

## **2016-2017 TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name:** Augustana Club Softball

**Mascot:** Vikings

**Location:** Rock Island, IL

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Amanda Holmes & Melissa Coons

**2015-2016 Performance:**

- Record: **0-14**
- Final Conference Ranking/Postseason Results: **Last**
- Notables:

**Number of Returning Players:** 2

**Players to Watch:**

**New additions:** Freshman

**Biggest Rival:** All

**Best Player Nickname:**

**2016-2017 Season Outlook:** To try and get some wins

**Manager Quote:**



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## 2016-2017 TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE

**Team Name:** Bradley University

**Mascot:** Braves

**Location:** Peoria, IL

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):**

Gabriella Parravicini and Mary McInerney

**2015-2016 Performance:**

- Record: **5-10**
- Final Conference Ranking/Postseason Results: **6th**
- Notables: **Pitcher of the week- Megan Ramsden**

**Number of Returning Players:** nine

**Players to Watch:** Megan Ramsden and Kenzie Parker

**New additions:** Haven't had try-outs yet.

**Biggest Rival:** ISU

**Best Player Nickname:** Great Gambino

**2016-2017 Season Outlook:** Having fun and win some more games this year!

**Manager Quote:**

"Talent is nothing without dedication."

## **2016-2017 TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name:** Central Michigan

**Mascot:** Chippewas

**Location:** Mount Pleasant

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** President- Rebecca Doyle Vice President- Olivia Wiltjer

**2015-2016 Performance:**

- Record: **7-10**
- Final Conference Ranking/Postseason Results: **4th**
- Notables: **Olivia Wiltjer- All American 2<sup>nd</sup> Team**

**Number of Returning Players:** 9

**Players to Watch:** Cheslea Davis, Olivia Wiltjer, Rebecca Doyle, Mikaela Striker

**New additions:** Tryouts havent happened.

**Biggest Rival:** Michigan State

**Best Player Nickname:** Peanut

**2016-2017 Season Outlook:** After a tramendous improvement in the 2015-2016 season we are expected to pick up right where we left off and only improve more.

**Manager Quote:** Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard.

## **2016-2017 TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name:** Eastern Illinois University

**Mascot:** Panthers

**Location:** Charleston, IL

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Emily Harms & Megan McCord

**2015-2016 Performance:**

- Record: **13-6**
- Final Conference Ranking/Postseason Results: **9-6**
- Notables:

**Number of Returning Players:** 3

**Players to Watch:** Emily Harms, Megan McCord, Natalie Biddle

**New additions:** N/A yet

**Biggest Rival:** U of I

**Best Player Nickname:**

**2016-2017 Season Outlook:** We are looking forward to adding quite a few new players to the team to get a fresh start at a good season! We are also looking forward to playing new competition!

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**Team Name:** Grand Valley State University

**Mascot:** Lakers

**Location:** Allendale, MI

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Anna Eckholm, Rachael Chase, Natalie Tipton, Delaney Maki

### 2015-2016 Performance:

- Record: **12-3**
- Final Conference Ranking/Postseason Results: 1st in Conference
- Notables: Second NSCA National Tournament Appearance

**Number of Returning Players:** 10

**Players to Watch:** Delaney Maki, Monica Hassig, Hannah Johnson, Rachael Chase

**New additions:**

**Biggest Rival:** Michigan State, Michigan

**Best Player Nickname:** Goose (Kerry Foley)

**2016-2017 Season Outlook:** We are looking to build onto a successful year last year with a talented group of girls. With the conferences realigning we are excited to see some new teams and test our skills against new opponents.

**Manager Quote:** Our goals for this season are, in order, to have fun, to get better, and to win.



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## 2016-2017 TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE

**Team Name:** University of Illinois Fighting Illini

**Mascot:** Fighting Illini

**Location:** Champaign Illinois

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Kat Trotter

**2015-2016 Performance:**

- Record: **13-2**
- Final Conference Ranking/Postseason Results: **Conference Champs**
- Notables:

**Number of Returning Players:** 10

**Players to Watch:** 4

**New additions:** Maggie Vacchiano, Megan Connor, Mary Grace Chizewski, Amy Janson, Hannah Uhler, Haleigh Sullivan, Maddie Meinhold

**Biggest Rival:** Illinois State University

**Best Player Nickname:** Ralph

**2016-2017 Season Outlook:** Conference Champions

**Manager Quote:**

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## **2016-2017 TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name:** Lake Superior State

**Mascot:** Lakers

**Location:** Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Carly Banchiu, Taylor Steinhelper, Emily Estep

**Coach:** Linda Bouvet

**2015-2016 Performance:**

- Record: **5-35 (NCAA DII)**
- Final Conference Ranking/Postseason Results: **15<sup>th</sup>/GLIAC**
- Notables:

**Number of Returning Players:** 9

**Players to Watch:** Carly Banchiu (1b); Taylor Steinhelper (cf); Lindsey Pajot (U), Alyssa Thayer (P), Riley Durbano (P)

**New additions:** Erica France (IF), Kaylee Hill (IF/OF), Jenna Killips (P/3b)

**Biggest Rival:** TBD

**Best Player Nickname:**

**2016-2017 Season Outlook:** The majority of players on the LSSU Softball Club Team held varsity status until their program was disbanded last spring. The Lakers return junior outfielder Lindsey Pajot,

who ranked sixth in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (DII) in batting with .383 average. Senior center fielder Taylor Steinhelper ranked 29<sup>th</sup> at .327 and senior first baseman Carly Banchiu was 37<sup>th</sup> at .317. Pajot tied for eighth in doubles with 12. The Lakers return pitchers Riley Durbano (junior, 3-13, 7.73 ERA) and Alyssa Thayer (sophomore, 1-12, 6.83 ERA).

