2015 NCCAA Mid-East Region

Dates: May 12-15, 2015
Location: Olympic Field - Cleveland, Tennessee

TOURNAMENT NOTES...

For the second consecutive year Lee University (31-18-1) will be hosting the NCCAA Mid-East Region at Olympic Field. A total of six teams, including Lee, will be involved in the double-elimination event. The region winner will earn a berth in the NCCAA National tournament slated for May 20-23 at Prasco Park in Mason, Ohio.

The Flames are the defending NCCAA Mid-East Region champions and finished second in the NCCAA National Tournament last season.

While Lee will command the No. 1 seed, Bluefield College (24-24) is seeded No. 2. Hiwassee College (28-20) is the 3rd seed, followed Ohio Christian (14-18), Johnson University (2-26) and Morthland (5-18-1).

THE FLAMES have called on the long balls of Ben Holland in several of their wins this season. Holland (.312) has blasted 11 home runs and driven in 37 runs. He also paces his team in runs scored (36) and slugging percentage (.618).

Chris Adams missed 14 games due to an early-season injury, but has come back to appear in 33 games and pace Lee in hitting (.333). He has 11 doubles, three home runs and a .504 slugging mark. Andres Nelo (.327), Trent Hill (.325), Siosi Poti (.309) and Luke Toms (.301) also top the .300 hitting mark. Toms is the doubles leader (12). Nelo and Holland have stroked three triples each. Poti has stolen 23 bases in 26 attempts.

Lee pitching has been coming on strong. Senior Dustin Lawson (6-1) has an ERA of 2.48. He has toed the rubber for 87 innings and has recorded 67 strikeouts and walked 26. Trent Hill doubles as a weekend pitcher and has a 7-5 record with a 3.04 ERA. In 74 innings the lefty has fanned 93 and walked 36. Other top hurlers are Jacob Potts (2.78 ERA), Ridge Ackerman (3.09 ERA), Grayson Bailey (3.13 ERA) and Chevis Hoover (3.98 ERA).

BLUEFIELD is a member of the tough Appalachian Athletic Conference. Like the Flames, the Rams are seeking a berth in their second consecutive NCCAA National Tournament.

The Rams are paced at the plate by William Kane (.345). Chris McCollister stands at .338. Tyler Timmer is the team's biggest overall threat. He carries a .329 average and tops the Rams in runs scored (41), doubles (14), home runs (6) and runs batted in 41.

Cory Niten (5-3), Chaz Miller (5-3) and Alex Haas (4-5) hold the best mound records for Bluefield, but Dylan Cole appears to be a top-notch closer. He has worked in 34.1 innings and carries a 3.41 ERA, but in 34 innings he has struck out 25 batters and issued only three free passes.

HIWASSEE has a team batting average of .319. Marc Marsh (.417) is shown as the club's top hitter. Dalton Harrelson is batting .348 with a team-leading 33 RBI. Randall Coley and Alex Huddleston are the home run leaders (5), while Charles Chavis has scored 36 runs.

Joshua McNabb has pitched in 56 2/3 innings for the Tigers. He has a 1-3 record and a 2.39 ERA. Quinten Crowell has picked up 10 saves and has a 1.97 ERA. John Hale also has an impressive 1.56 ERA. Jordan Norton has started nine games and pitched in 36 1/3 innings.

OHIO CHRISTIAN is led in hitting by Ethan Skowronski (330), Eric McClure (315), Isaiah Haley (.306) and Caleb Penny (.298). The pitching is paced by Richie French who owns a 5-2 record with a .2.44 ERA.

JOHNSON UNIVERSITY has three hitters over the .300 mark. Brian Cates (.329), Garrett Crawford (.317) and Andrew McGuffey (.323) are the leaders. Crawford has the team's top ERA (7.11) and Evan Duriga has appeared in 15 contests and owns a 10.61 ERA.

No stats were available for Morthland.

