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## **2017-2018 TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name:** USAF Academy

**Mascot:** Falcons

**Location:** Colorado Springs CO

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Team Captain: Cadet 1<sup>st</sup> Class Sarah Witzgall, Coaches: Mr Rusty Meyer & Mr Ron Walker

**2016-2017 Performance:**

- Record: **20-3**
- Final Conference Ranking/Postseason Results: **First in Mid American West (12-0), Third at Regionals, Finished season ranked 16th in Nation**
- Notables: **Jr Players Christa Young, Katie Kampsen and Jessica Mucci were all named 2nd team All-American's and will pack a potent punch to our line up. Sophomore Kendall Lewis also had an OBP over 600 last season, and Kaitlin Greene improved in the circle as the season progressed ending the season with an ERA below 2.0.**

**Number of Returning Players:** 16 returning players which includes 8 of 9 players from last year's starting line-up.

**Players to Watch:** Jr Christa Young SS; Jr Katie Kampsen, 2B; Jr Jessica Mucci, 1B; Jr McKenzie Rosenthal, 3B; So Kaitlyn Green, P; So Kendall Lewis, OF; Fr Shannon Guy, P; and Fr Sarah Bamburg, Utility

**New additions:** New additions include, So Samantha Ellis, Fr Sarah Bamburg, Fr Shannon Guy & Fr Natalie White.

**Biggest Rival:** Navy



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**Best Player Nickname: Mooch (Jr Jessica Mucci)**

**2017-2018 Season Outlook:** The future of USAFA Softball looks very bright. This recruiting class brought in a talented pitcher and players to supplant a deep roster. Last year's team had a lot of talent, but continued to be inconsistent in the field and at the plate. By instilling more discipline at practices the team looks to eliminate the inconsistent play. While duplicating last season's record will be a difficult undertaking, the team is focused, ready and fully expects to return to the World Series after a disappointing end to the 2016-17 season at regionals. Competition for playing time with a 20 person roster should help every player improve throughout the season. Team Goals: improve every week, win conference, finish top 2 at Regionals, and go to the World Series.

**Manager Quote:** I am looking forward to seeing significant improvement in each individual's performance and seeing improved team chemistry. Increasing the intensity at practices will enable the team to bring it each and every game. Our team needs to continue to "Strive for excellence" both on and off the field.



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**Team Name:** Arkansas State University

**Mascot:** Red Wolf

**Location:** Jonesboro, Arkansas

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

**2016-2017 Performance:**

- Record: **42-16**
- Final Conference Ranking/Postseason Results: **#1**
- Notables: **Returning 3 All-Americans**

**Number of Returning Players:** 6

**Players to Watch:** Shea Cothorn, Chloe Caught, Rachel Hinson

**New additions:** Bre Shaffer, Keely Curtis, Rebecca Treat, Lauren Luke, Haylee Jones, Lyida Mitchell, Savanna Crane, Taylor Clifford, Mckenzie Roberts, Ashely Scott

**Biggest Rival:** Air Force

**Best Player Nickname:** Red

**2017-2018 Season Outlook:** #Repeat

**Manager Quote:** Better Than Last Year



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## **2017-2018 TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name:** Colorado Mesa University

**Mascot:** Mavericks

**Location:** Grand Junction, CO

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Amy Stocks, Head Coach

**2016-2017 Performance:**

- Record: **6-6**
- Final Conference Ranking/Postseason Results: **3<sup>rd</sup> Mid-America-West**
- Notables:

**Number of Returning Players:** 6

**Players to Watch:** Brett Johnson, Rhian Anderson, Hunttyr Ruddell

**New additions:** (Tryouts will be after this form is submitted. Expecting to add 10+.)

**Biggest Rival:** Unsure

**Best Player Nickname:**

**2017-2018 Season Outlook:** The team has been improving each year and we look to continue that trend. We have some strong freshmen coming in and we will rely on our returning players to lead the charge.

