

# WBCA Preseason Coaches Poll 2026

## Division 4

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The Greyhounds were a perfect 12-0 in conference but were stopped in the Regional Final by number six Rib Lake. 2025 State Champ Johnson Creek's move to Division 3 opens

the gate for Loyal. They return over 80 percent of their innings and at bats, headlined by Conference Player of the Year Rhett Lamovec.

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The slight favorite in the R&VC, the Pirates bring a shoulder chip to 2026 as well having fallen short of reaching Sectionals in 2025. They return nearly all of their

innings and at bats from last year's fourth-place team, one of the reasons they are favored to move up the standings. 1st Team, AC returners Finn Wrobel and Bryce Schultz headline the Pirates.

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The Thunderbirds are the only D4 team in the Central Wisc. East, and conference coaches see them competing for the top spot. They return over 80 percent of their

innings and at bats with eyes set on Sectionals and beyond. Wyatt and Owen Wolberg along with Chase Tindal are back.

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The Central Wisc. South favorite Panthers won their 3rd straight title in 2025 and finished their season in the State Semis. They look strong again, returning nearly

three-quarters of their at bats led by All-Conference picks Dawson and Daryn Luther, Brody Withers & Grant Rademan.

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Another Cloverbelt East contender, the Dons had their season end in the hands of #4 Pittsville in 2025. They expect to challenge Loyal for the top spot in ECC as they

return over 80 percent of their innings and all of their at bats headlined by four All-Conference returners.

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Rib Lake is the favorites in the Marawood North. It would be their third straight title, and one they hope will end with a trip to Appleton, which

would be the program's first since 2016. Hall of Fame coach Dick Iverson's returners, led by Conference Player of the Year Talon Scheithauer, will help add to his career win total of 550.

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N-SS tallied its fifth straight Lakeland East title in 2025 and they expect to be in the hunt again this spring. Ahlbergs continue to fuel the program's success

in recent years, this season Isaiah and Ezra return as 1st Team, All-Conference picks from a year ago, joined by fellow All-Conference picks Gunnar Golembiewski and Blaise Kidder.

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The Braves are the favorite in the Six Rivers after sharing the title in 2025 with River Ridge. Coach Kattre's group gets a big boost this

spring in the form of Josiah Ruiz, who had his junior season cut short by a knee injury suffered during the basketball season.

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It could be a tangle between the Panthers and the Resorters (#9 in D-4) atop the Big East North this

spring. The Panthers swept the Resorters in the regular season but lost to them in the Sectional Semifinal.

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The Resorters got hot late in 2025 and rode it to within one win of the State Tournament. Long-time head coach Davin Hill has nearly

every piece of that team back for 2026, which is a big reason why they are a threat for the top spot in the conference. 1st Team, All-Conference pick Cole Wagner returns.

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The Wildcats rode a second place finish in the M&O Conference to the doorstep of state before

falling to silver ball-winning Pacelli in the Sectional Final. Some key seniors may have graduated, but the Wildcats return 1st Team, All-Conference pick Colt Miller.

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The Bluejays will be right on the heels of 6th-ranked Rib Lake for the Marawood North conference title. They return

over 80 percent of their innings and at bats from last year's conference runner-up finish.

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The champions of the Scenic Bluffs are back, led by their legendary Hall of Fame coach Joe

Vitcenda, who is entering his 58th season as skipper. They're picked to win the SBC, but will be hunted by....

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The Panthers still have Johnson Creek to deal with in the Trailways South, but with the Bluejays playing the post season in

division three, HOF coach Tom Davey's squad expects to be a player deep into the postseason. 1st Team, All-Conference picks Alex Harbison and Dillen Patrick are back.

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Brookwood. The Falcons figure to be a threat in the SBC this spring after tying Bangor for

runner-up behind Royall. They bring back over half of their innings and at bats, led by 1st Team, All-Conference returners Owen Wang and Jackson Cunitz.

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The MSC champs graduated more than half of their innings and at bats from last season's State team, but recent

history would tell you to expect them to be in the hunt in June. Coach Connor Handrick's squad does bring back AC picks Lucas Stahnke and Gavin Mauer to lead.

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A new era begins in Fish Creek as long-time head coach Jay Kita retired with 242 wins following

the end of the 2025 season where the Vikings fell in the Sectional Semifinals. Expectations are still high, however.

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The Eagles are fixing to be in the Six Rivers mix with Belmont and River Ridge again this spring. They may also

carry a revenge vibe as they were upset in the Regional Semifinal in 2025. HOF coach Lance Schmitz welcomes back All-Conference picks Hunter Larson and Ty Thousand.

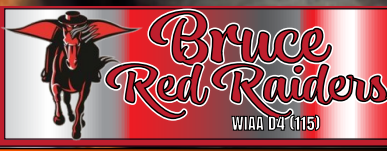
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The slight favorite in the Dairyland Small, the Wildcats are eyeing an encore to a 2025 season where they won

a Regional Title for the first time in over 10 years.

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The Red Raiders look to be back to their winning ways after challenging Northwood-Solon for the Lakeland East

title to the end last spring.

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The Royals won the Ridge & Valley in 2025 and are expecting to have a say in how the title race finishes this spring. An

early playoff exit as a one-seed in the regional semifinal may be the motivation that fuels them in 2026.

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