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2025-26 NCBBA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE

Team Name: Bowling Green Falcons

Mascot: Falcons

Location: Bowling Green, Ohio

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Captains: Jacob Amspoker/Kaiden Roscoe
Coaches: Judah Baldwin

2024-2025 Performance (If applicable):

- Record: N/A
- Tournament Rankings/Results: N/A
- Notables: wins against: Wright State, PFW, Illinois, Dayton, UM-Flint

Number of Returning Players (Include starters): (2 starters) PG Jacob Amspoker, SG/SF Carson Conway (7 Returners) PG/SG Ty Lowery, PG/SG Jalen Mosley, PG/SG Ryan Eisaman, SG Evan Adir, F Kaiden Roscoe, F Bryce Johnson, F Grant Girrell

Players to Watch: 5'10" Jacob Amspoker, 6'1" Ty Lowery, 6'5" Carson Conway, 6'5" Bryce Johnson, 6'6" Grant Girrell

New additions: 6'4" Chris Milton

Biggest Rival:

Best Player Nickname: Jalen "Jaymo" Mosley

2025-26 Season Outlook: After gaining momentum at the end of the 24-25 season, the Bowling Green Falcons are ready to make a name for them selves. Returning 9 players to the NCBBA team, Bowling



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Green is headed by second year players Point Guard Jacob Amspoker and Shooting guard/Small Forward Carson Conway. Freshmen Chris Milton has been making noise in practice as well. An overall well rounded team with shooting and athleticism across the board.

Head Coach Quote:

We came in to these games confident and performed how we expected to. Were a talented team and I feel when were at our best we are the best.- Judah Baldwin



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2025-26 NCBBA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE

Team Name: Butler University

Mascot: Bulldogs

Location: Indianapolis, IN

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Captain - Brock Danahey

2024-2025 Performance (If applicable):

- Record: **6-4**
- Tournament Rankings/Results: **3rd place Great Lakes Central Conference**
- Notables: **N/A**

Number of Returning Players (Include starters): 9 returning players - Myers, Danahey, Nogues, Miller, Moore, Cash, Ruback, Carlson, Tsevis (2 starters - Danahey and Ruback)

Players to Watch: Charlie Moore, Drew Miller

New additions: Justin de Varona, Rylan Rauch, Kingston Baez, Tony Santarelli, Zach Thomas

Biggest Rival: Purdue

Best Player Nickname: Drew "Bang-a-rang" Miller

2025-26 Season Outlook: With lots of strength and depth at the guard position, expect the Bulldogs to score a lot of points and be competitive this year.

Head Coach Quote: The team is looking to build on last year. It's a really tight knit group of guys and I can't wait to watch us perform this season and hopefully make the Regional Playoffs.



2025-26 NCBBA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE

Team Name: Creighton University

Mascot: Bluejays

Location: Omaha, Nebraska

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Derek Dearking & Maddux Tennant

2024-2025 Performance (If applicable):

- Record: **13-1**
- Tournament Rankings/Results: **1st place Great Lakes-West, #10 Final NCBBA Poll**
- Notables: **Won all conference games played by an average of 18.7 ppg**

Number of Returning Players (Include starters): 8 Returners (2 Starters) - (Dearking, Jones), O'Mara, Dondlinger, D'Ambrosio, Olm-Shipman, Rourke, Tennant,

Players to Watch: 6-7 David Jones (DJ), 6-6 Tommy Elliott, 6-3 Avery Dondlinger

New additions: Tommy Elliott, Dylan Janzen, Spencer Kanne, Joe Hoheisel, Toby Dunn

Biggest Rival: Iowa State/WashU

Best Player Nickname: Eli "Rawdog" Rourke

2025-26 Season Outlook: Strong returning 1, 2 punch at the point guard and center position with Dearking and Jones, and big new paint presence with Elliott as a very good rebounder and shot blocker