**Manager Quote:** Keep your head in the game...this is your time.



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**Team Name: University of Colorado**

**Mascot: Buffaloes**

**Location: Boulder, Colorado**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Ariana Zamora, Rebecca Kerrisk, Danielle Batakis, Kelsey Walters**

**2016-2017 Performance:**

- Record: **1-11**
- Final Conference Ranking/Postseason Results: **5th**
- Notables:

**Number of Returning Players: 7**

**Players to Watch:**

**New additions:**

**Biggest Rival:**

**Best Player Nickname:**

**2017-2018 Season Outlook: Hopeful**

**Manager Quote: "With the addition of our new coach, we're hoping to rebuild our system and come out fighting this season!"**



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## **2017-2018 TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name:** Softball Club (University of Iowa)

**Mascot:** Hawkeyes

**Location:** Iowa City, IA

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Haley Ver Steeg, Paige Schreiner

**2016-2017 Performance:**

- Record: (W-L) Conference 5-4, Overall 7-6
- Final Conference Ranking/Postseason Results: 4th
- Notables: Spring Training Tournament won 4 out of 6 games played

**Number of Returning Players:** 14

**Players to Watch:** Kaleigh Schreiner, Lea Barrett

**New additions:** N/A Tryouts are Sep. 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>

**Biggest Rival:** ISU

**Best Player Nickname:** N/A

**2017-2018 Season Outlook:** Excited to have a full season this year, and expect to see some great competition.

**Manager Quote:** N/A



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**Team Name:** Iowa State University

**Mascot:** Cyclones

**Location:** Ames, IA

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

**2016-2017 Performance:**

- Record: **10-5**
- Final Conference Ranking/Postseason Results: **12<sup>th</sup> @ NCSA World Series**
- Notables:

**Number of Returning Players:** 12

**Players to Watch:** Hannah Cole, Allison Brost, Ellen Espeland, Katie Irwin

**New additions:** Tryouts in the next few weeks

**Biggest Rival:** Kansas

**Best Player Nickname:** N/A

**2017-2018 Season Outlook:** Only losing a couple players from the 2016-2017 season we have the potential to do great things again this season!

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## **2017-2018 TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name:** KU Club Softball

**Mascot:**

**Location:** Lawrence, KS

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

**2016-2017 Performance:**

- Record: **3-12**
- Final Conference Ranking/Postseason Results: **5<sup>th</sup> in Conference**
- Notables:

**Number of Returning Players:** 5

**Players to Watch:**

**New additions:**

**Biggest Rival:**

**Best Player Nickname:**

**2017-2018 Season Outlook:**

**Manager Quote:**





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**Team Name:** Kansas State University

**Mascot:** Wildcats

**Location:** Manhattan, Kansas

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Head Coach: Connie Miller, Assistant Coach: Chez Mclellan, Co-President Brianna White, Co-President Berkley White

**2016-2017 Performance:**

- Record: **Conference: 8-4, Overall: 11-7**
- Final Conference Ranking/Postseason Results: **3<sup>rd</sup> in Conference**
- Notables:

**Number of Returning Players:** 9

**Players to Watch:**

**New additions:**

**Biggest Rival:** University of Kansas

**Best Player Nickname:**

**2017-2018 Season Outlook:**

**Manager Quote:**



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## **2017-2018 TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name:** Maryville University

**Mascot:** Saints

**Location:** St. Louis

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Steve Gooden - coach

**Captains -** Ellen Gray and Molly Gray

**2016-2017 Performance:**

- Record: **9-9**
- Final Conference Ranking/Postseason Results: **2nd**
- Notables: **More defensively sound and reliable; played more like a team**

**Number of Returning Players:** 12

**Players to Watch:** April Stich, Shiloh Kirn

**New additions:** Shiloh Kirn, Heather Griswold, Kirsten Apponey

**Biggest Rival:** Arkansas State, SIUE

**Best Player Nickname:** Hot Tamale (Molly Gray), Lex Flex (Lexi Vandeven)

**2017-2018 Season Outlook:** 10-5 (only conference games)

**Manager Quote:** "Team work makes the dream work" - Steve Gooden



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**Team Name: Mizzou**

**Mascot: Tigers**

**Location: Columbia, MO**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Kalie Jackson, Colten Snider**

**2016-2017 Performance:**

- Record: **23-9-0**
- Final Conference Ranking/Postseason Results: **1/Regional Advancement**
- Notables:

**Number of Returning Players: 9**

**Players to Watch: Maggie Will, Kaylie Gilgour, Patricia Crigler, Samantha Carroll**

**New additions: Undetermined**

**Biggest Rival: Kansas**

**Best Player Nickname:**

**2017-2018 Season Outlook: Mizzou Club Softball stands to be a solid team with 9 players returning, 6 of which competed at Regionals the previous two years.**

