



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

2025 PANTHER MEDIA GUIDE

2025 SEASON OUTLOOK

As the 2025 Lakeville North baseball season approaches, the Panthers have a pitching staff that could propel them to the top of the conference. The depth of pitchers with reliable control is impressive and will provide an advantage every single week. The challenge this spring will be improving team defense and finding a way to reliably put the ball in play & score runs (after hitting .214 and averaging only 3.7 runs/game in 2024). Offense will likely be the deciding factor on whether or not this squad brings the Panthers back to the Minnesota AAAA State Tournament for the first time since 2018.

Four senior pitchers return from a staff that had a 3.16 ERA and held opponents to a .229 BA. They include 4-year varsity starter **Sr RHP/OF Teddy Juaire** (9-6, 1.72 ERA in 21 career starts & committed to Northern Iowa Area CC), **Sr LHP Sam Anderson** (committed to Dill St. John's University), **Sr RHP Joe Thoreson**, and **Sr RHP Logan Campbell** (committed to DI South Dakota State). Two hard-throwing juniors will also be in the mix in **Jr LHP C.J. Schmidt** (87.5 mph) and **Jr RHP Ethan Mrnak** (92.4 mph) amongst others. **Sr 2B/SS James Fager** will be back for his third season in the middle infield, **Mrnak**, who didn't pitch for the varsity last spring, did play six defensive positions & hit .266 as a sophomore & **Campbell** (.357, 6 2B, 13 RBI as a junior) will hold down 1B, when not on the mound, & will anchor the lineup again. Junior twins **C Adam Druppel** & **IF/OF Lucas Druppel** return after a cup of coffee with the varsity in 2024.

THE SOUTH SUBURBAN CONFERENCE



The South Suburban Conference was founded 15 years ago and has, since its inception, undoubtedly served as one of the state's most competitive baseball conferences. The SSC has had eight different programs appear in the large-school MN State Tournament (including Eastview and Farmington in 2024), and produced three state champions (most recently Farmington in 2021). SSC teams have placed 40 players on the All-State Tournament Team and 74 of its student-athletes have received All-State honors since 2011. With countless alumni currently playing for NCAA-D1 programs and seven currently active at the pro level, the Panthers & their partner schools are looking to build on prior success and add to the SSC's reputation as the best baseball conference in the state with legitimate college & professional prospects competing in every single contest.

PANTHERS 2025 PLAYER SPOTLIGHT



SR RHP/OF TEDDY JUAIRE

Committed to Northern Iowa Area CC

Teddy is an analytics nightmare for hitters. He works tirelessly watching his film, increasing movement & spin rates. He is going in to his 4th season as a varsity starting pitcher and we couldn't be happier to march him back out to the bump. Our 2023 *Pitcher of the Year* has ridiculously competitive career numbers:

2022-2024: 9-6, 1.72 ERA, 101K, .168 BAA
Ted has multiple all-conference & all-section awards, plays OF on his non-pitching days, and has two epic walk-off HRs in his 3-year career.



JR OF/IF/RHP ETHAN MRNAK

A young man of many talents on the diamond; as a sophomore in 2024, Ethan led the team in walks and stolen bases, was 2nd in extra base hits, slugging percentage & home runs, and 3rd in hits, batting average & on-base percentage. He played six defensive positions in 22 games without an error. He is fast developing into the revered *five-tool player*. Quick-twitch speed & reaction, gifted contact with the bat, power potential, smooth glove work, and tremendous arm strength (clocked at 92+ off the mound). Without question, Ethan is one of the most exciting players in the conference.



SR RHP/IF LOGAN CAMPBELL

Committed to South Dakota St University

Logan is a NCAA Division I recruit for a reason. He takes disciplined at-bats (.431 OBA in '24) and showed plus-power (.464 SLG%) as a junior. Add to the package a cannon for an arm (with great pitching potential) and a reliable glove at the corner infield positions, and you have all the ingredients for an MVP-type player. Logan will anchor down 1B & the fourth spot in the lineup this year & the excitement will be palpable every time he steps into the batter's box, as the chances of some offensive fireworks are really strong.

2024 SEASON RECAP

The vibe was optimistic for the Panthers in 2024. Coming off a disappointing 11-11 record in 2023, almost the entire pitching staff was returning and three-fourths of the infield. A seven-day spring training trip to Orlando, Florida confirmed that pitching would be the strength of this team, but the search for reliable bats would extend well into the season. As spring break came to an end, the lineup card took shape for two-time MN State Coach of the Year Tony Market (289-154 career at LNHS and only 11 wins from being the 100th coach in state history with 300 wins). The opener at Eastview showed promise with **Sr RHP Cal Schmelzle** dominating for 6 innings and striking out eight. Third-year starter **Jr OF Teddy Juaire** and newcomers **Jr OF Joe Thoreson** & **So OF/IF Ethan Mrnak** all turned in multi-hit games to beat a state-tournament-bound Lightning team 7-2.

