

DIVISION I PRESEASON TOP 22 IN 2022

1 **BAY** **WHITEFISH BAY**
BLUE DUKES
NORTH SHORE - 1ST

Seniors Michael Lippe, (Louisville) Mitch Voit (Michigan) and D.J. Kojis (UWM) along with D1 prospects Jack Counsell and JD Dix, and All-Conference players Jack Nau and Ryan Carew are all back. Absolutely stacked with talent.

2 **A** **HARTLAND**
ARROWHEAD
WARHAWKS
CLASSIC EIGHT - 1ST

Experience will be this team's strength. They will be a very senior-ladden team with talented juniors filling in the missing pieces. Their staff returns with 16 of last season's 19 victories and have plenty of offensive punch. Defending Classic 8 champs.

3 **FRANKLIN**
SABRES
SOUTHEASTERN - 1ST

They will be a very senior-ladden team with talented juniors filling in the missing pieces. If the pitching staff (who return with 16 of last season's 19 victories) holds up they could win it all. Loaded with experienced talent.

4 **MILTON**
RED HAWKS
BADGER EAST - 1ST

The Redhawks return a lot of experience from that team, including the POY, Alec Campbell at catcher. 1st Team Jack Campion and 2nd Team Broden Jackson also return to the lineup. If that wasn't enough, they landed the state's top prospect, Gavin Kilen.

5 **SUN PRAIRIE**
CARDINALS
BIG EIGHT - 1ST

The defending State Champs have three position players that played key roles in last year's tournament run and championship. Davis Hamilton, Coach Hamilton's son, is one of the best infielders in Wisconsin.

6 **MENOMONEE FALLS**
PHOENIX
GREATER METRO - 1ST

Falls is returning two AC players, Keli Grennier and Zach Wolfram. Wolfram pitched eight shutout innings at the State Tournament and had a breakout summer on the travel circuit. Their junior varsity team was 24-2.

7 **BAY PORT**
PIRATES
FOX RIVER CLASSIC - 1ST

The Pirates are returning some solid players from last year's State Runner-Up team, including senior infielder and pitcher Theo Zeidler (FRCC Player of the Year, All-State), senior outfielder John Nickel (All FRCC), along with some talented reserves from last season.

8 **HORTONVILLE**
POLAR BEARS
FOX VALLEY ASSOCIATION - 1ST

The Polar Bears will be looking to improve on a successful 2021 year with a high number of returning players. Pitching depth and experience led by Sam Dodd should be strengths of this team.

9 **OAK CREEK**
KNIGHTS
SOUTHEASTERN - 2ND

The Knights return eight position player starters from their 20 win squad of 2021. The sophomore class is a special group of players and Senior Ryan Santi has emerged as one of the top hitters in the area.

10 **UNION GROVE**
BRONCOS
SOUTHERN LAKES - 1ST

The Broncos are returning a good group of players that will have some really good varsity experience under their belts and the coaches will look for them to lead the team this year. Remmi Sweet and Owen Nowak were 1st Team All-Conf. last year.

11 **KIMBERLY**
PAPERMAKERS
FOX VALLEY ASSOCIATION - 2ND

Kimberly has a quality group of core guys returning from last season. They learned a great deal from last year's seniors and will provide a model to the younger guys of the standards of their program.

12 **EAU CLAIRE**
NORTH HUSKIES
BIG RIVERS - 1ST

The Huskies are experienced and motivated. There will be experience at all positions other than shortstop but that will be covered by one of several players that gained experience at second base last year.

13 **STEVENS POINT**
PANTHERS
WISCONSIN VALLEY - 1ST

SPASH returns many talented players, led by Tommy Drohner, who gained valuable varsity experience last season. The Panthers also have many players moving into varsity roles who will help the team immensely.

14 **EAU CLAIRE**
MEMORIAL
OLD ABES
BIG RIVERS - 2ND

The Abes return Dylan O'Connell who was one of the top players in the Big Rivers last year at both the shortstop position and as a starting pitcher. Roman Trapani experienced some success as a sophomore and will look to continue a Trapani family tradition.

15 **MUSKEGO**
WARRIORS
CLASSIC EIGHT - 3RD

The Warriors will be very young this year but never taken lightly based on the previous success of head coach Jacob Paige's squads. Fourteen seniors graduated off of last year's squad.

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**JANESVILLE
CRAIG
COUGARS**
BIG EIGHT - 2ND

Going into this season, the Cougars' expectations are high with many players returning. Two 1st Team All-Conference and two Honorable Mention All-Conference players return. Six of the eight defensive positions return as well.

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**HARTFORD UNION
ORIOLES**
NORTH SHORE - 2ND

The Orioles return 80% of the pitching innings from 2021. With additions from very successful JV1 and JV2 teams, they will look to be very competitive. Four of five All-Conference selections also return for the Orioles in 2022.

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**OCONOMOWOC
RACOONS**
CLASSIC EIGHT - 4TH

Oconomowoc built a lot of momentum the 2nd half of last season and plan on riding that wave with a good mix of veterans who gained valuable experience last year and new comers who are ready for varsity baseball.

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**WEST DE PERE
PHANTOMS**
BAY - 1ST

The Phantoms have a group of seniors that got a lot of experience last season and won yet another Bay title. They'll be challenged this season by DII Shawano. They are experienced with no stand out star player.

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**MADISON
MEMORIAL
SPARTANS**
BIG EIGHT - 3RD

The Spartans are returning their top three pitchers from last year as well as six starters in the lineup. The pitching depth, lineup depth, and flexibility will be a strength for Memorial this year.

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**SUPERIOR
SPARTANS**
LAKE SUPERIOR - 1ST

The Spartans return five starters from last year's Lake Superior Conference Championship team. Three of those five returning starters were in the starting pitching rotation last year.

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**BURLINGTON
DEMONS**
SOUTHERN LAKES - 2ND

The Demons return only a few returners from last year, but have a strong junior class that was undefeated at the junior varsity level last season. Younger players will step up and continue the winning tradition at Burlington.

HONORABLE MENTION:

APPLETON NORTH,
ASHWAUBENON,
BROOKFIELD CENTRAL,
DC EVEREST,
DEFOREST,
HUDSON,
GREENDALE,
KENOSHA TREMPER,
MARQUETTE,
MIDDLETON,
NEENAH,
MILWAUKEE KING,
MUKWONAGO
OREGON,
SOUTH MILWAUKEE,
VERONA,
WATERTOWN,
WEST BEND WEST,
WESTOSHA CENTRAL