

**DIVISION II PRESEASON
TOP 20 IN 2023**

1  **DENMARK VIKINGS**
NORTHEASTERN - 1ST

The two time defending State Champs don't look like they will be slowing down this season. Three years starters Lucas Miller, Ethan Ovsak, and Rheis Johnson will look to make the "Three-peat" a reality.

2  **MOSINEE INDIANS**
GREAT NORTHERN - 1ST

Mosinee is primed to make a return to State where they fell one play short of playing in the Final. 19 of of Mosinee's 26 pitching wins return this season and the lineup will be led by Davin Stoffel and Keagan Jirschke.

3  **WAUKESHA CATHOLIC MEMORIAL CRUSADERS**
CLASSIC EIGHT - 2ND

The Crusaders always are a threat in D2 with their conference, being made up of many dominant D1 teams, preparing them for strong tournament runs. JT Kelenic and Keith Williams will lead the way.

4  **MADISON EDGEWOOD CRUSADERS**
BADGER WEST - 1ST

The Crusaders return 14 of their 17 pitching wins from last season and Butler University recruit, Ryan Drumm, should lead a potent offensive attack.

5  **ALTOONA RAILROADERS**
MIDDLE BORDER - 1ST

The Railroaders return six of eight position players including Oregon State Commit, catcher Evan Gustafson from a Regional Champion team. Altoona will have some new faces on the pitching staff, but their goals are much loftier this season.

6  **BELOIT TURNER TROJANS**
ROCK VALLEY - 1ST

The Trojans are picked to win the Rock Valley and have seven starters back. Konnor Gidley, Connor Hughes, Michael Cook, and Will Lauterbach all received All-Conference last season. Catcher Mason Hoenic hit over .400 last season and will look to have another strong season.

7  **PEWAUKEE PIRATES**
WOODLAND EAST - 1ST

The Pirates are coming off back to back State Appearances and returns nine letterwinners. The pitching staff will be young, but they still have some strong arms. Logan Schill will look to lead Pewaukee at the plate.

8  **KETTLE MORAIN LUTHERAN CHARGERS**
EAST CENTRAL - 1ST

The Chargers will be looking to three peat as Conference Champs and finished one game away from advancing to State last season. Junior Landon Hagenow has been All-Conference for two straight seasons.

9  **MILWAUKEE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL WILDCATS**
METRO CLASSIC - 1ST

The Wildcats should be a force to be reckoned with as they return 70% of their pitching innings. Illinois-Chicago recruit Vidal Colon batted .500 last season as a catcher and had 22 stolen bases as well.

10  **SAINT THOMAS MORE CAVALIERS**
METRO CLASSIC - 2nd

The Cavaliers were in the Sectionals last season and fell to Pewaukee. They also finished 2nd in the conference to D3 State Qualifier, Kenosha St Joseph. Switch hitting Louisville recruit Alex Alicea (.515 average) will lead the way for the Cavaliers at shortstop and 76% of their pitching staff is back as well.

11  **JEFFERSON EAGLES**
ROCK VALLEY - 2ND

The Eagles have been the State Runner Up to Denmark for two seasons in a row. The pitching staff is still loaded and should allow the Eagles to be contenders all season long. Central Michogan recuit Tyler Butina is back and ready to lead Jefferson.

12  **NEW BERLIN EISENHOWER LIONS**
WOODLAND EAST - 2ND

The Lions return almost all of their pitching from a team that won 17 games, and six hitters that had batting averages in the .300s. They're still relatively young, but could be a team to be reckoned with this season.

13  **CHILTON TIGERS**
EASTERN WISCONSIN - 1ST

The Tigers have been to two straight Sectionals and, on paper, look poised to do so again. A lineup that features five returning players who batted between .460 and .338, and three other starters return as well. Max Mueller should be a top pitcher in the area.

14  **COLUMBUS CARDINALS**
CAPITOL NORTH - 1ST

Columbus returns several starters from a team who won their 2nd consecutive Conference Title and lost in the Regional Final to Jefferson. Three year starter, AJ Uttech, will lead the way on the mound and at shortstop.

15 **M** MEDFORD RAIDERS GREAT NORTHERN - 1ST

Medford has a good returning nucleus to a team that finished second to Mosinee last season. Logan Baumgartner will look to lead the Red Raiders on a deep run in the Tournament.

16 **ND** GREEN BAY NOTRE DAME TRITONS FOXRIVER CLASSIC - 3RD

With only losing two starters from last year's team, the Tritons are returning a solid group of players for the 2022 season. This team is led by two four-year varsity starters, Caden Capomaccio & Cade Milton.

17 WAUPUN WARRIORS EAST CENTRAL - 2ND

The Warriors appear ready for a return to glory. With virtually 98% of their pitching innings coming back and most of the hitters in their lineup, Waupun feels they are ready to have a big season.

18 BLOOMER BLACKHAWKS CLOVERBELT WEST - 2ND

With eight letter winners returning from a 19 win team and Conference Player of the Year, Keegan Yohnk, to anchor the pitching staff and the batting order, Bloomer should be able to make some noise this season.

19 **K** KEWASKUM INDIANS EASTERN WISCONSIN - 2ND

Kewaskum will look to unseat Kettle Moraine Lutheran as Conference Champs and Hunter Loser will be the catalyst for the offense.

20 WEST SALEM PANTHERS COULEE - 2ND

The Panthers have almost everyone back from their Conference Championship team last year, and 75% of the pitching innings return as well. West Salem will not be satisfied if they don't advance deep into the Tournament.

HONORABLE MENTION:

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