

Division IV - 2020 Spring High School Team Previews

School Name	Coaches First Name	Coaches Last Name	Last Season Record / Overall Coaching Record	League Record / Finish	Returning Starters / Returning Arms	Overall Thoughts On The Season	Team Strengths	Top Returning Players	Top Newcomers	Please List Your Top 2020 Prospects
Cincinnati Christian	Tony	Witt	18-6 / first year coach	Miami Valley Conference, 12-4, 1st	4/4	Have moved up to the upper division in the MVC return 7 starters and return 4 pitchers to the staff. All 7 starters will contribute to the overall success of the team. We will compete at the top of the MVC and be strong contenders in the state tourney.	Strong Leadership and 4 guys that can pitch any day. Offense will carry the team as all 7 returners are stronger and very good hitters	1. Alex Johnson SS/RHP 3 year Starter last year Stats .415, 8 2b, 19 RBIs and 1 Hr 11.0 Innings and 3.09 ERA 2. Winston Spencer 3 year Starter .420 avg, 29 hits, 19 RBIs 3. Alex Bertram returning from Injury.	N/A	1. Trevor Allen .304 avg, 18 RBIs, 12 SB 2. Cody Anderson .323 AVG, 18 RBIs, 21 hits 3. Tim Crangi .296 AVG 21 RBIs, 22 SB
Columbia	Dan	Durante	14-12	Patriot Athletic Conference 11-5, 1st	6/4	Lost 6 seniors so our younger guys will have to step up this year. We play in a new conference this year, Lorain County League.	1. Leadership 2. Defense 3. Pitching	1. Carson Heidecker, 1B, 2020, 6-3 265, player of the year in the conference, 1st team all conference county and district. .455 avg. 6 2B, 3 HR, 23 RBIs	N/A	1. Carson Heidecker, 1B, 2020, 6-3 265, player of the year in the conference, 1st team all conference county and district. .455 avg. 6 2B, 3 HR, 23 RBIs
East Knox	Randy	Baughner	20-7/63-15	KMAC, 11-3, 3rd	7/7	Our team goals are to win the KMAC and make a tournament run.	1. Offense 2. Starting Pitching 3. Experience 4. Athleticism	1. Caleb Gallwitz, CF, Sr., 6-0/195, R/R, 4-year starter, Mount Vernon Nazarene U. recruit, 2019-.506 AVG, 48 R, 25-25 SB 2. Weston Melick, UTL, Jr., 6-0/210, R/R, 2 year starter, .512 AVG, 26 RBI, 1.51 ERA in 27.2 inn. 3. Cade Leach, Sr., 6-0, 185, L/R, 4 year starter, West Virginia Wesleyan recruit, SS/RHP, .472 BA, 48 RBI, 1.70 ERA in 28.2 inn. 4. Gage Steinmetz, 2B, Sr., 6-0/185, R/R, 4 year starter, .457 BA, 14-14 SB 5. Kadden Lester, C, Sr., 6-2/210, R/R, 4 year starter, .324 BA, 26 RBI 6. Dawson David, 1B, Sr., 6-1/215, L/L, 4 year starter, .310 BA, 20 RBI 7. Nate Friel, Sr. RHP, 6-3/190, 1.27 ERA, 51 K's in 55 innings 8. Kai Gallwitz, LHP, Sr., 6-3/180, 2.75 ERA 40 K's in 29.1 innings 9. Andrew Allman, RHP/C, Sr., 6-0/170	1. Sam Printz, INF, Jr., 5-10/170 2. Shane Knepp, So., UTL, 5-10/165	1. Caleb Gallwitz, CF, Sr., 6-0/195, R/R, 4-year starter, Mount Vernon Nazarene U. recruit, 2019-.506 AVG, 48 R, 25-25 SB 2. Cade Leach, Sr., 6-0, 185, L/R, 4 year starter, West Virginia Wesleyan recruit, SS/RHP, .472 BA, 48 RBI, 1.70 ERA in 28.2 inn. 3. Nate Friel, Sr. RHP, 6-3/ 190, 1.27 ERA, 51 K's in 55 innings, Uncommitted 4. Kai Gallwitz, LHP, Sr., 6-3/180, 2.75 ERA 40 K's in 29.1 innings, Uncommitted 5. Andrew Allman, RHP/C, Sr., 6-0/170, Uncommitted.
