



WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY

Golden Rams Baseball

NCAA Regional Finalist: 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012 • College World Series: 2006, 2009, 2012
PSAC Champions: 1959, 1962, 1964, 1983, 1985, 2009, 2012

No. 13 West Chester University Golden Rams
(43-10)
vs.
Southern New Hampshire University Penmen
(43-13)

Monday, May 28, 2012

USA Baseball Training Complex • Cary, N.C.

THE STORYLINE

West Chester University defeated West Region champion Chico State, 4-0, in its first game of the 2012 NCAA Division II national finals on Saturday. Sophomore right-hander Joe Gunkel (Hershey, Pa./Hershey) took a no-hitter into the ninth inning and finished with a complete-game one-hitter to carry the Golden Rams to the victory. It marked the third shutout of the NCAA Tournament for West Chester's starting pitching and lowered the starter's earned run average to a miniscule 0.43 in 42.1 innings.

West Chester's starting pitchers have gone the distance in four of the five previous NCAA Tournament games so far. The Golden Rams have also not allowed a run in 20 consecutive innings, dating back to the seventh inning against Seton Hill in the semifinals of the Atlantic Regional on May 19. Gunkel's one-hitter was the second such performance by a Golden Rams' starter in this year's postseason. Senior right-hander Jordan Lehman allowed a bloop single to the first batter of the game against Shepherd University on May 17 and shut down the Rams the rest of the way for a complete-game, one-hit shutout in his last outing. He takes the hill today against Southern New Hampshire.

HOW THEY GOT HERE

West Chester defeated Chico State, 4-0, on Saturday while Southern New Hampshire defeated Minnesota State-Mankato, 3-2, on Saturday as well. The Golden Rams scored four runs in the first two innings, and then turned the ball over to Joe Gunkel, who went the distance for the win. The Penmen handed the ball to their ace, lefty Tim Flight, and he scattered four hits over seven plus innings. Alex Powers closed things out for SNHU with his eighth save of the season.

A WEST CHESTER WIN TODAY WOULD ...

- ☞ Advance West Chester to Thursday's winner's bracket contest against a team from the loser's bracket of Bracket Two.
- ☞ Move West Chester to within two wins of the school's first baseball national championship.
- ☞ Move West Chester to 3-4 all-time in the national finals.
- ☞ Give West Chester a win over Southern N.H. in the first meeting between the two schools.
- ☞ Improve West Chester to 29-21 in the NCAA Tournament in 11 seasons.
- ☞ Improve West Chester's current overall winning streak to 10 games.

2012 Results

2/26	at West Virginia State.....	W, 14-5
2/26	at West Virginia State.....	W, 6-2
3/09	at Rollins.....	W, 11-9 (10)
3/10	vs St. Joseph's (Ind.)#.....	W, 2-1
3/11	vs Minnesota-Duluth#.....	W, 6-1
3/11	vs Minnesota-Duluth#.....	L, 4-5
3/12	vs Indianapolis#.....	W, 11-2
3/12	vs Indianapolis#.....	W, 7-1
3/13	vs Ohio Dominican#.....	W, 13-5
3/14	vs Slippery Rock#.....	W, 6-5
3/17	MANSFIELD*	W, 4-1
3/17	MANSFIELD*	W, 17-1
3/18	at Mansfield*.....	W, 15-6
3/18	at Mansfield*.....	W, 10-6
3/20	SAINT ROSE	W, 7-4
3/20	SAINT ROSE	W, 7-2
3/21	WILMINGTON (Del.)	W, 13-5
3/27	at Immaculata.....	W, 10-5
3/28	UNIV SCIENCES!	W, 16-6
3/30	E STROUDSBURG*	W, 7-3
3/30	E STROUDSBURG*	W, 9-5
3/31	at E Stroudsburg*.....	W, 8-2
3/31	at E Stroudsburg*.....	W, 9-3
4/03	at Philadelphia Univ.....	W, 12-0
4/06	SHIPPENSBURG*	W, 4-3
4/06	SHIPPENSBURG*	W, 16-2
4/07	at Shippensburg*.....	L, 1-3
4/07	at Shippensburg*.....	L, 3-7
4/13	at Millersville*.....	W, 2-1
4/13	at Millersville*.....	L, 2-3
4/14	MILLERSVILLE*	L, 6-12
4/14	MILLERSVILLE*	L, 2-3
4/17	vs Wilmington (Del.)!.....	W, 5-2
4/20	KUTZTOWN*	W, 5-1
4/20	KUTZTOWN*	L, 8-0
4/21	at Kutztown*.....	L, 6-7
4/21	at Kutztown*.....	W, 5-3
4/27	at Bloomsburg*.....	W, 9-8
4/27	at Bloomsburg*.....	W, 7-2
4/28	BLOOMSBURG*	L, 3-8
4/28	BLOOMSBURG*	W, 10-6
4/30	PHILADELPHIA UNIV	W, 16-3
5/02	vs Slippery Rock%.....	W, 4-1
5/03	vs Kutztown%.....	L, 2-4
5/04	vs Slippery Rock%.....	W, 15-6
5/04	vs Shippensburg%.....	W, 5-4 (10)
5/05	vs Shippensburg%.....	W, 8-2
5/05	vs Kutztown%.....	W, 10-0
5/17	vs Shepherd^.....	W, 4-0
5/18	vs Mercyhurst^.....	W, 3-2
5/19	vs Seton Hill^.....	W, 9-5
5/20	vs Kutztown^.....	W, 6-0
5/26	vs Chico State\$.....	W, 4-0
5/28	vs Southern New Hampshire\$.....	5 p.m.

