



Hilliard Davidson Baseball 2015



“One of the beautiful things about baseball is that every once in a while you come into a situation where you want to, and where you have to, reach down and prove something.” - Nolan Ryan

COACHING STAFF

Justin Swallie - Head Varsity Coach

Coach Justin Swallie is currently in his 9th year teaching Social Studies at Hilliard Weaver Middle School, and is in his 9th season coaching high school baseball in Hilliard. He spent his first 4 years with the freshman program at Hilliard Davidson High School. He moved over to coach at Hilliard Bradley High School for two years and worked with the Varsity program. He is currently in his 3rd year at Davidson working with the Varsity baseball team. He has spent the last 2 seasons assisting legendary coach Jim Dougherty, and begins his 1st season as head coach. He also coaches 7th grade football at Weaver Middle School. Coach Swallie is a graduate of Hilliard Darby High School and Otterbein University. He currently lives in Powell and has a 5 year old son named Max.

Dave Swallie - Asst. Varsity Coach

Coach Dave Swallie is a 7th grade social studies teacher at Weaver Middle School. This is his 26th year of teaching and coaching in Hilliard. He has spent the last 16 years as a varsity assistant at Hilliard Darby High School. He also coaches 7th grade football at Weaver Middle School. Coach Swallie is a graduate of The Ohio State University and Marygrove College. He lives in Hilliard with his wife Julie and has two sons, Justin and Eric. He also has a grandson Max. Dave is excited to be part of the Davidson Wildcat Baseball program.

Doug Biddinger - Asst. Varsity Coach

This is Coach Doug Biddinger's 22nd season as an assistant for the Hilliard Davidson baseball team. He teaches AP US History, American History Through Film, and Government in the Social Studies Department at Davidson, and with baseball has served as a JV assistant, freshman assistant, freshman head coach, and for the past 13 seasons as JV head coach. He is an alumnus of Ohio State University, with a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Social Studies Education and a Masters in Sports and Exercise Management. He resides in Hilliard with wife Judy, and sons Ben and Colin.

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Tyler Backstrom - Varsity Pitching Coach

Coach Tyler Backstrom is a graduate of Hilliard Davidson High School, where he played football, basketball, and baseball and is a member of Davidson's Athletic Hall of Fame. In baseball, he was a member of teams that won 2 league titles outright, a district runner-up, district championship, and regional runner-up. He continued his baseball career at Ohio University where he pitched and played first base earning 3 Varsity letters. He is currently finishing up his degree in Middle Childhood Education at The Ohio State University. Tyler has also coached Varsity Football for the past 4 years. He also coached a 15 year old baseball team last summer and will continue in that role in 2014.

Justin LaBelle - Head JV Coach

Coach LaBelle is a 2008 graduate of Northmont High school in Dayton, Ohio. He graduated from The Ohio State University with a degree in History and Geography in 2012, and the University of Dayton with a certificate in AYA (7-12) Social Studies in 2013. This is Coach LaBelle's first year coaching baseball and he would like to thank Justin Swallie and his staff at Davidson for giving him this opportunity and guiding him along the way.

Nick Van Dyne - Head Freshman Coach

Coach Van Dyne is entering his 2nd year as an Intervention Specialist at Hilliard Davidson High School, and his first year as the Head Freshman Baseball Coach. In the past two years, he has coached middle school football at Weaver as well as freshman football and basketball at Davidson. Coach Van Dyne is a graduate of Hilliard Davidson where he played football, basketball, and baseball. He continued his education and baseball career at Wittenberg University where he graduated with a degree in Early Childhood Education/Intervention Specialist.

Grant Goodwin - Asst. Freshman Coach

This is Coach Goodwin's first year coaching baseball and basketball at Hilliard Davidson. He graduated from Davidson in 2009, where he played multiple sports including baseball and basketball. Coach Goodwin attended Wittenberg University where he played baseball. He graduated in 2013. Coach Goodwin is also a member of the Hilliard Davidson Athletic Hall of Fame.



