



2016 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE BASEBALL PREVIEW

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PROJECTED 2016 STANDINGS

*2015 RECORDS LISTED/ **NCAA REGIONAL**

	TEAM	SoCon		OVERALL	
		W	L	W	L
1	SAMFORD	14	10	32	26
2	MERCER	16	7	35	23
3	WESTERN CAROLINA	11	13	21	30
4	WOFFORD	13	10	39	22
5	UNCG	12	12	23	27
6	FURMAN	11	13	25	33
7	CITADEL	10	14	28	30
8	ETSU	8	16	21	35
9	VMI	12	12	21	30

PROJECTED REGIONAL TEAMS

(1) WINNER OF TOURNAMENT

IN REGIONAL MIX

SAMFORD, MERCER, WCU

TOP 5 LINEUPS

1	SAMFORD
2	MERCER
3	ETSU
4	WESTERN CAROLINA
5	WOFFORD

TOP 5 PITCHING STAFFS

1	WOFFORD
2	SAMFORD
3	WESTERN CAROLINA
4	MERCER
5	UNCG

BEST SCHEDULES

1	WESTERN CAROLINA
2	SAMFORD
3	CITADEL
4	MERCER
5	FURMAN

FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR NOTES

ONLY 2 PITCHERS IN LAST 13 YEARS (2006 HENSLEY, ELON; 2008 GIRDWOOD, ELON) HAVE WON FRESHMAN OF YEAR IN THE SOCON. SAMFORD HAS WON THE LAST 2 (2014 QUINN; 2015 EDENS) AND HAVE A FEW CANDIDATES AGAIN. KEEP AN EYE ON RHP CONNOR RADCLIFF AND INF TROY DIXON.

1ST TEAM ALL CONFERENCE

Pos	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS
SP	MATTHEW MILBURN	WOFFORD	SR
SP	ADAM SCOTT	WOFFORD	So
RP	WILL STILLMAN	WOFFORD	SR
C	DANNY BERMUDEZ	WCU	SR
1B	ALEX LEE	SAMFORD	SR
2B	TREY YORK	ETSU	SR
SS	MATT MEEDER	MERCER	JR
3B	HUNTER SWILLING	SAMFORD	SR
OF	KYLE LEWIS	MERCER	JR
OF	HEATH QUINN	SAMFORD	JR
OF	MATT SMITH	WCU	JR
DH	AUSTIN EDENS	SAMFORD	So

2ND TEAM ALL CONFERENCE

Pos	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS
SP	JP SEARS	CITADEL	So
SP	BRYAN SAMMONS	WCU	JR
RP	TAYLOR EDENS	VMI	SR
C	RICHARD GREENE	SAMFORD	SR
1B	KEVIN PHILLIPS	ETSU	SR
2B	JORDAN SIMPSON	FURMAN	SR
SS	CHRIS COOK	ETSU	JR
3B	COLLIN WOODY	UNCG	SR
OF	AUSTIN MAPES	CITADEL	JR
OF	KODY RUEDISILI	WOFFORD	JR
OF	KRAMER FERRELL	WCU	SR
DH	HAGEN OWENBY	ETSU	So

PLAYER OF YEAR

HEATH QUINN, OF SAMFORD

PITCHER OF YEAR

ADAM SCOTT, LHP WOFFORD

FRESHMAN OF YEAR

CESAR TREJO, INF UNCG

2015 WAS THE 3RD YEAR IN ROW THE SOCON SENT ONLY ONE TEAM (MERCER) TO A REGIONAL. 2016 LOOKS MUCH THE SAME WITH SAMFORD AND MERCER AS THE TWO CLEAR FAVORITES TO CLAIM THE AUTOMATIC BID. ON PAPER JUST TWO TEAMS, WESTERN CAROLINA AND SAMFORD, HAVE SCHEDULES THAT COULD PUT THEM IN POSITION FOR AT LARGE. WESTERN'S TOUGH ROAD SCHEDULE SHOULD GET THEIR RPI IN RANGE AS LONG AS THEY PLAY GOOD AND FINISH HIGH ENOUGH IN THE LEAGUE.



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TOP 5 RETURNING HITTERS

1	KYLE LEWIS	OF	MERCER	JR
2	HEATH QUINN	OF	SAMFORD	JR
3	AUSTIN EDENS	OF	SAMFORD	SO
4	TREY YORK	2B	ETSU	SR
5	MATT SMITH	OF	WCU	JR

TOP 5 RETURNING PITCHERS

1	ADAM SCOTT	LHP	WOFFORD	SO
2	WILL STILLMAN	RHP	WOFFORD	SR
3	MATHEW MILBURN	RHP	WOFFORD	SR
4	JP SEARS	LHP	CITADEL	SO
5	BRYAN SAMMONS	LHP	WCU	JR

TOP NEWCOMERS 2015

- 1 RHP HUNTER SMITH, UNCG (GARDNER WEBB)
- 2 OF BRYSON BOWMAN, WCU (CATAWBA VALLEY CC)
- 3 RHP CONNOR RADCLIFF, SAMFORD (HELENA, AL/PEHLAM HS)
- 4 INF CESAR TREJO, UNCG (GREENSBORO, NC/LUCY RAGSDALE HS)
- 5 RHP KEVIN COULTER, MERCER (BUFORD, GA/BUFORD HS)

TOP 10 NON CONFERENCE WEEKENDS

- 1 **MERCER** AT COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON 3/11-3/13
- 2 **WESTERN CAROLINA** AT GEORGIA TECH 3/4-3/6
- 3 **SAMFORD** AT SOUTHERN MISS 3/11-3/13
- 4 **WOFFORD** VS KENTUCKY, STONY BROOK, GEORGE MASON 2/19-2/21
- 5 **WESTERN CAROLINA** AT INDIANA 3/11-3/13
- 6 **CITADEL** VS COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON 3/3-3/6
- 7 **FURMAN** AT TULANE 3/11-3/13
- 8 **UNCG** VS (2)ILLINOIS VS (2)COASTAL CAROLINA 3/11-3/13
- 9 **WCU** AT UNCW, VS RICHMOND, VS ST JOHNS 2/19-2/21
- 10 **ETSU** AT UNCW 4/15-4/17