Eastern (Reedsville)	Brian	Bowen	20-5 / 297-157	Tri Valley Conference - Hocking 15-1, 1st	7/3	We play in a very deep and talented league. This season will be another great challenge.	We have young experience.	1. Matt Blanchard, P/C, 2021, R/R, .457 AVG, .540 OBP, .586 SLG, 17 RBI, 29 R. Pitching - 11-1, 2.86 ERA, 77K, 40 BB. 2. Colton Reynolds, P/C, 2020, R/R, .373 AVG, .486 OBP, .508 SLG, 10 RBI, 21 R. Pitching - 5-2, 1.12 ERA, 56K, 28BB. 3. Conner Ridenour, OF, 2021, R/R, .444 AVG, .500 OBP, .619 SLG, 22 RBI, 17 R. 4. Blake Newland, 2B, 2021, R/R, .394 AVG, .511 OBP, .423 SLG, 12 RBI, 29 R. 5. Brayden Smith, SSP, 2022, R/R, .369 AVG, .455 OBP, .446 SLG, 16 RBI, 19 R. Pitching - 3-1, 2.15 ERA, 19K, 12BB.	N/A	1. Colton Reynolds, P/C, 2020, R/R, .373 AVG, .486 OBP, .508 SLG, 10 RBI, 21 R. Pitching - 5-2, 1.12 ERA, 56K, 28BB. Uncommitted and looking to play at the next level.
Fairfield Christian Academy	Josh	Baker	10-13	MSL Cardinal, 8-6, 3rd	4/3	Fantastic senior leadership blended with talented underclassmen.	1. Leadership, 2. Speed, 3. Athleticism	1. Blaine Keener, 3B/1B, 2020, 6-3/205, R/R, 4 yr starter, team captain, Mt. Vernon Nazarene Commit, 533 avg, 30 rbi, 28 r, 10 sb 2. Wyatt Schulz, OF/RHP, 2020, 6-2/200, R/R, 4 year starter, team captain, .338 avg, 28 rbi, 3.70 era, 26 k	1. Matthew Keener, 2023 2. Andrew Keener, 2023	1. Blaine Keener, 3B/1B, 2020, 6-3/205, R/R, 4 yr starter, team captain, Mt. Vernon Nazarene Commit, 533 avg, 30 rbi, 28 r, 10 sb, 1st team MSL Cardinal, 1st team central district 2. Wyatt Schulz, OF/RHP, 2020, 6-2/200, R/R, 4 year starter, team captain, .338 avg, 28 rbi, 3.70 era, 26 k, 1st team MSL Cardinal Uncommitted
Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic	Matt	Malecha	17-11 / 28-28	Sandusky Bay Conference, 11-3, 1st	8/8	We are a very experienced group, returning all of our top arms. We hope to make a deep run in the tournament and we once again hope to win the SBC River.	1. Experience 2. Pitching 3. Base Running 4. Hitting 5. Defense	1. Brody Deck, OF/1B/LHP, 6-3/170-pounds, JR, 2-year starter, 2019 2nd-Team PBR Ohio All-State, 2019 1st-Team All-District, 2019 SBC River 1st-Team. Last Year Stats- Hitting: .311 AVG, 28 H, 6 2B, 5 3B, 24 RBI, 28 R, 37 SB. Pitching: 5-0, 1.71 ERA, 78 K, 35 BB 2. Blake Michael, 1B/LHP, 6-2/165-pounds, JR, 1-year starter, 2019 Honorable Mention PBR Ohio All-State, 2019 2nd-Team All-District, 2019 SBC River 1st-Team. Last Year Stats- Hitting: .379 AVG, 36 H, 10 2B, 6 3B, 27 RBI, 30 R, 16 SB. Pitching: 4-3, 1.59 ERA, 41 K, 22 BB 3. Ricky Geyer, C/INF/RHP, 6-3/195-pounds, SR, 3-year starter, 2019 Honorable Mention PBR Ohio All-State, 2019 Honorable Mention All-District, 2019 SBC River Honorable Mention. Last Year Stats- Hitting: .397 AVG, 31 H, 5 2B, 1 3B, 23 RBI, 27 R, 12 SB. Pitching: 4-1, 3.42 ERA, 41 K, 22 BB 4. Garrett Michael, SSRHP, 