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Brandon Dickinson



Joe Jablonski



Ken Murkowski



Head Coach  
Steve Lyon



Assistant Coach  
Jamie Detillion



Assistant Coach  
Gordy Alderink



Student Assistant  
Brandon McFarland



Student Assistant  
David Wedley

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## ROSTER

### PITCHERS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	B/T	Hometown/High School/Junior College
14	Justin Swiderski	RHP	5-11	170	Fr.	R/R	Troy, Mich./Athens
17	Brennen Glass	RHP	6-4	215	Fr.	R/R	Springfield, Ohio/South
21	Nick Beach	RHP	5-11	180	Jr.	R/R	Muskegon, Mich./Catholic Central/Muskegon C.C.
26	Alex Dawe	RHP	5-10	175	So.	R/R	Shepherd, Mich.
29	Eric Snyder	RHP	6-4	215	So.	R/R	Elburn, Ill./Kaneland/Waubonsee C.C.
30	Danny Richard	RHP	6-3	230	Fr.	R/R	West Bloomfield, Mich.
32	Brad Raj	P/INF	6-0	185	Fr.	R/R	Southgate, Mich./Anderson
33	Vince Rizzi	RHP	6-1	190	Sr.	R/R	Lansing, Ill./T.F. South/Joliet J.C.
34	Matt Middleton	RHP	5-11	220	Sr.	R/R	Grosse Pointe, Mich./South
38	David Bowman	RHP	5-10	180	So.	R/R	Rochester Hills, Mich./Brother Rice
40	Matt Huml	LHP	6-2	185	Jr.	L/L	Elburn, Ill./Kaneland/Kishwaukee C.C.
	Joe Jablonski	RHP	6-5	190	Fr.	R/R	Temperance, Mich./Bedford
	Brandon Dickinson	RHP	6-2	185	Fr.	R/R	Durand, Mich.
	Ken Murkowski	RHP	6-5	215	Jr.	R/R	Jackson, Mich./Lumen Christi/Kellogg C.C.

### CATCHERS

10	Brandon Bard	C	6-1	195	Sr.	R/R	Norton Shores, Mich./Mona Shores/Muskegon C.C.
12	Jesse Barfelz	C	5-10	175	RFr.	R/R	Jenison, Mich.
20	Nick Smith	C	6-1	210	Sr.	L/R	Hazel Park, Mich.
41	Josh Hargreaves	C	5-11	170	So.	R/R	New Boston, Mich./Huron

### INFIELDERS

3	Lee VanStrain	3B	5-10	170	Sr.	L/R	Kalamazoo, Mich./Central
4	Spud McKenzie	2B	5-8	175	Sr.	S/R	Wyoming, Mich./Park/Grand Rapids C.C.
6	Dan Delamielleure	INF	5-10	165	Fr.	R/R	Romeo, Mich.
8	Dan Skirka	SS	6-0	190	Sr.	R/R	Union City, Mich./Kellogg C.C.
9	Casey Robrahn	1B/P	6-1	180	So.	R/R	Jenison, Mich.
15	Aaron Melucci	INF	6-3	180	So.	L/R	Clinton Twp., Mich./Harper Woods Notre Dame
24	Cory Maguire	1B/P	6-2	195	Fr.	L/L	Davison, Mich.
25	Steve Strutz	1B	6-2	220	Jr.	R/R	Orland Park, Ill./Carl Sandburg/South Suburban C.C.

### OUTFIELDERS

5	Pat Radde	OF	5-8	175	Jr.	L/L	Grand Rapids, Mich./Forest Hills Central
16	Derek Hinke	OF	5-10	185	Jr.	R/R	Cedar Rapids, Iowa/Kennedy/Johnson County C.C.
22	Matt Nickels	OF	5-11	180	So.	L/L	Novi, Mich./Valparaiso
31	Scott Cain	OF/1B	6-0	185	So.	L/L	Canton, Mich./Divine Child

Head Coach: 7 Steve Lyon (Ninth Year)

Assistant Coaches: 27 Gordy Alderink, 19 Jamie Detillion

Student Assistants: Brandon McFarland, David Wedley

### Class Breakdown

#### Pronunciation Guide

Dawe - D - aww  
 Delamielleure - Da - Lam - A - Leer  
 Hargreaves - Har - graves  
 Hinke - Hin - Key  
 Huml - Hum - El  
 Jablonski - Ja - blon - ski  
 Melucci - Ma - Looch - E  
 Murkowski - Mer - cow - ski  
 Radde - Roddy  
 Raj - Rodge  
 Richard - Ri - Shard  
 Robrahn - Row - Bran  
 Swiderski - Swa - dir - ski  
 VanStrain - Van - Streen

#### Freshmen

6 Dan Delamielleure  
 12 Jesse Barfelz  
 14 Justin Swiderski  
 17 Brennen Glass  
 24 Cory Maguire  
 30 Danny Richard  
 32 Brad Raj  
 RS Brandon Dickinson  
 RS Joe Jablonski

#### Sophomores

9 Casey Robrahn  
 15 Aaron Melucci  
 22 Matt Nickels  
 26 Alex Dawe  
 29 Eric Snyder  
 31 Scott Cain  
 38 David Bowman  
 41 Josh Hargreaves

#### Juniors

5 Pat Radde  
 16 Derek Hinke  
 21 Nick Beach  
 25 Steve Strutz  
 40 Matt Huml  
 RS Ken Murkowski

#### Seniors

3 Lee VanStrain  
 4 Spud McKenzie  
 8 Dan Skirka  
 10 Brandon Bard  
 20 Nick Smith  
 33 Vince Rizzi  
 34 Matt Middleton

### Alphabetical

10 Brandon Bard  
 12 Jesse Barfelz  
 21 Nick Beach  
 38 David Bowman  
 31 Scott Cain  
 26 Alex Dawe  
 6 Dan Delamielleure  
 RS Brandon Dickinson  
 17 Brennen Glass  
 41 Josh Hargreaves  
 16 Derek Hinke  
 40 Matt Huml  
 RS Joe Jablonski  
 24 Cory Maguire  
 4 Spud McKenzie  
 15 Aaron Melucci  
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## PLAYER PROFILES



### Brandon Bard

#10

Catcher/First Baseman  
Senior  
6-1 • 195  
Bats: Right Throws: Right  
Norton Shores, Mich./Muskegon C.C.

#### As a Junior (2006)

Appeared in 51 games with 43 starts, primarily as the designated hitter...Hit .293 on the season with 24 runs driven in, two doubles and two home runs...Scored 30 runs on the year...Tallied at least two RBIs in five games...Scored at least once in nine of the Lakers' first eleven games...Went 2-for-2 with a pair of walks, a stolen base and crossed the plate four times in GVSU's 21-13 win versus Upper Iowa (3/5)...Went 8-for-12 with three RBIs and five runs scored in GVSU's four game sweep of Mercyhurst (4/29-30).

#### Muskegon Community College

Played two years at Muskegon Community College...Coached by Cap Pohlman...Two-time MCCA All-Conference honoree...Tallied a team record 18 doubles in 2004, while hitting .335 with 40 RBI.

