



# PORTER BASEBALL

## PORTERS FINISH 2017

The 2017 season ended with the Porters being defeated by SWSC rival Sandburg in the title game of the Thornton Fractional North Class 4A Regional Tournament 5-3.

Thus concluded a 19-17-1 season that saw the Porters finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Southwest Suburban Blue Conference with a 6-4 record.

As the season ends we see 15 seniors depart to continue their education and some to continue playing baseball or football. Players will attend junior colleges, NAIA schools and Division I & III schools.

There is much for the coming season based on the solid records of our lower levels. The sophomores completed a 24-5 season and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the SWSC Blue with an 8-record.

The freshman levels teams both Maroon and White were very successful. The Maroon squad won their 2<sup>nd</sup> straight SWSC Blue Freshman title with a 24-7-1 record and a conference best 8-2. The White squad played a record 23 games going 15-8. Many players on these teams show a high degree of talent and potential as being future varsity Porters.

The summer season will be very busy for all as the varsity will begin with tryouts the week of 5/29 and a full schedule of single games and tournaments culminating with the IHSBCA State Tournament in July. The Porters also field a JV team and play a full schedule of games with a big tournament, hosted by the Porters also in July. The summer season is viewed as part competition and part

evaluation. All of our players will play on their travel teams this summer as well.

After summer concludes the Porters winter program of Setta conditioning workouts will begin.



## IMPORTANT DATES/EVENTS THIS SUMMER

### Battle of Omaha/CWS Trip

Porter Baseball be traveling to Omaha, Neb. on their annual trip to the Battle of Omaha 19U Tournament. They will also attend the College World Series. This prestigious 19U tourney consists of teams from all over the U.S.

#### **Tentative Schedule**

6/19 Porters v. Utah @ 2pm

6/20 Porters v. Allen @ 9am

Porters v. Jamestown @ 11:30am

6/21 Porters v. Oklahoma @ 8am

The Porters will attend 2 games of the CWS as well at TD Ameritrade Park as well as the CWS Fan Festival.

### Porter Summer Classic Tournament

The Porters will host their own tournament in which several local high school teams participate. The tournament will be held from June 26<sup>th</sup> through June 28<sup>th</sup> at Flink Field. Teams include Oak Lawn, Andrew, L-Way West, Marist and Palatine.

### IHSBCA Summer Tournament

The Illinois High School Baseball Coaches Association will conduct its annual state tournament in July. The Lockport Regional will be from July 10<sup>th</sup> to July 13<sup>th</sup> at Flink Field with finals from July 17<sup>th</sup> through July 19<sup>th</sup>. Locations are TBD.

# MORE 2017 PORTERS MOVE ON TO COLLEGE

Since our last newsletter some Porters have changed or decided where they will be attending college this fall. **INF/P Kevin Davis** will be attending Olney Central College in Olney, Illinois. **INF D.J. Studniarz** will travel to Decatur and attend Milliken University. **OF Jake Suchor** and **P Matt Medina** will attend Joliet J.C. **P Josh Baker** will play football at Valparaiso U. and at publication **P Ben Davis** and **Ryan Gabriel** are both undecided.

We wish all of our seniors the very best as they move on with their lives.

## 2017 PORTERS WRAP UP TOURNAMENT PLAY

As was mentioned earlier in a previous newsletter, the Porters scheduled and played in 4 regular season tournaments in 2017. They traveled to Kentucky and played in 3 Illinois tourneys as well. Here is a summary of how they fared.