6-2/180-pounds, SR, 3-year starter, 2019 Honorable Mention All-District, 2019 SBC River 2nd-Team. Last Year Stats- Hitting: .258 AVG, 23 H, 5 2B, 23 RBI, 23 R, 22 SB	NA	1. Brody Deck, OF/1B/LHP, 6-3/170-pounds, JR, 2-year starter, 2019 Honorable Mention PBR Ohio All-State, 2019 2nd-Team PBR Ohio All-State, 2019 1st-Team All-District, 2019 SBC River 1st-Team. Last Year Stats- Hitting: .311 AVG, 28 H, 6 2B, 5 3B, 24 RBI, 28 R, 37 SB. Pitching: 5-0, 1.71 ERA, 78 K, 35 BB- uncommitted 2. Blake Michael, 1B/LHP, 6-2/165-pounds, JR, 1-year starter, 2019 Honorable Mention PBR Ohio All-State, 2019 2nd-Team All-District, 2019 SBC River 1st-Team. Last Year Stats- Hitting: .379 AVG, 36 H, 10 2B, 6 3B, 27 RBI, 30 R, 16 SB. Pitching: 4-3, 1.59 ERA, 41 K, 22 BB- uncommitted 3. Ricky Geyer, C/INF/RHP, 6-3/195-pounds, SR, 3-year starter, 2019 Honorable Mention PBR Ohio All-State, 2019 Honorable Mention All-District, 2019 SBC River Honorable Mention. Last Year Stats- Hitting: .397 AVG, 31 H, 5 2B, 1 3B, 23 RBI, 27 R, 12 SB. Pitching: 4-1, 3.42 ERA, 41 K, 22 BB- Committed to Mount Vernon Nazarene University
Lincolnview	Eric	Fishpaw	21-4/71-55	Northwest Conference, 7-1, 2nd	4/3	I am looking forward to this season with the group of guys we have. They all love the game of baseball and want to get better daily. We hope to be in contention for a Northwest Conference Championship and a District Championship come tournament time.	Starting Pitching	1. Landon Price, LHP, 2022, 5'9, 160, L/L, Ohio State commit. .367 BA, 15 RBIs, 4-0 Record, 1.223 ERA, 49 Ks. 2. Collin Overholt, RHP, C, 2021, 5'9, 155, S/R, 2 Year Starter, 2nd Team All Ohio as a freshman, 4-0 Record, 2.31 ERA, 48 Ks. 3. Creed Jessee, 3B/DH, 2021, 6'3, 195, R/R, .382 BA, 18 R, 15 RBIs 4. Cole Binkley, CF/LHP, 2022, 5'9, 185, L/L, .353 BA, 13 R	1. Aaron Cavinder, 2021, RHP, 2B, 2. Spencer Richey, 2021, DH/OF 3. Carson Fox, 2022, C, RHP 4. Dane Ebel, 2023, RHP, 2B, OF 5. Jared Kesler, 2023, 2B/OF	N/A

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Montpelier	Toby	Hutchison	18-5/38-30	Buckeye Border Conference, 11-1, 1st	4/2	After losing in the district finals to an eventual state contender, Antwerp, we are looking to reload with plenty of young talent. Last years team graduated five varsity seniors, including the two-time BBC player of the year (Dakota Bernier). With that being said, we have five players returning with some experience at the varsity level. In the BBC, we have to bring it each game. Edon and Hilltop are both returning talented squads in our league and will contend for a league title. As back to back BBC champions, we understand that we have a bulls-eye on our back.	1. Roster Depth 2. Pitching 3. Hitting 3. Athleticism	1. Tyler Yahraus, Utility, 2021, 6-0/ 160lbs, Jr. 2 Year starter - Last year Stats - .339 AVG, .397 OBP, 11 SB 2. Blake Altaffer, INF/P, 2021, 6-0/200, Jr. 