#### Mona Shores High School

Prepped at Mona Shores High School...Coached by Cory Stevens...Named first-team all-area by *Muskegon Chronicle*...All-OK Red First-Team selection...Was named Team MVP and captain...Led team with a .420 batting average during senior campaign.

#### Personal

Son of Howard and Kathleen Bard...Born in Muskegon, Mich...Education major...Played for Team USA during the summer of 2005 in the French and Belgium Open baseball tournaments.

#### Bard's Career Statistics

Year	G	GS	AVG	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	SBA	BB	SO
2006	51	43	.293	133	30	39	4	0	2	24	2	2	21	15
<b>Totals</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>.293</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>15</b>

#### Bard's Career Highs

At Bats .....5 vs Missouri Southern (3/9/06)  
 Runs .....4 vs Upper Iowa (3/5/06)  
 Hits .....2 (11 times, most recently vs Ashland 5/6/06)  
 RBIs .....2 (five times, most recently vs Northern Kentucky 4/15/06)  
 Total Bases .....5 vs Central Arkansas (3/8/06)  
 Stolen Bases .....1 (two times, most recently vs Ashland 5/6/06)  
 Hit Streak.....6 games (3/8/06-3/18/06)



### Jesse Barfelz

#12

Catcher  
Redshirt Freshman  
5-10 • 175  
Bats: Right Throws: Right  
Jenison, Mich.

#### As a True Freshman (2006)

Redshirted

#### Jenison High School

Prepped at Jenison High School...Coached by Gary Cook...Hit .320 with two home runs in senior campaign...Named all-conference, all-district, and all-region senior year...Two-time academic all-state selection...Team claimed back-to-back district and regional championships...State finalist in 2004.

#### Personal

Son of Charles and Susan Barfelz...Born in Grand Rapids, Mich...Criminal justice major...Played in Little League World Series in 1998.



### Nick Beach

#21

Righthanded Pitcher  
Junior  
5-11 • 180  
Bats: Right Throws: Right  
Muskegon, Mich./Muskegon C.C.

#### Muskegon Community College

Attended Muskegon Community College, playing under head coach Cap Pohlman.

#### Muskegon Catholic Central High School

Prepped at Muskegon Catholic Central under head coach Steve Sanocki...Two-time All-River Valley Conference honoree...Named all-area and all-district in junior and senior years...Earned all-region and all-state plaudits as a senior in addition to being named MVP and captain...Team claimed back-to-back conference championships...Reached state semifinals in senior campaign...Also participated in basketball, wrestling, and bowling.

#### Personal


Born in Okinawa, Japan...Son of Tom and Emy Beach...Enjoys bowling and hanging out with friends.

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**David Bowman**  
#38  
Righthanded Pitcher  
Sophomore  
5-10 • 180  
Bats: Right Throws: Right  
Rochester Hills, Mich./Brother Rice



**Scott Cain**  
#31  
Outfielder/First Baseman  
Sophomore  
6-0 • 185  
Bats: Left Throws: Left  
Canton, Mich./Divine Child

### 2006 First Team All-GLIAC

#### As a Redshirt Freshman (2006)

First Team All-GLIAC honoree...Appeared in a team-high 19 games, tying for fifth most in the GLIAC, all out of the bullpen...Seven saves ranked second in the conference and 38th in all of Division II...Posted a 2.70 ERA on the year, ranking fourth on the squad...Opponents hit .255 against the Laker closer...Finished a team-high 14 games...Threw 26.2 innings on the season, allowing 25 hits and 10 runs, only eight of which were earned...Turned in a 2-0 record with seven saves out of the bullpen...Struck out 12 batters...Did not allow a run in 10 consecutive appearances (3/19-4/30)...Struck out six batters in his first three appearances as a Laker, 5.2 innings (2/25, 3/5, 3/6).

#### As a True Freshman (2005)

Redshirted

#### Birmingham Brother Rice High School

Prepped at Birmingham Brother Rice High School...Coached by Bob Riker...Member of state finalist baseball team in 2003...Member of back-to-back State finalist football teams in 2003 and 2004...Played games in Comerica Park during high school career.

#### Personal

Son of David and Linda Bowman...Born in New Brunswick, New Jersey...Engineering major...Enjoys relaxing.

#### Bowman's Career Statistics

Year	W-L	SV	ERA	G-GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2006	2-0	7	2.70	19-0	0	26.2	25	10	8	6	12
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2-0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2.70</b>	<b>19-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26.2</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>

#### Bowman's Career Highs

Innings Pitched .....3.0 (two times, most recently vs Northwood 4/13/06)  
Strikeouts .....3 vs Missouri Southern (3/6/06)

#### As a Redshirt Freshman (2006)

Saw action in nine games with two hits in nine at bats...Both hits were doubles...Scored two runs and drove in four on the season...Tallied two RBI versus Southwest Baptist (3/4)...Went 1-for-1 with an RBI and a run scored against Hillsdale (5/3).

#### As a True Freshman (2005)

Redshirted

#### Dearborn Divine Child High School

Prepped at Divine Child High School...Coached by Tony DeMare...Earned all-state plaudits as a junior and senior...Three-time all-city selection...Two-time all-region, all-district, all-catholic, and all-league performer...Dream Team all-state performer, Ralph Owen Finalist, and team captain senior season...Batted .490 with two home runs and 55 RBIs in state championship senior season.

#### Personal

Son of David and Patricia Cain...Born in Wayne, Mich....History and education major...Enjoys hanging out with friends, reading, writing, and listening to music.

#### Cain's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	AVG	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB-SBA	BB	SO
2006	9-0	.222	9	2	2	2	0	0	4	0-0	1	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9-0</b>	<b>.222</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

#### Cain's Career Highs


At Bats .....2 vs Southwest Baptist (3/4/06)  
Runs .....1 (two times, most recently vs Hillsdale 5/3/06)  
Hits .....1 (two times, most recently vs Hillsdale 5/3/06)  
RBIs .....2 vs Southwest Baptist (3/4/06)  
Total Bases .....2 (two times, most recently vs Hillsdale 5/3/06)  
Stolen Bases .....NA  
Hit Streak .....1 game (5/3/06-active)





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## PLAYER PROFILES



**Alex Dawe**  
**#26**  
Righthanded Pitcher  
Sophomore  
5-10 • 170  
Bats: Right Throws: Right  
Shepherd, Mich.

### As a Redshirt Freshman (2006)

Made seven relief appearances on the year...Threw 6.2 innings, allowing 11 hits and eight runs, four of which were unearned...Struck out five on the season...Posted a 5.40 ERA...Struck out two batters in 2.0 innings of work against Eastern Michigan (4/11).

### As a True Freshman (2005)

Redshirted

### Shepherd High School

Prepped at Shepherd High School...Coached by Jack Nartker...All-state and all-CSAA as a junior and senior...Named team MVP as junior and senior...Recorded 15-1 record as a pitcher for State finalist team senior year.

### Personal


Born in Alma, Mich....Son of Mike and Vickie Dawe...Business Management major...Enjoys hunting, fishing, and snowmobiling.

