

DIVISION III PRESEASON RANKINGS

1		LA CROSSE AQUINAS BLUEGOLDS	State runners-up won 27 games last year and lost State Final to Lake Country Lutheran 1-0. This might be their year, as over half of their roster returns.
2		LAKE COUNTRY LUTHERAN LIGHTNING	The defending DIII Champions lost a lot of pitching but developed much pitching at the lower levels too. In good position to defend their DIII title.
3		STEVENS POINT PACELLI CARDINALS	Most players are back from a team that won 21 games and a Regional title last year. Favored to win the Central Wisconsin Eight.
4		PRAIRIE DU CHIEN BLACKHAWKS	Eighteen wins last year, PdC returns most of those pitching victories and at least six starters from last year's Southwestern Conference Championship.
5		MARATHON RED RAIDERS	Great chance to return to State and win 8th straight Marawood title.. Two pitchers return that were a combined 17-1 last season.
6		COLEMAN COUGARS	The M & O favorite was one game from going to State last year and won 21 games. Most of the offense returns as does 15 of those pitching victories.
7		SPENCER ROCKETS	East Cloverbelt co-champs return almost their entire roster. Improving on their 20-5 record from last year is likely.
8		SAINT MARY'S SPRINGS LEDGERS	The Flyway favorites won 20 games last year and return most of their pitching from last season.
9		MARKESAN HORNETS	Looking for another Trailways North title and to go further in the tournament after finishing 21-3 last year, but losing in the Regionals.
10		SAINT MARY CATHOLIC ZEPHYRS	The Zephyrs are picked to win the first ever East Central Conference title. With most starters back and over half of their pitching, it makes sense.
11		BROOKWOOD FALCONS	Brookwood is one of the smallest DIII schools but has big school talent. Picked to win the Scenic Bluffs Conference once again.
12		OCONTO BLUE DEVILS	While only .500 last year, the Blue Devils and their tradition of winning baseball and talented players who learned lessons last year make them dangerous.
13		WESTBY NORSEMEN	Picked to win the Coulee once again, the Norse look to win their first title in five years. They won 21 games last year and return several important players from that team.
14		ARCADIA RED RAIDERS	Zach Pronschinske is almost unhittable. If Arcadia can develop pitching depth, they could win the Coulee and go deep in the tournament.
15		ELK MOUND MOUNDERS	The Mounders return almost their entire roster from last year's 17-5 campaign. They are experienced and deep and will battle Durand for DSC-Large title.
16		DURAND PANTHERS	Workhorse pitcher Hunter Black is single handily turning the Panthers into a strong team. Favored to win the Dunn-Saint Croix, their first year in that Conference.
17		OSSEO-FAIRCHILD THUNDER	The Thunder return half their roster from a 19-win team last year. Will challenge McDonnel Central and Altoona for Western Cloverbelt.
18		BONDUEL BEARS	The Bears went 22-2 last year and return a third of that roster intact. Will battle Pacelli for CWC Eight Conference title.
19		BROOKFIELD ACADEMY BLUE KNIGHTS	The Blue Knights return seven starters and most of their pitching and are picked as most likely to challenge Lake Country Lutheran's recent dominance of the MWCC.
20		KENOSHA SAINT JOSEPH'S LANCERS	Though young, and with the loss of seven starters, Saint Joe's is still the pick to defend their Metro Conference title.

ALSO RECEIVING VOTES: CAMBRIDGE, CHEQUAMEGON, CLAYTON-TURTLE LAKE, CUBA CITY, GRANTSBURG, OSHKOSH LOURDES, SPRING VALLEY, UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MILWAUKEE, WINNEBGO LUTHERAN.
- SEVERAL DIII COACHES CONTRIBUTED TO THIS POLL -