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From the SABA President

The St. Anthony Baseball Association (SABA) had a very good year! We started the year with a great season by the varsity baseball team - which culminated in another trip to the State Baseball Tournament. In addition, the Norsemen, Hogs, Legion, VFW, and Sports Boosters teams all had very good seasons.

Our concession stand, managed by volunteers Amy Kraus and Jessica Kelly had a **fantastic** year, generating \$1260 for the Dugout Club, \$820 for the Softball Diamond Club and \$2312 for SABA. Thanks to Jessica and Amy for all your hard work!

For the second consecutive year, we received funding from the Twins Stadium sales tax, this time coming from Hennepin County and the Twins Community Fund. Two grants totaling \$80,000 were received to install drainage in the varsity softball and baseball fields - it was installed in August and will make a significant improvement to both fields for the 2012 season.

We had another successful field day - with over 20 volunteers working on baseball field improvements on a beautiful day in October. Shortly after the field day, we were presented with the Field of the Year award from the Minnesota High School Baseball Coaches

Association, the second year that Palm Field has received prestigious recognition.

Lastly, thanks to the SABA Board, who work on fund raising activities throughout the year and commit many hours to our baseball programs. We lost two founding board members, Jeff Ferkinhoff and Tim Peterson. Tim was head of the fundraising efforts and his energy and work ethic. Jeff served as President the last few years and led our field work day efforts. They will both be sorely missed.

If you would like to donate to the field improvements provided by SABA, please complete the form included with our newsletter and return it with your donation or go online to our SABA website www.stanthonybaseball.org and donate online. Your support is appreciated and necessary to support our baseball programs - which includes facility improvements, player development and communication among the St Anthony baseball community.

Sincerely,
 Don Siggelkow, *SABA President*

Huskies Return to State

The 2011 St. Anthony Village Huskies baseball team ended its season for the second year in a row at the Minnesota State High School League's state tournament. After compiling a 14 and 5 record in the regular season, the Huskies went on to win four games to reach the section finals and earn a match up with the Tri-Metro Conference champions, Minnehaha Academy. *Continued on page 4*



SABA *News and Notes*

Important Information for Next Year's Newsletter

To receive next year's newsletter, the St. Anthony Baseball Association needs your help. To reduce costs, **next year's edition will go electronic**. If you wish, you can still receive next year's newsletter in a paper format, to do so please either call 612 706-1105 or visit www.stanthonybaseball.org. Those wishing to receive an electronic copy will also need to visit the SABA page to update contact their information and provide an email address.

Please Help Update Our Directory

Former players and parents – we realize some of our contact information may need to be updated. Please mail, email (turdahl@stanthony.k12.mn.us), or call (612 706-1105) Troy Urdahl to update any contact information, or to add or remove any names from our mailing list. Thank you for your help!

Looking for a Winter Clinic?

Winter camp and clinic information (for all students) is posted on the High School page at www.stanthonybaseball.org.

Youth Preseason Clinic

Youth Baseball players and parents . . . look for more information on a preseason youth baseball clinic that will take place in February and March. The camp will run on Sundays in the high school gyms. Information will be emailed to families and posted at www.stanthonybaseball.org after the Holidays.

SABA 2012 Twins Game Fundraiser

Our annual Twins game fundraiser has been scheduled for the 2012 season. 300 tickets have been requested to the game on Sunday, April 15th versus the Texas Rangers. Please plan on supporting one of our biggest fundraisers by joining us for this game.

What is SABA?

The St. Anthony Baseball Association was founded in 2005 with the intent to support and promote baseball in St. Anthony Village. The support and promotion includes improving facilities, providing training resources, providing instruction, and aid in funding and communication. At this time, participation in the St. Anthony Baseball Association includes teams in the Youth Sports Boosters Program (T-Ball through Traveling teams), St. Anthony Village High School teams, VFW Post #230, Tri City Blue American Legion, St. Anthony Hogs (Class A Amateur Men's Baseball), and St. Anthony Norsemen (Senior Men's Baseball).

