

VARSAITY BASEBALL 2003

WE BEGAN OUR PITCHER AND CATCHER TRAINING CAMP ON SUNDAY JANUARY 12TH. EACH SUNDAY SESSION LASTED 60-75 MINUTES FOR THE REMAINING SUNDAYS IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY. THREE TO SIX PLAYERS CAME EACH SESSION.

FULL TEAM PRACTICE BEGAN MONDAY MARCH 10TH. FOURTEEN PLAYERS WERE COMPETING FOR A PLACE ON OUR ROSTER. IT WAS DECIDED NOT TO HAVE CUTS. FOUR PLAYERS, 2 JUNIORS AND 2 SENIORS, WERE INFORMED THAT THEIR PLYING TIME WOULD BE LIMITED. SENIOR BRANDON BISCARDI PRACTICED ANOTHER WEEK AND THEN DECIDED THAT HIS BACK-UP ROLE AT CATCHER AND SECOND BASE WAS NOT ENOUGH. ABOUT A MONTH LATER, JUNIOR PAUL POWELL LEFT THE TEAM BECAUSE OF HIS LACK OF PLAYING TIME. A SHORT TIME LATER JUNIOR JEFF POTTER VOLUNTARILY ADMITTED TO A CONTRACT VIOLATION AND LEFT THE TEAM. WE CONCLUDED THE SEASON WITH 11 PLAYERS IN GOOD STANDING.

WITH 5 STARTERS AND ALL OF OUR TOP PITCHERS RETURNING, OUR GOALS WERE NOTHING LESS THAN A LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP AND MOVING DEEP INTO SECTIONAL PLAY. FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR, HOWEVER, WE FINISHED IN SECOND PLACE A GAME BEHIND FIRST. WE HAD 2 CONSECUTIVE LOSSES EARLY IN OUR SCHEDULE IN BACK TO BACK GAMES WITH AFTON AND HANCOCK. LATER IN OUR SCHEDULE HANCOCK HAD A COME FROM BEHIND WIN AGAINST US THAT SEALED OUR FATE. IN ALL 3 OF THOSE LOSSES OUR DEFENSE HAD ONE BAD INNING WITH MULTIPLE ERRORS THAT SNATCHED A LOSS FROM THE JAWS OF VICTORY. OUR LEAGUE BATTING AVERAGE WAS .340 WHILE OUR TEAM PITCHING ERA IN LEAGUE WAS 2.48. WE CONCLUDED OUR SEASON WITH 9 WINS IN THE LAST 10 GAMES TO FINISH WITH A 12-4 RECORD.

WE REACHED THE QUARTER FINAL ROUND IN SECTIONAL WITH AN EXCELLENT 2-0 HOME WIN OVER UNION SPRINGS. NOW WE HAVE WON 10 OF OUR LAST 11 GAMES. THAT BROUGHT 8TH SEEDED TO NUMBER 1 SEED LANSING. WE SCORED FIRST WITH A RUN IN THE TOP OF THE 3RD. DANA ZIETZ HAD A ONE OUT SINGLE, MOVED TO SECOND ON A FIELDER'S CHOICE AND SCORED ON MIAH MCELWAIN'S 2 OUT SINGLE. THEY SCORED AN UNEARNED RUN IN THE BOTTOM OF THE SAME INNING. THEY COULD HAVE SCORED MORE, BUT WE FORCED A RUN AT THE PLATE WITH OUR INFIELD PLAYING IN. THE GAME WAS TIED GOING INTO THE TOP OF THE 7TH. AFTER A LANSING ERROR AND A SINGLE AND A DOUBLE STEAL WE HAD RUNNERS ON 2ND AND 3RD WITH NO OUTS!! WITH MATT LIVERMORE AT 3RD AND MIKE DEBETTA AT THE PLATE, THE SAME COMBINATION THAT PERFECTLY EXECUTED A SUICIDE SQUEEZE AGAINST UNION SPRINGS, WE AGAIN TRIED A SUICIDE. THIS TIME, HOWEVER WITH THE WORST RESULT. THE BUNT WAS MISSED AND MATT WAS TAGGED OUT IN A RUN-DOWN. THE NEXT TWO BATTERS STRUCK OUT. THE SCORE IS STILL TIED GOING TO THE BOTTOM OF THE 7TH. THE LEAD-OFF HITTER

GETS AN INFIELD SINGLE IN THE HOLE AT SHORT. THE NEXT HITTER GETS A "SEEING EYE" HIT THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF THE INFIELD. THE NEXT HITTER PULLS THE BALL DOWN THE THIRD BASE LINE JUST OUT OF REACH OF OUR THIRD BASEMAN BOBBY GRANISH. OUR SEASON JUST CAME TO AN ABRUPT HALT!