RECENT SOUTHERN CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

YEAR	REGULAR SEASON	TOURNEY(SEED)
2015	MERCER	MERCER (1)
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 NCAA BIDS BY YEAR

YEAR	#	TEAMS
2015	1	MERCER
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

OTHER KEY NON CONFERENCE WEEKENDS

- MERCER VS AUSTIN PEAY 3/4-3/6
- CITADEL AT ELON 3/11-3/13
- SAMFORD VS BYU 2/25-2/27
- WESTERN CAROLINA AT KENT ST 5/19-/521
- MERCER VS RADFORD 2/19-2/21
- CITADEL VS VIRGINIA TECH 2/19-2/21
- SAMFORD VS KANSAS 4/22-4/24
- WESTERN CAROLINA AT KANSAS ST 3/18-3/21
- ETSU VS FLORIDA GULF COAST 3/18-3/20



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1st Samford 32-26 Overall and 14-10 SoCon

The Samford Bulldogs led the country with 85 HR in 2015 and return 84 of those long balls. The Bulldogs return all 9 starting position players and 2 starting pitchers.

One of the best offenses in the country is led by junior OF Heath Quinn (.340, 81 H, 11 2B, 14 HR, 56 RBI). Quinn should be selected in top 10 rounds of the upcoming draft after being selected in the 13th round by the Indians coming out of high school. Sophomore DH Austin Edens (.357, 76 H, 17 2B, 16 HR, 54 RBI) returns after his All-American Freshman season. Joining Quinn and Edens are senior 1B Alex Lee (.343, 71 H, 16 2B, 10 HR, 49 RBI), junior 3B Hunter Swilling (.324, 77 H, 15 2B, 16 HR, 56 RBI), senior C Richard Greene (.322, 66 H, 7 2B, 11 HR, 50 RBI), senior SS Frankie Navarrete (.291, 2 HR, 21 RBI), senior IF Danny Rodriguez (.289, 55 H, 10 2B, 4 HR, 30 RBI), junior OF T.J. Dixon (.286, 61 H, 9 2B, 3 HR, 18 RBI, 22-24 SB) and senior OF Jared Watson (.258, 1 HR, 27 RBI). One of top INF recruits out of AL is incoming 2B Troy Dixon (Mobile, AL/UMS-Wright) the younger brother of junior OF TJ Dixon.

Samford returns only 5 pitchers who threw 9 or more innings. Senior RHP Parker Curry (6-6, 4.81, 12 GS, 78.2 IP, 64 K), junior RHP Jared Brasher (3-3, 6.93, 10 GS, 37.2 IP, 32 K) and sophomore RHP Tristan Widra (1-1, 6.59, 19 APP, 7 GS, 41.0 IP, 30 K) are the most experienced arms. Brasher has a big arm (mid 90s FB) but has yet to put it together at Samford. Freshman RHP Connor Radcliff (Birmingham, AL/Pelham HS) 90-92 FB should be a factor in his first season.

The Bulldogs have been in the SoCon Tourney championship game 4 of last 5 seasons and should be there again in 2016.

Record: 32-26 Home: 17-11 Away: 12-11 Neutral: 3-4 SoCon: 14-10

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	OB%	SB-ATT
33 Austin Edens.....	0.357	55-54	213	48	76	17	0	16	54	141	0.662	30	4	44	0.442	0-0
24 Alex Lee.....	0.343	55-53	207	49	71	16	1	10	49	119	0.575	26	5	47	0.425	3-4
22 Heath Quinn.....	0.340	58-58	238	57	81	11	2	14	56	138	0.580	21	12	44	0.418	8-9
32 Hunter Swilling..	0.324	58-58	238	63	77	15	4	16	56	148	0.622	28	10	59	0.415	9-12
13 Richard Greene...	0.322	55-55	205	33	66	7	0	11	50	106	0.517	8	5	36	0.357	0-1
1 Frankie Navarrete	0.291	46-40	134	21	39	4	1	2	21	51	0.381	17	3	27	0.381	4-4
7 Danny Rodriguez..	0.289	54-50	190	30	55	10	2	4	30	81	0.426	29	2	35	0.389	3-5
6 T.J. Dixon.....	0.286	56-53	213	46	61	9	4	3	18	87	0.408	20	7	49	0.365	22-24
3 Jared Watson.....	0.258	49-48	190	28	49	4	0	1	27	56	0.295	9	6	45	0.309	3-7

2 Parker Curry.....	0.333	7-0	9	1	3	0	0	1	3	6	0.667	1	0	0	0.400	0-0
31 Gregory Mula.....	0.333	11-0	6	4	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.333	1	1	2	0.500	0-0
19 Anthony Gonzalez.	0.289	18-9	38	5	11	1	1	0	4	14	0.368	4	0	12	0.357	1-1
9 Damon Waller.....	0.241	36-30	112	27	27	3	0	6	21	48	0.429	25	0	45	0.377	0-0
16 Robert Perteet...	0.214	13-1	14	3	3	1	0	0	4	4	0.286	2	0	2	0.294	0-1
18 Grant Colton.....	0.188	16-1	16	3	3	0	0	0	2	3	0.188	1	2	3	0.316	1-1
8 Sam Teague.....	0.000	14-0	8	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	5	0.000	0-0
Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	HR	B/Avg	WP
2 Parker Curry.....	4.81	6-6	16	12	0	0	78.2	93	51	42	16	64	19	10	0.290	3

35 Jake Greer.....	4.82	0-1	8	1	0	0	9.1	7	7	5	8	9	1	0	0.206	6
21 Tristan Widra....	6.59	1-1	19	7	0	0	41	53	32	30	14	30	10	7	0.317	3
41 Jared Brasher....	6.93	3-3	11	10	0	0	37.2	34	31	29	20	32	4	3	0.248	13
17 Caleb Maggio.....	11.17	0-0	10	0	0	0	9.2	15	18	12	6	8	1	1	0.333	3
16 Robert Perteet...	18.00	0-0	4	0	0	0	1	2	2	2	3	2	0	0	0.400	0
8 Sam Teague.....	99.00	0-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0		0



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2nd Mercer 35-23 Overall and 16-7 SoCon

You can not have a better first year than Mercer did in the SoCon last year. The Bears won both the regular season and tournament titles in the 2015 season. Mercer returns 7 of 9 position starters and one starting pitcher from the 2015 club.

