





# Schedule & Info



## May/June

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

## July

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

## August

						1 GB 7:05
2 OFF	3 BC 6:05	4 BC 6:05	5 EC 7:05	6 EC 6:35	7 WAT 7:05	8 WAT 6:05
9 MAN 5:05	10 MAN 7:05	11	12	13	14	15
16	Division Playoff Aug. 11-13 Championship Series Aug. 14-16					

### Home games shaded

\*All-Star game in Thunder Bay, Canada

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Dan & Ruth Kapanke	Owners
Chris Goodell	General Manager
Ben Kapanke	Assistant GM

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Andy McKay	Field Manager
Joe Potulny	Assistant Coach
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**Dan Kapanke**  
*Owner*

When the Loggers became a reality for the La Crosse area community, Dan would not have dreamed that his love of baseball had taken him this far. His earliest memories of baseball include daily 5 AM walks to bring the cows into the barn, always carrying his little transistor radio, and listening to announcer Jack Martin giving yesterday's baseball scores. Dan played baseball with his brothers and neighbors on their makeshift diamond in the newly mowed hayfield. A trip to Coon Valley Village Park to play "under the lights" was a rare treat for him. Throughout his life, Dan continued with his passion for baseball. His summers were spent coaching youth baseball, and many family outings revolved around a baseball game. Sharing his love of baseball is his wife Ruth. They have four children and ten grandchildren, and on Logger game day's, most of them can be seen at Copeland Park. The Kapanke's surely attest to the saying that baseball is as American as apple pie - both tried and true, and a mouth-watering treat!

Chris Goodell, the 2004 NWL Executive of the Year, is in the midst of his seventh season as the general manager of the La Crosse Loggers and tenth season in the Northwoods League. During Goodell's tenure La Crosse has ranked second nationally in summer collegiate attendance during each of the six years of existence and is one of only two summer collegiate teams to draw over 100,000 fans for four consecutive seasons. Prior to his stint in La Crosse, Goodell served as the assistant general manager of the Waterloo Bucks for three seasons. Goodell and his wife Shannon have three children: Caron, Hayden and Addie.



**Chris Goodell**  
*General Manager*

Ben Kapanke begins his fifth season with the Loggers and the second year as Assistant GM. Ben, 28, has been with the Loggers full-time since the 2005 season. Ben helps oversee the day- to-day operations and is heavily involved with sales, recruiting and season tickets. Ben has been involved with the Northwoods League since 2002 when he served as an umpire after attending the Jim Evans Academy of Professional Umpiring. Ben is the youngest son of Dan Kapanke and is married to his wife Elizabeth.



**Ben Kapanke**  
*Assistant  
General Manager*

McKay, the head coach at the storied Sacramento City College, will be looking to build on a 2008 campaign that saw the Lumbermen break 26 team and/or individual single-season records including a franchise-best 39 victories. McKay brings a wealth of coaching

experience back with him to La Crosse both at the collegiate level and from the summer collegiate ranks. The Monroe, MI native has served as the field general at Sacramento City College for the past ten seasons where he has amassed a 332-132 record (.716) which includes seven conference championships, 14 post-season regionals and five State Final Four qualifiers. During this nine-year reign Sacramento City College has also won more post-season games than any other program in the state of California and over 140 student athletes have either transferred to four-year schools or signed professional contracts. Coach McKay was honored as the 1999 Community College Coach of the Year and the Panther Baseball program was tabbed as the 1990's Team of the Decade by Baseball America. McKay is no stranger to summer collegiate ball either, having served as the head coach for the Anchorage Glacier Pilots of the Alaskan League in 2005 and as the pitching coach for the Chatham A's of the Cape Cod League in 1996. The 1996 Chatham club captured the Cape Cod League Championship and boasted some top talent in the country. Over four million dollars were paid out to the pitchers from the Chatham club by Major League organizations including the first overall pick of the 1997 MLB Draft, Matt Anderson, who starred as the closer on that Chatham team.



