

# CBD MID-MAJOR MID-SEASON REPORT

Mid-Season Top 25 and Regional Report by Aaron Kirby for [www.collegebaseballdaily.com](http://www.collegebaseballdaily.com)

Several mid-major clubs have had a great first half of the 2014 season. The clear #1 and one of best overall teams in the country is **Louisiana-Lafayette (30-3)** whos 30 wins are 3 more than anyone else in the country. The Cajuns swept 3 games at Southern Miss, won 2 of 3 vs Alabama, 1-0 vs LSU, won 2 of 3 vs **#23 Western Kentucky (18-15)** and just this weekend swept Sun Belt series at Troy.....**#3 UNLV (22-9)** has picked up several nice series wins 2-1 vs SDSU; and 3 road series wins 2-1 at 2-1 Neb; 2-1 at Fresno St and 2-1 at New Mexico.....Preseason favorite **#6 Indiana (17-10)** started off slow, playing one of best early season schedules in the country(1-3 Texas Tech; 1-0 Wash; 0-1 Oreg St; 2-0 Louisville; 1-0 Kentucky; 0-1 Indiana St). The Hoosiers are starting to put it together with the start of B10 play.....**#7 Liberty (25-8)** has had a very good first half and are 3 games up after winning 2 of 3 vs 2nd place **#22 Campbell (22-11)** in the North Division of the Big South. With Coastal Carolina (14-19) having a rare down year it looks like its the Flames and Camels. Liberty has a very good RPI of #18 however their best out of conference wins are 1-1 vs Old Dominion and 2-0 vs Duke. After seeing Campbell go 49-10 with a #42 RPI get left out in 2013 the Flames probably know they have little room for error.....**#8 Dallas Baptist (23-8)** if off to a great start in their first year in the MVC. The Patriots are in 1st place at 5-1 ahead of **#11 Indiana St (21-7)** and **#18 Illinois St (19-10)** who both are 5-4 in MVC. Indiana St has a few nice wins in the first half 1-0 at Indiana, 2-0 vs Ohio St, 2-1 at UNCW, 1-0 vs Illinois St and just swept #21 Wichita St(16-14) in MVC play.....**#10 Western Carolina (20-9)** won 16 of 17 SoCon games to end 2013 and is in first place again at 8-1. One reason WCU got left out in 2013 was their lack of big wins, so far in 2014 they went 1-2 at Miss St, 2-0 at Washington St and 1-0 vs Clemson. Just behind the Catamounts is one of the best stories in college baseball so far in 2014, **#25 Davidson (20-8)** has already surpassed their 2013 overall win total of 18 games and are 10-2 in SoCon (12-18 in 2013). The Wildcats have won 18 of 21 games and have their first 20 win season since 2005.....**#13 Nebraska (19-13)** just swept Ohio St in B10 play and have also played a very good schedule (1-1 OregSt; 1-0 Wash; 2-1 UClrv; 1-0 WichSt; 0-1 KSU; 1-2 UNLV; 1-1 Ark; 3-0 OSU).....Another B10 club **#17 Illinois (17-11)** has several nice wins in the first half. 2-0 at Florida; 2-0 vs FGCU; 1-0 Indiana St; 1-0 Illinois St.

Some important guidelines for mid-majors to be in position for an atlarge are **#1**-have RPI below 50, **#2**-finish top 3 in conference, and **#3**-play and beat the big boys. The records and #'s below are through games Sunday 4/6. RPI figures are from [www.warrenolan.com](http://www.warrenolan.com)

