





# Schedule & Info



## May/June

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

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Bobby McCarthy	Owner
Craig Smith	General Manager
Aaron Benson	Assistant GM

### Field staff:

Adam Stahl	Field Manager
Brian DeLunas	Assistant Coach
Brent Haring	Assistant Coach
Bob Rients	Assistant Coach
Rick Raimo	Assistant Coach

### Game Day Staff:

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Will Gedde	Scoreboard
Mark Fleischer	Public Address
Duluth Clinic	
Sports Medicine	Athletic Trainers
Sean Fisher	Clubhouse Manager
"Hogie" Haagenon	Asst. Clubhouse Man.
Kitty Jensen	Concession Oper.
Rosie Wood	Concession Oper.
Michelle Smith	Sports Deck Oper.

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## July

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

## August

						1 ALX 6:05
2 OFF	3 BRD 7:05	4 BRD 7:05	5 MAN 7:05	6 MAN 7:05	7 TB 7:05	8 TB 7:05
9 ROC 5:05	10 ROC 7:05	11	12	13	14	15
16	Division Playoff Aug. 11-13 Championship Series Aug. 14-16					

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\*All-Star game in Thunder Bay, Canada

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**Bobby McCarthy**  
*Owner*

For 29 years, Bobby has owned and operated the landmark restaurant Bobby's in Vero Beach, FL. In 2008 he opened Bobby's Dockside in Vero Beach as well. In his seventh year of operating the Duluth Huskies, Bobby relocates to Duluth every summer and has become a local sports icon renewing the community's interest and support in baseball with his hands on approach and dedication to the community. Bobby is married to wife Barbara with daughters Kerry, Jennifer, and Mallory.

Craig enters his seventh season with the Huskies organization in 2009. A native Duluthian, Craig has a sports administration background in both the public and private sectors. He's formerly a Recreation Specialist with the city of Duluth and worked primarily with the City's athletic programs and facilities including the management of Wade Stadium during the Northern Leagues' occupation. Craig is married to wife Michelle and has one son, Matt.



**Craig Smith**  
*General Manager*



**Aaron Benson**  
*Assistant  
General Manager*

Aaron enters his seventh year with the Huskies in 2009 overseeing operations, as well as sales, marketing and administrative duties in the front office. A 2006 graduate of the University of Minnesota Morris in Athletic Training, he once again calls Duluth home. Aaron began working at Wade Stadium in 1998 with the Duluth-Superior Dukes of the Northern League in the concessions stand. Aaron enjoys spending his spare time coaching basketball and playing golf.

Coach Stahl returns for his third season as Field Manager of the Duluth Huskies. Stahl has also served as an assistant coach with the Brainerd Blue Thunder and the Duluth Huskies. Currently he is in his 20th year of coaching and his seventh year as the head baseball coach at Parkway South High School in St Louis, Missouri. Stahl has had the privilege of coaching in the Rawlings Prospect organization, which has produced some of the best players in the country, including Northwoods League standouts Max Scherzer (U of Missouri), Joe Muich (Wichita State) and Same Lecure (U of Texas). Adam is a graduate of the University of Missouri-St. Louis and has a masters degree in education from Southwest Baptist University. He is in his 19th year in education and his 10th year as a part time scout for the Cleveland Indians. He has been married to his wife Jill for 20 years and has three children, Nicholas, Ty, and Mia.



**Adam Stahl**  
*Field Manager*

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# All-Stars

## Mid-Season All-Stars



Left to Right - Tim Jobe (Indian River CC), and Chris House (Georgia Tech)

## Postseason All-Star



### **Tim Jobe**

*Indian River CC*

*First Baseman*

.338, 9 HR, 40 RBI

.338 Average - 2nd NWL

116 Total Bases - 2nd NWL

.445 On Base % - 1st NWL

9 Home Runs - T-3rd NWL

.530 Slugging % - 3rd NWL



# 2009 Huskies Have High Expectations for Returners

by Aaron Benson, Duluth Huskies



When the 2009 Northwoods League season kicks off, the Duluth Huskies team will have a new look. With only four players returning from 2008, there will be plenty of opportunity for new players to come in and shine. However, the four who return were among the Huskies best last season.