### Dawe's Career Statistics

Year	W-L	SV	ERA	G-GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2006	0-0	0	5.40	7-0	0	6.2	11	8	4	3	5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5.40</b>	<b>7-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>

### Dawe's Career Highs

Innings Pitched .....2.0 vs Eastern Michigan (4/11/06)  
Strikeouts .....2 vs Eastern Michigan (4/11/06)




**Dan Delamielleure**  
**#6**  
Infielder  
Freshman  
5-10 • 165  
Bats: Right Throws: Right  
Romeo, Mich.

### Romeo High School

Prepped at Romeo High School under head coach T.J. Delamielleure...Two-time first team all-region honoree...Earned first team all-metro, all-district and all-county plaudits...Named First Team All-Macomb Area Conference Red as a junior and senior...Team MVP final three years...Second Team All-County selection as a sophomore...Named team Rookie of the Year as a freshman...Hit .414 as a junior and posted a 1.42 ERA with 85 strikeouts as a junior...Team claimed District Championship as a junior and claimed a conference championship during sophomore season...USSSA World Series MVP in 2004 as team claimed USSSA World Series Championship.

### Personal

Born in Rochester, Mich....Son of Timothy and Nancy Delamielleure...Played for brother, T.J., at Romeo High School...Business major.



**Brandon Dickinson**  
Righthanded Pitcher  
Freshman  
6-2 • 185  
Bats: Right Throws: Right  
Durand, Mich.

### Durand High School

Prepped at Durand High School under head coach Rob Milton...Three-time All-Genesee Area Conference honoree...Earned all-district honors...Posted a 9-3 record as a junior with 97 strikeouts and a 2.49 ERA...As a senior, went 9-2 with 128 strikeouts and a 1.70 ERA...Team claimed back-to-back District Championships...Also participated in football and basketball...Played baseball in New Zealand and Australia...Has thrown four no-hitters in his career with one perfect game and a 20-strikeout game...Holds the single-season and career strikeout records at Durand High School.

### Personal

Born in Owosso, Mich....Son of Brian and Vivian Dickinson...Enjoys sports, music, and hanging out with friends.



**Brennen Glass**  
**#17**  
Righthanded Pitcher  
Freshman  
6-4 • 215  
Bats: Right Throws: Right  
Springfield, Mich./South

Also a member of the GVSU football team as a quarterback.

### Springfield South High School

Prepped at Springfield South High School under head coach Jeff Brown...Four-time All-Greater Western Ohio Conference selection...Named to the first team in final two years after being named to the second team as a freshman and a sophomore...Named team's offensive player of the year as a sophomore...Second Team All-Ohio honoree as a junior...First Team All-Ohio as a senior...Participated in the All-Ohio Mizuno All Star Game...Four-year varsity performer in football and baseball.

### Personal

Born in Springfield, Ohio...Son of Tim and Shelli Glass...Two older brothers, Ryan and Brady, played baseball at Kent State University...Father, Tim, was a first round draft pick by the Cleveland Indians in the 1976 Major League Baseball Draft...Enjoys sports, video games, and lifting weights...Criminal justice major.

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**Josh Hargreaves**  
**#41**  
Catcher  
Sophomore  
6-0 • 170  
Bats: Right Throws: Right  
New Boston, Mich./Huron



**Derek Hinke**  
**#16**  
Outfielder  
Junior  
5-10 • 185  
Bats: Right Throws: Right  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa/Johnson County C.C.

### As a Redshirt Freshman (2006)

Appeared in seven games as a backup catcher...Went 2-for-7 on the year with three runs scored and one run batted in...Went 1-for-1 with a RBI vs. Hillsdale (5/3).

### As a True Freshman (2005)

Redshirted

### Huron High School

Prepped at Huron High School...Played for A.J. Richardson...Earned all-conference plaudits junior and senior years...Named all-district, first team all-region, and second team all-state...Member of the *New Herald* Dream Team...Hit .439 with 28 RBIs and was named team MVP in junior season.

### Personal

Born in Wyandotte, Mich....Son of William and Debra Hargreaves...Business major...Enjoys sports, hanging out with friends, and lifting.

### Hargreaves' Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	AVG	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB-SBA	BB	SO
2006	7-0	.286	7	3	2	0	0	0	1	0-0	2	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7-0</b>	<b>.286</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

### Hargreaves' Career Highs

At Bats .....2 vs Upper Iowa (3/5/06)  
Runs .....1 (three times, most recently vs Calvin 4/17/06)  
Hits .....1 (two times, most recently vs Hillsdale 5/3/06)  
RBIs .....1 vs Hillsdale (5/3/06)  
Total Bases .....1 (two times, most recently vs Hillsdale 5/3/06)  
Stolen Bases .....NA  
Hit Streak .....1 game (5/3/06-active)

### Johnson County Community College

Attended Johnson County Community College and played under head coach Kent Shelly...Hit .377 with 60 hits, three home runs and 44 RBIs as a freshman...Two-time all-academic athlete at Johnson County C.C....Hit .434 with 69 hits, nine home runs and 53 RBIs as a sophomore for the Cavaliers...Named First Team All-Jayhawk Conference Outfielder.

### Cedar Rapids Kennedy High School

Prepped at Cedar Rapids Kennedy High School under head coach Bret Hoyer...Two-time All-Mississippi Valley Conference pick and conference MVP as a senior...Named Class 4A First Team All-State as a junior...Selected as an All-State Super Team (all classes) honoree...Hit .344 with three home runs and 49 RBIs as a junior and .454 with 10 home runs and 56 RBIs as a senior...Team was a state qualifier and sub-state champions as a junior...Third team all-state wide receiver as a junior...Also participated in football, basketball, and track.

### Personal

Born in Maquoketa, Iowa...Son of Pat and Jill Hinke...Enjoys fishing and camping.





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**Matt Huml**  
#40  
Lefthanded Pitcher  
Junior  
6-2 • 185  
Bats: Left Throws: Left  
Elburn, Ill./Kishwaukee C.C.

### Kishwaukee Community College

Attended Kishwaukee Community College and played under former Lakers Josh Pethoud and Russell Williams...Posted a 5-2 record with a 2.08 ERA and led the team in wins and innings pitched as a sophomore.

### Kaneland High School

Prepped at Kaneland High School under head coach Brian Rea...Earned All-Suburban Prairie North honors...Team MVP and captain...Also earned Most Improved and Defensive MVP honors...Team qualified for state tournament as a senior...Also participated in basketball...Played along side current Laker Eric Snyder

### Personal

Born in Geneva, Ill....Son of Daniel and Kathy Huml...Business major.



**Cory Maguire**  
#24  
Lefthanded Pitcher/First Baseman  
Freshman  
6-2 • 195  
Bats: Left Throws: Left  
Davison, Mich.

### Davison High School

Prepped at Davison High School under head coach Timm Rye...Three-Time All-Big Nine Conference selection...Named to Dream Team as a first baseman during junior year...Division I First Team All-State honoree...Team claimed District Championships in 2003 and 2005...Had a 26 game hit streak during his high school career...Hit .517 as a junior, .600 in conference play...Tallied 43 RBIs as a junior...Also played four years of varsity hockey.

