



LAKEVILLE NORTH PANTHER BASEBALL

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2005 MN State Champs 2000/2015 Runners-Up 2014/2017 3rd Place 2016 4th Place 2013/2018 5th Place
Section Champs 2000, 2005, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
Conference Champs 1999, 2008, 2009, 2013, 2014, 2016

2020 PANTHER MEDIA GUIDE

2020 SEASON OUTLOOK

The outlook this year for Panther baseball could be described as a bit of a mystery with the graduation of eleven seniors from the 2019 team including the entire middle defensively (C/2B/SS/CF) and 70% of the innings pitched. While these losses are significant, potential replacements lend optimism for 2020 as a youth movement will attempt to bring the Panthers back to the State Tournament after missing qualifying for the first time since 2012. The most positive aspect about those returning from the 2019 squad is their ability to put the bat on the ball. Three of 2019's top four bats will be back in the lineup including **Sr 1B Peter Tveite** (.328/11RBI in '19 and *committed to DII Winona State University*), **Sr OF Branden Huwe** (.311, 14R/4SB in '19) and **Jr 3B Tyler Wombacher** (.316, 6XBH/16RBI in '19). On the mound, **Tveite** (3-2, 4.67ERA in 2019 w/51K in 36 IP) will need to step up to the top spot in the rotation with support from **Jr LHP Nolan Johnson** (4.80 w/ 15Ks in 11 IP in '19). Other returning players with varsity experience will be counted on in 2020 include **Sr IF Jordon Huwe** (.250/2R) and **Sr RHP Logan Mahowald** (6K in 4 IP). A number of untested seniors have been putting in the time and will be competing for spots this spring including **IF Nelson Koshiol**, **IF Payton Rodewald**, **OF/LHP Josiah Crawford**, **1B/DH Ben Groff**, **Sr RHP Alex Beumer**, **Sr OF/LHP Jacob Bellile**, and **Sr UTIL Sam Wareham**. Junior **SS Garrett Long** and **P/IF Sam Baker** may also be counted on to complete a roster to compete in the South Suburban in 2020.

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 just **9 years**, the conference has had 5 of its 10 programs appear in the large-school MN State Tournament, produced two state champions, placed 23 players on the All-State Tournament Team and 51 of its student-athletes have received All-State honors from the MSHSBCA. With alumni currently playing for NCAA-D1 programs including Illinois, Oklahoma State, Memphis, Missouri, North Carolina, Oregon State and Minnesota, and five currently active in professional baseball, the Panthers and their partner schools are looking to rebound from a disappointing 2019 to reestablish the SSC's reputation as the best baseball conference in the state this spring with legitimate college & professional prospects competing in every single contest.

PANTHERS 2020 SENIOR STARS



Sr OF Branden Huwe (R/R)

Branden made the starting lineup in 2019 originally for his speed and toughness in the outfield, but he proved capable with his bat as well – as he established himself as a middle of the lineup hitter (with a penchant for hot streaks). His swing stays in the hitting zone for a long time creating line drives from gap to gap and led to a .311 BA in 2019. Branden shows a mature approach to the plate, as shown by his .454 OBA, by keeping strikeouts to a minimum and rarely chasing outside of the zone. Plus speed on the base paths is an added bonus, as Branden is always a threat to take an extra base.



Sr 1B/OF/RHP Peter Tveite (R/R) *Winona State University*

In his first varsity start of 2019, Peter quickly showed he belonged. Striking out nine in four innings while adding two hits and an RBI at the plate and he never left the lineup again. On the mound, Peter can heat it up to mid-80s with the fastball and back it up with a reliable change-up and a swing & miss curveball. He rode this arsenal to 3 wins and 51 Ks in 2019, and will take over as staff ace in 2020. His bat proved potent, too, as he finished the season second on the team with a .328 BA and demonstrated gap-to-gap power potential.

