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Baseball Capsules

BELLEVUE

Coach: Dan Hosaflook (Ninth year)

Assistants: Brad White, Craig Cushenberry,
Robbie Lindeman, Caleb Edwards

2006 Record: 13-14

District and class: 6-4A

Last district title: 2001

Returning Starters: Josh Sartorius, Sr., SS,
Chris King, Sr., OF, Dalton Purdy, Sr., C, Frank
Dejulio, Jr., SS/2B, Cory Sickler, Jr., 2B/OF, Nick
Radmoski, Jr., 3B, Michael Phipps, Jr., OF,
Charles Neely, Jr., P.

Key Losses: Vince Hosaflook, Nick Ebert,
Randall Morris, Ricky Miller.

Key Additions: None.

Outlook: The Rattlers look to challenge North
Marion and the Citrus County schools for the 4A-
6 crown. Sartorius (.326), King (.329) lead the
way on offense for Belleview. "Our defense will
be good, but the season will depend on our
pitching and defense," Hosaflook said.



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**Vanguard starting pitcher Eric Grabe is also an
offensive threat for the Knights.**

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DUNNELLON

Coach: George Welsh (Fifth year, 90-50 overall)

Assistants: O.J. Zaideman, Shane Baly, Joe Buccheri, Richard Tangeman, Richard Standridge

2006 Record: 12-13

District and class: 6-4A

Last district title: 2004

Returning Starters: Danny Permar, Sr., IF/P, Jesse Ginley, Jr., P/IF, Jeff Smith, Sr., P/OF, Matt Riggs, C, Jr., Andrew Stichter, Jr, IF/P, Austin Grybko, Jr., C/DH, Zac Powell, Sr., OF.

Key Losses: None.

Key Additions: Andrew Barrett, Sr., IF, Derek Milam, So, P/IF, Brent Freeman, So., P/OF, Jon Riley, So., P/IF.

Outlook: Led by Permar, Ginley and Smith, the Tigers look to be competitive in a tough Class 4A-District 6 league.

FOREST

Coach: Wayne Yancey (29th year, 471-303 overall record)

Assistants: Gary Merians, Tony Cayson, Jason Hise

2006 Record: 20-9

District and class: 4-5A

Last district title: 2005

Returning Starters: Blake Spries, Sr., P, B.J. Robinson, So., 1B, Gary Merians, Sr., 3B/P, Tyler Carpenter, So., C, Tres Ramirez, Sr., OF.

Key Losses: Nate Sampson, Ian Viola, Daniel Beechner.

Key Additions: N/A

Outlook: The Wildcats went 20-9 last season and have a good nucleus of pitching back with Santa Fe CC signee Merians (3 wins, 3.10 ERA) and Spires (4 wins, 2.02 ERA), who will be key in replacing Viola, who went 8-1 and had a 2.53 ERA last season. Robinson (.432, 2 HR, 27 RBI), Merians (.364, 22 RBI), Carpenter (.273) and Ramirez (.342), a Daytona Beach CC signee, give Forest a solid offense and should ease the pain of the loss of Sampson (.505) and Beechner (.463). "I am excited about

the season with the combination of returning starters and young plyers," Yancey said. Forest finished as district runner-ups last season behind Gainesville and after an regional quarterfinal win against Fleming Island, lost 4-2 on the road to Pensacola Pace.

LAKE WEIR

Coach: Adam Cardona (Third year, 6-36 overall)

Assistants: Tim Heater, Alan Shaw

2006 Record: 1-21

District and class: 4-5A

Last district title: N/A

Returning Starters: Tyler Schacter, Sr., SS/P, Ben Grim, So., OF/P, Kyle Christensen, 2B, Dakota Conroy, 3B/P, Eric Shifflett, CF.

Key Losses: None.

Key Additions: Nick Wilson, Jr., P, Brandon Bonilla, Fr., OF/IF, Brandon Tenney, Fr., C, Jimmy Hensley, Jr., P/IF, Mike Matheny, Jr., 1B.

Outlook: The Hurricanes will be young with only four seniors, but Grim (.396), Schacter (.283, 2 HR), and Shifflett (.299) all return. "We are more solid both defensively and offensively than in years past," Grim said. "If the pitching holds up, we feel we should compete in a tough district. These guys have a much better attitude and desire to win."

NORTH MARION

Coach: Dale Hall (Third year, 29-26 overall)

Assistants: Lorenzo Bagley, Rodney Thomas, Richie Crile

2006 Record: 20-8

District and class: 6-4A

Last district title: 2006

Returning Starters: Cade Smith, Jr, Matt Seese, Sr., CF, Cody Scully, Sr., 2B/P, Zane Bowman, Jr., 3B/P, L.V. Spaulding, Sr., P, Ryan Elwood, Sr., P, Matt Young, Sr., 1B.

Key Losses: Kurtis Mitchell

Key Additions: Kainon Moore, So., OF/C

Outlook: The Colts went 20-8 and won their district last season after a 9-18 record in

2005. North Marion defeated Inverness Citrus in the district title game before losing 5-3 to Ponta Vedra Beach Nease in the regional quarterfinals. Plenty of quality depth returns for the Colts. Smith (.337, 19 runs), Seese (.329, 22 SB, 22 runs), Scully (5 saves), Bowman (4-2, 1.66 ERA, .337 avg.), Spaulding (2.98 ERA), Elwood (6-3, 2.53 ERA) and Young (.335, 20 R) lead the way. The Colts must find a replacement for Mitchell, an all-state pick at catcher. Overall, 11 players return for North Marion and make it the favorite in 4A-6. "The key to our season will be staying focused," Hall said. "Our district will be very competitive this year ... as long as we focus on the things we are capable of doing, this team can go as far as it wants to."