Returning to the squad this year are 1B Tim Jobe (Florida International University), RHP Evan Cox (Central Arkansas University), 3B/C Taylor Krick (Long Beach State University) and middle IF Andy Burns (University of Kentucky). Field Manager Adam Stahl is ready to build around this core group, saying, "I am excited to bring these players back this summer...and return the Huskies back where they have been a fixture on top of the Northwoods League standings."



Entering the 2008 season Andy Burns was a highly recruited high school

senior from Rocky Mountain High School in Ft. Collins, Colorado. Upon arriving in Duluth, Burns was inserted in the starting lineup, mainly splitting time between shortstop and third base.

After experiencing early success Burns slid into a mid-season slump and will undoubtedly be looking to improve on a season in which he hit .225 while facing some of the best college pitchers in the country. His Freshman year at the University of Kentucky should polish Burns into a much more formidable member of the Duluth Huskies infield.

With early injuries to the catching ranks, Coach Stahl and General Manager Craig Smith hit the phones looking for another backstop to solidify the 2008 squad. Their search yielded the talented and durable Taylor Krick from Long Beach State University. Upon arriving in Duluth, Krick established himself as a mainstay in the lineup, splitting time between third base and catcher. His flexibility and talent will be a tremendous asset to the 2009 team.

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## 2009 Huskies Have High Expectations for Returners (cont.)

As a team leader in 2008, right handed pitcher Evan Cox was a bright spot in the Huskies' bullpen. Holding opponents to a .187 average and carrying a 2.13 ERA, this gritty right hander was a force as he was often called upon in key situations. Cox's summer was cut short in 2008 after transferring to the University of Central Arkansas, but his presence on the 2009 roster is considered crucial to the Huskies success.

2008's biggest success story in Duluth was that of first baseman Tim Jobe. Jobe experienced arguably the best season ever by a member of the Huskies. Setting franchise records in batting average (.338), hits (74), and home runs (9), Jobe not only was named as a mid-season All Star but was awarded the Rawlings "Big Stick" award as the leagues best hitting first baseman and was named as a post season All Star. Jobe will be expected to anchor the middle of the Huskies lineup this year, and can expect his role to expand as a team leader.

In addition to these returners, Coach Stahl expects big things in the upcoming year. "Fans will see that this years group of newcomers will be a much more polished players who will have a more significant roll for their colleges during their spring season than the players did the previous years...The 2009 Huskies know that Duluth is a very special place to play and the fans are the most passionate fans in the country."



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# Head to Head Records



Year	Record	ALX	BRD	EAU	LAC	MAD	MNK	ROC	STC	TB	WAT	WIS	BC	GB
2003	24-39	3-5			5-3	0-4	3-5	2-5	2-6	3-5	3-1	3-5		
2004	31-32	5-3			2-4	1-3	5-3	3-3	4-4	3-5	2-2	6-2		
2005	36-32	3-5	7-1	2-2	4-0	2-2	4-4	2-2	5-3	2-10	3-1	2-2		
2006	43-25	5-3	6-2	2-2	3-1	3-1	5-3	2-2	7-1	6-6	2-2	2-2		
2007	41-27	5-3	7-1	2-2	1-3	2-2	5-3	6-2	4-4	4-4	X	3-1	X	2-2
<b>2008</b>	<b>26-42</b>	<b>4-4</b>	<b>3-5</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>0-4</b>	<b>4-0</b>	<b>2-6</b>	<b>3-5</b>	<b>3-5</b>	<b>2-6</b>	<b>2-2</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>1-3</b>	<b>2-2</b>
Totals	201-197	25-23	23-9	6-6	15-15	12-12	24-24	18-19	25-23	20-36	12-8	16-12	1-3	4-4

