



LAKEVILLE NORTH PANTHER BASEBALL

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2018 PANTHER MEDIA GUIDE

2018 SEASON OUTLOOK

The outlook each year for Panther baseball is filled with questions due to graduation, but optimism abounds in 2018 as several top-end players return from 2017's 3rd-place state finisher (final record of 21-6). The Panthers were pitching-dominant in 2017 striking out 220 batters in 182 innings pitched with a 2.22 ERA- and a solid core of that pitching staff returns in Sr RHP/OF **Nick Spitt** (5-0, 0.92 & committed to Minnesota State-Mankato), Sr RHP/OF **Collin Denk** (3-0, 2 Sv, 2.78 & committed to Minnesota State-Mankato), Sr LHP/1B **Nathaniel Peterson** (2-0, 4 Sv, 1.71, 24 K in 16 IP & committed to Oklahoma State) and Jr LHP **Ryan Sleeper** (2-1, 2.44, 44 K in 28 IP & verbally committed to North Carolina). Key gloves and valuable bats return to the lineup in switch-hitting three-time All-Conference Sr Catcher **Nick Juaire** (.303, 2 HR, 17 RBI & committed to Texas Christian), All-State Tournament Jr SS **Gavin Baker** (.350, 5 2B, 10 RBI), and Sr RHP/OF **Nick Spitt** (.329, 10 2B, 15 RBI). Other returning players with varsity experience include Sr 1B/DH **Tyler Rodewald** (committed to Northern Iowa Area CC), Sr OF **Zach Breeden** (committed to Southeast [NE] CC), Sr 2B/SS **Jacob Grimm**, Sr 3B **Trevor Smrekar** and Jr 2B/SS **Patrick Timmer** and Sr OF/P **Braden Walsh** will likely fill some gaps left by graduation as well. This team impresses on paper, but the test for Coach Market will be teaching them to play as a team in an attempt to reach a sixth consecutive MN State Tournament.

THE SOUTH SUBURBAN CONFERENCE



In 2010-2011, 9 former Lake Conference teams joined Prior Lake HS to create the new South Suburban Conference. Immediately it became the state's most competitive baseball conference. In its first 7 years, the conference has had five of its ten programs qualify for the large-school State Tournament, has produced two state champions, placed 21 players on the All-State Tournament Team and 42 players have earned All-State honors from the state coaches' association. With alumni playing for NCAA D1 programs including Nebraska, Oklahoma, Memphis & Minnesota, eight alums currently in professional baseball, and current players having committed to national programs including Missouri, Illinois & Texas Christian, the LNHS Panthers and their partner schools are looking to cement their reputation as the best baseball conference in the state with legitimate college & professional prospects competing in every game.

PANTHERS 2018 STARS & PROSPECTS

Sr C Nick Juaire (R/S)

Texas Christian University

This 2017 All-State catcher will enter his 4th season in the Panther starting lineup. The 3-time All-Conference switch-hitter has a career .348 average that includes multiple playoff home runs. Equally adept & powerful from each side of the plate, it is possibly his defense & management of the pitching staff that has had the biggest impact on the Panthers' long-term success. Nick is a nationally ranked professional prospect and will hopefully have the opportunity to play in his 4th Minnesota baseball state tournament this year.

Sr LHP/1B Nathaniel Peterson (L/L)

Oklahoma State University

As a junior left-handed pitcher who threw in the 80s, the coaching staff knew they'd have a place for Nathaniel on the mound in 2017, the surprise was in the important roles he filled as the everyday first baseman (hitting .280 with 12 RBI in an errorless season) and staff closer (4 saves). His deceptive pitching motion, high-80s fastball with late movement, and drop-off-the-table breaking ball all contributed to his varsity success (2-0, 1.71 ERA) and generated interest from an impressive list of colleges, including Oklahoma State.