**Andy McKay**  
*Field Manager*



# All-Stars

## Mid-Season All-Stars



Left to Right - Aaron Dott (Wisconsin-Whitewater), Cory Vaughn (San Diego State), PJ Polk (Tennessee), Derek Melton (Evansville), and Chris Sale (Florida Gulf Coast).

## Postseason All-Stars



### Cole Green

*Texas*  
*Pitcher*  
 6-1, 1.49 ERA  
 60.1 IP, 56 K, 18 BB  
 1.49 ERA - 2nd NWL



### Cory Vaughn

*San Diego State*  
*Outfielder*  
 .251, 8 HR, 41 RBI  
 68 Games - T-1st NWL  
 255 At-Bats - 2nd NWL  
 26 Stolen Bases - T-2 NWL

# McKay's managing style proves to be a winner for individual players and for the Loggers as a team

By Joel Badzinski - La Crosse Tribune



La Crosse Loggers manager Andy McKay sat on a folding chair outside the home dugout in a rare moment of relaxation last Monday afternoon before his team's final game of the 2008 season.

Behind him in left field, it looked like any other day of the long season. Position players were hitting plastic balls off tees, and pitchers were running sprints, stretching and playing catch. To McKay, it was Exhibit A of what his first season in La Crosse was all about.

"They're doing that on their own," said McKay, whose team had been eliminated from the playoffs the previous night. "These guys are getting work in for a game that has no meaning. There was just an overall theme this year that our guys really worked and they really bought into what we were doing."

The Loggers' commitment to working in a professional-style environment, which included reporting every day at 2 p.m. at home and often being the first team to arrive at the ballpark for road games, paid off with a franchise-best 39-29 record, but no playoff appearance.

La Crosse was in the first-half pennant race until the final day and held on until the penultimate day of the second half, failing to get the franchise to the playoffs for the first time since 2004.

"I thought we could get into the playoffs and we obviously could have, a bounce here or there, either half," McKay said. "You look back and we needed one game in either half, and there's a million of those games."

When McKay, the head coach at Sacramento City College, was hired in September, the only guarantee he made was that the Loggers would be the hardest working team in the league. That, he predicted, would lead to player development, which in turn would lead to wins.

"He did that and then some," Loggers general manager Chris Goodell said. "What he did as much as anything was create a working culture, which is what we wanted and what was needed. When we got to first meet the guy, he was something else, and he proved to be that and then some."

McKay said he will take some time over the next few weeks to decide if he'll return to manage in 2009.



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## McKay's managing style (cont.)

"We've got plenty of time to figure that out," McKay said. "I love La Crosse, my family loved La Crosse, it was a great experience."

Goodell said he expects to know "in a week or two" if McKay will be back.

"He's going to take some time," Goodell said. "He'd like to do it again and we'd like to have him. He's the head coach of a college program and he has a family. He has to make sure things are in place. We'll hear from him in the next couple of weeks."



The 2008 season was also marked by an Aug. 3 swimming accident that sent All-Star Derek Melton to the hospital with damage to three vertebrae in his neck.

Melton, a junior from the University of Evansville, was left with no feeling in his lower body. He had surgery on Aug. 5 and his family reported a day later that he was in stable condition and preparing to begin rehabilitation at Gundersen Lutheran.

"Absolutely, it is the hardest thing we've had to go through as a franchise," Goodell said. "It affected so many people. This group, the team, the coaches, the staff, it seemed like everyone came even closer together to help support Derek and his family. It put a lot of things in perspective that this is a great game and we love it, but there are obviously bigger things in life."

McKay knew people had doubts about his plan for daily practice sessions. Mainly, they predicted the players would wear out mentally and physically.

But McKay and his staff, including former major league all-star Greg Vaughn, pitching coach Derek Tate, third-year hitting coach Scott Gillitzer and assistant Joe Potulny, didn't listen.