### WILL COUNTY'S NEWS-TALK-SPORTS



### WJOL/DON LADAS MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

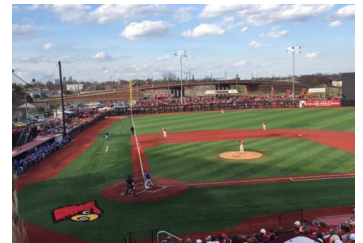
The Porters finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in this local tournament. They defeated Joliet West 3-2 and then lost to eventual tournament champ Plainfield Central 3-1. In the third place game, the Porters defeated Lincoln-Way West by a score of 7-4



### 2017 PBR SUPER PREP BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

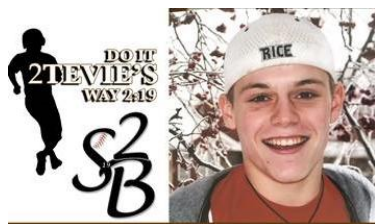
Good weather finally greeted the Porters on their arrival to Louisville, Kentucky. They began by attending the University of Louisville-Kentucky game (R) to watch the Cardinals defeat the Wildcats in a game of then top-rated NCAA teams.

The Porters began the tourney by playing host Ballard (KY). In a great game The Porters fell 2-1 in 10 innings. They then met Indiana powerhouse Providence (IN) and were soundly defeated 11-1. Finishing the tournament play the Porters met Hickory (NC) and won by a score of 10-2. They also played and won two JV games vs. Ballard and Trinity (TN).



### EDWARDSVILLE TIGER WOUNDED WARRIOR CLASSIC

The Porters traveled to southern Illinois and played three games in two days in this annual tournament. The Porters lost to host Edwardsville 3-1 in a well-played game. Highland (IL) then defeated the Porters 11-2 before they beat Glenwood (IL) 11-6 in the nightcap.



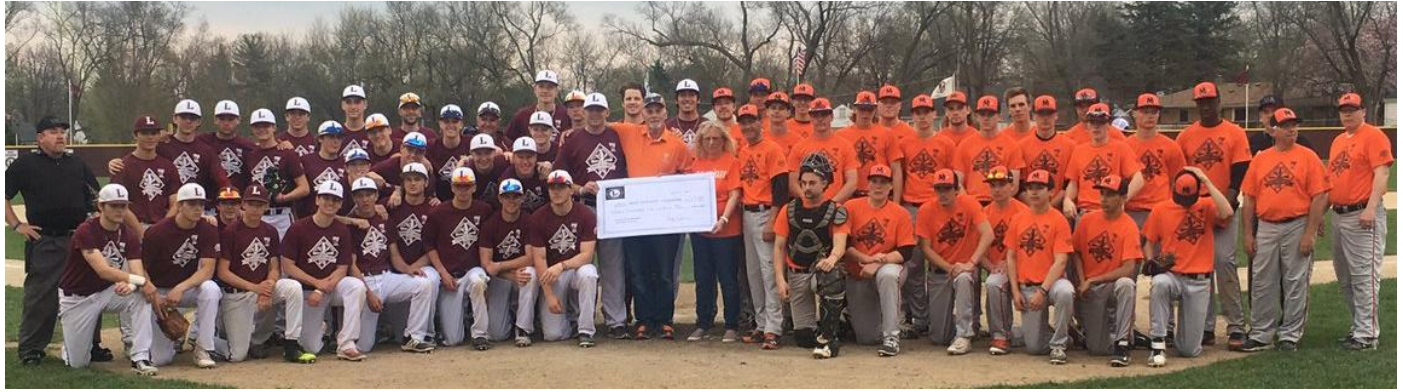
### STEVEN BAJENSKI MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

In a preliminary game of the "Do It Stevie's Way" tournament to determine brackets played early in the season, St. Laurence defeated Lockport 13-8. Action picked up towards the end of the season with Lockport losing to Montini in a pitcher's duel 2-0. The Porters bounced back defeating Indiana powerhouse Andrean of Merrillville 12-0. Final action saw the Porters take on Mt. Carmel and were defeated 10-0 in 5 innings. The Porter baseball program would like to take this opportunity to thank the Bajenski family and all tournament organizers and supporters for the opportunity to play in this prestigious tournament.

We would also like to congratulate senior OF Jake Suchor who received the "Do It Stevie's Way Award". Each team has a player chosen who best represents his team on the field and who is recognized as best playing the game the way it's supposed to be played.