WE CAME UP SHORT OF OUR GOALS, BUT I AM VERY PROUD OF THIS TEAM'S EFFORT AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

I NEED TO THANK BILLY ROYS FOR ANOTHER SEASON AS OUR VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT COACH. I ALSO NEED TO THANK SHERMAN MCELWAIN FOR HIS HELP AND SUPPORT. ALSO A THANK YOU TO DALE ROBINSON FOR HIS HELP AS SCOREKEEPER. ONE LAST THANK YOU TO MR. HELLER FOR SCHEDULING AND RE-SCHEDULING OUR GAMES THIS SEASON.

TEAM ROSTER 2003

TOM BRINK	SR.	OF
MIKE DEBETTA	JR.	CATCHER
MATT FULLER	JR.	1 ST BASE
BOBBY GRANISH	SR.	1 ST , 3 RD , PITCHER
DEREK GUOKAS	JR.	1 ST , 3 RD , OF, PITCHER, DH
MATT LIVERMORE	SR.	SS, PITCHER
JEREMIAH MCELWAIN	SR.	PITCHER, SS
PHILLIP MOORE	JR.	OF
NICK VANDEWEERT	JR.	2 ND , PITCHER
DANA ZIETZ	SR.	OF
DAREK ZIETZ	SR.	OF

GAME SCHEDULE 2003

HORNETS 4	DEPOSIT 2	W
HORNETS 5	SETON 4	W
HORNETS 21	OXFORD 2	W
HORNETS 7	AFTON 9	L
HORNETS 5	HANCOCK 10	L
HORNETS 3	C.F. 4	L
HORNETS 14	WALTON 4	W
HORNETS 5	GREENE 0	W
HORNETS 5	U.V. 1	W
HORNETS 8	AFTON 4	W
HORNETS 6	HANCOCK 8	L
HORNETS 11	B-G 10	W
HORNETS 9	DEPOSIT 1	W
HORNETS 4	SETON 2	W
HORNETS 8	U.V. 3	W

HORNETS 12	OXFORD 1	W
SECTIONAL HORNETS 2	UNION SPRINGS 0	W
HORNETS 1	LANSING 2	L

SPECIAL AWARDS 2003

SCHOLAR ATHLETE: DANA ZIETZ

MAC ALL-STAR SELECTIONS:

HONORABLE MENTION:	SECOND BASE	NICK VANDERWEERT
	CATCHER	MIKE DEBETTA
SECOND TEAM	SS	MATT LIVERMORE
	OF	DAREK ZIETZ
FIRST TEAM	PITCHER	MAH MCELWAIN
	OF	DANA ZIETZ
	DH	DEREK GUOKAS

SENIOR CLASSIC PLAYERS:	MATT LIVERMORE
	MAH MCELWAIN
	DANA ZIETZ
	DAREK ZIETZ

TEAM RECOGNITION

CO-CAPTAIN	MAH MCELWAIN
CO-CAPTAIN	DANA ZIETZ
SPIRIT AWARD	DANA ZIETZ
MIP	MATT LIVERMORE
MVP	MAH MCELWAIN

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RUSSELL IVES

Game Data Sheet

Game: League Date 2003 Score

Record
League, over-All
7-3

PO	A	E	FA	Player	BA	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	Sac	HBP	SB
1	0	1	.500	Brink Tom 6 Assists @ 2 nd	.167	6	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
11	17	4	.970	DeBetta Mike	.222	27	7	6	1	1	0	0	0	3	2	0	2
56	1	1	.983	Fuller, Matt	.454	11	3	5	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0
3	9	3	.800	Granish, Bobby	.310	29	5	9	10	3	1	0	3	11	0	0	0
2	4	2	.750	Guokas Derek	.345	29	8	10	10	1	2	0	0	8	2	2	3
9	10	3	.864	Livermore Matt	.406	32	7	13	9	0	1	0	3	3	0	0	8
4	12	4	.800	McElwain Miah	.517	29	16	15	10	3	2	1	8	2	2	0	10
6	0	1	.857	Moore Phillip	.296	27	6	8	4	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	3
11	16	5	.844	VanDeWeert Nick	.305	36	13	11	8	2	0	0	2	7	1	0	10
10	0	0	1.000	Zietz Dana	.390	41	12	16	9	5	0	1	0	5	2	0	8
12	0	1	.923	Zietz Derek	.242	33	7	8	2	2	0	0	2	7	0	0	3

Record	Pitcher	IP	H	R	ER	BB	So	ERA
2-2	Livermore	24 ² / ₃	22	19	11	13	30	3.12
5-1	McElwain	37	25	22	11	9	63	2.08

