

SPARTANS



BASEBALL 2005

Getting to the Field

Elfstrom Stadium (Geneva, Ill.)

From I-88:

Exit Farnsworth Ave. (North).

Farnsworth will become Kirk Road.

At Cherry Lane, turn left into the Stadium.

Oswego High School

The Field is located on the south side of the school campus. Oswego High School is located on Route 71 just south of the Route 71 and Route 34 intersection.



Senior Pitcher George Creviston

2005 Media Guide

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AU Quick Facts

Location	Aurora, Ill.
Founded	1893
Enrollment	Approximately 4,000
Nickname	Spartans
Colors	Royal Blue and White
Conference	NIIC Northern Illinois-Iowa Conference
National Affiliation	NCAA Division III
President	Dr. Rebecca L. Sherrick
Director of Athletics	Mark Walsh
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Head Baseball Coach	Shaun Neitzel
Coach's Record	53-35-2
Assistant Coaches	Brian Kipley and Zach Fox
2004 Record	28-19
Media Relations Director	Al Benson
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On the Cover:

**2004 Spartans at NCAA Division III
Baseball Championships**

AU Media Outlets

Local Print

Aurora Beacon-News..... 101 S. River, Aurora, IL 60506
Bill Kindt, Sports Editor 630-844-5911
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Kane County Chronicle..... 1000 Randall Rd., Geneva, IL 60134
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Fox Valley Labor News..... P.O. Box 4155, Aurora, IL 60507
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Daily Herald 3805-A Main St., St. Charles, IL 60174
630-587-8623
Fax: 630-587-8639

Kendall County Publications..... 222 Bridge St., Yorkville, IL 60560
630-533-7034
Fax: 630-533-7085

Oswego Ledger-Sentinel..... Box #669, Oswego, IL 60611
630-554-8565
Fax: 630-554-7560

Regional Print

Chicago Tribune..... 435 N. Michigan, Chicago, IL 60611
Metro Sports 312-222-3474
Fax: 312-828-9392

Chicago Sun Times 350 N. Orleans, Chicago, IL 60654
College Sports 312-321-2247

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WKD (1580 am, 95.9 fm)..... P.O. Box C-1730, Aurora, IL 60507
Bill Baker, Station Manager 630-898-1580
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Director of Sports Information, at 630-844-7575.

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Meet the Head Coach



SHAUN NEITZEL
Head Coach
(Third Season)

Shaun Neitzel is entering his seventh season with the Aurora University baseball program and his third season as Head Coach of the Spartans. Neitzel leads one of the most successful baseball programs in the country and will attempt to lead the Spartans to their 20th conference championship in the past 23 years. The Spartans currently hold the third-best winning percentage (.750) and tenth-best overall win total (459) since 1990. His 2004 Spartans won the Central Region, and finished with a third place tie in the NCAA Division III National Championships. For their efforts, Neitzel was named 2004 ABCA Central Region Coach of the Year.

During his tenure as an assistant, Neitzel served as the Spartans' pitching coach, first base coach, administered AU's junior-varsity program, and coordinated the recruiting. During that time, the Spartans compiled a record of 167-45 (.790), winning five conference championships, while making four regional and two national tournament trips. "Playing at the national level is a high priority for our program, and, with the experience of our coaching staff and veteran players, we will continue to be a program that is recognized as one of baseball's elite."

Neitzel has his roots in the Aurora area as a graduate of nearby Oswego High School, where he was all-area in football and basketball and all-conference in baseball for the Panthers. He also played baseball for Waubensee Community College. While at WCC, he was twice the national co-leader for saves in a season. He set the school season and career records for saves and appearances while pitching for the Chiefs as well.

He also pitched for the nationally prominent William Penn College program, and upon finishing his collegiate playing career, he became an assistant coach for the Statesmen. During the time Neitzel was with the Statesmen, WPC was a NCAA tournament qualifier in 1995. Neitzel served as an infield coach and pitching coach through the 1996 season.

Neitzel earned his BA in sports administration with a minor in sales and marketing from William Penn College. He also currently serves as the Coordinator of Athletic Marketing and Promotions and is currently pursuing his Master of Science degree in recreation administration at AU. He and his wife, Michelle, and daughter, Allison, reside in Montgomery.

Meet the Assistant Coaches



BRIAN KIPLEY
Assistant Coach
(Third Season)

Brian Kipley is in his third year as an assistant coach in the Aurora University baseball program. He will work with the pitching staff and AU's junior varsity program.

Kipley entered the Aurora baseball program as a freshman in 1998 and played four years with the Spartans. In those four years, he was part of four NIIC championship teams and made three trips to the NCAA regional.

Kipley earned his bachelor's degree in business administration in 2002 from AU. In the winter of 2003 he became the Sports Information Director at AU. He is a native of Thornton, Ill. and a graduate of Mount Carmel High School in Chicago, Ill.



ZACH FOX
Assistant Coach
(Third Season)

Zach Fox is in his third season as assistant coach in the Aurora University baseball program. Fox will serve as the infield/outfield coach,

work with the hitters, coach first base, and work with AU's junior varsity program.

Fox entered the AU baseball program as a freshman in 1996 and played four years with the Spartans. In his four years, he won four NIIC championships and made four trips to the NCAA regional winning it twice. He also made two trips to the Division III World Series in Salem, Va. Fox was a two-time All-NIIC player and a two-time All-Central Region selection. Fox was captain in 2000 as well as the team's MVP. He is also in the Aurora University baseball record book in several individual and team categories.

Fox double majored at AU, earning a bachelor's degree in political science and psychology. Fox is a native of Silvis, Ill. and a graduate of United Township High School in East Moline, Ill., where he played baseball and basketball. Fox is currently the Conference and Rentals Coordinator at Aurora University.

Pre-Season Poll

ABCA

American Baseball Coaches Association/Collegiate Baseball NCAA Division III Poll

2005 preseason poll • first regular-season poll: March 24

Rank	School	2004 Record	Last Rank
1.	Rowan (N.J.)	41-8	5
2.	Johns Hopkins (Md.)	40-4	7
3.	St. Thomas (Minn.)	38-8	11
4.	Chapman (Calif.)	29-13	25
5.	Marietta (Ohio)	33-11	26
6.	Eastern Conn. St.	43-11	2
7.	Southern Maine	31-13-1	21
8.	Linfield (Ore.)	32-11	22
9.	Wisconsin-Oshkosh	35-9	18
10.	Aurora (Ill.)	28-19	3t
11.	Wisconsin-Whitewater	39-9	3t
12.	Wooster (Ohio)	37-10	13
13.	Salisbury (Md.)	37-13	8
14.	Emory (Ga.)	42-6	9
15.	George Fox (Ore.)	40-10	1
16.	Manchester (Ind.)	35-12	10
17.	Ithica (N.Y.)	31-12	12
18.	Brockport State (N.Y.)	34-15	6
19.	La Verne (Calif.)	29-19	14
20.	Carthage (Wis.)	37-11	15
21.	Methodist (N.C.)	30-19	16
22.	Trinity (Texas)	37-11	17
23.	Heidelberg (Ohio)	32-14-1	20
24.	Cortland State (N.Y.)	29-16	23
25.	Mary Washington (V.A.)	30-12	24
26.	Simpson (Iowa)	31-16	27
27.	Arcadia (Penn.)	28-16	28
28.	Virginia Wesleyan	31-12	29
29.	Denison (Ohio)	31-7	30
30.	Texas Lutheran	31-9	nr

Winningest NCAA Division III Baseball Programs (1990-2004)

By Percentage	W-L-T	Pct.	
1.	Marietta	617-127-3	.828
2.	Wisconsin-Oshkosh	475-142-2	.769
3.	Aurora University	459-152-4	.751
4.	Ferrum	417-139-1	.750
5.	Johns Hopkins	449-155-1	.743
6.	Wooster	497-171-4	.743
7.	Southwestern Texas	345-122-0	.739
8.	Carthage	497-176-4	.737
9.	Cortland State	459-164-1	.736
10.	Eastern Conn. State	491-178-1	.734

By Wins	Wins	
1.	Marietta	617
2.	Wooster	497
	Carthage	497
4.	Ohio Wesleyan	495
5.	Eastern Conn. State	491
6.	Methodist	484
7.	Wisconsin-Oshkosh	475
8.	Southern Maine	464
9.	North Carolina Wesleyan	460
10.	Aurora University	459
	S.U.N.Y. Cortland	459

2005 Baseball Prospectus

Continued Excellence

After falling just two games short of a national championship appearance, the 2005 Spartans look to finish what they started a year ago. The Spartans got hot at the right time, finishing 15-3 in their last 18 games, winning the Northern Illinois-Iowa Conference (NIIC) Tournament, the Central Regional Tournament, and going 2-2 at the Division III College World Series for a third place finish. The Spartans swept the NIIC Conference Tournament and Central Regional, a regional in which AU outscored its opponents 58-24 en route to their fifth regional crown.

At the College World Series, the Spartans had their season-high 10-game winning streak snapped as they lost the opener. The Spartans battled back to win the next two games out of the losers' bracket but ran out of gas as they were knocked out of the tournament by eventual National Champion George Fox University. The 2004 Spartans finished the season with a 28-19 overall record (10-8 NIIC record). Head Coach Shaun Neitzel enters his third season as head coach with a career 53-35-2 record. With his squad ranked 10th in the ABCA national poll, he hopes to repeat the success of 2004.

The 2005 Spartans seek to add to AU history as a regional and national power. AU has had 20 consecutive winning seasons, 18 - 20+ win seasons, won the NIIC conference championship 18 out of the last 21 years, and has appeared in the NCAA Regional 15 out of the last 18 years.

"Our goal every year is to be better than the year before. We feel with the talent we've added and the talent we already have in our program, we can compete with any team in the country. After last year's third place finish at the World Series, the team is focused and ready to go. I like this team a lot," Neitzel said.

With key additions to an already good pitching staff, the Spartans look to be a force on the mound in 2005. The improved pitching staff includes both veterans who have succeeded at the college level, along with newcomers who have showed the ability to compete at the college level. After graduating the top two starters from the 2004 campaign, the Spartans look for leadership from junior starter Adam Hutten (5-4, 4.86, 59Ks, Lockport HS) and senior George Creviston (4-4, 6.27, 43Ks, Rockford Guilford HS). Creviston will be used primarily as a starter after setting a school record with 19 appearances last season. Hutter and Creviston both were named to the Central Region All-Tournament team. Also returning for the Spartans are sophomores Ryan Fair (Plainfield HS) and Jonathan Turek (2-2, 17Ks, Glenbard East HS). Helping the Spartan staff will be junior transfers Brady Salter (Illinois State University), Alex Chapple (Eastern Illinois University), and Mike Martin (Lincoln Community College). The Spartans also hope to receive quality innings from seniors Mike Gunter (Yorkville HS) and Anthony Ermitage (St. Joseph's HS), sophomore Joel Rodriguez (Lyons HS), and freshman Adam Deckman (St. Ignatius HS). Freshmen Lew Blaszczyk (Reavis HS) and Jake Stachowiak (Willowbrook HS) will look to provide quality innings as well. "Our pitching staff is as deep as I've ever seen it here. The three transfers will add much-needed depth and college-level experience to our already talented staff. Our starters have the talent and ability to go deep into games, but we also have an improved bullpen that will be able to close out games this year," says Neitzel.

The 2005 Spartans return three of four infielders from the 2004 season, including captains and four-year starters Brian Brandenburg (Batavia HS) and Brian Chelgren (Thornwood HS). Brandenburg enters his fourth year at third base for the Spartans. In 2004, he hit .315 with two home runs and 19 RBIs. Behind Brandenburg will be sophomore Ryan Losacco (Bartlett HS) who

could also see some time at second base. Chelgren, in his fifth year at AU (2003 medical red shirt), will be starting at first base and designated hitter for the Spartans this season. In 2004, Chelgren hit .337 with five home runs and 54 RBIs, which earned him a Northern Illinois-Iowa Conference All-Conference selection. Along side Chelgren is junior Nick Weber (.340, 10 RBI, West Aurora HS). Freshmen Ross Brennan (DeKalb HS) and Mike Elliott (Champaign Centennial HS) will add depth at the position. Weber looks to see action as a first baseman and designated hitter this season. At shortstop will be junior Aaron Thor (.308, two home runs, 18 RBIs, Rockford Guilford HS), a three-year starter. Backing up Thor will be freshmen Adam Lewis (Rockford Guilford HS), Luke Engelhardt (Yorkville HS), and Ryan Boss (Bartlett HS). Neitzel will look upon junior Ryan Brooks (Plainfield HS) and sophomore Zach DeGrush (Morris HS) to handle the second base position.