Head Coach Quote: The only difference between a good shot and a bad shot is if it goes in or not



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Team Name: University of Dayton

Mascot: Flyers

Location: Dayton, Ohio

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Charlie Ciolek & Dwight Turner

2024-2025 Performance (If applicable):

- Record:
- Tournament Rankings/Results:
- Notables:

Number of Returning Players (Include starters):

10

Players to Watch:

Matthew Meyer and Juan Hernandez

New additions:

Big Mike Gedeum, Jacob Barnard, Emerson Hartshorn, Evan Hargett, Jason Henning, and Noah Lamora

Biggest Rival:

Xavier

Best Player Nickname:

Matthew "Foo" Meyer

2025-26 Season Outlook:

A lot of returning players this year, as well as some great young players added to the roster.

Head Coach Quote:



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Team Name: DePaul Blue Demons

Mascot: Blue Demon

Location: Chicago, IL

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Colin McDonald, Smiley Cotton, Morgan Crist

2024-2025 Performance (If applicable):

- Record: **15-1**
- Tournament Rankings/Results: **Runner up in JMU crown invitational, Won the Miami tournament in November, Won the winter classic held by us in February.**
- Notables: **3 Main scorers coming back this year, along with a ton of depth that has NCBBA experience.**

Number of Returning Players (Include starters): 9

Players to Watch: Smiley Cotton, Colin McDonald, Mitch Kalu

New additions: Added 5 freshman that all have big basketball backgrounds playing in good conferences in high school.

Biggest Rival: Purdue

Best Player Nickname: Smiley

2025-26 Season Outlook: The Blue Demons look to win the Great Lakes Central conference for another year in a row with their fast pace scoring and suffocating defense. They bring back nine rostered people who have a ton of experience playing in the NCBBA already. They will be fueled by their main scorer Smiley and big man Mitch. The Demons, who have been in the rankings consistently for the past two years, look to make a push into the top 10 and become regional champs this year.



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Team Name: Indiana State

Mascot: Sycamores

Location: Terre Haute, IN

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Kameron Winters, Grady Lapczynski, Elliott Corenflos

2024-2025 Performance (If applicable):

- Record: **n/a**
- Tournament Rankings/Results: **n/a**
- Notables: **n/a**

Number of Returning Players (Include starters): 10 (4 starters)

Players to Watch: Brayson Shoults, Noah Betz, Grady Lapczynski, Gilly Polk, Luke Bush

New additions: D3(Depauw) transfer Luke Bush, NAIA(Oakland City) transfer Brayson Shoults, Freshmen- Gilly Polk (Jeffersonville, IN), Noah Betz (Cloverdale, IN), Trevor Anderson (South Vermillion, IN), Stein Toloyi (Avon, IN), Karson Colin (Lake Central, IN)

Biggest Rival: Butler

Best Player Nickname: Slim Shady Grady

2025-26 Season Outlook: We are looking to expand on the work we put in last year. Brining back Grady Lapczynski and Elliott Corenflos to run the offense is great for keeping consistency in our system. Brining in Luke Bush and Brayson Shoults from division basketball and Gilly Polk from a state championship high school program will be great for providing enhanced basketball knowledge and skill to our team.



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Head Coach Quote: I have great confidence in the team we have built and the culture we have created here at Indiana State. We are excited for this new test in the NCBBA and are looking to be a dominant force in the region.



