

Play ball! With few returning players from last year's squad, the varsity team had much to prove to opponents, fans, and most of all, themselves.

Team members knew the recipe for success. "All eighteen men must pull together to achieve our ultimate goal - a CIF ring," explained senior Mike Bland. Junior Bobby Potruch said, "Not only must we work together, but we must learn to count on one another."

As well as winning, many players had personal goals. "I want to mentally and physically develop my capabilities because if I don't, I've let myself down," said senior Steve Redfern. Junior Eric Ballew said, "I want to be recognized not only by *The Daily News*, but the *L.A. Times* when I hit."

One player looked forward to the season for a different reason. "I look forward to the camaraderie that will build through the hard times and the good times, but most importantly I want to have a CIF ring for both hands," remarked junior Cody Joyce.

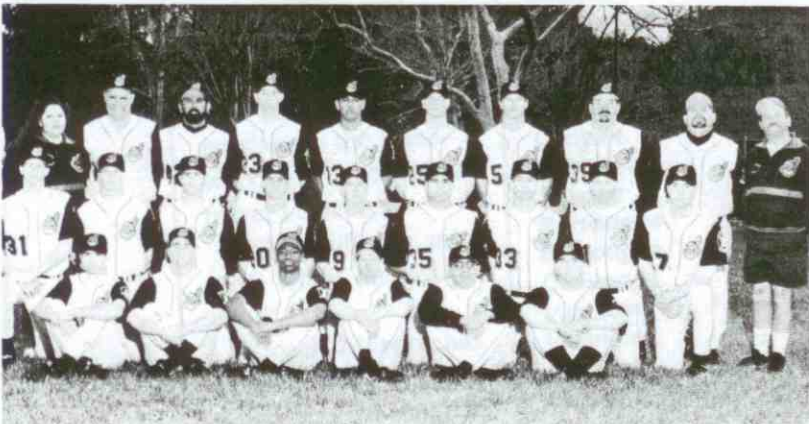
Eighteen men worked together for five grueling months to achieve one goal, the CIF Championship.

—Austin York

Batter Up!

Varsity Baseball

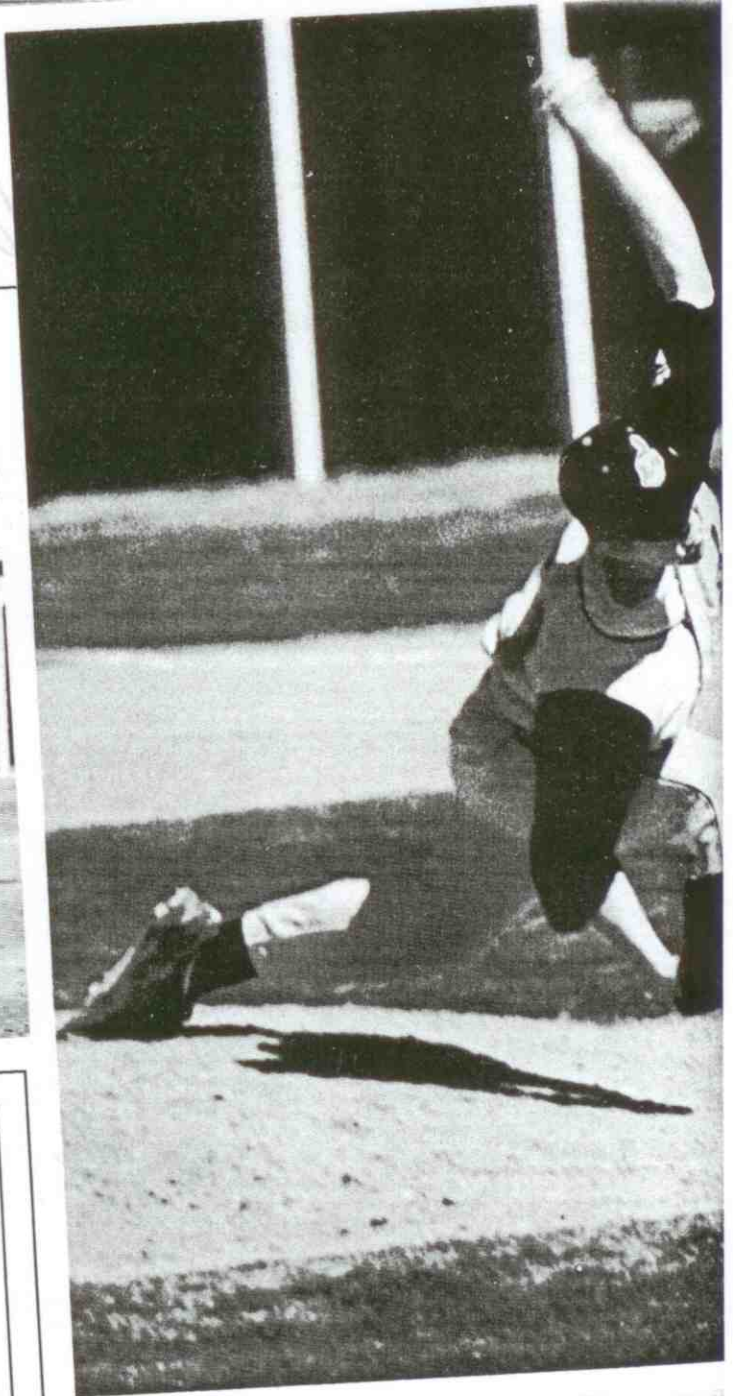
1996 HART VARSITY BASEBALL



Varsity Boys' Baseball : Front Row: John Cummings, Eric Horvat, Chris Wright, Ryan Gallion, Eli Carrasco, Bobby Graves; Row 2: Jason Westemeir, Robert Stansauk, Eric Ballew, Matt McAfee, Mike Granger, Brian Baron, Bobby Potruch, Kevin Bell, Steve Redfern; Row 3: Coach Bud Murray, Desiree Ramirez, Coach O'Brien, Coach Hernandez, Mike Bland, Brian Hernandez, Jeff Gaeta, Cody Joyce, Coach Halcovich, Coach Keown, Assistant Coach Larry Fiscus

Striding into the pitch, junior Bobby Graves attempts to add to his strikeout total. Bobby has been a varsity team member since his freshman year.

He's itching to know the signals! Junior Mike Granger waits patiently for his coach to give him a sign that will tell him where to position himself defensively.



*An Interview with
Brian Baron*



"I have a desire and passion for the game. I work hard to be the best player I can be."

What will you miss most when the season ends?

"Coach Murray has been like a father to me. It will be pretty tough to say goodbye."

What is the most challenging aspect of your sport?

"Putting up with a coach like Coach Murray. Day in and day out, you have to play hard, not 99% but 100%. He expects and demands your very best, and no matter what happens he still gets on your case to push you even further to being a better player; he's a perfectionist."

Schedule

- Glendale/Bosco Tech
- Westside Tournament
- Canyon
- El Dorado
- Saugus
- Burroughs
- Valencia
- Burbank
- Visalia Tournament
- Canyon
- Saugus
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Let's get pumped! Team s an integral part of any and the Varsity Baseball team that without such team h before a game their team spiri not be pumped up.