The offense is lead by the junior OF Kyle Lewis (.367, 83 H, 19 2B, 17 HR, 56 RBI) who was the SoCon player of year in 2015 and enters the 2016 season on every preseason All American team. Joining the potential 1st round draft pick are sophomore INF/OF Jackson Ware (.314, 50 H, 10 2B, 5 HR, 25 RBI), junior SS Matt Meeder (.293, 58 H, 11 2B, 2 HR, 27 RBI), junior 3B Danny Edgeworth (.292, 62 H, 12 2B, 6 HR, 42 RBI), sophomore OF Trey Truitt (.276, 11 2B, 8 HR, 38 RBI), R-junior 1B Joe Howard (.275, 63 H, 11 2B, 6 HR, 36 RBI) and junior C Charlie Madden (.272, 14 2B, 9 HR, 49 RBI).

The Bears lost their top 3 pitchers including all conference ace RHP Eric Nyquist (9-2, 3.11). Weekend starter Junior RHP Ryan Askew (4-4, 6.75, 11 GS, 49.1) returns as does sophomore LHP Connor Herd (2-2, 5.64, 7 GS, 30.1 IP) and junior LHP Austin Lord (0-1, 5.64, 26 APP, 22.1 IP, 22 K). Freshma RHP Conard Broom (Rising Fawn, Ga/Gordon Lee HS) and RHP Kevin Coulter (Buford, Ga/Buford HS) are expected to throw plenty of innings.

Mercer should score runs and if they want to repeat they will need some newcomers to have big seasons on the mound. The Bears should finish in the top 3 of league and are one of two favorites.

Record: 35-23 Home: 16-15 Away: 17-7 Neutral: 2-1 SoCon: 16-7

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	OB%	SB-ATT
20 Kyle Lewis.....	0.367	54-53	226	49	83	19	0	17	56	153	0.677	19	5	41	0.423	3-8
4 Jackson Ware.....	0.314	53-42	159	32	50	10	0	5	25	75	0.472	22	7	25	0.418	3-4
6 Matt Meeder.....	0.293	58-57	198	49	58	11	2	2	27	79	0.399	48	15	36	0.464	2-5
21 Danny Edgeworth..	0.292	58-58	212	46	62	12	1	6	42	94	0.443	22	16	44	0.398	5-6
8 Trey Truitt.....	0.276	56-53	181	37	50	11	2	8	38	89	0.492	27	2	59	0.374	4-7
16 Howard Joe.....	0.275	58-58	229	34	63	11	1	6	36	94	0.410	19	2	43	0.335	0-2
18 Charlie Madden...	0.272	58-57	202	30	55	14	1	9	49	98	0.485	26	2	49	0.359	1-1

10 Conrad Cornell...	0.308	21-7	26	8	8	2	0	0	5	10	0.385	2	0	4	0.345	1-1
29 Jose Hernandez...	0.154	29-9	39	6	6	2	0	2	7	14	0.359	6	3	14	0.306	0-0
22 Tyler Homer.....	0.119	20-10	42	4	5	2	0	0	5	7	0.167	3	2	17	0.213	0-0
12 Steven Taylor....	0.000	6-0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	2	1	0	0.750	0-0
Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	HR	B/Avg	WP

10 Conrad Cornell...	0.00	0-0	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.400	0
33 Cam Wesolowski...	3.38	0-0	6	0	0	0	5.1	5	2	2	3	3	2	0	0.278	0
23 Carter Varga.....	5.19	1-0	18	0	0	0	17.1	20	15	10	4	19	6	2	0.267	3
26 Connor Herd.....	5.64	2-2	11	7	0	0	30.1	46	26	19	10	14	9	4	0.362	4
9 Austin Lord.....	5.64	0-1	26	0	0	0	22.1	31	14	14	6	22	4	1	0.337	1
39 Ryan Askew.....	6.75	4-4	17	11	0	0	49.1	69	44	37	18	31	10	5	0.332	9



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3rd Western Carolina 21-30 Overall and 11-13 SoCon

The Western Carolina Catamounts finished tied for 6th at 11-13 in 2015. The Catamounts return 5 of 6 position players who started 39 or more games and another 3 who started 21 or more games. On the mound the Catamounts return all 3 weekend starters.

The top two returning hitters are junior OF Matt Smith (.332, 65 H, 11 2B, 5 HR, 34 RBI, 12-16 SB) and senior C Danny Bermudez (.317, 59 H, 14 2B, 7 HR, 42 RBI). Other returning starters are senior OF Kramer Ferrell (.295, 57 H, 10 2B, 6 HR, 32 RBI), sophomore INF Brett Pope (.270, 55 H, 6 2B, 22 RBI), senior INF Reece Strong (.254, 9 2B, 1 HR, 24 RBI). Senior INF JD Long (.263, 16 GS) was the starting SS at the start of the 2015 before season ending shoulder injury ended his season after 16 games. Other players who should have impact are RS-Sophomore UTL Pierce Suttles (.286, 5 2B, 4 HR, 14 RBI), junior college transfers RS-junior OF Bryson Bowman (Hudson, NC/Catawba Valley CC) and junior INF Nobu Suzuki (Japan/Skyline College/Santa Monica HS). Keep an eye on senior OF Garrett Brown (.206, 26 GP, 9 GS, 6-8 SB) who finished his football elibigibility and now is just playing baseball. The The Rockies drafted him out of high school in the 43rd round for his speed in the 2011 draft. Brown played just 24 games in 2012 and 26 last season.

The Catamounts return all 3 starting pitchers in junior RHP B.J. Nobles (4-3, 4.84, 9 GS, 61.1 IP, 72 K), junior LHP Bryan Sammons (4-5, 5.64, 14 GS, 75.0 IP, 71 K) and junior RHP Korey Anderson (3-5, 7.69, 10 GS, 62.0 IP, 60 K). Sophomore LHP Brandan Nail (3-3, 6.46, 18 APP, 6 GS, 46.0 IP, 39 K) should start season in rotation. Nail showed flashes in his freshman season and could breakout in 2016. Both Anderson and Nail had strong summers out in the California Summer League. Also returning are senior LHP Taylor Durand (0-3, 4.64, 24 APP, 33.0 IP, 31 K) and senior RHP Colton Davis (1-3, 8.04, 18 APP, 28.0 IP, 34 K).