Row 1: Andy Munson, Ricky Hildebrand, Jacob Lacher, Bobby Lively, Destry Snyder, Zac Uphouse, Justin Woodford **Row 2:** Charlie Tighe, Nathan Ellis, Ryan Tuchow, Blake Eckert, Zac Weethee, Patrick Lavelle, Brent Thomas, Clayton Steele **Row 3:** Coach Justin Swallie, Coach Backstrom, Drew Kauffman, Brant Curnutte, Colton Miles, Sam Monnin, Alex Vela, Ben Biddinger, Coach Biddinger, Coach Dave Swallie

JERSEY	NAME	GRADE	JERSEY	NAME	GRADE
26	Ben Biddinger	12	4	Charlie Tighe	12
18	Brant Curnutte	12	5	Jacob Lacher	11
15	Blake Eckert	12	17	Colton Miles	11
27	Nathan Ellis	12	6	Destry Snyder	11
8	Ricky Hildebrand	12	22	Ryan Tuchow	11
14	Drew Kauffman	12	55	Zac Uphouse	11
7	Patrick Lavelle	12	23	Alex Vela	11
1	Bobby Lively	12	28	Zac Weethee	11
12	Andrew Munson	12	20	Justin Woodford	11
3	Clayton Steele	12	19	Sam Monnin	10
9	Brent Thomas	12			

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28-Mar	12:00	Pickerington Cent.	A	17-Apr	5:00	Westland	A
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2-Apr	4:15	Hilliard Darby	A	20-Apr	5:00	Upper Arlington	A
3-Apr	12:00	Mayfield	H	22-Apr	5:00	Upper Arlington	H
4-Apr	12:00	Westerville S.	H	24-Apr	5:00	Olentangy Liberty	A
6-Apr	5:00	Dublin Coffman	A	27-Apr	5:00	Olentangy Liberty	H
8-Apr	5:00	Dublin Coffman	H	29-Apr	5:00	T. Worthington	H
10-Apr	5:00	Central Crossing	H	1-May	5:00	T. Worthington	A
11-Apr	12:00	Westerville N.	H	2-May	12:00	St. Charles/ Darby	A
13-Apr	5:00	Central Crossing	A	4-May	5:00	Marysville	A
14-Apr	5:00	Dublin Coffman	H	6-May	5:00	Marysville	H
15-Apr	5:00	Westland	H	7-May	5:00	Teays Valley	H
16-Apr	5:00	Olentangy	H	9-May	12:00	Hilliard Bradley	A



Row 1: Jacob Brown, Daniel Downs, Nick Commings, Nick Summers, Jeremy Good, Tim Domer, Ben Wright, Jeremy Kenny **Row 2:** Dre Rodriguez, Jake Shier, Charlie May, Kyle Neimeister, Grant Frisky, Ryan Yoder, Kyle Porter, Coach Labelle

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16	Jacob Brown	11	19	Jeremy Kenny	10
2	Dre Rodriguez	11	28	Charlie May	10
5	Ryan Yoder	11	18	Kyle Neimeister	10
23	Nick Commings	10	15	Kyle Porter	10
12	Tim Domer	10	11	Jake Shier	10
3	Daniel Downs	10	27	Nick Summers	10
44	Grant Frisky	10	8	Ben Wright	9
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17-Apr	5:00	Westland	H	9-May	12:00	Bradley	H

FRESHMAN



Row 1: Andrew Tighe, Chano Rodriguez, Keegan Wolfinger, Ryan Stockamp, Nathan Mix, Johnathan Robinson **Row 2:** Jon Suarez, Nate Exterovich, Matthew Kinnear, Chase Turner, Jordan, Hall, Jackson Jacobs, Jon Stull **Row 3:** Coach Van Dyne, Blake Sollie, Bryce Stein, Andrew Steele, Brett Kodger, Alex Gonzalez, Evan Bauchmoyer

JERSEY	NAME	GRADE	JERSEY	NAME	GRADE
20	Carson Curnutte	9	55	Blake Sollie	9
1	Nate Exterovich	9	11	Andrew Steele	9
8	Alex Gonzalez	9	9	Bryce Stein	9
26	Jordan Hall	9	35	Ryan Stockamp	9
15	Jackson Jacobs	9	22	Jon Stull	9
17	Matthew Kinnear	9	24	Jon Suarez	9
18	Brett Kodger	9	2	Andrew Tighe	9
28	Nathan Mix	9	4	Chase Turner	9
19	Johnathan Robinson	9	5	Keegan Wolfinger	9
3	Chano Rodriguez	9		Evan Bauchmoyer	9