## Extra Inning Record

	Home Record			Road Record			One Run Record			Shutout Record					
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT			
2003	15	16	.484	9	23	.281	2	4	.333	10	10	.500	4	5	.444
2004	14	17	.452	17	15	.531	3	2	.600	12	11	.522	1	3	.250
2005	23	11	.676	13	21	.382	4	5	.444	11	12	.478	8	3	.727
2006	24	10	.706	19	15	.559	4	3	.571	5	8	.385	8	4	.667
2007	23	11	.676	18	16	.529	4	2	.667	19	9	.679	5	1	.833
<b>2008</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>.441</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>.324</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>.286</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>.526</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>.300</b>
Totals	99	65	.604	76	90	.458	17	16	.515	57	50	.533	26	16	.619

ALX-Alexandria Beetles, BC-Battle Creek Bombers, BRD-Brainerd Blue Thunder, EAU-Eau Claire Express, GB-Green Bay Bullfrogs, 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 Huskies Statistics

## W-L Record: 26-42

PLAYER	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP	E
Ampleman, Ryan,C	.160	12	25	5	4	0	0	0	3	8	11	5	0	.160	.447	2
Baumgartner, Todd,OF	.274	64	241	30	66	7	0	3	26	19	38	18	5	.340	.331	4
Becker, Nick,OF	.282	13	39	4	11	2	0	0	5	3	11	1	1	.333	.333	1
Burns, Andy,SS	.225	59	204	22	46	6	0	2	19	21	38	13	6	.284	.300	14
*Casha, Vinny,C	.222	8	18	1	4	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	.222	.222	0
Chatwood, Steven,C	.278	50	151	23	42	14	0	1	19	24	16	4	1	.391	.393	13
#Durdan, Andrew,OF	.316	26	95	13	30	5	2	1	12	4	27	3	2	.442	.363	0
Erickson, Tyler,2B	.190	8	21	5	4	0	0	0	2	4	7	2	0	.190	.320	0
*Gonzales, Abel,1B	.050	12	20	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	7	0	0	.050	.174	1
Hiller, Layton,1B	.261	6	23	7	6	1	0	0	3	1	6	0	0	.304	.346	2
House, Chris,OF	.279	52	190	36	53	6	0	3	20	43	28	20	6	.358	.411	1
Jobe, Tim,1B	.338	66	219	40	74	15	0	9	40	43	34	5	0	.530	.445	12
Krick, Taylor,C	.214	23	70	12	15	4	0	1	7	10	20	1	0	.314	.341	4
Kuhn, Collin,OF	.252	52	159	19	40	3	0	0	19	23	38	9	0	.270	.407	4
*Main, Ty,OF	.214	51	140	9	30	4	2	0	11	17	47	5	2	.271	.315	2
Montero, Moises,C	.172	17	64	1	11	3	0	0	6	3	14	0	0	.219	.206	3
Muncrief, Grant,P	.111	17	18	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	8	0	0	.111	.158	1
Nichols, Tommy,2B	.204	37	137	16	28	8	0	0	14	16	28	2	2	.263	.286	6
Petz, Andy,C	.143	9	28	4	4	1	0	1	5	2	9	0	0	.286	.200	0
*Price, Robby,SS	.274	65	219	23	60	6	0	0	18	42	20	7	8	.301	.403	18
Steen, Tyler,C	.185	9	27	2	5	1	1	0	7	4	8	0	0	.296	.313	0
Summers, Jason,C	.000	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	.000	.333	0
All Others	.200	65	8	13	2	0	0	0	3	12	22	5	2	.231	.342	20
Total-All Batters	.252		2175	549		5		241		442		35		.326		108
				282		88		21		304		100				