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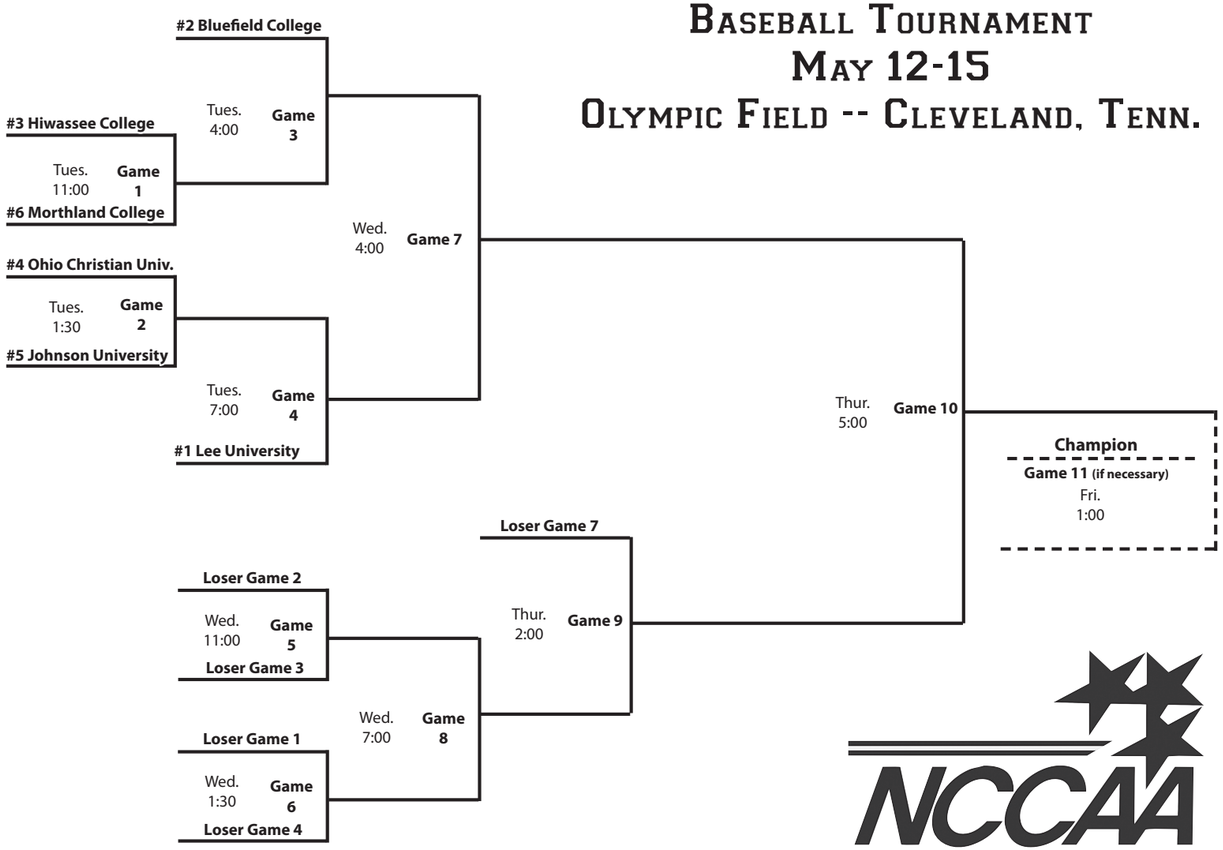

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No. 1 Lee University

Location: Cleveland, Tennessee
Founded: 1918
President: Dr. Paul Conn
Athletic Director: Larry Carpenter
School Colors: Maroon & White
Nickname: Flames
Affiliation: NCAA DII (Gulf South), NCCAA DI
Record Entering Tournament: 31-18-1

