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NORTHEASTERN
BASEBALL



NORTHEASTERN HISTORY

Northeastern Illinois University was founded in September, 1961, and it is located on the Northwest side of Chicago, 10 miles from the loop. At present, Northeastern is a teachers and liberal arts school with a current enrollment of approximately 9500 students.

The athletic program was initiated in 1965 under the former Athletic Director, the late Charles Kane. Northeastern is a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and offers intercollegiate competition in eight sports: baseball, basketball, swimming, golf, tennis, cross country, hockey, and football.

ATHLETIC STAFF

- Director of Physical Education...Dr. Neal Tremble
- Department Chairman.....Ed Mueller
- Director of Athletics....."Spin" Salario
- Basketball Coach.....Doug DeVincent
- Baseball Coach.....Ray Kasper
- Tennis Coach.....Ron Faloon
- Swimming Coach.....Tony Schimpf
- Golf Coach.....Tony Schimpf
- Cross Country Coach.....Larry Bernstein
- Football Coach.....Dan Lanno
- Hockey Coach.....Mark Breen
- Team Nickname.....Golden Eagles
- Uniform Colors.....Brown and Gold
- Athletic Phone.....(312) 583-4050 Ext. 480

NORTHEASTERN BASEBALL COACH

Raymond Kasper

Baseball Coach Ray Kasper is a native Chicagoan, and played baseball as a prep for Lane Technical High School. Upon graduation, he enrolled at the University of Illinois in Champaign, and played ball under Lee Eilbracht (1964, 65, 66).

Coach Kasper received his Bachelor of Science and Masters Degree in Physical Education. As a graduate teaching assistant at Illinois, Ray gained valuable experience coaching the freshman team for the '67 and '68 seasons. After graduation, he spent two years at the University of Illinois-Chicago Circle as an assistant coach under Les Miller.

Ray begins his seventh year as coach of the Eagles. In that time, he has led the team to 111 victories and two NAIA playoff berths ('73 and '76). He believes in playing a tough schedule and many victories have been recorded over Big Ten schools and nationally ranked teams. Two of Coach Kasper's squads have batted over .300 (the '74 club ranked seventh nationally according to the final NAIA statistics with a .328 batting average). The '77 campaign should be a successful one, hopefully, the highlight of Ray's coaching career.

Assistant Coach Al Lamirand will again be a valuable asset to the baseball program. After a fine career as a pitcher, where he had a lifetime ERA of 2.11, Al now devotes his time to scouting and recruiting. He is instrumental in obtaining outstanding talent so that the Eagles can keep up their fine winning tradition.

1976 RESULTS

<u>UNI</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>
5-8	Northwestern	6-11
10	Concordia	4
3	IIT	2
10	Illinois Benedictine	3
15	George Williams	7
9	Aurora	7
1-3-3	University of Wisconsin	7-4-2
5	Northern Illinois	8
7	Circle	4
10	Purdue - Calumet	9
23	IIT	3
4-1	Christian Brothers	1-2
4	Memphis State	9
0-4	Union University	3-2
3-2	Southeast Missouri State	1-4
4	Circle	2
3	Wisconsin - Oshkosh	8
8	Wisconsin - Whitewater	3
4	Lewis	7
9-11	Olivet Nazarene	1-1
13-8	Milton College	3-3
5	St. Xavier	3
16	Purdue - Calumet	4
4-5	St. Francis	16-4
5	Lewis	0
3	St. Xavier	4

