

2005 HART BASEBALL

Hardworking Hitters

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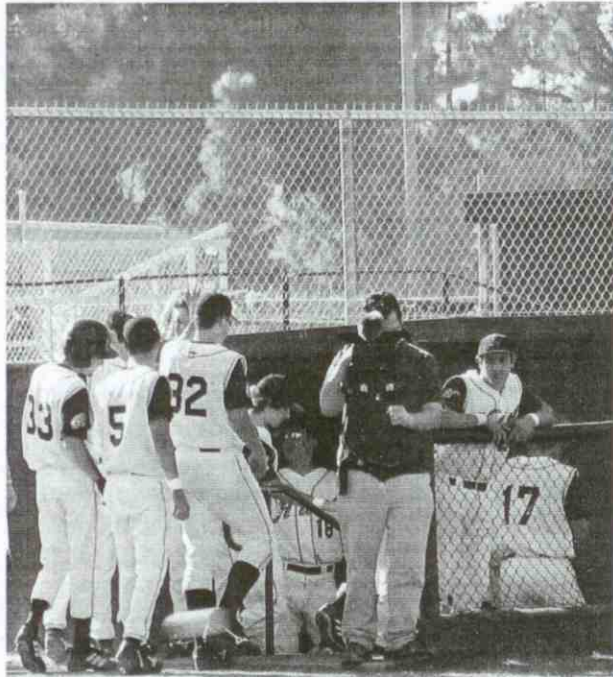
THE LETTER "I" IS UNFORTUNATELY ABSENT in the word "team". Yes, the word "me" is present, but does that really matter to a player who is actually a part of a team? What if baseball was played with only one person? A team is composed of many dedicated and motivated individuals who will sacrifice and do whatever possible so all the players can perform at their best for the upcoming season. That was exactly what the Varsity baseball program received.

"I think we have a good team, maybe one of the best teams in Los Angeles," senior Derek Sedam stated. Such remarkable faith in each other's teammates carried the varsity baseball players through another season full of endless practices, intense games, and arduous tournaments. Junior

Chris Manent said of his fellow players, "Everyone pulls their weight. It's great to be a part of such a group." While the season had its high points, it was the amazing chemistry and friendships between the players that pushed the team through the low points. "I really hate playing at Saugus High School because their fans badmouth us, but I

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like our practices because we all know and can hang out with one another," Sedam declared. Yet a tribe of Indians ravenous for glory achieves no victories without its chiefs. "Coach Ozella is a good coach. He knows what he's talking about," Manent said. Such positive attitudes were what kept the Varsity baseball team going along the way through another heated but fantastic season.



Senior Kevin Baker plants his feet into the ground and swings his bat as he hits a line drive off down the 3rd base line.



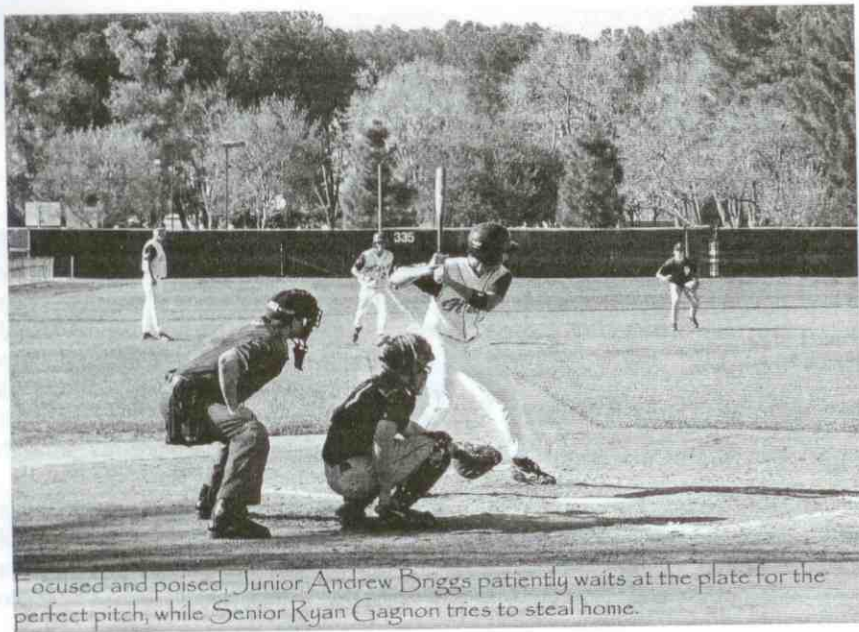
Players on the Varsity squad pause before the start of a game to recognize the America flag while singing the National Anthem.



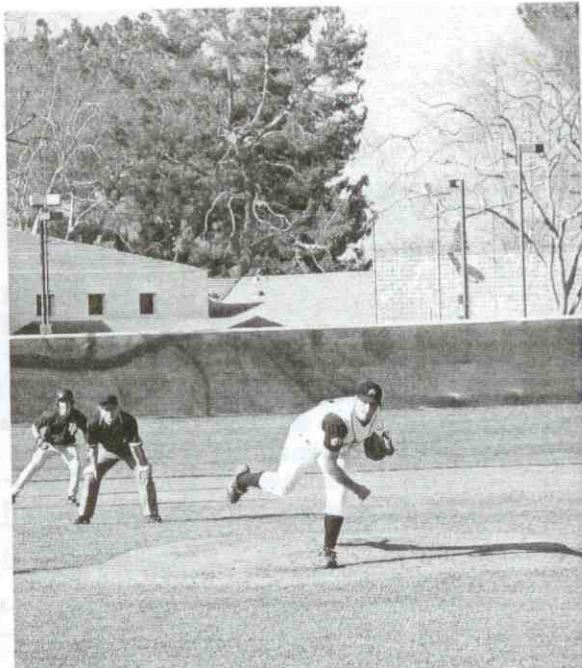
Varsity Baseball: Front Row: N. Streit, J. Rehhaut, K. Baker, M. Valaika, P. Sarkissian, A. Briggs, R. Van Scoyoc, C. Manent Back Row: R. Petterson, R. Gagnon, M. Sreden, S. Carlson, S. Burton, B. Charnock, T. Fick, D. Sedam

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Focused and poised, Junior Andrew Briggs patiently waits at the plate for the perfect pitch, while Senior Ryan Gagnon tries to steal home.



After hurling the baseball towards the plate, Junior Nick Streit anxiously waits to see if the batter swings at the ball.

Note-worthy

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Along the way ... tyler fick ... pitched.

Yearbook: How long have you been playing baseball and what/who first inspired you to play?

Tyler Fick: I've been playing since I was about four years old and my dad inspired me. He bought me a Playschool bat and I played with it until it broke.

YB: How do you feel the baseball program has prepared you to pursue baseball beyond high school?

TF: The Hart program has definitely prepared me for baseball beyond high school. All the coaches are very dedicated and are only there to make you better. I will continue to play after high school at CSUN.

YB: If you could play for any professional baseball team, which would you chose and why?

TF: I really don't have a preference. Playing professional baseball is a dream, and a privilege. I would play for any team that wanted me.

YB: What sort of emotions do you feel while on the field?

TF: When I pitch, it's a feeling of being in complete control. The game is at the pace I want. It's a chance for me to use any anger or aggression to help my team.

YB: If you could thank anybody for the success you have achieved in baseball and their contributions to your baseball career, who would it be?

TF: I would have to thank my parents above all. They got me into the sport and they've probably been to ninety-nine percent of my games.

