



# PORTER BASEBALL

## PORTERS WISH EVERYONE A VERY JOYOUS HOLIDAY

The Porter Baseball family would like to take this opportunity to extend holiday greetings to all and a hope that this coming year finds you healthy and prosperous.

This fall and early winter has been a very busy one for the Porters. In past years, those baseball players not playing football, basketball or another fall/winter sport, would work out on their own and generally look forward to January/February when the team would officially start conditioning.

Then things gradually changed and Thanksgiving became the official start date for working out as a team to get ready for the up and coming season.

That brings us to the present where strength and conditioning and speed training is pretty much an on going process year round.

The 2012 squad is no different. Several of our players were members of the Porter football team and played instrumental parts in their successful season. We also saw players on the swimming/diving team which just completed an exceptional season as well. Presently we have several players that are in the middle of their basketball and wrestling schedules.

Those not participating have been working out with coaches led by Head Coach Andy Satunas. Then in November, Porter alum, former Notre

Dame and professional athlete, **Nick Setta** has been in charge of an extensive and comprehensive physical conditioning/strength/speed program. Setta, now a personal trainer, has “taken no prisoners” in helping whip the Porters into shape.

All of this is leading up to the week of **February 27<sup>th</sup>** when baseball season officially begins with a week of tryouts.

This winter has also seen three of our players commit to college baseball. **Tommy Hook, Austin Mastela** and **Josh Altmann** gave their commitment to playing college baseball.

Again.....**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!**

### SPECIAL EVENTS COMING UP

- **PEAK PERFORMANCE WORKOUTS**  
Check website and calendar for times and locations
- **AREA YOUTH BASEBALL CLINIC**  
Thurs. 1/26 and Thurs. 2/9 ...6:30-9:00 pm...Mullet's Bar & Rstrnt., Homer Glen...See brochure on page 7
- **ILL. H.S. BASEBALL COACHES ASSN. CLINIC**  
Fri-Sat...Jan 20-21....Westin Lombard Yorktown Ctr.
- **BASEBALL SEASON OFFICIALLY BEGINS**  
Monday.....February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012
- **PORTER BASEBALL TRYOUTS**  
Mon-Fri.....Feb 27<sup>th</sup> thru March 2nd @ East Field-house...Times will be announced and posted
- **MARCH MADNESS FUNDRAISER**  
Sat. March 17<sup>th</sup>.....Mullets Bar & Grill.....TBA
- **MINERS/MARION TOURNAMENT**  
Mon-Thurs....3/26-3/28.....@Rent One Park, Marion Illinois
- **WJOL TOURNAMENT**  
Fri-Sat. ....3/30-3/31.....Times/Location..TBA
- **STRIKEOUT CANCER DAY AT FLINK**  
Sat.....April 14<sup>th</sup>...Times ...TBA .....All Games@ Flink Field
- **TIGER CLASSIC TOURNAMENT**  
Fri-Sat... May 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> ...Edwardsville...Times....TBA

# 2011 PORTER WINTER INDOOR HITTING LEAGUE NEWS

The Porters held their second annual winter hitting league. For six weeks, from November 6<sup>th</sup> through December 11<sup>th</sup>, area youths received quality instruction from Porter baseball coaches. Using individual and team competition, the players took hundreds of swings every week. At the conclusion of camp on December 11<sup>th</sup>, prizes were awarded to the top teams and hitting leaders in each division.

The Porter coaches would like to thank and congratulate each and every camper for their hard work and dedication to improving themselves during the camp. We wish each player good luck in their up and coming seasons!!!!

