

2015 ITEMIZER-OBSERVER ALL-REGION BASEBALL TEAM

PITCHERS

Logan Hatley Dallas



Hatley

The senior pitcher finished his high school career with a stellar 2015 campaign. Hatley finished with a 6-2 record, but Hatley's impact went far beyond that. He led the team in innings pitched, ERA (1.19), strikeouts (102), and opponents batting average (.182). He threw four complete games during the 2015 campaign, en route to earning first team all-Mid-Willamette Conference honors. He also received the league's Pitcher of the Year award for the second-straight season, helping lead Dallas to the first round of the state playoffs.



Trembly

Troy Trembly Perrydale

The senior pitcher had a strong end to his high school career at Perrydale. Trembly went 8-3 on the pitcher's mound, recording a 2.72 ERA while throwing 64 strikeouts and just nine walks. He was also dangerous at the plate, where he hit .557. Trembly had 44 hits, two home runs and 38 RBIs. Trembly was versatile for the Pirates, seeing time in the infield when not pitching. He earned first team all-Special District 2 honors for his performance, one of two Pirates to earn that honor during the 2015 baseball season. Trembly also earned second team all-state honors.

INFIELD



Amador

Luis Amador Central

The sophomore infielder not only provided the Panthers with a consistent glove at first base, Amador also gave Central critical depth on its pitching staff. Amador had a .957 fielding percentage, second highest on the team and had a 1.50 ERA in limited action on the pitcher's mound. But Amador was also effective through his batting. He led the team in hits with 39 and RBIs with 25. He also had a team-high 11 doubles. Amador earned second team all-conference honors for his efforts during the 2015 season, proving this up-and-coming athlete will be a major part of the Panthers' offense and defense for the foreseeable future.

Zach Wallace Dallas

The sophomore second baseman made his presence felt in a big way for the Dragons. Wallace stole home to



Wallace

score the winning run in Dallas' 9-8 win over Springfield in the play-in round. But the truth is, Wallace was making a big impact far before that fateful play. In his first year playing varsity, Wallace found a role in the infield, providing a steady hand at second base. He was also effective at the plate, batting .441 en route to recording 30 hits and 21 RBIs. He also drew 10 walks reaching base in 40 of 68 at bats. Once on base, he was still a threat, going a perfect nine for nine on stolen bases. Wallace earned first team all-MWC honors for his performance and was just one of several young players to come up big for Dallas' baseball team during the 2015 campaign.



Ta. Earhart

Tanner Earhart Dallas

The sophomore shortstop proved that he could be an effective weapon on both offense and defense. Earhart had 30 assists and a .850 fielding percentage in the infield. At the plate, he recorded 33 hits and 17 RBIs. Earhart provided the Dragons with another speedster once on base, going a perfect eight for eight on stolen base attempts and scored 25 runs. Earhart, who earned all-league honorable mention, figures to be a big part of the Dragons' lineup going forward, and he showed great promise and potential to live up to those expectations.



Riddell

Wes Riddell Central

The senior shortstop/pitcher proved he's no one-sport wonder after a stellar football season. Riddell established himself as a leader on the baseball field as well. Riddell had 35 hits, including two triples and four home runs, proving he was one of the Panthers' most reliable, and dangerous, bats. On defense, Riddell had a .887 fielding percentage. As one of Central's top two pitchers, Riddell went 8-2 while throwing a team high 36 strikeouts in 39 innings of work. Riddell received second team all-MWC recognition as he helped propel the Panthers into the state play-in round.

OUTFIELD

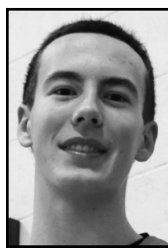
Kyler Fleming Central



Fleming

The senior outfielder followed a strong basketball campaign up with an equally strong baseball season. Fleming was among Central's most consistent batters, recording 25 hits, while driving in 22 runs, the second most on the team. On de-

fense, Fleming had a perfect fielding percentage, recording 46 putouts without committing a single error. Fleming was named first team all-MWC, the Panthers' lone representative on the first team. The senior provided leadership both on and off the field, making him one of Central's most invaluable players during the 2015 campaign.



Minahan

Everett Minahan Dallas

Minahan has been making his presence felt in multiple sports and baseball was no exception. The junior outfielder/pitcher made just two errors and had a .889 fielding percentage for the Dragons. Minahan also recorded 18 hits in 54 at-bats, while driving in 10 runs. Minahan went 2-2 on the pitcher's mound with a 1.37 ERA, good for second best on the team, behind Hatley. He threw 31 strikeouts and just five walks in 30 2/3 innings of work. Minahan earned second-team all-MWC recognition for his performance for the Dragons.

Tucker Weaver Dallas

Weaver, a junior, played a major role in Dallas' success during the 2015 season. In the outfield, he had a



Weaver

.947 fielding percentage with 54 putouts and 18 assists. But he did more than that. As the Dragons' No. 2 pitcher, Weaver went 6-1 with a 2.56 ERA. He threw 64 strikeouts and threw five complete games, including one shutout. At the plate, Weaver had 21 hits in 52 at-bats had 10 RBIs. Weaver also drew 10 walks for an on-base percentage of .500.

