



# 2023-2024 TEAM PREVIEWS



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## **2023-2024 NCSA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: University of Illinois**

**Mascot: Fighting Illini**

**Location: Champaign, Illinois**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Mackenzie Luchsinger & Mary O'Brien**

**2022-23 Performance:**

- Record: **21-10**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **Conference champs, 8<sup>th</sup> place at World Series**
- Notables:

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 11**

**Players to Watch: Rookies**

**New additions: TBD**

**Biggest Rival: Iowa or Mich St**

**Best Player Nickname: Josie Brownies and Brookie Cookie**

**2023-24 Season Outlook: Top 5 in Nationals**

**Manager Quote: As a team, we must have the discipline to put in the hard work, the determination to overcome setbacks and the character to never give up. We are not just players, we are a famILLy. Let's leave everything on the field and stay united in pursuit of our common goal. The glory will come as a byproduct of our collective hard work and dedication. Let's do this!**



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## **2023-2024 NCSA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: Xavier University**

**Mascot: Musketeers**

**Location: Cincinnati, Ohio**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Captain: Tess Weinandy, Mackenzie Pierce/Coach: Mackenzie Mullins**

**2022-23 Performance:**

- Record: **9 wins, 6 loses**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **3<sup>rd</sup> in conference, no post season participation**
- Notables: **none**

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 11**

**Players to Watch: Tess Weinandy, Aidan Polisenio, Brooklyn Mack, Frances Williams, Gabi Bonnizzio**

**New additions: approximately 15 new members joining**

**Biggest Rival: University of Cincinnati**

**Best Player Nickname: N/A**

**2023-24 Season Outlook: .500 record predicted, solid pitching lineup, exceptional amount of power hitters**

**Manager Quote: We are super excited to be back and start our league up again! We have multiple pre season scrimmages lined up to help us prepare for our powerful competitors from the NCSA. Looking forward to a great season!**



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## **2023-2024 NCSA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: WVU Club Softball**

**Mascot: Mountaineers**

**Location: Morgantown, WV**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Natalie French, Marisa Organiscak, Emma Chase, Delaney Walsh & Skye Lupi**

**2022-23 Performance:**

- Record: **9-6**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **3rd in Conference**
- Notables: **Week 25 NCSA National Pitcher of the week: Madison Cesnick**

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 10**

**Players to Watch: Elaina Kraus, Mikala Rogers & Ryleigh Morgan**

**New additions: Ashley Joll, Emma Atzl, Hannah Schultz, Holly Rogers, Madeline Dening, Madi Fischer, Makenna Kelly & Reagan Hoover**

**Biggest Rival: Pitt**

**Best Player Nickname: Skoop**

**2023-24 Season Outlook: improved record**

**Manager Quote: "Our pitching is looking very strong, and each player looks strong at their respective position. I think we have a lot to look forward to, and we hope to improve our record and have lots of fun while doing so!"**



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**Team Name: Purdue Club Softball**

**Mascot: Boilermakers**

**Location: West Lafayette, IN**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Mahima Malhotra and Maria Hubert**

**2022-23 Performance:**

- Record: **9-3 Conference, 11-7 Overall**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **2<sup>nd</sup> in Conference**
- Notables: **4<sup>th</sup> at Indy Invitational**

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 9 - 3 who were on all Region Teams**

**Players to Watch: Elizabeth Murphy, Returning Senior  
Maria Hubert, Returning Senior and 3<sup>rd</sup> All-Region Team  
Maddie Calvin, 1<sup>st</sup> All-Region Team  
Taylor Grino, 2<sup>nd</sup> All-Region Team**

**New additions: N/A, tryouts haven't taken place**

**Biggest Rival: University of Illinois**

**Best Player Nickname: N/A**

**2023-24 Season Outlook: We would like to take first in conference and reach Regionals.**

**Manager Quote: "Let's win." -Brett Womble, Manager of Purdue Club Softball**



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## **2023-2024 NCSA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: Pitt Club Softball**

**Mascot: Panther**

**Location: Pittsburgh, PA**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Lauren Gallagher: President  
Caitlin Keenan: Vice President**

**2022-23 Performance:**

- Record: **Overall: 16-5 Conference: 13-2**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **1 in Conference, 4 in Region**
- Notables: **N/A**

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 15**

**Players to Watch: Samantha Sassi: OF, Sophomore  
Paige Brennan: 3B, Sophomore  
Grace Miller: 3B, Junior**

**New additions: TBD**

**Biggest Rival: Ohio State**

**Best Player Nickname: Meemaw: Mia Aharhonian  
DJ Krissy Kris: Kristen Kholer**

**2023-24 Season Outlook: Great, our plan is to get great new players who will be an asset to the team and continue to be first in the conference.**

**Manager Quote: " We can't wait for another season with our best friends, H2PCS"**



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## 2023-2024 NCSA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE

**Team Name:** Miami University Club Softball Team

**Mascot:** Redhawks

**Location:** Oxford, Ohio

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Ellie Laub and Maggie Etzler

**2022-23 Performance:**

- Record: 11-4
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: N/A
- Notables: A few players, such as Grayce Dyers and Marah Donahoe, were named players of the week!

