

# GROVES BASEBALL



**2019 MEDIA GUIDE**



# 2019 VARSITY SCHEDULE

## March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 MOTT
24	25 ROCH	26 BERK	27	28 DETW	29	30

## April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 RO	10 TROY	11	12 LAMP	13 UTIC
14	15 NF	16 CDAY	17 NF	18	19	20 RSC
21	22 SEA	23	24 SEA	25	26 STV	27
28	29 FARM	30 ATHN				

## May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 FARM	2	3	4 EL/JEN
5	6 MOTT	7 ATHN	8 AVON	9	10 BERK	11
12	13 WB	14 WLW	15 WB	16 WLC	17	18
19	20 WLC	21	22 TROY	23	24 FORD	25 WLN/ALPK
26	27	28 BRTN	29	30	31 DIST	

## June

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 DIST
2	3	4	5 RGNL	6	7	8 RGNL
9	10	11	12	13 SEMI	14 SEMI	15 FINAL

HOME

AWAY

Post-Season

Date	Opponent	Time
Sat 03/23	at Waterford Mott (DH, scrimmage)	1:00 pm
Mon 03/25	at Rochester (scrimmage)	4:30 pm
Tue 03/26	vs. Berkley	4:30 pm
Thu 03/28	vs. Detroit Western	4:30 pm
Tue 04/09	vs. Royal Oak	4:15 pm
Wed 04/10	vs. Troy (DH)	4:00 pm
Fri 04/12	at Lamphere	4:30 pm
Sat 04/13	vs. Utica (DH)	11:00 am
Mon 04/15	vs. <b>North Farmington (DH)</b>	4:00 pm
Tue 04/16	vs. Country Day	4:30 pm
Wed 04/17	at <b>North Farmington</b>	4:30 pm
Sat 04/20	at Rochester Stoney Creek (DH)	11:00 am
Mon 04/22	at <b>Seaholm (DH)</b>	4:00 pm
Wed 04/24	vs. <b>Seaholm</b>	4:30 pm
Fri 04/26	at St. Thomas of Villanova (Canada)	7:00 pm
Mon 04/29	vs. <b>Farmington (DH)</b>	4:00 pm
Tue 04/30	at Troy Athens	4:30 pm
Wed 05/01	at <b>Farmington</b>	4:30 pm
Sat 05/04	at East Lansing	TBD
Sat 05/04	vs. Jenison (Neutral)	TBD
Mon 05/06	vs. Waterford Mott	4:30 pm
Tue 05/07	vs. Troy Athens	4:30 pm
Wed 05/08	vs. Avondale	4:30 pm
Thu 05/10	at Berkley	7:00 pm
Mon 05/13	at <b>West Bloomfield (DH)</b>	4:00 pm
Tue 05/14	vs. Walled Lake Western	4:30 pm
Wed 05/15	vs. <b>West Bloomfield</b>	4:30 pm
Thu 05/16	vs. Walled Lake Central	4:30 pm
Mon 05/20	at Walled Lake Central	4:30 pm
Wed 05/22	at Troy	4:30 pm
Fri 05/24	vs. Utica Ford	4:00 pm
Sat 05/25	vs. Walled Lake Northern	10:00 am
Sat 05/25	vs. Allen Park	12:30 pm
Tue 05/28	vs. Brighton (or Pre-Districts)	4:30 pm

DH = Doubleheader

**Bold** = OAA White League Game

Note: vs. Brighton on 05/28 if both teams don't draw pre-districts and both teams don't get in all 38 scheduled games.



# 2019 JV AND FRESHMEN SCHEDULES

## Junior Varsity

<i><b>Date</b></i>	<i><b>Opponent</b></i>	<i><b>Time</b></i>
Sat 03/23	vs. Waterford Mott (DH, scrimmage)	1:00 pm
Mon 03/25	vs. Rochester (Scrimmage)	4:30 pm
Tue 03/26	vs. Berkley	4:30 pm
Tue 04/09	vs. Royal Oak	4:15 pm
Wed 04/10	at Troy (DH)	4:00 pm
Fri 04/12	vs. Lamphere	4:30 pm
Sat 04/13	vs. Utica (DH)	11:00 am
Mon 04/15	at North Farmington (DH)	4:00 pm
Wed 04/17	vs. North Farmington	4:30 pm
Sat 04/20	at Lakeland (DH)	10:00 am
Mon 04/22	vs. Seaholm (DH)	4:00 pm
Wed 04/24	at Seaholm	4:30 pm
Sat 04/27	vs. Bishop Foley (DH)	10:00 am
Mon 04/29	at Farmington (DH)	4:00 pm
Tue 04/30	vs. Troy Athens	4:30 pm
Wed 05/01	vs. Farmington	4:30 pm
Sat 05/04	at Grosse Pointe Invitational (3 games)	10:00 am
Mon 05/06	at Waterford Mott	4:30 pm
Tue 05/07	vs. Country Day	4:30 pm
Wed 05/08	at Avondale	4:30 pm
Thur 05/09	vs. Berkley (neutral)	6:00 pm
Fri 05/10	at Troy Athens	4:30 pm
Mon 05/13	vs. West Bloomfield (DH)	4:00 pm
Tue 05/14	at Country Day	4:30 pm
Wed 05/15	at West Bloomfield	4:30 pm
Thu 05/16	at Walled Lake Central	4:30 pm
Mon 05/20	vs. Walled Lake Central	4:30 pm
Tue 05/21	vs. Clarkston (DH)	4:00 pm
Wed 05/22	vs. Troy	4:30 pm

Note: The game vs. Berkley on May 9th will be played at "The Corner Ballpark," the site of where Tiger Stadium once stood.

## Freshmen

<i><b>Date</b></i>	<i><b>Opponent</b></i>	<i><b>Time</b></i>
Mon 03/25	vs. Rochester (Scrimmage)	4:30 pm
Tue 04/09	at Royal Oak (DH)	4:00 pm
Thu 04/11	vs. Royal Oak	4:30 pm
Tue 04/16	at Seaholm (DH)	4:00 pm
Wed 04/17	at Clarkston	4:30 pm
Thu 04/18	vs. Seaholm	4:30 pm
Tue 04/23	vs. Troy (DH)	4:00 pm
Wed 04/24	at Country Day	4:00 pm
Thu 04/25	at Troy	4:30 pm
Mon 04/29	vs. Country Day	4:30 pm
Tue 04/30	vs. Rochester (DH)	4:00 pm
Fri 05/03	vs. Southfield A&T	4:30 pm
Tue 05/07	at Troy Athens (DH)	4:00 pm
Wed 05/08	vs. U of D	4:30 am
Thu 05/09	vs. Troy Athens	4:30 pm
Tue 05/14	vs. West Bloomfield (DH)	4:00 pm
Thu 05/16	at West Bloomfield	4:30 pm
Sat 05/18	at Rochester Adams (DH)	11:00 am
Tue 05/21	at Berkley (DH)	4:00 pm
Wed 05/22	vs. Brighton (DH)	4:30 pm
Thu 05/23	vs. Berkley	4:30 pm

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

Theodore Roosevelt, 1910

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# MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

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"It's hard to beat a person that never gives up."  
- Babe Ruth

Dear Groves Families and Student-Athletes,

We are excited that you are a part of the Groves Baseball Community. Whether you are a new or familiar face to our organization, we welcome you. Groves is a great place to learn and grow both academically and athletically.

We expect that all of our athletes give their best effort that does not fail in challenging times. This means that there must be a commitment to be self-disciplined and show initiative to contribute to the team. Allowing yourself to have this type of perseverance and diligence will never let you down. Do not get me wrong, we love wins! However, the character and sportsmanship of our student-athletes are more important and instrumental to lifelong skills than any winning game.

At Groves, we expect the same type of dedication both on and off the field. You are leaders in our school. You set an example for how to work collaboratively, and how hard work helps you to meet a goal. We thank you for accepting that challenge and we cannot wait to see the great feats you will accomplish both on and off the field.

Remember, do your best at all times and you will always succeed. It is the Groves Way! Go Falcons!

Sincerely,

Dr. Embekka Roberson



# MESSAGE FROM OUR ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



Welcome to another great year of Groves Falcon Baseball. This year will be an exciting continuation of Shawn Morrison's tenure at the helm of the varsity squad. Starting his fourth year, Shawn and his team are coming off a 26 win season following back-to-back 30 win seasons and this one is going to be just as exciting! With the excitement we must remember Sportsmanship. Please remember to cheer loudly for the Falcons and not against the other team. Understand the umpires are people too and they deserve our cooperation in calling a great game. Baseball is a great sport and let's make it a great year. Here is to a wonderful 2019 season. Go Falcons!

- Tom Flynn, Athletic Director

A graduate of Grand Valley State University, Tom Flynn started at Groves in 1990 as a substitute teacher and athletic trainer. In 1995, Tom was hired as a full-time teacher. He received his Master of Arts from Wayne State University in 1996 in Athletic Administration and became Groves Athletic Director in 2001. A member of the board of Michigan Athletic Administration Association and the representative from Oakland County (Region 11), Tom also serves on the MHSAA Swim Committee and is the Groves representative on the Birmingham Bloomfield Community Coalition.

# MESSAGE FROM OUR BOOSTER CLUB

The boosters would like to thank all of our corporate sponsors, friends and family members for supporting the baseball program. With your help we are able to help provide equipment, field improvements, gear and support for the coaching staff to help ensure a successful season. We look forward to another exciting season of Falcon Ball.

The Groves Baseball Boosters wish all three Groves baseball teams luck as they embark on the 2019 season.

**GO FALCONS!**



# MESSAGE FROM COACH MORRISON

As I sat through Coach Gottschalk's services in late April of last season, everything began to take perspective. The losses at Farmington from the day before disappeared. The wins that Mr. Gottschalk brought to the school are valued. The impact he made to those during his lifetime is what truly matters. His wife, Mary, presented me Dave's green sports jacket that he wore on game days a few weeks after he was laid to rest. Every time I put it on, I am reminded of what this media guide represents. A connection that binds us together across generations. Coach Crosby was a mainstay in the program across five decades. I, too, intend to make the most of the time I carry the torch.

As I enter into my fourth year as head coach here at Groves, my coaching staff and the players that comprise our teams are working to build a product you and this community can be extremely proud of. I cannot tell you how grateful I am to have had the opportunity to head the program here at Groves over the past three seasons. I am committed to trying to build a program that helps our players develop both on and off the field and that fans want to be a part of. Your attendance at our games and additional support shows a commitment to our players, our athletic department, and to our amazing school.

This media guide started, as most projects do, with a question: Who has Groves played in the past? I had just taken over from renowned coach Jim Crosby, and wanted to preserve the traditions of the program while establishing my own identity as the head coach. This question was soon followed by others: how have we done against these teams, who were our traditional rivals... and then I was off, spiraling down the rabbit hole of Groves' institutional memory.

Building this media guide has turned into something far larger than I ever expected. What I initially envisioned as an accurate collection of game results across all years of the program has grown into a full-fledged media guide reflecting our rivalries, biographies, narratives of prior seasons, etc. As a player, I was always drawn to the intersection of history and baseball - my two great passions - and immersing myself in the story of a program. This media guide is meant to preserve our story. My research is, as always, ongoing. What I have presented here is the result of many weekdays and nights spent digging through microfiche, newspapers, and magazines... many weekends spent at the Baldwin and Pontiac Libraries, reaching out to alumni and former coaches, and organizing the data found into a presentable form.

I wear "two hats" that, in many ways, conflict. In fact, I almost did not publish the first media guide here at Groves in 2018 once I completed it because I was worried about the message much of it sent. Players emphasize what coaches emphasize. Summative, results-based statistics run contrary to our coaching philosophy at Groves. We teach players to have a "short memory" in order to achieve a "no wasted at-bat" approach to the game and in an effort to prevent players from bringing defensive miscues into the dugout when the sides change or vice-

versa. We never want to rest on our laurels because past performance is not indicative of future results. Focusing on the present only, as a coach, allows us to "earn every win" and helps us generate the mindset in which we have the greatest possibility of victory in any game we find ourselves in as it is played. Our coaching reflects upon formative, process-based indicators of performance that are rarely measured and published after-the-fact. Hence, my dilemma with what components of this publication projects to the reader. The media guide is a celebration of our tradition... not a template for what we value/emphasize as a team in the context of working toward building a successful season.

Players know we always emphasize the team before the individual. Therefore, the bulk of my initial research, and the compiling of data, was drawn to team results before celebrating individual achievements of past players. As I update and compile additional research, I may be in a position to include, for future media guides, individual accolades such as All-State players as well as a list of players that continued to play baseball at the collegiate or professional level upon graduation from Groves. However, my research is too inconsistent in regard to individual players across all years of our program to include individual honors in the 2019 media guide. I am hoping that alumni read these programs and reach out with information so that missing names are kept to a minimum.

This media guide is an ongoing process. The information is the product of my research thus far. As I broaden the scope of my research, I hope to be able to add to what is shown for this season. I have tried to create as accurate a list of our alumni as possible. I know I am missing some names and some inaccuracies may exist. Finding data about a high school baseball team from over half a century ago is tedious. I compiled this list from yearbooks, team photos, existing team rosters, and newspapers. I started an alumni group on Facebook and reached out to players from the past to help in my endeavor. One of the players informed me that one of the team photos from the yearbook actually showed the picture of the team from the year before. Some problems may exist in historical sections for this reason. If there are any omissions or inaccurate references to years played, please notify me so that I can correct any inaccuracies for future editions.

I began this project hoping to understand more about the program and traditions I had been entrusted with. With the publication of the first Groves Baseball Media Guide in 2018, I felt a connection and a responsibility for carrying and sharing the Groves legacy. The 2019 edition is meant

to continue to celebrate our heritage and tradition. Time and again throughout my research I discovered the hundreds of stories that connect us back to the Groves Family - from photos to obituaries to lengthy conversations with former players about what playing baseball at Groves meant to them. Where do you include that in a media guide? I hope to answer questions like these in future editions. I see this guide as a celebration of everything that makes our program possible - from our grounds crew and staff to our newest members of the team. It is something I hope to build for seasons to come.

This media guide is a reflection of our community and has relied on input from many people along the way. I recognize that future editions of the media guide should include an acknowledgements page. In addition to those acknowledged in the 2018 media guide for much of my initial research, I would like to thank my coaching staff and players, the Baldwin and Pontiac Libraries, Jim Crosby, Andrew Morrison, Kate Murphy, my parents, the Groves Boosters, Lisa Reeves, and Joyce Laszczak for helping me in some context for the 2019 edition. To additional friends and colleagues who provided feedback along the way, thank you. Your insights were appreciated.

Our program has an incredible history, and I am so excited, grateful, and blessed to share it with you and with our players as they enter in to the 2019 season. Maybe someone will read about and celebrate the accomplishments from our current team somewhere down the line. Go Falcons!



# 2019 QUICK FACTS

## GENERAL INFORMATION

School	Birmingham Groves High School
Nickname	Falcons
Location	Beverly Hills, MI 48067
Colors	Green & Yellow
Founded	1959
Enrollment	1,299 Students
Principal	Embekka Roberson
Athletic Director	Tom Flynn Office: (248) 203-3585 Email: Tflynn@birmingham.k12.mi.us
Athletic Director Secretary	Diedra Righter
Webmaster	Scott MacKinnon
League (Division)	OAA (White)

## BASEBALL STAFF

Head Varsity Coach	Shawn Morrison
Record at Groves	89-27
Assistant Varsity Coach	Jacob Crane
Assistant Varsity Coach	Joseph Rusek
Assistant Varsity Coach	Kyle Stratton
Assistant Varsity Coach	Blaise Woods
Head JV Coach	Adam Bodary
Assistant JV Coach	DJ Zeigler
Head Freshmen Coach	Michael Babcock
Assistant Freshmen Coach	Scottie Feldmaier
Athletic Trainer	Kelly Salter
Supervisor of Athletic Grounds	Keemo Richard
Scoreboard Operator	Devin Roberts

## BOOSTER CLUB

Booster President	Danny Klein
Booster Secretary	Rhea Zako
Booster Treasurer	Marci Shienbaum
Booster Member	David Chernow
Booster Member	Dale Gilman
Booster Member	Bill Hess
Booster Member	Tom Pierce

## 2019 TEAM INFORMATION

Lettermen Returning	9
Lettermen Lost	13
2018 All-League Returning (0)	None
2018 All-League Lost (4)	M. Bachand, G. Cutler, C. Ford, N. Ringler
2018 All-District Returning (0)	None
2018 All-District Lost (3)	G. Cutler, C. Ford, R. Laub

## RETURNING LEADERS

Batting Average	Roger Motley (.300)
Games	Roger Motley (35)
Runs	Roger Motley (27)
Hits	Roger Motley (30)
Walks	Roger Motley (22)
Doubles	Roger Motley (8)
Triples	Roger Motley (2)
Home Runs	Roger Motley (4)
RBI's	Roger Motley (22)
Stolen Bases	Josh Salter (20)
ERA	Ari Sherman (1.70)
Wins	Ari Sherman (3)
Appearances	Ari Sherman (8)
Saves	Ari Sherman (2)
Innings Pitched	Ari Sherman (24.2)
Strikeouts	Ari Sherman & Roger Motley (16)

\* Laurence Bryson (.389) and Trey Lipsey (0.00) are returning leaders in batting average and ERA but do not qualify based on the amount of plate appearances / innings pitched.

## 2018 REVIEW

Regular Season Record	24-9
Regular Season Home Record	14-5
Regular Season Away Record	10-4
Regular Season Neutral Record	0-0
OAA White Regular-Season Record (Finish)	8-4 (2nd)
District Tournament Record	2-1
Final Rankings	Unranked



# 2019 VARSITY ROSTER

## NUMERICAL

#	Player	Pos.	B/T	Hgt.	Wt.	Cl.	Middle School
2	Trey Lipsey	OF/P/IF	L/R	6'0"	160	So.	Berkshire
3	Joshua Salter	OF	R/R	5'11"	185	Sr.	Berkshire
5	Charlie Meilinger	P/C/OF	R/R	5'6"	145	Jr.	Berkshire
6	Sam Shienbaum	IF/OF	R/R	6'0"	180	Jr.	Berkshire
7	Roger Motley III	OF/P/1B	L/L	6'3"	190	Sr.	East Middle
8	Will Hess	P/OF	R/R	5'11"	160	Jr.	Berkshire
9	Aidan Davis	IF/OF	R/R	5'7"	140	Jr.	Berkshire
10	Laurence Bryson	C/IF	L/R	5'7"	140	Sr.	Berkshire
11	Caleb McKeever	OF/P	R/R	6'0"	160	Jr.	Berkshire
12	John Pierce	C	R/R	6'2"	185	Jr.	Berkshire
13	Ben Klein	P/1B	R/R	5'10"	185	Jr.	Hillel Day
14	Ethan Gilman	P/OF/1B	L/L	6'1"	175	Jr.	Covington
16	Joey Shapero	P/IF	R/R	5'10"	135	Sr.	Berkshire
17	Aerik Joe	IF/P	R/R	5'10"	165	Jr.	Berkshire
18	Ari Sherman	P/1B	L/L	6'0"	200	Sr.	Berkshire
20	Michael Brown	P/IF	R/R	5'9"	160	Jr.	Berkshire
27	James Berry	P/IF	L/R	5'11"	180	Jr.	Berkshire
31	Alex Nader	IF/OF/P	R/R	5'7"	150	Sr.	Berkshire
32	Michael Wainer	P	R/R	6'0"	160	Sr.	Berkshire
41	Harrison Cole	IF/OF/C	R/R	5'10"	165	Sr.	Berkshire
54	Nathaniel Turner	P	R/L	6'0"	165	Sr.	Berkshire
60	Eli Turner	P/IF	R/R	5'10"	165	Jr.	Berkshire

## ALPHABETICAL

#	Player	Pos.	Cl.
27	Berry, James	P/IF	Jr.
20	Brown Michael	P/IF	Jr.
10	Bryson, Laurence	C/IF	Sr.
41	Cole, Harrison	IF/OF/C	Sr.
9	Davis, Aidan	IF/OF	Jr.
14	Gilman, Ethan	P/OF/1B	Jr.
8	Hess, Will	P/OF	Jr.
17	Joe, Aerik	IF/P	Jr.
13	Klein, Ben	P/1B	Jr.
2	Lipsey, Trey	OF/P/IF	So.
11	McKeever, Caleb	OF/P	Jr.
5	Meilinger, Charlie	P/C/OF	Jr.
7	Motley, Roger	OF/P/1B	Sr.
31	Nader, Alex	IF/OF/P	Sr.
12	Pierce, John	C	Jr.
3	Salter, Josh	OF	Sr.
16	Shapero, Joey	P/IF	Sr.
18	Sherman, Ari	P/1B	Sr.
6	Shienbaum, Sam	IF/OF	Jr.
60	Turner, Eli	P/IF	Jr.
54	Turner, Nathaniel	P	Sr.
32	Wainer, Michael	P	Sr.



# 2019 JV AND FRESHMEN ROSTERS

## Junior Varsity

### NUMERICAL

<i>Number</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Year</i>
4	Liam Keane	Sophomore
29	Ryan Duffy	Sophomore
34	Ethan Marcus	Freshman
35	Luke Anderson	Sophomore
36	Jackson Zako	Freshman
37	Joey Hess	Freshman
39	Joey Beatty	Freshman
40	Charlie Cusimano	Freshman
46	Brennen Vechazone	Freshman
48	Alex Fenkel	Freshman
51	Will Rogers	Sophomore
52	Trevor Peterson	Sophomore
62	Patrick Wilusz	Sophomore
66	Charlie Iverson	Freshman
70	Jake Chernow	Sophomore

### ALPHABETICAL

<i>Number</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Year</i>
35	Luke Anderson	Sophomore
39	Joey Beatty	Freshman
70	Jake Chernow	Sophomore
40	Charlie Cusimano	Freshman
29	Ryan Duffy	Sophomore
48	Alex Fenkel	Freshman
37	Joey Hess	Freshman
66	Charlie Iverson	Freshman
4	Liam Keane	Sophomore
34	Ethan Marcus	Freshman
52	Trevor Peterson	Sophomore
51	Will Rogers	Sophomore
46	Brennen Vechazone	Freshman
62	Patrick Wilusz	Sophomore
36	Jackson Zako	Freshman

## Freshmen

### NUMERICAL

<i>Number</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Year</i>
21	Justin Smith	Freshman
43	Joe Doroan	Freshman
47	Gavin Zacharias	Freshman
49	Dylan Brown	Freshman
55	Griffin Baldrige	Freshman
56	Luke Balow	Freshman
57	Harry Feber	Freshman
59	Owen Peake	Freshman
63	Romero Drake	Freshman
65	Nick Mason	Freshman
67	Brett Taylor	Freshman
68	Max Kepler	Freshman
70	Jacob Pasko	Freshman
71	RJ Carrel	Freshman
74	John Paul Steele	Freshman

### ALPHABETICAL

<i>Number</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Year</i>
55	Griffin Baldrige	Freshman
56	Luke Balow	Freshman
49	Dylan Brown	Freshman
71	RJ Carrel	Freshman
43	Joe Doroan	Freshman
63	Romero Drake	Freshman
57	Harry Feber	Freshman
68	Max Kepler	Freshman
65	Nick Mason	Freshman
70	Jacob Pasko	Freshman
59	Owen Peake	Freshman
21	Justin Smith	Freshman
74	John Paul Steele	Freshman
67	Brett Taylor	Freshman
47	Gavin Zacharias	Freshman



# 2019 OUTLOOK

In Coach Morrison's fourth year at the helm, Groves is looking to continue their winning ways in 2019. Groves is coming off of a 26-10 season from a year ago.

Groves has 24 different teams on the 2019 regular season varsity schedule (25 teams including teams we scrimmage) including four OAA White opponents. Out of the opponents on this year's schedule, fifteen of twenty-four are returning from 2018. Groves opens with three scrimmages on the road in March followed by two home games in the month to begin the regular season. In April, the Falcons take to the road eight times and play host eleven times. In May, they have seven away games scheduled alongside a single neutral-site game and have ten games scheduled at home.

At the end of the regular season docket, Brother Rice will host the District and Region for the first time. District 25 includes Groves, Berkley, Royal Oak, Seaholm, and Brother Rice. Groves will face three district opponents in the regular season.

Groves baseball will be different in 2019 with the loss of thirteen seniors, including all league starters on the mound, from the Falcon team from last season. The Groves Falcons put together a .722 winning percentage in 2018 with above-average performance in all facets of the game. Players who accounted for nine of the thirteen homeruns have departed. Groves will be losing 47.1% of runs scored to graduation as well as 60.6% of its RBI production from the 2018 squad. In 2019, Groves will look to a huge crop of untested (at the varsity level) members of the junior class to fill the void of the large numbers of 2018 graduates. Groves will continue to put pressure on opposing defenses as the top four base-stealers from the 2018 season return in 2019. Repeating the trend from last season, a team strength is the versatility of the personnel which allows many players the ability to play several different defensive positions.

On the mound, Groves loses 78.6% of innings pitched from the 2018 team. Of the team's 36 games in 2018, players who made ten starts on the mound return in 2019. High school teams in Michigan need to have pitching depth in order to be successful. With thirty-six games scheduled between April 9th and May 25th, Groves averages 5.14 games played per week during that seven week stretch. What is true for offense is even more true for pitching; the Falcons will need members from last season's JV squad to step up and make an impact. Additionally, pitchers from last season's varsity squad will be asked to spend more time on the mound than they did in 2018. Out of the twenty-two players on the 2019 varsity roster, fifteen are expected to get some innings on the mound in 2019 with six having thrown at least one inning on varsity in the past.

Groves will open OAA White play with North Farmington this season for the sixth time in Falcon history. The last time Groves opened up league play against North Farmington was 2008 with the first being 1968. After the series with the Raiders, Groves will play Seaholm before battling Farmington. Farmington has won the league title in two of the previous three seasons, besting Groves by a game in both 2016 and 2018. After a bye week that features four non-league games,

Groves will close out 2019 league play with West Bloomfield. In every season of Coach Morrison's tenure, at least one make-up game from an earlier series was played in late May to close league play differently than what was on the original schedule. The OAA White continues to feature a unified team of Harrison and North Farmington. This will be the final season under the current league configuration with the OAA likely going to three divisions beginning in 2020.

Groves does not return any representatives from the All-League or All-District team from the 2018 season. Harrison Cole garnered All-League distinctions in 2017 as a sophomore.

This season's opponents combined for a .558 winning percentage in 2018 (464 - 368 - 2) and had an average 2.8 place in regard to league finish. Of the 25 opponents, 14 won at least 20 games last season. Sixty-eight percent of Groves' opponents (17 of 25) had winning records in 2018.

The 2019 schedule spans fifteen divisions across ten different MHSAA conferences. The Falcons will face four teams from the Lakes Valley Conference and teams from three different divisions of the Macomb Area Conference. Only two different private schools are scheduled in 2019, the least in Coach Morrison's tenure at Groves. Contrast that with 2016 in which five private schools squared off against Groves. In addition to the four OAA White squads, Groves faces at least one team from every division of the OAA (including four OAA Blue teams).

The Falcons have a couple teams that are ranked in the preseason polls on the schedule. Groves will travel to eleventh-ranked Rochester for a scrimmage before the start of the season. Groves once again has a game scheduled against Detroit Western International, arguably the strongest team coming out of the city-limits. This season will be the first game with Detroit Western as last season's contest was lost to bad weather. Groves will also meet a perennial powerhouse in East Lansing in the middle of the season when they square off against Jenison who will be travelling a comparable distance from Grand Rapids for the game. The Wildcats were ranked seventh in last season's final poll and they finished 32-4 on the season with a District 8 Championship. The Falcons will use a tune-up game against preseason's thirteenth-ranked Brighton directly before playoffs if both teams do not draw a pre-district game.

As in 2018, this season has a personal touch for Coach Morrison as his parents' alma maters (Berkley and Lamphere) as well as his brother and his' (Walled Lake Central) are on the schedule once again.

First-timers to the Groves schedule include: Brighton, Detroit Western, East Lansing,

and Jenison. Conversely, perennial opponent Birmingham Seaholm will line up across from Groves for at least the 126th time in 2019. This season also features matchups with teams that when last played, ousted the Falcons from the playoffs. Groves will look to avenge a loss to Walled Lake Western from 2005's Regional Championship game as well as a one-run loss to Utica Ford from the 1977 postseason, the only season in which the teams have ever met.

Out of the 23 Michigan-based teams on the regular-season schedule in 2019, six teams won District Championships in 2018. Although not guaranteed to be on the schedule; Brother Rice, this year's district host, is ranked #1 in Division 1's preseason poll. Rice beat Groves in the final inning of last season's District Championship before going on to win the Regional Championship and make a semi-final appearance.

The oldest school on Groves' schedule is Utica, which opened in 1876. Four opponents were founded in the 19th century. Royal Oak combined from Dondero and Kimball in 2006 and is the newest school on the 2019 calendar. Three opponents opened their doors in the 21st century. More than half (13 of 25) of schools on the schedule were founded between 1951 and 1973.

Groves will face nine "types of people," eight mammals, and five birds (including three falcons) in 2019. Groves will also face two insects although Country Day spells it "Yellowjackets" while Avondale uses a space, "Yellow Jackets." The Maples are the only team that does not fit into one of those four categories.

Of the twenty-one teams on the schedule that Groves has faced in the past, the Falcons have an overall winning record against sixteen of them, are tied with one, and are winless all-time with three of the four teams that they have losing records against.

It is difficult to predict the strength of public school opposition on a yearly basis. In 2017, Groves entered the final week of league play tied with Seaholm for first place in the OAA White before sweeping the Maples for the league title. A year later, Seaholm finished last in the OAA White. On the contrary, Rochester Stoney Creek is an example of a "worst to first" during the same timeframe. In 2017, the Cougars finished 2-13 in the OAA Red before flipping it last season into a 13-2 first-place finish. As long as Groves keeps the mindset as never rebuilding and always reloading, they will be in contention for a league title on a yearly basis.

Groves returns some key contributors from last season's team and adds a lot of depth from a strong junior class. The coaching staff expects the 2019 squad to put together a winning season in preparation for one of the toughest districts in the state come playoff time.

Save the date on Father's Day, June 16th.  
Tigers vs. Indians, 1:10 pm

Pre-order the ticket through [Tigers.com](http://Tigers.com).

Each package includes a game ticket,  
a Tigers/Groves hat, and a donation to the  
Birmingham Groves Baseball program.



# HEAD VARSITY COACH

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## SHAWN MORRISON

### 4th season as head coach at Groves

In 2019, Shawn Morrison is in his fifth season at Groves (fourth as head coach). After replacing Jim Crosby, who maintained the helm at Groves for 41 years, Shawn Morrison directed the Falcons to the district championship in his first season as head coach by going 2-0 against Seaholm and Brother Rice in the district tournament at Seaholm High School. It was Groves' first district championship since 2005.

Last season, Groves finished with a 26-10 overall record, tying 2005 for third place in school history for victories in a season. Morrison helped guide the Falcons to a new school record with 31 wins in 2016 before setting a new mark at 32 in 2017. The 2017 record of 32-7 ranks second in school history in winning percentage. Finishing at .821 in 2017, 1982 retains the highest winning percentage in school history at .852 (23-4 win/loss). Groves held a #3 state ranking in division one throughout most of the season in 2017. The 2017 squad won the league championship after going 13-2 in OAA White games. Coach Morrison's Falcons finished second place in the OAA in 2016 and 2018. Morrison helped the Falcons to an 18-18 record in 2015 as an assistant coach to legendary Jim Crosby, who led the baseball program from 1975 to 2015.

Shawn Morrison was the head baseball coach at Battery Creek High School in Beaufort, South Carolina in 2013 and 2014. He inherited a team that went 8-16 in 2012 and guided the Dolphins to an 11-11 record in 2013 and went 15-10 in 2014, earning a state playoff berth both seasons. Battery Creek went 11-3 over two seasons in league play, finishing second both seasons. From 2009-2012, Morrison was the head middle school coach at McCracken Middle School in Bluffton, South Carolina and compiled an overall 40-6 league record over four seasons while winning two tournament championships and three regular season league championships. He began his coaching career as an assistant at Fernandina Beach High School in Fernandina Beach, Florida over three seasons from 2004-2006. The Pirates went 55-34 during that time.

Morrison played baseball at Walled Lake Central from 1995-1998 for current Walled Lake

Northern Athletic Director, Chuck Froning. At Western Michigan, Morrison was a two-time academic all-conference pitcher for four seasons from 2000-2003. He compiled a winning record with 15 wins including a complete game victory over nationally-ranked Florida Atlantic for Coach Fred Decker's 700<sup>th</sup> win as well as picking up the win against #1 ranked Notre Dame in 2001. Shawn also had complete game wins against Michigan and several conference opponents including a shut-out of Eastern Michigan. He finished with multiple wins, and a winning record, over in-state rivals Eastern Michigan and Central Michigan. He also was awarded MAC Pitcher of the Week multiple

times in 2001. During the summers of 1999 and 2000, Morrison played for current Livonia Stevenson coach Rick Berryman as a pitcher for the Michigan Rams. In 2001 and 2002, Shawn Morrison played in the Great Lakes League for the Columbus All-Americans.

In 2006, Shawn Morrison left teaching and coaching in Florida to play overseas for the Mannheim Tornados in Germany. He finished with a 7-8 win/loss record and 3.20 ERA over 109.2 innings pitched with 98 strikeouts and 28 walks. Morrison threw the first perfect game in the Bundesliga history and also threw a 14 inning complete game, winning 3-2. That winter, Shawn played in Canberra, Australia as a pitcher and first baseman and ended with a 10-5 win/loss record with a 2.40 ERA over 120 innings pitched. He had 113 strikeouts, 21 walks, and 9 complete games. Shawn spent the 2007 spring training with the Kansas City T-Bones of the Northern League where he compiled a 1-0 record while yielding zero runs in eight

innings pitched over two appearances before heading to Amarillo. For the Amarillo Dillas of the United League, Morrison finished 4-4 with a 4.53 ERA in 51.2 innings pitched in nine starts and eight relief appearances. Morrison finished his professional career in Cape Town, South Africa in 2008 where he went 9-4 with a 3.14 ERA. He played in the South Carolina Low Country Baseball Association for the Bluffton Eagles from 2009 to 2014 and was named the 2009 All-Star Game MVP.

In addition to playing overseas, Morrison helped coach at various levels in Germany, Australia, and South Africa. He was named a head coach in the South African provincial tournament in Durban, South Africa for the Western Cape U18 team. He was the first non-South African to be named a provincial head coach.

Shawn earned his bachelor of art degree in secondary education in 2002 from Western Michigan University and masters in educational administration from the University of South Carolina in 2011 and has his National Board Certification. He currently teaches U.S. history and world geography at Birmingham Groves High School.



# ASSISTANT VARSITY COACH

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## JOE RUSEK

### 2nd season as varsity assistant coach

In 2019, Joe Rusek will join the Groves baseball coaching staff for the second season. Joe helped guide the Falcons to a 26-10 record last year.

Joe played baseball and football at L'Anse Creuse High School in Harrison Charter Township. He graduated from L'Anse Creuse in 2012.

Rusek attended Michigan State in East Lansing where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in history, social studies, and education in 2016.

After graduating from Michigan State, Coach Rusek has coached both football and girls

basketball at Seaholm high school. For basketball, he was a varsity assistant for two seasons. He spent three seasons with the football team. He was the head JV football coach in 2018 after spending two seasons as freshmen offensive coordinator. Coach Rusek will coach football at Groves during the fall of 2019.

Joe Rusek student taught at Sterling Heights Stevenson before obtaining employment in Birmingham. He was a JV assistant coach at Utica Ford in baseball for the 2017 season where their team won the Utica Community Schools wood bat tournament.

Coach Rusek began teaching at Groves High School during the 2017-2018 school year. He teaches world history, economics, and psychology.



