

## **2018-2019 TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name:** Central Michigan University

**Mascot:** Chippewa

**Location:** Mount Pleasant, MI

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** President: Izzy Slate, Vice President: Kamryn Fields, Coach: Lisa Mayes

**2017-2018 Performance:**

- Record: **19-10**
- Final Conference Ranking/Postseason Results: **Conference Champion, Regional Runner-Up, Ranked 5th Nationally**
- Notables: **Two big wins over Michigan State, a Regional Runner-Up title, a National Qualifier and top 5 post-season placement at Nationals in Columbus, GA**

**Number of Returning Players:** 12

**Players to Watch:** Miranda Urban (OF, avg. 0.542), Rachel Spellman (C, avg. 0.500 OBP 0.628), Kamryn Fields (OF, 20 RBIs, avg. 0.465), Izzy Slate (IF/OF, avg. 0.442, 12 RBIs)

**New additions:** N/A

**Biggest Rival:** Grand Valley State University

**Best Player Nickname:** N/A

**2018-2019 Season Outlook:** The majority of our roster is coming back for the 2018-2019 season, only losing one player due to graduation last spring.



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In previous years, our biggest contenders were Michigan State University (2 wins, 1 loss against them in the 2017-18 season) and Grand Valley State University (1 win, 2 losses against them). Of course, we're looking to improve our record against these teams, but are not losing sight of other possible teams that we could be playing.

Our program is very excited to continue our success from last year, as we are eager and hopeful to make back to back appearances at Nationals.

**Manager Quote:** Central Michigan is ready to jump into our new season as if we never took a break from last year. With many returning players, our team chemistry and support for each other will be the driving force that brings us success. I truly cannot wait to be back on the field with the great group of girls I have the privilege of calling my teammates and friends.



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**Team Name:** Ferris State Club Softball

**Mascot:** Bulldogs

**Location:** Big Rapids, MI

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Lindsey Morgan and Courtney Slater

**2017-2018 Performance:**

- Record: 3-12
- Final Conference Ranking/Postseason Results: **5/6**
- Notables:

**Number of Returning Players:**

11

**Players to Watch:**

Stacy Veldheer

Krista Hull

Lindsey Morgan

Courtney Slater

**New additions:**

N/A

**Biggest Rival:**

GVSU

CMU

**Best Player Nickname:**

Skinny Legend (Stacy Veldheer)

**2018-2019 Season Outlook:**

We are looking to get most of our games in this season. No forfeiting! We have a solid group of girls this year and we are looking to continue to build our chemistry as a team.

**Manager Quote:**

## 2018-2019 TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE

**Team Name:** Grand Valley State University

**Mascot:** Louie the Laker

**Location:** Allendale, MI

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Kerry Foley and Maddie Kennedy

**2017-2018 Performance:**

- Record: 24 W- 7 L
- Final Conference Ranking/Postseason Results: Won against CMU for regional championship, 2018 NCSA World Series
- Notables: Great Lakes Regional Champions

**Number of Returning Players:** 7

**Players to Watch:** Haley Itzenthaler and Payton Spirling

**New additions:** 7-8

**Biggest Rival:** Michigan State

**Best Player Nickname:**

**2018-2019 Season Outlook:** Looking forward to doing well this season with a lot of incoming new girls. Hoping to do well in the Indy Invitation and later in the postseason.

**Manager Quote:**

## **2018-2019 TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name:** Lake Superior State

**Mascot:** Lakers

**Location:** Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Captains: Ashley Menominee, Kennedy Kunnert, Rachel Tallon;

**Coach:** Linda Bouvet

**2017-2018 Performance:**

- Record: **11-13**
- Final Conference Ranking/Postseason Results: **4<sup>th</sup>/Great Lakes East**
- Notables:

**Number of Returning Players:** Six

**Players to Watch:** Kennedy Kunnert (.459 with 19 RBI), Nikki Keefe (.385), Amanda Menominee (.353), Rachel Tallon (.292), Ashley Menominee (.270)

**New additions:** Haven't met team yet

**Biggest Rival:**

**Best Player Nickname:** Smash

**2018-2019 Season Outlook:** The Lakers have good pitching depth with four returning pitchers and one newcomer. Offensively, LSSU has a power lineup and must work to build consistency from top to bottom. The team also has a solid core of returners, but is young -- no seniors and one junior.



