5-8, 175, L/R); INF/RHP Mark Thomas Wasden (Jr., 6-0, 160, L/R); OF Kade McGill (Sr., 5-8, 180, R/R); 1B/RHP Brooks Broxton (Fr., 6-2, 240, R/R); INF Rylan Miles (So., 5-7, 115, R/R); OF/RHP Ayden Phillips (Sr., 5-10, 170, R/R); C/RHP Brayden Tindell (Sr., 6-2, 200, L/R); CF/RHP Grant Mobley (Sr., 6-0, 160, R/R)

Other Returning Players: C/OF/RHP Cooper Whitledge (So., 5-10, 160, R/R); OF Matthew Hood (So., 6-1, 175, R/R); INF Jaden Scutter (So., 5-10, 170, R/R); OF Carter Askew (Sr., 5-10, 230, R/L)

Top Newcomers: INF/RHP Gage Oglesby (Sr., 6-0, 180, R/R); OF/LHP Maddox Lee (Fr., 5-10, 155, L/L)

Season Outlook: The Spartans will be expected to make a deep postseason run this spring as most of the team returns from last season. Edmund Burke welcomes back senior leaders Owen Redd, Brayden Tindell and Grant Mobley. Keep an eye on a solid group of underclassmen. Edmund Burke will be a very good team.

REGION 5-2A

No Schools

REGION 6-2A

Region Favorite: Trinity Christian

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

P – Cooper Dasher, Jr., Trinity Christian; **2B/RHP** – Mason Merritt, Sr., Windsor; **SS** – Tanyon Stella, Sr., Central Fellowship; **1B/P** – Nathan Sumner, Jr., Trinity Christian; **C** – Asa Wood, Jr., Covenant

CENTRAL FELLOWSHIP LANCERS

Head Coach: Joey Stella
Assistant Coach(es): TBA
2023 Record: 4-14

Returning Starters: SS Tanyon Stella (Sr., 6-3, 175, L/R)

Top Newcomers: C Matthew Albritton (So., 5-11, 150, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Lancers have some key positions to fill this spring. The good news is that Central Fellowship welcomes back shortstop Tanyon Stella (.512 avg.), one of the region's more-exciting players. A solid group of underclassmen will need to step up and contribute.

COVENANT RAMS

Head Coach: TBD
Assistant Coach: Bubba Howard
2023 Record: 8-11

Returning Starters: C Asa Wood (Jr., 5-7, 185, R/R); RHP Asa Powers (So., 6-4, 190, R/R); 1B/RHP Joseph Christy (So., 5-8, 180, R/R); 2B Hayden Korink (So., 5-5, 145, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Joshua Hutchieson (So., 6-0, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: 2B Blake Bartow (Fr., 5-4, 150, R/R); 3B Ashton Hartley (Fr., 5-9, 165, R/R); OF Seth Daughtery (Fr., 6-0, 160, R/R); 1B Landon Dopson (Fr., 5-7, 175, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Rams lost a lot of talent to graduation, and they will be doing some rebuilding this spring. However, don't discount Covenant. The Rams may be young, but they are talented. Catcher Asa Wood returns to give Covenant a leader to build around.



Asa Wood
Covenant

TRINITY CHRISTIAN CRUSADERS

Head Coach: Josh Ward
Assistant Coaches: Chuck Grooms, Shannon Canandy
2023 Record: 13-11



GIAA Class 2A

Returning Starters: OF/P Ben Helton (Jr.); 1B/P Nathan Sumner (Jr.); P Cooper Dasher (Jr.); 2B Kolbi Grooms (So.); 3B Carter Lee (So.); OF Carson Shepherd (Jr.)

Other Returning Players: OF/P Isaias Tolentino (Sr.); OF/C Luc Bennett (Sr.); OF Luke Foskey (So.); OF Alston Bryan (So.); OF Nolan Terry (So.); INF/OF Charlie Maffett (So.)

Top Newcomers: Cesar Rodriguez (Jr.)

