

NHSBCA/Baseball America High School Baseball
2014 Top 25 Rankings
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With warm weather baseball states well into their seasons, the second in-season poll of the year has brought a flurry of action and nine new teams into the Baseball America/National High School Baseball Coaches Association High School Top 25, sponsored by TeamSnap.

The top team in the previous ranking, St. Francis High (Mountain View, Calif.), remained in the No. 1 spot, although the Lancers dropped a game at St. Ignatius (San Francisco) and are 6-1. Most of the teams at the top have already suffered a loss this season, as the highest-ranked undefeated team is No. 5 Harvard-Westlake (Studio City, Calif.) at 8-0. The teams at the top of the ranking remain largely intact, as all but one of the top seven teams in the previous poll remain in the top seven.

Archbishop McCarthy High (Southwest Ranches, Fla.) is the largest riser in the top tier, moving from No. 6 to No. 2 after compiling a 15-1 record and topping previous No. 21 team, American Heritage (Plantation, Fla.), 12-1 last week. The Mavericks have a plus 130-run differential and have allowed only 1.06 runs per game against 9.2 runs scored per contest.

Many of the Texas teams have played nearly 20 games this spring, and the Lone Star State was the biggest mover in this ranking, as four Texas teams moved into the top 25 with two teams moving out. Two of those teams jumped from unranked into the top 12. Off to an 18-1 start, Carroll Senior (Southlake, Texas) moved from unranked to No. 7. Buoyed by a 19-1 record, Pearland (Texas) High vaulted to No. 12.

Two powerhouse programs from the Sooner State fell out of the rankings. Owasso (Okla.) High fell from No. 4 after losing twice last week to Florida teams. The Rams stand at 6-3 and previous No. 13 Broken Arrow (Okla.) High is 5-3. Jenks (Okla.) High is the biggest beneficiary of these early-season losses, moving into the ranks at No. 8. Previous No. 4 Owasso and No. 8 Cypress Ranch (Texas) High saw the largest drop of any teams in last poll, falling from the top 10 to unranked.

The last week of March is a busy time for national high school baseball tournaments, which will likely have a large impact on the national rankings. The National High School Invitational starts Wednesday and hosts four ranked teams—No. 6 Venice (Fla.) High, No. 15 T.C. Roberson High (Asheville, N.C.), No. 18 ThunderRidge High (Highlands Ranch, Colo.) and No. 22 Parkview High (Lilburn, Ga.)—and another, Clovis (Calif.) High, that finished just outside the top 25. The field also includes four teams that were ranked in the preseason or in the previous poll. Another key tournament, the Horizon National Tournament in Scottsdale, Ariz., will host a number of regional powerhouse schools from disparate regions of the country, including No. 5 Harvard-Westlake.

#	<i>School-City-State</i>	<i>Record</i>	<i>Rank Previously</i>
1	St. Francis HS, Mountain View, CA	6-1	1
2	Archbishop McCarthy HS, Southwest Ranches, FL	14-1	6
3	Rancho Bernardo HS, San Diego, CA	4-1	3
4	Barbe HS, St. Charles, LA	14-1	7
5	Harvard-Westlake HS, Studio City, CA	8-0	5
6	Venice HS, FL	12-2	2
7	Southlake Carroll HS, TX	18-1	NR
8	Jenks HS, OK	7-0	NR
9	Moody HS, Corpus Christi, TX	18-2	9
10	Walton HS, Marietta, GA	11-2	10
11	Buchanan HS, Clovis, CA	12-2	16
12	Pearland HS, TX	19-1	NR
13	JSerra Catholic HS, San Juan Capistrano, CA	7-1	18
14	San Antonio O'Connor HS, TX	20-1	NR
15	T.C. Roberson HS, Asheville, NC	5-1	15
16	Lambert HS, GA	9-0	NR
17	South Dade HS, FL	12-1	NR

18	ThunderRidge HS, Highlands Ranch, CO	2-0	NR
19	Hamilton, Chandler, AZ.	12-0	NR
20	Loyola HS, Los Angeles, CA	7-1	19
21	Greenway HS, Phoenix, AZ	8-1	NR
22	Parkview HS, Lilburn, GA	6-1	21
23	Hanover HS, Mechanicsville, VA	0-0	20
24	Wolfforth Frenship HS, TX	19-1	NR
25	Flanagan HS, FL	11-0	NR

Teams Dropped from Top 25: #4 Owasso HS, OK; #8 Cypress Ranch HS, TX; #12 Bishop Gorman HS, NV; #13 Broken Arrow HS, OK; #17 Mountain Pointe HS, Phoenix, AZ, #22 America Heritage HS, Plantation, FL; #24 Whitehouse HS, TX

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

Whitewater HS, GA (11-0)

American Heritage HS, Plantation, FL (11-1)

Gainesville HS, GA (9-1)

Tift County HS, GA (10-1)

Christian Brothers HS, Memphis, TN (10-1)

First Academy, Leesburg, FL (11-1)

Mosley HS, Lynn Haven, FL (12-1)

Region 5

Blue Valley West, KS

Francis Howell, St Charles, MO (3-0)

Westminster Christian Academy, St. Louis, MO

Olathe South HS, KS (2-0)

Blue Springs South HS, KS (2-0)

Columbia Rock Bridge HS, MO

Christian Brothers College Prep HS, St. Louis, MO (3-0)

Millard West HS, NE (1-0)

Bishop Carroll HS, Wichita, KS

Region 2

Glocester Catholic HS, NJ

Calvert Hall HS, Baltimore, MD

Malvern Prep HS, PA

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

Olenangy Liberty HS, Powell, OH

Gahanna HS, OH

Region 6

Oak Grove HS, Hattiesburg, MS (10-2)

Owasso HS, OK (4-3)

Petal HS, MS (9-3)

Whitehouse HS, TX (15-1)

Broken Arrow HS, OK (5-3)

George County HS, Lucedale, MS (9-3)

Lee's Summit West HS, MO

Minnetonka HS, MN

Delano HS, MN

Region 7

Chaparral HS, Scottsdale, AZ (11-1)

Bishop Gorman HS, Las Vegas, NV (4-2)

Mountain Pointe HS, Phoenix, AZ (9-2)

El Dorado HS, Albuquerque, NM (7-0)

Carlsbad HS, NM (9-1)

Sandra Day O'Connor HS, Phoenix, AZ (8-2)

Nogales HS, AZ (12-1)

Region 8

Clovis HS, CA (14-2)

Clovis North HS, CA (10-2)

Temecula HS, CA (6-1)

Puyallup HS, WA (5-1)

Chino Hill HS, CA (7-1)

Clovis West HS, CA (12-2)

Huntington Beach HS, CA (6-2)

Mid-Pacific Institute HS, Honolulu, HI (10-0)

Lake Oswego HS, OR (2-0)