"With Brandenburg, Chelgren, and Thor returning, our infield should be one of our strengths. Although second base is still a question mark, Brooks has used leadership and great talent to take control. DeGrush also has the talent to play every day if he is called upon. Our left side of the infield has been together for three years now, and I feel that they are as solid defensively as any pair in the country. Our infielders have all played in big games and know how to win," commented Neitzel.

The 2005 Spartan outfield remains one of its strongest assets, as it was in the 2004 season. The Spartans are led by senior right fielder Jay Lavender (Oswego HS) and junior center fielder John Hopkins (Lockport HS). Lavender (.361, seven home runs, 41 RBIs) was named to the NIIC All-Conference, Central Regional All-Tournament Team, and Division III Championships All-Tournament as a junior. Hopkins (.412, one home run, 53 runs scored) was named NIIC All-Conference, second Team All-Region, and Division III Championships All-Tournament as a sophomore. Left field looks to be controlled by sophomore Jay Zimmerman (.355, one home run, nine RBIs, Plainfield HS). Freshmen Pete Oliver (Dixon HS), Joe Infantino (Oak Forest HS), and Brian Engelhardt (Grayslake HS) are all talented enough to step in when called upon. Freshman Gary McMahan (Addison Trail HS) and Jason Losciale (Oswego HS) also add depth in the outfield.

"I feel that we have six quality outfielders that we can put into the lineup and will perform well. With Lavender, Hopkins, and Zimmerman all returning off successful years, we will look at them to help develop our three younger outfielders as well as provide an offensive spark for our team. Hopkins has been our leadoff hitter for three years and Lavender and Zimmerman look to drive in a lot of runs in the middle of our lineup," said Neitzel.

Behind the plate is junior Chris Forbes (.331, three home runs, 30 RBIs, Glenbard East HS). Coming off two successful years as the Spartan catcher, Forbes, a 2004 NIIC All-Conference selection, looks to add leadership to the already veteran-filled Spartan lineup. Behind Forbes are sophomores Russ Summers (Springfield HS) and Mike Novak (Shepard HS), as well as freshman Ryan Stablein (St. Francis HS). Neitzel added, "Our catchers are young age wise, but Chris Forbes is a three-year starter who knows how to control the game. He does a good job leading our catching corps."

Despite a demanding schedule, the Spartans look to prove to the country that they deserve the pre-season recognition that they were given. They open their season the first week of March at the Gene Cusic Classic in Ft. Myers, FL. "We always look to play our best ball at the end of the season. Over the years the bar has been raised and our expectations are always high. With strong pitching and defense combined with clutch hitting, postseason play should be on the horizon," Neitzel said.

* Aurora University Baseball Roster *

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Pos.	B/T	Hometown/High School
1	John Hopkins	6'0"	190	Jr	OF	L/R	Lockport, Ill./Lockport
2	Drew Zajicek	6'2"	185	Fr	P	R/R	Springfield, Ill./Lutheran
3	Brian Brandenburg	5'11"	190	Sr	INF	R/R	Batavia, Ill./Batavia
3	Adam Lewis	5'6"	140	Fr	INF	R/R	Rockford, Ill./Guilford
4	Peter Oliver	5'8"	160	Fr	OF	L/L	Dixon, Ill./Dixon
5	Luke Engelhardt	6'0"	185	Fr	INF	R/R	Yorkville, Ill./Yorkville
6	Jay Zimmerman	6'2"	185	So	OF	L/L	Plainfield, Ill./Plainfield
7	Ryan Brooks	6'0"	180	Jr	INF	R/R	Plainfield, Ill./Plainfield
8	Jason Losciale	5'8"	180	So	OF	R/R	Oswego, Ill./Oswego
10	George Creviston	6'4"	210	Sr	P	R/L	Rockford, Ill./Guilford
11	Joe Infantino	6'1"	175	Fr	OF	R/R	Oak Forest, Ill./Oak Forest
12	Adam Deckman	5'10"	175	Fr	P	R/R	Chicago, Ill./St. Ignatius Prep
13	Jay Lavender	6'0"	205	Sr	OF	R/R	Oswego, Ill./Oswego
14	Chris Forbes	6'1"	235	Jr	C	R/R	Lombard, Ill./Glenbard East
15	Brian Engelhardt	5'10"	190	Fr	OF	L/L	Grayslake, Ill./Grayslake Community
16	Russell Summers	5'11"	210	So	C	R/R	Springfield, Ill./Springfield
17	Anthony Ermitage	6'0"	190	Sr	P	R/R	Lyons, Ill./St. Joseph
18	Ross Brennan	6'2"	195	Fr	INF	R/R	DeKalb, Ill./DeKalb
19	Zach DeGrush	5'10"	180	So	C/INF	R/R	Morris, Ill./Morris
20	Ryan Losacco	6'1"	205	So	INF	R/R	Bartlett, Ill./Bartlett
21	Joel Rodriguez	6'0"	190	So	P	R/R	Indian Head Park, Ill./Lyons Twp.
23	Nate Glant	6'0"	205	So	P	R/R	Ft. Wayne, Ind./Wayne
24	Nick Weber	6'0"	225	Jr	INF	L/L	Aurora, Ill./West Aurora
25	Gary McMahan	6'2"	150	Fr	OF	L/L	Addison, Ill./Addison Trail
26	Ryan Fair	6'1"	215	So	P	R/R	Plainfield, Ill./Plainfield
27	Adam Hutten	6'1"	175	Jr	P	R/R	Lockport, Ill./Lockport
27	Chris Carrescia	5'8"	145	Fr	P	R/R	Minooka, Ill./Minooka
28	Ryan Boss	5'9"	160	Fr	INF	R/R	Bartlett, Ill./Bartlett
29	Alex Chapple	6'5"	200	Jr	P	R/R	Naperville, Ill./Nequa Valley
30	Matt Joslyn	6'2"	205	Fr	INF	R/R	Hebron, Ill./Huntley
31	Jacob Stachowiak	6'2"	185	Fr	P	R/R	Villa Park, Ill./Willowbrook
32	Jonathan Turek	6'2"	195	So	P	R/R	Lombard, Ill./Glenbard East
33	Brady Salter	6'5"	225	Jr	P	R/R	Plainfield, Ill./Plainfield
33	Casey Friend	6'3"	175	Fr	P	R/R	Lincoln, Neb./Southeast
34	Mike Martin	5'8"	170	Jr	P	L/L	Lincoln, Ill./Lincoln Community
36	Mike Gunter	5'11"	220	Sr	P	R/R	Yorkville, Ill./Yorkville
37	Michael Elliott	6'3"	170	Fr	INF	R/R	Champaign, Ill./Champaign Centennial
39	Lew Blaszczyk	6'3"	180	Fr	P	R/R	Burbank, Ill./Reavis
41	Ryan Stablein	6'1"	185	Fr	C	R/R	Wheaton, Ill./St. Francis
42	Brian Chelgren	6'4"	250	Sr	INF	R/R	Munster, Ind./Thornwood
43	Aaron Thor	6'0"	180	Jr	INF	R/R	Rockford, Ill./Guilford
44	Dan Ermitage	5'10"	180	So	P	R/R	Lyons, Ill./St. Joseph
45	Mike Novak	6'4"	190	So	C	R/R	Palos Heights, Ill./Shepard
47	Brian Dahme	6'4"	215	Fr	P	R/R	Lake in the Hills, Ill./Huntley

Head Coach: Shaun Neitzel
Assistant Coach: Brian Kipley
Assistant Coach: Zach Fox

Meet the Spartans



Senior Infielder Brian Brandenburg



#39 LEW BLASZCZYK, 6'3", 180, Fr, Pitcher
Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Burbank, Ill./Reavis HS
High School: Attended Reavis High School. Played two years of varsity baseball. Was named All-Conference and team pitcher of the year his senior season. **Personal:** Born 5/16/86 in Highland Park, Ill. **Family:** Larry and Shirley Blaszczyk. He has one brother and one sister. **Major:** Undecided.

#28 RYAN BOSS, 5'9", 160, Fr, Outfield
Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Bartlett, Ill./Bartlett HS
High School: Attended Bartlett High School. Played two years of varsity baseball under Coach Steve Marinucci. Played two years of varsity football under Coach Dick Stevens. Named All-Conference Honorable Mention senior season. **Personal:** Born 9/18/84 in Park Ridge, Ill. **Family:** Pamela Cutler. He has one sister. **Hobbies:** Sports and X-Box. **Major:** Health Science.



#3 BRIAN BRANDENBURG, 5'11", 190, Sr, Infield, Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Batavia, Ill./Batavia HS
College as a Junior ('04): Appeared in 39 games, starting 37. Batted .315 with 35 scored and eight doubles. **College as a Sophomore ('03):** Appeared and started in 42 games. Batted .387 with five home runs and 42 RBI's. Named Honorable Mention NIIC All-Conference. **College as a Freshman ('02):** Appeared and started 29 games. Batted .350 with four home runs. **High School:** Attended Batavia High School. Played three years of varsity baseball under Coach Matt Holm...team captain his junior and senior years...named All-Conference, team MVP, Chicagoland All-Area, Daily Herald Player of the Year, and All-State Honorable Mention his senior season. Played two years of varsity football under Coach Mike Gaspari. **Personal:** Born 10/18/82 in Geneva, Ill. **Family:** Thomas and Pam Brandenburg. He has two brothers, Tom and Brad, and one sister, Michelle. **Hobbies:** Working out and playing sports. Graduated from high school with high honors. **Major:** Finance. **Minor:** Math.

Totals	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	BB	K	RBI	BA
'04	130	35	41	8	1	2	0	15	22	19	.315
'03	142	48	55	10	3	5	6	17	19	42	.387
'02	103	27	36	5	0	4	6	15	14	29	.350

Meet the Spartans



#18 ROSS BRENNAN, 6'2", 195, Fr, Infield,
Bats: Right, Throws: Right
DeKalb, Ill./DeKalb HS
High School: Attended DeKalb High School. Played three years of varsity baseball under Coach Aaron Albright. Was named All-Conference, outstanding offensive player, and captain his junior and senior seasons. Was also named team MVP his senior season. **Personal:** Born 8/26/86 in DeKalb, Ill. **Family:** Bruce and Mary K. Brennan. He has one brother, Lucas, and one sister, Hannah. **Hobbies:** Working out and golfing. **Major:** Physical Education.

#7 RYAN BROOKS, 6'0", 180, Jr, Infield,
Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Plainfield, Ill./Plainfield HS
College as a Sophomore ('04): Appeared in four games. He had one run scored. **College as a Freshman ('03):** Was primarily a member of the Junior Varsity squad. **High School:** Attended Plainfield High School. Played two years of varsity baseball under Coach Tony Manville. **Personal:** Born 11/20/83 in Naperville, Ill. **Family:** Malcolm and Marcia Brooks. He has two brothers, Matt and Derek. **Hobbies:** Hanging out with friends, playing all sports, long walks on the beach and reading love novels. **Major:** Computer Science. **Minor:** Business and Criminal Justice.



Totals	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	BB	K	RBI	BA
'04	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	.000
'03	10	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	.200



#27 CHRIS CARRESCIA, 5'8", 145, Fr, Pitcher
Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Channahon, Ill./Minooka HS
High School: Attended Minooka High School. Played two years of varsity baseball under Coach Jeff Petrovic. Named Most Improved Player his senior season. Played two years of varsity golf under Coach Jeff Petrovic. **Personal:** Born 4/2/86 in Joliet, Ill. **Family:** Victor and Connie Carrescia. He has two brothers, Nicholas and Benjamin, and one sister, Allyson. **Hobbies:** Golf, fishing, and hanging out with friends. **Major:** Secondary Education-Mathematics.

