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PRESENTS

HUDSON PRESENCE IN BLIZZARD

*Many before them
have had success at
Blizzard, the reason
why they keep coming
back*

GOALS FOR SUMMER 2023

*With South Carolina &
Georgia booked these
three are up to the
challenge*



MUSIC
*Who has the
best taste in
music?*

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PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

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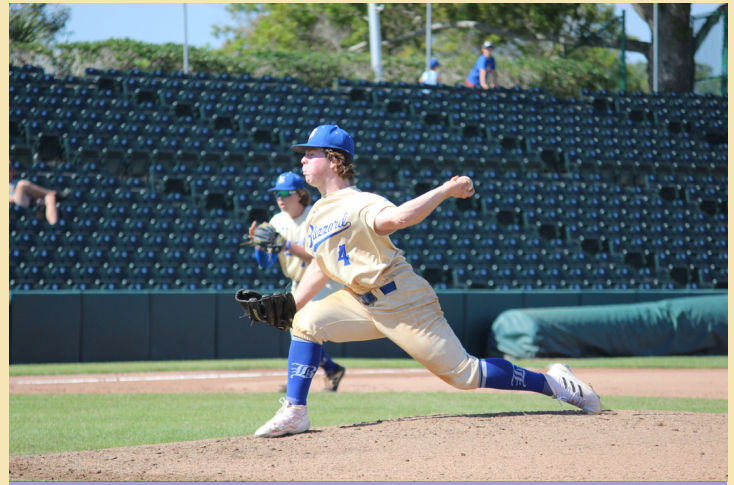


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As we reach late April and what feels like an eternity of bad weather we cannot help but think of summer time. The Blizzard summer season is always looked forward to by so many upper classman as it is an opportunity to showcase skills to college coaches at various tournaments throughout the Country.

The 2024 Blue team is comprised of many talented young men from many different schools. Landon Zeuli, Bradyn Bezanson and Hunter Carlson are a close knit group that has the opportunity to play baseball with one another year round. The trio of out of Hudson are not only trying to embark on a journey to Appleton (Wisconsin State Tournament) this spring but are also looking to leave there mark with Blizzard as they travel to Missouri, Indianapolis, South Carolina and Georgia. The bond these young men have together is obvious whenever you get a chance to watch them play on the diamond. Besides being elite ball players they also are outstanding young men away from the field, whether holding a conversation with coaches, umpires, adults or interacting with the youth in Blizzard or there local community.

It is common for talent to be scattered but for three boys to come from the same school and make the same Elite team is a rare. The Hudson connection has been strong over the years. Besides these three, Ben Burkhof (2023) and Jake Busson (2023) and Sam

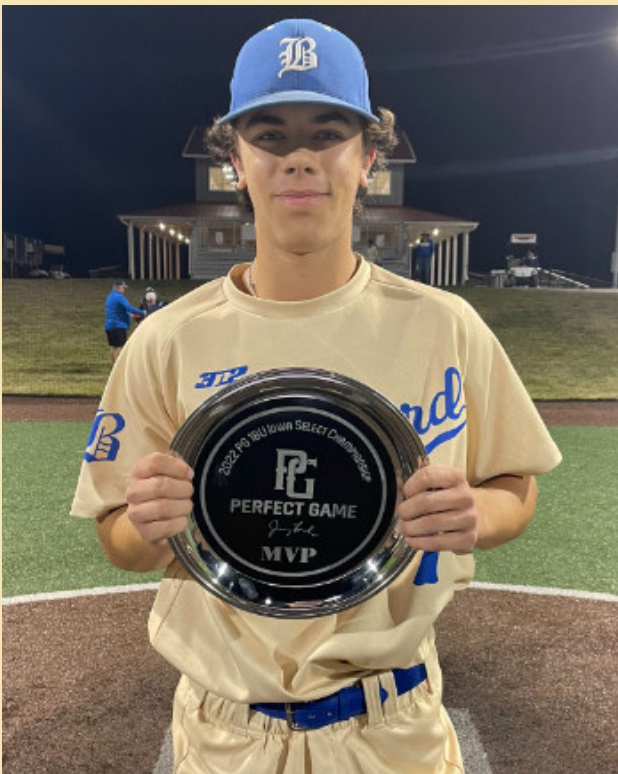


BRADYN BEZANSON

Abrahamson (2026) all occupy the varsity lineup in Hudson right now and have all been part of or are currently part of the Blizzard Club. I believe it is fare to say the boys must be having great experiences with the coaches, teammates and passing those memories and experiences along to the youth and underclassman.