PITCHER	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	SO	WP	AVG
Anderson, Erik	1-0	4.42	13	0	0	0	0	18.1	14	9	2	1	6	22	2	.219	
Barrett, Aaron	1-4	4.69	7	7	0	0	0	40.1	43	22	21	1	3	19	28	6	.285
Bauer, Dan	0-0	11.57	2	2	0	0	0	7.0	8	9	9	0	2	8	4	1	.308
Benedict, Matt	1-1	5.28	15	6	0	0	0	44.1	41	34	26	3	10	46	29	5	.259
Bouvine, Tim	0-1	7.11	2	1	0	0	0	12.2	17	12	10	3	0	3	8	1	.309
Buehler, Bradley	0-1	4.82	5	2	0	0	0	9.1	8	7	5	0	2	13	8	1	.258
Cox, Evan	1-4	2.13	15	0	0	0	1	25.1	17	8	6	0	0	20	23	4	.187
Foreman, Joshua	0-1	7.36	3	3	0	0	0	18.1	25	16	15	2	1	10	8	2	.333
*Godfrey, Josh	1-4	3.86	7	7	0	0	0	37.1	31	22	16	0	4	20	24	2	.233
*Hamilton, Andy	3-1	3.56	15	3	0	0	0	30.1	31	17	12	1	3	24	19	4	.270
Hauser, Matt	2-3	6.03	5	5	0	0	0	31.1	43	23	21	1	1	14	16	2	.326
*Koetter, Evan	0-0	8.31	4	0	0	0	0	4.1	5	4	4	0	1	4	5	0	.263
Mormann, Mitch	2-2	5.60	17	0	0	0	5	17.2	12	13	11	1	1	15	17	2	.182
Muncrief, Grant	0-0	1.86	8	1	0	0	0	19.1	19	6	4	0	2	16	18	3	.260
Murphy, Sam	1-3	6.35	16	3	0	0	0	39.2	33	31	28	4	5	30	35	7	.221
Nesseth, Mike	0-2	2.93	6	6	0	0	0	30.2	24	13	10	1	5	17	27	5	.212
Saulfley, Justin	2-0	1.98	2	1	1	0	0	13.2	13	4	3	0	1	6	3	1	.241
Schmidt, Casey	0-0	4.50	1	0	0	0	0	2.0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	.143
*Statz, Tim	4-2	3.90	6	6	0	0	0	32.1	36	16	14	4	7	18	27	1	.293
Walz, T.J.	1-4	2.34	9	9	0	0	0	50.0	44	20	13	0	4	23	65	0	.234
Wilfahrt, Gary	0-0	4.50	7	0	0	0	0	12.0	19	10	6	1	1	2	4	1	.373
Wort, Rob	0-3	4.15	9	0	0	0	1	8.2	4	6	4	1	2	11	14	2	.138
All Others	6-6	4.11	42	6	0	0	1	85.1	98	50	39	2	4	29	68	3	.290
Total-All Pitchers	26-42	4.38		68		3		590.1		353		27		355		55	
					1		8		586		287		60		472		.261

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

## DID YOU KNOW?

Former Major League umpire legend Bruce Froemming umpired his first professional baseball game at Wade Stadium in Duluth.



# Team Records



## Single-Season Batting Records

Category		Name	School	Year
Average	<b>.338</b>	<b>Tim Jobe</b>	<b>Indian River CC</b>	<b>2008</b>
RBI	48	Jordan Hafer	Florida Atlantic	2005
Runs Scored	41	Joey Bonadonna	Illinois	2007
Stolen Bases	45	Joey Bonadonna	Illinois	2007
Hits	<b>74</b>	<b>Tim Jobe</b>	<b>Indian River CC</b>	<b>2008</b>
Doubles	21	Andy Scholl	Kansas	2004
Triples	3	Ryan Jones	Wichita State	2007
	3	Brock Simpson	Kansas	2006
	3	Jordan Hafer	Florida Atlantic	2005
Home Runs	<b>9</b>	<b>Tim Jobe</b>	<b>Indian River CC</b>	<b>2008</b>
Walks	48	Joey Bonadonna	Illinois	2007
At Bats	<b>241</b>	<b>Todd Baumgartner</b>	<b>Arkansas State</b>	<b>2008</b>
Strikeouts	53	Ryne Price	Kansas	2005
Games Played	68	Joey Bonadonna	Illinois	2007