WCU will have to pitch alot better in 2016 to contend but expect them to finish in the top 4. In 2015 WCU had 104 wild pitches in 442.1 IP as a staff. According to www.ncaa.org the previous national record was 97 by Air Force in 426.1 IP in 2004.

Record: 21-30 Home: 14-12 Away: 6-16 Neutral: 1-2 SoCon: 11-13

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	OB%	SB-ATT
17 Matt Smith.....	0.332	51-51	196	32	65	11	1	5	34	93	0.474	31	12	47	0.448	12-16
7 Danny Bermudez....	0.317	48-48	186	43	59	14	1	7	42	96	0.516	19	15	50	0.417	3-3
2 Kramer Ferrell....	0.295	51-51	193	47	57	10	1	6	32	87	0.451	20	12	43	0.390	2-4
5 Brett Pope.....	0.270	51-51	204	43	55	6	0	0	22	61	0.299	22	3	33	0.348	14-18
9 Reece Strong.....	0.254	46-39	134	17	34	9	0	1	24	46	0.343	26	8	26	0.395	1-2

11 Pierce Suttles...	0.286	34-17	70	15	20	5	0	4	14	37	0.529	7	5	16	0.390	2-2
3 J.D. Long.....	0.263	16-16	57	12	15	1	0	0	6	16	0.281	5	1	10	0.333	1-1
15 Caleb Robinson...	0.233	33-23	90	16	21	4	1	0	10	27	0.300	3	2	22	0.271	1-2
34 Matthew Koehler.	0.233	38-29	90	16	21	4	0	0	6	25	0.278	10	6	29	0.349	5-6
30 Spencer Holcomb..	0.222	24-13	45	6	10	3	0	2	13	19	0.422	3	1	14	0.269	0-1
4 Jason Smith.....	0.210	39-21	81	10	17	7	0	4	20	36	0.444	14	2	25	0.340	0-0
21 Garrett Brown....	0.206	26-9	34	9	7	0	0	0	4	7	0.206	1	2	11	0.270	6-8
39 Dillon Bray.....	0.000	2-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	1	0.000	0-0
Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	HR	B/Avg	WP
18 B.J. Nobles.....	4.84	4-3	19	9	0	0	61.1	66	44	33	41	72	10	6	0.274	8
32 Bryan Sammons....	5.64	4-5	16	14	0	0	75	83	65	47	56	71	17	8	0.279	10
22 Korey Anderson...	7.69	3-5	16	10	0	0	62	82	65	53	37	60	9	10	0.312	16

20 Taylor Durand....	4.64	0-3	24	1	0	0	33	32	22	17	28	31	6	0	0.271	6
44 Brendan Nail....	6.46	3-3	18	6	0	0	46	56	38	33	38	39	12	4	0.315	9
16 Colton Davis....	8.04	1-3	18	3	0	0	28	42	38	25	25	34	9	2	0.344	10
47 Jonathan Waszak..	8.10	1-1	18	2	0	0	16.2	18	15	15	25	17	10	0	0.277	15
33 Corey Sikes.....	8.13	1-1	23	2	0	0	31	41	32	28	9	23	11	2	0.311	4
29 Dylan Biumi.....	9.13	1-1	16	0	0	0	22.2	25	24	23	12	12	8	3	0.291	4
39 Dillon Bray.....	10.70	1-1	10	3	0	0	17.2	28	26	21	13	16	5	0	0.373	2



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4th Wofford 39-22 Overall and 13-10 SoCon

Head Coach Todd Interdonato and Wofford set the school record for victories in a season in 2015 after going 39-22 overall and finishing in 3rd place in SoCon at 13-10. Wofford led the country in stolen bases with 138 last season and returns 89 of those bags. 5 starting position players return and 2 weekend starters return on the mound.

Junior C Carson Waln (.335, 55 H, 12 2B, 32 RBI, 17-20 SB) leads the returning position players and is joined by senior SS Derek Hirsch (.311, 60 H, 8 2B, 4 HR, 29 RBI, 17-21 SB), junior OF Kody Ruedisili (.302, 62 H, 12 2B, 4 3B, 28 RBI, 14-18 SB), senior 2B Alec Paradowski (.278, 65 H, 12 2B, 4 HR, 28 RBI, 14-17 SB) and sophomore 3B Max McDougald (.258, 42 H).

The Terriers return 13 of 15 for the leagues best pitching staff, including 2 of 3 weekend starters. Senior RHP Matt Milburn (10-3, 4.32, 16 GS, 102.0 IP, 87 K) led the league with 10 wins and sophomore LHP Adam Scott (8-4, 3.68, 15 GS, 93.0 IP, 72 K) finished tied for 3rd in wins with 8 and 3rd in era 3.68. They also return the leagues best closer senior RHP Will Stillman (1-1, 4.60, 28 APP, 15 SV, 29.1 IP, 50 K) who is returning after being drafted in the 29th round last season. Junior RHP Elliot Lance and junior RHP Spencer Kulman return after both going 5-2 with 24 APP in 2015.

In 2014 the Terriers finished 32-28 overall and 12-14 in SoCon then in 2015 they finished 39-22 overall and 13-10 in SoCon. The 2016 Terriers will finish closer to the 2014 club rather than the 2015 club.

