

DIVISION II PRESEASON RANKINGS

1		MILWAUKEE LUTHERAN RED KNIGHTS	The defending DII champs play in one of the toughest DI conferences in the state... TD Walker is one of the state's top prospects... part of a staff that returns 15 victories.
2		LODI BLUE DEVILS	19-win Sectional finalists return almost every player from last year's roster. McGreiber and Shaw, two seniors, were a combined 14-0 last year.
3		MADISON EDGEWOOD CRUSADERS	Picked to win the Badger South despite being the league's only DII team. The Crusaders bring back most players from last year's team including Cody Link, 7-2 last year.
4		ALTOONA RAILROADERS	Seven starters, including four of whom hit over .400, make them the pick of the Western Cloverbelt.
5		RIVER VALLEY BLACKHAWKS	River Valley went to State last year, winning 22 games. They return at least half of their pitching and starters from that team.
6		SOUTHERN DOOR EAGLES	The pick to repeat as Packerland champs, the Eagles return most of their starters back from last year's 15-win squad.
7		JEFFERSON EAGLES	Picked to repeat as Rock Valley North Champions. Got hit hard by graduation but lots of talent ready to move up to varsity.
8		WISCONSIN DELLS CHIEFS	Four teams in the South Central are loaded in 2016...the chief among them are the Dells. Diggy Cimaroli is a top shortstop in the area. He hit .416 last year and can defend.
9		MOSINEE INDIANS	Mosinee grabbed a share of Great Northern title last year and return almost all players. Ben Graveen brings back 8 pitching victories from 2015.
10		WAUPACA COMETS	17-win season from last year and almost all arms returning to the squad. Picked first in very tough, new conference: the North Eastern.
11		WAUTOMA HORNETS	Indiana-bound Jack Eagan looking for another SCC title they last held in 2014. He's not the only Hornet to return... Wautoma is deep and talented.
12		CLINTON COUGARS	The Cougars are picked to win the Rock Valley South, but will be challenged by both Beloit Turner and Edgerton. Very deep and talented.
13		ELLSWORTH PANTHERS	Spencer Schroeder was 7-0 last year and returns to defend the Panther's Middle Border title. As usual there will be a dog fight with Prescott.
14		COLUMBUS CARDINALS	Any other year, they might be considered a shoe-in to win the Capitol North...they still might, but need to get by second ranked Lodi.
15		SAINT THOMAS MORE CAVALIERS	Half their squad returns to a team that won 18 games in a very tough Metro Conference. Will challenge Kenosha Saint Joseph for that title.
16		BELOIT TURNER TROJANS	Always a threat to win the Rock Valley South and go deep in the tournament, the Trojans return many of the core players that won 14 games last year.
17		LUXEMBURG-CASCO SPARTANS	Another talented North Eastern Conference team, the Spartans have good pitching and an outstanding catcher in Kyle Routhieux.
18		PRESCOTT CARDINALS	Another epic battle with Ellsworth looms. Lost the conference to the Panthers but then took the Regional title back to Prescott after a third meeting.
19		WATERTOWN LUTHER PHOENIX	Third of three from the Capitol North, the baseball in that conference based on players coming back from last year might be the best ever.
20		APPLETON XAVIER HAWKS	New to the Bay Conference in 2016, the Hawks return two-thirds of a lineup that won 14 games last year. Picked behind DI West De Pere in the Bay.

ALSO RECEIVING VOTES: ASHLAND, EDGERTON, FOX VALLEY LUTHERAN, KETTLE MORAINES LUTHERAN, MAUSTON, MCFARLAND, PORTAGE, PRESCOTT, SEYMOUR, SAINT CROIX CENTRAL, WAUPUN,
- SEVERAL DII COACHES CONTRIBUTED TO THIS POLL -