# STRIKE OUT CANCER DAY OF BASEBALL UPDATE



This annual event set new records in crowds and money raised. Baseball and softball games at various levels were played all day to raise money for the Make Your Mark Pediatric Cancer Foundation in memory of Mark Staehley. This year this event raised \$11,500 surpassing last year's record total of \$10,900. A big thank you goes out to all who helped plan, co-ordinate and support this tremendous event, especially to the Lockport Baseball Boosters.

## JOSH ALTMANN UPDATED UPDATE



Josh as of the third week in May was playing 1B and batting .230 for the Wood Ducks. In 39 games Josh has knocked 5HR's and batted in 16 runs. His on base % is .322 with an OPS of .726. Josh continues to improve and play hard as he usually does.



You can follow Josh all season live on Facebook at *Down East Wood Ducks*. You can also follow them on Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat @GoWoodDucks as well on the Wood Ducks' website *WoodDucksBaseball.com*.



## WHO ARE THESE GUYS ANYWAY?????



Recognize any of these baseball players? These are the 2017 seniors in their "formative" years.

(Top Row L-R) Drew Flanagan, Brent McDowell, Ryne Travis, Nick Strysik, Ryan Gabriel, Matt Medina, Kevin Davis  
 (Bottom Row L-R) Josh Baker, Ben Davis, Billy Curtis, DJ Studniarz, Conor Fitzgerald, Matt Harder, Jake Suchor, Gavin Lovesky



# 2017 SPECIAL EVENTS

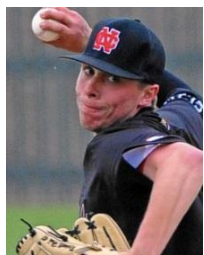


Including the previously mentioned Strike Out Cancer Day of baseball, the Porter baseball program hosted two other special events. At top we can see all of our seniors and their families on Senior Day, May 13th. All players gathered on the mound with their families followed by dads and moms throwing out the first pitch.

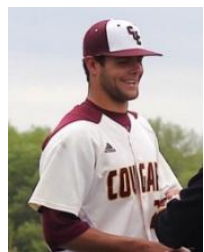
On Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> the Porters held their annual Military Appreciation Day. Ceremonies honoring our veterans and Armed Forces were held before the game (left). Joliet West's baseball program participated as well.

## ALUMNI WORLD SERIES NEWS AND TIDBITS

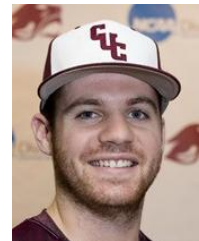
Many former Porter players completed their seasons at their respective colleges. A special shout out goes to six players who are enjoying World Series runs in Division III. Alumni Doug Matthews (13') and Mike Formella (14') from Concordia University of Chicago and Jeremy Quade (15') and Russ Hoh (14') from North Central College participated in the NCAA Division III College World Series in Appleton, Wis.



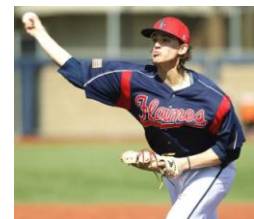
Russ Hoh (L) was 6-1 for the regular season for the Cardinals with a 4.34 ERA. In post-season play Russ had 16 IP giving up only 3ER for an awesome ERA of 0.33. He pitched a complete game win against Birmingham Southern. Jeremy Quade (R) hit .318 with 65 hits and 27 RBI in regular season play with 15 of 22 stolen bases. Jeremy, the Cardinals #2 hitter, went 8 for 32 in regional play batting .250.



Mike Formella (L) had a very successful year for the Cougars with a 6-1 record with 7 saves and an ERA of 3.15. The Cougars closer, he had 64 K's in 65.2 IP. In the Midwest Regional Forms saved all 3 regional games giving up 1 earned run with 12 K's in 9.1 IP. He appeared in 5 post season games posting 15.2IP, giving up only 1 ER for an outstanding .039 ERA with 17 k's. Doug Matthews (R) likewise had a stellar year batting .294 with 37 hits, 31 RBI and 8 HR's. In post-season play, Doug went 12 for 28 for an awesome .429 avg. with 2 HR and 7RBI and appeared in all 7 games.