### Personal

Born in Flint, Mich....Son of Gary and Darlene Maguire...Enjoys outdoor sports, playing cards, golf, darts and camping.



**Joe Jablonski**  
Righthanded Pitcher  
Freshman  
6-5 • 190  
Bats: Right Throws: Right  
Temperance, Mich./Bedford

### Temperance Bedford High School

Prepped at Temperance Bedford High School under head coach Craig Trychel...Was an academic all-district selection as a junior...Named honorable mention all-region as a pitcher and an infielder...Selected to the Monroe Jefferson All-Tournament Team...Also played four years of basketball...Earned honorable mention all-conference and all-region on the hardwood...Nominated for the Wendy's High School Heisman National Award.

### Personal

Born in Toledo, Ohio...Son of Raymond and Deborah Jablonski...Sister, Amanda, plays volleyball at Saginaw Valley State...Enjoys basketball, fishing, and golf...Movement Science major.




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## PLAYER PROFILES



**Preseason All-American**  
**Spud McKenzie**  
**#4**  
Second Baseman  
Senior  
5-8 • 175  
Bats: Switch Throws: Right  
Wyoming, Mich./Grand Rapids C.C.

**2006 First Team All-North Central Region**  
**2006 First Team All-GLIAC**

### As a Junior (2006)

First Team All-Region and All-GLIAC selection...Appeared in 55 games with 52-of-54 starts at second base...Hit .379 on the year, ranking 10th in the GLIAC and fourth on the squad...Tied for the Laker lead in RBIs, with 54 ranking third in the conference...Second on the team with six home runs...One of three Lakers to reach the 100 total base plateau with exactly 100...Ranked in the top four in all three extra-base hit categories on the team: doubles (11/T4th), triples (2/T1st) and home runs (6/2nd)...Led the team in stolen bases with 15...Tied for third on the team with 67 hits...Went 67-for-177 on the season with 43 runs scored, 54 RBIs and 100 total bases...Was 15-of-22 on steal attempts on the base paths...Turned in a .957 fielding percentage from his second base position...129 assists ranked second on the squad...Turned in 10 games with two or more RBIs, including five games of four RBIs...Tallied a hit in 19 of his first 21 games as a Laker...Went 9-for-12 with three runs scored and seven RBIs in a four game stretch late in the season against Hillsdale and Ashland (5/3-5/6)...Went 3-for-4 with a run scored and three RBIs at Northwood (4/5)...Hit a grand slam vs. Quincy in the North Central Regional Tournament...Named the Northwoods League Silver Glove Award Winner as the best fielding second baseman this past summer.

### Grand Rapids Community College

Played two years at Grand Rapids Community College...Coached by Doug Wabeke and Mike Cupples...Sat out 2004 season due to injury...Hit .350 and was named 2003 NJCAA World Series MVP...Team captured three-straight NJCAA National Championships.

### Wyoming Park High School

Prepped at Wyoming Park High School...Coached by Ron Engels...Two-time All-OK Gold, all-district, and all-region honoree...Team was State finalist in 2001.

### Personal

Son of Jim and Mary McKenzie...Born in Grand Rapids, Mich. as Justin McKenzie...Engineering major...Enjoys playing the guitar, ping-pong, tennis, and golf.

### McKenzie's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	AVG	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB-SBA	BB	SO
2006	55-54	.379	177	43	67	11	2	6	54	15-22	30	16
<b>Totals</b>	<b>55-54</b>	<b>.379</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>15-22</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>16</b>

### McKenzie's Career Highs

At Bats .....5 (three times, most recently vs Wayne State 4/23/06)  
Runs .....3 (two times, most recently vs Mercyhurst 4/29/06)  
Hits .....3 (five times, most recently vs Ashland 5/6/06)  
RBIs .....4 (five times, most recently vs Quincy 5/20/06)  
Total Bases .....6 vs Pittsburg State (3/10/06)  
Stolen Bases .....3 vs Gannon (4/9/06)  
Hit Streak.....13 games (4/17/06-5/6/06)



**Aaron Melucci**  
**#15**  
Righthanded Pitcher/Infielder  
Sophomore  
6-3 • 180  
Bats: Left Throws: Right  
Clinton Twp., Mich./Harper Woods N.D.

### As a True Freshman (2006)

Appeared in 22 games with 10 starts as a true freshman...Hit .220 on the season with nine hits in 41 at bats...Scored four runs and tallied three RBIs...Recorded a five-game hit streak during the year...Went 2-for-3 with a run scored at Missouri Southern (3/5)...Went 2-for-4 with a run scored and a RBI against Salem International (3/18)...Made one appearance on the mound, throwing 0.2 innings of hitless ball against Ashland (5/7).

### Harper Woods Notre Dame High School

Prepped at Harper Woods Notre Dame High School...Coached by Frank Swaney...All-state honoree in senior year...Two-time All-Catholic League selection...Hit .458 with three home runs and 30 RBI...Team claimed four straight District Championships.

### Personal

Son of William and Karen Melucci...Born in Detroit, Mich....Biomedical Science major...Played in Little League World Series in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

### Melucci's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	AVG	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB-SBA	BB	SO
2006	22-10	.220	41	4	9	3	0	0	3	0-1	5	12
<b>Totals</b>	<b>22-10</b>	<b>.220</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>

### Melucci's Career Highs

At Bats .....4 (three times, most recently vs Salem International 3/18/06)  
Runs.....1 (four times, most recently vs Wayne State 4/22/06)  
Hits .....2 (three times, most recently vs Salem International 3/18/06)  
RBIs .....1 (three times, most recently vs Northwood 4/5/06)  
Total Bases .....3 vs Central Arkansas (3/8/06)  
Stolen Bases .....NA  
Hit Streak.....5 games (3/8/06-3/18/06)


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## PLAYER PROFILES



**Matt Middleton**  
#34  
Righthanded Pitcher  
Senior  
5-11 • 210  
Bats: Right Throws: Right  
Grosse Pointe, Mich./South



**Ken Murkowski**  
Righthanded Pitcher  
Junior  
6-5 • 215  
Bats: Right Throws: Right  
Jackson, Mich./Kellogg C.C.

### As a Junior (2006)

Made 14 appearances on the year with his first collegiate start...Tied for second most games in relief with 13...Struck out 17, walking just three...Made five straight appearances without allowing a run (4/5-4/17)...Struck out two or more batters in five of 14 appearances...Made first career start vs Hillsdale (5/3) going 3.0 innings, allowing two earned runs.

### As a Sophomore (2005)

Led the squad with 19 appearances, good for sixth on the single-season list...Picked up the save vs. Northwood (5/4) throwing 1.1 innings of no-hit ball...Did not allow a run in 14-of-19 appearances.

### As a Redshirt Freshman (2004)

Made nine appearances, posting a 1-1 record with one save...Threw 2.1 innings of relief for the win vs. Mercyhurst in the Lakers 10-9 victory (4/10).

### As a True Freshman (2003)

Redshirted

### Grosse Pointe South High School

Prepped at Grosse Pointe South...Played for Dan Griesbaum...Tallied an 8-1 record and a 0.74 ERA...As a senior he was team captain, Co-Team and Macomb Area Conference MVP...Named first team all-state as a senior...Team was State Champions his junior year and District Champions his senior season...Also played football.

