

2006 HART VARSITY BASEBALL

a double take on...

MATT VALIAKA

strange superstition: "I have to wear a certain pair of socks on game days."

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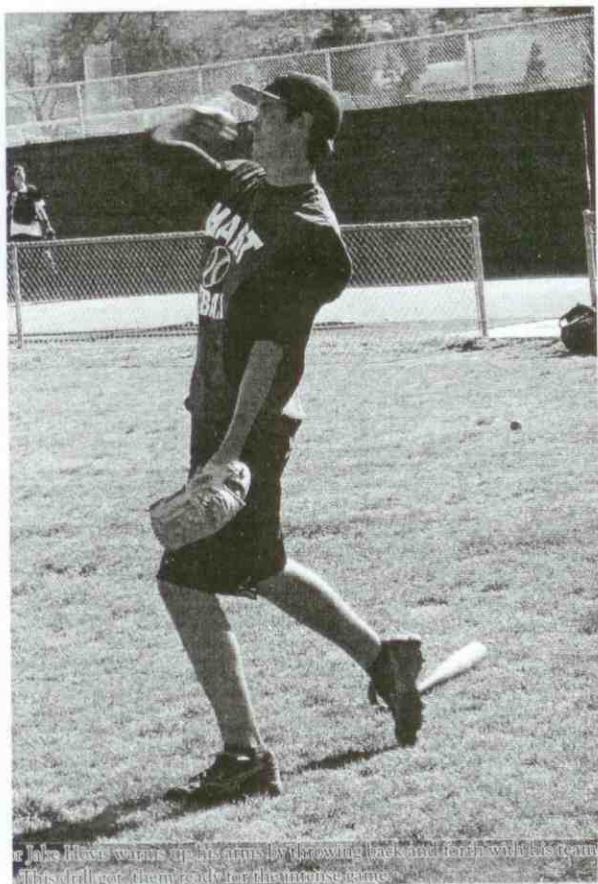
FAVORITE My favorite part is hitting. It is always something new every time I hit. From different pitches to different pitchers, I'm always kept on my toes.

TIME MANAGEMENT It is tough to balance both baseball and school. Baseball takes up a lot of my time and it is hard to focus on school sometimes. I maintain my grades though and have never earned below a 3.0 GPA.

INSPIRATION My brother taught me to never give up. He has had many injuries but kept playing and never let anything get him down.

ADVICE My coach told me that I am not my brother. I should play as myself and make a name for myself.

SCHOLARSHIP Getting a scholarship to UCSB was my greatest achievement. It feels amazing. I feel like I have no pressure this year.



John Hlavac warms up his arms by blowing back and forth with his team. This is all for them ready for the intense game.



Varsity Baseball: Front Row: J. Torres, T. Maddox, J. Relihair, M. Hernandez, M. Gieseko, B. Klocko, Second Row: B. Lucas, J. Howis, J. Supowit, M. Valiaka, P. Strkissian, D. Willains, C. Strobel, Back Row: N. Street, T. Plante, C. McCarthy, Coach Escobar, L. Fiscus, Coach Ozella, T. Mahery, M. Montgomery, S. Burton