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners):**

We have 18 returning players!

**Players to Watch:** Grayce Dyers, Marah Donahoe, Janelle Brown, Anna Kaufman

**New additions:** N/A

**Biggest Rival:** University of Cincinnati

**Best Player Nickname:** We are a very close knit team and all play important roles on and off the field. We do not believe that one person is to name for our successes!

**2023-24 Season Outlook:** We completely rebranded as a team selecting almost a completely new roster. I feel like we grew a lot as an organization and through the trials and tribulations came out stronger on the other end. We are very excited for this season and to expand on the success we have already had.

**Manager Quote:**

We are very excited to compete this season. Over the past year, we have really had the opportunity to bond off the field which has only strengthened our relationship on the field. We are very excited to get back on the field and potentially compete for a Regionals spot! We have so many exciting things planned for the semester and we are so excited to see our returners hard work pay off and the new additions we are planning to make to the team as soon as tryouts are over!



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## **2023-2024 NCSA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name:** Illinois State Club Softball

**Mascot:** Reggie the Redbird

**Location:** Normal, IL

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Lindsey Meurer, Libby Adkins, Delaney Ryan, Lily Ceretto, Morgan Wassall, Mike Meurer

**2022-23 Performance:**

- Record: 6-6
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: 3<sup>rd</sup> in Great American-West Conference
- Notables:

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners):** 8

**Players to Watch:** Alison Keppler, Morgan Wassall

**New additions:** We haven't had out tryouts yet.

**Biggest Rival:** University of Illinois

**Best Player Nickname:** Mo Mo

**2023-24 Season Outlook:** We hope to win our conference this year, make it to regionals, and hopefully make it to the World Series!

**Manager Quote:** I'm so excited to have an amazing group of girls this year, that will hopefully lead us to some amazing accomplishments.





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**Team Name:** Adrian College Club Softball

**Mascot:** Bulldog

**Location:** Adrian, MI

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Coach: Kaitlyn Probelski

### 2022-23 Performance:

- Record: 7-17
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results:
- Notables:

### Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners):

6 returners

### Players to Watch:

Lyta Glombowski

### New additions:

Taylor Campbell

### Biggest Rival:

### Best Player Nickname:

### 2023-24 Season Outlook:

### Manager Quote:

Goal this year is team growth, building a program to become competitors



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**Team Name: Bowling Green State University**

**Mascot: Falcon**

**Location: Bowling Green, Ohio**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Kamille Smith & Marlie Unger**

**2022-23 Performance:**

- Record: **8-7**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **3<sup>rd</sup> out of 6**
- Notables:

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 11**

**Players to Watch: Taylor Mitchell**

**New additions:**

**Biggest Rival: University of Michigan**

**Best Player Nickname: Big P**

**2023-24 Season Outlook: We expect to win more and expand upon our standings from last year**

**Manager Quote: "I am very excited to see all the new talent and passion we are adding to the roster this year. We have lots of women who love the sport and love to play so I cannot wait to see what happens!"**



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**Team Name: CMU Club Softball**

**Mascot: Chippewas**

**Location: Mt. Pleasant**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Eve Hartmann and Daniella DuChemin**

**2022-23 Performance:**

- Record: **12-5**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **2nd**
- Notables: **3 wins against Adrian College**

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 10**

**Players to Watch: Daniella DuChemin, Ashlee Goodhew, Skyler Covelli, and Eve Hartmann**

**New additions: N/A TBD est. September 8th**

**Biggest Rival: GVSU**

**Best Player Nickname:**

**2023-24 Season Outlook: 2nd**

**Manager Quote: "I am beyond excited to see the team continue to grow throughout this next year. The NCSA is making outstanding improvements to the league and Central Michigan Club softball is grateful to be a part of this evolving program. We are ready to play some softball, Fire Up!"**



## 2023-2024 NCSA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE

**Team Name:** Grand Valley State University

**Mascot:** Lakers

**Location:** Allendale, MI

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Katelyn Pollet (President), Marin Ponitz (Vice President)

### 2022-23 Performance:

- Record: **24-8 overall, 9-0 conference**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **Great Lakes East Conference Champions, Great Lakes Regional Champions, World Series appearance (13<sup>th</sup> place finish)**
- Notables: **Undefeated Conference Champions, Regional Champions, 12 players were named All-Region, 3 players were named All-Americans.**

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners):** 10 returning players.

