

# Clark Athletics

## BASEBALL

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#### MEET THE TEAM

With the spring semester beginning the baseball team is gearing up for indoor pre-season practices. The team had a successful fall season and the roster for this spring looks very promising. This year's team will look for guidance and experience from the team's six seniors. **Corey Harper** (RHP), **Jon Callahan** (LHP), **Todd Mathewson** (DH/2B), **Jeff Gagnon** (OF) and **Eamonn McDonough** (RHP) have been four-year members of the program and have dedicated their efforts into turning out one more solid season. Senior **Blaine Lewis** (RHP) is a three-year pitcher who transferred to Clark after a successful career at Allen County Community College located in Kansas. With these six key members the baseball team will look to build on the early season success that they experienced last year.

"For any team to reach its ultimate level of success it needs its most experienced members to lead by example on and off the field," commented coach Falcon. "I expect that this senior class will carry this team with class, determination and sportsmanship each and every day."

The junior class will be looked upon to also help lead the effort in competing with top baseball teams such as Babson, Wheaton, and Springfield. **Scott Archibald** (3B/RHP), **Sean Connell** (OF/C), **Brendan Gregory** (OF), **David Hanley** (1B/RHP) and **Peter Forastiere** (RHP) will be significant contributors this spring. "The junior class has a great deal of versatility and talent," explained Coach Falcon. "These young men will be counted on for their ability to adjust to multiple positions as well as for their hard work everyday."

Returning sophomores include **James Mancuso** (C), **Ross Godin** (2B), **Kyle Breidenstine** (SS), **Michael Levy** (OF/RHP), **Joseph Pasciucco** (3B/RHP), **Michael Pritchard** (OF/RHP/1B), **Timothy Simokonis** (RHP), and **Nicholas Tapper** (1B/DH). **Gunner Hagstrom** (C) is a new member of the team this year and will be called upon once his services are completed with the men's basketball team. "The sophomore class has a solid year of experience in them and we plan to draw upon that to add depth for the team," said Falcon. "Their ability to fill in the gaps and provide intensity in practices and in games will prove to be very valuable."

First year members to the program include **Cole Osburn** (OF), **Matthew Adams** (SS/2B), **Eric Dufour** (OF/Inf), **Mathew Peterson** (RHP), **Joseph Silva** (C), **Daniel Simokonis** (RHP), and **Miles Whitlock** (RHP). "This freshman class is as strong as any that has come through the program," commented Falcon. "I expect this class to learn as much as possible about the style and strength of college baseball. The team's goal for this class is to provide some valuable help off the bench."



#### 2005 Schedule

Home Games in Bold • All games held at Granger fields

##### March

3/5 - 3/13	Spring Break Trip / 11 games	
Tue. 17	at Gordon College	3:00 pm
<b>Sun. 20</b>	<b>vs Anna Maria College (DH)</b>	<b>12:00 pm</b>
<b>Tue. 22</b>	<b>vs College of the Holy Cross</b>	<b>3:00 pm</b>
<b>Thu. 24</b>	<b>vs Western New England College</b>	<b>3:00 pm</b>
Sat. 26	at MIT (DH)*	12:00 pm
<b>Thu. 31</b>	<b>vs Becker College</b>	<b>3:00 pm</b>

##### April

Sat. 2	at WPI (DH)*	12:00 pm
<b>Tue. 5</b>	<b>vs Elms College</b>	<b>3:30 pm</b>
Thu. 7	at USCGA (DH)*	3:30 pm
<b>Sat. 9</b>	<b>vs Springfield College (DH)*</b>	<b>12:00 pm</b>
<b>Tue. 12</b>	<b>vs Fitchburg State College</b>	<b>3:30 pm</b>
Sat. 16	at Wheaton (DH)*	12:00 pm
<b>Tue. 19</b>	<b>vs USCGA*</b>	<b>3:30 pm</b>
<b>Thu. 21</b>	<b>vs Rhode Island College</b>	<b>3:30 pm</b>
<b>Sat. 23</b>	<b>vs Babson College (DH)*</b>	<b>12:00 pm</b>
Tue. 26	NEWMAC Rain Date	TBA
Thu. 28	NEWMAC First Round	TBA
Sat. 30	NEWMAC Tournament	TBA
Sun. 31	NEWMAC Tournament	TBA

\* NEWMAC Game

#### Groccia Named New Assistant Coach

With the departure of last season's assistant coaches, Brock Tibert (BA '03), MA '04) and Eric Swedberg (Worcester State '02). Coach Falcon is proud to announce the hiring of Tony Groccia '04. Groccia was a two-year member of the team and was a team captain as a senior year. Groccia will always be remembered for his perfect game that he threw in the last game of the 2004 season. This is believed to be the only perfect game in Clark's history. For his efforts Groccia was the ECAC Co-Pitcher of the week as well and earned National Pitcher of the Week honorable mention honors. Groccia's main responsibilities include working with the pitching staff and the outfielders.