Despite the solid start, the Panthers would drop 11 of their next 15 games. The bats refused to wake up and scoring runs proved nearly impossible (averaging an anemic 1.6 runs per game in one 8-contest stretch). Pitching was the bright spot, as Schmelzle and Juaire, each in their third year as starting pitchers for the varsity squad, earned 7 of the team's 8 wins, struck out 94 in 92 innings, and combined for a 2.05 ERA. While the team struggled to a .214 season batting average with 5 starters batting sub-.200, the offense did show signs of life. **Sr SS Kutter Herzig** (.307 BA while leading team with 23 hits & 17 runs) filled the leadoff spot admirably and provided solid defense all year. **Jr RHP/IF Logan Campbell** was a threat when healthy, leading the team with a .357 BA and 13 RBI. The offense also provided the most memorable moment of the season in the Strikeout Cancer Game at Elko vs. Lakeville South. The Panthers were down 5-0 to their crosstown rivals with two-outs in the bottom of the seventh and no one on base. After two hit batters and a walk loaded the bases, Mrnak and Campbell each singled before Juaire popped a three-run walk-off HR down the leftfield line. The team lost their next three and ended up finishing in 6th place in the 10-team South Suburban and was seeded 5th in Section 1AAAA.

Game #1 of the section playoffs brought Lakeville North to Dale Massey Field in Rochester. Herzig and Mrnak, at the top of the order, reached base safely seven times, but the heart of the order couldn't capitalize and a 5-run 2nd inning for the Mayo Spartans was too much to overcome in a 6-3 loss. In their first elimination game, Juaire struck out nine John Marshall Rockets in 6 innings and playoff call-up **So C Adam Druppel** smashed a 3-run double in a 5-2 victory. A survival-game against #1-seeded Farmington was next and the Panthers put together a couple runs early off a 3-hit night for Mrnak and a 3-RBI night for Campbell. Starter **Sr RHP Aiden Weber** gave the Panthers a chance with 4 strong innings, but six LNHS errors spelled disaster for the team, as the 5-3 final score eliminated them from the playoffs. The loss concluded the 2024 season with the team compiling an 8-15 record; the first time in the 19-year history of Lakeville North baseball that the team finished under .500.

Senior pitcher Cal Schmelzle's brilliant season on the mound (4-1, 1.29 ERA, 43K, .159 BAA) brought him recognition as Team MVP, South Suburban All-Conference, All-State Academic and he was selected to play in the *Play Ball Minnesota All-Star Series*. Senior SS Kutter Herzig earned the team's Gold Glove Award, was selected All-Section 1AAAA, and named All-Conference Honorable Mention. He was joined on the conference's Honorable Mention roll by juniors Teddy Juaire and Logan Campbell. In addition to all of the on-the-field accolades, our varsity student-athletes also earned *All-State Gold* team recognition in academics for registering a team GPA over 3.50.

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 Lehen**
NY Yankees (6th Round)

2022 **Nathaniel Peterson**
Milwaukee Brewers (8th Rd)

2025: FORMER PANTHERS PLAYING IN COLLEGE

Pitcher	Nolan Johnson ('21)	North Dakota State University Bison*
Pitcher	Sam Baker ('21)	Gustavus Adolphus Golden Gusties
Pitcher	Josh Haugen ('22)	Bemidji State University Beavers
Infielder	Brayden Manning ('22)	Taylor University (IN) Trojans
Pitcher	Jackson Renz ('23)	Minnesota State – Mankato Mavericks
Pitcher	Ryan Joyner ('23)	Rockhurst University Hawks
Infielder	Tanner Recchio ('23)	University of St. Thomas Tommies*
Catcher	Will Wareham ('23)	St. John's University Johnnies
Pitcher/Infielder	Calvin Schmelzle ('24)	Augustana University Vikings
Pitcher	Izzy Moore ('24)	Grand View University Vikings

* - denotes NCAA Division I Honor Roll

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LAKEVILLE BASEBALL TEAM HONOR ROLL

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
2019	Gavin Baker
2020	<i>NO SEASON</i>
2021	Tanner Recchio
2022	Brayden Manning
2023	Will Wareham
2024	Cal Schmelzle

ACADEMIC TEAM HONORS

(Awarded by the MHSBCA for GOLD, SILVER, & BRONZE levels for team GPA since 2013)

2013	GOLD
2014	SILVER
2015	SILVER
2016	GOLD
2017	SILVER
2018	SILVER
2019	SILVER
2021	SILVER
2022	GOLD
2023	GOLD
2024	GOLD