	11-20 A	11-20 B	11-27 A	11-27 B	12-4 A	12-4 B	12-11 A	12-11 B	TOT.
Zajeski	70	75	70	69	51	26	73	57	491
T Hoak	63	38	31	42	83	58	50	46	411
Hellem	50	66	31	40	64	49	41	42	383
S Call	64	62	56	50	71	28	24	19	374
Harder	48	64	24	22	52	58	49	54	371
Riordan	44	64	37	53	83	23	27	38	369
D.J. Studniarz	46	57	44	27	53	28	59	53	367
Chmielewski	66	65	26	42	49	52	20	43	363
Rimsnider	70	88	0	0	48	41	74	38	359
McFarland	51	48	41	49	69	48	28	25	359
Zaker	34	70	17	44	54	47	48	30	344
Walder	45	81	0	0	57	72	43	42	340
Moran	23	61	26	35	50	77	36	28	336
Schmitz	60	76	38	12	58	27	22	40	333
Pacetti	54	76	24	61	25	27	26	30	323
Creed	53	85	17	21	35	54	33	20	318
McGuire	67	75	18	38	5	29	39	39	310
Witek	59	53	24	30	22	32	42	44	306
Way	51	55	17	56	17	37	58	8	299
P Hoak	39	26	13	50	47	46	27	49	297
Bilotta	0	0	51	40	49	45	57	52	294
Dolci	29	59	18	34	20	31	56	44	291
D'Angelo	29	55	29	34	62	42	23	10	284
Manikas	41	48	28	39	38	38	17	35	284
Cunnane	40	52	30	37	23	38	24	31	275
Cocco	66	0	53	75	48	32	0	0	274
Drake	58	55	8	19	32	25	43	26	266
Johnson	36	38	27	40	26	41	40	17	265
Jackson	46	49	22	29	16	21	40	38	261
Dagys	45	58	16	43	27	29	17	22	257
J Studniarz	52	45	34	15	26	22	40	21	255
Dittmer	50	64	0	0	47	19	18	38	236
Thompson	35	33	11	28	24	27	31	34	223
Teeling	25	23	20	43	50	22	4	34	221
Turner	13	43	15	24	48	10	26	39	218
K Knezevich	32	33	14	22	33	28	18	36	216
Schwenn	22	43	35	25	39	14	21	14	213
Starkey	0	0	33	29	43	9	45	51	210
Suchorabski	42	28	11	18	46	16	26	21	208
Vance	43	34	7	16	43	13	13	24	193
J Call	42	28	33	12	22	20	16	16	189
Sartori	36	26	7	12	45	27	20	12	185
O Knezevich	27	35	16	29	29	5	25	18	184
O'Neill	45	21	15	31	28	6	15	7	168
Ja. Kehr	0	0	16	32	24	37	23	33	165
Richardson	28	29	18	30	0	0	35	19	159
Jo. Kehr	0	0	14	37	33	29	17	15	145
Vaca	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	8	26

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## Team Totals

TEAM	11-20 A	11-20 B	11-27 A	11-27 B	12-4 A	12-4 B	12-11 A	12-11B	Totals
7	251	244	123	144	150	171	219	192	<b>1494</b>
6	202	281	96	158	178	175	102	103	<b>1295</b>
8	171	215	126	150	184	88	143	196	<b>1273</b>
11	151	213	119	121	139	137	188	178	<b>1246</b>
1	204	192	167	104	163	98	124	109	<b>1161</b>
5	165	224	82	170	87	135	155	106	<b>1124</b>
12	138	225	89	148	86	144	132	146	<b>1108</b>
4	179	125	66	138	168	147	134	150	<b>1107</b>
10	124	129	120	139	171	170	110	86	<b>1049</b>
3	153	161	170	111	120	99	126	97	<b>1037</b>
9	142	193	56	109	104	85	70	94	<b>853</b>
2	149	104	49	102	165	68	52	77	<b>766</b>

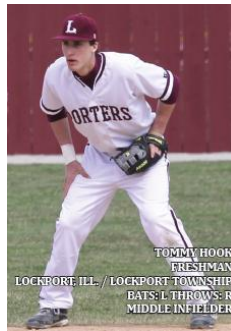
## PORTER BASEBALL “SENIOR MOMENTS”

The Porters were extremely proud to announce that three 2012 seniors signed letters of intent to play baseball at the collegiate level. Austin Mastela, Tommy Hook and Josh Altmann will join the 19 former Porter baseball players currently playing in college. Altogether, according to available records, the Porter baseball program has sent 136 athletes to play baseball and continue their education at the collegiate level.



