

VARSITY BASEBALL 1997

This season was the conclusion of our "Two Year Plan" which began last year. Although we won twice as many games as last season, we failed in our goals of winning the league and competing in sectionals. With eight returning starters, we felt those were realistic goals. Our team batting average improved by over 50 points, but our team fielding and pitching did not. I also felt that our lack of team speed hindered our fielding as well as our baserunning.

Initially there were 19 players trying out for the squad. For various reasons 5 chose not to continue early in our pre-season, therefore we kept the remaining 14 to represent our school. Early in the schedule it became clear that junior Tim Vanderpool would not get a lot of playing time to improve his skills. Therefore, we sent him down to the junior varsity to hone his catching skills and get times at bat. Tim was very agreeable to this so he could play.

In pre-season Howard Reeve showed behavior in practice and our scrimmage at Greene that was detrimental to the team. A contract that was signed by him and his mom stating unacceptable behavior and its consequences was drawn up. This same contract was issued to the whole team to make everyone accountable. I felt that this helped certain players and kept them under control. Except for a couple of other situations, I was very pleased with the team's behavior on the bus and at games.

I was disappointed in the overall attitude of Bobby Hurlburt. He seemed to have a negative attitude about his own ability and skills as well as negative comments regarding players from other teams. This must improve if he is going to help us next season.

I was very pleased with the effort and ability of Josh Pouch who worked his way into the starting line-up the last 10 games.

This was a difficult season due to the lack of a home field to practice or play on. The time and effort to prepare the field at Cole Park was appreciated, but the dimensions just were not acceptable for a varsity baseball field. This was never more evident than in our 19-16 loss against Whitney Point where 20 homeruns were hit.

I would like to thank the Physical Education staff (Mr. Derr, Mrs. B-Smith and Mr. Hamilton) for allowing the batting cage to stay up during our season. I know this must have caused some inconveniences.

I appreciated the effort Mr. Hamilton put in utilizing the athletic budget so that we were able to get new modified uniforms and much needed equipment. Another soft-toss net is still needed as well as a protective screen for infield practice. A new batting cage with the cable and pulley system would be more efficient than what we have now.

Three of our players were selected to the SUS EAST ALL-STAR Second team:

Brendon Ives	Outfield
Shawn Kelsey	Utility Player
Howard Reeve	Outfield

The team awards are as follows:

SPIRIT AWARD: NICK KELLY
 MOST IMPROVED PLAYER: ~~██████████~~ *Shawn Kelsey*
 MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: BRENDON IVES

TEAM ROSTER

Jr. Justin Frost	Catcher
Jr. Bobby Hurlburt	OF/Pitcher
Sr. Brendon Ives	OF/SS/Pitcher
Jr. Shawn Kelsey	OF/Pitcher
Sr. Lester Livermore	2nd Base/Pitcher
Jr. Ed Lord	OF
Sr. Nick Kelly	OF
Jr. Don O'Halloran	OF/Pitcher
Jr. Josh Pouch	SS/2nd Base
Sr. Howard Reeve	OF
Jr. Brent Vincent	3rd Base
Sr. Brayton Wicks	1st Base
Jr. John Wicks	OF/Pitcher

Game Schedule

HORNETS	15	B-G	11	W
"	2	DEPOSIT	7	L
"	12	UNATEGO	9	W
"	4	HANCOCK	2	W
"	8	AFTON	12	L
"	9	WINDSOR	5	W
"	5	DELHI	7	L
"	16	W.P.	19	L
"	8	B-G	3	W
"	3	DEPOSIT	4	L
"	6	UNATEGO	8	L
"	9	HANCOCK	10	L
"	3	AFTON	12	L
"	10	DELHI	5	W
"	3	OXFORD	10	L
"	2	OXFORD	10	L

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Respectfully submitted.

Russell Ives

Game Data Sheet

Harpurshille Hornets

Record League 5-9 over-All 6-10

Game: League / overall

Date Score

PO	A	E	FA	Player	BA	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	Sac	HBP	SB
89	11	6	.943	Justin Frost	.220	41	7	9	3	1	1	0	6	9	2	0	1
103	12	6	.950	Frost	.239	46	10	11	5	2	1	0	8	9	2	0	1
8	2	2	.833	Bob Hurlburt	.154	13	5	2	2	0	0	0	2	4	1	0	2
10	2	2	.857	Hurlburt	.118	17	6	2	2	0	0	0	2	4	1	0	2
14	15	3	.906	Brendon Ives	.349	43	20	15	9	1	1	2	8	8	2	0	12
114	17	5	.861	Ives	.353	51	22	18	9	2	1	2	8	11	2	0	15
10	6	1	.941	Shawn Kelsey	.326	43	12	14	8	4	2	0	8	9	0	0	7
16	7	1	.958	Kelsey	.314	51	15	16	13	4	2	2	9	9	0	0	7
13	19	3	.914	Lester Livermore	.326	43	9	14	11	4	0	2	4	9	2	1	0
14	24	3	.927	Livermore	.312	48	10	15	12	4	0	2	6	9	3	1	0
0	0	0		Ed Lord	.000	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0
1	1	1	.667	Lord	.143	7	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	4	0	1	0
0	0	0		Nick Kelly	.200	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
0	0	0		Kelly	.333	6	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
7	8	4	.789	Don O'Halloran	.235	34	6	8	5	0	0	1	6	7	1	2	1
10	9	4	.826	O'Halloran	.200	40	6	8	5	0	0	1	6	9	1	2	1
5	18	4	.765	Josh Pouch	.273	22	2	6	2	1	0	0	0	4	0	2	0
5	20	4	.822	Pouch	.346	26	5	9	5	1	0	2	1	4	0	2	0
10	7	3	.850	Howard Reeve	.341	44	9	15	14	5	1	1	6	14	1	2	0
113	7	5	.800	Reeve	.392	51	13	20	18	5	1	4	6	15	1	2	0
				Tim Vanderpool													
7	10	6	.739	Brent Vincent	.308	39	6	12	11	4	0	1	2	6	1	0	0
9	11	6	.769	Vincent	.289	45	7	13	13	4	0	2	2	7	1	0	0
90	7	3	.970	Brayton Wicks	.283	46	12	13	8	2	0	0	10	8	1	0	7
102	7	3	.973	Wicks	.333	54	16	18	12	2	0	2	11	8	1	0	9
6	1	1	.875	John Wicks	.125	8	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	4	0	1	1
6	1	1	.875	Wicks	.200	10	2	2	2	0	0	1	2	5	0	1	1
265	113	36	.913	Team	.282	386	90	109	74	22	5	7	55	94	12	9	30
309	127	41	.891	Team	.296	453	115	134	95	24	5	18	62	103	13	9	33

Record	Pitcher	IP	H	R	ER	BB	So	ERA
2-3	Kelsey	35	47	48	34	28	43	6.80
2-5	O'Halloran	40	57	47	27	9	43	4.75