



LAKEVILLE NORTH PANTHER BASEBALL

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2012 PANTHER MEDIA GUIDE

2012 SEASON OUTLOOK

For the fourth consecutive year, the Panther baseball team graduated exactly 10 seniors. Coach Tony Market will have another rebuilding project, but with strong Junior Varsity and Sophomore programs behind last year's Varsity team, there is some excitement about 2012's young and fast lineup. While there are plenty of unanswered questions around the diamond, the heart of the team returns with All-Conference Sr C/OF **Austin Streit** (2011's Team MVP) strapping on the catcher's gear and filling the third spot in the order again and Sr DH/1B **Adam Alexander** returning. The pitching staff returns two experienced players who both put up impressive numbers between Varsity/American Legion in 2011, Sr RHP **Joel Klinkhammer** has proved himself to be durable throwing 80 innings last year and posting respectable numbers (6W-4L, 4.11 ERA, 45 K) and Jr LHP **Jordan Jacobson** (46 IP, 5W-0L, 2.69 ERA, 37 K, only 13 BB) will look to build on his eye-popping 2011. Time will tell which newcomers are going to appear in the lineup or on the mound this season, but contributions are expected from a talented bunch of prospects including in Sr 3B **Henry Wehlage**, Sr P/1B **AJ Miller**, Jr OF/C **Zach Creighton**, Jr SS **Erik Rutt**, Jr OF **Brandon Morgan**, Jr LHP **Sam Petrick** & So P **Dalton Lehnen**. Track the Panthers 2012 season schedule and statistics at www.ihigh.com/school24770/index.html.

THE SOUTH SUBURBAN CONFERENCE



In 2010-2011, nine former Lake Conference teams created the new South Suburban Conference and added former Missota Conference member Prior Lake. Immediately, it became the state's most competitive baseball conference. The first-year conference performed remarkably well against non-conference opponents and in section playoffs, with two of the conference's teams qualifying for the large-school State Tournament, including the eventual State Champion, Burnsville High School and five of the twelve players chosen for the All-Tournament Team played in the SSC. In 2012, the South Suburban will continue to impress with college and professional prospects competing in nearly every game.

PANTHERS 2012 STARS & PROSPECTS



SR C/OF AUSTIN STREIT

2011 All-South Suburban Conference catcher and LNHS Team MVP Austin Streit has impressed the coaching staff with his consistency at the plate, leadership at the catcher position and very even demeanor in a sport that commands it. In 52 games played at Varsity/American Legion, Austin has hit .368 (63-171) with 12 doubles, 4 home runs and 45 RBI. He is smart on the bases (42 runs scored) and can swipe a base when asked. As a catcher, Austin's development has been quick—he understands his pitching staff, is a calming voice in the battery and blocks balls fearlessly.



SR RHP JOEL KLINKHAMMER

Klink is a bulldog on the mound. He eats innings (80 IP with a 6-4 record between Varsity/Legion in '11) by never overthrowing and keeps hitters off-balance with a curve and change that make his fastball seem blazing. Good command, great understanding of the game and always wants the ball.

SR 1B ADAM ALEXANDER

Long levers and a sweet left-handed swing with gap-to-gap power. Between Varsity & Legion in 2011, Adam had 37 hits, 18 of them for extra bases. Hitting in the 2nd spot for much of 2011, Adam will likely move to more of a run producing slot in 2012, as someone who understands the team game and the team goals.

JR OF/C ZACH CREIGHTON

A gifted all-around athlete, this 3-sport competitor can do a bit of everything on the diamond. Along with the outfield and catcher, Zach has logged time at SS and 2B and can flat out hit. Quick hands and incredible patience has him hitting line drives to all fields. Hit .292 with 12 XBH in '11 Legion.

JR OF BRANDON MORGAN

If the Panthers have a "5-tool" player, it's Brandon Morgan. An incredibly fast player (in field and on base), Brandon can cover acres in centerfield and has a gun for an arm. He can play small ball at the plate or hit for power. In limited time for Legion in '11, he scored runs at a frenetic pace.

