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That typifies how he plays the game. He has a picture perfect swing and is so mentally tough."

Rogowski turned down a football scholarship to Central Michigan University to play with the Chicago White Sox, who selected him in the 13th round of the recent Major League draft. A two-time Division I state heavyweight champion in wrestling, Rogowski also played on CC's back-to-back Division I state football champions.

**Elio Lichten, senior, Livonia Churchill:** Eric hit .490 this season, getting 47 hits including nine doubles, two triples and six home runs. He drove in 37 runs and struck out only seven times while drawing 15 walks.

Lichten slugged .813 and had a .500 on-base percentage. He was his team's Most Valuable Player and one of three team captains.

He was a four-year varsity player who made the All-WLAA and All-District teams.

Eric had a great senior year, leading the team to 15 victories. Coach Herb Osterlund said, "He is a good role model for young players to follow."

**Pete Ziguora, senior, Tuxedo:** The third baseman makes fun of his foot speed but few high school players have as quick a bat as Ziguora. He hit .544 (.55-101) as a senior to break the single-season school batting average record which he set as a junior.

Committed to the University of Detroit-Mercy, he holds school single-season records for homers (nine), doubles (21), RBI (46) and hits (155). He was a four-year varsity starter, one of only two players to make the Tuxedo varsity as a freshman in Mejevik's 34 seasons as coach.

An All-Star game member, he batted .445 for his career.

"Pete's been a coach's dream for four years," Mejevik said. "He always came to practice to improve his play. He loves to play the game. He's a great hitter."

**Evan Feldman, senior, N. Farmington:** Feldman was a three-year varsity starter who played shortstop and was the team leader of the pitch.

He batted .362 with 25 hits in 69 trips to the plate, raising his average more than 60 points in the final month of the season.

Feldman's hit total included three doubles and two home runs. He also walked 22 times, stole nine bases and scored 31 runs; he had 12 RBI.

His on-base percentage was .628 and slugging percentage was .493. In the field, he had 22 putouts, 58 assists and an .879 fielding percentage.

"Evan was an excellent worker for a senior player," coach Roy Horwitz said. "He was always at practice, always on time. He dedicated himself to Raider baseball his senior year."

"He has a very strong arm to make the long throw from short, and he's an excellent hitter. He hits the ball hard."

**Ray Rabe, senior, Livonia Stevenson:** Played varsity baseball for four seasons and compiled Spartan hitting and pitching statistics.

Hit .523 last season and .432 over career. Batted four of his six career home runs his senior season and drove in 35 of his 77 career RBI as a senior.

Completed 12-16 career mark as pitcher but was 7-5 his final year. ERA was 2.45 last year in tournaments. Struck out 75 batters and gave up 63 hits in 71 1/3 innings this year.

Rabe will be going to Saginaw Valley

State University on a baseball scholarship this fall. He also is a winner of the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association All-Academic Scholar-Athlete Award.

"Ray has shown that he is one of the best hitters in the state," said his coach, Roy Weingarden. "He finished his four-year varsity career holding 20 Stevenson baseball records."

"His hard work and dedication to baseball have resulted in all the post-season awards he is receiving."

**Bob Stahel, senior, Redford CC:** Stahel, a centerfielder/pitcher, led the Shamrocks in homers (12) and was second in RBI (50) despite batting leadoff. Hit in the elbow twice with pitches early in the year slowed his progress but he finished with a .404 average (42-104), a team-high 61 runs, 11 doubles and one triple.

Stahel, a leading pre-season candidate for Mr. Baseball, also recorded a 7-0 pitching record with a 0.774 ERA in 36 1/3 innings. He was the winning pitcher in the Shamrocks' 12-1 win over Portage Central in the Division I state semifinal.

Stahel, a three-year varsity starter, has signed with Michigan State University.

"Bob worked real hard in the off season to get stronger," Stahel said. "Early on, he kind of felt he had to get a hit every time and we finally convinced him to 'play your game. We don't need you to carry us. He's a great team player. If you needed a walk, he'd take that."

