



BRING IT IN BOYS, IT'S TIME TO PLAY BALL! Knowing they needed to start the season strong to dominate the GMC, the team responded with an astounding seven consecutive wins in the beginning of the season. Their first loss was a tough game to the number one seated Milford. They recovered with three big wins in a row- McNicholas, Moeller, and Amelia. It was apparent that they had a good shot at the GMC championship and being a prospect for the state finals was

not out of the question. The boys obviously had what it took to work as a team on the field. But how was it that one team had so much chemistry? One answer might be the amount of time they were able to bond off the field,

"We went to Golden Corral almost every week as a team, hung out on weekends, and played cornhole and grilled out," said **Pat Christensen, 11**.

This tight knit bond lead theboys varsity baseball team to their 17 wins, including 9 wins in GMC games.

"I have played for 14 years, 3 on varsity. We have started off the season great, and we have a lot of potential to play as a team,"

Matt Meinberg, 12.

Teamwork Has never looked this good

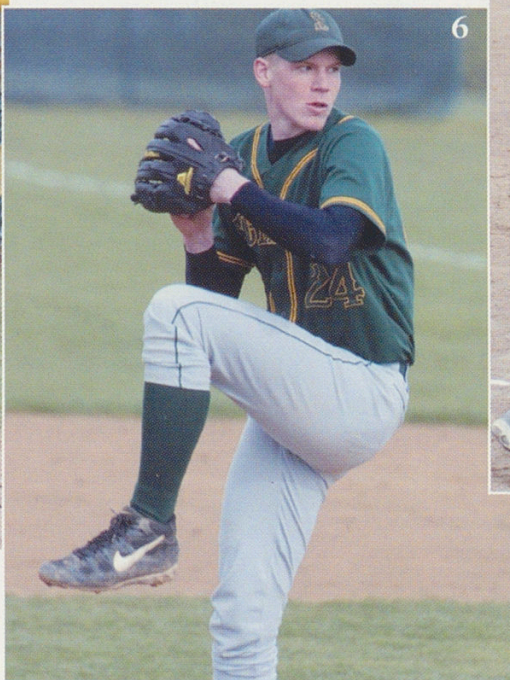
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"I have been playing for 12 years, and I know this year's team had great chemistry and plenty of talent,"

Alex Moore, 12



5. Batter up! Eric Shrimpton, 12, awaits the perfect pitch and prepares to knock it out of the park.



6. And the wind up. David Koppenhafer, 12, pitched. He shared the mound with fellow teammate, **Matt Meinberg, 12**.

7. At base, Ross Sferra, 12, got some advise from the experienced **Coach Shrimpton**.

1. Almost there! Pat Christensen, 11, strives to reach first base.

2. Patiently waiting. Matt Hahn, 11, looking for the perfect opportunity to make a run for it.



3. Warming up. Nick Egloff, 11, and Jon Kattlemen, 11, discuss the game as they get ready to play.



4. In a league of their own. Bill Bittner, 12, Jon Kattlemen, 11, and Pat Christensen, 11, kept their eyes on the game.

