

Aurora University Spartans



BASEBALL 2007

Getting to the Field

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Oswego High School

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Sophomore Pitcher Dennis Vietoris

2007 Media Guide

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AU Quick Facts

Location	Aurora, IL
Founded	1893
Enrollment	Approximately 4,000
Nickname	Spartans
Colors	Royal Blue and White
Conference	NAC Northern Athletics Conference
National Affiliation	NCAA Division III
President	Rebecca L. Sherrick
Director of Athletics	Mark Walsh
Athletics Phone	630-844-5110
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Head Baseball Coach	Shaun Neitzel
Coach's Record	121-58-2
Assistant Coaches	Zach Fox, Brian Kiple and Jason Smith
2006 Record	34-14
Sports Information Director	Brian Kiple
Sports Information Phone	630-844-7575
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On the Cover:

2007 Spartan Seniors and 2006 Central Region Champions

AU Media Outlets

Local Print

Aurora Beacon-News..... 101 S. River, Aurora, IL 60506
Todd Adams, Sports Editor 630-844-5911
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Kane County Chronicle..... 1000 Randall Rd., Geneva, IL 60134
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Fox Valley Labor News P.O. Box 4155, Aurora, IL 60507
Carter Crane, Editor 630-897-4022
Fax: 630-892-3873

Daily Herald..... 3805-A Main St., St. Charles, IL 60174
630-587-8623
Fax: 630-587-8639

Kendall County Publications..... 222 Bridge St., Yorkville, IL 60560
630-533-7034
Fax: 630-533-7085

Oswego Ledger-Sentinel Box 669, Oswego, IL 60611
630-554-8565
Fax: 630-554-7560

Regional Print

Chicago Tribune 435 N. Michigan, Chicago, IL 60611
Metro Sports 312-222-3474
Fax: 312-828-9392

Chicago Sun-Times..... 350 N. Orleans, Chicago, IL 60654
College Sports 312-321-2247

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WSPY (107.1 FM) 1 Broadcast Center, Plano, IL 60545
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Media should call in advance.

Meet the Head Coach



SHAUN NEITZEL
Head Coach
(Fifth Season)

Shaun Neitzel was named Head Baseball Coach at Aurora University in 2002, and has been coaching at the collegiate level for over a decade. Neitzel leads one of the most successful baseball

programs in the country, as the Spartans currently hold the tenth-best overall win total (493) since 1990. The 2006 Spartan squad won the Central Region and went on to a NCAA Division III World Series appearance. That team finished with a 34-14 overall record. His 2004 Spartans won the Central Region and finished tied for 3rd place in the NCAA Division III World Series. For their efforts that season, Neitzel was named 2004 American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) Central Region Coach of the Year. Into 2006 Neitzel was honored with that award. Along with working several instructional camps and individual lessons annually, Neitzel is a member of the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA). Following the 2005 season, Neitzel was named Northern Illinois-Iowa Conference Baseball Coach of the Year.

During his tenure as an assistant with the Spartans, Neitzel served as a pitching coach, first base coach, administered AU's junior varsity program and coordinated recruiting. During that time, the Spartans compiled a record of 167-45 (.790), winning five conference championships, while making four regional and two national tournament trips. "Playing at the national level is a high priority for our program. Our commitment every year is to recruit high quality student-athletes who will take pride in putting on that Spartan uniform," he said.

Neitzel has his roots in the Aurora area as a graduate of nearby Oswego High School, where he was All-Area in football and basketball and All-Conference in baseball for the Panthers. He also played baseball for Waubensee Community College. While at WCC, he was twice the national co-leader for saves in a season. He set the school season and career records for saves and appearances while pitching for the Chiefs as well.

He also pitched for the nationally prominent William Penn College program, and upon finishing his collegiate playing career, he became an assistant coach for the Statesmen. As an assistant with the Statesmen, WPC was an NCAA tournament qualifier in 1995. He served as an infield coach and pitching coach through the 1996 season.

Neitzel earned his B.A. in sports administration while minoring in sales and marketing. He also currently serves as the Coordinator of Athletic Marketing and Promotions and Fall/Winter Game Operations Manager at AU. He received his Master of Science degree in recreation administration from Aurora University. He and his wife, Michelle, and daughters, Allison and Lily, reside in Montgomery, IL.

Meet the Assistant Coaches



ZACH FOX
Assistant Coach
(Fifth Season)

Zach Fox is in his fifth season as Assistant Coach in the Aurora University baseball program. Fox will serve as the infield/outfield coach, work with the hitters and work with AU's junior varsity program.

Fox entered the AU baseball program as a freshman in 1996 and played four years with the Spartans. In his four years, he was part of a team that won four NIIC championships and made four trips to the NCAA regional, winning it twice. He also made two trips to the Division III World Series in Salem, VA. Fox was a two-time All-NIIC player and a two-time All-Central Region selection. Fox was captain in 2000 as well as the team's MVP. He also is in the Aurora University baseball record book in several individual and team categories.

Fox double majored at AU, earning a bachelor's degree in political science and psychology. He is a native of Silvis, IL, and a graduate of United Township High School in East Moline, IL, where he played baseball and basketball. Fox currently is the Conference and Rentals Coordinator at Aurora University.

He and his wife, Nicole, reside in Montgomery, IL.



BRIAN KIPLEY
Assistant Coach
(Fifth Season)

Brian Kipley is in his fifth season as Assistant Coach in the Aurora University baseball program. He will work with the pitching staff and AU's junior varsity program.

Kipley entered the AU baseball program as a freshman in 1998 and played four years with the Spartans. In those four years, he was part of four NIIC championship teams and made three trips to the NCAA regional.

Kipley earned his bachelor's degree in business administration in 2002 from AU. He has been the Sports Information Director at AU since 2003. He is a native of Thornton, IL, and a graduate of Mount Carmel High School in Chicago.



JASON SMITH
Assistant Coach
(Second Season)

Jason Smith returns to the Aurora University coaching staff for his second season. This comes after Smith spent the summer coaching in the Central Illinois Collegiate League (CICL). Smith served as an assistant to the Quincy Gems. Prior to his coaching time here at AU, Smith coached for one season at Manchester College.

Like the other assistants, coaching at AU brings Smith back to his playing days. Smith entered the AU baseball program as a freshman in 2001 and played four years with the Spartans. In those four years, he was part of two NIIC championship teams, and made two trips to the NCAA regional and one trip to the Division III World Series (2004). Smith was a three-time All-NIIC Player, a two-time All-Central Region selection, and a two-time captain.

Smith earned a bachelor's degree in English from Aurora University. He is a native of Chicago Ridge, IL, and a graduate of Richards High School. Smith currently is the Athletics Event/Equipment Manager at the university.

2007 Baseball Prospectus

After making an appearance at the 2006 NCAA Division III World Series, the 2007 Spartan baseball team aims to make another run at the elusive national championship. The 12th ranked team in the country going into the season, the Spartans have a good mix of youth and leadership to go along with their surplus of talent.

After winning the NIIC regular season championship a year ago, AU was eliminated in the conference tournament. Gaining an at-large invitation to the NCAA Regional Tournament, AU had the chip on its shoulder that was needed. The Spartans were the only team left standing at the end of the Regional, and it garnered them a trip to the Division III World Series. The Spartans were eliminated early on in the World Series, but finished the year with an impressive 34-14 record. AU is now ready to make amends with the 2007 campaign, and begin another run at the national title.

The 2007 Spartans look to continue their long tradition of being a national baseball powerhouse. AU has had 22 consecutive winning seasons, 20 20+ win seasons, has won the NIIC 20 out of the past 23 seasons and has appeared in the NCAA Regional in 17 out of the past 20 seasons. The 2007 team looks to be led by a senior class that has an impressive resume. Throughout their collegiate careers, this group of players has amassed a 96-42 overall record, which includes three consecutive appearances at the NCAA Regional Tournament, and two appearances at the NCAA Division III World Series.

Leading the pitching staff this year will be seniors Jonathan Turek and Ryan Fair. Turek (2.45 ERA, 5-0) was an All-Conference selection a year ago, and will make a transition from long reliever to starting pitcher this season. Fair (1.40 ERA, 1-0, 12 saves) completed a junior campaign which saw him lead the nation in saves. He was also named to the All-Central region (Third) Team. Juniors Kyle Mueller (6.44 ERA, 4-2) and Casey Friend (5.87 ERA, 1-2) will be starting pitchers who need to carry a bulk of the innings, while sophomores Chris Koudelka (6.00 ERA, 0-0), Dennis Vietoris (5.53 ERA, 2-1) and Brandon Thielk all appear to be fighting for starting rotation spots.

Freshman Steve Salazar (Glenbard West H.S.) will also have a chance to shine in the starting rotation, but may also need to take some innings from the bullpen. Joining him in the bullpen will be a good mix of experienced relievers which include: junior Adam Deckman (0-1, two appearances), and junior Lew Blaszczyk. Freshmen Ben Brooker (Hobart (IN) H.S.) and Matt Nellman (Griffith (IN) H.S.) will also be in the mix as relievers.

The Spartan infield will miss the experience of former four-year starter, and First Team All-American Aaron Thor, but will build a new foundation with youth and experience. Senior third-baseman Ryan Losacco is the lone returnee for the Spartans, and he will work to improve on his stellar 2006 season. In 2006, Losacco hit .344 with five home runs and 44 RBIs. He was also named to the Central Region All-Tournament Team. Joining Losacco will be sophomores Josh Damore (.143, 12 runs) at shortstop and Martin Diaz (.273, one home run) at first base. Both saw limited playing time last year. Second base is open for competition as sophomore Dave Warner (.189, seven hits) and Luke Krippel, along with freshman Steve Brauer (Streamwood H.S.), will all be in the mix for playing time. Sophomore Kevin Fitzgerald (.200, one hit) hopes to play into the infield mix as he will be needed to back up Losacco, give Diaz days off at first base, and possibly designated hitter. Sophomore Ben Oliver, freshman Nolan Eddy (Harlem H.S.), freshman Mike Wons (Waubonsie Valley H.S.), and freshman Tim Garvin (Providence H.S.), freshman Matt Anklam (Glenbard North H.S.) and freshman Zach Morris (California Lutheran H.S.) will be pushing the rest of the infielders for playing time.

The outfielders will be led by two-time senior All-Conference selection Jay Zimmerman (.324, five home runs, 36 RBIs) in left field. Zimmerman was also named to the All-Central Region Team in 2005. Junior Joe Infantino (.205, eight hits) looks to have a hold on right-field, while junior Peter Oliver (.250, eight hits) and freshman Tony Wellner (Minooka H.S.) will battle for the centerfield job. Freshmen Jimmy Bowers (Bishop Noll H.S.), Cody DeGrush (Morris H.S.) and Cliff Hempstead (Richards H.S.) will be competing for valuable back-up playing time.

The catchers will be a platoon scenario with senior Zach DeGrush (.260, 13 hits, two doubles) taking the bulk of the innings. Sophomore Ray Kosmicki (Schaumburg H.S.) looks to be the one splitting time with DeGrush, while freshman Kirk Williamson (Neuqua Valley H.S.), sophomore Sean Noggle, freshman Brandon Scheffler (Burlington Central H.S.) and freshman Kevin Doerr (Milwaukee Pius XI H.S.) will all be fighting for playing time.

The Spartans started their season in March in Phoenix, AZ. This season will be a test of their youth and experience, while proving that they deserve the national recognition they were given before encountering the Northern Athletics Conference schedule.