**Austin Mastela**  
Lewis University

“Austin comes from an outstanding high school program at Lockport and plays for an elite travel team as well,” (Lewis Head Coach) McDonough said. “He is extremely athletic and long with a huge upside due to his size, athleticism and strength. Austin has the ability to be a true ‘five tool player’ and already possesses a plus arm, bat and speed.” (Lewis U. website)



**Tommy Hook**  
Northern Illinois University

“Tommy has been a contributor on varsity since his sophomore year and is a high energy player who wills things to happen. His high energy/work ethic make him a leader on and off the field for our program. Tommy is a 3 sport varsity athlete which speaks for his athleticism. We are excited to see Tommy grow as a baseball player in the Northern Illinois University baseball program.” (Coach Satunas/NIU Prospectus)



**Josh Altmann**  
Olivet Nazarene University

“Josh is most comfortable at second base, but we see him as someone who could play any of the infield positions” said Olivet Coach Todd Reid. “All 4 of our first signees really embody what we look for in a student-athlete. Each has the ability to compete for us as a freshman and each has expressed that coming to Olivet is more than just about baseball. I am anxious to see how each develops .....” (ONU website)

# PORTERS ALUMNI UPDATES



**Kyle Billig** (10') finished an outstanding freshman year at Washington University in St. Louis leading off and splitting time between SS and CF for the Bears.

Kyle earned second team All-Central Region honors and garnered 1<sup>st</sup> team All-University Athletic Assoc. recognition as well. He started 43 games and set a new Washington University single-season record with 34 SB's. He had at least 1 SB in 23 games and stole a season-high 5 bases against Principia College. He led the AUU and ranked 20<sup>th</sup> in Div. III in SB's. He registered 16 multi-hit games including 9 games with 3 hits.



**Jon Cisna** (09'), a two time lettered left-handed pitcher for Ball State, just completed his sophomore season for the Cardinals.

Unfortunately, Jon appeared in only 8 games out of the bullpen before suffering a season-ending injury. Before his injury, Jon had appeared in 16.1 innings and had an outstanding 2.20 ERA. He held opponents to a .254 batting average and struck out 9 batters, walking 7.

Knowing Jon, we are confident he will come back even stronger to play in 2012.



**Nick Daniels** (09') will be starting his junior year playing for the North Central College Cardinals (22-17 in 2011).

In 2011, Nick started 36 games and finished with a .277 batting average. In 130 AB's Nick had 13 extra-base hits, 20 RBI's and only 16 strikeouts. He finished with a .408 Slugging %, .336 On Base % and a .909 Fielding percentage.

Head Coach John Fitzgerald will be looking to Nick to be a big contributor to the 2012 season!



**Matt Skrzypiec** (11'), a freshman at St. Joseph College in Rensselaer, Indiana just completed a very successful fall season for the Puma's.

Head Coach Rick O'Dette says of Matt, "we could not be happier with Matt up to this point. We like to recruit blue-collar "throw back" type players and Matt is exactly that. He will have a legitimate chance to play for four years here. To go along with his baseball attributes he also is a superb student and great teammate. "