Season Outlook: The Crusaders welcome back six returning starters and could be the team to beat in Region 6-2A. Pitcher Cooper Dasher and first-baseman/pitcher Nathan Sumner are back to lead the team. Trinity may still be a year away from reaching its full potential.



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WINDSOR KNIGHTS

Head Coach: Eddie Coatney

Assistant Coaches: Josh Butler, Derek Woodard, Holden Hallman, Matthew Scarbary

2023 Record: 5-12

Returning Starters: C Dawson Sims (So., L/R); 2B/RHP Mason Merritt (Sr., R/R); OF/C Blayne Bennett (So., R/R); 3B/RHP Jonas Butler (Sr., R/R); OF Carter Saylor (Jr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/C Cason Saylor (Fr., R/R); OF/RHP Heath Woodard (Fr., R/R); OF Zaylen Callaway (So., R/R)

Season Outlook: The Knights should have a chance to improve upon last season's finish as five starters are back to lead the way. One of those is senior second-baseman/pitcher Mason Merritt. Windsor will need some of its younger players to mature quickly.



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GIAA Class 1A

REGION 1-1A

Region Favorite: Flint River

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

1B – Christopher Callahan, Sr., Flint River; **RHP/3B** – Bode Chaney, Sr., Flint River; **SS/RHP** – Lucas Martin, Sr., Flint River; **OF** – Ethan Newman, So., Flint River; **SS/RHP** – Hunter Normandeau, Sr., Flint River; **RHP/OF** – Brack Spangler, Jr., Flint River



ATLANTA JEWISH ACADEMY JAGUARS

Head Coach: TBA
Survey not returned



FLINT RIVER WILDCATS

Head Coach: Chris Callahan
Assistant Coaches: Nick Salter, Jack Martin
2023 Record: 13-8

Returning Starters: 1B Christopher Callahan (Sr., 6-2, 250, R/R); SS/RHP Hunter Normandeau (Sr., 6-1, 180, R/R); SS/RHP Lucas Martin (Sr., 6-0, 175, R/R); RHP/3B Bode Chaney (Sr., 6-3, 220, R/R); RHP/OF Brack Spangler (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); OF Sullivan Jones (Jr., 5-9, 170, R/R); C Mason Jones (So., 5-8, 190, R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Ethan Newman (So.); 3B/C Brody Howard (Sr.); OF Tyler Pasley (Sr.); OF Jay Stanton Pritchard (Jr.)

Top Newcomers: 3B/RHP Braden Smith (Sr.); U Reece Johnson (So.)

Season Outlook: The Wildcats captured the region title last year and should be the favorite to do so again. A wealth of talent returns, including first-baseman Christopher Callahan, pitcher Brack Spangler and shortstop Hunter Normandeau. This team has the talent to go a long way.



HARVESTER CHRISTIAN HAWKS

Head Coach: Chris Little
Survey not returned



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: Grace Christian

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

RHP/INF – Brody Ashley, Sr., Fullington; **RHP/INF/OF** – Oathen Atkinson, So., Grace Christian; **RHP/INF** – Keith Eidson, Jr., Grace Christian; **3B/RHP** – Jacob Moore, So., Crisp Academy; **LHP/1B/OF** – Aidan Price, Sr., Fullington; **LHP/OF** – Blake Scarboro, Sr., Fullington; **INF/RHP/OF** – Noah Smith, Jr., Grace Christian; **OF/C** – Landon Temples, Jr., Grace Christian; **SS/RHP** – Cutter Tharpe, Jr., Fullington; **RHP/INF** – Aiden Whittaker, Jr., Grace Christian; **2B/RHP** – Wyatt Youngblood, Jr., Crisp Academy



