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Trojan Baseball Young But Eager To Compete

By Tracy Hinsz

The Barnesville Trojan baseball team started practice in hopes of getting out on the field soon after the latest spring storm.

The team saw 31 athletes come out vying for a spot on the varsity roster this season with five seniors, 12 sophomores and 14 freshmen, eagerly competing to catch the eye of the coaching staff.

Back for his eighth season as leader of the Trojan baseball team is Head Coach Stacy Martz. Martz has an overall record of 37-64 with last year's team sporting a 5-14 overall record. He will be assisted by Phil Trowbridge with Andrew Ehler and Kyle Ness volunteer assisting this season.

Barnesville finished last season seventh in the HOL Conference with a 2-11 record but got hot in the playoffs to take down some high ranked teams.

"We had a very young team last year, but saw our players improve as the year progressed," said Coach Martz. "The players got used to the speed of the game and solidified their play both in the field and at the plate."

We opened the playoffs against Ottertail Central the #3 seed and scored late in the game to defeat them. We followed that up against the #2 seed DGF. Brady Nosal pitched great in securing us a 3-2 victory.

Our season came to an end as we lost to the #1 seed Perham before falling to the top seed on the north side EGF to end our season.

It was a difficult season in terms of wins and losses, but we got great leadership from our seniors to make



The Trojans baseball team members are, left to right, front row-Elias Cox, Matthew Jahr, Brooks Durensky, Ben Braton, Grady Field, Logan Condon; back row - Tyson Andersen, Logan Ernst, Major Ness, Charlie Peterson, Mason Glynn, Tate Pauna and Brycen Christopherson.

a fantastic run in the postseason. We made it to the third round of the playoffs which is the farthest a Barnesville team has gone since moving to Class AA baseball. Our young players gained valuable experience. I was very proud of how we finished and look forward to this season."

The Trojans will once again compete in the Heart O' Lakes Conference and in Section 8AA. They return seniors Logan Ehler-first base/pitcher; Elias Cox-shortstop/pitcher; Tyson Anderson-right field/pitcher and Brycen

Christopherson-left field with Major Ness-third base/pitcher, coming back out this season.

Other players expected to earn playing time include sophomores Tate Pauna-second base/pitcher; Logan Condon-outfield/pitcher; Charlie Peterson-outfield/pitcher; Ben Braton-catcher/pitcher; Mason Glynn- infield/pitcher; Grady Field-outfield; Brooks Durensky- center field/catcher and Matthew Jahr-right field.

Last season, Cox led the team with a .491 batting average with 27 hits in 55 at bats. He had six

doubles, 18 runs batted in, 18 runs scored, five walks, five stolen bases and only struck out three times. Ehler finished the season with two wins and two losses on the mound in six starts. He tallied 44 strikeouts, while only giving up 27 hits and 11 earned runs in 30.2 innings pitched.

Ehler also added nine runs batted in, scored six runs and swiped three bases.

Braton finished with a .229 batting average with 11 hits including a double. He had seven runs batted in, six walks, three stolen bases and two runs scored. Pauna and Peterson

each saw some playing time in 2025 and combined for seven hits, five runs batted in, nine runs scored, 11 walks and three stolen bases.

These players will be looked upon to lead the Trojans early in the season while the rest of the team gets used to the speed of the game at the varsity level with their eyes on helping the team compete.

"Our team will once again be young this year with many underclassmen fighting for a starting position on our varsity squad," stated Martz. "We hope to be competitive but will need to develop some young pitchers. We will only have one returning starting pitcher with any varsity experience on the mound."

Our younger players have shown great promise in our first few weeks of practice. The hope is they develop into solid players, getting better as the season progresses. We expect to compete in every game and fight to be in the middle of the pack in the Heart O' Lakes Conference."

Martz believes that Perham is the odds on favorite again to win the conference and section, while getting to state.

"I am looking forward to a competitive 2026 baseball season," mentioned Martz. "We have a very young team with lots of potential. We will have our ups and downs, but by the end of the season, we hope to be competitive with the teams in our section."

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