2015 ROSTER...

NO.	NAME	CL.	POS.	B/T	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
1	Andres Nelo	Sr.	2B/SS	L/R	5-8	165	Maracay, Venezuela
2	Cameron Scott	So.	3B/1B	R/R	5-11	185	Columbus, Georgia
3	Luke Toms	R-Jr.	SS	R/R	6-2	190	Hagerstown, Maryland
4	Kyle Briner	R-Jr.	RHP	R/R	6-1	185	Sellersburg, Indiana
6	Siosi Poti	Sr.	OF	R/L	6-0	175	Rohnert Park, California
7	MJ Brown	R-Jr.	3B/1B	R/R	6-1	215	Loganville, Georgia
9	Grayson Bailey	Sr.	LHP	L/L	6-1	210	New York, New York
10	Dustin Lawson	R-Sr.	RHP	R/R	6-5	195	Cleveland, Tennessee
12	Trenton Hill	Jr.	LHP/OF/	L/L	6-3	210	Bentonville, Arkansas
13	Chris Adams	Jr.	1B	L/L	5-10	195	Huntsville, Alabama
14	Josh Tate	R-Sr.	OF	R/R	6-1	195	Queen Creek, Arizona
15	Chevis Hoover	Jr.	C/INF/OF	R/R	6-4	225	Estill Springs, Tennessee
20	Jacob Potts	Sr.	OF/INF	R/R	6-0	150	Glendale, Arizona
21	Carlos Ditren	Sr.	RHP	R/R	6-0	185	Lawrence, Massachusetts
24	Shae Durham	Fr.	INF	R/R	5-9	160	Pekin, Indiana
25	Ben Holland	R-Jr.	SS/2B	R/R	6-3	240	Murfreesboro, Tennessee
26	Logan Campbell	R-Jr.	1B	R/R	6-6	215	Bakersfield, California
28	Dakota Fowler	Fr.	RHP	R/R	6-4	160	Hartselle, Alabama
29	Michael James	Fr.	RHP	L/L	6-2	175	Brentwood, Tennessee
30	Ridge Ackerman	Jr.	LHP	R/R	6-5	210	Springfield, Illinois
35	Nathan Wierzgac	So.	C	R/R	5-10	180	Northville, Michigan
36	Rob Gustitus	So.	C	R/R	6-2	185	Brighton, Michigan
37	Corbin Lamb	R-Fr.	RHP	L/L	6-2	195	Sevierville, Tennessee
38	Nathan Murrell	Fr.	LHP	L/R	5-9	175	Apison, Tennessee
39	Ryan Zimmer	R-Sr.	C/INF	L/L	5-11	165	London, Ontario
43	Zack Zyburt	So.	LHP	R/R	5-11	190	Plainfield, Illinois

Head Coach: Mark Brew
Assistant Coaches: Justin Dedman, Drew French
Student Assistants: Joe Fabre, Karsten Strieby

LEE BASEBALL

Head Coach
Mark Brew

No. 2 Bluefield College

Location: Bluefield, Virginia
Founded: 1922
President: Dr. David Olive
Interim Athletic Director: Mike White
School Colors: Red, White & Blue
Nickname: Rams
Affiliation: NAIA (AAC), NCCAA DI
Record Entering Tournament: 24-24