NAIA Playoffs

12	Elmhurst	9
1	St. Xavier	2 (10*)
3	Illinois Benedictine	2 (10*)
11	St. Xavier	12 (11*)

24 - 15 RECORD

Second Place - Chicagoland Conference

Third Place - NAIA District Playoffs

(*) innings

NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
1976 STATISTICS

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>SB</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>HP</u>	<u>SAC</u>	<u>FIELD AVG.</u>
Hessberger	35	130	30	46	8	1	4	353	17	13	16	17	3	3	.962
Kokos	24	74	18	25	5	2	2	337	23	1	7	13	0	1	.952
Tannehill	24	69	10	23	3	4	1	333	18	0	7	5	0	0	.984
Obal	35	117	34	38	6	2	0	324	16	13	13	26	1	9	.898
Doerr	37	122	24	38	8	2	3	311	22	1	12	13	0	4	.900
Trotta	38	143	25	43	7	5	2	300	24	0	21	10	1	2	.909
Beck	36	101	21	28	6	4	0	277	20	2	13	29	2	7	.937
Diakoumis	33	100	22	26	2	1	0	260	16	1	6	16	2	3	.981
Kowalski	38	117	24	30	5	3	0	256	16	1	15	16	0	4	.933
Wilhelm	25	66	13	17	1	2	0	257	13	3	9	10	1	4	.833
Yankowski	30	64	15	16	0	3	0	250	8	5	12	12	0	3	.984
Lenihan	24	59	6	11	3	1	0	186	12	0	4	8	1	3	.960
Strohmayer	8	15	4	5	0	2	0	33	3	1	3	3	0	0	.857
Archer	16	20	8	5	2	0	0	263	4	7	5	7	0	0	.944
Totals	39	1210	251	353	57	32	12	291	213	49	143	179	11	40	.937

OTHER RECORDS

Tom Kokos - 18 game hitting streak

Double Plays - 30

PITCHING SUMMARIES

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>SHO</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>ER</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>BRA</u>
Funsch	13	4	2	3-5	1	1	54	48	18	15	23	49	2.50
Nuebling	9	5	2	3-1	1	0	30 2/3	33	14	12	14	12	3.52
Hargo	16	7	5	6-3	1	0	65	66	44	28	31	42	3.87
Carmen	11	7	1	3-2	0	0	42 2/3	41	33	22	29	21	4.64
Schaefer	11	11	4	3-4	0	0	66 1/3	86	53	38	23	28	5.15
Wilhelm	3	1	0	1-0	1	0	7 1/3	4	1	0	3	2	0.00
Beck	1	0	0	1-0	0	0	3 1/3	3	0	0	2	1	0.00
Strohmayer	9	1	1	1-0	1	0	16	17	9	8	6	10	4.50
Korvas	4	3	0	3-0	0	0	19 1/3	16	14	14	14	17	6.51
Totals	39	39	15	24-15	5	1	304 2/3	315	185	135	146	182	3.98

NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

BASEBALL SCHEDULE
1977

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>		<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Sat.	March 19	DePauw University	(2)	Greencastle, Ind.	1:00
Mon.	March 21	St. Joseph College	(2)	Rensselaer, Ind.	1:00
Tues.	March 29	Milton College	(2)	Milton, Wisc.	1:00
Wed.	March 30	Eastern Ill. Univ.	(2)	Charleston, Ill.	1:00
Fri.	April 1	Northwestern	(2)	Evanston, Ill.	1:00
Sat.	April 2	*St. Francis	(2)	Joliet, Ill.	12:00
Sun.	April 3	Chicago State	(2)	Chicago State	12:00
Mon.	April 4	Wisconsin-Parkside	(2)	Home	1:00
Tues.	April 5	*Purdue-Calumet		Home	3:00
Wed.	April 6	Concordia	(2)	Home	1:30
Thurs.	April 7	*Purdue-Calumet		Hammond, Ind.	3:00
Sat.	April 9	*George Williams	(2)	Downers Grove, Ill.	12:00
Mon.	April 12	*IIT		Home	3:00
Wed.	April 14	*Chicago Circle		Circle	3:00
Sat.	April 16	McKendree College	(2)	Lebanon, Ill.	1:00
Sun.	April 17	Christian Brothers	(2)	Memphis, Tenn.	1:00
Mon.	April 18	Memphis State Univ.		Memphis, Tenn.	3:00
Tues.	April 19	Memphis State Univ.	(2)	Memphis, Tenn.	1:00
Wed.	April 20	Southeast Missouri	(2)	Cape Girardeau, Mo.	1:00
Thurs.	April 21	Harris Teachers Coll.	(2)	St. Louis, Mo.	1:00
Fri.	April 22	Greenville College		Greenville, Ill.	3:30
Sun.	April 24	Northern Ill. Univ.	(2)	Dekalb, Ill.	12:00
Tues.	April 26	Lewis University		Home	3:00
Wed.	April 27	Univ. of Wisconsin	(2)	Madison, Wisc.	2:00
Thurs.	April 28	*IIT		IIT	3:00
Fri.	April 29	Aurora		Home	3:00
Sat.	April 30	*St. Xavier	(2)	St. Xavier	12:00
Tues.	May 3	*Chicago Circle		Home	3:00
Wed.	May 4	Elmhurst		Elmhurst	3:00
Fri.	May 6	*Lewis University		Lockport, Ill.	7:30
	May 11-14	NAIA DISTRICT #20 PLAYOFFS			