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

**Team Name:** Nebraska

**Mascot:** Huskers

**Location:** Lincoln, NE

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Laura Springer. Victoria Kranz

**2015-2016 Performance:**

- Record: **0-9**
- Final Conference Ranking/Postseason Results: **6th**
- Notables: **Laura Springer 2 HR in 9 games**

**Number of Returning Players:** 8

**Players to Watch:** Laura Springer, Hits for average and has some power, leading stolen bases and controls the outfield and can throw out runners. Victoria Kranz, catcher, hits for average and controls the infield. Becca Kalhorn, huge arm as SS and has great hitting average with power. All 3 have excellent OBP.

**New additions:** Danica Meierhenry. Clare Kolasch. Tana Engel

**Biggest Rival:** Kansas

**Best Player Nickname:**



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**2016-2017 Season Outlook:** Expecting a good year. This is the most returning players we've had in several seasons. Our Senior class is very solid.

**Manager Quote:**



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**Team Name:**

The University of Northern Colorado

**Mascot:**

Bears

**Location:**

Greeley, Colorado

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

President: Sarai Atchison Coach: Maeve Widmann

**2016-2017 Performance:**

- Record: ~~0-0~~ 4-8
- Final Conference Ranking/Postseason Results: —
- Notables: —

**Number of Returning Players:**

5

**Players to Watch:**

Jazmin Means, Vanessa Kellems

**New additions:**

#28

#75

50 women trying out, welcoming tons of new freshman

**Biggest Rival:**

Wyoming

**Best Player Nickname:**

Aunt Maeve - Coach Maeve

**2017-2018 Season Outlook:**

We will be having a full team of 15, with new jerseys and newly renovated field. Looking forward to rematches with Air Force and Wyo.



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**Team Name:** SIUC Club Softball

**Mascot:** Salukis

**Location:** Carbondale, IL

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Lexi Castore, President and Emily Marler, Vice President

**2016-2017 Performance:**

- Record: **0-12**
- Final Conference Ranking/Postseason Results:
- Notables:

**Number of Returning Players:** 5 potentially, 2 absolutely

**Players to Watch:**

**New additions:** have yet to host first official practice

**Biggest Rival:**

**Best Player Nickname:**

**2017-2018 Season Outlook:** shot in the dark since we never know which players are returning and who will try out this year

**Manager Quote:** we do not have a manager



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## **2017-2018 TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name:** SIUE Women's Club Softball

**Mascot:** Cougar

**Location:** Edwardsville, IL

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Susan Smart: Club President

**Hope Waller:** Club Vice President

**Dana Benton:** Club Secretary

**Asahni Wallace/Nicollette Napoli:** Club Treasure

**2016-2017 Performance:**

- Record: **5-4**
- Final Conference Ranking/Postseason Results:
- Notables: **Overall record:8-9**

**Number of Returning Players:** 9

**Players to Watch:** Desiray Sturgeon, Hope Waller, and Tiffany Olson

**New additions:** Desiray Sturgeon, Tiffany Olson, Taylor Sparrow, Taylor-Marie Kuzel, Lexee Camp, Cristal Simpson, Praize Campbell, Alexis Valero, Khanh Tran, and Katie Payne.

**Biggest Rival:** Arkansas State

**Best Player Nickname:** Magnum





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**2017-2018 Season Outlook:** We have a lot of great new players and we are hoping to have a great season as well. Already have practices started and its looking good.

**Manager Quote:** "Practice how you want to play".



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## **2017-2018 TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name:** University of Wyoming

**Mascot:** Cowgirls

**Location:** Laramie, WY

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Jordan Love, Valerie Williams/ Dennis Sheridan, Mark Falk

**2016-2017 Performance:**

- Record: **9-4**
- Final Conference Ranking/Postseason Results: **2<sup>nd</sup>**
- Notables: **Came close to winning the at-large bid for regionals.**

**Number of Returning Players:** 12

**Players to Watch:** Corteney Torrez

**New additions:** Anna Henkle will be returning after injuring her shoulder last season. We are currently recruiting more players.

**Biggest Rival:** Air Force

**Best Player Nickname:**

**2017-2018 Season Outlook:** We hope to compete at some tournaments where we will be playing Junior Colleges. Beat Air Force!

**Manager Quote:**