= Russmatt Intercollegiate Tournament (Auburndale, Fla.)
! = Bill Giles Classic
% = PSAC Tournament (Butler, Pa.)
^ = Atlantic Regional (West Lawn, Pa.)
\$ = Division II national finals (Cary, N.C.)
* = PSAC East contest

West Chester University Probable Starting Lineup

No.	Name	Pos.	Cl.	B/T	Hometown	Notes
17	Mike Raimo	CF	So.	R/R	Wallingford, Pa.	Started every game in CF; Led off every game
12	Jack Provine	RF	Sr.	R/R	Lincroft, N.J.	Hit .500 (7-14) with 5 runs scored in reg. tour.
3	Joe Wendle	2B	Sr.	L/R	Lincoln University, Pa.	PSAC East Player of Year; ABCA Gold Glove.
14	Chris Pula	1B	So.	R/R	Columbus, N.J.	2nd on team in extra-base hits (22) and RBI (49)
7	Justin Lamborn	3B	Sr.	L/R	Glen Mills, Pa.	hit .700 (7-10) w/ runner on 3B less than 2 out
21	Jordan Wlodarczyk	DH	Jr.	R/R	Bel Air, Md.	1st team All-PSAC East; 2nd team ABCA all-region
23	Matt Baer	LF	Sr.	R/R	Shade Gap, Pa.	T, 2nd all-time in career HRs (26)
8	Josh Heyne	SS	Sr.	B/R	New Freedom, Pa.	PSAC Tournament MVP (.391; 3B, HR in title gm)
11	Reid Pulford	C	Sr.	R/R	Medford, N.J.	Caught eight base-stealers; only two PBs
Key Reserves						
5	Matt Kirchner	OF	Gr.	R/R	Haddonfield, N.J.	Transfer from Elon College; platoons with Baer
6	Dylan Zigman	INF	So.	R/R	New Cumberland, Pa.	Backup middle infielder; primarily SS
10	Rob Lessig	OF	Sr.	R/R	Lititz, Pa.	Hit .385 in 13 at bats with 2 2Bs and 5 RBI
28	Kyle Frazier	C	So.	R/R	Linden, N.J.	Reserve catcher

Baseball History

First Year of Baseball:	1889
All-time Record:	1,420-1,007-29 (.584)
National Championships:	0
Regional Championships:	3
Conference Championships:	7
Conference Divisional Championships:	9
CWS Appearances:	3

NCAA History

1983 South Atlantic Region (1-2)

vs. Columbus	W, 8-9
vs. Valdosta St.	L, 4-11
vs. Columbus	L, 2-11

1985 South Atlantic Region (1-2)

vs. Valdosta St.	W, 11-4
vs. Shippensburg	L, 8-9
vs. Valdosta St.	L, 3-7

2003 North Atlantic Region (0-2)

vs. Shippensburg	L, 0-4
vs. Kutztown	L, 0-3

2004 North Atlantic Region (0-2)

vs. Shippensburg	L, 1-2
vs. West Virginia St.	L, 8-9

2005 North Atlantic Region (2-2)

vs. Kutztown	W, 9-1
vs. West Virginia St.	L, 2-3
vs. Kutztown	W, 13-2
vs. West Virginia St.	L, 2-9

2006 North Atlantic Region (4-1)

vs. Shepherd	W, 9-5
vs. Kutztown	W, 5-1
vs. West Virginia St.	W, 9-4
vs. Kutztown	L, 4-7
vs. Kutztown	W, 14-3

College World Series (1-2)

vs. Montevallo	L, 2-3 (12)
vs. Francis Marion	W, 3-2 (10)
vs. Montevallo	L, 3-10

2007 North Atlantic Region (3-2)

vs. West Virginia St.	W, 2-0
vs. Slippery Rock	L, 5-6 (11)
vs. Shippensburg	W, 7-4
vs. Slippery Rock	W, 11-10 (10)
vs. Kutztown	L, 1-9

