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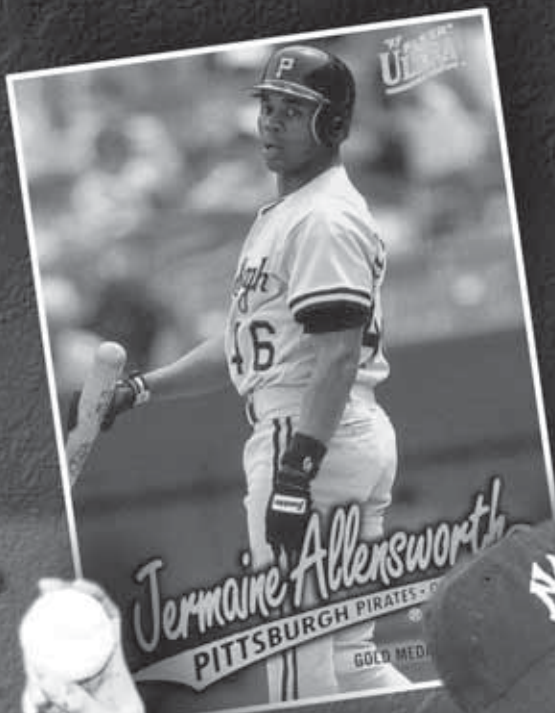
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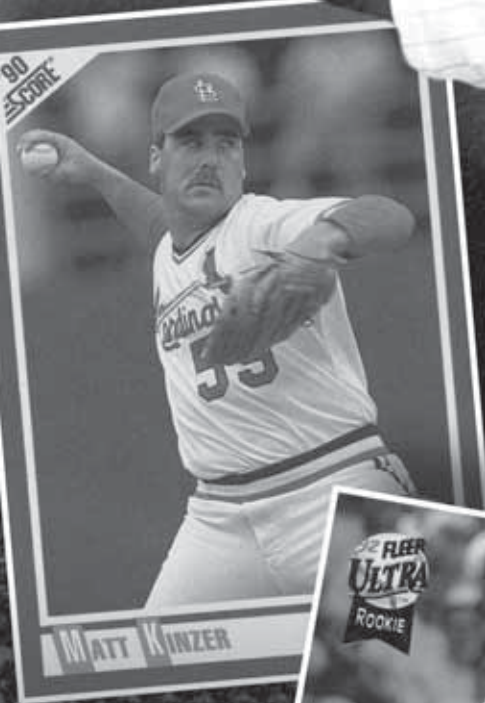


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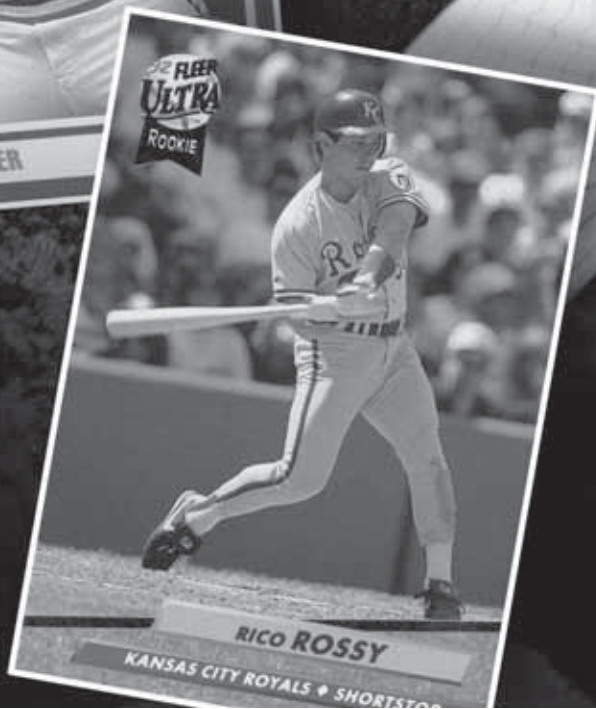


JOE MCCABE
catcher

ARCHI GIANFROGEO



MATT WINZER



RICO ROSSY
KANSAS CITY ROYALS • SHORTSTOP

BILL "MOOSE" SKOWRON

Bill "Moose" Skowron was a key member of the New York Yankees during the 1950s and early 1960s, playing in seven World Series and winning four. He then won a World Series ring as a member of the 1963 Los Angeles Dodgers. Skowron was a six-time all-star, starting in four midsummer classics (1957-1960).

Major League Connections

PURDUE'S ALL-TIME MAJOR LEAGUERS

Bernie Allen (1959-1961)

- ~ Minnesota Twins, 1962-1966
- ~ Washington Senators, 1967-1971
- ~ New York Yankees, 1972-1973
- ~ Montreal Expos, 1973

Jermaine Allensworth (1991-93)

- ~ Pittsburgh Pirates, 1996-1998
- ~ Kansas City Royals, 1998
- ~ New York Mets, 1998-1999

Archi Cianfrocco (1987)

- ~ Montreal Expos, 1992-1993
- ~ San Diego Padres, 1993-1998

Dutch Fehring (1932-34)

- ~ Chicago White Sox (1934)

Dave Gassner (1998-2001)

- ~ Minnesota Twins, 2005

Matt Kinzer (1982-1984)

- ~ St. Louis Cardinals, 1989
- ~ Detroit Tigers, 1990

Felix Mackiewicz (1938-1940)