2 Year starter - Last year stats - .327 AVG, .570 OBP, 12 RBI, 26BB, .933 ERA, 3-0, 55K 30.0IP 4BB 3. Collin Crisenberry, Utility/P, 5-10 170lbs, Jr. 2 Year Starter - Last year stats - .347 AVG, .473 OBP, 25SB 28 Runs scored	1. Aiden Santos - Utility, 2023, 5-9/200 lbs, Freshman - Big athletic build with very quick hands. Extremely hard worker with a plus bat at his age. 2. Easten Richmond - Utility/C, 6-0/160 lbs, Freshman - Lanky athlete. Has room to fill out and grow.	N/A
New Bremen	Chad	Wells	21-6 / 100-73	Midwest Athletic Conference, 6-3, 3rd	5/3	The players and coaches are very excited for the season. It is a good group of young men who want to compete on a daily basis. Leadership from the returning players will be very important to this team. The league will be extremely competitive this year. Each night should be very competitive and challenging. Our DIV Sectional and Districts each year are one of the most competitive in State.	1. Leadership 2. Experience 3. Starting Pitching	1. Spencer Allg LHP/OF 2020, 5-10/225-pounds R/L, 1st Team All MAC, 2nd Team All-Ohio, 61.2 IP, .681 ERA, 66 K, 15 BB. 2. Mitchell Hays SS/RHP 2021, 6-0/175-pounds R/R, 1st Team All MAC, HM All-Ohio, .422 Ave, 8 2B, 1 HR, 22 RBIs, 25 SB 3. Zach Berke OF/LHP 2021, 5-10/185-pounds L/L, 1st Team All MAC, .347 Ave, 6 2B, 18 RBIs, 22 R, 4 SB 4. Patrick Wells C/RHP 2020, 6-4/220-pounds R/R, HM All MAC, .297 Ave, 3 2B, 1 HR, 19 RBIs, 14 R, 3 SB 5. Aaron Vonderhaar 1B/3B 2020, 6-0/205-pounds R/R, .282 Ave, 5 2B, 11 RBIs, 19 R, 2 SB	1. Brennan Tinerman 1B/OF 2020 2. Ryland Archey OF/C 2020 3. Ben Blickle RHP/3B 2021 4. Kyle Tenkman RHP/MIF 2021 5. Sam Sailer IF 2021 6. Nolan Bornhorst IF/OF/RHP 2020 7. Wyatt Dicke OF/RHP 2021 8. Vince Hulse C 2022	1. Spencer Allg LHP/OF 2020, 5-10/225-pounds R/L, 1st Team All MAC, 2nd Team All-Ohio, 61.2 IP, .681 ERA, 66 K, 15 BB. 2. Mitchell Hays SS/RHP 2021, 6-0/175-pounds R/R, 1st Team All MAC, HM All-Ohio, .422 Ave, 8 2B, 1 HR, 22 RBIs, 25 SB 3. Zach Berke OF/LHP 2021, 5-10/185-pounds L/L, 1st Team All MAC, .347 Ave, 6 2B, 18 RBIs, 22 R, 4 SB 4. Patrick Wells C/RHP 2020, 6-4/220-pounds R/R, HM All MAC, .297 Ave, 3 2B, 1 HR, 19 RBIs, 14 R, 3 SB 5. Aaron Vonderhaar 1B/3B 2020, 6-0/205-pounds R/R, .282 Ave, 5 2B, 11 RBIs, 19 R, 2 SB
Portsmouth Clay	Marc	Cottle	20-9	11-1, SOC, T-1st	7/4	Should be in contention for a league title and a tourney run	Pitching	1. Dakota Dodds LHP/1B, 2020, 6-0 260, 4 yr starter, 9-2 1.00 ERA 2. Clay Cottle SS, 2021, .488 AVG, 8 2B, 7 3B, 2 HR, 30 RBIs, 34 R, 13 SB 3. Reece Whitley 2020 C/P .378 AVG, 10 2B, 26 RBIs, 15 SB 4. Jaden Jesse 2021 1B/OF, .410 AVG, 22 RBIs	N/A	1. Dakota Dodds LHP/1B, 2020, 6-0 260, 4 yr starter, 9-2 1.00 ERA 2. Reece Whitley 2020 C/P .378 AVG, 10 2B, 26 RBIs, 15 SB
