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May/June

				28 WAT 6:35	29 WAT 7:05	30 ROC 7:05
31 ROC 5:05	1 ALX 6:05	2 ALX 6:05	3 TB 6:05	4 TB 6:05	5 EC 6:35	6 EC 6:35
7 WIS 5:05	8 WIS 6:35	9 OFF	10 LAC 7:05	11 LAC 7:05	12 WIS 6:35	13 WIS 7:05
14 MAD 5:05	15 MAD 7:05	16 MAN 7:05	17 MAN 1:05	18 LAC 7:05	19 LAC 7:05	20 WAT 7:05
21 WAT 3:05	22 OFF	23 BC 7:05	24 BC 7:05	25 BRD 6:35	26 BRD 7:05	27 EC 7:05
28 EC 5:05	29 BC 6:05	30 BC 6:05	All games are Central Daylight Time			



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July

			1 MAD 7:05	2 MAD 6:35	3 WAT 7:05	4 WAT 4:05
5 OFF	6 MAN 7:05	7 MAN 7:05	8 ROC 7:05	9 ROC 7:05	10 BRD 7:05	11 BRD 7:05
12 ALX 5:05	13 ALX 7:05	14 TB 7:05	15 TB 7:05	16 MAD 7:05	17 MAD 7:05	18 WIS 7:05
19 WIS 5:05	20 OFF	21 *ALL STAR	22 OFF	23 EC 7:05	24 EC 7:05	25 WIS 7:05
26 WIS 5:05	27 LAC 7:05	28 LAC 7:05	29 EC 6:35	30 EC 6:35	31 LAC 7:05	

August

						1 LAC 7:05
2 WAT 5:05	3 WAT 7:05	4 OFF	5 BC 6:05	6 BC 6:05	7 BC 7:05	8 BC 7:05
9 MAD 5:05	10 MAD 7:05	11	12	13	14	15
16	Division Playoff Aug. 11-13 Championship Series Aug. 14-16					

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Jeff Royle
Owner & President

Jeff is the majority owner of Titledown Baseball Group and president of the Green Bay Bullfrogs. A Wisconsin native, and former collegiate baseball player himself, where he spent two years playing for NJCAA powerhouse Madison Area Technical College in Madison, WI and his final two years at University of Wisconsin-Stout. Jeff has entrenched himself in the Green Bay business community as the Owner and President of the Green Bay Packer Report since 2000. The publication has resided within the family's business for over 30 years. In addition, Jeff and his brother have expanded their sports marketing business in to the golf market as publishers of Midwest Golfing Magazine and owners of the Greater Madison Golf Show. A diehard fan of the Packers and the rock group KISS, Jeff is extremely driven to bring baseball back to the community of Green Bay for many years to come. Jeff and his wife Kathryn, also a local business owner, have two daughters Chanda Lyn and Joclyn Jade.

In January 2006, Chad approached Jeff Royle, a friend from UW-Stout, about the idea of bringing a Northwoods League team to Green Bay. After two successful seasons, Jeff and Chad enter their third year as owners of the Bullfrogs. Chad's interest in baseball goes back to his roots in Elrosa, MN, a small farm community in central Minnesota where he was raised. After graduating from UW-Stout with a B.S. in Applied Math, Chad has had various jobs in the IT industry. Currently, he is a partner in Midwest Athletic Fields which specializes in athletic field construction, renovation and maintenance. He is also working to bring an expansion Northwoods League team to Waukesha, WI. Chad currently resides in Jackson, WI with his wife Jenifer, sons, Nick, Brett and Jack, and daughter Danica.



Chad Bauer
Minority Owner



Jay Royle
Minority Owner

Jay is the brother of Bullfrogs President Jeff Royle. He is originally from Waterloo, Wisconsin and graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Stout in 1994 with a Business Administration degree. Along with part ownership in the Bullfrogs, Jay publishes Midwest Golfing Magazine and manages the Greater Madison Golf Show and the Mad (Madison) City Men's Expo. Jay resides in Sun Prairie with his wife Stephanie and twin girls, Isabel and Sophia.