- ~ Philadelphia Athletics, 1941-1943
- ~ Cleveland Indians, 1945-1947
- ~ Washington Senators, 1947

Joe McCabe (1958-1960)

- ~ Minnesota Twins, 1964
- ~ Washington Senators, 1965

Hugh Nicol

- ~ Chicago White Stockings, 1881-1882
- ~ St. Louis Browns, 1883-1886
- ~ Cincinnati Red Stockings, 1887-1889
- ~ Cincinnati Reds, 1890

Rico Rossy (1982-1985)

- ~ Atlanta Braves, 1991
- ~ Kansas City Royals, 1992-1993
- ~ Seattle Mariners, 1998

Bill "Moose" Skowron (1950)

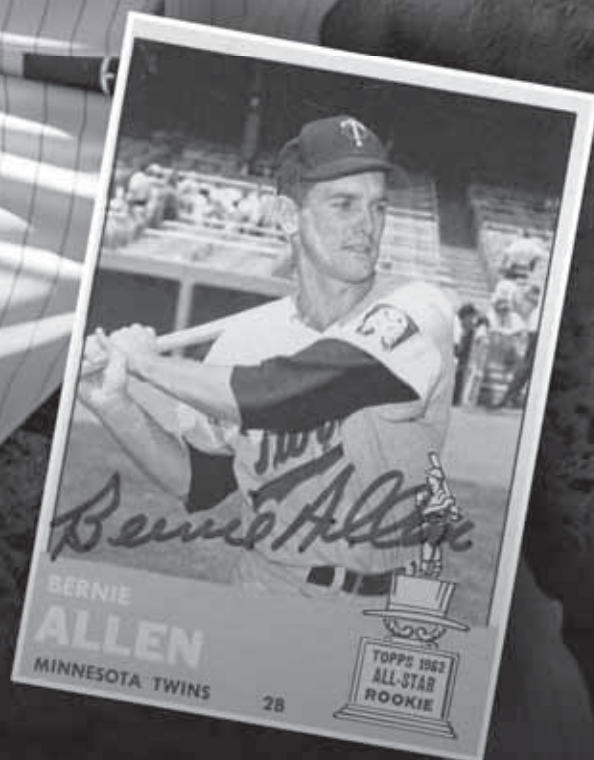
- ~ New York Yankees, 1954-1962
- ~ Los Angeles Dodgers, 1963
- ~ Washington Senators, 1964
- ~ Chicago White Sox, 1964-1967
- ~ California Angels, 1967

Walt Tragesser (1908-1909)

- ~ Boston Doves, 1913
- ~ Boston Braves, 1915-1919
- ~ Philadelphia Phillies, 1919-1920

DAVE GASSNER

Dave Gassner is the most recent addition to the list of former Purdue Boilermakers who have reached the Major Leagues. Gassner made his MLB debut on April 16, 2005, as the starting pitcher for the Minnesota Twins. On that day, Gassner picked up his first Major League win in a 6-4 victory over Cleveland.



PURDUE'S MINOR LEAGUERS

Chadd Blasko (2000-2002)

~ Frederick (A) [Baltimore]

Jay Buente (2003-2006)

~ Greensboro (A) [Florida]

Dave Gassner (1998-2001)

~ Rochester (AAA) [Minnesota]

Dustin Glant (2001-2003)

~ Tucson (AAA) [Arizona]

Andrew Groves (2004-2007)

~ Tri-City (A) [Colorado]

Mitch Hilligoss (2004-2006)

~ Charleston (A) [NY Yankees]

Simon Klink (2001-2004)

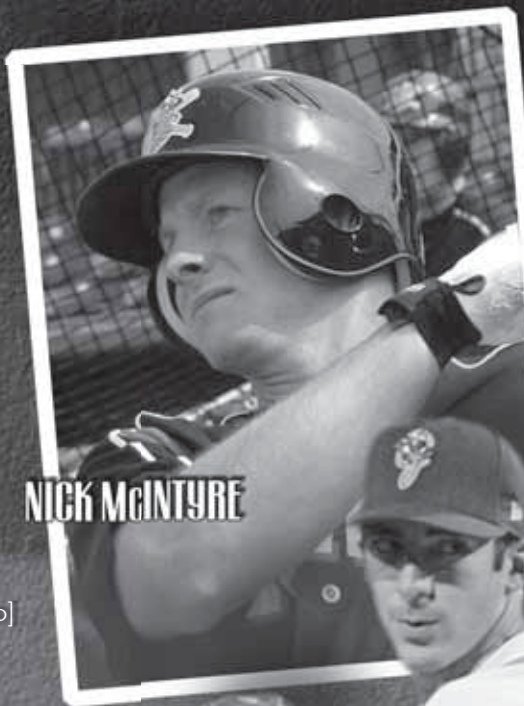
~ Connecticut (AA) [San Francisco]

Nick McIntyre (2000-2003)

~ Erie (AA) [Detroit]

Dan Sattler (2004-2007)

~ Spokane (A) [Texas]