Blizzard Elite Coach Cole Albers has coached the boys for several years and had the following to say *"Those 3 are all rock-stars and leaders that I have been very fortunate to coach for 3 years now and I don't think it's a coincidence that Sam Abrahamson (who is young) is starting to benefit from that either. Hunter Carlson's best friends little brother came and tried out for the 10U team and he is a STUD so that constant connection/references is going to continue that pipeline."*

The compliments of the Hudson connection did not end with Cole, Owner and coach Adam Barta added



LANDON ZEULI



HUNTER CARLSON

"We have been incredibly blessed with a lot of families and players who have made the trip from Hudson to the Academy - especially these three. To have all those guys on the same team in Hudson, its probably pretty easy writing the line up knowing that those guys are in the same spots every day. Those kids really care about their teammates, their practice habits and where they are headed. It's not too many times a coach gets to see younger players who have that much forethought about college and playing at the next level. They all have a good

handle on what is coming up and despite any bumps in the road, they all have this "inner knowledge" that their hard work is going to pay off in the end."

Baseball is a hard game and a true grind, whether that be in the weight-room, batting cage or defensive adjustments to name a few. I was able to connect with the boys and as you will see from there answers they are goal orientated and the sky is the limit! #BLUELOVE

1.) Years with Blizzard

Starting 7th year. ~Bradyn Bezanson~

Started playing Blizzard in the fall of 9U, so this upcoming season will be his 9th year.

~ Hunter Carlson ~

Played Blizzard for 2 years and then took a break until the 14U summer and have played since. 7 years in total. ~ Landon Zeuli ~

2.) What brought you to Blizzard?

First introduced at 11 when he heard Hunter Carlson and Sam Erickson were playing with Blizzard. These two players were the best players I'd ever seen and I wanted to play with the best. ~ Bradyn Bezanson ~

I was at the college world series in Omaha with my dad and grandpa and at our hotel were a bunch of club baseball teams. My dad talked to the parents of some club baseball team that was down there and when he was done he went on his phone and looked up club baseball teams in Minnesota. He found Blizzard and did some research, finding out that Blizzard was/is a very competitive baseball program that has had a lot of success. My dad asked me later if I'd be interested in playing for the Blizzard, and that's how it all started.

~Hunter Carlson~

I would definitely say that Hunter brought me to the Blizzard program. Sam Erickson and Hunter were the two kids that I knew in the program. I was good friends with Hunter so I thought I would try it out and the program has stuck with me ever since. ~ Landon Zeuli ~

3.) What are your individual goals and/or team goals for this summer?

- Win a tournament (ring).
- Hit a homerun.
- Allow zero walks.
- Demonstrate a positive attitude even when things are difficult.
- Be a role model for younger Blizzard athletes by encouraging hard work. You can meet your goals if you want it bad enough.
- End the school year with straight A's.
- Begin planning for the future and playing baseball collegiately.

~Bradyn Bezanson~

I want to be a contributor to the success of our team by competing and playing the best baseball possible. I also hope to be able to find a good fit for college where I can continue my athletic and academic career and become not only the best baseball player I can be but the best person too.

I think a good goal for our team would be to play good competitive baseball in order to win games and hopefully a few tournaments. I think that we will be a good team this year, with a lot of talented players. I am really looking forward to this upcoming summer with the boys, winning a few tournaments, and making some memories in the hotels.

~Hunter Carlson~

I believe that we have an extremely talented roster for this upcoming summer. My goals are definitely to win one of the big tournaments in either Georgia or South Carolina. That would be a lifetime memory. ~Landon Zeuli~

4.) Why do you suppose the Hudson presence is so strong in the Blizzard Program?