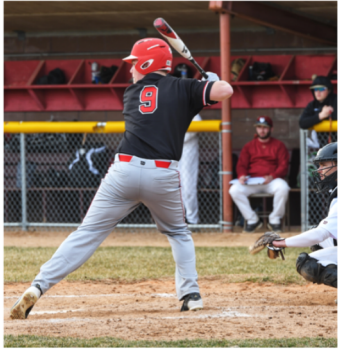


Sr SS/2B Jordon Huwe (R/R)

In 2019, Jordon served the LNHS varsity as a utility infield backup, pinch hitter and regular baserunner. To the coaches, Jordon's work ethic, team-first attitude and clear understanding of the game and strategy stood out. In 2020, Jordon's short stride and level swing will hopefully stroke plenty of line drives into the outfield as he works his way into the regular daily lineup. Without question, his ability to defensively range laterally, use his glove fearlessly and aggressively, and his plus infield arm will be of great use to the Panthers this season.

PANTHERS 2020/2021 JUNIOR PROSPECTS

JR Tyler Wombacher 3B/C (R/R)



Tyler's work ethic, size (6'2, 205), arm strength, and bat speed put him immediately into the heart of the varsity lineup as a sophomore. He responded by displaying power beyond his years and hit an impressive .316 with 16 RBI in 25 games. While he played 3B in his rookie campaign, he'll likely see time at catcher and perhaps on the bump in 2020 and 2021. Returning to the middle of the order this year, expect big things from Tyler's bat.

JR LHP Nolan Johnson



As a sophomore pitcher, Nolan was pressed into Varsity service late in the season as an injury replacement. In that role, Nolan made two impressive starts in May. He was asked simply to throw strikes with his mid-80s fastball and mix in an occasional curveball and followed these directions well, striking out 15 and walking only 2 across 12 innings pitched. Solid mechanically and throwing a heavy fastball with relative ease, Nolan's upside is very high and his further development will be key to the Panthers' future success.

2019 SEASON RECAP

After six consecutive trips to the Minnesota Large School State Tournament (2013-2018), expectations were tempered a bit in 2019 as all but two starters had graduated from the 2018 Section 1AAAA and Minnesota State Consolation Champions. But with a solid infield and two strong senior starting pitchers, a seventh straight trip to state didn't seem out of the question. Coach **Tony Market**, whose 14 seasons as head coach at Lakeville North have yielded a 242-108 record, 5 conference championships and 6 state tournament appearances, encouraged competition for nearly every spot on the field and kept an open mind when the team headed to Bentonville, Arkansas to put all the prospects through the paces and figure out rotation and lineup.

Once the roster was set, the Panthers started out hot, with six wins in April, scoring at least 9 runs in five of those victories. While the offense clicked early in the season (averaging 8.4 runs in the first ten games with **Sr SS Gavin Baker** batting .545 over that stretch) and stellar pitching performances were delivered by each of the three starters; **Sr LHP Ryan Sleeper**, **Sr RHP Devon Schewe** and **Jr RHP Peter Tveite**, the pace of success slowed in May. Injuries took some toll and the disappearance of any clutch hitting certainly didn't help as the team finished conference play with a 10-8 record and a fourth place finish in the South Suburban Conference. Coming into the Section 1AAAA playoffs, with *19 consecutive section playoff victories* since 2014, it didn't look like it was going to be quite as easy this time with the team seeded #4 and healthy arms at a premium, but the section tournament began with a convincing 10-2 victory over #5 Rochester John Marshall with **Jr OF Branden Huwe** contributing 3 hits and 3 RBI and Schewe pitching a complete game. Sleeper would dominate game two of sections against Rochester Mayo as he struck out 9 and gave up only 2 hits in a 3-1 win. Confidence was brimming until #3 New Prague's star lefty Luke Tupy silenced the Panther bats and gave LNHS its first section playoff loss since 2014. If the team was to return to State, the path got a lot tougher at that point. The rematch with Rochester John Marshall proved intense and extra innings were needed. With two on and two outs in the bottom of the 8th, **Sr Mason Malecha** fouled off what felt like a hundred pitches before driving a walk-off double to the wall in centerfield. The stage was set to battle New Prague for the section championship, but the Panthers would have to beat them twice.