2007* Aurora University Baseball Roster *2007

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Pos.	B/T	Hometown/High School
1	Ben Oliver	5'10"	165	So	IF	R/R	Dixon, IL/Dixon
2	Ray Kosmicki	5'10"	190	So	C	R/R	Schaumburg, IL/Schaumburg
3	Luke Krippel	6'1"	190	So	IF	R/R	Fairbury, IL/Prairie Central
4	Peter Oliver	5'8"	160	Jr	OF	L/L	Dixon, IL/Dixon
5	Martin Diaz	6'0"	230	So	IF	L/L	Aurora, IL/West Aurora
6	Jay Zimmerman	6'3"	210	Sr	OF	L/L	Plainfield, IL/Plainfield
7	Ben Brooker	5'9"	145	Fr	P	L/L	Hobart, IN/Hobart
8	Kevin Fitzgerald	6'2"	195	So	IF	L/R	Joliet, IL/Joliet Township
9	Tim Garvin	5'10"	165	Fr	IF	R/R	New Lenox, IL/Providence
10	John Kesseg	5'8"	185	So	P	L/L	Norridge, IL/Ridgewood
11	Joe Infantino	6'1"	185	Jr	OF	R/R	Oak Forest, IL/Oak Forest
13	David Warner	6'0"	195	So	IF	L/R	Lyons, IL/Morton West
14	Matt Nelleman	6'2"	195	Fr	P	R/R	Griffith, IN/Griffith
15	Chris Koudelka	6'0"	210	So	P	R/R	Woodridge, IL/Downers Grove North
16	Casey Friend	6'4"	195	Jr	P	R/R	Lincoln, NE/Southeast
17	Kyle Kapusta	5'11"	195	So	P	L/L	Lakemoor, IL/Grant
18	Nolan Eddy	5'4"	150	Fr	IF	R/R	Machesney Park, IL/Harlem
19	Zach DeGrush	5'10"	185	Sr	C	R/R	Morris, IL/Morris
20	Ryan Losacco	6'1"	220	Sr	IF	R/R	Bartlett, IL/Bartlett
21	Kyle Mueller	6'2"	195	Jr	P	R/R	Burbank, IL/Reavis
22	Tony Wellner	6'1"	190	Fr	OF	R/R	Minooka, IL/Minooka
23	Josh Damore	6'1"	175	So	IF	R/R	Round Lake Park, IL/Grayslake
24	Adam Deckman	5'10"	160	Jr	P	R/R	Chicago/St. Ignatius Prep
25	Sean Noggle	5'8"	195	So	C	R/R	Millsbrook, IL/Oswego
26	Ryan Fair	6'2"	230	Sr	P	R/R	Plainfield, IL/Plainfield
27	Matt Anklam	6'1"	210	Fr	OF/IF	L/L	Carol Stream, IL/Glenbard North
28	Zach Sitter	6'2"	180	Fr	OF	R/R	Dixon, IL/Dixon
29	Steve Brauer	5'8"	180	Fr	IF	R/R	Streamwood, IL/Streamwood
31	Dennis Vietoris	6'2"	180	So	P	R/R	Plainfield, IL/Oak Lawn
32	Jonathan Turek	6'2"	210	Sr	P	R/R	Lombard, IL/Glenbard East
33	Cody DeGrush	5'11"	190	Fr	OF	R/R	Morris, IL/Morris
34	Kirk Williamson	6'0"	185	Fr	C/IF	R/R	Naperville, IL/Neuqua Valley
35	Steve Salazar	6'2"	200	Fr	P	R/R	Carol Stream, IL/Glenbard West
36	Matt Meyer	6'0"	185	So	P	R/R	Yorkville, IL/Yorkville
38	Jorge Hernandez	5'9"	170	Fr	P	R/R	North Hollywood, CA/North Hollywood
39	Lew Blaszczyk	6'3"	185	Jr	P	R/R	Burbank, IL/Reavis
40	Brandon Scheffler	5'9"	215	Fr	C	R/R	Elgin, IL/Burlington Central
41	Kevin Doerr	5'10"	185	Fr	C	R/R	Germantown, WI/Milwaukee Pius XI
42	Mike Wons	6'0"	195	Fr	IF	R/R	Naperville, IL/Waubonsee Valley
43	Clift Hempstead	5'10"	165	Fr	OF	R/R	Oak Lawn, IL/Richards
44	Zach Morris	6'1"	180	Fr	IF	R/R	Chicago/Cal Lutheran
45	Brandon Thielk	6'3"	200	So	P	R/R	Sandwich, IL/Sandwich
47	Dominick Pisano	6'1"	165	Fr	P	L/L	Streamwood, IL/Streamwood

Head Coach: Shaun Neitzel
Assistant Coach: Zach Fox
Assistant Coach: Brian Kipley
Assistant Coach: Jason Smith

Meet the Spartans



#27 MATT ANKLAM, 6'1", 210, Fr, Infield/Outfield
Bats: Left, Throws: Left
Carol Stream, IL/Glenbard North H.S.
High School: Attended Glenbard North High School and played three years of varsity baseball under Coach Mike Franzen. He was named Team MVP and All-Conference senior year. He also played football under Coaches Dale Evans and Ryan Wilkens. He was named Honorable Mention All-Conference as a senior. **Personal:** Born 9/15/87 in Burlington, IL. **Family:** Mark and Laura Anklam. He has one sister, Michelle. **Hobbies:** Bags and video games. **Major:** Business.

#39 LEW BLASZCZYK, 6'3", 185, Jr, Pitcher
Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Burbank, IL/Reavis H.S.
College as a Sophomore ('06): Was primarily a member of the junior varsity squad. **College as a Freshman ('05):** Was primarily a member of the junior varsity squad. **High School:** Attended Reavis High School. Played two years of varsity baseball. Was named All-Conference and Team Pitcher of the Year his senior season. **Personal:** Born 5/16/86 in Highland Park, IL. **Family:** Larry and Shirley Blaszczyk. He has one brother and one sister. **Major:** Biology.



#29 STEVE BRAUER, 5'9", 180, Fr, Infield
Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Elk Grove, IL/Streamwood H.S.
High School: Attended Streamwood High School and played two years of baseball under Coaches Steve Gertz and Erik Kehoe. He was named Academic All-Conference and All-Area Honorable Mention as a junior and senior, and All-Conference and Team MVP as a senior. **Personal:** Born 10/7/87 in Elk Grove, IL. **Family:** Joan and Howard Brauer. He has two brothers, Matt and Brian. **Hobbies:** Working out and art. **Major:** Business Administration.



#7 BEN BROOKER, 5'9", 145, Fr, Pitcher
Bats: Left, Throws: Left
Hobart, IN/Hobart H.S.
High School: Attended Hobart High School and played three years of baseball under Coach Tom Martin. He was named All-Conference Honorable Mention as a senior. **Personal:** Born 8/29/87 in Hobart, IN. **Family:** Brenda and Norm Brooker. He has one brother, Nathan, and one sister, Alyssa. **Hobbies:** Guitar Hero and sleep. **Major:** Health Sciences.

23 JOSH DAMORE, 6'1", 175, So, Infield,
Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Round Lake Park, IL/Grayslake Community H.S.
College as a Freshman ('06): Appeared in 29 games, starting 19, and had 10 hits, two doubles and six RBIs. **High School:** Attended Grayslake High School and played three years of baseball under Coach Troy Whalen. He earned First Team All-Area, sophomore Rookie of the Year and senior MVP. He also played two years of basketball for Coach Tim Bowen and two years of golf for Coach Tim Hough. **Personal:** Born 7/24/87 in Libertyville, IL. **Family:** Steve and Ester Damore. He has one brother, Jake and two sisters, Jessica and Jacquelyn. **Hobbies:** Sports, big Cubs fan and playing cards. **Major:** Business.



Totals	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	BB	K	RBI	BA
'06	70	12	10	2	0	0	1	5	6	6	.143



#24 ADAM M. DECKMAN, 5'10", 160, Jr, Pitcher
Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Chicago/St. Ignatius College Prep H.S.
College as a Sophomore ('06): Appeared in two games. **College as a Freshman ('05):** Appeared in eight games and had one win. **High School:** Attended St. Ignatius College Prep High School. Played two years of varsity baseball under Coach Bob Kriz. Named All-Conference and All-Area his junior and senior seasons. **Personal:** Born 4/14/86 in Chicago. **Family:** David and Joella Deckman. He has one brother, Matt. **Major:** Business Administration. **Minor:** Management.

Totals	W	L	S	IP	K	BB	R/E	H	ERA
'06	0	1	0	1.2	0	2	7/7	4	47.25
'05	1	0	0	11.2	10	6	8/4	16	3.09

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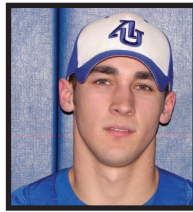


#33 CODY DEGRUSH, 5'11", 190, Fr, Outfield
Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Morris, IL/Morris H.S.
High School: Attended Morris Community High School and played three years of baseball under Coach Todd Kein. He was named All-Conference as a senior. He also played three years of football under Coach George Dergo and was a member of the 2005 State Championship team. **Personal:** Born 8/9/88 in Joliet, IL. **Family:** Renee and Corey DeGrush. He has one brother, Zach, who plays baseball for AU. **Hobbies:** Darts, Play Station and pool. **Major:** Undecided.



#6 NOLAN EDDY, 5'4", 150, Fr, Infield
Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Machesney Park, IL/Harlem H.S.
High School: Attended Harlem High School and played three years of baseball under Coach Doug Livingston. He was named a Scholar Athlete and All-Conference as a senior. He also bowled for three years under Coach Tom Heathscott. He was named All-Conference as a junior. **Personal:** Born 6/24/88 in Rockford, IL. **Family:** William and Mary Eddy. He has one brother, Austin, and one sister, Hannah. **Hobbies:** Music and video games. **Major:** Business Administration.

#19 ZACH DEGRUSH, 5'10", 185, Sr, Catcher
Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Morris, IL/Morris H.S.



College as a Junior ('06): Appeared in 23 games, starting 15, and hit .260 with one home run and nine RBIs. **College as a Sophomore ('05):** Appeared in 19 games, starting five. Batted .206 and stole three bases. **College as a Freshman ('04):** Appeared in 17 games, starting seven. Batted .308 with six RBIs. **High School:** Attended Morris Community High School. Played two years of baseball under Coach John Darlington. Was named All-Conference and All-Area his senior year. Also played two years of football under Coach Dan Darlington. Was named All-Conference and All-Area his senior year. **Personal:** Born 5/8/85 in Joliet, IL. **Family:** Renee and Corey DeGrush. He has one brother, Cody. **Hobbies:** Playing cards, pool and darts. **Major:** Accounting. **Minor:** Management Innovation.

Totals	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	BB	K	RBI	BA
'06	50	13	13	2	0	1	4	11	17	9	.260
'05	34	8	7	0	0	0	3	1	10	3	.206
'04	26	8	8	1	0	0	1	3	6	6	.308

#26 RYAN FAIR, 6'1", 230, Sr, Pitcher,
Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Plainfield, IL/Plainfield H.S.



College as a Junior ('06): Appeared in 22 games, collecting one win and 12 saves. He finished the year with a team best 1.40 ERA, and was named Third Team All-Central Region. **College as a Sophomore ('05):** Appeared in eight games, starting five. Finished 3-0 with a 4.50 ERA. **College as a Freshman ('04):** Appeared in six games. Finished 0-1 with six strikeouts in 8.2 innings of work. **High School:** Attended Plainfield High School. Played two years of baseball under Coach Teno Geritano. **Personal:** Born 5/16/85 in Hazel Crest, IL. **Family:** Karen and Chris Roberts. He has two brothers, Jacob and Bradley. **Major:** Business Administration.

Totals	W	L	S	IP	K	BB	R/E	H	ERA
'06	1	0	12	25.2	23	19	7/4	18	1.40
'05	3	0	0	34	20	16	24/17	38	4.50
'04	0	1	0	8.2	6	9	16/12	18	12.46



#5 MARTIN DIAZ, 6'1", 230, So, Infield,
Bats: Left, Throws: Left
Aurora, IL/West Aurora H.S.
College as a Freshman ('06): He appeared in 20 games, starting five. He had nine hits and one home run. **High School:** Attended West Aurora High School and played four years of varsity baseball under Coach Dave Rowell. He was named All-Conference and All-Area his senior year. **Personal:** Born 2/11/87 in San Andreas, Philippines. **Family:** Marcus and Sylvia Diaz. He has two brothers, Gilbert and Marcus Jr. **Hobbies:** Baseball, architecture and bowling. **Major:** Criminal Justice. **Minor:** Physical Training.

