

2023
WEST ALL-STARS



WEST COACHES



ZAC EICHTEN (SOMERSET) Coach Eichten's first three years in Somerset were as an assistant under WBCA Hall of Fame coach John Ball. Eichten became the head coach of the Spartans when Ball retired and has held that title for seven years.

In that time he has grown the program from being unable to field a JV and a Varsity team, to now fielding three competitive teams for the foreseeable future. He has taken an active role in their youth association, bolstered the traveling teams, and ensured that the entire association speaks the same language, making it a smooth transition to high school.

Eichten has been married for 21 years to his wife Sara, and has three children who are all active or have been active, in athletics in the Somerset area, Charlotte (19), Tori (15) and Nolan (11).



BOB JOHNSON (EAU CLAIRE NORTH, RET.)

Bob Johnson retired at the conclusion of the 2022 season as one of Wisconsin's all-time most successful coaches. He entered the Wisconsin Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame quickly thereafter, joining the Class of 2023 as a part of one of the Association's best classes ever.

Bob Johnson's career winning percentage of .795 was near the top of all-time career winning percentages. Johnson's career record at Eau Claire North is 307-79 in 17 seasons as head coach. The Huskies won nine Conference Titles during that time. They reached Sectionals ten times, and advanced to State Tournament eight of those ten trips. Two of those trips, 2011 and 2019, resulted in State Championships. Johnson was named District Coach of the Year six times, and in 2011 he was named WBCA Coach of the Year. In his 17 seasons, four of Johnson's players have been named WBCA Player of the Year.

Johnson just finished his 31st year as a teacher at Locust Lane Elementary School in Eau Claire. He modeled his career after his mother and father, both of whom were teachers. Johnson's father was a high school wrestling and football coach in Saint Paul, who still attended most of Johnson's games. His mother Jeannette passed away from cancer in 1997.

Johnson was a 1986 graduate of Burnsville High School and a 1991 graduate of Winona State. His wife of 29 years, Michelle, continues to serve as the head gymnastics coach at Eau Claire North.



JOSH VILLELLA (SPOONER)

Coach Vilella just finished his 8th season as the head coach at his Alma Mater. He was a 1997 graduate of Spooner High School and then attended UW-La Crosse, where he was roommates with current UW-La Crosse head coach, Chris Schwarz. He graduated from UW-L in 2001.

He has played at state at every level of baseball.... with the Little League All-Stars, Babe Ruth All-Stars, and played on Spooner High School's State qualifying team in 1996. He also played at state as a player of the Spooner Legion. The one thing that has eluded him so far is to coach in the State Tournament, but his teams are always competitive and will always have chance to make it to Appleton. His Rails won the Heart O'North Conference in 2019 and Coach Vilella finished his 8th year with a career record of 90-60.

Coach Vilella played for the hometown home talent Cardinals for 20 years from 1998 to 2017, the last five years where he was a player-manager. After taking the high school job, he had one year where he did both and decided to switch focus to helping with the youth programs in the summer instead of town ball. He also needed Three boys Ben 9, Alex 6, and Sam 1.



Red Raiders

23 Logan Baumgartner

**LOGAN BAUMGARTNER
MEDFORD**

**6'4" • 195 LBS • R/R
PITCHER**

**HS ENROLLMENT: 725 (D2)
GREAT NORTHERN V CONFERENCE
WBCA HEAD COACH
JUSTIN HRABY**

**FUTURE PLANS
UW- STEVENS POINT**



Raiders

9 Ben Berkhof

**BEN BERKHOF
HUDSON**

**6'4" • 195 LBS • L/L
PITCHER**

**HS ENROLLMENT: 1830 (D1)
BIG RIVERS CONFERENCE
WBCA HEAD COACH
BRENT BLEGEN**

**FUTURE PLANS
NORTH DAKOTA STATE**



Timberwolves

20 Drew Brookman

**DREW BROOKMAN
TOMAH**

**6'4" • 195 LBS • R/R
OUTFIELDER**

**HS ENROLLMENT: 934 (D1)
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY CONFERENCE
WBCA HEAD COACH
RYAN BROOKMAN**

**FUTURE PLANS
UW-LA CROSSE**





Raiders

3 Jake Busson

**JAKE
BUSSON
HUDSON**
6'0" • 195 LBS • R/R
INFILDER
HS ENROLLMENT: 1830 (D1)
BIG RIVERS CONFERENCE
WBCA HEAD COACH
BRENT BLEGEN
FUTURE PLANS
IOWA CENTRAL CC



Panthers

1 Chris Calico

**CHRIS
CALICO**
WEST SALEM
5'10" • 170 LBS • R/R
OUTFIELDER
HS ENROLLMENT: 530 (D2)
COULEE CONFERENCE
WBCA HEAD COACH
JAMIE OLSON
FUTURE PLANS
UNDECIDED

