

STANDINGS

	CUSA				All Games						
	W-L	Pct.	H	A	W-L	Pct.	H	A	N	L-10	Streak
Jax State	13-2	.867	6-0	7-2	30-8	.789	17-4	13-4	0-0	7-3	W1
Missouri State	12-3	.800	6-0	6-3	24-10	.706	15-0	9-10	0-0	8-2	W3
Liberty	11-4	.733	6-3	5-1	26-10	.722	14-7	12-3	0-0	9-1	W3
DBU	11-4	.733	4-2	7-2	22-15	.595	14-8	8-7	0-0	7-3	W4
LA Tech	9-6	.600	6-3	3-3	22-16	.579	13-11	7-5	2-0	7-3	W7
NM State	7-8	.467	5-1	2-7	16-19	.457	14-5	2-13	0-1	5-5	W2
WKU	6-9	.400	5-4	1-5	19-18	.514	17-11	2-7	0-0	5-5	L2
Kennesaw State	6-9	.400	2-4	4-5	16-17	.485	10-7	6-10	0-0	3-7	W1
MTSU	5-10	.333	5-1	0-9	18-19	.486	16-7	2-12	0-0	3-7	W1
FIU	5-10	.333	5-4	0-6	13-23	.361	12-12	1-11	0-0	5-5	W3
Sam Houston	4-11	.267	2-7	2-4	14-22	.389	7-12	7-10	0-0	0-10	L10
Delaware	1-14	.067	1-8	0-6	11-26	.297	10-11	1-15	0-0	1-9	W1

THIS WEEK'S LINEUP

Tuesday, April 14

at Delaware 15, Delaware State 8
 Liberty 17, at Duke 7
 at NM State 6, New Mexico 1
 at Kennesaw State 12, Mercer 9
 at Louisville 7, WKU 3
 at Jax State 15, Alabama A&M 11
 UTRGV 8, at Sam Houston 5 (10 inn.)
 MTSU 10, at Belmont 8 (13 inn.)
 at LA Tech 9, Little Rock 3
 at DBU 10, UT Arlington 5

Wednesday, April 15

at Rice 5, Sam Houston 3
 Missouri State vs. Missouri (Cancelled)

Friday, April 17

LA Tech at Kennesaw State →
 Delaware at MTSU →
 FIU at Jax State →
 WKU at Missouri State →
 Liberty at DBU →
 Sam Houston at NM State →

Coverage

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Time (CT)

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Saturday, April 18

WKU at Missouri State →
 Delaware at MTSU →
 LA Tech at Kennesaw State →
 Liberty at DBU →
 FIU at Jax State →
 Sam Houston at NM State →

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Sunday, April 19

FIU at Jax State →
 Sam Houston at NM State →
 LA Tech at Kennesaw State →
 Delaware at MTSU →
 WKU at Missouri State →
 Liberty at DBU →

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Rankings reflect D1Baseball's Top 25

QUICK HITTERS

- Six CUSA squads sit in the top 100 in the RPI while three rank in the top 30: Missouri State (15), Liberty (21), Jax State (30), DBU (68), Kennesaw (88) and LA Tech (92)
- SERIES TO WATCH: The red-hot Flames are traveling to Dallas to take on the Patriots in a crucial series for both teams ... both squads are tied at 11-4 in league play and are both coming off huge series wins
- Liberty gets the statement series win over Jax State, taking the final two contests on Saturday and Sunday ... **Kyle Hvidsten** belted two clutch homers for the Flames ... the Liberty bullpen was strong as well, **Cooper Harrington** notched the win on Saturday and earned the save in Sunday's 4-2 win
- Missouri State completes the road sweep of Delaware as the offense remained on fire ... the Bears scored 38 runs in the three wins ... **Logan Fyffe** had a pair of three-hit performances including three doubles and four RBI
- DBU sweeps its first conference series of the season on the road at Sam Houston ... the Pats belted nine home runs on the weekend including four in Saturday's run-rule win ... **Dylan Schlaegel** was clutch in Sunday's finale win with a four-hit effort and two home runs ... he hit the go-ahead homer in the top of the 10th
- LA Tech has won six straight after completing a series sweep of MTSU in Ruston over the weekend ... RHP **Declan Dahl** set the tone on Friday night, going 7.0 innings with eight strikeouts and allowing no earned runs ... **Casey McCoy** had two homers and a triple in the sweep
- WKU clinches the series versus NM State taking two of three in Bowling Green ... Hilltopper pitching was solid on Friday night as **Mick Uebelhor** went 4.2 scoreless innings in relief, allowing no hits, no runs and striking out seven
- After only winning two conference games coming into the week, FIU gets a huge sweep over Kennesaw State ... Panther pitching was solid all weekend long allowing just six runs in the three wins ... **Cooper Rasmussen** launched a walk-off homer to take the series on Saturday