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**Manager Quote: "Last year's team, with several freshmen, started slowly, but really played well by the end of the league season. I hope we gel a bit faster this year, though we don't have a lot of time to prepare for our first series. We'll have to hit the ground running. I really like our leadership and chemistry. This group wants to work hard, wants to improve and wants to succeed."**

## **2018-2019 TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name:** Marquette Club Softball

**Mascot:** Golden Eagles

**Location:** Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Rachel Knorr and Izzy Ogden

**2017-2018 Performance:**

- Record: **0-9**
- Final Conference Ranking/Postseason Results: **Finished last in Great Lakes-West Conference**
- Notables: **N/A**

**Number of Returning Players:** 10

**Players to Watch:** Amanda Thome and Yaidi Neris

**New additions:** Our new recruits will for sure be impactful on 2018-2019 goals!

**Biggest Rival:** We are in a new conference so we have to find a new biggest rival

**Best Player Nickname:** Paulsen

**2018-2019 Season Outlook:** With a new conference and attending this year's Indy Invite we are striving to win at least half our games and continue to have a lot of fun!

**Manager Quote:** N/A

## **2018-2019 TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: Michigan Tech**

**Mascot: Huskies**

**Location: Houghton, MI**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Korri Baird, Katie Buchalski**

**2017-2018 Performance:**

- Record: **2-7**
- Final Conference Ranking/Postseason Results: **4<sup>th</sup> in conference**
- Notables:

**Number of Returning Players: ~12**

**Players to Watch: Katie Buchalski, Janna Brown, Marisa Kain**

**New additions: No recruitment done**

**Biggest Rival: Northern Michigan University**

**Best Player Nickname: N/A**

**2018-2019 Season Outlook: Looking forward to playing UW-Milwaukee as they are new to our conference, hopefully performing well in all other games.**

**Manager Quote: N/A**



## **2018-2019 TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name:** MSU Women's Club Softball

**Mascot:** Spartans

**Location:** East Lansing, MI

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Bob Every-Head Coach, Jeff Kegler & Jerry Murphy-Assistant Coaches, Bailey Gosen-Club President/Captain

**2017-2018 Performance:**

- Record: **9-3-0**
- Final Conference Ranking/Postseason Results: **3<sup>rd</sup> in the Great Lakes-East conference**
- Notables: **It was a successful year that had gotten cut short.**

**Number of Returning Players:** Predicting 9 returning

**Players to Watch:** All of them

**New additions:** Tryouts are Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, we are expecting to add 6 players in addition to the team we had in the previous season

**Biggest Rival:** Grand Valley State University

**Best Player Nickname:**

**2018-2019 Season Outlook:** This year will be the year we will be successful and make an appearance at the World Series. We will have many new additions to the team adding new talent as well as having many talented players returning. Our team has drive, determination, and motivation to make it to World Series this year.

**Manager Quote:** Practice how you play, so practice like you're the best

## **2018-2019 TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name:** Northern Illinois University

**Mascot:** Huskie

**Location:** DeKalb, IL

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Jessica Rokosz and Jana Arthur

**2017-2018 Performance:**

- Record: **4-10**
- Final Conference Ranking/Postseason Results: **3rd**
- Notables: **NIU as a team has really been getting better over the years**

**Number of Returning Players:** 15

**Players to Watch:**

**New additions:**

**Biggest Rival:** Northwestern

**Best Player Nickname:** Rico: it has a funny story behind it

**2018-2019 Season Outlook:** I think we are going to be very competitive this year

**Manager Quote:** All we ask is that every game you get out there and do your personal best

## 2018-2019 TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE

**Team Name:** NMU Club Softball

**Mascot:** Wildcat Willy

**Location:** Marquette, MI

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Captains: Jess Rossi, Hailee Petosky  
Coaches: Kyle Johnson, Steve Anderson, Jim Maxon

**2017-2018 Performance:**

- Record: 7-5
- Final Conference Ranking/Postseason Results: 2
- Notables: Finished higher in our conference than the previous season.