2008 North Atlantic Region (4-2)

vs. Kutztown	W, 5-3
vs. Concord	W, 7-4
vs. Shippensburg	L, 5-10
vs. Pitt-Johnstown	W, 6-2
vs. Shippensburg	W, 12-10
vs. Shippensburg	L, 4-5

2009 Atlantic Region (4-0)

vs. Concord	W, 5-3
vs. Shepherd	W, 10-1
vs. Mercyhurst	W, 6-2
vs. Mercyhurst	W, 14-0

College World Series (0-2)

vs. Lynn	L, 3-7
vs. UC San Diego	L, 6-8

2010 Atlantic Region (3-2)

vs. Mansfield	W, 9-6
vs. Seton Hill	W, 9-3
vs. California (Pa.)	W, 7-2
vs. Kutztown	L, 5-14
vs. Kutztown	L, 0-2

2012 Atlantic Region (4-0)

vs. Shepherd	W, 4-0
vs. Mercyhurst	W, 3-2
vs. Seton Hill	W, 9-5
vs. Kutztown	W, 6-0

College World Series (1-0)

vs. Chico State	1 p.m.
vs. Southern New Hampshire	5 p.m.

SCOUTING SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE

Southern New Hampshire is making its first-ever NCAA Tournament appearance after winning a school-record 42 games, posting a 42-13 record and opening the season 13-0 and 25-2. The Penmen, who missed qualifying for the Northeast-10 Tournament after finishing fifth in the Northeast Division, captured the East Region title with a 4-1 record, defeating LeMoyne, 4-3, in the championship game. SNHU is led by one of the top pitching staffs in Division II. The Penmen rank second nationally in team ERA (2.27) and first in strikeouts per nine innings (9.3). Junior left-hander Tim Flight was named the Northeast-10 pitcher of the year, after leading Southern New Hampshire with a 1.22 ERA and 131 strikeouts in 95.2 innings. The lefty recorded an 8-1 record and is a finalist for the Tino Martinez award. He picked up the win in game one at this College World Series against Minnesota State-Mankato on Saturday. Brad Monroe, who was an NE-10 second team selection, is 8-3 with a 2.41 ERA and 100 strikeouts, while Junior Mendez has compiled a 1.20 ERA and 6-2 record. Alex Powers leads the SNHU bullpen with a 5-1 record, seven saves and a 0.33 ERA. Powers struck out 43 batters in 27.1 innings.

Senior catcher Kevin Spatkowski currently leads the Penmen with his .319 average. He was named the MVP of the East Regional after batting .375 in five games. Matt Boulter has driven in a school-record 51 runs this season and is batting .312 while Jon Minucci has nine home runs and 43 RBI while batting .293. Brendan O'Brien is hitting .280 and leads the team with 18 stolen bases.

FIRST-YEAR SUCCESS OUT OF THE GATE FOR WEST CHESTER HEAD COACHES

West Chester University conducted a pair of exhaustive searches for a field hockey head coach and a baseball head coach last summer. The eventual hires, Amy Cohen (Field Hockey) and Jad Prachniak (Baseball) have enjoyed unparalleled success in their first campaigns in Southeastern Pennsylvania. Cohen guided West Chester's field hockey program to the NCAA Division II national championship this past November with a victory over UMass-Lowell in the title game. Prachniak is three wins away from equaling Cohen's first-year success on the baseball diamond. As it stands now, the first-year mentor has compiled 43 wins with a conference crown and a regional championship in tow.

LEARFIELD DIRECTOR'S CUP SUCCESS IN 2011-12

West Chester University ranks 20th in the latest Learfield Sports Director's Cup standings in Division II with only the baseball championship and track & field results left to be factored into the points system. The highest West Chester University has ever placed in the standings is 12th, accomplished in back-to-back seasons 2006-07 and 2007-08. The Golden Rams' athletic programs amassed a school-record 555.5 points in 2007-08 to place 12th nationally.

This spring, West Chester's baseball team has an opportunity to approach that 12th-place ranking as the Golden Rams diamondmen go for the third finals appearance this academic season. West Chester's field hockey team won a national championship in November while the women's lacrosse team lost in the national championship game last weekend to C.W. Post. West Chester's baseball team is attempting to become the third program to play for a national title in the same academic season.

DONUTS ON THE MENU AT COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

West Chester University brings a 20-inning consecutive shutout streak into Monday's second-round game against Southern New Hampshire. The Golden Rams have shut out each of their last two opponents (Chico State and Kutztown) and have not allowed a run since Seton Hill scored a run in the seventh inning of the regional semifinal on Saturday, May 19.