#29 ALEX CHAPPLE, 6'5", 200, Jr, Pitcher,
Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Naperville, Ill./Neuqua Valley HS
College as a Sophomore ('04): Attended and played baseball at Eastern Illinois University. **College as a Freshman ('03):** Attended and played baseball at Eastern Illinois University. **High School:** Attended Neuqua Valley High School. Played two years of varsity baseball under Coach Robin Renner. **Personal:** Born 10/1/84 in Peachtree, Georgia. **Family:** Randy and Susie Chapple. He has two sisters, Jenna and Jill. **Hobbies:** X-box and the Braves. **Major:** Physical Education. **Minor:** Health.



#42 BRIAN CHELGREN, 6'4", 250, Sr, Infield
Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Munster, Ind./Thornwood HS
College as a Junior ('04): Appeared in 47 games, starting 46. Batted .337 with five home runs and 54 RBI's. Named Honorable Mention NIIC All-Conference. **College as a Junior ('03):** Appeared in and started 12 games. He hit .375 with two home runs before being injured and being granted a medical red-shirt. **College as a Sophomore ('02):** Appeared in and started all 40 games. Named to 2002 Central All-Region Second Team...Named NIIC All-Conference...Hit .392 with 11 home runs, and 47 RBI's. **College as a Freshman ('01):** Appeared in 21 games, starting 19 before being sidelined due to injury. Hit six home runs, four doubles and 13 RBI's. **High School:** Attended Thornwood High School. Played football under Coach Terry Kennedy...played baseball under Coach Jon Dunlop...named All-Conference his junior and senior years...named All-Area as a junior...named All-State Second team...named team captain his junior and senior years. **Personal:** Born 6/22/82 in Blue Island, Ill. **Family:** John and Terry Chelgren. Has two sisters, Kristen and Allison. **Hobbies:** Baseball and hanging out with friends. **Major:** Marketing.

Totals	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	BB	K	RBI	BA
'04	184	31	62	14	1	5	1	11	31	54	.337
'03	40	13	15	4	1	2	2	7	5	9	.375
'02	143	38	56	8	0	11	2	16	18	47	.392

#10 GEORGE CREVISTON, 6'4", 220, Sr,
Pitcher, Bats: Right, Throws: Left
Rockford, Ill./Rockford Guilford HS
College as a Junior ('04): Appeared in 19 games, starting four. Finished 4-4 with 43 strikeouts and two saves. Named to the 2004 Central Region All-Tournament team.



College as a Sophomore ('03): Appeared in 11 games, starting nine. Finished 3-2 with 41 strikeouts in 55.1 innings. **College as a Freshman ('02):** Appeared in 12 games. Was 3-1, with three saves. Had 31 strikeouts in 27.2 innings pitched. **High School:** Attended Rockford Guilford High School. Played two years of varsity baseball under Coach Cory Schronk...named All-Conference his senior year. **Personal:** Born 9/20/83 in Rockford, Ill. **Family:** Roxane Underwood and George Creviston. He has three brothers. **Hobbies:** Playing all sports. **Major:** Business.

Totals	W	L	S	IP	K	BB	R/E	H	ERA
'04	4	4	2	47.1	43	30	42/33	61	6.27
'03	3	2	0	55.1	41	33	51/37	58	6.02
'02	3	1	3	27.2	31	15	24/15	33	4.88

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#47 BRIAN DAHME, 6'4", 215, Fr, Pitcher
Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Lake in the Hills, Ill./Huntley HS
High School: Attended Huntley High School. Played four years of baseball under Coach Steve Diversey. **Personal:** Born 12/18/85 in Chicago, Ill. **Family:** Mike and Lisa Dahme. He has one brother, Mark.

Hobbies: Sports. **Major:** Math.

#12 ADAM DECKMAN, 5'10", 175, Fr, Pitcher
Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Chicago, Ill./St. Ignatius College Prep HS
High School: Attended St. Ignatius College Prep High School. Played two years of varsity baseball under Coach Bob Kriz. Named All-Conference and All-Area his junior and senior seasons. **Personal:** Born 4/14/86 in Chicago, Ill. **Family:** David and Joella Deckman. He has one brother, Matt. **Major:** Undecided.



#19 ZACH DEGRUSH, 5'10", 180, So, Catcher/Infield, Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Morris, Ill./Morris Community HS
College as a Freshman ('04): Appeared in 17 games, starting seven. Batted .308 with six RBI's. **High School:** Attended Morris Community High School. Played two years of baseball under Coach John Darlington. Was named All Conference and All Area his senior year. Also played two years of football under Coach Dan Darlington. Was named All Conference and All Area his senior year. **Personal:** Born 5/8/85 in Joliet, Ill. **Family:** Renee and Corey DeGrush. He has one brother, Cody. **Hobbies:** Playing cards, pool, and darts. **Major:** Business Administration.



Totals	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	BB	K	RBI	BA
'04	26	8	8	1	0	0	1	3	6	6	.308

#37 MIKE ELLIOTT, 6'3", 170, Fr, Infield
Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Champaign, Ill./Champaign Centennial HS
High School: Attended Champaign Centennial High School. Played two years of varsity baseball under Coach Kyle Herges. Named Illinois Coaches Association All-Star his senior season. **Personal:** Born 3/3/86 in Champaign, Ill. **Family:** Bill and Kris Elliott. He has two sisters, Beth and Katie. **Hobbies:** Sports and video games. **Major:** Business.



#15 BRIAN ENGELHARDT, 5'10", 190, Fr, Outfield, Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Grayslake, Ill./Grayslake Community HS
High School: Attended Grayslake Community High School. Played two years of varsity baseball under Coach Troy Whalen. Played two years of varsity football under coach Vito Andreota. Played two years of varsity basketball under Coach Tim Brown. **Personal:** Born 4/16/86 in Lake Forest, Ill. **Family:** Maureen and Mike Engelhardt. He has one brother, Patrick, and one sister, Kendra. **Hobbies:** Hanging out, listening to music, and playing sports. **Major:** Athletic Training. **Minor:** Education.

#5 LUKE ENGELHARDT, 6'0", 185, Fr, Infield
Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Yorkville, Ill./Yorkville HS
High School: Attended Yorkville High School. Played three years of varsity basketball under Coach Jerry Farber. Named Conference MVP, All-Conference, All-Area, and All-State honorable mention his junior and senior seasons. Played two years of varsity baseball under Coach Eric Miller. Named Team MVP, All-Conference, and All-Area his senior season. Played four years of varsity golf under Coach Jerry Farber. **Personal:** Born 7/18/85 in Aurora, Ill. **Family:** Anne and Jerry Engelhardt. He has one brother, Matt, and three sisters, Sarah, Laura, and Rachel. **Hobbies:** Cards, video games, fishing, road trips, and recreational events. **Major:** Physical Education. **Minor:** Health.



#17 ANTHONY ERMITAGE, 6'0", 190, Sr, Pitcher, Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Lyons, Ill./St. Joseph HS
College as a Junior ('04): Was primarily a member of the Junior Varsity squad. **College as a Sophomore ('03):** Was primarily a member of the Junior Varsity squad. **College as a Freshman ('02):** Was primarily a member of the Junior Varsity squad. **High School:** Attended St. Joseph High School...played four years of baseball under coach Bill Riley. **Personal:** Born 8/4/83 in LaGrange, Ill. **Family:** Dane and Al Ermitage. He has one brother, Dan, and one sister, Cara. **Hobbies:** Baseball and basketball. In high school, Anthony was a four-year honors student. **Major:** Business Administration.

#44 DAN ERMITAGE, 5'10", 180, So, Pitcher
Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Lyons, Ill./St. Joseph HS
College as a Freshman ('04): Was primarily a member of the junior varsity squad. **High School:** Attended Westchester St. Joseph High School. Played two years of baseball under Coach Bill Riley. **Personal:** Born 11/19/84 in LaGrange, Ill. **Family:** Dane and Al Ermitage. He has one brother, Anthony, and one sister, Cara. **Hobbies:** Playing baseball, basketball and reading. **Major:** Secondary Education, History.



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#26 RYAN FAIR, 6'1", 215, So, Pitcher
Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Plainfield, Ill./Plainfield HS
College as a Freshman ('04): Appeared in six games. Finished 0-1 in 8.2 innings of work. **High School:** Attended Plainfield High School. Played two years of baseball under Coach Teno Geritano. **Personal:** Born 5/16/85 in Hazel Crest, Ill. **Family:** Karen and Chris Roberts. He has two brothers, Jacob and Bradley. **Major:** Business Administration.

Totals	W	L	S	IP	K	BB	R/E	H	ERA
'04	0	1	0	8.2	6	9	16/12	18	12.46

#14 CHRIS FORBES, 6'1", 235, Jr, Catcher
Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Lombard, Ill./Glenbard East HS

College as a Sophomore ('04): Appeared in 42 games, starting 40. Batted .331 with three home runs and 30 RBI's. Named NIIC All-Conference. **College as a Freshman ('03):** Appeared in 37 games, starting 32. Batted .358 with 27 RBI's. **High School:** Attended Glenbard East High School. Played baseball under Coach Dan Hogan. Was named All-Conference and All-Area his senior year. Also played two years of football. **Personal:** Born 9/1/84 in Elmhurst, Ill. **Family:** Donna and Jim Forbes. He has two brothers, Mike and Kevin. **Hobbies:** Playing all sports. **Major:** Business Management.



Totals	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	BB	K	RBI	BA
'04	124	34	41	9	0	3	0	21	9	30	.331
'03	106	32	38	8	0	1	0	21	8	27	.358



#33 CASEY FRIEND, 6'3", 175, Fr, Pitcher
Throws: Right, Bats: Right
Lincoln, Neb./Southeast HS
High School: Attended Southeast High School. Played varsity baseball under Coach Lessman. **Personal:** Born 6/18/85 in Lincoln, Neb. **Family:** Kenneth and Lu Friend. He has one brother and one sister. **Hobbies:** Baseball, basketball, and music. **Major:** Business.

#23 NATE GLANT, 6'10", 205, So, Pitcher
Throws: Right, Bats: Right
Ft. Wayne, Ind./Wayne HS

College as a Freshman ('04): Attended and played baseball at Muskegon Community College. **High School:** Attended Wayne High School. **Personal:** Born 3/13/84 in Fort Wayne, Ind. **Family:** Dave Glant. He has one brother, Dustin, and one sister, Jessica. **Major:** Undecided.



#36 MIKE GUNTER, 5'11", 220, Sr, Pitcher
Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Yorkville, Ill./Yorkville HS
College as a Junior ('04): Appeared in four games. He had three strikeouts in 3.2 innings of work. **College as a Sophomore ('03):** Was primarily a member of the Junior Varsity squad. **College as a Freshman ('02):** Was primarily a member of the Junior Varsity squad. **High School:** Attended Yorkville High School...played two years of varsity baseball under Coach Eric Miller. **Personal:** Born 9/18/82 in Aurora, Ill. **Family:** Sue Brown and Rich Gunter. Has one sister, Brittany, and one brother, Brandon. **Hobbies:** Playing all sports and PlayStation 2. **Major:** Business.

Totals	W	L	S	IP	K	BB	R/E	H	ERA
'04	0	0	0	3.2	3	1	0/0	6	0.00

#1 JOHN HOPKINS, 6'0" 190, Jr, Outfield
Bats: Left, Throws: Right
Lockport, Ill./Lockport HS

College as a Sophomore ('04): Appeared and started 42 games. Batted .412 with 53 runs scored and 31 RBI's. Named NIIC All-Conference and 2nd Team All-Region. Was named to the 2004 NCAA Division III World Series All-Tournament team. **College as a Freshman ('03):** Appeared in 31 games, starting 24. Batted .363 with three triples and 10 stolen bases. **High School:** Attended Lockport High School. Played four years of baseball under Coach Jim Hall. Was named All-Conference his senior year. Also played four years of football under Coach Bret Kooi. Was named All-Conference his junior and senior year. **Personal:** Born: 5/30/84 in Oak Lawn, Ill. **Family:** Peggy Draksler and Jack Hopkins. He has three brothers and one sister. **Hobbies:** Playing cards and darts. **Major:** Mathematics. **Minor:** Business.