# ASSISTANT VARSITY COACH

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## BLAISE WOODS

### 1st season as varsity assistant coach

In 2019, Blaise Woods will join the Groves baseball coaching staff for the first time.

Blaise graduated from Cass Tech in 2008. While in high school, Blaise was ranked third in the state in running, fielding, and hitting by Baseball Factory in 2007. In addition to playing baseball, Blaise played basketball for three seasons and ran cross country for four. He was drafted by the Phillies in the 30th round in 2008.

Coach Woods elected to attend Savannah State upon graduation. He played there during the 2009 and 2010 seasons. Blaise finished his collegiate career playing at Macomb Community College in 2011.

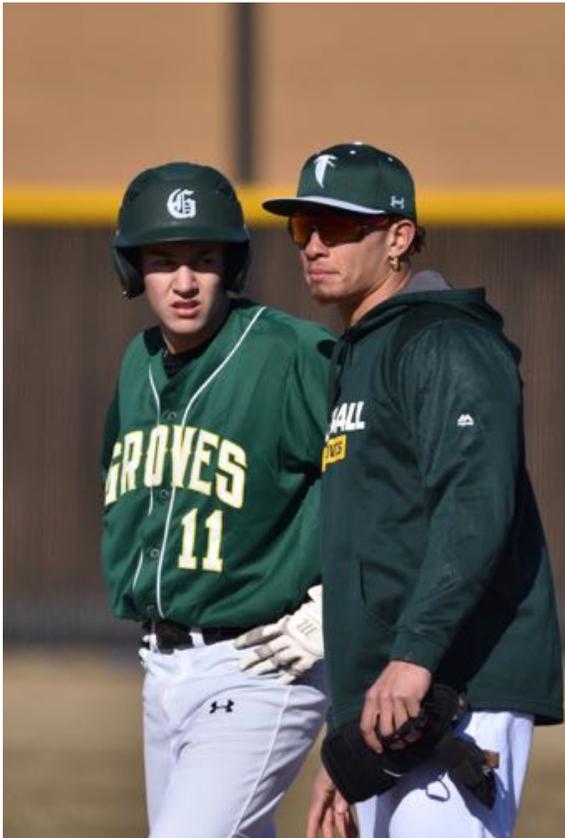
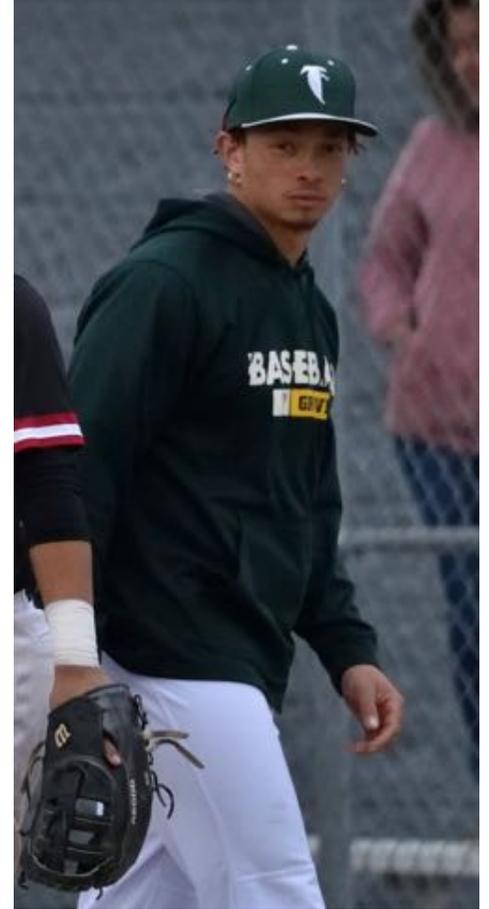
Blaise began his professional career with the Frontier Greys of the Frontier League.

He then moved on to two different teams in the Pecos League. Coach Woods played with the White Sands Pupfish in New Mexico. He played half a season with the Pupfish before being traded to the Bisbee Blue of Arizona, another team in the Pecos League.

Coach Woods has played internationally for the Cozumel Cardinals, Cancun Tigres, and in France for the Beaucaire Chevaliers. In 2015, Blaise led the French Federation Pro Baseball League in stolen bases and triples and led his team in homeruns and doubles.

In 2016 and 2017, Blaise coached with the Precision Patriots in Canton, Michigan. He began the Midwest Pirates in 2018, a travel team based out of Birmingham, Michigan.

Blaise Woods currently does independent baseball training and is a sales representative for Axis bats, a company he joined in 2012.



# ASSISTANT VARSITY COACHES

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## JACOB CRANE

1st season as varsity assistant coach

Jacob began coaching at Ferndale summer camps in 2014. In 2018, he was an assistant freshmen coach at Seaholm.

Coach Crane is a paraprofessional at Seaholm High School. He has been a paraprofessional at Seaholm since the spring of 2018. Additionally, he is receiving his real estate license in April of this year.

In 2019, Jacob Crane will join the Groves baseball coaching staff for the first time.

Jacob played baseball at Berkley High School for current Berkley coach, Matt Rawlik. He caught, pitched, and played third-base for the Bears until his graduation in 2016. He also played baseball for the American Legion from 2012 through 2014.

Coach Crane played club baseball at Central Michigan University after graduating from Berkley. In the fall, he will begin his pursuit of a personal finance degree at Wayne State University.



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## KYLE STRATTON

4th season as varsity assistant coach

allowing only 30 hits. He was named to the 2015 All-District team.

Kyle Stratton currently attends Adrian College. He played on the NCAA team in 2016 and 2017 for the Bulldogs and elected to play for the NCBA club team at Adrian for the 2018 and 2019 seasons. Kyle threw a no-hitter against Wright State's club team and threw a shutout against Eastern Michigan University's club team in 2018.

During the summertime, Kyle was a head coach for the Michigan Titans in 2016 and 2017. He coached in the Michigan Red Sox organization during the 2018 summer season.

Kyle is studying business marketing and plans on graduating in 2019 from Adrian.

In 2019, Kyle Stratton will return for his fourth season helping out with the varsity squad. Kyle has helped coach at Groves since Coach Morrison was announced as Jim Crosby's successor before the 2016 season.

A graduate of Groves in 2015, Kyle played on Coach Crosby's final team at Groves. He led the 2015 squad with 35 hits, was second on the team with 19 walks, and ended up hitting .361 with nine doubles, 12 stolen bases, 17 RBI, and 25 runs scored. On the mound, Kyle was 4-2 with a 2.51 ERA. In 39 innings pitched, Stratton struck out 36 hitters while



# HEAD JUNIOR VARSITY COACH

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## ADAM BODARY

### 3rd season as head JV coach

various levels within the Michigan Red Sox organization from 2011 to 2017 during the summers and has been a private pitching instructor from 2013 to the present.

Outside of 2016, where he took a head varsity position, Adam Bodary has been a mainstay within the Groves Baseball Organization. In 2012, Adam was a varsity assistant for Coach Crosby. In 2013, he was an assistant on JV for Mark Sackett. In 2014 and 2015, Adam helped Nate Durant at the freshmen level. Beginning in 2017, Bodary has worked as the head JV coach for the Falcons.

Adam Bodary is a freelance copywriter primarily at BI Worldwide in Troy, Michigan. He writes mostly for the automotive industry.



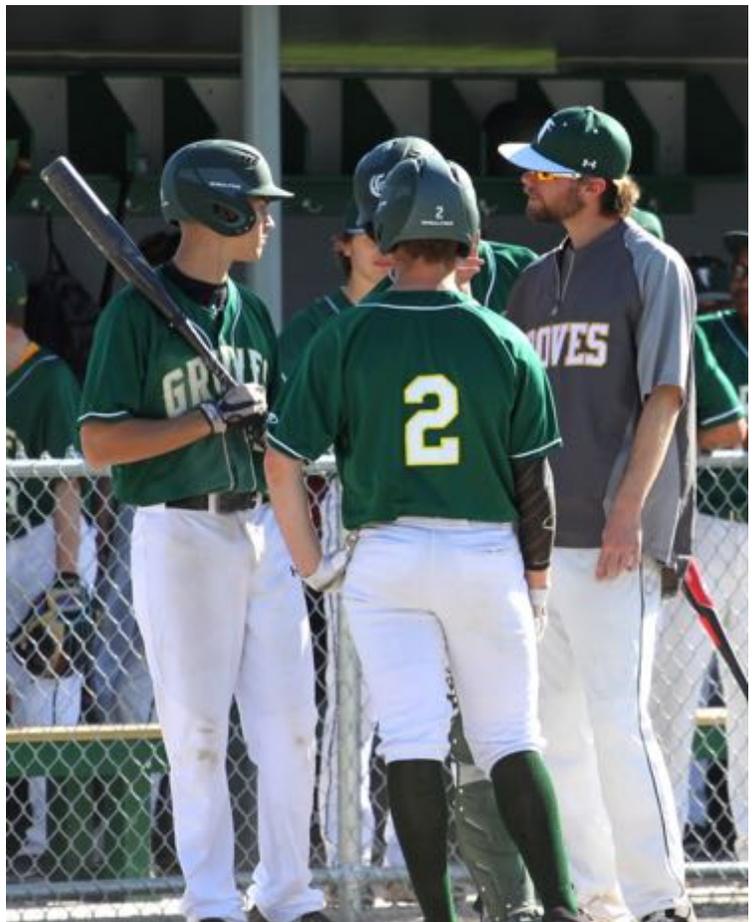
In 2019, Adam Bodary will take the helm as head JV coach for the third straight season. Last season, Bodary's JV squad finished with an impressive 18-6-3 record matching the JV win total from 2017. In 2017, Bodary led the Falcons to an 18-11-1 record.

One of three coaches on staff that are alumni of Groves High School, Adam Bodary attended Groves from 2004-2008. He lettered in baseball his sophomore, junior, and senior seasons. Bodary was named team pitcher of the year at the conclusion of the 2008 season. He was recognized as

an Honorable Mention on the Eccentric All-Area team in 2008.

Adam graduated from Denison University in Granville, Ohio in 2012 with a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies. Bodary pitched for Denison in 2009 where he earned wins vs. Washington & Jefferson, Wittenberg, and Penn State-Behrend.

Bodary was Varsity Head Coach at Henry Ford Academy School for Creative Studies in 2016. He has coached at



# ASSISTANT JUNIOR VARSITY COACH

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## DJ ZEIGLER

3rd season as assistant JV coach

In addition to coaching at Groves, DJ previously coached the Southfield Padres during the summers of 2013 and 2014.

DJ Zeigler graduated from Kentucky State University in Frankfort, Kentucky in 2010 with a bachelor's in physical education. He was a four year starter at third base and two year captain for the Thorobreds. He earned Second Team All-Conference and was awarded team MVP in 2008. Zeigler was named to the preseason All-Conference Team for 2009 and earned the team

In 2019, DJ Zeigler will assist Adam Bodary on the JV squad for the third straight season. Coach Zeigler has helped the Falcons to back-to-back 18 win seasons over the past couple of years with last years team finishing 18-6-3 and the 2017 JV squad going 18-11-1 on the year.



academic award in 2010. DJ finished as a career .395 hitter and hit 14 collegiate homeruns.

Zeigler attended St. Martin DePorres in Detroit, Michigan where he graduated third in his class in 2005. DJ was a four year letterman in baseball and football and earned All-Catholic and All-League honors three times in baseball. DJ also earned two letters in basketball and one in track.

During his high school career, DJ Zeigler was a part of four state championship teams. The football team won a state championship in 2001 and 2003 and was runner-up in 2004. DJ was a two-year starter at free safety and wide receiver. DJ was a high jumper on the 2004 track state championship team and DePorres won the state championship in basketball in 2003.

DJ Zeigler worked in the district as a paraeducator at the Seaholm Annex for five years through 2018. He currently works for the Detroit Public School District.

# HEAD FRESHMEN COACH

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## MIKE BABCOCK

### 1st season as freshmen head coach

2002. He is a three year letter winner, playing for Coach Crosby in 2000, 2001, and 2002. He was awarded the team MVP his junior and senior seasons and was a captain for the Falcons as a senior in 2002. Mike was a member of the Eccentric All-Area Team, Honorable Mention all three years he played on varsity.

Babcock attended both Michigan State and Oakland University for his undergraduate studies. He graduated from Oakland University in 2008 with a bachelors in education and social studies. Mike Babcock received his master's in organizational leadership from Michigan State in 2015.

Coach Babcock coached at Bloomfield Lahser for several seasons between 2005 and 2012. During this time, he served in various roles for the Knights. He worked a season as junior varsity assistant, two seasons as junior varsity head coach, two seasons as a varsity assistant, and two seasons as varsity head coach. As a coach of the freshmen team in 2019, Coach Babcock will be involved in all three levels of the program at Groves just as he once was at Bloomfield Lahser.

Mike taught in the West Bloomfield School District between 2008 and 2010 at Orchard Lake Middle School and West Bloomfield High School. Beginning in 2010, Babcock took a job at Berkshire Middle School, where he still teaches today. Currently, Mike teaches 8th grade United States History at Berkshire.

In 2019, Mike Babcock will take over the helm of the freshmen program from longtime freshmen head coach, Nate Durant.

For the past two seasons, Mike was an assistant on the varsity squad. During those seasons, the Falcons finished with 26-10 and 32-7 records. In 2016, he was an assistant for the JV squad with Brian Baldrige, the current varsity softball coach. That team finished 20-8.

Mike is one of three current coaches in the program who once played for Birmingham Groves. Babcock attended Groves from 1998 to



# ASSISTANT FRESHMEN COACH

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## SCOTTIE FELDMAIER

1st season as freshmen assistant coach

In 2019, Scottie Feldmaier will join the Groves baseball coaching staff for the first time.

Scottie played baseball at Seaholm High School for current Royal Oak Athletic Director, Don Watchowski. He was a three-year letterman as a pitcher for the Maples. He graduated in 2007 and was awarded the team's pitcher-of-the-year award for two seasons.

Upon graduation, Scottie attended Western Michigan where he studied International Business.

Coach Feldmaier has been a part of the district for ten years as a paraprofessional. He

has worked most of those years in Birmingham Covington Middle School and Berkshire Middle. Before beginning work at Groves High School, Scottie last worked at Berkshire Middle School where Coach Babcock teaches history.

Scottie coached baseball at Seaholm for three years. He worked with the freshmen team while coaching at his alma mater. Coach Feldmaier currently works in the building at Groves. He began working at Groves at the beginning of this school year.



# VETERAN BIOS

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## LAURENCE BRYSON

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### 2018 (Junior)

Laurence made his first varsity plate appearance and reached base for the first time after being hit by a pitch in a 3-2 win versus Bishop Foley on April 9th... scored his first varsity run in 5-1 win at St. Thomas of Villanova on April 27th... collected first hit in second game of the doubleheader versus Northville on April 28th... went 1-1 with first varsity RBI in 11-3 win over North Farmington on May 16th... collected first varsity walk in 11-1 win at North Farmington on May 17th. He reached base safely in all of his OAA White plate appearances... had first varsity multi-hit game and first varsity extra-base hit in 6-2 win versus Waterford Mott on May 24th after going 2-3 with a double and two RBIs... had two RBIs in 9-14 loss against Walled Lake Northern on May 26th... went 2-3 with a run scored in 15-9 win over Royal Oak on May 31st... had two postseason plate appearances in the District semi-final in 7-1 win over Avondale on June 2nd.

hit .298 across 64 plate appearances with 12 RBI and nine runs scored for the JV squad. In 2016, Laurence finished third on the freshmen team with a .447 on-base percentage.

Laurence wore number 14 as a sophomore on JV in 2017 as well as last season as a junior on varsity. He wore number 52 as a freshman on the 2016 freshmen team.

Laurence Bryson is a senior entering his second season on varsity. As a junior, he made the most of his 21 plate appearances. Laurence finished with a .389 batting average and .476 on-base percentage. He made all defensive appearances as a catcher last season. As a sophomore in 2017, Laurence tied for second on the 2017 JV squad with 12 walks drawn. In 2017, he played in 26 games mostly as a catcher and middle infielder. Bryson



### BRYSON'S CAREER VARSITY STATS

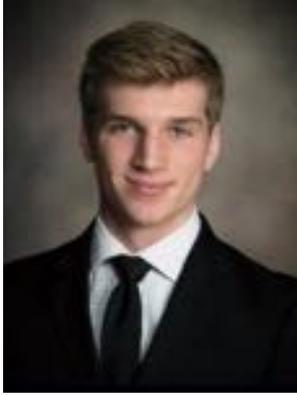
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2018	.389	11	18	2	7	1	0	0	5	1	2	4	0	0	1	0	.476	.444	0-0	15	0	3	0	.833



# VETERAN BIOS

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## HARRISON COLE

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Farmington on May 16<sup>th</sup>... went 1-2 with two walks in 11-1 win at North Farmington on May 17<sup>th</sup>... Scored two runs in 7-2 win over Seaholm on May 23<sup>rd</sup>... went 2-4 with three RBIs and a run scored in 7-1 District Semi-Final win over Avondale on June 2<sup>nd</sup>... had an RBI double in 3-7 loss to Brother Rice in District Championship on June 2<sup>nd</sup>...

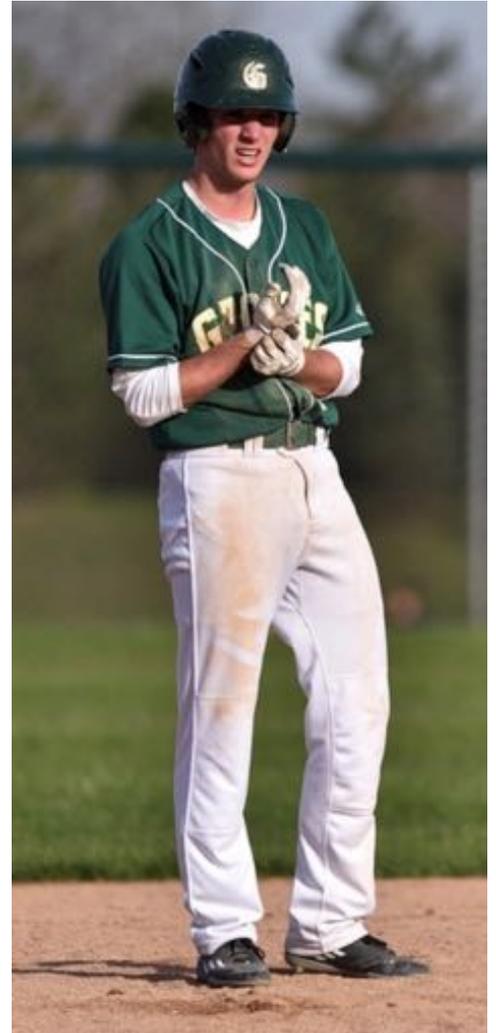
### 2017 (Sophomore)

Harrison had his first varsity plate appearance and went 1-2 with a double, walk, run scored, and two RBI in a 10-3 win over Royal Oak on April 12<sup>th</sup>... went 1-2 with an RBI and was hit by a pitch in a 3-2 win versus Farmington on April 17<sup>th</sup>... drew three walks in three plate appearances and scored two runs in 13-3 win over Farmington on April 17<sup>th</sup>... went 2-2 with an RBI, two stolen bases, two runs scored, and a walk in a 15-0 win at St. Thomas of Villanova on April 28<sup>th</sup>... walked twice, was hit by a pitch, scored a run, and stole four bases in 9-10 loss at Walled Lake Northern on April 29<sup>th</sup>... drew three walks and scored two runs in 13-1 win over Berkley at the University of Michigan on April 30<sup>th</sup>... in six plate appearances, went 3-3 with three walks, a stolen base, two runs scored, and an RBI in 17-0 win at West Bloomfield on May 1<sup>st</sup>... went 1-2 with a double, two runs scored, two walks, and a stolen base in a 9-6 win against Southfield A&T on May 2<sup>nd</sup>... batted 2-4 with a double and an RBI in 10-0 win over West Bloomfield on May 3<sup>rd</sup>... went 1-2 with a walk and two runs scored in 11-1 win at Clarkston on May 6<sup>th</sup>... went 1-2 with a sacrifice bunt in a 3-1 win over Flint Carman-Ainsworth on May 6<sup>th</sup>... hit 2-4 with a double, a stolen base, a run scored, and an RBI in 10-0 win against North Farmington on May 8<sup>th</sup>... went 1-2 with a walk, double, run scored, and RBI in 3-4 loss at Southfield A&T on May 9<sup>th</sup>... drew three walks in four plate appearances with an RBI, stolen base, and run scored in 16-9 win at North Farmington on May 10<sup>th</sup>... hit first homerun against Portage Central in 5-4 win on May 13<sup>th</sup>... went 2-4 with a double in

10-6 win over Portage Central on May 13<sup>th</sup>... went 1-3 with two runs scored and two RBIs in 16-1 win against Orchard Lake St. Mary's on May 16<sup>th</sup>... went 2-3 with a walk and run scored in 2-4 loss at Farmington on May 24<sup>th</sup>...

### 2016 (Freshmen)

Made first varsity appearance as a courtesy runner and scored two runs in 8-7 win over West Bloomfield on May 25<sup>th</sup>... collected first varsity stolen base and scored a run in 8-6 District Championship win over Brother Rice on June 4<sup>th</sup>... scored a run in 6-10 loss to Rochester Adams in Regional play on June 11<sup>th</sup>.



Harrison Cole is a senior entering his third full varsity season. During his career, Harrison has made appearances in the infield, outfield, and behind the plate. He spent a part of his junior season injured. Despite being limited to 26 games played, last season Harrison finished second on the team with 16 stolen bases and also finished second in sacrifice bunts, sacrifice flies, and walks drawn. As a sophomore he batted a solid .344 with a .539 on-base percentage as leadoff hitter. Harrison has proven to be a very useful utility player throughout his high school career. As a freshmen, Harrison tied for most walks with 18 base-on-balls on the 2016 JV team and led the JV team with 37 stolen bases and 41 runs scored. He hit .352 with a .558 on-base percentage for the JV squad. Cole finished his freshmen season with the varsity team. Harrison was selected All-League following the 2017 season. He has worn number 41 throughout his playing career at Groves.

### 2018 (Junior)

Harrison was hit-by-a-pitch, walked, hit his first varsity sacrifice fly, scored a run, and collected an RBI in a 4-1 win at Berkley on March 28<sup>th</sup>... Went 2-3 with two walks and two runs scored in 3-2 win over Bishop Foley on April 9<sup>th</sup>... walked twice, was hit-by-a-pitch, stole two bases, and scored two runs in 7-5 win at Seaholm on April 18<sup>th</sup>... Scored two runs with a hit, sacrifice bunt, and two stolen bases in 8-6 win at Utica on April 21<sup>st</sup>... went 2-4 with an RBI in 13-2 nightcap win at Utica on April 21<sup>st</sup>... went 1-2 with a run scored and was hit-by-a-pitch in 5-4 win over West Bloomfield on May 7<sup>th</sup>... went 1-2 with a double in 5-1 win over Lamphere on May 8<sup>th</sup>... went 1-2 with a walk and sacrifice bunt in 7-3 win at West Bloomfield on May 9<sup>th</sup>... scored three runs with three stolen bases in 11-3 win over North

### COLE'S CAREER VARSITY STATS

#### Hitting and Fielding

Year	AVG	GP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HP	SO	SF	SH	ROE	FC	OBP	SLG	SB	PO	A	E	DP	FP
2016	---	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	---	---	---	1-1	---	---	---	---	---
2017	.344	37	90	35	31	8	0	1	17	32	6	14	0	2	5	2	.539	.466	17-19	43	29	2	6	.973
2018	.222	26	72	21	16	3	0	0	10	17	5	19	2	4	6	5	.396	.263	15-18	40	24	9	5	.877
<b>Totals</b>	<b>.290</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>.478</b>	<b>.376</b>	<b>33-38</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>.925</b>

# VETERAN BIOS

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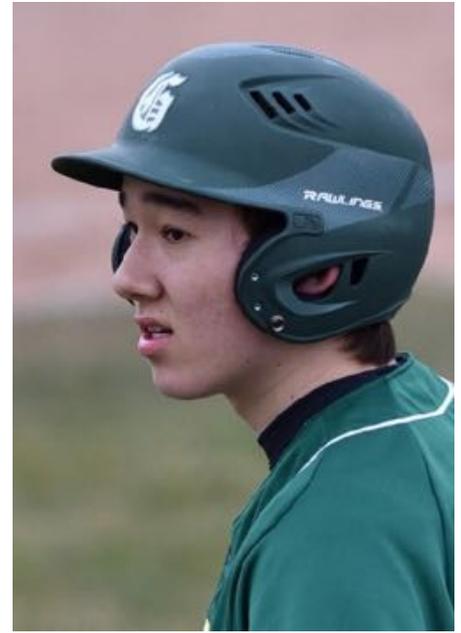


## ETHAN GILMAN

OF / LHP / 1B • L-L • 6-0 • 180 • JR • 1VL

runs scored. In 2018, Ethan made all of his appearances defensively in the outfield. As a freshman, he had the second most amount of plate appearances on the JV team in 2017. He hit .333 with 26 RBI, 22 runs scored, eight stolen bases, four doubles, a triple, and two homeruns in 2017. He went 3-0 across 26.2 innings pitched his

Ethan Gilman is a junior entering his second season on the varsity team. As a sophomore, Gilman played in 23 games and batted .250 with seven



freshman year for the JV team. He struck out 30 and walked 10 in eight appearances, including seven starts in 2017. Last season, Ethan wore number 37 as a sophomore on varsity. As a freshman, he wore number 52 in 2017 for the JV squad.



### 2018 (Sophomore)

Ethan collected his first varsity plate appearance and went 1-3 with a run scored in 4-1 win at Berkley on March 28th... collected a hit in the first four games of the season... drew first varsity walk in 3-2 win over Bishop Foley on April 9th... dropped first varsity sacrifice bunt and went 1-2 in 7-2 win at Troy on April 11th... collected first varsity stolen base in 8-2 win at Walled Lake Central on April 13th... walked and scored a run in 7-5 win at Seaholm on April 18th... collected first varsity RBI on first varsity sacrifice fly in 8-6 win at Utica on April 21st... first multi-hit game, going 2-3 with a run scored in 2-10 loss at De La Salle on May 1st... went 1-1 with a run scored versus Rochester Stoney Creek in 6-5 win on May 4th... went 1-2 with a run scored, a walk, and was hit-by-a-pitch in 11-3 win against North Farmington on May 16th... went 2-4 with an RBI in 5-4 win over Farmington on May 22nd... hit first varsity extra-base hit and collected two RBI after doubling in 5-4 win against Seaholm on May 23rd... went 1-1 with two walks and a stolen base in 6-2 win over Waterford Mott on May 24th.

### GILMAN'S CAREER VARSITY STATS

#### Hitting and Fielding

Year	AVG	GP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HP	SO	SF	SH	ROE	FC	OBP	SLG	SB	PO	A	E	DP	FP
2018	.250	23	48	7	12	1	0	0	4	8	3	17	1	1	1	0	.383	.270	2-3	20	3	3	1	.885

# VETERAN BIOS

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## AERIK JOE

IF / RHP • R-R • 5-10 • 165 • JR • 1VL

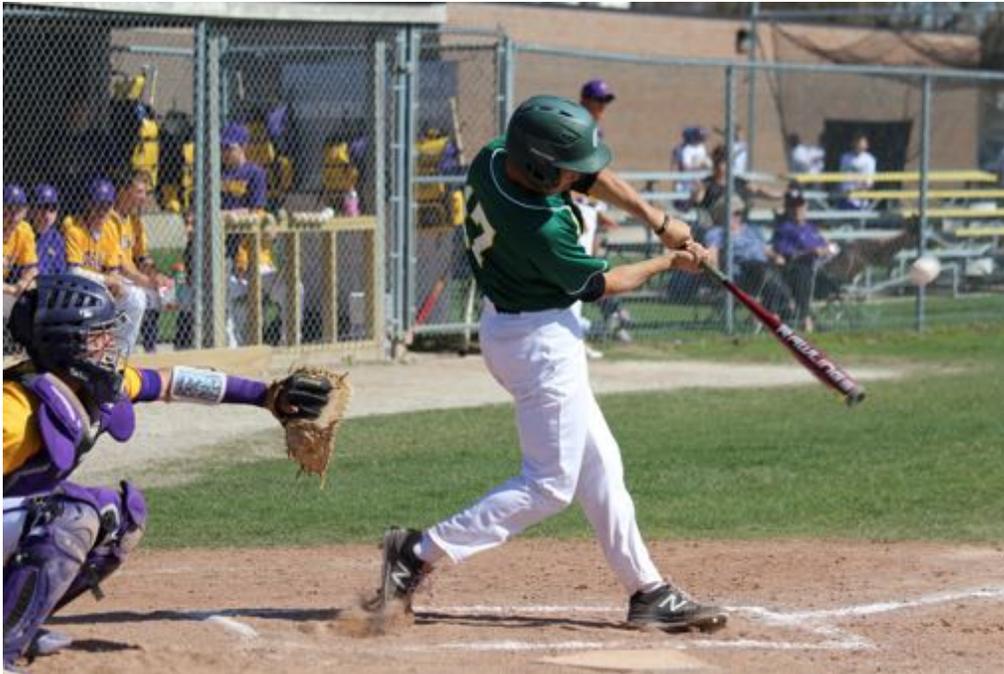
stolen bases as a freshman. He only struck out three times across the 2017 season. He finished with a .478 on-base percentage for the JV squad. Aerik wore number 55 as a freshman. Aerik will play baseball at Air Force upon graduation from Groves.

### 2018 (Sophomore)

Aerik collected his first varsity plate appearance and RBI in 4-1 win at Berkley on March 28th... collected first varsity hit, sacrifice bunt, and walk after going 1-2 with two walks and an RBI in 3-2 win over

Bishop Foley on April 9th... scored first varsity run after going 2-2 with a walk, an RBI, and two runs scored in 7-2 win at Troy on April 11th... collected first varsity stolen base in 8-2 win at Walled Lake Central on April 13th... made first varsity pitching appearance, throwing a perfect scoreless inning with a strikeout and went 1-3 offensively in 8-11 loss to Royal Oak Shrine on April 19th... hit first varsity extra-base hit, going 2-4 with a double, stolen base, RBI, and run scored and threw four innings as the starting pitcher in 8-6 win at Utica on April 21st... went 1-2 with a double, walk, two runs scored, and two RBI in 13-2 win at Utica on April 21st... went 1-3 in both losses at Farmington on April 23rd... went 2-3 with two runs scored in 6-2 win over Farmington on April 25th... walked twice and stole a base in 5-1 win at St. Thomas of Villanova on April 27th... went 1-3 with a sacrifice bunt and run scored in 3-1 win over Rochester Stoney Creek on May 4th... scored two runs after collecting first varsity hit-by-pitch in 6-5 win over Rochester Stoney Creek on May 4th... went 2-4 with a run scored and RBI in 5-4 win over West Bloomfield on May 7th... walked, dropped a sacrifice bunt, and scored a run in 7-3 win at West Bloomfield on May 9th... scored two runs and collected two RBI in 11-3 win over North Farmington on May 16th... hit first varsity sacrifice fly and walked in 7-2 win over Seaholm on May 23rd... went 1-1 with a walk and run scored in 5-4 win over Seaholm on May 23rd... went 1-3 in 6-2 win over Waterford Mott on May 24th... scored a run, collected two RBI, was hit-by-a-pitch, stole a base, had a sacrifice bunt, and made first varsity relief appearance on the mound in 9-14 loss to Walled Lake Northern on May 26th... was 1-3 with a double and two sacrifice bunts in 6-5 pre-district win over Bloomfield Hills on May 29th... went 3-3 with two runs, two RBI, and hit first varsity triple in 15-9 win over Royal Oak on May 31st... went 1-3 with a double, a walk, and two runs scored in 7-1 district win over Avondale on June 2nd... went 1-3 in 3-7 district championship loss to Brother Rice on June 2nd.

Aerik Joe is a junior entering his second year on varsity. Defensively, he split time at shortstop and second base last season and also had some mound appearances. In 2018, Aerik hit .277 with 26 runs scored and 15 RBI across 35 games played and led the 2018 varsity squad with six sacrifice bunts. As a freshman, he led the JV squad with a .424 batting average in 2017. In 59 at bats, he had 25 hits with 16 runs scored, 18 RBI, three doubles, and 14



### JOE'S CAREER VARSITY STATS

#### Hitting and Fielding

Year	AVG	GP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HP	SO	SF	SH	ROE	FC	OBP	SLG	SB	PO	A	E	DP	FP
2018	.277	35	101	26	28	4	1	0	15	11	2	16	1	6	10	6	.357	.336	7-10	60	59	12	11	.908

#### Pitching

Year	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	BF	AB	O/BA	O/BP	WP	HBP	BK	#P	WHIP
2018	5.73	0-0	4	3	0	0/0	0	7.1	9	11	6	6	7	41	33	.273	.415	6	2	0	157	2.045

# VETERAN BIOS

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## TREY LIPSEY

OF / RHP / IF • L-R • 6-0 • 160 • SO • 1VL

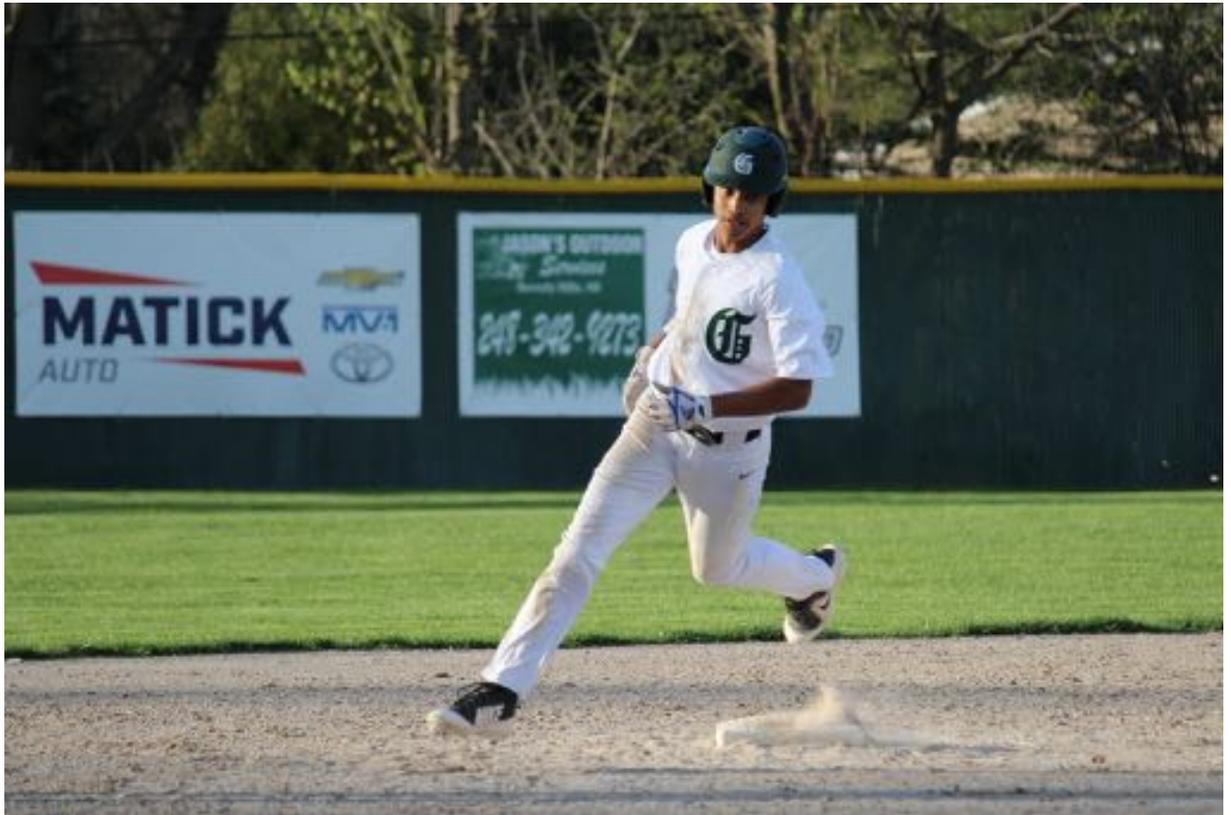
varsity appearance as a pinch runner in a 3-1 win over Rochester Stoney Creek on May 4th... made first varsity plate appearance and collected first varsity hit and walk drawn after going 1-3 in 6-5 win over Rochester Stoney Creek on May 4th... dropped first varsity sacrifice bunt in 1-4 loss to West Bloomfield on May 7th... drew a walk, scored a run, and collected first varsity stolen base in 5-1

win over Lamphere on May 8th... went 1-3 with a sacrifice bunt and collected first varsity RBI in 7-3 win at West Bloomfield on May 9th... first varsity hit-by-pitch in 2-5 loss at North Farmington on May 14th... went 1-3 with two RBI in 11-3 win over North Farmington on May 16th... walked twice, went 1-1, scored a run, stole a base, and collected three RBI in 11-1 win at North Farmington on May 17th... went 1-1 with a run scored and two walks in 7-2 win over Seaholm on May 23rd... went 1-3 with two runs scored in 9-14 loss to Walled Lake Northern on May 26th... made first varsity pitching appearance, throwing a perfect scoreless inning with a strikeout in 15-9 win over Royal Oak on May 31st... went 1-2 with a sacrifice bunt, stolen base, and run scored in 7-1 district win over Avondale on June 2nd.

