



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

2024 PANTHER MEDIA GUIDE

2024 SEASON OUTLOOK

As the 2024 Lakeville North baseball season approaches, the coaching staff knows they have a pitching staff that will allow them to compete in every single game, but it will be filling some big shoes defensively and improving on the hitting deficiencies of 2023 that will 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. The squad's returning pitchers this spring threw over 90 of our 160 innings available last year & owned over 70% of the team's wins. This year's staff will be anchored by three returners; **Sr RHP Cal Schmelzle** (6-5, 3.12 ERA, in 17 career appearances & committed to *DII Augustana University*), **Jr RHP Teddy Juairé** (6-2, 1.32, 57K in 2 years on varsity), and **Sr RHP Jacob Hammer** (1-1, 2.69, 17K in 11 games). Adding depth and even more potential to the staff will be **Jr Logan Campbell** (committed to *DI South Dakota State*) and **Sr Aiden Weber** amongst others. Also anticipated as a strength this season will be infield defense with Schmelzle at third base, **Jr 2B/SS James Fager**, and **Sr IF Kutter Herzig** all returning from starting roles. Constructing the outfield, finding hitters to fill the lineup, and replacing All-Conference players at catcher & shortstop will be the big challenge. Spring Training should go a long way in seeing which gaps that seniors **C Alex Hall**, **C Mason McCabe**, **P/IF Izzy Moore**, **OF Kade Moll** and others can fill, and there are hopes to find major contributions from the minors, perhaps from **Jr OF Caleb Pedersen** or **So IF Ethan Mrnak**.

THE SOUTH SUBURBAN CONFERENCE



The South Suburban Conference is entering its 14th year of baseball competition in 2024 and it has, since its inception, undoubtedly served as the state's most competitive baseball conference. Since its founding, the conference has had eight different programs appear in the large-school MN State Tournament (including LSHS & Rosemount in 2023), and produced three state champions (most recently Farmington in 2021). SSC teams have placed 38 players on the All-State Tournament Team and 65 of its student-athletes have received All-State honors since 2011. With alumni currently playing for NCAA-D1 programs including Minnesota, Wichita State, LSU & North Carolina and six 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 2023 RETURNING PITCHING STAFF



SR RHP CALVIN SCHMELZLE

Committed to Augustana University

Cal, a coach's kid, has run drills with the LNHS Varsity since he was little. He's not so little any more (6'2, 210) and this strong & determined right-hander is entering his fourth season as a varsity pitcher. Cal has six career wins (three by complete game shutout) over the last 2 years with 65 strikeouts and an ERA under 3.00. Mixing a mid-80s fastball with a devastating change-up and always being aggressive in the strike zone is his formula for success. He adds reliable 3B play & a heart-of-the-order bat when not on the bump.



SR RHP JACOB HAMMER

With a strong & reliable starting pitching staff that ran four-deep last spring, the Panthers needed to find some reliability out of the bullpen and Jacob provided it. Voted the 2023 *Relief Pitcher of the Year*, Hammer appeared in half of the team's games (11) while striking out 17 and holding opponents to a .184 batting average. His fastball is sneaky fast – especially when paired with his meandering, but nasty, curveball. Look for Jacob's time on the hill to increase in 2024 along with finding him regularly in the lineup, splitting time in the outfield and at first base.



JR RHP TEDDY JUAIÉ

Teddy is Mr. Matter-of-Fact when on the mound; analyzing situations, making adjustments and never losing composure. Our 2023 *Pitcher of the Year* returns for year three in the starting rotation, having posted ridiculously competitive numbers: **Freshman Year:** 2-1, 1.62 ERA, .153 BAA **Sophomore Year:** 4-1, 1.12 ERA, 36K/37IP Coming into only his junior campaign, Teddy has dominated post-season games, thrown multiple shutouts, plays outfield on his "off days" and has been selected All-Section two years in a row for his clutch hitting in the playoffs.

2023 SEASON RECAP

After graduating only four seniors from a 15-9 team in 2022 and with the entire starting pitching rotation returning, there were many reasons for optimism in the Spring of 2023. The three starters that had graduated, however, had provided most of the power and consistency in the heart of the previous year's lineup and figuring out how to replace the entire right side of the infield and who would take the helm in centerfielder remained a mystery coming into a spring training split between the LNHS South Gym and the TCO Dome. But as spring break came to an end, the lineup card was ready for two-time MN State Coach of the Year Tony Market (281-139 at LNHS since being hired in 2006). Expectations were that the new batting lineup would have its struggles, but that this team would pitch it and field it as well as any in the state. Both expectations rang true immediately.

