

Sisters Outlaws land eight on baseball all-league roster

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The varsity baseball squad finished league play at the top of the pack and had eight players selected to all-league teams. Junior Zach Morgan took top honors and was named Player of the Year and Pitcher of the Year.

Morgan was a first-team all-league pick at pitcher. Zach was undefeated (6-0) on mound in league play and had an ERA of 1.2. Zach threw his fastball in the low 80s and it always overpowered batters. He was equally impressive at the plate, and finished league with a .556 batting average.

“There’s no player in the league that impacted the game like Zach did from both the mound and the plate,” said Coach Steve Hodges. “He could change the game with one swing, and dominated on the mound. He was an impact player on both offense and defense.”

Three addition Outlaws were first-team all-league selections.

Ryan Funk (senior) was named first-team catcher, and was definitely the best catcher in the league. Funk finished league with a .333 batting average.

“Ryan blocks the ball so well,” said Hodges. “He has the ability to throw runners out, and during league threw out 12 runners. His pitchers have faith in him.”

Christopher Luz (junior) was a first-team infield selection. Luz played shortstop and finished strong at the plate for the Outlaws with a .414 batting average.

“Christopher really did great the second half of the season,” said Hodges. “He really came on on offense, and finished strong. He was our most-improved offensive player for sure.”

Jett Mingus (junior) was a first-team outfield pick. Jett played left field and batted .310 for the Outlaws.

“Jett did a great job for us in the field and on the mound, but coaches really took notice due to his key hits, especially at critical times in the game,” said Hodges.

Ryan Cook, Alec Gannon, and Jake Larson were all second-team all-league selections.

Cook (senior) was a second-team pick at pitcher. Ryan was 2-1 in league and had an ERA of .53. Ryan also did a good job at the plate and finished with a .303 batting average.

“Ryan is such a versatile guy,” said Hodges. “He has gap power, he’s a good doubles guy, he can play outfield, infield, and he can pitch. He’s a total team guy. I can’t say

enough about his contributions to the team.”

Gannon was selected second-team infield. Alec plays at second base and batted .356 during league.

Hodges commented, “Alec added so much to our team. He hits left-handed, and he

can bunt. He’s a stealing threat every time he gets on base, and he makes good decisions on the bases. He’s an excellent fielder, one of our smartest players, and has a good head for the game.”

Larson (senior) was a second-team outfield pick. Jake

started at center field for the past two years for the Outlaws, and has a batting average of .320.

“Jake is very consistent in the outfield,” said Hodges. “He does a good job of reading the play, and gets a jump on the ball.”

JW Bertagna rounded out the all-leaguers as first-base honorable mention.

“JW is a good team guy, is very humble, and always makes everyone around him better,” said Hodges. “He’s done a solid job for us the past two years.”

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