

MATC Baseball – A Diamond in the Rough

Madison Area Technical College (MATC) is a best-kept secret in Wisconsin collegiate baseball. Over the past 11 years MATC has been a power in NJCAA baseball winning back to back to back National Championships in 1995, 1996, and 1997, finishing 3rd in the nation in 1994 and 4th in 1999.

MATC Baseball is routinely ranked in the NJCAA National Baseball poll. #1 National Ranking - The 2001 WolfPack Baseball team finished the regular season ranked #1 in the nation, posting an overall record of 50-12. In 2001 alone, eight players signed NCAA Division I & II scholarships at universities such as Auburn University, Creighton University, University of Michigan, Southeast Missouri State University, and UW-Milwaukee. In addition, outfielder, Scott Whitrock, was drafted in the 19th round and signed with the Minnesota Twins. MATC has much to offer talented baseball players from around the Midwest

Athlete Development

Baseball players in the WolfPack baseball program have the opportunity to play in over 80 games per year and learn and develop skills from highly successful and very experienced coaches. In the summer of 2004 Mike Davenport was named Head Baseball Coach at MATC. Davenport, a seasoned and highly regarded baseball man, was previously the head coach at Kishwaukee College, IL for nine seasons. His teams were very successful and claimed the NJCAA National Championship in 1999. He has been awarded numerous NJCAA Region coach of the year honors and was named NJCAA National Coach of the Year in 1999. Coach Davenport is also a professional scout with the Chicago White Sox.

The assistant coaches at MATC bring a wealth of baseball playing and coaching experience with them, both at the college and professional levels. Brad Woodall, former major league player with the Cubs, Brewers and Braves and minor league pitching coach for the Devil Rays; is the MATC pitching coach. C.J. Thieleke, a former University of Iowa standout and professional infielder with the Minnesota Twins is a full-time assistant with the program. Thieleke is also the head coach/manager of the championship Madison Mallards Northwoods League team. Darin Everson, former Red Sox minor league catcher, Madison Black Wolf star, and current Oregon High School head coach and Wausau Woodchuck manager; is an assistant coach with MATC throughout fall ball.

Strong Academics

Madison Area Technical College has earned a solid reputation for high quality, practical, and affordable education. MATC is a nationally ranked community college that provides a comprehensive curriculum of liberal studies, associate degree, and technical programs, among others. The college awards associate degrees, technical diplomas, and certificates. MATC's small classes, dedicated teachers, personalized attention, and wide selection of liberal studies classes, easily transferable to four-year colleges and universities, make MATC an excellent choice for any student-athlete.

Team Success

The Madison Area Technical College WolfPack Baseball program has an outstanding tradition of success. In addition to the five top national finishes mentioned earlier, the team has also won 13 straight Wisconsin Technical College Conference titles (including a 53 game conference winning streak heading into the 2005 season), twelve of the last thirteen Wisconsin Junior College Athletic Association state titles, and eleven National Junior College Athletic Association Region XIII titles. After a highly successful run in NJCAA Division III, MATC Baseball made the change to NJCAA Division II in 2000. The move up to Division II allows the WolfPack Baseball Program the opportunity to award athletic scholarships to student-athletes.

Quality Facility

Robin Roberts Baseball Field, dedicated on May 7, 2000, plays home to the MATC WolfPack Baseball team. Recent upgrades and construction have transformed the MATC baseball complex into a premier collegiate baseball facility boasting an excellent playing surface, a player clubhouse, pressbox, concession area, restrooms, and a 600-seat grandstand and public address system. Plans are underway to install a roof over the grandstand area and in the summer of 2005 the entire infield and infield foul territory will be re-graded and a new playing surface installed. You have to see the MATC Baseball facility to appreciate it.

Moving on

Take a look at what MATC has to offer...An excellent school and baseball program that provides tremendous opportunities for players to develop, win championships, and move on to four-year colleges and universities.

The word is out... WolfPack Baseball is a national power in Wisconsin's backyard. Be a part of the action. Visit the MATC Athletics web site at matcmadison.edu/athletics or call head coach, Mike Davenport, at 608-246-6699.