* Chicagoland Conference Games

NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
1977 ROSTER

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BIRTH</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>HT.</u>	<u>WT.</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>
<u>PITCHERS</u>								
Burton, Wayne	11/1/57	19	6'0"	160	R	R	1	Holy Cross
Byers, Jerry	6/26/58	18	6'3"	180	R	R	1	Prosser
*Carman, Rich	11/15/54	22	5'11"	185	R	R	4	Roosevelt
*Funsch, Larry	4/24/57	20	6'6"	205	L	L	2	Holy Cross
*Hargesheimer, Al	11/21/54	22	6'2"	190	R	R	4	Senn
Klos, Greg	2/23/55	22	6'0"	150	R	R	4	Lane Tech
*Korvas, Bob	1/23/56	21	6'2"	210	R	R	3	Holy Trinity
Malan, Gary	5/4/56	20	5'11"	180	R	R	3	Roosevelt
*Neubling, John	9/28/56	20	5'11"	160	R	R	3	Gordon Tech
Rodrigues, Rene	2/11/58	19	6'1"	150	L	L	1	Von Steuben
Thompson, Steve	8/6/55	21	6'0"	180	R	L	3	Lane Tech
<u>CATCHERS</u>								
Eckholm, Bud	1/12/53	24	6'2"	200	R	R	3	Taft
*Lenihan, Marc	7/29/56	20	6'0"	195	R	R	3	Gordon Tech
<u>INFIELDERS</u>								
*Archer, Jim	9/18/55	21	5'8"	155	R	R	3	Orr
Barner, Sam	10/21/51	25	5'4"	165	R&L	R	3	Marshall
Chao, Jose	1/16/58	19	5'9"	150	R	R	2	Amundsen
*Doerr, Jim	10/2/55	21	5'11"	175	R	R	4	Gordon Tech
*Kokos, Tom	3/11/56	20	5'10"	180	R	R	3	Weber
Lancaster, Scott	7/6/58	18	6'0"	180	R	R	1	Steinmetz
*Obal, Mark	6/10/56	20	5'11"	165	R	R	3	Gordon Tech
*Tannehill, Brian	8/8/56	20	6'2"	200	R	R	3	Gordon Tech
*Yankowski, Lee	5/20/55	21	6'4"	210	R	R	4	Prosser
Zagorski, Randy	1/14/58	19	5'10"	195	L	R	1	Schurz
<u>OUTFIELDERS</u>								
Amezaga, Cesar	1/9/58	19	6'2"	170	R	R	1	Prosser
Domanski, Andy	10/15/56	20	5'10"	165	R	R	2	Schurz
*Hessberger, Bob	3/27/55	22	5'10"	175	R	R	4	St. Johns-Wis
*Kowalski, Steve	10/31/55	21	6'0"	175	R	R	4	Lane Tech
*Strohmayer, Mike	12/24/55	21	5'8"	150	R	R	3	Lane Tech
*Trotta, Joe	12/25/56	20	5'11"	170	R	R	2	Steinmetz
Ursino, Sal	2/16/59	18	6'1"	185	R	R	1	Steinmetz

* Returning Lettermen

PRE SEASON OUTLOOK

The Northeastern baseball team is anxiously waiting for the 1977 season. The Eagles will begin the year with 16 returning lettermen, having lost only 3 starters to graduation. The tough, one run, extra inning losses in last year's playoffs should give the Eagles some incentive knowing that they were so close to a district title last season.

Competition will be rough at each position due to the depth of this year's team. The Eagles boast 2 deep at every position while eleven pitchers vie for starting roles. Last year's valuable experience, team speed, outstanding pitching and an excellent defense are some of the strengths of this 1977 squad. Most of all, the players are confident that 1977 is their year.

PLAYER PROFILES

Bob Hessberger OF 5'10" 175 lbs. St. Johns - Wisc.