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COACHING STAFF

John Klie - Weaver 8th Grade Coach

Coach John Klie currently teaches math at Weaver Middle School. This is his sixth year at Weaver Middle School. Before that, he was a tutor at Davidson for one year. This is his seventh year as the 8th grade baseball coach. Coach Klie is also an assistant girls basketball coach at Davidson. He attended both Ohio University and Capital University before getting his degree. Coach Klie is also a Hilliard Davidson graduate in the class of 2002.

Brett Miller - Weaver 7th Grade Coach

Coach Brett Miller is in his 8th year coaching baseball in Hilliard. He was a Davidson graduate in 2002 and played both basketball and baseball in high school. He graduated from Ohio University in 2006 earning a bachelor's degree in education and his Masters in 2011 from MaryGrove College. This is his eighth year teaching ; currently teaching World Studies and Sociology at Davidson. He lives in Hilliard and has a wife, Erika, and 2 year old son, Gavin.

Matt Thompson - Volunteer 8th Grade Coach

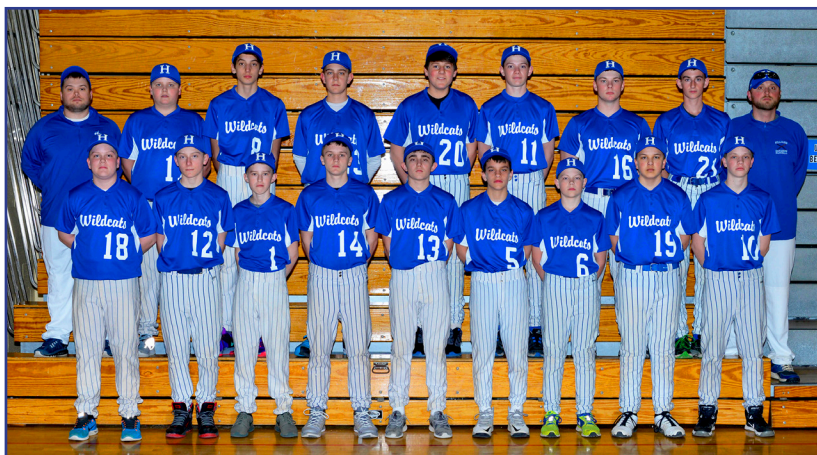
Coach Matt Thompson currently teaches 8th grade science at Weaver Middle School. This is his 1st year coaching and teaching with Hilliard City Schools. Coach Thompson earned his B.S in biology in 2013 and Master's in 2014 from The Ohio State University. He is a 2009 graduate of Elgin High School in Marion, Ohio.

Craig Stephens - Weaver Flex Team Coach

Coach Craig Stephens is a full-time substitute teacher for Hilliard City Schools. He graduated with a B.A. in Business from Cedarville University and a Masters in Ministry from Grace Seminary. Coach Stephens has coached baseball at Bradley HS, Memorial MS, and now at Weaver. He lives in the Hilliard City School district with his wife Sandy, who teaches at Washington Elementary.



8th GRADE



Row 1: Brady Inland, Jack Velky, Nate Porter, Christian Sweet, Nick Sauvey, Drew Yoder, Emmitt Hoying, Nathaniel DeWeese, Sean Tucker

Row 2: Coach Thompson, Joshua Keating, Christian Gillian, Austin Conrad, Chase Miles, David May, Joel Goodrich, Jack Altman, Coach Klie

FLEX TEAM



Row 1: Dominic Williams, Casey Browning, Nick Lingaman, Luke Lutz, Ian Rodriguez, Manny Jenkins, Carson Decarlo, Nick DeSilva

Row 2: Coach Stephens, Brennan Finley, Braeden Guthrie, AJ Hudkins, Nate Shugart, Ethan Smith, Justin Hood, Caleb Douth