The SABA board members are all volunteers with representation from each level of participation. The board meets quarterly at St. Anthony Village High School. Further information on SABA or any of the teams mentioned can be found at SABA's webpage: www.stanthonybaseball.org.

Dates to Remember

Cub Foods Bagging
Dec 31, 2011 and Feb 5, 2012

HS Baseball Signups
March 5, 2012, 6:30 pm in the High School Auditorium

Spring Field Workday
March 31 or April 14, 2012

SAVHS Alumni Day and Barbecue
May 10, 2012

High School Captains Practices
8pm Mondays & 8:30pm Wednesdays

DONATE ONLINE!

Please consider visiting
www.stanthonybaseball.org
to donate to St. Anthony Baseball.

Concessions Update by Jessica Kelly

The St Anthony Baseball Concession stand had another successful year despite the cold spring and numerous rain outs.

The St. Anthony Diamond Club and Dugout Club have had a great partnership during the high school spring ball season that I hope will continue for years to come. Being open and available for players and fans for as many games as possible will continue to be a goal of both groups.

Summer ball also had some weather and volunteer challenges, but the stand really picked up during the end of the season to make up for the off days. As a reminder volunteers during summer ball are always needed and appreciated.



A BIG thank you to Amy Kraus who has stepped down from her volunteer position as SABA Concessions Director. Amy played a big part in growing the success of the stand and we truly appreciate her time and energy.

Also, thank you to Dave Ferguson who installed new cabinets in the stand which will help keep the stand cleaner and offer more counter space.

If you can donate your time in the SABA Concession Stand and would like to take a shift or two, please call Jessica Kelly at 612-619-1943.



PALM FIELD RECEIVES ADDITIONAL ACCOLADES

For the second year in a row, Palm Field has received a Field of the Year award. In 2011 the Minnesota High School Baseball Coaches Association chose the home of St. Anthony Baseball as the year's top field. In a fitting tribute, former SAVHS baseball coach and athletic director Gary Palm represented St. Anthony baseball at the Baseball Coaches Association's annual Hall of Fame banquet. Congratulations to the players, coaches, parents, and SABA members for maintaining such a great field. A special recognition and thanks to the City of St. Anthony and St. Anthony – New Brighton maintenance crews. In 2010 the Minnesota Turf Managers Association also chose Palm Field as the year's top sports field.



TWINS COMMUNITY FUND AND HENNEPIN COUNTY GRANTS FUND DRAIN TILE



Thanks to grant money from the Hennepin Youth Sports Program and Minnesota Twins Community fund, drain tile was added to the varsity softball and baseball fields this past summer. In addition, matching funds from SABA contributors were used to meet our grant funding criteria. The installation of a drainage system will increase turf health, improve field maintenance practices, and allow for increased play. Along with the new drain tile, the varsity softball field also added side line fencing and a batting cage. The St. Anthony Baseball Association and Huskies Diamond Club thank Hennepin County and the Minnesota Twins for their generous assistance to promote youth baseball and softball opportunities.

Left: Hennepin County 2nd District Commissioner Mark Stenglein



HUSKIES RETURN TO STATE

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After losing the first game of the finals to Minnehaha, St. Anthony pitcher Nicho Roessler led the Huskies to a convincing 15 to 1 win, capturing the 4AA baseball crown and a berth in the Class AA State Tournament.

In the state tournament, the Huskies matched up against the eventual state champions, St. Cloud Cathedral High School in the first round. The Huskies had played Cathedral earlier in the season, winning 6 to 4, but were unable to duplicate this feat losing to Cathedral (and one of the best pitchers in the state, the Class AA Player of the Year, Andrew Thome). In a great baseball game, Cathedral took the lead in the fifth inning and never lost hold of the game, winning 3 to 1. The St. Anthony squad never recovered from the loss

and finished the season the next day losing to the Proctor Rails. This was the fifth trip to state tournament for the Huskies in the past nine years; St. Anthony won state titles in 2006 and 2008.