Bob, captain of the '77 Eagles, had a great season last year. He set 3 school records and tied another while providing the team with outstanding defense. Bob's tremendous speed, timely hitting, and leadership from his centerfield position will help the Eagles earn their second straight NAIA bid. Bob is also a candidate for All District recognition in 1977.

Year	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	TB	SB	RBI	BB	SO	AVG.
'74	15	9	3	2	0	0	0	2	12	1	2	2	.222
'75	26	83	7	20	1	1	0	23	14	6	10	13	.241
'76	35	130	30	46	8	1	4	68	13	17	14	16	.356
	76	222	40	68	9	2	4	93	39	24	26	31	.306

Steve Kowalski OF 6'0" 175 lbs. Lane Tech

In his two seasons as a starter, Steve has shown a great deal of consistency in all phases of the game. He consistently hits the ball hard while giving the Eagles solid defensive play in left field. Steve is a real hustler who provides additional leadership on the field.

Year	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	TB	SB	RBI	BB	SO	AVG.
'74	5	6	1	3	0	0	0	3	0	3	2	2	.500
'75	34	109	15	28	5	0	2	39	4	18	16	19	.257
'76	38	115	23	30	5	3	0	41	1	16	16	15	.260
	77	230	39	61	10	3	2	83	5	37	34	36	.265

Jim Doerr INF 5'10" 160 lbs. Gordon Tech

Jim has been Northeastern's regular third baseman for the last two seasons. Even though he hit .313 last year, Jim hasn't reached his potential as a hitter. Jim can hit to all fields and excels in the field, robbing opponents of sure hits.

Year	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	TB	SB	RBI	BB	SO	AVG.
'75	34	113	23	30	5	3	1	44	5	18	11	11	.265
'76	37	118	24	37	8	2	3	60	1	22	13	12	.313
	71	231	47	67	13	5	4	104	6	40	24	23	.290

Lee Yankowski INF 6'4" 210 lbs. Prosser

Lee struggled at the plate in 1976; however, this season could be his year. Lee is a vicious line drive hitter with occasional power. He contributes to the team with his tremendous attitude, excellent defense, and his ability to steal the important base. Lee will be competing for the starting job at first base.

Year	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	TB	SB	RBI	BB	SO	AVG.
'76	30	64	15	16	0	3	0	22	5	8	12	12	.253

Rich Carman P 5'11" 185 lbs. Roosevelt

Rich was having a fine season in '76 until plagued by an arm injury. His finest performance enabled Northeastern to beat Southeast Missouri which was ranked 12th in the nation at the time. Rich is a hard thrower with an excellent curve and change.

Year	GS	CG	W-L	IP	R	ER	H	BB	SO	SHO	SV	ERA
'74	1	1	0-1	13	14	13	23	4	10	0	0	9.00
'75	7	2	4-3	43	22	14	36	29	28	1	0	2.93
'76	7	1	3-2	42.6	33	22	41	29	21	0	0	4.64
	15	4	7-6	98.6	69	49	100	62	59	1	0	4.46

Al Hargesheimer P 6'2" 190 lbs. Senn

Al won 6 games for the Eagles in '76, and started the "big" games during the season. Al has an excellent fast ball which has brought the attention of several scouts. He is one of the premier pitchers in the area, and will also be considered as an All District candidate when the '77 season is completed.

Year	GS	CG	W-L	IP	R	ER	H	BB	SO	SHO	SV	ERA
'76	7	5	6-3	65	44	28	66	31	42	0	1	3.87

Greg Klos P 6'0" 150 lbs. Lane Tech

Greg, a transfer from Elmhurst, will give the pitching staff additional depth this season. Greg is a control pitcher who will be used as a spot starter and in relief.

Bob Korvas P 6'2" 210 lbs. Holy Trinity

Bob won 3 games before bone chips in his elbow forced him out of competition in '76. An excellent fast ball and Bob's desire to improve make him a valuable asset to the mound corp.

Year	GS	CG	W-L	IP	R	ER	H	BB	SO	SHO	SV	ERA
'75	5	0	0-1	24.3	23	12	27	19	15	0	1	4.50
'76	3	0	3-0	19.3	14	14	16	14	17	0	0	6.51
	8	0	3-1	43.6	37	26	43	33	32	0	1	5.36

Gary Malan P 5'11" 180 lbs. Roosevelt

Gary spent two years at Mayfair JC where he gained valuable experience. His fast ball can be overpowering on occasion, but his curve is probably his best pitch. Gary will be used as a spot starter and in the bull pen.