CRISP ACADEMY WILDCATS

Head Coach: Don Odom
Assistant Coach: Chuck Hester
2023 Record: 1-13

Returning Starters: 2B/RHP Wyatt Youngblood (Jr., 6-0, 175, R/R); 3B/RHP Jacob Moore (So., 6-0, 150, R/R); 1B/LHP Cayden Suddeth (Sr., 5-11, 170, L/L); LF/RHP Tucker Ellenburg (Jr., 6-5, 220, R/R); RF Ethan Worthy (Sr., 5-10, 175, L/L)

Other Returning Players: OF Dalton Durham (Sr., 5-9, 160, R/R); C Cody Nipper (Sr., 5-11, 225, R/R); OF Charles Hurt (So., 5-9, 150, R/R); OF Bruce Ellis (Sr., 5-7, 140, R/R)

Top Newcomers: SS/RHP Jacob Wilson (Fr., 5-8, 140, R/R); CF/LHP Brooks Bragg (Fr., 5-8, 140, L/L); C/INF Reese Reed (Fr., 5-8, 145, R/R); 1B/P Wilk Stephens (Fr., 6-5, 155)

Season Outlook: The Wildcats look to turn things around after a disappointing finish in 2023. Five starters are back to lead the way. Keep an eye on second-baseman/pitcher Wyatt Youngblood and third-baseman/pitcher Jacob Moore. Both had strong seasons last year.

GIAA Class 1A



FULLINGTON TROJANS

Head Coach: Benji Brown

Assistant Coaches: John Bryant, Jim Hartin, Mike Ashley

2023 Record: 10-9

Returning Starters: LHP/OF Blake Scarboro (Sr., 5-10, 210, L/L); SS/RHP Cutter Tharpe (Jr., 5-7, 155, R/R); 1B/RHP John Wilson Floyd (So., 5-10, 175, L/R); DH Garlan Godfrey (So., 6-0, 240, R/R)

Other Returning Players: 2B Will Greer (Jr., 5-9, 215, R/R); OF Chase Hughes (So., 5-7, 115, R/R); OF Hunter Smith (So., 5-9, 130, L/L)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Brody Ashley (Sr., 6-1, 165, R/R); LHP/1B/OF Aidan Price (Sr., 6-1, 175, L/L); LHP/OF Bryson Faulk (Jr., 5-8, 155, L/L)

Season Outlook: The Trojans welcome back a solid group of returning players and will be expected to challenge for the region title this spring. Shortstop/pitcher Cutter Tharpe and outfielder/pitcher Blake Scarboro return, but keep an eye on pitcher/infielder Brody Ashley and pitcher/first-baseman/outfielder Aidan Price.



GRACE CHRISTIAN COUGARS

Head Coach: Ryan Riles

Assistant Coach: Payton Dixon

2023 Record: 15-9

Returning Starters: OF/C Landon Temples (Jr.); RHP/INF Keith Eidson (Jr.); RHP/INF Aiden Whittaker (Jr.); RHP/INF/OF Oathen Atkinson (So.); 1B Hines Roberts (Jr.); 3B/RHP Spencer Blanton (Jr.); INF/RHP/OF Noah Smith (Jr.)

Other Returning Players: OF Cade Wells (Jr.); OF Kale Daughtry (So.)

Top Newcomers: OF/LHP Josh Adams (Fr.)

Season Outlook: The Cougars should have a strong season as a wealth of talent returns. Grace Christian could still be a year away from reaching its full potential. All-state pitcher/infielder Aiden Whittaker returns as well as standouts Keith Eidson, Landon Temples, Oathen Atkinson and Noah Smith.