The Panthers, despite solid pitching, got off to a slow start losing five of their first six games; only mustering five total runs across the five losses. **Jr RHP Cal Schmelzle's** two-hit shutout against Apple Valley provided the lone victory. It wasn't that the offense suddenly clicked after that, but, some timely hitting, aggressive base-running (led by all-time LNHS stolen base leader **Sr SS Tanner Recchio**) and more stellar outings on the mound saw the Panthers victorious in seven of their next eight contests. Highlighted by a two-hit shutout vs. Eagan by **So RHP Teddy Juaire** and Schmelzle throwing his second shutout of the season, the team also took out conference powerhouses Farmington 8-2 (led by **Jr 1B Kutter Herzig's** three hits) and defeated a highly-ranked Rosemount team in a tight 3-2 contest. Even the one loss in this stretch, a 1-0 13-inning marathon at Burnsville, saw Schmelzle throw 8 shutout innings accompanied by silky-smooth defense. The team went .500 over the remaining schedule to finish at 10-8 and in 4th place in the South Suburban- with the bats starting to show life in the season finale; an 11-2 dismantling of Shakopee's ace pitcher, with six Panthers collecting multiple hits.

Lakeville North was seeded 4th in Section 3AAAA and the playoffs began with Juaire mowing through Burnsville for a 5-2 victory with **Sr C Will Wareham** and **Sr DH Sawyer Perry** providing two hits a piece. The team was confident heading on the road to #1 Rosemount and jumped on them offensively with five doubles in the first four innings (two by **Soph 2B James Fager**) but two LNHS leads were blown over the course of a 7-4 loss. Unfortunately, in their first elimination game, that theme continued, as the Panthers blew four different leads in a 9-inning affair at Eastview losing 11-10 despite four hits a piece for Juaire and **Sr CF Ryan Joyner** (both to be named to the 3AAAA All-Section team). The loss concluded the 2023 season with the team compiling an 11-11 record, the eighteenth consecutive year LNHS finished at or above .500. Rosemount would go on to win Section 3AAAA, advancing all the way to the MN State Championship before losing 1-0 in Target Field to East Ridge High School.

Catcher Will Wareham, who batted .328 on the season and threw out over 50% of would-be base stealers, was named Team MVP, South Suburban All-Conference, and was selected to play in the Play Ball Minnesota All-Star Series. Tanner Recchio joined Will at the Play Ball Series and took home the Metro South MVP trophy, to add to his All-Conference and All-State selections. Juaire and Schmelzle were selected All-Conference as well, with Juaire winning the team's Cy Young Award. **Sr Chase Flaskey, Sr Jackson Renz, & Jr Jacob Hammer** were awarded South Suburban Honorable Mention. In addition to the on-the-field accolades, our varsity student-athletes earned the *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 Lehnen**
NY Yankees (6th Round)

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

2024: FORMER PANTHERS PLAYING IN COLLEGE

Pitcher	Ryan Sleeper ('19)	Appalachian State (NC) Mountaineers*
Pitcher	Devon Schewe ('19)	University of St. Thomas Tommies*
Pitcher	Peter Tveite ('20)	Winona State University Warriors
Pitcher	Sam Baker ('21)	Gustavus Adolphus Golden Gusties
Catcher	Tyler Wombacher ('21)	Dakota County Tech College Blue Knights
Pitcher	Nolan Johnson ('21)	North Dakota State University Bison*
Infielder	Josh Haugen ('22)	Iowa Central Community College Tritons
Infielder	Brayden Manning ('22)	Taylor University (IN) Trojans
Outfielder	Chase Flaskey ('23)	Dakota County Tech College Blue Knights
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

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

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

LAKEVILLE NORTH (2006-2023) 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 (<i>by 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
'08 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
'09 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
'14 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 (<i>by both Star Tribune & 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

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 (1989-2023)

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 2006-2023 CAREER RECORD by OPPONENT

1. ROCH MAYO	4-0	1.000	21. EAGAN	27-11	0.711
1. EAU CLAIRE MEM	4-0	1.000	22. FARMINGTON	14-6	0.700
1. HENRY SIBLEY	3-0	1.000	23. TOTINO GRACE	2-1	0.667
1. RED WING	3-0	1.000	24. APPLE VALLEY	23-12	0.657
1. ROCH J.M.	2-0	1.000	25. PRIOR LAKE	15-9	0.625
1. MPLS NORTH	1-0	1.000	25. SHAKOPEE	10-6	0.625
1. EDINA	1-0	1.000	27. EASTVIEW	25-16	0.610
1. FOREST LAKE	1-0	1.000	28. BURNSVILLE	23-19	0.548
1. BRAINERD	1-0	1.000	29. CHANHASSEN	1-1	0.500
1. ANOKA	1-0	1.000	29. WOODBURY	1-1	0.500
1. NORTHFIELD	1-0	1.000	29. MINNETONKA	1-1	0.500
1. EAST RIDGE	1-0	1.000	29. WAYZATA	1-1	0.500
1. MAPLE GROVE	1-0	1.000	33. EDEN PRAIRIE	4-6	0.400
14. KENNEDY	14-1	0.933	34. CHASKA	4-11	0.267
15. OWATONNA	7-1	0.875	35. HASTINGS	0-1	0.000
16. LAKEVILLE SO.	28-7	0.800	35. MOUNDS VIEW	0-1	0.000
17. NEW PRAGUE	9-3	0.750	35. ROCH CNTRY	0-1	0.000
17. ST THOMAS	3-1	0.750	35. RICORI	0-1	0.000
19. ROSEMOUNT	30-12	0.714	35. ST MICH/ALBRTV	0-1	0.000
19. JEFFERSON	15-6	0.714	35. PARK of C.G.	0-2	0.000