SHORES CHRISTIAN

Coach: Danny Smith (First year)

Assistant: Jack Grahling.

2006 Record: N/A

District and class: FCAL

Last district title: 1998

Returning Starters: Colby Grahling, So., Travis Bernard, So., Justin Smith, Jr., Adam LaFrance, Jr., Kyle Hadala, Jr., Keith Earhart, So., Daniel Rivera, Jr., Brock May, So.

Key Losses: Kristian Roberts.

Key Additions: Javarr Newmones, Scott Schaming, Craig Chamberlin.

Outlook: Smith, the school's boys basketball coach, takes over the baseball program and has several starters back as the Tigers look to claim the FCAL title.

ST. JOHN

Coach: Bruce Reynolds (First year)

Assistant: Gene Hanson

2006 Record: 12-14

District and class: 7-1A

Last district title: 2006

Returning Starters: Austin Windham, Sr., SS/P, Charlie Windham, Sr., CF/P, Austin West, Jr., LF, Vinnie Carizzo, Jr., 2B.

Key Losses: Dominic Carizzo, Chris Carizzo, Trevor Clark, Tony Clark.

Key Additions: Gage Reynolds, P/1B, Eric Hall, P/IF.

Outlook: The Saints won their district and got by Bayshore Christian in the regional quarterfinals before a 10-0 loss to Lake Mary Prep in the region semifinals. Led by the

Windhams, West and Carizzo, St. John looks to compete for a district title once again. "With the returning nucleus of talent and the addition of some very good ball players, we look forward to a successful season," said Reynolds, in his first season at the helm of the Saints.

TRINITY CATHOLIC

Coach: Tommy Bond (Fourth year, 74-33 overall)

Assistants: Randy Hodges, Scotty Holmes, Rich Gordy, Todd Leitz.

2006 Record: 15-10

District and Class: 7-3A

Last district title: 2006

Returning Starters: Mitchell Chauncey, Sr., CF, Colton Sullivan, Sr., OF, Jacob Casey, Sr., OF, Travis Hope, Sr., OF, John Lawroski, So., SS, Johnathan Ramsey, Jr., Utl.

Key Losses: Zach Scultz, Daniel Geddings, Chris Bergmaier, Brain Sundsen, Micke Morel, Brian Stauff.

Key Additions: Chester Pigeon, So., IF, Andrew Bartlett, So., IF, Matt Staub, Sr., P.

Outlook: The Celtics, winners of three consecutive district titles, are younger than they have been of late, but are once again a threat to make noise in the postseason. "We are a little on the young side, but are very talented," Bond said. "The only thing the kids lack is experience. How quickly they learn to compete at the varsity level will be the key." Sullivan (3-2, 1.55 ERA), Chauncey (.242) are the leaders for Trinity Catholic.

VANGUARD

Coach: Ed McPadden (Seventh year at school, 29th overall, 411-353 overall record)

Assistants: Mike DuVall, Larry Conrad.

2006 Record: 15-12

District and class: 4-5A

Last district title: 2001

Returning Starters: J.R. Rekully, Sr., P, Karl VonRodenstein, Sr., P, Matt Wright, Sr., OF, Joe Jones, Sr., 1B, Andy Paul, SS, Sr., Eric Grabe, Jr., 3B, Michael Bevis, Sr., P.

Key Losses: Joe Bowen, Ryan Paul, Joe Warren.

Key Additions: Jon Barrientos, Jr., P/IF, Eric Sullivan, Jr., P, Chris Spore, Sr., P.

Outlook: The Knights finished 15-12 last season and look to be competitive in a tough Class 5A-District 4. Vanguard has added depth from a successful JV season a year ago. The losses of Bowen, now playing in the Detroit Tigers organization, and Ryan Paul, a CFCC signee, will be ones the Knights need to fill. "We have some holes to fill, but we look for others to step up and fill those holes," McPadden said. Rekully (7-4, 1.75 ERA) and VonRodenstein (5-1, 3.66 ERA) along with Barrientos, Sullivan and Spencer will be counted on for pitching. Wright (.284), a Daytona Beach CC signee, along with Jones (.293, 25 RBI), Grabe (.386) and Andy Paul, a four-year starter, lead the offense.

WEST PORT

Coach: Tim Dawkins (Seventh year, 120-150 overall, 41-90 at West Port)

Assistants: Bill Hopgood, Gene Swift, John McGowan

2006 Record: 9-16

District and class: 6-4A

Last district title: None

Returning starters: Mike Barnes, Jr., OF, Brain Adams, Jr., C, Jesus Valle, Sr., IF/P, Derek Mahlman, Sr., IF/P, Jeff Hayes, Jr., IF, Justin Darley, Sr., IF/P, Russell Serna, Sr., IF, Mike Bairlein, Sr., IF/P.

Key Losses: Brice Schlosser, Glen Flores, Jonmarg Perales, John Dempsey.

Key Additions: Adam Johnson, IF/P, David Pierce, OF/P, Angel Benedetti, OF, Dustin Drier, IF/P, Brian Smith, C, Brandon Patton, OF, Tyler Jewell, OF/P, Matt Morrison, IF/P.

Outlook: The Wolf Pack return four of their five infielders and have improved depth on the hill and look to compete in 4A-6. Barnes (.333), Adams (.275), Valle (.270), Mahlman (.240), Hayes (.251) and Darley (.271) lead the returning players. Valle is strong on the hill and will look to replace Schlosser (.295, 100 Ks), a CFCC signee, as the team's ace. "This is the deepest team that we have had," Dawkins said. "I look for us to be more competitive night in and night out."

- *Compiled by Richard Burton*