NICK MCINTYRE



JAY BUENTE



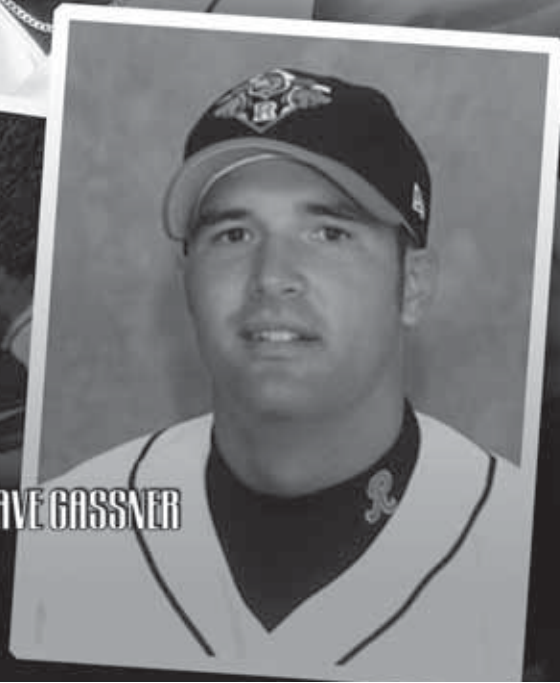
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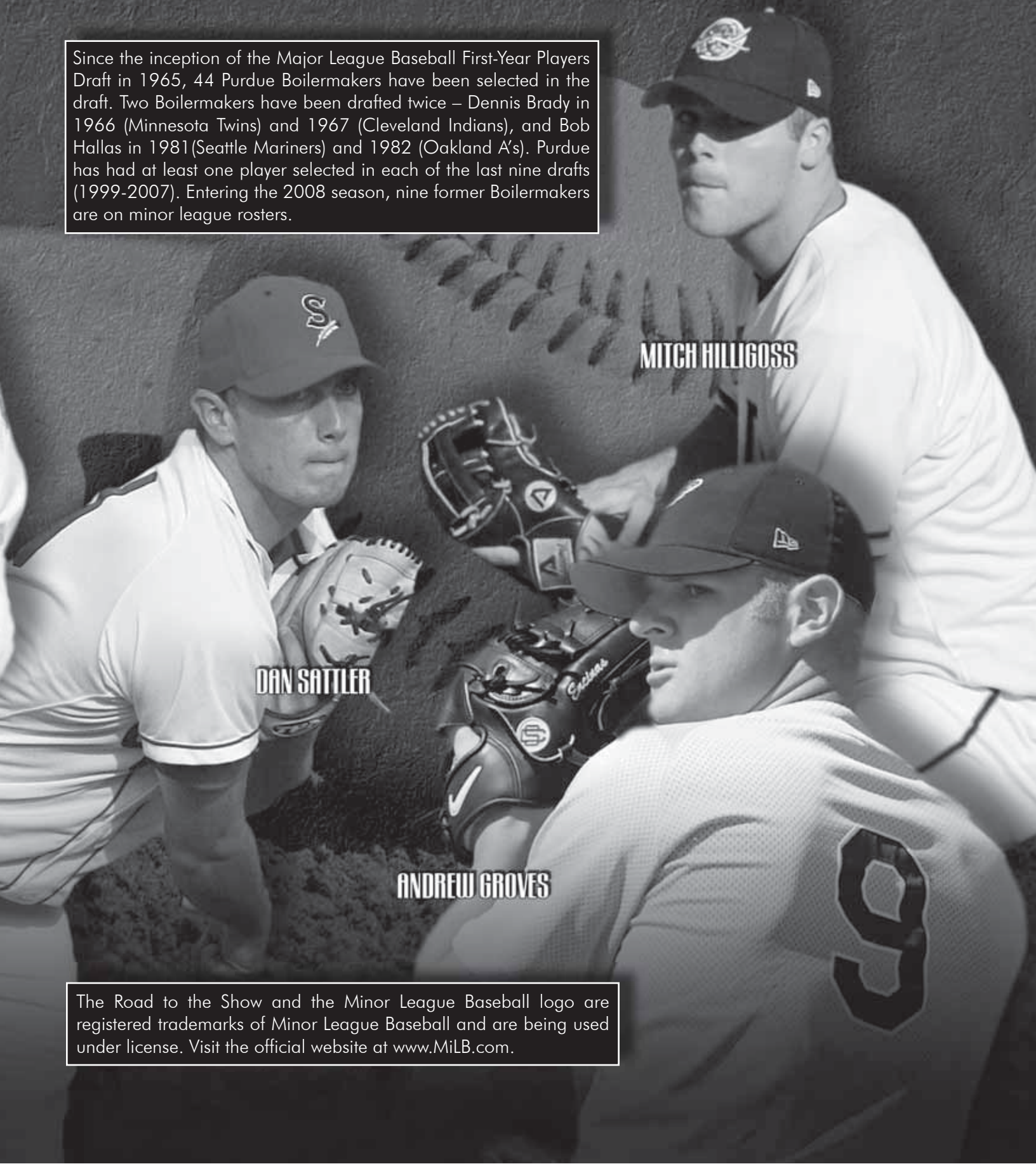


DAVE GASSNER



The Road to the Show

Since the inception of the Major League Baseball First-Year Players Draft in 1965, 44 Purdue Boilermakers have been selected in the draft. Two Boilermakers have been drafted twice – Dennis Brady in 1966 (Minnesota Twins) and 1967 (Cleveland Indians), and Bob Hallas in 1981 (Seattle Mariners) and 1982 (Oakland A's). Purdue has had at least one player selected in each of the last nine drafts (1999-2007). Entering the 2008 season, nine former Boilermakers are on minor league rosters.



