

• varsity baseball season opener | march 17, 2015



**CLOSE CALL** Ball nestled in his glove, junior Angel Reyes protects second base, ready to tag out the approaching runner to earn the third and final out of the inning. The mid-March game opened the Lion baseball season after five straight weather-related cancellations, due to rain and snow.

## AND HE'S outta here!

After a series of five cancelled games, varsity baseball plays its season opener against Texas Home Educators Sports Association, losing 0-4.

As the batter approached the plate, gently tapping his metal bat against his shoe with each step, the crowd fell silent. Upon taking his stance at home base, he eyed each of the other three plates, making sure his teammates were ready.

Then, he turned his glance to the pitcher, eyeing him down like a lion does its prey. From that point on, it was all a blur. One swift fastball whirled toward the batter and the crowd erupted into cheers. None of their yells, however, was louder than the sweet sound of contact between ball and bat.

In their season opener against Texas Home Educators' Sports Association, the Lions fell to their opponents 4-0. In this first game, they seemed unable to perform well at the plate, as sophomore Gordon Gunn, a novice on the varsity squad, observed.

"We didn't have good approaches

at the plate," Gunn said. "It's not really that we hit too poorly, it's just that we weren't thinking about the situation and what it entailed."

The Lions will also have to adjust their lineup as the season progresses, since the team isn't quite the same as what it's been before.

Senior Jack Dayton, three-year veteran, has noticed some of the changes in the squad.

"In the past, especially last year, we were a pretty senior heavy team," Dayton said. "Seven or eight of the starters from last year graduated, so now we have a lot of underclassmen who are starting."

"We have a lot of guys who haven't played at the varsity level yet, so the first thing we have to do is acclimate them to playing at this level. Once we do that, I think things can only go uphill."



**HEADS STILL HIGH** Assistant coach John Perry praises seniors Corson Purnell and Jack Dayton (above) for their efforts. Awaiting the pitch, senior Justin Jones (left) stares down the pitcher in a key at-bat for the Lions.

• BVU track meet | march 21, 2015

## OFF TO THE races

The annual Bradley V. Urschel track meet kicks off a busy season for John Turek's track and field squad.

On the third Saturday of March, the track team hosted the annual Bradley V. Urschel (BVU) Track Meet. The Lions won the meet by 115 points, notching 201 team points to runner-up Greenhill's 86.

"It was a great team effort," senior captain Abeer Karim said. "As a senior I know how special an event the BVU Meet is, and it was great to win it."

"We have a good combination of upperclassmen leadership and talented younger guys on this team," senior captain Christopher Carter said.

Carter highlighted the performances of sophomore Keith Kadesky and freshman Clay Morris as two of the standouts amongst the underclassmen on the team. Kadesky took home individual first place in the pole vault event while Morris earned second place in the high jump.

Nick Buckenham and JT Graass placed first in the 800 meter and 1600 meter races respectively, but both Karim and Carter were especially pleased with the team's effort in the relays.

"As a team, we got first in the 400 meter and 800 meter relays," Karim said.

"Winning the relays really says something about how well this team works together," Carter added.



**HURDLES** Earning second place in the 110 meter hurdles race, junior Matthew Lawson gets valuable points for the Lions at their home meet.



**POWER** Setting his legs in blocks at the start of the 4x100 meter relay, senior captain Abeer Karim looks to get a good and powerful start for the team.



**CONCENTRATION** Prior to the 4x800 relay, senior Nick Buckenham, sophomore Daniel Cope and junior JT Graass await the shot to mark the beginning of the race.

# spring FORWARD

AS THE THIRD SEASON OF SPORTS COME FORTH, THE ANTICIPATION OF SPRING SEASON HEIGHTENS. AND WITH EXPECTATIONS FOR THE SPRING SEASON SET HIGH, IT'S UP TO THE PRIDE AND DETERMINATION OF THESE ATHLETES, FROM FRESHMAN TO SENIOR, TO BOND AS A TEAM AND STRIVE FOR GREATNESS.

• spring sports | spring 2015

**golf**

"We played really well at the Jesuit tournament, and we won the tournament by five strokes. I fully believe that the sky is the limit for this team, as all five of the varsity players are great golfers." — senior captain **Weston Blair**

**Tim Simenc** **Nathan Ondracek** **George Lin** **Mason Smith**

**Sam Clayman**

**Weston Blair**

**trampoline**

**lacrosse**

**Michael Fletcher** **Connor Mullen**

**JT Graass**

**tennis**

"We've had a strong start to the season. This team is one of the deepest and youngest squads I have played on, so we have a lot of energy and talent that will carry us through the season. But we're still learning and gaining experience, so we have a lot of work to accomplish what we want: to win an SPC title." — junior captain **Anvit Reddy**

**Brannon Rouse**

**Anvit Reddy**

**LUKE HUDSPETH**

**CREW**

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