



LAKEVILLE NORTH PANTHER BASEBALL

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MN State Champs 2005 MN State Runner-up 2000
Lake Conference Champs 1999, 2008, 2009

2010 PANTHER MEDIA GUIDE

2010 SEASON OUTLOOK

Graduating 10 seniors from 2009's Lake Conference Champions, including the entire starting pitching rotation, won't make things easy, but Coach Tony Market sees a lot of potential in the 2010 lineup. While there are plenty of unanswered questions on the rebuilding of the pitching staff, there is no doubt that the 2010 Panthers will hit. Anchoring the lineup will be returning All-Conference Catcher **Zach Braun** (senior, .427, 2 HR, 16 RBI in '08). Also returning to the lineup are seniors 1B/3B **Tim Kuzniar** (.338, 1, 15) and SS **Nick Kulla** (.339, 1, 7). Two newcomers likely to start in the 2010 Panther outfield gained valuable seasoning in American Legion baseball last summer in Sr **Ben Skelly** (.370, 8 SB) and Sr **Cody Schenkelberg** (.319). Three pitchers with varsity experience return, including Sr RHP **David Hanson** (1-0, 3.91, 2 saves in 15 IP), Sr RHP **Cole Johnson** (1-0, 0.95 in 9 IP) and 2009's 4th starter Sr RHP **John Hayes** (5-0, 0.57), who yielded only 2 earned runs in 25 innings pitched last season (setting the school season ERA record). Hayes will be counted on to start along with two strong junior candidates in crafty RHP **Tyler Brekke** and hard-throwing 6'4 RHP **A.J. Moore**. Sr 2B **Gavin Albright, Jr** IF **Gordon Kappers, Jr** OF **Jake Berg, Jr** IF **T.J. Evanson**, Hayes and Brekke will be among those competing to fill in the rest of the everyday line-up. Track the Panthers 2010 season schedule and statistics at www.pantherboosters.org/baseball.

THE LAKE CONFERENCE

LNHS is a proud member of the top baseball conference in the state of Minnesota, the Lake. In 2009, the Lake Conference, once again, sent multiple teams to the large-school state tournament. In the last six seasons, 7 of the 11 conference schools have made a state tournament appearance, with a Lake Conf team appearing in 5 of the last 6 state championships and winning state 3 of those years (including our Panthers in 2005). With this record of success, our team is proud to enter 2010 as back-to-back Lake Conference Champs. The Lake has added Chanhassan HS as its 12th member for '09-'10, but 11 schools are slated to leave the Lake at the end of this school year (including LNHS who will join the new South Suburban Conference). The soon-to-be-dismantled Lake Conference will leave a legacy in Minnesota baseball as one of its most competitive conferences ever and a breeding ground for college and professional prospects.

PANTHERS 2010 STARS & PROSPECTS

Sr 1B/3B/OF Tim Kuzniar



Kuz can play anywhere on the diamond (including catcher) and is a reliable left-handed stick. Between spring/summer of 2008, he had over 60 hits, a .359 average with 40 runs scored, and played for Team Minnesota at the Midwest Classic in Illinois.

Sr C Zach Braun



Zach is a strong-armed catcher who has established himself as a feared bat in the middle of the order. All-Lake Conference as a junior, he is patient at the plate and hits to all fields. Zach's .427 avg led the team in '08. He also led the team in walks while striking out only 6 times.

Sr SS/3B Nick Kulla

Nick is an extremely consistent left-handed bat (.339 in '08) who continues to enthusiastically work at becoming a better fielder. The regular SS in 2008, he has impressive arm strength and power potential with the stick.

Sr RHP David Hanson

David has shown an ability to throw strikes and keep the ball down. He has sink action on his fastball and induces hitter after hitter to groundout. Tall and strong, he'll likely fill the closer role for the Panthers in 2010.

Sr RHP/1B John Hayes



John was a pleasant surprise as a spot starter for the Panthers in '08. While we knew he threw hard, his ability to switch fastball with slider proved fatal for hitters. John struck out 31 in 25 innings while posting a 5-0 record with a 0.57 ERA.

