

Sandstoners Crowned Varsity Baseball Champions This Season

The Potsdam High School Varsity Baseball team, under Coach Hal Gillette, capped the crown in the Section 10 Championship stretch drive this season. Following is a summary of some of the games leading up to this title.

Potsdam 6-St. Mary's Academy 3
Trailing 0-3 going into the third inning, the Sandstoners, faced with a must game, managed to score two runs in both the third and fourth innings to take a 4-3 lead which they built up to six by scoring a run in the fifth and seventh innings. On the mound it was Bill Gilmore and John Snyder behind the plate. This battery struck out 11, walked one, and gave up three runs on six hits. For

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On the mound for the second day in a row was Bill Gilmore who spun a neat six-hitter in downing the previously undefeated Cyclones 6-3. Gilmore set eight of the Watertownians down on strikes, walked three, and gave up six hits. For Potsdam in the heavy lumber department it was Bill Gilmore going three for three, John Snyder two for three, James Calnon two for three, and Gordon Tomalty two for two.

In the second game it was James Calnon throwing shut-out ball in recording a 3-0 win and a sweep of the doubleheader. Watertown could only muster five hits off the slants of Calnon and these were well spaced. Potsdam scored early, getting two runs in the first inning when Calnon signaled, Snyder got by on an error, and Tomalty knocked both runs in with a timely single.

Potsdam's last run came in the fourth inning on a single by Taylor, a passed ball and another singly by Mike Boyea. Calnes struck out four, walked two and gave up five hits in recording the victory.

At the same time Potsdam was sweeping its doubleheader, all fingers were crossed hoping that St. Mary's would beat Canton giving Potsdam a tie for second place and possibly life for the playoffs. The Sandstoner prayers were answered as the SMA ball club knocked off the Golden Bears in the first game of a scheduled doubleheader 6-0, and threw the division into a three-way tie for second.

Potsdam, Gouverneur and Canton all ended the season with 7-5 league records. A playoff resulted with Potsdam getting the bye and Gouverneur eliminating Canton. So the stage was set for the play-off to determine second place between Gouverneur and Potsdam.

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Potsdam ended the scoring by getting four more runs in the top of the seventh inning. Gouverneur scored their two runs in the bottom of the seventh.

On the mound for Potsdam was Gilmore for the first four innings and then Calnon finished the game with John Snyder behind the plate. Gilmore got credit for the win. Swinging the heavy bats for Potsdam were Douglas Perault and James Calnon both going three for four.

This win enabled the Sandstoners to finish second in the division and thus entitled them to participate in the playoffs.

Sectional Playoffs
Playoff competition sends the first place team in one division against the second place team in the other division. So, faced with the dubious task of having to face sectional winners to become sectional champions, the Sandstoners had their work cut for them. (Not forgetting that both teams, Massena and Norwood, owned two wins apiece over the Sandstoners during the regular season.)

Sectional Games
For the first time in modern Potsdam history, Potsdam survived the playoffs and were crowned Section 10 Class A champions. Not since 1947 had the Sandstoners participated in the playoffs-let alone winning them.

In the first game it was Potsdam vs Massena, the east-

ern division champion. Before a large crowd at Snell Field, the Sandstoners scored early and often in hammering out a 7-3 verdict over the Red Raiders. On the mound for Potsdam it was Bill Gilmore and John Snyder behind the plate. For Massena it was Tim Ellis and Bolster behind the plate.

The Sandstoners got two runs in the first inning when Calnon doubled. Snyder singled and stole second, scoring Calnon. Gilmore drove Snyder in with another single before the third out was recorded.

Potsdam scored again in the third when Snyder doubled and Gilmore drove him in with a slashing single and Caruso followed with another single before the side was retired. In the fourth the boys from Leroy Street iced the games away by scoring four runs on four hits.

Sharlow opened the inning with a double, Perault got on with a fielder's choice scoring Sharlow. Yianoukos followed with a single. Calnon then got his second hit of the day when he hit a single up the middle to score Perault. Then Bill Gilmore knocked in Calnon and Yianoukos with his third consecutive single up the middle. So going into the top of the sixth inning, the Sandstoners enjoyed a 7-0 lead.