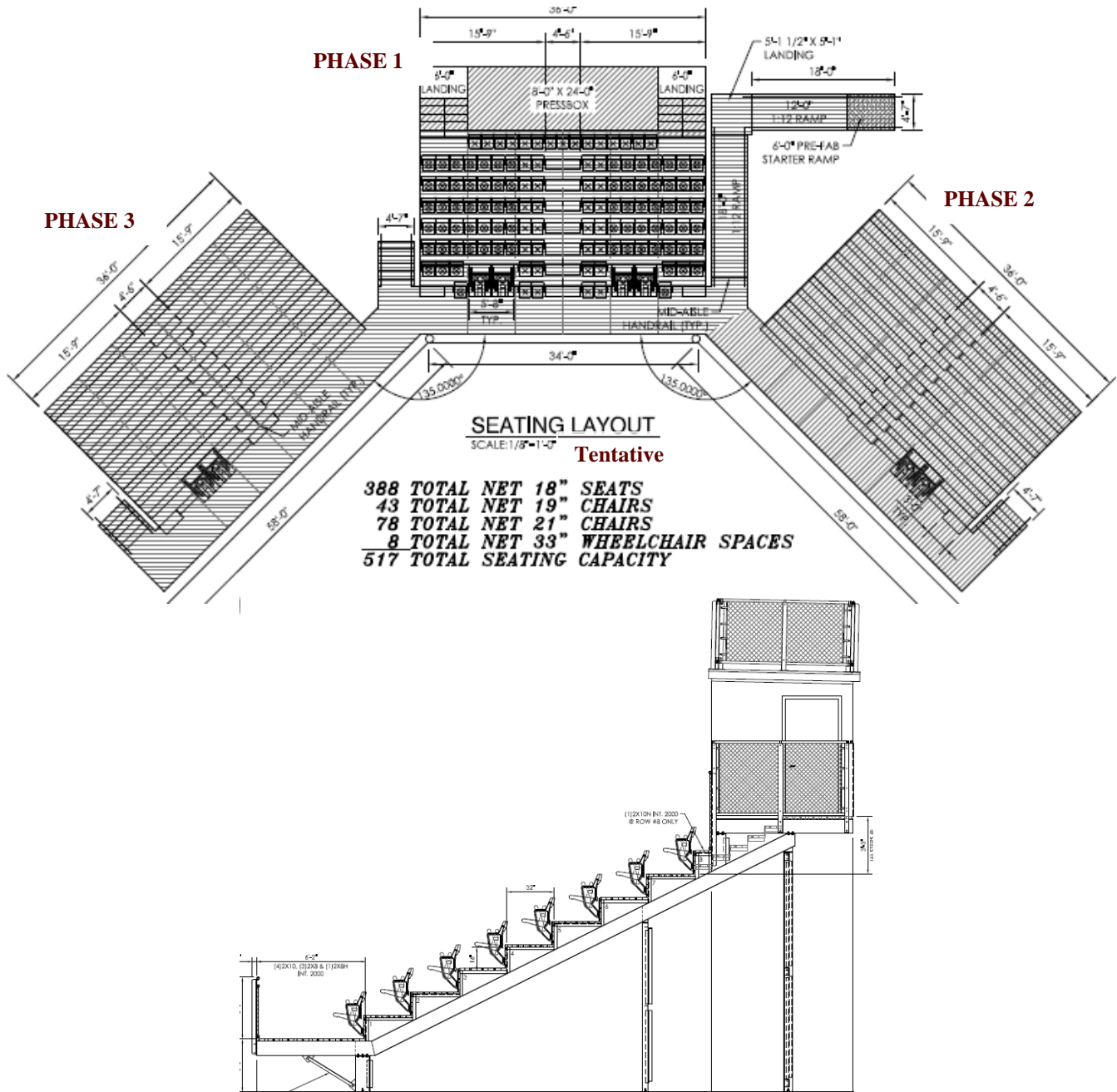
**Jake Bulhuis** (11') is a freshman at St. Joseph College in Rensselaer, Indiana and is still training and strengthening his shoulder that was injured before last season.

Head Coach Rick O'Dette says; "Jake is progressing extremely well in his throwing program. He has been on the mound for a month. Jake is extremely strong and really likes to compete. We think once he is full go he could help us this year. Academically and socially he is off the charts, tough to find a better person."



# NEWS FROM THE BOOSTER CLUB.....

## Could This Be Flink's New Grandstand ????



Of course these drawings, from one of the companies that we contacted, are plans for a grandstand/press box behind home plate that we would like to develop. They also represent what would most likely be a multi-phase project that would occur over several years with the center area as Phase One. The drawings have been discussed and adjustments (i.e. number of seats and rows, types of seats, etc.) have been made in terms of scaling it down to an affordable level.

Can this get done? The Boosters remain confident that with funds available, planned future fundraisers, possible school funds maybe becoming available and some of the services donated (excavation, concrete footings, etc.) this could become a reality in the near future. More news on this as it becomes available.

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW??????