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#### TEAM RECORDS

##### Team Season Records

Wins	15	1999
Hits	312	1999
Doubles	58	2002
Triples	11	1991
Batting Average	.303	2004
At-Bats	1,118	2000
Walks	171	1999
Stolen Bases	67	2000
RBIs	186	1999
Homeruns	19	1999
Runs	239	1999
Assists	327	1999
Putouts	784	1999

##### Single Season Offensive/Defensive Records

Hits	47	Christian Auger '99 (1998)
Batting Average	.463	Pat Kopka '90 (1989)
Doubles	13	Greg Gould '00 (2000)
RBIs	31	Dave McNamara '04 (2004)
Stolen Bases	32	John Galvin '02 (2000)
Triples	5	John Galvin '02 (2002)
Home runs	6	John Galvin '02 (2002)
Runs scored	42	John Galvin '02 (1999)
At-bats	134	Greg Gould '00 (2000)
Walks	28	John Galvin '02 (1999)
Stolen bases	32	John Galvin '02 (2000)
Assists	91	Greg Gould '00 (1998)
Putouts	224	Michael Burnham '04 (2004)

##### Single Season Pitching Records

Wins	5	Bill Giaquinto '00 (2000)
Strikeouts	56	Bryan Gauvin '97 (1997)
ERA	.40	Gary Nolin (1948)
Inn. Pitched	67.1	Chris Hawk '91 (1991)
SO/9 inn.	13.76	Todd Gudzinowicz (1942)
Fewest hits/9 inn.	3.11	John Fritts '01 (1999)
Fewest walks/9 inn.	1.77	John Fritts '01 (1999)
Perfect Game		Tony Groccia '04 (2004)

##### Career Leaders

Hits	159	John Galvin '02
Doubles	32	Greg Gould '00
Triples	14	John Galvin '02
Homeruns	14	John Galvin '02
Total bases	254	John Galvin '02
Batting avg.	.389	Pat Kopka '90
RBI	92	John Galvin '02
Runs	135	John Galvin '02
At bats	463	John Galvin '02
Walks	66	John Galvin '02
Stolen bases	80	John Galvin '02
Assists	281	Greg Gould '00
Putouts	695	Michael Burnham '04
Fielding Pct.	.990	Ray Fleming '38
Total Chances	739	Michael Burnham '04

#### Cougars Announce Captains for the 2005 Season

Jeff Gagnon returns as a captain after a solid junior year. He was the first junior captain Coach Falcon has had and he proved to be a strong leader for the team. Gagnon has the ability to display leadership both on and off the field. His game-winning 2-run home run his sophomore year during Spree Day proved to be one the most memorable moments in recent Cougar history.

Seniors Todd Mathewson and Blaine Lewis were named captains for the 2005 season. Mathewson, a four-year infielder, has provided a powerful bat for the Cougar offense since his freshman season. In his first year Mathewson had three game-winning hits in a single weekend. He will be the offensive leader again for the Cougars and his experience will carry the team to new heights.

Blaine Lewis, a transfer student from Allen County Community College located in Kansas, was medically red-shirted his first season with the Cougars after suffering an elbow injury early in the year. He bounced back last year and provided the pitching staff with consistent starts all year. Lewis will be called upon to go after some of the best teams in the NEWMAC conference as well as top New England opponents.



**Todd Mathewson '05**

#19...IF...2004 Stats: BA .317...RBIs: 27...2B: 9...GS: 8...IP: 40...SO: 8...HRs: 4...OB%: .412...BB: 16...Runs Scored: 22...Hits: 32



**Blaine Lewis '05**

#13...P...2004 Stats: GP: 32...ERA: 4.72...W-L: 3-3



**Jeff Gagnon '05**

#17...OF...two-year captain...2004 Stats: BA Avg: .286...RBIs: 12...3B: 3...2B: 6...HRs: 2...OB%: .392...BB: 10...SB: 5...Runs Scored: 14...Hits: 18

#### 2005 Season Opponents

Clark has added several new opponents to the 2005 schedule. The Spring Break trip to Fort Myers, Florida includes games against New Jersey City College, Dominican University, Haverford College, Thiel University, Hiram College and MacMurray College.

The northern schedule includes games against nationally ranked Western New England College, Fitchburg State College, Rhode Island College and a game against The College of the Holy Cross, a Division I program. We are always honored when a former player attends a game. If you intend on seeing the Cougars play this season please contact Coach Falcon and let him and his staff know. Coach Falcon always enjoys catching up with former players as well as meeting new alums.

#### 2003-04 Team Line

Year	Batting															Pitching												
	G	AB	R	H	Avg.	2B	3B	HR	TB	Slug.	RBI	SB	SBA	BB	SO	GS	CG	W	L	SV	Sho	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
2004	32	946	186	287	.303	62	10	17	420	.444	169	42	52	100	178	32	2	13	19	5	4	233	293	235	160	125	170	6.18

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