Noah Masa (L) and Connor Ryan (R) will be participating in NCAA Division I playoff action with their UIC Flames. They began regional play with an 8-7 loss to top-seeded Southern Mississippi. Connor pitched 2.1 innings of scoreless, hitless relief. A rematch was scheduled but at press time was postponed.



# ALUMNI WORLD SERIES NEWS AND TIDBITS (cont'd)

Here is a rundown of how Porter baseball alumni in college did this season.

**Derek Bangert (Jr./Bradley U.)** played in 41 games for the Braves going 42 for 115 hitting .271 with 14 HR's and 40 RBI. Bradley is currently in the Missouri Valley Championship playoffs and will take on Dallas Baptist University on Weds., May 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm.

**Cole Bellair (So./Illinois)** just completed his 2<sup>nd</sup> season for the Illini and was one of Illinois' regular rotational starters. He appeared in 15 games, starting 9 and had a 3-2 record with an ERA of 6.97 in 51.2 IP.

**Anthony Cocco (Fr./Kaskaskia College)** finished his first season at the collegiate level appearing in 20 games and batting .139.

**Nick Davito (Sr./Lewis U.)** finished his final season for the Flyers. He appeared in 17 games, mostly in relief. His K/BB ratio was awesome with 24 K's and only 9 BB's in 29.1 IP with an ERA of 5.83.

**Matt DeGraw (Sr./U. of St. Francis)** finished his final year with an outstanding 5-1 record starting 10 games for the Saints. In 46.2 IP, Matt had an ERA of 2.70 striking out 35 and walking only 16.

**Tyler Hair (Fr./Northern St. U.)** appeared in 6 games for Northern and had a BA of .240.

**Stephen Hill (Fr./South Suburban C.C.)** had a great year for the Bulldogs. Hill played in 49 games amassing 171 AB batting .316 with 54 hits, 10 HR's and 40 RBI.

**Tommy Hook (Sr./Northern Illinois)** completed his collegiate career appearing in 49 games with 185 AB's, 37 hits, 19 RBI and hitting .200.

**Jake Huber (Fr./Augustana)** had a successful first season for the Vikings playing in 18 games, starting 11 and hitting .280 with a .340 slugging %.

**Jordan Johnston (So./Heartland C.C.)** was 1-1 appearing in 3 games with an ERA of 3.86.

**Noah Masa (So./UIC)** in 21.2 IP had a 1-2 record with a 4.22 ERA. His K/BB ratio was excellent striking out 21 while walking only 9.

**Joe McGuire (Fr./Joliet J.C.)** appeared in 36 games for the Wolves hitting .328 in 122 AB's with 40 hits and 25 RBI's. He earned 2<sup>nd</sup> team Division III All-Region honors for his season. SIDE NOTE: Get well Joe!!!

**Austin Moralis (Fr./Heartland CC)** appeared in 9 games for the Hawks with 3.00 ERA.

**Davis Purviance (So./Joliet J.C.)** in 34 games hit .248 with 25 hits and 20 RBI.

**Connor Ryan (Sr./UIC)** was 3-1-1 for the Flames with a 3.86 ERA in 23+IP. He K'd 25 and walked only 4.

**Mike Stevens (Fr./Black Hawk C.C.)** in 7 appearances was 0-2 with an ERA of 7.15.

**Thomas Smith (Jr./U. of St. Francis)** had a great year for the Saints playing in 40 games and batting .286 with 38 hits and 23 RBI.

