

## SEASON IN REVIEW 2008

Pre-season began on the 13<sup>th</sup> of January and continued for seven Sunday afternoons. We had a consistent group of six to eleven J.V. and Varsity players each week. This was the largest group to take advantage of this off-season program in a few years. Again co-captain Ben Andrews was the most conscientious of the group. Ben looked very good in the gym, but sadly this did not translate to the field. I was very pleased with the increased attendance of junior pitcher Pat Moore. He made a concerted effort to improve for the coming season. This was negated due to a shoulder injury incurred at the state wrestling tournament the weekend before our season started.

The regular season began on March 10<sup>th</sup>. The first cut got us down to 13 players. Dante Ruffo, for the second consecutive season, had to be dropped due to "three strike violations". Three sophomores (Chad Baxter, Ryan Dalpiaz and Adam Rupakus) were brought up from the J.V. squad. This would bolster our infield and pitching depth. We had a team that had very good skills and 5 returning starters. We felt that we could compete for our division. *Pat Hall left before end of season Brought up*

Patrick Moore was once again our number #1 pitcher, although his wrestling *Russ Anderson* injury delayed his first pitching start until during "spring break". His first varsity start *Alex Tanner* was against state ranked Chenango Valley. At one point in the game we had a 2-0 lead!! *for Sectionals* We ended up losing the game 3-2. It was, however, one of Pat's and the teams' best games of the season. Umpires and coaches congratulated the teams on a well played game.

Our season was a roller coaster ride. When our defense played well we won and when we did not we didn't. We finished tied for second place with Oxford with a 6-4 record. Oxford won the division last year and reached the finals of the state tournament.

We changed divisions this year playing the smaller school division. We won 10 games which was twice as many as last year, but still had an eleven seed like last year!! We played number #6 Tioga at Tioga. Pat Moore started his third sectional game in three years. Key errors caused us to lose 6 run and 5 run leads. The latter being in the bottom of the seventh. The final score was a 14-13 eight inning loss after going ahead by a run in the top of the eighth!!!

I want to thank Bill Roys for another year as volunteer coach (#8). Mr. Dale Robinson was again our scorekeeper with Mr. Jeff Baxter and Mrs. Pat Dalpiaz helping out when needed. Mike Curtis did another fine job with the junior varsity group. I appreciated his help and counsel during the season. I had several conversations with our modified coaches (Sherm MacElwain, Don Latremore) to keep abreast of their progress. I tried to impress upon them the importance of developing as many pitchers and catchers as possible for the next levels.

The baseball banquet will again be held in the banquet room at The Hitchin' Post on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M.

I will again address the need to improve the backstop situation at our lower practice field and to keep the area beyond the fence clear of long grass and brush to be able to find foul balls more easily.

We changed the date of our golf fundraiser due to poor weather. It is now June 22 at Belden Hill Golf Club at 1pm.

I am applying for the varsity coaching position for the 2008-2009 season.

## 2008 SEASON SCHEDULE

HORNETS	14	GREENE	8	W
HORNETS	3	WALTON	5	L
HORNETS	7	DELHI	1	W
HORNETS	2	C.V.	3	L
HORNETS	9	SETON	8	W
HORNETS	12	B-G	6	W
HORNETS	5	HANCOCK	8	L
HORNETS	7	OXFORD	8	L (11 inn)
HORNETS	1	DEPOSIT	8	L
HORNETS	5	B-G	2	W
HORNETS	4	HANCOCK	3	W
HORNETS	5	OXFORD	1	W
HORNETS	6	UV	3	W
HORNETS	4	DEPOSIT	14	L
HORNETS	9	SIDNEY	20	L
HORNETS	9	AFTON	0	W
HORNETS	7	AFTON	5	W (11 inn)
HORNETS	7	CF	18	L
HORNETS	13	TIOGA	14	L (8 inn)