Jr RHP A.J. Moore



This 6'4 righty has progressed by leaps and bounds over the past year. As A.J. has improved his mechanics, consistency & strength, his fastball has reached the mid-80s+. The potential exists for A.J. to become a big factor in the Panthers' future.

Jr RHP/OF Tyler Brekke

Tyler is a strong prospect for LNHS. As a smooth-swinging outfielder with power, with a reliable glove and strong arm, and starter-like pitches and command on the mound, it will be hard to not find an everyday place for him in 2010.

2009 SEASON RECAP

Another successful season is in the books for the Panthers and Coach Tony Market, whose 4-seasons as head coach at Lakeville North have resulted in a 65-33 career record. The 2009 Panthers (18-6) started the season 13-1 and climbed to the top of the state rankings after sweeping a double header at Apple Valley. The regular season would conclude with a 14-4 conference record and the right to call the team back-to-back Lake Conference champs. While the team breezed through their first two section games (and continued one of the most prolific offensive seasons in school history), the Panthers ran into some good pitching and an offensive slump when shutout in back-to-back games by the Rosemount Irish. In the elimination game, SR P Dylan Thomas threw a complete game one-hitter, but unfortunately that one hit cleared the leftfield fence and the Panthers dropped the game 1-0. Despite the disappointing conclusion, the season was an impressive one and the individual accolades were, once again, many. Team MVP P/3B **Dylan Thomas** became the school's all-time leader in home runs (16) and career wins (14). He took home All-Conference and All-State honors and appeared in the Lions All-Star Game. SR OF **Nick Altavilla** joined Thomas on All-Lake and All-State teams with a .346, 5 HR, 20 RBI season. SR OF **Ben Freitag** (.356, 2, 15) collected All-Lake and Academic All-State recognition and JR C **Zach Braun** (.427, 1.213 OPS), SR P **Collin Baker** (4-1, 2.81 ERA) and SR OF **Tyler Erstad** (.375, 2, 23) rounded out the All-Conference team. JR P **John Hayes** proved invaluable in the second half and finished with a 5-0 record and a school record 0.57 ERA. SR P **Andy Yetzer** (4-3), SR 2B **Phil Vigen** (.323) and JR 1B/3B **Tim Kuzniar** (.338) were also recognized as All-Lake Conference Honorable Mention.



C Zach Braun hit .464 in conference games in '08

FORMER PANTHERS PLAYING IN COLLEGE IN 2010

NCAA DIVISION I

Pitcher	Glenn Parker (LNHS '08)	North Dakota State University Bison
Catcher/Outfielder	Michael Kvasnicka (LNHS '07)	University of Minnesota Golden Gophers
Pitcher	Dylan Thomas (LNHS '09)	Florida- Gulf Coast University Eagles

NCAA DIVISION II

Infielder	Andrew Hansen (LHS '05)	University of Nebraska-Omaha Mavericks
Pitcher	Bret Mitchell (LNHS '07)	Minnesota State University Mavericks
Outfielder	Ryan Gothmann (LNHS '08)	University of Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs

NCAA DIVISION III

Pitcher	Collin Baker (LNHS '09)	St. John's University Johnnies
Pitcher	Josh Englund (LNHS '08)	Northwestern College Eagles
Infielder	Andrew Kappers (LNHS '06)	University of St. Thomas Tommies
Outfielder	Ben Freitag (LNHS '09)	North Central University Rams

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Outfielder	Nick Altavilla (LNHS '09)	College of Southern Idaho Golden Eagles
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NJCAA DII

Pitcher	Andy Yetzer (LNHS '09)	Iowa Central Community College Tritons
Shortstop	Nick Judkins (LNHS '08)	Iowa Central Community College Tritons
First Baseman	Nick Johnson (LNHS '08)	Iowa Central Community College Tritons

NJCAA DIII

Infielder	Evan Lucius (LNHS '06)	Dakota County Technical College Blue Knights
Pitcher	Chris Ernst (LNHS '08)	Dakota County Technical College Blue Knights
Catcher	Derek Hahn (LNHS '08)	Riverland Community College Blue Devils

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