For the year, the Huskies took second place in the Tri-Metro Conference and after their state tournament appearance finished with a 19 and 8 record. Many career records were broken in 2011, including two players, Stephen Couillard and Nicho Roessler, eclipsing the 100 hit mark.

The Huskies lost 13 great players to graduation. A sincere thank you goes to this great group for playing the game right.



Coaching Changes for St. Anthony High School Baseball

The Huskies will have some new coaching faces in the dugout this spring. Assistant varsity coach Brian McCarthy took a sabbatical from the Huskies program to teach in Germany. His influence on the program has been immense and Coach McCarthy's presence will be missed this year. In addition, there will be a new JV coach; Coach Blansette will lead the **Park Center High School Pirates as their varsity head coach in 2012.** The Huskies baseball program has been very fortunate to have great coaches and has begun the difficult task of replacing these positions for this spring.

Norsemen Update

The St. Anthony Norsemen broke through in 2011, tallying fourteen wins against only eight losses for their first winning season since their 2007 inception. The Norse combined solid starting pitching by Steve 'Goose' Jahnke, southpaw Chris Nogosek, and control specialist Steve Peterson with a trademark stingy defense to secure a third place overall finish in the sixteen-team Federal League. Team hitting was more consistent up and down the lineup card this year, with team batting average and OBP improving to .286 and .478, respectively.

High School Baseball Statistics

To view the current list of records, please visit the St. Anthony Baseball Association's webpage at www.stanthonybaseball.org and click on the High School page.

Records were updated December 1, 2011. St. Anthony Village has many records in the state's top-ten lists. To view complete lists of Minnesota High School Baseball records, please visit www.mshsbca.com.

Boosters Update

Booster Baseball had another great year. We had a total of 12 teams participate in in-house and travel leagues. Our in-house, 3rd/4th grade St Anthony Royals took first place in their league. Both the 5th/6th grade boys and the 8th/9th grade boys had teams take second place in their league.

The 11u travel team took first place at the St Francis invitational. Both the 11u and 13u teams made to the 3rd round of their leagues playoffs.

Finally, MYAS asked Boosters to host the finals for both 13u AA and 13uAAA at Central Park. We received numerous comments from coaches and parents about what a great group of people and what a nice park we have.

VFW Update

The Post #230 VFW team made dramatic improvements this past summer, finishing the season 15-12. The VFW team finished 7th District play with an impressive 12-6 record before losing to Forest Lake in the playoffs. The players and coaches thank Post #230 for their sponsorship and support. Next year about half of the team will return in new Post #230 uniforms.

Legion Update

Tri-City Blue, which consists of 17-19 year old players from the St. Anthony and Columbia Heights communities, had another successful season in 2011 finishing with a record of 9-9. The season was cut short again by the St. Anthony high school teams run to the state tournament.

The highlight of the season was finishing second in the Delano Stars and Stripes 4th of July tournament. Winning the first two games of the tournament got TCB into the championship game and playing under the lights on 4th of July in front of the Delano locals.

Tri-City Blue finished the season in 5th place out of 11 in the North Hennepin league. After beating Andover in the first round of the playoffs, Tri-City was ousted by eventual state tournament runner-up Centennial in the second round by scores of 9-3 and 3-2.

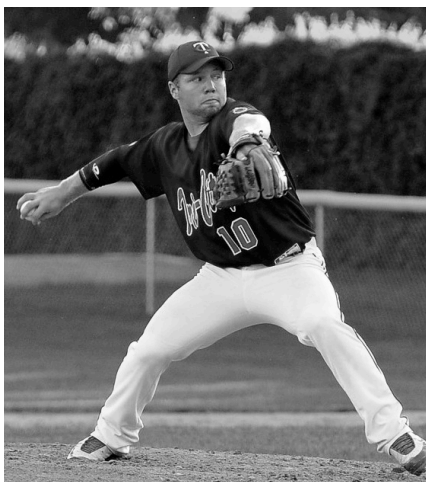
Hogs Update

Coming off the first state tournament appearance in team history, the Hogs entered the 2011 season with a lot of excitement and high expectations. The Hogs finished with their best regular season standing ever, finishing in second place in the Skyline League with a league record of 13-5 and earning a first round bye in the playoffs.