Record: 39-22 Home: 27-8 Away: 9-12 Neutral: 3-2 SoCon: 13-10

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	OB%	SB-ATT
4 Carson Waln.....	0.335	57-41	164	34	55	12	4	0	32	75	0.457	27	2	38	0.429	17-20
11 Derek Hirsch.....	0.311	60-60	193	34	60	8	0	0	29	68	0.352	23	4	33	0.394	17-21
22 Kody Ruedisili...	0.302	61-61	205	46	62	12	4	5	34	97	0.473	28	8	46	0.403	14-18
15 Alec Paradowski..	0.278	61-61	234	53	65	12	1	4	28	91	0.389	42	11	40	0.407	14-17
26 Max McDougald....	0.258	54-49	163	18	42	6	0	0	28	48	0.294	14	0	23	0.308	8-11

18 Cody Miller.....	0.257	15-10	35	7	9	2	3	1	6	20	0.571	2	1	13	0.308	3-4
34 Mack Nathanson...	0.212	35-22	85	17	18	4	1	4	17	36	0.424	8	6	32	0.323	8-8
1 Demetrius Jenning	0.173	53-20	81	13	14	2	0	0	5	16	0.198	15	0	15	0.299	7-11
35 Alex Malsch.....	0.125	16-1	8	8	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.125	1	0	4	0.222	1-1
8 Trace Witt.....	0.000	32-2	12	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.000	4	1	8	0.278	0-1
21 McClain Bradley..	0.000	12-0	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	1	0	6	0.111	0-0
Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	HR	B/Avg	WP
33 Adam Scott.....	3.680	8-4	16	15	2	0	93	84	43	38	23	72	15	9	0.239	6
24 Matthew Milburn..	4.320	10-3	16	16	1	0	102	108	55	49	25	87	21	8	0.272	16

17 Grant Byers.....	3.520	0-0	7	0	0	0	7.2	6	3	3	5	7	1	0	0.231	0
7 David Emen.....	3.600	0-0	11	0	0	0	5	4	4	2	2	5	1	0	0.211	0
25 Josh Simpson.....	3.860	0-0	5	0	0	0	2.1	1	1	1	2	2	0	0	0.125	0
9 Will Stillman....	4.600	1-1	28	0	0	15	29.1	29	16	15	21	50	6	0	0.261	8
39 Jacob Condra-Boga	4.660	1-1	27	0	0	2	29	31	20	15	18	36	6	4	0.274	3
31 Elliot Lance.....	5.360	5-2	24	2	0	0	45.1	57	30	27	7	27	10	5	0.320	3
23 Spencer Kulman...	5.610	5-2	24	1	0	0	33.2	35	22	21	29	35	7	1	0.269	7
12 John Caskey.....	6.430	0-2	9	4	0	1	28	43	22	20	4	25	5	6	0.350	3
32 Connor Foltyn....	6.750	0-0	13	0	0	0	4	4	4	3	7	4	1	1	0.267	1
13 Jordan Accetta...	7.750	1-3	15	6	0	0	38.1	51	41	33	16	24	7	8	0.331	8
14 Merritt Huber....	11.740	0-0	10	0	0	0	7.2	12	10	10	2	3	5	0	0.375	1



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5th UNCG 23-27 Overall and 12-12 SoCon

UNCG finished 2015 tied for 4th at 12-12 in the SoCon. The Spartans return 3 regular starters and 2 starting pitchers.

Senior 3B Collin Woody (.296, 59 H, 12 2B, 10 HR, 41 RBI) is the leading returning hitter and is joined by junior catcher Jake Kusz (.289, 39 H, 4 HR, 23 RBI), and Sophomore SS Tripp Shelton (.252, 35 H, 7 2B, 3 HR, 19 RBI). Joining them is sophomore DH Devin Ruiz (.300 in 26 GS) and redshirt senior OF L.J. Kalawaia (.297, 18 RBI, 10-13 SB in 2014) who missed 2015 with injury. Two freshman should have impact in 2016 INF Cesar Trejo (Greensboro, NC/Ragsdale HS) and OF Andrew Moritz (Charlotte, NC/Providence HS).

On the mound UNCG returns Sophomore RHP Andrew Wantz (5-3, 5.57, 10 GS, 51.2) who made the All-Freshman team in 2015, Senior RHP Keaton Haack (0-1, 3.15, 20.0 IP), and Sophomore RHP Michael Bates (1-3, 9.56, 10 GS, 32.0 IP). Expecting to have a big impact is redshirt Junior RHP Hunter Smith (*3-1, 4.75, 12 APP, 4 GS, 30.1 IP, *2014 stats at Gardner Webb) who sat out 2015 after transferring from Gardner Webb.

With 18 (10 true freshman, 6 JUCO, and 2 transfers) the Spartans will need several of them to put together solid seasons for them to finish near the top of the league.

Record: 23-27 Home: 13-8 Away: 8-14 Neutral: 2-5 SoCon: 12-12

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	OB%	SB-ATT
22 Collin Woody.....	0.296	50-50	199	30	59	12	0	10	41	101	0.508	20	4	28	0.362	1-2
35 Jake Kusz.....	0.289	39-36	135	19	39	7	0	4	23	58	0.430	10	2	33	0.342	1-2
16 Tripp Shelton....	0.252	47-45	139	19	35	7	0	3	19	51	0.367	12	1	25	0.314	4-5

28 Devin Ruiz.....	0.300	31-26	90	11	27	6	3	0	17	39	0.433	15	0	35	0.396	1-2
8 Austin Embler....	0.281	19-10	32	5	9	0	0	0	4	9	0.281	11	0	10	0.465	1-2
12 Ryne Sigmon.....	0.279	25-13	61	12	17	1	2	1	12	25	0.410	6	0	20	0.338	1-1
Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	HR	B/Avg	WP
31 Andrew Wantz.....	5.57	5-3	15	10	0	0	51.2	67	38	32	19	36	16	9	0.328	5

36 Keaton Haack.....	3.15	0-1	15	1	0	0	20	13	11	7	24	15	1	0	0.203	4
22 Collin Woody.....	3.86	1-0	8	0	0	1	9.1	11	4	4	6	4	3	1	0.306	1
15 Chad Sykes.....	6.89	1-0	14	6	0	0	32.2	28	28	25	29	31	10	3	0.231	8
20 Daniel Dulaney...	8.38	0-2	8	1	0	0	9.2	7	9	9	10	3	2	0	0.206	5
11 Michael Bates....	9.56	1-3	13	10	0	0	32	51	40	34	18	22	10	7	0.367	3
14 Cody Fitch.....	14.66	0-0	13	0	0	0	11.2	23	21	19	14	10	6	1	0.404	6



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6th Furman 25-33 Overall and 11-13 SoCon

The Furman Paladins finished 2015 11-13 tied for 6th in the SoCon in 2015. The Paladins return 5 regular starters and another 3 who had 27 or more starts in 2015. On the mound they return one regular weekend starter.