"Early on, people would say, you won't be doing that in July," McKay said. "And we never deviated. I was never sure of the plan, but not every plan gets executed. We had great kids, and they were out here getting ready at 1:30 every day. We ruffled some feathers on the road by being out there before the home team, but hard work is what it's all about."

Cory Vaughn, a freshman outfielder from San Diego State and Greg's son, started in all 68 games for the Loggers this summer and was named the All-Star Game MVP in July. It's safe to say he survived the grind, but count him among those who weren't sure about McKay's plan.

"At first, I was like, there's no way I'm doing this five hours before the game every single day," Cory Vaughn said. "But as I saw myself get better and continue to

## McKay's managing style (cont.)



grow as a player, I didn't look at it as a bad thing. I looked at it as a positive."

The Loggers' roster was also one of the youngest in the league, with 12 freshmen and 10 sophomores. McKay made it a priority to get playing time for all his young players and let them ride out any bumps in the road.

La Crosse's two players from California, right-handed pitcher Stephen Pistoresi and infielder B.J. Guinn, epitomized McKay's approach to development.

Pistoresi appeared in 11 games as a freshman this spring for Cal. With the Loggers, he became the go-to reliever of the second half, finishing 3-0 with a 1.69 ERA. Pistoresi didn't allow a run over his last 16 2/3 innings of work, earning two wins and five saves.

"I feel like I've made great leaps this summer, more than I ever have," Pistoresi said. "I've been talking to my coach (at California) all summer and he's excited. My goal is to be a Friday or Saturday starter next spring, and I feel with the things I've learned from the coaches and other players, I can go back and get that spot."

Guinn, who had just 37 at-bats last spring for Cal, was batting .169 on July 17. Instead of parking Guinn on the bench, McKay kept him in the infield mix and Guinn finished the season batting .227, including .310 over his last 10 games.

"It's a work in progress and it might be a year or two after they leave La Crosse that the whole thing plays out for them," McKay said. "I feel good that all our guys really have benefited from this process. You can develop players and win games, absolutely 100 percent you can."

Statistically, the 2008 Loggers set team records for runs (219), RBI (278), doubles (94), stolen bases (114), walks (306) and on-base percentage (.348). Vaughn set the stolen base record (26), outfielder P.J. Polk set the walks record (41) and tied the record for runs (37), outfielder Chris Elder set the doubles record (15) and right-hander Cole Green established the ERA record (1.49).

Green (6-1) and Vaughn (.251, eight home runs, 41 RBI) were named NWL Post-Season All-Stars. Melton, Vaughn, Polk (.238, five home runs, 30 RBI) left-handed pitchers Chris Sale (2-3, 3.23) and Aaron Dott (5-2, 2.43) were named South Division All-Stars. All six all-stars except for Melton will be underclassmen next summer and eligible to return.

The franchise continued to be one of summer baseball's most successful off the field. The Loggers drew an average of 3,319 people, second in the Northwoods League and second in team history, and finished with a total attendance of 106,196, their fourth straight time over 100,000.

"You look back over our six years now, and we talk about the honeymoon period and is there leveling off of interest," Goodell said. "But it seemed like we took another step forward in terms of connecting with the fans and certainly success on the field is a big part of it and I like to think the entertainment product we put on the field has a lot to do with it. We feel fortunate to have a fan base that really loves baseball."

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Year	Record	ALX	BRD	DUL	EAU	MAD	MNK	ROC	STC	TB	WAT	WIS	BC	GB
2003	27-36	5-3		3-5		5-3	1-3	4-4	0-3	4-4	3-5	2-6		
2004	34-30	2-6		6-2		4-4	3-1	5-3	2-2	4-4	5-3	3-5		
2005	26-41	1-3	1-2	0-4	7-5	1-7	4-0	3-5	0-4	1-3	4-4	4-4		
2006	34-34	2-2	1-3	1-3	9-3	4-4	1-3	2-6	3-1	1-3	3-5	7-1		
2007	27-41	X	2-2	3-1	2-6	2-6	1-3	2-2	X	3-1	2-6	2-6	3-5	5-3
<b>2008</b>	<b>39-29</b>	<b>3-1</b>	<b>3-1</b>	<b>4-0</b>	<b>3-5</b>	<b>6-2</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>1-3</b>	<b>3-1</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>4-4</b>	<b>5-3</b>	<b>4-4</b>	<b>3-5</b>
Totals	187-211	13-15	7-8	17-15	21-19	22-26	10-10	17-23	8-11	13-15	21-27	23-25	7-9	8-8

