



LAKEVILLE NORTH PANTHER BASEBALL

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MN State Champs 2005 MN State Runner-up 2000 MN State Consolation Champs 2013
Section AAA Champs 2000, 2005, 2013 Conference Champs 1999, 2008, 2009, 2013

2014 PANTHER MEDIA GUIDE

2014 SEASON OUTLOOK

Seven alumni from last year's LNHS State Tournament baseball team (21-5) will be playing in college this year, which could lead one to believe it is a rebuilding year for the program. Don't sell the Panthers short, however, as they return the bulk of a hard-throwing pitching staff and most of the defensive stalwarts up the middle from last year's club. While there are a few unanswered questions around the diamond, a strong defensive middle remains including SR C **Ben Jensen** (*signed with NAIA Grand View University*), All-Conference centerfielder and leadoff hitter SR **A.J. Sayer** (.346, .463 OBA, 25 R) and JR SS **Angelo Altavilla** (.281, .449 OBA, 19 RBI). Pioneer Press All-Metro pick SR **Dalton Lehnen** (.410, 4 HR, 20 RBI) will likely anchor the lineup from the clean-up spot for a third year. The pitching staff brings back almost all of its key pieces, returning 14 wins and 4 saves from last year's conference and section champs. The staff ace will be SR LHP **Dalton Lehnen** (5-1, 1.64, 61 K in '13, *committed to D-I University of Cincinnati*) followed by SR RHP **Nick Dorfmann** (5-1, 1.55, 31 K), with plenty of experience out of the bullpen in SR RHP **Matt Arnold** (10 appearances, 2 saves in '13) and SR LHP **A.J. Sayer** (4-0, 1.40, 16 K). SR 1B **Nick Oblak** (.329 in 25 Legion games) will return to varsity as well, certain to be joined by a host of young prospects to fill out the 2014 roster.

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. In just **three years**, the conference has had four different programs qualify for the large-school State Tournament, successfully won two state championships, placed 10 players on the All-State Tournament Team and had 16 players awarded All-State honors from the state coaches association. In 2014, the South Suburban will continue to cement its reputation as the best baseball conference in the state with college and professional prospects competing in every game.

PANTHERS 2014 STARS & PROSPECTS

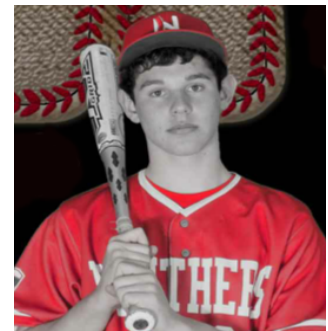


SR OF A. J. SAYER

Sayer will return to centerfield in 2014, a spot where he can show off his impressive speed. AJ was All-South Suburban in 2013 as he posted insane numbers from the leadoff spot hitting .346 with a .463 OBA. He has a discerning eye at the plate and loves to see a few pitches before spraying the ball around the field. He led the team with 11 doubles (8 with a 2-strike count) and scored 25 runs.

SR RHP NICK DORFMANN

Dorfmann was a surprise big-game pitcher for the Panthers after filling in brilliantly for an injured senior. He became a big reason for the team's trip to State with his low 80s fastball (with movement), hard-breaking curve, and tempting change-up. He posted a 5-1 record (4 CGs) with a 1.55 ERA, 0.98 WHIP and a .224 BAA. In 41 innings, Dorfmann walked only 6 and allowed only 33 hits.



JR SS ANGELO ALTAVILLA

It is pretty rare that LNHS has a sophomore starting at shortstop (the last 2 went on to play at Creighton & Nebraska-Omaha). Angelo could easily follow them to big-time college baseball as his skills are developing rapidly. Angelo has amazing hands & solid footwork in the field and, as an added bonus, is a very capable switch-hitter- hitting .281 while finishing 4th on the team in RBI (19) in 2013.

SR LHP/1B/DH DALTON LEHNEN

Our returning Team MVP will find himself hitting cleanup for the 3rd consecutive year. While a monster at the plate (.410, 4 HR, 20 RBI), Dalton's time on the mound is where he shows the most value. Clocked in the high-80s with trust in all his pitches on any count, the lefty was 5-1 with a 1.64 ERA and 61 Ks in 45 IP. Add an American Legion ERA of 0.88 in '13 and you understand all the D1 interest.