DAN SATTLER

MITCH HILLIGOSS

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BASEBALL QUICK FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	West Lafayette, Ind.
Enrollment	38,653
Founded	1869
Colors	Old Gold & Black
Nickname	Boilermakers
Conference	Big Ten

FACILITY INFORMATION

Facility	Lambert Field
Capacity	1,100
Dimensions	340-385-408-385-340
Surface	Natural Grass
Press Box Phone	(765) 494-1522

HISTORY

First Year	1888
All-Time Record	1,668-1,679-37
Big Ten Record	628-903-8
Conference Titles	1
Year	1909
NCAA Regional Appearances	1
Year	1987
NCAA Super Regional Appearances	None
NCAA CWS Appearances	None

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Doug Schreiber
Alma Mater	Purdue University
Overall Record	253-252 (9 years)
Big Ten Record	132-134 (9 years)
Assistant Coach	Jamie Sailors
Alma Mater	Purdue University
Assistant Coach	Spencer Allen
Alma Mater	Iowa State University
Volunteer Assistant Coach	Ricky Heines
Alma Mater	Purdue University

SUPPORT STAFF

Secretary	Becky Beck
Office Phone	(765) 494-3217
Athletic Trainer	Tom Susco
Student Athletic Trainer	Allie Boll
Team Physician	Greg Rowdon
Team Physician	Alayne Sundstrom
Strength Coach	Ron Thomson
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Sports Information Contact	Mark Leddy
Assistant Promotions Director	Erin Kraebber
Ticket Manager	Charlie Roberts
Business Manager	Colleen Garrity
Equipment Manager	Andrew Staley
Event Coordinator	Dan Mason
Sports Turf Manager	Al Capitos
Groundskeeper	Jan Osting
Public Address Announcer	Carson Tucker
Scoreboard Operator	Kevin Violt

ATHLETICS ADMINISTRATION

Athletics Director	Morgan J. Burke
Senior Associate Athletics Director	Roger Blalock
Senior Associate Athletics Director / SWA	Nancy Cross
Senior Associate Athletics Director	Joe Muller
Senior Associate Athletics Director	Glenn Tompkins
Associate Athletics Director	Ed Howat
Associate Athletics Director	Barb Kapp
Assistant Athletics Director	Tom Reiter
Assistant Athletics Director	Tom Schott
Assistant Athletics Director	Steve Simmerman

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Faculty Representative	Christie L. Sahley

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Lambert Field Press Box	(765) 494-1522
Official Web Site	purduesports.com

2007 REVIEW

Overall Record	22-32
Home	8-10
Road	14-22
Neutral	0-0
Big Ten Record	11-20
Home	8-8
Road	3-12
Big Ten Finish	8th
All-Big Ten Honorees	3
	Ryne White, 1B (1st)
	Matt Bischoff, SP (2nd)
	Tony Sedlmeyer, SP (3rd)

2008 PREVIEW

Position Starters Returning	
1B	Ryne White .452 / 8 / 47
SS	John Cummins .285 / 1 / 24
3B	Dan Black .306 / 3 / 25
LF	Jordan Comadena .340 / 5 / 20
CF	Jon Moore .275 / 1 / 24
RF	Alex Jaffee .308 / 2 / 20

Position Starters Lost

C	Spencer Ingaldson .322 / 2 / 27
2B	Eric Osborn .264 / 2 / 19

Other Position Players Returning

C	Eric Nielsen .397 / 0 / 6
INF	Nick Overmyer .275 / 0 / 8
INF	Kyle Reesing .262 / 3 / 13
INF	Drew Madia .231 / 1 / 2

Weekend Starting Pitchers Returning

RH	Matt Bischoff 3-2 / 2.85 / 61 K
RH	Tony Sedlmeyer 6-4 / 4.34 / 27 K
LH	Matt Jansen 0-4 / 3.31 / 30 K

Weekend Starting Pitchers Lost

RH	Ricky Heines 6-7 / 5.23 / 55 K
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Relief/Midweek Pitchers Returning

RH	Josh Lindblom 3-4 / 4.13 / 51 K / 1 SV
RH	Drew Wurdack 0-0 / 0.00 / 2 K
RH	Chris Ivanic 0-1 / 5.81 / 16 K
RH	Allan Donato 1-3 / 5.83 / 23 K
RH	Kevin Cahill 0-0 / 7.50 / 1 K
LH	Andy Loomis 0-0 / 8.22 / 11 K
LH	Connor Sestak 1-1 / 8.38 / 5 K
RH	Tristan McIntyre Did not pitch in 2007

Redshirts / Non-Letterwinners

INF	David Blount
RHP	Nick Bryant
OF	Brandon Haveman
OF	Jonathan Lilly
RHP	Matt Morgan

Newcomers / Walk-ons

OF	Barret Arthur Sophomore (RS)
C/OF	Cory Bifoss Freshman
INF	Ryan Bridges Freshman
INF	Eric Charles Freshman
LHP	Kyle Cook Freshman
RHP	Mark Kovacevic Freshman
RHP	Kasey Ourada Freshman
RHP	Jeff Straub Freshman (RS)
LHP	Michael Thoma Freshman
INF	Josh Tolan Freshman
INF	Ben Wolgamot Junior

