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The Westport baseball team didn't stop with one title last season.The Eagles won two.Westport captured the Mountain & Valley Athletic Conference Northern Division championship with a 10-1 record and then went on to add the Section VII Class D crown.

The Eagles figure to be a title contender again, but there will be plenty of competition for the top spot with several other teams, including Chazy, Elizabethtown-Lewis and Crown Point, returning talented veterans.

Chazy

The biggest strength for the Eagles this season is the return of four starters, including three-year performer Andrew Goodwin.

Chazy, which should be a major factor in the MVAC North, will be looking for leadership from four seniors — Goodwin, outfielder Kasey Trombley, shortstop Evan Green and first baseman Kenny Boire.

The Eagles return a solid nucleus with 13 players.

Other returning starters include three juniors — outfielder Kyle Reynolds, pitcher/third baseman Nolan Ryan and catcher Jacob Beeman.

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Players lost

Jeremy Latremore, Chad Couture, Mark Geniere.

Players returning

Kyle LaFountain, Steve Labombard, Perry Latremore, Gaelan Trombley, Kyle Reynolds, Franc Vliege, Nolan Ryan, Shane Dunbar, Jacob Beeman, Andrew Goodwin, Kenny Boire, Kasey Trombley, Evan Green.

Newcomers

Ben Baker, Nickolas Gaupil, Jason Baker, Chris Vliege, Eric Martin, Tom Nam, Ryan Oliver.

Crown Point

The Panthers (10-4, 7-3) return a good portion of last year's team and will be among the teams looking to grab the top spot.

Crown Point is expecting to get strong leadership from seniors Philip Nadeau (pitcher/shortstop) and outfielder James Marshall.

Senior outfielder/pitcher James Taylor will also be counted on, along with several juniors — catcher Travis Tabor, pitcher/shortstop Jacob Spring, third baseman/first baseman Adam Clark, second baseman/pitcher Kevin Gadway and outfielder Mark Ashline.

Hitting and pitching depth are strengths the Panthers will be counting on.

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Players lost

Taylor Price, Shawn Groshans.

Players returning

James Marshall, Philip Nadeau, James Taylor, Kevin Gadway, Travis Tabor, Jacob Spring, Adam Clark, Mark Ashline, Justin Hinds.

Newcomers

Justin Potter, Aaron Walters, Mac Kiely.

Elizabethtown-Lewis

The Lions have 21 players, including 10 returners, on their roster and have the experience to make a move up in the standings.

E'town-Lewis returns nine starters from last season, including left-handed pitcher Garrett Hume, who batted .513, with three home runs, 13 RBI and 20 runs scored.
Other key players back included right-handed pitcher Steve Plank, shortstop/pitcher Josh Mowery, who batted .435 with 20 runs scored, and catcher Justin Quain, who hit .302 with 13 RBI.
Other returning starters are second baseman Scott Morris, first baseman/designated hitter Ricky Plank, catcher/outfielder Tyler Barton, and outfielders Ben Scaglione and Danny Mitchell.
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Players lost
Ray Plante.
Players returning
Willie Duso, Garrett Hume, Josh Mowery, Justin Quian, Ben Scaglione, Danny Mitchell, Scott Morris, Ricky Plank, Tyler Barton, Steven Plank.
Newcomers
Anthony Brown, Anders Nielsen, Ethan Brown, Devin Drummond, Zach Sloan, Evan Drew, Ben Goff, Mike Gowdy, Shawn Lapier, Josh Pierce, P.J. Tromblee.
Keene
The Beavers (2-12, 2-10) are counting on senior Jared Wallace and sophomore Jake Hooper to form a good 1-2 punch on the mound.
Having sophomore Nathan Woods back as catcher and junior Ian Hall in center will give Keene some strength up the middle.
Junior second baseman Keith Wadsworth and eighth-grade shortstop Sam Earl, a varsity newcomer, will be needed to step up.
Other returning starters for Keene include senior right fielder Logan Quinn and junior third baseman Jacob Earl.
The Beavers will need the middle of the order to hit well and get improved defense in order to improve from last season.
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Players lost
Devon Holbrook, David LeClair.

Players returningJared Wallace, Paolo Sardella, Logan Quinn, Keith Wadsworth, Ian Hall, Jacob Earl, Nick Dempsey, Nate Woods, Jake Hooper. NewcomersSam Earl, Caleb Hall.
Schroon Lake
The Wildcats were very competitive in the North a year ago and expect to be the same this season with several returning players.
Senior shortstop/pitcher Will Thompson, senior left fielder Cody Merrill, junior center fielder/pitcher George Egan, junior catcher Casey Jarrell and sophomore pitcher/third baseman Ethan Tyrrell return as starters to give Schroon Lake a strong nucleus.
Junior pitcher/outfielder Kyle Bush, who was on the varsity last season, is a projected starter this year.
The Wildcats don't have a team of stars, but expect to play well as a unit.
Lack of depth, with few players on the bench, is a team concern.

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Players lost
Jordan Bush, Jerry Clark, Phil Tyrrell, Will Podmore, Jamie Mehm, Frank Caraballo.
Players returning
Will Thompson, Cody Merrill, Kyle Bush, George Egan, Casey Jarrell, Ross Bessey, Chris Venner, Ethan Tyrrell.
Newcomers
Tyler Sabia, Brian Horton, David Plumstead, Shawn Walsh, Tarri Haina.
Westport
The Eagles (14-3, 10-1) graduated three standout players, but return six starters in their quest to repeat as MVAC North and sectional champion.
Leading the way for Westport will be returning MVAC North First Team selections Will MacIver (shortstop/pitcher) and Adam Robare (outfield/catcher/pitcher), along with Second Team picks Travis Turnbull (first base/pitcher) and Ben Sherman (third base/pitcher), and all-division honorable mention Josh Stevens (catcher/second base).
Senior outfielder/infielder Curtis Viens also returns as a starter.
Sophomores Michael Tyler and Zach Sherman were on the varsity last season and are projected as starters this time around.
Will MacIver, Robare, Turnbull and Ben Sherman will anchor the pitching staff for Westport, which will has strong senior leadership following the successful season of a year ago.
The Eagles, who will need some of their players to adjust to different positions, have good team speed and depth.
Westport expects to be able to score its share of runs.
Playing solid defense and how well their pitchers throw the ball, however, will determine how good the Eagles will be.

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Players lost
Kurtis Hathaway, Chris White, Chris Gibbs.
Players returning
Will MacIver, Adam Robare, Travis Turnbull, Josh Stevens, Curtis Viens, Ben Sherman, Steven Smith, Michael Tyler, Zach Sherman, Nick Robare, Colin MacIver.
Newcomers
Tyler Atwell, Steven Bodnar, Erland Soeroen.
Willsboro
The Warriors (7-7, 6-6) suffered their share of losses to graduation and nine of their 13 players on the roster this year don't have varsity experience.
Willsboro is also inexperienced on the mound and its four returning players will need to step up every game.
Those four players include four seniors — center fielder/pitcher Derrick Ellis, third baseman/right fielder Spencer Lobdell, shortstop/pitcher Taylor Reynolds and left fielder/first baseman/pitcher Matt Sayward.

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Players lost
T.J. Benway, Kenndall Sayward, Joey Murphy, Eric Westover, Josh Garvey, Trevor Sheehan, Jamie Baker.
Players returning

Derrick Ellis, Spencer Lobdell, Taylor Reynolds, Matt Sayward.
Newcomers
Eric Decker, Justin Elder, Devon Jaquish, Greg Martin, Ricky Sayward, Adam Schneider, Alex Shepard, Austin Strong, Lucas Strong.