Jr LHP Ryan Sleeper (L/L)

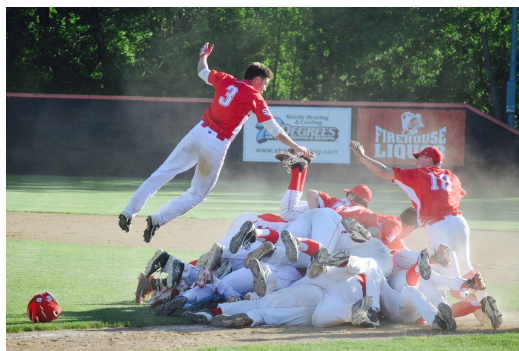
University of North Carolina

As a 6'3 sophomore lefty who could climb up the radar readings in impressive fashion, Ryan Sleeper's potential was undeniable. Control of all his pitches & reliability from one appearance to the next was, however, in question. Ryan showed improvement throughout the year in all areas, including velocity (threw 90+ MPH in summer competition), and turned himself into a big time prospect. Dedicated, hardworking, big and strong, Ryan will try to develop this year into a high school staff ace.

Sr RHP/OF Collin Denk (R/L)

Minnesota State- Mankato

Collin, once the high school basketball season concludes, will head to the mound for the third consecutive season for the Panthers. The hard throwing (83/84) & tall right-hander brings good stuff out on the bump every time including a filthy 2-seam fastball that dives late. The squad will depend on him heavily in relief and in spot-starts in 2018 as he brings a ton of experience (19 career varsity games pitched, 5 wins & 3 saves) with him, and will count on his defensive skills in the outfield as well.



Sr RHP/OF Nick Spitt (R/R)

Minnesota State- Mankato

A Panther regular for the last two-seasons, Nick will enter his senior year as a seasoned veteran of Panther baseball. He has patrolled RF & 1B, has started on the mound and pitched in relief. With 40 hits, 12 doubles, 25 RBI, 7 wins and a career ERA below 1.25 in 55 varsity innings pitched, it is unclear where he has the most value. A competitor with a constant smile on his face, Nick has that intangible of always rising to the biggest challenges, including two game-winning hits in the last two State Tournaments.

2017 SEASON RECAP

Expectations were high in 2017 for the Lakeville North Panthers and Coach **Tony Market**, as the team was seeking a fifth consecutive trip to the Minnesota Large School State Tournament. Coach Market, whose twelve seasons as head coach at Lakeville North have yielded 210 wins, six conference championships and five state tournament appearances, was confident the team had a chance- with an experienced pitching staff returning (that had thrown 71% of the innings in 2016) and an experienced lineup including three key contributors from 2016 in **Sr OF Michael Dooney**, **Sr 3B Tyler Fietek** and **Jr C Nick Juaire**. After a season opening loss to Shakopee, the Panthers rattled off 10 straight wins including a 1-0 complete game shutout by **Jr RHP Nick Spitt** over Burnsville.

The Panthers finished conference play with a 14-4 record, good enough for a share of the South Suburban Conference Championship (tied w/ Burnsville) and entered Section 1AAAA play as the #1 seed with a 15-5 overall record. The attempt at a fifth straight state tournament appearance would first go through cross-town rival Lakeville South. Tyler Fietek led the way with two homeruns and six RBI and Nick Spitt added three hits and three RBI of his own on way to a 12-3 first round win. A 6-2 come-from-behind win against Rochester Mayo came next, capped by Michael Dooney's walk-off grand slam in the bottom of the 7th inning. Two more come-from-behind victories were needed against Farmington (3-2) and New Prague (5-4), but the Panthers, with 15 consecutive section playoff victories (2014-2017), were headed back to state.

In game one of the state tourney, the Panthers would face conference rival Burnsville and Seattle Mariners 2nd round draft choice RHP Sam Carlson. The Panthers chased Carlson out after just 2 innings with seven runs on five hits, including a 2-run HR by Nick Juaire. After the 8-0 shutout of Burnsville, the Panthers faced unseeded Eden Prairie. Apparently, the Eagles (after a lackluster 11-9 regular season) had figured things out, as they would quickly dispatch of the Panthers in 5-innings and outscored their opponents by a total of 25-2 on their way to becoming state champions. Fittingly, in a season of comeback victories, our Panthers took the third place game 4-3 over Woodbury on a bottom of the seventh walk-off hit by Nick Spitt, completing a successful 21-6 season.