2015 ROSTER...

NO.	NAME	CL.	POS.	B/T	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
1	Gavan Yates	Jr.	C/OF	L/R	5-9	180	Tazewell, Virginia
2	Dylan Cole	Sr.	RHP	R/R	5-10	150	Cypress, California
3	Kaleb Houchins	Sr.	LHP	L/L	5-10	185	Stoneville, North Carolina
4	Dylan Ruth	Jr.	RHP	R/R	6-0	190	San Diego, California
5	Tyler Timmer	Sr.	INF	R/R	6-2	200	San Diego, California
6	Daniel Copeland	Sr.	INF	R/R	5-11	180	Perth, Australia
7	Chris McCollister	Sr.	INF	R/R	5-11	155	Fairfield, California
8	Addison Wood	Fr.	RHP	R/R	6-0	190	Princeton, West Virginia
9	Tyler Rome	Sr.	INF	R/R	5-9	185	Sherwood, Oregon
10	Chaz Miller	So.	RHP	R/R	6-0	190	Honaker, Virginia
11	Ryan Lawson	Jr.	OF	L/L	6-0	195	San Diego, California
12	Cory Niten	Sr.	RHP	R/R	6-0	205	Mesa, Arizona
13	Ben Rife	Jr.	INF	L/R	6-2	190	Grundy, Virginia
14	Braden Freeman	Sr.	C	R/R	5-6	190	Fillmore, Indiana
15	Sawyer McLamb	Sr.	INF/OF	L/R	5-8	175	Asheville, North Carolina
18	Jacob Schober	Sr.	OF	R/R	5-11	205	Dublin, California
20	Nic Ratliff	R-	1B	R/R	5-11	180	Salem, Virginia
21	William Kane	Fr.	LHP/OF	L/L	6-0	220	West Palm Beach, Florida
23	Zachary Tapia	Sr.	RHP	R/R	6-0	215	Fontana, California
24	Garrett Schilling	Jr.	C	R/R	6-3	195	Santee, California
25	Luke Harris	Jr.	RHP	R/R	5-11	205	Dobson, North Carolina
29	Trayvond Brooks	Sr.	RHP	R/R	6-4	200	Waco, Texas
30	Lee Norris	So.	RHP	R/R	5-10	220	Wake Forest, North Carolina
31	David Cizmadia	So.	OF	R/R	5-6	155	Ocala, Florida
33	Nolan Bailey	Fr.	C	R/R	5-6	190	Angier, North Carolina
34	Mike Wood	Fr.	RHP	R/R	6-3	210	Tazewell, Virginia
39	Alex Haas	Jr.	RHP	R/R	6-5	215	San Diego, California
44	Seth Dewey	So.	RHP	R/R	6-3	200	Meadowview, Virginia

Head Coach: Mike White
Assistant Coaches: Ryan Lambert, Drew Bailey

Head Coach
Mike White

No. 3 Hiwassee College

Location: Madisonville, Tennessee
Founded: 1849
President: Dr. Robin Tricoli
Athletic Director: Dr. Jason Leonard
School Colors: Maroon & Gold
Nickname: Tigers
Affiliation: NCCAA DI
Record Entering Tournament: 28-20

2015 ROSTER...

NO.	NAME	CL.	POS.	B/T	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
1	Charles Chavis	R-Fr.	INF	L/R	---	---	---
2	Marc Marsh	Jr.	C/RHP	R/R	---	---	---
3	TK Kemper	Jr.	3B/2B	R/R	---	---	---
4	Garrison Sisson	Sr.	INF	R/R	---	---	---
5	Joshua McNabb	Jr.	RHP	R/R	---	---	---
6	Matt Taylor	Jr.	OF/RHP	R/R	---	---	---
7	Skylar Tallent	R-Fr.	INF	R/R	---	---	---
8	Keegan Judd	Fr.	OF/RHP	R/R	---	---	---
9	John Hale	R-Fr.	OF	R/R	---	---	---
11	Ta-Li Martin	Sr.	1B/3B	R/R	---	---	---
12	Jordan Rouse	R-Fr.	RHP	R/R	---	---	---
13	Tyler Meroney	Fr.	LHP/OF	L/L	---	---	---
14	Jacob Williamson	Fr.	RHP	R/R	---	---	---
15	Nick Jett	So.	RHP	R/R	---	---	---
16	Dalton Harrelson	Jr.	OF	L/R	---	---	---
17	MJ Mabey	R-So.	RHP	R/R	---	---	---
18	Joseph Hales	R-Jr.	LHP	L/L	---	---	---
19	Jordan Norton	R-So.	RHP	R/R	---	---	---
20	Carter Flowers	Fr.	RHP	R/R	---	---	---
21	David Arnwine	Sr.	1B	R/R	---	---	---
24	Randall Coley	Sr.	3B	R/R	---	---	---
25	Quinten Crowell	Fr.	RHP	R/R	---	---	---
26	Cameron Smith	So.	OF	L/R	---	---	---
27	Alex Huddleston	Sr.	C	R/R	---	---	---
28	Pierre Martinez	Fr.	OF	R/R	---	---	---
30	Chase Rathbone	Fr.	C	R/R	---	---	---
31	Zach Helms	So.	RHP	R/R	---	---	---
32	Joe Day	Fr.	LHP	L/L	---	---	---
33	Bryan Woodlief	R-Sr.	1B/LHP	L/L	---	---	---
34	Zack Rocca	Fr.	RHP	R/R	---	---	---
35	Zack Roberts	Fr.	RHP	R/R	---	---	---