## Single-Season Pitching Records

Category		Name	School	Year
ERA	1.04	Mike Nihsen	Nebraska	2006
Wins	9	Mike Nihsen	Nebraska	2006
	9	Andy Marks	Kansas	2006
	9	Charlie Shirek	Nebraska	2005
Games	37	Tom Goodwin	Fort Hays State	2005
Strikeouts	83	Andy Marks	Kansas	2007
Walks	<b>46</b>	<b>Matt Benedict</b>	<b>Western Carolina</b>	<b>2008</b>
Saves	13	Daniel Edwards	Kansas State	2006
Games Started	13	Andy Marks	Kansas	2007
	13	Mike Nihsen	Nebraska	2006
Losses	7	Chris Johns	Lamar CC	2003
Innings	83.2	Andy Marks	Kansas	2007
Hits	87	Tom Goodwin	Fort Hays State	2005
Runs Allowed	45	Amos Ramon	Alvin CC	2004
Earned Runs	35	Amos Ramon	Alvin CC	2004

## DID YOU KNOW?

In 2006, the Huskies tied the all-time mark for wins in a half season, registering twenty-six (26-8) in the 2nd half. The feat matches the 2006 Rochester Honkers, who also won 26 games in the season's 2nd half.





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## Career Batting Records

Category	Name	School	Year	
Average	.273	<b>Robby Price</b>	<b>Kansas</b>	<b>06,07,08</b>
RBI	52	<b>Robby Price</b>	<b>Kansas</b>	<b>06,07,08</b>
Runs Scored	93	<b>Joey Bonadonna</b>	<b>Illinois</b>	05,06,07,08
Stolen Bases	80	<b>Joey Bonadonna</b>	<b>Illinois</b>	05,06,07,08
Hits	139	<b>Joey Bonadonna</b>	<b>Illinois</b>	05,06,07,08
Doubles	25	Gilbert Gil	St. Mary's	03,04
Triples	5	Brock Simpson	Kansas	05,06
Home Runs	9	<b>Tim Jobe</b>	<b>Indian River CC</b>	<b>2008</b>
Walks	113	<b>Robby Price</b>	<b>Kansas</b>	<b>06,07,08</b>
At Bats	577	<b>Joey Bonadonna</b>	<b>Illinois</b>	05,06,07,08
Strikeouts	118	<b>Joey Bonadonna</b>	<b>Illinois</b>	05,06,07,08
Games Played	185	<b>Joey Bonadonna</b>	<b>Illinois</b>	05,06,07,08

## Career Pitching Records

Category	Name	School	Year	
ERA	1.47	Charlie Shirek	Nebraska	05,06
Wins	16	Andy Marks	Kansas	06,07
Games	66	Tom Goodwin	Fort Hays State	05,06
Strikeouts	142	Andy Marks	Kansas	06,07
	142	Steve Plucinski	Lakeland College	03,04
Walks	67	Andy Marks	Kansas	06,07
Saves	13	Daniel Edwards	Kansas State	2006
Games Started	24	Andy Marks	Kansas	06,07
Losses	7	Chris Johns	Lamar CC	2003
Innings	158.1	Keith Ritsche	St. Scholastica	04,05,06
Hits	151	Keith Ritsche	St. Scholastica	04,05,06
Runs Allowed	75	Keith Ritsche	St. Scholastica	04,05,06
Earned Runs	59	Keith Ritsche	St. Scholastica	04,05,06

**Joey Bonadonna (Illinois)** holds six career records for the Huskies and was acknowledged for his achievements by team Owner Bobby McCarthy.