John Neubling P 5'11" 160 lbs. Gordon Tech

John pitched extremely well in '76, including a tremendous victory against Wisconsin. John's forte is his ability to keep hitters off balance and his knowledge of pitching. He also has the ability to inspire his teammates by playing his Glenn Miller records before the big games.

Year	GS	CG	W-L	IP	R	ER	H	BB	SO	SHO	SV	ERA
'75	1	0	2-2	22.3	16	13	27	8	16	0	1	5.31
'76	5	2	3-1	30.6	14	12	33	14	12	0	1	3.52
	6	2	5-3	53	30	25	60	22	28	0	2	4.24

Steve Thompson P 5'10" 160 lbs. Lane Tech

Steve comes to Northeastern via Illinois State University, where he pitched for the Redbirds. He gives the Eagles another left handed pitcher whose knowledge of pitching and control should prove invaluable this season.

Bud Eckholm C Taft

Originally an outfielder, Bud unselfishly agreed to catch in order to provide the Eagles with more depth behind the plate. Bud is an outstanding worker who has developed into a fine receiver. He should give the team additional bench strength.

Marc Lenihan C 6'0" 195 lbs. Gordon Tech

Marc is an excellent receiver who gives the Eagles a left handed hitter in the line-up. Marc didn't play regularly last season, but should be the team's regular catcher this year. He had a fine Fall where he demonstrated his potential as a hitter which should provide Northeastern with some big hits in 1977.

Year	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	TB	SB	RBI	BB	SO	AVG.
'75	31	87	13	22	4	2	2	36	0	16	15	3	.253
'76	24	59	6	11	3	1	0	16	0	12	8	4	.186
	55	146	19	33	7	3	2	52	0	28	23	7	.226

Jim Archer INF 5'8" 155 lbs. Orr

A utility infielder last season, Jim has a chance to be in the starting line-up at second base this year. With outstanding speed, Jim is a base stealing threat and was used as a designated runner in '76. He has good bat control and has proved to be a fine defensive player.

Year	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	TB	SB	RBI	BB	SO	AVG.
'76	16	20	8	5	2	0	0	7	7	4	7	5	.263

Sam Barner INF Marshall

Sam is a switch-hitter who is also vying for the second base job. He influences the team with his great attitude and keeps everyone loose. Sam is an excellent worker and provides a great deal of incentive for the other players to work as hard.

Tom Kokos INF 5'10" 180 lbs. Weber

Tom has been Northeastern's most productive and consistent hitter the past 2 seasons. He provides the team with the long ball and is one the men counted on to drive in important runs. Tom should find a new role this season as a second baseman instead of being the designated hitter.

Year	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	TB	SB	RBI	BB	SO	AVG.
'75	29	85	20	26	2	5	1	41	0	14	15	20	.306
'76	24	74	18	25	5	2	2	40	1	23	13	7	.337
	53	159	38	51	7	7	3	81	1	37	28	27	.320

Brian Tannehill INF 6'2" 200 lbs. Gordon Tech

Brian became the regular first baseman during the year and made the most of the opportunity. He drove in 9 runs in one game while 8 of his 23 hits were for extra bases. Brian should improve defensively while continuing to hit consistently.

Year	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	TB	SB	RBI	BB	SO	AVG.
'76	24	69	10	23	3	4	1	37	0	18	5	7	.333

Mark Obal INF 5'11" 165 lbs. Gordon Tech

Mark has been an All-Conference selection for two seasons. Always a threat on the bases, Mark is also an excellent shortstop showing improvement each season. He is probably one of the best infielders in the area, and another fine season could win him All-District honors.

Year	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	TB	SB	RBI	BB	SO	AVG.
'75	33	107	21	32	2	0	1	37	25	10	27	10	.299
'76	35	117	34	38	6	2	0	48	13	16	26	13	.324
	68	224	55	70	8	2	1	85	38	26	53	23	.312

Mike Strohmayer OF 5'8" 150 lbs. Lane Tech

Mike has not played regularly during his past two seasons; however, he has provided the Eagles with tremendous defense when called upon. In addition, he has contributed some timely hits when given the chance, as seen by his statistics.

