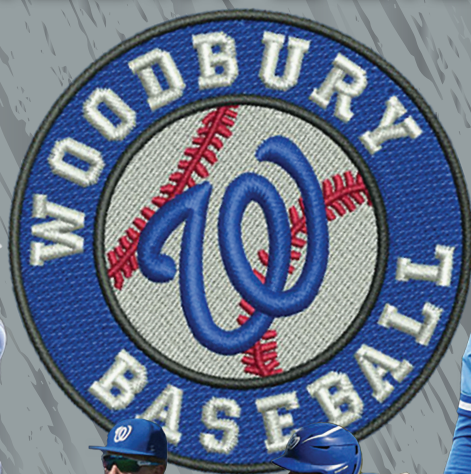


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WELCOME LETTER FROM THE HEAD COACH



On behalf of the Woodbury High School Baseball Staff, we would like to welcome you to the 2023 baseball season. The staff and players are very excited to write another chapter of Royals Baseball. This year's group is once again chasing greatness and looking forward to building on the foundation and traditions set by those who have come before us. It is our goal to make everyone associated with Woodbury Baseball proud, not only of our accomplishments on the field, but also of what we do in the classroom and in our community.

Our players and program have so much to be proud of. It is with that pride that our players will strive everyday to be the best that they can be; on every pitch, every play, every practice, and every day on and off the field. We hope our core values of family, positive energy, and grit; along with our preparation and determination will help us compete at our highest level each and every day.

To those who have supported us in the past and to those who are supporting us now, to our sponsors, our community, our administration, our families and friends, we say THANK YOU! We would not be here if it weren't for you.

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Kevin McDermott

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MEET THE COACHES



KEVIN MCDERMOTT

VARSITY HEAD BASEBALL COACH

Coach McDermott was a 1994 graduate of Burnsville High School and went on to attend Viterbo University. While at Viterbo he played 2B/3B and helped lead the V-Hawks to their first ever NAIA Midwest Regional in 1998. At the completion of his playing career at Viterbo he served as an Assistant Coach/ Recruiting Coordinator for his alma mater from 1999-2001 where the team made a second appearance in an NAIA Regional. After leaving Viterbo he spent 2 seasons as part of the Baseball staff at the University of Illinois at Chicago helping the Flames reach their first ever NCAA Tournament in the 2003 Stanford Regional. Rounding out McDermott's baseball experiences prior to Woodbury; he had spent 9 years as a lead instructor at the University of Minnesota Baseball Instructional School, 2 years as the Head Coach of the Burnsville Cobras American Legion Baseball team, 1 summer as an assistant with the Mankato Mashers of the Northwoods League, and was an assistant coach for the USA Baseball Tournament of Stars in 2003 where he

coached 3 MLB first round draft picks, including former Major League players Billy Butler and J.P. Arencibia. In the 2003-04 school year McDermott landed a Social Studies/Physical Education teaching job in Woodbury and began as an assistant coach for the Royals, helping lead the team to its first ever MSHSL State Tournament that year and advancing to the state finals before finishing runner up. In the 2008 season he became Co-Head Coach of the Royals and from 2009-Present has been the Head Coach of the Royals Baseball program. In 2016 the Royals reached their second ever state tournament and finished 3rd and in 2017 they reached their 3rd state tournament and finished 4th place. The Royals have advanced to the final 3 in section play 6 out of the last 7 seasons and in the 2022 season McDermott collected his 200th win as the Head Coach of the Royals. McDermott currently resides in Rosemount with his wife Kelly, and four children Ireland (14), Keagan (12), Kinley (10), and Kal (8).

MEET THE COACHES



JUSTIN FELDKAMP

ASSISTANT VARSITY COACH

Coach Feldkamp is a 2003 graduate of Woodbury High School and the Royals Baseball Program, playing under legendary head coach Wayne Dietz. Justin played his collegiate baseball at Augustana University where he graduated in 2007. He was the head coach of the Woodbury Legion baseball program from 2007-2011, and has coached within the Woodbury High School program since 2008. Feldkamp has served as the Varsity 3rd base coach and IF/OF defense coach since 2014. Coach Feldkamp's extensive knowledge, work ethic and energy are contagious and he has been a huge part of the Royals program growth and successes and a vital piece to our 2016 and 2017 State Tournament teams and our continued yearly successes. Justin is a Physical Education/DAPE teacher at Cottage Grove Middle School; and lives in Denmark Township with his wife Abbey and 3 kids, Lucy (12), and Tate (10), and Margo (5).