## 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
2003	15	17	.484	12	19	.387	2	2	.500	8	15	.348	1	5	.167
2004	21	11	.656	13	19	.406	2	5	.286	15	9	.625	5	3	.625
2005	14	20	.412	12	21	.364	3	2	.600	8	11	.421	2	7	.222
2006	16	18	.471	18	16	.529	4	4	.500	9	6	.600	8	10	.444
2007	16	18	.471	11	23	.324	1	1	.500	6	11	.353	10	5	.667
<b>2008</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>.647</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>.500</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>.400</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>.565</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>.417</b>
Totals	104	96	.520	83	115	.419	16	20	.444	59	62	.488	31	37	.456

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



# 2008 Final Loggers Statistics

## W-L Record: 39-29



PLAYER	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP	E
*Elder, Chris,OF	.222	58	216	34	48	15	0	6	27	29	55	9	1	.375	.327	3
Gaynor, Wade,3B	.224	59	214	29	48	5	0	3	24	29	38	11	2	.290	.321	7
Glad, Gunner,DH	.152	14	33	2	5	1	0	0	6	4	3	1	1	.182	.275	0
#Guinn, B.J.,2B	.227	38	119	21	27	6	0	2	9	13	30	6	2	.328	.308	10
Helenihi, Derek,3B	.194	33	129	17	25	7	1	2	9	8	34	2	1	.310	.245	7
Hoime, Kellen,C	.186	43	97	12	18	1	0	1	14	13	24	7	4	.227	.307	7
Hottman, Brent,C	.226	32	93	13	21	3	0	1	6	9	23	1	2	.290	.321	2
*Melton, Derek,1B	.309	56	194	30	60	9	2	8	45	36	54	10	1	.500	.424	11
Pascoe, Andy,C	.242	35	99	9	24	4	0	0	8	9	14	0	0	.283	.312	6
Polk, P.J.,OF	.238	66	273	37	65	12	1	5	30	41	46	15	6	.344	.344	6
Rundgren, Randy,SS	.270	57	185	29	50	1	0	0	23	28	20	4	2	.276	.367	16
Tinoco, Steve,OF	.219	34	105	12	23	6	0	2	14	13	14	2	1	.333	.339	3
Toole, Justin,2B	.289	63	197	33	57	9	0	1	18	35	15	18	2	.350	.425	5
Vaughn, Cory,OF	.251	68	255	35	64	14	2	8	41	31	82	26	6	.416	.356	6
Zalnis, Kevin,DH	.318	10	22	4	7	0	0	0	3	7	2	2	0	.318	.467	0
All Others	.308		13	2	4	1	0	0	1	1	5	0	0	.385	.438	11

Total-All Batters	.243		2244		546		6		278		459		31		.348	
				319		94		39		306		114		.343		100