Totals	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	BB	K	RBI	BA
'06	33	2	9	0	0	1	1	4	4	5	.273



#8 KEVIN FITZGERALD, 6'1", 195, So, Infield
Bats: Left, Throws: Right
Joliet, IL/Joliet West H.S.
College as a Freshman ('06): Appeared in seven games, starting one and had one hit. **High School:** Attended Joliet West High School where he played baseball under Coach John Krebs. He was named Third Team All-Area and All-Conference his junior year and he was named team MVP, All-Area, All-Conference, Chicago Sun Times Chicagoland All-Area, and Chicago Tribune Player of the Week his senior year. **Personal:** Born 3/13/87 in Joliet, IL. **Family:** Gary and Janet Fitzgerald. He has two sisters, Lindsay and Kathleen. **Hobbies:** Poker, video games and computers. **Major:** Undecided.

Totals	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	BB	K	RBI	BA
'06	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.200

#41 KEVIN DOERR, 5'10", 185, Fr, Catcher,
Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Germantown, WI/Milwaukee Pius XI H.S.
High School: Attended Milwaukee Pius XII High School and played three years of baseball under Coach Kevin Kehoss. He was named All-Conference, Milwaukee All-District and Team MVP as a senior. **Personal:** Born 10/27/87 in Milwaukee, WI. **Family:** Mark and Jill Doerr. He has one sister, Amanda. **Hobbies:** Playing cards. **Major:** Criminal Justice. **Minor:** Psychology.



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#16 CASEY FRIEND, 6'4", 195, Jr, Pitcher
Bats: Right, Throws: Right
 Lincoln, NE/Southeast H.S.
College as a Sophomore ('06): Made 11 appearances, including one start, and had a 1-2 overall record. **College as a Freshman ('05):** Was primarily a member of the junior varsity squad.
High School: Attended Southeast High School.

Played varsity baseball under Coach Lessman. **Personal:** Born 6/18/85 in Lincoln, NE. **Family:** Kenneth and Lu Friend. He has one brother and one sister. **Hobbies:** Baseball, basketball and music. **Major:** Business.

Totals	W	L	S	IP	K	BB	R/E	H	ERA
'06	1	2	0	23.0	14	8	17/15	26	5.87

#9 TIM GARVIN, 5'10", 165, Fr, Infield

Bats: Right, Throws: Right
 New Lenox, IL/Providence Catholic H.S.

High School: Attended Providence Catholic High School and played two years of baseball under Coach Joe Rodegero. He was named All-Conference as a senior. **Personal:** Born 11/14/87 in Palos, IL. **Family:** Tim Sr. and Anne Garvin. He has three brothers, Pat, Dan and Kevin. **Hobbies:** Guitar and video games. **Major:** Physical Education. **Minor:** Health.



#43 CLIFTON HEMPSTEAD, 5'10", 165, Fr, Outfield

Bats: Right, Throws: Right
 Oak Lawn, IL/Richards H.S.

High School: Attended Richards High School and played two years of baseball under Coach Brian Wujik. He was named All-Conference as a senior and Honorable Mention All-Conference as a

junior. **Personal:** Born 10/5/87 in Houston, TX. **Family:** Mark and Pamela Hempstead. He has one sister, Suzanne. **Hobbies:** Football. **Major:** Physical Education.

#38 GEORGE HERNANDEZ, 5'9", 170, Fr, Pitcher

Bats: Right, Throws: Right
 North Hollywood, CA/North Hollywood H.S.

High School: Attended North Hollywood High School and played baseball under Coach Robert Dorchak. He was named All-League as a sophomore, junior and senior. **Personal:** Born 6/12/88 in Hollywood, CA. **Family:** Eloy and Leticia Hernandez. He has one brother, Manny, and one sister, Anahi. **Hobbies:** Surfing and video games. **Major:** Criminal Justice.



#11 JOE INFANTINO, 6'1", 185, Jr, Outfield

Bats: Right, Throws: Right
 Oak Forest, IL/Oak Forest H.S.

College as a Sophomore ('06): Appeared in 18 games, starting 12, and had eight hits and two doubles. **College as a Freshman ('05):** Appeared in six games and had two RBIs. **High School:**

Attended Oak Forest High School. Played three years of varsity baseball under Coach Ron Czarnecki. Named MVP, All-Conference, and All-Area his senior season. **Personal:** Born 1/1/86 in Chicago. **Family:** Joseph and Barbara Infantino. He has one sister, Lisa. **Hobbies:** Eating, frisbee golf and baseball. **Major:** Secondary Education-History.

Totals	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	BB	K	RBI	BA
'06	39	6	8	2	0	0	2	6	11	5	.205
'05	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	.125

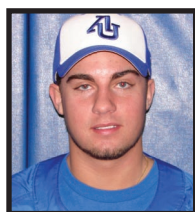
#22 KYLE KAPUSTA, 5'11", 195, So, Pitcher

Bats: Left, Throws: Left
 Chicago/Grant Community H.S.

College as a Freshman ('06): Was primarily a member of the junior varsity squad. **High School:** Attended Grant Community High School. He played three years of baseball and was named All-Conference his junior and senior year and team captain his senior year. He also played football for three years under Coach Barzack. **Personal:** Born 4/19/87 in Chicago. **Family:** Sharrie and Jeff Aaron and Emil Kapusta. **Hobbies:** Cards, sports and the Cubs. **Major:** History. **Minor:** Secondary Education.



Totals	W	L	S	IP	K	BB	R/E	H	ERA
'06	0	0	0	0.1	0	2	2/2	0	54.00



#10 JOHN KESSEG, 5'8", 185, So, Pitcher

Bats: Left, Throws: Left
 Chicago/Ridgewood H.S.

College as a Freshman ('06): Was primarily a member of the junior varsity squad. **High School:** Attended Ridgewood High School where he played two years of baseball under Coach Paul Ferking.

He was named All-Conference his sophomore, junior and senior years. **Personal:** Born 7/26/87 in Chicago. **Family:** Jean and Andy Kesseg. He has one sister, Jennifer. **Hobbies:** Baseball, hanging out and computers. **Major:** Business Administration.

#2 RAY KOSMICKI III, 5'10", 190, So, Catcher

Bats: Right, Throws: Right
 Schaumburg, IL/Schaumburg HS

College as a Freshman ('06): Was primarily a member of the junior varsity squad. **High School:** Attended Schaumburg High School where he played two years of baseball under Coach Paul Groot. He was named Player of the Week his senior year and was also team captain. He also played football for two years under Coach Tom Cerisani where he received the Warrior Award his junior year. **Personal:** Born 2/3/87 in Kane County, IL. **Family:** Raymond and Diane Kosmicki. He has two sisters, Sarah and Stephanie. **Hobbies:** Lifting weights, football and basketball. **Major:** Health Science. **Minors:** Chemistry and Biology.



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#15 CHRIS KOUDELKA, 6'0", 210, So, Pitcher

Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Hinsdale, IL/Downers Grove North H.S.

College as a Freshman ('06): Appeared in two games and recorded three strikeouts. **High School:** Attended Downers Grove North High School where he played two years of baseball under Coach Chad Isaacson. He was named All-

Area his junior year and All-Conference his senior year. **Personal:** Born 2/19/87 in Hinsdale, IL. **Family:** Scott Koudelka and Marylin Magg. He has one brother, Kevin. **Hobbies:** Sports, cards, movies, girls and music. **Major:** Business. **Minor:** Sports Management.

Totals	W	L	S	IP	K	BB	R/E	H	ERA
'06	0	0	0	6.0	3	7	5/4	8	6.00

#3 LUKE KRIPPEL, 6'1", 190, So, Infield

Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Pontiac, IL/ Prairie Central H.S.

College as a Freshman ('06): Was primarily a member of the junior varsity squad. **High School:** Attended Prairie Central High School where he played two years of baseball under Coach Tim McGuire. He was named All-Corn Belt Conference his junior and senior year and was named Pantagraph All-Area his senior year. He also played basketball for two years under Coach Allan Dunahee where he was named Pantagraph All-Area and All Corn Belt Conference his senior year. **Personal:** Born 9/10/86 in Pontiac, IL. **Family:** Kevin and Phyllis Krippel. He has one sister, Lindsay, and one brother, Logan. **Hobbies:** All sports (baseball, basketball and golf) and a Cubs fan. **Major:** History. **Minor:** Secondary Education.



#20 RYAN LOSACCO, 6'1", 220, Sr, Infield

Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Bartlett, IL/Bartlett H.S.

College as a Junior ('06): Started all 47 games and hit .344 with five home runs. He was named NIIC Honorable Mention All-Conference and was named to the All-Central Region All-Tournament Team. **College as a Sophomore ('05):** Appeared in

13 games, starting two. Batted .375 with six hit and five RBIs. **College as a Freshman ('04):** Appeared in three games. He had one hit and one run scored. **High School:** Attended Bartlett High School where he played two years of baseball under Coach Rocco Marrinucci. He was named All-Upstate Eight his junior year. **Personal:** Born 7/16/85 in Hoffman Estates, IL. **Family:** Marie and Ken Losacco. He has one sister, Gina and one brother, Scott. **Major:** Business Administration. **Minor:** Sales.

Totals	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	BB	K	RBI	BA
'06	192	43	66	13	1	5	6	19	20	44	.344
'05	16	1	6	0	0	0	0	4	5	5	.375
'04	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.333



#36 MATT MEYER, 6'0", 185, So, Pitcher

Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Yorkville, IL/Yorkville H.S.

College as a Freshman ('06): Made two appearances including one start. **High School:** Attended Yorkville High School where he played two years of baseball under Coach Eric Miller. He was named First Team All-Conference, Most

Improved and received the Pitchers Award. He also played football for two years under Coach Chris Ferko. He was named First Team All-Conference. **Personal:** Born 7/16/87 in Aurora, IL. **Family:** Mike and Mary Meyer. He has one brother, Josh. **Hobbies:** Lifting and computers. **Major:** Business Administration.

Totals	W	L	S	IP	K	BB	R/E	H	ERA
'06	0	0	0	4.1	2	2	4/4	8	8.31

#44 ZAC MORRIS, 6'1", 180, Fr, Infield

Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Chicago/California Lutheran H.S.

High School: Attended California Lutheran High School in Wildomar, CA. He played baseball under Coach Ryan Kirkoff and was named Second Team All-League as a junior, First Team All-League as a senior, and Honorable Mention All-Valley as a senior. **Personal:** Born 7/3/88 in Carmicle, CA. **Family:** Jim and Cindy Morris. He has one brother, Matt, and two sisters, Holli and Mandee. **Hobbies:** Drums. **Major:** Communication.



#21 KYLE MUELLER, 6'2", 195, Jr, Pitcher

Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Oak Lawn, IL/Reavis H.S.

College as a Sophomore ('06): Made 10 appearances, including eight starts. He had a 4-2 overall record. **College as a Freshman ('05):** Attended Moraine Valley Community College and played baseball. **High School:** Attended Reavis

High School where he played baseball for Coach Don Erickson all four years. He was named All-Conference for his junior and senior seasons. **Personal:** Born 5/8/86 in Oak Lawn, IL. **Family:** Cheryl and Neal Mueller. He has two brothers, Matt and Neal, and one sister, Hollie. **Hobbies:** Watching and playing sports, bowling and fishing. **Major:** Accounting.

Totals	W	L	S	IP	K	BB	R/E	H	ERA
'06	4	2	0	43.1	31	23	36/31	40	6.44

#14 MATT NELLEMAN, 6'2", 195, Fr, Pitcher

Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Griffith, IN/Griffith H.S.

