

Presidents Athletic Conference

1987



John Carroll Wins PAC Baseball Title;
Shepherd, Fowkes, Petrarca Win Top Awards

PITTSBURGH--John Carroll University, under the direction of Head Coach Jerry Schweickert, captured the 1987 Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) baseball championship with a 9-1 league mark. The Blue Streaks (17-17 overall), who have won seven conference baseball titles, have captured the league crown in six of the past eight seasons.

The Blue Streaks were paced by the hitting of John Leanza (.343 overall, .559 PAC), Mike Murphy (.330 overall, .500 PAC), Chris Weber (.309 overall, .433 PAC), Jerry Auld (.365 overall, .424 PAC) and Jeff Thomas (.313 overall, .400 PAC) and the pitching of Chris Shepherd (4-3 overall, 3-0 PAC), Doug Dickason (6-1 overall, 2-0 PAC) and Steve Vicla (2-2 overall, 2-0 PAC).

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John Carroll's Chris Shepherd, Thiel College's Larry Fowkes and Thiel Head Coach Wayne Petrarca garnered top honors in the balloting for the 1987 All-PAC baseball team. Shepherd was named the PAC's Pitcher-of-the-Year, Fowkes the league's Player-of-the-Year and Petrarca the conference's Coach-of-the-Year.

Shepherd, a sophomore from University Heights, Ohio, posted a 4-3 overall mark while leading the league with a 3-0 PAC slate. He recorded 42 strikeouts, 20 in the PAC, and a 0.67 ERA in league games. Fowkes, a junior from Belle Vernon, PA., hit .411 overall, .429 in the PAC, and posted pitching records of 4-1 overall and 2-1 in the conference. Petrarca guided his squad from a 6-16 record in 1986 to a 15-5 overall mark in 1987. The Tomcats, who tied for fifth place with a 3-7 record last year, finished second behind John Carroll at 6-4.

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THE 1987 ALL-PAC BASEBALL TEAM

PITCHER-OF-THE-YEAR --- CHRIS SHEPHERD (JOHN CARROLL)
PLAYER-OF-THE-YEAR --- LARRY FOWKES (THIEL)
COACH-OF-THE-YEAR ---- WAYNE PETRARCA (THIEL)

NAME	CL	SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
<u>PITCHERS</u>			
Ralph Ritenour	SO	Wash. & Jeff.	Yough, PA
Larry Fowkes	JR	Thiel	Belle Vernon, PA
Chris Shepherd	SO	John Carroll	University Hts., OH

Bethany Carnegie Mellon Grove City Hiram John Carroll Thiel Washington & Jefferson

CATCHERS

Pat Aigner SO Wash. & Jeff. Altoona, PA
Jim Travaglini SO Thiel Greenville, PA

OUTFIELDERS

John Leanza SR John Carroll Sagamore Hills, OH
Mike Murphy SO John Carroll Parma, OH
John Aguiar SO Bethany Mingo Jct., OH
Kevin Kober FR Hiram Kent, OH

INFIELDERS

Bob Bloder, 1B JR Bethany Cinnaminson, NJ
Don Vandeborne, 2B SO Bethany Wintersville, OH
Chris Weber, 3B SO John Carroll Parma, OH
Rod Swartz, SS SR Hiram Mogadore, OH

UTILITY PLAYERS

John Senkowitz SR Grove City Champion, OH
Jerry Auld JR John Carroll Pittsburgh, PA

DESIGNATED HITTER

Drew Fiorentini SR Grove City Pittsburgh, PA
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HONORABLE MENTION

BETHANY -- Steve Fortunato (OF), Bill Huff (OF)
GROVE CITY -- Jim Hofius (OF), John Avdellas (IF)
HIRAM -- Tom Reggi (OF), Greg Andraso (IF)
JOHN CARROLL -- Jeff Thomas (DH), Doug Dickason (P)
THIEL -- Tony Kincade (P), Erik Garrett (IF)
WASH. & JEFF. -- Chris Berger (IF), John Moses (IF)

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