### Personal

Born in Detroit, Mich....Son of Richard and Patricia Middleton...Enjoys music, playing video games, and golf.

### Middleton's Career Statistics

Year	W-L	SV	ERA	G-GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2004	1-1	1	6.75	9-0	0	13.1	14	12	10	7	11
2005	0-1	1	4.24	19-0	0	17.0	16	9	8	12	15
2006	0-0	0	7.36	14-1	0	18.1	33	22	15	3	17
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6.10</b>	<b>42-1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>48.2</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>43</b>

### Middleton's Career Highs

Innings.....3.1 vs Saginaw Valley State (4/2/06)  
Strikeouts...3 (five times, most recently vs Saginaw Valley State 4/2/06)

### Kellogg Community College

Attended Kellogg Community College and played under head coach Russ Bortell...Posted a 7-1 record with a 2.50 ERA as a freshman...Led the nation in strikeouts per inning with 1.62 per frame...Followed up freshman campaign by going 4-2 with a 2.17 ERA as a sophomore.

### Jackson Lumen Christi High School

Prepped at Jackson Lumen Christi High School and played for head coach Frank Slabby...First Team All-Capital Area Activities Association selection...Named first team all-region and all-district...Was honored as the JTV Scholar Athlete of the Week...Jackson Citizen Patriot All-Tournament Team member...Also participated in football and basketball.

### Personal

Born in Traverse City, Mich....Son of Dr. Ken Murkowski and Mary Ellen Devine...Enjoys golf, basketball, and going to baseball games...Biomedical science major.



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## PLAYER PROFILES



**Matt Nickels**  
#22

Outfielder  
Sophomore  
5-11 • 180  
Bats: Left Throws: Left  
Novi, Mich./Valparaiso

### Valparaiso University


Attended Valparaiso University for two years.

### Novi High School

Prepped at Novi High School under head coach Rick Green...Was an academic all-conference selection as a junior and senior...Earned All-Kensington Valley Conference honors as a junior...Named All-State by the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association...Two-time All-Metro honoree by the *Detroit News* and All-Oakland by the *Oakland Press*...Team claimed back-to-back Kensington Valley Championships in final two seasons...Also played varsity soccer.

### Personal

Born in Amherst, N.Y....Son of Charlie and Julie Nickels...Film and Video major.



**Pat Radde**  
#5

Outfielder  
Junior  
5-8 • 165  
Bats: Left Throws: Left  
Grand Rapids, Mich./Forest Hills Central

### As a Sophomore (2006)

Appeared in 35 games with 20 starts as an outfielder...Slowed by a shoulder injury...Went 24-of-75 on the season for a .320 average...Tallied seven extra base hits with six doubles and a triple...Drove in 12 runs on the year and scored 14 runs...One of seven Lakers to hit higher than .300 on the year...Posted a 1.000 fielding percentage making 13 putouts in left field...Went 3-for-4 with two runs scored and three RBIs in a doubleheader vs Concord (5/19)...Went 2-for-3 with two runs scored and a RBI at Ashland (5/7)...Tallied three RBIs on two hits at Missouri Southern (3/5).

### As a True Freshman (2005)

Appeared in 39 games, starting 33 in left field...Ranked fourth among the Lakers in on-base percentage (.397)...Went 2-5 with a triple, two runs scored, and two RBI vs. Saginaw Valley (5/12) in the GLIAC Tournament...Went 3-3 with two doubles, one run scored, and one RBI vs. Wisconsin-Parkside (5/21) in the North Central Region Championship...Finished the year on a season-high six game hitting streak.

### Forest Hills Central High School

Prepped at Forest Hills Central High School...Played for Thad Abel...Three time all-district and all-area selection...All-conference selection sophomore and senior year...Team captain junior and senior seasons...Named team MVP senior season...Earned second-team all-state plaudits in 2004...Hit .494 senior year...Led team to District Championship junior year.

### Personal

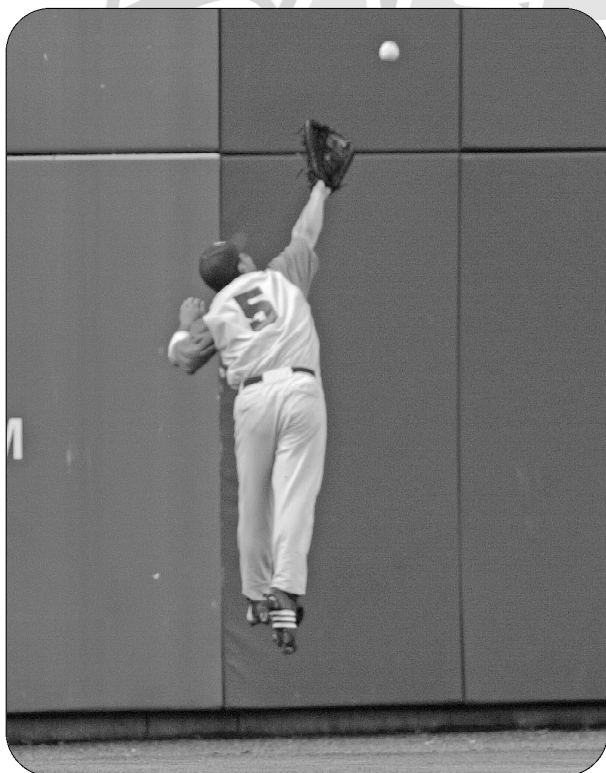
Born in Grand Rapids, Mich....Son of Chuck and Lauren Radde...Enjoys sports and hanging out with friends...Accounting major.

### Radde's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	AVG	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB-SBA	BB	SO
2005	39-33	.282	103	21	29	6	1	0	10	2-2	19	15
2006	35-20	.320	75	14	24	6	1	0	12	1-2	7	12
<b>Totals</b>	<b>74-53</b>	<b>.298</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>3-4</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>

### Radde's Career Highs

At Bats .....5 (three times, most recently vs Missouri Southern 3/6/06)  
Runs .....2 (eight times, most recently vs Ashland 5/7/06)  
Hits .....3 (two times, most recently vs Wisconsin-Parkside 5/21/05)  
RBIs .....3 vs Missouri Southern (3/5/06)  
Total Bases .....5 vs Wisconsin-Parkside (5/21/05)  
Stolen Bases.....1 (three times, most recently vs N. Kentucky 2/25/06)  
Hit Streak.....6 games (5/21/05-6/2/05)



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## PLAYER PROFILES




**Brad Raj**  
**#32**  
Righthanded Pitcher/Infielder  
Freshman  
6-0 • 185  
Bats: Right Throws: Right  
Southgate, Mich./Southgate Anderson

### Southgate Anderson High School

Prepped at Southgate Anderson under head coach Paul Piesz...Was an all-conference, all-region, and all-academic selection during high school career...*Detroit News* All-Metro Team member...Named to *The News Herald* Dream Team...Hit .485 as a junior with 38 RBIs and 38 runs scored...Threw 39 innings with 50 strikeouts and a 1.97 ERA...Threw a no-hitter as a junior...Team claimed District Championships his sophomore and junior season...Named to USSSA All-Tournament Team and Outstanding Defensive Player as team finished second in 2003 World Series.

