

DIVISION III PRESEASON RANKINGS

1		ATHENS BLUEJAYS	Coach Bill Coker's son Shane is a hitting machine. He hit .646 while mashing out seven homers. He was also 6-1 with an 0.82 ERA, and all of his teammates return.
2		SAINT MARY CENTRAL ZEPHYRS	The Zephyrs are picked to win the tough Olympian Conference. Senior Griffin Jack hit .500 and will lead a team that comes fully intact from a 14-4 campaign.
3		CAMBRIDGE BLUEJAYS	The Bluejays return three 1st Team All-Capitol South players along with three 2nd Teamers. They are heavy favorites to win the Capitol South Conference.
4		NELLSVILLE WARRIORS	Coach Dave Matson's twin sons were born to play baseball. When Neal is pitching and Nolan is catching, they are almost impossible to beat. They have talented teammates as well.
5		LA CROSSE AQUINAS BLUGOLDS	Catcher Rudy Rott hit .592 as a junior enroute to 2nd Team All-State Honors. Aquinas is picked as the team to beat in the Mississippi Valley.
6		KENOSHA SAINT JOSEPH LANCERS	Pete Schuler is the rated the top prospect in Wisconsin by Prep Baseball Report. Playing for his dad, Ron, the Lancers are picked third in the tough Metro Classic.
7		OCONTO BLUE DEVILS	State Runner-Up in 2014, the Blue Devils are reloaded. They look to reclaim the Packerland title they last held in 2013.
8		LAKE COUNTRY LUTHERAN LIGHTNING	Lake Country won the DIV State Championship last year with an undefeated record. The Lightning, who return about half of last year's team, look to compete in DIII.
9		WINNEBAGO LUTHERAN VIKINGS	WLA has Ryan Boelk returning for his senior year, who will be one of their top pitchers and hitters. The Vikings returns over three-quarters of their line-up.
10		ELK MOUND MOUNDERS	Coach Paul Andrea returns his entire team back from a club that went 11-7 last year, a down year for the program that he has built. The Mounders return three 1st Teamers.
11		SAINT CROIX FALLS SAINTS	The Saints return their entire lineup from a team that won the Lakeland West last season, including 1st Team picks Jake Jacobson, Brady Leahy, and Kyle Koshiol.
12		IOLA-SCANDINAVIA THUNDERBIRDS	The T-Birds won the CWC-8 last year for the first time in recent memory and look to do it again. They return seven starters and two-thirds of their lineup from last year.
13		MARKESAN HORNETS	The Hornets won the Trailways North in 2014 and return Casey Ryan, their top pitcher and hitter. He was 7-3 with an ERA of 2.53. He'll only get better in 2015.
14		MARATHON RED RAIDERS	The Red Raiders, under coach Steve Warren, look to continue their dominance of the Marawood South this season. 18-6 last year, almost the entire roster is back.
15		CUBA CITY CUBAS	Known previously as just a basketball town, the Cubans have it going on the diamond as well. They are picked to win the SWAL, as they return seven starters from last year's 14-10 team.
16		BONDUEL BEARS	The Bears, picked to finish 2nd behind Iola-Scandinavia, have 1st Team All-CWC 8 picks in Colton Dobratz and Connor Rosin.
17		BROOKFIELD ACADEMY BLUE KNIGHTS	The Blue Knights will challenge Lake Country Lutheran for the Midwest Classic title. Aaron Goecks, a 1st Team pick, hit .408 and will lead the BA offense.
18		CHEQUAMEGON SCREAMING EAGLES	Traditionally the winners of the Marawood North, they'll have a very tough challenge from top ranked Athens. Sam Lehman and Wyatt Juneau both hit over .400.
19		ROSHOLT HORNETS	Rosholt had just enough of an enrollment to move up to DIII where it will be much tougher going. The Hornets have two top pitchers in Spencer Bembenek and Spencer Hahn.
20		SAINT MARY'S SPRINGS LEDGERS	Springs is picked 2nd in the Flyway behind Winnebago Lutheran, whom they will challenge. The Ledgers, 14-9 last season, have almost their entire roster back.