Head Coach: Shane Gardner
Assistant Coach: Josh Cassidy

Head Coach
Shane Gardner

No. 4 Ohio Christian University

Location: Circleville, Ohio
Founded: 1948
President: Dr. Mark A. Smith
Athletic Director: Ben Belleman
School Colors: ---
Nickname: Trailblazers
Affiliation: NAIA (KIAC)/NCCAA DII
Record Entering Tournament: 14-18

2015 ROSTER...

NO.	NAME	CL.	POS.	B/T	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
1	Brown Lewis	Jr.	RHP	R/R	5-11	151	Owensboro, Kentucky
2	Jayson Perkins	Jr.	OF	R/R	5-3	145	Westerville, Ohio
3	Jordan Dicks	So.	INF/OF	R/R	5-10	150	Jefferson, Pennsylvania
5	Chris McIlroy	Sr.	RHP	R/R	6-5	180	Circleville, Ohio
6	Ben Johnson	Fr.	INF	R/R	6-0	168	Cincinnati, Ohio
7	Logan Webb	R-Fr.	RHP	R/R	6-0	195	Whitehall, Ohio
8	Ethan Skowronski	Fr.	1B/OF	L/R	6-2	194	Cincinnati, Ohio
9	Nick Landers	Fr.	RHP	R/R	6-0	201	Independance, Kentucky
10	Trevor Whitesed	Sr.	INF/RHP	R/R	5-5	175	Tarlton, Ohio
11	Brian Daria	Jr.	INF	R/R	5-9	165	Villa Hills, Kentucky
12	Danarius Williams	Jr.	LHP	L/L	6-0	175	Cincinnati, Ohio
13	Mike Miller	Sr.	RHP	R/R	6-3	230	Groveport, Ohio
15	Tanner Holt	So.	OF	R/R	6-0	182	Liberty Township, Ohio
21	Eric McClure	Fr.	C/OF	R/R	6-1	205	Lancaster, Ohio
22	Caleb Penney	So.	INF	R/R	6-1	232	Columbus, Ohio
23	Jeff Mefford Jr.	Fr.	RHP	R/R	6-2	215	Springfield, Ohio
24	Hunter Day	Fr.	RHP	R/R	6-3	215	Springfield, Ohio
25	Stephen Wood	Fr.	INF/RHP	R/R	6-1	230	Liberty Township, Ohio
30	Kris Carius	R-So.	RHP	R/R	6-7	260	Columbus, Ohio
31	Richie French	Sr.	RHP	R/R	6-0	195	Waverly, Ohio
42	Zachary Mason	Fr.	C/INF	R/R	6-1	210	Pickerington, Ohio
47	Isaiah Haley	Fr.	C/INF	R/R	6-1	180	Cincinnati, Ohio

Head Coach: Grant Reynolds
Assistant Coach: Michael Blevins

Head Coach
Grant Reynolds

No. 5 Johnson University

Location: Knoxville, Tennessee
Founded: 1893
President: Dr. Gary Weedman
Athletic Director: Ken Underwood
School Colors: Royal Blue & White
Nickname: Royals
Affiliation: NCCAA DII
Record Entering Tournament: 2-26