**Robbie Hudson, junior, Garden City:** Hudson dominated hitters early in the year with consecutive one-hit shutouts and finished with a 7-2 record and 3.26

ERA. He allowed 21 hits and struck out only two hitters per inning, finishing with 76 in 43 innings pitched.

The left-hander had a 5-1 pitching record in the Mega Conference Red Division. Hudson also played center field and first base, hitting .486 (44-90) with 26 runs scored, one homer, two triples, six doubles and 17 RBI.

"Robbie is the best ballplayer I've ever coached," coach Steve Herman said. "He works hard, always gives 100 percent. Athletically, there is none better."

**Blake Bosley, senior, Farmington:** Bosley played center field and was a major reason the Hawks won the Western Lakes Activities Association championship for the third time in four years.

He was Harrison's leading hitter, batting .398 in the leadoff spot with 33 hits in 83 chances. Bosley walked nine times, stole nine bases, scored 32 runs, hit one home run and had 15 RBI. He will try to make the Central Michigan team as a walk-on in the fall.

"He was flawless in the outfield and never made an error; he had a great break on the ball," coach John Herrington said, adding Bosley led the team in hits and runs, too. "He had a great spirit for the game and worked very hard. He really had an outstanding senior year."

**Charlie Avery, senior, Farmington:** Avery was a four-year varsity starter, who, while known for his pitching, was also a standout at the plate for the Falcons.

Avery batted .457 with 37 hits in 81 opportunities; he had eight doubles, 11 triples, three home runs and 24 RBI. He also walked 15 times and scored 20 runs.

On the mound, Avery recorded 91 strikeouts in 60 1/3 innings while working

24. His ERA was 2.08, his record 5-4.

Avery, who pitched two scoreless innings in the East-West All-Star Game at Tiger Stadium, will play next season at Henry Ford Community College.

**Mike Maccek, junior, Redford Union:** Maccek became the school's career home run leader as a sophomore and he added that figure considerably this year, hitting 11 to bring his three-year total to 23. He has hit better than .400 in each of his three years on the varsity, carrying a .431 career mark.

He batted .505 (.49-97) with 10 doubles and an impressive .948 slugging average. He was walked only eight times but was hit by pitches nine times.

He had 49 hits, one behind-the-scenes or Ryley. Expected to be one of RU's top two pitchers, Maccek saw limited duty on the mound and sometimes was used strictly as a designated hitter because of a sore arm.

"He's been a very dependable pitcher," Berryman said. "We trusted him, but sometimes you have to not have him in the field because we have irreplaceable value with him in the game. We lose a little bit but don't want to take a chance on him hurting his arm." He's a versatile asset with his stolen bases, batting average and power."

**Dale Hayes, senior, Westwood Glen:** The right-hander signed a baseball letter with Madonna University. He spent the winter traveling with former Glen standout and now Seattle's inner pitcher Aaron Schaffer.

As a pitcher, he went 7-4 with 86 strikeouts and 27 walks in 73 1/3 innings. His ERA was 3.22.

As a hitter, the four-year varsity starter hit .442 with two home runs and 33 RBI. He walked 27 times and struck out 13 times. He hit one triple and eight doubles.

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If Ponke had to cite a key shot he made, it was his tee shot on No. 15, a long par-3. Using a nine wood, he put the ball on the front of the green and two-putted.

"You can get a six or an eight real easy if you don't hit your shot," he said. "I just wanted to keep one in play."

Ponke, who is employed as a bartender at Bullwinkle's Bar and Grill in Redford, has a work schedule that suits his golf game. He can play golf during the day before he goes to work in

the evening.

"It gives me the opportunity to keep playing golf," he said. "I'll play nine holes a day, 18 on Thursdays. I try to stay away from weekends, because it's so slow. The only time I play on weekends is in tournaments. The whole summer is geared around (golf)."

Ponke played baseball at

Farmington High School and in Little League before that. He didn't take up golf until he was 23. He played softball, too, but got tired of that.

"I wish I had started earlier, but I don't think I had the patience for golf when I was younger," he said. "You have to be very patient in that game."

Ponke received a \$170 gift cer-

tificate and trophy for winning. Pett received a \$120 gift certificate and trophy as the runner-up. Kiehlner and Zbancsek each received \$80 gift certificates.

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