PITCHER	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	SO	WP	AVG
*Alexander, Scott	2-4	4.44	10	8	0	0	0	46.2	47	26	23	2	6	25	38	4	.269
Clark, Tyler	0-1	3.48	9	1	0	0	1	20.2	18	12	8	0	1	16	15	5	.234
*Dott, Aaron	5-2	2.43	12	12	1	0	0	74.0	47	25	20	2	2	34	50	5	.182
Green, Cole	6-1	1.49	13	7	1	1	1	60.1	37	14	10	3	9	18	56	3	.173
Kapteyn, Wade	2-3	5.40	15	7	0	0	1	46.2	52	44	28	2	8	33	33	10	.281
Kuhns, Scott	1-0	1.13	4	0	0	0	1	8.0	4	1	1	0	1	0	7	1	.148
*Millard, Ryan	4-3	2.95	10	6	0	0	1	42.2	34	16	14	2	6	22	30	6	.228
Peale, Tommy	2-1	3.96	4	4	0	0	0	25.0	26	12	11	1	5	3	16	0	.265
Pistori, Stephen	3-0	1.69	16	0	0	0	6	37.1	27	7	7	0	2	17	36	4	.201
*Sale, Chris	2-3	3.23	15	6	0	0	1	53.0	48	21	19	4	3	30	74	3	.245
Stallings, C.J.	2-1	5.14	4	0	0	0	0	7.0	6	5	4	0	1	4	4	1	.222
Thomas, Stayton	4-3	2.20	19	0	0	0	2	45.0	36	13	11	0	7	20	28	5	.221
Watson, Troy	2-2	2.47	17	5	1	0	2	58.1	38	24	16	1	0	22	63	6	.184
Woodworth, Pete	3-5	3.89	12	12	0	0	0	69.1	74	42	30	3	11	29	55	6	.273
All Others	1-0	2.31	7	0	0	0	0	11.2	13	3	3	0	2	5	8	2	.295

Total-All Pitchers	39-29	3.05		68		5		605.2		265		20		278		61	
					3		16		507		205		64		513		.228

\* Bats Left for Batters, Throws Left for Pitchers # Switch-Hitter

The Loggers honored seriously injured Derek Melton with the team's MVP award.



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# Team Records

## Single-Season Batting Records

Category	Name	School	Year
Average	.311 Matt Einspahr	California	2003
RBIs	53 David Schultz	Creighton	2003
Runs Scored	37 Matt Einspahr	California	2003
	<b>37 PJ Polk</b>	<b>Tennessee</b>	<b>2008</b>
Stolen Bases	<b>26 Cory Vaughn</b>	<b>San Diego State</b>	<b>2008</b>
Hits	77 Jason Louwsma	Florida Gulf Coast	2005
Doubles	<b>15 Chris Elder</b>	<b>Sacramento City</b>	<b>2008</b>
Triples	5 Eric Thames	Pepperdine	2007
Home Runs	16 David Schultz	Creighton	2003
Walks	<b>41 PJ Polk</b>	<b>Tennessee</b>	<b>2008</b>
At Bats	<b>273 PJ Polk</b>	<b>Tennessee</b>	<b>2008</b>
Strikeouts	<b>82 Cory Vaughn</b>	<b>San Diego State</b>	<b>2008</b>
Games Played	<b>68 Cory Vaughn</b>	<b>San Diego State</b>	<b>2008</b>

## Single-Season Pitching Records

Category	Name	School	Year
ERA	<b>1.49 Cole Green</b>	<b>Texas</b>	<b>2008</b>
Wins	6 Ben Stanczyk	UW-Milwaukee	2003
	6 Travis Talbott	California	2003
	6 Adam Rogers	Evansville	2004
	6 Steve Salas	Northern Iowa Area CC	2005
	6 Dan Luczak	South Carolina	2006
	<b>6 Cole Green</b>	<b>Texas</b>	<b>2008</b>
Games	33 Don Erdall	Winona State	2007
Strikeouts	97 Adam Rogers	Evansville	2005
Walks	38 Rodney Brantley	Dallas Baptist	2006
Saves	14 Don Erdall	Winona State	2007
Games Started	14 Adam Rogers	Evansville	2005
Losses	7 Travis Talbott	California	2003
	7 Ryan Hopkins	UI-Chicago	2003
Innings	99.2 Adam Rogers	Evansville	2005
Hits	98 Travis Talbott	California	2003
Runs Allowed	48 Eddie Camacho	Cal State Northridge	2003
Earned Runs	36 Adam Rogers	Evansville	2005

## DID YOU KNOW?

That the Loggers have had 34 former players drafted over the past 3 seasons?



