

Hornets ready for challenge

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Going into his second year as head coach at Baker, Tyler Minto is expecting some good things from a squad that went 15-15 last season. And going into this year, there is one thing that sets this year's team apart.

"Perseverance," Minto told the Call News. "I would say (that we have) a mentally tough team. The kids seem to be handling adversity pretty well. The throwing and conditioning that we have right now, the kids have done well stepping up to the challenges that we have provided in regards to getting in shape."

Baker is going to be a deeper team, at least roster-wise, in 2019. The Hornets have 17 players on this

year's varsity roster.

"Strength wise, in regards to the team, I would have to say that we have some depth," Minto said. "We're deeper at positions than we have been in the last couple of years."

One strength Minto will count on is at shortstop where senior Ian Lupo is a returning starter. There is also another senior, all-state centerfielder Jacob Bailey, who also pitches.

The Hornets will also count on some promising juniors who are expected to have an impact on this year's team — Tyler Bell (pitcher-catcher-outfielder), Rhett Daigle (catcher-infielder) and Landon

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Baker's Ian Lupo, senior shortstop

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