Nedset was named the 2nd manager in Bullfrogs history on February 5, 2009. He currently serves as an Associate Scout for the Pittsburgh Pirates covering amateur baseball in Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin while working as a private hitting and catching instructor at NX Level in Milwaukee. Nedset most recently served as the Bench Coach for the Rockford RiverHawks of the Frontier League in 2007 and Field Manager for the Elmira Pioneers of the New York Collegiate Baseball League in 2004. He worked for the Milwaukee Brewers as their bullpen catcher 1989-1991 and 1995-1999, before accepting that same position with the Detroit Tigers during the 2000 and 2001 seasons.



Ronnie Nedset
Field Manager

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Front Office

Dave Kost enters his first season as the Bullfrogs after being named General Manager on November 10, 2008. Previously, Kost spent the last 3 seasons working in the United League, where he served most recently as the Vice President of Baseball Operations and General Manager for the Harlingen WhiteWings (Harlingen, TX). Prior to his work with the WhiteWings, he spent two years working as the Assistant General Manager for the Amarillo Dillas Baseball Club, under the direction of former big league pitcher and current General Manager Mark Lee. His role as the Assistant General Manager included daily operations of the organization as well as serving as the first base coach during the 2007 season



*Dave Kost
General Manager*



Jeremy enters third season with the Bullfrogs. Originally from Oconto, WI, he joined the Bullfrogs in 2007 after one season as the Director of Merchandise/Account Executive with the Traverse City Beach Bums of the professional Frontier League. Jeremy also has four years of prior Northwoods League experience, including two NWL Championships with the Wisconsin Woodchucks in 2001 and 2003. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration from UW-Stevens Point and his Masters of Science degree in Sports Administration from UW-La Crosse. Jeremy resides in De Pere, WI with his wife Megan.

*Jeremy Hinde
Assistant GM
Operations*

The 2009 season will mark Jody's 1st season with the Green Bay Bullfrogs. Prior to Green Bay, Jody spent time as the General Manager of the Anderson Joes, the Assistant General Manager of the Tri-City Dust Devils, the Director of Promotions & Group Sales with the New Jersey Cardinals, and the Director of Sales & Concessions with the Idaho Falls Chukers. In 1998, Jody graduated from Truman State University with a BS in Athletic Training and in 2001 received a MS degree from Western Illinois University in Sports Management.



*Jody Sellers
Assistant GM
Tickets*



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Mid-Season All-Stars



Left to Right - Matt Lange (Portland), Rocky Gale (Portland), Nick O'Shea (Minnesota), and Josh Prince (Tulane).

Postseason All-Stars



Matt Lange

*Portland
Pitcher*

6-2, 1.62 ERA
61 IP, 36 K, 20 BB
1.62 ERA - 3rd NWL



Josh Prince

*Tulane
Shortstop*

.312, 1 HR, 18 RBI
.312 Average - 9th NWL





Bullfrogs Make Leap in Attendance

By Weston Hodkiewicz, Green Bay Press Gazette
August 2008

Words could not describe the feeling that came over Green Bay Bullfrogs owner Jeff Royle when his team hosted the Wisconsin Woodchucks at Joannes Stadium on Aug. 6. On that day, the Bullfrogs beat the Woodchucks 12-3, but what left Royle awestruck was the atmosphere surrounding the game. A franchise-record crowd of 2,319 turned out to watch the Bullfrogs and with that, came a feeling of accomplishment for the summer collegiate baseball team's owner.

"I remember being at the ballpark slopping paint around for the first time and not having fan No. 1," Royle said. "When you look out and see 2,300 people in the ballpark, you realize how far this franchise has come in a very short time."

As an expansion team in 2007, the Bullfrogs broke the Northwoods League glass ceiling by becoming the first team in league history to clinch a playoff berth in its first year of existence. That - along with a 43-25 overall record and a plethora of in-game promotions - helped set a foundation for the future of the franchise.

Although manager Elliott Strankman and pitching coach Aaron Swick returned, the 2008 Bullfrogs were unable to match the 2007 squad's on-field success, compiling a 35-33 record and narrowly missing the playoffs in the final days of the season.

The organization as a whole, however, continued to grow - increasing its 1,033 per gate average to 1,309. That 21 percent jump was what Royle was hoping for.