As a result, West Chester's starting pitchers have posted a combined ERA of 0.43 in five NCAA Tournament games. The Golden Rams have surrendered just two earned runs in 42.1 innings and have notched three shutouts. West Chester's starter has completed the game in four of the five tournament games this season.

When you extend that to the entire postseason and include the six Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) tournament games, West Chester's starting pitching ERA rises to just 1.87 in 82 innings of work. The Golden Rams starters have allowed just 17 earned runs in that span. West Chester's starters have tossed six complete games in 11 postseason contests and registered four shutouts.

WENDLE RANKED 7TH AMONG DII PROSPECTS

West Chester University senior second baseman Joe Wendle was listed among the Top 10 prospects in the country at Division II by *Baseball America*, coming in at No. 7, in that magazine's small college preview section.

Wendle hit .346 during the 2011 spring college season, but really made a name for himself in the Coastal Plains League last summer where he led the league in hits, flirting with a .400 batting average for much of the campaign, and setting that league's single-season hits record. He was also named to the all-star game roster for that wood-bat circuit.

Wendle was the PSAC East player of the year and is a candidate for regional player of the year plaudits

7. Joe Wendle, 2B, West Chester (Pa.): Shook off 2011 injuries to set Coastal Plain League hits record last summer; grinder with good bat.

WENDLE DAKTRONICS, INC., FIRST-TEAM ALL-AMERICA

West Chester University senior second baseman Joe Wendle was named Daktronics, Inc. first team All-America it was announced on Friday afternoon.

Members of the NCAA Division II College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) selected the All-America teams. The All-America team is sponsored by Daktronics, Inc., an acknowledged world leader in scoring, timing and programmable display systems for virtually every sport at every level of competition. Daktronics has sponsored the baseball All-America program since 2007.

Wendle, who was also a first-team All-PSAC East pick as well as the player of the year in the Eastern Division, won the PSAC triple crown by leading the conference in batting average, home runs and RBI. He is hitting .400 on the season as the Golden Rams prepare for the Division II national finals. The local product has 74 hits and has scored 60 runs on the year to go along with 17 doubles, 8 triples and 12 home runs.

Wendle was also named to both the Daktronics, Inc., ABCA and NCBWA first team All-Atlantic Region squads recently.

JORDAN LEHMAN'S GOOD DEED

West Chester University senior right-handed pitcher Jordan Lehman did his part last summer while playing for the Quincy Gems of the Prospect League in Quincy, Ill., to help a young boy with Type I Diabetes through a difficult time. The young boy's father wrote a stirring two-part story on his blog site about how his son befriended the Golden Rams' big righty and how Lehman quickly made the boy a part of the team by inviting him down to the field to sit in the dugout and be a bat boy for the team.

When the young boy developed complications and needed some recovery time. Lehman was there to lend his support and encouragement.

The entire story was captured on the following Web site: <http://www.heidenproductions.com/T1x2/a-long-summer-part1> and the conclusion at "part2". It one of the many "feel-good" stories about college athletics and how college athletes can play a significant role in young people's lives.

BEEEN HERE ... DONE THIS

West Chester University is no stranger to the Division II national finals. The Golden Rams were last here in Cary, N.C. in 2009. Five members of this year's club were also members of that 2009 squad. Senior 2B Joe Wendle, senior SS Josh Heyne, senior outfielder Matt Baer, senior right-handed pitcher Jordan Lehman and junior left-hander Conor Kerins were all part of the 2009 Atlantic Region champion Golden Rams. Wendle went 2-for-7 with a RBI and a run scored in the two games. He started both contests. Matt Baer went 1-for-4 with a grand slam against UC San Diego. Heyne was 0-for-4 in the two games, and Kerins appeared in the first tilt against Lynn. He pitched 2.2 shutout innings in relief, giving up one hit, walking three and striking out four. Lehman did not appear in either of the two games.

THREE GOLDEN RAMS NAMED ABCA ALL-REGION; WENDLE GOLD GLOVE

West Chester University landed three players on the American Baseball Coaches' Association All-Atlantic Region squad it was announced recently by that organization while Joe Wendle also picked up a gold glove.

Each member of the first team will be eligible for NCAA Division II All-America consideration, which will be selected on Sunday, May 27, 2012, in Cary, N.C. in conjunction with the Division II national championship tournament. The "Player of the Year" and the "Pitcher of the Year" in our region are both guaranteed a spot on one of the three All-America teams.

Senior 2B Joe Wendle and sophomore RHP Joe Gunkel were both named to the first team, marking the third time each has been a first-team all-region selection by various organizations, while DH Jordan Wlodarczyk was a second team honoree.

Additionally, Wendle earned his first gold glove for his defensive play at second base this spring.

