

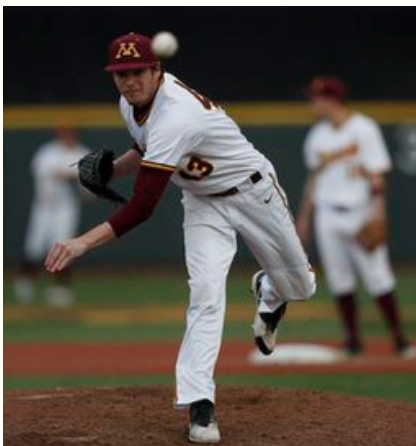


BLIZZARD

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DATES TO SAVE



Blizzard Coach Ryan Duffy (Free-Agent) pitches for Gophers



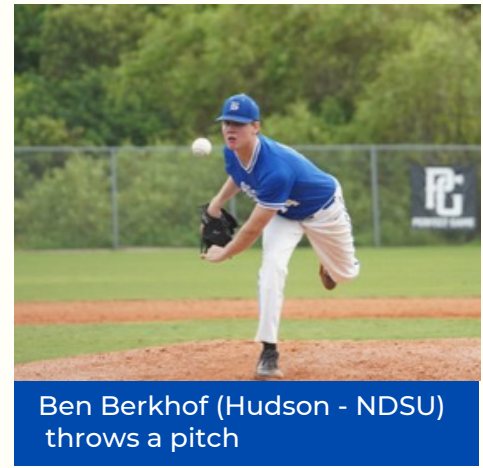
Isaac Morton (Spring Lake Park - Texas A&M Commit) shines at Pro-Day

BLIZZARD PRO-DAY RECAP

ON SATURDAY, March 4th several of the top young arms, as well as a few hitters showed up at Blizzard Facility in Vadnais Heights for Pro Scout Day. In addition to Blizzard players, MASH, Lumberjacks, NorthStar, free agents and others were represented at the event. Juniors, Hunter Carlson (Hudson – Uncommitted) and Drew Rogers (Mounds View – Georgia Tech Commit) both hit for the scouts and assumed catching duties for the remainder of the session. Blizzard coach and former Golden Gopher Ryan Duffy (free agent) kicked off the pitching portion of the day. Duffy consistently sat 88-89 from the left side with nasty movement, not to mention electric off-speed. Blizzard Junior Tyler Guerin (Mounds View – Iowa) and senior's Ian Regal (Rochester Mayo – Nebraska), AJ Rasmussen (Delano – Washington State), Ben Berkhof (Hudson – NDSU), Brayden Olson (St. Croix Falls – Purdue) and Isaac Morton (Spring Lake Park – Texas A&M) all threw for the scouts. Guerin was impressive as he was one of five hitters to take swings and had arguably the best rounds with consistent barrels in every round. The pressure of performing in such an event was no match for Guerin as he carried the momentum from hitting right into his bullpen where he reached 92.2 mph on the mound throwing to his Mounds -

tview teammate Rogers. As he walked out of the cage all his buddies ran up to him and you could feel the excitement as they let him know what he hit. The boys were all genuinely cheering for each other throughout the event.

AJ looked like he just came from making snow angels in the parking lot as he was dressed in all white (shirt/leggings) with light gray shorts. He worked pin-point control while hitting 88-89. Lefties, Berkhof (coming off a 19 point basketball performance for Hudson the night before) had a solid outing on the mound as well as Regal. The final two arms to throw were Morton and Olson. Morton wasted little time in lighting up the gun as the first pitch he threw registered 96 mph on several of the scout's guns. Isaac worked his tail off throughout the off-season to prepare for his final season in Minnesota. As coach Sanchez indicated he was consistently at the facility getting his work in and "did things the right way".



Ben Berkhof (Hudson - NDSU)
throws a pitch

Following Morton was high energy Olson as he was the last arm to throw. He was rocking a fresh mullet haircut for the upcoming season in St. Croix Falls where his team is ranked no. 1 in Wisconsin Division 3. Brayden was consistently 92-93 and touched 93.7. He had good movement on his pitches and commanded the fastball. I was able to sit with Brayden following the session as he cooled down. We were discussing one of the four free agents that threw 95. I made the comment, "can you believe that guy doesn't have a home". For a visual reference the second free agent that three had the build of Nolan Syndergaard. What Brayden said really hit hard as it shows you how in-tune these kids are, "that's how hard it is". Think about that, instead of being complacent with his showing he has the frame of mind to want more. The pressure players experience at the highest levels is unlike anything you can imagine. As fans we all watch MLB and these larger-than-life figures but the grinders trying to make it to that stage or simply remain a part of the game is what can truly get the emotions going. These young men want it so bad but at the same time realize how hard the game truly is. Hopefully they all have long careers and only time will tell but as a true fan of the game I will be there following the action and their respective journeys! Thank you to all the scouts that came out!

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Scouts and players look on at Blizzard Pro Day

12U-14U HEAD TO ARIZONA MARCH 22ND!

Minnesota, the land of 10,000 lakes and a whole lot of snow! In typical March fashion a significant snow fall hit the pavement last night in what feels like another winter that does not end. Luckily for our youth teams they will head south in twelve days to sunny Arizona for the West Coast Premier six game guarantee Spring Training event. The three divisions (12/13/14U) the boys will be competing in consist of 82 teams from all over the US and Canada. On Thursday, March 23rd the boys will compete in a couple exhibition games prior to the start of the tournament. This will allow some valuable repetitions both at the plate and in the field prior to the start of the tournament on Friday, March 24th. The expectations are high as the youth teams captured multiple championships in 2022 in both the 14U/13U divisions.