2008 PURDUE SCHEDULE



GENERAL INFORMATION

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Date	Day	Opponent	Location	Stadium (Capacity)	Time
February 22	Friday	Baylor University Bears	Waco, Texas	Baylor Ballpark at Ferrell Field (5,000)	7 p.m.
February 23	Saturday	Baylor University Bears	Waco, Texas	Baylor Ballpark at Ferrell Field (5,000)	2 p.m.
February 24	Sunday	Baylor University Bears	Waco, Texas	Baylor Ballpark at Ferrell Field (5,000)	1 p.m.
February 29	Friday	Western Kentucky University Hilltoppers	Bowling Green, Kentucky	Nick Denes Field (2,500)	4 p.m.
March 1	Saturday	Western Kentucky University Hilltoppers	Bowling Green, Kentucky	Nick Denes Field (2,500)	4 p.m.
March 2	Sunday	Western Kentucky University Hilltoppers	Bowling Green, Kentucky	Nick Denes Field (2,500)	2 p.m.
March 7	Friday	University of Kentucky Wildcats	Lexington, Kentucky	Cliff Hagan Stadium (3,000)	4 p.m.
March 8	Saturday	University of Kentucky Wildcats	Lexington, Kentucky	Cliff Hagan Stadium (3,000)	2 p.m.
March 9	Sunday	University of Kentucky Wildcats	Lexington, Kentucky	Cliff Hagan Stadium (3,000)	1 p.m.
March 10	Monday	University of Kentucky Wildcats	Lexington, Kentucky	Cliff Hagan Stadium (3,000)	4 p.m.
March 13	Thursday	Ohio University Bobcats	Athens, Ohio	Bob Wren Stadium (4,000)	4 p.m.
March 14	Friday	Ohio University Bobcats	Athens, Ohio	Bob Wren Stadium (4,000)	4 p.m.
March 15	Saturday	Ohio University Bobcats	Athens, Ohio	Bob Wren Stadium (4,000)	1 p.m.
March 16	Sunday	Ohio University Bobcats	Athens, Ohio	Bob Wren Stadium (4,000)	1 p.m.
March 22	Saturday	Western Illinois University Leathernecks [dh]	West Lafayette, Indiana	Lambert Field (1,100)	Noon
March 23	Sunday	Western Illinois University Leathernecks	West Lafayette, Indiana	Lambert Field (1,100)	1 p.m.
March 26	Wednesday	Valparaiso University Crusaders	West Lafayette, Indiana	Lambert Field (1,100)	4 p.m.
March 28	Friday	* Northwestern University Wildcats	West Lafayette, Indiana	Lambert Field (1,100)	4 p.m.
March 29	Saturday	* Northwestern University Wildcats [dh]	West Lafayette, Indiana	Lambert Field (1,100)	1 p.m.
March 30	Sunday	* Northwestern University Wildcats	West Lafayette, Indiana	Lambert Field (1,100)	1 p.m.
April 2	Wednesday	University of Louisville Cardinals	Louisville, Kentucky	Jim Patterson Field (2,500)	6 p.m.
April 4	Friday	* University of Iowa Hawkeyes	Iowa City, Iowa	Duane Banks Field (3,000)	7 p.m.
April 5	Saturday	* University of Iowa Hawkeyes [dh]	Iowa City, Iowa	Duane Banks Field (3,000)	2 p.m.
April 6	Sunday	* University of Iowa Hawkeyes	Iowa City, Iowa	Duane Banks Field (3,000)	2 p.m.
April 9	Wednesday	Illinois State University Redbirds	West Lafayette, Indiana	Lambert Field (1,100)	4 p.m.
April 11	Friday	* Pennsylvania State University Nittany Lions	West Lafayette, Indiana	Lambert Field (1,100)	4 p.m.
April 12	Saturday	* Pennsylvania State University Nittany Lions [dh]	West Lafayette, Indiana	Lambert Field (1,100)	1 p.m.
April 13	Sunday	* Pennsylvania State University Nittany Lions	West Lafayette, Indiana	Lambert Field (1,100)	1 p.m.
April 15	Tuesday	Miami University RedHawks	Oxford, Ohio	McKie Field and Hayden Park (1,000)	6 p.m.
April 18	Friday	* Ohio State University Buckeyes	Columbus, Ohio	Bill Davis Stadium (4,450)	6:30 p.m.
April 19	Saturday	* Ohio State University Buckeyes [dh]	Columbus, Ohio	Bill Davis Stadium (4,450)	1 p.m.
April 20	Sunday	* Ohio State University Buckeyes	Columbus, Ohio	Bill Davis Stadium (4,450)	1 p.m.
April 23	Wednesday	Ball State University Cardinals	West Lafayette, Indiana	Lambert Field (1,100)	4 p.m.
April 25	Friday	* University of Minnesota Golden Gophers	West Lafayette, Indiana	Lambert Field (1,100)	4 p.m.
April 26	Saturday	* University of Minnesota Golden Gophers [dh]	West Lafayette, Indiana	Lambert Field (1,100)	1 p.m.
April 27	Sunday	* University of Minnesota Golden Gophers	West Lafayette, Indiana	Lambert Field (1,100)	Noon
May 3	Saturday	* Indiana University Hoosiers [dh]	Bloomington, Indiana	Sembower Field (2,500)	1 p.m.
May 4	Sunday	* Indiana University Hoosiers [dh]	Bloomington, Indiana	Sembower Field (2,500)	1 p.m.
May 7	Wednesday	Indiana State University Sycamores	Terre Haute, Indiana	Sycamore Field (2,500)	6:30 p.m.
May 9	Friday	* Michigan State University Spartans	West Lafayette, Indiana	Lambert Field (1,100)	4 p.m.
May 10	Saturday	* Michigan State University Spartans [dh]	West Lafayette, Indiana	Lambert Field (1,100)	1 p.m.
May 11	Sunday	* Michigan State University Spartans	West Lafayette, Indiana	Lambert Field (1,100)	1 p.m.
May 14	Wednesday	University of Illinois - Chicago Flames	West Lafayette, Indiana	Lambert Field (1,100)	4 p.m.
May 15	Thursday	* University of Illinois Fighting Illini	Champaign, Illinois	Illinois Field (1,500)	7 p.m.
May 16	Friday	* University of Illinois Fighting Illini [dh]	Champaign, Illinois	Illinois Field (1,500)	2 p.m.
May 17	Saturday	* University of Illinois Fighting Illini	Champaign, Illinois	Illinois Field (1,500)	2 p.m.
May 21-25	Wed.-Sun.	Big Ten Tournament	Site To Be Determined	Field To Be Determined	TBD
May 30-June 2	Fri.-Mon.	NCAA Regionals	Site To Be Determined	Field To Be Determined	TBD
June 6-9	Fri.-Mon.	NCAA Super Regionals	Site To Be Determined	Field To Be Determined	TBD
June 14-25	Sat.-Wed.	College World Series	Omaha, Nebraska	Johnny Rosenblatt Stadium (23,100)	TBD