High School: Attended Griffith High School and played baseball for Coach Brian Jennings. He was named Honorable Mention All-Conference as a junior and First Team All-Conference and All-Area as a senior. He also played football under Coach Russ Radtke where he was named All-Conference and All-Area as a QB his senior season. **Personal:** Born 1/21/88 in Munster, IN. **Family:** Mike and Laura Nelleman. He has two brothers, Mike and Mark. **Hobbies:** School. **Major:** Physical Education.



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#25 SEAN NOGGLE 5'8", 195, So, Catcher
Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Millbrook, IL/Oswego H.S.
College as a Freshman ('06): Appeared in one game and had one at-bat. **High School:** Attended Oswego High School where he played baseball for two years under Coaches Dave Elko and Chris Neitzel. He was named Most Improved Player as a junior and Defensive Player of the Year as a senior. He played football under Coach Carl Hoinkes for two years. He was a member of the 2003 State Champs. **Personal:** Born 4/29/87 in Aurora, IL. **Family:** Dean and Karen Noggle. He has two brothers, Mike and Adam. **Hobbies:** Sports, volleyball, football, lifting, baseball and working with kids. **Major:** Accounting. **Minor:** Criminal Justice.

Totals	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	BB	K	RBI	BA
'06	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000

#1 BEN OLIVER, 5'10", 165, So, Infield,

Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Dixon, IL/Dixon H.S.

College as a Freshman ('06): Was primarily a member of the junior varsity squad. **High School:** Attended Dixon High School where he played baseball under Coach Dan Crawford. He was named MVP his sophomore year and Most Improved his senior year. He also played basketball under Coach Steve Sandholm. **Personal:** Born 5/15/87 in Dixon, IL. **Family:** Tim and Patty Oliver. He has four brothers, Nick, Peter, Bill and Nate, and one sister, Toni. **Hobbies:** Sports, video games and hanging out with friends. **Major:** Criminal Justice.



#4 PETE OLIVER, 5'8", 160, Jr, Outfield,
Bats: Left, Throws: Left
Dixon, IL/Dixon H.S.

College as a Sophomore ('06): Appeared in 21 games, starting 11, and hit .250. **College as a Freshman ('05):** Appeared in 17 games, starting two. He had six runs scored and four RBIs. **High School:** Attended Dixon High School. Played three

years of varsity baseball under Coach Dan Crawford. Named MVP, All-Conference, Academic All-Conference his junior and senior seasons. Named Big Stick his sophomore, junior and senior seasons. **Personal:** Born 12/31/85 in Dixon, IL. **Family:** Tim and Patty Oliver. He has four brothers, Nick, Ben, Bill and Nate and one sister, Toni. **Hobbies:** Sports, fishing and hunting. **Major:** Biology. **Minor:** Coaching.

Totals	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	BB	K	RBI	BA
'06	36	8	9	1	0	0	2	6	7	6	.250
'05	18	6	2	0	1	0	1	3	6	5	.111

#32 DOMINICK PISANO, 6'1", 165, Fr, Pitcher

Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Streamwood, IL/Streamwood H.S.

High School: Attended Streamwood High School and played baseball under Coaches Steve Gurtz and Erik Kehoe. He also wrestled for three years and was named a team captain as a senior.

Personal: Born 6/24/88 in Chicago. **Family:** Mark and Sue Pisano. He has one brother, Brandon, and one sister, Adrienne. **Hobbies:** Wakeboarding. **Major:** Accounting.



#35 STEVE SALAZAR, 6'2", 200, Fr, Pitcher
Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Carol Stream, IL/Glenbard West H.S.

High School: Attended Glenbard West High School and played baseball under Coach Brian Wajtun. He was named All-Conference as a senior. **Personal:** Born 4/12/88 in Winfield, IL. **Family:** John and Carol Salazar. He has two brothers, Keith and Jeffery. **Hobbies:** Sleeping and computers. **Major:** Business Administration.

#40 BRANDON SCHEFFLER, 5'9", 215, Fr, Catcher,
Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Elgin, IL/Burlington Central H.S.

High School: Attended Burlington Central High School and played baseball under Coach Kyle Nelson. He was named All-Conference, Co-MVP and Courier Daily Herald All-Area. **Personal:** Born 4/24/88 in Elgin, IL. **Family:** Michael and Laura Scheffler. He has one sister, Ashley. **Hobbies:** Snowboarding and cars. **Major:** Business Administration.



#28 ZACH SITTER, 6'2", 180, Fr, Outfield
Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Dixon, IL/Dixon H.S.

High School: Attended Dixon High School and played baseball under Coach Dan Crawford. As a junior, he was named Second Team All-Area and Second Team All-Conference. As a senior, he was named Team Co-MVP, Big Stick and First Team All-Conference. **Personal:** Born 9/26/87 in Dixon, IL. **Family:** Steve and Cathy Sitter. He has one brother, Josh, and two sisters, Becca and Rachel. **Hobbies:** Camping. **Major:** Criminal Justice.

#45 BRANDON THIELK, 6'3", 200, So, Pitcher
Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Sandwich, IL/Sandwich H.S.

College as a Freshman ('06): Was primarily a member of the junior varsity squad. **High School:** Attended Sandwich High School where he played baseball under Coach Derek Avery. He was named Rookie of the Year his sophomore year, Best pitcher and captain his senior year. He also played basketball under Coach Chris Johnson for one year and football for two years under Coaches Tom Unruh and Derek Avery. **Personal:** Born 8/9/87 in Sandwich, IL. **Family:** Jeff Thielk and Judy Clark. He has three brothers, Chad, Nate and Chris. **Hobbies:** Sports and hanging out with friends. **Major:** Undecided.



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#32 JONATHAN TUREK, 6'2", 210, Sr, Pitcher
Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Lombard, IL/Glenbard East H.S.
College as a Junior ('06): He made 18 appearances and had a 5-0 record with a 2.45 ERA. He was named All-NIIC. **College as a Sophomore ('05):** Appeared in 17 games, and finished with a 3-1 record and a 2.77 ERA. **College as a Freshman ('04):** Appeared in 11 games, starting two. Finished 2-2 with 17 strikeouts in 32.2 innings of work. **High School:** Attended Glenbard East High School. Played two years of varsity baseball under Coach Dan Hogan. **Personal:** Born 1/11/85 in Lombard, IL. **Family:** Irene and Rich Turek. He has one brother, Jason. **Hobbies:** Playing video games, movies and poker. **Major:** Communication.

Totals	W	L	S	IP	K	BB	R/E	H	ERA
'06	5	0	0	40.1	34	18	13/11	36	2.45
'05	3	1	1	39.0	29	9	17/12	38	2.77
'04	2	2	0	32.2	17	8	33/28	48	7.71

#31 DENNIS VIETORIS, 6'2", 180, So, Pitcher
Bats: Right, Throws: Right

Evergreen Park, IL/Oak Lawn Comm. H.S.
College as a Freshman ('06): Appeared in 15 games and had a 2-1 overall record. **High School:** Attended Oak Lawn Community High School where he played baseball. He was named All-Area his senior year, All-Conference his junior and senior years. **Personal:** Born 10/19/86 in Evergreen Park, IL. **Family:** Dennis and Sharon Vietoris. He has two sisters, Erica and Sheri. **Hobbies:** Baseball and working out. **Major:** Health Science.



Totals	W	L	S	IP	K	BB	R/E	H	ERA
'06	2	1	1	27.2	16	14	22/17	33	5.53



#13 DAVID WARNER, 6'0", 195, So, Infield/Outfield
Bats: Left, Throws: Right
Lyons, IL/Morton West H.S.
College as a Freshman ('06): Appeared in 19 games, starting eight, and had seven hits and one home run. **High School:** Attended Morton West High School where he played three years of baseball under Coach Jim Tsenses. He was named MVP and Silver Slugger as a senior, All-Conference and All-Area as a junior and senior. He also received the Coaches Award as a senior. **Personal:** Born 1/19/87 in Berwyn, IL. **Family:** Mike and Christine Warner. He has two brothers, Mike and Michael. **Hobbies:** Sports, music, movies, girls and cards. **Major:** Criminal Justice and Business Administration.

Totals	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	BB	K	RBI	BA
'06	37	7	7	1	0	1	1	4	16	6	.189



#22 TONY WELLNER, 6'1", 190, Fr, Outfield
Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Minooka, IL/Minooka H.S.
High School: Attended Minooka High School and played baseball under Coach Jeff Petronic. As a senior, he was named All-Conference and to the East-West All Star Team. **Personal:** Born 1/19/87 in Berwyn, IL. **Family:** Tony and Juli Wellner. He has one brother, Bryan. **Hobbies:** Snowboarding and wakeboarding. **Major:** Business.

#34 KIRK WILLIAMSON, 6'0", 185, Fr, Catcher
Bats: Right, Throws: Right
Naperville, IL/Neuqua Valley H.S.

High School: Attended Neuqua Valley High School and played two years of baseball under Coach Robin Renner. He was named All-Conference both years, All-City as a senior, and to the Upstate All-Star Team. He also played two years of football under Coach Brian Wells. **Personal:** Born 3/9/88 in Lawrence, KS. **Family:** Mark and Jennifer Williamson. He has one brother, Matt. **Hobbies:** Working out. **Major:** History.



#42 MIKE WONS, 6'0", 195, Fr, Infield,
Bats: Right, Throws: Left
Naperville, IL/Waubonsie Valley H.S.
High School: Attended Waubonsie Valley High School and played two years of baseball under Coach Dan Fezzuglio. He was named All-Conference as a senior. **Personal:** Born 5/5/88 in Naperville, IL. **Family:** Michael and Karen Wons. He has two brothers, John and Colin, and one sister, Melissa. **Hobbies:** Sports. **Major:** Business.

#6 JAY ZIMMERMAN, 6'3", 210, Sr, Outfield,
Bats: Left, Throws: Left
Plainfield, IL/Plainfield HS

College as a Junior ('06): Started all 47 games and hit .324 with five home runs and 36 RBIs. He was named All-NIIC. **College as a Sophomore ('05):** Appeared and started in all 43 games. Batted .373 with 51 runs scored and 36 RBIs. Named NIIC All-Conference and NCAA Second Team All-Central Region. **College as a Freshman ('04):** Appeared in 18 games, starting six. Batted .335 with one home run and nine RBIs. **High School:** Attended Plainfield High School. Played three years of baseball. Was named All-Conference and MVP his senior season. Also played three years of soccer. Was named All-Conference his senior year. **Personal:** Born 5/3/85 in Joliet, IL. **Family:** Patty and Hal Zimmerman. He has two sisters, Haley and Kelly. **Hobbies:** Sleeping, chess, lifting and reading. **Major:** Business Administration.