Coach McDermott's Thoughts on Justin: "Coach Feldkamp brings a tremendous amount of pride, dedication, and positive energy to the WHS Baseball Program. He does a great job working with our kids on both the physical pieces of the game, but more importantly on the mental side of the game."



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MEET THE COACHES



NICK BENTLEY

VARSITY PITCHING COACH

Nick is a 2014 graduate of Woodbury High School. Nick was a 2 year varsity letter winner and in over 50 innings pitched he boasts a lifetime ERA of 1.64 as a RHP for the Royals! After WHS he went on to play 2 seasons at Dakota County Technical College helping lead the Blue Knights to a Regional Championship in 2016. From DCTC,

Nick was recruited by Grand View University (Des Moines, IA) where he played his final 2 years of collegiate baseball and received his bachelors degree in Human Services in 2019. Nick came back to WHS in 2022 and served as our JV assistant coach/pitching coach and will begin his first year as our Varsity Pitching Coach this year, taking over for long time Pitching Coach Ben Johnson. Nick currently lives with his fiancé in Woodbury and works as a Behavioral specialist Para at Hilltop Elementary in Inver Grove Heights.

Coach McDermott's Thoughts on Nick: *"We are so lucky to have Nick back in a Woodbury uniform as our pitching coach. He brings a tremendous amount of pride in being a Royal along with a great example of work ethic and leadership for our players. On top of that he has a great understanding of what it takes to be a great pitcher both physically and mentally and has the ability to deliver that message to our players."*



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RYAN KNUTSON

JV HEAD COACH / VARSITY ASSISTANT COACH

Ryan Knutson graduated from Prairie Farm, WI High school in 1994. He was a three time all conference pick and All-Northwest as senior. He left having the school record batting average(.521) in 1994, and he was also an All-conference basketball and All-state football player. Went to UW-Eau Claire and Winona State. Ryan has

played with the Durand Mustangs, Elmwood Expos, and Ellsworth Hubbers of the St. Croix Valley League as a catcher since his college days. He coached baseball for U-14 and U-15 AAA WYAL teams in 2001-2002, and currently coaches his sons ERAA teams during the summer months. Coach Knutson has coached Football and Basketball in the Woodbury programs since 2000. In 2013 Coach Knutson joined the WHS baseball staff and has been a huge addition as our head JV Coach and a Varsity Assistant Coach. He lives in Woodbury with his wife, Shannon and two children, Ava (17) and Parker (14).

Coach McDermott's Thoughts on Ryan: "Coach Knutson has been a great addition to our WHS staff. Ryan brings positive energy and does a great job of getting the best out of players, in turn making them better people and players in the process. Kids love playing for Coach Knutson and he does a great job working with our catchers and as our head JV coach and Varsity assistant."

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MEET THE COACHES



WES BOLIN

10TH GRADE COACH

Coach Bolin grew up at Bryn Mawr Park in Minneapolis and played high school hockey at Minneapolis West under MHCA Hall of Fame coach Jim Baxter, graduating in 1978. He played college hockey at Wisconsin-Eau Claire, graduating in 1983, and earned a master's degree in teacher development from Marian College in 1994. Coach Bolin

joined the the WHS Baseball staff in 2017 as the head sophomore coach, and has been the head hockey coach for the Royals since 2005, leading that program to it's first ever state tournaments in back to back seasons. His attention to detail and ability to connect with kids and get them to achieve at a high level has been a huge asset to the Royals baseball program.

Wes has been married to his wife, Patty, for more than 30 years. They have two daughters, Heidi, and Lindsey. In addition to coaching baseball and hockey at Woodbury High School he teaches social studies.

Coach McDermott's Thoughts on Wes: *"We are so lucky to have Wes as our Sophomore baseball coach. Not only does Wes have a lot of experience with the game of baseball, but more importantly he has great overall experience coaching and leading kids. Wes is highly organized, pays great attention to detail, and knows how to motivate and develop players as competitors and people."*



TIM KIEMEL

9TH GRADE COACH

Tim is a 1982 graduate of Woodbury High School and the Royals Baseball Program. In 1982 Kiemel was an All Conference player and also selected to the Lion's All Star Series. Tim has followed in his father's footsteps as he was the head coach of Harding High School for 38 years and is a MSHSBCA Hall of Famer. Tim has 27 years of baseball coaching experience himself, mainly as an assistant coach at Park High School. Coach Kiemel came back to his alma mater and joined the Royals coaching staff in 2016 as the 9th grade Head Coach. Tim is currently a Physical Education teacher at Lake Middle School.