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Gunkel is 8-1 on the season with a 2.61 ERA in 10 starts this spring. His most recent outing was a complete-game win in the second game of the Atlantic Regional Friday night against PSAC West regular-season champion Mercyhurst. Gunkel has allowed 59 hits in 69 innings while walking 11 and striking out 42. He was also named to the All-PSAC East first team as well as taking home Eastern Division pitcher of the year plaudits this season.

Wlodarczyk is second on the team in hitting with a .361 batting average. He has 57 hits and 32 runs batted in. The junior designated hitter has 11 double on the year as well. He was an honorable mention all-region selection by Daktronics, Inc.

West Chester's Record When ...

Category.....	Record
Overall	43-10
Conference.....	16-8
Non-conference	27-2
Home	13-4
Away.....	13-4
Neutral.....	17-2
Day.....	40-10
Night (5 p.m. or later).....	3-0
vs. left-handers.....	10-5
vs. right-handers.....	33-5
1-run games	7-4
2-run games	2-2
5+-run games.....	21-3
Extra Innings.....	2-1
Shutouts	5-1
Scoring 0-2 runs	2-5
Scoring 3-5 runs	10-3
Scoring 6-9 runs	15-2
Scoring 10 or more runs.....	16-0
Allowing 0-2 runs.....	22-0
Allowing 3-5 runs.....	14-5
Allowing 6-9 runs.....	7-4
Allowing 10 or more.....	0-1
Scoring in first inning.....	22-2
Opponent scores in first inning.....	10-3
Scoring first.....	30-4
Opponent scoring first	13-6
Leading after 6 innings	40-1
Trailing after 6 innings	2-8
Tied after 6 innings	1-1
Leading after 7 innings.....	18-0
Trailing after 7 innings	1-1
Tied after 7 innings.....	1-0
Leading after 8 innings	17-0
Trailing after 8 innings	0-1
Tied after 8 innings.....	3-0
Did not commit an error.....	15-2
Committed 1 error.....	16-3
Committed 2 or more errors	12-5
Opp. did not commit an error.....	4-8
Opp. committed 1 error.....	18-2
Opp. committed 2 or more errors	21-0
Out hit the opponent.....	37-1
Out hit by the opponent	4-7
Hits are even	2-2
Current winning streak.....	9 games
Longest winning streak.....	20 games
Longest losing streak.....	3 games

Head Coach Jad Prachniak

Wendle's Record Watch At WCU

Below is a listing of various single-season records that senior 2B Joe Wendle is approaching, or has already surpassed, at West Chester University.

* indicates PSAC record

SINGLE-SEASON RECORDS

RUNS

No.	Player	Year
71*	Nick Spisak	2009
65	Matt Cotellese	2009
65	Kevin McGrath	2010
64	Nick Spisak	2010
64	Joe Wendle	2010
61	Blair Dameron	2009
60	Joe Wendle	2012
57	Kevin McGrath	2009
56	Sean Bond	2006
56	Josh Wagner	2004

TRIPLES

No.	Player	Year
8	Joe Wendle	2012
7	Charlie Kelly	2009
7	Joe Baciotti	1976

HOME RUNS

No.	Player	Year
13	Matt Baer	2010
13	Blair Dameron	2009
12	Joe Wendle	2012
12	Matt Cotellese	2008
12	Mark Gilliford	2007
12	Mark Gilliford	2006

RUNS BATTED IN

No.	Player	Year
71	Matt Cotellese	2009
66	Blair Dameron	2009
63	Joe Yeager	2006
62	Kyle Orensky	2010
60	Kyle Orensky	2009
59	Erik Ruff	2004
58	Matt Cotellese	2008
58	Josh Wagner	2002
57	Joe Wendle	2012
57	Mark Gilliford	2007

TOTAL BASES

No.	Player	Year
161	Matt Cotellese	2009
151	Matt Cotellese	2008
143	Joe Wendle	2012
135	Blair Dameron	2009

HIGHEST SLUGGING PERCENTAGE

No.	Player	Year
.828	Tom Nuneviller (151 AB)	1990
.774	Dennis Auckland (84 AB)	1970
.773	Joe Wendle (185 AB)	2012



Head coach Jad Prachniak is in the midst of his first season as skipper of the West Chester University Golden Rams. He came to the Delaware Valley from William & Mary where he served as pitching coach for the Division

I Tribe baseball squad.

In his first season at the helm, the Rhode Island native was virtually an over-night success as the Golden Rams burst out to a 25-1 record to start the season and rose all the way to an eventual tie for first place in one college baseball poll. Prachniak guided the Golden Rams to a first-place finish in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Eastern Division standings and was named the loop's coach of the year by his peers.

