

SEASON IN REVIEW 2007

Pre-season began on the 21st of January and continued for 5 Sunday afternoons. Three to seven JV and Varsity players took advantage of these sessions each week. Ben Andrews was one player that was there each week. This dedication earned him selection as one of our co-captains.

The regular season began on March 5th. The first cut got us down to 15 players. There were four Juniors (Joel Decker, Kurtis VanAbs, Eric and Stephen Winsor) that were told their playing time would be very little. Joel decided it was not acceptable so he left the team, while the other 3 remained. The coaches decided to bring up Shane Hayes to do the majority of the catching duties so Chris Baxter and Adam Neer could play other positions including pitcher. That brought our squad up to 15.

Injuries played a part of our season. Derek Lindow had a foot injury in P.E. class just before our season started. He was restricted to only upper body activities which included only stretching and throwing. He could not do batting or running. He did not get a complete release until April 9th. That put him behind in his hitting and conditioning. Chris Snow got hurt two days before our first game. He was jumping up to the basketball basket in the gym before practice when he slipped and fell onto the floor. He fractured his cheekbone and would miss 5 weeks before he could return. I don't feel Chris ever got into game shape because of the time missed.

Each squad member signed our "Three Strike Policy" which described consequences of inappropriate behavior. School behavior which resulted in suspensions or detentions which resulted in missed practices or games resulted in a "Strike". If a player incurred a total of 3, they were removed from the team. Pat Moore earned 2. Dante Ruffo earned 3 and was removed from the team.

Youth and inexperience would be a telling tale for this squad. Adam Moore was the only returning starter from last years' seven win season. Baserunning and defensive mistakes can be attributed to our youth and inexperience. Infield errors on routine plays showed our lack of concentration and focus. The fact that against Delhi we had zero errors showed me that we can play good defense when we concentrate. That is why I felt we deserved to go into sectionals with our poor record. We were seeded #11 and played Thomas Edison H.S. from Elmira which was seeded #6. Patrick Moore was are best pitcher and only allowed 4 hits in the game. We lost 2-1 allowing 2 unearned runs. We had one more hit than TAE, but one inning of poor base running kept us from scoring more. We were competitive and belonged. TAE lost to Oxford 3-2 in the following game.

I would again thank Bill Roys for another year as volunteer coach (#7). Mr. Jeff Baxter and Mr. Dale Robinson volunteered their time to do our scorebook.

Mike Curtis did another fine job with the J.V. team. I appreciate his help and counsel during the season. Don Latremore and Sherm MacElwain did another fine job with our 7th and 8th grade teams.

The baseball banquet will be at the Hitchin' Post on June 5th at 6PM.

The backstop issue needs to be addressed. Last school year Gerald Abbey took it upon himself to take the backstop from our modified practice area to replace a softball backstop. Baseball now has only two fields with backstops for practices and games while softball has three. One option is to put up another backstop to replace the one that was removed. Another option would be a portable backstop that could be moved to different spaces. A third option might be to move the current J.V. backstop to the old modified practice area and put a new hooded backstop at the J.V. practice field that would keep foul balls from going over the fence and being lost in tall grass and brush.

Our fourth annual golf fundraiser was another success. The money raised will help supplement our budget that had to be trimmed down to just \$900. It is difficult to support 4 teams on that amount so the fundraiser is very important.

I plan on applying for the varsity baseball position for next season.

2007 SEASON SCHEDULE

HORNETS	6	B-G	10	L
HORNETS	6	OXFORD	11	L
HORNETS	12	HANCOCK	7	W
HORNETS	1	SIDNEY	10	L
HORNETS	2	END	13	L
HORNETS	2	DELHI	3	L
HORNETS	4	GREENE	2	W
HORNETS	2	UNATEGO	5	L
HORNETS	0	SIDNEY	7	L
HORNETS	9	DELHI	1	W
HORNETS	2	GREENE	5	L
HORNETS	11	U-V	12	L
HORNETS	4	U-V	2	W
HORNETS	6	UNATEGO	13	L
HORNETS	21	B-G	7	W
HORNETS	11	DEPOSIT	12	L
SECTIONAL HORNETS	1	TAE	2	L

HORNET BASEBALL 2007
PITCHING STATS.

DIVISION

W-L	NAME	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	ERA
0-0	ANDREWS	5	10	7	3	1	3	4.20
0-1	BAXTER	1.33	1	5	0	0	0	0.00
0-0	A. MOORE	4.67	4	5	1	6	4	1.50
3-2	P. MOORE	33	29	16	9	10	20	1.91
0-4	NEER	21	31	27	15	16	7	4.99

OVER-ALL

0-1	ANDREWS	5.67	12	13	5	2	4	6.17
1-1	BAXTER	7.33	11	16	5	2	5	4.77
0-1	A. MOORE	13.67	11	17	6	13	16	3.07
4-4	P. MOORE	54.33	50	37	21	15	35	2.70
0-5	NEER	31	43	40	20	24	19	4.52

HORNET BASEBALL
FIELDING/BATTING STATS.
2007
DIVISION
3-7

A	PO	E	NAME	BA	AB	R	H	K	BB	RBI
2	39	3	ANDREWS	.407	27	5	11	4	7	9
13	12	5	BAXTER	.343	35	6	12	4	3	8
16	21	8	FULLER	.050	20	3	1	1	0	0
8	30	2	HAYES	.240	25	0	6	4	2	1
0	25	2	LINDOW	.200	25	3	5	8	2	4
17	17	7	A. MOORE	.259	27	3	7	12	2	3
25	11	5	P. MOORE	.000	3	0	0	3	0	0
8	8	0	NEER	.400	25	11	10	2	12	3
0	1	1	SNOW	.091	11	0	1	2	0	0
0	16	1	STRONG	.222	27	3	6	9	4	0
0	0	0	VANABS	.000	3	0	0	0	0	0
0	3	1	WILLIAMS	.250	20	5	5	10	1	1
0	0	0	E. WINSOR	.000	3	0	0	1	0	0
0	0	0	S. WINSOR	.000	3	0	0	0	0	0

HORNET BASEBALL
 FIELDING/BATTING STATS.
 2007
 OVER-ALL
 5-12

A	PO	E	NAME	BA	AB	R	H	K	BB	RBI
10	55	8	ANDREWS	.396	48	11	19	9	9	18
26	13	10	BAXTER	.421	57	16	24	5	5	13
24	28	10	FULLER	.114	35	6	4	3	3	2
12	68	4	HAYES	.250	40	3	10	6	5	5
0	36	2	LINDOW	.222	36	6	8	13	2	5
17	35	9	A. MOORE	.234	47	8	11	16	2	8
40	21	15	P. MOORE	.167	12	2	2	9	0	1
8	10	1	NEER	.436	39	23	17	7	22	7
0	1	2	SNOW	.267	15	3	4	2	0	1
1	20	1	STRONG	.209	43	9	9	14	8	1
0	0	0	VANABS	.000	4	1	0	0	1	0
0	4	1	WILLIAMS	.258	31	8	8	14	2	4
0	0	0	E. WINSOR	.000	4	0	0	1	0	0
0	0	0	S. WINSOR	.000	3	0	0	0	1	0