### Personal

Born in Wyandotte, Mich....Son of David and Monica Raj...Enjoys fishing and golfing.



**Vince Rizzi**  
**#33**  
Righthanded Pitcher  
Senior  
6-1 • 190  
Bats: Right Throws: Right  
Lansing, Ill./Joliet C.C.

### As a Junior (2006)

Made 17 appearances with four starts on the mound...Posted a 5.40 ERA and 5-3 record...Threw 40.0 innings, allowing 24 earned runs...30 strikeouts ranked fifth on the squad...Finished tied for second on the team with five games finished and 13 games in relief...Picked up the win in his very first appearance as a Laker, throwing 3.0 innings of hitless relief with four strikeouts against Wisconsin-Parkside (2/24)...Recorded a season-high eight strikeouts in six innings of work against Salem International (3/18) in his first win as a starter...Allowed one or fewer runs in 11 of 17 appearances.

### Joliet Junior College

Spent two years at Joliet Junior College...Coached by Wayne King...Two-time all-region selection...Named first-team all-district following sophomore campaign...Recorded an 8-2 record, posting a 4.64 ERA...Struck out 63 batters.

### T. F. South High School

Prepped at T.F. South High School...Coached by Ken Reynolds...Earned All-South Inter-Athletic Association Conference honors...Member of football and wrestling squads.

### Personal


Son of Vince and Debra Rizzi...Born in Harvey, Ill....Physical education major.

### Rizzi's Career Statistics

Year	W-L	SV	ERA	G-GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2006	5-3	0	5.40	17-4	0	40.0	47	29	24	15	30
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5-3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5.40</b>	<b>17-4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>30</b>

### Rizzi's Career Highs

Innings .....6.0 vs Salem International (3/18/06)  
Strikeouts.....8 vs Salem International (3/18/06)



**Danny Richard**  
**#30**  
Righthanded Pitcher  
Freshman  
6-3 • 230  
Bats: Right Throws: Right  
West Bloomfield, Mich.

Also a member of the GVSU football team as a defensive lineman.

### West Bloomfield High School

Prepped at West Bloomfield High School under head coach Pat Watson...Two-time all-county, all-region and All-Oakland Athletics Association selection...All-state honorable mention as a senior...Team MVP and captain as a junior and senior...Named most promising player as a sophomore...Hit .480 as a junior and .440 as a senior...Tallied 15 home runs in high school career.

### Personal

Born in Royal Oak, Mich....Son of Michael and Sharleen Richard...Brother, Jeff, plays baseball at Central Michigan...Enjoys working out, music, and video games...Engineering major.

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## PLAYER PROFILES



**Casey Robrahn**  
**#9**  
 First Baseman/Righthanded Pitcher  
 Sophomore  
 6-1 • 175  
 Bats: Right Throws: Right  
 Jenison, Mich.

**2006 Second Team North Central Region**  
**2006 GLIAC Freshman of the Year**  
**2006 First Team All-GLIAC**

### As a Redshirt Freshman (2006)

Named the GLIAC Freshman of the Year...Selected as a member of the North Central Region Second Team...First Team All-GLIAC honoree...Appeared in 54 games with 50 starts as the Laker first baseman...Ranked second on the team, sixth in the GLIAC, and 93rd in Division II with a .397 batting average on the year...Was one of the toughest hitters to strike out in the nation, ranking 50th by striking out once every 16.3 at bats...Ranked second on the team with 71 hits on the year, the most by a freshman in school history...Tied for second with 12 doubles...Tallied 83 total bases on the year...Stole 13 stolen bases on the year, good for second on the team...Went 71-for-179 on the season with 34 runs scored and 36 RBIs, all freshman school records...Posted a team-best 29 game hit streak, the longest in school history...Improved his average by 101 points during the streak...Tallied 20 multi-hit games...Went 3-for-4 with two runs scored and four RBIs vs Saginaw Valley State (4/2)...Went 2-for-4 with one run scored and four RBIs vs Northern Kentucky (4/15).

### As a True Freshman (2005)

Appeared in seven games, with six starts...Went 2-3 with two runs scored...Was granted a medical redshirt after undergoing surgery following the team's spring trip.

### Jenison High School

Prepped at Jenison High School...Played for Gary Cook...Holds the modern day state record for consecutive pitching victories (28)...Posted a 28-0 pitching record...Hit .480 junior season and .517 as a senior...All-conference, all-area, and all-region selection junior and senior year...Team captain senior year...Earned all-state plaudits as a senior...Guided team to State Championship game as a senior...Team was conference champs three times and regional champs in senior year.

### Personal

Born in Grand Rapids, Mich....Son of Scott and Kathy Robrahn...Played in the Little League World Series in 1998...Enjoys hunting, fishing, and golfing.

### Robrahn's Career Hitting Statistics

Year	G-GS	AVG	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB-SBA	BB	SO
2005	7-6	.211	19	3	4	0	0	0	1	0-1	1	0
2006	54-50	.397	179	34	71	12	0	0	36	13-15	3	11
<b>Totals</b>	<b>61-56</b>	<b>.379</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>13-16</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>

### Robrahn's Career Pitching Statistics

Year	W-L	SV	ERA	G-GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2005	0-0	0	0.00	2-1	0	3.2	6	3	0	1	7
2006	Did Not Pitch										
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2-1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>



### Robrahn's Batting Career Highs

At Bats	.....5 (three times, most recently vs Missouri Southern 3/6/06)
Runs	.....3 vs Mercyhurst (4/30/06)
Hits	.....3 (six times, most recently vs Ashland 5/7/06)
RBIs	.....4 (two times, most recently vs Northern Kentucky 4/15/06)
Total Bases	.....5 vs Saginaw Valley State (4/2/06)
Stolen Bases	.....4 vs Northwood (4/13/06)
Hit Streak	.....29 games (3/29/06-5/6/06)

### Robrahn's Pitching Career Highs

Innings	.....2.2 vs Missouri Southern (3/7/05)
Strikeouts	.....5 vs Missouri Southern (3/7/05)


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## PLAYER PROFILES



**Dan Skirka**  
#8

Shortstop  
Senior  
6-0 • 190  
Bats: Right Throws: Right  
Union City, Mich./Kellogg C.C.

### 2006 North Central Regional All-Tournament Team

#### As a Junior (2006)

North Central Regional All-Tournament Team Member...Started in all 57 games at shortstop for the Lakers...Ranked fifth on the team with an on base percentage of .432...Tied for first in runs scored crossing the plate 56 times...Drew 33 walks on the season, second on the team...Dropped down a team-high 14 sacrifice bunts...Second on the team with 227 total plate appearances...Was one of seven Lakers to hit better than .300 on the year (.322)...Tallied 28 RBIs and scored twice as many runs (56)...Turned in a .930 fielding percentage from his shortstop position with a team-high 146 assists...Was a part of 34 double plays on the season...Went 3-for-4 with three runs scored and three RBIs vs Concord (3/19)...Was a perfect 2-for-2 with two runs scored and four RBIs vs Mercyhurst (4/30)...Scored three runs at Northwood (4/5).