2013 SEASON RECAP

Another successful season is in the books for the Panthers and Coach Tony Market, whose eight seasons as head coach at Lakeville North have resulted in a 126-64 career record. The 2013 Panthers (21-5) went 14-3 in the regular season and were named South Suburban Conference champions. Ranked #3 in the final coaches' poll of the season, the Panthers soon took the Section 3AAA Championship by beating Burnsville twice (by scores of 2-1 and 2-1) and headed to the MN large-school State Tournament for the first time since 2005. Team statistics reflect an amazing season both offensively and on the mound, as the team compiled a .332 batting average and scored over 6 runs per game; more than enough support for a staff with a 2.31 ERA and 5 shutouts. The State Tournament started with a disappointing 3-2 loss to outstate RICORI before the team returned in the consolation bracket to dismantle Rochester Mayo 6-3 and Forest Lake 9-1 and took home the State Consolation hardware. Sr OF **Zach Creighton** was named All-State Tournament for his 3-3, 3 RBI performance in the Consolation Championship and Sr P **Jordan Jacobson** (6-3, 3.15) topped off the Panthers successful season by pitching in the Minnesota All-Star Series the following weekend.

Jr LHP/1B/DH **Dalton Lehnen** (.410, 4 HR, 20 RBI, 5-1, 1.64 ERA, 61 K) was named Team MVP, All-Conference, All-Section 3AAA and All-Metro for his impressive season at the plate and on the mound. He was joined on the All-South Suburban team by **Jacobson, Creighton** (.337, 17 RBI), Jr OF/P **A. J. Sayer** (.346, 25 R, 4-0, 1.40 ERA) and Sr 3B **Connor Christenson** (.370, 20 R, 11 RBI). **Christenson** was also named to the All-State Academic team while the team's 3.4 GPA led to being named an All-Academic GOLD team for the first time in Coach Market's tenure. Rounding out the honors, Sr 1B **Erik Rutt** (.400, 20 RBI) was named All-Conference Honorable Mention along with Sr OF **Brandon Morgan** (.333, 28 R, 21 RBI) and Jr RHP **Nick Dorfmann** (5-1, 1.55), who were both named to the All-Section 3AAA team as well.

FORMER PANTHERS PLAYING IN 2014

Professional

Infielder	Michael Kvasnicka ('07)	Minnesota Twins (Adv A- Ft Myers Miracle)
Pitcher	Bret Mitchell ('07)	New York Mets (Adv A- St Lucie Mets)
Pitcher	Dylan Thomas ('09)	St. Paul Saints (Independent)

NCAA Division II

Catcher	Zach Braun ('10)	Bemidji State University Beavers
Infielder	Jake Braun ('13)	Bemidji State University Beavers
Pitcher	Tyler Brekke ('11)	Concordia University Golden Bears
Pitcher	AJ Moore ('11)	Concordia University Golden Bears
Pitcher	John Hayes ('10)	Concordia University Golden Bears

NCAA Division III

Outfielder	Tim Kuzniar ('10)	University of St. Thomas Tommies
Catcher/Outfielder	Austin Streit ('12)	University of St. Thomas Tommies
Infielder	Adam Alexander ('12)	St. Olaf College Oles
Infielder	Nick Kulla ('10)	St. Olaf College Oles
Outfielder	Evan Cordell ('11)	Hamline University Pipers
Pitcher	Sam Petrick ('13)	Hamline University Pipers
Outfielder	Neil Engler ('12)	Gustavus Adolphus College Gusties
Infielder	Erik Rutt ('13)	St. John's University Johnnies
Infielder	Gordon Kappers ('11)	Augsburg College Auggies
Outfielder	Zach Creighton ('13)	Carleton University Knights
Infielder	T.J. Evanson ('11)	University of Wisconsin-Superior Yellow Jackets
Infielder	Connor Christenson ('13)	St. Mary's University Cardinals

NJCAA Divisions I & II

Pitcher	Jordan Jacobson ('13)	Iowa Central Community College Tritons
Pitcher	Joel Klinkhammer ('12)	Dakota County Technical College Blue Knights
Outfielder	Brandon Morgan ('13)	Iowa Western Community College Reivers

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