In game one of the section championship, the Panthers rallied from behind to score 4 in the 5th in a rain-shortened game with clutch hits from Tveite and **Sr 2B Patrick Timmer**. A new section win streak had started but the team would need one more big win to reach a 7th straight state tournament. Alas, with the pitching staff taxed by the extra games and a shortage of clutch hits in game 2, the New Prague Trojans would head to State on the merit of their 10-3 victory, losing in the State Championship to East Ridge High School.

The Panthers finished with a winning record (14-11) for the thirteenth consecutive year and the pitching staff struck out over 200 batters for only the third time in history. Gavin Baker was named All-Conference, All-State and selected as Team MVP before leaving LNHS for Indiana State with over 50 varsity wins under his belt. Devon Schewe and Ryan Sleeper joined Baker on the All-Conference team, and Timmer, Tveite and **So 3B Tyler Wombacher** were named Honorable Mention. In addition to the on-the-field accolades, our varsity student-athletes earned the *All-State Silver* team recognition for academics, for registering a team GPA over 3.3.

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TEAM MVPs

1989 Lou Linteur
 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 Juaira
 2019 Gavin Baker

ACADEMIC TEAM HONORS

(Awarded by the MN State Baseball Coaches Assoc for GOLD, SILVER, & BRONZE LEVELS for team GPAs over 3.5, 3.3 & 3.0 since Spring 2013)

2013 GOLD
 2014 SILVER
 2015 SILVER
 2016 GOLD
 2017 SILVER
 2018 SILVER
 2019 SILVER

LAKEVILLE NORTH (2006-2019) INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