Unfortunately, the season ended a little too soon with the Hogs coming up one win short of a return trip to the state tournament -- losing the Skyline League final round playoff series two games to one to the St. Paul Rooster. The Hogs finished the season with an overall record of 20-10.

Pitching and defense were the driving forces behind the Hogs' 2011 success, allowing a league-best 45 runs in 18 league games. The Hogs' success and high level of play did not go unnoticed by league rivals as the Hogs had six players selected to represent the Skyline League in the Minnesota Class "A" All-Star Game. Hogs all-star representatives were: pitchers Chad Schnettler and Chris Peterson; infielders John Grindeland, Tory Herman, and Jeff Ostrom; and outfielder Mike Thul.

Continuing St. Anthony's baseball tradition, ninety percent of the Hogs' 2011 roster graduated from St. Anthony Village High School, played Legion Baseball for Tri-City Blue, or currently live in the St. Anthony area. As we eagerly look ahead to 2012, the Hogs continue to search for quality players to fortify their roster. If you are interested in joining the Hogs, please contact Mike Dunn at michael.dunn3@gmail.com





Kaczrowski Helps Win Title



A season full of ups and downs finished on a high note for 2005 SAVHS graduate and current Arizona Diamondbacks Minor Leaguer Dan Kaczrowski. The roller coaster ride for Dan started in Spring Training when the Diamondbacks Farm Director and Kaczrowski had a meeting where it was explained that the Diamondbacks see Kaczrowski as a back-up utility player after being a starter the last few years. A little disappointed, Kaczrowski knew that if he were to go back to Double A, he would still get a decent amount of at-bats and playing time in the field due to the double switches and pinch hitting for the pitcher (pitchers begin hitting for themselves in Double A).

Once the Mobile BayBears Double A season started, Kaczrowski did not receive a lot of playing time. When he was playing, luck wasn't on his side. After a few player moves up to Triple A, the opportunities started occurring more frequently and Kaczrowski started capitalizing on the opportunities. Kaczrowski was now the go-to late inning pinch hitter after showing signs of success. He struggled with the pinch hitting early, but after learning a different

approach to his new role from the Mobile hitting coach, Kaczrowski made the necessary adjustments needed to help the team with his one at-bat per game. After accepting his role and continuing to learn how to improve, Kaczrowski

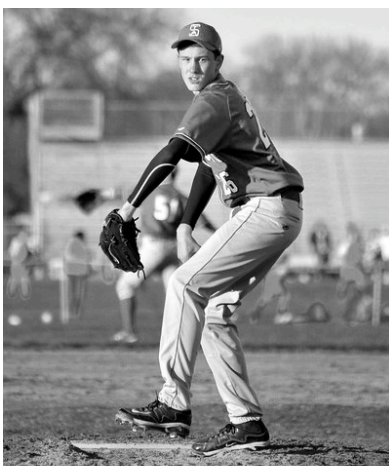
set the all-time record for the most pinch hits in a season in Mobile BayBear history with 13.

Like most players, as the season went on, Kaczrowski's stats fluctuated, but the team kept winning. Eventually, the Mobile BayBears clinched a playoff berth and won the league with Kaczrowski serving as a key role player. In the first round of playoffs, the BayBears defeated the Birmingham Barons (White

Sox) in five games with Kaczrowski contributing with some key hits and defensive plays in the deciding fifth game. In the subsequent championship series, the Mobile BayBears met the Tennessee Smokies (Chicago Cubs) for the Southern League title. The BayBears won the series in four games giving them their first Championship since 2004 and Kaczrowski's first championship in any sport. A ring presentation ceremony will be held for the 2011 Championship BayBears during the 2012 Spring Training.

