



# 2015 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE BASEBALL PREVIEW

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## PROJECTED 2015 STANDINGS

\*2014 RECORDS LISTED/ **NCAA REGIONAL**

	TEAM	SoCon		OVERALL	
		W	L	W	L
1	SAMFORD	15	12	35	25
2	WESTERN CAROLINA	20	6	37	18
3	MERCER	A-SUN		38	17
4	UNCG	8	16	21	28
5	ETSU	A-SUN		27	30
6	WOFFORD	12	14	32	28
7	FURMAN	11	15	26	33
8	VMI	BIG SOUTH		25	23
9	CITADEL	8	18	24	34

## PROJECTED REGIONAL TEAMS (1)

WINNER OF CONFERENCE TOURNEY

## ATLARGE/BUBBLE TEAMS

SAMFORD; WESTERN CAROLINA; MERCER

## TOP 5 LINEUPS

1	WESTERN CAROLINA
2	SAMFORD
3	UNCG
4	FURMAN
5	WOFFORD

## TOP 5 PITCHING STAFFS

1	MERCER
2	SAMFORD
3	WOFFORD
4	CITADEL
5	WESTERN CAROLINA

## BEST SCHEDULES (# "RPI" GAMES)

1	SAMFORD (10)
2	CITADEL (12)
3	UNCG (11)
4	WESTERN CAROLINA (9)
5	FURMAN (8)

"RPI" GAMES = GAME VS TEAM THAT SHOULD HELP YOUR RPI AND WIN WILL GO ON YOUR RESUME. TEAMS USUALLY NEED ATLEAST 10 TO HAVE DECENT CHANCE FOR ATLARGE. SAMFORD GETS #1 SPOT FOR HAVING WEEKEND SERIES AT JACKSONVILLE AND AT MEMPHIS TO GO ALONG WITH THEIR 10 "RPI" GAMES.

## 1ST TEAM ALL CONFERENCE

Pos	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS
SP	ERIC NYQUIST	MERCER	SR
SP	RYAN CLARK	UNCG	Jr
RP	ANDRES GRACIA	SAMFORD	SR
C	DANNY BERMUDEZ	WCU	JR
1B	JACOB HOYLE	WCU	SR
2B	BRADLEY STRONG	WCU	SR
SS	JONATHAN STOKES	CITADEL	JR
3B	CHRIS OHMSTEDE	FURMAN	SR
OF	HEATH QUINN	SAMFORD	SO
OF	ERIC KALBFLEISCH	UNCG	SR
OF	BRANDON ANGUS	VMI	SR
DH	HUNTER KING	UNCG	SR

## 2ND TEAM ALL CONFERENCE

Pos	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS
SP	ALEX LEDFORD	SAMFORD	SR
SP	ANDREW WOODS	VMI	Sr
RP	SKYLAR HUNTER	CITADEL	JR
C	CHARLIE MADDEN	MERCER	SO
1B	JAMES PLAISTED	WOFFORD	JR
2B	JORDAN TARSOVICH	VMI	R-SR
SS	FRANKIE NAVARRETE	SAMFORD	JR
3B	CHRIS COOK	ETSU	SO
OF	ZAC MACANENEY	UNCG	R-SR
OF	BRANDON POWELL	SAMFORD	R-SR
OF	JEREMY POWELL	ETSU	JR
DH	JORDAN SIMPSON	FURMAN	JR

## PLAYER OF YEAR

BRADLEY STRONG, 2B, WESTERN CAROLINA/SR

## PITCHER OF YEAR

ERIC NYQUIST, RHP, MERCER/SR

## FRESHMAN OF YEAR

AUSTIN EDENS, 1B, SAMFORD ( ST. MICHAELS, LA HS)

## CONFERENCE MOVEMENT

MERCER, ETSU AND VMI WILL JOIN THE SoCon IN 2015. COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON MOVED TO CAA IN 2014 WITH ELON JOINING THE CAA IN 2015. APPALACHIAN ST AND GEORGIA SOUTHERN JOINED THE SUN BELT IN 2015. DAVIDSON MOVED TO THE A-10 IN 2015.



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## TOP 5 RETURNING HITTERS

1	JACOB HOYLE	1B	WCU	SR
2	ERIC KALBFLEISCH	OF	UNCG	SR
3	BRADLEY STRONG	2B	WCU	SR
4	HEATH QUINN	OF	SAMFORD	SO
5	HUNTER KING	2B	UNCG	SR

## TOP 5 RETURNING PITCHERS

1	RYAN CLARK	RHP	UNCG	JR
2	WILL STILLMAN	RHP	WOFFORD	JR
3	SKYLAR HUNTER	RHP	CITADEL	JR
4	ERIC NYQUIST	RHP	MERCER	SR
5	ANDRES GRACIA	RHP	SAMFORD	SR

## TOP NEWCOMERS 2015

1	KEATON HAACK, RHP UNCG (PITT COMMUNITY COLLEGE)
2	AUSTIN EDENS, 1B, SAMFORD ( ST. MICHAELS, LA HS)
3	DREW ELLIS, 1B CITADEL (BLYTHEWOOD, HS)
4	KRAMER FERRELL, OF WCU (CYPRESS COLLEGE)
5	ALEX LEE, 1B, SAMFORD (CENTRAL ALABAMA CC)

## TOP 10 NON CONFERENCE WEEKENDS

1	SAMFORD 2/27-3/1: (2) AT MISS ST (2) ARIZONA
2	WCU 2/20-2/22: UNCW; WAKEFORREST; GEORGE MASON
3	CITADEL 2/20-2/22: (3) COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON
4	WCU 3/13-3/14: (2) AT LIBERTY; PENN ST
5	CITADEL 3/6-3/8: (3) ELON
6	MERCER 2/13-2/15: (3) VIRGINIA TECH
7	ETSU 4/2-4/4: (3) AT ST LOUIS
8	SAMFORD 3/6-3/8: (3) AT MEMPHIS
9	FURMAN 3/13-3/15: UCONN; MICHST; USC-UPSTATE
10	VMI 2/13-2/15: (3) AT NORTH FLORIDA

## RECENT SOUTHERN CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

YEAR	REGULAR SEASON	TOURNEY(SEED)
2014	WESTERN CAROLINA	GEORGIA SOUTHERN(3)
2013	WESTERN CAROLINA	ELON(3)
2012	T-APP ST & COFC	SAMFORD(4)
2011	ELON	GEORGIA SOUTHERN(4)
2010	CITADEL	CITADEL(1)
2009	ELON	GEORGIA SOUTHERN(2)
2008	ELON	ELON(1)
2007	T-WCU & COFC	WOFFORD(9)
2006	ELON	COFC(2)
2005	COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON	FURMAN(8)
2004	COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON	CITADEL(3)
2003	WESTERN CAROLINA	WESTERN CAROLINA(1)



## SOUTHERN CONFERENCE REGIONAL BIDS BY YEAR

YEAR	#	TEAMS
2014	1	GEORGIA SOUTHERN
2013	1	ELON
2012	3	SAMFORD, COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON, APP ST
2011	1	GEORGIA SOUTHERN
2010	3	CITADEL, COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON, ELON
2009	2	GEORGIA SOUTHERN, ELON
2008	1	ELON
2007	2	WESTERN CAROLINA, WOFFORD
2006	2	COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON, ELON
2005	2	FURMAN, COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON
2004	2	CITADEL, COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON
2003	1	WESTERN CAROLINA

