



# LAKEVILLE NORTH PANTHER BASEBALL

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2005 MN State Champs 2000/2015 Runners-Up 2014/2017 3<sup>rd</sup> Place 2016 4<sup>th</sup> Place 2013/2018 Consolation Section Champs 2000, 2005, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 Conference Champs 1999, 2008, 2009, 2013, 2014, 2016

## 2019 PANTHER MEDIA GUIDE

### 2019 SEASON OUTLOOK

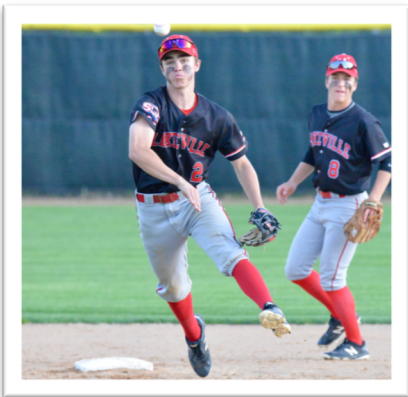
The outlook this year for Panther baseball is filled with questions due to the graduation of eleven seniors from 2018's team. The losses are monumental, but potential replacements lend optimism for 2019 as top-end players do return to the middle infield from last year's 5<sup>th</sup>-place state finisher. **Sr SS Gavin Baker** (a .331 career hitter *committed to D1 Indiana State University*) has started 53 varsity games at shortstop and been voted All-State Tournament in 2017 and twice Honorable Mention All-South Suburban Conference. Baker will provide the backbone of the defense along with double-play partner **Sr 2B Patrick Timmer** (.295 in 26 varsity starts, .488 OBA, 20 runs in '18 & *committed to NAIA Grand View University*). The Panthers pitching staff will depend on **Sr LHP Ryan Sleeper** (3-2, 3.07 in two seasons, 73 strikeouts in 43 IP and *committed to D1 University of North Carolina*) to be its ace. Additional arms are lining up to help including **Sr RHP Wes Kemming** (*committed to DIII College of St. Scholastica*) and **Sr RHP Devon Schewe** (7 IP in 2018 and *committed to JUCO Dakota County Tech*). Other returning players with varsity experience include **Sr OF Alex Tobias** (30+inn played in CF) & **Sr OF Brennan Kuebler**. While **Sr Josh Lee**, **Sr Mason Malecha** or **Jr AJ Anello** will have the unenviable task of replacing 4-year starting catcher and 2018 Metro Player of the Year Nick Juaira, many more players will be required to successfully fill the remaining gaps if the Panthers are to return for a 7<sup>th</sup> straight Minnesota State Tournament.

### THE SOUTH SUBURBAN CONFERENCE



In 2010-2011, 9 former Lake Conference teams joined Prior Lake to create the South Suburban Conference. It quickly became the state's most competitive baseball conference. In its first **8 years**, the conference has had 5 of its 10 programs qualify for the large-school MN State Tournament, produced two state champions, placed 23 players on the All-State Tournament Team and 48 received All-State honors from the MSHSBCA. With alumni currently playing for NCAA-D1 programs including Illinois, Nebraska, Oklahoma State, Memphis, Missouri, TCU & Minnesota, four alums currently in professional baseball, and current players having committed to national programs including North Carolina, Oregon St & Illinois-Chicago, the Panthers and their partner schools are looking to cement their reputation as the best baseball conference in the state in 2019 with legitimate college & professional prospects competing in every game.

## PANTHERS 2019 STARS & PROSPECTS



**Sr SS Gavin Baker (R/R)**  
*Indiana State University*

As a sophomore in 2017 plugging a hole at shortstop, all Gavin did was lead the team in batting average, provide stable defense, improve every day, and lead the Panthers to the MN State Tourney where he was named All-Tournament. As a junior, he played every inning at shortstop & hit well over .300 for a second year in a row- improving on his power numbers with 10 extra base hits & 18 RBI. As the Indiana State-commit heads into his 3<sup>rd</sup> year at SS, he'll attempt to bring LNHS its seventh straight Section Championship.



**Sr 2B Patrick Timmer (R/L)**  
*Grand View University (Iowa)*

As a junior left-handed hitting second baseman in 2018, the coaching staff hoped Patrick could bring stability to the middle infield. The payoff was an everyday player that hit nearly .300 (18 for 61), added 20 walks to reach an OBA of .488, and scored 20 runs (good enough for 3<sup>rd</sup> on the team). His glove proved more than adequate as he committed only one error in his first 20 games as a starter. In 2019, Patrick will climb into the top of the lineup and be counted on to provide experience and leadership in the infield.