"We're still a growing franchise in its infancy stages in a lot of ways," Royle said. "To see that kind of growth at the gate is a great indicator of the direction we're heading."

Strankman is the kind of manager who enjoys spending batting practices in the field and showing players how to make 5-3 putouts in real-time with pinpoint accuracy. During games, he sits on the rail with the rest of the team and sometimes appears eager to pick up a bat up himself.

But what really distinguishes Strankman from a lot of managers is his commitment. After winning the 2007 Northwoods League manager of the year award, Strankman could have easily sold his services to the highest bidder. Instead, he came back to Green Bay for a second year - a rarity in summer collegiate baseball.

While the Bullfrogs had their share of ups and downs this season, Strankman provided a stable presence in the dugout. And following his second season as the Bullfrogs' skip, he has no regrets.

"It's amazing how fast it's gone," Strankman said. "This thing has surpassed my wildest expectations. It's better than I could have ever imaged. Especially after Year 2."

Before the summer began, Strankman stepped down from his full-time job as the baseball coach at Occidental College in California and plans to take some time off at a house he recently purchased in Mexico.

Strankman has not made up his mind yet about a third season, but Royle made it clear that if he wants to come back, the door is wide open.

"Our goal would be to have Elliott back," Royle said. "There is no reason not to. He's as much a part of this team as a whole as anyone."

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Head to Head Records



Year	Record	ALX	BC	BRD	DUL	EAU	LAC	MAD	MNK	ROC	STC	TB	WAT	WIS
2007	43-25	4-0	7-1	2-2	2-2	4-4	3-5	5-3	X	X	3-1	4-0	4-4	5-3
2008	35-33	0-4	5-3	X	2-2	6-2	5-3	3-5	1-3	2-2	3-1	X	6-2	2-6
Totals	78-58	4-4	12-4	2-2	4-4	10-6	8-8	8-8	1-3	2-2	6-2	4-0	10-6	7-9

Extra Inning

	Home Record			Road Record			Record			One Run Record			Shutout Record		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
2007	25	9	.735	18	16	.529	4	0	1.000	17	5	.773	6	8	.429
2008	19	15	.559	16	18	.471	4	3	.571	8	11	.421	5	4	.556
Totals	44	24	.647	34	34	.500	8	3	.727	25	16	.610	11	12	.478

ALX-Alexandria Beetles, BC-Battle Creek Bombers, BRD-Brainerd Blue Thunder, DUL-Duluth Huskies, EAU-Eau Claire Express, LAC-La Crosse Loggers, MAD-Madison Mallards, MNK-Mankato MoonDogs, ROC-Rochester Honkers, STC-St. Cloud River Bats, TB-Thunder Bay Border Cats, WAT-Waterloo Bucks, WIS-Wisconsin Woodchucks.

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2008 Final Bullfrogs Statistics

W-L Record: 35-33

PLAYER	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP	E
*Bell, Dillon,OF	.170	45	106	12	18	3	2	3	14	8	28	1	0	.321	.241	0
Blauer, Chad,P	.115	23	26	3	3	0	0	0	1	2	5	0	1	.115	.179	0
*Casey, David,1B	.203	37	79	5	16	2	0	2	5	8	27	0	1	.304	.273	3
#Cavan, Ryan,2B	.322	47	174	29	56	18	0	3	35	31	24	15	2	.477	.420	4
*Cheney, Tyler,P	.200	15	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	.200	.200	1
Gale, Rocky,C	.284	55	201	17	57	15	0	0	23	3	23	1	1	.358	.300	6
#Goeman, Pete,OF	.206	39	97	18	20	3	1	0	11	9	30	8	1	.258	.294	2
Hayes, Jamie,OF	.242	51	128	17	31	6	0	0	11	22	18	13	2	.289	.355	4
*Hedman, Drew,1B	.305	59	164	20	50	14	1	0	22	8	42	5	2	.402	.341	5
#Holt, Austin,2B	.245	44	110	15	27	3	1	0	16	14	29	7	3	.291	.371	0
Karcich, Jon,3B	.284	53	183	28	52	9	2	1	23	25	20	5	1	.372	.373	9
O'Shea, Nick,C	.279	63	229	35	64	15	0	6	38	11	40	3	1	.424	.324	8
*Pearl, Brian,DH	.250	39	112	15	28	5	0	1	15	11	18	2	0	.321	.338	2
Prince, Josh,SS	.312	50	186	37	58	8	7	1	18	17	29	20	5	.446	.373	14
Satterwhite, Cameron,OF	.310	48	155	28	48	14	2	2	27	21	37	3	2	.465	.409	6
Smith, Erik,SS	.206	10	34	4	7	2	0	0	3	0	7	0	0	.265	.250	4
Tanaka, Dwight,OF	.216	58	171	32	37	5	0	0	12	41	41	16	8	.246	.384	8
Valesente, David,3B	.302	15	63	5	19	3	0	0	5	1	15	0	1	.349	.313	8
All Others	.255		47	5	12	5	1	0	6	6	22	4	1	.404	.379	10

