

While the opposition scurries to stop his charge home, senior Tim Baresi (left) makes his way around the bases.

Standing at attention, the players (middle) anxiously watch their teammates on the baseball diamond.

Switching to defense mode, junior Marke Horvat (right) runs to take his place in the outfield.

Schedule

Westside Tourn.
Burbank
Saugus
El Dorado
Burroughs
Canyon Valencia
Kennedy Tourn.
Valencia



Varsity Baseball: Front Row: C. O'Hara, R. Haag, T. Baresi, J. Marchionda, E. Baron, M. Horvat, J. Goss; Row Two: T. Hutting, J. Wiley, M. Friedrichsen, C. Giordano, B. Susdorf, J. Cailotto, B. Montemayor, L. Fiscus; Back Row: Coach Murray, Coach Hernandez, Coach O'Brien, E. Posthumus, J. Icenogle, N. LeMar, J. Shields, Coach Halcovich, Coach Toledo



Dugout Dialogue

The sun shone down as the varsity boys' baseball team prepared to face Saugus early in the season.

Direct from the dugout, seniors Jeremy Cailotto and Casey O'Hara discussed the events of the game and their expectations for the season.

Casey: Wonder if Saugus is good?

Jeremy: Doubt it.

Casey: Who'd they play last?

Jeremy: Uhhh...Canyon.

Casey: Dude, did they win?

Jeremy: Yeah...[it was the pitcher].

Casey: There's a lot of overrated players in this league. I think Justin [Wiley] is underrated.

Jeremy: Yeah, a lot of our team is underrated.

Casey: I think Posthumus is gonna be good in a year.

Jeremy: Probably. I don't think our league is going to be that hard this year.

Casey: Ah, I think it's a joke every year.

Jeremy: Think we'll go to CIF?

Casey: I don't know. We'll make it to the playoffs, but I don't think we have the drive [to go further].

Jeremy: We'd ruin it for ourselves, if we got there.

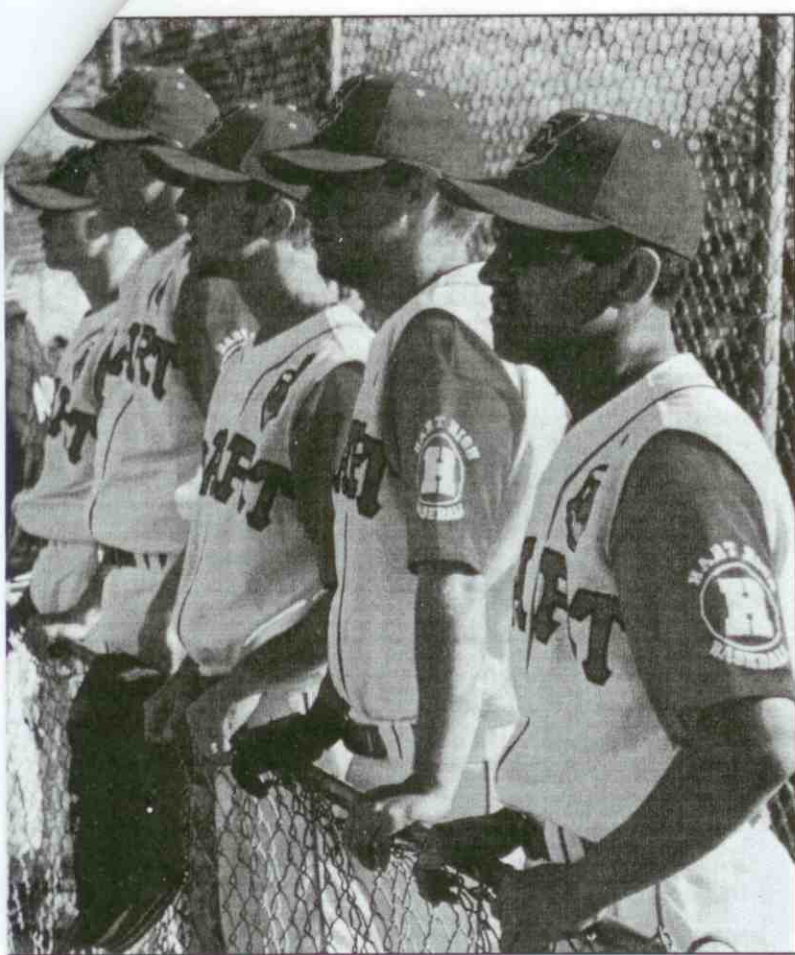
Casey: Oh wow, that guy nailed one.

Jeremy: Shot or what!?!

Jamie Shields hit a grand slam. The bases were loaded and his home run brought in four runs. At the end, the boys won the game.

—as told to Anne Lecrivain





Batmen

The croon of country singers Garth Brooks and Shania Twain flowed from the field as members of the varsity boys' baseball team, dressed in black and red sweats, hit balls, and caught flies. At 2:00 pm, Mondays through Fridays, one could find the team at daily practices that lasted two hours. Each practice started with catching and fielding, continued with hits and punts, and finally ended with a cleaning of the field. Many felt that the coaching at practices helped them to improve their skills. Accordingly, senior James Icnogle explained, "The coaches work us really hard, but I know that it is for the best. Our coaches are devoted to preparing us for the next level."

In addition to "hard" practices and "devoted" coaches, many found the attitude of the player an important aspect of the game. "Giving it 110% all of the time is a quality a player must have. Our team has pulled together and everyone is getting

their jobs done," expressed junior Brandon Montemayor. Many expressed that the team had the drive to do well this season. Perhaps the drive was attributed to traditional team dinners, scheduled the night before every game. In addition, since many remembered playing together since little league, team members mentioned close bonds.

Along with the homeruns and double plays that some players remembered came the occasional error. As junior Matt Friedrichsen expressed, "The worst feeling during a game is when I'm the one that makes the error. But I know I won't make the same mistake next time."

In the end, sophomore Eric Posthumus summed up the game, "When I play baseball, I see it more as a challenge. I have to rise up to that challenge, do well, and have fun at the same time."

—Kristine McDowell

With perfect form, senior Justin Wiley (left) reaches back to throw a flawless pitch.