# The Home of the Huskies

## Wade Stadium "The Wade"



### Stadium Facts

**Stadium Name:** Wade Municipal Stadium

**Year Built:** 1941

**1st NWL Game Played at Stadium:** June 7, 2003

**Seating Capacity:** 4,400

**Ballpark Dimensions:** 340L, 380C, 340R

**Ticket Prices:** Reserved \$7, General Admission \$6, Kennel Klub \$25 (All-You-Can-Eat-and-Drink, includes game ticket)

**Parking:** Free

**Directions:** I-35 to 27th Avenue West. Take 27th Avenue West to Superior St. Take a Left on Superior St. A right turn on 34th Avenue West will lead directly into the parking lot.





# The Home of the Huskies

The history of Wade Municipal Stadium is as captivating as the ominous brick walls that stand over the playing field and cast a looming shadow into the parking lot. Opening in 1941, the stadium has hosted countless amateur and professional baseball teams since its inception.

The Works Progress Administration began its work during the great depression around the country. In Duluth one of its greatest feat was the construction project now known as Wade Municipal Stadium. When Grand Avenue, a major Duluth thoroughfare was repaved in 1940, the bricks forming the roadway were extracted and used in the construction of the stadium. Around 300,000 bricks were actually used and have held their age quite well. Though there have been projects and modernizations throughout the years, the main structure of the stadium has remained untouched.

Throughout the 1940s the stadium played host to the Duluth Dukes, a Class C affiliate of the St Louis Cardinals. This affiliation would end in 1951 but a new affiliation agreement was struck with the Chicago White Sox in 1955. While an affiliate of the White Sox, the stadium saw players such Cam Carreon, JC Martin, Joe Hoerner, Jack Kralick, and Don Mincher suit up for the home team.



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# The Home of the Huskies



In 1960 the team began an affiliation with the Detroit Tigers. It was during this period that Duluth saw some of its most famous faces at Wade Stadium. As an affiliate of the Tigers, Duluth was home to Gates Brown, Ike Brown, Mickey Stanley, John Hiller, Jim Rooker, and Denny McLain as well as many of the members of the 1968 World Championship Detroit Tigers.

Wade Stadium continued to play host to the Duluth Superior Dukes until the Northern League ceased operations in 1971. In 1993 the new Northern League was re-established with Wade Stadium acting as the home



field for the new Duluth- Superior Dukes. The stadium saw large crowds pack its seats as it was once again home to professional baseball. After the 2002 season, the Dukes' franchise picked up and moved to Kansas City, Kansas where it became the Kansas City T-Bones.

In 2003 the brickyard of Wade Stadium received a new tenant, the Duluth Huskies. Once again, small changes were made to the layout, however the stadium remained untouched, allowing visitors to enjoy the mystique and splendor of one of the oldest ballparks in the United States. Today the stadium holds 4,400 fans in the grandstand and bleachers. The All-You-Can-Eat-and-Drink Kennel Klub hosts another 200 and the Family Fun Zone down the right field line allows a safe place for children to have fun during the game.

In addition to the players mentioned above, visiting players to "The Wade" have included Roger Maris, Willie Stargell, Hank Aaron, Daryl Strawberry, J.D. Drew, and Jack Morris and it will continue to serve as a showcase of rising stars as it acts as home of the Huskies in the years to come.

## Top Five Huskies Attendances

August 12, 2007	St. Cloud	4,805
July 6, 2008	Mankato	4,203
July 27, 2007	Alexandria	4,127
August 7, 2003	Alexandria	3,556
August 12, 2005	Alexandria	3,463





# Former Huskies Posed to Succeed

By Aaron Benson, Duluth Huskies

For six seasons Duluth Huskies fans have come to the ballpark looking for a chance to "Catch the Rising Stars." Never before has it been so evident that fans truly are experiencing the development of future professionals and "big leaguers" than now. As publications release their Watch List, Draft Prospectus, and previews, more and more former Huskies are finding their way to the top.

By playing their home games in spacious Wade Municipal Stadium, known around the Northwoods League as a pitcher's park, it's not surprising that some of the more successful former Huskies are pitchers. In fact, of the 36 alumni currently in affiliated professional baseball, 14 are pitchers, including 5 of the top 8 currently assigned to AA clubs or higher. Through the years Duluth coaches have stressed the importance of throwing strikes and forcing contact when pitching in a wood bat environment.