**Sr LHP Ryan Sleeper (L/L)**  
*University of North Carolina*

This 6'4 senior lefty can climb the radar readings in impressive fashion. During winter training, his fastball reached 94 MPH. Add to all that velocity a swing-and-miss slider in the low 80s and you have the makings of a legitimate staff ace. In two varsity seasons, he has struck out 73 hitters in 43 innings pitched and allowed opponents to bat only .213 against him. Hardworking, dedicated, big and strong, Ryan will be the key piece on the mound to determine if he will appear in his 3<sup>rd</sup> straight state tournament in 2019.

## 2018 SEASON RECAP

Expectations were through the roof for the 2018 Lakeville North Panthers and Coach **Tony Market**, as the team was seeking a sixth consecutive trip to the Minnesota Large School State Tournament. Coach Market, whose 13 seasons as head coach at Lakeville North have yielded a 228-97 record and 6 state tournament appearances, was confident as his team returned the core of a dangerous pitching staff (with two NCAAD1 & two NCAADII commits) and the offense looked to be the most potent in years as Sr C **Nick Juaire** moved into his 4<sup>th</sup> year in the starting lineup.

The Panthers finished conference play with a 12-6 record, good enough for second place in the South Suburban Conference behind Prior Lake. The offense had clicked well in the regular season with Juaire and Sr OF **Zach Breeden** leading the way and staff ace Sr LHP **Nathaniel Peterson** was nearly unhittable winning three games, including striking out 20 in a victory against Apple Valley. But injuries took their toll as well, as the team was without two-year starter Sr P/OF **Nick Spitt** for most the season and lost Jr LHP **Ryan Sleeper** to a shoulder injury halfway through the conference schedule. Coming into the Section 1AAAA playoffs, with 15 consecutive section playoff victories (2014-2017), it didn't look like it was going to be quite as easy this time, but the Panthers went 4-0 in Sections and outscored their opponents 25-4. Peterson and Sr RHP/OF **Collin Denk** not only threw all 28 innings, giving up only 4 runs and 10 total hits, but the pair hit .565 with 13 hits of their own! Now the owners of a 19-0 record in their last 19 section playoff games, the Panthers were headed to the state tournament for the 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive year; the third longest streak ever at any level in Minnesota High School baseball history.

In game one of the state tourney, the Panthers faced #4-seeded St. Michael-Albertville. Peterson threw a 3-hit complete game and the Panthers had 8 hits in total, but as Lakeville North celebrated Jr SS **Gavin Baker** scoring the tying run in the 7th inning, the umpires signaled for interference on another runner and the game came to a heartbreaking stop down 3-2. The Panthers headed to the consolation bracket the next day and crushed conference-rival Eastview 10-0 behind Sr 3B **Jacob Grimm**'s 3-4, 4 RBI performance and Denk's third consecutive complete-game shutout (for which he was named All-State Tournament). In the consolation championship, Baker and Sr OF **Braden Walsh** gave the team a big early lead and pitchers Spitt and Sleeper coasted to an 8-3 win over Wayzata.

The pitching staff set school records for strikeouts in a season (247) and the offense for team batting average (.364) and on-base average (.438). Nick Juaire was named All-Conference, All-State and Metro Player of the Year by both Twin Cities newspapers. After hitting .500 in '18, Juaire ended his 4-year career as the all-time school leader in hits & walks. Peterson joined Juaire on the All-Conference and All-State teams with Denk & Breeden rounding out All-Conference selections. Baker, Walsh and Jr 2B **Patrick Timmer** were named Honorable Mention. For the 6th consecutive year, Coach Market's squad brought hardware home from the State Tournament. In addition to all the on-the-field accolades, Nick Juaire and Collin Denk were both named to the All-State Academic Team and, for registering a team GPA over 3.3, our varsity student-athletes earned *All-State Silver* recognition for academics.

