

NHSBCA/Baseball America High School Baseball
2014 Top 25 Rankings
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A new team has moved into the No. 1 spot in opening in-season Baseball America/National High School Baseball Coaches Association Top 25, sponsored by TeamSnap.

This early-season ranking underscores the heterogeneity of high school schedules around the country (especially with the unseasonably cold and snowy winter many states have faced), as six ranked teams have yet to play a regular season game, but a handful of teams from warm weather locales have already played more than 10.

Despite a strong start to the season during which it has outscored its opponents by 45 runs in eight games and defeated one of the top teams on its schedule in Tampa (Fla.) Jesuit, previous No. 1 Venice (Fla.) High lost to Lakewood Ranch High (Sarasota, Fla.) and dropped to the second spot in the rankings. Previous No. 2 St. Francis High (Mountain View, Calif.) ascended to the top spot. Two Southeast teams who will participate in the USA Baseball National High School Invitational later this month fell from the rankings. Milton (Ga.) High, which was ranked fifth in the preseason and has hard-throwing righthander Dylan Cease, is off to a 4-3 start. Coral Springs (Fla.) Christian Academy, the No. 25 preseason team, also dropped from the rankings.

With a 10-0 start to the season, Buchanan High (Clovis, Calif.) jumped to No. 16 from unranked. The Bears have a history of success under coach Tom Donald, the father of Royals infielder Jason Donald. The team is led by explosive outfielder Trenton Kemp, one of the top high school athletes in the draft, and a pair of Area Code Games participants, infielder/pitcher Michael Bono, who has touched 92 mph, and middle infielder Korby Batesole.

Whitehouse (Texas) High, who returned seven starters from a team that advanced to the state semifinals, vaulted to No. 24 with an 11-0 start. Strong-bodied outfielder/righthander Pat Mahomes, who has touched 92 mph, has raw power and is committed to Texas Tech, is the Wildcats' top draft prospect.

No team ranked in the preseason jumped more spots than Walton High (Marietta, Ga.), who moved from No. 10 to No. 16.

#	<i>School-City-State</i>	<i>Record</i>	<i>Rank Previously</i>
1	St. Francis HS, Mountain View, CA	3-0	2
2	Venice HS, FL	7-1	1
3	Rancho Bernardo HS, San Diego, CA	0-0	3
4	Owasso HS, OK	2-0	4
5	Harvard-Westlake HS, Studio City, CA	3-0	8
6	Archbishop McCarthy HS, Southwest Ranches, FL	10-1	7
7	Barbe HS, St. Charles, LA	2-1	6
8	Cypress Ranch HS, TX	10-1	9
9	CC Moody HS, Corpus Christi, TX	9-1	10
10	Walton HS, Marietta, GA	6-1	16
11	Dyer County, Newbern, TN	0-0	11
12	Bishop Gorman HS, Las Vegas, NV	0-0	13
13	Broken Arrow HS, OK	0-0	15
14	Greenway HS, Phoenix, AZ	4-0	14
15	T.C. Roberson HS, Asheville, NC	3-1	17
16	Buchanan HS, Clovis, CA	10-0	NR
17	Mountain Pointe HS, Phoenix, AZ	5-1	19
18	JSerra Catholic HS, San Juan Capistrano, CA	1-1	12
19	DeSoto Central HS, Southaven, MS	5-0	22
20	Hanover HS, Mechanicsville, Va	0-0	18
21	Parkview HS, Lilburn, GA	3-1	23
22	American Heritage HS, Plantation, FL	7-1	24
23	Loyola HS, Los Angeles, CA	2-1	20
24	Whitehouse HS, TX	11-0	36
25	ThunderRidge HS, Highlands Ranch, CO	0-0	21

The staffs of *Baseball America* and the BCA compile the Top 25 rankings. In-season polls of the top 25 will be conducted every two weeks and released every other Tuesday throughout the season. The first in-season poll will be released on March 13 and the final poll will be released June 12 and will expand to 50 teams. Records indicated do not include ties.

Other teams to watch:

Region 1

Baldwinsville HS, NY
Telecommunication HS, Bronx, NY
James Monroe, NYC, NY
Bristol HS, CT
Bayport-Briar Point HS, NY
Amity HS, CT
Bishop Hendricken HS, Warwick, RI
Norman Thomas HS, NCY, NY
Bridgewater-Raynham HS, MA
South Kingstown HS, RI

Region 3

South Dade HS, TN
Flanagan HS, FL
Gainesville HS, GA
American HS, Hialeah, FL
First Academy Orlando, FL
Gable HS, FL

Region 5

Blue Valley West, Overland, KS
Omaha Westside, Omaha, NE
Francis Howell HS, St. Charles, MO
Lee's Summit West HS, MO
Delano HS, MN

Region 7

Hamilton HS, Chandler, AZ
Chaparral HS, Scottsdale, AZ
Canyon Del Oro HS, AZ
Carlsbad HS, NM
Brophy College Prep HS, Phoenix, AZ
Sunnyslope HS, Phoenix, AZ

Region 2

Gloucester Catholic HS, NJ
Calvert Hall HS, Baltimore, MD
Malvern Prep HS, PA
St. Johns College, DC
Battlefield HS, Prince Williams, VA
St. Marks Catholic HS, Wilmington, DE
Gilman Prep HS, Baltimore, MD
Hedgesville HS, WV

Region 4

Birmingham Brother Rice HS, MI
Archbishop Moeller HS, Cincinnati, OH
St. Laurence HS, IL
St. Xavier HS, Louisville, KY
Mount Carmel HS, IL
Elkhart Central HS, IL
Mercer County HS, KY
Mason HS, OH
Saline HS, MI

Region 6

Oak Grove HS, Hattiesburg, MS
Fayetteville HS, AR
Calallen HS, Corpus Christi, TX
Petal HS, MS

Region 8

Clovis North HS, CA
Clovis HS, CA
Glendora HS, CA
Los Alamitos HS, CA
Huntington Beach HS, CA
Puyallup HS, WA
Temecula Valley HS, CA
Elk Grove HS, CA
Poway HS, CA
Chino Hills HS, CA