Totals	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	BB	K	RBI	BA
'06	182	37	59	9	1	5	3	23	34	36	.324
'05	150	51	56	9	1	7	1	37	29	36	.373
'04	31	5	11	0	1	1	0	2	3	9	.355

Program Honors

Winningest NCAA Division III Baseball Programs (1990-2006)

By Percentage	W-L-T	Pct.
1. Marietta	692-148-4	.8223
2. Wisconsin-Oshkosh	531-170-2	.7568
3. Wooster	574-189-4	.7510
4. Aurora University	527-175-4	.7493
5. Cortland State	541-182-2	.7476
6. Johns Hopkins	509-173-3	.7453
7. Ferum	471-164-2	.7410
8. Carthage	562-197-4	.7392
9. Eastern Conn. State	557-211-1	.7250
10. Ohio Wesleyan	544-209-4	.7213

By Wins	Wins
1. Marietta	692
2. Wooster	574
3. Carthage	562
4. Eastern Conn. State	557
5. Ohio Wesleyan	544
6. S.U.N.Y. Cortland	541
7. Methodist	540
8. Wisconsin-Oshkosh	531
9. Aurora University	527
10. Southern Maine	521



2006 Season Results

DATE	OPPONENT	AU PT. OF REC.	OVER. REC.	NIIC REC.
3-4-06	Wheaton College#	Salter(W 1-0)	1-0	
3-5-06	DeSales University#	Chapple(W 1-0)	2-0	
3-5-06	DeSales University#	Mueller(W 1-0)	3-0	
3-6-06	Pitt-Bradford#	Martin(L 0-1)	3-1	
3-6-06	Juniata College#	Deckman(L 0-1)	3-2	
3-8-06	Beloit College#	Friend(L 0-1)	3-3	
3-8-06	Muhlenberg College#	Martin(W 1-1)	4-3	
3-9-06	Beloit College#	Chapple(W 2-0)	5-3	
3-10-06	Juniata College#	Mueller(L 1-1)	5-4	
3-10-06	Juniata College#	Hutten(W 1-0)	6-4	
3-15-06	Millikin University	Salter(W 2-0)	7-4	
3-19-06	Manchester College	Chapple(L 2-1)	7-5	
3-21-06	Dominican University	Salter(W 3-0)	8-5	
4-1-06	Clarke College*	Salter(W 4-0)	9-5	1-0
4-1-06	Clarke College*	Chapple(W 3-1)	10-5	2-0
4-5-06	Clarke College*	Mueller(W 2-1)	11-5	3-0
4-8-06	Eureka College*	Salter(W 5-0)	12-5	4-0
4-8-06	Eureka College	Chapple(W 4-1)	13-5	5-0
4-9-06	Univ. of Chicago	Hutten(W 2-0)	14-5	5-0
4-9-06	Univ. of Chicago	Miller(W 1-0)	15-5	5-0
4-10-06	Eureka College*	Mueller(W 3-0)	16-5	6-0
4-13-06	Concordia (IL)*	Victoris(W 1-0)	17-5	7-0
4-15-06	Concordia (IL)*	Chapple(W 5-1)	18-5	8-0
4-15-06	Concordia (IL)*	Friend(W 5-1)	19-5	9-0
4-17-06	Elmhurst College	Victoris(L 1-1)	19-6	9-0
4-18-06	Eastern Illinois	Friend(L 3-0)	19-7	9-0
4-21-06	Benedictine University*	Fair(W 1-0)	20-7	10-0
4-22-06	Benedictine University*	Chapple(W 6-1)	21-7	11-0
4-22-06	Benedictine University*	Victoris(W 2-1)	22-7	12-0
4-25-06	Wheaton College	Turek(W 1-0)	23-7	12-0
4-28-06	Concordia (WI)	Hutten(L 2-1)	23-8	12-0
4-29-06	Rockford College*	Chapple(W 7-1)	24-8	13-0
5-2-06	Carthage College*	Miller(W 2-0)	25-8	13-0
5-3-06	Rockford College*	Salter (W 6-0)	26-8	14-0
5-4-06	North Central	Turek(W 2-0)	27-8	14-0
5-5-06	Rockford College*	Mueller(L 3-2)	27-9	14-1
5-9-06	North Park Univ.*	Salter(W 7-0)	28-9	14-1
5-12-06	Rockford College+	Turek(W 3-0)	29-9	14-1
5-12-06	Concordia (IL)+	Salter(L 7-1)	29-10	14-1
5-13-06	Rockford College+	Miller(L 2-1)	29-11	14-1
5-17-06	Washington Univ.\$	Chapple(W 8-1)	30-11	14-1
5-18-06	Millsaps\$	Salter(L 7-2)	30-12	14-1
5-19-06	Carthage College\$	Turek(W 4-0)	31-12	14-1
5-19-06	Mt. St. Joseph\$	Mueller(W 4-2)	32-12	14-1
5-20-06	Millsaps\$	Turek(W 5-0)	33-12	14-1
5-20-06	Millsaps\$	Miller(W 3-1)	34-12	14-1
5-26-06	Montclair St. Univ.^	Chapple(L 8-2)	34-13	14-1
5-27-06	UW-Stevens Point^	Salter(L 7-3)	34-14	14-1

Spring Trip (Phoenix, AZ)

* Denotes NIIC Conference Game

+ NIIC Conference Tournament

\$ NCAA Division III Central Region

^ NCAA World Series Game

Home Games in BOLD

2006 Spartan Statistics

BATTING

PLAYER	AB	R	H	RBI	2-3-HR	SO	BB	Sac.	BA
Thor	183	61	78	58	22-0-10	14	36	3	.426
Hopkins	177	54	65	30	21-1-1	23	31	5	.367
Dean	186	47	66	35	16-1-7	25	26	1	.355
Losacco	192	43	66	44	13-1-5	20	19	5	.344
Zimmerman	182	37	59	36	9-1-5	34	23	6	.324
Starkey	128	21	40	22	6-0-0	16	10	20	.313
AU Totals	1635	355	517	319	114-4-34	245	235	82	.316
Opponents	1629	258	423	219	77-8-28	341	194	35	.260

MISC. LEADERS

STOLEN BASES: Hopkins (18-24), Thor (18-24)
PUTOUTS: Weber (431), Forbes (239)
ASSISTS: Thor (178), Losacco (125)
ERRORS: Thor (24), Losacco (15)
TIMES HIT BY PITCH: Hopkins (11), Dean (10)
SLUGGING: Thor (.710), Dean (.565)
ON-BASE: Thor (.530), Hopkins (.480)

PITCHING

PLAYER	IP	H	ER	SO	BB	W-L-S	ERA
Salter	85.1	92	34	78	28	7-3-0	3.59
Chapple	82.2	68	33	75	29	8-2-0	3.59
Turek	40.1	36	11	34	18	5-0-0	2.45
Fair	25.2	18	4	23	19	1-0-12	1.40

MISC. LEADERS

COMPLETE GAMES: Chapple (4), Salter (2)
OPP. BATTING AVG. AGAINST: Fair (.198), Chapple (.221)

2006 SPARTAN RECORD

OVERALL: 34-14

Home: 9-2 Away: 14-3

Neutral: 11-9

NIIC: 14-1

NIIC Home: 7-1 NIIC Away: 7-0

The NAC

The Northern Athletics Conference begins its inaugural season in 2007.

Teams

Alverno College	Aurora University
Benedictine University	Concordia University-Chicago
Concordia University-Wisconsin	Dominican University
Edgewood College	Lakeland College
Maranatha Baptist Bible College	Marian College
Rockford College	Wisconsin Lutheran College



2006 Spartan All-NIIC Selections:

Alex Chapple-P (Yorkville, IL/Neuqua Valley H.S.)
 Aaron Thor-SS (Rockford, IL/Guilford H.S.)
 John Hopkins-OF (Lockport, IL/Lockport H.S.)
 Jay Zimmerman-OF (Plainfield, IL/Genard East H.S.)
 Jonathan Turek-P (Lombard, IL/Glenbard East H.S.)

Pitcher of the Year: Alex Chapple, Aurora University
Coach of the Year: Shaun Neitzel, Aurora University

PAST NIIC BASEBALL CHAMPIONS

1970:	Benedictine^	1991:	Aurora,
1971:	Rockford,		Rockford,
	Benedictine^		Benedictine^
1972:	Benedictine^	1992:	Aurora
1973:	Benedictine^	1993:	Aurora
1974:	Aurora		Benedictine^
	Trinity#	1994:	Aurora,
	Benedictine^		Benedictine^
1975:	Benedictine^	1995:	Aurora
1976:	Benedictine^	1996:	Concordia
1977:	Benedictine^	1997:	Aurora
1978:	Aurora,	1998:	Aurora
	Benedictine^	1999:	Aurora
1979:	Benedictine^	2000:	Aurora
1980:	Benedictine^	2001:	Aurora
1981:	Olivet Nazarene	2002:	Aurora
1982:	Rockford	2003:	Benedictine^
1983:	Benedictine^	2004:	Benedictine^
1984:	Aurora	2005:	Aurora
1985:	Aurora	2006:	Aurora
1986:	Aurora		
1987:	Aurora		
1988:	Aurora		
1989:	Aurora		
1990:	Aurora		

^Formerly known as St. Procopius and also as Illinois Benedictine.

#Now known as Trinity International.

AU's All-NIIC Selections

- 1970 - Steve Jurs, Keith Davis, Mike Drew, Ray Phillips.
 1971 - Scott Springfield, Ed Rusch, Bill Morrell.
 1972 - Mike Drew, Dan Miller, Robin Voss.
 1973 - Bruce Henry, Mike Drew, Bill Koehn, Scott Springfield, Robin Voss.
 1974 - Rick Doud, Mike Steinke, Mike Diveley, Tom Chmela.
 1975 - Jim Hill, Don Pesavento.
 1976 - Ron Matrisciano, Tom Mueller, Tom Chmela.
 1977 - Tom Mueller, Steve Springfield.
 1978 - Dennis White, Randy Lyerla.
 1979 - John Sutphin, John Lesiotis, Tim Simmons, Gary Popp.
 1980 - John Sutphin, Jim Miller, John Lesiotis, Bob Clark, Rick DeGarmo.
 1981 - Dan Brundzinski, Terry Becker, John Lesiotis.
 1982 - John Chengary, Dan Brundzinski.
 1983 - Terry Becker, Don Long, Terry Frederiksen, Tim O'Conner, Brian Stading.
 1984 - Tom Vanoni, Chris Becker, Mike Gette, Tim O'Conner, Terry Frederiksen.
 1985 - Brian Stading, Tim O'Conner, Mike Gette, Frank Smith, Mark Morris, Steve Themer.
 1986 - Dale Koehring, Mark Chambers, Mark Morris, Jim Mullany, Rich Rocco.
 1987 - Mark Chambers, Mark Morris, Maurey Sage, Eddie Velez.
 1988 - Steve Moga, Bob Guajardo, Curt Hubert, Paul Pierson, Jeff Potts, Maurey Sage.
 1989 - Rich Rocco, Maurey Sage, Tony Carrozza, Mike Foote.
 1990 - Bob Guajardo, Mike Foote, Mike Bachio, John Bachio, Mark Foltmer.
 1991 - Frank Markett, Mark Foltmer, Chris Woods, Lou Hernandez, Jon Puklin.
 1992 - Lou Hernandez, Brett Brown, Bob Vozza, John Mendoza.
 1993 - Frank Markett, Todd Prellberg, Mark Foltmer, Bob Vozza, John Mendoza.
 1994 - Tony Hopp, Todd Prellberg, Bob Vozza, Corey Hunger, Scott Harris.
 1995 - Scott Harris, Andy Oros, Mike Toma, Corey Breyne, Chad Hejza, Andy Pallissard.
 1996 - Joe Robbins, Kevin Sommers, Andy Pallissard, Corey Breyne, Brandon Kopf.
 1997 - Steve Fike, Corey Breyne, Scott Baron, Dan Babler, Jerry Paul, Chris Pflzgraf, Brandon Kopf.
 1998 - Steve Fike, Corey Breyne, Matt Deegan, Eric Zaleski, Chris Pflzgraf, Dan Babler, Mark Iannantuoni.
 1999 - Brian Buglio, Matt Deegan, Zach Fox, Mark Iannantuoni, Chris Pflzgraf, Matt St. John, Eric Zaleski.
 2000 - Brian Buglio, Zach Fox, Matt Fostiak, John Reeves, Chris Pflzgraf, Josh Paddock, Bobby Grapenthien.
 2001 - Matt St. John, Russ Lorenz, Bob Grapenthien, Uriel Quiles, Josh Paddock, Jake Abel, Jack Dime.
 2002 - Brian Dolewski, Russ Lorenz, Brian Chelgren, Uriel Quiles, Josh Paddock, Jack Dime.
 2003 - Brian Dolewski, Jason Smith, Jay Lavender, Jack Dime.
 2004 - Chris Forbes, John Hopkins, Jay Lavender, Jeff Salzman, Rob Fontana.
 2005 - Jay Lavender, Jay Zimmermen, Brian Brandenburg, John Hopkins, Brian Chelgren, Brady Salter.
 2006 - Alex Chapple, John Hopkins, Jay Zimmerman, Aaron Thor, Jon Turek.