Trey Lipsey is a sophomore entering his first full season on varsity. During his freshmen season, Trey appeared in thirteen games on JV before being called up onto the varsity team. In those thirteen games, Trey hit .500 with a .609 on-base percentage across 46 plate appearances with three doubles, two triples, sixteen runs scored, seven RBI, and twelve stolen bases. As a pitcher for the JV squad, he made four starts and was 2-0 with a 1.56 ERA across 18 innings pitched. On varsity, Trey finished with a .250 batting average across 17 games played. Trey provides much needed versatility for the program and made appearances in the outfield, infield, and on the mound during the 2018 season. As a freshmen, Trey wore number 34.

### 2018 (Freshmen)

Trey collected his first varsity run scored in his first



### LIPSEY'S CAREER VARSITY STATS

#### Hitting and Fielding

Year	AVG	GP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HP	SO	SF	SH	ROE	FC	OBP	SLG	SB	PO	A	E	DP	FP
2018	.250	17	32	10	8	0	0	0	6	6	4	8	0	3	3	1	.429	.250	3-4	28	6	3	1	.919

#### Pitching

Year	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	BF	AB	O/BA	O/BP	WP	HBP	BK	#P	WHIP
2018	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	3	.000	.000	0	0	0	12	0.000



# VETERAN BIOS

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## ROGER MOTLEY III

OF / LHP / 1B • L-L • 6-3 • 190 • SR • 1VL

Roger Motley is a senior who is entering his second year on varsity for Groves. He played on the varsity basketball team for Groves for the past two seasons and played varsity football for Groves during the 2018 season. Motley led the 2018 team with 27 runs scored and was second on the squad with 22 RBI and 14 extra-base hits. Roger reached base in 31 of 35 games played last season. Defensively, Roger made most of his appearances in right field and also saw some time on the mound in 2018. Roger wore number 9 on JV as a freshmen during the 2016 season at Farmington High School before his family moved to the Birmingham area. Roger has signed to play baseball at Henry Ford next season.

### 2018 (Junior)

Roger collected his first varsity plate appearance, hit, extra-base hit, and run scored after slugging a triple at Berkley in 4-1 win on March 28th... Had an extra-base hit in first five games of the season... pitched five scoreless innings in first career varsity start on the mound and went 1-3 with a double in 3-2 win over Bishop Foley on April 9th... went 3-5 with a double, run scored, and collected first varsity RBI and stolen base in 7-2 win at Troy on April 11th... went 2-2 with a double, two runs scored, three stolen bases, and walked twice in 8-2 win on April 13th at Walled Lake Central... went 1-3 with a double, three RBI, a walk, stolen base, and a run

scored in 7-5 win at Seaholm on April 18th... went 2-4 with a walk, run scored, two stolen bases, and three RBI in 8-11 loss to Royal Oak Shrine on April 19th... went 1-2 with a double, RBI, and two walks in 4-7 loss at Farmington on April 23rd... went 1-3 with a run scored in 6-2 win over Farmington on April 25th... went 2-3 with a double, two RBI, and a run scored on April 27th in 5-1 win at St. Thomas of Villanova... hit a triple, scored two runs, and had two RBI in 6-5 win over Rochester Stoney Creek on May 4th... went 2-2 with a double, run scored, and walked in 1-4 loss to West Bloomfield on May 7th... picked up first win on the mound behind a six inning effort while allowing one unearned run on four hits with eight strikeouts in 5-1 win over Lamphere on May 8th... walked twice and scored a run on May 9th in 7-3 win at West Bloomfield... hit first career varsity homerun

in 2-5 loss at North Farmington on May 14th... homered in 5-4 win over Seaholm on May 23rd... allowed one unearned run and surrendered two hits across four innings pitched and picked up the win over Waterford Mott on May 24th... went 3-4 with two runs scored and slugged his third homerun of the season in a 9-14 loss at home to Walled Lake Northern on May 26th... hit a double and scored a run in a 6-5 pre-district win over Bloomfield Hills on May 29th... drew three walks, stole a base, and scored two runs in 15-9 win on May 31st over Royal Oak... went 3-4 with a homerun and three RBI in a 7-1 district win over Avondale on June 2nd.



### MOTLEY'S CAREER VARSITY STATS

#### Hitting and Fielding

Year	AVG	GP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HP	SO	SF	SH	ROE	FC	OBP	SLG	SB	PO	A	E	DP	FP
2018	.300	35	100	27	30	8	2	4	22	22	0	29	1	0	3	1	.423	.540	13-14	58	4	3	2	.954

#### Pitching

Year	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	BF	AB	O/BA	O/BP	WP	HBP	BK	#P	WHIP
2018	2.83	2-3	7	5	0	0/0	0	17.1	20	20	7	13	16	92	79	.253	.359	6	0	1	359	1.904

# VETERAN BIOS

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## JOSHUA SALTER

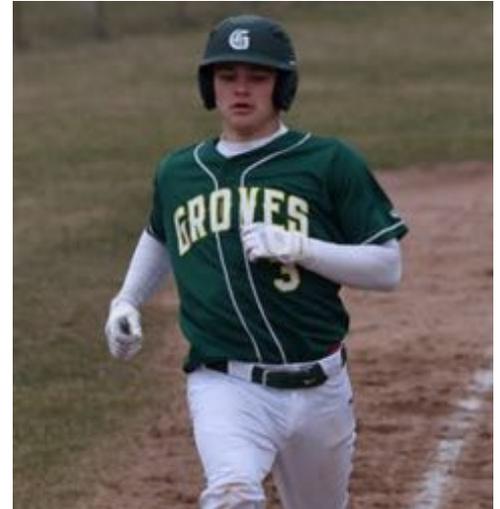
OF • R-R • 5-11 • 185 • SR • 1VL

Josh Salter is entering his second season on varsity in 2019. Last season, Josh made most of his appearances defensively in centerfield. He led the varsity squad with 20 stolen bases and scored 14 runs for the 2018 team. As a sophomore, he led the JV team with 29 stolen bases. He led the 2017 JV team with three sacrifice bunts and tied for the team lead with 15 walks drawn. In 90 plate

appearances, Josh hit .284 and was second on the JV squad with 28 runs scored. He hit two doubles and two triples. In 2016 and 2017, Josh mostly played centerfield. As a freshman, Josh hit .309 for the freshmen team and led the 2016 squad with 13 RBI and was second with 15 stolen bases. He wore number 3 on the 2017 JV team and number 31 for the 2016 freshmen squad.

### 2018 (Junior)

Josh made his first varsity appearance as a pinch runner and scored his first varsity run in a 4-1 win at Berkley on March 28th... made first varsity plate appearance and collected first varsity walk in 3-2 win on April 9th over Bishop Foley... collected his first varsity hit, going 1-2 with a run scored and two stolen bases, in 8-2 win at Walled Lake Central on April 13th... stole three bases and scored two runs in 8-11 loss to Royal Oak Shrine on April 19th... went 1-3 in 13-2 win at Utica on April 21st... went 1-3 on April 30th in 8-1 win at Avondale... went 1-3 versus Rochester Stoney Creek in 3-1 win on May 4th... stole three bases in 6-5 win over Rochester Stoney Creek on May 4th... went 1-2 and collected first varsity RBI and stole a base at Lamphere in 8-1 win on May 8th... scored two runs and stole a base in 11-1 win at North Farmington on May 17th... scored two runs against Seaholm on May 23rd in 7-2 win... went 1-2 with a walk, a run scored, two



stolen bases, and an RBI in 7-3 win over Walled Lake Central on May 26th... stole two bases and scored a run in 15-9 win over Royal Oak on May 31st... stole two bases in 7-1 district win over Avondale on June 2nd.



### SALTER'S CAREER VARSITY STATS

#### Hitting and Fielding

Year	AVG	GP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HP	SO	SF	SH	ROE	FC	OBP	SLG	SB	PO	A	E	DP	FP
2018	.222	31	27	14	6	0	0	0	2	3	0	9	0	0	0	3	.300	.222	20-22	17	2	1	0	.950



# VETERAN BIOS

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## JOEY SHAPERO

RHP / IF • R-R • 5-10 • 135 • SR • 1VL

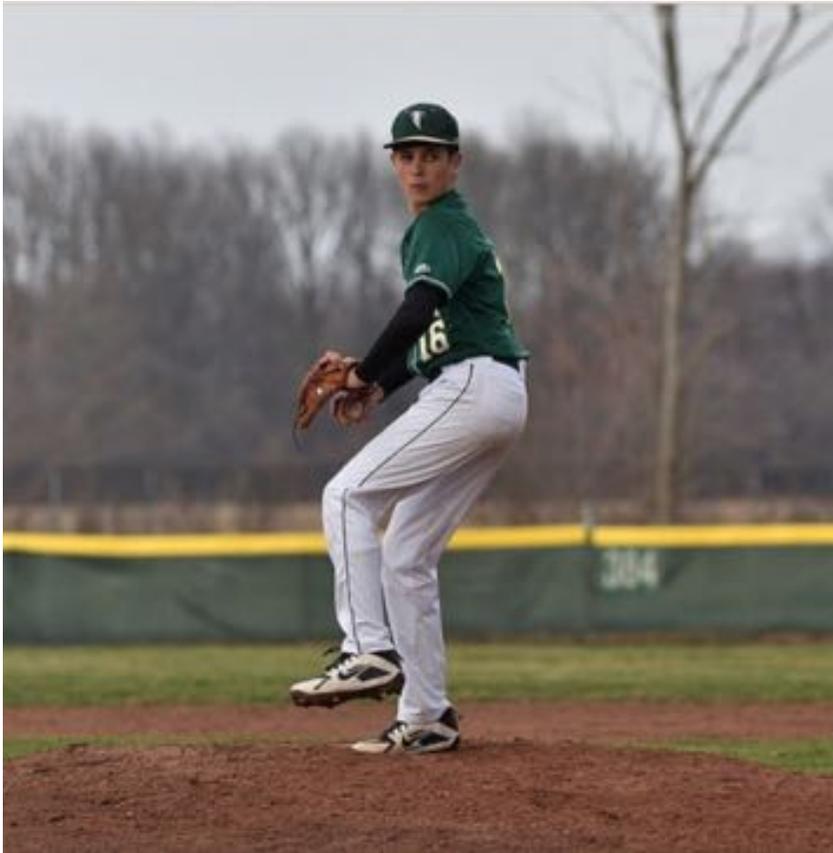
infield and pitched. As a sophomore, in eight appearances, Joey sported a 0.40 ERA and a 2-0 record with three saves across 17.2 innings pitched for the 2017 JV squad. In 2016, as a freshman, Joey was second on the team with three sacrifice bunts. On the mound, he had one of the team's

four saves. Joey wore number 34 for the freshmen team in 2016 and wore 43 as a sophomore on JV in 2017.

### 2018 (Junior)

Joey collected his first varsity plate appearance in 3-2 win over Bishop Foley on April 9th... Scored first varsity run in 8-11 loss to Royal Oak Shrine on April 19th... made first varsity mound appearance in 5-1 win at St. Thomas of Villanova on April 27th... threw a complete inning in 2-14 loss to Northville on April 28th... scored a run on May 8th in 5-1 win over Lamphere... Collected first varsity hit and RBI while scoring a run in 11-3 win over North Farmington on May 16th.

Joey Shapero is a senior entering his second season on varsity. Last season, Joey hit .500 in league play. As an underclassman, Joey mostly played



### SHAPERO'S CAREER VARSITY STATS

#### Pitching

Year	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	BF	AB	O/BA	O/BP	WP	HBP	BK	#P	WHIP
2018	5.25	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	1.1	1	1	1	4	0	9	5	.200	.556	0	0	0	36	3.750

#### Hitting and Fielding

Year	AVG	GP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HP	SO	SF	SH	ROE	FC	OBP	SLG	SB	PO	A	E	DP	FP
2018	.125	9	8	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	.125	.125	0-0	2	1	2	0	.600

# VETERAN BIOS

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## ARI SHERMAN

LHP / 1B • L-L • 6-0 • 200 • SR • 1VL

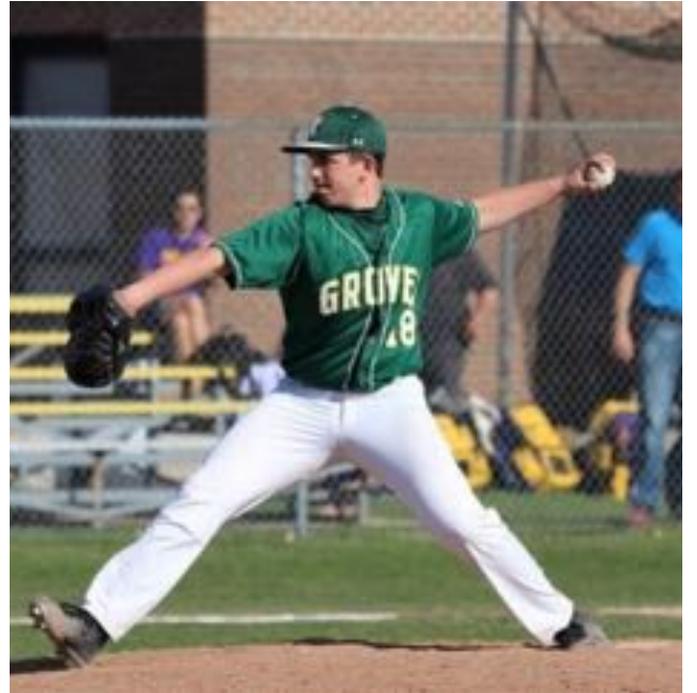


Ari Sherman is a senior entering his second season on varsity for the 2019 Falcons. Last season, Ari finished 3-0 with two saves on the mound with a 1.70 ERA across 24.2 innings pitched. Ari led the 2017 JV team with three triples. He carried a .493 on-base percentage offensively across 75 plate appearances with 15 walks drawn, 13 runs scored, 17 runs batted in, five doubles, and fielded 1.000. He finished 4-1 on the mound across 23 innings

pitched for the 2017 JV team. Ari led the 2016 freshmen team with eight doubles. He also threw over 20 innings for the freshmen squad. He has mostly pitched and played first base over his high school career. Ari wore number 15 for the 2016 freshmen squad and number 36 in 2017 on JV.

### 2018 (Junior)

Ari collected his first varsity plate appearance in 7-2 win at Troy on April 11th... made first varsity pitching appearance in a start at Walled Lake Central on April 13th and was the winning pitcher, throwing four innings while surrendering two unearned runs, in the 8-2 win... earned first varsity save after a perfect inning of relief in 8-6 win at Utica on April 21st... collected first varsity hit in 2-10 loss at Warren De La Salle on May 1st... earned the save with three scoreless innings of relief in 11-1 win at North Farmington on May 17th... picked up the win after throwing three innings of scoreless relief, surrendering one hit while walking zero and striking out two, on May 22nd in a 5-4 win over Farmington... moved to 3-0 on the season after throwing 6.2 innings while striking out six at home in a 7-3 win over Walled Lake Central on May 26th.



### SHERMAN'S CAREER VARSITY STATS

#### Pitching

Year	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	BF	AB	O/BA	O/BP	WP	HBP	BK	#P	WHIP
2018	1.70	3-0	8	2	0	0/0	2	24.2	25	9	6	11	16	114	100	.250	.342	0	3	0	391	1.459

#### Hitting and Fielding

Year	AVG	GP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HP	SO	SF	SH	ROE	FC	OBP	SLG	SB	PO	A	E	DP	FP
2018	.100	12	10	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	.100	.100	0-0	6	3	0	1	1.000



# VETERAN BIOS

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## MICHAEL WAINER

RHP • R-R • 6-0 • 160 • SR • 1VL

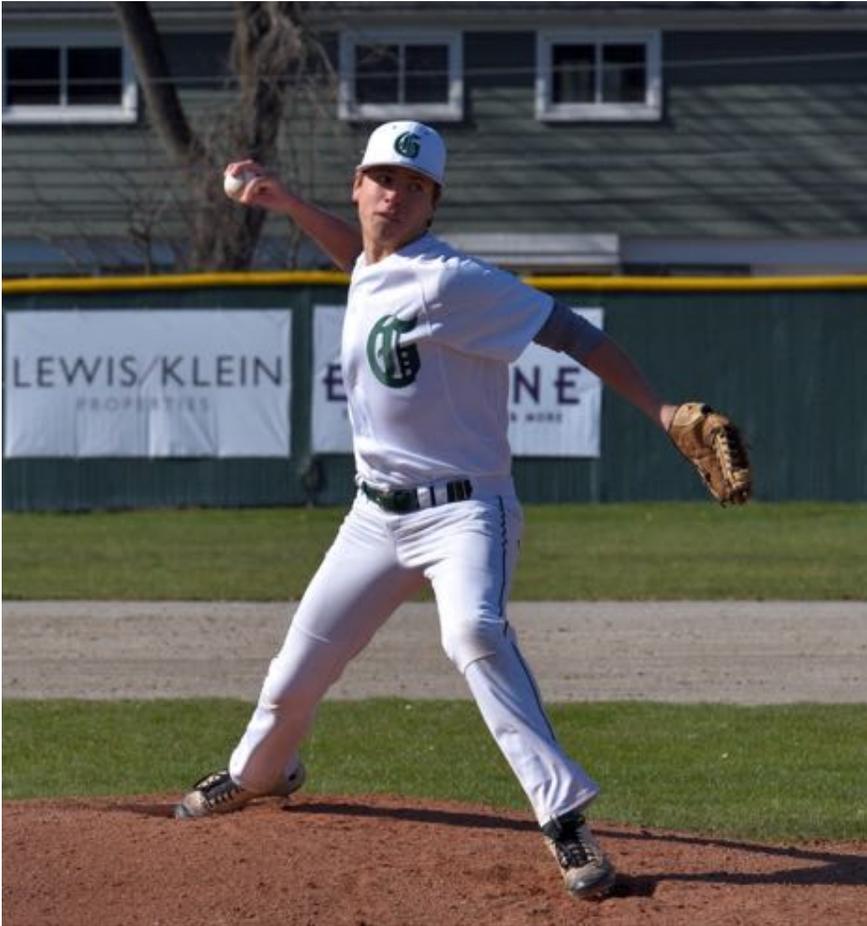
finished with a 1-0 record on the mound. In his time in the Groves program, Michael has mostly pitched but has also played some infield. In 2016, Michael led the freshmen team with 34 innings pitched. He also led the 2017 JV squad in innings pitched with 30.2. As a freshmen, he carried

a .444 on-base percentage in 58 plate appearances. In 2017, he was 6-1 on the mound for the JV team and carried a .462 on-base percentage offensively. Michael wore number 64 as a freshmen and number 35 as a sophomore on JV.

### 2018 (Junior)

Michael collected his first varsity mound appearance in 8-11 loss versus Royal Oak Shrine on April 11th... struck out his first varsity hitter and did not allow a run scored in that outing... collected his first varsity plate appearance in Canada at St. Thomas of Villanova on April 27th in a 5-1 win... picked up first varsity win, throwing two innings of relief at home, in 15-9 win over Royal Oak on May 31st.

Michael Wainer is a senior entering his second season on the varsity team. Last season, Michael



### WAINER'S CAREER VARSITY STATS

#### Pitching

Year	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	BF	AB	O/BA	O/BP	WP	HBP	BK	#P	WHIP
2018	6.00	1-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	2.1	6	2	2	2	2	15	13	.462	.533	0	0	0	49	3.429

#### Hitting and Fielding

Year	AVG	GP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HP	SO	SF	SH	ROE	FC	OBP	SLG	SB	PO	A	E	DP	FP
2018	.000	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	0-0	0	0	0	0	---

# NEW-LETTERMEN BIOS

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## JAMES BERRY

RHP / IF • L-R • 5-11 • 180 • JR

hit .303 for the 2018 JV team and led the team in plate appearances with 95 and runs scored with 25 and was second with 14 walks drawn and 21 stolen bases. He also led the team last year with five wins as a pitcher and a 1.02 ERA while holding opponents to a .171 batting average. James wore number 27 as a sophomore on JV in 2018 and number 56 on the 2017 freshmen team.

James Berry is a junior entering his first season on varsity. Last season, James made his first appearance on varsity as a pinch runner on May 24th vs. Waterford Mott. As a sophomore, James



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## MICHAEL BROWN

RHP / IF • R-R • 5-9 • 160 • JR

the mound for the freshmen in 2017 and led the freshmen squad in batting average and on-base percentage and was second on the 2017 team in walks drawn. Michael wore number 59 as a sophomore on JV in 2018 and number 67 on the freshmen team in 2017.

Michael Brown is a junior entering his first season on varsity. Last season, Michael was second on the JV team with 20 RBI. He led the 2018 JV squad with five sacrifice bunts. He was 2-0 on



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## AIDAN DAVIS

IF / OF • R-R • 5-7 • 140 • JR

freshmen team across 8 games played before missing the bulk of the season to an injury. Aidan wore number 9 on last year's JV team and number 62 on the freshmen team in 2017.

Aidan Davis is a junior entering his first season on varsity. Last season, Aidan hit .318 with 10 runs scored and 10 RBI for the JV team. Aidan carried a 1.000 fielding percentage in 2017 for the



# NEW-LETTERMEN BIOS

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## WILL HESS

RHP / OF • R-R • 5-11 • 160 • JR

Will Hess is a junior entering his first season on varsity. Last season, Will led the JV team in walks drawn and finished with a .544 on-base percentage. He also led the 2018 JV with 22

stolen bases. On the freshmen team in 2017, he hit over .350 and held the opposition to a .170 on-base percentage while on the mound. Will wore number 8 on last year's JV team and number 68 on the freshmen team in 2017.



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## BEN KLEIN

RHP / 1B • R-R • 5-10 • 185 • JR

Ben Klein is a junior entering his first season on varsity. Last season, Ben hit .333 in 80 plate appearances for the 2018 JV team. He tied for the team lead in homeruns and triples and was

second on the team with 22 runs scored. He led the team with 10 mound appearances and was second on the JV team with 27.1 innings pitched. He finished second on the freshmen team in 2017 in batting average and on-base percentage. Ben wore number 2 on last year's JV team and number 7 on the freshmen team in 2017.



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## CALEB McKEEVER

OF / RHP • R-R • 6-0 • 160 • JR

Caleb McKeever is a junior entering his first season on varsity. Last season, Caleb finished second on the JV team in doubles and triples and third in stolen bases. Caleb led the freshmen

team in walks drawn in 2017 and tied for second in runs scored. He led the freshmen team in games started, innings pitched, and tied for the team lead in strikeouts. Caleb wore number 11 on last year's JV team and number 51 on the freshmen team in 2017.



# NEW-LETTERMEN BIOS

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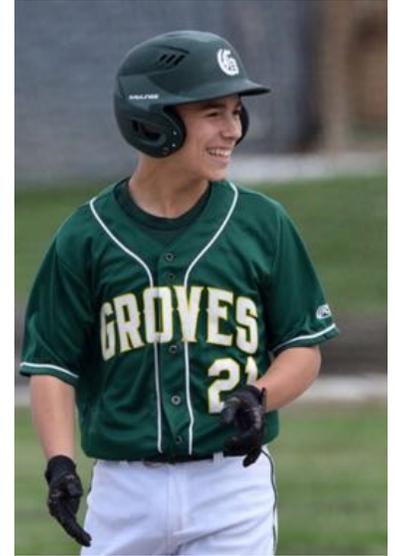


## CHARLIE MEILINGER

RHP / C / OF • R-R • 5-6 • 145 • JR

Charlie Meilinger is a junior entering his first season on varsity. Last season, Charlie appeared in 23 games and was one of two players on the JV team who carried a 1.000 fielding percentage.

He was fourth on the freshmen team in batting average in 2017. Charlie was one of four to field 1.000 in 2017 and only struck out once in 45 plate appearances that season. Charlie wore number 21 on last year's JV team and number 26 on the freshmen team in 2017.



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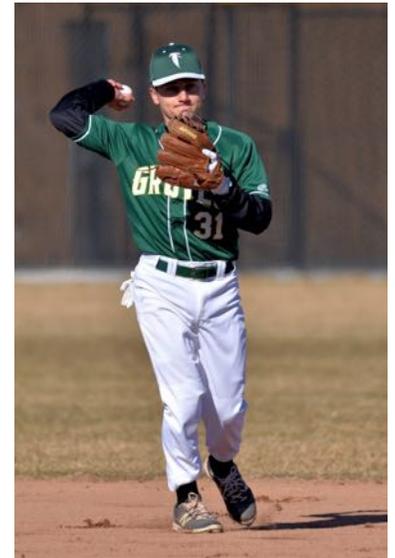


## ALEX NADER

IF / OF / RHP • R-R • 5-7 • 150 • SR

Alex Nader is a senior entering his first season on varsity. Alex has played varsity hockey and tennis the past couple of seasons. Alex last played baseball for Groves as a freshman in 2016. As a

freshman, he led the team in plate appearances, stolen bases, and was second on the team in runs scored. Alex wore number 55 on the freshmen team in 2016.



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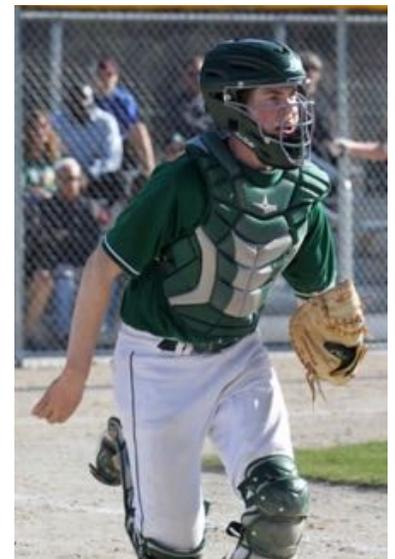


## JOHN PIERCE

C • R-R • 6-2 • 185 • JR

John Pierce is a junior entering his first season on varsity. Last season, John was second on the JV squad with a .412 batting average. He led the team in hits, RBI, tied for the lead in triples, and

was second on the team in doubles. John was one of three freshmen on the JV team in 2017 along with Aerik Joe and Ethan Gilman. John wore number 22 on last year's JV team and number 46 as a freshman on JV in 2017.



# NEW-LETTERMEN BIOS

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## SAM SHIENBAUM

IF / OF • R-R • 6-0 • 180 • JR

season, Sam was third on the JV team with a .375 batting average. He scored 22 runs and collected 16 RBI. Sam led the teams in doubles and homeruns. He was 3-0 on the mound for the freshmen team in 2017 and tied for the team lead in strikeouts. Sam wore number 15 on last year's JV team and number 70 on the freshmen team in 2017.

Sam Shienbaum is a junior entering his first season on varsity. Sam made his first varsity appearance and drew his first varsity walk in 6-2 win versus Waterford Mott on May 24th. Last



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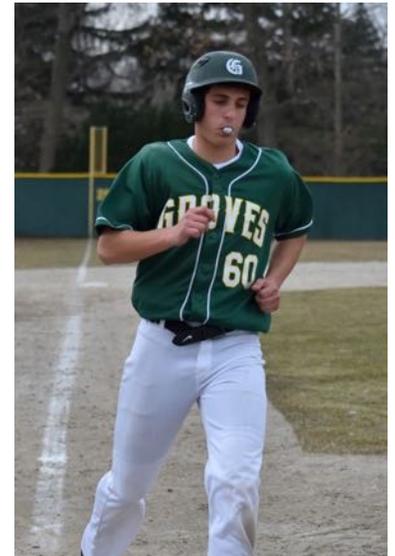


## ELI TURNER

RHP / IF • R-R • 5-10 • 165 • JR

appearances on the mound for the freshmen team and held the opposition to 11 hits in 15 innings pitched. Offensively, he slugged four doubles for the freshmen squad. Eli wore number 60 on the freshmen team in 2017.

Eli Turner is a junior entering his first season on varsity. Eli also plays varsity football for Groves. He last played baseball for Groves on the 2017 freshmen team. Eli tied for the team lead in



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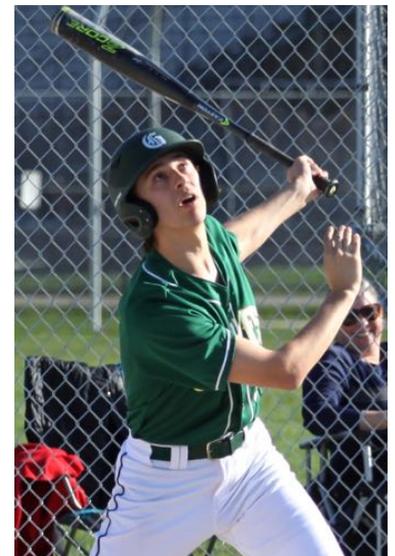


## NATHANIEL TURNER

LHP • R-L • 6-0 • 165 • SR

complete games. He struck out 31 hitters and walked eight. Nathaniel also collected three saves. Nathaniel wore number 54 on last year's JV team. Nathaniel injured himself during the wrestling season and will not play during the 2019 baseball season. He will play at Schoolcraft next school year.

Nathaniel Turner is a senior entering his first season on varsity. Last season, Nathaniel finished 4-0 on the mound for the JV squad. He led the team in innings pitched with 33.1 and threw two



# JUNIOR VARSITY TEAM



Luke Anderson



Joey Beatty



Jake Chernow



Charlie Cusimano



Ryan Duffy



Alex Fenkel



Joey Hess



Charlie Iverson



Liam Keane



Ethan Marcus



Trevor Peterson



Will Rogers



Brennen Vechazone



Patrick Wilusz



Jackson Zako

# FRESHMEN TEAM



Griffin Baldrige



Luke Balow



Dylan Brown



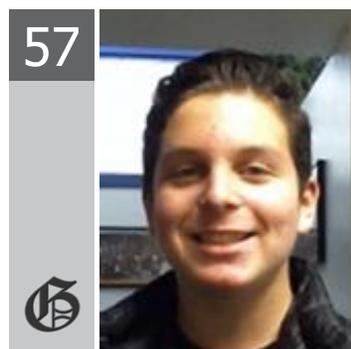
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Joe Doroan



Romero Drake



Harry Feber



Max Kepler



Nick Mason



Jacob Pasko



Owen Peake



Justin Smith



John Paul Steele



Brett Taylor



Gavin Zacharias



# STUDENT MANAGERS

## HENRY VAN FAUSSIEN

1st season as varsity manager

team, and was an all-oaa selection. He holds the school record for tackles by an outside linebacker. The football team went 28-8 during the three years Henry was on the team and they won two regional championships. Henry is co-president of Groves Student Congress and DECA. He plans on studying education at Michigan State in the fall.



In 2019, Henry Van Faussien will help with the varsity baseball team for the first time. Henry is a three year letterman in football as an outside linebacker. He earned all-state honorable mention, was all-metro north first



## JAY STANSBERRY

1st season as freshmen manager

2016, he went 1-0 with a 2.33 ERA and hit .375 in 15 plate appearances. Jay played baseball as a sophomore on the JV squad in 2017 as well. Jay became an Eagle Scout in February. He plans on attending Michigan State in the fall and will pursue a degree in economics.