Totals	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	BB	K	RBI	BA
'04	153	53	63	8	1	1	6	28	27	31	.412
'03	91	26	33	6	3	0	10	7	7	20	.363



#27 ADAM HUTTEN, 6'1", 175, Jr, Pitcher
Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Lockport, Ill./Lockport HS

College as a Sophomore ('04): Appeared in 13 games, starting 10. Finished 5-4 with 59 strikeouts in 66.2 innings of work. Was named to the 2004 Central Region All-Tournament team. **College as a Freshman ('03):** Appeared in 10 games, starting eight. Was 6-1 with a 2.86 ERA and 45 strikeouts. Named Honorable Mention NIIC All-Conference. **High School:** Attended Lockport High School. Played four years of baseball under Coach Jim Hall. Was named All-Conference and All-Area his senior year. **Personal:** Born 3/15/84 in Joliet, Ill. **Family:** Tim and Rose Hutten. He has one brother and one sister. **Hobbies:** Playing whiffle ball and Medal of Honor. **Major:** Criminal Justice.

Totals	W	L	S	IP	K	BB	R/E	H	ERA
'04	5	4	0	66.2	59	26	42/36	70	4.86
'03	6	1	0	44.0	45	12	20/14	43	2.86

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#11 JOE INFANTINO, 6'1", 175, Fr, Outfield
Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Oak Forest, Ill./Oak Forest HS
High School: Attended Oak Forest High School. Played three years of varsity baseball under Coach Ron Czarnecki. Named MVP, All-Conference, and All-Area his senior season. **Personal:** Born 1/1/86 in Chicago, Ill.
Family: Joseph and Barbara Infantino. He has one sister, Lisa.
Hobbies: Eating, frisbee golf, and baseball. Graduated from high school with honors. **Major:** Secondary Education-History.



#3 ADAM LEWIS, 5'6", 140, Fr, Infield
Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Rockford, Ill./Rockford Guilford HS
High School: Attended Rockford Guilford High School. Played two years of varsity baseball under Coach Cory Schrank. Ran three years of cross-country under Coach John Cook. Was Captain senior season.
Personal: Born 10/9/86 in Rockford, Ill. **Family:** Mark and Bernadette Lewis. He has one brother, Eric. **Hobbies:** Sports and video games. **Major:** Undecided.

#30 MATT JOSLYN, 6'2", 205, Fr, Infield
Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Hebron, Ill./Huntley HS
High School: Attended Huntley High School. Played two years of varsity football under Coach Mike Slattery. Wrestled four years under Coach Joe Williams. Was a three year sectional qualifier. Played two years of varsity baseball. **Personal:** Born 6/24/86 in Barrington, Ill.
Family: David and Mary Joslyn. He has one brother, David.
Hobbies: Baseball and movies. **Major:** Physical Education.
Minor: Health.



#20 RYAN LOSACCO, 6'1" 205, So, Infield
Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Bartlett, Ill./Bartlett HS
College as a Freshman ('04): Appeared in three games. He had one hit and one run scored. **High School:** Attended Bartlett High School. Played two years of baseball under Coach Rocco Marrinucci. Was named All-Upstate Eight his junior year. **Personal:** Born 7/16/85 in Hoffman Estates, Ill. **Family:** Maria and Kenn Losacco. He has one sister, Gina, and one brother, Scott. **Major:** Business Administration.



#13 JAY LAVENDER, 6'0", 205, Sr, Outfield
Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Oswego, Ill./Oswego HS
College as a Junior ('04): Appeared in 40 games, starting 38. Batted .361 with seven home runs and 41 RBI's. Named NIIC All-Conference. Was named to the 2004 NCAA Division III World Series All-Tournament team and the Central Region All-Tournament team. **College as a Sophomore ('03):** Appeared and started 39 games. Batted .375 with 5 home runs and 51 RBI's. Named Central All-Region Second team. Named NIIC All-Conference. **College as a Freshman ('02):** Attended and played one year of baseball at Kishwaukee College. **College as a Freshman ('01):** Attended Iowa State and did not play baseball. **High School:** Attended Oswego High School. Played four years of baseball under Coach Dave Elko. Was named Area Player of the Year his senior year. Was named All-Conference his junior and senior year. **Personal:** Born 11/29/81 in Oswego, Ill. **Family:** Ron and Linnea Lavender. He has two brothers. **Major:** Business.
Minor: Criminal Justice.

Totals	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	BB	K	RBI	BA
'04	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.333



#8 JASON LOSCIALE, 5'8", 180, So, Outfield
Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Oswego, Ill./Oswego HS
College as a Freshman ('04): Was primarily a member of the Junior Varsity squad. **High School:** Attended Oswego High School. Played two years of baseball under Coach Dave Elko. **Personal:** Born 10/19/84 in New Jersey. **Family:** Joann and Matthew Losciale. He has two brothers, Jon and Justin, and one sister, Melissa. **Hobbies:** Watching movies, hanging out with friends, listening to music, playing sports and watching TV. **Major:** Physical Education.
Minor: Coaching.

Totals	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	BB	K	RBI	BA
'04	144	36	52	12	0	7	1	16	20	41	.361
'03	160	47	60	15	5	5	2	5	19	51	.375



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#34 MIKE MARTIN, 5'8", 170, Jr, Pitcher
Bats: Left, Throws: Left
Lincoln, Ill./Lincoln Community HS
College as a Sophomore ('04): Attended and played baseball at Springfield College of Illinois. **College as a Freshman ('03):** Attended and played baseball at Springfield College of Illinois. **High School:** Attended

Lincoln Community High School. Played three years of varsity baseball under Coach Pat Hake. Named Academic All-Conference his sophomore, junior, and senior seasons. Ran two years of varsity cross country under Coach Michelle Ryan. Named Academic All-Conference his junior and senior seasons. Wrestled for four years under Coach Brad Gardner. Named Academic All-Conference all four years and All-Conference his sophomore season. Played one year of football under Coach Mike Benton. **Personal:** Born 11/10/83 in Peoria, Ill. **Family:** Tom and Stacey Martin, and Kevin and Karen Lecouris. He has three brothers, Justin, Drew, and Keith, and one sister, Stephanie. **Hobbies:** Sports, music, hunting, and fishing. **Major:** Business Administration.

#25 GARY MCMAHON, 6'2", 150, Fr, Outfield
Bats: Left, Throws: Left

Addison, Ill./Addison Trail HS

High School: Attended Addison Trail High School. Played two years of varsity baseball under Coach Paul Parpet. Voted Most Improved his junior season. **Personal:** Born 6/28/86 in Winfield, Ill. **Family:** Iris Bialele. **Hobbies:** sports, working out, and music. **Major:** Physical Education.



#45 MIKE NOVAK, 6'4", 205, So, Catcher
Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Palos Heights, Ill./Alan B. Shepard HS
College as a Freshman ('04): Was primarily a member of the Junior Varsity Squad. **High School:** Attended Alan B. Shepard High School. Played two years of baseball under Coach Frank DiFoggio. **Personal:** Born

1/23/85 in Oak Lawn, Ill. **Family:** Linda and David Novak. He has one brother, David. **Hobbies:** Watching all sports, cars, listening to music and being with his friends. **Major:** Business.

#4 PETE OLIVER, 5'8", 160, Fr, Outfield

Bats: Left, Throws: Left

Dixon, Ill./Dixon HS

High School: Attended Dixon High School. Played three years of varsity baseball under Coach Dan Crawford. Named MVP, All-Conference, Academic All-Conference his junior and senior seasons. Named Big Stick his sophomore, junior, and senior seasons. **Personal:** Born 12/31/85 in Dixon, Ill. **Family:** Tim and Patty Oliver. He has four brothers, Nick, Ben, Bill, and Nate, and one sister, Toni. **Hobbies:** Sports, fishing and hunting. **Major:** Biology.



#21 JOEL RODRIGUEZ, 6'0", 190, So, Pitcher
Bats: Right, Throws: Right Indian Head, Ill./Lyons Township HS

College as a Freshman ('04): Was primarily a member of the Junior Varsity squad. **High School:** Attended Lyons Township High School. Played two years of baseball under Coach George Uschela. Played on the 2003

IHSA Class AA Baseball State Championship team. Was named All Conference his junior and senior years. **Personal:** Born 3/28/85 in Chicago, Ill. **Family:** Joseph Francisca. He has three brothers, Dan, Mark and Fred, and one sister, Vanessa. **Hobbies:** Playing chess and bowling. **Major:** Accounting. **Minor:** Business.

#33 BRADY SALTER, 6'5", 225, Jr, Pitcher

Bats: Right, Throws: Right

Plainfield, Ill./Plainfield HS

College as a Sophomore ('04): Attended and played baseball for Illinois State University.

College as a Freshman ('03): Attended and played baseball for Illinois State University.

High School: Attended Plainfield High School. Played two years of varsity baseball. Named All-Conference his junior and senior seasons. Played two years of basketball. Named All-Conference his junior and senior seasons. **Personal:** Born 12/26/82 in Puyallup, Wash. **Family:** Bud and Peggy Salter. He has one brother, Cody, and one sister, Lori. **Hobbies:** Fishing, hunting, camping and movies. **Major:** Business Administration.



#41 RYAN STABLEIN, 6'1", 185, Fr, Catcher

Bats: Right, Throws: Right

Wheaton, Ill./St. Francis HS

High School: Attended St. Francis High School. Played two years of varsity baseball under Coach Brian Wojtun. Also played two years of varsity football under Coach Brian Wojtun. **Personal:** Born 6/8/86 in Elmhurst,

Ill. **Family:** Tim and Cathy Stablein. He has one sister, Monica. **Hobbies:** Weight lifting, sports, cards, fishing, and video games. **Major:** Political Science.

#31 JAKE STACHOWIAK, 6'2", 185, Fr,

Pitcher, Bats: Right, Throws: Right

Villa Park, Ill./Willowbrook HS

High School: Attended Willowbrook High School. Played two years of varsity baseball under Coach Steve Gilliam. Also played two years of soccer his freshman and sophomore years. **Personal:** Born 6/19/86 in Melrose

Park, Ill. **Family:** Bruce and Julie Ann Stachowiak. He has two brothers, Steve and Phil, and one sister, Kate. **Major:** Physical Education.



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#16 RUSSELL SUMMERS, 5'11", 210, So, Catcher, Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Springfield, Ill./Springfield HS
College as a Freshman ('04): Was primarily a member of the junior varsity squad. **High School:** Attended Springfield High School. Played three years of baseball under Coach Jim Steinwart. Was named All-Conference

and Illinois Coaches Association All-Star his senior season. **Personal:** Born 10/9/84 in Springfield, Ill. **Family:** Marcia and Gene Summers. He has one brother, Adam, and three sisters, Christie, Paula and Marsha. **Major:** Health Services. **Minor:** Chemistry.

#43 AARON THOR, 6'0", 180, Jr, Infield
Bats: Right, Throws: Right

Rockford, Ill./Rockford Guilford HS

College as a Sophomore ('04): Appeared in 33 games, starting 28. Batted .308 with four doubles and 18 RBI's. **College as a Freshman ('03):** Appeared in 41 games, starting 38. Batted .391 with five home runs and 36 RBI's.

High School: Attended Rockford Guilford High School. Played four years of baseball under Coach Cory Shrank. Was named Team MVP his junior year. **Personal:** Born 1/3/84 in Honolulu, Hawaii. **Family:** Gail Daer and Robert Thor. Has two brothers and one sister. **Hobbies:** Sports, music and food. **Major:** Criminal Justice.



Totals	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	BB	K	RBI	BA
'04	107	26	33	4	0	2	3	6	10	18	.308
'03	128	38	50	13	0	5	4	13	14	36	.391



#32 JONATHAN TUREK, 6'2", 185, So, Pitcher, Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Lombard, Ill./Glenbard East HS
College as a Freshman ('04): Appeared in 11 games, starting two. Finished 2-2 with 17 strikeouts in 32.2 innings of work. **High School:** Attended Glenbard East High School. Played two years of baseball under Coach

Dan Hogan. **Personal:** Born 1/11/85 in Lombard, Ill. **Family:** Irene and Rich Turek. He has one brother, Jason. **Hobbies:** Playing golf and poker. **Major:** Communications. **Minor:** Computer Science.