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Team Name: University of Michigan

Mascot: Wolverines

Location: Ann Arbor, MI

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Noah Arsulowicz - Co-president & Andrew Zimmerman - Co-president

2024-2025 Performance (If applicable):

- Record: 11-3
- Tournament Rankings/Results: 2nd place Great Lakes North, Regional Semifinals
- Notables: Beat Depaul in Regional Playoffs

Number of Returning Players (Include starters): 12 returning players, 4 returning starters

Players to Watch: Kyle O'Connell(6'7 Wing, senior), JP Kerrigan - (6'1 Guard, Senior), Matthew Nervi - (6'0 Guard, Junior)

New additions: Freshmen - Ben Fletter, Christian Chiou; Sophomores - JP Kerrigan, Vishnu Das; Junior - Aiden Schmidt

Biggest Rival: Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Best Player Nickname: Ben "PJ" Fletter, Kyle "Special K" O'Connell, Daniel "Bugs" Smythe

2025-26 Season Outlook: With a ton of returning experience and some great new additions, we look to build on the success we had last season. We want to take another step forward and win the conference and regional tournament, to put ourselves in position to compete for a national championship. We believe we have the roster composition and work ethic to do just that.



2025-26 NCBBA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE

Team Name: Notre Dame

Mascot: Fighting Irish

Location: Notre Dame, IN

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Captains - Andy Swartout, Evan Kuster & Thomas Collins

2024-2025 Performance (If applicable):

- Record: **16-3 Overall, 12-0 Conference**
- Tournament Rankings/Results: **2nd Place Midwest Region, 5th Place Nationals, #7 NCBBA Final Poll**
- Notables: **Swept Michigan 2-0 who went on to take 3rd Place at the Midwest Regionals, #2 NCBBA Poll heading into Regionals**

Number of Returning Players (Include starters): 8 Returners - Collins, Dolasinski, Jacob, Kuka, Kuster, Romenesko, Swartout, Werner (3 Starters - Collins, Kuster, Swartout)

Players to Watch: 6-6, 220lbs Jack Kuka back from a semester abroad; Jacob Dolasinski running the show at point...smooth operator; Ben Romenesko & Evan Kuster doing it all; Andy Swartout & Thomas Collins dangerous from deep

New additions: 6-2 sharpshooter Thomas Hattan & 6-6 Zane Harbaugh returning after walk-on stints with the Varsity team; 6-3 Graduate Student Noah Washington has a super high motor and freaky athleticism & physicality

Biggest Rival: University of Michigan

Best Player Nickname: Tanner Jacob: T-Bone

2025-26 Season Outlook: We will continue to have the best guard play of any team we have faced over the past couple of years. Our Senior class features 8 guys who have been playing with each other for 3-4



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years now, so our chemistry is very strong. Added size from Kuka, Washington, and Harbaugh will complement this with the physicality that we need inside.

Head Coach Quote: We have dominated the Great Lakes - North region for the past couple of years and have reached the Regional championship both of those times (1-1). Ultimately, though, these seasons ended with first round losses at the National Championship. Injuries have unfortunately plagued us at the worst times in both of these big moments, but that is out of our control. What I do know is that we have learned what it will take for us to win the big games on that stage, and we are poised to make it happen. We have left Erie with a sour taste in our mouths twice in a row. There won't be a third.



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Team Name: Ohio State

Mascot: Buckeyes

Location: Columbus, OH

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Head Coach - Doug Patterson, Assistant Coach - Quaa Faust, President (Captain) - Erik Rakestraw

2024-2025 Performance (If applicable):

- Record: **27-1, 10-0 in conference**
- Tournament Rankings/Results: **3rd in Nationals, Penn State Tournament Champions, #3 in final NCBBA poll**
- Notables: **Beat runner up (JMU) at Penn State Tournament, #1 team for most of the season, Undefeated entering playoffs, Already won James Madison Tournament this year (Beating JMU by 15)**

Number of Returning Players (Include starters): 7 Returners - (Lukas Luttmerding, Deon Miller, Jackson Mikola, Eric Rakestraw, Kevin Kirkby, Jack Taylor, Ethan Schell), 5 starters (Luttmerding, Miller, Mikola, Rakestraw, Kirkby)

Players to Watch: Lukas Luttmerding and Deon Miller

New additions: Senior - (Nathan Flaherty), Juniors - (Nathan Sommerfeld, Josh Pineiro), Sophomore - (Evan Dugger), Freshmen - (Kenny Mao, Gabe Tayese, Sloan Gormley)