In 2019, Jay Stansberry will participate as a manager for the first time. Jay will help with the freshmen squad. Jay played baseball for two seasons at Groves. As a freshmen in



# 2019 OPPONENTS

## ALLEN PARK

MAY 25 AT GROVES

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	18401 Champaign, Allen Park, 48101
Enrollment	1,107
Year Founded	1955
Principal	John Kelley
Athletic Director	Mike Dawson
Nickname	Jaguars
Colors	Green & White
League	Downriver League
Phone Number	(313) 827-1200

### COACHING INFORMATION

Varsity	Glenn Gulliver
Junior Varsity	Frank Goodwin
Freshmen	Andy Green

### TEAM INFORMATION

2018 Overall Record	21-8
2018 League Record	14-2
2018 League Finish	2nd
2018 Season Finish	Lost 4-3 to Taylor Kennedy in District 15 Semi-Final
Series Record	Allen Park leads 2-0
First Played	2005
Last Result	Groves lost 2-1 (2015)

## AVONDALE

MAY 5 AT GROVES

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	2800 Waukegan, Auburn Hills, 48326
Enrollment	1,115
Year Founded	1952
Principal	Sharon Hyde
Athletic Director	Keith Gust
Nickname	Yellow Jackets
Colors	Purple & Gold
League	OAA Blue
Phone Number	(248) 537-6100

### COACHING INFORMATION

Varsity	Tom Kurczewski
Junior Varsity	James Shepard
Freshmen	N/A

### TEAM INFORMATION

2018 Overall Record	18-17
2018 League Record	8-4
2018 League Finish	2nd
2018 Season Finish	Lost 7-1 to Birmingham Groves in District 26 Semi-Final
Series Record	Groves leads 3-2
First Played	1972
Last Result	Groves won 7-1 (2018)

## BERKLEY

MARCH 26 AT GROVES • MAY 10 AT BERKLEY

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	2325 Catalpa, Berkley, 48072
Enrollment	1,399
Year Founded	1922
Principal	Andy Meloche
Athletic Director	Lori Stone
Nickname	Bears
Colors	Maroon & Blue
League	OAA Blue
Phone Number	(248) 837-8100

### COACHING INFORMATION

Varsity	Matt Rawlik
Junior Varsity	Bob Domzalski
Freshmen	Rocco Tenaglia

### TEAM INFORMATION

2018 Overall Record	15-16
2018 League Record	5-7
2018 League Finish	3rd
2018 Season Finish	Lost 4-3 to Royal Oak in District 25 Semi-Final
Series Record	Groves leads 47-24
First Played	1966
Last Result	Groves won 2-0 (2018)

## BRIGHTON

MAY 28 AT GROVES

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	7878 Brighton Rd., Brighton, 48116
Enrollment	2,209
Year Founded	1888
Principal	Gavin Johnson
Athletic Director	John Thompson
Nickname	Bulldogs
Colors	Orange & Black
League	KLAA West
Phone Number	(810) 299-4100

### COACHING INFORMATION

Varsity	Charlie Christner
Junior Varsity	Dan Christner
Freshmen	Mike Griest

### TEAM INFORMATION

2018 Overall Record	28-13
2018 League Record	9-10
2018 League Finish	5th
2018 Season Finish	District 12 Champion; Lost 4-2 to Portage Northern in Regional 3 Semi-Final
Series Record	Tied 0-0
First Played	Never Played
Last Result	N/A

## COUNTRY DAY

APRIL 16 AT GROVES

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	22305 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills, 48025
Enrollment	687
Year Founded	1914
Principal	Timothy Bearden
Athletic Director	Dan MacLean
Nickname	Yellowjackets
Colors	Blue & Gold
League	Independent
Phone Number	(248) 646-7717

### COACHING INFORMATION

Varsity	Steve Lepkowski
Junior Varsity	Schuyler Doakes
Freshmen	Dan Phillips

### TEAM INFORMATION

2018 Overall Record	21-8
2018 League Record	N/A
2018 League Finish	N/A
2018 Season Finish	Lost 7-3 to Orchard Lake St. Mary's in District 61 Final
Series Record	Groves leads 6-5
First Played	1968
Last Result	Groves lost 19-8 (2012)

## DETROIT WESTERN

MARCH 28 AT GROVES

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	1500 Scotten, Detroit, 48209
Enrollment	1,773
Year Founded	1898
Principal	Angel Garcia
Athletic Director	Juan Sanchez
Nickname	Cowboys
Colors	Red & White
League	DPSL Mega
Phone Number	(313) 849-4758

### COACHING INFORMATION

Varsity	Juan Sanchez
Junior Varsity	Danny Olivo
Freshmen	N/A

### TEAM INFORMATION

2018 Overall Record	21-12
2018 League Record	12-0
2018 League Finish	1st
2018 Season Finish	District 19 Champion; Lost 7-5 to Detroit U of D Jesuit in Regional 5 Semi-Final
Series Record	Tied 0-0
First Played	Never played
Last Result	N/A

# 2019 OPPONENTS

## EAST LANSING

MAY 4 AT EAST LANSING

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	509 Burcham Dr., East Lansing, 48823
Enrollment	1,112
Year Founded	1959
Principal	Andrew Wells
Athletic Director	Nicole Norris
Nickname	Trojans
Colors	Blue & White
League	CAAC Blue
Phone Number	(517) 333-7500

### COACHING INFORMATION

Varsity	Mark Pendred
Junior Varsity	Jack Johnson
Freshmen	N/A

### TEAM INFORMATION

2018 Overall Record	8-23
2018 League Record	5-9
2018 League Finish	4th
2018 Season Finish	Lost 6-2 to Grand Ledge in District 11 Final
Series Record	Tied 0-0
First Played	Never played
Last Result	N/A

## LAMPHERE

APRIL 12 AT LAMPHERE

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	610 W. 13 Mile, Madison Heights, 48071
Enrollment	767
Year Founded	1928
Principal	Rodney Thomas
Athletic Director	Russ McKenzie
Nickname	Rams
Colors	Blue & White
League	MAC Gold
Phone Number	(248) 589-3943

### COACHING INFORMATION

Varsity	Adam Wooley
Junior Varsity	Mike Kobus
Freshmen	N/A

### TEAM INFORMATION

2018 Overall Record	21-11
2018 League Record	11-4
2018 League Finish	2nd
2018 Season Finish	Lost 10-1 to Country Day in District 61 Semi-Final
Series Record	Tied 1-1
First Played	1961
Last Result	Groves won 5-1 (2018)

## FARMINGTON

APRIL 29 AT GROVES • MAY 1 AT FARMINGTON

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	32000 Shiawassee, Farmington, 48336
Enrollment	1,113
Year Founded	1888
Principal	Thomas Shelton
Athletic Director	Mary Sheltroun
Nickname	Falcons
Colors	Blue & White
League	OAA White
Phone Number	(248) 489-3455

### COACHING INFORMATION

Varsity	Pete Finn
Junior Varsity	Brian Reed
Freshmen	N/A

### TEAM INFORMATION

2018 Overall Record	21-17
2018 League Record	9-3
2018 League Finish	1st
2018 Season Finish	District 30 Champion; Lost 5-3 to Northville in Regional 8 Semi-Final
Series Record	Groves leads 26-23
First Played	1976
Last Result	Groves won 5-4 (2018)

## NORTH FARMINGTON

APRIL 15 AT GROVES • APRIL 17 AT NORTH FARMINGTON

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	32900 W. 13 Mile, Farmington Hills, 48334
Enrollment	1,264
Year Founded	1961
Principal	Joseph Greene
Athletic Director	Todd Schultz
Nickname	Raiders
Colors	Brown & Gold
League	OAA White
Phone Number	(248) 785-2005

### COACHING INFORMATION

Varsity	Mike O'Connell & Dominic Carino
Junior Varsity	Jeff Malkovich
Freshmen	N/A

### TEAM INFORMATION

2018 Overall Record	15-17
2018 League Record	3-9
2018 League Finish	4th
2018 Season Finish	Lost 2-1 to Novi in District 30 Semi-Final
Series Record	Groves leads 41-32
First Played	1962
Last Result	Groves won 11-1 (2018)

## JENISON

MAY 4 AT EAST LANSING

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	2140 Bauer Rd., Jenison, 49428
Enrollment	1,464
Year Founded	1970
Principal	Brandon Graham
Athletic Director	Tim Ritsema
Nickname	Wildcats
Colors	Green & White
League	Ottawa-Kent Conference, Black
Phone Number	(616) 667-3366

### COACHING INFORMATION

Varsity	Tim Keur
Junior Varsity	Blake Smolen
Freshmen	Al Smith

### TEAM INFORMATION

2018 Overall Record	32-4
2018 League Record	18-0
2018 League Finish	1st
2018 Season Finish	District 8 Champion; Lost 3-0 to Holland West Ottawa in Regional 2 Semi-Final
Series Record	Tied 0-0
First Played	Never played
Last Result	N/A

## ROCHESTER

MARCH 25 AT ROCHESTER

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	180 S. Livernois, Rochester Hills, 48307
Enrollment	1,703
Year Founded	1924
Principal	Neil DeLuca
Athletic Director	Dean Allen
Nickname	Falcons
Colors	Royal Blue & White
League	OAA Red
Phone Number	(248) 726-5400

### COACHING INFORMATION

Varsity	Eric Magiera
Junior Varsity	Bob Wogan
Freshmen	Ryan Good

### TEAM INFORMATION

2018 Overall Record	21-14
2018 League Record	8-7
2018 League Finish	3rd
2018 Season Finish	Lost 9-2 to Utica Eisenhower in District 27 Final
Series Record	Rochester leads 34-15
First Played	1983
Last Result	Groves lost 8-2 (2014)



# 2019 OPPONENTS

## ROCHESTER STONEY CREEK

APRIL 20 AT ROCHESTER STONEY CREEK

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	575 E. Tienken, Rochester Hills, 48306
Enrollment	1,671
Year Founded	2001
Principal	Cathryn Skedel
Athletic Director	Rick Jakacki
Nickname	Cougars
Colors	Navy & Vegas Gold & White
League	OAA Red
Phone Number	(248) 726-5700

### COACHING INFORMATION

Varsity	Clint Rodger
Junior Varsity	Aaron Lougheed
Freshmen	Nick Shilling & Mark Swaha

### TEAM INFORMATION

2018 Overall Record	23-14
2018 League Record	13-2
2018 League Finish	1st
2018 Season Finish	Lost 3-0 to Utica Eisenhower in District 27 Semi-Final
Series Record	Groves leads 4-1
First Played	2008
Last Result	Groves won 6-5 (2018)

## ROYAL OAK

APRIL 9 AT GROVES

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	1500 Lexington, Royal Oak, 48073
Enrollment	1,335
Year Founded	2006
Principal	Michael Giromini
Athletic Director	Don Watchowski
Nickname	Ravens
Colors	Black & Blue
League	OAA Gold
Phone Number	(248) 435-8500

### COACHING INFORMATION

Varsity	Greg Porter
Junior Varsity	Joe Scheid
Freshmen	Jordan Fershtman

### TEAM INFORMATION

2018 Overall Record	20-11
2018 League Record	10-2
2018 League Finish	2nd
2018 Season Finish	Lost 6-3 to Troy in District 25 Final
Series Record	Groves leads 12-6
First Played	2007
Last Result	Groves won 15-9 (2018)

## SEAHOLM

APRIL 22 AT SEAHOLM • APRIL 24 AT GROVES

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	2436 W. Lincoln, Birmingham, 48009
Enrollment	1,376
Year Founded	1951
Principal	Kyle Hall
Athletic Director	Aaron Frank
Nickname	Maples
Colors	Maroon & White
League	OAA White
Phone Number	(248) 203-3700

### COACHING INFORMATION

Varsity	John Toth
Junior Varsity	Steve Oshinski
Freshmen	Winston Urwiller

### TEAM INFORMATION

2018 Overall Record	14-18
2018 League Record	3-9
2018 League Finish	4th
2018 Season Finish	Lost 1-0 to Brother Rice in District 26 Semi-Final
Series Record	Groves leads 64-58-1
First Played	1960
Last Result	Groves won 5-4 (2018)

## ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA

APRIL 26 AT ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	2800 N. Townline, LaSalle, ON, N9A 6Z6
Enrollment	1,150
Year Founded	1987
Principal	Amy Facchineri
Athletic Director	Angela LaPorta
Nickname	Wildcats
Colors	Powder Blue & Silver
League	WECSSAA
Phone Number	(519) 734-6444

### COACHING INFORMATION

Varsity	Tom Beale
Junior Varsity	N/A
Freshmen	N/A

### TEAM INFORMATION

2018 Overall Record	13-3
2018 League Record	7-0
2018 League Finish	1st
2018 Season Finish	Lost in semi-final of league's double elimination tournament.
Series Record	Groves leads 2-1
First Played	2016
Last Result	Groves won 5-1 (2018)

## TROY

APRIL 10 AT GROVES • MAY 22 AT TROY

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	4777 Northfield, Troy, 48098
Enrollment	2,225
Year Founded	1951
Principal	Remo Roncone
Athletic Director	Dan House
Nickname	Colts
Colors	Black & Silver
League	OAA Blue
Phone Number	(248) 823-2700

### COACHING INFORMATION

Varsity	Tim Mullen
Junior Varsity	John Sheehan
Freshmen	John Hunter

### TEAM INFORMATION

2018 Overall Record	24-14
2018 League Record	9-3
2018 League Finish	1st
2018 Season Finish	District 25 Champion; Lost 4-1 to Waterford Mott in Regional 7 Semi-Final
Series Record	Groves leads 9-6
First Played	1985
Last Result	Groves won 7-2 (2018)

## TROY ATHENS

APRIL 30 AT TROY ATHENS • MAY 7 AT GROVES

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	4333 John R, Troy, 48085
Enrollment	2,212
Year Founded	1973
Principal	Lara Dixon
Athletic Director	Robert Dowd
Nickname	Red Hawks
Colors	Red & Gold
League	OAA Blue
Phone Number	(248) 823-2933

### COACHING INFORMATION

Varsity	Mike Morris
Junior Varsity	Jim Pawlowski
Freshmen	Dave Keenan

### TEAM INFORMATION

2018 Overall Record	15-13
2018 League Record	4-8
2018 League Finish	4th
2018 Season Finish	Lost 9-3 to Troy in District 25 Semi-Final
Series Record	Groves leads 34-27
First Played	1977
Last Result	Groves lost 6-4 (2017)

# 2019 OPPONENTS

## UTICA

APRIL 13 AT GROVES

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	47255 Shelby, Shelby Twp., 48317
Enrollment	1,939
Year Founded	1876
Principal	Thomas Lietz
Athletic Director	Karyn Holmes
Nickname	Chieftans
Colors	Orange & Black
League	MAC Blue
Phone Number	(586) 797-2200

### COACHING INFORMATION

Varsity	Mark Moehlig
Junior Varsity	Jeff Lapratt
Freshmen	N/A

### TEAM INFORMATION

2018 Overall Record	16-20
2018 League Record	9-6
2018 League Finish	2nd
2018 Season Finish	Lost 2-0 to Macomb Dakota in District 24 Semi-Final
Series Record	Groves leads 5-0
First Played	2016
Last Result	Groves won 13-2 (2018)

## UTICA FORD

MAY 24 AT GROVES

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	11911 Clinton River, Sterling Heights, 48313
Enrollment	1,903
Year Founded	1972
Principal	Ken Cucchi
Athletic Director	William Szlaga
Nickname	Falcons
Colors	Maroon & White
League	MAC White
Phone Number	(586) 797-1608

### COACHING INFORMATION

Varsity	Ryan Joseph
Junior Varsity	Jake Rodgers
Freshmen	Jason Winchester

### TEAM INFORMATION

2018 Overall Record	16-17
2018 League Record	10-5
2018 League Finish	3rd
2018 Season Finish	Lost 2-0 to Clinton Twp. Chippewa in District 24 Semi-Final
Series Record	Utica Ford leads 1-0
First Played	1977
Last Result	Groves lost 4-3 (1977)

## WALLED LAKE CENTRAL

MAY 16 AT GROVES • MAY 20 AT WALLED LAKE CENTRAL

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	1600 Oakley Park, Walled Lake, 48390
Enrollment	1,705
Year Founded	1957
Principal	Charles Morgan
Athletic Director	Eric Henderson
Nickname	Vikings
Colors	Blue & Gold
League	Lakes Valley Conference
Phone Number	(248) 956-4700

### COACHING INFORMATION

Varsity	Tom Henig
Junior Varsity	Andrew Goor
Freshmen	N/A

### TEAM INFORMATION

2018 Overall Record	5-31
2018 League Record	5-19
2018 League Finish	8th
2018 Season Finish	Lost 3-0 to White Lake Lakeland in District 29 Semi-Final
Series Record	Groves leads 2-0
First Played	2018
Last Result	Groves won 7-3 (2018)

## WALLED LAKE NORTHERN

MAY 25 AT GROVES

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	6000 Bogie Lake, Commerce Twp., 48382
Enrollment	1,672
Year Founded	2002
Principal	Greg Diamond
Athletic Director	Chuck Froning
Nickname	Knights
Colors	Maroon & Silver & Black
League	Lakes Valley Conference
Phone Number	(248) 956-5300

### COACHING INFORMATION

Varsity	Pete Lamerato
Junior Varsity	Adam Tinkey
Freshmen	Chuck Randau

### TEAM INFORMATION

2018 Overall Record	24-15
2018 League Record	16-8
2018 League Finish	3rd
2018 Season Finish	Lost 3-2 to West Bloomfield in District 29 Semi-Final
Series Record	Groves leads 6-5
First Played	2009
Last Result	Groves lost 14-9 (2018)

## WALLED LAKE WESTERN

MAY 14 AT GROVES

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	600 Beck, Walled Lake, 48390
Enrollment	1,258
Year Founded	1969
Principal	Ali Hamka
Athletic Director	Sara DiBartolomeo
Nickname	Warriors
Colors	Blue & Silver
League	Lakes Valley Conference
Phone Number	(248) 956-2073

### COACHING INFORMATION

Varsity	Brad Scheck
Junior Varsity	Justin Kucera
Freshmen	N/A

### TEAM INFORMATION

2018 Overall Record	8-21
2018 League Record	8-16
2018 League Finish	6th
2018 Season Finish	Lost 2-0 to South Lyon in District 31 Semi-Final
Series Record	Walled Lake Western leads 3-0
First Played	1970
Last Result	Groves lost 13-3 (2005)

## WATERFORD MOTT

MARCH 23 AT WATERFORD MOTT • MAY 6 AT GROVES

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	1151 Scott Lake, Waterford, 48328
Enrollment	1,559
Year Founded	1969
Principal	Jason Riggs
Athletic Director	Allison Sartorius
Nickname	Corsairs
Colors	Light Blue & Dark Blue
League	Lakes Valley Conference
Phone Number	(248) 674-4134

### COACHING INFORMATION

Varsity	Collin McGran
Junior Varsity	Devon Conklin
Freshmen	N/A

### TEAM INFORMATION

2018 Overall Record	24-13-1
2018 League Record	18-5-1
2018 League Finish	2nd
2018 Season Finish	District 28 Champion; Lost 8-0 to Brother Rice in Regional 7 Final
Series Record	Groves leads 28-7
First Played	1972
Last Result	Groves won 6-2 (2018)



# 2019 OPPONENTS

## WEST BLOOMFIELD

MAY 13 AT WEST BLOOMFIELD • MAY 15 AT GROVES

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	4925 Orchard Lake, West Bloomfield, 48323
Enrollment	2,005
Year Founded	1971
Principal	Pat Watson
Athletic Director	Eric Pierce
Nickname	Lakers
Colors	Forest Green & White
League	OAA White
Phone Number	(248) 865-6720

### COACHING INFORMATION

Varsity	Jerry Brown
Junior Varsity	Allen Gill
Freshmen	Josh Birnberg

### TEAM INFORMATION

2018 Overall Record	20-18-1
2018 League Record	7-5
2018 League Finish	3rd
2018 Season Finish	Lost 15-2 to White Lake Lakeland in District 29 Final
Series Record	Groves leads 40-29
First Played	1973
Last Result	Groves won 7-3 (2018)

OAA = Oakland Activities Association  
 CAAC = Capital Area Activities Conference  
 DPSL = Detroit Public School League  
 KLAA = Kensington Lakes Activities Association  
 MAC = Macomb Area Conference  
 WECSAA = Windsor Essex County Secondary School Athletic Association

Note: North Farmington and Farmington Harrison are fielding a unified team in 2019 for the second season in a row. Harrison has an enrollment of 855 for a combined enrollment of 2,119 students across both schools.

## Non-Varsity Opponents

### JUNIOR VARSITY

BISHOP FOLEY  
 BRENNAN CATHOLIC  
 (CANADA)  
 CLARKSTON  
 GROSSE POINTE SOUTH  
 LAKELAND  
 NOTRE DAME PREP

## Non-Varsity Opponents

### FRESHMEN

CLARKSTON  
 ROCHESTER ADAMS  
 SOUTHFIELD A&T  
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# CHAMPIONS



## LEAGUE

1972 1996 2005  
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 1982 2001 2012  
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## DISTRICT

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# SERIES IN FOCUS: SEAHOLM

Groves has a storied history with their cross town rival as Seaholm is the only opponent the Falcons have faced more than a hundred times. With a .525 all-time winning percentage against their rivals across 123 games played, nothing encapsulates the series more than the 2006 fifteen inning thriller that ended in the only head-to-head tie between the two teams. Heading into the 2019 season, Groves owns a slight edge with a 64-58-1 overall record vs. Seaholm. Groves has scored 724 runs while surrendering 655. The 1990s were the most successful for the Falcons as they posted an .810 winning percentage finishing with a 17-4 record in the decade over the Maples. This followed Groves' worst decade in the rivalry, the 1980s, when Groves won six games to Seaholm's fifteen. Outside of a six-run loss in 1994; from 1989 through 2001, Groves won every game against Seaholm or lost by a single run (with three of the losses coming in extra-innings).

Seaholm opened the rivalry with a five game winning streak from 1960 to 1964. Groves finished the decade 6-10 against the Maples. Seaholm's greatest winning streak in the rivalry is nine games which lasted from 1977 to 1982. Last season, Groves won three games over the Maples and pushed their current win streak to thirteen which began in the 2015 season. The current streak stands alone as the longest in the rivalry's history, besting the ten-game streak that lasted between 1989 and 1994. Groves is 20-37 against Seaholm following a loss versus their rival and 44-18-1 against Seaholm with the last game being a victory over the Maples.

With Groves fielding only Freshmen and Sophomores in 1960, the first game of the series ended in a lopsided 16-2 Seaholm victory. This ranks as the second worst run-differential loss to Seaholm in series history. Groves' first victory in



the series took the 1964 squad eleven innings in Coach Gottschalk's first year as head coach. Dave Kawecky drove in the winning run offensively and struck out 15 Maples on the mound (a team record at the time). Groves overcame an 8-4 seventh inning score to salvage a split on the year with the Maples. The first game of the season was also an extra-inning game. In the forty-one seasons in which the teams played twice, fourteen of them ended in a split.

In the fifty-eight previous seasons Groves has fielded a baseball team, they have met Seaholm on the diamond at least once every year except for 1962. The Falcons are 2-4 against the Maples in seasons in which the teams only played once with wins in 1973 and 1991 and losses in 1960, 1963, 1977, and 1981. In seasons in which two games were played, Seaholm owns the advantage with fifteen sweeps to Groves' eleven. Groves won the other game of the 2006 season which included a tie. In a three game series, Groves owns an 8-1 series record which includes sweeps of all three games of the season in 1997, 2015, 2017, and 2018. The Falcons have never been swept in seasons with a total of three games

played against Seaholm with their losing record occurring in 2013 when a 17-5 shellacking of the Maples helped the Falcons avoid the sweep. Interestingly enough, the two times the teams met four times in a single season both ended in sweeps. Seaholm took all four games of the 2014 season and Groves returned the favor two seasons later in 2016.

In the first half of the rivalry, through 1988, Groves lost more than twice as many games as they won as they went 17-35 versus the Maples. Nineteen

eighty-nine through last season were kinder to the Falcons as they won more than twice as many games as they lost, going 47-23-1 during the second half of the rivalry based on years played. Groves and Seaholm meet more often on a yearly basis recently relative to earlier in the rivalry. Therefore, the end of the 1993 season is the halfway point of the rivalry based on amount of games played. This split occurs near the end of Groves' ten game winning streak against Seaholm. Therefore, records based on games played are a little more evenly matched when comparing the first half of the rivalry with the second based on games played rather than years played. Groves finished 26-36 in the first sixty-two games and finished with a 38-22-1 record in the later sixty-one games.

The first year with multiple wins over Seaholm was 1966 when Groves opened the season with a 9-4 win over Seaholm and ended the season with a 1-0, one hit thriller over the Maples. Although victorious in 1966, Groves is only 11-17 all-time against Seaholm in one-run games. The final game of the '66 season was the first time either team had shutout the other. A total of fourteen games have ended with one team failing to plate a run. The victory in 1966 was the only shutout of the decade. A 2-0 Falcon victory in 1976 was the only shutout of the '70s despite Groves' 7-11 losing record in the decade against their foes. By 1984, half of the decades' ten head-to-head matchups ended in a shutout; Seaholm with three shutouts to Groves' two. However, the remaining eleven head-to-head matches of the eighties would not include a shutout. In fact, the teams would only register two more shutouts in the next twenty-five years with Seaholm notching a 6-0 win in 1995 and Groves topping the Maples 10-0 a decade later in 2005. In the current decade, there have been five shutouts. Seaholm took the first two in 2011 and 2014. Groves won back-to-back 5-0 shutout wins in 2015 including Kyle Sherman's no-hitter over the Maples. The last shutout in the series was in 2016 when Groves beat the Maples 2-0 in the District Tournament behind Andrew Martin's complete game effort. Overall, Groves has shutout Seaholm eight times. Seaholm's returned the favor six times.



1975

Todd Friesner of Birmingham Groves is congratulated by team members after hitting a three run home run against Seaholm last Thursday. The Falcons won 7-4. (Photo by Tom Greenwood)



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2018 O&E Thursday, June 3, 1982

## Hershiser outlasts Weurth in pitcher's duel

By Marty Budner  
staff writer

One look at the baseball statistics inside the Observer & Eccentric sports sections shows how dominant pitchers in this area can be.

Tuesday afternoon, two of them looked up in a pre-district game featuring the two Birmingham schools.

Groves scored the game's lone run in the fourth inning without a hit. Hershiser reached base on an error, was sacrificed to second, advanced to third base on a passed ball and scored on a sacrifice fly to center field by Jim Roberts.

Other than that, neither team mounted any serious threats. Each team registered three hits.

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in the O&E area with an earned run average of one run per game. Weurth is now 5-3 for the year. Groves plays in the district this Sat-

urday. HBI Adams Rosen and John Collins added two-run singles. Country Day's next game is at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Harper Woods High

"His (Watson's) ball was really moving well today — he had everybody off balance. They only had two ball hit out of the infield."

Watson faced the minimum 15 batters through five innings and fanned four while Troy Athens was ripping the Barons for eight hits. Kirk Lawitzke was 2-for-2 with two

RBI. Phil Shuler had a single and two RBIs. Denny Frasier tripled and drove in two runs, and Jamie Parry doubled to score two more.

Athens had Hawks will race the winner of the Troy-Southfield Lathrup pre-district.

1982

Groves and Seaholm have battled in District play on six occasions. In 1972, Groves succumbed to a 4-13 loss at Seaholm. Groves then won the next three match-ups: 5-4 in 1976, 1-0 at home in 1982, and 4-1 in 1989. The teams met at a neutral site in 1976 and 1989. Groves lost 4-9 to Seaholm in 2014 at home and beat the Maples 2-0 in 2016 on the Maples' home turf. Heading into 2019, Groves has four wins and two losses against their rivals in MHSAA post-season play.

Beginning with a fourteen run loss to open the rivalry with Seaholm in 1960, the series has had nineteen games decided by a double-digit run differential. Seaholm dominated the early blowouts winning the first five and then the series did a one hundred and eighty degree turn in regard to double-digit margins of victory. Groves did not beat Seaholm by double-digit runs until 1987 and Seaholm has not done it to Groves since 1988. Groves has won the last twelve straight blowouts with the last being a 13-2 victory in 2016. The largest margin of victory for Seaholm is 18 runs which occurred in a 21-3 victory over Groves in 1986. Groves' largest margin of victory is 21 runs which occurred with a 22-1 victory over Seaholm in 1992.

When Groves and Seaholm meet, both teams generally bring their offenses. Out of 123 game played, sixty-nine of them saw the teams combine for at least ten runs. Groves won the highest scoring game of the rivalry when they beat Seaholm at home in 2003, 20-10. On only six occasions did the teams combine for less than five runs scored.

Groves and Seaholm have met on a Saturday more often than any other day. In fact, before the two teams joined the same league within the OAA, the teams only played Saturday doubleheaders between 1985 and 1996 outside of a single game played at Groves on a Tuesday in 1991. This will most likely change over time if the two teams remain league opponents. Groves and Seaholm have never played each other in March. The teams have met in May more than any other month with Groves going 32-28-1 in the month. Groves is unbeaten vs. Seaholm in June.

In the fifteen seasons Groves has won a League Title, the Falcons are 22-11-1 overall (including 2-1 in playoff play) against their rival. Groves has won five District Championships and

possesses a 10-3 overall record vs. Seaholm in those seasons (including two wins in playoff play over the Maples with victories in 1989 and 2016).

Although in the same school district, Groves and Seaholm were not in the same League in baseball until 1997. As league opponents, Groves won the first four games and seven of the first eight. Since 1997, the cross-town rivals have been in the same League within the OAA for every season except 2007 and 2008 (Groves won three of four of the non-league games during those two seasons). With league realignment in 2012, Groves benefitted in its rivalry with Seaholm in that the years 2012 through 2016 featured two home games and one away game on the league schedule.

When facing Seaholm as a league opponent on the road, Groves is 11-10. While hosting Seaholm as a league opponent, Groves is 20-7-1. In head-to-head regular-season League games, Groves carries an overall record of 31-17-1.

In the twenty-first century, Groves dropped five of the first six games played to the Maples. However, since the year 2000, Groves is 28-18-1 against their cross-town rivals. Weekends treat the Falcons right with a 4-1 record on Fridays and 4-2 on Saturdays this century in the series. Monday also has treated the team well with the Falcons going 9-3-1 on that day since

2000. Groves is winless on Tuesdays against Seaholm this century at 0-2 and are a .500 club on the day that saw the most action between the clubs since 2000 with Groves holding an 8-8 record on Wednesdays (the only day the two teams played last season).

With Groves and Seaholm recently belonging to the same league within the OAA and in the same District, fans of either squad can expect multiple games on a yearly basis between the two teams. Time will tell if the pendulum will swing back in Seaholm's favor or if Groves can keep its momentum in the series moving forward.

*Note: A missing loss to Seaholm from the 1975 season slightly changes the narrative of what was written in 2018's Media Guide on the series with Seaholm.*



Caught cold: Seaholm base runner Bill Schuerman is tagged out by Groves Ben Schomer in a run down during Friday's game.

## Hayden stars as Groves powers past Seaholm

Brian Hayden was a star for Birmingham Groves Friday night as the Falcons beat cross-town rival Seaholm, 11-6, in an OAA Division II battle. The senior center fielder drilled a home run, a double and a single, drove

in three runs and scored three times. Jeff Woodman hit a homer and Eric Sams collected two doubles for Groves. Matt Kharbatarian continued his torrid hitting with a double, a single and a RBI.

Senior right hander Adam Smith struck out six over five and two-thirds innings to earn the win. Smith allowed only two hits, one a grand slam in the sixth inning.

Senior Todd Thurfield took the loss for Seaholm. He pitched four innings and struck out six in the effort. Chris McCristen cracked the grand slam for the Maples (6-7 overall, 5-6 Division II).

The win improved the Falcons record to 8-5 overall and 5-4 in Division II. Coach Jim Crosby was real happy with the team's performance. "We haven't had any consistency lately," Crosby said. "We responded real well." Crosby said the problem lately for his team has been lack of hitting practice because of the weather.

Although Groves doesn't have much of a shot for first place, the team still has lofty goals. "We'd like to reach twenty wins and we're shooting for second in the league, and if we're lucky, a tie for first," said Crosby. He believes his team will be ready for the state tournament thanks to the tough schedule the Falcons have played. Every team Groves has faced has a .500 record or better.

One of the keys to Groves' success has been the hot first baseman Kharbatarian. The senior is hitting over .600, and has nine doubles. Crosby believes he is the best hitter in the state. "He's a big kid with a lot of experience," said Crosby. "He really spent a lot of time in the winter to get ready for this season."

Groves will travel to Waterford Kettering on Monday while Seaholm will square off with Berkley.

ROCHESTER 15-5, LAHSER 10-3: The undefeated Rochester Falcons

First year as League Opponents, 1997



Stellar Smith: Senior Adam Smith struck out six Maples and allowed just two hits to gain the victory and hike his personal record to 3-1.

second to Lahser's zero and three more in the fourth. John Handley earned the victory on the mound with six strikeouts, improving his record to 3-0 on the season.

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## FALCON TIDBITS

### GROVES' RECORD...

In All Games	26-10
In Home Games	16-6
In Away Games	10-4
In Neutral Games	0-0
In All Regular Season OAA White Games	8-4
In Home Regular Season OAA White Games	5-1
In Away Regular Season OAA White Games	3-3
In All Regular Season Non-OAA White Games	16-5
In Home Regular Season Non-OAA White Games	9-4
In Away Regular Season Non-OAA White Games	7-1
In Neutral Regular Season Non-OAA White Games	0-0
In District Games	2-1
On Monday	3-4
On Tuesday	3-1
On Wednesday	8-0
On Thursday	4-1
On Friday	4-0
On Saturday	4-4
On Sunday	0-0
In March	1-0
In April	9-5
In May	15-4
In June	1-1
After a Loss	7-2
In 1 Run Games	6-1
In 2 Run Games	4-0
In 3 Run Games	1-4
When Scoring First	17-3
When Scoring in the First Inning	13-1
When Leading at the End of 5 Innings	20-1
When Trailing at the End of 5 Innings	4-9
When Tied at the End of 5 Innings	2-0
When Leading at the End of 6 Innings	19-2
When Trailing at the End of 6 Innings	1-7
When Tied at the End of 6 Innings	4-0
In Extra Innings	3-0
When Scoring 5 or More Runs	22-2
When Allowing Less than 5 Runs	21-2
When Out-Hitting Opponents	19-0
When Groves Had 10 or More Hits	8-0
When Groves Hit a Home Run	8-3
When Groves Committed 0 or 1 Error	14-2

### INNING-BY-INNING SCORING

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Ex.
Groves	22	32	42	31	32	33	11	5
Opponents	41	17	16	28	13	17	18	2

Groves Baseball finished the year at 26-10, marking the first time in program history the team finished with a .700 winning percentage or higher for three consecutive seasons. The JV team finished with an 18-6-3 record. The Freshmen finished 8-13-2. The Falcons finished second in the OAA White. Weather significantly impacted the season and the final schedule played varied from what was originally scheduled.

For the third season in a row, Groves opened with a victory against OAA-crossover Berkley. The Opening Day win in 2018 was the first time in Groves' history that the team played an away game in March. The varsity team swept their series with Seaholm and took two of three from both OAA rivals, West Bloomfield and North Farmington. In addition to winning three of four OAA White league series, the Falcons also posted series wins over Berkley (2-0), Rochester Stoney Creek (2-0), Utica (2-0), and Walled Lake Central (2-0).

As a team, the Falcons batted .280 with a .392 on-base percentage. Although the team did not match the same offensive prowess of the 2017 team, the Falcons still managed to hit an extra-base hit in all but three games last season. For the second time in three years, Groves found itself in the MHSAA Record Book for HBP, this time besting the 2016 mark of 48 by one with 49 total hit-by-pitches in 2018. Groves slugged 50 doubles, seven triples, and 13 homeruns for a decent .385 slugging percentage and 5.8 average runs per game. The Falcons held the opposition to 4.2 runs per game behind a 1.512 WHIP, 2.64 ERA, and 1.78 K/BB ratio while averaging less than half a walk surrendered per inning (.433). Defensively, Groves sported a .928 fielding percentage behind 21 double plays turned.

Matching 2016's mark, Groves committed zero or one error in 16 of their games. Although this fell short of 2017's total of 24 games with zero or one error, the 2018 team fared better

than the previous seasons in one-run and two-run games. Last season, Groves went 10-1 in one-run and two-run games.

In 2017, Groves allowed an unheard of two total runs in the first inning across 39 games. Groves failed to repeat that feat in 2018. On the contrary, Groves allowed the most amount of runs in the first inning last season with 41. This was the only inning in which Falcon pitching allowed an average of over one run scored per inning. Groves allowed less than twenty total runs scored in every inning except the first and fourth. Groves collected only one shutout in 2018 but did manage to hold the opposition to one run on eight occasions and two runs scored seven times. Groves pitching and defense held the opposition to three runs or less in over half of the games played in 2018.

Groves played a 12 game league schedule in 2018 instead of the 15 games played in recent history because North Farmington and Farmington Harrison fielded a unified team. Groves finished 8-4 in the OAA White division which was good for a second place finish. Farmington won the league title after going 9-3 in OAA White play. A one-run loss in the opening game of the Groves-Farmington series ended up deciding the league championship. This paralleled 2016 in which Groves missed the championship title by one game to Farmington which included a one-run loss in game three of the 2016 series. In 2018, Groves had four players recognized with All-League accolades. George Cutler and Chaise Ford were both recognized for the second year in a row. Matt Bachand and Nick Ringler were the other two All-League recipients last season. Bachand led the Falcons with 28.2 innings pitched in OAA White games and finished 4-0 with a 1.47 ERA while fielding 1.000 in league games. Matt went 5-1 with two saves in 45.1 innings pitched on the season as a whole. Nick Ringler hit .363 with a .496 on-base percentage and collected 18 RBI as well as 18 runs scored. George Cutler led the team



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with five homeruns, two triples, ten doubles, and 31 RBI. He hit .311 and was second on the team with a .585 slugging percentage behind Chaise Ford. Ford's team-leading .588 slugging percentage stemmed from four homeruns and five doubles. Ford also collected 20 RBI while scoring 22 runs after hitting .375 with a .528 on-base percentage. After being hit-by-a-pitch nine times in 2018, Chaise is now in the MHSAA record book for HBP in a career. Ryan Laub joined George Cutler and Chaise Ford on the 2018 All-District team. In 2018, Laub led the team in games started (9), wins (6), innings pitched (46.2), and strikeouts (40). After going 6-0 in 2018, Ryan finished with a ridiculously impressive 17-2 career record across three varsity seasons.