Total-All Batters	.266		2270		604		17		285		457		32		.346	
					325		130		19		238		103		.363	
																94

PITCHER	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	SO	WP	AVG
Blauer, Chad	4-2	2.70	15	7	1	1	0	56.2	57	25	17	4	3	11	50	2	.264
*Casey, David	0-1	3.75	7	0	0	0	0	12.0	9	6	5	0	1	4	10	1	.209
*Cheney, Tyler	0-4	6.10	7	6	0	0	0	31.0	40	30	21	4	2	13	15	1	.323
*Dovel, Jason	3-1	5.06	10	8	0	0	0	42.2	47	29	24	0	4	21	29	2	.288
Dunn, Jameson	2-4	3.61	10	8	0	0	0	42.1	39	21	17	2	5	13	35	0	.241
Grbavac, Mark	1-1	4.50	11	3	0	0	0	30.0	26	19	15	1	1	17	25	9	.234
Griebling, Cody	2-2	7.66	5	3	0	0	0	22.1	28	22	19	2	4	12	16	4	.304
*Gulbrandsen, Jon	0-3	3.56	11	5	0	0	0	30.1	35	19	12	0	4	20	22	6	.304
Hayes, Jamie	1-1	4.58	14	0	0	0	2	19.2	19	10	10	2	3	18	14	2	.275
Jolly, Tim	6-3	3.60	14	11	0	0	0	70.0	71	30	28	3	5	19	45	4	.268
Lange, Matt	6-2	1.62	19	8	2	0	3	61.0	41	15	11	0	4	20	36	1	.197
Necke, Kyle	1-2	1.78	17	0	0	0	1	30.1	25	8	6	0	1	8	26	0	.234
Pearl, Brian	2-0	0.84	16	0	0	0	9	21.1	12	2	2	0	0	6	32	1	.164
*Rice, Nick	0-0	6.00	10	0	0	0	0	15.0	21	19	10	1	1	16	17	2	.309
Schmarzo, Alex	3-2	3.95	21	3	0	0	0	41.0	35	19	18	2	4	25	42	6	.241
Smolen, Bryce	1-1	5.76	7	5	0	0	0	25.0	25	20	16	0	3	15	29	3	.260
Tincher, Riley	0-1	14.40	2	1	0	0	0	5.0	10	9	8	0	1	5	4	1	.400
*VandenHeuvel, Matt	3-3	3.57	26	0	0	0	2	40.1	40	18	16	1	4	18	34	1	.268
All Others	0-0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000

Total-All Pitchers	35-33	3.85		68		5		596.0		321		22		261		46
						3		17		580		255		50		481
																.260

* Bats Left for Batters, Throws Left for Pitchers

Switch-Hitter



Cameron Satterwhite (Cincinnati) earned a Rawlings "Big Stick Award" for his .310 batting average.