**Ted Snidanko (Sr./Purdue U.)** finished his career with the Boilermakers hitting .250.

**Jake Stanton (Jr./Milliken U.)** in 24 games hit .256 with 15 RBI.

**Ben Wishba (So./St. Xavier U.)** played for the Cougars as a catcher and outfielder.

# FARM REPORT (SUMMARIES OF LOWER LEVEL SEASONS)

2017 was a great season for all of the teams on the lower levels in the Porter baseball program. Here is a summary of how they did and the team leaders in some categories:

**SOPHOMORES:** Final Record: 24-5 Southwest Suburban Blue Conference 8-2 (2<sup>nd</sup>)

**Batting:** .332 avg. .436 OB% .424 SLG% .860 OPS

**Pitching:** 1.91 ERA 163/97 K/BB Ratio in 187.1 IP

**Fielding:** .918 Fldg.% 54 E's in 660 total chances

AVG	AB	Hits	RBI
J. Weis (.403)	N. Schindler (79)	J. Weis	A. Hansen (27)
C. Woulfe (.397)	A. Hansen (77)	C. Woulfe (27)	N. Schindler (20)
A. Hubert (.385)	C. Woulfe (75)	N. Schindler	J. Rannells
		C. Woulfe (25)	J. Mladic (16)

IP	ERA	K's	BB's	W
J. Gasper (30.1)	J. Weis (.375)	J. Gasper (32)	J. Weis (6)	J. Weis
J. Gallet (29.2)	J. Gallet (1.42)	J. Gallet (26)	Z. Wehrman (7)	Z. Wehrman
J. Vrba (24)	Z. Wehrman(1.64)	J. Tor	J. Gasper (10)	J. Gasper (4)
		J. Vrba (18)		

**FRESHMAN MAROON:** Final Record: 24-7-1 Southwest Suburban Blue Conference 8-2 (1<sup>st</sup>)

**Batting:** .290 avg. .405 OB% .368 SLG% .773 OPS

**Pitching:** 1.96 ERA 220/139 K/BB Ratio in 210.2 IP

**Fielding:** .917 Fldg. % 57 E's in 690 total chances

AVG	AB	Runs Scored	Hits	RBI
J. Dagys (.358)	J. Dagys (104)	J. Kaczmarek (27)	J. Dagys (29)	T. Hoak (21)
M. Voulgaris (.355)	M. Voulgaris (89)	J. Kampf (21)	M. Voulgaris (27)	M. Voulgaris (20)
Zach Murray (.352)	J. Kampf (88)	M. Voulgaris (20)	T. Hoak (21)	J. Kampf (18)

IP	ERA	W	K's	Least BB's
J. Kampf (41.2)	B. Mane (0.80)	J. Kampf (6)	J. Kampf (53)	D. Drake
N. Vlcek (28)	D. Drake (1.15)	Nolan Vlcek (4)	N. Vlcek (43)	R. Waddell (10)
R. Waddell (26)	S. Hook (1.17)	B. Mane	G. Andretich (25)	S. Hook (11)
		G. Andretich		G. Andretich (17)
		S. Hook (3)		

**FRESHMAN WHITE:** Final Record: 15-8

**Batting:** .323 avg. .444 OB% .381 SLG% .825 OPS

**Pitching:** 2.99 ERA 161/66 K/BB Ratio in 142.2 IP

**Fielding:** .894 Fldg.% 52 E's in 491 total chances

AVG	AB	Runs Scored	Hits	RBI
T. DiCristofano (.421)	M. Toth (49)	M. Toth (20)	M. Toth (20)	M. Toth (19)
M. Toth (.408)	K. Boone (48)	D. Miedona (19)	K. Boone (18)	C. Kundrith (13)
C. Andrea (.386)	C. Kundrith	K. Boone (17)	C. Andrea (13)	B. Markham
	D. Wallace (13)			C. Andrea (10)

IP	ERA	W	K's	Least BB's
C. Kundrith (19.1)	B. Onagan (1.84)	C. Kundrith (4)	C. Drew (26)	C. Drew (3)
B. Onagan	C. Drew (2.47)	B. Onagan (3)	C. Kundrith (24)	B. Onagan (5)
C. Andrea (19)	A. Hernandez (2.88)	T. Blazekovich (2)	A. Hernandez (23)	C. Andrea
A. Hernandez			G. Andretich (25)	T. Blazekovich (7)
C. Drew (7)				

**GREAT SEASON GUYS!!!**





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