Groves opened the 2018 campaign with five victories beginning with a 4-1 opening-day win at Berkley on March 28th. Groves home-opener would be delayed as the March 29th game with Detroit Western was snowed out. Groves first home-game saw a 3-2 ten-inning win over eventual State Runner-Up Bishop Foley on April 9th. The Ventures were the #1 ranked team in Division 3 at the time of the victory. Groves travelled to Troy on April 11th and came away with a 7-2 victory against the eventual District 25 and OAA Blue Champion. Although this was only the fifteenth all-time meeting between the clubs, the two teams have squared up five of the last six seasons and are set to play one another three times in 2019. Groves travelled to Walled Lake Central a day later than planned on April 13th and came away with an 8-2 victory in the first-ever meeting with the Vikings. The games with Rochester Stoney Creek on April 14th were postponed and Groves held a 4-0 overall record before opening up league play.

An ice storm delayed the Falcons' league opener in the games with Seaholm on April 16th and the first-ever meeting with Warren De La Salle on the 17th were postponed for another day. Groves opened league play at Seaholm on April 18th with a 7-5 win. Despite surrendering five runs in the first two innings, the Falcons used a four-run fourth to put the Maples away for good. Groves held a comfortable three-run lead heading into the seventh against eventual District 123 champion Royal Oak Shrine on April 19th before surrendering six runs in the top of the seventh to lose 8-11 in their first loss of the season. Groves returned to their winning ways on April 21st by sweeping Utica on the road 8-6 and 13-2. Groves carried a 7-1 (1-0, OAA White) record heading into the league series with Farmington.

Groves travelled to eventual District 30 Champion, Farmington, and lost both ends of a doubleheader on April 23rd. Groves let the leadoff hitter on in the first game and that was all Farmington needed en route to a 1-0 win. Groves lost the nightcap, 4-7. Groves bounced back at home on April 25th to avoid the sweep by downing the visiting Farmington team, 6-2. On April 27th, Groves travelled over the border for its annual appearance in Canada. The Falcons triumphed over the Wildcats 5-1 as Groves pushed its all-time record to two wins and a loss against St. Thomas of Villanova. On April 28th, Groves played host to eventual Regional 8 Champion, Northville.

Northville was Division 1's State Runner-Up in 2017. The baseball powerhouse tore the Falcons apart twice. In Coach Morrison's first two seasons, Groves never lost by more than four runs. In the first game, Northville broke that streak with a 7-0 shutout victory. In the second game, the Mustangs dismantled Groves in a 14-2 mercy win. This remains the only time Groves has been mercied in the past three seasons. On Monday, April 30th, Groves wrapped up the month on a high note with an 8-1 victory at Avondale. At the end of April, Groves was 10-5 (2-2, OAA White).

Groves began May on the road in Warren, making up a game from earlier in the season. The Falcons held their own against the Pilots outside of a disastrous fourth inning in which nine runs were plated against the visiting Groves squad. That was all eventual District 22 Champion, De La Salle, needed to coast to a 10-2 victory. Originally, Groves was meant to host Allen Park on May 4th but the Jaguars were forced to make-up league games lost to weather. Instead, the Falcons hosted eventual OAA Red Champion, Rochester Stoney Creek, in a doubleheader. Groves notched their first win of the month in the opening game. The Falcons claimed a 3-1 victory in the pitching duel. Groves needed nine innings to beat the Cougars in the nightcap, 6-5. This pushed Groves record to 12-6 (2-2, OAA White) heading into the series with West Bloomfield.

Jerry Brown was an assistant varsity coach at Groves for several seasons before taking the head position at West Bloomfield. On May 7th, he brought his Lakers into town and led his team to a 4-1 victory in the first game that saw Coach Morrison and Coach Brown in opposite dugouts. In the nightcap, West Bloomfield scored two runs in the top of the seventh to break the 2-2 tie. The Falcons scored three of their own in the bottom of the frame to notch the 5-4 walk-off win in Coach Morrison's one hundredth game at the helm of the Groves program. On Tuesday, May 8th, Groves hosted Lamphere in the first meeting of the schools since 1961. Groves evened the all-time record at one apiece with a 5-1 victory. The Falcons travelled to West Bloomfield for the rubber-match on May 9th. Groves walked away



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with the series victory after downing the Lakers, 7-3. On Thursday, May 10th, the Falcons celebrated Senior Day with a 2-0 shutout of the visiting Bears of Berkley. Despite being on the schedule for the second year in a row, Groves would once again miss out on its inaugural game with Brighton as weather prevented the two squads from meeting on May 12th. Heading into the series with North Farmington, Groves record stood at 16-7 (4-3, OAA White).

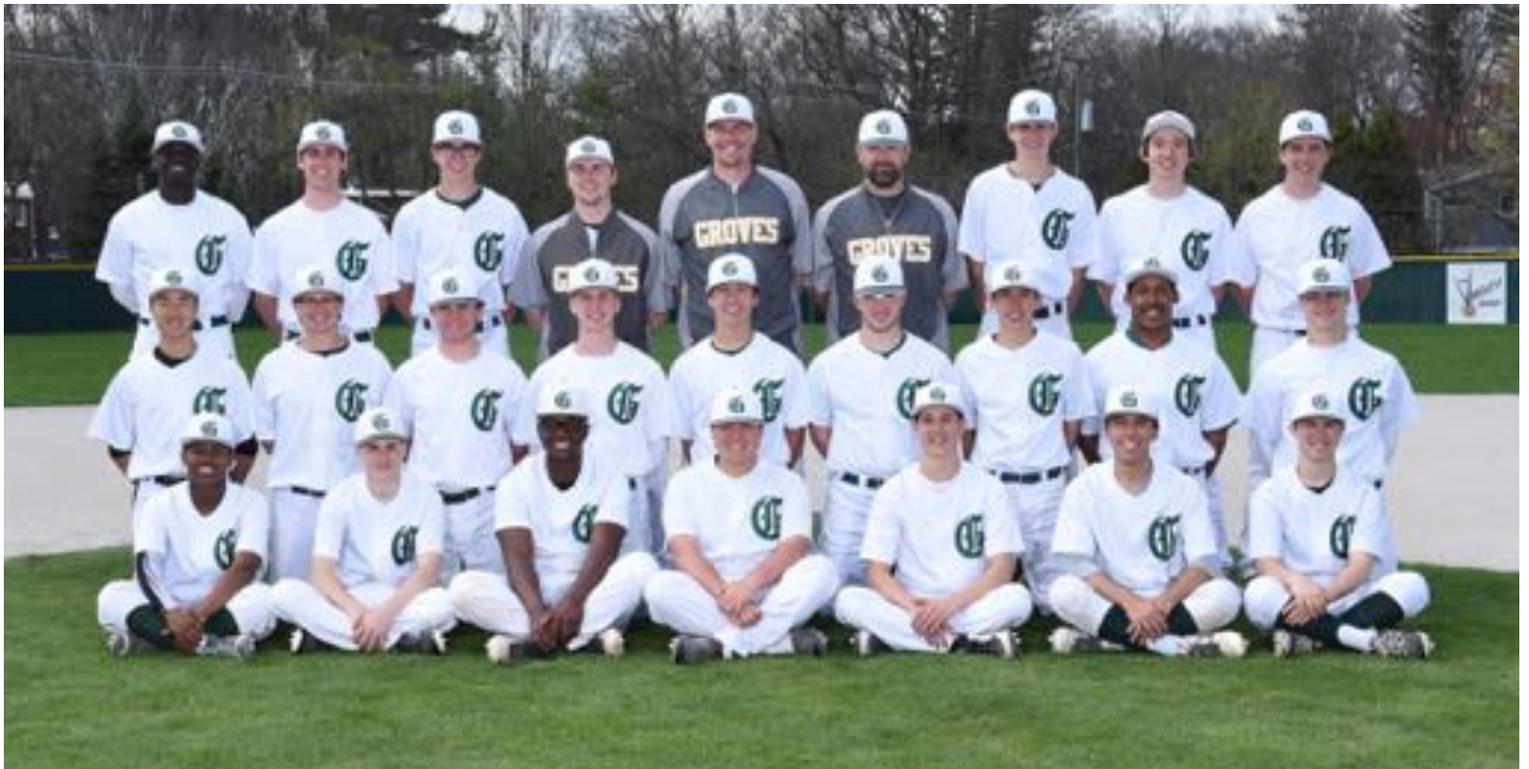
For the third opening series Monday in a row, the Falcons lost the opening game of the three game series with their OAA White opponent. This time Groves fell at the hands of North Farmington, 2-5. Groves put 11 runs on the board in each of the next two games against the Raiders; winning the second game of the series at home, 11-3 on May 16th before travelling to North Farmington the next day and securing an 11-1 victory to win the series. Groves and Bishop Foley were unable to play their second scheduled game of 2018 and Groves would end the third week of May with an 18-8 (6-4, OAA White) record.

Royal Oak was forced to make-up league games on May 21st and Allen Park once again had to make-up league games on the 22nd so the Falcons looked elsewhere for competition. Groves hosted Lake Orion in the place of Royal Oak on the 21st. This was the first time the two teams met in a decade. The Dragons were Division One's fifth-ranked team at the time. Rain forced the cancellation of the game in the top of the fourth. The following day, Farmington travelled to Groves to play a non-league game. Groves avenged the series loss to Farmington with a 5-4 victory giving both teams two wins apiece against one another in 2018. On May 23rd, Groves hosted Seaholm in a make-up doubleheader. The Falcons secured their twentieth win of the season with a 7-3 victory in the first game and used a go-ahead run in the bottom of the sixth to win a nail biter in the

nightcap, 5-4 to sweep the series and extend the winning streak to thirteen over the Maples, the longest in the history of the rivalry. The following day, Groves hosted eventual District 28 Champion, Waterford Mott, and came away with a 6-2 win. Heading into Memorial Day Weekend, Groves improved to 22-8 (8-4, OAA White).

For the first time in several seasons, Groves did not head to Bay City for the Jim Doyle Memorial tournament over Memorial Weekend. Instead, Groves hosted single games with Walled Lake Northern and Walled Lake Central. In the first game, Walled Lake Northern ended Groves six-game winning streak with a 14-9 victory over the host team. Groves then played Walled Lake Central and beat the Vikings, 7-3. Because Groves did not travel over Memorial weekend and because they hosted the District Tournament, 2018 was the first season that Groves did not play an opponent on a neutral field since the early 1990s.

Similar to 2017, Groves drew the pre-district game against Bloomfield Hills. Groves hosted the tournament and beat the visiting Black Hawks in the eleventh inning. At the end of seven, both teams were tied at four apiece. With both teams scoring a single run in the ninth, the playoff game pushed into double-digit innings. Groves scored one in the eleventh to bring Bloomfield Hills' season to a close. Groves hosted Royal Oak in a tune-up, non-playoff, game two days later on the 31st. Despite giving up five runs before recording an out, Groves used an eight-run second inning and six-run third to outslug the Ravens, 15-9. On Saturday, June 2nd, Groves played Avondale for the second time in 2018. This time as a playoff game, the Falcons were victorious over the Yellow Jackets, 7-1. In the District Championship game, Groves took a 3-2 lead into the seventh inning before Brother Rice laid five runs on the Falcons and escaped with a 7-3 win. Groves finished the season 26-10.



# 2018 VARSITY RESULTS

26-10 OVERALL, 8-4 OAA WHITE, 2-1 DISTRICT TOURNAMENT, 16-6 HOME, 10-4 AWAY, 0-0 NEUTRAL  
6-1 ONE RUN, 3-0 EXTRA INNINGS, 208 RUNS FOR, 152 RUNS AGAINST

Date	Opponent	W-L	Score	Site	Groves Pitcher	Groves R-H-E-LOB	Opponent R-H-E-LOB	Offense							Pitching					Fielding			
								AVG	OBP	H	XBH	BB	K	SB	ERA	H	BB	K	O/BA	O/BP	#P	FP	DP
03/28	Berkley	W	4-1	A	Laub (1-0)	4-6-2-6	1-3-4-3	.231	.290	6	2	2	8	0-1	0.00	3	2	8	.130	.200	85	.935	1
04/09	Bishop Foley	W	3-2	H	Bachand (1-0)	3-8-4-11	2-5-3-9	.235	.422	8	3	9	13	0-0	0.70	5	4	11	.135	.220	159	.892	0
04/11	Troy	W	7-2	A	Ford (1-0)	7-8-0-10	2-4-4-6	.320	.485	8	1	6	2	1-2	2.00	4	4	7	.160	.276	113	1.000	0
04/13	Walled Lake Central	W	8-2	A	Sherman (1-0)	8-9-2-9	2-6-4-7	.300	.405	9	1	4	5	13-13	0.00	6	3	3	.231	.333	99	.939	1
04/18	* Seaholm	W	7-5	A	Bachand (2-0)	7-6-1-6	5-7-2-7	.240	.424	6	2	6	4	6-6	5.00	7	4	2	.241	.333	112	.967	0
04/19	Royal Oak Shrine	L	8-11	H	Motley (0-1)	8-7-5-9	11-9-2-8	.241	.421	7	1	7	7	11-11	2.00	9	7	6	.273	.400	151	.868	0
04/21	Utica	W	8-6	A	Roberts (1-0)	8-10-5-7	6-7-6-7	.323	.371	10	2	3	6	5-6	5.00	7	4	5	.233	.343	134	.865	0
04/21	Utica	W	13-2	A	Klein (1-0)	13-13-0-4	2-4-4-4	.481	.562	13	2	5	7	0-1	2.80	4	2	5	.211	.286	75	1.000	0
04/23	* Farmington	L	0-1	A	Ford (1-1)	0-3-0-5	1-5-4-2	.125	.192	3	0	1	4	0-2	1.17	5	0	3	.238	.238	79	1.000	2
04/23	* Farmington	L	4-7	A	Motley (0-2)	4-5-5-9	7-13-1-11	.200	.412	5	2	5	3	0-0	3.50	13	1	6	.382	.417	127	.808	0
04/25	* Farmington	W	6-2	H	Laub (2-0)	6-7-1-2	2-6-0-3	.304	.360	7	3	2	4	1-1	1.00	6	0	5	.231	.231	104	.960	0
04/27	St. Thomas of Villanova	W	5-1	A	Roberts (2-0)	5-4-0-6	1-2-3-6	.160	.323	4	2	5	5	3-3	1.00	2	6	7	.100	.357	118	1.000	1
04/28	Northville	L	0-7	H	Klein (1-1)	0-2-4-4	7-8-1-7	.091	.200	2	1	1	8	0-0	1.00	8	1	6	.258	.343	130	.886	0
04/28	Northville	L	2-14	H	Motley (0-3)	2-5-6-3	14-12-0-8	.278	.350	5	1	0	2	0-0	14.00	12	7	2	.414	.541	121	.778	1
04/30	Avondale	W	8-1	A	Laub (3-0)	8-10-2-6	1-6-10-6	.286	.286	10	4	0	7	2-2	1.00	6	2	9	.231	.286	100	.935	1
05/01	Warren De La Salle	L	2-10	A	Bachand (2-1)	2-7-1-6	10-12-1-3	.280	.379	7	0	4	4	2-2	11.67	12	2	4	.414	.452	109	.957	0
05/04	Rochester Stoney Creek	W	3-1	H	Klein (2-1)	3-9-1-8	1-4-2-6	.360	.429	9	0	1	4	0-1	0.00	4	3	5	.167	.286	103	.968	2
05/04	Rochester Stoney Creek	W	6-5	H	Schmidt (1-0)	6-10-3-12	5-7-2-9	.294	.455	10	2	7	3	4-4	0.00	7	4	5	.200	.317	141	.919	1
05/07	* West Bloomfield	L	1-4	H	Ford (1-2)	1-5-5-5	4-10-5-6	.200	.231	5	1	1	5	0-2	3.00	10	1	4	.333	.355	98	.839	1
05/07	* West Bloomfield	W	5-4	H	Newitt (1-0)	5-7-1-5	4-8-2-8	.269	.387	7	3	4	5	2-3	4.00	8	2	7	.267	.333	103	.966	0
05/08	Lamphere	W	5-1	H	Motley (1-3)	5-7-3-8	1-4-4-7	.259	.355	7	2	3	3	6-6	0.00	4	3	10	.154	.241	111	.914	1
05/09	* West Bloomfield	W	7-3	A	Bachand (3-1)	7-9-1-10	3-9-4-5	.321	.457	9	4	6	7	1-1	3.00	9	2	1	.333	.379	105	.970	3
05/10	Berkley	W	2-0	H	Newitt (2-0)	2-7-0-7	0-6-1-5	.292	.370	7	1	1	6	3-4	0.00	6	0	3	.231	.231	77	1.000	1
05/14	* North Farmington	L	2-5	A	Klein (2-2)	2-5-3-5	5-10-0-7	.192	.250	5	3	1	17	0-0	2.33	10	1	4	.357	.400	98	.900	0
05/16	* North Farmington	W	11-3	H	Laub (4-0)	11-14-4-11	3-8-3-7	.424	.513	14	2	3	3	4-4	1.00	8	2	3	.286	.355	101	.882	1
05/17	* North Farmington	W	11-1	A	Bachand (4-1)	11-10-0-9	1-9-3-10	.312	.439	10	2	8	7	3-4	1.00	9	2	8	.300	.344	113	1.000	0
05/22	Farmington	W	5-4	H	Sherman (2-0)	5-6-1-10	4-9-0-9	.261	.485	6	1	6	4	2-2	2.00	9	2	3	.300	.382	102	.963	1
05/23	* Seaholm	W	7-2	H	Laub (5-0)	7-5-3-7	2-6-3-11	.238	.438	5	1	8	2	0-0	2.00	6	3	6	.194	.265	128	.893	0
05/23	* Seaholm	W	5-4	H	Bachand (5-1)	5-6-1-2	4-9-1-7	.273	.333	6	3	2	3	0-2	2.00	9	1	4	.290	.312	111	.967	0
05/24	Waterford Mott	W	6-2	H	Motley (2-3)	6-9-3-6	2-5-0-11	.375	.500	9	1	4	5	2-3	0.00	4	8	5	.154	.353	140	.917	1
05/26	Walled Lake Northern	L	9-14	H	Schmidt (1-1)	9-9-4-8	14-14-6-4	.290	.421	9	2	4	5	2-4	11.00	14	3	6	.400	.462	131	.867	1
05/26	Walled Lake Central	W	7-3	H	Sherman (3-0)	7-8-0-9	3-4-2-6	.296	.441	8	2	5	5	6-6	3.00	4	4	7	.160	.300	110	1.000	0
05/29	# Bloomfield Hills	W	6-5	H	Newitt (3-0)	6-11-3-13	5-15-4-15	.262	.347	11	4	4	6	2-3	2.55	15	5	9	.319	.396	189	.939	0
05/31	Royal Oak	W	15-9	H	Wainer (1-0)	15-17-1-6	9-12-3-10	.586	.618	17	4	4	1	7-7	10.50	12	6	6	.414	.541	133	.962	0
06/02	# Avondale	W	7-1	H	Laub (6-0)	7-7-2-7	1-4-3-6	.233	.324	7	2	4	7	4-4	0.00	4	3	6	.160	.250	119	.917	0
06/02	# Brother Rice	L	3-7	H	Newitt (3-1)	3-3-2-3	7-11-1-8	.115	.148	3	2	1	4	0-0	4.00	11	5	3	.379	.500	118	.929	1

\* = OAA White League Game  
# = District Game; Played at Birmingham Groves

# 2018 VARSITY STATISTICS

#	Name	AVG	GP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HP	SO	GDP	SF	SH	ROE	FC	OBP	SLG	SB	PO	A	E	DP	FP
31	Bachand, Matt	.250	26	40	6	10	2	0	0	4	1	3	2	1	1	1	5	1	.311	.300	5-5	14	37	7	4	.879
10	Bradbury, Connor	.327	35	104	18	34	6	1	0	16	4	4	5	4	0	2	8	10	.375	.403	5-10	107	27	4	11	.971
14	Bryson, Laurence	.389	11	18	2	7	1	0	0	5	1	2	4	1	0	0	1	0	.476	.444	0-0	15	0	3	0	.833
41	Cole, Harrison	.222	26	72	21	16	3	0	0	10	17	5	19	1	2	4	6	5	.396	.263	15-18	40	24	9	5	.877
20	Cutler, George	.311	35	106	12	33	10	2	5	31	14	6	16	3	3	0	6	3	.411	.584	5-5	170	29	3	1	.985
5	Ford, Chaise	.375	32	80	22	30	5	0	4	20	17	9	10	0	0	3	2	2	.528	.587	4-6	20	23	11	1	.796
26	Froling, Dylan	.000	6	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	0-0	0	0	0	0	---
37	Gilman, Ethan	.250	23	48	7	12	1	0	0	4	8	3	17	0	1	1	1	0	.383	.270	2-3	20	3	3	1	.885
17	Joe, Aeric	.277	35	101	26	28	4	1	0	15	11	2	16	0	1	6	10	6	.357	.336	7-10	60	59	12	11	.908
35	Klein, Josh	.000	16	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	.250	.000	0-0	0	9	1	0	.900
57	Laub, Ryan	.143	14	7	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	.250	.142	1-1	11	2	3	0	.812
34	Lipsey, Trey	.250	17	32	10	8	0	0	0	6	6	4	8	0	0	3	3	1	.429	.250	3-4	28	6	3	1	.919
7	Motley, Roger	.300	35	100	27	30	8	2	4	22	22	0	29	1	1	0	3	1	.423	.540	13-14	58	4	3	2	.954
4	Newitt, Tyler	.333	25	18	5	6	1	0	0	4	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	.368	.388	2-2	7	7	3	0	.824
30	Ringler, Nick	.363	36	91	18	33	4	0	0	18	17	7	12	1	0	1	7	4	.496	.406	5-5	149	5	2	8	.987
13	Roberts, Brian	.217	18	23	2	5	1	0	0	3	2	0	3	1	0	4	1	0	.280	.260	0-0	9	3	0	0	1.000
3	Salter, Josh	.222	31	27	14	6	0	0	0	2	3	0	9	1	0	0	0	3	.300	.222	20-22	17	2	1	0	.950
49	Schmidt, Keith	.148	30	61	8	9	2	0	0	2	6	2	16	0	0	1	6	1	.246	.180	3-3	21	3	3	1	.889
16	Shapero, Joey	.125	9	8	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	.125	.125	0-0	2	1	2	0	.600
18	Sherman, Ari	.100	12	10	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	.100	.100	0-0	6	3	0	1	1.000
15	Shienbaum, Sam	.000	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	.333	.000	0-0	1	2	0	1	1.000
6	Thomas, Drew	.200	13	20	4	4	1	1	0	0	3	2	5	0	0	1	0	0	.360	.350	2-2	2	14	6	1	.727
32	Wainer, Michael	.000	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	0-0	0	0	0	0	---
<b>GROVES</b>		<b>.280</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>.392</b>	<b>.385</b>	<b>93-111</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>.928</b>

#	Name	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO	CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	BF	AB	O/BA	O/BP	WP	HBP	BK	#P	WHIP
31	Bachand, Matt	2.62	5-1	12	4	1	0	0	2	45.1	51	20	17	10	33	191	181	.282	.319	3	0	0	675	1.346
10	Bradbury, Connor	42.00	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	0	3	2	4	0	4	0	---	1.000	0	0	0	21	12.000
5	Ford, Chaise	3.42	1-2	4	4	0	0	0	0	14.1	18	8	7	6	10	62	56	.321	.387	0	0	0	224	1.674
17	Joe, Aeric	5.73	0-0	4	3	0	0	0	0	7.1	9	11	6	6	7	41	33	.273	.415	6	2	0	157	2.045
35	Klein, Josh	1.01	2-2	11	4	0	0	0	0	27.2	30	15	4	13	22	136	116	.259	.368	5	7	0	464	1.554
57	Laub, Ryan	2.10	6-0	9	9	2	0	0	0	46.2	47	19	14	16	40	208	189	.249	.317	6	3	0	745	1.350
34	Lipsey, Trey	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	3	3	.000	.000	0	0	0	12	0.000
7	Motley, Roger	2.83	2-3	7	5	0	0	0	0	17.1	20	20	7	13	16	92	79	.253	.359	6	0	1	359	1.904
4	Newitt, Tyler	2.66	3-1	15	1	1	1	0	1	26.1	22	16	10	10	16	109	98	.224	.303	7	1	1	384	1.215
13	Roberts, Brian	4.67	2-0	7	3	0	0	0	0	18.0	20	16	12	11	9	91	73	.274	.418	0	7	0	314	1.722
49	Schmidt, Keith	2.90	1-1	9	1	0	0	0	2	19.1	23	12	8	3	22	88	84	.274	.307	1	1	0	316	1.345
16	Shapero, Joey	5.25	0-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1.1	1	1	1	4	0	9	5	.200	.556	0	0	0	36	3.750
18	Sherman, Ari	1.70	3-0	8	2	0	0	0	2	24.2	25	9	6	11	16	114	100	.250	.342	0	3	0	391	1.459
32	Wainer, Michael	6.00	1-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2.1	6	2	2	2	2	15	13	.462	.533	0	0	0	49	3.429
<b>GROVES</b>		<b>2.64</b>	<b>26-10</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>1163</b>	<b>1030</b>	<b>.264</b>	<b>.348</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4147</b>	<b>1.512</b>



# 2018 JV & FRESHMEN RESULTS

## JUNIOR VARSITY 18-6-3 OVERALL, 9-3-2 HOME, 9-3-1 AWAY

Date	Opponent	W-L	Score	Site
03/28	Berkley	L	4-11	H
04/09	Bishop Foley	W	15-3	A
04/11	Troy	W	3-2	H
04/12	Walled Lake Central	W	4-3	H
04/18	Seaholm	L	3-5	H
04/21	Utica	W	12-5	H
04/21	Utica	W	12-2	H
04/23	Farmington	W	2-1	H
04/23	Farmington	T	5-5	H

Date	Opponent	W-L	Score	Site
04/25	Farmington	W	11-6	A
04/28	Northville	W	9-3	A
04/28	Northville	L	1-2	A
04/30	Country Day	W	11-5	H
05/02	Avondale	W	13-5	A
05/07	West Bloomfield	W	12-0	A
05/07	West Bloomfield	L	7-8	A
05/08	Lamphere	W	7-5	A
05/09	West Bloomfield	L	5-15	H

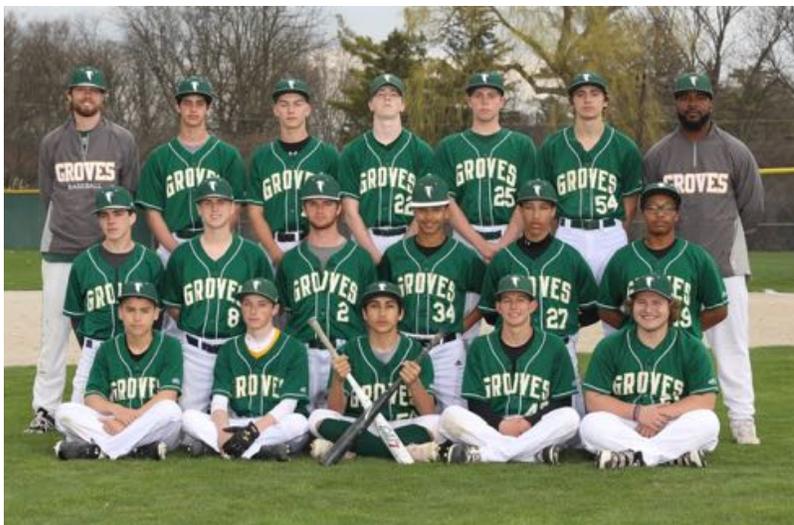
Date	Opponent	W-L	Score	Site
05/10	Berkley	T	7-7	A
05/14	North Farmington	W	11-1	H
05/16	North Farmington	W	11-2	A
05/17	North Farmington	W	5-4	H
05/19	Grosse Pointe South	L	0-1	A
05/19	Grosse Pointe South	W	6-1	A
05/21	Lake Orion	T	5-5	H
05/22	U of D	W	10-7	H
05/23	Seaholm	W	11-9	A

## FRESHMEN 8-13-2 OVERALL, 5-6-1 HOME, 3-7-1 AWAY

Date	Opponent	W-L	Score	Site
03/28	Rochester	L	2-7	H
04/10	Seaholm	L	10-11	H
04/10	Seaholm	W	5-0	H
04/12	Seaholm	W	13-4	A
04/19	Troy	W	13-12	H
04/19	Troy	L	3-5	H
04/21	Bloomfield Hills	L	0-4	A
04/21	Bloomfield Hills	W	5-4	A

Date	Opponent	W-L	Score	Site
04/25	Country Day	W	11-10	H
04/26	Rochester	L	5-6	H
04/26	Rochester	L	1-4	H
04/28	Northville	L	2-7	A
04/28	Northville	L	4-5	A
05/01	Troy Athens	L	7-12	H
05/01	Troy Athens	T	5-5	H
05/08	West Bloomfield	L	4-5	A

Date	Opponent	W-L	Score	Site
05/08	West Bloomfield	L	8-10	A
05/10	West Bloomfield	W	12-11	H
05/17	Berkley	L	2-3	A
05/21	U of D	W	6-5	A
05/22	Royal Oak	L	4-15	A
05/22	Royal Oak	T	6-6	A
05/24	Royal Oak	W	13-12	H



2018 JV Baseball Team



2018 Freshmen Baseball Team

# 2018 SENIOR CAREER STATISTICS

## ROLANDO ARAMBULA'S CAREER VARSITY STATS



### Fielding

	PO	A	E	FP
Totals	2	5	0	1.000

### Pitching

Year	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	O/BA	O/BP	WP	HBP	BK
2017	3.04	1-1	5	4	1	0 / 0	0	23	27	16	10	6	15	98	.276	.330	2	2	0
2018	Did Not Make an Appearance																		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3.04</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0 / 0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>.276</b>	<b>.330</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

### Hitting

Year	AVG	GP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HP	SO	SF	SH	ROE	FC	OBP	SLG	SB
2017	.375	12	8	4	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	.444	.375	1-1
2018	Did Not Make an Appearance																		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>.375</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.444</b>	<b>.375</b>	<b>1-1</b>

## MATT BACHAND'S CAREER VARSITY STATS



### Fielding

	PO	A	E	FP
Totals	27	67	10	.904

### Pitching

Year	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	O/BA	O/BP	WP	HBP	BK
2017	0.00	1-0	6	1	1	1 / 1	0	15	8	0	0	0	14	52	.154	.185	0	2	0
2018	2.62	5-1	12	4	1	0 / 0	2	45.1	51	20	17	10	33	181	.282	.319	3	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1.97</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1 / 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>60.1</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>.253</b>	<b>.290</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

### Hitting

Year	AVG	GP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HP	SO	SF	SH	ROE	FC	OBP	SLG	SB
2017	.227	28	22	7	5	0	0	0	5	3	2	3	2	0	1	3	.345	.227	3-4
2018	.250	26	40	6	10	2	0	0	4	1	3	2	1	1	5	1	.311	.300	5-5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>.242</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>.324</b>	<b>.274</b>	<b>8-9</b>

## CONNOR BRADBURY'S CAREER VARSITY STATS



### Fielding

	PO	A	E	FP
Totals	208	162	31	.923

### Hitting

Year	AVG	GP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HP	SO	SF	SH	ROE	FC	OBP	SLG	SB
2016	.367	39	109	21	40	5	1	0	27	13	6	12	1	1	5	4	.457	.431	14-18
2017	.345	36	87	24	30	5	1	0	16	13	2	11	1	0	3	2	.437	.425	9-9
2018	.327	35	104	18	34	6	1	0	16	4	4	5	0	2	8	10	.375	.403	5-10
<b>Totals</b>	<b>.347</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>.424</b>	<b>.420</b>	<b>28-37</b>

### Pitching

Year	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	O/BA	O/BP	WP	HBP	BK
2016	3.50	0-0	1	0	0	0 / 0	0	2	4	2	1	2	0	10	.400	.500	0	0	0
2018	42.00	0-0	1	0	0	0 / 0	0	0.1	0	3	2	4	0	0	---	1.000	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9.00</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0 / 0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>.400</b>	<b>.625</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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## GEORGE CUTLER'S CAREER VARSITY STATS



### Fielding

	PO	A	E	FP
<b>Totals</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>.991</b>

### Hitting

Year	AVG	GP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HP	SO	SF	SH	ROE	FC	OBP	SLG	SB
2016	.237	32	59	8	14	3	0	0	4	16	5	18	1	1	2	1	.432	.288	1-1
2017	.320	38	103	16	33	7	3	7	40	14	4	22	1	0	6	1	.418	.650	0-0
2018	.311	35	106	12	33	10	2	5	31	14	6	16	3	0	6	3	.411	.584	5-5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>.299</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>.419</b>	<b>.544</b>	<b>6-6</b>

## CHASE FORD'S CAREER VARSITY STATS



### Fielding

	PO	A	E	FP
<b>Totals</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>.866</b>

### Hitting

Year	AVG	GP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HP	SO	SF	SH	ROE	FC	OBP	SLG	SB
2016	.280	41	93	37	26	5	0	0	17	25	12	15	0	8	5	3	.485	.333	11-12
2017	.391	37	87	32	34	10	2	3	27	18	12	8	1	4	3	1	.542	.655	19-21
2018	.375	32	80	22	30	5	0	4	20	17	9	10	0	3	2	2	.528	.587	4-6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>.346</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>.517</b>	<b>.519</b>	<b>34-39</b>

### Pitching

Year	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	O/BA	O/BP	WP	HBP	BK
2016	1.15	4-1	10	2	2	0/0	2	30.1	16	7	5	16	32	126	.145	.254	0	0	0
2017	1.52	5-2	10	7	3	1/2	0	41.1	25	16	9	22	31	175	.166	.280	1	2	2
2018	3.42	1-2	4	4	0	0/0	0	14.1	18	8	7	6	10	62	.321	.387	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1.71</b>	<b>10-5</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1/2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>.186</b>	<b>.289</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

## DYLAN FROLING'S CAREER VARSITY STATS



### Fielding

	PO	A	E	FP
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>---</b>

### Hitting

Year	AVG	GP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HP	SO	SF	SH	ROE	FC	OBP	SLG	SB
2018	.000	6	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	0-0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>0-0</b>						

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## JOSH KLEIN'S CAREER VARSITY STATS



### Fielding

	PO	A	E	FP
Totals	0	9	1	.900

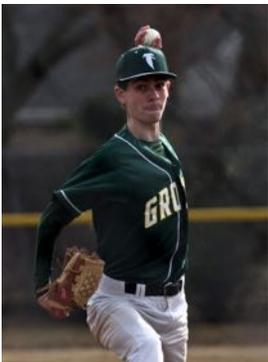
### Pitching

Year	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	O/BA	O/BP	WP	HBP	BK
2017	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0 / 1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	.000	.000	0	0	0
2018	1.01	2-2	11	4	0	0 / 0	0	27.2	30	15	4	13	22	116	.259	.368	5	7	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0.98</b>	<b>2-2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0 / 1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28.2</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>.252</b>	<b>.360</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>

### Hitting

Year	AVG	GP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HP	SO	SF	SH	ROE	FC	OBP	SLG	SB
2017	---	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.000	---	0-0
2018	.000	16	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	.250	.000	0-0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.333</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>0-0</b>

## RYAN LAUB'S CAREER VARSITY STATS



### Fielding

	PO	A	E	FP
Totals	17	11	6	.824

### Pitching

Year	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	O/BA	O/BP	WP	HBP	BK
2016	3.04	4-2	9	5	0	0 / 0	0	27.2	30	18	12	23	11	110	.273	.403	0	1	0
2017	1.24	7-0	10	5	1	0 / 1	0	34	21	8	6	11	39	122	.172	.246	2	1	1
2018	2.10	6-0	9	9	2	0 / 0	0	46.2	47	19	14	16	40	189	.249	.317	6	3	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2.07</b>	<b>17-2</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0 / 1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>108.1</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>.233</b>	<b>.321</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>

### Hitting

Year	AVG	GP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HP	SO	SF	SH	ROE	FC	OBP	SLG	SB
2016	.000	12	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	.250	.000	0-0
2017	.000	15	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	.375	.000	0-0
2018	.143	14	7	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	.250	.143	1-1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>.067</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.300</b>	<b>.067</b>	<b>1-1</b>

