



Sports

Varsity Swingging for States

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Come slide your way into the stands to watch the Richmond Blue Devils take on the B/WAC area.

Richmond Varsity Baseball is in full swing for the 2016 season.

"I think our biggest goal for this season is to make a deep run in the state playoffs," sophomore Chase Churchill said.

The team is working hard with what they have including six seniors, six juniors, two sophomores, and one freshman. "We're doing whatever it takes to be successful for the seniors in their last season," junior Kyle Tschigfey said.

The boys are working hard towards a successful season. Senior Trevor Barrett, an outfielder, said, "The season is a grind and we have to be prepared, both mentally and physically for every game." The team is fairly young but are

working hard to achieve their goals with the right mindset. "My advice for the underclassmen is don't let the game overcome you, slow down and take a breath," said senior Max Fahney, who is a catcher.

The boys all have one target in mind and that would be winning district playoffs and going beyond. "I believe the outcome of our season will be whatever we make it. We control our own destiny," Barrett said.

All boys on the team can agree that in order to achieve their goals and prepare to beat their biggest competitors, they need to work hard at practice and get better as a team. Using B/WAC games to prepare for playoffs is a big way that the team is using practice to prepare.

Churchill said, "I'm trying to step up, only as a sophomore, and be a leader. We are now hitting our stride as a team and our team talent and chemistry will take us as far as we want to." Each player is preparing for

the season in their own way, but are coming together to prepare altogether as a team.

When asked, individually, what each player is bringing to the team, Barrett said, "I've been trying to lead by example all season and be a role model to the underclassmen."

Churchill stated, "Being an underclassman, I look up to senior Matt Skoryanc because he is always pumped and knows how to be a true leader on and off the field."

The team has faced its share of challenges.

"Our toughest opponent was Lake Orion," said Churchill. "We could've played more intense the whole game and always kept a mindset that we are better than anyone and that would've helped us in the game against Lake Orion."

Fahney also incorporated his opinion on this game stating, "They are a division one school and had a lot more players than us; it was a tough chal-

lenge, but good for the team and our competition."

The boys have a great team chemistry and are closer than the past years, as close as brothers with one goal in mind: the road to Lansing.

Both Churchill and Fahney said that Marine City was another tough game this year, because they were down by five in the last inning; the team didn't give up, and came back with a win.

"I always try to loosen everyone up by having fun because the looser we are, the better we play," Fahney said.

So far this season the boys are 10-3. The team should be proud of how far they have come so far this season and how many games they have won already.

The season isn't over yet though. Don't miss the pitch and this year's baseball season.

Defensive Showdown in The Big House

By: Nick Thomas
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Jim Harbaugh and the Michigan football team kicked off spring practice under the Florida sun and finished it off under the lights at The Big House this spring.

With year one down, Harbaugh has built up quite the frenzy for his fast approaching second season at the realm of Michigan football. The back-and-forth quarterback battle during Michigan's Spring Game only added fuel to the fire for the excitement of the upcoming Michigan football season.

Quarterbacks Wilton Speight and John O'Korn stole the show of the 14-13 game, in favor of the maize team, as the two battled back and

forth all game long to show off their skills and increases their case for the starting quarterback job.

The stat line for both quarterbacks shown below:

Wilton Speight: 5-of-6, 46 YDS, 1 TD; 2 CAR, 19 YDS, 1 TD
John O'Korn: 6-of-14, 93 YDS; 7 CAR, 28 YDS, 1 TD

Running backs Kareem Walker, Ty Lissac, and Drake Johnson battled it out for the second spot behind De'Veon Smith on the depth chart.

Drake Johnson was the only running back out of that group to get a touchdown, which came on the receiving end of a touchdown pass from Shane Morris.

However, we did get to see some of the explosive talent from new man on campus, Kareem Walker, and

redshirt junior Ty Isaac as well.

For the second year in a row, the defenses stood tall in the Michigan Spring Game. With the final score being 14-13, we saw a familiar feat in the fourth quarter of the spring game that we seen in the regular season last year.

Michigan's goal line defense.

Last year with no time left on the clock, Minnesota lined up to go for two to win the game, they snapped the ball, and Michigan's defense prevailed. With a last second touchdown for the Blue team, they lined up for two to win the game, again, Michigan's defense prevailed.

One thing we know about Harbaugh and a football team he coaches, he will have a good defense. Period.



AMANDA GORR

Nickname: AGorr
Age: 16
Grade: 11
Sport(s): Volleyball, Basketball, Track
Favorite athlete: Lindsay Schwieger
Favorite class: Photography
Future Goals: Go to states

Senior Athletes

DEVEN HILL

Nickname: DHill
Age: 17
Grade: 11
Sport(s): Tennis, Baseball
Favorite athlete: Yadier Molina
Favorite class: Anatomy
Future goals: Win a state championship



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Here's what we do know: With starter De'Veon Smith being the number one running back, and Kareem Walker, Drake Johnson, and Ty Lissac all competing for the second spot behind him, Michigan will have depth at the running back position.

At quarterback there are two potentially elite players battling it out for the starting position. Oh, and don't forget about Shane Morris who did throw for a touchdown pass in the spring game as well.

Michigan has its top three receivers returning this year. Jake Butt, Jehu Chesson, and Amara Darboh, and the many freshmen that have joined the party down in Ann Arbor, such as Dylan Crawford, Ahmir Mitchell, Brad Hawkins, and Eddie McDoom.

Let's not forget about the defense. Michigan should have one of the best, if not the best defense in all of college football this upcoming season. With returners Jourdan Lewis, Henry Poggi, Chris Wormley, and dual threat, Jabrill Peppers, playing both sides of the ball, the future is looking very good for Harbaugh and the Wolverines.