Team Records



Single-Season Batting Records

Category	Name	School	Year
Average	.328	Daniel Robertson	Concordia-Irvine
RBI	42	Danny Meier	Portland
Runs Scored	53	Daniel Robertson	Concordia-Irvine
Stolen Bases	45	Daniel Robertson	Concordia-Irvine
Hits	87	Daniel Robertson	Concordia-Irvine
Doubles	18	Ryan Cavan	UC Santa Barbara
Triples	7	Josh Prince	Tulane
Home Runs	9	Danny Meier	Portland
Walks	41	Dwight Tanaka	UC Berkeley
At Bats	265	Daniel Robertson	Concordia-Irvine
Strikeouts	72	Danny Meier	Portland
Games Played	65	Daniel Robertson	Concordia-Irvine
	65	Kurt Steinhauer	Point Loma Nazarene

Single-Season Pitching Records

Category	Name	School	Year
ERA	2.32	Dave Roberts	Long Beach State
Wins	6	Tyler Cheney	Washington
	6	Chris Krepline	Carthage
	6	Matt Lange	Portland
	6	Tim Jolly	La Verne
Games	26	Matt VandenHeuvel	North Alabama
Strikeouts	59	Dave Roberts	Long Beach State
Walks	26	Chris Krepline	Carthage
Saves	17	Kurt Yacko	Chapman
Games Started	11	Tim Jolly	La Verne
Losses	4	Lance Abbott	Fullerton College
	4	Nick Sottung	Ithaca
	4	Tyler Cheney	Washington
	4	Jameson Dunn	Oral Roberts
Innings	70	Tim Jolly	La Verne
Hits	71	Nick Sottung	Ithaca
	71	Tim Jolly	La Verne
Runs Allowed	37	Nick Sottung	Ithaca
Earned Runs	30	Nick Sottung	Ithaca



A young fan cleans the bases during the middle innings of a Bullfrogs game at Joannes Stadium.





Team Records

Career Batting Records

Category	Name	School	Year
Average	.290	Ryan Cavan	UC Santa Barbara
RBI	54	Ryan Cavan	UC Santa Barbara
Runs Scored	56	Ryan Cavan	UC Santa Barbara
Stolen Bases	45	Daniel Robertson	Concordia-Irvine
Hits	104	Ryan Cavan	UC Santa Barbara
Doubles	27	Ryan Cavan	UC Santa Barbara
Triples	7	Josh Prince	Tulane
Home Runs	9	Danny Meier	Portland
Walks	67	Ryan Cavan	UC Santa Barbara
At Bats	359	Ryan Cavan	UC Santa Barbara
Strikeouts	61	Ryan Cavan	UC Santa Barbara
Games Played	106	Ryan Cavan	UC Santa Barbara

Career Pitching Records

Category	Name	School	Year
ERA	2.32	Dave Roberts	Long Beach State
Wins	7	Matt VandenHeuvel	North Alabama
Games	50	Matt VandenHeuvel	North Alabama
Strikeouts	59	Dave Roberts	Long Beach State
Walks	32	Matt VandenHeuvel	North Alabama
Saves	17	Kurt Yacko	Chapman
Games Started	16	Tyler Cheney	Washington
Losses	6	Tyler Cheney	Washington
Innings	93.2	Tyler Cheney	Washington
Hits	106	Tyler Cheney	Washington
Runs Allowed	60	Tyler Cheney	Washington
Earned Runs	49	Tyler Cheney	Washington

Top 5 Bullfrogs Attendances

August 6, 2008	Wisconsin	2,319
August 9, 2008	Wisconsin	2,163
July 30, 2008	Waterloo	2,087
August 8, 2008	Wisconsin	2,019
July 3, 2008	Eau Claire	1,991



'07 Bullfrog Robertson Earns Second MVP

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Daniel Robertson pulled off a remarkable feat the past two summers by winning an NWL Most Valuable Player award in consecutive seasons. However, it's not as simple as those words make it appear. And the fact that Robertson was drafted in the 33rd round of the 2008 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft demonstrates that a lot of people in pro baseball, many times over, wrongly didn't put much stock in his first MVP Award.

Robertson earned the Northwoods League's (NWL) top honor following a summer in 2007 with the Green Bay Bullfrogs when he led the league in hits (87), at-bats (265), total bases (111), and stolen bases (45) while finishing third in the league in runs scored (53) and hitting .328, good for sixth in the league. He actually shared the honor as Co-MVP with Eau Claire Express OF/LHP Kole Calhoun who led the Express to the South Division playoffs to square off with Robertson's Bullfrogs.