## 2014 SEASON REVIEW-

WESTERN CAROLINA WON THEIR 2ND CONSECUTIVE REGULAR SEASON TITLE IN 2014 BUT WENT 0-2 IN THE CONFERENCE TOURNEY TO FALL JUST SHORT OF NCAA BERTH FOR SECOND YEAR IN A ROW. THE SURPRISE STORY OF THE REGULAR SEASON WAS DAVIDSON COLLEGE FINISHING THEIR FINAL SEASON IN THE SoCon AS #2 SEED AT 17-8 IN SoCon AND 29-19 OVERALL. #3 SEED GEORGIA SOUTHERN (15-12) AND #4 SEED SAMFORD (15-12) FINISHED TIED IN THE REGULAR SEASON AND MET IN THE FINALS. SAMFORD WON 3 STRAIGHT TO REACH THE FINALS AND GSU TOOK THE MUCH HARDER ROUTE. THE EAGLES OPENED THE TOURNEY WITH A 3-2 LOSS IN 11 INNINGS TO APP ST BEFORE WINNING 4 ELIMINATION GAMES INCLUDING A 10-7 12 INNING WIN OVER FURMAN TO REACH THE FINALS. IN THE WINNER TAKE ALL CHAMPIONSHIP SAMFORD HELD A 3-2 LEAD GOING TO THE BOTTOM OF THE 9TH BEFORE GSU PUSHED ACROSS 2 RUNS FOR THE 4-3 WALK OFF CHAMPIONSHIP. THE EAGLES WERE SENT TO THE TALLAHASSEE REGIONAL AS THE #4 SEED AND OPENED THE REGIONAL UPSETTING #1 SEED FLORIDA STATE 7-0 BEHIND A CG SHUTOUT FROM JR LHP SAM HOWARD. GSU LOST GAME TWO 13-5 TO KENNESSAW ST AND WERE ELIMINATED BY ALABAMA 6-0.

PLAYER OF YEAR: **CASEY JONES, ELON**  
PITCHER OF YEAR: **JOHN WIRSU, GSU**

FRESHMAN OF YEAR: **HEATH QUINN, SAMFORD**  
COACH OF YEAR: **DICK COOKE, DAVIDSON**



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2015 WILL BE THE START OF A NEW ERA IN THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE. IT WILL BE THE ONLY CONFERENCE IN THE COUNTRY TO NOT HAVE A TEAM THAT PLAYED IN THE NCAA TOURNAMENT IN 2014. THAT IS SOMEWHAT FITTING FOR THE NEW LOOK LEAGUE AS THE SoCon HAS SENT 21 TEAMS TO THE NCAA TOURNEY SINCE 2003 AND 14 OF THOSE ARE NO LONGER IN THE CONFERENCE. WHILE THE LEAGUE WILL MORE THAN LIKELY BE A ONE BID LEAGUE THIS YEAR THAT DOES NOT MEAN IT LACKS TALENT OR GOOD TEAMS. THE TOP 3 TEAMS (SAMDOR, WCU AND MERCER) ARE A LITTLE AHEAD OF THE REST OF LEAGUE HEADING INTO THE SEASON AND ALL SHOULD BE IN THE REGIONAL DISCUSSIONS AT THE END OF THE SEASON. HOWEVER, IT WILL BE HARD FOR ANY TEAM TO KEEP THEIR NUMBERS HIGH ENOUGH TO GET IN. UNCG COULD BE THE DARK HORSE, IN COACH LINK JARRETT'S 3RD SEASON, AND CHALLENGE THE TOP 3. WHAT WE DO KNOW FOR SURE IS THAT WE CAN EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED IN THE SoCon.

## 1ST- SAMFORD

THE SAMFORD BULLDOGS FINISHED LAST YEAR (35-25) OVERALL AND (15-12) T-3RD SoCon PLAYED IN THEIR 3RD SOUTHERN CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME IN LAST 4 YEARS. IF NOT FOR 2 GEORGIA SOUTHERN RUNS IN THE BOTTOM OF THE 9TH THE BULLDOGS WOULD HAVE BEEN PLAYING IN THEIR 2ND REGINAL IN 3 YEARS.....THE BULLDOGS RETURN 4 STARTING POSITION PLAYERS FROM LAST YEAR LED BY **So OF HEATH QUINN** (.319, 49 r, 73 h, 20 2b, 9 hr, 48 rbi) WHO WAS SoCon FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR AND A FRESHMAN ALL AMERICAN. QUINN IS ONE OF THE FAVORITES TO WIN PLAYER OF YEAR. ALSO RETURNING ARE **R-Jr OF JARED WATSON** (.292, 37 r, 47 h, 7 2b, 2 hr, 25 rbi), **R-Sr OF BRANDON POWELL** (.282, 55 h, 11 2b, 3 hr, 30 rbi), AND **So OF TJ DIXON** (.259, 40 r, 51 h, 10 2b, 0 hr, 23 rbi, 19-25 sb). **Jr SS FRANKIE NAVARRETE** (.340, 35 h, 5 2b, 0 hr, 10 rbi) WILL START THE SEASON AS THE SS DID NOT BECOME EVERYDAY SS UNTIL 4/22 LAST YEAR AND LED ALL HITTERS WITH .340 AVERAGE. TWO NEWCOMERS WHO SHOULD HELP REPLACE THE 40 LOST HR'S FROM LAST YEAR ARE JUNIOR COLLEGE TRANSFER **Jr 1B ALEX LEE** (CENTRAL ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE) AND HIGHLY REGARDED FRESHMAN **1B AUSTIN EDENS** (BATON ROUGE, LA/ST MICHAELS HS).....AS USUAL SAMFORD RETURNS SOME ARMS ON THE MOUND, INCLUDING THEIR ACE AND AN ALL AMERICAN CLOSER. FRIDAY NIGHT STARTER **Sr RHP ALEX LEDFORD** (11-2, 4.70, 16 gs, 103.1 ip, 64 k) LED THE LEAGUE IN WINS WITH 11 LAST YEAR. CLOSER **Sr RHP ANDRES GRACIA** (2-1, 0.79, 30 app, 14 sv, 34.0 ip, 38 k) WAS 1ST TEAM ALL CONFERENCE LAST SEASON AND IS A PRESEASON ALL AMERICAN. ALSO RETURNING ARE **Jr RHP PARKER CURRY** (7-2, 3.29, 27 app, 2 sv, 52.0 ip, 56 k), **R-Sr RHP MARK DONHAM** (2-0, 3.45, 28 app, 31.1 ip, 31 k) AND **Sr RHP COLE LIMBAUGH** (1-1, 4.04, 19 app, 9 gs, 49.0 ip). **SOPHMORE RHP JARED BRASHER** (2-5, 5.50, 16 app, 10 gs, 52.1 ip, 42 bb, 45 k) IS A PITCHER TO WATCH AND COULD HAVE BIG YEAR WITH A BIG ARM. ALSO RETURNING IS **R-Sr LHP ERIC WRIGHT** (\*2013\* 5-4, 5.05, 13 gs, 76.2 ip) MISSED ALL OF 2014 WITH INJURY AFTER BEING A WEEKEND STARTER IN 2013.....COACH CASEY DUNN SEEMS TO ALWAYS HAVE A STOCKPILE OF BIG ARMS TO RUN OUT THERE AND 2015 WILL BE NO DIFFERENT. SAMFORD ENTERS 2015 AS ONE OF THE FAVORITES AND SHOULD FINISH IN THE TOP 3.

