

# DIVISION I PRESEASON RANKINGS - 2017

1		<b>JANESVILLE CRAIG</b> COUGARS	Picked to win the Big Eight for a third consecutive time, the Cougars seven returning starters and over 3/4s of their staff returning from a 26-3 team last year.
2		<b>KENOSHA INDIAN TRAIL</b> HAWKS	23-4 last year, the Hawks return half of their pitchers including MLB prospect Ryan Hoerter. Four All-Conference players are among six returning starters.
3		<b>KIMBERLY</b> PAPERMAKERS	Unanimously picked to repeat as FVA champions for the 8th time in 11 years, the Papermakers will be led by Wisconsin football bound Danny Vanden Boom.
4		<b>BURLINGTON</b> DEMONS	The defending State Champs return half of their pitchers and five starters including All-State Jacob Lindemann, who is one of three returning All-Conference players.
5		<b>EAU CLAIRE NORTH</b> HUSKIES	The Huskies, 23-4 last year, return over half of their pitching, five starters, and three All-Conference players, including All-State Zac Stange.
6		<b>OCONOMOWOC</b> RACOONS	Picked to win the Little Ten over rival Arrowhead, the Coonies return 3rd Team All-State Zach Clayton, almost all of their pitching and six starters.
7		<b>GREEN BAY PREBLE</b> HORNETS	Finished 24-6 and went to State last year, the Hornets return 2/3rds of their pitching staff and two 1st Team All-RFC players. Must replace all but three offensive starters.
8		<b>WAUSAU WEST</b> WARRIORS	The Warriors are picked to unseat SPASH as Wisconsin Valley champs. Return All-State Payton Nelson and five other starters to a team that won 18 games last year.
9		<b>SUN PRAIRIE</b> CARDINALS	Sun Prairie just keeps reloading. Two-thirds of their pitching staff and two All-Big Eight players return to a team that has gone to State eight times since 2000.
10		<b>ARROWHEAD</b> WARHAWKS	The Nick Brengosz era begins at Arrowhead, who was State-Runner Up last year. Two All-Little Ten players return including Tanner Williams, who hit .453 last year.
11		<b>KENOSHA TREMPER</b> TROJANS	Tremper returns almost all their pitching from an 18-win team last year and five starters, which include three All-Conference picks.
12		<b>BAY PORT</b> PIRATES	Coming off another 20-win season, the Pirates return five starters but just one-third of their pitching. Will challenge Preble in the Fox River Classic Conference.
13		<b>WATERFORD UNION</b> WOLVERINES	Set to challenge Burlington for the Southern Lakes, the Wolverines won 20 games last year and return almost all of their pitching. Only three offensive starters return.
14		<b>APPLETON NORTH</b> LIGHTNING	The Lightning return five starters but only 25% of their pitching. Will be Kimberly's biggest challenge in the FVA.
15		<b>STEVENS POINT</b> PANTHERS	Trying to win the Wisconsin Valley for the sixth straight year, the Panthers return All-State Gus Turner-Zick who is one of three returning starters and two All-Valley picks.
16		<b>WEST DE PERE</b> PHANTOMS	Picked to again win the Bay, the Phantoms have a majority of their pitchers and five starters returning, four of whom were All-Conference.
17		<b>MIDDLETON</b> CARDINALS	Made a nice bounce back last year with a 22-6 record after a subpar 2015. Pitching staff got hit hard by graduation, but they always seem to reload.
18		<b>ONALASKA</b> HILLTOPPERS	The Hilltoppers return their entire pitching staff and six starters including 2nd Team All-State Zach Earl. Picked to win the Mississippi Valley.
19		<b>KENOSHA BRADFORD</b> RED DEVILS	Fell just one game short of 20 wins last year, Bradford returns over half of their pitching and five starters. Continues great tradition of baseball in the city of Kenosha.
20		<b>WAUNAKEE</b> WARRIORS	Unanimous pick to win the Badger South, the Warriors look to rebound from a 13-win season. Expect it with almost all starters returning.

**ALSO RECEIVING VOTES: DE PERE, VERONA, EAU CLAIRE MEMORIAL, CHIPPEWA FALLS, MILWAUKEE RIVERSIDE, GREEN BAY EAST-WEST, FORT ATKINSON, WILMOT.**

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