Robertson's Northwoods stint followed his junior season at Concordia University in Irvine, California. There he played at the NAIA level, earning all-conference each of his three seasons. Concordia, the only school that recruited Robertson out of high school, went to the NAIA World Series his sophomore year.

The road to the Northwoods

Elliott Strankman was the field manager for Green Bay in 2007. His ties to baseball on the west coast were instrumental in bringing Robertson to the Northwoods League. Strankman and Robertson's coach at Concordia, Tony Barbone, had a prior baseball relationship. While initially scouting some other players, Strankman received a tip from Barbone about Robertson.

"Barbone told me he's very, very good," Strankman said. "The game I went and watched him at against Asuza Pacific, I saw him rob a home run."

Strankman described it as one of the greatest catches he's ever seen.

"After that I was on him."

At that time, Robertson had hopes of playing in the Cape Cod Baseball League and was being recruited by the Alaskan League for the upcoming summer. Eventually Strankman convinced him that the Northwoods League was the best opportunity.

"Wanting to play every day and for a young coach were appealing to him," Strankman recalled. "It took a little bit of pushing. He was planning to go to the Cape but would've been a fourth or fifth outfielder."

Northwoods summer leads to D-I jump

The opportunity for Robertson to lead off and play centerfield everyday paid off. The summer in Green Bay propelled Robertson to transfer to Oregon State University for his senior season and join the Beavers following their back-to-back NCAA Division One Baseball Championships.

The idea of transferring was put in action at a very late date. Near the end of Robertson's summer in Green Bay, his Bullfrog teammate Mark Grbac got in touch with his OSU coaching staff to inquire about Robertson joining the Beavers as well.

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The Home of the Bullfrogs

Joannes Stadium

Stadium Facts

Stadium Name: Joannes Stadium

Year Built: 1929

1st NWL Game Played at Stadium: June 4, 2007

Seating Capacity: 2,000

Ballpark Dimensions: 320 L, 360 LC, 380 C, 360 RC, 320 R

Ticket Prices: \$8 Premium Dugout, \$6 Reserved

Parking: Parking is FREE at Joannes Stadium. The main parking lot is located on the north side of the ballpark in the Green Bay East High School lot on Walnut Avenue. A smaller secondary lot is located on the southeast side of the ballpark, just off Kurtz Avenue.

Directions to Ballpark:

FROM HIGHWAY 41

From The North: Take Highway 41 to Highway 29 east (Shawno Ave). Follow 29 across the river, where it becomes Walnut Street. Continue straight on Walnut through the Baird Street intersection and the main parking lot is on the right hand side.

From The South: Take Highway 41 to Highway 54 east (Mason Street). Follow Mason St across the river to North Baird Street. Turn left, heading north on Baird to Walnut Ave. Turn right, heading east on Walnut and the main parking lot is on the right hand side.

FROM HIGHWAY 43

From The North: Take Highway 43 to Webster/Irwin Ave (Exit 187). Follow the exit straight to Irwin Ave. Turn right, heading south on Irwin until Main Street, then turn left. Follow Main Street one block to N. Baird Street and turn right, heading south. Continue straight on N. Baird until Walnut Ave and take a left, heading east. The main parking lot is on the right hand side.

From The South: Take Highway 43 to Mason Street exit. Go west on Mason Avenue to North Baird Street. Turn right, heading north on Baird and then go east on Walnut Ave. Continue straight on Walnut and the main parking lot is on the right hand side.



Home of the Bullfrogs



Joannes Stadium has been a town fixture for nearly 80 years. When "The Jo" was first built its main tenant was the Billy Goats, a local semi-pro team with a decent following. In addition, it was used -- and still is -- by the local high school and legion baseball teams. The Packers played at nearby City Stadium but weren't the passion they are today.

Green Bay has had a few brushes with pro baseball. There was a 1935 exhibition game between the St. Louis Browns and the Pittsburgh Pirates. The Green Bay Blue Jays had two tenures (1940-42, 1946-53) in the Class D Wisconsin State League. When the WSL folded, Green Bay was without pro baseball until the Dodgers came in with a team in the Three-I League in 1958. The Dodgers sent some big names to town. Pete Reiser managed the 1958 team, which had Frank Howard on it. The team did well on the field and drew decently. But the Dodgers wanted teams closer to their new base in Los Angeles and left town. As a result, Joannes went back to being a field for the locals. There was a brief interlude in 1996 when the independent Prairie League tried its hand, but was unsuccessful and the league folded.