Totals	W	L	S	IP	K	BB	R/E	H	ERA
'04	2	2	0	32.2	17	8	33/28	48	7.71



#24 NICK WEBER, 6'0", 225, Jr, Infield
Bats: Left, Throws: Left
Aurora, Ill./West Aurora HS
College as a Sophomore ('04): Appeared in 21 games, starting 12. Batted .340 with three doubles and 10 RBI's. **College as a Freshman ('03):** Appeared in 40 games, starting 35. Batted .336 with two homeruns and 12

doubles. **High School:** Attended West Aurora High School. Played two years of baseball under Coach Dave Rowell. Was named Honorable mention All-Conference his senior year. Also played two year of soccer. **Personal:** Born 5/28/84 in St. Charles, Ill. **Family:** Klaus and Carol Weber. He has one brother. **Hobbies:** Baseball and school. **Major:** Math and Computer Science.

Totals	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	BB	K	RBI	BA
'04	50	9	17	3	0	0	0	8	6	10	.340
'03	125	25	42	12	0	2	1	16	28	36	.336

#2 DREW ZAJICEK, 6'2" 185, Fr, Pitcher
Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Springfield, Ill./Lutheran HS

High School: Attended Lutheran High School...played four years of varsity baseball...named All-Conference his sophomore, junior, and senior seasons...participated in the State Journal Register All-Star Classic his junior and senior years. Also played four years of varsity soccer...named All-Sectional his junior and senior years. **Personal:** Born 9/21/85 in Springfield, Ill. **Family:** Kim and Laura Zajicek. He has one brother, Tim. **Hobbies:** Sports and music. **Major:** Biology.



#6 JAY ZIMMERMAN, 6'2", 185, So, Outfield
Bats: Left, Throws: Left
Plainfield, Ill./Plainfield HS

College as a Freshman ('04): Appeared in 18 games, starting six. Batted .355 with one home run and nine RBI's. **High School:** Attended Plainfield High School. Played three years of baseball. Was named All-Conference and MVP his senior season. Also played three years of soccer. Was named All-Conference his senior year. **Personal:** Born 5/3/85 in Joliet, Ill. **Family:** Patty and Hal Zimmerman. He has two sisters, Haley and Kelly. **Hobbies:** Chess, lifting weights and reading. **Major:** Business.

Totals	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	BB	K	RBI	BA
'04	31	5	11	0	1	1	0	2	3	9	.355

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Senior Infielder Brian Chelgren

2004 Season Results

DATE	OPPONENT	AU PT. OF REC.	OVER. REC.	NIIC REC.
3-13-04	Hope College#	Salzmann(W 1-0)	1-0	
3-13-04	Hope College#	Creviston(L 0-1)	1-1	
3-14-04	Denison College#	Fontana(L 0-1)	1-2	
3-14-04	Denison College#	Hutten(W 1-0)	2-2	
3-16-04	Dickinson College#	Fontana(L 0-2)	2-3	
3-17-04	SUNY Brockport#	Olson(L 0-1)	2-4	
3-17-04	SUNY Brockport#	Fontanna(W 1-2)	3-4	
3-19-04	Clarkson University#	Salzmann(L 1-1)	3-5	
3-19-04	Clarkson University#	Hutten(L 1-1)	3-6	
3-20-04	Augsburg College#	Turek(L 0-1)	3-7	
3-20-04	Augsburg College#	Olson(W 1-1)	4-7	
3-27-04	Eureka College*	Salzmann(W 2-1)	5-7	1-0
3-27-04	Eureka College*	Creviston(L 0-2)	5-8	1-1
3-29-04	Eureka College*	Fontana(W 2-2)	6-8	2-1
3-31-04	North Central College	Turek(W 1-1)	7-8	2-1
4-1-04	Benedictine University*	Hutten(L 1-2)	7-9	2-2
4-3-04	Concordia (IL) Univ.*	Salzmann(W 3-1)	8-9	3-2
4-3-04	Concordia (IL) Univ.*	Fontana(W 3-2)	9-9	4-2
4-4-04	Concordia (IL) Univ.*	Turek(L 1-2)	9-10	4-3
4-7-04	Benedictine University*	Fontana(W 4-2)	10-10	5-3
4-9-04	Rockford College*	Salzmann(W 4-1)	11-10	6-3
4-10-04	Rockford College*	Fontana(W 5-2)	12-10	7-3
4-10-04	Rockford College*	Creviston(L 0-3)	12-11	7-4
4-13-04	Benedictine University*	Hutten(L 1-3)	12-12	7-5
4-17-04	Clarke College*	Salzmann(W 5-1)	13-12	8-5
4-17-04	Clarke College*	Hutten(L 1-4)	13-13	8-6
4-18-04	Clarke College*	Fontana(L 5-3)	13-14	8-7
4-24-04	Univ. of Chicago	Salzmann(L 5-2)	13-15	8-7
4-24-04	Univ. of Chicago	Fair(L 0-1)	13-16	8-7
4-27-04	Illinois College	Hutten(W 2-4)	14-16	8-7
4-28-04	MacMurray College	Turek(W 2-2)	15-16	8-7
5-1-04	Dominican University*	Salzmann(W 6-2)	16-16	9-7
5-1-04	Dominican University*	Fontana(L 5-4)	16-17	9-8
5-2-04	Dominican University*	Creviston(W 1-3)	17-17	10-8
5-4-04	North Park University	Creviston(W 2-3)	18-17	10-8
5-7-04	Benedictine University+	Fontana(W 6-4)	19-17	10-8
5-7-04	Concordia (IL) Univ.+	Salzmann(W 7-2)	20-17	10-8
5-8-04	Benedictine University+	Hutten(W 3-4)	21-17	10-8
5-12-04	Illinois Wesleyan Univ.	Creviston(W 3-3)	22-17	10-8
5-20-04	Illinois Wesleyan Univ.\$	Salzmann(W 8-2)	23-17	10-8
5-21-04	McMurry University\$	Fontana(W 7-4)	24-17	10-8
5-22-04	Simpson College\$	Hutten(W 4-4)	25-17	10-8
5-23-04	Carthage College\$	Creviston(W 4-3)	26-17	10-8
5-28-04	SUNY Brockport%	Salzmann(L 8-3)	26-18	10-8
5-29-04	Manchester College%	Fontana(W 8-4)	27-18	10-8
5-30-04	Rowan University%	Hutten(W 5-4)	28-18	10-8
5-31-04	George Fox University%	Creviston(L 4-4)	28-19	10-8

Gene Cusic Classic Tournament (Ft. Myers, FL)

* Denotes NIIC Conference Game

+ NIIC Conference Tournament

\$ NCAA Division III Central Region

% NCAA Division III World Series

Home Games in **BOLD**

2004 SPARTAN RECORD

OVERALL: 28-19

Home: 5-8

Away: 12-2

Neutral: 11-9

NIIC: 10-8

NIIC Home: 3-6

NIIC Away: 7-2

2004 Spartan Statistics

BATTING

PLAYER	AB	R	H	RBI	2-3-HR	SO	BB	Sac.	BA
Hopkins	153	53	63	31	8-1-1	27	28	3	.412
Lavender	144	36	52	41	12-0-7	20	16	5	.361
Chelgren	184	31	62	54	14-1-5	31	11	8	.337
Gregory	143	42	48	40	8-5-1	25	17	10	.336
Forbes	124	34	41	30	9-0-3	9	21	5	.331
Smith	157	38	51	28	9-2-4	16	13	5	.325

(Less than 70 at bats)

Zimmerman	31	5	11	9	0-1-1	3	2	2	.355
Weber	50	9	17	10	3-0-0	6	8	0	.340
Whitney	68	16	23	19	6-0-3	14	16	1	.338

AU Totals	1583	389	528	346	97-11-31	217	175	54	.334
Opponents	1486	286	419	248	73-8-27	326	189	35	.282

MISC. LEADERS

STOLEN BASES: Smith (9-11), Gregory (8-10)

PUTOUTS: Forbes (272), Chelgren (247)

ASSISTS: Gregory (102), Brandenburg (75)

ERRORS: Gregory (11), Thor (10)

TIMES HIT BY PITCH: Hopkins (16), Smith (12)

SLUGGING: Lavender (.590), Chelgren (.505)

ON-BASE: Hopkins (.540), Forbes (.455)

PITCHING

PLAYER	IP	H	ER	SO	BB	W-L-S	ERA
Fontana	93.2	89	45	104	50	8-4-0	4.32
Salzmann	76.2	75	37	70	25	8-3-1	4.34
Hutten	66.2	70	36	59	26	5-4-0	4.86

(Less than 30 innings)

Baird	14.2	17	5	12	9	0-0-1	3.07
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MISC. LEADERS

COMPLETE GAMES: Fontana (6), Salzmann (5)

OPP. BATTING AVG. AGAINST: Fontana (.245), Salzmann (.251)

The NIIC

The always rugged **Northern Illinois-Iowa Conference** (formerly Northern Illinois Intercollegiate Conference) will begin its **35th season** of men's baseball competition in **2005**. The conference was formed in 1969-70 with charter members Aurora, Concordia, George Williams, Illinois Benedictine, Judson, Rockford, and Trinity.

Today, the NIIC is comprised of Aurora, Benedictine (formerly Illinois Benedictine College), Clarke (IA), Concordia, Eureka, Rockford and Dominican. Conference champions are currently crowned in 12 sports including men's and women's soccer, men's and women's tennis, volleyball, men's and women's basketball, baseball, softball, golf, and men's and women's cross country.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS-IOWA CONFERENCE 2004 Men's Baseball Final Standings

Team	Conference			Overall			
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	T	Pct.
1. Benedictine *	14	4	.778	25	14	0	.641
2. Rockford	12	6	.667	17	23	0	.425
3. Concordia	11	7	.611	23	19	0	.548
4. Aurora**	10	8	.556	28	19	0	.596
5. Clarke	9	9	.500	13	27	0	.325
6. Dominican	4	14	.222	10	23	0	.303
7. Eureka	3	15	.167	4	35	0	.103

** NIIC Tournament winner.

* Regular Season NIIC winner

2004 All-NIIC Team: Chris Forbes (Aurora), John Hopkins (Aurora), Jay Lavender (Aurora), Jeff Salzmann (Aurora), Rob Fontana (Aurora), Brian Manering (Benedictine), Patrick Murphy (Benedictine), Scott Martin (Benedictine), Kevin Ryan (Benedictine), Aaron Giza (Benedictine), Jerry Zieser (Clarke), BJ Miller (Clarke), Ryan Mink (Clarke), Roger Fegan (Concordia), Aaron Reckling (Concordia), Adam Lotus (Dominican), Dan Casey (Dominican), Steve Ketter (Rockford), Tim Rowe (Rockford), Tony Olson (Rockford)

Player of the Year: Aaron Giza, Benedictine University

Coach of the Year: John Ostrowski, Benedictine University

PAST NIIC BASEBALL CHAMPIONS

1970:	Benedictine [^]	1991:	Aurora,
1971:	Rockford,		Rockford,
	Benedictine [^]		Benedictine [^]
1972:	Benedictine [^]	1992:	Aurora
1973:	Benedictine [^]	1993:	Aurora
1974:	Aurora		Benedictine [^]
	Trinity#	1994:	Aurora,
	Benedictine [^]		Benedictine [^]
1975:	Benedictine [^]	1995:	Aurora
1976:	Benedictine [^]	1996:	Concordia
1977:	Benedictine [^]	1997:	Aurora
1978:	Aurora,	1998:	Aurora
	Benedictine [^]	1999:	Aurora
1979:	Benedictine [^]	2000:	Aurora
1980:	Benedictine [^]	2001:	Aurora
1981:	Olivet Nazarene	2002:	Aurora
1982:	Rockford	2003:	Benedictine [^]
1983:	Benedictine [^]	2004:	Benedictine [^]
1984:	Aurora		
1985:	Aurora		
1986:	Aurora		
1987:	Aurora		
1988:	Aurora		
1989:	Aurora		
1990:	Aurora		

[^]Formerly known as St. Procopius and also as Illinois Benedictine.

#Now known as Trinity International.