**Number of Returning Players:** 6

**Players to Watch:** Ashleigh Underwood (RF/LF)  
Haley Landon (CF)

**New additions:** (Tryouts are Sept. 1)

**Biggest Rival:** Michigan Tech

**Best Player Nickname:** Trips

**2018-2019 Season Outlook:** To build on our 2017-2018 season.

**Manager Quote:** "Think like a boy, because they don't think at all." - Coach Steve

## **2018-2019 TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name:** Northwestern Club Softball

**Mascot:** Wildcats

**Location:** Evanston, Illinois

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Deborah Vainstein (Captain) and Tess Russell (Captain) , Coaches TBD or none

**2017-2018 Performance:**

- Record: **8 wins-4 losses**
- Final Conference Ranking/Postseason Results: **Second in Great-Lakes South**
- Notables: **Our team loves comeback games and we had a couple fun comebacks this season.**

**Number of Returning Players:** 11

**Players to Watch:** Tess (outfielder), Kinsey (Pitcher), Bailey (catcher)

**New additions:** Tryouts October 1 and hope to take on 5 players

**Biggest Rival:** None

**Best Player Nickname:** None

**2018-2019 Season Outlook:** We are coming into the 2018 season with a lot of returning players that are determined to do the best they can.

**Manager Quote:** We have a team bond that stretches off the field, and I see it growing this season.



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## 2018-2019 TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE

**Team Name:** Notre Dame Club Softball

**Mascot:** Leprechaun

**Location:** Notre Dame, IN

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Megan Kamm-- Co-President; Jenna Breslin-- Co-President; Jacquelyn Folts-- Vice President; Liz George-- Treasurer; Grace Kaiser-- Secretary.

**2017-2018 Performance:**

- Record: **Conference: W: 3, L: 6 & Overall: W: 3, L: 10**
- Final Conference Ranking/Postseason Results: **unknown**
- Notables:

**Number of Returning Players:** 12

**Players to Watch:** We have some great freshman talent-- pitchers, a strong outfield, and hitting!

**New additions:** TBD-- looking like 10-12

**Biggest Rival:** Michigan

**Best Player Nickname:** Megan "Kamm Jamm" Kamm

**2018-2019 Season Outlook:** While we're still a pretty young club (going into our third year), we are hoping to create a more competitive atmosphere. Get ready... ND is ready to compete!

**Manager Quote:** Work hard and have fun!

## **2018-2019 TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name:** SV Club Softball

**Mascot:** Cardinal

**Location:** Saginaw MI

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Leah Newton, Emily M. Sturgis

**2017-2018 Performance:**

- Record: **N/A**
- Final Conference Ranking/Postseason Results: **N/A**
- Notables: **N/A**

**Number of Returning Players:** 15

**Players to Watch:** We all know how to play the game and practice but Morgan, Molly and Hannah's passion for the team goes a bit beyond that of the typical player. these three are constantly inquiring about what they can do to help the team out. Even going as far as to drive us to ice cream after a practice and thusly boosting spirits. I believe that these players will not only do great on the field but their presense on our team will boost moral and encourage other players to make big plays and have a great time.

**New additions:** we have yet to host try outs but we are planning on having a few new additions

**Biggest Rival:** GVSU

**Best Player Nickname:** N/A



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**2018-2019 Season Outlook:** Our overall goal is to have fun. this is our first actual year as a team so just putting a team, out on the field, in uniforms, to play ball is great. All of our players are positive, and easy going individuals who I know will work extreamly well together. We're not sure what to expect yet but we're ready to go out and play ball and have a good time in doing so. Maybe we'll win some, maybe we'll lose some, but the fact that we have a team to go out and play softball with is what matters to us most.