REGION 4-1A

Region Favorite: Thomas Jefferson

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

INF – Gavin Bailey, Jr., Thomas Jefferson; **1B/LHP** – Ty Cobb, Sr., Thomas Jefferson; **SS/RHP/C** – Clayton Hood, So., David Emanuel; **C** – Will McNeely, Sr., Thomas Jefferson; **OF** – Jaxson Wiggins, Jr., David Emanuel



DAVID EMANUEL EAGLES

Head Coach: Clint Inman

Survey not returned



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

Assistant Coach: Tanner Brackett

2023 Record: 18-7

Returning Starters: 1B/LHP Ty Cobb (Sr., 6-1, 195, L/L); C Will McNeely (Sr., 6-1, 190, R/R); INF Gavin Bailey (Jr., 5-10, 150, L/R)

Other Returning Players: OF/RHP JC Cox (Jr., 6-2, 160, R/R); INF/RHP Sam Miller (Jr., 6-0, 150, R/R); OF Tre Moore (Jr., 5-8, 150, R/R); INF/RHP Ayden Barrow (So., 5-8, 200, R/R); INF Jacob Dixon (So., 6-1, 200, R/R); OF/RHP Cason Walden (So., 6-1, 170, R/R)

Top Newcomers: C/INF/RHP Luke Bazemore (Fr., 6-0, 160, R/R); OF Jake Hudson (Fr., 5-9, 140, R/R); INF/OF Tyler Thigpen (Fr., 5-9, 140, R/R)

Season Outlook: The Jaguars finished as the state runner-up last year after winning three consecutive state titles. Thomas Jefferson should make another deep run this season. Leading hitter and pitcher Ty Cobb returns as well as senior Will McNeely and junior Gavin Bailey.

REGION 5-1A

No Schools

REGION 6-1A

Region Favorite: Robert Toombs

Players to Watch (in alphabetical order)

RHP/INF – Alex Blackmon, Sr., Memorial Day; **RHP/OF** – Tripp Durden, Sr., Robert Toombs; **RHP/INF** – William Hawkins, Sr., Memorial Day; **C** – Tyler Kindle, Sr., Memorial Day; **INF/RHP** – Evan North, Sr., First Preparatory Christian; **RHP/INF** – Britton Tabor, So., Robert Toombs

GIAA Class 1A



FIRST PREPARATORY CHRISTIAN HIGHLANDERS

Head Coach: TBA
Survey not returned



MEMORIAL DAY MATADORS

Head Coach: TBA
Assistant Coach(es): TBA
2023 Record: 7-11

Returning Starters: C Tyler Kindle (Sr., 6-2, 205, R/R); RHP/INF William Hawkins (Sr., 6-2, 190, L/R); RHP/INF Alex Blackmon (Sr., 5-10, 155, R/R); LHP/1B/OF Jerimiah Toub (Sr., L/L); INF Joe Barnes (Sr., R/R); 1B/RF Nate Parker (Sr., R/R); U Jay Robinson (Sr., R/R); OF Assir Best (Jr., R/R); RF/DH Edmund Brown (Sr., R/R)

Season Outlook: Look for the Matadors to be much better this spring. Nine starters are back, including offensive standouts Tyler Kindle, William Hawkins and Alex Blackmon. This senior-oriented team could be tough later this spring



ROBERT TOOMBS CRUSADERS

Head Coach: Brian Fitzgerald
Assistant Coach: Britt Tabor

2023 Record: 12-9

Returning Starters: RHP/OF Tripp Durden (Sr., R/R); OF Rayce Sharpe (Sr., R/R); RHP/C Gage Brantley (Jr., R/R); SS Hayden Kight (Sr., R/R); RHP/INF Britton Tabor (So., R/R); C/INF Brody Randall (Fr., R/R)

Other Returning Players: OF Anderson Moore (Fr., R/R); OF Caleb Coley (Fr., R/R)

Top Newcomers: RHP/INF Banks Hopkins (8th, R/R); INF Seth Holton (8th, R/R); INF Riley Hinson (8th, R/R); INF Karson Kennedy (8th, R/R)

Season Outlook: Robert Toombs has enough leftovers to challenge for the region title this spring. Six starters are back, including pitcher/outfielder Tripp Durden and pitcher/infielder Britton Tabor. An excellent group of young players will contend for playing time.



SCREVEN CHRISTIAN WILDCATS

Head Coach: TBA
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TWIGGS ACADEMY TROJANS

Head Coach: Jay Holliday
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