

1998 HARPURSVILLE HORNETS VARSITY BASEBALL

PRE-SEASON BEGAN WITH JUST 12 PLAYERS TRYING OUT FOR THE SQUAD. WE WERE DISAPPOINTED WITH THE NUMBERS, BUT FELT THAT THE COMPONENTS WERE THERE FOR A SUCCESSFUL SEASON. THE FIRST WEEK WAS PROBABLY THE BEST PRE-SEASON WEEK I CAN RECALL IN A VERY LONG TIME! THE EXCITEMENT AND ENTHUSIASM WAS VERY HIGH. OUR LONG RANGE GOAL WAS TO WIN OUR DIVISION AND MOVE ON TO SECTIONALS.

OUR SEASON BEGAN ON OF A THINGS OPENING DAY!! FIRST TIME IN A VERY LONG TIME. UNATEGO SCORED 3 EARNED RUNS IN THE FIRST INNING AND WE SCORED 2 IN THE LAST. IN BETWEEN IT WAS A SCORELESS WELL PLAYED GAME THAT WE LOST. THIS GAME SHOWED US HOW WELL WE WERE CAPABLE OF PLAYING DEFENSIVELY AND ONLY REINFORCED OUR BELIEF THAT WE WOULD HAVE A SUCCESSFUL SEASON. BUT AS OUR SEASON CONTINUED, IT WAS OUR DEFENSE THAT PROVED TO BE OUR ACHILLES HEEL. THE TEAM COMMITTED A TOTAL OF 51 ERRORS WITH ALMOST HALF BY OUR MIDDLE INFIELDRS.

TWO GAMES INTO THE SEASON TWO PLAYERS (GLENN MILLER AND TIM VANDERPOOL) DECIDED NOT TO CONTINUE WITH THE TEAM. JUST AFTER RETURNING FROM VACATION ED LORD BROKE HIS ANKLE WHILE PLAYING BASKETBALL DURING HIS OWN TIME. WE, THEREFORE, CONTINUED OUR SEASON WITH ONLY NINE PLAYERS AND BRINGING UP J.V. PLAYERS ON A GAME BY GAME BASIS.

THE FINAL SEVEN DAYS OF OUR SEASON WERE PIVOTAL BECAUSE WE WON THREE GAMES TO PUT INTO SECTIONAL PLAY. WE WERE SEEDED 16 SO WE HAD TO PLAY NUMBER 1 THOMAS EDISON H.S. IN ELMIRA HEIGHTS. WE TOOK A 2-0 LEAD ON SOLO HOMERUNS BY SHAWN KELSEY AND ROB SCHULTZ. A 5 RUN THIRD AND AN 8 RUN SIXTH BY THEM SEALED OUR FATE AS WE LOST 15-5.

WE HAD TWO FUNDRAISERS. ONE WAS A BASEBALL CLINIC FOR 8-12 AGED LITTLE LEAGUERS. HITTING, FIELDING, THROWING AND PITCHING STATION WERE TAUGHT. COACH ED FOLI FROM U.E. WAS OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER AND COACHED OUR PITCHING STATION. APPROXIMATELY 25 YOUNGSTERS TOOK ADVANTAGE OF IT. HOPEFULLY MORE WILL BE INVOLVED NEXT YEAR. HORNET HATS WERE SOLD BY PLAYERS INVOLVED IN OUR ENTIRE PROGRAM. THE MONEY RAISED MADE IT POSSIBLE TO PURCHASE TWO DOZEN SAFETY BASEBALLS FOR INDOOR USE AND GAME JERSEYS FOR THE J.V. AND VARSITY PLAYERS.

PROSPECTS FOR NEXT YEAR SHOW THAT IT WILL BE A BUILDING PROCESS. THERE WERE ONLY 2 JUNIORS ON THE VARSITY AND ONLY 2 SOLID SOPHOMORE PLAYERS ON THE J.V. SQUAD. MANY OF THIS YEARS FRESHMAN WILL NEED TO MOVE UP. I CAN SEE THE J.V. TEAM BEING MADE UP OF 8TH, 9TH AND 10TH GRADERS.

I'D LIKE TO THANK COACH JOHN TAYLOR AND COACH TERRY HELLER, A.D. GLENN HAMILTON AND MY SCOREKEEPER DALE ROBINSON FOR THEIR HELP AND EFFORT DURING THE SEASON.

1998 HCS BASEBALL ROSTER

	DAVID BIDWELL	SR.	SECOND BASE
	JUSTIN FROST	SR.	CATCHER
	KENNETH HUSTON	SR.	OF/3RD
	WILLIAM HUSTON	JR.	OF/PITCHER
(CAPTAIN)	SHAWN KELSEY	SR.	OF/PITCHER
	ED LORD	SR.	OF
	JOSH POUCH	SR.	SHORTSTOP
	DON O'HALLORAN	SR.	PITCHER/OF
	ROBERT SCHULTZ	JR.	3RD/PITCHER
	BRENT VINCENT	SR.	FIRST BASE

AWARD WINNERS

MIP	BILLY HUSTON
MVP	DON O'HALLORAN
SPIRIT	JUSTIN FROST
HITTING CHAMP	SHAWN KELSEY
GOLDEN GLOVE	BRENT VINCENT
1ST TEAM ALL-STAR	SHAWN KELSEY
SR. CLASSIC PLAYERS	SHAWN KELSEY
	JUSTIN FROST
	DON O'HALLORAN
	BRENT VINCENT

1998 GAME SCHEDULE

HORNETS	2		UNATEGO	3	L
HORNETS	4		ONEONTA	18	L
HORNETS	9		SETON	13	L
HORNETS	8		DEPOSIT	6	W
HORNETS	6		HANCOCK	11	L
HORNETS	3		W.P.	7	L
HORNETS	7	(FORFEIT)	B-G	0	W
HORNETS	11		AFTON	4	W
HORNETS	2		OXFORD	6	L
HORNETS	4		WALTON	11	L
HORNETS	9		U.V.	5	W
HORNETS	5		WINDSOR	10	L
HORNETS	11		S.E.	2	W
HORNETS	4		B-G	6	L
HORNETS	1		DEPOSIT	9	L
HORNETS	12		OXFORD	4	W
HORNETS	12		WALTON	9	W
HORNETS	5	(SECTIONAL)	TOM EDISON	15	L

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