AU's All-NIIC Selections

- 1970 - Steve Jurs, Keith Davis, Mike Drew, Ray Phillips.
 1971 - Scott Springfield, Ed Rusch, Bill Morrell.
 1972 - Mike Drew, Dan Miller, Robin Voss.
 1973 - Bruce Henry, Mike Drew, Bill Koehn, Scott Springfield, Robin Voss.
 1974 - Rick Doud, Mike Steinke, Mike Diveley, Tom Chmela.
 1975 - Jim Hill, Don Pesavento.
 1976 - Ron Matrisciano, Tom Mueller, Tom Chmela.
 1977 - Tom Mueller, Steve Springfield.
 1978 - Dennis White, Randy Lyerla.
 1979 - John Sutphin, John Lesiotis, Tim Simmons, Gary Popp.
 1980 - John Sutphin, Jim Miller, John Lesiotis, Bob Clark, Rick DeGarmo.
 1981 - Dan Brundzinski, Terry Becker, John Lesiotis.
 1982 - John Chengary, Dan Brundzinski.
 1983 - Terry Becker, Don Long, Terry Frederiksen, Tim O'Conner, Brian Stading.
 1984 - Tom Vanoni, Chris Becker, Mike Gette, Tim O'Conner, Terry Frederiksen.
 1985 - Brian Stading, Tim O'Conner, Mike Gette, Frank Smith, Mark Morris, Steve Themer.
 1986 - Dale Koehring, Mark Chambers, Mark Morris, Jim Mullany, Rich Rocco.
 1987 - Mark Chambers, Mark Morris, Maurey Sage, Eddie Velez.
 1988 - Steve Moga, Bob Guajardo, Curt Hubert, Paul Pierson, Jeff Potts, Maurey Sage.
 1989 - Rich Rocco, Maurey Sage, Tony Carrozza, Mike Foote.
 1990 - Bob Guajardo, Mike Foote, Mike Bachio, John Bachio, Mark Foltmer.
 1991 - Frank Markett, Mark Foltmer, Chris Woods, Lou Hernandez, Jon Puklin.
 1992 - Lou Hernandez, Brett Brown, Bob Vozza, John Mendoza.
 1993 - Frank Markett, Todd Prellberg, Mark Foltmer, Bob Vozza, John Mendoza.
 1994 - Tony Hopp, Todd Prellberg, Bob Vozza, Corey Hunger, Scott Harris.
 1995 - Scott Harris, Andy Oros, Mike Toma, Corey Breyne, Chad Hejza, Andy Pallissard.
 1996 - Joe Robbins, Kevin Sommers, Andy Pallissard, Corey Breyne, Brandon Kopf.
 1997 - Steve Fike, Corey Breyne, Scott Baron, Dan Babler, Jerry Paul, Chris Pfalzgraf, Brandon Kopf.
 1998 - Steve Fike, Corey Breyne, Matt Deegan, Eric Zaleski, Chris Pfalzgraf, Dan Babler, Mark Iannantuoni.
 1999 - Brian Buglio, Matt Deegan, Zach Fox, Mark Iannantuoni, Chris Pfalzgraf, Matt St. John, Eric Zaleski.
 2000 - Brian Buglio, Zach Fox, Matt Fostiak, John Reeves, Chris Pfalzgraf, Josh Paddock, Bobby Grapenthien.
 2001 - Matt St. John, Russ Lorenz, Bob Grapenthien, Uriel Quiles, Josh Paddock, Jake Abel, Jack Dime.
 2002 - Brian Dolewski, Russ Lorenz, Brian Chelgren, Uriel Quiles, Josh Paddock, Jack Dime.
 2003 - Brian Dolewski, Jason Smith, Jay Lavender, Jack Dime.
 2004 - Chris Forbes, John Hopkins, Jay Lavender, Jeff Salzman, Rob Fontana.

AU NCAA Playoff Scores

- 1987: **MIDEAST REGIONAL**
 -North Park 2, AU 1
 -AU 5, Ohio Wesleyan 2
 -AU 5, Wooster 3
 -AU 6, Marietta 0
 -North Central 5, AU 4
- 1988: **MIDEAST REGIONAL**
 -Illinois Wesleyan 7, AU 6
 -Wooster 10, AU 4
- 1989: **MIDEAST REGIONAL**
 -AU 6, Marietta 5
 -AU 4, Wooster 3
 -AU 9, North Park 7
 -AU 15, Marietta 5
DIV. III WORLD SERIES
 -AU 7, Montclair St. 6
 -AU 8, N. C. Wesleyan 7
 -Eastern Conn. 4, AU 0
 -AU 12, N. C. Wesleyan 9
 -Eastern Conn. 8, AU 1
- 1990: **MIDEAST REGIONAL**
 -AU 6, Marietta 5
 -AU 4, Wooster 3
 -AU 9, North Park 7
 -AU 15, Marietta 5
DIV. III WORLD SERIES
 -AU 7, Montclair St. 6
 -AU 8, N. C. Wesleyan 7
 -Eastern Conn. 4, AU 0
 -AU 12, N. C. Wesleyan 9
 -Eastern Conn. 8, AU 1
- 1991: **CENTRAL REGIONAL**
 -William Penn 5, AU 3
 -AU 9 North Central 6
 -Ill. Benedictine 6, AU 3
- 1992: **CENTRAL REGIONAL**
 -AU 4, Simpson 1
 -William Penn 22, AU 1
 -AU 9, Washington U. 3
 -AU 7, William Penn 2
 -AU 3, William Penn 2
DIV. III WORLD SERIES
 -Ithaca 8, AU 1
 -Marietta 5, AU 4
- 1993: **CENTRAL REGIONAL**
 -Upper Iowa 5, AU 1
 -AU 8, Ill. B'dctine. 2
 -AU 5, Upper Iowa 3
 -Carthage 5, AU 4
- 1994: **CENTRAL REGIONAL**
 -Carthage 9, AU 5
 -North Central 4, AU 2
- 1995: **CENTRAL REGIONAL**
 -AU 6, Upper Iowa 2
 -AU 9, Carthage 5
 -Carthage 8, AU 7
 -Carthage 7, AU 4
- 1996: **CENTRAL REGIONAL**
 -AU 3, Carthage 2
 -Upper Iowa 8, AU 2
 -MacMurray 7, AU 4
- 1997: **CENTRAL REGIONAL**
 -MacMurray 10, AU 7
 -AU 22, Wartburg 11
 -AU 9, MacMurray 4
 -AU 12, Carthage 6
 -Carthage 15, AU 10 (10 inn.)
- 1998: **CENTRAL REGIONAL**
 -AU 7, Carthage 3
 -AU 13, North Central 7
 -AU 13, North Central 5
DIV. III WORLD SERIES
 -AU 7, Cal Lutheran, 6
 -AU 6, North Carolina, 4
 -AU 3, East Conn. St. 4
 -AU 5, Montclair State,6
- 1999: **CENTRAL REGIONAL**
 -Aurora 8, Augustana 2
 -Aurora 8, Simpson 4
 -Aurora 6, Carthage 4
 -Aurora 5, Carthage 4
DIV. III WORLD SERIES
 -Wm. Paterson 7, AU 1
 -Marietta 5, AU 2
- 2000: **CENTRAL REGIONAL**
 -Wartburg 8, AU 7
 -Carthage 11, AU 2
- 2002: **CENTRAL REGIONAL**
 -Monmouth 4, Aurora 0
 -Aurora 10, Wartburg 2
 -Monmouth 2, Aurora 1
- 2004: **CENTRAL REGIONAL**
 -AU 14, Illinois Wesleyan 7
 -AU 16, McMurry 4
 -AU 7, Simpson 5
 -AU 21, Carthage 4
DIV. III WORLD SERIES
 -SUNY-Brockport 5, AU 2
 -AU 7, Manchester 6
 -AU 7, Rowan 4
 -George Fox 12, AU 6

AU's Northern Illinois-Iowa Conference "Player-of-the-Year"

Selections

- 1988: Steve Moga (P)
 1989: Rich Rocco (C)
 1990: Bob Guajardo (OF)
 1992: Lou Hernandez (P)
 1995: Scott Harris (P)
 1997: Steve Fike (P)
 1998: Eric Zaleski (1B)
 2001: Matt St. John (OF)



Matt St. John
2001

AU NCAA Post-Season History

AU BASEBALL: A WINNING TRADITION



Aurora University has established itself as a force to be reckoned with in NCAA Division III baseball. A look at AU's history of post-season tournament play supports this fact.

In **1987**, the Spartans' team made their first-ever NCAA appearance in the Midwest Regional and emerged with a respectable 3-2 second-place finish including a victory over defending national champ Marietta College.

From 1989 to 2000, the Spartans had a string of **twelve** consecutive NCAA post-season bids. AU is the only Illinois team ever invited to that many Division III baseball playoffs consecutively (1990 second, 1992 seventh, 1998 fourth, 1999 seventh, and 2004 third).

The campaign of **1992** marked AU's second D-III World Series trip. At the Central Region tournament in St. Louis, AU went 4-1 to head back to Battle Creek, but not without some hard work. The Spartans bounced back from a 22-1 loss to William Penn and, eventually, avenged the lopsided defeat with two consecutive victories over WPC to take the regional crown.

AU appeared in the Central Region tourney in **1993** and **1994**. In 1993, after dropping the opening game to Upper Iowa, the Spartans worked their way back to the finals versus Carthage, losing 5-4. In '94, AU lost both games versus Carthage and North Central.

It was Carthage-AU again in **1995** for the Central Region title in Kenosha, Wis., with the host Redmen prevailing. AU defeated Upper Iowa and Carthage in its first two outings, but CC won a doubleheader to advance to the D-III series.

In **1996**, AU knocked off Carthage in the first round, but dropped its next two games to bow out of the regionals with a third-place finish.

1997 saw the Spartans lose their opening game and face the must-win situation. AU won its next three games of the tourney (over Wartburg, MacMurray, and Carthage) to force the winner-take-all championship game. However, Carthage eliminated AU, 15-10, in a 10-inning thriller in the title finale.

The **1998** post-season resulted in AU's third-ever appearance in the NCAA Division III national championship tournament. The Spartans advanced to the World Series by topping Carthage, before dumping North Central twice to sweep through the Central Region competition.

In **1999**, the Spartans earned their fourth-ever appearance in the NCAA Division III national championship tournament. The Spartans defeated Augustana, Simpson, and Carthage (twice) to sweep the regional championship in four games.

In **2000**, the Spartans appeared in their 12th consecutive NCAA Regional Tournament. The Spartans lost in the opening game to Wartburg, Iowa (7-8), and were defeated in game two to Carthage, Wis. (2-11).

In **2002**, the Spartans appeared in their 13th NCAA Regional Tournament in 14 seasons. The Spartans lost in the opening game to Monmouth, Ill. (0-4), and faced a must-win situation. AU won its next game against Wartburg, Iowa (10-2), but fell to Monmouth, Ill. in the following game (1-2).

In **2004**, the Spartans appeared in their fifth NCAA Division III national championship tournament. The Spartans defeated Illinois Wesleyan, McMurry, Simpson, and Carthage to sweep the regional championship in four games by a combined score of 58 to 24. Overall, Aurora University has a 39-31 record in NCAA post-season baseball championship play.