1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Region: Kathryn Ponton (2B), Marin Ponitz (SS), Faith Santangelo (OF), Grace Odenbach (P)

2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Region: Angela Iott (3B), Katelyn Pollet (OF), Bella Chinavare (P), Halie Myers (P)

All-Americans: Marin Ponitz (SS – 1<sup>st</sup> Team), Kathryn Ponton (2B – 2<sup>nd</sup> Team)

**Players to Watch:** Kathryn Ponton (Jr., 2B/OF, SS), Marin Ponitz (Sr., SS), Katelyn Pollet (Sr., C/OF), Angela Iott (5<sup>th</sup> year Sr., 3B/1B), Faith Santangelo (Jr., OF), Grace Odenbach (Jr., P), Bella Chinavare (Jr., P), Halie Myers (So., P)

**New additions:** GVSU is looking to add 6 players to the roster this upcoming season. Tryouts are happening the first week of September.

**Biggest Rival:** Central Michigan University

### Best Player Nickname:

Kathryn (Kat) Ponton: “Kitty”

Angela Iott: “Mama Bear”

Grace Odenbach: “Princess”

Katelyn Pollet: “KP” and “Pushin’ KP”



**2023-24 Season Outlook:** After having a very successful season last year, we are eager to get back to the World Series in May. We have 10 returners who all played a huge role in the team's success, and we can't wait to get back on the field with each other. Our incredible team chemistry has helped to foster a fun, competitive, and winning program at GVSU, despite being a student-led team. Top to bottom our team can hit which is backed by a lockdown defense. We look to improve more with our new additions this season and pick up where we left off last year.

**Manager Quote:** I am extremely excited, and honored, to have the opportunity to lead the GVSU Club Softball team in my senior campaign. We have such a tight-knit group of girls on the team which has made the experience one I will never forget. With some big conference realignments, I am excited to get to play some new teams this year and continue to be a force in the NCSA. Anchor up!



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**Team Name: Loyola Chicago**

**Mascot: Ramblers**

**Location: Chicago, IL**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Megan Weiss and Rachel Barbanente**

**2022-23 Performance:**

- Record: **6-9**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **Fifth in Conference**
- Notables: **Chaise Arndt - Pitcher of the Week and Natalia Frias - Player of the Week**

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 14**

**Players to Watch: Chaise Arndt, Natalia Frias, Giselle Vazquez**

**New additions: N/A**

**Biggest Rival: Northwestern and Notre Dame**

**Best Player Nickname: Campus Rec Kendall (CRK)**

**2023-24 Season Outlook: We are holding tryouts and becoming more competitive with more intense practices with attendance accountability, so we have a positive outlook for this upcoming season.**

**Manager Quote: "Try not to suck"**



## 2023-2024 NCSA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE

**Team Name:** Michigan State Club Softball

**Mascot:** Spartans

**Location:** East Lansing, MI

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** President: Madison Cytlak; Coach: Claudia Rea

### 2022-23 Performance:

- Record: 25-7
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: 1st in conference, 4th at world series
- Notables: 12 players received all-region honors

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners):** 9

**Players to Watch:** Madison Cytlak (1st Team All-American), Abby Kochanowski, Alana Ganop

**New additions:** TBD

**Biggest Rival:** U of M

**Best Player Nickname:** Cougs, Meggles, Poopy Pants

**2023-24 Season Outlook:** Hoping to win our conference again, place top 2 at regionals, & make it back to the World Series again!

**Manager Quote:** "We cook in silence"





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**Team Name:** Northern Illinois University Club Softball

**Mascot:** Huskies

**Location:** DeKalb, IL.

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Dan Rivera (Coach)

**2022-23 Performance:**

- Record: 4-13
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: 4<sup>th</sup> in Conference/Did Not Attend World Series
- Notables: We were extremely proud of ourselves for having wins this season. Our program has taken a hit since 2020 and we would like to continue to improve.

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners):** 10

**Players to Watch:** Emma Spagnoli

**New additions:** None yet

**Biggest Rival:** The only team we have played in the past is Loyola, so we would consider them our biggest rival.

**Best Player Nickname:** Maddawg (Madeleine Vinz)

**2023-24 Season Outlook:** In a rebuilding process and hoping to become more competitive and get our record to at least .500. We are also celebrating the 10-year anniversary of our club!