## FORMER PANTHERS PLAYING IN COLLEGE 2019

Pitcher	Nick Dorfman ('14)	University of Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs
Infielder	Angelo Altavilla ('15)	University of Nebraska Cornhuskers
Pitcher	Brett Herber ('15)	Winona State University Warriors
Pitcher	Grant Gunderson ('15)	University of St. Thomas Tommies
Outfielder	Drew Stewart ('16)	University of Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs
Infielder	Mitch Frederick ('16)	Minnesota State University Mavericks
Pitcher	Sean Flaherty ('17)	University of Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs
Infielder	Tyler Fietek ('17)	Dakota County Tech College Blue Knights
Catcher	Peter Grassl ('17)	Dakota County Tech College Blue Knights
Pitcher	Luke DeGrammont ('17)	Concordia University Golden Bears
Pitcher	Ross Bastyr ('17)	Concordia University Golden Bears
Infielder	Ryan Bastyr ('17)	Concordia University Golden Bears
Catcher	Nick Juaire ('18)	Texas Christian University Horned Frogs
Pitcher	Nathaniel Peterson ('18)	Oklahoma State University Cowboys
Pitcher	Collin Denk ('18)	Minnesota State University Mavericks
Pitcher	Nick Spitt ('18)	Minnesota State University Mavericks
Outfielder	Zach Breeden ('18)	Southeast (NE) Community College Storm
Pitcher/DH	Tyler Rodewald ('18)	Chattanooga St. Community College Tigers
Infielder	Trevor Smrekar ('18)	Augsburg University Auggies

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# LAKEVILLE BASEBALL TEAM RECORDS

## TEAM MVPs

1989	Lou Lintereur
1990	Steve Rudd
1991/92	Nate Rasmussen
1993	Nate Rasmussen & Adam Platt
1994	Corey Fox
1995	Jason Kirsch
1996	Jeff Hartwig
1997	Andy Britten
1998	Jeremy Ancel
1999	Travis Anderson
2000	Team
2001	Ash Larson
2002	Mike Johnson
2003	Joe Bloemke
2004	Kyle Zweber
2005	David Olson
2006/07	Mike Kvasnicka
2008	Nick Judkins
2009	Dylan Thomas
2010	Ben Skelly
2011/12	Austin Streit
2013/14	Dalton Lehnen
2015	Angelo Altavilla
2017	Team
2016/18	Nick Juaire

## LHS/LNHS

### MLB DRAFT CHOICES

1993	<b>Nathan Rasmussen</b> L.A. Dodgers (52 <sup>nd</sup> Round)
2007	<b>Michael Kvasnicka</b> MN Twins (31 <sup>st</sup> Round)
2010	<b>Michael Kvasnicka</b> Houston Astros (1 <sup>st</sup> Round)
2010	<b>Bret Mitchell</b> NY Mets (12 <sup>th</sup> Round)
2017	<b>Dalton Lehnen</b> NY Yankees (6 <sup>th</sup> Round)

## LAKEVILLE NORTH ('06-'18) INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

'06 All Lake-Conference	Mike Kvasnicka, Andrew Kappers (HM: Luke Reardon, Chris Ernst, Matt Stolte)
'07 All Lake Conference	Mike Kvasnicka, Bret Mitchell (HM: Nick Judkins, Nick Johnson, Glenn Parker)
'07 All-State	Mike Kvasnicka (MN Gatorade Player of the Year)
'08 All-Lake Conference	Nick Judkins, Nick Johnson, Glenn Parker, Dylan Thomas (HM: Thomas Vanasek, Ryan Gothmann, Collin Baker)
'08 All-State	Nick Judkins, Glenn Parker (All-State Academic: Pat Arnold)
'09 All-Lake Conference	Dylan Thomas, Zach Braun, Collin Baker, Tyler Erstad, Ben Freitag, Nick Altavilla (HM: Andy Yetzer, Tim Kuzniar, Phil Vigen)
'09 All-State	Dylan Thomas, Nick Altavilla (All-State Academic: Ben Freitag)
'10 All-Lake Conference	Tim Kuzniar, Ben Skelly, T. Brekke (HM: Z. Braun, John Hayes, TJ Evanson, D. Hanson)
'11 All-South Suburban	Tyler Brekke, A.J. Moore, B.Piekarski, A. Streit (HM: TJ Evanson, G. Kappers, E. Cordell)
'12 All-South Suburban	Austin Streit, Joel Klinkhammer, Zach Creighton, Dalton Lehnen (HM: Neil Engler, Adam Alexander, Jordan Jacobson)
'13 All-South Suburban	Dalton Lehnen, Connor Christenson, Zach Creighton, Erik Rutt, AJ Sayer (HM: Jordan Jacobson, Nick Dorfman, Brandon Morgan)
'13 All-State Tournament	Zach Creighton
'13 All-State Academic	Connor Christenson
'14 All-South Suburban	D. Lehnen, A. Altavilla, N. Dorfman, AJ Sayer (HM: W.Ahlers, M.Arnold, B.Jensen, J. Haider)
'14 All-State Tournament	Dalton Lehnen, AJ Sayer
'14 All-State	Dalton Lehnen, Nick Dorfman (All-State Academic: AJ Sayer)
'15 All-South Suburban	A. Altavilla, Nick Juaire, Joey Larson, Billy Riach (HM: W Ahlers, B Herber, G Gunderson)
'15 All-State Tournament	Angelo Altavilla, Brett Herber, Nick Juaire
'15 All-State	Angelo Altavilla (All-State Academic: Angelo Altavilla)
'16 All-South Suburban	Nick Juaire, Billy Riach, Ross Bastyr, Joey Larson (HM: Tyler Fietek, Nick Spitt, Mitch Frederick)
'16 All-State Tournament	Michael Dooney, Luke DeGrammont
'16 All-State	Billy Riach (All-State Academic: Joey Larson)
'17 All-South Suburban	Nick Juaire, Nick Spitt, Luke DeGrammont, Ryan Bastyr, Ross Bastyr (HM: Gavin Baker Sean Flaherty, Nathaniel Peterson)
'17 All-State Tournament	Nick Spitt, Gavin Baker
'17 All-State	Nick Juaire (All-State Academic: Ross Bastyr)
'18 All-South Suburban	Nick Juaire, Collin Denk, Nathaniel Peterson, Zach Breeden (HM: Gavin Baker Patrick Timmer, Braden Walsh)
'18 All-State Tournament	Collin Denk
'18 All-State	Nick Juaire (StarTrib & Pioneer Press Metro Player of the Year), Nathaniel Peterson
'18 All-State Academic	Nick Juaire, Collin Denk