Year	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	TB	SB	RBI	BB	SO	AVG.
'75	14	31	7	8	0	1	0	10	1	5	6	3	.290
'76	8	15	4	5	0	2	0	9	1	3	3	3	.333
	22	46	11	13	0	3	0	19	2	8	9	6	.282

Larry Funch P 6'6" 205 lbs. Holy Cross

Larry's outstanding relief performances early in '76 earned him starting roles in many important games later in the year. Although he pitched well against Wisconsin, Northwestern, and others, Larry's best game enabled him to strike out 10 and shut out Lewis. He led the CCBC in ERA and was selected All-Conference in '76.

Year	GS	CG	W-L	IP	R	ER	H	BB	SO	SHO	SV	ERA
'76	4	2	3-5	54	18	15	48	23	49	0	1	2.50

Jose Chao INF 5'9" 150 lbs. Amundsen

Jose is a scrappy, "heads up" infielder who demonstrated his fine defensive ability this Fall. Jose also excels on the bases, and will be vying for a job at second base.

Andy Domanski OF 5'10" 165 lbs. Schurz

Although ineligible last season, Andy will be a strong contender for a starting job in the outfield. He has outstanding speed and tremendous strength, which makes him a vicious line drive hitter. Andy could also see action as a designated hitter.

Joe Trotta OF 5'11" 170 lbs. Steinmetz

As a freshman, Joe had a fine year and will improve with experience. Joe tied a school record for triples in addition to collecting 9 other extra base hits. His finest day was the final NAIA playoff game, where he kept the Eagles in the game with 4 hits including a home run and 3 doubles.

Year	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	TB	SB	RBI	BB	SO	AVG.
'76	38	143	25	43	7	5	2	66	0	24	10	71	.200

Wayne Burton P 6'0" 160 lbs. Holy Cross

Wayne is an outstanding control pitcher whose best pitch seems to be the knuckle ball. He can consistently throw strikes with it, and has hitters beating the ball into the ground.

Jerry Byers P 6'3" 180 lbs. Prosser

Jerry is one of the better freshman pitchers to enter Northeastern, and he proved his worth this Fall. He is a hard thrower with excellent control, and his change-up is rapidly developing. With some hard work, Jerry could find himself in the starting rotation.

Scott Lancaster INF 6'0" 180 lbs. Steinmetz

Scott appears to be another "can't miss" prospect, and should contribute a great deal to this year's squad. Noted as an outstanding hitter, Scott displayed that his glove and arm can match his hitting abilities. He easily made the conversion from shortstop to third base, and should be in the Eagles line-up this Spring.

Rene Rodriguez P 6'1" 150 lbs. Von Steuben

Rene was a pleasant surprise during Fall practice. With some experience Rene could be very effective because of his ability to throw strikes, and he has an outstanding curve.

Randy Zagorski INF 5'10" 195 lbs. Schurz

Randy, a "walk-on" from Schurz, hit well enough during Fall practice to earn an invitation to Spring practice. In addition, he displayed that he is a smart player with good defensive abilities.

Cesar Amezaga OF 6'2" 170 lbs. Prosser

Cesar has the ability to follow in the footsteps of past centerfielders such as Tom Rockwell and Bob Hessberger. He has all the tools to be a great college player which will further develop with experience.

Sal Ursino

OF

6'1"

185 lbs.

Steinmetz

Sal is the third player from Steinmetz's 1975 championship team to enter Northeastern in the past two years. Sal has a powerful and accurate throwing arm, and will be competing for a starting position in right field. His hitting steadily improved during Fall practice as well as his ability to hit the long ball.

NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
VARSITY BASEBALL RECORDS

*BATTING RECORDS	GAME	SEASON	CAREER
Runs Scored	Jelen 69 Wilhelm 74 5 Beck 74	Obal 76 32	Beck 73-76 74
Hits	Smith 67 Rizzo 71 5 Yankowski 76	Hessberger 76-46	Beck 73-76 103
Doubles	Anderson 68 Miller 71 3 Trotta 76	Rockwell 74 9	Beck 73-76 21
Triples	Kokos 75 3	Kokos 75 5 Trotta 76	Beck 73-76 7 Kokos 75 7
Home Runs	Smith 67 Shields 69 Juliar 70 2 Rockwell 74	Smith 69 Hessberger 76 4	Jelen 69-72 7
Runs Batted In	Rockwell 74 9	Haymes 74 34	Beck 73-76 76
Strike Outs	Mizell 67 Hernandez 69 4	Pesce 69 25	Pesce 69-71 56
Walks	Dobner 69 Obal 76 4 Archer 76	Beck 75 29	Beck 73-76 84
Total Bases	Rockwell 74 Tannehill 76 11	Hessberger 76-68	Beck 73-76 144
Stolen Bases	Graziano 69 Obal 75 4	Obal 75-25	Hessberger 74- 39
Batting Average	----- -----	Rockwell 74 .433	+ Juliar 70,72 .333 ++Rockwell 71-74 .315