#### Kellogg Community College

Played two years at Kellogg Community College...Coached by Russ Bortell...Named Kellogg Community College Student Athlete of the Year in 2005...Team Defensive Award winner in 2004...Team captured conference title in 2005.

#### Union City High School

Prepped at Union City High School...Coached by Joe Tinervia...Three-time Big Eight Conference honoree...Twice named to the Big Eight All-Academic team...All-region selection in 2003...Played four years of basketball.

#### Personal

Son of Andrew and Gloria Skirka...Born in Coldwater, Mich...Education major...Enjoys spending time with family and friends.

#### Skirka's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	AVG	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB-SBA	BB	SO
2006	57-57	.322	177	56	57	6	0	1	28	5-5	33	20
<b>Totals</b>	<b>57-57</b>	<b>.322</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>5-5</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>20</b>

#### Skirka's Batting Career Highs

At Bats	.....5 (five times, most recently vs Ashland 5/7/06)
Runs	.....3 (three times, most recently vs Northwood 4/5/06)
Hits	.....4 vs Salem International (3/18/06)
RBIs	.....4 vs Mercyhurst (4/30/06)
Total Bases	.....5 vs Mercyhurst (4/30/06)
Stolen Bases	.....1 (five times, most recently vs Rockhurst 5/18/06)
Hit Streak	.....11 games (4/30/06-5/20/06)




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## PLAYER PROFILES



**Preseason All-American**  
**Nick Smith**  
**#20**  
 Catcher  
 Senior  
 6-1 • 210  
 Bats: Left Throws: Right  
 Hazel Park, Mich./University of Detroit

- 2006 First Team All-North Central Region**
- 2006 First Team All-GLIAC**
- 2005 North Central Regional Tournament MVP**
- 2005 First Team All-North Central Region**
- 2005 First Team All-GLIAC**
- GLIAC Player of the Week (3/14/06)**

### As a Junior (2006)

First Team All-North Central Region and First Team All-GLIAC selection...Appeared in all 57 games with 55 starts, primarily at catcher...Ranked near the top of every offensive category for the Lakers...Slugged a GLIAC-high 12 home runs, 0.21 per game which ranked 68th in all of Division II...One of seven Lakers to hit above .300 on the year, ranking fifth on the team (.373)...Tallied a slugging percentage of .657 to rank second in the conference and 75th in Division II...Recorded 63 hits on the year...Tied atop the team standings in RBIs with 54...Drew a team-high 34 walks on the year, 0.6 per game...Was 63-of-169 on the year with 42 runs scored and 54 RBIs...Registered a team-high 111 total bases with 22 extra base hits (12 home runs, 2 triples, and 8 doubles)...Was a perfect 6-for-6 in stolen base attempts on the base paths...Committed just one error on the season for a team-high .997 fielding percentage...Caught nine baserunners stealing on the year...Had 19 multi-hit games and 13 multi-RBI games...Went 2-for-3 with two home runs, two runs scored, and five RBIs vs Northwood (4/13)...Went 4-for-5 with three runs scored and an RBI vs Upper Iowa (3/5)...Was a perfect 4-for-4 with two runs scored and four RBIs at Wayne State (4/22).

### As a Sophomore (2005)

North Central Region Tournament MVP...First-Team All-North Central Region and First Team All-GLIAC selection...One of two players to appear in all 53 games...Started 50 of those contests...Led the Lakers in nearly every offensive category, including batting average (.392), RBIs (52), slugging percentage (.561), and on-base percentage (.466)...Posted a team-high 18 multi-hit games and 16 multi-RBI games...Recorded two or more hits in five consecutive games (3/8-3/11)...Went 4-5 with one run scored and three RBI vs. Northern State (3/10)...Went 4-5 with a triple, one run scored, and two RBI vs. Wisconsin-Parkside (5/19)...Hit .311 with 21 total bases, five runs scored, and 11 RBI in the postseason.

### University of Detroit

Spent one year at the University of Detroit...Hit .267 with four runs scored and three RBIs...Appeared in nine games, starting eight at third base...Played two years of hockey after graduating high school...Won Junior "A" National Championship in hockey for the Compuware Ambassadors in 1997 and 2002.

### Berkley High School

Prepped at Berkley High School...Played for Frank Stutcher...Three-time All-Oakland Athletics Association and all-area selection...All-region and all-district pick junior and senior seasons...Earned all-state honorable mention plaudits sophomore year...Hit .394 with nine home runs as a sophomore...Tallied a .380 batting average as a junior and .374 as a senior...Team won back-to-back District Championships in 1997 and 1998.

### Personal

Born in Rochester, Mich....Son of Jeff and Judy Smith...Enjoys spending his time at study table...Majoring in physical education.

### Smith's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	AVG	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB-SBA	BB	SO
2005	53-53	.392	171	30	67	10	2	5	52	3-3	23	17
2006	57-55	.373	169	42	63	8	2	12	54	6-6	34	24
<b>Totals</b>	<b>110-108</b>	<b>.382</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>9-9</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>41</b>

### Smith's Batting Career Highs

At Bats	.....5 (10 times, most recently vs Ashland 5/19/06)
Runs	.....3 (two times, most recently vs Northwood 4/5/06)
Hits	.....4 (four times, most recently vs Wayne State 4/22/06)
RBIs	.....5 vs Northwood (4/13/06)
Total Bases	.....8 (four times, most recently vs Wayne State 4/22/06)
Stolen Bases	.....1 (nine times, most recently vs Calvin 4/17/06)
Hit Streak	.....9 games (4/10/05-4/20/05)




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## PLAYER PROFILES



**Eric Snyder**  
#29  
Righthanded Pitcher  
Junior  
6-4 • 215  
Bats: Right Throws: Right  
Elburn, Ill./Waubonsee C.C.

### Waubonsee Community College

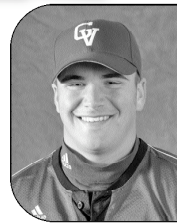
Attended Waubonsee Community College and played under head coach Dave Randall...Posted a 4.19 ERA in 73 innings pitched for the Chiefs...Recorded a save on the year.

### Kaneland High School

Prepped at Kaneland High School under head coach Brian Rea...Four-time all-Suburban Prairie Conference honoree...Team MVP and captain as a junior and senior...Offensive MVP in final two seasons...Played with fellow Laker Matt Huml...Also participated in basketball.

### Personal

Born in Grand Rapids, Mich....Son of Kelly and Pamela Snyder...Enjoys working out, working on his truck, and watching baseball games...Parents graduated from Jenison High School before moving to Illinois in 1994.



**Steve Strutz**  
#25  
First Baseman/Righthanded Pitcher  
Junior  
6-2 • 220  
Bats: Right Throws: Right  
Orland Park, Ill./South Suburban C.C.