* Big Ten Conference game.

All times Eastern and subject to change.

PRESEASON PROGNOSTICATION

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Big Ten Projected Finish

Place	Team ('07 Finish)	'07 Big Ten Record
1.	Michigan (1).....	21-7
2.	Minnesota (2).....	18-9
3.	Penn State (3).....	19-11
4.	Iowa (4).....	18-12
5.	Ohio State (6).....	15-15
6.	Purdue (8).....	11-20
7.	Illinois (5).....	16-14
8.	Michigan State (7).....	15-16
9.	Indiana (10).....	8-23
10.	Northwestern (9).....	9-23

Preseason All-Big Ten Selections

Pos.	Player, School	'07 Big Ten Honor
1B	Ryne White, Purdue.....	1st Team
2B	Steve Gerstenberger, Michigan State.....	2nd Team
3B	Nate Hanson, Minnesota.....	1st Team
SS	Jason Christian, Michigan.....	2nd Team
OF	Kevin Cislo, Michigan.....	None
OF	Matt Nohelty, Minnesota.....	1st Team
OF	Derek VanBuskirk, Michigan.....	None
C	Joe Blackburn, Penn State.....	3rd Team
DH	Nate Recknagel, Michigan.....	2nd Team
SP	Zach Putnam, Michigan.....	1st Team
SP	Matt Bischoff, Purdue.....	2nd Team
SP	Mike Wilson, Michigan.....	1st Team
RP	Drew O'Neil, Penn State.....	1st Team

Preseason Big Ten Honors

Coach on the Rise.....	Rich Maloney, Michigan
Best Pitcher.....	Zach Putnam, Michigan
Best Hitter.....	Ryne White, Purdue

Collegiate Baseball Magazine

Ryne White, 1B.....	Third Team All-American
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Ryne White, 1B.....	Second Team All-American
Matt Bischoff, SP.....	All-America "For Your Consideration"

Brooks Wallace National Player of the Year
Preseason Watch List

Ryne White, 1st Base
Matt Bischoff, Pitcher

The 2008 campaign for the Purdue Boilermakers is expected to be a season of great turnaround following a disappointing 2007 season that saw the Purdue Nine miss the Big Ten postseason tournament for the first time since 2003. The Boilermakers stumbled in the last month of the season, going 5-17 over the final five weeks of the campaign, including 4-15 in the latter two-thirds of the Big Ten season.

The 2008 Boilermakers bring back six of eight position starters and three of four starting pitchers from the young 2007 team, and Purdue looks to show the Big Ten Conference that one year's growth is enough to compete for the upper positions in the conference standings. Leading the way amongst the returning starters are Ryne White, Matt Bischoff and Tony Sedlmeyer — Purdue's three all-conference honors from one year ago.

AROUND THE HORN

With three of four starters returning in the Purdue infield and a generous amount of experience available beyond those starters, the Boilermaker infield should be vastly improved from a 2007 campaign that saw 61 errors committed in 54 games. Purdue returns starters at first base, third base and shortstop, and has part-time starters available to fill in at second base and provide further depth.

First base is the strong position for the Boilermakers, held firmly by projected All-American Ryne White. White, a junior, was third in the NCAA in batting average in 2007 with a .452 average, and fielded at a .987 clip. With possibly the best bat in the Big Ten Conference, White provides a serious threat at the plate in the middle of the Boilermaker lineup.

Dan Black returns for his second season at Purdue after starting 39 games in his initial collegiate season, and he provides an solid glove at third base and a power-hitting bat in the middle of the lineup. Black batted .306 as a freshman and drove in 25 runs on the season, third-most on the Purdue team.

The shortstop position returns the infield's third starter in junior John Cummins, while sophomore Nick Overmyer is there to challenge for the starting spot after receiving a great deal of time on the field as a true freshman. In 54 games in 2007, Cummins was in the starting lineup 36 times while Overmyer saw a combined 27 starts at shortstop, second base and third base.

Four-year starter Eric Osborn vacates second base after graduation, but an injury-filled junior and senior season provided extended playing time for heir-apparent Kyle Reesing. Reesing, a junior, made 30 starts in 2007 at second base, third base and shortstop and should provide the Boilermakers with an experienced gloveman up the middle as well as a fulltime threat on the basepaths.