2015 ROSTER...

NO.	NAME	CL.	POS.	B/T	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
2	Sean Finneran	So.	LHP/OF	L/L	5-10	150	Raleigh, North Carolina
3	Brian Cates	So.	RHP/INF	L/R	5-9	160	Rockford, Tennessee
5	Gavin Gill	Jr.	INF/C	R/R	5-10	180	Maryville, Tennessee
12	Garrett Crawford	So.	RHP/OF	R/R	6-1	200	Levels, West Virginia
13	Micah Hescock	So.	INF/DH	R/R	5-10	235	Mt. Sterling, Kentucky
14	Max McCoig	Fr.	LHP/OF	L/L	6-0	190	Pigeon Forge, Tennessee
15	Andrew McGuffey	Fr.	RHP/INF	R/R	6-0	170	Cincinnati, Ohio
17	Nate Howard	Jr.	RHP/OF	R/R	6-2	180	Oconee, Georgia
18	Chase Newsome	So.	C/DH	R/R	6-3	220	Knoxville, Tennessee
19	Evan Duriga	Jr.	RHP/OF	R/R	6-4	210	Louisville, Ohio
20	Patrick Dickens	Fr.	OF/DH	R/R	6-0	185	Springfield, Missouri
23	Jonathan Howard	Fr.	RHP/OF	R/R	6-5	190	Oconee, Georgia
24	Samuel Cutshall	Sr.	C/INF	R/R	6-0	145	St. Charles, Missouri
27	Blake Shuler	So.	RHP/INF	R/R	6-1	195	Knoxville, Tennessee
36	Conner Moore	So.	INF/DH	R/R	6-2	155	Johnson City, Tennessee

Head Coach: Ben Fair
Assistant Coaches: Brian Lovett, Rob Harlamert

Head Coach
Ben Fair

No. 6 Morthland College

Location: West Frankfort, Illinois
Founded: 2010
President: Dr. Tim Morthland
Athletic Director: Mike Rude
School Colors: Green & Gold
Nickname: Patriots
Affiliation: NCCAA DI
Record Entering Tournament: 5-18-1

2015 ROSTER...

NO.	NAME	CL.	POS.	B/T	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
0	Evan Chapman	Jr.	RHP	R/R	6-0	190	Pinckneyville, Illinois
1	Theo Mitchell	R-Fr.	---	R/R	5-10	175	Little Rock, Arkansas
4	Matthew Cirre	Fr.	INF	R/R	6-0	180	Winslow, Arizona
6	Antoine Cook	R-Jr.	OF/P	R/R	6-1	180	Junction City, Arkansa
9	Trae Walsingham	Sr.	---	R/R	6-0	185	Milton, Florida
14	Alex Brooks	Fr.	3B/1B	R/R	6-2	210	Durant, Oklahoma
15	Dylan Hardin	Fr.	---	R/R	6-0	185	Pinckneyville, Illinois
22	Kevin Dunn	Fr.	RHP	R/R	6-2	170	Central, Louisiana
23	Michael Smith	So.	OF	R/R	6-0	170	Paducah, Kentucky
24	LaMarcus O'Neal	R-Fr.	OF	R/R	5-11	155	Little Rock, Arkansas
25	Daniel Murphy	Sr.	3B	R/R	6-1	215	Pasagoula, Mississippi
32	Cristian Alonso	Fr.	C	R/R	5-8	235	Cayey, Puerto Rico
34	Jon Marc Girardeau	So.	1B	R/R	6-4	185	Mobile, Alabama
44	Oliezer Torres	Fr.	OF/INF	R/R	6-1	185	Barsononeta, Puerto Rico
99	Keion Thornton	R-Fr.	RHP	R/R	6-0	165	Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Head Coach: Dennis Bastien
Student Assistants: John Michael Morris, Sam Kuhnert

Head Coach
Dennis Bastien