## TYLER NEWITT'S CAREER VARSITY STATS



### Fielding

	PO	A	E	FP
Totals	12	12	3	.889

### Pitching

Year	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	O/BA	O/BP	WP	HBP	BK
2017	1.91	1-0	6	2	0	0 / 1	2	11	9	6	3	2	7	44	.205	.300	1	4	0
2018	2.66	3-1	15	1	1	1 / 0	1	26.1	22	16	10	10	16	98	.224	.303	7	1	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2.44</b>	<b>4-1</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1 / 1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>37.1</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>.218</b>	<b>.302</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>

### Hitting

Year	AVG	GP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HP	SO	SF	SH	ROE	FC	OBP	SLG	SB
2017	.286	19	7	7	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	.444	.285	6-6
2018	.333	25	18	5	6	1	0	0	4	1	0	4	0	0	1	0	.368	.388	2-2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>.320</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.393</b>	<b>.360</b>	<b>8-8</b>

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## NICK RINGLER'S CAREER VARSITY STATS



### Fielding

	PO	A	E	FP
Totals	179	7	3	.984

### Hitting

Year	AVG	GP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HP	SO	SF	SH	ROE	FC	OBP	SLG	SB
2017	.209	24	43	11	9	2	1	0	9	10	4	4	0	0	0	1	.404	.302	3-3
2018	.363	36	91	18	33	4	0	0	18	17	7	12	0	1	7	4	.496	.406	5-5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>.313</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>.465</b>	<b>.373</b>	<b>8-8</b>

## BRIAN ROBERTS' CAREER VARSITY STATS



### Fielding

	PO	A	E	FP
Totals	10	3	0	1.000

### Pitching

Year	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	O/BA	O/BP	WP	HBP	BK
2017	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0 / 1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	3	.000	.400	0	1	0
2018	4.67	2-0	7	3	0	0 / 0	0	18	20	16	12	11	9	73	.274	.418	0	7	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4.42</b>	<b>2-0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0 / 1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>.263</b>	<b>.417</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>

### Hitting

Year	AVG	GP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HP	SO	SF	SH	ROE	FC	OBP	SLG	SB
2018	.217	18	23	2	5	1	0	0	3	2	0	3	0	4	1	0	.280	.260	0-0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>.217</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.280</b>	<b>.260</b>	<b>0-0</b>

## KEITH SCHMIDT'S CAREER VARSITY STATS



### Fielding

	PO	A	E	FP
Totals	21	3	3	.889

### Pitching

Year	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	O/BA	O/BP	WP	HBP	BK
2018	2.90	1-1	9	1	0	0 / 0	2	19.1	23	12	8	3	22	84	.274	.307	1	1	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2.90</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0 / 0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>19.1</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>.274</b>	<b>.307</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

### Hitting

Year	AVG	GP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HP	SO	SF	SH	ROE	FC	OBP	SLG	SB
2017	---	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	---	---	0-0
2018	.148	30	61	8	9	2	0	0	2	6	2	16	0	1	6	1	.246	.180	3-3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>.148</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.246</b>	<b>.180</b>	<b>3-3</b>

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## DREW THOMAS' CAREER VARSITY STATS

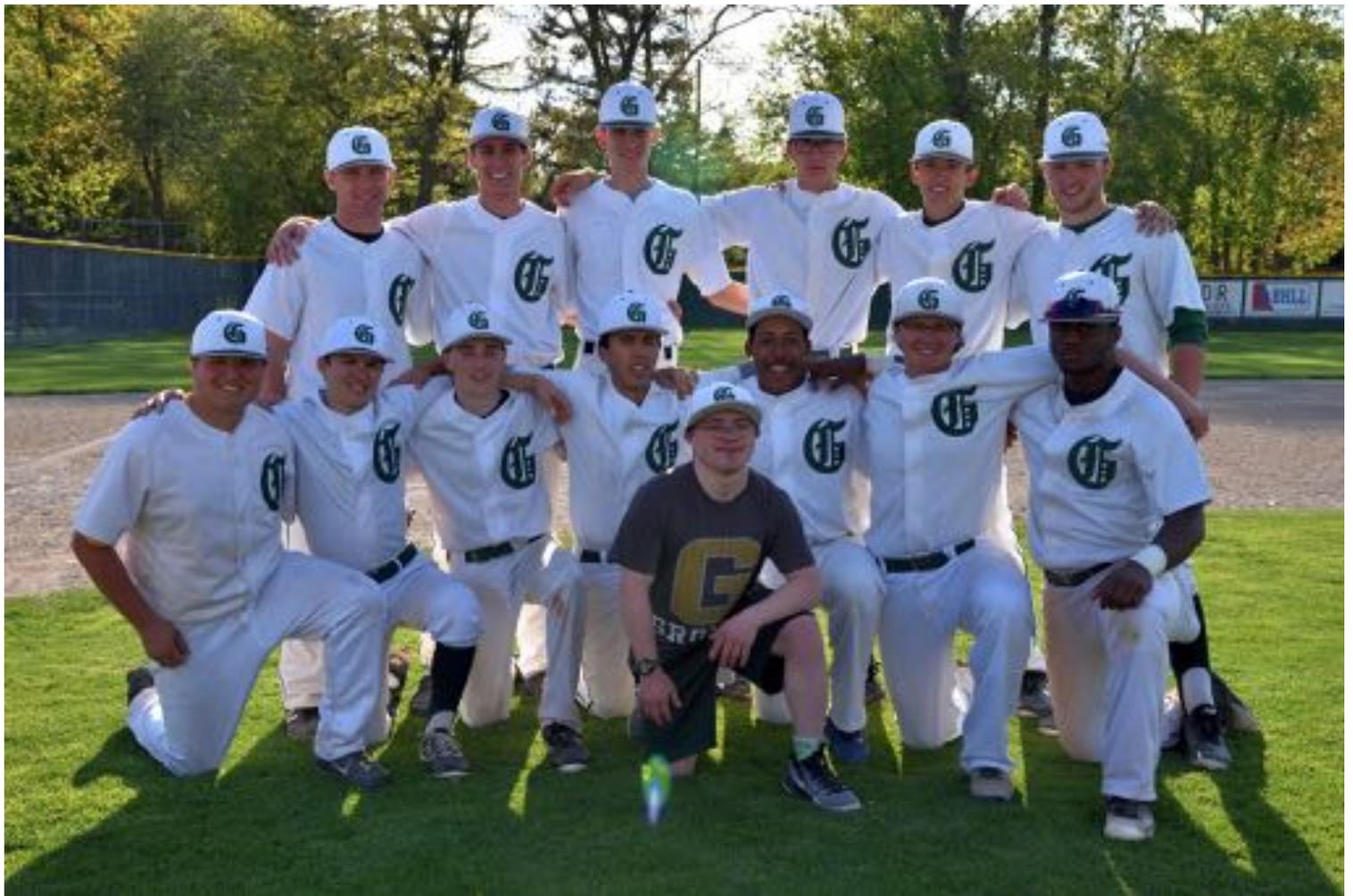


### Hitting

Year	AVG	GP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HP	SO	SF	SH	ROE	FC	OBP	SLG	SB
2018	.200	13	20	4	4	1	1	0	0	3	2	5	0	1	0	0	.360	.350	2-2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>.200</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.360</b>	<b>.350</b>	<b>2-2</b>

### Fielding

	PO	A	E	FP
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>.727</b>



# OAA BASEBALL

## 2018 OAA STANDINGS

OAA WHITE					OAA RED				
Rk	Team	W	L	Win%	Rk	Team	W	L	Win%
1	Farmington	9	3	.750	1	Lake Orion	13	2	.867
2	Groves	8	4	.667	1	Rochester Stoney Creek	13	2	.867
3	West Bloomfield	7	5	.583	3	Rochester	8	7	.533
4	North Farmington	3	9	.250	4	Clarkston	6	9	.400
4	Seaholm	3	9	.250	5	Oxford	3	12	.200
					6	Rochester Adams	2	13	.133

OAA BLUE					OAA GOLD				
Rk	Team	W	L	Win%	Rk	Team	W	L	Win%
1	Troy	9	3	.750	1	Southfield A&T	11	1	.917
2	Avondale	8	4	.667	2	Royal Oak	10	2	.833
3	Berkley	5	7	.417	3	Ferndale	6	6	.500
4	Bloomfield Hills	4	8	.333	4	Hazel Park	3	9	.250
4	Troy Athens	4	8	.333	5	Oak Park	0	12	.000

### HISTORY

Since 1994, the Oakland Activities Association has been one of the premier interscholastic athletic leagues within the Michigan High School Athletics Association (MHSAA). The OAA currently consists of 23 public high schools in Oakland County across 26 sports. Twenty two schools in the OAA currently participate in baseball. Twenty one teams will play baseball in the 2019 season as Farmington Harrison and North Farmington are fielding a unified team once again. OAA membership has changed through the years as schools have combined, formed, joined, or left.

In 1994, 22 schools formed the OAA mostly from the Metro Suburban Activities Association, Suburban Athletic Conference, and the Greater Oakland Activities League plus one school from the Suburban Athletic Conference and one from the Saginaw Valley League.

In the 1990s, four more schools joined from the Macomb-Oakland Athletic Conference. The early 2000s saw three Farmington schools and Rochester Stoney Creek join while Ortonville Brandon, an original member, left for the Flint Metro League. The 2000s saw two Bloomfield schools combine (2013), two Pontiac schools combine (2009), two Royal Oak schools combine (2006), two Southfield schools combine (2016), and both Waterford Kettering and Mott leave for the KLAA. Oxford was the latest addition to the OAA in 2010.

Clarkston leads the OAA in student enrollment with nearly 2,600 students while Ferndale, Hazel Park, and Pontiac are the only Class B schools.

### TRADITION

The OAA has produced two State Champions in baseball. In 2007, two OAA teams competed in the Division 1 State Championship Game when Lake Orion defeated Farmington 4-3. Rochester won the Class A State Championship in 1997. Troy was Division 1 Runner-Up in 1999 losing 6-5 in the Championship Game. Rochester Adams was Class A Runner-Up in both 1995 and 1996.

The Oakland Activities Association has won multiple State Championships across several sports.

### GROVES BASEBALL

Groves is one of twelve schools that have maintained membership in the OAA in the same form today as when the league was founded. Groves first participated in the OAA III division in baseball for the 1995 season as they left the Metro Suburban Activities Association after the 1994 season. In baseball, from 1995 to 2008, divisions in the OAA were numbered from I through IV. OAA I was considered the strongest and IV the weakest. Groves belonged in the OAA III for the 1995 and 1996 seasons and then was promoted to OAA II and remained there from 1997 to 2008. League realignment happened every two years. Therefore, although Groves was consistently in the OAA II division, opponents competing against Groves for League Championships changed every couple seasons. For the 2009 season, the OAA was geographically realigned in baseball. For three seasons, Groves participated in the OAA Blue/West division. From 2009 to 2011, the OAA had three divisions in baseball. Groves found itself in a ten team division for the 2009 season because of this. Beginning in 2012, the OAA transitioned into four divisions but remained geographic for baseball. At this point, Groves became a member of the OAA White where the teams have been the same through the present day. The unifying of Harrison with North Farmington in baseball is the first realignment that has affected Groves since the league adjusted to four divisions prior to the 2012 season. Groves has won eleven OAA League Titles.

## 2018 ALL-LEAGUE PLAYERS

Player	Team	Year
Austin, David	Berkley	12
Bachand, Matt	Groves	12
Bacon, Seth	Clarkston	11
Banas, Robert	Troy	12
Barber, Ryan	Clarkston	12
Blake, Garrin	Southfield A&T	12
Budde, Jack	West Bloomfield	12
Bylski, Matt	Hazel Park	12
Carson, Andrew	Rochester Stoney Creek	12
Corbeil, Alex	Troy	11
Cutler, George	Groves	12
Darby, John	Southfield A&T	12
Dargel, Ben	Rochester Stoney Creek	12
DiPanni, Bob	Rochester Stoney Creek	12
Domzalski, Kyle	Berkley	11
Down, Brendan	Avondale	11
Duncombe, Bryce	Royal Oak	10
Fahoom, William	Avondale	12
Fife, Dugan	Bloomfield Hills	12
Finn, Dylan	Farmington	11
Flowers, Steve	Farmington	11
Ford, Chaise	Groves	12
Furnari, Nico	Ferndale	12
Gubari, Conner	Avondale	12
Henderson, Duane	Southfield A&T	12
Hunsanger, Trevor	Rochester Stoney Creek	12
Isaacson, Jake	Royal Oak	12
Isaacson, Matt	Royal Oak	10
Jewell, Ethan	Avondale	11
Joslin, Clark	Troy Athens	12
Landry, Drake	Ferndale	11
Lyons, Tony	Southfield A&T	12
Maddalena, Blake	North Farmington	12
Mahanti, Deven	Farmington	12
Malinowski, Owen	Rochester	11
Manasa, Damon	Farmington	12
Marshall, Sean	Royal Oak	12
McAvoy, Stephen	Troy	12
McConnell, Sean	Troy Athens	11
McCormack, Alex	Bloomfield Hills	12
Mencotti, Victor	North Farmington	12
Nepjuk, Andrew	Lake Orion	12
Newby, Trenton	West Bloomfield	12
Nuss, Ben	Oxford	12
Orsell, Andre	Lake Orion	12
Propson, Doug	Rochester Stoney Creek	12
Rifenberg, Ryan	Rochester Adams	11
Ringler, Nick	Groves	12
Sawtell, Zack	Hazel Park	12
Schroeder, Dan	Troy	10
Schumaker, Max	Seaholm	11
Scibor, Jim	Lake Orion	12
Seidel, Nick	West Bloomfield	12
Sexton, Aaron	Troy	12
Smith, Khalil	Southfield A&T	12
Stepke, Nick	Rochester	11
Stironek, Casey	Lake Orion	12
Stout, Noah	Rochester	10
Strickland, Brandon	Farmington	10
Van Heck, Drew	Lake Orion	10
Whinham, Tae	Berkley	12
Wilson, Craig	Ferndale	12
Ziegler, Zach	Seaholm	12

## OAA LEAGUE TITLES

1995 • 1996 • 1998 • 1999 • 2001 • 2003

2005 • 2006 • 2011 • 2012 • 2017



# DISTRICT AND REGION

## District No. 25 - Hosted by Birmingham Brother Rice



Berkley



Brother Rice



Royal Oak



Seaholm

The Pre-District game will take place on Tuesday, May 28th. District play will finish on Saturday, June 2nd.

## District No. 26– Hosted by Troy Athens



Avondale



Bloomfield Hills



Troy



Troy Athens



Utica

## District No. 27– Hosted by Rochester



Rochester



Rochester Adams



Rochester Stoney Creek



Romeo



Utica Eisenhower

## District No. 28– Hosted by Oxford



Clarkston



Lake Orion



Oxford



Waterford Kettering



Waterford Mott

The winner of District 25 will play the winner of District 28 in the first round of Regional play on Wednesday, June 5th. The winner of District 25/28 will play the winner of District 26/27 on Saturday, June 8th for the regional championship.

# DIVISION 1 STATE CHAMPIONS

Year	Team	Year	Team	Year	Team
2018	Grosse Pointe South	2002	Portage Central	1986	Ypsilanti
2017	Saline	2001	Grosse Pointe South	1985	Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher
2016	Warren De La Salle	2000	Warren De La Salle	1984	Walled Lake Western
2015	Hartland	1999	Detroit Catholic Central	1983	West Bloomfield
2014	Bay City Western	1998	Midland	1982	Midland
2013	Bay City Western	1997	Rochester	1981	Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher
2012	Hudsonville	1996	Mt. Pleasant	1980	Grosse Pointe North
2011	Rockford	1995	Grand Ledge	1979	Detroit Catholic Central
2010	Ann Arbor Pioneer	1994	Brother Rice	1978	Flint Southwestern
2009	Warren De La Salle	1993	Warren De La Salle	1977	Grand Ledge
2008	Brother Rice	1992	Brother Rice	1976	Clarkston
2007	Lake Orion	1991	Plymouth Salem	1975	Plymouth Salem
2006	Grosse Pointe North	1990	Sterling Heights Ford	1974	Livonia Churchill
2005	Sterling Heights Stevenson	1989	Harper Woods Notre Dame	1973	Midland
2004	Ann Arbor Pioneer	1988	Seaholm	1972	Royal Oak Kimball
2003	Holland West Ottawa	1987	Detroit Catholic Central	1971	Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher

Note: In 1998, the State Championship was divided into "Division 1" through "Division 4." In 1997 and earlier, the equivalent of Division 1 Championships were known as "Class A" Championships.

Note: Detroit Catholic Central has won all of its baseball championships while located at the Redford campus and therefore may be listed in some archives as "Redford Catholic Central." It is the same school that originated in Detroit and currently resides in Novi.

In 2019, Groves has four teams on the schedule that had once won a State Championship. Rochester won in 1997. Seaholm won in 1988. Walled Lake Western won in 1984. West Bloomfield won in 1983. Brother Rice, a possible District 25 opponent, also has won three Division 1 State Championships.



# RECORD AGAINST ALL COMPETITION

These results are accurate to the best of my knowledge based on multiple sources and cross-referencing. With that being said, there are some years with incomplete data sets as of now. For example, in the original printing of the 2018 Media Guide, I knew the 1975 record was 12-10 based on multiple sources yet only had 8 wins and 8 losses listed within this section based on all of my research. Within the last year, I was able to find five additional results and, therefore, was able to update the 2019 Media Guide more accurately in addition to 2018 results.

Any missing or incorrect information is accidental. If you are an alumni with any old banquet handouts, personal journals from your playing days, scrap books with scores or newspaper articles included, or anything else that can help me fill in the blanks, please reach out and contact Coach Morrison. I will be working on additional research in the off-season so next year's media guide may have some changes to this section in addition to 2019 results.

OPPONENT	GAMES PLAYED	FIRST GAME	LAST GAME	W	L	T	WIN %
<b>Allen Park</b>	2	2005	2015	0	2		.000
Anderson (OH)	1	2007	2007	0	1		.000
Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard	1	1999	1999	0	0	1	---
Ann Arbor Greenhills	1	1996	1996	1	0		1.000
Ann Arbor Huron	1	1993	1993	1	0		1.000
Ann Arbor Pioneer	3	1995	1999	1	2		.333
Ann Arbor Skyline	1	2015	2015	1	0		1.000
<b>Avondale</b>	5	1972	2018	3	2		.600
Bay City John Glenn	17	2002	2017	8	9		.471
Belleville	4	1992	1998	1	3		.250
<b>Berkley</b>	71	1966	2018	47	24		.662
Bishop Foley	3	2013	2018	1	2		.333
Bloomfield Andover	40	1961	2013	24	16		.600
Bloomfield Hills	4	2014	2018	1	3		.250
Bloomfield Lahser	70	1968	2012	42	27	1	.609
Bridgeport	2	2003	2004	2	0		1.000
Brother Rice	23	1964	2018	4	19		.174
Caro	1	2002	2002	1	0		1.000
Cass Tech	28	1989	2012	27	1		.964
Chelsea	7	1988	1998	4	2	1	.667
Cherry Hill	8	1960	1963	1	7		.125
Cincinnati Christian (OH)	1	2005	2005	0	1		.000
Clarkston	20	1976	2017	10	10		.500
Clawson	21	1968	2008	14	7		.667
Clinton	1	2005	2005	1	0		1.000
<b>Country Day</b>	11	1968	2012	6	5		.545
Cranbrook	31	1962	2017	16	15		.516
Detroit Consortium	1	2014	2014	1	0		1.000
Detroit Henry Ford	5	1999	2003	5	0		1.000
Detroit Martin Luther King	12	2002	2016	12	0		1.000
Detroit Renaissance	2	2007	2016	2	0		1.000
Detroit Southeastern	1	2008	2008	1	0		1.000
Detroit Southwestern	4	1989	2004	4	0		1.000
Dexter	1	1999	1999	1	0		1.000
<b>Farmington</b>	49	1976	2018	26	23		.531
Farmington Harrison	54	1971	2017	41	13		.759

OPPONENT	GAMES PLAYED	FIRST GAME	LAST GAME	W	L	T	WIN %
Farmington Our Lady of Sorrows	1	1967	1967	0	1		.000
Ferndale	19	1973	1996	10	9		.526
Flint Carman-Ainsworth	1	2017	2017	1	0		1.000
Gaylord	4	2005	2016	2	2		.500
Grand Blanc	1	2014	2014	0	1		.000
Grosse Pointe North	2	2015	2015	0	2		.000
Grosse Pointe South	2	2000	2001	0	2		.000
Harper Woods Notre Dame	1	1989	1989	0	1		.000
Haston	4	1962	1963	1	3		.250
Hazel Park	16	1961	2001	12	4		.750
Holly	2	1987	2012	1	1		.500
Imlay City	3	2012	2014	3	0		1.000
Jackson Lumen Christi	2	1989	2003	2	0		1.000
Jackson Northwest	1	1989	1989	0	1		.000
Lakeland	4	2010	2017	3	1		.750
Lake Orion	10	1972	2008	5	5		.500
<b>Lamphere</b>	2	1961	2018	1	1		.500
Livonia Churchill	1	2016	2016	1	0		1.000
Livonia Franklin	23	1964	2016	7	16		.304
Livonia Stevenson	4	1980	2017	1	3		.250
Macomb Dakota	2	2000	2001	2	0		1.000
Manchester	1	1997	1997	1	0		1.000
Mason (OH)	2	2005	2007	1	1		.500
Milan	3	1996	2009	1	2		.333
Milford	4	1969	1990	2	2		.500
<b>North Farmington</b>	73	1962	2018	41	32		.562
Northville	2	2018	2018	0	2		.000
Novi	1	2011	2011	1	0		1.000
Novi Franklin Road Christian	1	2014	2014	1	0		1.000
Oak Park	29	1964	1986	15	14		.517
Orchard Lake St. Mary's	1	2017	2017	1	0		1.000
Ortonville Brandon	15	2001	2016	12	2	1	.857
Oxford	1	2006	2006	0	1		.000
Plymouth Canton	3	2009	2011	2	1		.667
Pontiac Central	1	1969	1969	1	0		1.000
Pontiac Northern	6	1990	1996	6	0		1.000



# RECORD AGAINST ALL COMPETITION

OPPONENT	GAMES PLAYED	FIRST GAME	LAST GAME	W	L	T	WIN %
Portage Central	2	2017	2017	2	0		1.000
Quincy	1	2003	2003	0	1		.000
Redford Thurston	18	1964	1972	5	13		.278
Redford Union	3	1998	2000	2	1		.667
Riverside	8	1960	1963	2	6		.250
<b>Rochester</b>	49	1983	2014	15	34		.306
Rochester Adams	54	1973	2016	25	29		.463
<b>Rochester Stoney Creek</b>	5	2008	2018	4	1		.800
<b>Royal Oak</b>	18	2007	2018	12	6		.667
Royal Oak Dondero	55	1961	2000	28	27		.509
Royal Oak Kimball	28	1961	2002	5	22	1	.185
Royal Oak Shrine	7	1973	2018	5	2		.714
Saline	5	1992	1998	5	0		1.000
<b>Seaholm</b>	123	1960	2018	64	58	1	.525
Southfield	32	1960	2014	23	9		.719
Southfield Arts & Technology	2	2017	2017	1	1		.500
Southfield Lathrup	80	1969	2016	52	27	1	.658
Southgate	4	1962	1963	2	2		.500
South Lyon	1	2009	2009	1	0		1.000
St. Martin de Porres	6	2000	2004	4	2		.667
<b>St. Thomas of Villanova</b>	3	2016	2018	2	1		.667
Sterling Heights	3	1976	2001	2	1		.667
Swartz Creek	1	2009	2009	0	1		.000

OPPONENT	GAMES PLAYED	FIRST GAME	LAST GAME	W	L	T	WIN %
Tecumseh	1	1991	1991	0	1		.000
<b>Troy</b>	15	1985	2018	9	6		.600
<b>Troy Athens</b>	61	1977	2017	34	27		.557
U of D	1	2000	2000	1	0		1.000
<b>Utica</b>	5	2016	2018	5	0		1.000
Utica Eisenhower	11	1973	1976	7	4		.636
<b>Utica Ford</b>	1	1977	1977	0	1		.000
<b>Walled Lake Central</b>	2	2018	2018	2	0		1.000
<b>Walled Lake Northern</b>	11	2009	2018	6	5		.545
<b>Walled Lake Western</b>	3	1970	2005	0	3		.000
Warren De La Salle	1	2018	2018	0	1		.000
Waterford Kettering	24	1976	2013	19	5		.792
<b>Waterford Mott</b>	35	1972	2018	28	7		.800
Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes	4	1982	2016	4	0		1.000
Waterford Township	1	1975	1975	0	1		.000
<b>West Bloomfield</b>	69	1973	2018	40	29		.580
Westland John Glenn	16	1965	1972	8	8		.500
Willow Run	4	1992	1998	1	3		.250
Wyandotte Roosevelt	2	2013	2013	1	1		.500
Yale	1	2017	2017	1	0		1.000
Ypsilanti	1	1996	1996	0	1		.000
Ypsilanti Lincoln	2	1993	1998	2	0		1.000

Note: **Bold** denotes 2019 varsity opponent



# BIRMINGHAM GROVES FALCONS

# BREAKING DOWN THE CALENDAR

Below you can see our 2019 varsity schedule through a historical context **with emphasis placed on the date played not the opponent played**: overall record on days we play in 2019, our record when the specific day and date lineup together, our record in league and non-league games as applicable to who is on the schedule in 2019 on that particular date, our current win/loss streak on that date, and our record against the team on that date that is on the 2019 calendar.

For example, on May 10th, our overall record that day is 27-10. This year, May 10th lands on a Friday. Therefore, the calendar notes our all-time record in games on May 10th played on a Friday which is 4-1. Because we play away that day, we list the all-time away record which is 11-3 in away games on May 10th. As Berkley is a non-league opponent, the non-league record is noted which is 12-6 in non-league games on May 10th. We currently have a three game win streak on May 10th (regardless of the opponent played) and we have played Berkley twice in the past in games that fell on May 10th and are 2-0 vs. the Bears in those contests.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
03/25 <u>Berkley</u> Overall = 0-0 Tuesday, March 26th = 0-0 Home = 0-0 Non-League = 0-0 Streak = N/A vs. Berkley on 03/26 = 0-0	03/26	03/27 <u>Detroit Western</u> Overall = 1-1 Thursday, March 28th = 0-0 Home = 0-1 Non-League = 1-1 Streak = Won 1 vs. Det. Western on 03/28 = 0-0	03/28	03/29	03/30
04/08 <u>Royal Oak</u> Overall = 3-5-1 Tuesday, April 9th = 0-1 Home = 2-1 Non-League = 2-3-1 Streak = Won 1 vs. Royal Oak on 04/09 = 0-0	04/09	04/10 <u>Troy</u> Overall = 3-7 Wednesday, April 10th = 1-0 Home = 1-1 Non-League = 2-5 Streak = Lost 4 vs. Troy on 04/10 = 0-0	04/11	04/12 <u>Lamphere</u> Overall = 15-9 Friday, April 12th = 1-0 Away = 3-2 Non-League = 14-8 Streak = Won 9 vs. Lamphere on 04/12 = 0-0	04/13 <u>Utica</u> Overall = 7-7 Saturday, April 13th = 2-2 Home = 4-3 Non-League = 4-5 Streak = Won 1 vs. Utica on 04/13 = 0-0
04/15 <u>North Farmington</u> Overall = 8-10 Monday, April 15th = 1-1 Home = 3-4 League = 3-2 Streak = Lost 1 vs. N. Farm. on 04/15 = 0-0	04/16 <u>Country Day</u> Overall = 13-7 Tuesday, April 16th = 3-1 Home = 9-4 Non-League = 6-5 Streak = Won 3 vs. Country Day on 04/16 = 0-0	04/17 <u>North Farmington</u> Overall = 9-6 Wednesday, April 17th = 1-1 Away = 1-1 League = 2-3 Streak = Won 1 vs. N. Farm. on 04/17 = 0-0	04/18	04/19	04/20 <u>Rochester Stoney Creek</u> Overall = 13-3 Saturday, April 20th = 5-0 Away = 6-1 Non-League = 10-1 Streak = Won 2 vs. Roch. S.C. on 04/20 = 0-0
04/22 <u>Seaholm</u> Overall = 13-9 Monday, April 22nd = 2-3 Away = 2-3 League = 5-5 Streak = Lost 3 vs. Seaholm on 04/22 = 1-0	04/23	04/24 <u>Seaholm</u> Overall = 16-16 Wednesday, April 24th = 3-3 Home = 6-7 League = 4-9 Streak = Won 1 vs. Seaholm on 04/24 = 3-0	04/25	04/26 <u>St. Thomas of Villanova</u> Overall = 20-14 Friday, April 26th = 5-2 Away = 6-4 Non-League = 8-8 Streak = Won 2 vs. STV on 04/26 = 0-0	04/27
04/29 <u>Farmington</u> Overall = 17-17 Monday, April 29th = 3-1 Home = 10-4 League = 9-9 Streak = Won 1 vs. Farmington on 04/29 = 1-1	04/30 <u>Troy Athens</u> Overall = 18-10-1 Tuesday, April 30th = 1-1 Away = 8-3-1 Non-League = 8-4-1 Streak = Won 3 vs. Troy Athens on 04/30 = 3-3	05/01 <u>Farmington</u> Overall = 21-18-1 Wednesday, May 1st = 5-5 Away = 6-6 League = 13-7 Streak = Lost 1 vs. Farmington on 05/01 = 0-0	05/02	05/03	05/04 <u>East Lansing &amp; Jenison</u> Overall = 23-10 Saturday, May 4th = 6-4 Away = 5-6 Neutral = 2-0 Non-League = 10-7 Streak = Won 3 vs. either team on 05/04 = 0-0
05/06 <u>Waterford Mott</u> Overall = 21-16-1 Monday, May 6th = 4-3 Home = 7-4 Non-League = 14-4-1 Streak = Won 3 vs. Wat. Mott on 05/06 = 0-0	05/07 <u>Troy Athens</u> Overall = 17-19 Tuesday, May 7th = 2-1 Home = 6-11 Non-League = 10-2 Streak = Won 1 vs. Troy Athens on 05/07 = 2-0	05/08 <u>Avondale</u> Overall = 16-15 Wednesday, May 8th = 2-4 Home = 6-5 Non-League = 9-7 Streak = Won 3 vs. Avondale on 05/08 = 0-1	05/09	05/10 <u>Berkley</u> Overall = 27-10 Friday, May 10th = 4-1 Away = 11-3 Non-League = 12-6 Streak = Won 3 vs. Berkley on 05/10 = 2-0	05/11
05/13 <u>West Bloomfield</u> Overall = 20-10 Monday, May 13th = 3-4 Away = 5-5 League = 11-7 Streak = Won 5 vs. W. Bloomfield on 05/13 = 1-1	05/14 <u>Walled Lake Western</u> Overall = 18-17 Tuesday, May 14th = 0-0 Home = 8-6 Non-League = 6-7 Streak = Lost 1 vs. WL Western on 05/14 = 0-0	05/15 <u>West Bloomfield</u> Overall = 18-13 Wednesday, May 15th = 5-4 Home = 5-4 League = 13-7 Streak = Won 2 vs. W. Bloomfield on 05/15 = 0-0	05/16 <u>Walled Lake Central</u> Overall = 21-9 Thursday, May 16th = 2-1 Home = 13-4 Non-League = 5-3 Streak = Won 4 vs. WL Central on 05/16 = 0-0	05/17	05/18
05/20 <u>Walled Lake Central</u> Overall = 14-18 Monday, May 20th = 2-4 Away = 4-5 Non-League = 7-8 Streak = Won 1 vs. WL Central on 05/20 = 0-0	05/21	05/22 <u>Troy</u> Overall = 14-10-1 Wednesday, May 22nd = 3-1 Away = 1-1 Non-League = 6-7 Streak = Won 1 vs. Troy on 05/22 = 0-0	05/23	05/24 <u>Utica Ford</u> Overall = 16-10 Friday, May 24th = 0-1 Home = 6-0 Non-League = 12-6 Streak = Won 1 vs. Utica Ford on 05/24 = 0-0	05/25 <u>WL Northern &amp; Allen Park</u> Overall = 11-6 Saturday, May 25th = 4-0 Home = 2-1 Non-League = 7-3 Streak = Won 5 vs. either team on 05/25 = 0-0
05/27	05/28 <u>Brighton</u> Overall = 7-9 Tuesday, May 28th = 1-1 Home = 2-2 Non-League = 4-8 Streak = Lost 3 vs. Brighton on 05/28 = 0-0	05/29	05/30	05/31 <u>Districts</u> Overall = 10-8 Friday, May 31st = 0-1 Away = 2-4 Neutral = 3-2 District Play = 3-3 Streak = Won 1 vs. District 25 opponents = 2-3	06/01 <u>Districts</u> Overall = 2-3 Saturday, June 1st = 0-2 Away = 2-0 Neutral = 0-2 District Play = 0-3 Streak = Won 1 vs. District 25 opponents = 0-3

## HISTORICAL RECORDS

Highest Winning Percentage (at least 5 games played)		Lowest Winning Percentage (at least 5 games played)		Most Games Played		Most Wins		Most Losses	
May 19	0.852 (27 games)	April 2	0.200 (5 games)	May 1	40	May 10	27	May 7	19
April 3	0.833 (6 games)	April 8	0.273 (11 games)	May 6	38	May 4	23	May 1 & 20	18
April 6	0.833 (6 games)	April 10	0.300 (10 games)	May 10	37	May 5	23	4/29 & 5/14	17
April 20	0.813 (16 games)	April 4	0.375 (8 games)	May 7	36	May 19	23	4/24, 5/2, & 5/6	16
April 7	0.750 (8 games)	April 9	0.375 (9 games)	May 14	35	May 1, 6, & 16	21	May 3, 8, & 23	15

Note: Ties are included in game totals but do not affect winning percentages.



**1969**



Mark Shada

**1979**



Tom Fletcher

**1989**



Jason Blades

# “ON THE NINES”

*A LOOK BACK ACROSS HALF A CENTURY*

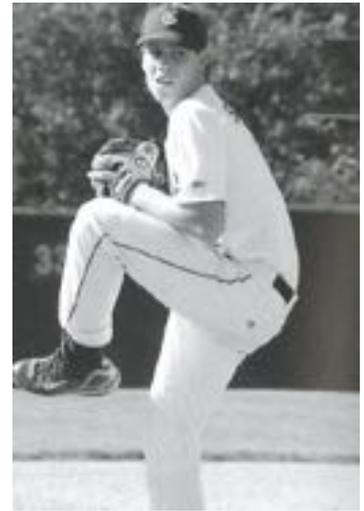
Jon Ager



**1999**

**FIVE  
SEASONS IN  
REVIEW**

Jake Schmidt



**2009**

# 1969 SEASON REVIEW

A half century ago, Coach Gottschalk led Groves to the first double-digit win total in school history. With an 11-8 record, Groves finished with the highest win percentage in school history to date. This was Gottschalk's sixth year as head coach for Groves. The Falcons ended up finishing 7-3 in the Northwest Suburban League in 1969. This was good for second place and was the best league finish for Groves until their first league championship in 1972.

The Falcons were coming off of their first winning record in school history after finishing 8-7 in 1968. However, Groves lost much of their talent from the previous year as only eight of the nineteen players on the 1969 squad had any varsity experience at the outset of the new season. Coach Gottschalk would look to Scott Roller at third base and Clint Meyer at second as returning lettermen to lead the 1969 team.

In 1968, Groves split with every team besides North Farmington which led to a 6-4 NWSL record which was good for a third place finish behind runner-up Redford Thurston. Livonia Franklin was the returning champion.