## ROSTER

NAME	GRADE	POS.	AWARD
BEN ANDREWS	12	1,3,5	LETTER, CAPT.
CHAD BAXTER	10	1,6,OF	LETTER
RYAN DALPIAZ	10	1,2,4,6	LETTER
VINCENT GATTO	11	OF	LETTER
SHANE HAYES	11	2,4	LETTER, CAPT
PATRICK MOORE	11	1,3,4,6	LETTER
ADAM NEER	12	1,2,OF	LETTER
DAKOTA PASQUALE	11	OF	LETTER
ADAM RUPAKUS	10	1,3,5,DH	LETTER
DUSTIN STRONG	12	OF,5,6	LETTER
JOE WARREN	11	OF,DH	LETTER

## SPECIAL AWARDS

BEN ANDREWS	2 <sup>ND</sup> TEAM MAC INF.	SR. GAME
VINCENT GATTO	ATHLETE OF THE WEEK	
SHANE HAYES	2 <sup>ND</sup> TEAM MAC CATCHER	
PATRICK MOORE	2 <sup>ND</sup> TEAM MAC PITCHER, ATHLETE OF THE WEEK	
ADAM NEER	1 <sup>ST</sup> TEAM MAC OF, SR. GAME, ATHLETE OF THE WEEK, SPIRIT AWARD, MVP	
DUSTIN STRONG	2 <sup>ND</sup> TEAM MAC OF, ATHLETE OF THE WEEK, MIP	

HORNET BASEBALL  
PITCHING STATS.

2008  
DIVISION  
6-4  
2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE

NAME	W	L	S	IP	K	BB	H	ER	ERA
ANDREWS	0	1	0	3	4	1	6	5	11.67
BAXTER	0	0	1	4	3	1	6	3	5.25
DALPIAZ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
MOORE	4	1	0	39	27	14	41	14	2.51
NEER	0	1	2	9	8	4	6	3	2.33
RUPAKUS	2	1	0	20	13	3	30	8	2.80

OVER-ALL  
10-9

NAME	W	L	S	IP	K	BB	H	ER	ERA
ANDREWS	0	4	0	18.67	15	30	26	25	9.37
BAXTER	2	0	1	13.67	17	8	19	13	6.66
DALPIAZ	0	0	0	4.67	3	1	9	7	10.49
MOORE	5	3	0	57.33	44	21	60	24	2.93
NEER	0	1	4	15.67	12	8	13	8	3.57
RUPAKUS	3	1	0	26	17	3	36	9	2.42

HORNET BASEBALL  
 FIELDING/BATTING STATS.  
 2008  
 OVER-ALL  
 10-9

PO	A	E	NAME	BA	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K
56	23	7	ANDREWS	.295	61	18	18	15	13	17
20	32	9	BAXTER	.246	57	7	14	9	5	20
33	39	7	DALPIAZ	.173	52	10	9	4	7	17
15	0	3	GATTO	.167	30	5	5	1	3	15
103	14	6	HAYES	.298	57	15	17	7	7	15
69	26	5	MOORE	.200	45	5	9	7	9	13
30	7	5	NEER	.548	62	30	34	15	20	5
5	0	5	PASQUALE	.231	52	11	12	12	4	20
25	16	5	RUPAKUS	.254	55	7	14	12	2	10
19	25	8	STRONG	.400	65	16	26	23	4	8
0	0	1	WARREN	.000	10	2	0	0	2	4

HORNET BASEBALL  
FIELDING/BATTING STATS.

2008  
DIVISION  
6-4

PO	A	E	NAME	BA	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K
31	12	5	ANDREWS	.235	34	5	8	7	5	12
14	14	3	BAXTER	.308	26	3	8	3	3	7
18	26	3	DALPIAZ	.222	27	7	6	3	4	10
9	0	2	GATTO	.182	22	3	4	1	1	9
56	8	3	HAYES	.273	33	8	9	7	6	9
30	11	3	MOORE	.240	25	3	6	4	0	6
15	5	2	NEER	.628	35	13	22	10	8	2
3	0	2	PASQUALE	.207	29	7	6	4	3	16
20	8	5	RUPAKUS	.273	33	3	9	4	1	8
11	14	6	STRONG	.444	36	7	16	10	2	6
0	0	0	WARREN	.000	1	0	0	0	0	1



