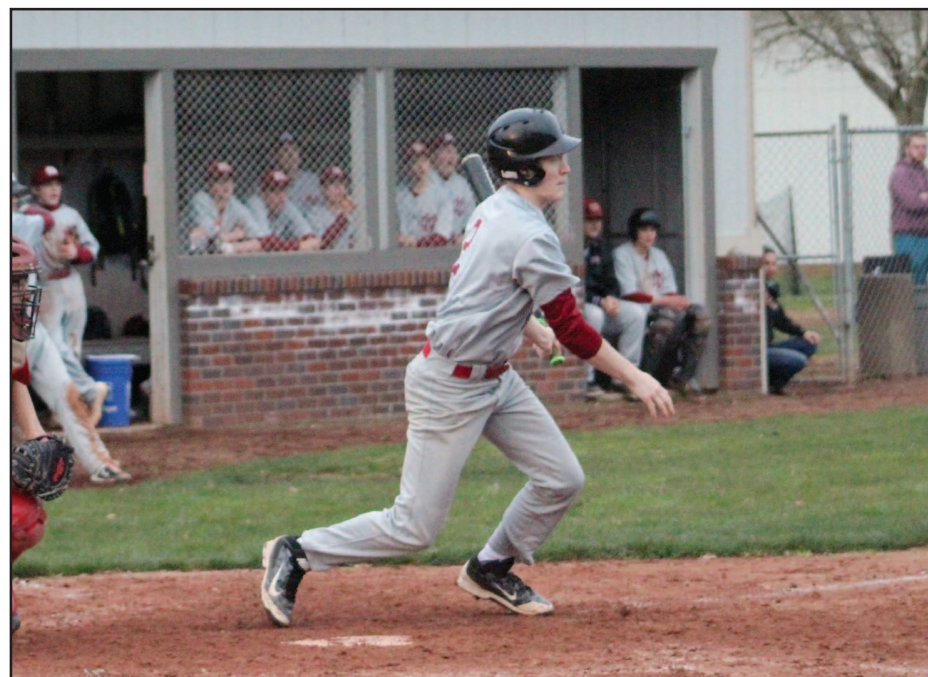


North Douglas Baseball



Caleb Parks heads to first after hitting a shot to the outfield.



Brian Erickson delivers a pitch in the team's first game of the season.

Team Rundown:

Like many North Douglas sports, the baseball team believes that their consistency will be the biggest asset to the team. It is more than just the seven returning players but also the new players that have come up through the Drain baseball system and have been coached by the NDHS baseball coaching staff.

"I think that it is an attribute to the kids and an attribute to having continuity in your program," said Davis on how his team's ability to start the year off strong. "[If] you change coaches, like this year, could be all over the place. We kind of have an idea of how we want to approach things."

This year's team is junior-heavy taking up seven of the 14 roster spots. Not to be forgotten on the team are three seniors that (often) make up the spine of the team's defense with Koldan Freize behind the plate, Brian Erickson as the team's ace

pitcher and Caleb Parks patrolling the outfield at center. As the Warriors look to outdo their .500 league performance from a season ago, they will be reliant on their ability to not only find ways to get on base but to get an extra base.

"I think we do have some good team speed and we'll try to manufacture runs in games where we can't hit it," said Davis.

And while the continuity on and off the field guides the team, Davis will miss his ever consistent bookkeeper, and North Douglas super fan, who stepped down this season.

"Pat Parker, kept book for me for 15 years. And she said this year, she's just tired of sitting out in the cold in the rain," said Davis. "I miss her, I really do. I told her, 'Pat, I didn't know what I had until it was gone.' It's one of those kind of things."

One-on-one with Brian Erickson

What are your expectations coming into the season?

I feel like we're going to be a better group than last year because we've got more returning guys and stuff like that. So it's kind of just basically going off of last season just picking it up and putting it on this season. And I think we've got a really good chance at making it far for us. Got a lot of guys that played last year and are starters now and that makes it easy for us.

What is the benefit to having so many returning players?

It kind of brings all of us out in a good, positive attitude because we're all buddies, basically. We're brothers. And we've been going to school since kin-

dergarten so it's basically just playing ball like we did when we did when we were younger but we're just older.

What will be a strength of the team?

We have a lot of fast guys so that makes it really difficult on a catcher. Like, Cal and Austin can burn down the baseline and just getting those people on base gives us an opportunity to bunt down the ball and get in scoring position. Or hitting it out in the outfield and get us in scoring position and getting us some runs.

What teammates are you excited to watch?

Chase Rodgers and Waylon Beckham are doing really good and are experienced players.



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