Coach McDermott's Thoughts on Tim: *"We are very excited to welcome Tim back home to WHS and our baseball program. His wealth of experience and knowledge in the game of baseball has been a huge asset to our 9th graders and our WHS program overall."*

MEET THE COACHES



DAVE PETERS

9B COACH

Dave is a graduate of Stillwater High School and went onto graduate from MN State-Mankato University and The Creative Circus in Atlanta, GA. He joined the WHS Coaching staff in 2022 as our 9B coach. Coach Peters has been a youth leader for two decades, regularly completing continuing education courses to improve area youth programs.

Dave caught baseball fever in 2006 and has been coaching in Woodbury ever since. He has experience in the In-house, Traveling and Fall Ball programs. Coach Peters' philosophy to baseball is simple and effective, "do the little things right and the big things will take care of themselves." In 2022 Dave joined our WHS Baseball coaching staff as our 9B coach.

Coach McDermott's Thoughts on Dave: *"We are very lucky to have Dave on board as our 9B coach. He has a great passion for the game of baseball, but most importantly he has a passion and an ability to impact kids to become better and more successful people in life."*



VARSITY/JV

ROSTER



#	NAME	GRADE	POSITION
1	Adam Wall	12	OF/P
2	Jack Huberty	12	OF
3	Kamdon Carlson	12	OF/C
4	Carter Klein	12	IF
5	Ben Giliuson	10	IF/OF/P
6	Evan Crandall	10	IF
7	Max Belak	11	OF
8	George Bjellos	11	P/3B
9	Patrick Healy	12	IF
10	Jake Hawksford	12	2B
11	Lucas McNellis	11	1B/C/P
12	Evan Prokopec	12	P/1B
13	Will Haugen	10	IF/P
14	Lucas Paulson	12	OF
15	Thomas Prestine	12	P
16	JJ Minor	12	P/C
17	Jace Larson	12	P
18	Cole Shaback	12	P/3B
20	Dan Clysdale	11	IF
21	Tommy Dittrich	10	OF
22	Tommy Kroohn	11	P/OF/1B
23	Joey Moeller	12	C/OF
26	Jackson Kleinheinz	11	IF/P
28	Henry Sticha	11	OF
29	Zack Davis	11	C
31	Joseph McGarry	11	RHP
32	TJ Richter	11	P/3B
34	Jimmy Vrtis	11	IF
35	Adam Winter	11	1B/OF
36	Peter Englesrud	11	1B
37	Gavin Dahl	10	LHP/1B
MGR	Kalia Helgeson	12	-
MGR	Tanya Luniewski	12	-
MGR	Jack Carlson	9	-



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2 > **JACK HUBERTY**



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4 > **CARTER KLEIN**



5 > **BEN GILIUSON**



6 > **EVAN CRANDALL**



7 > **MAX BELAK**



8 > **GEORGE BJELLOS**



9 > **PATRICK HEALY**



10 > **JAKE HAWKSFORD**



11 > **LUCAS MCNELLIS**



12 > **EVAN PROKOPEC**



13 > **WILL HAUGEN**



14 > **LUCAS PAULSON**



15 > **THOMAS PRESTINE**



16 > **JJ MINOR**



VARSITY/JV ROYALS



17 JACE LARSON



18 COLE SHABACK



20 DAN CLYSDALE



21 TOMMY DITTRICH



22 TOMMY KROOHN



23 JOEY MOELLER



26 JACKSON KLEINHEINZ



28 HENRY STICHA



29 ZACK DAVIS



31 JOSEPH MCGARRY



32 TJ RICHTER



34 JIMMY VRTIS



35 ADAM WINTER



36 PETER ENGLERUD



37 GAVIN DAHL

SCHEDULE

VARSITY



ROYALS

DATE	OPPONENT	HOME/AWAY	TIME
4/6	Hastings	AWAY	6:30 PM
4/10	Forest Lake	HOME	4:30 PM
4/12	Mounds View	AWAY	4:30 PM
4/14	Irondale	HOME	4:30 PM
4/17	White Bear Lake	AWAY	4:30 PM
4/19	Park	HOME	4:30 PM
4/21	Stillwater	HOME	4:30 PM
4/24	East Ridge	AWAY	4:30 PM
4/26	Cretin-Derham	HOME	4:30 PM
4/28	Roseville	AWAY	4:30 PM
5/1	Forest Lake	AWAY	4:30 PM
5/3	Mounds View	HOME	4:30 PM
5/5	Irondale	AWAY	4:30 PM
5/8	White Bear Lake	HOME	4:30 PM
5/10	Park	AWAY	4:30 PM
5/12	Stillwater	AWAY	4:30 PM
5/15	East Ridge	HOME	4:30 PM
5/17	Cretin-Derham	AWAY	4:30 PM
5/19	Roseville	HOME	4:30 PM
5/22	St. Paul Central	HOME	4:30 PM