7th GRADE



Row 1: Jimmy Clark, Dane Farmer, JT Shaffer, Corey Boltinghouse, Anthony Bray, Seth Altman, Dylan Evans, Coach Miller

Row 2: Nick Sands, Jevin Ferris, Noah Johnson, Dylan Bunyak, Paul Koppehoefer, AJ Kirk, Abel Ruehle, Cameron Curry

WEAVER ROSTERS

Eighth Grade

Jack Altman	# 21
Austin Conrad	# 23
Nathaniel DeWeese	# 19
Christian Gillian	# 8
Joel Goodrich	# 16
Emmitt Hoying	# 6
Brady Inland	# 18
Joshua Keating	# 17
David May	# 11
Chase Miles	# 20
Nate Porter	# 1
Nick Sauvey	# 13
Christian Sweet	# 14
Sean Tucker	# 10
Jack Vellky	# 12
Drew Yoder	# 5

Seventh Grade

Seth Altman	# 4
Corey Boltinghouse	# 1
Anthony Bray	# 2
Dylan Bunyak	# 12
Jimmy Clark	# 5
Cameron Curry	# 19
Dylan Evans	# 9
Dane Farmer	# 15
Jevin Ferris	# 11
Noah Johnson	# 13
AJ Kirk	# 23
Paul Koppenhoefer	# 20
Abel Ruehle	# 8
Nick Sands	# 10
JT Shaffer	# 7

Flex Team

Casey Browning	# 13
Carson Decarlo	# 7
Nick DeSilva	# 19
Caleb Douth	# 14
Brennan Finley	# 16
Braeden Guthrie	# 9
Justin Hood	# 18
AJ Hudkins	# 15
Manny Jenkins	# 2
Nick Lingaman	# 30
Luke Lutz	# 8
Ian Rodriguez	# 5
Nate Shugart	# 4
Ethan Smith	# 23
Dominic Williams	# 10

SENIORS 2015

Ben Biddinger



Jersey: #26
Position: Pitcher / Outfield
Athletic Awards: Two-time Varsity Letter in basketball; two-time scholar athlete in baseball
School Activities/Awards: Rotary Student of the Month; Recognition Friday Award; National Honor Society; Freshman Focus leader; Academic Honors; Band/ Marching Band
College Plans: The Ohio State University (Major: Athletic Training)
Favorite Baseball Memory: Hitting a home run Freshman year against Marysville; pitching a no-hitter Sophomore year against Westland; hitting a home run Junior year against Thomas Worthington
Quote that inspires me: "Swing hard in case you hit it."

Brantley Curnutte



Jersey: #18
Position: Pitcher / 1st base / DH
Athletic Awards: Varsity Letter in baseball
College Plans: Bluffton (Major: Undecided)
Favorite Baseball Memory: Comeback win against Dublin Coffman
Quote: "I don't care for the 'rocks.'"

Blake Eckert



Jersey: #15
Position: Short stop / Pitcher
Athletic Awards: Scholar athlete in baseball; Varsity Letter in baseball
School Activities/Awards: Key Club; Spanish Club; National Honor Society; 4-year recipient of Academic Top Ten honors
College Plans: Playing baseball at Wittenberg University (Major: Undecided)
Favorite Baseball Memory: Winning state championship when 9 years old
Quote: "Today I will do what others won't, so tomorrow I can do what others can't."

SENIORS 2015

Nathan Ellis



Jersey: #27
Position: 3rd base
Athletic Awards: Varsity Letter in baseball
School Activities/Awards: Academic Honor Roll
College Plans: Columbus State Community College (Major: Fire Science)
Future Plans: Firefighter
Favorite Baseball Memory: Playing in an All-Star game at Huntington Park
Quote: "Wolves don't lose sleep over the opinions of sheep...BE A WOLF."