3 of the top 4 hitters from 2015 are gone. The top returning hitter is all conference candidate senior 2B Jordan Simpson (.339, 74 H, 14 2B, 14 HR, 46 RBI). Also returning is junior OF Carter Grote (.304, 4 HR, 19 RBI), junior C Cameron Whitehead (.258, 7 2B, 7 HR, 29 RBI), senior OF Griffin Davis (.292, 45 H, 10 2B, 3 HR, 29 RBI) and sophomore 1B Brandon Elmy (.285, 12 2B, 6 HR, 23 RBI).

On the mound the Paladins are led by sophomre RHP Will Gaddis (3-6, 5.40, 14 GS, 81.2 IP, 53 K), who was named to SoCon All-Freshman Team in 2015, and junior RHP Matthew Quarles (6-2, 5.46, 19 APP, 6 GS, 57.2 IP, 48 K). Senior RHP Ryan Griffith (1-2, 2.73, 19 APP, 2 GS, 29.2 IP, 23 K) also returns. Sophomore LHP Grant Shuermann (3-2, 6.06, 8 GS, 49.0) will miss the 2016 season after undergoing Tommy John late in the 2015 season.

Furman can always swing the bat and expect that to continue in 2016 with the Paladins finish in the middle of the pack.

Record: 25-33 Home: 13-16 Away: 10-14 Neutral: 2-3 SoCon: 11-13

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	OB%	SB-ATT
27 Jordan Simpson...	0.339	56-56	218	45	74	14	1	14	46	132	0.606	12	3	35	0.377	2-7
5 Carter Grote.....	0.304	51-43	168	44	51	8	1	4	19	73	0.435	30	6	26	0.418	5-8
21 Griffin Davis....	0.292	49-43	154	26	45	10	1	3	29	66	0.429	17	2	32	0.358	4-6
43 Brandon Elmy.....	0.285	43-33	130	15	37	12	0	6	23	67	0.515	11	2	23	0.345	0-0
16 Cameron Whitehead	0.258	50-42	151	21	39	7	0	7	29	67	0.444	14	0	40	0.314	1-1

13 Landon Kay.....	0.281	33-20	89	17	25	5	1	2	12	38	0.427	8	1	26	0.343	1-3
3 Sky Overton.....	0.270	46-28	115	25	31	6	1	1	14	42	0.365	8	3	14	0.326	9-10
1 Sims Griffith....	0.256	41-30	117	18	30	2	0	0	11	32	0.274	4	7	18	0.315	1-2
11 Matt Towarnicky..	0.183	39-27	104	11	19	3	1	1	12	27	0.260	7	1	24	0.239	0-1
19 Andrew MacLatchie	0.174	23-13	46	7	8	2	0	2	6	16	0.348	9	1	25	0.321	0-1
Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	HR	B/Avg	WP
24 Will Gaddis.....	5.40	3-6	15	14	1	0	81.2	101	62	49	23	53	16	13	0.306	7

20 Ryan Griffith....	2.73	1-2	19	2	0	0	29.2	21	13	9	22	23	3	1	0.204	6
29 Will Dvorak.....	5.23	0-1	24	0	0	0	31	28	19	18	21	24	5	3	0.248	3
33 Matthew Quarles..	5.46	6-2	19	6	0	0	57.2	65	37	35	24	48	12	7	0.284	0
37 Grant Shuermann.	6.06	3-2	12	8	1	0	49	60	34	33	11	26	11	5	0.302	2
44 Harry Norman.....	8.56	1-0	13	1	0	0	13.2	22	14	13	9	4	5	2	0.373	3
14 Steven Fondu.....	9.47	1-1	20	0	0	0	19	28	20	20	17	17	6	1	0.350	3
25 Nolan Mullen.....	9.90	0-0	12	0	0	0	10	16	12	11	6	8	7	2	0.372	3
40 Ted Andrews.....	10.57	0-0	8	0	0	0	7.2	8	12	9	8	2	1	1	0.276	3
43 Brandon Elmy.....	10.80	0-1	5	1	0	0	8.1	14	11	10	5	5	2	1	0.378	1
23 Billy Greenfield.	11.93	0-5	10	3	0	0	14.1	27	22	19	10	8	6	3	0.409	1
18 Paul Barnhill....	21.60	0-0	2	0	0	0	1.2	1	4	4	6	3	0	0	0.167	3



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7th The Citadel

28-30 Overall and 10-14 SoCon

The Citadel Bulldogs finished in 8th place at 10-14 in the 2015 season. It was the 4 time in last 5 seasons (2014: 8-18 10th, 2013: 18-12 4th, 2012: 13-17 7th, and 2011: 8-22 11th) the Bulldogs have finished near or at the bottom of the standings. They went on to win a couple games in the SoCon tourney after beating #9 seed ETSU 8-2 in the playin game. The Bulldogs return 5 regular starters and another 4 who started 24 or more games. On the mound they lost two to the draft in SoCon pitcher of the Year LHP James Reeves (8-4, 3.69, 15 GS, 95 IP, 115 K) drafted in 10th round and all conference closer Skylar Hunter (3-6, 3.74, 33 APP, 13 SV, 53.0 IP, 55 K) drafted in 12th round but return 2 other starters.

Leading the returning position players is junior OF Austin Mapes (.308, 65 H, 11 2B, 7 HR, 28 RBI, 10-13 SB) and senior C Stephen Windham (.305, 58 H, 12 2B, 3 HR, 38 RBI). Joining them are two sophomore's 3B William Kinney (.274, 12 2B, 2 HR, 17 RBI and 1B Drew Ellis (.229, 11 2B, 12 HR, 41 RBI). Ellis has some big time pop but needs to cut down on the 76 K's.

While the Bulldogs lost some very good arms they also return some very good arms. Sophomore LHP JP Sears (5-5, 4.28, 13 GS, 75.2 IP, 82 K) should slide into the Friday Night role after an outstanding freshman season. Another sophomore RHP Thomas Byelick (3-3, 4.70, 10 GS, 44.0 IP, 35 K) returns after a very good freshman season. Redshirt Junior RHP Zach Lavery (0-3, 2.65, 41 APP, 37.1 IP, 26 K) returns after leading the league and finishing 3rd in country with 41 appearances in 2015.