'06 All Lake-Conference Mike Kvasnicka, Andrew Kappers
 Honorable Mention: Luke Reardon, Chris Ernst, Matt Stolte
 '07 All Lake Conference Mike Kvasnicka, Bret Mitchell
 Honorable Mention: Nick Judkins, Nick Johnson, Glenn Parker
 '07 All-State Mike Kvasnicka
 '07 Gatorade Player of the Year Mike Kvasnicka
 '08 All-Lake Conference Nick Judkins, Nick Johnson, Glenn Parker, Dylan Thomas
 Honorable Mention: Thomas Vanasek, Ryan Gothmann, Collin Baker
 Nick Judkins, Glenn Parker
 '08 All-State Pat Arnold
 '08 All-State Academic Pat Arnold
 '09 All-Lake Conference Dylan Thomas, Zach Braun, Collin Baker, Tyler Erstad, Ben Freitag, Nick Altavilla
 Honorable Mention: Andy Yetzer, Tim Kuzniar, Phil Vigen
 Dylan Thomas, Nick Altavilla
 '09 All-State Ben Freitag
 '09 All-State Academic Ben Freitag
 '10 All-Lake Conference Tim Kuzniar, Ben Skelly, Tyler Brekke
 Honorable Mention: Z. Braun, John Hayes, TJ Evanson, D. Hanson
 Tyler Brekke, A.J. Moore, Bret Piekarski, Austin Streit
 Honorable Mention: TJ Evanson, Gordon Kappers, Evan Cordell
 '11 All-South Suburban Austin Streit, Joel Klinkhammer, Zach Creighton, Dalton Lehnen
 Honorable Mention: Neil Engler, Adam Alexander, Jordan Jacobson
 '12 All-South Suburban Dalton Lehnen, Connor Christenson, Zach Creighton, Erik Rutt, AJ Sayer
 Honorable Mention: Jordan Jacobson, Nick Dorfman, Brandon Morgan
 '13 All-South Suburban Zach Creighton
 '13 All-State Tournament Connor Christenson
 '13 All-State Academic Dalton Lehnen, Angelo Altavilla, Nick Dorfman, AJ Sayer
 Honorable Mention: Wes Ahlers, Matt Arnold, Ben Jensen, Joe Haider
 '14 All-South Suburban Dalton Lehnen, AJ Sayer
 Honorable Mention: Wes Ahlers, Matt Arnold, Ben Jensen, Joe Haider
 '14 All-State Tournament Dalton Lehnen, AJ Sayer
 '14 All-State Dalton Lehnen, Nick Dorfman
 '14 All-State Academic AJ Sayer
 '15 All-South Suburban A. Altavilla, Nick Juaira, Joey Larson, Billy Riach
 Honorable Mention: Wes Ahlers, Brett Herber, Grant Gunderson
 Angelo Altavilla, Brett Herber, Nick Juaira
 '15 All-State Tournament Angelo Altavilla
 '15 All-State Angelo Altavilla
 '15 All-State Academic Angelo Altavilla
 '16 All-South Suburban Nick Juaira, Billy Riach, Ross Bastyr, Joey Larson
 Honorable Mention: Tyler Fietek, Nick Spitt, Mitch Frederick
 '16 All-State Tournament Michael Dooney, Luke DeGrammont
 '16 All-State Billy Riach
 '16 All-State Academic Joey Larson
 '17 All-South Suburban Nick Juaira, Nick Spitt, Luke DeGrammont, Ryan Bastyr, Ross Bastyr
 Honorable Mention: Gavin Baker, Sean Flaherty, Nathaniel Peterson
 '17 All-State Tournament Nick Spitt, Gavin Baker
 '17 All-State Nick Juaira
 '17 All-State Academic Ross Bastyr
 '18 All-South Suburban Nick Juaira, Collin Denk, Nathaniel Peterson, Zach Breeden
 Honorable Mention: Gavin Baker, Patrick Timmer, Braden Walsh
 '18 All-State Tournament Collin Denk
 '18 All-State Nick Juaira, Nathaniel Peterson
 '18 All-State Academic Nick Juaira, Collin Denk
 '18 StarTrib Player of the Year Nick Juaira
 '18 Pioneer Press P.O.Y. Nick Juaira
 '19 All-South Suburban Gavin Baker, Ryan Sleeper, Devon Schewe
 Honorable Mention: Patrick Timmer, Tyler Wombacher, Peter Tveite
 '19 All-State Gavin Baker

LNHS NCAA DIVISION I BASEBALL HONOR ROLL (Since 2006)

Michael Kvasnicka	University of Minnesota	Angelo Altavilla	University of Nebraska
Nick Judkins	Creighton University	Nick Juaira	Texas Christian University/ University of Notre Dame
Nick Johnson	Bethune-Cookman University	Nathaniel Peterson	Oklahoma State University
Glenn Parker	North Dakota State University	Ryan Sleeper	University of North Carolina
Nick Altavilla	North Dakota State University	Gavin Baker	Indiana State University
Dalton Lehnen	University of Cincinnati		

LAKEVILLE BASEBALL TEAM RECORDS

LHS/LNHS INDIVIDUAL & TEAM RECORDS (1989-2019)

HITS

Season	D. Olson '05, N. Juaire '18	42
Career	Nick Juaire '15-'18	125
Team	2005	298

DOUBLES

Season	Michael Dressen '04	15
Career	Andrew Hansen '03-'05	29
Team	2004	71

TRIPLES

Season	Nate Rasmussen '92	5
Career	Nate Rasmussen '90-'93	10
Team	1992	11

HOMERUNS

Season	Dylan Thomas '09	8
Career	Dylan Thomas '07-'09	16
Team	2007	22

BATTING AVG (50 PA/100 PA)

Season	Nick Juaire '18	.500
Career	David Olson '04-'05	.438
Team	2004 & 2018	.364

ON BASE % (50 PA/100 PA)