• RECORD: 35-25 • HOME: 20-11 • AWAY: 12-13 • NEUTRAL: 3-1 • SoCon: 15-12 •

Player	Pos	Yr	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	sb-att
Heath Quinn	OF	So	.319	59-59	229	49	73	20	1	9	48	122	.533	29	2-4
Jared Watson	OF/C	R-Jr	.292	43-41	161	37	47	7	1	2	25	62	.385	15	2-4
Brandon Powell	OF	R-Sr	.282	53-44	195	28	55	11	1	3	30	77	.395	10	0-1
T.J. Dixon	OF	So	.259	57-54	197	40	51	10	2	0	23	65	.330	41	19-25

Frankie Navarrete	SS	Jr	.340	41-24	103	18	35	5	0	0	10	40	.388	10	5-9
Damon Waller	OF	R-Jr	.267	23-10	45	6	12	5	0	1	4	20	.444	4	0-0
Hunter Swilling	RHP/INF	So	.245	35-30	102	25	25	6	0	2	11	37	.363	14	0-0
Danny Rodriguez	SS	R-So	.236	31-16	55	8	13	1	0	0	8	14	.255	7	1-1
Parker Curry	RHP/INF	Jr	.200	6-1	10	0	2	0	0	0	3	2	.200	0	0-0
Richard Greene	C	Jr	.115	17-9	26	3	3	1	0	0	2	4	.154	3	0-0
Meade Kendrick	INF	R-So	.000	5-1	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	2	0-0
Andres Gracia	RHP	Sr	.000	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0
Phillip Flach	RHP/INF	R-Jr	.000	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0

Player	Pos	Yr	era	w-l	app-gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	hbp
Alex Ledford	RHP	Sr	4.70	11-2	17-16	1	0/1	0	103.1	107	64	54	32	64	13
Andres Gracia	RHP	Sr	0.79	2-1	30-0	0	0/1	14	34.0	26	7	3	12	38	6
Parker Curry	RHP/INF	Jr	3.29	7-2	27-1	0	0/1	2	52.0	50	26	19	16	56	0
Mark Donham	RHP	R-Sr	3.45	2-0	28-0	0	0/0	0	31.1	25	13	12	12	31	5
Cole Limbaugh	RHP	Sr	4.04	1-1	19-9	0	0/0	0	49.0	54	28	22	14	27	8
Jared Brasher	RHP	So	5.50	2-5	16-10	0	0/1	0	52.1	54	39	32	42	45	7
Mikel Belcher	RHP	Sr	6.88	1-1	18-0	0	0/0	0	17.0	26	15	13	13	21	4
Phillip Flach	RHP/INF	R-Jr	8.10	0-1	13-0	0	0/0	0	10.0	12	12	9	6	9	4
Hunter Swilling	RHP/INF	So	14.73	0-0	4-0	0	0/0	0	3.2	6	7	6	3	3	1
Gage Pregno	LHP	So	16.88	0-1	13-1	0	0/0	0	13.1	24	25	25	14	12	3



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## 2ND- WESTERN CAROLINA

WESTERN CAROLINA HAS WON THE LAST TWO REGULAR SEASON SOUTHERN CONFERENCE TITLES GOING A COMBINED 43-13 IN CONFERENCE GAMES. THE REGULAR SEASON SUCCESS HAS NOT CARRIED OVER TO POST SEASON AS THE CATAMOUNTS HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET IT DONE IN THE CONFERENCE TOURNEY GOING 1-2 AND 0-2 FALLING SHORT OF AN AT LARGE BID EACH YEAR..... WCU FINISHED (37-18) OVERALL AND (20-6) 1ST SoCon RETURNS 5 REGULAR STARTING POSITION PLAYERS, INCLUDING THE TOP 2. THE CATAMOUNTS HAVE THE BEST OFFENSIVE COMBO IN THE LEAGUE IN 2 PRESEASON ALL AMERICANS **SENIOR 2B BRADLEY STRONG** (.339, 58 R, 81 H, 20 2B, 6 3B, 6 HR, 53 RBI, .401 OB%, 20-25 SB) AND **SENIOR 1B JACOB HOYLE** (.332, 43 R, 74 H, 11 2B, 14 HR, 53 RBI). **Jr C DANNY BERMUDEZ** (.305, 32 H, 5 2B, 1 HR, 12 RBI) IS POISED FOR BREAKOUT SEASON AFTER BEING BEHIND ALL CONFERENCE CATCHER ADAM MARTIN WHO GRADUATED AND WAS DRAFTED BY MARINERS. ALSO RETURNING ARE **Jr SS JD LONG** (.213, 29 H, 8 2B, 1 HR, 27 RBI) AND **So OF/LHP MATT SMITH** (.260, 19 H, 4 2B). TWO JUNIOR COLLEGE TRANSFERS SHOULD HAVE IMMEDIATE IMPACT **R-Jr OF AUSTIN ATWELL** (CLARKSVILLE, TN/AUSTIN PEAY/COLUMBIA ST) AND **Jr OF KRAMER FERRELL** (ELLENSBURG, WASH/CYPRESS COLLEGE). FERRELL, WILL LIKELY START SEASON HITTING 5TH OR 6TH, ORIGINALLY WENT TO OREGON ST AS WALK ON WR. ANOTHER OF WITH FOOTBALL TIES IS **R-Jr GARRETT BROWN** WHO PLAYED BOTH FOOTBALL AND BASEBALL AT WCU HIS FRESHMAN YEAR IN 2012 BEFORE CONCENTRATING ON JUST FOOTBALL THE LAST TWO SEASONS. THE SPEEDY BROWN WAS DRAFTED IN THE 43RD RD OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL BY THE ROCKIES IN 2012.....THE CATAMOUNTS RETURN JUST ONE WEEKEND STARTER AND 17 OF THEIR 37 WINS. THE STAFF IS LED BY ALL CONFERENCE CLOSER **Sr RHP TYLER POWELL** (2-0, 1.44, 22 APP, 13 SV, 25.0 IP, 23 K, .189 B/AVG). THE LONE WEEKEND STARTER RETURNING IS SOPHOMORE **LHP BRYAN SAMMONS** (7-2, 4.50, 10 GS, 60 IP, 57 K) WHO WAS A FRESHMAN ALL AMERICAN IN 2014. **JUNIOR RHP COLTON DAVIS** (4-2, 4.64, 25 APP, 4 GS, 2 SV, 33.0 IP, 37 K) WAS USED AS STARTER, RELIVER AND CLOSER LAST YEAR COULD HAVE A BIG YEAR. ALSO BACK OUT OF BULLPEN ARE **Jr RHP JONATHAN WASZAK** (1-0, 5.87, 25 APP, 30.2 IP), AND **Jr LHP TAYLOR DURAND** (0-0, 8.00, 9.0 IP) WHO HAD GOOD SUMMER PITCHING IN CAPE AND VALLEY LEAGUE. **Jr LHP ALEX BARR** WILL MISS THE 2015 SEASON WITH SHOULDER INJURY .....FOR WESTERN CAROLINA TO WIN THEIR 3RD REGULAR SEASON TITLE IN ROW AND TAKE THE NEXT STEP AND GET INTO NCAA REGIONAL, FOR FIRST TIME SINCE 2007, THEY WILL NEED THE PITCHING STAFF TO GET IT DONE. WESTERN WILL SCORE RUNS BUT WILL THEY PITCH? THE CATAMOUNTS SHOULD FINISH IN THE TOP 3 OF THE LEAGUE AND CONTEND FOR ANOTHER SoCon CHAMPIONSHIP.