Don Ward's complete game, one-hit shutout of Southfield Lathrup started the 1969 season with a bang for the Falcons. Groves has began the season limiting the opposition to zero runs eight times in their history. This 4-0 victory was the first one of eight all-time opening-game shutouts. Kevin Burke drove in teammates Jack Lamb and Clint Meyer in the third inning to notch the first two runs of the game. Burke and Jeff Holmes finished with a couple hits apiece on the day. Sophomore Mike McLean singled in Scott Roller to bring the run total to three before the inning ended. McLean, a sophomore playing in his first varsity game, also scored a run in the sixth to push the score to 4-0.

For the fourth season in a row, Groves opened league play with a victory. For the second season in a row, North Farmington was the victim, this time with a 13-2 shelling of the Raiders. This victory was in the middle of the longest winning streak over North Farmington in school history (the fifth of nine). Groves would complete the season sweep of North Farmington with a 12-5 win later in the season during May.

May 5th, 1969 may have resulted in one of the more interesting finishes in the history of

Groves Baseball. With the game tied at two, the game was awarded to Groves by forfeit when the Oak Park coach failed to heed a warning by the umpire. In the fifth inning, the umpire called an Oak Park batter out when an Oak Park fan prevented Kevin Burke, the Falcon first-baseman, from catching a pop-up. After protesting for ten minutes, the umpire gave the coach a minute to leave the field. After refusing to do so, the umpire awarded the game to Groves.

On May 6th, Groves unloaded on the Yellowjackets of Country Day. After shutting out Country Day 7-0 to open the rivalry the year before, Groves continued the trend with a 19-0 shutout in 1969 when three pitchers combined to one-hit the opposition. Groves scored five runs in the first inning behind walks by Mike McLean and Jack Lamb, singles by Jeff Holmes, Scott Roller, and Kevin Burke, and a homerun by Mark Shada. After scoring a run in the third, the Falcons' big inning came in the sixth when the entire batting order batted twice and tallied thirteen runs on seven singles, four walks, and three errors.

On the seventh of May, Thurston edged Groves by the score of 5-4. Groves scored a lone run in the first and Thurston responded with a solo homerun in the fourth. In the bottom of the fourth, the Falcons went up by one before Thurston responded again in the top of the fifth. With the score deadlocked at 2-2, the Eagles scored three runs on three singles and two Falcon errors in the top of the eighth. Groves rallied for two runs in their half of the inning before falling short a run in the end. Despite the one-run game, Thurston was on fire with the victory being their ninth win out of ten games on the season. Groves would be on the winning end of another one-run game with the Eagles later in the season.

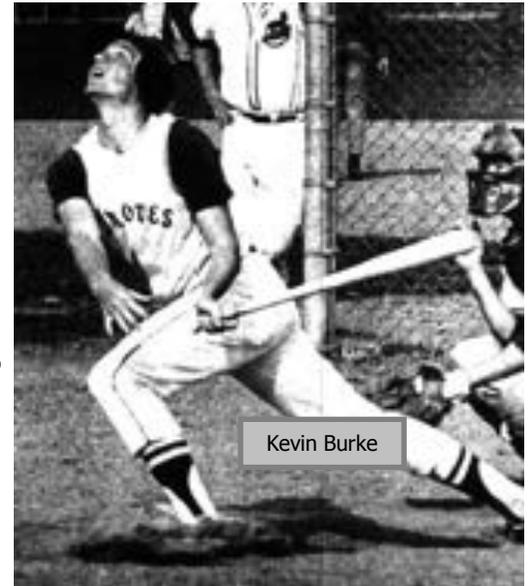
After splitting with league rival Livonia Franklin, winning 3-2 and losing 5-7, Groves lost to Bloomfield Andover 1-4 at home on May 16th. Groves would even the score with Bloomfield rivals by beating Lahser 8-5 later in the season.

On Monday, May 19th, Dave Stacey and Don Ward combined to best Kerry Webb of Westland John Glenn in a pitching duel. With both teams shutting each other out after nine innings, Groves put four on the board in the top of the tenth inning before capping off the shutout to finish the game, 4-0 and sweep the Rockets on

the year after beating John Glenn 7-4 in April.

After sweeping cross-town rival Seaholm in '66 and '67, Seaholm responded with sweeps of their own in '68 and '69. Seaholm won the first game in 1969 at Groves on May first, 12-8 and Groves succumbed to a 1-6 loss later in the month to drop their fourth in a row to the Maples.

Cranbrook beat Groves in a slugfest 12-11 on May 28th for the fourth time in five tries and avenged their 3-1 loss from 1966, the last time the two met.



On June fourth, Groves completed league play by stunning Thurston with a one-run, 4-3 victory and prevented the Eagles from clinching an undisputed championship in the Northwest Suburban League. Offensively, Tim Carr's three hits and Mike McLean's two-run triple paced Groves. Jeff Holmes' six-hitter dropped Thurston into a shared league title with Oak Park.

After a strong season, Groves was invited to play in the Pontiac Invitational Tournament. Groves played in the opening game of the tournament and defeated Pontiac Central, ranked second in the county, 2-0 under the lights. The loss of Scott Roller to injury in the game hindered their ability to beat top-ranked Milford and they were ousted from the tourney when Groves lost 6-3 to bring their season to an end.

Groves' 7-3 league record was good for third place behind co-champions Oak Park and Redford Thurston. Heading into the 1969 season, the record number of hits in a season by a Falcon player was 17. In 1969, four Groves players bested that number led by junior Kevin Burke who hit .397 with 25 hits. Jeff Holmes (23), Clint Meyer (22), and Mark Shada (20) were the other three players who smothered the school's previous hit record. Don Ward led the team with three homeruns and also paced the Falcons on the mound, finishing with a 5-2 win-loss record.

The 1969 season finished with the first double-digit win total in school history. Groves swept North Farmington and John Glenn and split with Thurston, Oak Park, and Livonia Franklin en route to their 7-3, third place league finish. Groves would graduate two all-league players and four players who batted over .300 and would return only six lettermen in 1970.



# 1979 SEASON REVIEW

In his fifth year as the varsity coach of the Groves Baseball Program, Coach Crosby led the Falcons to a 7-13 record. Crosby's Falcons finished 2-8 in the Metro Suburban Activities Association.

Heading into 1979, Birmingham Groves was two years removed from its back-to-back league championships of '76 and '77 and coming off a 10-17 record from the 1978 season. Groves also returned all but one positional starters from the 1978 squad. Their major loss from the season before was Les Garret, an All-State catcher who collected 33 hits while batting .390 in '78. Les' brother, Curt, would anchor the pitching staff. Curt was 5-3 with a 1.50 ERA in 1978.

two-run shot in the seventh. Groves ended up closing out the 3-2 win. Groves was never really in the second game and lost, 2-9.

On May 9th, Jeff Goudie's solo homerun in the sixth broke the 5-5 tie and gave Groves a 6-5 win over Rochester Adams. Goudie also threw 5.2 innings in the no-decision. This moved Groves to 2-5 in league play after losing 6-8 to Royal Oak Dondero a couple days before the victory. Paul Dreiman had two RBI for Groves against Dondero.

On May 11th, Bloomfield Lahser doubled up Groves, 10-5. The Knights collected only six hits off of three Falcon pitchers but two of them were homeruns. Jeff Brayton and John



Jeff Goudie

## Groves squeezes by Country Day, 8-6

Poor weather delayed Groves opening day more than two weeks. Groves tried to make-up for its lack of playing by beginning the season with two extra-inning games. On April 24th, against Country Day, Groves used two squeeze bunts in the eighth inning by Jeff Brayton and Chris Vogt to give Groves the 8-6 victory. Vogt was the winning pitcher as well. Groves scored three runs in the sixth to take a 6-5 lead before Country Day scored one to force extra. Offensively, Groves was led by Jon Noonan's three hits and Paul Dreiman's two doubles. Ed Lennon of Country Day hit what appeared to be a two-run homerun in the fifth inning. Only one run would score as he was ruled out for missing first base.

Brian Plachta tied it up at two with a solo homerun in the fourth inning and Groves carried a 2-2 score into extra while hosting Royal Oak Dondero on April 25th. This time, extra-innings were not as kind on the Falcons as a three-run triple by Dondero in the top of the eighth pushed the Oaks past Groves with a final score of 5-2 and moved the Falcons record to 1-1 on the young season.

Just as the team set a school record for runs scored in a game a decade earlier when Groves scored 19 runs against Country Day, the Falcons set a new school record with 21 scored in their first league win of the season on April 30th as they won at Bloomfield Lahser, 21-8. This bested the previous school record set in 1977 when the Falcons beat Southfield Lathrup 20-1 and would become the new school record until 1992. Paul Dreiman and Bill Eberhart paced Groves with four hits apiece of the team's eighteen in the offensive onslaught. John Rometty added a double and a triple.

Groves opened up May with another extra-inning loss in league play, this time falling on the road to Southfield Lathrup, 3-4. Groves scored all its runs in the first inning. The Chargers responded with two in the bottom of the first, tied the game in the seventh, and the winning run came in after two consecutive wild pitches in the eighth. The Falcons stranded thirteen runners.

On Saturday, May 5th, Groves hosted Farmington in non-league action. In the first game, Groves led the whole time despite a scare when Farmington hit a

Noonan both homered for the Falcons. Groves moved to 4-7 overall after the loss.

Southfield Lathrup held Groves to two hits and did not commit an error in a 5-0 win over the Falcons on May 14th. Two days later, Troy Athens nipped the Falcons, 3-2.

Groves took out its frustration in non-league action by routing Farmington Harrison in a doubleheader, 11-4 and 19-7. Tracy Totten collected seven hits, scored seven runs, and knocked in eight runs to pace Groves on the day. Harrison and Groves began a non-league rivalry when they first played in 1971. Groves had never played a Saturday game until the games with Harrison in 1971 and they played a Saturday doubleheader every year with the Hawks from '71 to 1983. After the doubleheader sweep on May 19th, Groves moved its all time record to 11-7 against Farmington Harrison avenging their two losses to the Hawks from the year before.

During 1979, Groves found itself in the middle of its longest losing streak to Seaholm in series history. On May 22nd, Groves lost games four and five of the nine game skid to the Maples which would not end until 1982. Seaholm took

the first game of the doubleheader 6-3 and mercied the Falcons 13-1 in the nightcap. The Falcons only mustered five hits on the day in the doubleheader sweep.

Despite losing 3-1 against Royal Oak Kimball in Pre-District play on May 29th, the Falcons played a doubleheader against North Farmington two days later. This allowed Groves to conclude the season with a win as they split with the Raiders, dropping the first game 0-2 and winning the nightcap, 6-4.

The team struggled with pitching depth. However, two players paced the Falcon hurlers in 1979. Lefthander Paul Dreiman led the Falcons on the mound and finished with a 5-1 record and 1.86 ERA. Curt Garrett had a 1.79 ERA and led the Falcons with 44 strikeouts. Offensively, Groves sported an excellent team .289 batting average. Phil Creager, an All-Conference selection, led the team with 20 hits and 14 RBI. Groves did not graduate an infield starter heading into the 1980 season.



# 1989 SEASON REVIEW

Although the 1989 season did not continue the trend found "on the nines" in which Groves set a new school record for runs scored in a game, Groves accomplished something even more special by winning their first District Championship in school history. Coach Crosby, in his fifteenth year leading the Falcons, finished with a 19-14 overall record; a .500, third place league finish in the MSAA; Groves' first District Championship; and Groves' first ever victory in Regional play. The season would end in a two-run loss to the team that would eventually be crowned the 1989 Class A Champions.

Groves was coming off of an 11-18 1988 season that saw a fourth place finish in the Metro Suburban Activities Association. Despite some key losses including last season's starting catcher and shortstop, most people predicted a stronger season for '89. Groves returned three of their top five pitchers and added to pitching depth with a solid crop of untested junior hurlers.

Unlike 1969 and 1979, the 1989 season opener resulted in a loss. On April 8th, Groves would split a doubleheader at Ferndale; losing the opening game, 6-9 before avenging the loss in the nightcap, 9-5. Both games featured strong sixth innings for Groves. In the first game, Groves closed the 8-1 gap with five runs in the sixth inning but inevitably fell short. Steve Sechrist banged out three hits for the Falcons, who out-hit Ferndale in the loss. Game two saw Ty Rawls, Brian Gracely, and Chris Baker all collect a couple hits apiece. Groves scored all their runs in the last two frames after putting up six in the sixth, highlighted by a two-run double from Curt Lawson. Groves closed the game with three more runs in the seventh.

## Gougeon hurls a gem in debut for Groves

Groves travelled to Seaholm on April 15th for the annual inter-city rivalry. In the first game, Groves lost a 2-1 lead after four innings when the Maples put three on the Falcons in the top of the fifth. Groves loaded the bases in the sixth inning with one out but the Falcons could not cash in and lost, 4-3. The second game saw the teams combine for 25 hits. Groves iced the

game early with eight runs in the first inning with Chris Baker and Jason VanCamp collecting two apiece in the first frame alone. Ty Rawls and Brian Gracely each had three hits en route to the 15-3 win. Each team owned a 2-2 record after the doubleheader split.

After dropping two to Clawson on April 18th, Groves played the first two games in school history against Cass Tech on the 22nd. Groves opened the rivalry with a 14-3 thumping of the Technicians before squeezing by them 6-5 in the second game. The two teams would meet almost thirty times over the next two decades in non-league play.

On April 24th, Groves gave up at least one run in every inning except one in their first league game of the season. Groves used a six-run fifth inning to come within a couple runs of Southfield Lathrup. Inevitably, the eight runs the Chargers scored over the next two innings put the game out of reach, 16-6. Lathrup, as a team, combined for 17 hits. Groves was led by Ty Rawls who went 4-4 while Bob Abbott added a three-run fifth inning homerun.

## Groves rallies for win over Lathrup

Rochester moved to 8-5 overall with two one-run wins over Groves on April 28th. In the first game, Rochester scored a run in the fifth to secure the 1-0 win. In the second game, Rochester survived a seventh-inning Groves rally and secured the 3-2 victory. Groves remained winless in MSAA action after the sweep

The Falcons finished the month with a 5-8 record after splitting two slugfests against Southfield on April 29th. The two teams combined for 49 runs on the day across the two games. Junior, Jason Van Camp, threw a complete game three-hitter but was hurt by seven walks in the 11-7 victory. Jason Ouellette hit a two-run homerun and doubled and Curt Lawson added five RBI on a triple and a double to key the offensive attack. Game two saw 31 runs on 23 hits including three Groves players belting out homeruns; Brian Gracely, Juff Kummler, and Bob Abbott. However, the nine errors committed by the Falcons spelled doom in the 14-17 loss.

Groves started May with a bang by shutting out Berkley 6-0 on the first of the month.

Sophomore, Bob Gougeon, in his first varsity start, threw a one-hitter to shutout the Bears. He gave up a hit on the first pitch of the game before holding Berkley hitless the rest of the way. Bob Abbott hit a two-run blast and a sacrifice fly in collecting half the team's RBIs.

Groves picked up its first league win of the season with a 7-6 victory over the Red Hawks of Troy Athens on May 3rd. A couple of days later, Groves dropped two MSAA games at Royal Oak Dondero, 3-4 and 5-8 before heading to the Jackson tournament.

On May 6th, Groves found itself on both sides of an 8-7 score. Groves lost to Jackson Northwest in the opening game of the tourney. Ty Rawls and Mike Seneker had three hits apiece while Chris Baker and Casey Hubris added two apiece. In the second game, the Falcons edged Jackson Lumen Christi, this time on the winning side of an 8-7 score. Bob Abbott drove in the winning run in the seventh inning. Ty Rawls led the team with a couple of hits. This win was the first in a 12-3 run to close the season.

At West Bloomfield on May 8th, Bob

Abbott hit a two-out, two-run homerun in the seventh inning to tie the game at ten, and Chris Baker's two-out, two-run double in the eighth gave Groves a 12-10 victory in their second league victory on the season. Baker finished 3-5 with six RBIs to spark the Falcons' offense. Brian Gracely chipped in with two hits, three walks, and scored four runs.

## Falcons creep above .500 with big victory

May 10th brought about back-to-back, eighth inning, MSAA victories. This time, Southfield Lathrup was the victim as Groves rallied to a 9-6 victory. The Falcons stormed out of the blocks with four runs in the first. Lathrup answered with three in the second, one in the third, and two in the fourth before Groves tied the game at six with two in the sixth before a three-run showing in the eighth. Steve Sechrist, Ty

Rawls, and Chris Baker paced the offensive attack with two hits and an RBI each.

Groves finally attained the elusive .500 mark on the season with a 7-6 victory over state-ranked Chelsea on May 13th. The last time Groves was .500 was almost a month earlier after splitting with Seaholm on April 15th. With the score tied at six, Jeff Kummler hit a walk-off homer in the bottom of the seventh to drop Chelsea to 20-7



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Jason Blades of Groves doubles up in excitement after saving Saturday's district semifinal win over Seaholm.

## Falcons cherish 1st tourney crown

two-run single in a four-run second inning, which accounted for the end of the afternoon's run total. Casey Hubris was the winning pitcher and Jason Blades picked up the save.

On Monday, June 5th, Groves captured its first District Championship with a 12-3 thrashing of Berkley. Groves had been in five previous District Championship games, losing them all, before the 1989 season. Jason Blades, after picking up the save against Seaholm on Saturday, came into the game versus Berkley in relief in

the second inning. Berkley scored three runs before Blades made his appearance and he did not allow any runs and only one sixth-inning hit on the way to picking up the win. Groves scored a couple of runs in the second to come within a run of the Bears and went ahead to stay in the third. Brian Gracely and Jeff Kummeler both finished with a couple hits and three RBI to lead the offensive attack.

innings. The lead was too much for Groves to overcome but they made it exciting with a six-run, sixth inning rally highlighted by Chris Baker's three-run triple and Ty Rawls' two-run homerun over the centerfield fence.

***'It's been a long time coming. The big thing is the kids had fun. We got the big hits when we needed them and that's what did it for us.'***

— Jim Crosby  
Groves coach

on the season. Ty Rawls carried the heavy lumber for Groves with a pair of homeruns, a double, and three runs scored.

On May 19th, Groves travelled to Bloomfield Lahser and swept the Knights in a doubleheader. Jason Blades tossed a three-hit shutout en route to a 5-0 victory in the opener while Ty Rawls had two hits and two RBIs and Chris Baker added a couple of hits. The Falcons scored seven runs in the first two innings in the night cap on the way to an 8-2 win. Bob Abbott cranked two triples and Jeff Kummeler ripped a couple hits and added four RBIs. With the sweep, Groves moved to 13-11 (5-6, MSA).

Groves outlasted West Bloomfield to move their league record to .500 on May 22nd. The Lakers scored five runs in the seventh to put a scare into the Falcons. With the score at 14-13 and the tying run on third with only one out, Groves pitcher Casey Hubris shut the door to pick up the save. Offensively, he clubbed a three-run

## Groves clips Berkley

Groves opened up Regional play at Grosse Pointe North High School with a 15-5 thumping of Detroit Southwestern on June 10th. The Falcons were led by Ty Rawls, who had three hits and seven RBIs, Jason Ouellette who collected two RBIs and scored two runs, and Bob Abbott, who scored three runs in the mercy-rule semi-final win.

The Falcons finished 19-14 overall. Although they started slow, Groves won twelve of their last fifteen games to finish the season strong. Many Groves players received individual recognition; led by Ty Rawls who was named honorable mention All-State. Groves lost only one of its top six pitchers to graduation and would return its starting catcher heading into the nineties. Additionally, the infield would largely remain intact although all starting outfielders would graduate at the end of 1989.

## Groves slips past Andover

homer earlier in the game during the second inning. Ty Rawls had two hits with four RBIs, Chris Baker had two hits and scored three runs, Bob Abbott added a solo shot, and Curt Lawson pitched in a couple of hits to pace the eleven hit attack.

Groves spread their scoring out across six different innings to narrowly defeat Bloomfield Andover at home in pre-district play. Bob Abbott scored Mike Seneker with a sacrifice fly in the seventh to secure the 9-8 win. Ty Rawls had a triple and three singles, Brian Gracely had a double and two singles, and Steve Sechrist had three RBIs with a homerun and a single. The playoff win pushed Groves record to 15-12 on May 26th.

On June 3rd, Groves advanced to the District Championship with a 4-1 victory over Seaholm, the defending Class A Champion. Seaholm opened the game with their lone run scored in the first inning. Brian Gracely had a

Groves would succumb to eventual state champion, Harper Woods Notre Dame, in a two run, 11-9 loss to bring the 1989 season to a close. Groves struck first after plating three runs in the top of the first inning. However, Notre Dame would score seven runs of their own in their half of the first on the way to building an 11-3 lead after three



Groves second baseman Brian Gracely (right) attempts a tag on Notre Dame's Tony Jabore.

## Bubble bursts for Groves Notre Dame halts late Falcon rally, wins regional

# 1999 SEASON REVIEW



In 1999, Coach Crosby was looking to continue his streak of 20+ win seasons after achieving the task for the prior three seasons. Inevitably, after a quarter century of managing the Falcon baseball team, he achieved this goal and much more.

## Groves holds on to defeat Mott

Exactly a decade separates Groves first and second District Championships. Following in the footsteps of the 1989 team, Groves won its second District Championship in 1999. The 1999 Falcons went even further as the first team in school history to win both a League Championship and District Championship in the same season. Groves Baseball has done this on only two occasions, the other being 2005. In winning the OAA League Championship in 1999, Groves accomplished the feat four times in five seasons.

The Falcons were coming off a successful 22-9 campaign in 1998 that featured a share of the OAA II League Title. Coach Crosby would look to rely on a couple dual-threat players that could provide solid pitching depth as well as offensive firepower. Tim McMahan hit .415 with 44 RBI in '98 and was 7-1 on the mound. Sam Nason hit .360 with 35 RBI the year before and would be the opening day ace. Dan Janisse stole 28 bases and hit a solid .410. A solid corps of returning players put Groves in a position to do some damage in 1999 and contend for titles.

Like 30 years earlier, Groves opened up

with a shutout. On April 12th, Groves beat Cass Tech, 7-0. The following day, Tim McMahan struck out 10 while only surrendering two hits in five innings pitched while offensively collecting three hits of his own en route to an 18-1 shellacking at Bloomfield Lahser.

On Wednesday, April 14th, Groves scored three sixth-inning runs to beat Rochester, 6-5. Winning pitcher Chris Way allowed six hits while striking out nine and hit a solo homerun. Jon Ager added a two-run shot of his own.

Groves moved to 4-0 on the young season on April 17th, beating Berkley 4-2 in the first game of their doubleheader. The Bears handed Groves their first loss in game two, 2-6.

Chris Way took a no-hitter into the sixth inning on the way to handing West Bloomfield their first loss of the season, beating the Lakers 3-1 on April 19th. Andy King had a couple of hits for Groves.

The Falcons moved to 6-1 when Tyler Arbogast hit two homeruns and Jon Ager added one of his own as Groves dominated Seaholm, 7-1 in league play on April 21st. Sam Nason threw a four-hit complete game in the victory over Pete Finn's squad. Finn remains a league adversary as the current head coach at Farmington High School.

Tim McMahan pitched a complete game two-hitter with 12 strikeouts and went 2-2 with two RBIs to lead Groves to a 5-0 win over Royal Oak Dondero on April 28th. Groves evened the score with Royal Oak teams after losing a slugfest to Kimball, 11-14 two days prior.

Groves fell to 2-2 in league play after

Troy Athens held the Falcons to two hits in a 2-1 loss to close out the month of April. The Red Hawks pitcher aided his own cause after hitting a two-out homerun in the sixth inning to move Athens to 3-0 in league play and 5-6 overall. This would be the last loss in league play for the



rest of the season for Groves. The Falcons were 7-3 overall heading into May.

On May 1st, Groves travelled to Ann Arbor to participate in the opening weekend of the annual tournament. Groves lost, 10-13, to Ann Arbor Pioneer and tied with Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 3-3.

Groves exploded for seven runs in the first inning to beat Waterford Mott 13-10 on May 3rd to begin an eight game winning streak in league play that would last the rest of the season. Tim McMahan was a triple short of hitting for the cycle while scoring three runs and driving in four to lead the team offensively. Jon Ager and Chris Way also homered for the Falcons. Chris Way struck out ten in the two-hitter and Eric Schwab had three hits for Groves in a 7-0 shutout of Waterford Kettering on May 5th to drop another Waterford league opponent in early May.

Groves lost to Rochester 1-4 on May 7th before hitting the road on Saturday, May 8th, to



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finish the Ann Arbor Tourney. Groves handed Dexter a 20-5 spanking before losing in another lopsided battle 4-16 to Milan. In the win over Dexter, Tim McMahon was able to do what he came close to doing five days earlier, hit for the cycle. He collected eight RBI along with his five hits.

not a pitching duel as Groves made it four games in a row with double-digit runs scored. Jon Ager homered and drove in three runs in the 11-10 win as the Falcons moved to 8-2 in league play.

Dan Janisse had a couple hits, including a homerun, with three RBI as Groves downed Waterford Mott by a close 6-5 margin to extend

pair of two-run homeruns in the game and would finish the season with a team-leading seven round-trippers.

In the championship game, the Falcons edged out Redford Union, 7-6. This avenged the loss to Redford Union who ended Groves season in '98. In the one-run game, Sam Nason struck

## Defense keys Groves' success

Chris Way got the starting nod in back-to-back league games when the Falcons traveled to Seaholm on May 10th. Although he could not rack up back-to-back shutouts as the Maples mustered a run in the 10-1 trouncing, Way allowed five hits and struck out six in the complete game effort in pushing his record to 4-1.

Groves collected their fourth shutout of the season on May 12th when they blanked Royal Oak Kimball, 8-0 to avenge their league loss to the Knights earlier in the season. Chris Way

its league winning streak to seven in a row.

Chris Way moved his record to 7-1 while the Falcons finished 10-2 in league play to clinch a share of the championship as Groves beat Waterford Kettering 8-5 on May 24th. Way allowed four hits and struck out eight. Way would finish the season with All-League honors with a team-leading 72 strikeouts on the year. Dan Janisse homered again alongside teammate Jon Ager as the two combined for five RBI. Andy King, Sam Nason, and Tim McMahan all added a

out ten and moved to 8-2 on the season while offensively slugging a double and a triple. Andy King led the Falcons with three hits in the game. King would be selected to the All-District and All-League teams after finishing the season with a .465 average. Groves opened up the scoring and led 4-0 after two innings. Groves maintained a four run lead after the score advanced to 7-3 after five. The Panthers, ranked sixth in the state, scored three runs in the final two innings to pull close but ended up falling short. Redford Union finished the season with a record of 25-5.

Groves, who hosted both the district and regional championships, fell in the regional semifinals to Troy, 2-12 on June 12th. The Colts put up three runs in the first and built on it with five more in the second to take a commanding 8-1 lead after two. Troy moved to 29-6 on the year with the win before beating Fraser for the Regional Championship. Groves finished the season at 22-8-1.

Tim McMahon played in the East-West All-Star game in the last season in Tiger Stadium history. He was also named to the Eccentric's All-Area team after hitting .507 with 5 homeruns and 45 RBI while holding down the shortstop position for the Falcons. Sam Nason was named to the second team as a pitcher while Andy King garnered second team recognition in the infield. Jon Ager, Dan Janisse, Erik Schwab, and Chris Way all received honorable-mention accolades. Sam Nason also collected All-League and All-District recognition with a .410 average and 26 RBIs to go alongside his stellar pitching performance. Groves would move into the 21st Century rated third in the Eccentric Top Ten Teams list after graduating minimal players following the 1999 season.



**Groves had another strong day on the field and at the plate to dominate district rival Seaholm on Monday. It was the seventh Falcons win over the Maples in the past three years.**

struck out nine and had three hits in the 14-2 victory over Royal Oak Dondero on May 14th two days later.

Groves won its Falcon Invitational on May 15th with two lopsided wins. Pat Bruttell had three hits in a 12-1 victory over Southfield Lathrup and Sam Nason led the way with two hits and four RBI in the 14-3 victory over Bloomfield Andover.

Groves played a second one-run game with Troy Athens on May 17th. This time it was

couple of hits apiece for Groves.

Groves took care of business against Hazel Park on May 26th. After losing the first four games in the all-time series to the Vikings across four different decades (a single game played in 1961, 1977, 1985, and 1991), Groves moved the winning streak to nine in a row with a 7-2 win in the tenth game played between the schools in the decade.

Groves hosted Cranbrook on the 28th and fell in a one-run game to the Cranes. Cranbrook scored all of their runs with two outs, including three in the sixth inning. Groves responded with three runs of their own in the bottom of the sixth but it was not enough as the Cranes moved to 19-8 on the season with the 4-3 win. Groves snapped their nine game winning streak and fell to 19-7-1.

Groves used a 10-0 shutout, their fifth of the season, over Bloomfield Lahser on June 3rd to tune-up for the district tournament. This matched the 1969 team who also finished with five shutouts on the year. Four pitchers combined to no-hit the Knights and Derek Garrett hit a three-run homer in the win.

On June 5th, Groves beat Detroit Henry Ford 11-3 to open up district play. Tim McMahon moved to 6-1 on the season with a complete game victory. He struck out ten, walked three, and allowed two hits. Jon Ager clubbed a

## Falcons get by Panthers to register district title



Sam Nason

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The OAA moved to league alignment based on geography for the first time in its history in 2009. Additionally, 2009 became the most difficult year to win a league championship as it is the only year in Groves Baseball history in which nine different opponents could call Groves a league opponent. The ten-team league would only last for the season with Berkley moving to another OAA division at the conclusion of the season.

Coach Crosby was looking to extend its streak of 20+ win seasons to five in his 35th season at the helm of the Falcon program. On the journey, Crosby would pick up his 600th all-time victory during 2009.

season with a strong 26-7 record.

Groves moved to 3-0 on the season on April 16th when they traveled to Berkley for their first away game of 2009. Groves won 7-4. This was the tenth win in a row in the all-time series with Berkley. This continues to be the longest series of wins against the Bears in Groves history.

Groves traveled to Clarkston to split a couple of neutral games. The Falcons downed Waterford Mott, 10-0 before losing their first game of the 2009 season to Farmington, 2-8. Groves would play a league game at Farmington later in the season.

Groves played extremely well against Country Day "on the nines" moving to 3-0 against

season, Groves was felled by Bloomfield Andover in the tenth inning, 5-6 to close out the month of April.

Groves opened up the month of May with a home victory over league-foe West Bloomfield, 7-1 almost matching the 7-2 victory from the year before. Jake Schmidt pitched a complete game three-hitter. He struck out nine Lakers while walking two. Groves took a 5-0 lead with a run in the first, three in the second, and another in the third to go up early in the game. West Bloomfield went on the board with an RBI groundout in the fourth before the Falcons responded with a run of their own in both the fifth and sixth innings. Jayme Sackett slugged two

## Big third inning lifts Groves to opening win

Although it had only happened five total times in history heading into 2009, Groves opened the season with a league game. This happened for the first time in back-to-back seasons, following in 2008's footsteps. Unlike the year

the Yellowjackets in years ending in "9" with a 6-2 victory at home on April 22nd.

The Falcons hosted the Maples of Seaholm and lost 5-7 on April 23rd. Groves scored four runs in the fifth to take a 5-4 lead. A

three run rally by the Maples put them up for good despite a Falcon rally in the seventh that culminated with a Groves runner being thrown out on a steal attempt. Seaholm moved to 4-3 overall and 4-0 in league games with the win and Groves fell to 5-2 overall and 3-1 in the league with the loss. Groves lost a non-league game at home by an identical score

doubles and scored two runs with an RBI and Jake Balbas went 3-4 with an RBI to lead Groves nine-hit attack.

On Saturday, May 2nd, Groves travelled to South Lyon and lost two neutral games before picking up a win. Milan beat Groves 8-9 in a one-run game and Swartz Creek bested the Falcons, 2-6. Groves beat the host team 6-5 in a second one-run game of the day. This is the only time Groves has ever played South Lyon in the two teams' history.

On May 5th, Groves got back on the right track in league play with an 11-3 victory over Berkley. Jake Balbas led Groves with three hits, three RBI, and two runs scored. Chris Pochas also added three hits and scored three runs while Brad Seid chipped in two hits with an RBI as the Falcons improved to 7-2 in league play. Doug Brown got the win on the mound, striking out five and walking one in five innings of work.

Groves went on the road twice for league games losing both of them. On May 5th, they lost to their inner-city rival 1-5 at Seaholm before losing 1-8 at Royal Oak on Friday, the 7th. In the game versus Seaholm, both teams were



Elliot Hall

before, 2009 began with a league victory. On March 31st, Groves downed Farmington Harrison, 10-4, at home despite being out-hit by the Hawks twelve to seven. Between Groves' inaugural season in 1960 and 2009, this was only the third time that Groves had ever played a game in March. A six-run third inning put the Falcons up 9-1 early on. Doug Brown threw 5.1 innings to earn the win. Offensively, Groves was led by Chris Pochas who went 3-3 with a walk, two stolen bases, a run scored, and an RBI and Jake Balbas who was 3-4 with two RBI and a run scored.

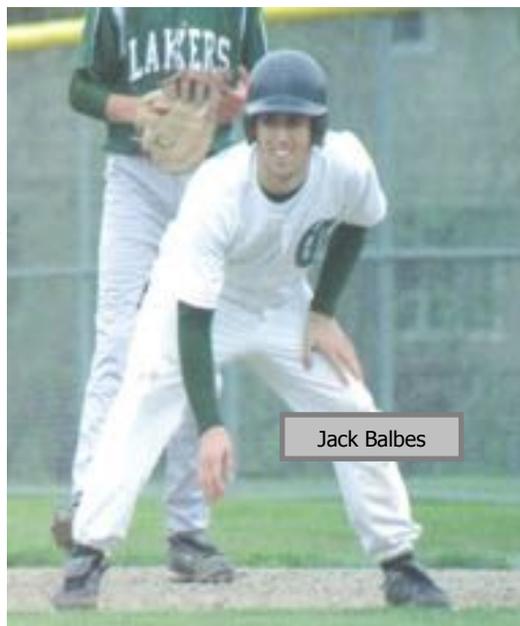
On April 2nd, Groves downed Royal Oak in a close game, 3-2. Jamey Sackett scored the winning run on a passed ball after doubling to lead off the bottom of the seventh. Sackett finished 2-3 with two doubles, a walk, a steal, a run scored, and an RBI. The early season victory was a solid one as Royal Oak finished the 2008

of 5-7 to Rochester the following day.

In their second to last game ever played versus Cass Tech (the last being in 2012), Groves downed the visiting Technicians, 15-4. This was the twenty-first straight win in the rivalry dating back to 1994 when Groves lost its sole game in the rivalry's history.

Groves travelled to North Farmington on April 27th in the 49th all-time meeting between the two clubs. A seven-run first inning set the tone for Groves. The Falcons were paced by Josh Smith, who went 3-5 with a two-run blast. Mike Mestdagh added three hits, three runs scored, and four stolen bases while Mike Amos added two hits including a two-run shot. The Falcons squeaked out a high-scoring competition, winning 14-11 to move to 4-1 in league games and 7-3 overall while the Raiders fell to 4-4 overall.

In the only extra-inning affair of the



Jack Balbas

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held to only four hits in the game. However, Groves hitters struck-out 11 times as Dan Drapal's club put a stranglehold on the OAA South with the victory. The Maples moved to 8-0 in league play and Groves fell to 6-3 in league play which was good for a second place showing. Faulty fielding led the Falcons to surrender four unearned runs on the day. Groves scored its lone run of the game in the fifth inning when Mike Amos walked and went to third on a Maple error off Elliot Hall's bat before coming home on a sacrifice fly.

Groves began its longest winning streak of the season on May 9th after dropping the visiting Crusaders of Detroit Martin Luther King, 10-4. It was the seventh win in seven tries in the all-time series dating back to the first meeting between the two clubs in 2002.