Trimble Local (Glouster)	Phil	Faires	13-8 / 401-241	10-6	6/3	Lost top two pitchers and starting catcher.	1. Defense 2. Experience	1. Conner Wright Sr P-Utility 5'11 190 .410 2. Cameron Kittle Sr P-SS 6'0 180 .400 3. Landon Wisor SR OF 5'10 160 .380 4. Jack Nagucki Sr 1B 6'0 180 .400	N/A	1. Conner Wright Sr P-Utility 5'11 190 .410 2. Cameron Kittle Sr P-SS 6'0 180 .400 3. Landon Wisor SR OF 5'10 160 .380 4. Jack Nagucki Sr 1B 6'0 180 .400
Western Reserve Academy	Rob	McNerney	16-9 / 0-0	Independent	4/2	Western Reserve Academy is a nationally ranked independent boarding/day school. We are not a member of OHSSA as we offer a 5th academic year to prospective student-athletes. The 2020 baseball team does not feature any post-grad players. We are a small school (approximately 400 students) and have students from all over the world. The 2020 varsity team returns 4 defensive starters and 2 pitchers who threw varsity innings in 2019. We are excited to challenge ourselves again with a competitive schedule featuring some really quality teams in the area: Gilmour, St. Vincent St. Mary, CVCA - just to name a few. The teams success will be based on some young players stepping up, and two seniors returning from injuries.	1. Defense up the middle 2. Baseball IQ 3. Leadership	1. Matt Filippelli, 2B, 2020, 5'8"/160-pounds, L/R, 3 year starter, team captain, John Carroll recruit. Last year stats: .333 AVG, 27H, 5 2B, 2 3B, 13 RBI, 29R, 18SB. 2. Mikey Mylott, 3B/1B/RF, 2021, 6'4"/210-pounds, R/R, 2 year starter. Last year stats - .324 AVG, 24H, 72B, 1 3B, 4HR, 25RBI, 16R. 3. Noah Barnes, SS/RHP, 2022, 5'5"/135-pounds, R/R, 1 year starter. Last year stats - .319 AVG, 23H, 6 2B, 11RBI, 29R, 20BB, 23 SB. 4. Justin Gacom, RHP, 2020, 5'10"/170-pounds, R/R, 2 year starter. Last year stats - 3-1, 2.56 ERA, 27IP, 27K, 14BB.	1. Iyad Ansari, C/1B, 2023, 5'10"/200-pounds. Comes to us from Ontario, Canada where he played summer baseball for the Ontario Rockies. Will be playing 2020 summer for Ohio Elite Baseball. Very promising player, great size and tools. 2. Matt Filippelli, 2B, 2020, 5'8"/160-pounds, L/R, 3 year starter, team captain, John Carroll recruit. Last year stats: .333 AVG, 27H, 5 2B, 2 3B, 13 RBI, 29R, 18SB. 3. Mikey Mylott, 3B/1B/RF, 2021, 6'4"/210-pounds, R/R, 2 year starter. Last year stats - .324 AVG, 24H, 72B, 1 3B, 4HR, 25RBI, 16R. 4. Justin Gacom, RHP, 2020, 5'10"/170-pounds, R/R, 2 year starter. Last year stats - 3-1, 2.56 ERA, 27IP, 27K, 14BB. 5. Iyad Ansari, C/1B, 2023, 5'10"/200-pounds.	
Whiteoak (Mowrystown)	Chris	Veidt	25-5 / 398-300	12-1, SHAC Champions	4/2	Nice blend of talented Frosh with an experienced Senior class	Experienced Senior class.	1. Zach Harless, P Utility. First team all Ohio/SHAC/SEDist 2. Mason Lehr, P/INF. First team all SHAC. Second team SE District	Very solid freshman class	1. Zach Harless, P Utility. First team all Ohio/SHAC/SEDist 2. Mason Lehr, P/INF. First team all SHAC. Second team SE District