

## SEASON IN REVIEW 2010

Our off-season pitching/catching Sunday work-outs began on Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> and went each Sunday until the Sunday before the season began on March 8<sup>th</sup>. There were 6-10 players each day that took advantage of this opportunity. Key varsity players were Ryan Dalpiaz, Mason Dean, Casey Hine and Brandon Strong along with J.V. Brendon VanEtten.

Our regular season began on Monday March 8<sup>th</sup> with just 10 players to fill the varsity roster. This was due to the fact that four returning players did not return for a variety of reasons. In actuality this was a boon for the team due to the "baggage" that those players had. In order to complete our roster, two more sophomores (Alex Drummond and Jim Kelley) were brought up from the J.V. squad after the third practice. Therefore, each squad was comprised of twelve players.

We had our "core four" returning starters that included senior three year starters Chad Baxter and Ryan Dalpiaz along with sophomore Jared Decker and freshman Mason Dean. Chad and Ryan were one of the best pitching tandems in the league. With them we knew we had the opportunity for a special season.

Our game schedule began with a tough 3-2 loss to Walton and continued to alternate wins and losses through the first eight games. We were 2-2 in our first four divisional games. The team slowly began to believe in themselves. We stayed focused playing our divisional games one game at a time. We won the remaining six divisional games in a row winning our division by two games. This was the Hornets first division title since 2000.

The championship game against Unatego was a classic. It was a pitchers duel the entire game. Chad Baxter earned the start due to his 5-1 divisional record and 1.26 ERA. We won the coin flip and were designated the Home team. Unatego scored first with a single run in the 4<sup>th</sup> inning. The score remained the same until the top of the 7<sup>th</sup> when they scored another run. With one out, Ryan Dalpiaz and Mason Dean had back to back hits. One run scored on an infield out and Mason scored the tying run on a wild pitch. Chad set down the Spartans in order for the next two innings. In the bottom of the 9<sup>th</sup> Ryan Dalpiaz got his third hit of the game. He is on first base with two outs and left handed batter Alex Drummond at the plate. Alex hit a fly ball to left field. Ryan is off running because of two outs. The fielder drops the ball as it keeps tailing away from him. Ryan is sent home. The strong throw beats him to the plate, but hits the base path and skips past the catcher. Ryan scores. The Hornets win their first league championship in baseball since 1962.

The season concluded with another exciting game. The 12<sup>th</sup> seeded Hornets played the 5<sup>th</sup> seeded Newark Valley team. Chad Baxter was again our starter. Jared Decker scored the go ahead run in the top of the 7<sup>th</sup> inning on a perfectly executed suicide bunt by Ryan Dalpiaz. However, they scored two runs in the bottom of the inning to win the game 4-3 and end our season.

This was a great way to end my coaching career. The players special accomplishment will give them a lifetime of memories.

Coach Ryder will have a solid core of returning players next year. They will have pitching inexperience, but a lot of potential. Jared Decker, Alex Drummond, Travis Snow, Brandon Strong and Jim Kelley got a few innings under their belt.

Mason Dean and Travis Snow did well defensively at the catching position with Travis showing a stronger arm to second. From mid-season on, Travis did an excellent job at third base.

Brandon Strong was a pleasant surprise. He brought a positive attitude and hustle that was an improvement from last year. He played an excellent first base.

Lenny Shugars could be a "sleeper". He played behind two All-Star infielders in Jared Decker and Ryan Dalpiaz. He was very dependable and worked hard.

I'd like to conclude this report by again thanking my friend Dale Robinson for his many years of doing our scorebook. The special retirement program he organized for me at our last home game will be remembered forever. I'd like to also thank Billy Roys for his 10 years as a volunteer coach. His work with the pitchers and catchers was one of the reasons we had this special season. Also I want to thank my wife for emailing our news reports to the "Windsor Standard" and the "Tri-Town News" so our players and fans could read about their games. Finally I want to thank our AD, David Groover, for all his efforts and support over the course of the season and seasons. I also enjoyed your memories of that first coaching season when you were one of my players. It's also nice to leave the program in the hands of a baseball person. Tom, best wishes and good luck.

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 HORNET BASEBALL  
 PITCHING STATS.  
 DIVISION II CHAMPS  
 MAC CHAMPIONS

NAME	W	L	IP	H	ER	BB	K	ERA
BAXTER	6	1	48	27	8	10	42	1.17
DALPIAZ	3	1	25.67	20	7	12	24	1.91
DECKER	0	0	2	2	3	5	1	10.50
SNOW	0	0	2.33	2	1	0	3	3.00

OVER-ALL  
 11-10

NAME	W	L	IP	H	ER	BB	K	ERA
BAXTER	6	5	72.67	55	22	22	98	2.12
DALPIAZ	4	3	43	51	28	27	36	4.56
DECKER	0	1	13	16	14	10	9	7.54
DRUMMOND	1	1	7.67	9	6	6	12	5.48
KELLEY	0	0	2.67	3	2	1	1	5.24
SNOW	0	0	4.33	4	1	2	8	1.62
STRONG	0	0	1.33	2	1	2	0	5.26

2010  
HORNET BASEBALL  
BATTING STATS.  
DIVISION II CHAMPS  
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PO	A	E	NAME	BA	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K
10	15	5	BAXTER	.389	36	10	14	6	3	9
15	20	3	DALPIAZ	.290	31	8	9	9	7	3
67	13	0	DEAN	.382	34	11	13	6	2	3
11	22	3	DECKER	.424	33	10	14	6	3	6
6	1	0	DRUMMOND	.382	34	11	13	10	4	7
0	0	0	FEHRMAN	.200	25	2	5	6	0	11
6	0	0	HINE	.143	21	9	3	3	5	7
0	0	0	JOHNSON	.000	1	0	0	0	0	1
0	2	0	KELLEY	.333	27	7	9	7	4	1
0	0	0	SHUGARS	.500	8	2	4	3	0	3
20	13	4	SNOW	.105	19	2	2	2	0	8
66	2	3	STRONG	.321	28	6	9	3	3	8

OVER-ALL  
11-9

PO	A	E	NAME	BA	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K
25	36	15	BAXTER	.333	72	18	24	9	8	17
26	38	8	DALPIAZ	.366	71	15	26	18	9	9
134	19	2	DEAN	.380	71	20	27	13	6	6
21	38	6	DECKER	.354	65	19	23	9	12	12
13	3	0	DRUMMOND	.316	57	14	18	11	11	17
0	0	0	FEHRMAN	.267	45	4	12	13	1	18
21	1	0	HINE	.229	48	16	11	9	8	20
0	0	0	JOHNSON	.000	2	0	0	0	0	1
7	4	3	KELLEY	.259	54	9	14	11	4	13
0	1	0	SHUGARS	.250	16	2	4	3	0	6
47	25	8	SNOW	.244	41	7	10	6	5	16
127	6	5	STRONG	.254	59	10	15	8	7	20

