VARSITY BASEBALL 2002

We began our pitcher and catcher Training Camp on Sunday January 6th. The Sunday sessions were 60-75 minutes long through January and February. Four to seven players took advantage of this time each week.

Full team pre-season began March 11th. The numbers were low with just 11 players for each level. For the varsity particularly, we seemed to have the right players. We had John Burns returning as 2nd team All-Star catcher and Miah McElwain 1st team All-Star pitcher. Dana and Darek Zietz and Jeremy Huber were three other returning starters. Dusty Joy was an occasional starter also returning. There were four players moving up from J.V. (Matt Livermore, Luke Smith. Bobby Granish and Brandon Biscardi) that would fit in nicely. Because of this solid team, our goals were to be no less than League Champs and to go beyond the 1st round of sectionals.

I felt that our pitching and defense would be solid, but was apprehensive reguarding our offense. Other than Miah starting out with a 7-0 record, our pitching was not consistent until toward the end of the season. Our defense especially hurt us in the first Deposit game giving up 6 unearned runs and losing 12-9. The defense seemed to solidify after I switched Jeremy Huber from 3rd to 1st and Bobby Granish from 1st to 3rd. Our team batting average was just under .300.

After losing a crucial game to Oxford in extra innings, the team finished up winning their final 4 league games. In the Oxford game we had to deal with a temporary fence due to construction that cost us. A long flyball on any other field turned into a 2 run homer that sent the game into extra innings.

The season was disappointing in that we did not reach our goals. We finished in second place a game behind Deposit.

We lost 6-1 to Elmira Heights in the fist round of sectionals. However, I was very pleased by the performance level that the team had at the end of the season. Team pitching, defense, and batting was all coming together.

Volunteer coach Bill Roys did an excellent job with the pitchers and catchers. Volunteer coach Sherman McElwain was our scorekeeper and helped in many practices. Both have an excellent baseball background to help our team. I owe both of them much credit for our success this season.

With all of our starting pitching returning and losing just 3 seniors, next season will be anxiously awaited for continued success.

Our 2002 baseball schedule was as follows:

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MAC All-Star selections: 1st Team: Pitcher

Miah McElwain

Catcher

John Burns

1st Base

Bobby Granish

O.F. Utility Dana Zietz Jeremy Huber

2nd Team: O.F.

Darek Zietz

Senior Classic Players: John Burns Jeremy Huber

Team Recognition:

M.I.P.

Dusty Joy

Spirit

Dana Zietz

MVP

Miah McElwain

Captains:

John Burns

Miah McElwain

June 5, 2002

Respectfully submitted,

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