AU's Northern Illinois-Iowa Conference "Player-of-the-Year"

Selections

- 1988: Steve Moga (P)
 1989: Rich Rocco (C)
 1990: Bob Guajardo (OF)
 1992: Lou Hernandez (P)
 1995: Scott Harris (P)
 1997: Steve Fike (P)
 1998: Eric Zaleski (1B)
 2001: Matt St. John (OF)
 2005: Jay Lavender (OF)



Jay Lavender
2005



AU NCAA Playoff Scores

- 1987: MIDEAST REGIONAL**
 -North Park 2, AU 1
 -AU 5, Ohio Wesleyan 2
 -AU 5, Wooster 3
 -AU 6, Marietta 0
 -North Central 5, AU 4
- 1989: MIDEAST REGIONAL**
 -Illinois Wesleyan 7, AU 6
 -Wooster 10, AU 4
- 1990: MIDEAST REGIONAL**
 -AU 6, Marietta 5
 -AU 4, Wooster 3
 -AU 9, North Park 7
 -AU 15, Marietta 5
DIV. III WORLD SERIES
 -AU 7, Montclair St. 6
 -AU 8, N. C. Wesleyan 7
 -Eastern Conn. 4, AU 0
 -AU 12, N. C. Wesleyan 9
 -Eastern Conn. 8, AU 1
- 1991: CENTRAL REGIONAL**
 -William Penn 5, AU 3
 -AU 9 North Central 6
 -Ill. Benedictine 6, AU 3
- 1992: CENTRAL REGIONAL**
 -AU 4, Simpson 1
 -William Penn 22, AU 1
 -AU 9, Washington U. 3
 -AU 7, William Penn 2
 -AU 3, William Penn 2
-DIV. III WORLD SERIES
 -Ithaca 8, AU 1
 -Marietta 5, AU 4
- 1993: CENTRAL REGIONAL**
 -Upper Iowa 5, AU 1
 -AU 8, Ill. B'dctine. 2
 -AU 5, Upper Iowa 3
 -Carthage 5, AU 4
- 1994: CENTRAL REGIONAL**
 -Carthage 9, AU 5
 -North Central 4, AU 2
- 1995: CENTRAL REGIONAL**
 -AU 6, Upper Iowa 2
 -AU 9, Carthage 5
 -Carthage 8, AU 7
 -Carthage 7, AU 4
- 1996: CENTRAL REGIONAL**
 -AU 3, Carthage 2
 -Upper Iowa 8, AU 2
 -MacMurray 7, AU 4
- 1997: CENTRAL REGIONAL**
 -MacMurray 10, AU 7
 -AU 22, Wartburg 11
 -AU 9, MacMurray 4
 -AU 12, Carthage 6
 -Carthage 15, AU 10 (10 inn.)
- 1998: CENTRAL REGIONAL**
 -AU 7, Carthage 3
 -AU 13, North Central 7
 -AU 13, North Central 5
DIV. III WORLD SERIES
 -AU 7, Cal Lutheran, 6
 -AU 6, North Carolina, 4
 -AU 3, East Conn. St. 4
 -AU 5, Montclair State,6
- 1999: CENTRAL REGIONAL**
 -Aurora 8, Augustana 2
 -Aurora 8, Simpson 4
 -Aurora 6, Carthage 4
 -Aurora 5, Carthage 4
-DIV. III WORLD SERIES
 -Wm. Paterson 7, AU 1
 -Marietta 5, AU 2
- 2000: CENTRAL REGIONAL**
 -Wartburg 8, AU 7
 -Carthage 11, AU 2
- 2002: CENTRAL REGIONAL**
 -Monmouth 4, Aurora 0
 -Aurora 10, Wartburg 2
 -Monmouth 2, Aurora 1
- 2004: CENTRAL REGIONAL**
 -AU 14, Illinois Wesleyan 7
 -AU 16, McMurry 4
 -AU 7, Simpson 5
 -AU 21, Carthage 4
-DIV. III WORLD SERIES
 -SUNY-Brockport 5, AU 2
 -AU 7, Manchester 6
 -AU 7, Rowan 4
 -George Fox 12, AU 6
- 2005: CENTRAL REGIONAL**
 -Ripon 6, AU 2
 -Wash U 12, AU 9
- 2006: CENTRAL REGIONAL**
 -AU 9, Wash U 3
 -Millsaps 11, AU 3
 -AU 5, Carthage 4
 -AU 11, Mt. St. Josephs 10
 -AU 8, Millsaps 6
 -AU 12, Millsaps 11
-DIV. III WORLD SERIES
 -Mt. St. Clair 7, AU 2
 -UW-Stevens Point 12, AU 3

Regional and National Honors

- (since 1986)
- 1986 - Dale Koehring**, NCAA All-Mideast 1st Team, NCAA All-American 3rd Team
- 1987 - Mark Morris**, NCAA All-Mideast Team (SS)
Maurey Sage, NCAA All-Mideast 1st Team, NCAA All-American 2nd Team (P)
- 1988 - Bob Guajardo**, NCAA All-Mideast Team (OF)
- 1990 - John Bachio**, NCAA All-Mideast 1st Team, NCAA All-American 3rd Team (P)
Mike Foote, NCAA All-Mideast 2nd Team (C)
Bob Guajardo, NCAA All-Mideast 1st Team, NCAA All-American 1st Team (OF)
- 1991 - John Bachio**, NCAA All-Central 1st Team, NCAA All-American 2nd Team (P)
Jon Puklin, NCAA All-Central 1st Team (2B)
John Bachio, NCAA All-Central 1st Team (P)
- 1992 - Brett Brown**, NCAA All-Central 1st Team, NCAA All-American 2nd Team (2B)
Bob Vozza, NCAA All-Central 1st Team (OF)
Lou Hernandez, NCAA All-Central 2nd Team (P)
Matt Cannon, GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-American
- 1993 - Brett Brown**, NCAA All-Central 1st Team (2B)
Mark Foltmer, NCAA All-Central 1st Team (OF)
Jason Wittenmyer, NCAA All-Central 1st Team (P)
Frank Markett, NCAA All-Central 2nd Team (1B)
Todd Prellberg, NCAA All-Central Hon. Mention (C)
Matt Cannon, GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-American of the Year
Craig "Bubba" Phillip (P), Drafted & signed 22nd round by Boston Red Sox
Mike Trimarco (P), Drafted & signed 31st round by Baltimore Orioles
- 1994 - Tony Hopp**, NCAA All-Central 1st Team (2B)
Scott Harris, NCAA All-Central 1st Team (P)
Corey Hunger, NCAA All-Central 2nd Team (P)
Todd Prellberg, NCAA All-Central 2nd Team (C)
Bob Vozza, NCAA All-Central 2nd Team (OF)
Matt Cannon, GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-American
- 1995- Scott Harris**, NCAA All-Central 1st Team, NCAA All-American 3rd Team (P)
Andy Pallissard, NCAA All-Central 2nd Team (OF)
Andy Oros, NCAA All-Central 2nd Team (P)
Mike Toma, NCAA All-Central 2nd Team (OF)
Steve Schwartz, Drafted 44th round by Houston Astros

Regional and National Honors

- 1996- **Corey Breyne**, NCAA All-Central 2nd Team (SS)
Scott Baron, NCAA All-Central 2nd Team (DH)
Kevin Sommers, NCAA All-Central 2nd Team (OF)
Andy Pallissard, NCAA All-Central 2nd Team (OF)
- 1997- **Corey Breyne**, NCAA All-Central 1st Team, NCAA All-American 1st Team (SS)
Scott Baron, NCAA All-Central 1st Team, NCAA All-American 1st Team (DH)
Steve Fike, NCAA All-Central 1st Team (P), GTE Academic All-District V (P)
Kevin Sommers, GTE Academic All-District V (1B)
Eric Zaleski, NCAA All-Central 1st Team (OF)
- 1998- **Dan Babler**, NCAA All-Central Honorable Mention (3B)
Scott Baron, NCAA All-Central 2nd Team (DH)
Corey Breyne, NCAA All-Central 1st Team NCAA All-American 2nd Team (SS)
Matt Deegan, NCAA All-Central 1st Team, NCAA All-American 2nd Team (P)
Steve Fike, NCAA All-Central 2nd Team (P)
Mark Iannantuoni, NCAA All-Central 1st Team (OF)
Eric Zaleski, NCAA All-Central 2nd Team (1B)
- 1999- **Matt Deegan**, NCAA All-Central 1st Team (P), NCAA All-American 1st Team (P)
Eric Zaleski, NCAA All-Central 1st Team (1B), NCAA All-American 1st Team (1B)
Mark Iannantuoni, NCAA All-Central 3rd Team (OF), NCAA All-American 3rd Team (OF)
- 2000- **Matt Fostiak**, NCAA All-Central 1st Team (3B)
Mark Iannantuoni, NCAA All-American 3rd Team (OF)
Zach Fox, NCAA All-Central 2nd Team (2B)
Chris Pfalzgraf, NCAA All-Central 2nd Team (P) Signed to a Free Agent contract with the Texas Rangers.
- 2001- **Matt St. John**, NCAA All-Central 1st Team (OF), NCAA All-American 3rd Team (OF)
- 2002- **Russ Lorenz**, NCAA All-Central 1st Team (2B) NCAA All-American 2nd Team (2B)
Josh Paddock, NCAA All-Central 1st Team (P)
NCAA All-American 2nd Team,
NCAA Pitcher of the Year,
Drafted and signed 33rd round by Philadelphia Phillies.
Jack Dime, NCAA All-Central 1st Team (OF)
Brian Dolewski, All-Central 2nd Team (SS)
Brian Chelgren, All-Central 2nd Team (DH)
Uriel Quiles, All-Central 2nd Team (P)
Jason Smith, All-Central 3rd Team (OF)
- 2003- **Jason Smith**, NCAA All-Central 1st Team (OF)
Jay Lavender, NCAA All-American 2nd Team (OF)
Brian Dolewski, NCAA All-Central 3rd Team (2B)
Jack Dime, NCAA All-American 3rd Team (OF)
- 2004- **John Hopkins**, NCAA All-Central 2nd Team (OF)
Jeff Salzmann, NCAA All-Central 2nd Team (P)
- 2005- **Jay Lavender**, NCAA All-Central 1st Team (OF), NCAA All-American 1st Team (OF), NCBWA/NCAA Central Region Hitter of the Year
Brian Chelgren, NCAA All-Central 2nd Team (1B)
Brian Brandenburg, NCAA All-Central 2nd Team (3B)
Alex Chapple, NCAA All-Central 2nd Team (P)
Jay Zimmerman, NCAA All-Central 2nd Team (OF)
Aaron Thor, NCAA All-Central 2nd Team (SS)
John Hopkins, NCAA All-Central 3rd Team (OF)
Brady Salter, Drafted 43rd round by New York Yankees
- 2006- **Aaron Thor**, ABCA/Rawlings NCAA All-American 1st Team (SS), NCAA All-Central Region 1st Team, Signed contract with San Angelo Colts of the United League
Alex Chapple, NCAA All-Central Region 1st Team (P)
Paul Dean, NCAA All-Central Region 2nd Team (DH)
Brady Salter, NCAA All-Central Region 2nd Team (P)
John Hopkins, NCAA All-Central Region 2nd Team (OF)
Ryan Fair, NCAA All-Central Region 3rd Team (P)

AU NCAA Post-Season History

AU BASEBALL: A WINNING TRADITION

Aurora University has established itself as a force to be reckoned with in NCAA Division III baseball. A look at AU's history of post-season tournament play supports this fact.

In **1987**, the Spartans made their first-ever NCAA appearance in the Midwest Regional and emerged with a respectable 3-2 second-place finish including a victory over defending national champ Marietta College.

From 1989 to 2000, the Spartans had a string of **12** consecutive NCAA post-season bids. AU is the only Illinois team ever invited to that many Division III baseball playoffs consecutively (1990 second, 1992 seventh, 1998 fourth, 1999 seventh and 2004 third).