• RECORD: 37-18 • HOME: 23-3 • AWAY: 13-11 • NEUTRAL: 1-4 • SoCon: 20-6 •

Player	Pos	Yr	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	sb-att
Bradley Strong	2B	Sr	.339	55-55	239	58	81	20	6	6	53	131	.548	19	20-25
Jacob Hoyle	1B/LHP	Sr	.332	55-55	223	43	74	11	0	14	53	127	.570	19	6-6
J.D. Long	SS	Jr	.213	53-45	136	22	29	8	2	1	27	44	.324	15	0-0
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Danny Bermudez	C	Jr	.305	43-24	105	24	32	5	0	1	12	40	.381	16	3-5
Matt Smith	OF/LHP	So	.260	47-19	73	9	19	4	1	0	6	25	.342	10	0-1
Reece Strong	INF	Jr	.228	41-21	57	12	13	1	0	0	9	14	.246	14	0-0
Jason Smith	OF/LHP	So	.200	8-0	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	.200	0	0-0
Tyler Powell	RHP	Sr	.000	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0-0
*Garrett Brown	OF	Sr	.143	24-0	7	8	1	0	0	0	2	1	.143	1	5-6
*2012 Stats															
Player	Pos	Yr	era	w-l	app-gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	hbp
Bryan Sammons	LHP	So	4.50	7-2	21-10	0	0/2	2	60.0	62	34	30	36	57	5
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Dillon Bray	LHP	R-So	0.00	0-0	4-0	0	0/1	0	3.2	4	0	0	4	2	2
Danny Schneider	RHP	R-Jr	0.00	0-0	2-0	0	0/1	0	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Matt Smith	OF/LHP	So	0.00	0-0	1-0	0	0/0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jacob Hoyle	1B/LHP	Sr	0.00	0-0	1-0	0	0/0	0	0.0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Tyler Powell	RHP	Sr	1.44	2-0	22-0	0	0/0	13	25.0	17	4	4	10	23	2
Korey Anderson	RHP	So	4.32	1-0	8-0	0	0/1	0	8.1	10	6	4	2	6	1
Colton Davis	RHP	Jr	4.64	4-2	25-4	0	0/1	2	33.0	36	21	17	20	37	3
Bryce Danielson	LHp	R-Sr	5.23	0-1	14-1	0	0/2	0	10.1	15	7	6	9	4	2
Nate Williams	LHP	So	5.62	1-1	14-1	0	0/0	0	16.0	16	14	10	14	11	2
Jonathan Waszak	RHP	Jr	5.87	1-0	25-0	0	0/1	0	30.2	42	27	20	21	10	7
B.J. Nobles	RHP	So	6.35	1-0	9-0	0	0/0	0	5.2	6	4	4	9	4	0
*Alex Barr	LHP	Jr	6.86	0-1	14-2	0	0/1	0	21.0	17	19	16	16	20	6
Taylor Durand	LHP	Jr	8.00	0-0	8-2	0	0/1	0	9.0	10	8	8	12	10	1
Reece Strong	RHP	Jr	99.00	0-0	1-0	0	0/0	0	0.0	3	4	4	1	0	0

\*Will miss season with shoulder injury



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## 3RD- MERCER

THE MERCER BEARS ENTER THEIR FIRST SEASON IN THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE AFTER FINISHING 2014 (38-17) OVERALL AND (18-9) 2ND PLACE A-SUN. THE BEARS FELL JUST SHORT OF A REGIONAL BID IN 2014 HOWEVER THEY HAD MADE THE NCAA TOURNEY IN 2 OF THEIR PREVIOUS 4 SEASONS (2010 AND 2013). SINCE 2010 MERCER HAS NOT HAD LESS THAN 38 WINS IN ANY SEASON AND HAVE AVERAGED 39.2 WINS PER SEASON.....MERCER RETURNS JUST 2 STARTING POSITION PLAYERS, **Sr OF NATE MOOREHOUSE** (.281, 34 H, 9 2B, 2 HR, 11 RBI) AND **So C CHARLIE MADDEN** (.269, 36 H, 12 2B, 3 HR, 22 RBI). RETURNING PLAYERS COUNTED FOR 25% (131 OF 523) HITS AND 24% (10 OF 42) OF HR'S IN 2014. **Jr C TYLER HOMER** (INDIAN RIVER CC) AND **Fr OF TREY TRUITT** (DOTHAN, AL/REHOBETH HS) SHOULD STEP IN AND PRODUCE IN 2015.....WHILE MERCER LOST MOST THEIR OFFENSE THEY RETURN MOST THEIR PITCHING. LEADING THE STAFF IS **Sr RHP ERIC NYQUIST** (8-1, 3.12, 13 GS, 4 CG, 86.2 IP, 49 K, .224 B/AVG) WHO WAS 1ST TEAM ALL CONFERENCE IN THE A-SUN LAST YEAR. ALSO RETURNING FROM THE WEEKEND ROTATION LAST YEAR IS **Sr LHP GRANT PAPELIAN** (5-4, 4.13, 14 GS, 80.2 IP, 44 K). REDSHIRT **Sr RHP DJ JOHNSON** RETURNS AFTER BEING REDSHIRTED LAST YEAR. JOHNSON'S PITCHED AND WAS THE STARTING 2B HIS FRESHMAN AND SOPHMORE SEASONS BEFORE SWITCHING TO FULL TIME PITCHER IN 2013 BECOMING THE SUNDAY STARTER (7-2, 3.06, 14 GS, 85.1 IP, 67K). THREE SENIORS WHO COMBINED FOR 15 SAVES FROM LAST YEARS BULLPEN ALSO RETURN: **Sr RHP DIMITRI KOURTIS** (5-1, 1.15, 16 APP, 5 SV, 39.0 IP, 39 K), **Sr LHP MORGAN PITTMAN** (3-0, 1.30, 18 APP, 4 SV, 27.2 IP) AND **Sr RHP BEN LUMSDEN** (2-3, 2.16, 26 APP, 6 SV, 33.1 IP, 31 K). **RHP CARTER VARGA** (CLERMONT, FL/EAST RIDGE HS) IS NEWCOMER THAT SHOULD HAVE IMPACT AS A FRESHMAN.....MERCER LOST A LOT OF OFFENSE BUT WITH THE PITCHING THEY HAVE THE BEARS WILL CONTEND FOR SoCon TITLE AND SHOULD FINISH IN THE TOP 3 OR 4.

• RECORD: 38-17 • HOME: 24-4 • AWAY: 14-11 • NEUTRAL: 0-2 • A-SUN: 18-9 •

Player	Pos	Yr	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	sb-att
Nate Moorhouse	OF	Sr	.281	42-33	121	16	34	9	2	2	11	53	.438	10	0-2
Charlie Madden	C	So	.269	47-39	134	21	36	12	0	3	22	57	.425	16	2-3
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Kyle Lewis	OF	So	.281	42-24	89	21	25	3	0	2	17	34	.382	9	2-5
Matt Meeder	INF	So	.259	34-20	54	12	14	1	0	0	9	15	.278	9	0-2
Howard Joe	INF	R-So	.220	32-16	59	9	13	2	0	3	11	24	.407	2	1-1
Danny Edgeworth	INF	So	.209	30-8	43	8	9	0	1	0	4	11	.256	7	0-1