**Manager Quote:** Looking forward to a great season go Cards!



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**Team Name:** Milwaukee Softball Club

**Mascot:** Panthers

**Location:** Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Savannah Gardner, Destiny Robinson, Rose Dobrogowski, Hannah Gwaltney

### 2017-2018 Performance:

- Record: **n/a**
- Final Conference Ranking/Postseason Results: **n/a**
- Notables: **n/a**

**Number of Returning Players:** 9

**Players to Watch:** All of us!

**New additions:** n/a

**Biggest Rival:** Marquette University (Cross-Town Rivalry!)

**Best Player Nickname:** None yet!

**2018-2019 Season Outlook:** Just hoping to put Milwaukee on the map and play some good ball!

**Manager Quote:** Looking forward to our first season with playing, meeting teams in our conference, and improving our skills and teamwork!



## **2018-2019 TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name:** UW - Whitewater

**Mascot:** Warhawks

**Location:** Whitewater, WI

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Lauren Roloff, Sabrina Krasinski

**2017-2018 Performance:**

- Record: **6-6**
- Final Conference Ranking/Postseason Results: **N/A**
- Notables: **N/A**

**Number of Returning Players:** 8

**Players to Watch:** Lexi Lois and Sabrina Krasinski

**New additions:** N/A, Tryouts on Sept. 11th

**Biggest Rival:** Madison

**Best Player Nickname:** Lex & Bri

**2018-2019 Season Outlook:** We are looking forward to playing lots of conference and a few non-conference games this season. We are just hoping to recruit some new players and have a lot of fun.

**Manager Quote:** It's fun to watch new people join the team each year. We become such close friends and it's awesome when we get to bond with each other!



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## **2018-2019 TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name:** VUCS (Valparaiso University Club Softball)

**Mascot:** Crusader

**Location:** Valparaiso, IN

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Olivia Frink, Ellie Benz

**2017-2018 Performance:**

- Record: **4-3**
- Final Conference Ranking/Postseason Results: **4<sup>th</sup> in the Great Lakes-South conference**
- Notables:

**Number of Returning Players:** 8

**Players to Watch:** Ellie Benz, Olivia Frink, Kylie Horn

**New additions:** Karina Cavillo, Jackie Delgado, Alexis Gilbert, Kat Modrich, Lizzie Morgan, Tricia Pryor, Katelyn Shouse, Karen Sidhu, Jessica Taylor

**Biggest Rival:** Northwestern

**Best Player Nickname:**

**2018-2019 Season Outlook:** Very confident, hoping that with this season we get all our games in (despite bad weather) and that will allow us to be contenders for the Conference title.



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**Manager Quote:** We are really hitting our stride this year, with this being the club's third year of recognition. We are well-known on campus and expecting a big turnout for tryouts. We feel we are definitely a team to watch.



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## 2018-2019 TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE

**Team Name:** UW-Madison Fastpitch Club Softball

**Mascot:** Badgers

**Location:** Madison, WI

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Bianca Bockwinkel, Catie Hohnstein

**2017-2018 Performance:**

- Record: **13-2 Overall; 12-0 in Conference**
- Final Conference Ranking/Postseason Results: **1<sup>st</sup> in Great Lakes-West Conference**
- Notables: **We've won the Great Lakes-West Conference four out of the last five seasons**

**Number of Returning Players:** 10

**Players to Watch:** Anna Loken Sr. (2B, OF)

Bianca Bockwinkel Sr. (1B, 3B)

Catie Hohnstein Sr. (3B, OF)

Bailee Rose Jr. (P, OF)

Emma Oriatti So. (2B, SS)

**New additions:** TBD

**Biggest Rival:** UW-Whitewater (Conference); Grand Valley State University (Non-Conference); U of I (Non-Conference)

**Best Player Nickname:** AFS - Anna From School



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**2018-2019 Season Outlook:** As defending champs of the Great Lakes-West Conference, the Badgers will be the team to beat! Although we graduated several seniors after the 2017-2018 season, we are excited about the new talent coming in. Our team goal is win conference, regionals, and play at Nationals this season.

**Manager Quote:** Watch out, the Badgers are BACK, and we're ready to tear it up! We've got tough-to-beat returners and are excited about our new talent. Go Badgers and On Wisconsin! - Catie Hohnstein