I think that the Hudson presence for the 2024s is strong because it seems like whatever team I was on growing up Bradyn Bezanson and Landon Zeuli were also on. Once I joined, I think they noticed how much I had been learning and enjoying playing for Blizzard and they wanted to try it out too. Now for the younger Hudson kids in the program, I think a big factor is how close Hudson is to the Blizzard Academy in Vadnais Heights. I would also assume their parents did research like my dad had and found how competitive the Blizzard program is. ~Hunter Carlson~

I think the Hudson presence is so strong in the program because the more the people hear from current players about how the program can develop kids as a player and person they are hooked on it. ~Landon Zeuli~

5.) What are you looking forward to most this summer?

Reconnecting and playing with the team. We have a talented group and I genuinely enjoy

playing the greatest game on earth with these dudes. I look forward to going to South Carolina, team bonding activities, and competing for and winning championships together.

~ Bradyn Bezanson ~

I am most looking forward to seeing how well our team does and how many games/tournaments we can win. I have a feeling we are gonna be good because everyone has gotten bigger, faster, and stronger. We also have some new additions to the team that I think is only going to make us better. I am also looking forward to spending time with the boys in the hotels, riding to games in vans, and going out for team dinners for one last time. I think this summer is going to be special and I am really looking forward to soaking up every last part of it. ~Hunter Carlson~

This summer I am extremely excited just to be playing baseball and spending time with the team. Over the past couple years we have had a very similar roster and formed a bond that I would consider my second family. ~Landon Zeuli~

6.) Favorite MLB Team

Milwaukee Brewers and Toronto Blue Jays ~Bradyn Bezanson~

Twins ~Hunter Carlson~

Brewers fan, but will also cheer for Twins ~Landon Zeuli~

7.) Go to Snack

•Smoothies, yogurt parfait, bananas/apples, gold fish or Cheez-its ~Bradyn Bezanson~

White Fudge Animal Cookies ~Hunter Carlson~

Twizzler Nibs ~Landon Zeuli~

8.) Music

Rap or country; i.e., Juice World, lil Baby, lil Uzi, Morgan Wallen, and Luke Colmes

~Bradyn Bezanson~

I listen to any music but if I am listening to music while trying to get ready for a game I normally listen to rap. ~Hunter Carlson~

I mainly like country music, but I will listen to anything. ~Landon Zeuli~

9.) On the 2024 Blue Roster who would you not put in charge of music?

Cole Albers - he listens to old terrible music.....change my mind. ~Bradyn Bezanson~

I would not put Cole Albers in charge of the music because his taste in music isn't the greatest from what I hear at the academy when he has the aux. ~Hunter Carlson~

10.) Who do you attribute your success to on and off the field?

I attribute my success to my parents first, they push me to learn and grow into the best son, brother, friend, player, teammate, and person I can be. I recognize the sacrifices they've made to allow me the opportunity and privilege of playing Blizzard baseball. I simply would not be where I am now without them. Second, would be Adam Barta, Cole Albers, Bryan Sanchez, Kellen Rhol, Jeff Lahti and Eddie Gerald for coaching me and pushing me to be a better baseball player but most importantly a better person. They are not just coaches to me; they are friends that I can trust and rely on. Lastly, my teammates, especially Hunter Carlson and Landon Zeuli, for pushing me to be better at my craft but also being friends, I can fully trust. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to play with both since we were 10 years old. We have each other's back and are always there as a practice or workout buddy. When my dad stopping catching for me years ago Hunter stepped in and has rarely missed a bullpen. I appreciate his willingness to help me grow as a pitcher.

~Bradyn Bezanson~

I attribute my success on and off the field to my parents, and Blizzard baseball. My parents formed me into the person I am. They have taught me to do anything and everything to the best of my ability. The Blizzard has taught me so much on and off the field. I have learned different things from different coaches with different perspectives. Putting all of that together has made me into the baseball player I am today. I have also implemented the Blizzard Big 5 (control what you can control, loyalty, humility, synergism, and kaizen) in my life on and off the field which has helped me become who I am today. ~Hunter Carlson~

I would attribute my success to my dad. He has really pushed me to keep working hard and tries to make me better each and every day. ~Landon Zeuli~

