

2013 JV Baseball Yearbook Recap

As many of the baseball programs around the state of Wisconsin discovered, the 2013 season was not a typical season. With winter lasting much longer than normal, the first 6 weeks of the season were completed in the middle school gymnasium. The first day of practice was March 19th and the first time we had an outdoor practice was on April 26th. The “sprint” of a season required that all the JV games be played between April 30th and May 16th. The JV baseball team completed the 2013 season with a record of 1-8. The JV squad started the season slowly by being ten run ruled in their first two games, but did show improvement as the season progressed by being more competitive as the season concluded. In a season without many actual victories, the team needed to look for “moral victories”. Of the 8 losses, 3 of them were by 1 or 2 runs and in 2 of the other losses we held a late lead that we couldn’t hold until the final out was recorded. In many of these 8 losses, the crickets were plagued at inopportune times by shoddy defense, control problems on the mound, and struggles at the plate. The lone victory was over Chippewa Falls McDonell by a score of 12-8. With not many players in the baseball program, the JV team felt the “trickle down effects” as the two most talented freshmen were required to be varsity starters and found success at that level. The JV offense was led by Logan Swift and Josh LaGow. The JV squad depended on Zac LaGow, Josh LaGow, Isaiah Schmidt, and Brayton Meyer to do the best they could when asked to pitch. Jake Olson did pitch a couple of games for the JV team and did well enough to win in his games had a few more plays been made in the field for him.

When asked about the season, Coach Prissel made the following comments: “This season was a tough one with the delayed start due to the weather, the low numbers, and the difficulty we found executing on both offense and defense. When we struggled to make plays in the field, throw strikes on the mound, or make solid contact at the plate we struggled to be competitive. In a number of games, if we did not have one “nightmare inning” I think we would have come out on top a few more times and put some more wins in the record book. For the most part, most of the players worked hard each night, were coachable, and gave decent effort. I have challenged this group to work to get better and increase their levels of talent, baseball IQ, and overall baseball skillset between the end of our season and March 2014 when the next cricket baseball season officially arrives. The guys need to put in the time in the offseason and make a commitment to getting better. I hope that having a “tough season” motivates us to pick up a ball and bat and get back to work as things can and will get better in the future if we are willing to seek improvement and put in the necessary time.”