UTILITY

Chad Price Perrydale

One of Perrydale's senior leaders, Price played a big role in nearly every facet of the game. On defense, Price boasted a .964 fielding percentage, while committing just two errors. He had 24 putouts and 39 assists on defense. Price was also a force to be reckoned with through his hitting. Price hit .388, recording 33 hits, nine doubles and one triple. He drove in 14 runs and drew 21 walks. Price earned first team all-league recognition and earned an all-state honorable mention for his performance during his senior campaign. Price's impact on offense



Price

and defense went a long way toward helping the Pirates in 2015.

Humberto Alarcon Central



Alarcon

The sophomore utility player helped Central in a variety of positions during the 2015 campaign. Whether he played in the infield, pitched or was called upon at the plate, Alarcon proved he has a bright future ahead of him. Alarcon earned second team all-league honors for his efforts during the season, proving that opposing coaches were taking notice of his progress as well.

CATCHER

Treve Earhart Dallas



Tr. Earhart

Earhart proved that just because he was a freshman didn't mean he wouldn't be effective. Earhart earned second team all-MWC honors after providing an anchor at the plate for the Dragons' pitching staff. Earhart had poise and calm in key moments throughout the season. Earhart had 166 putouts and just three errors for a .984 fielding percentage to help lead the Dragons. He was also a strong performer at the plate, recording 29 hits in 63 at-bats, driving in 16 runs in the process, while striking out just once. Earhart figures to be a key player for the duration of his high school career. His freshman campaign showed that he could become one of the top players in the league going forward.

COACH

Scot McDonald Dallas



McDonald

The 16th-year coach led the Dragons to one of its most memorable seasons in recent years. McDonald helped Dallas finish 19-9 overall and 16-5 in MWC play to place third in the league standings. The Dragons took two of three games from Corvallis, marking the first time in McDonald's tenure that Dallas won the season series against the Spartans. Under McDonald's guidance, the Dragons advanced to the first round of the Class 5A state baseball playoffs before falling to eventual state champion Hood River Valley.

The 2015 all-region high school baseball team was selected by Itemizer-Observer Sports Editor Lukas Eggen, along with heavy input from area coaches.

Hatley: Senior to play at Linn-Benton

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"I remember talking to my dad and complaining about first base because they didn't touch the ball enough," Hatley said. "I wanted to try catching because they get to touch the ball every single time. My dad said I should be fine pitching, but I said I didn't pitch every single day. He told me major league pitchers don't pitch every single day. That's when I started to pay attention to some major league pitchers and what they're doing."

From that moment, Hatley, a leftie, became a student of the game, watching all he could, especially left-handed pitchers like Randy Johnson and Jamie Moyer.

While major league players have more power, Hatley learned valuable lessons that helped him grow.

"You see them walk around the mound, take deep breaths and calm down," Hatley said. "I knew I couldn't throw as hard as them or get as much movement as them, but if I could try and take what they were doing and use it when I was on the mound, I was excited to see what would happen."

As Hatley arrived at Dallas High, a successful first season playing on the freshman squad gave him hope for the future.

But it was after his first year of summer ball that he got a glimpse of the team's hopes for him.

"(Former player) Jarrett Peterson came up to me and

said, 'are you ready for a state title?'" Hatley said. "I had never been on varsity and I said we can't win a state title playing junior varsity and we didn't win in summer ball. He told me I could be a starter on varsity and that the team was kind of expecting it."

Hatley lived up to those expectations, earning a spot in the varsity rotation as a sophomore. By his junior year, any doubts he may have had were long gone as he earned the Dragons' No. 1 spot in the pitching rotation and earned the MWC's Pitcher of the Year award.

"In the end, it's still just about putting the ball in the right spot and getting some movement on it," Hatley said.

Entering his senior year, Hatley had established himself as one of the league's best pitchers. His fast ball became perhaps his hardest pitch to hit.

"I throw a two seam fastball and it breaks a little at the end," Hatley said. "I always wondered why mine was so effective. I don't throw that much harder than other pitchers."

It wasn't until last fall that he would get an offer to continue playing beyond high school.

There was a time Hatley dreamt of playing for Oregon State and beyond right out of high school.

"My sophomore year, I had really high expectations," Hatley said. "You



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Dallas senior Logan Hatley led the Dragons with a 1.19 ERA during the 2015 season.

think everyone is going to play a sport in college. ... I thought I would go to OSU or even get drafted."

Unfortunately, reality began to set in.

"My junior year, I start figuring some things out," Hatley said. "I realized I wasn't throwing hard enough to be on OSU's staff."

Throughout his junior

year, Hatley had looked at a few lower-division schools, but entered his senior year without an idea of where he would end up after high school.

That changed during the fall when he began receiving interest from junior colleges. Chemeketa was first, followed by Linn-Benton.

"Five other (junior colleges) contacted me saying 'why didn't you talk to us sooner?'" Hatley said. "That's when I knew I was going to play somewhere. It was a relief."

Linn-Benton stood out amongst his choices.

"(Dallas) coach (Scot McDonald) told me how they closed down their program and they're starting it back up basically as a channel to OSU," Hatley said.

His opportunity to play at the collegiate level is a chance he'll be forever grateful for.

"When you're younger, you think everyone is going to play in college in something," Hatley said. "Then you realize it's not that common. I'm just happy that I haven't played my final game yet."

Hatley knows that any potential path to playing baseball professionally requires time and hard work. He's just hoping he gets the chance to keep playing the game he loves a little bit longer.

"I don't see myself as one of the top players of the country," Hatley said. "In other sports, the top players go to the top schools, then to the top of the draft. In baseball, you have more opportunities for players to get chances. That's all I want is a chance."