Rnk	Team	Rec	Conf	Wkend	RPI	vs 1-50	Record vs Potential Regional Clubs
#1	Louisiana-Lafayette	30-3	11-1	3-0 at Troy	6	5-2	3-0 USM; 1-0 LSU; 2-1 Alabama; 2-1 WKU 2-1
#2	Pepperdine	24-7	10-2	3-0 at St Mary's	29	3-3	1-0 UCLA; 2-0 UC-Irvine; 0-1 UC Santa Barbara
#3	UNLV	22-9	11-4	2-1 at Fresno St	12	5-6	0-3 Tenn; 2-1 New Mex; 0-1 CSFU; 2-1 SDSU; 2-1 Neb; 2-1 Fresno St
#4	San Diego St	24-8	10-5	3-0 vs Air Force	43	4-4	1-1 San Diego; 1-2 UNLV; 2-1 Fresno St
#5	San Diego	22-9	9-3	3-0 vs Gonzaga	38	2-1	2-1 NewMex; 1-1 SDSU; 2-1 OK St; 1-0 CSFU; 0-2 Wash St
#6	Indiana	17-10	7-1	2-0 at Iowa	11	5-5	1-3 Texas Tech; 1-0 Wash; 0-1 Oreg St; 2-0 Louisville; 1-0 Kentucky; 0-1 Indiana St
#7	Liberty	25-8	11-1	3-0 vs VMI	18	4-2	1-1 Old Dominion; 2-0 Duke; 2-1 Campbell
#8	Dallas Baptist	23-8	5-1	2-1 at Illinois St	27	2-2	1-2 Sam Houston St; 0-1 TCU; 0-1 Texas; 2-1 Illinois St
#9	New Mexico	22-11	8-4	2-1 vs Jack. St	93	3-7	1-2 San Diego; 1-1 ASU; 1-2 UNLV; 3-0 Fresno St; 2-0 Kansas; 0-1 Texas Tech
#10	Western Carolina	20-9	8-1	3-0 at UNCG	40	2-2	1-2 Miss St; 2-0 Wash St; 1-0 Clemson; 0-1 UGA; 0-1 Georgia Tech; 2-1 Elon
#11	Indiana St	21-7	5-4	3-0 vs Wichita St	21	2-2	0-1 Auburn; 2-0 Ohio St; 0-1 Ill; 1-2 Ill St; 1-0 Indiana; 3-0 Wichita St
#12	Virginia Commonwealth	22-7	5-2	2-1 vs St Josephs	37	1-2	1-1 Old Dominion; 1-0 Georgia Tech; 2-0 ECU;
#13	Nebraska	19-13	4-2	3-0 vs Ohio St	49	3-3	1-1 OregSt; 1-0 Wash; 2-1 UClrv; 1-0 WichSt; 0-1 KSU; 1-2 UNLV; 1-1 Ark; 3-0 OSU
#14	Mercer	26-7	10-2	3-0 vs SC Upstate	35	3-0	3-0 Evansville; 0-3 Auburn; 1-0 Georgia Tech
#15	Sam Houston St	21-11	6-6	2-1 vs Oral Roberts	58	4-3	2-1 Dallas Baptist; 1-1 Rice; 1-0 TCU; 1-0 Texas Tech; 0-1 Texas; 1-0 Texas AM
#16	Georgia Southern	24-10	7-5	3-0 at Citadel	81	1-1	2-1 Georgia; 1-0 Georgia Tech; 1-1 Clemson; 1-2 Elon;
#17	Illinois	17-11	5-1	3-0 at NW	78	4-3	2-0 Florida; 2-0 FGCU; 0-3 WKU; 1-0 Indiana St; 1-0 Illinois St
#18	Illinois St	19-10	5-4	1-2 vs Dallas Baptist	30	3-4	3-1 Ark St; 0-1 Florida; 0-1 Illinois; 2-1 Indiana St; 1-2 Dallas Baptist
#19	College of Charleston	21-10	4-2	3-0 at Towson	82	0-4	2-1 North Carolina; 0-3 Houston; 0-1 South Carolina
#20	William & Mary	20-10	4-1	2-1 vs UNCW	76	1-4	0-1 Virginia; 2-1 Campbell; 0-1 Old Dominion
#21	Wichita St	16-14	2-4	0-3 at Indiana St	62	4-8	1-0 Ok St; 1-2 UC Santa Barbara; 1-1 Ariz St; 0-1 Neb; 2-1 CSFU; 0-1 KU; 0-3 Ind St
#22	Campbell	22-11	8-4	3-0 Presbyterian	87	2-5	0-1 ECU; 1-2 William & Mary; 1-2 Liberty; 0-1 NC St
#23	Western Kentucky	18-15	6-6	2-1 vs Arkansas St	45	2-4	1-0 Vandy; 0-1 ECU; 0-1 Ohio St; 3-0 Illi; 0-2 UGA; 0-1 Kenky 0-1 Louvle; 1-2 L-L
#24	Florida Gulf Coast	21-12	7-2	2-1 vs Kennesaw St	154	1-4	1-1 Florida; 0-2 Illinois; 0-2 Miami; 0-1 FSU;
#25	Davidson	20-8	10-2	3-0 at Furman	105	0-1	1-1 Wake Forest; 0-1 NC St; 0-1 UNC; 1-0 Duke; 2-1 Georgia Southern

Next 10	Tennessee Tech	24-8	Arkansas St	17-14	Seton Hall	21-7	Evansville	19-11	Lipscomb	21-12
	St Louis	18-10	Bryant	18-9	SE Louisiana	20-12	Sacramento St	20-11	Alabama St	26-10

American East	A-10	A-Sun	Big East	Big South	Colonial	Horizon	Independents	Ivy	Metro	MAC	MEAC
MVC	MWC	Northeast	OVC	Patriot	SoCon	Southland	SWC	Summit	Sun Belt	WCC	WAC