The Citadel lost 12 players and have 13 newcomers so it is hard to say where they will finish in 2016. They have a very solid core of returning players but will need several newcomers to have impact seasons get out of the bottom half of standings.

Record: 28-30 Home: 22-17 Away: 6-13 SoCon: 10-14

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	OB%	SB-ATT
17 Austin Mapes.....	0.308	55-53	211	45	65	11	0	7	28	97	0.460	21	9	51	0.389	10-13
6 Stephen Windham..	0.305	56-53	190	23	58	12	0	3	38	79	0.416	28	4	44	0.398	0-2
18 William Kinney...	0.274	51-49	135	25	37	12	0	2	17	55	0.407	22	3	34	0.383	0-1
22 Drew Ellis.....	0.229	54-53	192	29	44	11	1	12	41	93	0.484	31	3	76	0.345	1-3

31 Jacob Watcher...	0.309	33-26	97	9	30	5	0	0	8	35	0.361	5	0	11	0.340	0-0
8 Steven Hansen....	0.287	36-26	94	16	27	4	1	5	15	48	0.511	7	5	27	0.368	5-5
9 Jason Smith.....	0.269	48-30	119	25	32	4	1	0	12	38	0.319	13	5	40	0.362	11-11
2 Philip Watcher...	0.247	26-24	81	11	20	2	1	1	14	27	0.333	12	3	15	0.365	1-2
21 Mike Deese.....	0.227	39-12	75	9	17	3	0	2	9	26	0.347	4	1	23	0.275	1-1
3 Bret Hines.....	0.207	34-14	58	6	12	3	0	0	10	15	0.259	7	3	16	0.319	0-0
19 Clay Martin.....	0.148	37-14	54	11	8	2	1	0	4	12	0.222	9	5	19	0.324	2-3
1 Shy Phillips.....	0.133	29-8	30	8	4	0	0	0	2	4	0.133	2	0	11	0.188	2-2
5 Barrett Charpia..	0.133	16-4	15	1	2	1	0	0	1	3	0.200	4	0	8	0.316	2-3
30 Beau Strickland..	0.000	2-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.000	1	0	1	0.500	0-0
Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	HR	B/Avg	WP
7 JP Sears.....	4.28	5-5	17	13	0	0	75.2	81	46	36	24	82	13	6	0.276	5

29 Zach Lavery.....	2.65	0-3	41	0	0	0	37.1	50	19	11	12	26	10	0	0.333	1
25 Thomas Byelick...	4.70	3-3	13	10	0	0	44	42	30	23	17	35	11	2	0.253	4
31 Jacob Watcher...	5.85	0-2	11	1	0	0	20	27	16	13	6	22	4	0	0.310	1
2 Philip Watcher...	27.00	0-0	1	0	0	0	0.2	2	2	2	1	1	0	2	0.500	0



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8th ETSU

21-35 Overall and 8-16 SoCon

ETSU finished in last place at 8-16 in their first season back in the SoCon in 2015. The Bucs 5 position starters and 3 of 4 starting pitchers.

At the plate ETSU is led by 4 all conference candidates senior 2B Trey York (.355, 75 H, 15 2B, 6 3B, 9 HR, 51 RBI, 18-21 SB), junior SS Chris Cook (.338, 77 H, 12 2B, 5 HR, 40 RBI), senior 1B Kevin Phillips (.323, 72 H, 21 2B, 10 HR, 55 RBI) and sophomore C Hagen Owneby (.310, 11 2B, 7 HR, 38 RBI).

Three starters who all logged 61.1 or more innings return with senior RHP Lee Haeberle (5-6, 6.97, 13 GS, 71.0 IP), sophomore RHP Ryan Simpler (2-5, 7.19, 9 GS, 61.1 IP) and senior RHP Griffin Krieg (2-8, 7.24, 12 GS, 73.1 IP, 60 K). Redshirt Sophomore RHP Dillion Cate (3-3, 5.72, 25 APP, 4 SV, 28.1 IP, 34 K) leads the returning bullpen arms.

The Bucs should have one of the best offenses in SoCon and maybe country but they will have to keep opponents off the score board and improve some ugly ERA's to finish in top half of league.

Record: 21-35 Home: 15-15 Away: 5-19 Neutral: 1-1 SoCon: 8-16

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	OB%	SB-ATT
10 Trey York.....	0.355	56-56	211	55	75	15	6	9	51	129	0.611	25	7	44	0.437	18-21
2 Chris Cook.....	0.338	55-55	228	55	77	12	2	5	40	108	0.474	19	4	27	0.389	8-13
12 Kevin Phillips...	0.323	56-56	223	47	72	21	1	10	55	125	0.561	27	3	25	0.395	3-3
44 Hagen Owenby.....	0.310	47-47	171	26	53	11	0	7	38	85	0.497	26	4	26	0.409	0-0
6 Jeremy Taylor....	0.258	55-55	217	45	56	13	2	0	21	73	0.336	24	6	29	0.343	23-32

1 Danny Carrier....	0.327	25-12	49	9	16	3	1	1	3	24	0.490	9	0	17	0.431	2-2
27 Aaron Maher.....	0.317	35-25	104	15	33	2	1	2	18	43	0.413	4	0	20	0.333	0-0
8 Christian Bailey.	0.288	24-20	73	11	21	4	0	0	11	25	0.342	4	1	24	0.333	0-0
21 Andrew Lasure....	0.178	34-16	73	2	13	2	0	0	10	15	0.205	6	1	10	0.244	1-2
19 Robby McCabe....	0.176	25-15	51	9	9	1	0	0	8	10	0.196	7	2	9	0.300	0-0
31 Nathan Millsap...	0.167	8-1	12	1	2	0	0	0	2	2	0.167	1	0	5	0.231	0-0
37 Doug McFarland...	0.150	11-9	20	0	3	0	0	0	1	3	0.150	2	0	9	0.227	0-0
14 Seth Cunningham..	0.000	14-0	11	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	3	0.000	0-0
18 Lee Haeberle.....	0.000	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	0	0.000	0-0
33 Griffin Krieg....	0.000	2-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	0	0.000	0-0
Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	HR	B/Avg	WP
18 Lee Haeberle.....	6.97	5-6	21	13	0	0	71	89	61	55	24	55	17	10	0.297	8
30 Ryan Simpler.....	7.19	2-5	20	9	0	0	61.1	77	56	49	20	55	12	13	0.313	7
33 Griffin Krieg....	7.24	2-8	17	12	1	0	73.1	92	68	59	25	60	15	18	0.304	3

