



2006 Baseball Preseason Newsletter

MEET THE TEAM

After last season's success there was a great deal of enthusiasm surrounding the team this Fall. The returning members have raised their expectations as well as their game to a new level. The team had a successful Fall season and the roster



for this Spring looks very promising. The team will look for guidance and experience from the four seniors. Senior Tri-Captains Brendan Gregory (OF), Sean Connell (OF/C) and Scott Archibald (RHP/3B) will be called upon to lead this year's team in many areas. Senior David Hanley (RHP/1B) will also help guide the younger members through the long and difficult season ahead of us. Coach Falcon, "This group of young men went through something exciting and challenging last year. They have a taste of what it takes to play championship caliber baseball. I will look to each of them to leave Clark with a lasting impression on both the Clark community as well as the baseball program."

The junior class makes up the majority of the roster. With the addition of two junior college transfer students, the junior class has 11 members. Jeremy Strom (RHP) comes to Clark having spent two years at Western Nebraska Community College. Jeremy was a relief pitcher for WNCC and will be looked to bring experience and leadership to the Clark bullpen. Robert Muollo, a transfer from Dean College, is a left-handed pitcher as well as an outfielder. Robert will be primarily used as a relief pitcher this year with an occasional spot start both on the mound and in the outfield. The returning junior class includes Gunnar Hagstrom (C), James Mancuso (C), Nick Tapper (1B), Mike Pritchard (RHP/1B), Ross Godin (Inf), Kyle Breidenstine (Inf), Joe Pasciucco (RHP/Inf), Mike Levy (RHP/OF), and Tim Simokonis (RHP). Coach Falcon, "This class is unlike any other we have had during my time here at Clark."
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2006 SCHEDULE

Home Games in Bold at Granger Fields

March

Mar. 4 - March 11, Spring Break @ Ft. Myers, FL & Port Chartlotte, FL		
Sat. 4	vs Dominican University (IL) (DH)#	TBA
Sun. 5	vs University of Minnesota-Morris (MN)#	TBA
Mon. 6	vs MacMurray College (IL) (DH)#	TBA
Tue. 7	vs John Carroll University (OH)#	TBA
Thur. 9	vs Penn State University - Altoona (PA) (DH)\$	TBA
Fir. 10	vs Rowan University (NJ)\$	TBA
Sat. 11	vs Mass College of Liberal Arts (MA) (DH)\$	TBA
Thu. 16	at Gordon College	3:00 pm
Tue. 21	vs Assumption College	3:00 pm
Thu. 23	at WNEC	3:00 pm
Sat. 25	vs MIT (DH)*	12:00 pm
Sun. 26	vs Nichols College (DH)	12:00 pm
Tue. 28	vs Wentworth Institute	3:00 pm

APRIL

Sat. 1	vs WPI (DH)*	11:00 am
Tue. 4	at Elms College	4:00 pm
Thu. 6	vs USCGA*	3:00 pm
Sat. 8	at Springfield College (DH)*	12:00 pm
Tue. 11	at Fitchburg State College	3:30 pm
Sat. 15	vs Wheaton College (DH)*	12:00 pm
Tue. 18	at USCGA*	3:30 pm
Thu. 20	at Rhode Island College	3:30 pm
Sat. 22	at Babson College (DH)	12:00 pm
Tue. 25	Rain Date	
Thu. 27	NEWMAC Quarterfinals	
Sat. 29	NEWMAC Semifinals	
Sun. 30	NEWMAC Finals	

#Ft. Myers, FL
\$ Port Chartlotte, FL
* NEWMAC Game

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The experience that this class brings to the program is immeasurable. Each of these young men will have the ability to play significant roles on the team this season."

Returning sophomores include Cole Osburn (OF), Eric Dufour (OF/INF), Miles Whitlock (RHP), Dan Simokonis (RHP), Matt Adams (Inf), and Joe Silva (C). Coach Falcon, "The sophomore class played a key role in our success as freshmen. Each of them will be called upon in big situations during the course of the season. This group has shown that they can handle pressure situations against the toughest of opponents.

First-year members include David Gagnon (Harwich, MA) (RHP), Matthew Tillo (Lancaster, MA) (RHP/Inf) and Gregory Long (Milford, MA) (RHP). David was both a catcher and pitcher at Chatham High School and will be used primarily as a relief pitcher for the Cougars this Spring. "David has a live arm and a very smooth delivery. Our goal for David is to develop his off-speed pitches." comments Coach Falcon. Matthew transferred to Clark having spent one semester at Bryant University. He was the number one pitcher his last two years at Nashoba Regional High School as well as a solid infielder. "Matt gives us another young arm to build for the future. He will have a chance to earn a starting job in the rotation for this Spring as well as earn some opportunities in the field." Greg is a transfer from UMASS Amherst and was an effective starter and closer at Milford High School. "He has some good pop on his ball and can certainly help us in the bull pen this season. He is capable of giving us a spot start as well as being a long man out of the bull pen."