In the sixth inning the Red Raiders broke up Gilmore's bid for a no-hitter by scoring three runs on three hits and one base on balls. This ended the scoring as the Sandstoners shut the Red Raiders off in the seventh with no trouble.

For Potsdam it was Bill Gilmore once again pitching a masterful game giving up only three runs on three hits, striking out 11 and walking three. Ellis took the loss for Massena.

Snyder and Gilmore led the Potsdam attack with three hits apiece out of four times at bat. James Calnon, Tom Caruso, and Mike Boyea were all two for four and two for three, respectively. Gilmore had five RBI's for the day.

This game put the Sandstoners into the championship game against the Flying N's from Norwood-Norfolk who had defeated the Tupper Lake Lumberjacks 3-2 to gain the finals.

Potsdam 1 - Norwood-Norfolk 0
In what most experts felt was the best high school baseball game in quite some time, Potsdam scored a 1-0 win over the Flying N's to cap the Section 10 Class A championship.

Potsdam scored one run in the top of the first which as it turned out was enough for Bill Gilmore and Co. Potsdam scored on a walk to Calnon who was later forced by John Snyder's fielder's choice. Snyder then stole second and scored on Bill Gilmore's line shot to right center field.

Gilmore limited the Flying N's to two hits, a single by Edwards in the second inning and a triple by Woodard in the fifth inning. Norwood-Norfolk had Gilmore in trouble in both the fifth and sixth

innings, but with clutch pitching managed to survive.

For Potsdam, the combination of Gilmore and Snyder held the Flying N's to just two hits, struck out 13 and walked two. The battery for Norwood was Craig Mahoney on the mound and Woodward behind the plate. This combination was just as effective as Potsdam battery as they held Potsdam to three hits, set six Sandstoners down on strikes and walked four.

The Section 10 Class A trophy was presented to the Sandstoner team immediately after the game. Accepting the trophy from Hal Gillette, Section 10 baseball chairman, were Potsdam co-captains, Jim Calnon and Douglas Perault.

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Many In Recreation Activities But Parental Support Is Needed

Officials of the Potsdam Youth Recreation Association announce that their evening programs in baseball, softball and kickball are all in full swing with the largest registration ever.

Late registrations in the oldest age groups were sufficient to warrant four team leagues for each of the boys and girls at this age level. A sufficient number of younger girls registered for the kickball program, making it necessary to realign the teams to form a six-team league to replace the original four teams.

Through the total number of children participating in the program is at an all-time high, the number of adults volunteering to assist with the supervision of the program is at an all-time low. Association officials are quite disturbed with the failure of

parents to respond to the need for help, but have hopes that the programs will all be able to continue.

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WPDM Holds First Position In Potsdam Village Softball League

In the Potsdam Village Softball League WPDM has taken over first place on the strong pitching of Lou LaGrand and Jack Saunders. They have won six in a row,

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the last on a one-hitter by LaGrand.

Clarkson has moved into second place by itself as Hayes Market was defeated by W. T. Grants 11 to 9 the last time out and Murphys moved up the ladder to two wins in the last two starts 16 to 13 over Herberts and 11 to 8 over Potsdam Welding.

mile and mile medley. Those who win in each division will get a free trip to the New York State Junior Champ Meet in Auburn. The state meet will be held on Tuesday, July 13.

Any boy interested in attending the Plattsburgh Meet or the New York State Meet should see Bill Lewis for further information. Entries for the Plattsburgh Meet must be phoned in no later than Friday morning. A waiver must be signed by parents and presented to the Meet official, Tom Congdon, at the meet.

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DAVE SNYDER BATS HIGH — Snyder, a former star at Potsdam Central High School, has a .285 batting average with the Saints, and led the 1964 SLU varsity with a .352. He was stationed at first base again this year, his second with the varsity at St. Lawrence. There are three Snyders in Baseball. Dave's brother Bill played first for Clarkson this spring; his younger brother John is a catcher with the PCS Sandstoners. They are sons of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Snyder, 1 Castle Drive.



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