LAKEVILLE NORTH (2006-2024) 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
'07 MN Player of the Year	Mike Kvasnicka (by <i>Gatorade</i>)
'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, Tyler Brekke (HM: Z. Braun, John Hayes, TJ Evanson, D. Hanson)
'11 All-South Suburban	Tyler Brekke, A.J. Moore, Bret Piekarski, Austin Streit (HM: TJ Evanson, Gordon Kappers, Evan 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	Dalton Lehnen, Angelo Altavilla, Nick Dorfman, AJ Sayer (HM: Wes Ahlers, Matt Arnold, Ben Jensen, Joe 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	Angelo Altavilla, Nick Juaire, Joe Larson, Billy Riach (HM: Wes Ahlers, Brett Herber, Grant Gunderson)
'15 All-State Tournament	Angelo Altavilla, Brett Herber, Nick Juaire
'15 All-State	Angelo Altavilla
'15 All-State Academic	Angelo Altavilla
'16 All-South Suburban	Nick Juaire, Billy Riach, Ross Bastyr, Joe Larson (HM: Tyler Fietek, Nick Spitt, Mitch Frederick)
'16 All-State Tournament	Michael Dooney, Luke DeGrammont
'16 All-State	Billy Riach
'16 All-State Academic	Joe 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
'17 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, Nathaniel Peterson
'18 All-State Academic	Nick Juaire, Collin Denk
'18 Metro Player of the Year	Nick Juaire (by both <i>Star Tribune</i> & <i>Pioneer Press</i>)
'19 All-South Suburban	Gavin Baker, Ryan Sleeper, Devon Schewe (HM: Patrick Timmer, Tyler Wombacher, Peter Tveite)
'19 All-State	Gavin Baker
'21 All-South Suburban	Tyler Wombacher, Nolan Johnson, Tanner Recchio (HM: Sam Caulder, Sam Baker, Garrett Long)
'22 All-South Suburban	Brayden Manning, Tanner Recchio, Jackson Renz (HM: Josh Haugen, Teddy Juaire, Cal Schmelzle)
'22 All-State Academic	Brayden Manning
'23 All-South Suburban	Tanner Recchio, Will Wareham, Teddy Juaire, Cal Schmelzle (HM: Chase Flaskey, Jackson Renz, Jacob Hammer)
'23 All-State	Tanner Recchio
'24 All-South Suburban	Cal Schmelzle (HM: Kutter Herzig, Logan Campbell, Teddy Juaire)
'24 All-State Academic	Cal Schmelzle

LAKEVILLE NORTH NCAA DIVISION I BASEBALL HONOR ROLL (Since 2006)

Michael Kvasnicka	University of Minnesota	Nick Juaire	Texas Christian / Notre Dame
Nick Judkins	Creighton University	Nathaniel Peterson	Oklahoma State University/
Nick Johnson	Bethune-Cookman University		University of Illinois-Chicago
Glenn Parker	North Dakota State University	Devon Schewe	University of St. Thomas
Nick Altavilla	North Dakota State University	Ryan Sleeper	University of North Carolina/
Dalton Lehnen	University of Cincinnati		Appalachian State University
Angelo Altavilla	University of Nebraska	Nolan Johnson	North Dakota State University
Gavin Baker	Indiana State University	Tanner Recchio	University of St. Thomas

LHS/LNHS INDIVIDUAL & TEAM RECORDS (1989-2024)

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	Chase Flaskey '23	10
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	Tanner Recchio '21-'23	48
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

LAKEVILLE NORTH HIGH SCHOOL 2006-2024 CAREER RECORD by OPPONENT

1. EAU CLAIRE MEM	4-0	1.000	21. ROSEMOUNT	30-14	0.682
1. HENRY SIBLEY	3-0	1.000	22. APPLE VALLEY	25-12	0.676
1. RED WING	3-0	1.000	23. TOTINO GRACE	2-1	0.667
1. ROCH J.M.	3-0	1.000	24. EASTVIEW	27-16	0.628
1. MPLS NORTH	1-0	1.000	25. FARMINGTON	14-9	0.609
1. EDINA	1-0	1.000	26. PRIOR LAKE	15-11	0.577
1. FOREST LAKE	1-0	1.000	27. SHAKOPEE	10-8	0.555
1. BRAINERD	1-0	1.000	28. BURNSVILLE	23-21	0.523
1. ANOKA	1-0	1.000	29. CHANHASSEN	1-1	0.500
1. NORTHFIELD	1-0	1.000	29. WOODBURY	1-1	0.500
1. EAST RIDGE	1-0	1.000	29. MINNETONKA	1-1	0.500
1. MAPLE GROVE	1-0	1.000	29. WAYZATA	1-1	0.500
13. KENNEDY	14-1	0.933	33. EDEN PRAIRIE	4-6	0.400
14. OWATONNA	7-1	0.875	34. CHASKA	4-12	0.250
15. LAKEVILLE SO.	30-7	0.811	35. HASTINGS	0-1	0.000
16. ROCH MAYO	4-1	0.800	35. MOUNDS VIEW	0-1	0.000
17. ST THOMAS	3-1	0.750	35. ROCH CNTRY	0-1	0.000
18. JEFFERSON	15-6	0.714	35. RICORI	0-1	0.000
19. EAGAN	28-12	0.700	35. ST MICH/ALBRTV	0-1	0.000
20. NEW PRAGUE	9-4	0.692	35. PARK of C.G.	0-2	0.000