



# BRONCO BLAST

Newsletter of the West Michigan Broncos Youth Travel Baseball Club

## Youth Teams

- 9U.....Don Cassada
- 10U.....Jason Messenger
- 11U.....Joe Richards
- 11U.....Joe Pant
- 12U.....Justin Shiedel
- 13U.....James Summers
- 14U.....Corey Sarenious

## Prep Teams

- 15U.....Don Cassada
- 16U.....Dusty Ruthven

## Leadership

- President.....Don Cassada
- Vice-President..Jake Summers
- Treasurer.....Tracy Lovell

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## DON'S DUGOUT

Broncos,

To say I'm excited about the coming season would be an understatement. This season will mark our 15th year as an organization. With 9 team rosters, we have set a new record for our organization, and are on the cusp of a big run of success. Our coaches on the youth side have been working hard over the years to build their teams and equip them with the training that they need to win this year on and off the field.

Our teams will start to extend themselves out of the comforts of Southwest Michigan. Omaha, Louisville, Pigeon Forge, Sandusky, and the Wisconsin Dells will have Broncos in their brackets this year. The coaches are showing they are confident in putting our players against some of the best teams in the region, or even country. Putting this kind of pressure on the boys and teams is something that we need to do in order to continue refining ourselves, with the goal of being one of the top baseball organizations in the area.

The Bronco organization is preparing our players by bringing as many opportunities as we can to improve them physically and mentally. We work with local trainers to give players a different perspective and approach to the game. We've partnered with mental performance coaches to win an at bat before a pitch is even thrown.

Behind all of this are the families that work hard to get their players to practice and training. Teams run smoother when the coaches have families that help with the little things; from drinks to snacks, to even just helping the coach carry baseball gear to the field. Families are the backbone to the organization, because without their faith and support, we wouldn't be here in year 15 looking at the future full of optimism for what is to come. The holiday season is a great time to reflect on this and how fortunate we are to have this support system.

As we end 2021, and look to 2022, I look forward to seeing the improvements within our organization. The lessons of 2021, along with the training in 2022, will equate to continued success. Broncos are resilient and strong. We will do a lot of great things this upcoming season; as an organization as we continue to grow stronger every day.

Happy Holidays, and Go Broncos!

*Don*

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## BRONCO TEAM NEWS



Brian Cain Peak Performance

### Mental Performance Training

Brian Cain's Mental Performance Training wrapped up on Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> with Coach Chris Andrews. This was a 5 week program designed to help players and coaches develop routines and habits they need to be at their best, stay focused under pressure, stay positive and consistent, and refocus. Thank you Coach Andrews and Broncos for a successful program! If you missed any content or would like to review, here is a link to Brian Cain's MPM Website:

<https://briancain.com>

All of the training documents can be found at the following link:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1SATDvuMIq\\_BnPYdSscYVNI-mtTGJDWf?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1SATDvuMIq_BnPYdSscYVNI-mtTGJDWf?usp=sharing)



### WMU Baseball Camp

We had a group of boys attend WMU's baseball camp. These boys continue putting in work during the offseason to prepare for the upcoming season.



### BRONCO TEAM STORE

Make sure to check out the Bronco Team Store. We continually try to update and find new gear to add to the store.

Access at the following link:

<https://teamlocker.squadlocker.com/#/lockers/broncos-travel-baseball>



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## BRONCO SPOTLIGHT

### 2021 Wreath Fundraiser

Thank you Broncos for making this year's fundraiser a success. Through your hard work and sales drive this year, you, along with Wahmoff Farms Nursery, have contributed over \$4,000 in player funds. Good work players!

I'd like to highlight our top sellers this year:

Team Wreath Sales:

1. 15U Cassada: \$2,513
2. 13U Summers \$1,406
3. 10U Messenger \$896



Individual Wreath Sales:

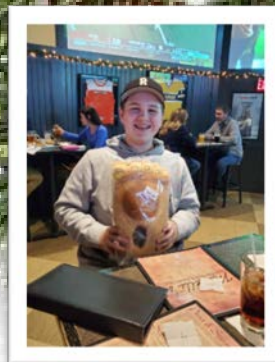
1. 15U Lampart: \$968
2. 13U Summers: \$615
3. 13U Anderson: \$407

## Congratulations to....

Jake Hindenach (class of 2024 Paw Paw) from our 16U Team was recently ranked #8 third baseman in the state by Prep Baseball Report. Congrats, Jake!



## Bronco Holiday Parties



**Broncos know how to have fun on and off the field. Our 11U and 14U teams celebrated the holiday season with team building, food, family, and fun.**

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## TRAINER'S CORNER

### One-on-one training opportunities

Our coaches work diligently with your boys 3+ days per week on cohesive team training and strategy during practices to make the group stronger as a whole. While coaches work diligently with each and every player, the Broncos have reached out to local baseball trainers to work with your son one-on-one for a small cost. Where a team practice may not be ideal for refining each detail of a swing or pitch, one-on-one training can help your son get ahead and stay ahead of the competition. As we want every opportunity available for your son, below are 4 individuals and their contact information.

**Dave Clark**

(269) 377-8387

4801 E Centre Ave  
Portage, MI 49002

**Kyle Wartella**

(269) 929-7519

101 N. Riverview  
Kalamazoo, MI  
49004

**Scott Muffley**

(269) 762-0051

The Dome

**Mike Webster**

(269) 303-6048

The Dome



### Available Training Camps

**12/29/2022-12/31/2022:** Notre Dame Fighting Irish Kids Camp

<https://und.com/baseball-camp/>

**1/9/2022:** Western Michigan University Youth Skills Camp

<https://www.wmubaseballcamps.com>

**1/16/2022:** University of Michigan Youth Development Camp

[https://camps.mgoblue.com/baseball/?\\_gl=1\\*10i6k8w\\*\\_ga\\*NDIyMTM5Mjk1LjE1NzAwMTgxOTA.\\*\\_ga\\_LLXBLNKGX6\\*M\\_TYzOTkyODA2OC40LjAuMTYzOTkyODA2OC42MA..&\\_ga=2.200003694.1595432360.1639928118-422139295.1570018190](https://camps.mgoblue.com/baseball/?_gl=1*10i6k8w*_ga*NDIyMTM5Mjk1LjE1NzAwMTgxOTA.*_ga_LLXBLNKGX6*M_TYzOTkyODA2OC40LjAuMTYzOTkyODA2OC42MA..&_ga=2.200003694.1595432360.1639928118-422139295.1570018190)

**2/5/2022-2/6/2022:** Just Block It (Catchers Camp) at Michigan State University

Use code MSU15OFF

<https://justblockit.playbookapi.com/programs/register/michiganst/>

## UPCOMING EVENTS & REMINDERS

Reminder for upcoming training at the Bronco Facility and Kingdom Sports:

Please bring a different pair of shoes to change into starting in January. Please make sure to change shoes in the bay area after you enter.