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In the Polls

Baseball America College Top 25

No. 25 Liberty

NCBWA Division I Poll

RV Jax State
RV Missouri State
RV Liberty
RV DBU

Perfect Game College Top 25

No. 23 Missouri State

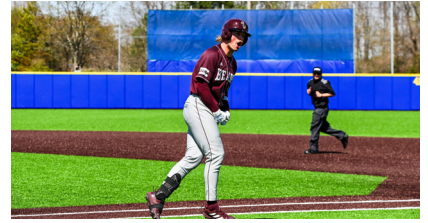
USA Today Baseball Coaches Poll

RV Jax State (33)
RV Missouri State (6)
RV Liberty (1)
RV DBU (1)

RPI Ranks

No. 15 Missouri State
No. 21 Liberty
No. 30 Jax State
No. 68 DBU
No. 88 Kennesaw State
No. 92 LA Tech
No. 127 WKU
No. 183 MTSU
No. 193 Sam Houston
No. 194 NM State
No. 217 FIU
No. 255 Delaware

CUSA Weekly Awards



HITTER OF THE WEEK

Gabe Roessler, Mo State - Sr. - 2B/LF

Roessler earns CUSA Hitter of the Week recognition after hitting .526 (10-19) with a home run, two doubles, five runs scored and nine RBI in a 3-1 week for the Bears (24-10, 12-3 CUSA). The senior utility player had three hits in each of the three wins at Delaware, while collecting multiple RBI in each as well. His best effort came in the finale as he went 3-4 with a long ball, a double and four RBI.



Declan Dahl, LA Tech - Jr. - RHP

Dahl claims his second CUSA Pitcher of the Week honor in 2026 after tossing a gem in the Bulldogs' (21-16, 9-6 CUSA) Friday night series opening win over MTSU. The junior right-hander hurled 7.0 shutout innings, allowing four hits, no earned runs and punching out eight batters. The junior from Azle, Texas, has struck out at least eight for the second straight start and the fourth time this season. He ranks fourth in CUSA with 57 strikeouts.

CUSA Championships



Conference USA Coaches

COACH, SCHOOL	CAREER		AT SCHOOL		CUSA
	SEASON	W-L	SEASON	W-L	W-L
Dan Heefner, DBU	18th	715-359-1	18th	715-359-1	74-22
Greg Mamula, Delaware	7th	224-151	4th	100-106	1-14
Rich Witten, FIU	3rd	92-114	3rd	92-114	37-58
Steve Bieser, Jax State	13th	411-319-1	3rd	85-67	33-33
Ryan Coe, Kennesaw State	5th	140-125	5th	140-125	23-18
Bradley LeCroy, Liberty	4th	119-90	2nd	56-37	20-22
Lane Burroughs, LA Tech	14th	445-315	10th	332-202	153-92
Jerry Meyers, MTSU	10th	255-274	4th	88-116	35-61
Joey Hawkins, Missouri State	2nd	54-35	2nd	54-35	12-3
Jake Angier, NM State	3rd	64-81	3rd	64-81	28-37
Jay Sirianni, Sam Houston	7th	167-172	7th	167-172	23-43
Marc Rardin, WKU	24th	1,068-332	4th	134-80	55-41

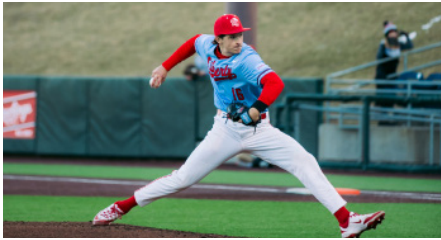
Preseason Player of the Year



Chayton Krauss, DBU | Senior | Infielder
2025 stats

.332 AVG | 1.014 OPS | 15 HR | 71 RBI

Preseason Pitcher of the Year



Ben Blair, Liberty | Junior | RHP
2025 stats

6-4 | 3.67 ERA | 83.1 IP | 94 K | .235 B/AVG

Preseason All-Conference

Grayson Ashe, Jax State	R-Jr.	C
Keaton Grady, DBU	R-Sr.	INF
Chayton Krauss, DBU	Sr.	INF
Tanner Marsh, Liberty	Jr.	INF
Kyle Hayes, WKU	Sr.	INF
Cole Cleveland, FIU	So.	OF
Andrew Ildefonso, FIU	R-So.	OF
Caden Bogenpohl, Missouri State	Jr.	OF
Jake Bennett, DBU	Sr.	DH
Steve Solorzano, NM State	Jr.	DH
Max Knight, Missouri State	Jr.	UTL
Ryan Borberg, DBU	Sr.	SP
Steven Cash, Jax State	Sr.	SP
Ben Blair, Liberty	Jr.	SP
Drew Horn, MTSU	R-Jr.	SP
Jackson Sleeper, Jax State	Sr.	RP
Blake Hooks, LA Tech	Gr.	RP