Paul Smyth, a senior at the University of Kansas, came to the Huskies for part of the 2006 summer and flourished in a relief role. He has since become an All Big 12 Honorable Mention the past two years for the Jayhawks and finds himself on the preseason Brooks Wallace Watch list. The Wallace Award, given by the College Baseball Foundation, is given to the "most outstanding Division 1A player during the complete college baseball season," according to the College Baseball Foundation's website.

Joining Smyth on the Brooks Wallace Award Watch List is 2007 Duluth Huskie Kyle Blair. Blair, a highly touted high school prospect, was drafted in the fifth round of the 2007 draft by the Los Angeles Dodgers but opted to attend the University of San Diego. As a freshman, Blair was second on the team in strikeouts with 99 and posted an 8-4 record in 12 starts. In addition to the Wallace Award Watch List honor, Blair has also been named a 2nd team Preseason All American by Ping! Baseball. With the added experience in college and playing for a high profile program at USD, Blair can count on being a high draft pick again in his 2010 draft year.

Another pitcher attracting draft attention is tall right hander Mitch Mormann. Hailing from Des Moines Area Community College, Mormann was selected in the 17th round of the 2007 MLB draft by the Cleveland Indians. Upon returning to school this fall, he signed a National Letter of intent with Louisiana State University, but has also been named a Top Pitcher to watch in the 2009 Draft by Collegiate Baseball Magazine. Sporting a blistering fastball and a vicious slider, Mormann excelled in his

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role as a closer with the Huskies and will continue to garner attention until he is drafted.

In addition to Mormann, Collegiate Baseball Magazine also named two time Duluth Huskie Mike Nesseth a Top Pitcher to watch for the 2009 Draft. A native of Windom, MN, Nesseth is in his junior year at Nebraska and has seen his stock skyrocket over the last two seasons. After first joining the Huskies in 2007, Nesseth had a modest year in Duluth and returned to Nebraska where the Husker coaches changed his arm slot. The 2008 college season saw Nesseth's fastball go from the upper 80s into the mid to upper 90s and Nesseth started to create a buzz for himself. If his 2009 collegiate season compares to his 2008 campaign, Nesseth could find himself taken in the first few rounds in 2009.

Another member of the 2007 Huskies pitching staff garnering a lot of attention is Missouri State right hander Tim Clubb. After having a tremendous summer in Duluth in 2007, Clubb continued his success by being named the 2008 Missouri Valley Conference Pitcher of the Year after going 11-0 with a 2.38 ERA for the Bears. He was named a 2009 preseason 1st Team All American by TPX, and also joins Mormann and Nesseth as a Top Pitcher to watch in the 2009 Draft by Collegiate Baseball Magazine. With another year of development Clubb should undoubtedly be under the control of a Major League organization by this time next year.

These five former Huskies have benefited from the exposure and the experience of pitching against some of the best competition in the country by playing in the Northwoods League. Not only are they carrying on the tradition of excellent Northwoods League pitching, but they are also establishing a pitching tradition in the spacious confines of Historic Wade Stadium. Fans can continue to truly "Catch the Rising Stars" at Duluth Huskies baseball games.



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## Don Ness, *Mayor* City of Duluth



*"Baseball represents the spirit and values of small cities all across our country. Duluth Huskies baseball is an important part of our community and Duluth's world-class summertime experience. The Huskies are an organization that Duluthians take great pride in, I wish great success for our team during the 2009 season."*

## Kathy Bergen, *Manager* Park & Recreation Division

*"The Duluth Parks and Recreation Division is once again excited to partner with Huskies Baseball for the upcoming season! What could be more in tune with the department's mission than an activity that encompasses family time together, competitive sports, hometown spirit, and the opportunity for youth to learn more about a game they can also play in their own neighborhood? Join us in our enthusiastic support of the Huskies. We'll see you at the ball park!"*