2011 SEASON RECAP

Another season is in the books for the Panthers and Coach Tony Market, whose six seasons as head coach at Lakeville North have resulted in a 89-52 career record. The 2010 Panthers (12-10) were 10-7 in the Lake Conference- good enough for a fourth place finish in the 10-team conference. The statistics reflect another successful season both offensively and on the mound, as the team compiled a .292 batting average and a 3.72 ERA, but found deficiencies during the season as team defense (a 7-year high in errors) and a loss of control on the mound (team records in hit batsmen and wild pitches) cost them a couple key games. Season play began with a brilliant pitching performance by **Sr Tyler Brekke** (complete game 11-1 win) assisted by a home run and five RBI from 2011 Team MVP **Jr Austin Streit**. But what followed was a disappointing 7-1 loss to St. Thomas Academy, where the Panthers threatened *every* inning but only scratched one run across. The team showed progress throughout the year and the individual accolades were, once again, many. **Jr C Austin Streit** led the team in average, hits, runs, HRs and RBI on his way to being named Team MVP and All-Conference. Three members of the pitching staff were also named All-Conference including **Sr OF/RHP Bret Piekarski**, who went 4W-0L on the mound and hit .352 as the #5 hitter in the lineup all season, **Sr RHP AJ Moore**, who posted an ERA of 2.46 and held opponents to a .127 BA with 56 strikeouts, and **Sr RHP/OF Tyler Brekke** (5-3, 4.01, 5 CG) was 2011's most consistent performer before taking his skills to DII Concordia (St. Paul). **Sr SS Gordon Kappers** (.324, only 5 K in 86 PA), **Sr 1B Travis Evanson** (.282, 15 RBI) and **Sr OF Evan Cordell** (.357, 10 RBI) were all named All-Conference Honorable Mention.

FORMER PANTHERS PLAYING IN 2011-2012

PROFESSIONAL

Infielder	Michael Kvasnicka (LNHS '07)	Houston Astros (A- Lexington Legends)
Pitcher	Bret Mitchell (LNHS '07)	New York Mets (A- Brooklyn Cyclones)

NCAA DIVISION I

Infielder	Nick Judkins (LNHS '08)	Creighton University Blue Jays
Infielder	Nick Johnson (LNHS '08)	Bethune-Cookman University Wildcats
Pitcher	Glenn Parker (LNHS '08)	North Dakota State University Bison
Outfielder	Nick Altavilla (LNHS '09)	North Dakota State University Bison

NCAA DIVISION II

Catcher	Zach Braun (LNHS '10)	Bemidji State University Beavers
Pitcher	Tyler Brekke (LNHS '11)	Concordia University Golden Bears
Pitcher	Andy Yetzer (LNHS '09)	University of Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs

NJCAA DII

Pitcher	A.J. Moore (LNHS '11)	Iowa Central Community College Tritons
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NCAA DIVISION III

Infielder/Pitcher	Dylan Thomas (LNHS '09)	University of St. Thomas Tommies
Outfielder	Tim Kuzniar (LNHS '10)	University of St. Thomas Tommies
Pitcher	John Hayes (LNHS '10)	University of St. Thomas Tommies
Outfielder	Ben Freitag (LNHS '09)	North Central University Rams
Infielder	Gordon Kappers (LNHS '11)	Augsburg College Auggies
Catcher	Derek Hahn (LNHS '08)	Presentation College (SD) Saints
Infielder	T.J. Evanson (LNHS '11)	University of Wisconsin-Superior Yellow Jackets
Infielder	Nick Kulla (LNHS '10)	St. Olaf College Oles
Outfielder	Evan Cordell (LNHS '11)	Hamline University Pipers
Infielder	Alex Hanneman (LNHS '11)	Carroll University (WI) Pioneers

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