Regional and National Honors

(since 1986)

- 1986** - Dale Koehring, NCAA All-Mideast 1st Team, NCAA All-American 3rd Team
- 1987** - Mark Morris, NCAA All-Mideast Team (SS)
Maurey Sage, NCAA All-Mideast 1st Team, NCAA All-American 2nd Team (P)
- 1988** - Bob Guajardo, NCAA All-Mideast Team (OF)
- 1990** - John Bachio, NCAA All-Mideast 1st Team, NCAA All-American 3rd Team (P)
Mike Foote, NCAA All-Mideast 2nd Team (C)
Bob Guajardo, NCAA All-Mideast 1st Team, NCAA All-American 1st Team (OF)
- 1991** - John Bachio, NCAA All-Central 1st Team, NCAA All-American 2nd Team (P)
Jon Puklin, NCAA All-Central 1st Team (2B)
John Bachio, NCAA All-Central 1st Team (P)
- 1992** - Brett Brown, NCAA All-Central 1st Team, NCAA All-American 2nd Team (2B)
Bob Vozza, NCAA All-Central 1st Team (OF)
Lou Hernandez, NCAA All-Central 2nd Team (P)
Matt Cannon, GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-American
- 1993** - Brett Brown, NCAA All-Central 1st Team (2B)
Mark Foltmer, NCAA All-Central 1st Team (OF)
Jason Wittenmyer, NCAA All-Central 1st Team (P)
Frank Markett, NCAA All-Central 2nd Team (1B)
Todd Prellberg, NCAA All-Central Hon. Mention (C)
Matt Cannon, GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-American of the Year
Craig "Bubba" Phillip (P), Drafted & signed 22nd round by Boston Red Sox
Mike Trimarco (P), Drafted & signed 31st round by Baltimore Orioles
- 1994** - Tony Hopp, NCAA All-Central 1st Team (2B)
Scott Harris, NCAA All-Central 1st Team (P)
Corey Hunger, NCAA All-Central 2nd Team (P)
Todd Prellberg, NCAA All-Central 2nd Team (C)
Bob Vozza, NCAA All-Central 2nd Team (OF)
Matt Cannon, GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-American
- 1995** - Scott Harris, NCAA All-Central 1st Team, NCAA All-American 3rd Team (P)
Andy Pallissard, NCAA All-Central 2nd Team (OF)
Andy Oros, NCAA All-Central 2nd Team (P)
Mike Toma, NCAA All-Central 2nd Team (OF)
Steve Schwartz, Drafted 44th round by Houston Astros
- 1996** - Corey Breyne, NCAA All-Central 2nd Team (SS)
Scott Baron, NCAA All-Central 2nd Team (DH)
Kevin Sommers, NCAA All-Central 2nd Team (OF)
Andy Pallissard, NCAA All-Central 2nd Team (OF)
- 1997** - Corey Breyne, NCAA All-Central 1st Team, NCAA All-American 1st Team (SS)
Scott Baron, NCAA All-Central 1st Team, NCAA All-American 1st Team (DH)
Steve Fike, NCAA All-Central 1st Team (P), GTE Academic All-District V (P)
Kevin Sommers, GTE Academic All-District V (1B)
Eric Zaleski, NCAA All-Central 1st Team (OF)
- 1998** - Dan Babler, NCAA All-Central Honorable Mention (3B)
Scott Baron, NCAA All-Central 2nd Team (DH)
Corey Breyne, NCAA All-Central 1st Team NCAA All-American 2nd Team (SS)
Matt Deegan, NCAA All-Central 1st Team, NCAA All-American 2nd Team (P)
Steve Fike, NCAA All-Central 2nd Team (P)
Mark Iannantuoni, NCAA All-Central 1st Team (OF)
Eric Zaleski, NCAA All-Central 2nd Team (1B)
- 1999** - Matt Deegan, NCAA All-Central 1st Team (P), NCAA All-American 1st Team (P)
Eric Zaleski, NCAA All-Central 1st Team (1B), NCAA All-American 1st Team (1B)
Mark Iannantuoni, NCAA All-Central 3rd Team (OF), NCAA All-American 3rd Team (OF)
- 2000** - Matt Fostiak, NCAA All-Central 1st Team (3B)
Mark Iannantuoni, NCAA All-American 3rd Team (OF)
Zach Fox, NCAA All-Central 2nd Team (2B)
Chris Pfalzgraf, NCAA All-Central 2nd Team (P) Signed to a Free Agent contract with the Texas Rangers.
- 2001** - Matt St. John, NCAA All-Central 1st Team (OF), NCAA All-American 3rd Team (OF)
- 2002** - Russ Lorenz, NCAA All-Central 1st Team (2B) NCAA All-American 2nd Team (2B)
Josh Paddock, NCAA All-Central Region 1st Team (P) NCAA All-American 2nd Team,
NCAA Pitcher of the Year,
Drafted and signed 33rd round by Philadelphia Phillies.
Jack Dime, NCAA All-Central 1st team (OF)
Brian Dolewski, All-Central 2nd team (SS)
Brian Chelgren, All-Central 2nd team (DH)
Uriel Quiles, All-Central 2nd team (P)
Jason Smith, All-Central 3rd team (OF)
- 2003** - Jason Smith, NCAA All-Central 1st Team (OF)
Jay Lavender, NCAA All-American 2nd Team (OF)
Brian Dolewski, NCAA All-Central 3rd Team (2B)
Jack Dime, NCAA All-American 3rd Team (OF)
- 2004** - John Hopkins, NCAA All-Central 2nd Team (OF)
Jeff Salzman, NCAA All-Central 2nd Team (P)

Year By Year Results

Year	Record	Year	Record
1926	4-1	1971	10-16/6-6
1927	0-1	1972	14-16/8-4
1928	4-6	1973	17-13-1/7-3
1929	3-3	1974	15-10/7-3*
1930	N/A	1975	16-17/4-6
1931	0-7	1976	8-12/8-4
1932	1-6	1977	8-18-1/8-3-1
1933	2-5	1978	9-12/9-3*
1934	5-4	1979	10-18/9-3
1935	1-5	1980	12-22-1/7-3
1936	3-2	1981	11-20/7-4
1937	2-5	1982	16-22/7-5
1938	2-4-1	1983	16-18/8-4
1939	0-10	1984	19-14/10-2*
1940	0-7	1985	19-18-1/9-1*
1941-48	-no teams; WWII-	1986	25-12/11-0*
1949	2-0	1987	31-10/9-2*#
1950	4-2	1988	22-7/10-0*
1951	4-5	1989	27-11/10-0*#
1952	1-19-1	1990	29-12/9-1*#
1953	0-5	1991	23-11-1/8-2*#
1954	6-9	1992	34-9/9-1*#
1955	2-6	1993	29-5-1/10-2*#
1956	5-7	1994	29-7/11-1*#
1957	2-6	1995	33-7/12-1*#
1958	6-10-1	1996	26-12/9-4#
1959	5-14	1997	36-9-1/11-2*#
1960	3-10	1998	33-6/13-0*#
1961	6-8	1999	38-8/11-2*#
1962	4-9	2000	35-10/12-3*#
1963	6-9	2001	27-15/19-4*
1964	10-8-1	2002	34-6/20-1*
1965	8-9-1	2003	25-16-2/14-8
1966	8-7	2004	28-19/10-8§#
1967	3-11		
1968	8-11		
1969	7-14		
1970	14-15		

* NIIC champions
 # NCAA playoffs
 § NIIC Tournament Champion

AU Coaching Records

Percy Snell (1926-37)	25-43	Fred Bornkamp (1968-75)	101-110
Frank Buhtel (1938-40)	2-21-1	Mark Zaban (1976-77)	8-12
LaVerne Gilkey (1948-51)	10-7	Bill Prince (1978)	9-12
Carl Selin (1952-53)	5-24-1	George DiMatteo (1979-82)	49-82
Ray Rosenthal (1954-57)	15-28-1	Jim Schmid (1983-1992)	245-122-2
Sam Bedrosian (1958-62)	24-51-1	Mark Walsh (1993-2002)	320-85-2
Francis Merritt (1963-64)	10-18	Shaun Neitzel (2003-)	53-35-2
Ron Bachman (1965-67)	19-27-1		

AU Most Valuable Player Awards

<i>(since 1983)</i>	1998- Eric Zaleski (Infield)
1983 - Terry Becker (Infield)	1999- Eric Zaleski (Infield)
1984 - Tim O'Connor (Pitcher)	2000- Zach Fox (Infield)
1985 - Brian Stading (Catcher)	2001- Matt St. John (Outfield)
1986 - Dale Koehring (Pitcher)	2002- Russ Lorenz (Second Base)
1987 - Mark Chambers (Infield)	2003- Brian Dolewski (Second Base)
1988 - Steve Moga (Pitcher)	2004- Jeff Salzmann (Pitcher)
1989 - Rich Rocco (Catcher)	
1990 - Bob Guajardo (Outfield)	
1991 - John Bachio (Pitcher)	
1992 - Lou Hernandez (Pitcher)	
1993- Frank Markett (Infield)	
1994- Scott Harris (Pitcher)	
1995- Scott Harris (Pitcher)	
1996- Corey Breyne (Infield)	
1997- Corey Breyne (Infield)	
1997- Steve Fike (Pitcher)	



Jeff Salzmann

AU NCAA Division III Records:

Consecutive Scoreless
 Most Hits, Inning: 3 Jeff Potts
 vs. Elmhurst, 4/4/89



AU Baseball Records

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

BATTING

GAMES PLAYED:

S:	47	Brian Chelgren	2004
C:	169	Mark Iannantuoni	1997-00
		Mark Morris	1984-87

AT BATS:

G:	7	(6 tied)	
S:	184	Brian Chelgren	2004
C:	567	Corey Breyne	1995-98

RUNS:

G:	5	Dan Babler	vs. Wartburg (5/16/97)
		Mike Soldat	vs. Elmhurst (4/9/92)
S:	64	Corey Breyne	1997
C:	183	Corey Breyne	1995-98

HITS:

I:	3	Jeff Potts	vs. Elmhurst (4/4/89)
G:	5	(5 tied)	
S:	85	Corey Breyne	1997
C:	235	Corey Breyne	1995-98

CONSECUTIVE GAME HITTING STREAK:

S:	34	Brian Dolewski	2002-03
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SINGLES:

S:	53	Zach Fox	2000
C:	145	Corey Breyne	1995-98

DOUBLES:

G:	3	Tom King	vs. Elmhurst (4/30/91)
		Bob Vozza	vs. Elmhurst (4/5/91)
S:	21	Corey Breyne	1997
C:	41	Corey Breyne	1995-98

TRIPLES:

G:	2	Todd Prellberg	vs. Judson (4/15/94)
		Mike Soldat	vs. Elmhurst (4/9/92)
S:	7	Corey Breyne	1996
		Todd Prellberg	1994
C:	15	Corey Breyne	1995-98

HOME RUNS:

I:	2	Corey Breyne	vs. Eureka (4/3/96, 1st. inn., gm. #2)
		Brad Pieczynski	vs. Judson (4/15/94, 6th inn.)
G:	4	Terry Becker	vs. Chicago State (4/6/82)
S:	17	Eric Zaleski	1998
C:	42	Matt St. John	1998-2001
	42	Eric Zaleski	1996-1999

CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH A HOMERUN:

S:	6	Terry Frederiksen	1984
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BATTING AVERAGE:

S:	.494	Bob Guajardo	1988 (48-97)
C:	.442	Bob Guajardo	1987-90 (193-437)

RBI's:

G:	8	Corey Breyne	vs. Eureka (4/3/96, gm. #2)
S:	68	Corey Breyne	1997
C:	199	Matt St. John	1998-2001

TOTAL BASES:

G:	16	Terry Becker	vs. Chicago State (4/6/82)
S:	153	Corey Breyne	1997
C:	373	Matt St. John	1998-2001

TIMES STRUCK OUT:

S:	31	Brian Chelgren	2004
C:	75	Tony Carrozza	1988-91

WALKS:

G:	4	Jerry Paul	vs. Carthage (5/16/96)
		Mark Foltmer	vs. Illinois Wesleyan (4/25/90)
S:	37	Mark Morris	1986
C:	95	Bob Grapenthien	1999-2002

ON-BASE PERCENTAGE:

S:	.642	John Reeves	2000
C:	.491	Corey Breyne	567 at Bats 1995-98
	.544	John Reeves	236 at Bats 1997-2000

SLUGGING PERCENTAGE:

S:	.874	Corey Breyne	1997
C:	.776	Corey Breyne	1995-98
	.727	Scott Baron	1995-98



Bob Guajardo

STOLEN BASES:

G:	4	Russ Lorenz	vs. Roger Williams (3/22/03)
	4	John Hopkins	vs. Concordia Wis. (4/27/03)
S:	28	Russ Lorenz	2001
		Jon Puklin	1990
C:	71	Mark Iannantuoni	1997-00

TIMES HIT BY PITCH:

S:	23	John Reeves	2000
C:	51	John Reeves	1997-00

PITCHING

INNINGS PITCHED:

G:	10	Matt Deegan	vs. Benedictine (5/4/97)
S:	93.2	Rob Fontana	2004
C:	270.1	Chris Pfalzgraf	1997-00

STRIKEOUTS:

G:	19	Corey Hunger	vs. Rockford (4/29/94)
S:	104	Rob Fontana	2004
C:	231	Chris Pfalzgraf	1997-00

MOST EARNED RUNS:

G:	10	Matt Deegan	vs. Wartburg (5/16/97)
		Maurey Sage	vs. Lewis (4/5/88)
S:	54	Matt Deegan	1997

FEWEST EARNED RUNS:

S:	5	Craig Phillip	1993 (49.1 IP)
C:	62	Tim O'Conner	1983-85 (196 IP)

EARNED RUN AVERAGE:

S:	0.91	Craig Phillip	1993 (49.1 IP)
C:	2.21	Tim O'Conner	1983-85 (196 IP)

HITS ALLOWED:

G:	13	Russ Voelz	vs. St. Francis (4/17/92)
		Maurey Sage	vs. Lewis (4/5/88)
S:	89	Rob Fontana	2004

APPEARANCES:

S:	19	George Creviston	2004
C:	53	Chris Pfalzgraf	1997-00

VICTORIES:

S:	11	Steve Fike	1997 (11-1)
		Matt Deegan	1996-99
C:	28	Chris Pfalzgraf	1997-00

BEST W/L %:

S:	1.000	Dale Koehring	1986 (10-0)
C:	.786	Lou Hernandez	1990-93 (22-6)

SAVES:

S:	6	Maurey Sage	1989
C:	11	Lou Hernandez	1990-93

STARTS WITHOUT A LOSS:

C:	17	John Bachio	1990-91
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CONSECUTIVE SCORELESS INNINGS PITCHED:

S:	30.0	Jason Wittenmyer	4/24/93-5/20/93
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FIELDING

PUTOUTS:

G:	20	Nick Weber	vs. Judson (3/25/03)
C:	1055	Frank Markett	1990-93

ASSISTS:

G:	9	Brandon Kopf	vs. Concordia (4/27/96)
S:	122	Brandon Kopf	1997
C:	333	Tony Carrozza	1988-91

ERRORS:

S:	29	Zach Fox	1999
C:	66	Mark Morris	1984-87

FEWEST ERRORS (min. 2 chances per team's games played):

S:	1	Bob Grapenthien	2001 (343 TC)
	1	Nick Weber	2003 (241 TC)
C:	10	Bob Grapenthien	1999-2002 (992 TC; 992 Fldg %)

TOTAL CHANCES:

S:	352	Frank Markett	1992
C:	1124	Frank Markett	1990-93

BEST FIELDING PERCENTAGE:

S:	.997	Bob Grapenthien	2001
C:	.992	Bob Grapenthien	1999-2002 (10 Errors; 992 TC)



Matt Deegan



Chris Pfalzgraf

AU Baseball Records

TEAM RECORDS

BATTING

AT BATS:
 I: 16 vs. Elmhurst 4/4/89 (23 plate app. in 4th inning)
 G: 52 vs. Benedictine 4/15/03
 S: 1583 2004

RUNS:
 I: 20 vs. Elmhurst, 4/4/89 (4th inning)
 G: 28 vs. Dominican 5/5/00
 S: 486 1997 (10.6 r.p.g.)

RUNS (combined):
 G: 37 vs. IIT 5/5/89 (AU 22, IIT 15)

LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY:
 G: 27 vs. Trinity Chr. 4/19/88 (AU 27, TC 0)

LARGEST MARGIN OF DEFEAT:
 G: 30 vs. St. Francis 5/81 (SF 33, AU 3)

HITS:
 I: 13 vs. Dominican 5/5/00
 G: 32 vs. Dominican 5/5/00
 S: 567 1997

HITS (combined):
 G: 42 vs. IIT 5/5/89

CONSECUTIVE BATTERS TO REACH BASE:
 G: 12 vs. Elmhurst 4/4/89
 vs. Dominican 5/5/00

DOUBLES:
 G: 10 vs. Dominican 5/5/00
 S: 118 (Led NCAA Division III in per game avg.) - 2003

TRIPLES:
 G: 5 vs. Ill. B'dctne. 4/9/94
 S: 33 1994

HOME RUNS:
 I: 5 vs. Monmouth 3/25/00
 G: 9 vs. Benedictine 5/5/97
 S: 66 1997, 2000

BATTING AVERAGE:
 S: .382 2002 (Lead NCAA Division III)

RBI:
 I: 14 vs. Elmhurst 4/4/89 (4th inning)
 G: 27 vs. Benedictine 5/5/97
 S: 424 1997

RBI (combined):
 G: 31 vs. Benedictine 5/5/97
 vs. IIT 5/5/89

TOTAL BASES:
 I: 25 vs. Elmhurst 4/4/89 (4th inning)
 G: 56 vs. Benedictine 5/5/97
 S: 907 1997

TOTAL BASES (combined):
 G: 72 vs. Benedictine 5/5/97 (AU=56, BU=16)

SLUGGING PERCENTAGE:
 S: .609 1997

WALKS:
 I: 6 vs. Elmhurst 4/4/89 (4th inning)
 G: 13 vs. Elmhurst 4/4/89
 S: 250 1986

WALKS (combined):
 G: 20 vs. Carthage 5/16/96 (AU- 11, CC- 9)*
 (*also an NCAA Div. III playoff game record)

MOST TIMES STRUCK OUT:
 G: 10 vs. Carthage 5/16/96
 vs. Rockford 4/29/94
 vs. Eastern Conn. 5/27/90
 S: 217 2004

FEWEST STRIKEOUTS:
 S: 122 1988

STRIKEOUTS (combined):
 G: 29 vs. Rockford 4/29/94 (AU 10, RC 19)

STOLEN BASES:

G: 8	vs. Dominican	5/5/00
S: 110	1990	(110-126)

PITCHING

MOST RUNS ALLOWED:
 G: 33 vs. St. Francis 1981
 S: 286 2004

FEWEST RUNS ALLOWED:
 S: 91 1993

MOST EARNED RUNS ALLOWED:
 S: 216 2004

FEWEST EARNED RUNS ALLOWED:
 S: 62 1993

BEST EARNED RUN AVERAGE:
 S 2.09 1993

MOST HITS ALLOWED:
 G: 21 vs. IIT 5/4/89
 S: 419 2004

FEWEST HITS ALLOWED:
 S: 205 1993

MOST STRIKEOUTS:
 G: 19 vs. Rockford 4/29/94
 S: 326 2004

MOST WALKS:
 G: 11 vs. North Central 4/24/00
 S: 189 2004

FEWEST WALKS:
 S: 79 1988

MOST SAVES:
 S: 10 1992 & 1989 & 2002

FIELDING

PUTOUTS:
 S: 1114 2004

ASSISTS:
 S: 466 2004

MOST ERRORS:
 S: 94 1985

FEWEST ERRORS:
 S: 49 1997

TOTAL CHANCES:
 S: 1663 2004

BEST FIELDING PERCENTAGE:
 S: .967 1997

MISC. RECORDS

MOST WINS:
 S: 38 1999

MOST WINS, REGULAR SEASON:
 S: 34 1999

MOST LOSSES:
 S: 22 1980 & 1982

BEST W/L %:
 S: .850 2002 (34-6)

MOST GAMES PLAYED:
 S: 47 2004

PLAYERS WITH 10+ HOMERUNS:
 S: 4 1997 Baron (16), Breyne (13), Babler (11), & Zaleski (10).

PLAYERS WITH 50+ RBI:
 S: 3 1997 Breyne (68), Baron (61), Zaleski (50).

PLAYERS WITH 50+ HITS:
 S: 7 2000 Fostiak (72), Fox (71), Buglio (69), Iannantuoni (67), St. John (52), Grapenthien (52), Seyller (52)

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Dr. Rebecca L. Sherrick
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Currently in her fifth year as Aurora University President, Dr. Sherrick is a true Spartan booster and often attends athletic events. She earned her BA from Illinois Wesleyan and PhD from Northwestern University.



Dr. Andrew Manion
Provost

Previously Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences from 1998 to 2000, Dr. Manion earned his BA from Saint Norbert College and his PhD in experimental psychology from Adelphi University.



Michael Moser
Vice President for Student Life

Michael Moser assumed the duties of Vice President for Student Life in March 2004. He has a BA from North Central College and a Master of Divinity from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary.



Mark Walsh
Director of Athletics

Mark Walsh was named Director of Athletics in 1998. Previously, Walsh was AU's Head Baseball Coach from 1992-2002 and an assistant coach from 1987-1992. Walsh led the Spartans to nine NIIC Conference Championships and nine NCAA Tournament appearances while posting a 320-85 (.790) won-lost record in 10 seasons. Walsh also served as an assistant football coach at AU from 1986-1996 and was part of the coaching staff that reinstated football after it had been dropped in 1952. Walsh earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Aurora University.

This Is Aurora University



Eckhart Hall

Aurora University traces its origins to the 1893 founding of a seminary in the small town of Mendota, IL. Though established initially to prepare graduates for ministry, the institution soon adopted a broader mission and moved to a new campus on the western edge of the nearby community of Aurora. With this change came a different name and a growing enrollment. In 1985, the institution was rechristened Aurora University.

In 1992, the Aurora and George Williams College traditions blended when the two institutions entered into the affiliation agreement that paved the way for a merger eight years later.

Today Aurora University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association to award degrees at the baccalaureate, master's and doctoral levels. The institution enrolls approximately 4,000 degree-seeking students a year on its Illinois and Wisconsin campuses. AU offers its undergraduates a wide range of on- and off-campus learning experiences. Students participate in more than 40 musical, literary, religious, social, and service organizations and play active roles in campus governance. The university also fields 18 NCAA Division III intercollegiate athletic teams. The Spartans boast a winning tradition with 27 conference titles in recent years and 18 regular appearances in national tournaments.

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At AU, we believe that the educational needs of students are served best through the formation of strategic partnerships with institutions of like vision, mission, and values. Such collaborations also enhance the well being of the communities around our campus. For example, our innovative partnership with the West Aurora School District is recognized nationally as a model for educational reform. Last year, AU broke ground for the \$13 million facility that will house this growing collaboration and the students and faculty it nurtures. Our George Williams Campus at Lake Geneva, Wis., is also the scene for important collaborative efforts. Last year, the residential, conference, and academic facility, developed in partnership with Children's Oncology Services Inc., opened. In the years ahead, the new building will serve as the home to the *One Step At A Time* Camp for children with cancer and the university's rapidly growing academic program.

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2005 Men's Baseball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Sat-Sat, March 5-11	@Gene Cusic Collegiate Classic	
Sat. March 5	Albion College (2) @ Cape Coral 4	4 p.m.
Sun. March 6	Thiel College @ Terry Park 1	Noon
Sun. March 6	Ohio Wesleyan University @ Terry Park 4	4 p.m.
Mon. March 7	Worcester Poly Tech College @ Cape Coral 1	7 p.m.
Wed. March 9	Baldwin-Wallace College (2) @ Terry Park 3	9 a.m.
Thu. March 10	MacMurray College (2) @ Cape Coral 4	4 p.m.
Fri. March 11	Clarkson University @ Cape Coral 1	4 p.m.
Wed, March 23	%Wheaton College	2:30 p.m.
Fri, March 25	Augustana College	2 p.m.
Mon, March 28	North Central College	3 p.m.
Tue, March 29	Wheaton College	2:30 p.m.
Sat, April 2	*Eureka College (2)	Noon
Sun, April 3	%*Eureka College	1:30 p.m.
Wed, April 6	*Benedictine University	3 p.m.
Sat, April 9	*Rockford College (2)	Noon
Sun, April 10	%*Rockford College	1:30 p.m.
Tue, April 12	*Benedictine University	3 p.m.
Fri, April 15	Coe College @ Kane County Stadium	6 p.m.
Sat, April 16	#*Dominican University (2)	Noon
Sun, April 17	*Dominican University	1:30 p.m.
Wed, April 20	*Benedictine University	6 p.m.
Sat, April 23	University of Chicago (2)	Noon
Sun, April 24	%Concordia University (Wis.) (2)	Noon
Tue, April 26	Carthage College	3 p.m.
Wed, April 27	Elmhurst College	3 p.m.
Fri, April 29	*Clarke College	1 p.m.
Sat, April 30	%*Clarke College (2)	1 p.m.
Tue. May 3	North Park University	3 p.m.
Fri. May 6	%*Concordia University (Ill.) (2)	5 p.m.
Sun. May 8	*Concordia University (Ill.)	1:30 p.m.
Fri-Sat, May 13-May 14	NIIC Tournament @ Dominican University	TBA

*Denotes Northern Illinois-Iowa Conference (NIIC) Game

Bold Type indicates home games at alternate site

Game location at Kane County Stadium

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