After finishing in last place in the East and missing the postseason for the first time since 2003, Prachniak orchestrated a worst-to-first finish in the regular-season standings and parlayed that success into the school's seventh conference championship. He accomplished the latter feat by working the Rams through the losers' bracket of the postseason tournament.

Prachniak is 38-10 in his first season as a college baseball head coach and has restored West Chester baseball's elite image among the PSAC and the Atlantic Region.

Along the way, he has had the distinct pleasure of tutoring one of the premier players in both the conference and the region in senior second baseman Joe Wendle. Sophomore right-handed pitcher Joe Gunkel was also named the Eastern Division pitcher of the year under Prachniak's tutelage this spring.

West Chester University Director of Athletics, Dr. Edward M. Matejkovic, announced the hiring of Prachniak to the position of head baseball coach this past July.

Prachniak served as the Tribe's pitching coach and recruiting coordinator during his six years under head coach Frank Leoni. He has tutored four pitchers, who went on to be drafted in the MLB First-Year Entry Draft, as well as the Colonial Athletic Association co-pitcher of the year this past spring – the first such honoree for a William & Mary hurler in school history.

The Tribe has prospered a great deal during Prachniak and Leoni's reign in Williamsburg, Va. William & Mary won 36 games in 2008, second most in a single season in school history, witnessed 16 players earn All-CAA accolades and nine former student-athletes sign professional contracts. The Tribe's 20 team saves in 2008 ranked third in all of Division I that spring.

This will be Prachniak's first head coaching position in his six years of college coaching experience. The Lincoln, R.I., native graduated from University of Rhode Island in 2005 with a bachelor's degree in Kinesiology and a teaching certificate in physical education. He served as co-captain of the Rams in 2004 when URI won a school-record 35 contests and captured the Atlantic 10 Eastern Division title. He was also named a recipient of the scholar-athlete award as handed out by the State of Rhode Island House of Representatives as well as a recipient of the Rick Ligi Memorial Scholarship Award.

Prachniak is an active member of the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) and has participated in several baseball instructional camps throughout his coaching career including: U.S. Naval Academy Baseball Leadership Camp (Annapolis, Md.), Stanford All-Star Baseball Camp (Palo Alto, Calif.) and Best in Virginia Baseball Camp (Farmville, Va.).

THE PRACHNIAK PORTFOLIO

Years	Team	Record	Postseason
2012	West Chester	43-10	Nat'l Finals
1 year		43-10	

A Peak At The Rest Of The Pod

CALIFORNIA STATE-CHICO

Location: Chico, Calif.
Colors: Cardinal & White
Mascot: Wildcats
2012 Record: 40-17
CCAA: 26-14 (T, 1st)
Head Coach: Dave Taylor (Cal Lutheran '89)
at Chico State: 229-110 (7 yrs.)
Overall: 344-204-1 (10 yrs.)
All-Time NCAA Record: 50-25 (15th trip)
Last National Finals Appearance: 2006

Key Players: INF Miles Dempsey (.345-0-32), OF Cody Foster (.339-4-39), OF Ian McKay (.338-3-16), OF Blake Gibbs (.325-7-44), RHP Mike Botelho (1-0, 1.52 ERA, 13 Svs), RHP Troy Neiman (4-2, 2.37 ERA), RHP Sean Martin (6-3, 2.87 ERA), RHP Kagen Hopkins (8-3, 3.80 ERA).

Notes: For Chico State, it marks the eighth trip to the College World Series in the last 16 years, and first since 2006. The Wildcats earned one of the eight national championship invitations with a 7-3 win over Dixie State Sunday in the West Region final in Keizer, Ore.

MINNESOTA STATE-MANKATO

Location: Mankato, Minn.
Colors: Purple & Gold
Mascot: Mavericks
2012 Record: 48-10
NSIC: 27-5 (1st)
Head Coach: Matt Magers (South Dakota St. '97)
at Seton Hill: 170-55 (4 yrs.)
Overall: 170-55 (4 yrs.)
All-Time NCAA Record: 53-62 (31st trip)
Last National Finals Appearance: 2010

Key Players: OF Mike Eckhart (.373-6-33), SS Connor McCallum (.357-3-17), 3B Patrick Dockendorf (.353-9-59), OF Ben Kincaid (.353-2-28), C Nolan Johnson (.348-3-27), OF Lucas Skjefte (.324-3-30) RHP Harvey Martin (10-0, 2.71 ERA, 5 Svs), RHP Tyler Ockuly (6-3, 2.77 ERA), RHP Jason Hoppe (7-1, 2.93 ERA), RHP Bryce Bellin (10-1, 4.32 ERA), RHP Nick Sutherland (5-0, 3.13 ERA, 13 Svs).

