

# Lansing Baseball & Softball Programs



LSP ORANGE TEAM

## International Gold Team

The LBP International League Gold Team is a group of enthusiastic and dedicated players. Their dedication has been evident at practices and games with nearly 100% attendance. There are four returning veterans on the team. They are Andy Fessenden, A.J. Hughes, Patrick Sweazey, and Tig Sheive.

To balance out the team, the Gold team roster includes rookies picked up in the free agent draft. They are Curtis Fenner, Tyler Johnson, James McDonough, Kyle Dake and Derek Jones. Players range from Kindergarten to third grade. When these players hit the field, you will see they play with "hearts of gold".

**Players:** Kyle Dake, Curtis Fenner, Andy Fessenden, A. J. Hughes, Tyler Johnson, Derek Jones, James McDonough, Tig Sheive and Patrick Sweazey.

**Coaches:** Jim Sweazey and Doug Dake.

## National Maroon Team

This spring I was prepared to resume my usual low stress duties of Assistant Coach when, with a little arm-twisting from Andy LaVigne, I apprehensively moved up to a Head Coach position.

My nervousness was relieved when I acquired a well-seasoned Assistant Coach in the spring draft. Jack Stull is a great asset to our team, and I often think our roles should be reversed (but I didn't dare ask him).

This year my son Ryan, moved up to the National League so I took a team with only one returning player. "No problem," as I had a successful draft and have great kids

## LBP National Gold Team

We are a young team with just 3 returning National league players. They are Jeff Ryan, Prasun Pal and Patrick Bishop. Their previous year of experience will surely make them the leaders of this ball team. Look for Pat Bishop to pitch, Jeff Ryan to field and Prasun Pal to swing the bat!

Moving up from International League to join the Gold Team are Kevin Mabry, Phillip Abbott, Hunter Preston, Nathan Horrell, James Lauzun, David Sotero, Jesse Ormsby and Evan Iacobucci. These fine young players are working hard to improve their skill level to meet the challenges of National League play.

Two members of the team, Pat Bishop and Kevin Mabry, are cousins and great buddies. They are natural athletes and competitors. This duo is sure to spark enthusiasm amongst their teammates for the game. Phillip Abbott, Hunter Preston, and Nathan Horrell will contribute their throwing abil-

ity from the pitcher's mound while James Lauzun and David Sotero will be counted on for their batting. Jesse Ormsby and Evan Iacobucci are working on their defensive skills to round out the total team effort.

Good sportsmanship is stressed with every player of our team no matter what the "call" or the outcome of the game. Respect for teammates, other players, coaches, and umpires is something our team takes seriously. We are proud of the Gold Team players and coaches for teaching and reinforcing this basic lesson of the game and life.

Look for the Gold Team to be the most improved National League team at the end of the season!

**Players:** Patrick Bishop, Prasun Pal, Jeffrey Ryan, Kevin Mabry, Phillip Abbott, Hunter Preston, Nathan Horrell, James Lauzun, David Sotero, Jesse Ormsby, Evan Iacobucci.

**Coaches:** Scott Bishop, Clayton Mabry



LSP TURQUOISE TERMINATORS TEAM

who range in age from 7 to 10 years.

Our practice sessions have been very promising and it appears we are going to be a well rounded team with a lot of potential talent. If these guys continue their "heavy hitting" and excellent fielding we should see an above .500 season.

**Players:** David Abbott, Ryan Cleveland, Nick Hanratty, Adam Hardie, Donald

Krebs, Tyler Moody, Charlie Randall, Kyle Reynolds, Brent Stull, Matthew Swartwood and Andrew Zwiegenbaum.

**Coaches:** Jeff Cleveland, Jack Stull.

## International Red Team

When you think about baseball, you think about warm weather and sunshine. This wasn't the case for the opening practice of the LBP International League Red Team. We had a good turn out for the first practice. Everyone was in good spirits and cooperative. Some of the values that we hope to instill in the players are: good listening skills, cooperation and just having fun.

**Players:** Dan Hranek, Joshua Rodgers, Matthew Hartz, Sarah Barnard, Jonathon Howe, Billy Maul, Corey Shipos, Ross Conlin, and Alaina Iacobucci. We look forward to a great season!

**Coaches:** John Rodgers, Greg Hartz, Beverly Hartz and Susan Hranek.



LSP BLUE TEAM

## American Cardinal Team

An experience laden Lansing LBP American League Cardinal Team will challenge the 97 Lansing Baseball Program. Half of the team's 12 players will play their third year with manager Ron Leifeld and Coach Steve Makela. Of the six new players acquired in the spring draft, three are grizzled veterans. Only three are rookies to the American League.

The Cardinal return two 96 All Stars in Darren Makela and Mike Leifeld. Both are fireball throwing pitchers with good bats. Jeremy Deans, a slick fielder, Eric Hewitt, a hard hitter, Mitch Munson, one of the fastest players in the league, and Josh Stevens, a big man with a big stick, make up the remainder of the core Cardinal.

Veteran newcomers are big hopper Ben Bruno, speedy Peter Skvarla and hard hitting Zack Inman, more speed and a quick study, and strong and hard charging Billy Wright.


**Players:** Micah Beck, Ben Bruno, Jeremy Deans, Eric Hewitt, Cody Inman, Mike Leifeld, Darren Makela, Mitchell Munson, Zack Riddell, Peter Skvarla, Josh Stevens and Billy Wright.

**Manager:** Ron Leifeld

**Assistant Coach:** Steve Makela.



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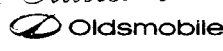
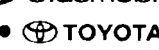
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