The campaign of **1992** marked AU's second D-III World Series trip. At the Central Region tournament in St. Louis, AU went 4-1 to head back to Battle Creek, but not without some hard work. The Spartans bounced back from a 22-1 loss to William Penn, and eventually avenged the lopsided defeat with two consecutive victories over WPC to take the regional crown.

AU appeared in the Central Region tourney in **1993** and **1994**. In 1993, after dropping the opening game to Upper Iowa, the Spartans worked their way back to the finals versus Carthage, losing 5-4. In 1994, AU lost both games versus Carthage and North Central.

It was Carthage-AU again in **1995** for the Central Region title in Kenosha, WI, with the host Redmen prevailing. AU defeated Upper Iowa and Carthage in its first two outings, but Carthage won a doubleheader to advance to the D-III series.

In **1996**, AU knocked off Carthage in the first round, but dropped its next two games to bow out of the regionals with a third-place finish.

1997 saw the Spartans lose their opening game and face the must-win situation. AU won its next three games of the tourney (over Wartburg, MacMurray and Carthage) to force the winner-take-all championship game. However, Carthage eliminated AU, 15-10, in a 10-inning thriller in the title finale.

The **1998** post-season resulted in AU's third-ever appearance in the NCAA Division III national

championship tournament. The Spartans advanced to the World Series by topping Carthage, before dumping North Central twice to sweep through the Central Region competition.

In **1999**, the Spartans earned their fourth-ever appearance in the NCAA Division III national championship tournament. The Spartans defeated Augustana, Simpson and Carthage (twice) to sweep the regional championship in four games.

In **2000**, the Spartans appeared in their 12th consecutive NCAA Regional Tournament. The Spartans lost in the opening game to Wartburg, IA (7-8), and were defeated in game two by Carthage, WI (2-11).

In **2002**, the Spartans appeared in their 13th NCAA Regional Tournament in 14 seasons. The Spartans lost in the opening game to Monmouth, IL (0-4), and faced a must-win situation. AU won its next game against Wartburg, IA (10-2), but fell to Monmouth, IL in the following game (1-2).

In **2004**, the Spartans appeared in their fifth NCAA Division III national championship tournament. The Spartans defeated Illinois Wesleyan, McMurry, Simpson and Carthage to sweep the regional championship in four games by a combined score of 58 to 24. Overall, Aurora University has a 39-31 record in NCAA post-season baseball championship play.

In **2005**, the Spartans appeared in their 16th NCAA Regional Tournament in 19 seasons. The Spartans lost the opening game to Ripon, WI (6-2) and were eliminated by Washington University, St. Louis (12-9).

In **2006**, the Spartans appeared in their 17th NCAA Regional Tournament in 20 seasons. The Spartans won their opening game against Washington University, and then were defeated by Millsaps College. Facing elimination, the Spartans defeated Carthage College and the College of Mt. St. Joseph. This set up a rematch against Millsaps College on the final day of the Regional. The Spartans won both games to advance to the NCAA Division III World series.

At the national championships, the Spartans were defeated by Montclair State University on opening day, and were eliminated by UW-Stevens Point to finish their successful season.

Year By Year Results

<u>Year</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Record</u>
1926	4-1	1971	10-16/6-6
1927	0-1	1972	14-16/8-4
1928	4-6	1973	17-13-1/7-3
1929	3-3	1974	15-10/7-3*
1930	N/A	1975	16-17/4-6
1931	0-7	1976	8-12/8-4
1932	1-6	1977	8-18-1/8-3-1
1933	2-5	1978	9-12/9-3*
1934	5-4	1979	10-18/9-3
1935	1-5	1980	12-22-1/7-3
1936	3-2	1981	11-20/7-4
1937	2-5	1982	16-22/7-5
1938	2-4-1	1983	16-18/8-4
1939	0-10	1984	19-14/10-2*
1940	0-7	1985	19-18-1/9-1*
1941-48	-no teams; WWII-	1986	25-12/11-0*
1949	2-0	1987	31-10/9-2*#
1950	4-2	1988	22-7/10-0*
1951	4-5	1989	27-11/10-0*#
1952	1-19-1	1990	29-12/9-1*#
1953	0-5	1991	23-11-1/8-2*#
1954	6-9	1992	34-9/9-1*#
1955	2-6	1993	29-5-1/10-2*#
1956	5-7	1994	29-7/11-1*#
1957	2-6	1995	33-7/12-1*#
1958	6-10-1	1996	26-12/9-4#
1959	5-14	1997	36-9-1/11-2*#
1960	3-10	1998	33-6/13-0*#
1961	6-8	1999	38-8/11-2*#
1962	4-9	2000	35-10/12-3*#
1963	6-9	2001	27-15/19-4*
1964	10-8-1	2002	34-6/20-1*
1965	8-9-1	2003	25-16-2/14-8
1966	8-7	2004	28-19/10-8\$#
1967	3-11	2005	34-9/14-4\$#*
1968	8-11	2006	34-14/14-1*#
1969	7-14		
1970	14-15		

* NIIC champions
 # NCAA playoffs
 \$ NIIC Tournament Champion



AU Coaching Records

Percy Snell (1926-37)	25-43	Fred Bornkamp (1968-75)	101-110
Frank Buhtel (1938-40)	2-21-1	Mark Zaban (1976-77)	8-12
LaVerne Gilkey (1948-51)	10-7	Bill Prince (1978)	9-12
Carl Selin (1952-53)	5-24-1	George DiMatteo (1979-82)	49-82
Ray Rosenthal (1954-57)	15-28-1	Jim Schmid (1983-1992)	245-122-2
Sam Bedrosian (1958-62)	24-51-1	Mark Walsh (1993-2002)	320-85-2
Francis Merritt (1963-64)	10-18	Shaun Neitzel (2003-)	121-58-2
Ron Bachman (1965-67)	19-27-1		

AU Most Valuable Player Awards

<i>(since 1983)</i>	1999- Eric Zaleski (Infield)
1983 - Terry Becker (Infield)	2000- Zach Fox (Infield)
1984 - Tim O'Connor (Pitcher)	2001- Matt St. John (Outfield)
1985 - Brian Stading (Catcher)	2002- Russ Lorenz (Second Base)
1986 - Dale Koehring (Pitcher)	2003- Brian Dolewski (Second Base)
1987 - Mark Chambers (Infield)	2004- Jeff Salzman (Pitcher)
1988 - Steve Moga (Pitcher)	2005- Jay Lavender (Outfield)
1989 - Rich Rocco (Catcher)	2006- Aaron Thor (Shortstop)
1990 - Bob Guajardo (Outfield)	
1991 - John Bachio (Pitcher)	
1992 - Lou Hernandez (Pitcher)	
1993- Frank Markett (Infield)	
1994- Scott Harris (Pitcher)	
1995- Scott Harris (Pitcher)	
1996- Corey Breyne (Infield)	
1997- Corey Breyne (Infield)	
1997- Steve Fike (Pitcher)	
1998- Eric Zaleski (Infield)	



Aaron Thor

AU NCAA Division III Records:

Most Hits, Inning: 3 Jeff Potts
 vs. Elmhurst, 4/4/89



AU Baseball Records

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

BATTING

GAMES PLAYED:

S:	48	Aaron Thor	2006
		Paul Dean	
C:	169	Mark Iannantuoni	1997-2000
		Mark Morris	1984-1987

AT BATS:

G:	7	(8 tied)	
S:	192	Ryan Losacco	2006
C:	604	Brian Chelgren	2001-2005

RUNS:

G:	5	Dan Babler	vs. Wartburg (5/16/97)
		Mike Soldat	vs. Elmhurst (4/9/92)
S:	64	Corey Breyne	1997
C:	196	John Hopkins	2003-2006

HITS:

I:	3	Jeff Potts	vs. Elmhurst (4/4/89)
G:	5	(6 tied)	
S:	85	Corey Breyne	1997
C:	235	Corey Breyne	1995-1998

CONSECUTIVE GAME HITTING STREAK:

S:	34	Brian Dolewski	2002-2003
C:	46	Corey Breyne	1996-1998

SINGLES:

S:	53	Zach Fox	2000
C:	164	John Hopkins	2003-2006

DOUBLES:

G:	4	Aaron Thor	vs. Beloit (3/8/06)
S:	22	Aaron Thor	2006
C:	60	Aaron Thor	2003-2006

TRIPLES:

G:	2	Todd Prellberg	vs. Judson (4/15/94)
		Mike Soldat	vs. Elmhurst (4/9/92)
S:	7	Corey Breyne	1996
		Todd Prellberg	1994
C:	15	Corey Breyne	1995-1998

HOME RUNS:

I:	2	Corey Breyne	vs. Eureka (4/3/96, 1st. inn., gm. #2)
		Brad Pieczynski	vs. Judson (4/15/94, 6th inn.)
G:	4	Terry Becker	vs. Chicago State (4/6/82)
S:	17	Eric Zaleski	1998
C:	42	Matt St. John	1998-2001
	42	Eric Zaleski	1996-1999

CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH A HOMERUN:

S:	6	Terry Frederiksen	1984
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BATTING AVERAGE:

S:	.494	Bob Guajardo	1988 (48-97)
C:	.442	Bob Guajardo	1987-1990 (193-437)

RBIs:

G:	8	Corey Breyne	vs. Eureka (4/3/96, gm. #2)
S:	68	Corey Breyne	1997
C:	199	Matt St. John	1998-2001

TOTAL BASES:

G:	16	Terry Becker	vs. Chicago State (4/6/82)
S:	153	Corey Breyne	1997
C:	373	Matt St. John	1998-2001

TIMES STRUCK OUT:

S:	34	Jay Zimmerman	2006
C:	83	Brian Chelgren	2001-2005

WALKS:

G:	4	Jerry Paul	vs. Carthage (5/16/96)
		Mark Foltmer	vs. Illinois Wesleyan (4/25/90)
S:	37	Mark Morris	1986
		Jay Zimmerman	2005
C:	95	Bob Grapenthien	1999-2002

ON-BASE PERCENTAGE:

S:	.642	John Reeves	2000
C:	.491	Corey Breyne	567 at Bats 1995-98
C:	.544	John Reeves	236 at Bats 1997-2000

SLUGGING PERCENTAGE:

S:	.874	Corey Breyne	1997
C:	.776	Corey Breyne	1995-1998
	.727	Scott Baron	1995-1998



Bob Guajardo

STOLEN BASES:

G:	4	Russ Lorenz	vs. Roger Williams (3/22/03)
	4	John Hopkins	vs. Concordia Wis. (4/27/03)
S:	28	Russ Lorenz	2001
		Jon Puklin	1990
C:	71	Mark Iannantuoni	1997-2000

TIMES HIT BY PITCH:

S:	23	John Reeves	2000
C:	51	John Reeves	1997-2000

PITCHING

INNINGS PITCHED:

G:	10	Matt Deegan	vs. Benedictine (5/4/97)
S:	93.2	Rob Fontana	2004
C:	270.1	Chris Pfalzgraf	1997-2000

STRIKEOUTS:

G:	19	Corey Hunger	vs. Rockford (4/29/94)
S:	104	Rob Fontana	2004
C:	231	Chris Pfalzgraf	1997-2000

MOST EARNED RUNS:

G:	10	Matt Deegan	vs. Wartburg (5/16/97)
		Maurey Sage	vs. Lewis (4/5/88)
S:	54	Matt Deegan	1997

FEWEST EARNED RUNS:

S:	5	Craig Phillip	1993 (49.1 IP)
C:	62	Tim O'Conner	1983-1985 (196 IP)

EARNED RUN AVERAGE:

S:	0.91	Craig Phillip	1993 (49.1 IP)
C:	2.21	Tim O'Conner	1983-1985 (196 IP)

HITS ALLOWED:

G:	13	Russ Voelz	vs. St. Francis (4/17/92)
		Maurey Sage	vs. Lewis (4/5/88)
S:	92	Brady Salter	2006