Notes: Minnesota-Mankato is making its sixth appearance in the national finals and second in the last three years. The Mavericks are ranked third in the country in the latest College Baseball Magazine poll. MSU-Mankato is hitting .318 as a team and carries

SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE UNIVERSITY

Location: Hooksett, N.H.
Colors: Navy Blue & White
Mascot: Penmen
2012 Record: 42-13
NE 10: 12-9 (5th)
Head Coach: Scott Loiseau (Franklin Pierce '02)
at Kutztown: 99-86-2 (4 yrs.)
Overall: 99-86-2 (4 yrs.)
All-Time NCAA Record: 4-1 (1st trip)
Last National Finals Appearance: First Trip

Key Players: C Kevin Spatkowski (.319-1-22), 3B Matt Boutler (.312-1-51), OF Al Stanton (.307-2-22), OF Jon Minucci (.293-9-43), LHP Tim Flight (8-1, 1.22 ERA), RHP Brad Monroe (8-3, 2.41 ERA) RHP Junior Mendez (6-2, 1.20 ERA), RHP Alex Powers (5-1, 0.33 ERA, 7 Svs).

Notes: Southern New Hampshire is making its first Division II national finals appearance in its very first NCAA Tournament in school history. The Penmen

Chico State is batting a collective .288 on the year, averaging 6.4 runs and 9.4 hits a game. Blake Gibbs (.325) is one of four Wildcat starters hitting over .300, and the All-West Region selection leads the team with seven home runs and 44 runs batted in. Cody Foster is hitting .339, while Ian McKay – who hit a sizzling .438 during the West Regional – is batting .338 on the season.

The Wildcat pitching staff boasts a team earned run average of 3.89. Kagen Hopkins (8-3, 3.80 ERA) is Chico State's top starter, with Sean Martin (6-3, 2.87 ERA).



a 3.21 team ERA. Harvey Martin and Bryce Bellin are both 10-game winners on the Mavericks' staff. Martin shows a staff-low 2.71 ERA in his 14 appearances. Nick Sutherland (13 saves) is the closer in the bullpen.

Minnesota State swept through the Central Region to earn its trip to the College World Series. They have won seven in a row and 12 of 13 entering the national finals.



hosted the East Regional and defeated former-Division I program LeMoyne in the championship to punch its ticket to Cary, N.C.

Junior LHP Tim Flight was named one of six finalists for the Tino Martinez Award. He has posted an 8-1 record and a 1.22 earned run average in 14 starts this season to date while racking up a single-season program record 131 strikeouts in 85.2 innings.



Wendle's Record Watch At WCU

Below is a listing of various career records that senior 2B Joe Wendle is approaching, or has already surpassed, at West Chester University.

* indicates PSAC record

CAREER RECORDS

GAMES PLAYED

No.	Player	Year
226*	Matt Cotellese	2005-09
222	Nick Spisak	2007-10
220	Kevin McGrath	2007-10
209	Blair Dameron	2006-09
205	Joe Wendle	2009-12

AT BATS

No.	Player	Years
841*	Nick Spisak	2007-10
814	Matt Cotellese	2005-09
775	Kevin McGrath	2007-10
737	Joe Wendle	2009-12

RUNS

No.	Player	Years
230*	Nick Spisak	2007-10
207	Joe Wendle	2009-12

HITS

No.	Player	Year
304*	Matt Cotellese	2005-09
294	Nick Spisak	2007-10
269	Joe Wendle	2009-12

DOUBLES

No.	Player	Year
72*	Matt Cotellese	2005-09
66	Nick Spisak	2007-10
60	Joe Wendle	2009-12

TRIPLES

No.	Player	Year
19	Joe Wendle	2009-12
14	Bill Crone	1977-80

HOME RUNS

No.	Player	Year
32	Mark Gilliford	2004-07
26	Matt Baer	2009-12
26	Matt Cotellese	2005-09
23	Joe Wendle	2009-12
23	Steve Crouse	1989-92

RUNS BATTED IN

No.	Player	Year
200*	Matt Cotellese	2005-09
183	Joe Wendle	2009-12

TOTAL BASES

No.	Player	Year
472	Matt Cotellese	2005-09
440	Joe Wendle	2009-12
435	Nick Spisak	2007-10