2006 CAPTAINS



Brendan Gregory '06
#06...OF...2005 Stats: BA Avg: .256...RBIs: 7...2B: 3...OB%: .398...BB: 12...Runs Scored: 17...Hits: 20



Sean Connell '06
#1...C/OF...2005 Stats: BA Avg: .234...RBIs: 4...2B: 2...OB%: .290...BB: 4...Runs Scored: 12...Hits: 15



Scott Archibald '06
#4...P/INF...2005 Stats: BA Avg: .320...RBIs: 20...2B: 4...3B: 1...HRs: 4...OB%: .400...BB: 12...Runs Scored: 17...Hits: 31...Pitching Stats: GP: 6...GS: 6...W-L: 2-4...ERA: 2.25...NEWMAC All-Conference First Team

Archibald goes NECBL

At the end of last Spring Scott Archibald was selected to play for the Pittsfield Dukes after trying out for the club. The Dukes are a NECBL team located in Pittsfield, MA. This was the first player in recent team history to make such a team in a highly regarded amateur summer baseball league. "I was not surprised to hear that they offered Scott a contract for their team. Scott has a tremendous amount of ability on the mound," says Head Coach Jason Falcon. "I believe that his time with the Dukes will not only help Scott become a better pitcher but I believe that it will make those around him better. When a young player who attends a Division III school from Massachusetts gets the opportunity to play with and compete with players from large programs like Stanford, LSU, and Old Dominion he will definitely learn something. Scott had the chance to play with those guys and showed that he deserved to be there."

Team Stats

Year	Batting														Pitching													
	G	AB	R	H	Avg.	2B	3B	HR	TB	Slug.	RBI	SB	SBA	BB	SO	GS	CG	W	L	SV	Sho	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
2005	35	1119	209	319	.285	47	10	15	431	.385	190	11	19	127	177	35	2	17	18	6	1	278	261	178	165	110	188	4.30

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Gavin Mish Named New Assistant Coach

Coach Falcon is pleased to announce the addition of Gavin Mish to the Cougar coaching staff. Gavin comes to Clark having coached the last two years at Cathedral High School in Boston, MA. Mish has also been an assistant coach for the Mill City All Americans, which is a team in the NECBL out of Lowell, MA. For Mill City, Mish primarily worked with the infielders and coached first base. His duties for the Cougars will include working with the infielders as well as working with the base runners. Coach Falcon will also be counting on Mish to help with recruiting. "Gavin brings the experience and knowledge that is needed for our infielders," comments Coach Falcon. "He will be given the responsibility of working closely with each infielder to improve the defensive side of the ball for our team. With his energy and enthusiasm I am confident that the team will improve a great deal defensively."

2006 Season Opponents

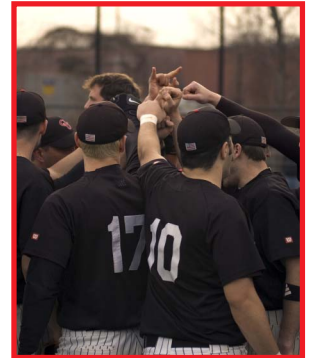
Clark has added several new opponents to the 2006 schedule. The Spring Break will be split this year between Port Charlotte and Fort Myers Florida. Southern opponents include Minnesota-Morris, Dominican College and nationally ranked Rowan University. The northern schedule includes games against Nichols College, Gordon College, Elms College, Wentworth University and Fitchburg State. The schedule also includes several nationally ranked and NCAA playoff teams such as Western New England College, conference foe Wheaton College and Rhode Island College. The Cougars have also added Div. II Assumption College to the regular season schedule.

Cougars Travel to Sweden

This Spring three members of the Cougar baseball team had a chance to go to Stockholm Sweden and play baseball as ambassadors of the USA. Coach Falcon has been to several European countries in the last five years including Belgium, Germany and Holland. This year Jeff Gagnon ('05) and Corey Harper ('05) joined coach Falcon on a trip to Stockholm, Sweden. This was the first time Jeff and Corey had ever been to Europe and the experience was not lost on them. "It was definitely a worthwhile trip to go on. Having never seen Europe and having always wanted to go I can honestly say that this was a life long dream come true," said Jeff. "Coach has gone to other parts of the world in the past and had told me stories about baseball in other countries and I always thought it would be a great thing to do," Jeff continued. Coach Falcon was glad to have both Jeff and Corey because to him it capped a great way to end their collegiate careers. "They both had the opportunity to play with other college athletes from across the states and compete with the professional ranks of the Swedish leagues. We had the opportunity to learn some of the Swedish culture and it was an experience that we will always remember," stated Coach Falcon.

Cougars Lending a Hand

On September 21st the baseball team joined up with the Red Cross in a relief effort for those affected by Hurricane Katrina. Members of the team joined other local volunteers in collecting goods and donations for the hurricane victims. "Members of the team had come to me and asked if there was something that we could do to help in the relief effort," says coach Falcon. "I told the team that the Red Cross would be the place to ask and they came back to us with the need for volunteers to help collect food and donations. The guys on the team volunteered their time and felt good about helping those in need. The Red Cross and I were very appreciative of their time and efforts."





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The Clark University Athletic Department has had a change in its logo and design. This year the Cougar baseball team has changed its look. We have a brand new CU that is displayed on the baseball hats along with other pieces of apparel. The



team has gone to a new red home game jersey as seen in the photos provided. We have also changed the pinstripe pants to an all gray pant. The team also purchased a new batting practice jacket for each of the members of the team. They have their names stitched on the back along with the new logo stitched on the front.



The old black game jerseys worn from 2000-2005 are available for sale if alumni are interested. Please contact Coach Falcon directly for numbers and availability in the baseball office. We also have a limited number of new fitted game hats available for sale if interested.