**Manager Quote:** The majority of women on this team were victims of major budget cuts at our University last spring. To their credit, they rallied around each other and never lost their passion for softball. On the field, the players were on the verge of turning the program in the right direction. There is talent and depth on this team. Our practice and competitive environment has changed, but it is my hope that they can embrace the well-roundedness that club softball offers and continue to strive toward being the champions that I believe they can be.



## **2016-2017 TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name:** Marquette Club Softball

**Mascot:** Golden Eagles

**Location:** Milwaukee, WI

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Kirsten Cofoid (President), Allie Arnston (Vice President), & Megan Socha (Secretary)

**2015-2016 Performance:**

- Record: **12-3**
- Final Conference Ranking/Postseason Results: **1<sup>st</sup> in Conference/Made it to reginals in Michigan**
- Notables: **Winning conference and making it to regionals**

**Number of Returning Players:** 10

**Players to Watch:** Allie Arnston, Katie DeCarlo, Megan Socha, Rachel Swords, Erin Wilson, Callie Troutfeller, Elizabeth Menden, Kirsten Cofoid, Shannon Even, & Gabby Pecotte

**New additions:** Tryouts are next week

**Biggest Rival:** University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Best Player Nickname:** N/A

**2016-2017 Season Outlook:** We are looking to compete for the conference title again this year

**Manager Quote:** N/A

## **2016-2017 TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name:** Michigan State University

**Mascot:** Spartans

**Location:** East Lansing, MI

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** HC - Bob Every, AC - Jeff Kegler and Jerry Murphy, Captains - Erin Donnarumma and Kendal Bayer

**2015-2016 Performance:**

- Record: **15 wins and 5 loses**
- Final Conference Ranking/Postseason Results: **Conference Champions**
- Notables:

**Number of Returning Players:** 11

**Players to Watch:** Kendal Bayer and Sally Muller

**New additions:**

**Biggest Rival:** Grand Valley State University

**Best Player Nickname:**

**2016-2017 Season Outlook:** We would like to win another conference championship



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**Manager Quote:** My entire coaching philosophy has been built on winning, and in order to do that the team must work hard at being their best. You must have the talent, play mistake free softball, and get your fair share of luck. I like this team and if we do the things I just mentioned I believe we have a shot to win every game we're in.

## **2016-2017 TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name:** Northern Illinois University

**Mascot:** Huskies

**Location:** DeKalb, IL

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Hallie Garcia, Kristina Dakas, Taylor Donelson, Jenah Anderson

**2015-2016 Performance:**

- Record: **5-10**
- Final Conference Ranking/Postseason Results: **4th**
- Notables: **Last year we hosted our Inaugural Huskie Howl tournament where we hosted 8 teams in DeKalb, IL. We ended up finishing in 4<sup>th</sup> place. However, hosting the tournament was a great experience for us and we really enjoyed meeting some new teams!**

**Number of Returning Players:** 8-10

**Players to Watch:** Seniors: Hallie Garcia, Kristina Dakas Juniors: Taylor Donelson Sophomores: Jenah Anderson, Jessica Rokosz, Shaylyn Houston

**New additions:** TBD - We hope to acquire 5-7 new players after school begins

**Biggest Rival:** University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

**Best Player Nickname:** TD or Rico

**2016-2017 Season Outlook:** We are excited to newly be in the Great Lakes South conference. After spending the past two seasons (our entire time in the NCSA) in the Great Lakes West we are thrilled



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to have the opportunity to compete against new teams that we have never had the chance to play against.

Manager Quote: "That's Strange" or "Play like you're chasin"

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**Team Name:** Northern Michigan University

**Mascot:** Wildcats

**Location:** Marquette, Michigan

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Angela Brown, Jordan Kowalski, Grace Zimmermann

**2015-2016 Performance:**

- Record:
- Final Conference Ranking/Postseason Results:
- Notables:

**Number of Returning Players:**

**Players to Watch:**

**New additions:**

**Biggest Rival:** Michigan Tech

**Best Player Nickname:**

**2016-2017 Season Outlook:** Promising as we are a first year team

**Manager Quote:**

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**Team Name:** Oakland University Club Softball

**Mascot:** Grizzly

**Location:** 2200 N. Squirrel Road  
Rochester, Michigan 48309-4401

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Captain: Maria Donovan  
Coaches: Maria Donovan, Nicholle Kitkowski, Victoria Lupher, Dana Lewis, Emily Quigley

**2015-2016 Performance:**

- Record:
- Final Conference Ranking/Postseason Results:
- Notables:

**Number of Returning Players:**

**Players to Watch:**

**New additions:**

**Biggest Rival:**

**Best Player Nickname:**

**2016-2017 Season Outlook:**

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## 2016-2017 TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE

**Team Name:** Wisconsin- Madison

**Mascot:** Badgers

**Location:** Madison, WI

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Mckenzie Calder and Taryn Otto

### 2015-2016 Performance:

- Record: **Conference: 11-4      Overall 13-7**
- Final Conference Ranking/Postseason Results: **Tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> in conference**
- Notables:

**Number of Returning Players:** 13

**Players to Watch:** Stephanie Bova and Catie Hohnstein

**New additions:** Tryouts are not until September 16th

**Biggest Rival:** UW-Whitewater

**Best Player Nickname:**

**2016-2017 Season Outlook:** After graduating six seniors and with other players studying abroad, we are looking to recruit some young talent to build our program. As a turf field is currently under construction on campus, we are hoping to play some conference games in the spring at our new facility. It will be the first time in club history that we can play conference games on campus.

**Manager Quote:**