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JV



ROYALS

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4/6	Hastings	AWAY	4:15 PM
4/11	Forest Lake	AWAY	4:15 PM
4/13	Mounds View	HOME	4:15 PM
4/14	Irondale	AWAY	4:15 PM
4/18	White Bear Lake	HOME	4:15 PM
4/20	Park	AWAY	4:15 PM
4/21	Stillwater	AWAY	4:15 PM
4/25	East Ridge	HOME	4:15 PM
4/27	Cretin-Derham	AWAY	4:15 PM
4/28	Roseville	HOME	4:15 PM
5/2	Forest Lake	HOME	4:15 PM
5/4	Mounds View	AWAY	4:15 PM
5/5	Irondale	HOME	4:15 PM
5/9	White Bear Lake	AWAY	4:15 PM
5/11	Park	HOME	4:15 PM
5/12	Stillwater	HOME	4:15 PM
5/16	East Ridge	AWAY	4:15 PM
5/18	Cretin-Derham	HOME	4:15 PM
5/19	Roseville	AWAY	4:15 PM

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#	NAME	GRADE	POS
1	Owen Huffer	10	OF/P/1B
2	Peter Malec	10	SS/2B
3	Kaden Schultz-Kurtii	10	OF/P
4	Jack Gessner	10	P/OF
5	Matthew Hunn	10	OF/P/IF
6	Evan Crandall	10	IF
7	Evan Fuller	10	1B/C
8	Scott Frank	10	P/1B
9	Kyle Hedges	10	OF
10	Will Hansen	10	OF/C
11	Elliott Kiel	10	P/3B
12	Adam Prokopec	10	P/C/IF
13	Alex Miller	10	3B
14	Will Haugen	10	SS/P
15	Gavin Dahl	10	P/1B
21	Joshua Griffin	10	IF/P
22	Tyler LaMott	10	UTIL
23	Alex Kirchoff	10	P/1B/OF

SCHEDULE

SOPHOMORE



ROYALS

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4/6	Hastings	AWAY	4:15 PM
4/10	Forest Lake	HOME	4:15 PM
4/12	Mounds View	AWAY	4:15 PM
4/14	Irondale	HOME	4:15 PM
4/17	White Bear Lake	AWAY	4:15 PM
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5/10	Park	AWAY	4:15 PM
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5/15	East Ridge	HOME	4:15 PM
5/17	Cretin-Derham	AWAY	4:15 PM
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9A & 9B

ROSTER

#	NAME	GRADE
1	AJ Azcona	9
2	Gavin Anding	9
3	Toby Langness	9
4	Maddox Wallin	9
5	Charlie Zavadsky	9
6	Kai Larsen	9
7	Connor Heart	9
8	Nathan Johnson	9
9	Keegan Erb	9
10	Cooper Crane	9
11	Stephen Loshek	9
12	Nick Lunemann	9
13	Tyler Rogge	9
14	Joey Gerlach	9
15	Aidan Lindeman	9
16	Behruz Mehdizadeh	9
17	Luke Burton	9
18	Peyton Hittesdorf	9
19	Evan Wahls	9
20	Caiden Huber	9
22	Thomas Schneider	9
23	Mason Aspen	9
24	Matthew Markfort	9
25	Emmett Snuggerud	9
26	Gaborik Greenbaum	9
27	Landon Gott	9
28	Brayden Herrig	9
34	Aidan Varela	9

SCHEDULE

9A



ROYALS

DATE	OPPONENT	HOME/AWAY	TIME
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4/11	Forest Lake	AWAY	4:15 PM
4/13	Mound View	HOME	4:15 PM
4/14	Irondale	AWAY	4:15 PM
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5/11	Park	HOME	4:15 PM
5/12	Stillwater	HOME	4:15 PM
5/16	East Ridge	AWAY	4:15 PM
5/18	Cretin Derham	HOME	4:15 PM
5/19	Roseville	AWAY	4:15 PM
5/22	Hudson	HOME	4:30 PM