Season	Mike Kvasnicka '06	.612
Career	David Olson '04-'05	.521
Team	2018	.438

SLUGGING % (50 PA/100 PA)

Season	Mike Kvasnicka '06	.841
Career	David Olson '04-'05	.671
Team	2004	.552

WALKS

Season	Angelo Altavilla '15	31
Career	Nick Juaire '15-'18	75
Team	2008	135

HIT BY PITCH

Season	J. Arlt '01, M. Dooney '17	8
Career	John Arlt '00-'02	14
Team	2000	31

RUNS

Season	AJ Sayer '14	40
Career	Nick Judkins '06-'08	76
Team	2005	207

RUNS BATTED IN

Season	Angelo Altavilla '14	37
Career	Angelo Altavilla '13-'15	76
Team	2004	179

STOLEN BASES

Season	Tony Altavilla '05	19
Career	Andrew Hansen '03-'05	36
Team	2005	72

COMPLETE GAMES

Season	Andrew Vlasak '05	6
	Nick Dorfman '14	6
Career	Nick Dorfman '13-'14	10
Team	2005	15

EARNED RUN AVERAGE (22 IP/45 IP)

Season	John Hayes '09	0.57
Career	Nick Dorfman '13-'14	1.13
Team	2014	1.52

SAVES

Season	3 tied with	5
	(Parker '07, Gunderson '15, DeGrammont '16)	
Career	Glenn Parker '06-'08	6
Team	2007 & 2017	8

INNINGS PITCHED

Season	Chad Sleeper '99	77
Career	Dylan Thomas '07-'09	134
Team	2005	205.1

WINS

Season	Dalton Lehnen '14	10
Career	Dalton Lehnen '12-'14	18
Team	2005 & 2014	23

STRIKEOUTS

Season	Dalton Lehnen '14	99
Career	Dalton Lehnen '12-'14	173
Team	2018	247

2020 FORMER PANTHERS PLAYING IN COLLEGE

LHS/LNHS MLB DRAFT CHOICES

1993 **Nathan Rasmussen**
L.A. Dodgers (52nd Round)

2007 **Michael Kvasnicka**
MN Twins (31st Round)

2010 **Michael Kvasnicka**
Houston Astros (1st Round)

2010 **Bret Mitchell**
NY Mets (12th Round)

2017 **Dalton Lehnen**
NY Yankees (6th Round)

Outfielder	Drew Stewart ('16)	University of Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs
Infielder	Mitch Frederick ('16)	Minnesota State University Mavericks
Pitcher	Luke DeGrammont ('17)	Concordia University Golden Bears
Pitcher	Sean Flaherty ('17)	University of Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs
Pitcher	Ross Bastyr ('17)	Concordia University Golden Bears
Infielder	Ryan Bastyr ('17)	Concordia University Golden Bears
Catcher	Nick Juaire ('18)	Iowa Western Community College Reivers
Pitcher	Nathaniel Peterson ('18)	Oklahoma State University Cowboys
Pitcher	Collin Denk ('18)	Minnesota State University Mavericks
Pitcher	Nick Spitt ('18)	Minnesota State University Mavericks
Pitcher	Tyler Rodewald ('18)	Chattanooga State Community College Tigers
Outfielder	Zach Breeden ('18)	Southeast (NE) Community College Storm
Infielder	Trevor Smrekar ('18)	Augsburg University Auggies
Outfielder	Brennan Kuebler ('19)	St. John's University Johnnies
Infielder	Gavin Baker ('19)	Indiana State University Sycamores
Catcher	Josh Lee ('19)	Itasca Community College Vikings
Pitcher	Ryan Sleeper ('19)	University of North Carolina Tar Heels
Infielder	Patrick Timmer ('19)	Gustavus Adolphus College Gusties
Pitcher	Wesley Kemming ('19)	College of St. Scholastica Saints
Pitcher	Devon Schewe ('19)	Dakota County Tech College Blue Knights