2012 West Chester University Baseball Roster

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	B/T	Hometown/High School
2	Rob Spekhardt	INF	5-7	155	So.	L/R	Flemington, N.J./Hunterdon Central
3	Joe Wendle	2B	6-0	190	Sr.	L/R	Lincoln University, Pa./Avon Grove
5	Matt Kirchner	OF	6-0	175	Gr.	R/R	Haddonfield, N.J./Haddonfield (Elon)
6/4	Dylan Zigman	INF	5-10	160	So.	R/R	New Cumberland, Pa./Cedar Cliff
7/18	Justin Lamborn	INF	5-10	190	Jr.	L/R	Glen Mills, Pa./Garnet Valley (UMBC)
8	Josh Heyne	3B	6-0	185	Sr.	B/R	New Freedom, Pa./Susquehannock
9	Tyler Coleman	OF	5-10	185	Fr.	R/R	Quakertown, Pa./Quakertown
10	Rob Lessig	OF	5-11	180	Jr.	R/R	Lititz, Pa./Warwick (Lackawanna)
11	Reid Pulford	C	5-10	185	Jr.	R/R	Medford, Pa./Shawnee (Seton Hall)
12	Jack Provine	OF	6-0	190	Jr.	R/R	Lincroft, N.J./Middletown
14	Chris Pula	INF	6-1	180	So.	R/R	Columbus, N.J./Northern Burlington
15	Alec Schwartz	RHP	6-0	175	Fr.	R/R	Allentown, N.J./Allentown
16/13	John Barr	LHP	6-2	210	So.	R/L	Macungie, Pa./Emmaus
13/17	Mike Raimo	OF	6-1	185	So.	R/R	Wallingford, Pa./Strath Haven
19	Dave Stieg	RHP	6-1	190	Jr.	R/R	Somerdale, N.J./Triton (Gloucester CC)
20	Fred Breidenbach	RHP	6-3	190	So.	R/R	Wilmington, Del./Salesianum
21	Jordan Wlodarczyk	C/INF	6-1	205	Jr.	R/R	Bel Air, Md./C. Mlilton Wright (Harford CC)
22	Andrew Kulp	RHP	6-0	200	Jr.	R/R	Ambler, Pa./Parkland
23	Matt Baer	OF	5-10	195	Sr.	R/R	Shade Gap, Pa./Southern Huntingdon
24	Kyle Weary	RHP	6-3	210	So.	R/R	Palmyra, Pa./Palmyra (California, Pa.)
25	Dylan Porter	RHP	6-3	195	Sr.	R/R	Pasadena, Md./Chesapeake (CC of Balt. Cty)
26	Conor Kerins	LHP	6-0	195	Jr.	L/L	Drexel Hill, Pa./Msgr. Bonner
27	Brent Roehrich	RHP	6-5	220	Jr.	R/R	Long Valley, Pa./West Morris
28	Kyle Frazier	C	6-1	215	So.	R/R	Linden, N.J./Linden
29	Will Brzozowski	1B	5-10	205	So.	L/L	Flemington, N.J./Immaculata (Potomac St.)
30	Nick Hinkson	RHP	6-2	185	So.	R/R	Hatboro, Pa./Hatboro-Horsham
31	Jordan Lehman	RHP	6-5	225	Sr.	R/R	Pine Grove, Pa./Pine Grove
32	Matt McAllister	RHP	6-0	185	So.	R/R	Warminster, Pa./Archbishop Wood (PSU Abington)
36	Joe Gunkel	RHP	6-6	210	So.	R/R	Hershey, Pa./Hershey

Head Coach: No. 37 Jad Prachniak (Rhode Island, '05) 1st season

Assistant Coaches: No. 4 Ryan Giblin, No. 38 Kyle Orensky

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Name.....	Pronunciation	Name.....	Pronunciation	Name.....	Pronunciation
Matt Baer.....	BEAR	Andrew Kulp.....	KULP	Brent Roehrich.....	ROAR-ick
John Barr.....	BAR	Justin Lamborn.....	LAM-born	Alec Schwartz.....	SHWARTZ
Fred Breidenbach.....	BRIDE-in-BAK	Jordan Lehman.....	LAY-man	Rob Spekhardt.....	SPECK-hart
Will Brzozowski.....	BROZ-zow-SKI	Rob Lessig.....	LESS-ig	Dave Stieg.....	STEEG
Tyler Coleman.....	KOAL-man	Matt McAllister.....	MICK-al-iss-ter	Kyle Weary.....	WEER-ee
Kyle Frazier.....	FRAY-zher	Kyle Orensky.....	ORR-en-SKI	Joe Wendle.....	WEN-dll
Ryan Giblin.....	GIBB-linn	Dylan Porter.....	POUR-ter	Jordan Wlodarczyk.....	wall-DAR-zick
Joe Gunkel.....	GUNK-ell	Jad Prachniak.....	PRACK-knee-ak	Dylan Zigman.....	ZIG-man
Josh Heyne.....	HINE	Jack Provine.....	PRO-vine		
Nick Hinkson.....	HINK-son	Chris Pula.....	POOH-la		
Conor Kerins.....	KARE-ins	Reid Pulford.....	PULL-ford		
Matt Kirchner.....	KIRK-ner	Mike Raimo.....	RAY-mo		