### South Suburban Community College

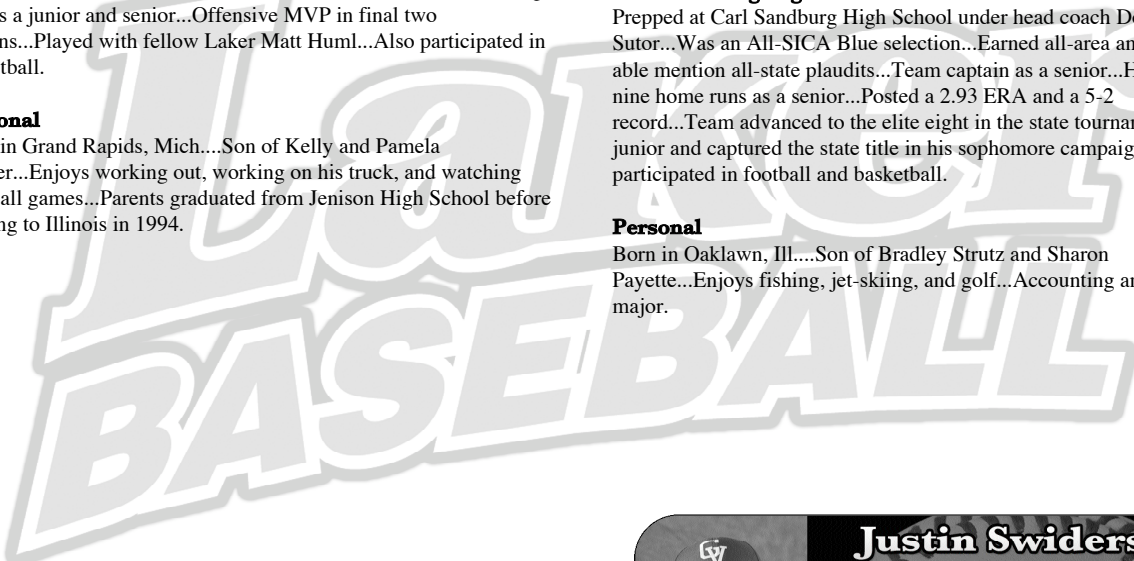

Attended South Suburban Community College, playing for head coach Steve Ruzich...Hit .409 with 21 doubles, five home runs to go along with a 4.20 ERA and nine saves as a sophomore...Team captured back-to-back regional titles...Advanced to the World Series where the team finished ninth in the nation in 2006.

### Carl Sandburg High School

Prepped at Carl Sandburg High School under head coach Doug Sutor...Was an All-SICA Blue selection...Earned all-area and honorable mention all-state plaudits...Team captain as a senior...Hit .421 with nine home runs as a senior...Posted a 2.93 ERA and a 5-2 record...Team advanced to the elite eight in the state tournament as a junior and captured the state title in his sophomore campaign...Also participated in football and basketball.

### Personal

Born in Oaklawn, Ill....Son of Bradley Strutz and Sharon Payette...Enjoys fishing, jet-skiing, and golf...Accounting and Finance major.

**Justin Swiderski**  
#14  
Righthanded Pitcher  
Freshman  
5-11 • 170  
Bats: Right Throws: Right  
Troy, Mich./Athens

### Troy Athens

Prepped at Troy Athens High School under head coach Mike Morris...Named all-district and all-county as a senior...Earned All-Oakland Athletics Association plaudits as senior...Selected Team MVP as a senior...Posted a 2.15 ERA...Named team's Most Outstanding Pitcher sophomore through senior seasons.

### Personal


Son of Ed and Rhonda Swiderski...Enjoys baseball, ping pong, and reading...Journalism major.

## 40 Years Of Laker Baseball

# GRAND VALLEY STATE



## PLAYER PROFILES



**Lee VanStrein**  
#3  
Third Baseman  
Senior  
5-10 • 165  
Bats: Left Throws: Right  
Kalamazoo, Mich./Central

**2006 Second Team All-North Central Region**  
**2006 First Team All-GLIAC**  
**GLIAC Player of the Week (5/8/06)**

### As a Junior (2006)

Second Team All-North Central Region pick...First Team All-GLIAC selection...GLIAC batting champion with a .435 average, the third highest in school history and fifth highest in GLIAC history...Finished tied for 21st in all of Division II in batting average...Appeared in 53 games with 50, primarily at third base...Led the team with a .492 on base percentage...Ranked fourth among the Lakers with 49 runs scored...Tied for third on the squad with 67 total hits...Drove in 40 runs on the season...Laid down 12 sacrifice bunts on the year, second on the team...Went 67-for-154 on the year with 49 runs scored and 40 RBIs...Tallied 79 total bases on the year, with 12 doubles...Registered a .513 slugging percentage...Ranked third on the team with 80 assists...Tallied a team-high 21 multi-hit games with 13 two hit games and eight three hit games...Went 6-for-10 in back-to-back games against Upper Iowa (3/5) and Missouri Southern (3/6), with four runs scored and three RBIs in each contest...Went 6-for-6 with two RBIs in a doubleheader at Northwood (4/5)...Was 3-for-5 with a RBI and three runs scored against Quincy in the North Central Regional Tournament (5/20).

### As a Sophomore (2005)

Appeared in 20 games with six starts...Hit .241 with seven hits and six RBIs...Hit .500 (3-6) in a pinch-hitting role during the season...Went 1-3 with one run scored and two RBI vs. Calvin (4/6)...Went 1-4 with one run scored and two RBI against Saginaw Valley (5/12) in the opening game of the GLIAC Tournament.

### As a True Freshman (2004)

Appeared in 15 games, starting 10 at shortstop...Hit .219 with seven runs scored, 11 RBI, and one home run...3-4 with a home run, three runs scored, and six RBI at Missouri Southern (3/1)...2-4 with one run scored and one RBI at Findlay (3/20).

### Kalamazoo Central High School

Prepped at Kalamazoo Central High School...Played for Scott Spada...Four-year varsity starter at shortstop...Three-Time All-Southwest Michigan Athletic Conference performer...Hit .382 with 20 doubles, 16 stolen bases and 33 RBI as a junior...Tallied a .340 average as a senior with 15 doubles, 15 stolen bases and 28 RBI...Notched 60 doubles and 54 stolen bases during prep career...Team won a school-record 26 games senior season.

### Personal

Born in Kalamazoo, Mich...Son of Gary and Mary VanStrein...Enjoys video games and golf.

### VanStrein's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	AVG	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB-SBA	BB	SO
2004	15-10	.219	32	7	7	1	0	1	11	1-1	0	5
2005	20-6	.241	29	37	7	1	0	0	6	1-1	4	2
2006	53-50	.435	154	49	67	12	0	0	40	4-7	17	25
<b>Totals</b>	<b>88-66</b>	<b>.377</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>6-9</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>32</b>

### VanStrein's Batting Career Highs

At Bats .....6 vs Upper Iowa (3/5/06)  
Runs .....3 (three times, most recently vs Quincy 5/20/06)  
Hits.....3 (nine times, most recently vs Quincy 5/20/06)  
RBIs .....6 vs Missouri Southern (3/1/04)  
Total Bases .....7 vs Missouri Southern (3/1/04)  
Stolen Bases .....1 (six times, most recently vs Calvin 4/17/06)  
Hit Streak.....7 games (4/1/06-4/8/06)





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