* 50 or more at bats/season

+2 Years

++ 4 Years

*PITCHING RECORDS

RECORDS	SEASON			CAREER		
Games Started	Schaefer	1976	11	Iwanski	72-75	26
Complete Games	Steinman	1973	7	Steinman	70-73	13
				Iwanski	72-75	
Wins	Steinman	1973	7	Madura	69-72	17
				Steinman	70-73	
Innings Pitched	Groenwald	1969	75 2/3	Iwanski	72-75	185
Fewest Runs	Steinman	1970	7	Steinman	70-73	66
Fewest Walks	Steinman	1970	6	Steinman	70-73	43
Strike Outs	Browder	1967	63	Iwanski	72-75	149
Shut Outs	Lamirand	1973	2	Lamirand	71-74	4
Saves	Hallcox	1974	4	Hallcox	74-75	5
Earned Run Average	Kanen	1970	.72	++Steinman	70-73	1.95
	(ranked 8th in NAIA National statistics)			+Kanen	70,72	1.74

*25 or more innings pitched /season

+2 Years

++4 Years

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS

BATTING RECORDS FOR A SEASON

Team Batting Average

Hitting Streak

Runs Scored

PITCHING RECORDS FOR A SEASON

Earned Run Average (team)

No Hitters

One Hitters

Strike Outs/Game

FIELDING FOR A SEASON

Fielding-Percentage

Double Plays

RESULTS

.328 - 1974 (ranked 7th nationally - NAIA)

18 games - Kokos 1976

Game-31 vs. Concordia - 1974

Inning-16 vs. IIT - 1971

2.08 - 1970

Browder vs. Judson 1967
(perfect game)

Beyers vs. Aurora 1971

Iwanski vs. Olivet 1973

Lamirand vs. Illinois 1973

Groenwald vs. Aurora 1969

Iwanski vs. Aurora 1973

Browder vs. Judson 1967 - 18

Kanen vs. Niles Coll. 1970 - 17

.937 - 1976

30 - 1976

RECORDS BY SEASONS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>WON</u>	<u>LOST</u>	<u>PCT.</u>	<u>COACH</u>
1967	9	8	.529	G. Butler
1968	6	11	.352	G. Butler
1969	10	15	.400	B. Hale
1970	17	5	.772	B. Hale
1971	15	10	.600	R. Kasper
1972	18	8	.692	R. Kasper
1973	18	15	.545	R. Kasper
1974	20	10	.666	R. Kasper
1975	16	18	.470	R. Kasper
1976	24	15	.615	R. Kasper
77	16	18	.470	R. Kasper

ALL CONFERENCE PLAYERS

Bob Jelen 69,70	Marty Oscarson 71	Mark Obal 75,76
Gino Pesce 69,70	Al Steinman 72,73	Larry Funsch 76
Jim Dobner 70,71	Terry Juliar 72	Mike Schaefer 76
Bob Kanen 70	Terry Rizzo 72	Al Hargesheimer 76
Wayne Madura 70	Tom Rockwell 73,74	Tom Kokos 76
Ed Miller 71	Al Lamirand 73	Joe Trotta 76
Bob Nowinski 71	Steve Clark 74	Bob Hessberger 76

ALL DISTRICT PLAYERS

Bob Jelen 3B 70,71	Terry Rizzo SS 73
Bob Nowinski CF 71	Tom Rockwell CF 74
Terry Juliar RF 72	

PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS

Ed Miller - C 1969-72 Cubs	Bob Capra P 1972-75 Atlanta
MARK OBAL 75-77 CUBS	
Tom KOKOS 75-78	

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221

24
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1105
1650

1260
Hess
Obal

162
57
3
1134
810
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