The Bullfrogs moved into "The Jo" in 2007 for their inaugural season in the Northwoods League. Ownership and staff made immediate improvements to the ballpark by constructing a 4,000-foot fan deck in the right field corner, new press box, new team store, new sound system and a kid's zone. The Bullfrogs continued to make updates in 2008 with the addition of a professional style scoreboard and message center in right field. The kid's zone was expanded and a new concession stand was built down the third base line.



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Pro Team Must Wait for Prince

By Weston Hodkiewicz, Green Bay Press Gazette
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Green Bay Bullfrogs shortstop Josh Prince always dreamed of playing professional baseball, but he knew it was best to put his dream on hold.

The Lake Charles, La., native was of Louisiana's top pro prospects following his senior year at Barbe High School, where he batted .425 with 51 runs, 35 RBIs and 55 stolen bases.

He received a phone call from the Colorado Rockies during the 2006 amateur draft and was told they were going to draft him in the fourth round. They were prepared to give him a six-figure signing bonus.

"I told them, 'Don't take me. Take someone who is going to play,'" Prince said. "I don't care what you offer me, I want to go to college."

Still, other teams pursued Prince. But he remained firm about his decision to play collegiate baseball, and he went undrafted.

It was one of the most difficult choices he's had to make, but at the same time, one of the easiest.

"I wasn't ready," Prince said. "I was 18 years old. I was immature and I wasn't ready to play every day on the road and away from my family."

Instead, Prince signed with the University of Texas. He started 26 games and earned freshman all-American honors after hitting .371 with 16 RBIs.

To get closer to home, Prince transferred to Tulane for his sophomore year.

His first year with the Green Wave was injury-ridden, and he had elbow surgery last fall to remove bone chips. When he returned, he pulled ligaments in his back, which sidelined him for another couple of weeks. He finished with a .236 batting average, 22 runs and 10 RBIs in 57 games, and



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was second on the team in stolen bases with 19.

"It was really rough," Prince said. "I struggled coming off of elbow surgery and just getting back into the groove of things. It was six weeks of nothing, which is tough for a baseball player, especially at the beginning of the season."

He decided to play in the Northwoods League and with the Bullfrogs this summer based on the opinions of teammates and others who played in the league.

Bullfrogs manager Elliott Strankman wasn't about to miss out on inserting a five-tool shortstop into his lineup.

It also helped that Strankman talked with a friend of his from the Longhorns, who had nothing but good things to say about Prince, despite his transfer.

"He's a good kid and a phenomenal athlete," Strankman said. "He can run and has a good arm. He's just trying to put everything together now. I think he's going to have a really good summer for us."

Strankman, a shortstop in his playing days, and Prince have started a friendly rivalry with one another during batting practice and field workouts.



Prince again will be eligible for the MLB draft following his junior season at Tulane next spring. As for the decision he made two years ago, he has no regrets.

"It was a great honor," Prince said. "I couldn't have asked for a better team or organization to have that opportunity. It was very special to my family and me. We took it as an achievement."



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"The City of Green Bay is proud to welcome the Bullfrogs back for what is sure to be another record-setting season on the baseball diamond and in the stands. Green Bay area residents are proud of their team and eagerly await the return of exciting top-notch summer baseball in 2009. With growing attendance, a talented team, and front office rooted in the community, the momentum is clearly building toward a championship season at the highest level of summer college baseball. Let's play ball!"

Bill Landvatter

Green Bay Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department



"With a huge leap in attendance, the Bullfrogs continue their phenomenal success story. Everyone from the front office to the locker room is dedicated to ensuring that their fans enjoy this unique baseball experience. The Green Bay community is excited to have the Bullfrogs at Joannes Baseball Stadium and we invite you to join us in 2009. This is the way baseball was meant to be played. As we say here, 'It's Better by the Bay.'"

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