Player	Pos	Yr	era	w-l	app-gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	hbp
Eric Nyquist	RHP	Sr	3.12	8-1	14-13	4	2/0	0	86.2	70	34	30	17	49	11
Grant Papelian	LHP	Sr	4.13	5-4	20-14	1	1/0	0	80.2	89	37	37	18	44	3
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Dimitri Kourtis	RHP	Sr	1.15	5-1	16-0	0	0/0	5	39.0	36	8	5	9	39	2
Morgan Pittman	LHP	Sr	1.30	3-0	18-0	0	0/0	4	27.2	16	6	4	8	20	0
Ben Lumsden	RHP	Sr	2.16	2-3	26-0	0	0/2	6	33.1	29	8	8	9	31	4
Cam Wesolowski	RHP	So	2.70	0-0	4-0	0	0/0	0	3.1	4	1	1	1	3	0
Austin Lord	LHP	So	4.15	2-1	21-2	0	0/1	0	21.2	23	11	10	1	14	2
Mitchell Wade	RHP	Sr	5.56	0-0	10-0	0	0/0	0	11.1	17	7	7	2	8	1
*DJ Johnson	RHP	Sr	3.06	7-2	19-14	1	1/2	0	85.1	79	30	29	18	67	1

\*2013 Stats





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## 4TH- UNCG

UNCG FINISHED (21-28) OVERALL AND (8-16) 9TH SoCon IN HEAD COACH LINK JARRETTS 3RD SEASON. THE SPARTANS RETURN 5 POSITION PLAYERS FROM TEAM THAT LED THE LEAGUE AND FINISHED 6TH IN NATION WITH A .310 AVERAGE IN 2014.....UNCG'S OFFENSE IS LED BY 3 ALL CONFERENCE CANDIDATES IN **SR 2B HUNTER KING** (.382, 39 R, 76 H, 18 2B, 3 HR, 46) WHO WAS FIRST TEAM SoCon LAST YEAR, **R-Sr OF ZAC MACANENEY** (.325, 42 R, 67 H, 2 HR, 21 RBI) AND **Sr OF ERIC KALBFLEISCH** (.317, 40 H, 9 2B, 5 HR, 26 RBI). KALBFLEISCH WAS LIMITED TO 30 GAMES AFTER MISSING FIRST HALF OF 2014 WITH INJURY.....ON THE MOUND THE SPARTANS RETURN 11 OF 21 WINS AND 17 OF 49 STARTS. THE ONLY RETURNING STARTER IS ONE OF BEST IN THE LEAGUE **Jr RHP RYAN CLARK** (3-6, 3.68, 13 GS, 93.0 IP, 68 K). JUNIOR COLLEGE TRANSFER **Jr RHP KEATON HAACK** (PITT COMMUNITY COLLEGE) SHOULD BE ONE OF THE TOP NEWCOMERS IN THE LEAGUE. HAACK ORIGINALLY FROM GREENSBORO SPENT HIS FRESHMAN SEASON IN 2013 AT ALABAMA (1-1, 3.44, 21 APP, 34.0 IP, 27 K) BEFORE TRANSFERING TO PITT COMMUNITY COLLEGE LAST YEAR. THE SPARTANS ALSO RETURN SEVERAL WHO HAD VERY SOLID YEARS OUT OF THE BULLPEN. **Sr RHP TYLER FRAZIER** (1-3, 2.28, 23 APP, 4 SV, 27.2 IP, 32 K, .196 B/AVG), **So RHP ADAM SWIM** (4-2, 2.28, 25 APP, 2 SV, 27.2 IP), **Sr RHP BRENNEN JAMES** (1-2, 4.28, 23 APP, 27.1 IP) AND **R-Sr LHP BLAIR BETTS** (1-0, 4.76, 30 APP, 22.2 IP).....UNCG SHOULD NOT FINISH NEAR THE BOTTOM AGAIN THIS YEAR SO LOOK FOR THEM TO FINISH IN THE TOP 5 AND BE A DARKHORSE CONTENDER.

• RECORD: 21-28 • HOME: 16-10 • AWAY: 4-16 • NEUTRAL: 1-2 • SoCon: 8-16 •

Player	Pos	Yr	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	sb-att
Hunter King	INF	Sr	.382	48-48	199	39	76	18	2	3	46	107	.538	22	6-9
Zac MacAneney	OF	R-Sr	.325	47-47	206	42	67	4	2	2	21	81	.393	19	2-7
Eric Kalbfleisch	OF/LHP	Sr	.317	30-30	126	28	40	9	0	5	26	64	.508	14	1-1
L.J. Kalawaia	OF	Sr	.297	38-35	138	20	41	5	3	0	18	52	.377	11	10-13
Julian Abreu	LHP/OF/1B	So	.258	46-45	178	17	46	5	1	1	21	56	.315	17	1-2
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Tyler Long	OF/LHP	Sr	.298	29-27	104	23	31	9	1	1	15	45	.433	11	7-9
Jake Hall	C	Jr	.277	30-27	101	19	28	2	0	2	9	36	.356	7	0-0
Jake Kusz	C	So	.256	26-22	78	12	20	3	1	1	9	28	.359	10	0-0
Aaron Wright	1B/C	Sr	.254	23-16	63	4	16	2	0	1	11	21	.333	2	0-0
Nick Chapman	OF	Sr	.250	25-18	72	11	18	1	0	0	14	19	.264	7	2-3
Ricky Guile	INF	R-Jr	.182	12-2	11	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	.182	2	0-0

Player	Pos	Yr	era	w-l	app-gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	hbp
Ryan Clark	RHP	Jr	3.68	3-6	14-13	1	0/0	0	93.0	87	49	38	22	68	13
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Tyler Frazier	RHP	Sr	2.28	1-3	23-0	0	0/0	4	27.2	20	13	7	24	32	0
Adam Swim	RHP	So	2.28	4-2	25-0	0	0/0	2	27.2	27	17	7	18	20	2
Brennen James	RHP	Sr	4.28	1-2	23-0	0	0/0	0	27.1	37	20	13	9	21	2
Blair Betts	LHP	R-Sr	4.76	1-0	30-0	0	0/0	0	22.2	33	17	12	11	19	5
Tyler Long	OF/LHP	Sr	4.97	1-1	14-1	0	0/0	0	25.1	31	18	14	25	13	4
Lee Gilliam	RHP	R-Jr	14.04	0-1	3-3	0	0/0	0	8.1	18	13	13	4	8	1
Nick Jones	RHP	R-Jr	18.00	0-0	2-0	0	0/0	0	1.0	2	2	2	1	0	0



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## 5TH- ETSU

ETSU REJOINS THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE AFTER LEAVING FOR THE A-SUN IN 2006. THE BUCS RETURN 4 STARTING POSITION PLAYERS AND 2 PITCHERS WITH 12+ STARTS FROM A TEAM THAT FINISHED 2014 (27-30) OVERALL AND (13-13) T-5TH IN A-SUN.....**Jr OF JEREMY TAYLOR** (.277, 38 R, 66 H, 13 2B, 3 HR, 27 RBI) AND **So 3B CHRIS COOK** (.269, 39 R, 50 H, 9 2B, 14 RBI) TOP THE LIST OF RETURNING POSITION PLAYERS AND **Sr RHP JIMMY NESSELT** (7-5, 4.06, 16 GS, 102.0 IP, 62 K) AND **So LHP JAMIN MCCANN** (5-4, 4.78, 12 GS, 64.0 IP) RETURN ON THE MOUND.....For ETSU TO FINISH IN TOP 5 THEY WILL NEED NEWCOMERS TO PRODUCE WITH NO RETURNING PLAYER TO HIT ABOVE .277 AND AFTER NESSELT AND MCCANN NO ONE HAS MORE THAN 11.0 IP IN 2014. **Jr RHP GRIFFIN KRIEG** WAS LIMITED TO JUST 3 STARTS AND 11.0 IP IN 2014 AFTER STARTING 10 GAMES AND THROWING 52.2 INNINGS AS A ROOKIE IN 2013.