The pitching staff set school records for strikeouts and saves (thanks to all those close games) and Nick Juaire was named All-Conference, All-Section and All-State. Juaire was joined by Jr P/OF Nick Spitt, Sr RHP **Ross Bastyr**, Sr 2B **Ryan Bastyr**, and Sr LHP **Luke Degrammont** on the All-Conference Team. Sr RHP **Sean Flaherty**, Jr LHP/1B **Nathaniel Peterson** and Soph SS **Gavin Baker** were named Honorable Mention All-Conference and Spitt and Baker were named to the All-State Tournament Team. For the fifth consecutive year, Coach Market's squad brought hardware home from the MN State Tournament. In recognition of this rare achievement, he was selected as the 2017 National HS Baseball Coaches Association Midwest Coach of the Year. In addition to all of the on-the-field accolades, Sr Ross Bastyr was named to the All-State Academic Team and, for registering a team GPA over 3.3, our varsity student-athletes earned *All-State Silver* recognition for academics.

FORMER PANTHERS PLAYING IN COLLEGE 2018

Infielder	Angelo Altavilla ('15)	University of Nebraska Cornhuskers
Infielder	Mitch Frederick ('16)	Minnesota State University Mavericks
Infielder	Joey Larson ('16)	Augustana University Vikings
Catcher	Ben Jensen ('14)	Grand View University Vikings
Pitcher	Nick Dorfman ('14)	University of Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs
Outfielder	Drew Stewart ('16)	University of Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs
Pitcher	Sean Flaherty ('17)	University of Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs
Pitcher	Brett Herber ('15)	Winona State University Warriors
Outfielder	A.J. Sayer ('14)	University of St. Thomas Tommies
Pitcher	Grant Gunderson ('15)	University of St. Thomas Tommies
Infielder	Tyler Fietek ('17)	Iowa Central Community College Tritons
Catcher	Peter Grassl ('17)	Dakota County Tech College Blue Knights
Pitcher	Luke DeGrammont ('17)	Concordia University Golden Bears
Pitcher	Ross Bastyr ('17)	Concordia University Golden Bears
Infielder	Ryan Bastyr ('17)	Concordia University Golden Bears

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LAKEVILLE BASEBALL TEAM RECORDS

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
2016	Nick Juaire
2017	Team

LHS/LNHS

MLB DRAFT CHOICES

1993	Nathan Rasmussen L.A. Dodgers (52 nd Round)
2007	Michael Kvasnicka MN Twins (31 st Round)
2010	Michael Kvasnicka Houston Astros (1 st Round)
2010	Bret Mitchell NY Mets (12 th Round)
2017	Dalton Lehnen NY Yankees (6 th Round)

LAKEVILLE NORTH ('06-'17) 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 (MN Gatorade Player of the Year)
'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, T. 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, Joey 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 (All-State Academic: Angelo Altavilla)
'16 All-South Suburban	Nick Juaire, Billy Riach, Ross Bastyr, Joey Larson (HM: Tyler Fietek, Nick Spitt, Mitch Frederick)
'16 All-State Tournament	Michael Dooney, Luke DeGrammont
'16 All-State	Billy Riach (All-State Academic: Joey 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 (All-State Academic: Ross Bastyr)

LHS/LNHS INDIVIDUAL & TEAM RECORDS (1989-2017)

HITS

Season	David Olson '05	42
Career	Nate Rasmussen '90-'93	119
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	Mike Kvasnicka '06	.492
Career	David Olson '04-'05	.438
Team	2004	.364

ON BASE % (50 PA/100 PA)

Season	Mike Kvasnicka '06	.612
Career	David Olson '04-'05	.521
Team	2014	.435

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	Angelo Altavilla '13-'15	63
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	2017	220