Kaczrowski Winter Clinic:

The Dan Kaczrowski St. Anthony Baseball Association Winter Clinic will take place Dec. 27-29 for grades 2-12. Flyers are available at Wilshire Park, St. Anthony Middle School, High School, and the Community Center offices. For more information or questions, email Dan at dkaczrowski@gmail.com



Pitching Clinic

The 7th annual St. Anthony pitching camp will be held this winter starting in early January and running through the first week in March. The camp meets Sunday afternoons and offers one-on-one coaching that focuses on the mechanics and fundamentals of pitching. The camp is designed to strengthen and condition pitchers to build core strength for the upcoming spring season. Catchers are encouraged to attend the camp and work on pitch calling and mechanics. All participants will be expected to throw in at least two weeknight sessions during captains practices to improve arm conditioning. The camp is held at the St. Anthony HS gym and is open to St. Anthony HS Baseball players only. The fee is \$60 per player. Contact Dave Ferguson (Ferguson@umn.edu) for more info and to make a reservation.

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Show your support for SABA while you save money and earn cash back!

The St. Anthony Baseball Association is participating in an exciting new fundraising program. The group now has its own website featuring thousands of partner stores like Walmart, Sears, Best Buy, Apple, The Home Depot and many more. When you make a purchase on www.marketamerica.com/saba, the St. Anthony Baseball Association receives royalties and you earn up to 35% cash back on qualified purchases.

The benefits don't stop there. You earn 0.5% cash back on the purchases of everyone you refer to our website. Now, you can take advantage of the ease and convenience of Internet shopping to buy the products and services you want, while feeling good about helping one of your favorite organizations.

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St. Anthony Alumni Playing College Baseball

Devin Ferguson
Sophomore IF
St. Olaf College
(Northfield, MN)
2 Games, 2 AB, 1 RBI

Jarron Farah
Junior Pitcher
Augsburg College
(Minneapolis)
4 starts, 21.2 IP, 7K

Dan Zurbey
Junior 3B
Hamline University
(St. Paul)
5 AB, 1 hit

Chris Peterson
Junior Pitcher
Concordia College
(St. Paul)
8 starts, 43.1 IP, 3-3 record,
4.57 ERA, 33K, 2 CG, .814
OBA

Steven Wehr
Sophomore Pitcher
Southwest MN State
University (Marshall, MN)
2 starts, 12 app, 20.2 IP, 10 K,
Preseason Freshman Pitcher of
the Year

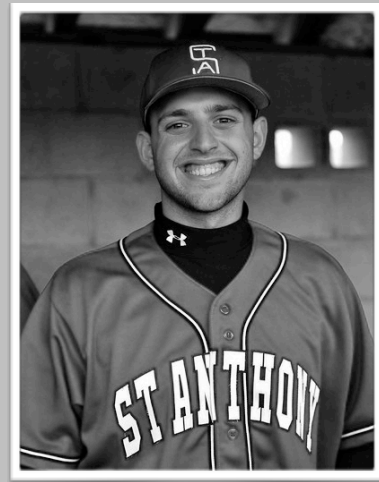
Chad Peterson
Senior SS
College of St. Scholastica
(Duluth, MN)
35 starts, .298 batting average,
27 runs, 71 hits, 7 2B, 14 RBI,
11 SB

Alex Jenson
Freshman C
Wartburg College
(Waverly, IA)

Nicho Roessler
Freshman P/IF
Concordia University
(St. Paul)

Roessler Plays in Lions All-Star Tournament

SAVHS Class of 2011 graduate Nicho Roessler played in the 37th annual Lions All-Star Baseball Tournament held June 24th and 25th in Chanhassen. The tournament consisted of 80 players and 12 coaches divided into four teams of Northern Minnesota, Southern Minnesota, East Metro area, and West Metro area. Roessler was selected to the West Metro All-Stars to play 1st base, 3rd base, and pitcher. The West Metro All-Stars won the tournament, winning game one 3-2 against the North, losing game two 2-5 against the South, and coming back to win a close third game 5-4 against the East Metro. Nicho joins St. Anthony Alumni Mark Hess, Chad Peterson, Chris Peterson, Tim Duffy, and Devin Ferguson in representing St. Anthony as a Lions All-Star. Roessler will continue his baseball career as a Concordia University Golden Bear.



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