APPEARANCES:

S:	22	Ryan Fair	2006
C:	55	George Creviston	2002-2005

VICTORIES:

S:	11	Steve Fike	1997 (11-1)
C:	28	Matt Deegan	1996-1999
		Chris Pfalzgraf	1997-2000

BEST W/L %:

S:	1.000	Dale Koehring	1986 (10-0)
C:	.786	Lou Hernandez	1990-1993 (22-6)

SAVES:

S:	12	Ryan Fair	2006
C:	12	Ryan Fair/	2004-present

STARTS WITHOUT A LOSS:

C:	17	John Bachio	1990-1991
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CONSECUTIVE SCORELESS INNINGS PITCHED:

S:	30.0	Jason Wittenmyer	4/24/93-5/20/93
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FIELDING

PUTOUTS:

G:	20	Nick Weber	vs. Judson (3/25/03)
C:	1055	Frank Markett	1990-93

ASSISTS:

G:	11	Josh Damore	vs. North Park (3/20/07)
S:	178	Aaron Thor	2005
C:	459	Aaron Thor	2003-2006

ERRORS:

S:	29	Zach Fox	1999
C:	84	Aaron Thor	2003-2006

FEWEST ERRORS (min. 2 chances per team's games played):

S:	1	Bob Grapenthien	2001 (343 TC)
	1	Nick Weber	2003 (241 TC)
C:	10	Bob Grapenthien	1999-2002 (992 TC; 992 Fldg %)

TOTAL CHANCES:

S:	352	Frank Markett	1992
C:	1124	Frank Markett	1990-1993

BEST FIELDING PERCENTAGE:

S:	.997	Bob Grapenthien	2001
C:	.992	Bob Grapenthien	1999-2002 (10 Errors; 992 TC)



Matt Deegan



Chris Pfalzgraf

AU Baseball Records

TEAM RECORDS

BATTING

AT BATS:
 I: 16 vs. Elmhurst 4/4/89 (23 plate app. in 4th inning)
 G: 52 vs. Benedictine 4/15/03
 S: 1635 2006

RUNS:
 I: 20 vs. Elmhurst, 4/4/89 (4th inning)
 G: 29 vs. Eureka 4/3/05
 S: 486 1997 (10.6 r.p.g.)

RUNS (combined):
 G: 37 vs. IIT 5/5/89 (AU 22, IIT 15)

LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY:
 G: 27 vs. Trinity Chr. 4/19/88 (AU 27, TC 0)

LARGEST MARGIN OF DEFEAT:
 G: 30 vs. St. Francis 5/81 (SF 33, AU 3)

HITS:
 I: 13 vs. Dominican 5/5/00
 G: 32 vs. Dominican 5/5/00
 S: 567 1997

HITS (combined):
 G: 42 vs. IIT 5/5/89

CONSECUTIVE BATTERS TO REACH BASE:
 G: 12 vs. Elmhurst 4/4/89
 vs. Dominican 5/5/00

DOUBLES:
 G: 10 vs. Dominican 5/5/00
 S: 118 (Led NCAA Division III in per game avg.) - 2003

TRIPLES:
 G: 5 vs. Ill. B'dctne. 4/9/94
 S: 33 1994

HOME RUNS:
 I: 5 vs. Monmouth 3/25/00
 G: 9 vs. Benedictine 5/5/97
 S: 66 1997, 2000

BATTING AVERAGE:
 S: .382 2002 (Lead NCAA Division III)

RBI:
 I: 14 vs. Elmhurst 4/4/89 (4th inning)
 G: 27 vs. Benedictine 5/5/97
 S: 424 1997

RBI (combined):
 G: 31 vs. Benedictine 5/5/97
 vs. IIT 5/5/89

TOTAL BASES:
 I: 25 vs. Elmhurst 4/4/89 (4th inning)
 G: 56 vs. Benedictine 5/5/97
 S: 907 1997

TOTAL BASES (combined):
 G: 72 vs. Benedictine 5/5/97 (AU=56, BU=16)

SLUGGING PERCENTAGE:
 S: .609 1997

WALKS:
 I: 6 vs. Elmhurst 4/4/89 (4th inning)
 G: 13 vs. Elmhurst 4/4/89
 S: 250 1986

WALKS (combined):
 G: 20 vs. Carthage 5/16/96 (AU- 11, CC- 9)*
 (*also an NCAA Div. III playoff game record)

MOST TIMES STRUCK OUT:
 G: 15 vs. Montclair State 5/26/06
 S: 217 2004

FEWEST STRIKEOUTS:
 S: 122 1988

STRIKEOUTS (combined):
 G: 29 vs. Rockford 4/29/94 (AU 10, RC 19)

STOLEN BASES:
 G: 8 vs. Dominican 5/5/00
 S: 110 1990 (110-126)

PITCHING

MOST RUNS ALLOWED:
 G: 33 vs. St. Francis 1981
 S: 286 2004

FEWEST RUNS ALLOWED:
 S: 91 1993

MOST EARNED RUNS ALLOWED:
 S: 216 2004

FEWEST EARNED RUNS ALLOWED:
 S: 62 1993

BEST EARNED RUN AVERAGE:
 S: 2.09 1993

MOST HITS ALLOWED:
 G: 21 vs. IIT 5/4/89
 S: 423 2006

FEWEST HITS ALLOWED:
 S: 205 1993

MOST STRIKEOUTS:
 G: 19 vs. Rockford 4/29/94
 S: 341 2006

MOST WALKS:
 G: 11 vs. North Central 4/24/00
 S: 194 2006

FEWEST WALKS:
 S: 79 1988

MOST SAVES:
 S: 13 2006

FIELDING

PUTOUTS:
 S: 1258 2006

ASSISTS:
 S: 593 2006

MOST ERRORS:
 S: 94 1985

FEWEST ERRORS:
 S: 49 1997

TOTAL CHANCES:
 S: 1938 2006

BEST FIELDING PERCENTAGE:
 S: .967 1997

MISC. RECORDS

MOST WINS:
 S: 38 1999

MOST WINS, REGULAR SEASON:
 S: 34 1999 and 2005

MOST LOSSES:
 S: 22 1980 & 1982

BEST W/L %:
 S: .850 2002 (34-6)

MOST GAMES PLAYED:
 S: 48 2006

PLAYERS WITH 10+ HOME RUNS:
 S: 4 1997 Baron (16), Breyne (13), Babler (11), & Zaleski (10).

PLAYERS WITH 50+ RBI:
 S: 3 1997 Breyne (68), Baron (61), Zaleski (50).
 2005 Lavender (62), Thor (52), Zimmerman (51)

PLAYERS WITH 50+ HITS:
 S: 7 2000 Fostiak (72), Fox (71), Buglio (69), Iannantuoni (67), St. John (52), Grapenthien (52), Seyller (52)

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Brian Kipley
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AU Administration



Rebecca L. Sherrick
President

Currently in her seventh year as Aurora University President, Rebecca Sherrick is a true Spartan booster and often attends athletic events. She earned her B.A. from Illinois Wesleyan University and Ph.D. from Northwestern University.



Andrew Manion
Provost

Previously Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences from 1998 to 2000, Andrew Manion earned his B.A. from Saint Norbert College and his Ph.D. in experimental psychology from Adelphi University.



Michael Moser
Vice President for Student Life

Michael Moser assumed the duties of Vice President for Student Life in March 2004. He has a B.A. from North Central College and a Master of Divinity from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary



Mark Walsh
Director of Athletics

Mark Walsh was named Director of Athletics in 1998. Previously, Walsh was AU's Head Baseball Coach from 1992 to 2002 and Assistant Coach from 1987 to 1992. Walsh led the Spartans to nine NIIC championships and nine NCAA Tournament appearances while posting a 320-85 (.790) won-lost record in 10 seasons. Walsh also served as Assistant Football Coach at AU from 1986 to 1996 and was part of the coaching staff who reinstated football after it had been dropped in 1952. Walsh earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Aurora University.

This Is Aurora University



Eckhart Hall

Aurora University traces its origins to the 1893 founding of a seminary in the small town of Mendota, IL. Though established initially to prepare graduates for ministry, the institution soon adopted a broader mission and moved to a new campus on the western edge of the nearby community of Aurora. With this change came a different name and a growing enrollment. In 1985, the institution was rechristened Aurora University.

In 1992, the Aurora and George Williams College traditions blended when the two institutions entered into the affiliation agreement that paved the way for a merger eight years later.

Today Aurora University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association to award degrees at the baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral levels. The institution enrolls approximately 4,000 degree-seeking students a year on its Illinois and Wisconsin campuses.

The Aurora campus offers undergraduate and graduate programs through the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Education and the College of Professional Studies (including the Dunham School of Business, School of Nursing, School of Social Work and School of Health and Physical Education.) The graduate programs offer areas of specialization, leading to master's degrees in business administration, mathematics, recreation administration, teaching and social work, as well as a doctorate in education.

At AU, academic programs are enhanced through learning opportunities. The Dunham Scholars Program incorporates service learning and extracurricular activities into its business curriculum. The Honors Program offers students advanced coursework, innovative seminars and participation in special events. May Term is a three-week program offering opportunities to study abroad, research a science topic on campus or travel to Chicago to explore the city's culture.

AU offers its undergraduates a wide range of on- and off-campus learning experiences. Students participate in more than 60 musical, literary, religious, social and service organizations and play active roles in campus governance. The university also fields 18 NCAA Division III intercollegiate athletic teams. The Spartans boast a winning tradition with 49 conference titles in recent years and 27 regular appearances in national tournaments.

The Alumni Hall of Physical Education features a racquetball court, climbing wall, complete locker room facilities, training room, weight room, aerobic-activities room, classroom and coaches' offices.

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Date	Opponent	Time
Fri. March 2- Fri. March 9	Spring Trip to Phoenix, Arizona	TBA
Sat. March 3	%University of Pitt-Bradford (2)	1:30 p.m.
Sun. March 4	%DeSales University	11 a.m.
Sun. March 4	%Beloit College	2:30 a.m.
Mon. March 5	%DeSales University	10 p.m.
Wed. March 7	&RIT (2)	11 a.m.
Thu. March 8	&Wartburg College (2)	Noon
Fri. March 9	%Juniata College	9 a.m.
Tue. March 20	North Park University	3 p.m.
Wed. March 21	^WHEATON COLLEGE(2)	2:30 p.m.
Sat. March 24	*Lakeland College (2)	Noon
Sun. March 25	Augustana College	1 p.m.
Tue. March 27	*Benedictine University	3:30 p.m.
Wed. March 28	*Benedictine University	3:30 p.m.
Sat. March 31	*#MARIAN College	Noon
Wed. April 4	*Concordia (IL) University (2)	2 p.m.
Sat. April 7	University of Chicago (2)	Noon
Tue. April 10	*^DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY (2)	2 p.m.
Sat. April 14	*^CONCORDIA (WI) University	Noon
Tue. April 17	#NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE	3 p.m.
Wed. April 18	*Edgewood College (2)	2 p.m.
Sat. April 21	*^ROCKFORD COLLEGE (2)	5 p.m.
Mon. April 23	#MACMURRAY COLLEGE	5 p.m.
Wed. April 25	^ELMHURST COLLEGE	6 p.m.
Sat. April 28	*Maranatha Baptist College (2)	Noon
Tue. May 1	Carthage College	3 p.m.
Sat. May 5	*^WISCONSIN LUTHERAN (2)	4 p.m.
Fri. May 11	Northern Athletics Conference Tournament	TBA
Sat. May 12	Northern Athletics Conference Tournament	TBA

*Northern Athletics Conference (NAC) Game

Bold Type indicates home games

% Game location at Boulder Creek HS in Anthem, AZ

& Game location at Seton Catholic HS in Chandler, AZ

Game location at Kane County Stadium

^ Game location at Oswego HS

All times listed are Central Time zone

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