• RECORD: 27-30 • HOME: 21-13 • AWAY: 4-14 • NEUTRAL: 2-3 • A-SUN: 13-13 •

Player	Pos	Yr	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	sb-att
Jeremy Taylor	OF	Jr	.277	55-55	238	38	66	13	3	3	27	94	.395	12	12-21
Chris Cook	INF/RHP	So	.269	47-47	186	39	50	9	5	1	14	72	.387	19	6-6
Kevin Phillips	C/INF	Jr	.261	47-39	153	19	40	7	1	3	33	58	.379	15	3-4
Trey York	INF	Jr	.231	55-53	186	28	43	9	5	1	17	65	.349	15	11-13
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Jordan Sanford	INF	Sr	.367	37-24	90	15	33	4	2	1	17	44	.489	10	2-5
Andrew Lasure	C	Jr	.275	31-17	69	3	19	4	0	1	9	26	.377	0	0-0
Zach Thompson	INF	Sr	.228	25-16	57	11	13	4	0	0	6	17	.298	9	5-7
Danny Carrier	INF	R-So	.000	3-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0-0

Player	Pos	Yr	era	w-l	app-gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	hbp
Jimmy Nessel	RHP	Sr	4.06	7-5	20-16	1	0/0	1	102.0	121	56	46	25	62	5
Jamin McCann	LHP/OF	So	4.78	5-4	18-12	0	0/0	0	64.0	79	37	34	13	33	4
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Griffin Krieg	RHP	Jr	3.27	0-0	3-3	0	0/0	0	11.0	10	7	4	7	6	0
Andrew Lasure	RHP/C	Jr	9.00	0-0	1-0	0	0/0	0	1.0	2	1	1	2	0	0
Chris Cook	RHP/INF	So	20.25	0-0	2-0	0	0/0	0	1.1	1	3	3	2	1	1
Connor Bartow	RHP	So	27.00	0-0	1-0	0	0/0	0	1.0	6	3	3	0	0	0

### INTENDED STRENGTH OF SCHEDULE FOR 2015

FROM [WWW.BOYDSWORLD.COM](http://WWW.BOYDSWORLD.COM). GRANTED THERE IS AN ENTIRE SEASON TO BE PLAYED. HOWEVER, YOU CAN SEE WHY IT MAY BE DIFFICULT FOR ANY OF THE TEAMS TO BE IN POSITION FOR AN ATLARGE BID.

### 2015 PRE-SEASON INTENDED STRENGTH OF SCHEDULE

TEAM	RANKING
SAMFORD	133
UNCG	139
CITADEL	155
FURMAN	159
ETSU	161
VMI	167
MERCER	179
WCU	181
WOFFORD	233



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## 6TH- WOFFORD

WOFFORD RETURNS 5 STARTING POSITION PLAYERS AND 3 STARTERS WHO HAD 13 OR MORE STARTS, FOR TEAM THAT FINISHED 2014 (32-28) OVERALL AND (12-14) T-5TH IN SoCon. THE TERRIERS HAD 153 (RETURN 80 SB'S) STOLEN BASES IN 2014 WHICH WAS 20 MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE IN D1 BASEBALL.....AT THE PLATE **Jr INF ALEC PARADOWSKI** (.280, 31 r, 56 h, 10 2b, 2 hr, 25 RBI, 12-17 SB) AND **Sr INF/OF JAMES PLAISTED** (.250, 30 R, 50 H, 11 2B, 7 HR, 42 RBI, 8-11 SB) ARE THE TOP RETURNING HITTERS.....THE TERRIERS HAVE HAD ONE OF THE TOP PITCHING STAFFS IN THE LEAGUE THE LAST FEW YEARS AND SHOULD CONTINUE IN 2015 WITH THE RETURN OF ALL 3 WEEKEND STARTERS **Jr RHP MATTHEW MILBURN** (4-6, 3.95, 14 GS, 93.1 IP, 77 K), **Sr RHP CONNELL ANDERSON** (1-2, 4.20, 13 GS, 70.2 IP), AND **Jr RHP LUKE LEFTWICH** (4-5, 5.19, 14 GS, 76.1 IP, 78 K). WHEN YOU ASK COACHES AROUND LEAGUE WHO THE BEST PITCHERS IN THE LEAGUE YOU WILL FIND **Jr RHP WILL STILLMAN** (5-2, 1.55, 34 APP, 4 SV, 46.1 IP, 60 K, .135 B/AVG) NEAR THE TOP OF THAT LIST.....COMING OFF A HISTORIC 2014 SEASON, WHERE THE 32 WINS WERE THE MOST SINCE JOINING THE SoCon IN 1998, LOOK FOR THE TERRIERS TO BUILD OFF THAT AND FINISH IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PACK.

• RECORD: 32-28 • HOME: 21-14 • AWAY: 9-12 • NEUTRAL: 2-2 • SoCon: 12-14 •

Player	Pos	Yr	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	sb-att
Alec Paradowski	INF	Jr	.280	57-54	200	31	56	10	1	2	25	74	.370	35	12-17
James Plaisted	INF/OF	Sr	.250	57-53	200	30	50	11	1	7	42	84	.420	15	8-11
Derek Hirsch	INF	Jr	.248	53-44	129	22	32	4	0	0	7	36	.279	16	11-12
Demetrius Jennings	INF/OF	Jr	.243	52-39	140	25	34	6	0	0	14	40	.286	17	17-21
Conor Clancey	INF	Sr	.230	55-55	183	31	42	9	0	6	26	69	.377	19	4-5
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Matt Ramsay	OF	Sr	.279	50-30	122	19	34	4	0	3	16	47	.385	18	13-16
Dylan May	INF	So	.258	34-14	66	12	17	7	0	2	11	30	.455	7	1-2
Pete Carrier	INF	So	.250	5-0	4	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	.250	0	0-0
Carson Waln	C	So	.159	24-15	44	5	7	1	0	0	7	8	.182	10	4-5
Kody Ruedisili	OF	So	.145	47-27	69	6	10	0	0	0	9	10	.145	6	7-7
Matt Pelt	OF	Sr	.139	25-6	36	4	5	0	1	0	1	7	.194	7	3-5

Player	Pos	Yr	era	w-l	app-gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	hbp
Matthew Milburn	RHP	Jr	3.95	4-6	16-14	0	0/1	0	93.1	97	46	41	27	77	2
Connell Anderson	RHP	Sr	4.20	1-2	14-13	0	0/0	0	70.2	81	42	33	25	43	10
Luke Leftwich	RHP	Jr	5.19	4-5	18-14	0	0/0	0	76.1	84	55	44	29	78	11
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Will Stillman	RHP	Jr	1.55	5-2	34-0	0	0/1	4	46.1	21	16	8	26	60	3
Quintin Pile	RHP	R-Fr	2.25	0-0	4-0	0	0/0	0	4.0	6	2	1	6	3	0
Jacob Condra-Bogan	RHP	So	4.87	1-0	20-0	0	0/0	0	20.1	20	18	11	17	21	2
Connor Foltyn	LHP	Jr	5.06	1-0	27-0	0	0/0	0	16.0	12	9	9	11	20	3
Elliot Lance	RHP	So	6.65	1-1	16-1	0	0/0	0	21.2	26	17	16	11	10	5
Chris Sheehan	RHP	So	8.44	0-0	11-0	0	0/0	0	10.2	18	11	10	8	9	0
Spencer Kulman	RHP	So	9.18	0-0	15-0	0	0/0	0	16.2	21	22	17	15	16	2
Merritt Huber	RHP	So	10.57	0-0	15-0	0	0/0	0	7.2	9	11	9	9	5	6
Jordan Accetta	RHP	So	10.58	3-3	13-6	0	0/0	0	24.2	38	29	29	15	14	1
John Caskey	RHP	So	10.80	0-0	3-1	0	0/0	0	3.1	7	4	4	1	2	0
Josh Simpson	LHP	Jr	18.00	0-0	3-0	0	0/0	0	1.0	0	2	2	7	1	3