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# Team Records



## Career Batting Records

Category		Name	School	Year
Average	.302	Matt Einspahr	California	03,04
RBI	93	David Schultz	Creighton	03,04,05
Runs Scored	63	Andy Podmolik	UW-La Crosse	05,06
Stolen Bases	34	Dale Mueller	Butler	03,04
Hits	136	Matt Einspahr	California	03,04
Doubles	26	David Schultz	Creighton	03,04,05
Triples	5	Eric Thames	Pepperdine	2007
Home Runs	22	David Schultz	Creighton	03,04,05
Walks	59	Andy Podmolik	UW-La Crosse	05,06
At Bats	476	David Schultz	Creighton	03,04,05
Strikeouts	106	Travis Check	Western Illinois	04,05,06
Games Played	154	Travis Check	Western Illinois	04,05,06

## Career Pitching Records

Category		Name	School	Year
ERA	1.75	Ben Stanczyk	UW-Milwaukee	03,04
Wins	11	Ben Stanczyk	UW-Milwaukee	03,04
	11	Adam Rogers	Evansville	04,05
Games	55	Don Erdall	Winona State	06,07
Strikeouts	179	Ben Stanczyk	UW-Milwaukee	03,04
Walks	44	Adam Rogers	Evansville	04,05
Saves	16	Don Erdall	Winona State	06,07
Games Started	26	Adam Rogers	Evansville	04,05
Losses	15	Josh Schultz	Winona State	03,04,05
Innings	169.2	Josh Schultz	Winona State	03,04,05
Hits	191	Josh Schultz	Winona State	03,04,05
Runs Allowed	95	Josh Schultz	Winona State	03,04,05
Earned Runs	77	Josh Schultz	Winona State	03,04,05

## Top Five Loggers Attendances

Aug 7, 2003	Rochester	5,889
Aug 5, 2004	Wisconsin	4,544
Aug 4, 2004	Wisconsin	4,419
Aug 4, 2003	Rochester	4,330
July 24, 2004	Alexandria	4,213





# The Home of the Loggers

## Copeland Park

### “The Lumber Yard”

**Stadium Name:** Copeland Park

**Year Built:** 2003

**1st NWL Game Played at Stadium:** June 3, 2003

**Seating Capacity:** 3,550

**Ballpark Dimensions:** 325L, 365C, 315R

**Ticket Prices:** Box Seat \$7, Bleacher Back \$6, Reserved Open Bleacher \$5, General Admission Family Pass \$15 (walk-up only), Season Field Level Box \$159, Season Box \$155, Season Bleacher Back \$129, Season Open Bleacher \$105, Reserved Partial Season Ticket \$69.

**Parking:** Free of Charge. Parking along Copeland Park drive, running adjacent to the field, that extends for multiple blocks north of the park. Two adjacent lots across from the front entrance to the park.

**Directions:** 1223 Caledonia, La Crosse. Located at 800 Copeland Park Drive in the heart of La Crosse's northside, Copeland Park can be easily reached from all directions. Fans traveling in from the east or west on Interstate 90 can take exit #3 south into La Crosse via HWY 53 which will lead right to the ballpark. Fans coming from the south can take HWY 53 north to the northside and take a left on St. Cloud Street which will lead directly to the ballpark as well.



The Lumber Yard

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# The Home of the Loggers



Copeland Park is located in the heart of La Crosse's northside on HWY 53 along the picturesque Black River. The location and intimate setting, coupled with a sold out park, provides for one of the Northwoods League's best atmospheres on a nightly basis. A giant baseball bat carved out of wood captures fans' attention as they enter, setting the stage for a true "Northwoods" experience. The logsided press box, along with the two log cabin suites located beyond the right field wall and an occasional "Timber" sound effect, add to the surroundings that is affectionately referred to as "The Lumber Yard". In fact, Copeland Park was a lumberyard in the late 1800's as workers would ship logs down the adjacent Black River making their livings as "Loggers". An experience at The Lumber Yard would not be complete, however, without taking in one of the renowned "Logger Dogs", a foot-long hot dog from the concession stand that is homemade right in La Crosse.