2 Chris Cook.....	1.42	0-1	4	0	0	1	6.1	4	2	1	0	6	0	1	0.174	0
20 Dillon Cate.....	5.72	3-3	25	0	0	4	28.1	25	22	18	20	34	4	8	0.234	5
17 Jamin McCann.....	6.62	2-0	22	3	0	0	35.1	54	29	26	19	25	14	5	0.365	3
36 Connor Bartow....	6.75	1-0	14	0	0	0	13.1	23	10	10	4	8	2	1	0.390	0
13 Josh Jacques.....	6.83	0-0	23	1	0	1	29	40	23	22	9	24	10	6	0.325	2
28 Logan Gentry.....	7.17	0-2	18	1	0	0	21.1	26	19	17	12	26	9	4	0.295	5
11 Peyton Taylor....	7.80	0-2	8	1	0	0	15	22	15	13	5	8	6	2	0.349	1
29 Andy Higley.....	9.95	0-0	4	0	0	0	6.1	15	8	7	3	3	3	0	0.469	1
27 Aaron Maher.....	10.80	0-0	2	0	0	0	3.1	4	4	4	3	1	2	0	0.364	1



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9th VMI

21-30 Overall and 12-12 SoCon

VMI had a very solid first season back in the SoCon in 2015 finishing tied for 4th at 12-12. The Kedets lost their top 5 hitters including 3 all conference players (1st Team catcher Matt Winn, 1st team shortstop Jordan Tarsovich and 2nd team outfielder Will Connerley) and their top pitcher RHP Andrew Woods (7-1, 4.86, 10 GS, 70.1 IP).

The Kedets return 3 regular starters senior 3B David Geary (.285, 53 H, 6 2B, 3 HR, 29 RBI), sophomore 1B Collin Fleischer (.274, 4 HR, 25 RBI) who was on SoCon All-Freshman team in 2015, and junior 1B/DH Tyler Tharp (.271, 52 H, 10 2B, 1 HR, 29 RBI).

Leading the pitching staff is senior closer RHP Tylor Edens (0-3, 4.93, 29 APP, 12 SV, 45.2 IP, 45 K) who was named to the NCBWA Stopper of the Year Watch for the second consecutive year. The starting rotation to start the year will be young with 3 sophomores and a freshman. Sophomore LHP Brandon Barbery (5-3, 5.98, 13 GS, 61.2 IP), sophomore RHP Jared Silva (2-1, 4.00, 18 IP) redshirt sophomore RHP Mathew Eagle (0-5, 5.67, 5 GS, 33.1 IP, 26 K) and freshman RHP Josh Winder.

VMI lost a lot of offense and will need their young pitchers to produce if they are going to have the same success in conference as 2015.

Record: 21-30 Home: 6-17 Away: 14-12 Neutral: 1-1 SoCon: 12-12

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	OB%	SB-ATT
10 David Geary.....	0.285	50-48	186	29	53	6	1	3	29	70	0.376	20	6	35	0.371	5-7
18 Collin Fleischer.	0.274	38-30	113	18	31	5	1	4	25	50	0.442	18	1	37	0.376	3-3
31 Tyler Tharp.....	0.271	49-49	192	18	52	10	0	1	29	65	0.339	13	9	41	0.346	2-2
7 Ray Lopez.....	0.264	40-37	140	33	37	9	2	1	21	53	0.379	22	10	37	0.399	19-26

12 Matt Dunlevy.....	0.261	11-6	23	3	6	1	0	0	4	7	0.304	2	0	4	0.308	3-3
14 Reid Bryant.....	0.250	7-3	12	1	3	0	0	0	2	3	0.250	0	1	5	0.308	0-0
26 Peyton Maddox....	0.222	9-4	18	4	4	0	0	0	0	4	0.222	4	0	6	0.364	0-0
3 Will Malbon.....	0.215	38-20	79	12	17	2	2	1	10	26	0.329	9	1	33	0.300	6-7
6 Jacob Jaye.....	0.212	31-27	85	9	18	4	0	0	4	22	0.259	11	1	22	0.309	3-4
23 Brian Dudeck, Jr.	0.000	10-3	15	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	2	1	8	0.167	0-0
16 Josh Worthley....	0.000	3-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	1	0.000	0-0
Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	HR	B/Avg	WP
35 Brandon Barbery..	5.98	5-3	13	13	0	0	61.2	74	54	41	31	39	7	9	0.295	9
13 Austin Heenan....	6.46	1-7	15	11	1	1	71	85	57	51	31	59	17	13	0.299	5

16 Josh Worthley....	3.52	1-1	6	0	0	0	7.2	7	3	3	6	9	2	1	0.269	2
38 Kyle Staats.....	3.60	1-1	25	0	0	0	20	16	10	8	10	13	5	3	0.211	0
24 Jared Silva.....	4.00	2-1	6	3	0	0	18	19	9	8	5	8	2	0	0.297	2
21 TJ Lighton.....	4.26	0-0	6	0	0	0	6.1	9	4	3	1	3	3	0	0.333	0
25 Taylor Edens.....	4.93	0-3	29	0	0	12	45.2	54	30	25	8	45	10	3	0.295	1
5 Jack Gomersall...	5.40	3-1	29	0	0	0	26.2	23	21	16	18	25	3	2	0.235	8
19 Matthew Eagle....	5.67	0-5	15	5	0	0	33.1	35	26	21	20	26	4	8	0.269	1
32 Micah Gorman....	7.34	1-1	18	2	0	1	30.2	37	33	25	17	22	8	7	0.298	6
30 Ryan Bennett.....	9.00	0-1	7	1	0	0	13	18	16	13	9	13	4	0	0.321	4
17 Eric Byrd.....	18.00	0-0	4	1	0	0	6	11	12	12	9	3	3	2	0.379	3
20 Blaine Lafin.....	19.29	0-2	11	2	0	0	9.1	27	23	20	13	5	4	3	0.509	2