

# Delano Youth Baseball (DYBSA)

## Season Recaps (T-Ball – 14U)

### T-Ball

The T-Ball level (ages 4-6) had approximately 125 players divided into 12 teams. Teams played each other over the course of 13 nights during the summer at the Mt Olive fields. Focus for T-Ball is on the very basics of baseball and having fun. T-Ball coordinator was Mark Petersen.

### Coach Pitch

The Coach Pitch level (ages 6-8) had approximately 90 players divided into 8 teams. Teams played each other over the course of 20 nights during the summer at Mt Olive and the Dike field with the focus being on having fun, core baseball fundamentals, good sportsmanship and the desire to come back and play baseball next year. Hopefully, these goals were accomplished! The season culminated with a Jamboree that was a big success thanks in part to the parents, volunteers and coaches. All the players enjoyed playing two games at the 4-plex in a Jamboree format. Coach Pitch coordinator was Mark Purkey

### 10U House League

The 10U House League program (ages 8-10) had a total of 11 teams participate; 2 from Rockford, 3 from Watertown and 6 from Delano. The Delano and Rockford teams had a 14 game schedule with Watertown playing on Thursday nights. The kids enjoyed experiencing a little bit of travel and there was good competition again this year. For the 10U end of the season tournament, we had great weather and most all games were close. Delano Team 4 and Team 5 played in the championship, Delano Team 3 and Rockford Green played in the third place game, Delano Team 6 and Rockford White played the consolation and Delano Team 1 and 2 played in the friendship game. It was a fun season and the kids showed great improvement throughout the season beginning with the early clinics in April leading up to the tournament in July. Head Coaches at this level included: Jared Vogt, Chris Lins, Ben Scanlon, Matt VanBuesekom, Bill Manuel and Dan Ahrens. 10U House coordinator was Matt Connor.

### 9A Gopher State

9A team played in the Gopher State League West division and finished with an overall record of 15-10; League record was 6-6 with some close losses to St Michael and Rogers, both of which will be AAA teams next year. Team played in two regular season tournaments; Big Lake 3-2 (3<sup>rd</sup> place finish) and Prior Lake 4-1 (2<sup>nd</sup> place finish) with loss to Plymouth\Wayzata who will also be AAA next year. Coaches for 9A were Head Coach Bill Peterson, Assistant Coaches Brandon Scanlon, Joey Wood, and Mark Purkey.

### 10AA Gopher State

The 10AA team competed in the Gopher State Central Division this year finishing with a 17-13 overall record which included an 8-8 record in the regular season. The team played in three tournaments, including a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish at the Big Lake Tournament, as well as the Gopher State Tournament of Champions. Coaches for this team included Head Coach Troy Collings and Assistant Coaches Matt Connor, Eric Englemann and Jim Linna.

### 10B Crow River

The 10B team participated in the Crow River League this year finishing with an overall record of 12-12. At the season end tournament for the Crow River League, we were one of the top six teams which placed us in the top bracket; the other 12 teams in the league were in the lower bracket. We placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the end of the year tournament in Maple Lake. We lost the championship game to Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart. The team did really well. The games we lost were 6 runs or less. Coaches for this team included Head Coach David Jacobson and Assistant Coaches Derek Horeis, Jason Engel and Ryan Rosenow.

### 11AA Gopher State

The 11AA team finished with a 28-8-1 overall record and won the Gopher State West Division with a 12-3-1 league record. They played 3 tournaments during the regular season taking 1<sup>st</sup> in Wayzata, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Delano and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Eden Prairie. Team finished 2-2 at the Gopher State Tournament of Champions and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Gopher State 11AA Tier I playoffs. This is a great group of players and parents. Coaches for this team included Head Coach JT Bruett and Assistant Coaches Dan Rasmussen, Darren Knight, Greg Maschino and Mike Dorsey.

### 12AAA Gopher State

This year the 12AAA team competed in the Gopher State Central Division. We finished with an overall record of 12-18. Our league record of 6-10 included signature wins against St. Michael and Buffalo (#2 and #3 in league standings). This represented an improvement from our 11AAA league record of 4-12 last year. Our best tournament of the season was a 4th place finish in our own Delano tournament, highlighted by going 3-0 pool play. Overall, the coaching staff was very pleased with the season, specifically the achievement of our three pre-season goals: 1) Each player improved their baseball skills, 2) Each player improved as a person by respecting the game and their teammates and 3) Everyone had fun. Coaches for this team

included Head Coach Cory Lommel and Assistant Coaches Bob Coons, Cory Kramp, Jeff Addicks and Joe Schramel.

