



**MIKE RIESNER
NVHS BOOSTER CLUB FEATURED ATHLETE OF THE WEEK
BASEBALL PROGRAM**

The NVHS Athletic Booster Club is proud to present the featured athlete of this week, baseball player MIKE RIESNER. Coach Renner has Mike in his highest regards. He tells us that Mike is one of the finest young men he has had the pleasure of coaching and also one of the hardest workers. Mike has had a successful career at Neuqua Valley High School and was a member of the Semi Final State Team of 2013, and as a Junior was picked to the all area team and HM all conference team. He played for The Naperville Renegades Baseball Club and the Cincinnati Reds Scout Team that finished in 3rd Place at the WWBA Championship in Jupiter, FL which was ranked 9th in the country. He is looking forward to a successful college career at Bradley University and has aspirations to play in the Major Leagues after college.

Booster Club Reporter: *How did you get interested in playing baseball?*

Mike: I started when I was 4 or 5 by playing Tee ball. I always found myself wanting to play catch with my dad during soccer and football season.

Booster Club Reporter: *What would you say about high school baseball to someone considering to try out for a team?*

Mike: It gives you a purpose and will help you follow the right path. The people you meet become family instead of teammates. I have learned to be persistent in what I do and push through any obstacle that I face because I know the end will be rewarding. The coaches have taught me that hard work pays off and being a leader is important to help your team be successful. All these skills are transferable to adult life.

Booster Club Reporter: *You mentioned being a leader to help your team be successful. What does being on a team mean to you and what do you bring to the table in your team?*

Mike: It means that the team comes first and they are like family. If they need anything I am there. I want to be the guy that my teammates can come to and pick them up if they are down because they do the same for me. I just bring energy and hard work to my team to help us win.

Booster Club Reporter: *How do you deal with the different personalities in the team?*

Mike: You just have different relationships with everybody but never treat anybody better or worse than someone else. Playing for a team is easy.

Booster Club Reporter: *Where are you going to school, and do you plan on playing baseball in college?*

Mike: Yes, I will attend Bradley University and will study Business at the Foster School of Business. I received a scholarship to play baseball.

Booster Club Reporter: *What are you going to miss most about your High School life?*

Mike: Playing for my school and my teammates. I will miss playing against the kids I grew up with or met playing for travel teams or pro scout teams.

Booster Club Reporter: *What is your favorite baseball player and why?*

Mike: Derek Jeter. He plays for my favorite team, the New York Yankees. He is my role model because he plays the game the right way, and that means playing with heart and passion.

Booster Club Reporter: *Tell me three things about yourself that most people don't know.*

Mike: I was born in New York and lived in Tennessee for a year, I talk to myself a lot, and I have a tattoo of a family saying on my arm.

Booster Club Reporter: *And you are going to make me ask... what family saying?*

Mike: "I love you to the sky and back, forever and ever, wherever you go". It gives me strength and it means a lot to me.