Chair-back seating is available for nearly 2,000 fans and, with each passing year, the Logger organization continues to add to the long list of group options which include two log cabin suites, an open-air suite and two party decks in right field along with another two-tiered deck in left field. Wisconsin's second largest baseball scoreboard resides in left centerfield featuring a radar gun display and a message center for fan information. Ballpark Digest took note, "With Copeland Park, the La Crosse Loggers raise the bar for facilities in the Northwoods League".



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# Aaron Dott's no-hitter

The Logger lefty from Wisconsin-Whitewater no-hit Green Bay on June 18th, 2008.



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# Another Year at the Lumber Yard

## Loggers Return Six



The 2009 La Crosse Loggers return six players off a club that broke 26 team and/or individual records including a franchise-best 39 games won in 2008. Leading the way will be four pitchers off a staff that finished second in the league with a 3.05 team ERA.

2008 All-Star Aaron Dott (UW-Whitewater) returns for his third season in Logger green after going 5-2 with a 2.43 ERA and limiting opponents to a miniscule .182 batting average. The southpaw, Dott, will reunite with right-handed hurlers Stephen Pistorosi (Cal-Berkeley), Troy Watson (Sacramento CC) and Pete Woodworth (Florida Gulf Coast). Pistorosi was the Loggers leader out of the bullpen in '08, leading the club with six saves along with going 3-0 with a 1.69 ERA over 16 appearances.



**Stephen Pistorosi**  
(Cal-Berkeley)

Sophomore Troy Watson really came into his own as well during his NWL rookie campaign in 2008, ending the year with a 2-2 record, a 2.47 ERA and 63 punchouts in 58.1 innings of work. Junior Pete Woodworth was a mainstay in the Logger rotation a summer ago, tying for the team lead in starts (12) while posting a 3-5 record and 3.89 ERA.

All four returning Logger pitchers will see a familiar face when they take the mound at Copeland Park this summer as junior Andy Pascoe (Evansville) returns behind the plate. Pascoe hit .242 in 35 games for the Lumbermen in 2008 and is one of Evansville's top returning players. Chris Elder (Oral Roberts) returns in the Logger outfield, one year after setting a new Loggers mark for doubles in a season with 15. The junior from Suisun City, Calif. will also be looking to build upon his six home runs and 27 RBI.

Also returning as the captain in the Logger dugout is field manager Andy McKay. McKay brings a wealth of coaching experience back with him to La Crosse both at the collegiate level and from the summer collegiate ranks. The 1999 Community College Coach of the Year has served as the field general at Sacramento City College for the past ten seasons where he has amassed a 332-132 record (.716) which includes seven conference championships, 14 post-season regionals and five State Final Four qualifiers. McKay has also coached in the Cape Cod and Alaskan Baseball Leagues.

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# City Officials

## Mark Johnsrud, *Mayor*

City of La Crosse



*"Welcome Loggers fans to another exciting season of Loggers Baseball. Young and old alike can enjoy the pastime of baseball in La Crosse. The Lumberyard is a premier ballpark nestled on the banks of the Black River in Copeland Park."*

## Steve Carlyon, *Director*

La Crosse Parks & Recreation Dept.

*"It's a great thing for the La Crosse Community to host the Loggers. As a Community we are very proud of our Loggers team. The owner, staff and coaches bring to the community a opportunity to enjoy family fun at an affordable cost. The players exhibit enthusiasm and professionalism both on the field and in the community. The fans are looking forward to a winning season and enjoying the excitement cheering on the Loggers at Copeland Park. I can't imagine a summer afternoon or evening under the lights without baseball in La Crosse and look forward to the 2009 season."*



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