Preseason Poll

Rank	School (first-place votes)	Total
1.	DBU (9)	144
2.	LA Tech (1)	111
3.	Kennesaw State	108
4.	Jax State (1)	102
5.	WKU	97
6.	Missouri State	90
7.	Liberty	85
8.	FIU	56
9.	NM State (1)	45
10.	MTSU	38
11.	Delaware	37
12.	Sam Houston	26

Across the CUSA

➤ CUSA welcomes Delaware and Missouri State to the league as they push the total to 12 teams. The Bears welcome back some nice pieces in their offense with the return of Caden Bogenpohl who hit 13 homers, 15 doubles and knocked in 44 RBI. LT Cockrill returns behind the dish for the Blue Hens after finishing last season with a .314 average, 12 doubles, nine home runs and 37 RBI.

➤ The 2026 CUSA Championship will take place in Kennesaw, Ga., for the first time. A new format is being introduced this season as nine of the 12 teams will face off with a chance at an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

➤ After another 40+ win campaign and a regular season title, the Patriots were the clear favorite to repeat as champions. DBU is projected five seniors in the everyday lineup while the weekend rotation consists of two seniors in Ryan Borberg and Jared Schaeffer. Chayton Krauss was voted the Preseason Player of the Year after hitting .332 with 15 homers and 71 RBI.

➤ It's year 10 for head coach Lane Burroughs at LA Tech as he hopes to lead his squad back to the NCAA Tournament. The 'Dogs also bring back a veteran group of bats highlighted by Sebastian Mexico who hit .315 with 12 home runs, 12 doubles and 57 RBI.

➤ After making a deep run into the conference tournament a year ago, Kennesaw State looks to build upon that success in a brand new ballpark, Mickey Dunn Stadium. The Owls will have a strong pitching staff with the return of Ty Bayer as well a pair of Georgia Tech transfers in RHP Cooper McMullen and RHP Cole Royer.

➤ Jax State may have taken some folks by surprise as they came up just short in the CUSA Championship game to WKU. The Gamecocks bring back a ton of production at the plate and on the mound. Grayson Ashe and Cooper Blauser are two of the top returning bats. Ashe hit .316 with nine doubles and 12 homers last year.

➤ WKU looks to repeat as CUSA champs as Marc Rardin heads into year four at the helm. The Hilltoppers lost several key parts of their roster, but retained guys like Kyle Hayes, Austin Haller and Reid Howard who make up three quarters of their starting INF. Gavin Perry is one of the top returning arms as he made 10 starts in 2025.

➤ Bradley LeCroy enters his second year in Lynchburg after finishing eighth a year ago, struggling in league play. Ben Blair will be back on the hill as he was named Preseason Pitcher of the Year. He struck out 94 batters in 83.1 innings last year. Tanner Marsh is one of a handful of returning bats for the Flames as he mans shortstop at an elite level.

➤ FIU is coming off a 31-win campaign, but has some holes to fill across the board. Cole Cleveland and Andrew Ildefonso both were recognized on the preseason team in the outfield. Bryce Turner is an arm to watch for this spring as he finished 2025 with a 3.47 ERA.

➤ NM State enters year three in the Jake Angier era as the Aggies look to compete with a much stronger rotation. LHP Jack Turner will bolster the Aggie staff and Steve Solorzano returns to the lineup after hitting .335 with 14 doubles and eight homers a year ago.

➤ MTSU is coming off a down year but has many bright spots heading into 2026. One of them being LHP Drew Horn who posted a 1.75 ERA and struck out 57 batters in 46.1 innings. The Blue Raiders expect to return five seniors to the lineup.

➤ Sam Houston looks to bounce back from a tough season in 2025. RHP Ryan Peterson will be the ace of this Bearkats squad as he made 14 starts last year. The offense is led by senior Brady Christensen who finished last season with 11 doubles, 10 homers and 36 RBI.