~ Tournament recap will be provided at the conclusion of the tournament! ~

Arizona Spring Training
March 23-26, 2023 (Mesa, Gilbert, Chandler, AZ)

12U Roster

Owen Brookins
Connor Flanagan
Vinny Cогnetta
Noah Scott
Miles Tomaszewski
Soren Lillegard
Hank Appert
Cash Gray
Kelton Foster
Zach Murphy
Grady Schultz
Jayce Johnson

Coach Barta
Coach Albers

13U Roster

Lincoln Chandler
Jay Mound
Ryder Tri
Sam VonBank
Vinny Bohle
Noah Riegelman
Parker Reckin
Bowen Jarombeck
Carter Daluge
Dom Pettman
Zariel Gonzalez

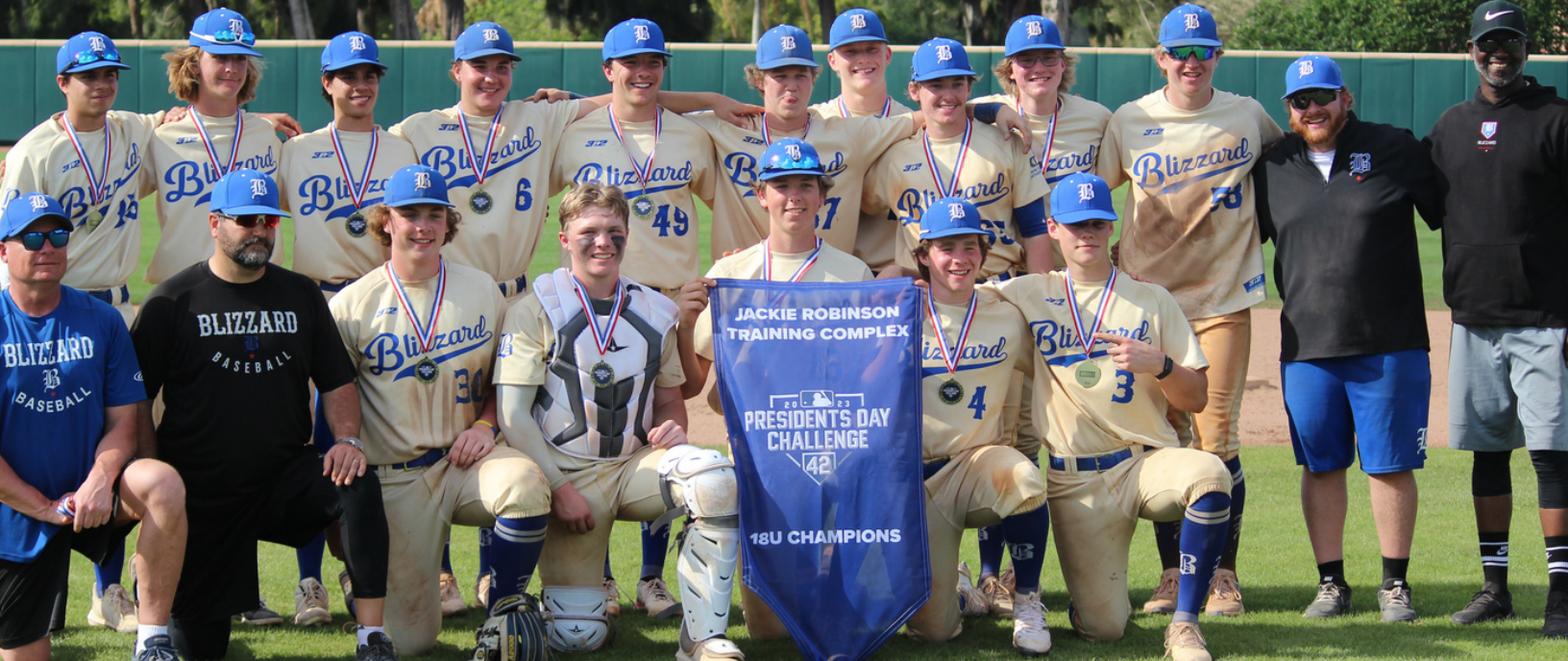
Coach Jesse "JT"
Coach Kellen

14U Roster

Aiden Connelly
Anthony Brown
Brady Keane
Brett McInnis
Cade Hamilton
Gavin Iverson
Jackson Kolb
Kason Nuehring
Max Perkins
Oscar Waisanen
RJ Madison
Silas Nelson
Zachary Bostrom

Coach Sanchez
Coach Eddie

GOOD LUCK BOYS!!!



If you are looking to enhance your mental game, the Blizzard Program is now offering a new MENTAL PERFORMANCE aspect. Contact Cole Albers for more info cole@minnesotabaseballacademy.com

If you are in the need of some one on one lessons via hitting, pitching, catching do not hesitate to reach out to coach Bryan Sanchez to coordinate - bryan@minnesotabaseballacademy.com



Important Dates

March 19TH
9U-14U SPRING
PRACTICES START

March 23-26th
WCP AZ SPRING
TRAINING TOURNAMENT
(12U-14U)

April 16th
END OF YEAR
CELEBRATION -
SHAKOPEE BOWL (FALL
ELITE PLAYERS)

April 21-23 / April 28-30
9U-14U SPRING
TOURNAMENTS IN IOWA