

Bears' Vieitez Earns All-SAC Preseason Honors

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Lenoir-Rhyne University's Ivan Vieitez has been named to the 2013 All-South Atlantic Conference Baseball Preseason Second Team, league officials

announced this afternoon. Vieitez, a sophomore outfielder from Miami, Fla., started all 49 games for the Bears last spring and finished with a .301 batting average, five home runs and 38 runs batted in.

Vieitez also led the team in stolen bases (17) and triples (six) in 2012 to go along with 32 runs scored, 86 total bases and a .497 slugging percentage.

Vieitez pitched in relief last year as well, finishing with a win and 10 strikeouts in nine appearances.

In addition, Lenoir-Rhyne (12-37, 8-19) was voted to finish ninth in the 2013 South Atlantic Conference Coaches Preseason Poll.

Tusculum and Catawba were both picked to win the conference title this year after each squad received five first-place votes.

The Pioneers won the regular season championship last season while the Indians placed second and advanced to the NCAA Division II College World Series before falling in the national semifinals.

Lenoir-Rhyne opens the season this Saturday, February 2, with a doubleheader at home against Mount Olive beginning at Noon. The Trojans are ranked third in this year's NCAA Division II Collegiate Baseball National Preseason Poll.

2013 South Atlantic Conference Baseball Preseason Coaches Poll

- 1t. Catawba 77 (5)
- 1t. Tusculum 77 (5)
3. Wingate 62
4. Brevard 56
5. Carson-Newman 46
6. Newberry 45
7. Lincoln Memorial 34
8. Mars Hill 20
- 9. Lenoir-Rhyne 17**
10. Anderson 16

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2013 All-South Atlantic Conference

Preseason Baseball Teams

First Team

C - Josh Clark, WU
1B - Brian Yeung, Wingate
2B - Andre Rodriguez, Lincoln Memorial
SS - Tripper Crisson, Tusculum
3B - Cade Stallings, Tusculum
OF - Ethan Satterfield, Catawba
OF - Champ Stuart, Brevard
OF - Cody Baker, Lincoln Memorial
DH - Garrett Furr, Catawba
SP - Nick Lomascolo, Catawba
SP - Taylor Rakes, Tusculum
SP - Adam Sigmon, Tusculum
RP - John-Austin Shepard, Tusculum

Second Team

C - Nick Pressley, Lincoln Memorial
1B - Chris Dula, Catawba
2B - Chad Funkhouser, Brevard
SS - Curt Fuqua, Lincoln Memorial
3B - Eric Renegar, Brevard
OF - Thomas Spitz, Wingate
OF - Wesley Camp, Newberry
OF - Ivan Vieitez, Lenoir-Rhyne
DH - Erick Sanderson, Anderson
SP - John Tuttle, Catawba
SP - Olen Little, Wingate
SP - Zeke McGranahan, Tusculum
RP - Craig Brooks, Catawba

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