

# DIVISION IV PRESEASON RANKINGS

1		<b>CHIPPEWA FALLS MACKS</b> McDONELL	State Runner-Up for the fifth time the past decade, the Macks are reloaded with most of their players back and looking to grab gold in 2015.
2		<b>ITHACA BULLDOGS</b>	Seven starters return from last year's State Qualifier team, including three All-Conference players. They are once again picked to win the Ridge & Valley.
3		<b>WAUSAUKEE RANGERS</b>	The Rangers were 18-4 last year and won the Marinette & Oconto Conference which they are picked to win again. Two 1st Team All-Conference seniors return to lead them.
4		<b>BANGOR CARDINALS</b>	Canon O'Heron is one of the top DIV pitchers in the State. The Cardinals were Sectional Finalists in 2014. They're looking to take the next step this year.
5		<b>PITTSVILLE PANTHERS</b>	The Panthers were Sectional Champions last year and return plenty of pitching and starters. This could be the year they knock off Marawood South Champs Marathon.
6		<b>JOHNSON CREEK BLUEJAYS</b>	Johnson Creek was just over .500 last year but are looking for much bigger things this season as they return most of their team back intact.
7		<b>GREENWOOD INDIANS</b>	Greenwood, a 16-9 finisher last year, had a rebuilding year by their standards. They are looking to get back to Appleton as they return most of their pitching and catcher.
8		<b>RIO VIKINGS</b>	Every pitcher returns, as do 90% of their at bats. The Vikings won a Regional Championship last year but are looking for improvement.
9		<b>SPRING VALLEY CARDINALS</b>	The Cardinals were 14-3 in a season shortened by weather. They return most of their pitching and hitting and look to be one of the toughest DIV's in the northwest.
10		<b>BARNEVELD GOLDEN EAGLES</b>	A perennial winner of the Six Rivers East, the Golden Eagles once again find themselves in position of offensive strength. They'll have to develop young pitching.
11		<b>BRUCE RED RAIDERS</b>	Coach Larry Villiard will be hanging up the spikes after this season. He'll try to get his 11th consecutive Lakeland East title before that happens.
12		<b>PECATONICA VIKINGS</b>	At 21-5 last year and with most of their players returning, the Vikings are gunning to unseat Barneveld in the Six Rivers East and go deep in the tournament.
13		<b>DRUMMOND LUMBERJACKS</b>	The Lumberjacks look to be the best DIV team in the far northern part of the state. They won their Regional last year and return most of their starters.
14		<b>ELMWOOD RAIDERS</b>	The Raiders struggled last year but every player returns to the lineup. Those lessons should turn into wins.
15		<b>BROOKWOOD FALCONS</b>	The Falcons won their conference last year and return over half of their pitching staff back to defend their Scenic Bluffs title. They'll have to fight off Bangor.
16		<b>SHULLSBURG-BENTON MINERS</b>	Shullsburg-Benton won over 20 games last year and took a share of the Six Rivers West crown. Two-thirds of their lineup return, making them the favorite again.
17		<b>BELMONT BRAVES</b>	Belmont will challenge Shullsburg-Benton, ranked just above them in this poll, for the Six Rivers West. Almost every starter and two-third of their pitching return.
18		<b>NORTH CRAWFORD TROJANS</b>	The Trojans struggled in 2015 but should be much better this year. If they can find a compliment to Hunter Fortney, they could challenge Ithaca in the Ridge & Valley.
19		<b>INDEPENDENCE-GILMANTON INDEES</b>	Four four-year starters return for the Indees this year, picked third in the Dairyland behind two DIII teams. It could be a break-out year for IG.
20		<b>NIAGARA BADGERS</b>	Just their third-year back from reinstating their program, Niagara may get overlooked by bigger schools ranked ahead of them in the M & O. Their still behind Wausaukee.