SCHEDULE

9B



ROYALS

DATE	OPPONENT	HOME/AWAY	TIME
4/10	STA	AWAY	4:15 PM
4/13	St. Croix Prep	AWAY	4:30 PM
4/20	Tartan	HOME	4:30 PM
4/21	Stillwater	AWAY	4:15 PM
4/25	East Ridge	HOME	4:15 PM
4/27	St. Croix Prep	HOME	4:30 PM
5/2	Two Rivers	AWAY	4:15 PM
5/4	STA	HOME	4:15 PM
5/9	Hudson	AWAY	4:30 PM
5/12	Stillwater	HOME	4:15 PM
5/16	East Ridge	AWAY	4:15 PM
5/18	Tartan	AWAY	4:15 PM
5/22	St. Paul Prep	HOME	4:30 PM

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PAST ROYALS IN PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL

GRAD YEAR	PLAYER NAME	TEAM	YRS IN PRO BALL
2012	Ryan Fritze	Arizona Diamondbacks/ Sioux Falls Canaries	2017-2019
2017	May Meyer	Miami Marlins (1st Round - 3 Overall)	2020-Present
2017	Brodie Paulson	Missoula Paddleheads	2022-Present
2019	Adam Mazur	San Diego Padres (2nd round)	2022-Present



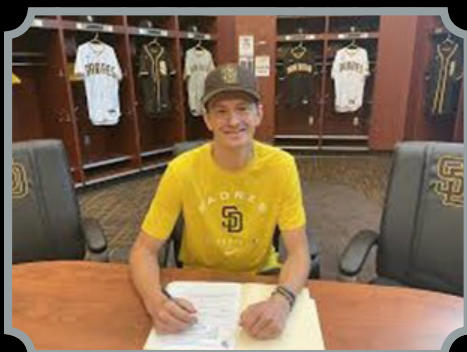
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ROYALS IN COLLEGIATE BASEBALL

GRAD YEAR	PLAYER NAME	COLLEGE
2020	Brock Rinehart	Grand View University
2020	Rodney Erickson	St. John's University
2020	Quinn Krueger	St. John's University
2020	Jonathan Horn	Grand View University
2021	Josh Hawksford	Winona State University
2021	Sam Malec	University of Minnesota
2021	Reiss Calvin	University of California-Santa Barbara
2021	Joey Meurer	University of Sioux Falls
2022	Pierce Gritzmaker	Winona State University
2022	Nolan Drossel	University of Sioux Falls
2022	Cole Erickson	Quincy University

DIVISION 1 COLLEGIATE PLAYERS IN SCHOOL HISTORY

GRAD YEAR	PLAYER NAME	COLLEGE
1998	Jay Swansson	Butler University
1999	Ryan Lundervold	Butler University
2005	Tyler Kipke	Central Michigan University
2010	Colin Keefe	Penn State University
2012	Ryan Fritze	Valparaiso University
2016	Sebastian Holte-Mancera	University of Maryland
2017	Max Meyer	University of Minnesota
2017	Ronnie Sweeny	University of Minnesota
2019	Adam Mazur	University of Iowa
2020	Brock Rinehart	South Dakota State University
2021	Sam Malec	University of Minnesota
2021	Reiss Calvin	University of California-Santa Barbara

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YEAR	RESULT
2004	2nd Place
2016	3rd Place
2017	4th Place

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TEAM HISTORY

QUALITY AT BAT CHAMPS

YEAR	PLAYER NAME	PERCENTAGE
2014	Logan Welch	71%
2015	Nick Gehrt	65%
2016	Ronnie Sweeny	79%
2017	Max Meyer & Ronnie Sweeny	64%
2018	Rodney Erickson	59%
2019	Brock Rinehart	68%
2020	COVID-19	N/A
2021	Cole Erickson	68%
2022	Pierce Gritzmaker	73%

1ST PITCH STRIKE CHAMP

YEAR	PLAYER NAME	PERCENTAGE
2014	Ben Meyer	64%
2015	Jake Dickmeyer	68%
2016	Max Meyer	60%
2017	Max Meyer	65%
2018	Max Rode	65%
2019	Riley Frisk & Adam Mazur	64%
2020	COVID-19	N/A
2021	Justin Danley	63%
2022	Pierce Gritzmaker	70%



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