



North Douglas Baseball



A pair of North Douglas players take cuts during practice.

Team Rundown:

The Warriors baseball team is a program built on tradition.

"I've got some kids that I've coached their dads," said head coach Jeff Davis who has coached for over 30 years.

"We've got enough tradition here that we can bank on some of our tradition to make us competitive."

For North Douglas, that tradition comes in the shape of having consistent numbers out and having an active youth baseball program. As recently as 2015 they finished the season ranked sixth in state and are looking to get back to that level of success.

Their biggest obstacle's to the top of the league are the 2A teams (Monroe and Oakland) that finished above them in the standings and in the top six in the state. The Warriors

finished 1-6 against those teams last year.

"The big schools are the ones for us to chase. Twice the kids as we have here. That's not an excuse but the reality is if three out of every 10 kids are athletes, that's 15-20 more athletes," said Davis.

Despite losing their number one pitcher from last year, North Douglas is still in a position where they believe pitching can be their biggest asset. Included in that group are Carson Burris, Brian Erickson and Koldan Frieze who all will see time on the mound this year.

"We've got about six that we can run out there and they can throw somewhere near the plate," said Davis who notes that "generally, we come in the spring and we say all of you are pitchers."



Carson Burris winds up to deliver a pitch.

Team Perspective with Carson Burris and Kyle Bowen:

On their roles as seniors

Kyle Bowen: Our role is to take up leadership and make sure they're comfortable enough, make them comfortable enough to step up. Make them part of the rotation so they're not feeling like they're left out or behind.

Carson Burris: Kind of make everyone feel welcome and that they can be part of the program, too. They don't have to just sit back because they're underclassmen. Have them be a part of it and kind of groom them for a couple years from now when they'll be the guys up here.

On what that looks like

KB: Definitely leading by example. Again, everyone participates and makes sure there's no stragglers and no one being pushed to the side.

CB: Showing focus in practice and

when there's a time to lighten up, show them that not everything is routine. You can have a break in the routine and have a little fun.

A lot of focus. They're both great teams and I mean, they're not unbeatable. So it's just elevated focus and do what we can inside and hopefully we can get outside soon. Always have a positive attitude. Do what we can with the time that we have. Even if we can't get outside and just focus on everything and give it your best.

On this year's team

CB: We've got quite a few returning pitchers that got quite a bit of time last year. And I feel like our offense is definitely going to be better than last year.

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