Ricky Hildebrand



Jersey: #8
Position: 2nd base
Athletic Awards: Varsity and JV Soccer Iron Man; Varsity Soccer Coaches Award; Varsity Co-Captain of the Swim team
School Activities/Awards: National Honor Society; 2 years Academic Honors
College Plans: Ohio University (Major: Mechanical Engineering)
Favorite Baseball Memory: Winning 20 games in a season to become the best JV team in Davidson history
Quote: "Baseball was, is, and always will be to me, the best game in the world." – Babe Ruth

Drew Kauffman



Jersey: #14
Position: Pitcher / 1st base
Athletic Awards: Scholar Athlete
School Activities/Awards: Student Council; Renaissance Club; National Honor Society; Key Club; Leaders Teaching Leaders; "The Wildcat"
College Plans: Butler University or the University of Cincinnati (Major: Athletic Training)
Favorite Baseball Memory: 20 wins Junior year
Quote: "The difference between the impossible and the possible lies in a person's determination." – Tommy LaSorda

SENIORS 2015

Patrick Lavelle



Jersey: #7
Position: Catcher
Athletic Awards: 1-year Varsity starter
School Activities/Awards: Academic Honor Roll
College Plans: Heidelberg University (Major: Accounting)
Future Plans: Coaching / Accountant
Favorite Baseball Memory: Playing the game I love everyday, and the day I was given the opportunity to continue my athletic career at Heidelberg University.
Quote: "Speak with your actions, not your words."

Bobby Lively



Jersey: #1
Position:
Athletic Awards: Varsity Letter in Cross-Country; Varsity Letter in Bowling; Varsity Letter in Baseball for 2 years
School Activities/Awards: Key Club; Spanish Club; Character awards; voted "friendliest" of the Senior class
College Plans: Undecided (Major: Physical Therapy)
Favorite Baseball Memory: U9 season, hitting a triple against a pitcher's no-hitter game, and sliding head first into 3rd base where my Dad, who was on the 3rd base line, gave me a high-five.
Quote: "As you think, so shall you become." – Bruce Lee

Andrew Munson



Jersey: #12
Position: Pitcher
Athletic Awards: 7 Varsity Letters; Medalist in the Pine Hill Invitational
School Activities/Awards: Academic All-Ohio Spanish Honor Society
College Plans: University of Cincinnati (Major: Marketing)
Favorite Baseball Memory: Winning a State Championship playing for the Hilliard Panthers U10 season.
Quote: "I hate losing more than I love winning."

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Clayton Steele



Jersey: #3
Position: Pitcher / 1st base / Outfield
Athletic Awards: Lettered in Baseball 3 years; Scholar Athlete pin 1 year Football, 3 years Baseball
School Activities/Awards: Key Club; Renaissance Club; National Honor Society; Ski Club; Intramural Sports; 4-year 4.0 GPA; 'Student of the Month', March, 2015; Hilliard Optimist Leadership Award winner; Head of 'Pennies for Patients' Committee for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
College Plans: Purdue University (Major: Engineering)
Favorite Baseball Memory: Starting against Darby Sophomore year and giving them one of their only league losses.
Quote: "Expect problems and eat them for breakfast."
– Alfred A. Montapert

Brent Thomas



Jersey: #9
Position: Outfield
Athletic Awards: Varsity Letter in Baseball 2 years; 4-time Scholar Athlete
School Activities/Awards: Key Club; Renaissance Club; Honor Roll
College Plans: The Ohio State University (Major: Marketing)
Favorite Baseball Memory: Hotel tag in Cincinnati.
Quote: "If you don't think every day is a good day, just try missing one."

Charlie Tighe



Jersey: #4
Position: 2nd base
Athletic Awards: Varsity Letter in Baseball, 2 years; Varsity Letter in Soccer, 2 years; 2014 Soccer Captain
School Activities/Awards: Freshman Focus Leader; Honor Roll
College Plans: The Ohio State University (Major: Biomedical Engineering)
Favorite Baseball Memory: Comeback win against Darby at Paints Stadium
Quote: "Squad" – Charlie Tighe

CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hilliard Davidson Baseball Championship History

(Prior to the 1997/1998 School year we were known as Hilliard High School)

FRANKLIN COUNTY: '37 '45 '48

MID – 6: '54

MID – 8: '57 '65 '71 '72

O.C.C.: '76 '78 '79 '81 '92 '95 '98 '04 '07 '08

DISTRICT: '62 '85 '89 '95 '96 '97 '04



There are only two seasons-
WINTER and BASEBALL

-Bill Veeck

Thank You!



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