

Stars

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a good game."

Mark Cantor, senior, Harrison: Cantor played third base and was the No. 2 pitcher for the WLLA champion Hawks.

He led the team with a .410 batting average and knocked in a school-record 36 RBI. Cantor notched 35 hits — including seven doubles, three triples and three homers — and he scored 15 runs. He was 4-0 as a pitcher.

"Mark was a dedicated hitter who spent many hours at the batting cage improving himself," Herington said, "and he really came through, especially with runners on base."

Greg Rogers, senior, Redford Catholic: Rogers' versatility was shown in the field, where he played third base, shortstop and second base, and at the plate as the Shamrocks' leadoff batter.

After starting the season low in the batting order, Rogers was moved to leadoff and finished with a .436 average. With 32 walks, Rogers' on-base percentage was over .600. Rogers finished with 44 hits, scored 43 runs and drove in 22.

He had 13 stolen bases and five sacrifices.

"Greg is a great team leader, like having another coach on the field," CC coach John Satter said. "He's one of the most knowledgeable baseball players I've coached. He also improved tremendously between his junior and senior years and he just had a terrific season."



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Redford Union



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Salem



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Canton

final, 9-4.

Brad Lear, senior, Salem: Perhaps the best way to describe Lear is, well, he's a bit of a headache — for opposing pitchers, that is.

"Brad is just a tough, tough out," said Rumberger, his coach. "He refused to give in to anyone."

"I call the battle between the pitcher and the hitter 'the 60-foot war.' If that's true, Brad is surely the general."

The Rocks' offensive player of the year, Lear — who switched from first base to third this season — led the team in batting average (.441), hits (41), doubles (10) and runs batted in (35). He was an all-Lakes Division selection and was named all-district and all-region.

Mike Daguanno, junior, Redford Catholic Central: The No. 3 hitter and first baseman in CC's lineup, Daguanno led the Shamrocks with 46 hits and 36 RBI.

Daguanno batted .418 with 10 doubles, three triples and three home runs. He walked 18 times and struck out 12 times.

"Mike is a good power hitter with a great natural swing," Satter said. "He should continue to improve and be even better as a senior."

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Ron Blackmore, senior, Churchill: The shortstop batted .344 in the cleanup spot for the Chargers.

The Churchill MVP is headed for Henry Ford Community College.

"His strong suit is that he's a total ballplayer," Churchill coach Herb Osterland said. "Ron doesn't hit home runs, but he had very few strikeouts."

"He can do so many things. He had very accurate throws and good speed. He made very few errors. He can go into the hole and make the play as well as any player I've had. He was our mainstay."

Blackmore, an All-Western Lakes selection, could also pitch, as evidenced by a two-hitter he threw against Livonia Stevenson.

"He didn't pitch much because he had to be in the middle of our infield," Osterland said.

Brian Crumley, senior, Franklin: The 5-9, 150-pound outfielder/pitcher was an All-Western Lakes choice and the Patriots' top player in 1995.

Offensively, Crumley hit .407 (.33 for 81) with three doubles and one triple. He knocked in 21 runs and struck out only

four times.

As a pitcher, Crumley finished 6-4 with two saves and a 2.23 earned run average. In 59 1/3 innings, he struck out 72 batters and walked only nine batters.

"We know he'd throw strikes when he had to," Franklin coach Jim Karoub said. "And even when he was behind in the count, we knew he'd hit the ball."

"Everybody on the team had confidence he could do the job — the players, the coaches and he himself. As small as he is, he can play the game."

Kevin Kovachevich, senior, Canton: On a team that accomplished more than most expected, Kovachevich was the star.

That was evident when he was chosen as the school's male athlete of the year. Playing both catcher and in the outfield, Kovachevich batted .382 with six doubles and three home runs, driving in 18 RBI.

And he posted a .950 fielding average on route to earning all-Western Division honors.

"He's one of the best players I ever coached," said Chiefs' coach Scott Dickhey, who served as an assistant to Mark Cantor at highly-regarded Dearborn Divine Child prior to taking over at Canton. The Chiefs finished 17-13 overall, tying for

second at 6-4 in the division.

Brad Emors, Dan O'Hara and C.J. Risk contributed to this story.



Dale Rumberger
Salem

BASEBALL

1995 ALL-OBSERVER BASEBALL TEAM

FIRST TEAM

P — Brian Berryman	Redford U.
P — Jake Lawson	Harrison
C — Justin Marcia	Salem
C — Nick James	John Glenn
1B — Mark Cantor	Harrison
2B — Greg Rogers	Redford CC
3B — Joe Nestroy	Thurston
SS — Jesse Wozniak	Garden City
LF — Brad Lear	Salem
CF — Mike Daguanno	Redford CC
RF — Ron Blackmore	Churchill
O — Brian Crumley	Franklin
O — Kevin Kovachevich	Canton

SECOND TEAM

P — Justin Stanek	Redford CC
P — Chris Turner	Redford U.
P — Day Morris	Harrison
C — C.J. Grannam	Redford CC
1B — Ed Dykes	Redford CC
2B — Chris Risk	Franklin
3B — Tim Malar	Farmington
LF — Robert Reed	Wayne
CF — Anvarian Green	Farmington
RF — Jake Sakosky	Garden City
O — Mike Marlowe	Garden City

COACH OF THE YEAR

Dale Rumberger	Plymouth Salem
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HONORABLE MENTION

Franklin: Jason Schiavini, Mike Anderson, Luke Humphrey, Ray Malerba, Eric Downard, Ron Longford, Charles; Mike Tomassi, Eric Gokowski, Andy Jaskolski, Jeff Sheehan, Bob Szepko, Steven; Andy Dettolo, Kevin Raycraft, Aaron Roney; John Oates, Jerry Farrar, Doug Kirby, Tim Rivers, Wayne Gann Boston, Al Thomas, Aaron Capron, Bryan Johnson, Lurben Westland; Joe Puchnik, Tim Dorrel, Mike Mottar, Jason Bayashi, Jeff Morris; Clarenceville: John Eastman, Bryan DeCure, Kyle McCoskey, Ray Kati, Mark Malarowski, Bill Lyons, Renee Valley, Jason Barskoff, Dave Harley, Joe Schmidt, Ben Husby, Jeremy Zahn; Harrison: Steve Deaton, Aaron Larson, Mike Farrer, Dave Hessel, Matt Sullivan; Farmington: Nick Lucia, Dan McLaughlin, Dale Donah, R. Fanning, Lee, Mark Lee, Glenn Gassler, Eric Pierce, Jeff Light; Salem: Kaz Kurku, Ahmad Green, Jeff MacKenzie, Dan O'Quinn, Sam Lagorio, Ryan Rumberger, Ryan Anderson; Canton: Anthony Pistor, Mark Bro, Eric Guzman, Bryan Kucharski, Garden City: Kevin Freegan, Dan Farcadio, Eric Dinkoff, Devin Cole; Redford CC: Gaert Burch, Kevin Thomas, Marty Wise, Mike Norman, Chris Karney; Thurston: Art Hoffmeyer, Jeff Garbacz, Alan Penkars, Rob Lingo; Dearborn: Redford Union: Robert Sotter, Rich Strazkowski, Dave Nareck, Mike Noonan, Brian Racking, St. Albans: Joe Considine, Janet Worobeger, Mike Miller, Mike Simpson, Dave Kuzinski, Mike Wilson.

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