

2026 PREVIEW GUIDE

Team Name: Lafayette College Club Baseball

Mascot: Leopards

City/State: Easton, PA

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Coach/Advisor: Skip Nataro // Captain: Owen Paschke

2024/2025 NCBA Season Performance (Last Year):

- 2024/2025 NCBA Season Record: **6-6**
- Final Conference Ranking: **4th of 6**
- District Playoff Results? **N/A**
- World Series Results? **N/A**
- Additional Achievements/Notables: **N/A**

Fall 2025 Performance (This Year - If Applicable)

- 2025 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): **4-4**
- Additional Achievements/Notables: **N/A**

Number of Returning Players from Last Year: 12

Players to Watch: Owen Paschke, Dylan Melsky, Jake Dudas, Luke Barasch, Lucas Heines, Matthew Deacon, Trey Heath

Biggest Rival: Lehigh and Princeton

Best Player Nickname: N/A

2026 Spring Season Outlook: Strong and solid lineup 1 thru 9, untapped potential. Did not play to what our talent shows in the fall.

Manager Quote:

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Team Name: Penn

Mascot: Quakers

City/State: Philadelphia, PA

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Kethan Shirodkar, Michael Yelpo, Michael Jolly

2024/2025 NCBA Season Performance (Last Year):

- 2024/2025 NCBA Season Record: **3-7**
- Final Conference Ranking: **6th**
- District Playoff Results? **N/A**
- World Series Results? **N/A**
- Additional Achievements/Notables: **N/A**

Fall 2025 Performance (This Year - If Applicable)

- 2025 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): **2-1**
- Additional Achievements/Notables: **N/A**

Number of Returning Players from Last Year: 13

Players to Watch: Cortez Guzman, Emmanuel Saintjean, David Leibowitz

Biggest Rival: Princeton

Favorite Club Tradition: End of Year BBQ

Best Player Nickname: Uncle Jack

2026 Spring Season Outlook: After a couple of rebuilding years, the team has a definitive core that is ready to build on a successful end to 2025. With the right mix of savvy veterans, power-hitting rookies, and utility guys, the team has a clear culture and is ready to compete in 2026.

Manager Quote: Slow is smooth, smooth is fast

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Team Name: Sacred Heart University (D3)

Mascot: Pioneers

City/State: Fairfield, CT

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Coaches: Ryan Foley, Brian Valeriano

2024/2025 NCBA Season Performance (Last Year):

- 2024/2025 NCBA Season Record: **N/A**
- Final Conference Ranking: **N/A**
- District Playoff Results? **N/A**
- World Series Results? **N/A**
- Additional Achievements/Notables: **N/A**

Fall 2025 Performance (This Year - If Applicable)

- 2025 Fall Record (NCBA Sanctioned Games Only): **7-1**
- Additional Achievements/Notables: **First year in NCBA D3. Previously members of the NECBA.**

Number of Returning Players from Last Year: New Team

Players to Watch: Braden Neal, Aaron Ariza, Francis Fressle, and Justin DiGiovanna

Biggest Rival: N/A

Favorite Club Tradition: N/A

Best Player Nickname: Cap

2026 Spring Season Outlook: After a strong fall season the Pioneers are looking to win their conference and secure a spot at regionals with hopes of competing for a National Championship!

Manager Quote: "We took a big step forward this fall, and it shows. The growth from last year (in NECBA) has been huge, and I can't wait to travel, compete, and build on it this spring season." - Ryan Foley