### 12A Gopher State

The 12A team competed in the Gopher State South Division finishing 11-13 overall and 8-8 in league play placing them 5<sup>th</sup> in the division standings. The team finished the season by winning 5 games in a row and the Gopher State 12A Tier II playoffs. Coaches for this team included Head Coach Josh Popp and Assistant Coaches Chris Jostick and Myron Klinkner.

### 12B Crow River – Team 1

12B Team 1 played in the Crow River League and finished with an overall record of 5-17, including a league record of 3-13. Coaches for this team included Head Coach Clint Morrissette and Assistant Coaches Ryan Thomas and Dan Ryan.

### 12B Crow River – Team 2

12B Team 2 played in the Crow River League and finished with an overall record of 9-11, including a league record of 5-9. The team played very well in the season ending Crow River 12C tournament going 4-2 and finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in a field of with 18 teams. The team had 11 players consisting of four 12 year olds and seven 11 year olds and stayed true to rotating positions frequently giving every player on the team equal time at all positions, including pitching and catching. We may have won a game or two more by rotating less frequently, however the boys developed as all-around baseball players and had a great time playing. Coaches for this team included Head Coach Jeremy Christenson and Assistant Coaches Jim Dahl and Brian Laskey.

### 12B Crow River – Team 3

12B team 3 played in the Crow River league and finished with an overall record of 13-10 and league record of 8-7. The team made it to the Championship game of the season ending Crow River 12C Tournament losing to Hutchinson 5-3. It was a great finish to the season. Coaches for this team include Head Coach Tony Poll and Assistant Coaches Mike Sturman, Tim Diem and Wayne Tieg.

### 12B Crow River – Team 4

12B Team 4 played in the Crow River League and finished with an overall record of 9-15 and finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place in the league with a 7-8 record. The team also placed 7<sup>th</sup> in the Maple Lake Tournament. Coaches for this team included Head Coach Kary Oeffling and Assistant Coaches Mike Jaunich and Joe Groff

### 13AA Gopher State

The 13AA team competed in the Central Division of the Gopher State League. The team finished with a 10-10-4 overall record, including a 7-4-4 regular season record. The season concluded with a loss to STMA in the semi-finals of the 13AA Tier I Gopher State playoffs.

Coaches for this team included Head Coach Cody Kielsa and Assistant Coaches Jason McDonald, Nate Norman and Troy Norman.

### 14AAA Gopher State

Overall record of 16-17; 9-7 league record in the Gopher State 14AAA West Division; Gopher State playoffs (2-1) in Tier I, tournaments (5-9); 4th in two tournaments (with 12 teams total in each). This group of players has been competitive at the AAA Gopher State Level for the past 4 years. It is a great group of players, parents and coaches, including Head Coach Darren Knight, Assistant Coaches, Jeff Marciniak, Cory Lommel and John Weber.

### 14A Crow River

Team played in the 13AA/14A Crow River League and finished with an overall record of 5-15-2 including a regular season record of 3-9-2 which put them 7th of 11 teams in the league. Team played in two tournaments finishing 2-1 and 2nd place in the Big Lake Classic (Big Lake) and 0-3 in the 14AA Pot O' Gold Tournament (Maple Lake). This team had a great group of kids and, despite facing some tough competition, they always gave maximum effort. Coaches for this team included Head Coach Jim Mika and Assistant Coaches Greg Rietow, Bob Ewing, and Daren Stigman.

### 14B Crow River

The Delano 14B team finished 6 – 7 – 1 during the regular season of the Crow River 14U BC North league. The team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the North league standings. The end of the year tournament was held in Delano and the team finished 1 – 2 in tournament play. We received several compliments around the tournament and conditions of the fields. We had a very enjoyable season and did see improvement in all of the boys throughout the year. Head Coach was Tyler Ring. A special thanks to Coach Drinkwitz and Coach Erwin as well as all the parents who helped during the season.