Groves won back-to-back shutouts on May 11th and 12th. Groves traveled to Farmington, besting the host team 4-0 in league action before hosting Southfield in a 16-0 non-league win.

Waterford Mott became the second casualty during Groves four-game homestand and lost to Groves, 9-1 on May 14th before Groves hosted Bloomfield Lahser in a doubleheader on the 18th. Groves collected its third shutout in four games, and second league win in a row, with an 8-0 win in game one. Game two saw Groves extend its win streak to six after they downed the Knights 12-8 in the league doubleheader sweep.

In the only game Groves has ever played at the University of Michigan until the team traveled there again in 2017, Groves laid it on Troy Athens in a 22-0 dismantling. This became the largest run-differential for Groves in the all-time series between the teams and avenged a loss of the same run-differential from 2000 in which Athens beat-up on the Falcons, 2-24.

Groves has not had luck against Rochester relative to its all-time series record.

However, Groves made it 3 out of 4 against them when they went on the road on May 20th and won 12-6, avenging the two-run loss from earlier in the 2009 season. After winning the opening game of the rivalry in 1983, Groves dropped 17 of the next 18 meetings. After the 2009 season, Groves held a 14-32 all-time record in the series although they were 6-5 in the rivalry between 2003 through 2009.

Groves began a twenty-first century rivalry with Bay City John Glenn meeting them in action for the first time in 2002 and playing every year heading into the 2009 season. On May 23rd, Groves traveled to Bay City for the Jim Doyle Memorial tournament. Unlike in 2008 when Groves left Bay City with two wins, Groves left in 2009 with two losses. For the first time ever, Groves played Plymouth Canton to open up tourney play. Groves fell to the Rocks in a one-run game, 5-6, on neutral ground. This snapped Groves win streak at nine. In game two on the day, Groves was shutout for the first time all season when Bay City John Glenn stung the visiting Falcons, 0-8.

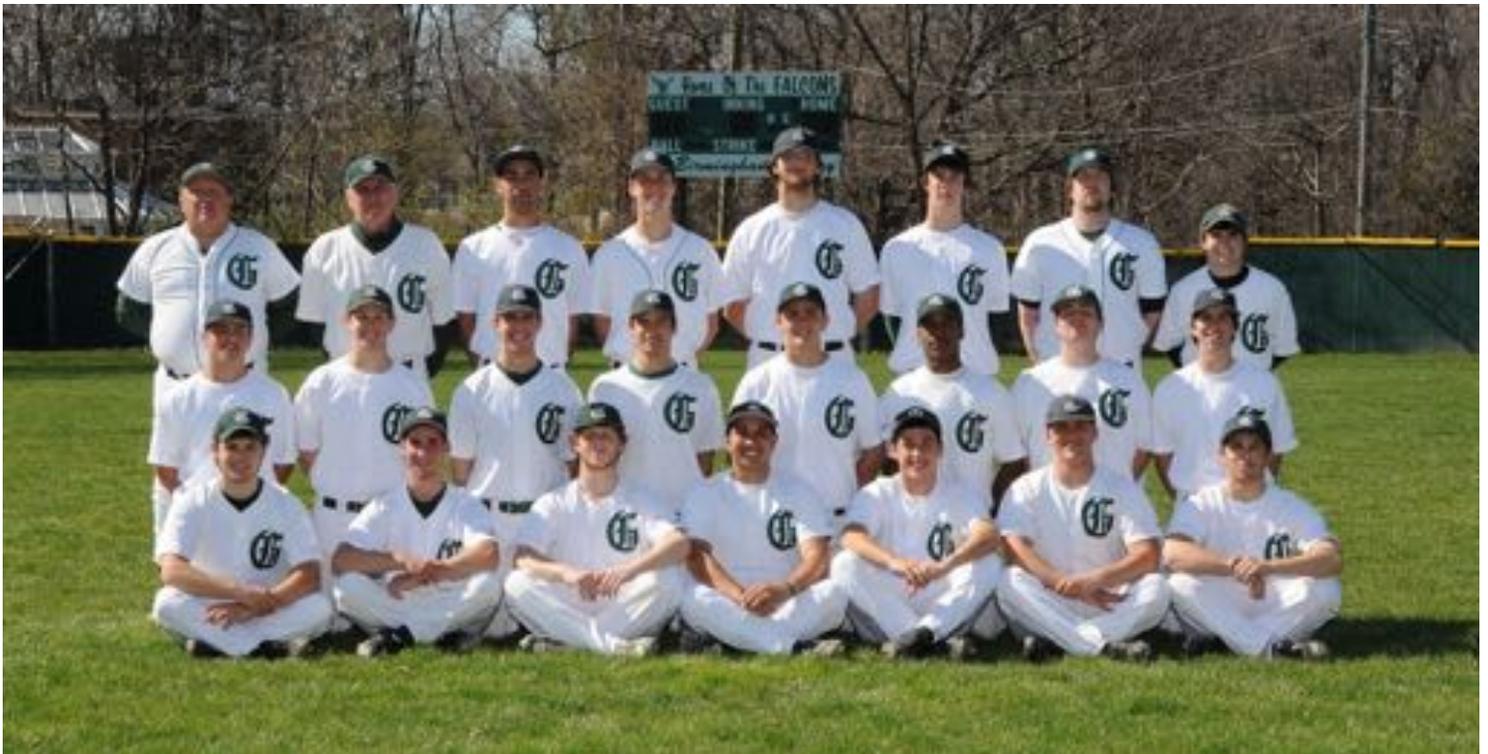
Groves traveled to Bloomfield Andover for the second time in the season on May 27th in the last regular-season game of the 2009 season.



The Falcons struck back on the Barons, who beat them earlier in the season in extra-innings, and came away with a 4-1 win.

On May 29th, Brother Rice beat Groves for the third time in a row since the Falcons beat the Warriors in the 2005 District Championship. The Falcons lost 1-6 on neutral ground against the defending 2008 State Champions.

Groves finished the season 20-11. This was the fifth season in a row with at least 20 wins for Crosby's squads. Groves would be in a position to make it another strong season moving forward with a plethora of pitching depth and a solid defense set to return in 2010.



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This list is meant to be a celebration of people involved in Groves Baseball. Any missing name or incorrect dates are accidental. Spring sports are not always covered in yearbooks and sometimes team photos do not exist when they are. Additionally, players could have been absent from team photos when they do exist. Furthermore, sometimes yearbooks cover the current season with a "summer insert" that very rarely were kept by the school and, therefore, I have not always located these. On top of this, sometimes yearbooks covered spring sports from the year before and this is not always easy to decipher. These variances could have created unintentional inaccuracies. Although my research for alumni began with yearbooks; newspaper articles and other sources (including reaching out to alumni) were used to strengthen the accuracy of the list. If you have information about inaccuracies or omissions, please reach out to Coach Morrison or someone within the baseball family so we can make the necessary corrections.

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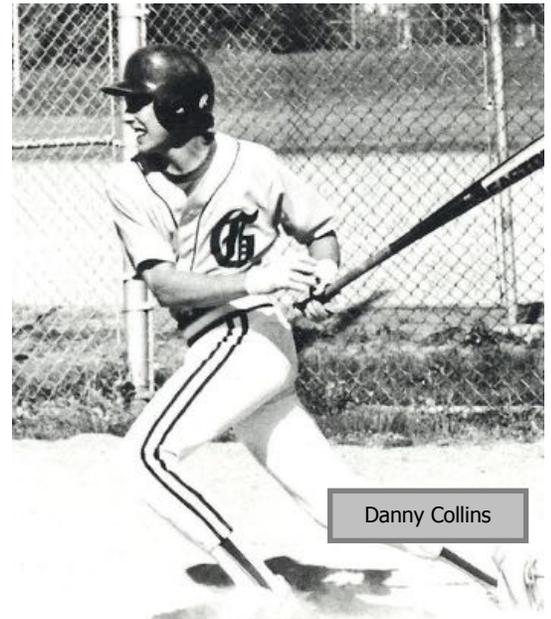


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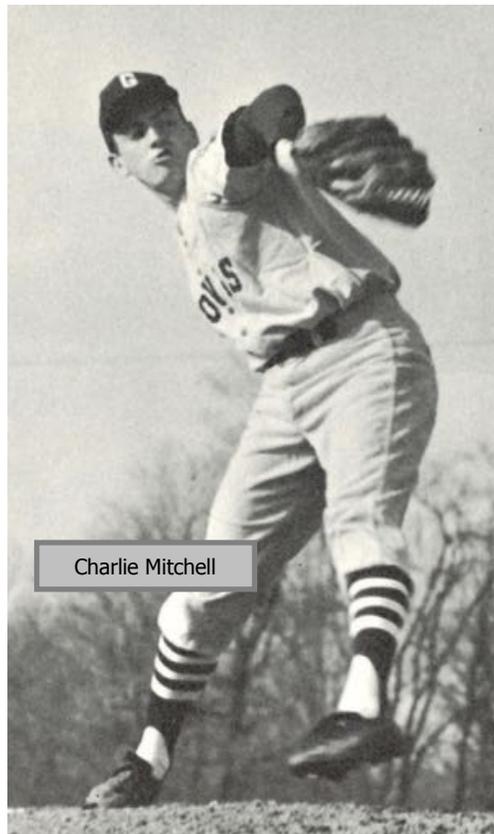
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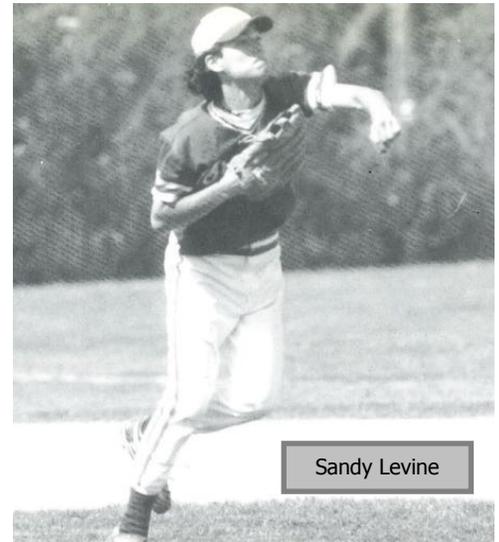
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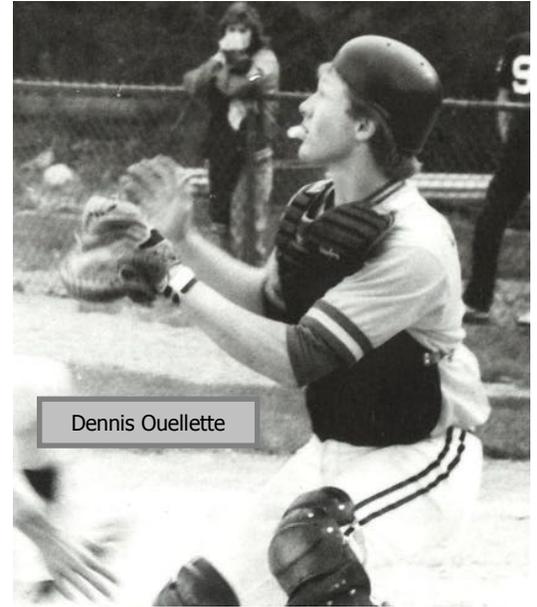
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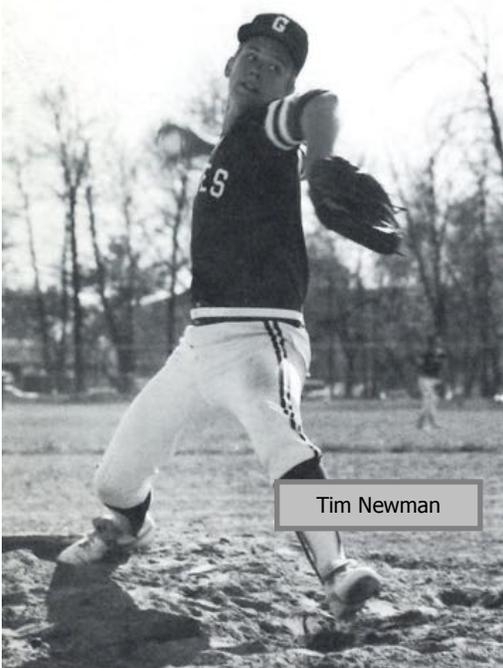
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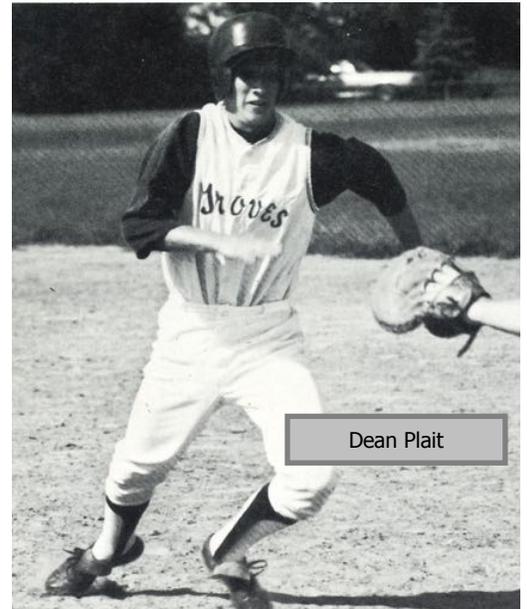


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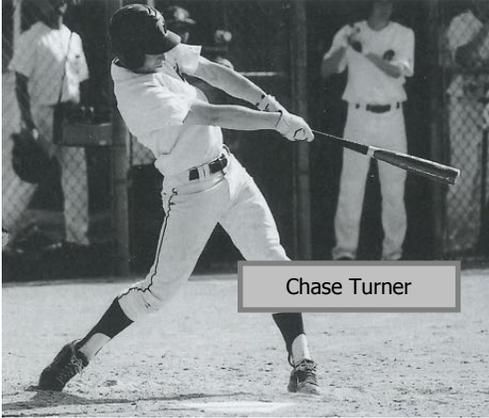
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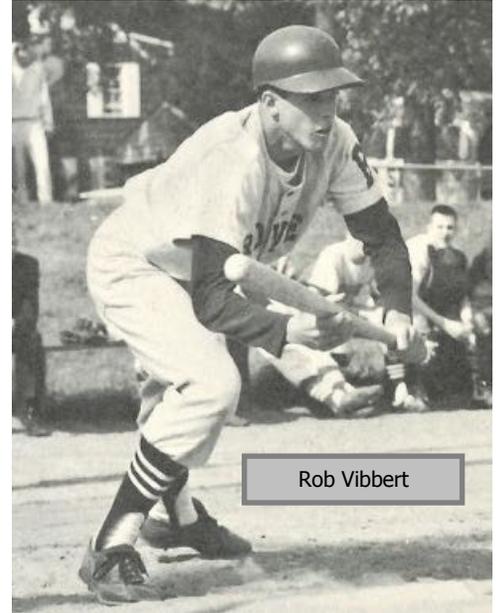


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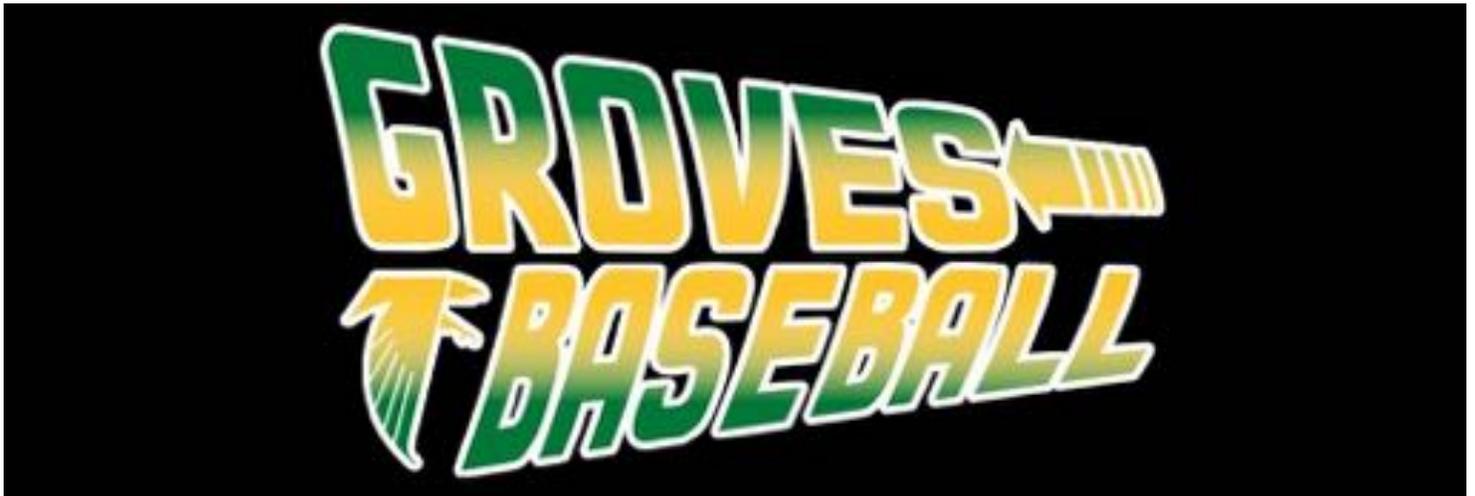
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# PARENT'S AWARD

The Parent's Award was founded in 1962 by a group of interested parents in conjunction with the P.T.S.A. It is their desire that this award serve as an annual testimonial for the benefits, both physically and mentally, that the athletic program has contributed to ALL athletes at Groves.

The parents desire the trophy to provide a special incentive for all athletes out for varsity sports, to not only excel in sports, but in scholastic standing, sportsmanship, leadership, and worthiness to team and school.

Each person on the team gets to vote for a graduating senior that is in good scholastic standing. Some of the qualifications are leadership and athletic ability. Points are given for the number of years they have participated in that sport along with the points given for every year that the student lettered. Value to the team takes into consideration attitude, attendance, teamwork, character and integrity.

It is to be awarded to a senior in good standing with a scholastic standing of 2.0 minimum overall

average. The student must have attended Groves his junior and senior years.

Each year one award is made to a graduating senior from each varsity sport, taking all of the above information into consideration. The award consists of inscribing the winner's name on the permanent trophy located on the wall in the athletic corridor, along with the presentation of an individual award to the student selected.



Tim Bass, '78 Winner



David Kuntzman, '82 Winner



Jeff Dillingham, '96 Winner



Michael Mestdagh, '11 Winner

## HISTORICAL WINNERS

Year	Name
'63 - '67	Unknown
1968	Rich Shugg
'69 & '70	Unknown
1971	Mike McLean
1972	Bob Heist
1973	Scott Friesner
1974	Steve Turner
1975	Todd Friesner
1976	George Foussianes
1977	Randy Moon
1978	Tim Bass
1979	Jeff Brayton
1980	Bob Rizk
1981	Tom Ricelli
1982	David Kuntzman
1983	Mike Eberhart
1984	Mike Cloutier
1985	Jim Robinson
1986	Chris Ugorowski
1987	Chris Abbott
1988	Greg Kime
1989	Steve Sechrist
1990	Brian Gracely
1991	Jason Ouellete
1992	Jason Katz
1993	Kevin Gracely
1994	Pat Maxwell
1995	Dan Hafner
1996	Jeff Dillingham
1997	Mark Khachaturian
1998	Brian Schaffer
1999	Tim McMahon
2000	Rob Hinman
2001	David Hoffman
2002	Mike Babcock
2003	Andy MacKellar
2004	David Schaffer
2005	Eric McComas
2006	Sean Seid
2007	Colin Kaline
2008	Alex Moss
2009	James Sackett
2010	Jake Moss
2011	Michael Mestdagh
2012	Jake Balicki
2013	Evan Ketai
2014	Spenser Robnett
2015	Kyle Stratton
2016	Andre Mailing
2017	Zavier Warren
2018	George Cutler

# ALUMNI IN FOCUS: BOB FREGOLLE

Groves High School, and Groves Baseball in particular, embed values of community, commitment, and a shared sacrifice to something greater than oneself. Members of our program carry these values with them to great success. In honor of celebrating this legacy, we are starting an "Alumni in Focus" section of our media guide to profile members of the Groves Baseball Family who exhibit the values we feel represent our program with character. Our first feature of a proud alum of Groves Baseball has found success in life and has given back to the game of baseball in innumerable ways. More importantly, his impact to those around him makes Bob Fregolle the type of person that our players should aspire to emulate.

Many of our current players walk in very similar footsteps to those who came before them. As a youngster, Bob Fregolle attended Beverly Hills Elementary (named "Beverly" today) and Berkshire Middle School before going to Groves High School in the same educational pattern of many members of the 2019 team.

Bob was born in Detroit, Michigan in January of 1957 and moved to Birmingham at the age of six. As Mr. Fregolle advanced through the grades of the Birmingham Public School District, he played basketball, football, and track at Berkshire before attending Groves. At Groves, Bob Fregolle excelled in baseball and track, earning numerous all-league and all-regional honors in both sports. In 1975, Bob's senior year, he was named honorable-mention All-State after hitting .390 on the season, including a .408 average in league-play.

When asked about his playing experience at Groves, Bob stated, "I had the good fortune of making the Varsity (team) my sophomore year, along with Todd Friesner, so I got to play for Groves for three great years; the first two years for

Coach Gottschalk and the last year for Coach Crosby, his first of an incredible number of years at Groves. We had some really good teams and some very talented ball players during my time at Groves but more importantly, we learned a lot and had fun doing it."

Today, our program has two alum who are currently playing baseball at Kalamazoo College; Max Novick (class of 2017) and George Cutler (2018). Unbeknownst to either of them, they are following in a similar trajectory as one of Groves former players, Bob Fregolle (class of 1975). Bob ended up playing college ball at Kalamazoo College for two seasons while pursuing a degree in economics before injuries cut his playing career short. After his sophomore year, Bob transferred to the University of Michigan. A couple of knee surgeries prevented him from even attempting to walk on at Michigan and Bob was forced to hang up his playing cleats for good.

Upon graduation from the University of Michigan Business School (BBA) in 1979, Bob went straight to work for Procter & Gamble in their Food Sales division.

After numerous assignments in the United States, Bob and his young family moved to Warsaw, Poland, where Bob became the first Sales Manager of P&G Polska as Procter & Gamble entered Eastern Europe in 1991. Three years later, Mr. Fregolle was named Sales Director for the Central & Eastern European division. This assignment encompassed what was the former USSR, Warsaw Pact countries, and much of the Balkan Peninsula.

Following this post, he was named Vice President of P&G's Europe, Middle East & Africa Customer Marketing Department and shortly thereafter Vice President of Sales for the Tissue &

Towel Global Business Unit. These assignments led the Fregolle family from Warsaw to Frankfurt to Brussels as well as Geneva. Throughout all these assignments, Bob coached his kids in baseball every year with youth baseball programs wherever they lived.

In 2000, Bob was named Vice President of Procter & Gamble's Greater China Sales Department responsible for all sales, distribution, customer marketing, and customer logistics across the three markets of Mainland China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong. The first thing Bob asked when he was offered the job was, "Do they have youth baseball in Guangzhou?"

Upon finding out that they did not offer the youth of PRC an opportunity to get involved in the sport, Bob travelled to the United States, ordered some equipment to be shipped to his home in Geneva, and then packed up the baseball gear along with his household belongings and headed for China. At least, he hoped, they could get a pick-up game set up for weekends with enough baseball equipment to furnish a couple teams.

In the end, Bob did much more than setup a couple of sandlot games on the weekend. During the first year in Guangzhou, Bob established South China's first-ever "Little League" baseball league for children ages 5-14. Of this experience, Bob said, "I just couldn't imagine not having a baseball season for kids from a new part of the world. I just had to figure out a way for them to experience the greatest sport on earth. In addition, starting the league gave us the opportunity to export so much that is good about American values such as sport, volunteerism, and service and all that is good about baseball such as playing a team sport, sportsmanship, and exercise."

Mr. Fregolle's attempt to begin a baseball



Groves High School, 1975



Guangzhou, China, 2002



Daytona Beach, Florida, 2018

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league across the world from Birmingham, Michigan was a success. The first year they had 94 kids in the little-league baseball program. By the third year, participation numbered over 200 young ballplayers. The pioneering efforts of Bob Fregolle in establishing an opportunity for youth in baseball is still felt today. As of 2019, the league is still going strong in China!

In 2003, Bob returned to Geneva as Vice President, Sales for CEEMEA (Central and Eastern Europe, Middle East & Africa) where he resurrected the recently defunct Geneva Youth Baseball League and then ran it as "The Commish" for five years before being reassigned once again. Bob laid the foundations for a successful organization, a true definition of a leader, so that the league would continue in his absence and Geneva still has a little-league program to this day.

In the summer of 2008, the Fregolle family moved back to Asia. This time, Bob accepted a promotion as the Vice President of Sales in Asia and they relocated to Singapore. By that time, Bob had coached youth baseball around the world for fourteen years while serving as a League Commissioner for eight of them.

In February of 2009, Bob was elected to his last position at Proctor & Gamble. As Global Sales Officer, Mr. Fregolle was the head of over 20,000 sales people and \$84 billion dollars in sales. Bob retired from the Company after his 35-year career with P&G in July of 2014. Following this, it did not take him long to get back into baseball.

In the summer of 2015, Bob joined the new ownership group of the Daytona Tortugas. The Daytona Tortugas are a Minor League baseball team based in Daytona Beach, Florida. They play in the Florida State League and are the Class A-Advanced Affiliate of the Cincinnati Reds of Major League Baseball. The Tortugas play at historic Jackie Robinson Ballpark. The stadium originally opened in 1930. The stadium seats 4,200 fans and "The Jack" was the site of the first racially integrated game in professional baseball history. It was an exhibition game in which Jackie Robinson



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broke the professional baseball "color barrier" on March 17, 1946 when he played for the Montreal Royals, a Dodger's Affiliate, at the stadium that now bears his name.

When asked why he got into professional baseball ownership, Bob said, "Actually, throughout my life I'd said that when I retired all I wanted to do was take tickets for the Flying Tigers at Tiger Town in Lakeland, Florida. Well, things went my way with my career at P&G and I realized I could go down the ownership path of a Minor League club."

"The Tortugas were the perfect fit; they play in a very historic ballpark, the fan base is passionate and knowledgeable, the ownership group I'm in is outstanding and they'd let me be me." He continued, "We have a great front office, and Daytona isn't a bad place to travel to! And you know what?" he asked rhetorically, "I still get to take tickets along with working the grounds crew

every now and then, running hotdogs, being on the radio, working our manual scoreboard, and greeting people at the gate and thanking them for coming out when they leave." Bob reflected on his involvement in the franchise he owns, "There's no doubt, I'm living the dream!"

Although retired, Mr. Fregolle is still active in the community and what he's passionate about. In addition to sitting on the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business Advisory Board, Bob is a Trustee and Advancement Committee Chair on the Board of the Cincinnati Museum Center, sits on the Steering Committee for the Minor League Baseball PAC, and is co-chair of the Tortugas Care Charity Foundation.

When not working, Bob and his family love cycling/exercising, scuba diving, snow skiing, hunting/fishing, traveling, The University of Michigan and anything that has to do with baseball. Bob resides in Cincinnati with his wife, Lori.



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# YEAR-BY-YEAR TEAM RECORDS

## Independent Era (1960-1961)

Year	Head Coach	Won	Lost	Tied	Win %	Year	Head Coach	Won	Lost	Tied	Win %
1960	Robert Mirer	1	5	0	.167	1961	Robert Mirer	0	13	0	.000

## Tri-River League Era (1962-1963)

Year	Head Coach	Won	Lost	Tied	Win %	Year	Head Coach	Won	Lost	Tied	Win %
1962	Robert Mirer	4	7	0	.364	1963	Robert Mirer	3	9	0	.250

## Northwest Suburban League Era (1964-1972)

Year	Head Coach	Won	Lost	Tied	Win %	Year	Head Coach	Won	Lost	Tied	Win %
1964	Dave Gottschalk	5	7	0	.417	1969	Dave Gottschalk	11	8	0	.579
1965	Dave Gottschalk	3	11	0	.214	1970	Dave Gottschalk	10	7	1	.588
1966	Dave Gottschalk	8	6	0	.571	1971	Dave Gottschalk	5	11	0	.313
1967	Dave Gottschalk	7	7	0	.500	1972	Dave Gottschalk	11	8	0	.579
1968	Dave Gottschalk	8	7	0	.533						

## Metro Suburban Activities Association Era (1973-1994)

Year	Head Coach	Won	Lost	Tied	Win %	Year	Head Coach	Won	Lost	Tied	Win %
1973	Dave Gottschalk	15	8	0	.652	1984	Jim Crosby	15	14	0	.517
1974	Dave Gottschalk	13	8	0	.619	1985	Jim Crosby	11	17	0	.393
1975	Jim Crosby	12	10	0	.545	1986	Jim Crosby	12	17	0	.414
1976	Jim Crosby	21	6	0	.778	1987	Jim Crosby	10	19	0	.345
1977	Jim Crosby	18	9	0	.667	1988	Jim Crosby	11	18	0	.379
1978	Jim Crosby	10	17	0	.370	1989	Jim Crosby	19	14	0	.576
1979	Jim Crosby	7	13	0	.350	1990	Jim Crosby	10	15	0	.400
1980	Jim Crosby	5	20	0	.200	1991	Jim Crosby	13	12	0	.520
1981	Jim Crosby	13	11	0	.542	1992	Jim Crosby	13	15	0	.464
1982	Jim Crosby	23	4	0	.852	1993	Jim Crosby	19	11	0	.633
1983	Jim Crosby	16	11	0	.593	1994	Jim Crosby	19	11	0	.633

## League Opponents (Through the Years)

Years	League	School Members
1962-1963	Tri-River	Cherry Hill, Haston, North Farmington, Riverside, Southgate
1964	NWSL	Livonia Franklin, North Farmington, Oak Park, Redford Thurston
1965-1972	NWSL	Livonia Franklin, North Farmington, Oak Park, Redford Thurston, Westland John Glenn
1973-1976	MSAA	Bloomfield Lahser, Rochester Adams, Royal Oak Dondero, Southfield Lathrup, Utica Eisenhower
1977	MSAA	Bloomfield Lahser, Rochester Adams, Royal Oak Dondero, Southfield Lathrup
1978-1983	MSAA	Bloomfield Lahser, Rochester Adams, Royal Oak Dondero, Southfield Lathrup, Troy Athens
1984-1994	MSAA	Bloomfield Lahser, Rochester, Rochester Adams, Royal Oak Dondero, Southfield Lathrup, Troy Athens, West Bloomfield

# YEAR-BY-YEAR TEAM RECORDS

## Oakland Activities Association Era (1995-2017)

Year	Head Coach	Division	Won	Lost	Tied	Win %	Year	Head Coach	Division	Won	Lost	Tied	Win %
1995	Jim Crosby	III	18	12	1	.600	2007	Jim Crosby	II	22	12	0	.647
1996	Jim Crosby	III	22	5	0	.815	2008	Jim Crosby	II	23	9	1	.719
1997	Jim Crosby	II	20	9	0	.690	2009	Jim Crosby	Blue/West	20	11	0	.645
1998	Jim Crosby	II	22	9	0	.710	2010	Jim Crosby	Blue/West	20	10	0	.667
1999	Jim Crosby	II	22	8	1	.733	2011	Jim Crosby	Blue/West	24	7	0	.774
2000	Jim Crosby	II	21	13	0	.618	2012	Jim Crosby	White	20	15	0	.571
2001	Jim Crosby	II	20	9	0	.690	2013	Jim Crosby	White	13	19	0	.406
2002	Jim Crosby	II	17	10	1	.630	2014	Jim Crosby	White	11	20	1	.355
2003	Jim Crosby	II	21	9	0	.700	2015	Jim Crosby	White	18	18	0	.500
2004	Jim Crosby	II	18	15	0	.545	2016	Shawn Morrison	White	31	10	0	.756
2005	Jim Crosby	II	26	10	0	.722	2017	Shawn Morrison	White	32	7	0	.821
2006	Jim Crosby	II	20	13	1	.606	2018	Shawn Morrison	White	26	10	0	.722

## OAA Division Opponents (Through the Years)

Years	Division	School Members
1995-1996	III	Bloomfield Lahser, Ferndale, Hazel Park, Pontiac Northern, Southfield Lathrup
1997-1998	II	Berkley, Oak Park, Seaholm, Waterford Kettering, Waterford Mott, West Bloomfield
1999-2000	II	Royal Oak Dondero, Royal Oak Kimball, Seaholm, Troy Athens, Waterford Kettering, Waterford Mott
2001-2002	II	Berkley, Ortonville Brandon, Royal Oak Kimball, Seaholm, Waterford Kettering, Waterford Mott
2003-2004	II	Berkley, Farmington, North Farmington, Seaholm, Troy Athens, Waterford Mott
2005-2006	II	Farmington Harrison, North Farmington, Rochester Adams, Seaholm, Troy Athens, Waterford Mott
2007	II	Bloomfield Lahser, North Farmington, Rochester, Rochester Adams, Troy Athens, Waterford Mott
2008	II	Bloomfield Lahser, North Farmington, Rochester, Rochester Stoney Creek, Troy Athens, Waterford Mott
2009	Blue/West	Berkley, Bloomfield Andover, Bloomfield Lahser, Farmington, Farmington Harrison, North Farmington, Royal Oak, Seaholm, West Bloomfield
2010-2011	Blue/West	Bloomfield Andover, Bloomfield Lahser, Farmington, Farmington Harrison, North Farmington, Royal Oak, Seaholm, West Bloomfield
2012-2017	White	Farmington, Farmington Harrison, North Farmington, Seaholm, West Bloomfield
2018-2019	White	Farmington, North Farmington, Seaholm, West Bloomfield

## 2019 OAA White Members



# COACHING RECORDS

## Shawn Morrison



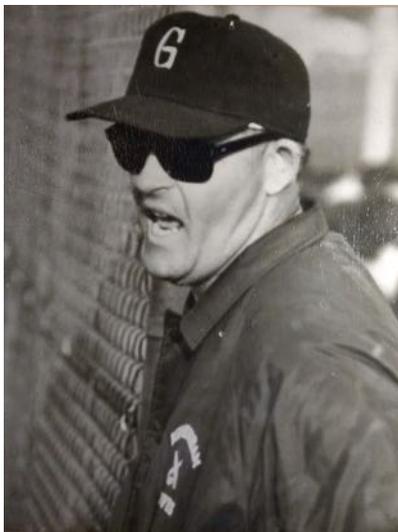
2016-2018  
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## Jim Crosby



1975-2015  
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## Dave Gottschalk



1964-1974  
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## Robert Mirer



1960-1963  
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## GROVES BASEBALL BOOSTERS



Please consider supporting the Groves baseball program. Company or individual sponsorships are available. Company logo's will be printed on 5' x 10' or 7' x 7' vinyl banners and placed along the outfield fence.

Banners will be placed throughout the Groves baseball season and the summer travel and tournament season played on the Groves varsity field (April – September).

### Sponsorship Fee:

Year 1 = \$350 which includes the cost of the 5' x 10' banner.

Subsequent years = \$250 / yr.

Banners will be stored over the winter and re-used in subsequent years.

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Company Name: _____	Year 1 (\$350)	\$ _____
Contact Person: _____	Year 2 (\$250)	\$ _____
Phone Number: _____	Year 3 (\$250)	\$ _____
Email Address: _____	Total	\$ _____

Sponsorship fees by check only made out to "**Groves Baseball Boosters**"

Mail to: **Groves Baseball Boosters, 24900 N. Cromwell Drive, Franklin, MI 48025**

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- **Letters and numbers should be about 12" in height**
- Please include your logo on a thumb drive or email to [bhess@techrg.com](mailto:bhess@techrg.com)
- Any questions please contact Bill Hess at 248-703-1196 or email at [bhess@techrg.com](mailto:bhess@techrg.com)
- Banners will not be ordered until the fee is received. Banners will last a minimum of 3 years.