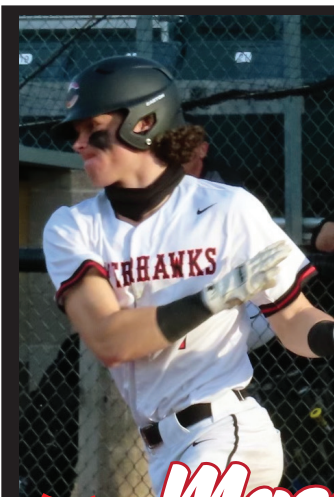


Wildcats

15 Eli Condon

**ELI
CONDON**
RIVER FALLS
5'9" • 160 LBS • R/R
PITCHER
HS ENROLLMENT: 1191 (D1)
BIG RIVERS CONFERENCE
WBCA HEAD COACH
RYAN BISHOP
FUTURE PLANS
UW-LA CROSSE





Riverhawks

7 Mason Elston

MASON ELSTON
LA CROSSE CENTRAL

6'0" • 180 LBS • R/R
OUTFIELDER

HS ENROLLMENT: 1020 (D1)
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY CONFERENCE

WBCA HEAD COACH
JOE BRANSON

FUTURE PLANS
WISCONSIN



Indees

10 Hunter Guenther

HUNTER GUENTHER
INDEPENDENCE-GILMANTON

6'3" • 155 LBS • R/R
PITCHER

HS ENROLLMENT: 162 (D4)
DAIRYLAND CONFERENCE

WBCA HEAD COACH
BRETT BRANDENBURG

FUTURE PLANS
WESTERN TECH CC



Red Raiders

EVAN GUSTAFSON
ALTOONA

6'2" • 200 LBS • L/R
CATCHER

HS ENROLLMENT: 529 (D2)
MIDDLE BORDER CONFERENCE

WBCA HEAD COACH
CRAIG WALTER

FUTURE PLANS
OREGON STATE





Blingolds

**CAL
HARGROVE
AQUINAS**

**5'8" • 160 LBS • R/R
CATCHER**

HS ENROLLMENT: 313 (D3)
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY CONFERENCE

WBCA HEAD COACH
MIKE DEE

FUTURE PLANS

**22 Cal
Hargrove**



Red Raiders

**BRENNAN
HUBER**

WISCONSIN RAPIDS

**5'10" • 175 LBS • R/R
OUTFIELDER**

HS ENROLLMENT: 1491 (D1)
WISCONSIN VALLEY CONFERENCE

WBCA HEAD COACH
BOB GAWLITTA

FUTURE PLANS
UW- STEVENS POINT

**3 Brennan
Huber**



Panthers

**BENETT
KLISH**

WISCONSIN RAPIDS
**6'3" • 185 LBS • R/R
OUTFIELDER**

HS ENROLLMENT: 2096 (D1)
WISCONSIN VALLEY CONFERENCE

WBCA HEAD COACH
KRAIG TERPSTRA

FUTURE PLANS
MINNESOTA-DULUTH

**24 Benett
Klish**





Cardinals

25 Hank Munson

**HANK MUNSON
ELEVA-STRUM**

**5'10" • 150 LBS • R/R
CATCHER**

HS ENROLLMENT: 180 (D4)

DAIRYLAND CONFERENCE

WBCA HEAD COACH

CJ CHRISTIANSON

FUTURE PLANS

UNDECIDED



Dairyland

25 Brayden Olson

**BRAYDEN OLSON
SAINT CROIX FALLS**

**6'2" • 205 LBS • R/R
PITCHER**

HS ENROLLMENT: 330 (D3)

HEART O' NORTH CONFERENCE

WBCA HEAD COACH

MATT VOLD

FUTURE PLANS

PURDUE



Tigers

4 Luke Sedin

**LUKE SEDIN
NORTHWESTERN
6'3" • 200 LBS • R/R
INFILDER**

HS ENROLLMENT: 412 (D2)

HEART O' NORTH CONFERENCE

WBCA HEAD COACH

RYAN TEAL

FUTURE PLANS

UW-STOUT





Ramblers

7 Cole Selvig

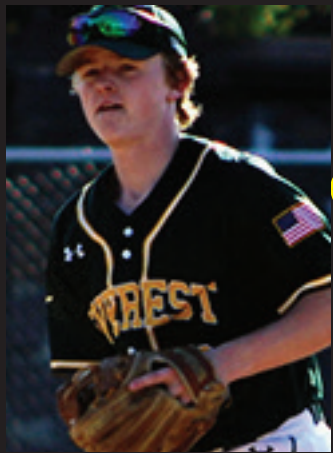
COLE SELVIG REGIS

6'0" • 195 LBS • L/R PITCHER

HS ENROLLMENT: 200 (D4)
CLOVERBELT WEST CONFERENCE

WBCA HEAD COACH
ANDY NIESE

FUTURE PLANS
TEXAS



Evergreens

6 Cuyler Soppe

CUYLER SOPPE

DC EVEREST

5'9" • 160 LBS • R/R INFILDER

HS ENROLLMENT: 1819 (D1)
WISCONSIN VALLEY CONFERENCE

WBCA HEAD COACH
DAVE LANGBEHN

FUTURE PLANS
UW-WHITewater



Blackhawks

22 Keegan Yohnk

KEGHAN YOHNK BLOOMER

5'10" • 220 LBS • R/R CATCHER

HS ENROLLMENT: 200 (D4)
CLOVERBELT WEST CONFERENCE

WBCA HEAD COACH
AJ GERHMANN

FUTURE PLANS
UNDECIDED