*“The quality of a person’s life is in direct proportion of their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor”*

One of the features of our newsletters that people have commented on and seem to enjoy is the “Where Are They Now?” feature. This is a segment in which we let people know what Porter Baseball alumni have gone on to do with their lives. Past features have included Greg Blaesing (99’) who still works with area youth at the Quarry Fieldhouse in Romeoville. Also Doug Carnahan (91’) who is now in the front office of the San Diego Chargers as Manager of Corporate Partnerships. As well as Dave Condon (94’) who, in addition to corporate work for AXA-Advisors in Oak Brook, continues to pursue his passion-umpiring as a Big Ten and NCAA umpire.

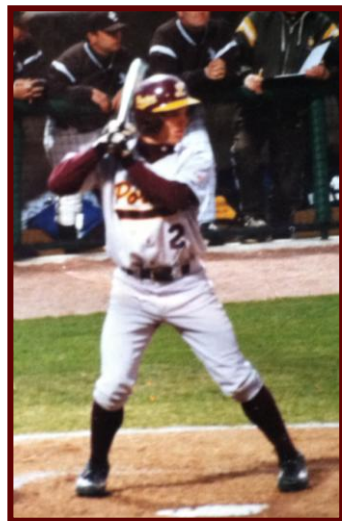
We are not lacking in alumni that we can feature and will continue to highlight in up and coming issues. In this holiday issue, we would like to feature two players that stayed close to home and contribute to our community. Both are administrators for Homer School District 33C. They are **Craig Schoppe** (93’) Principal of William J. Butler Elementary School and **D.J. Carroll** who serves as Assistant Business Manager for Homer District 33C.



**Craig Schoppe** was an outstanding outfielder on the 92’-93’ squads that finished with a combined 60-17 record. They were conference champs both seasons and finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the state tournament in 92’.

Craig attended the U. of Iowa (B.A.), Governors St. (M.A.) and Aurora U. (M.A.). He began a career in education as a school psychologist and has been a principal in Homer School Dist. 33C for the past 5 yrs. Beginning at Hadley Middle school, he is currently the principal at Butler Elementary on Farrell Road.

Craig says the *“most important thing I learned in my 4 yrs. in the Porter baseball program is to set high goals and work hard to achieve them”*. He still strives for that today and says it was *“ingrained in me during 5 a.m. practices and workouts!”*



**D.J. Carroll** was another outstanding varsity outfielder for 3 seasons from 02’-04’. During that time the Porters had a combined 86-26 record with 3 SICA West Conference championships.

D.J. graduated from Carthage College (B.A.) with honors in 08’. He has been working as Asst. Business Manager for Dist. 33C since June of 08’.

When asked to briefly describe what the Porter baseball program has meant to him he stated *“it is difficult to describe what the program has meant to me in a few sentences”*.

D.J. says that the words that come to mind when thinking back to his Porter days are *“family, tradition, excellence, and honor. For me the Porter Baseball program was part of my family, bound by deep tradition of excellence and it was truly an honor to be a part of it”*.

He has a lot of memories about playing for the Porters but his most memorable is one that he doesn’t remember all of the details. *“I remember being on 3B and we needed a run..... Coach*

*Hall gave me the sign to steal home. I was calm and relaxed because we had practiced this a million times...literally! I remember the pitcher’s leg move slightly....and that I took off staring at that home plate. It seemed like slow motion but I was ‘fully committed’ and had no choice but to dive head first. I remember the feeling of exhilaration..... I was safe and the rest of my team was there to celebrate with me”*.



# **LOCKPORT PORTERS BASEBALL** **YOUTH COACHES CLINIC**

**Mullets Bar and Restaurant**  
**14903 Bell Road, Homer Glen**

**Thursday, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> 2012 and Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> 2012     6:30-9:00 p.m. (Registration 6:00 p.m.)**

**Cost \$5.00**

The Lockport Porter Coaching staff would like to invite you to attend our Youth Coaches Clinic. At this clinic, we will present the following topics.

- 1. Pitching**
- 2. Hitting**
- 3. Throwing**
- 4. Infield**
- 5. Outfield**
- 6. Catching**

Please R.S.V.P. for the clinic by **Monday, January, 23rd** by emailing or calling Coach Satunas.

We look forward to seeing you!

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# HAPPY HOLIDAYS PORTERS!



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Our next issue will be a pre-season special with updated schedules, a “News From the Dugout” from Coach Satunas and much more!!!!