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## 7TH- FURMAN

THE FURMAN PALADINS RETURN 5 STARTING POSITION PLAYERS AND ONE STARTING PITCHER FROM A TEAM THAT FINISHED (26-33) OVERALL AND (11-15) 8TH IN SoCon.....AT THE PLATE THE PALADINS RETURN 22 OF 30 HR'S AND ARE LED BY **Sr 3B CHRIS OHMSTED** (.318, 40 R, 74 H, 11 2B, 10 HR, 47 RBI) WHO WAS TABBED 2ND TEAM ALL CONFERENCE IN 2014. ALSO RETURNING ARE **Sr OF JAKE JONES** (.309, 31 R, 46 H, 2 HR, 23 RBI), **Jr 2B JORDAN SIMPSON** (.295, 38 R, 74 H, 10 2B, 5 HR, 35 RBI), AND **So OF CARTER GROTE** (.333, 32 H, 8 2B, 1 HR, 14 RBI).....FURMAN RETURNS ONLY 9 OF 26 WINS FROM 2014 WITH FRIDAY NIGHT STARTER **Sr RHP MATT SOLTER** (3-5, 3.90, 15 GS, 90.0 IP, 67 K) LEADING THE STAFF. ALSO RETURNING ARE **Sr LHP RYAN MORSE** (1-3, 4.97, 16 APP, 25.1 IP), **Sr RHP ELLIOTT WARFORD** (2-4, 5.53, 21 APP, 8 GS, 1 SV, 53.2 IP), **So RHP MATTHEW QUARLES** (2-2, 5.62, 17 APP, 7 GS, 41.2 IP) AND **So LHP BILLY GREENFIELD** (1-4, 6.69, 26 APP, 2 GS, 39.0 IP, 34 K).....EXPECT THE PALADINS TO SWING THE BAT IN 2015 BUT WILL NEED TO IMPROVE THEIR 5.49 TEAM ERA IN 2014 TO FINISH IN TOP HALF.

• RECORD: 26-33 • HOME: 11-18 • AWAY: 12-13 • NEUTRAL: 3-2 • SoCon: 11-15 •

Player	Pos	Yr	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	sb-att
Chris Ohmstede	3B	Sr	.318	59-59	233	40	74	11	2	10	47	119	.511	21	6-7
Jake Jones	OF	Sr	.309	44-38	149	31	46	3	1	2	23	57	.383	20	5-11
Jordan Simpson	2B	Jr	.295	59-59	251	38	74	10	2	5	35	103	.410	10	7-12
Sky Overton	OF	So	.241	47-40	145	23	35	2	0	0	14	37	.255	11	6-8
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Carter Grote	OF	So	.333	31-21	96	15	32	8	0	1	14	43	.448	9	2-3
Zack Greenwell	C	Sr	.300	10-2	10	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	.300	0	0-0
Griffin Davis	OF	Jr	.255	39-25	102	11	26	5	0	0	11	31	.304	15	0-0
Jake Kinsley	C	Sr	.250	11-1	16	2	4	0	0	0	1	4	.250	0	0-0
Jarrod Rickman	DH	Sr	.240	21-5	25	0	6	2	0	0	6	8	.320	3	0-0
Cameron Whitehead	C	So	.229	35-19	83	16	19	4	0	1	5	26	.313	17	1-1
Kyle Simmons	OF	So	.222	23-1	9	3	2	0	0	0	0	2	.222	2	0-0
Andrew MacLachie	C	Jr	.215	41-38	107	16	23	9	0	3	17	41	.383	20	0-0
Matt Towarnicky	SS	Jr	.214	13-3	14	0	3	0	0	0	1	3	.214	0	1-1

Player	Pos	Yr	era	w-l	app-gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	hbp
Matt Solter	RHP	Sr	3.90	3-5	15-15	0	0/0	0	90.0	85	43	39	33	67	7
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Nolan Mullen	RHP	So	0.00	0-0	1-0	0	0/0	0	1.2	2	0	0	1	0	0
Harry Norman	LHP	So	3.75	0-0	13-1	0	0/0	0	12.0	16	6	5	5	4	1
Ryan Morse	LHP	Sr	4.97	1-3	16-1	0	0/1	0	25.1	11	16	14	34	17	4
Elliott Warford	RHP	Sr	5.53	2-4	21-8	0	0/0	1	53.2	71	45	33	25	35	3
Matthew Quarles	RHP	So	5.62	2-2	17-7	0	0/1	0	41.2	45	28	26	18	23	4
Billy Greenfield	LHP	So	6.69	1-4	26-2	0	0/0	0	39.0	45	34	29	16	34	11
Jake Wolff	RHP	Sr	13.50	0-0	7-0	0	0/1	0	6.0	10	9	9	8	4	1
Ryan Griffith	RHP	Jr	20.25	0-0	6-0	0	0/0	0	2.2	2	6	6	6	1	2



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## 8TH- VMI

VMI RETURNS TO THE SoCon AFTER LEAVING FOR THE BIG SOUTH IN 2004. 2004 VMI GRADUATE JONATHAN HADRA IS IN HIS FIRST SEASON AS HEAD COACH. THE KEYDETS WERE (25-23) OVERALL AND (11-16) BIG SOUTH IN 2014.....VMI RETURNS 5 STARTERS FROM A 2014 TEAM THAT HIT JUST .247 WITH 11 HOME RUNS AS A TEAM. LED BY **Sr OF BRANDON ANGUS** (.333, 62 H, 9 2B, 21 RBI, 29-34 SB) AND **R-Sr OF JORDAN TARSOVICH** (.293, 33 R, 54 H, 13 2B, 3 HR, 24 RBI, 20-22 SB).....ON THE MOUND THEY RETURN 10 OF 25 WINS AND 15 OF 48 STARTS. THEIR ONE RETURNING STARTER **Sr RHP ANDREW WOODS** (5-2, 2.70, 13 GS, 76.2 IP, 71 K) WILL GIVE THE KEYDETS A CHANCE TO WIN EVERY WEEKEND.....FOR VMI TO FINISH IN THE TOP HALF OF LEAGUE THEY WILL NEED TO MANUFACTURE RUNS AND WILL NEED SOME UNPROVEN ARMS TO STEP IN AND PRODUCE.