Depth around the infield will be provided by sophomore Drew Madia, who made six starts in 2007, as well as a handful of newcomers. Redshirt freshman David Blount is joined by junior transfer Ben Wolgamot and true freshmen Eric Charles, Josh Tolan and Ryan Bridges.

ON THE WARNING TRACK

The Purdue outfield could be a strong point for the 2008 Boilermakers as the team returns all three starters from the 2007 squad — sort of. The three projected starters in the 2008 campaign were all in the starting lineup in the early stages of last year's season, but an injury forced head coach Doug Schreiber to alter that lineup.

Senior Jordan Comadena was possibly the hottest hitter in the Big Ten Conference for the first six weeks of the season but was knocked out of left field after suffering a broken bone in his hand. Comadena is healthy in 2008 and returns in an attempt to pick up where he left off last year when he batted .340 in 28 games with 13 doubles, five home runs, 30 runs scored and 20 RBI.

Centerfield and right field go unchanged from 2007 as juniors Jon Moore and Alex Jaffee return for a second year as starters in the Purdue outfield. Moore was a defensive gem for the Boilermakers in center, continually making diving catches among his 131 putouts. Jaffee started 41 games last season, serving as the primary starter in right.

Depth in the outfield will be provided by Brandon Haveman, Jonathan Lilly, Barret Arthur and Cory Bifoss. Haveman is a redshirt junior who sat out the 2007 season after transferring to Purdue. Lilly and Arthur are walkons to the Boilermaker program — Lilly in 2006 and Arthur this season. Bifoss is the lone true freshman among the outfield roster.

BEHIND THE DISH

Purdue looks to replace two-year starter Spencer Ingaldson, a 2006 all-conference performer, and will look to redshirt junior Eric Nielsen to become the primary backstop. Nielsen has been a part-time starter over the past two seasons for the Boilermakers, including 19 starts in 2007. In 58 at-bats last season Nielsen hit at an impressive .397 clip, success at the plate that is hoped to be continued.

2008 SEASON OUTLOOK



Depth behind the plate will be provided by a trio that has been introduced at other positions for the Boilermakers. Senior Jordan Comadena, sophomore Dan Black and freshman Cory Bifoss can each provide rest for Nielsen. All three have been listed as a catcher since arriving at Purdue, although none has seen game action behind the plate for the Boilermakers.

ON THE HILL

From Day One to the final pitch of the 2007 season, the Purdue starting pitching rotation underwent several changes, settling at the end of the season with three freshmen and a senior as the primary four. That lone senior, Ricky Heines, has walked the graduation stage at Purdue and now serves the program as the volunteer assistant coach. It is the three freshmen — now sophomores — that the Boilermakers will look to for guidance.

Leading the charge on the hill is Matt Bischoff, the 2007 Big Ten Freshman of the Year and a second team all-conference honoree. Bischoff made his way from mid-relief to midweek starter to Friday night ace during his first collegiate season, ending the campaign with a 3-2 record and a team-best 2.85 earned-run average. His 61 strikeouts in 60 innings against just eight walks gave him the best strikeout-to-walk ration in Purdue history — fanning 7.625 batters per free pass.

Tony Sedlmeyer, a sophomore, was in the starting rotation in his first collegiate weekend and remained there through the entirety of the 2007 season. A third team all-conference selection, Sedlmeyer posted a 6-4 record and a 4.34 ERA in 12 starts. Matt Jansen fills out the sophomore trio, working his way a year ago into the starting rotation midway through the Big Ten portion of the schedule. Despite going winless with a 0-4 record, Jansen was solid on the hill for Purdue, posting a 3.31 ERA in 17 games (three starts).

Purdue could find its fourth weekend starter in a familiar face, as senior Allan Donato could make the move from the bullpen to the starting hill after three seasons. Donato has appeared in 45 games in three years, eight as a midweek starter, and has posted a career record of 6-3 with a 5.40 ERA.

The main arm out of the pen for Purdue will likely be Josh Lindblom, the Boilermakers' starter-turned-closer in 2007. Lindblom, a junior, was 3-4 with a save and a 4.13 ERA last season, but was as close to perfect as a pitcher can be when coming out of the bullpen. After a move to the pen midway through the Big Ten season, Lindblom appeared in eight games as a reliever with a 0.00 ERA, yielding just six hits while striking out 10 in 11 innings. Lindblom brings an imposing stature to the Purdue mound, standing 6'5" and 240 pounds, while bringing a 95 mph fastball.

The pitching staff features six additional returning letterwinners: seniors Andy Loomis and Tristan McIntyre; junior Chris Ivanic; and sophomores Kevin Cahill, Connor Sestak and Drew Wurdack. Further depth to the staff will be provided by seven Boilermakers making their debut in 2008: redshirts Nick Bryant, Matt Morgan and Jeff Straub; and true freshmen Kyle Cook, Mark Kovacevic, Kasey Ourada and Michael Thoma.

THE OPPOSITION

The old saying "the more things change, the more they stay the same" continues to hold true for the Purdue baseball schedule as the Boilermakers continue to add some of the best competition the nation has to offer to its annual Big Ten Conference slate. The 2008 schedule seems to be no different that those schedules of the past decade under head coach Doug Schreiber.