**Manager Quote:** n/a



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**Team Name:** Northwestern University

**Mascot:** Wildcats

**Location:** Evanston, IL

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Samantha Radinsky, Clary Doyle, Jessica Moscovitz

**2022-23 Performance:**

- Record: **5-6**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **Conference Ranking: 4th**
- Notables:

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners):** 14 returning players

**Players to Watch:** Clary Doyle, Samantha Radinsky, Jessica Moscovitz, Abby Nudell

**New additions:** Unknown (Our school year does not start until September)

**Biggest Rival:** Loyola

**Best Player Nickname:** N/A

**2023-24 Season Outlook:** We are excited to continue developing our team and improve for the 2023-24 season!

**Manager Quote:** Can't wait to have fun and play some competitive softball this season!



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**Team Name:** Notre Dame

**Mascot:** Fighting Irish

**Location:** Notre Dame, Indiana

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Co-President Jessica Wysocki and Brynn Howard

**2022-23 Performance:**

📊 Record: 24-8

📊 Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: Conference = 1

📊 Notables:

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners):** 12

**Players to Watch:** Abby Klink, Amanda Zbonski

**New additions:**

**Biggest Rival:** Central Michigan

**Best Player Nickname:** Your biggest fan

**2023-24 Season Outlook:** 11/10

**Manager Quote:**



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## 2023-2024 NCSA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE

**Team Name:** Michigan Club Softball

**Mascot:** Wolverines

**Location:** Ann Arbor, Michigan

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Coach: Richard Hirth  
Co-Presidents: Lia Krawiec and Shaylin Ciaramitaro

### 2022-23 Performance:

- 📄 Record: 12-3 Conference Record and 16-6 Overall Record
- 📄 Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: 2nd Place (Conference)
- 📄 Notables: Won MSU series (2-1) and Earned At-Large Bid for Regionals

### Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners):

12 Players Returning 1st Team All-Region 2B (Kennadi Dykstra)  
1st Team All-Region Pitcher (Shivani Weber)

**Players to Watch:** 1st Team All-Region Pitcher (Mayah Alam)  
2nd Team All-Region 3B (Ava Chatlosh)  
2nd Team All-Region OF (Taylor Daniels)  
3rd Team All-Region SS (Shaylin Ciaramitaro)

**New additions:** To be determined after try-outs take place

**Biggest Rival:** Michigan State (Conference Rival)

**Best Player Nickname:** “APPA” (Lauren Aprahamian)

**2023-24 Season Outlook:** We are thrilled for the upcoming softball season, as we have 12 strong returning players and are expecting new talent at try-outs. Our experienced core and fresh additions promise a blend of tradition and innovation, preparing us for any challenge. We are excited to embody resilience, sportsmanship, and determination while striving to obtain excellence and community pride.

**Manager Quote:** “We have great leadership and a great group of players. Can’t wait to get started!” -Coach Hirth



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## **2023-2024 NCSA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: University of Wisconsin-Madison Club Fastpitch Softball Team**

**Mascot: Badger**

**Location: Madison, Wisconsin**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Elizabeth Chialdikas and Grace Satori**

**2022-23 Performance:**

- Record: **26-6-0**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **1<sup>st</sup> in conference/Top 12 finish at World Series**
- Notables: **Indy Invitational Winner**

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 9**

**Players to Watch: Everyone**

**New additions: Tryouts have yet to happen**

**Biggest Rival: Michigan State**

**Best Player Nickname: Chili**

**2023-24 Season Outlook: We are sad to have lost 10 seniors at the end of this past season, but are excited for what this upcoming season will bring! We have 9 extremely talented and driven returners this year who are ready to get back to playing the game we all love. The new additions to the team will also have an impact as we try to go far in the postseason again this year. We look forward to playing new teams in our conference and getting back into the swing of things.**

**Manager Quote: We are both excited for this season and to see all that our team will accomplish as we finish up our softball careers this year.**



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**Team Name:** WMU Club Softball

**Mascot:** Broncos

**Location:** Kalamazoo, MI

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** President: Elena Stevenson  
Vice President: Ava Tiesworth

**2022-23 Performance:**

- 📄 Record: 8 wins-4 losses
- 📄 Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: 3rd
- 📄 Notables: ?

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners):** 17 returning players

**Players to Watch:** Hope Mchugh

**New additions:** Estimated 10 new players

**Biggest Rival:** Central Michigan University

**Best Player Nickname:** Nahona Kato

**2023-24 Season Outlook:** 2023-24 season is looking successful with 17 returning players and an estimated 10 new players. Lots of talent to go around.

**Manager Quote:** The season is looking bright with the returning talent and new talent coming in. The team is itching to get to work. The goal this year is to make it to nationals through teamwork, trust, accountability, and determination. Anything is possible with hard work. -Elena Stevenson