• RECORD: 25-23 • HOME: 17-10 • AWAY: 7-12 • NEUTRAL: 1-1 • BIG SOUTH: 11-16 •

Player	Pos	Yr	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	sb-att
Brandon Angus	OF	Sr	.333	48-48	186	23	62	9	3	0	21	77	.414	17	29-34
Jordan Tarsovich	INF/OF	R-Sr	.293	48-48	184	33	54	13	2	3	24	80	.435	22	20-22
David Geary	INF	Jr	.248	43-39	137	19	34	3	0	0	8	37	.270	17	2-3
Will Connerley	OF/1B	R-Sr	.219	41-33	114	15	25	5	2	0	11	34	.298	8	7-7
Matt Winn	C	R-Sr	.204	44-42	152	14	31	6	1	1	15	42	.276	16	1-1
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Brian Dudeck Jr	INF/OF	So	.250	4-0	4	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	.250	0	0-0
Red Dowdell	C/DH	Jr	.229	29-26	83	13	19	3	1	1	12	27	.325	12	0-1
Thomas Stallings	INF	Sr	.222	37-16	72	8	16	3	0	1	8	22	.306	6	1-1
Ray Lopez	INF/OF	Jr	.222	6-6	18	1	4	0	1	0	4	6	.333	3	1-3
Drew Bryan	INF	Sr	.211	18-4	19	6	4	1	0	0	0	5	.263	4	1-1
Will Malbon	OF	So	.188	40-21	85	9	16	3	0	0	4	19	.224	4	0-2
Josh Worthley	OF	So	.185	30-11	54	3	10	1	0	0	9	11	.204	4	0-0
Gary Leclair	OF	R-Jr	.129	27-8	31	4	4	1	0	0	2	5	.161	1	2-2
Tyler Tharp	1B	So	.083	12-5	24	1	2	0	1	0	2	4	.167	3	0-0

Player	Pos	Yr	era	w-l	app-gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	hbp
Andrew Woods	RHP	Sr	2.70	5-2	13-13	0	0/1	0	76.2	76	37	23	25	71	5
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Ryan Bennett	RHP	R-So	2.08	1-1	4-2	0	0/1	0	8.2	9	7	2	3	4	1
Taylor Edens	RHP	Jr	2.81	3-0	21-0	0	0/0	2	41.2	48	18	13	5	25	3
Blaine Lafin	RHP	So	3.48	1-0	8-0	0	0/0	0	10.1	13	5	4	4	3	2
Austin Heenan	LHP	So	3.75	0-0	18-0	0	0/0	0	12.0	10	6	5	9	13	2
Jonathan Kelley	LHP	Sr	4.85	0-1	22-0	0	0/0	1	13.0	9	8	7	9	14	1
Micah Gorman	RHP	Jr	18.00	0-0	3-0	0	0/0	0	3.0	10	11	6	1	3	2



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## 9TH- THE CITADEL

THE CITADEL FINISHED 2014 LAST IN SoCon AT (8-18) AND (24-34) OVERALL. THE BULLDOGS HAVE FINISHED BELOW .500 IN 3 OF THE LAST 4 SEASONS INCLUDING TWO LAST PLACE FINISHES. ....OFFENSIVELY CITADEL RETURNS 3 STARTERS, **SENIOR C RYAN KILGALLEN** (.278, 1 HR, 16 RBI), **JUNIOR SS JOHNATHAN STOKES** (.254, 52 H, 10 2B, 2 HR, 36 RBI) **JUNIOR INF BRET HINES** (.272, 31 H, 5 2B, 13 RBI), AFTER TWO JUNIORS WHO WERE TAKEN IN MIDDLE ROUNDS SIGNED. DH BO THOMPSON (.315, 9 HR, 39 RBI 13TH RD, NYY) AND 2B MASON DAVIS (.310, 13 2B, 45 RBI, 27-33 SB 19TH RD, MIA). **FRESHMAN 1B DREW ELLIS** (COLUMBIA, SC/BLYTHEWOOD, HS) IS THE TOP NEW COMER FOR THE BULLDOGS AND SHOULD BE AN IMPACT BAT.....ON THE MOUND THEY RETURN 43 OF 58 STARTS, 19 OF 25 WINS AND 403.1 IP OF 507.0 IP. LEADING THE WAY IS ON OF THE BEST ARMS IN THE SoCon, **Jr RHP SKYLAR HUNTER** (2-4, 1.67, 15 SV, 43.0 IP, 44 K) WHO HAS SAVED 28 GAMES AND AVERAGES 10.1 STRIKEOUTS PER 9.0 IP. **R-Jr LHP JAMES REEVES** (3-2, 3.40 ERA, 7 GS, 39.2 IP) RETURNS AFTER MISSING THE SECOND HALF OF 2014 AND HAS 12 CAREER WINS.....If the CADETS WANT TO FINISH BACK IN THE TOP HALF OF THE LEAGUE THEY WILL NEED TO PITCH MUCH BETTER THAN THEY DID IN 2014 (LAST IN TEAM ERA 5.75) AND HAVE THE ARMS TO DO SO.

• RECORD: 24-34 • HOME: 21-15 • AWAY: 3-17 • NEUTRAL: 0-2 • SoCon: 8-18 •

Player	Pos	Yr	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	sb-att
Johnathan Stokes	SS	Jr	.254	56-56	205	27	52	10	0	2	36	68	.332	22	2-3
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Austin Mapes	OF	So	.286	24-2	28	2	8	0	0	0	6	8	.286	3	0-0
Bret Hines	SS	Jr	.272	47-34	114	17	31	5	0	0	13	36	.316	2	0-0
Connor Walsh	1B/LHP	Sr	.250	24-7	40	3	10	2	0	0	6	12	.300	2	0-0
Jason Smith	OF	Jr	.211	10-5	19	9	4	1	0	0	1	5	.263	4	1-1
Stephen Windham	C	Jr	.192	25-10	26	1	5	0	0	0	1	5	.192	5	0-0
Bailey Rush	3B	Sr	.167	30-13	54	8	9	2	0	0	5	11	.204	9	1-1
Barrett Charpia	SS	So	.100	10-2	10	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	.200	0	0-0
Steven Hansen	OF	So	.000	11-0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0-0

Player	Pos	Yr	era	w-l	app-gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	hbp
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Skylar Hunter	RHP	Jr	1.67	2-4	29-0	0	0/1	15	43.0	22	8	8	23	44	4
Layton Meacham	RHP	Jr	2.70	1-0	5-0	0	0/0	0	6.2	7	2	2	2	7	0
James Reeves	LHP	Sr	3.40	3-2	7-7	0	0/0	0	39.2	38	22	15	10	36	3
Zach McKay	RHP	So	5.00	0-0	25-0	0	0/0	0	18.0	16	13	10	8	13	4
Austin Mason	RHP	Jr	5.02	1-5	14-12	0	0/0	0	57.1	60	38	32	32	39	4
Ross White	LHP	Sr	5.04	1-2	35-0	0	0/0	0	30.1	38	19	17	16	23	3
Zach Lavery	RHP	So	5.48	4-0	19-0	0	0/0	0	21.1	27	16	13	4	10	3
Zach Sherrill	RHP	Sr	5.82	4-1	36-0	0	0/0	0	43.1	48	31	28	22	30	5
Paul Joseph Krouse	RHP	So	6.75	0-0	17-0	0	0/0	0	10.2	16	8	8	4	6	0
Connor Walsh	1B/LHP	Sr	8.10	0-0	7-0	0	0/0	0	3.1	7	3	3	4	2	1
Nate Brecklin	LHP	Jr	8.31	0-1	15-2	0	0/0	0	21.2	27	22	20	16	12	2
Brett Tompkins	RHP	Sr	8.37	1-3	14-3	0	0/0	0	23.2	24	24	22	20	9	4
Austin Livingston	RHP	Jr	8.57	2-8	16-12	0	0/0	0	48.1	68	55	46	30	39	6
Kevin Connell	LHP	Sr	10.16	0-3	18-7	0	0/0	0	36.1	61	47	41	17	19	1