Purdue's season opens on the road in Waco, Texas, when the Boilermakers take on the Baylor Bears, ranked No. 28 in the Collegiate Baseball preseason top 40. The Boilermakers' spring break trip once again features a nationally-ranked opponent as Purdue plays a four-game set with the No. 20 Kentucky Wildcats in Lexington. The schedule also includes a trip down Interstate 65 to face the Louisville Cardinals, ranked 23rd in the preseason poll after making their first appearance in the College World Series in 2007.

Besides the weekends against Baylor and Kentucky, other non-conference weekend feature series against Western Kentucky, Ohio and Western Illinois. Two of those three opponents were on Purdue's schedule one year ago when the Boilermakers swept three games against WKU and took two of three against WIU. Midweek games include annual matchups against Ball State, Indiana State, Illinois State and Valparaiso, while adding a contest against Illinois-Chicago.

Purdue's conference action features four home series and four road series. The Boilermakers play host to Northwestern, Penn State, Minnesota and Michigan State in 2008, while they hit the road to take on Ohio State, Iowa, Illinois and intrastate rival Indiana.

PRESEASON NATIONAL TOP 40

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Preseason Top 40

Rank	Team ('07 Final Rank)	'07 Record
1.	Arizona Wildcats (22)	42-17
2.	South Carolina Gamecocks (11)	46-20
3.	Arizona State Sun Devils (5)	49-15
4.	Mississippi Rebels (19)	40-25
5.	North Carolina Tar Heels (2)	57-16
6.	Rice Owls (3)	56-14
7.	San Diego Toreros (16)	43-18
8.	Texas Longhorns (17)	46-17
9.	Wichita State Shockers (13)	53-22
10.	Michigan Wolverines (20)	42-19
11.	Vanderbilt Commodores (9)	54-13
12.	Florida State Seminoles (10)	49-13
13.	Clemson Tigers (12)	41-23
14.	Miami Hurricanes	37-24
15.	Missouri Tigers (27)	42-18
16.	Cal State Fullerton Titans (7)	38-25
17.	Long Beach State 49ers (26)	39-20
18.	UCLA Bruins (23)	33-28
19.	Oregon State Beavers (1)	49-18
20.	Kentucky Wildcats	34-19-1
21.	Fresno State Bulldogs	38-29
22.	Texas A&M Aggies (14)	48-19
23.	Louisville Cardinals (6)	47-24
24.	Virginia Cavaliers (15)	45-16
25.	Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets	32-25
26.	California - Irvine Anteaters (4)	47-17-1
27.	Mississippi State Bulldogs (8)	38-22
28.	Baylor Bears	35-27
29.	Pepperdine Waves	35-22
30.	Louisiana State Tigers	29-26-1
31.	Oklahoma State Cowboys (21)	42-21
32.	Louisiana-Lafayette Ragin' Cajuns	45-17
33.	Southern Illinois Salukis	34-22
34.	Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles	39-23
35.	California - Riverside Highlanders (25)	38-21
36.	Stetson Hatters	42-21
37.	Coastal Carolina Chanticleers (24)	50-13
38.	Nebraska Cornhuskers	32-27
39.	California Bears	29-26
40.	Oral Roberts Golden Eagles	40-17

Other Big Ten teams receiving votes:

Penn State Nittany Lions	30-27
Minnesota Golden Gophers	41-18
Ohio State Buckeyes	38-24

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INTERVIEWS

All interviews with coaches and athletes must be arranged through the Purdue Sports Information Office. Please contact Mark Leddy with your requests, allowing at least 24 hours to coordinate the interview. Interviews will not be granted if proper notification is not provided. For postgame interview guidelines, please see "Game Day Services."

CREDENTIALS

All credential requests (media and photo) should be forwarded to Mark Leddy. Credentials are limited to professionals working in the print or electronic media, and their issuance is at the discretion of the SID. On game days, credentials will be left at the Lambert Field pass gate. Persons picking up credentials will be required to furnish identification upon request.

LAMBERT FIELD PRESS BOX

Purdue utilizes a press box located at the top of the main grandstand behind homeplate. Phone lines are available within the press box for working media during game action. Please contact Mark Leddy to make arrangements. Please be aware that space is limited. Due to space limitations, additional media seating is available directly in front of the press box.

RADIO

Visiting radio will be seated within the press box, if room permits, and will have complimentary phone lines. Should room not be available within the press box, seats will be made available in the additional media seating area in front of the press box. Please contact Mark Leddy well in advance of the targeted game to make arrangements. In most cases, visiting radio will be located at the additional media seating area directly in front of the Lambert Field press box.

MEDIA WORKROOM

At the conclusion of each home game, reporters and photographers are invited to file their stories and send their photos from the Lambert Field press box or the Sports Information Office. The office is located in Mackey Arena, Room 15. Phone lines are available at both locations.

GAME DAY SERVICES

Game programs, notes and information guides will be available to all members of the working media prior to the start of all home games. Final printed results will be provided upon request. After the completion of each home game, head coach Doug Schreiber and any requested Purdue baseball players will be available for interviews. All post-game interviews will be done on the field at Lambert Field.

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Practices are open to the media. Please contact Mark Leddy for information regarding practice times, as well as to arrange pre- or post-practice interviews, allowing 24 hours to coordinate interviews.

E-MAIL

All Purdue baseball press releases are originally posted on Purdue's official web site (www.purduesports.com). Any reporters and media services covering Purdue baseball who would like to receive Purdue baseball press releases via e-mail should contact Mark Leddy at mleddy@purdue.edu.

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