## LHS/LNHS INDIVIDUAL & TEAM RECORDS (1989-2018)

HITS		DOUBLES		TRIPLES				
Season	D. Olson '05, N. Juaire '18	42	Season	Michael Dressen '04	15	Season	Nate Rasmussen '92	5
Career	Nick Juaire '15-'18	125	Career	Andrew Hansen '03-'05	29	Career	Nate Rasmussen '90-'93	10
Team	2005	298	Team	2004	71	Team	1992	11
HOMERUNS		BATTING AVG (50 PA/100 PA)		ON BASE % (50 PA/100 PA)				
Season	Dylan Thomas '09	8	Season	Nick Juaire '18	.500	Season	Mike Kvasnicka '06	.612
Career	Dylan Thomas '07-'09	16	Career	David Olson '04-'05	.438	Career	David Olson '04-'05	.521
Team	2007	22	Team	2004 & 2018	.364	Team	2018	.438
SLUGGING % (50 PA/100 PA)		WALKS		HIT BY PITCH				
Season	Mike Kvasnicka '06	.841	Season	Angelo Altavilla '15	31	Season	J. Arlt '01, M. Dooney '17	8
Career	David Olson '04-'05	.671	Career	Nick Juaire '15-'18	75	Career	John Arlt '00-'02	14
Team	2004	.552	Team	2008	135	Team	2000	31
RUNS		RUNS BATTED IN		STOLEN BASES				
Season	AJ Sayer '14	40	Season	Angelo Altavilla '14	37	Season	Tony Altavilla '05	19
Career	Nick Judkins '06-'08	76	Career	Angelo Altavilla '13-'15	76	Career	Andrew Hansen '03-'05	36
Team	2005	207	Team	2004	179	Team	2005	72
COMPLETE GAMES		EARNED RUN AVERAGE (22 IP/45 IP)		SAVES				
Season	Andrew Vlasak '05	6	Season	John Hayes '09	0.57	Season	3 tied with	5
	Nick Dorfman '14	6	Career	Nick Dorfman '13-'14	1.13		(Parker '07, Gunderson '15, DeGrammont '16)	
Career	Nick Dorfman '13-'14	10	Team	2014	1.52	Career	Glenn Parker '06-'08	6
Team	2005	15				Team	2007 & 2017	8
INNINGS PITCHED		WINS		STRIKEOUTS				
Season	Chad Sleeper '99	77	Season	Dalton Lehnen '14	10	Season	Dalton Lehnen '14	99
Career	Dylan Thomas '07-'09	134	Career	Dalton Lehnen '12-'14	18	Career	Dalton Lehnen '12-'14	173
Team	2005	205.1	Team	2005 & 2014	23	Team	2018	247