Biggest Rival: Xavier/ James Madison University

Best Player Nickname: Lukas "Big Slovakia" Luttmerding, Deon "Cody Zeller" Miller

2025-26 Season Outlook: Lots of returners, hopes of National Championship



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Head Coach Quote: "Do the little stuff, it all adds up into big stuff"



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Team Name: Purdue

Mascot: Boilermakers

Location: West Lafayette, IN

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Captain - Ehssan Kanamkandy, Head Coach - Joshua Zhang

2024-2025 Performance (If applicable):

- Record: **15-4 overall, 8-2 Conference**
- Tournament Rankings/Results: **Finished 2nd in Xavier Tournament, Qualified for Great Lakes Regional tournament, before falling in the first round**
- Notables: **Returning 12 players from a competitive squad, with some great new pickups**

Number of Returning Players (Include starters): 12 returning players

Players to Watch: 6-8 Carsten Schumm, 6-4 Jamison Beshears, 6-1 Cole Louden

New additions: Sophomore - Saket Narayanan; Sophomore - Cole Louden; Sophomore - Riley Shepherd

Biggest Rival: Indiana University

Best Player Nickname: Carsten "C" Schumm

2025-26 Season Outlook: Purdue returns tons of veteran frontcourt depth this season with a couple of great guard pickups. With a roster running 15 deep, this team can play in a variety of ways and matchup with anybody.

Head Coach Quote: "We are returning 12 guys from last season, all bought into one vision. We have both the depth and talent to compete at the highest level. What we lacked last year in terms of focus and attention to detail has been fixed, and we have only built on what we succeeded at. Something special is blossoming in West Lafayette."



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Team Name: WashU

Mascot: Bears

Location: St. Louis, MO

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Captains/Co-President's: Derek Varlack & Matthew Gomez

2024-2025 Performance (If applicable):

- Record: **11-4, 7-3 in Conference**
- Tournament Rankings/Results: **4th Place at the James Madison Invitational**
- Notables:

Number of Returning Players (Include starters): 10 returners

Players to Watch: Matthew Gomez, Christopher Barber

New additions:

Biggest Rival: Iowa State

Best Player Nickname:

2025-26 Season Outlook: Win the Great Lakes-West conference + regionals, and advance to nationals.

Head Coach Quote:



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Team Name: Xavier

Mascot: Musketeers

Location: Cincinnati, OH

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Captains Makhi Horton, Da'Von Jones/ Coach Josh Bielski

2024-2025 Performance (If applicable):

- Record: 7-3 Overall and Conference
- Tournament Rankings/Results: 2nd place in Great Lakes East Conference
- Notables: Went to regionals, lost first round

Number of Returning Players (Include starters): 4 Returners- David Delancy, Jalen Glenn, Owen Kyhl, Sean O'Brien. 4 Starters- Da'Von Jones, Makhi Horton, Felix Francis, Phil Olson

Players to Watch: Felix Francis

New additions: Travis Hodge, Adam Baird, Noah Piipari, Shane Slattery, Jules St Jean

Biggest Rival: Ohio State

Best Player Nickname: Perk 30, Skeeno

2025-26 Season Outlook: Strong leadership and super gritty in the backcourt with Da'Von Jones and Makhi Horton returning for their senior year, and a returning sophomore, Felix Francis, with insane bounce and an improved 3pt shot, and the Musketeers added a lot of depth off the bench, with sixth man David Delancy, who was really impressive last season for his first year on the team, and many talented freshman that already looks very comfortable on the court and with the team.



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Head Coach Quote: We had kind of a disappointing year last year, but we did some rebuilding, and we got some great freshmen coming in to help take some load off of our returning players. We have our eyes set on winning regionals and nationals, and I believe we can do it because of the leaders, talent, and chemistry that we already have as a team, and we have a lot of experience from returning players.