MEET THE KNIGHTS

David Ames
So. | 6-1 | 180 | R/R
Infield
Riverwoods, Ill.
(Deerfield)

Paul Dimick
Fy. | 6-2 | 180 | R/L
Pitcher
Northfield, Minn.
(Northfield)

Jacob Anderson
So. | 6-1 | 183 | R/R
Pitcher-Catcher
Ramsey, Minn.
(Anoka)

Brad Eckelmann
So. | 6-3 | 230 | L/R
Infield
Portland, Ore.
(Lincoln)

Grant Bowen
So. | 6-2 | 210 | R/R
Catcher
Duxbury, Mass.
(Duxbury)

Erik Fabry
Fy. | 6-2 | 187 | R/R
Outfield
Apple Valley, Minn.
(Blake)

Sam Cross-Knorr
Jr. | 5-11 | 170 | R/R
Pitcher
Seattle, Wash.
(Nathan Hale)

Russ Fujisawa
Jr. | 5-7 | 175 | L/R
Outfield
Riverwoods, Ill.
(Deerfield)

Kiyota Gomi
Fy. | 6-1 | 160 | L/R
Pitcher-Outfield
Dobbins Ferry, N.Y.
(Ardsley)

Bryce Gray
So. | 5-11 | 170 | R/R
Outfield-Pitcher
Voorheesville, N.Y.
(Bouton)

Glenn Greenberg
So. | 5-10 | 160 | R/R
Pitcher
Weston, Conn.
(Weston)

Ethan Guevin
Sr. | 5-10 | 185 | R/R
Pitcher-Infield
Davis, Calif.
(Davis)

Matt Hart
So. | 5-10 | 160 | R/R
Infield
Amherst, Mass.
(Amherst Regional)

David Heifetz
So. | 6-1 | 180 | R/R
Catcher
Lexington, Mass.
(Gann Academy)

Ben Cushing
Fy. | 6-3 | 190 | L/L
Infield
Oakland, Calif.
(Head-Royce)

Shane Henfling
Sr. | 6-2 | 200 | R/R
Pitcher
Watkins, Minn.
(Eden Valley-Watkins)

Trevor Hill
So. | 5-10 | 180 | R/R
Catcher
San Francisco, Calif.
(University)

Ryan Hultstrand
Jr. | 5-8 | 175 | R/R
Infield
Edina, Minn.
(Blake)

Pete Kerns
Fy. | 6-4 | 170 | R/R
Pitcher
Barrington, Ill.
(Barrington)

Geoff King
Jr. | 6-4 | 230 | L/L
Pitcher-Infield
Corvallis, Ore.
(Corvallis)

Jim Klein
So. | 5-10 | 180 | R/R
Infield
Oakland, Calif.
(College Preparatory)

Dan Lojovich
Jr. | 6-1 | 160 | L/L
Infield
Inver Grove Heights, Minn.
(Simley)

Dan Matthews
Jr. | 6-1 | 170 | S/S
Pitcher
Tulsa, Okla.
(Holland Hall)

MacEagon Voyce
Fy. | 5-11 | 180 | L/R
Outfield
Brownsdale, Minn.
(Hayfield)

Cameron McDonald-Hyman
Sr. | 5-10 | 185 | R/R
Outfield
Muir Beach, Calif.
(Tamalpais)

Jay Melson
Sr. | 6-2 | 210 | R/R
Infield
Cottage Grove, Minn.
(Park)

Clay Dewey-Valentine
Fy. | 5-7 | 160 | R/R
Outfield
Seattle, Wash.
(Ingraham)

Clay Parrish
Fy. | 5-11 | 185 | R/R
Catcher-Pitcher
Westport, Conn.
(Staples)

Jake Riss
Sr. | 5-8 | 160 | R/R
Pitcher
White Plains, N.Y.
(White Plains)

Michael Servis
So. | 6-2 | 185 | R/R
Pitcher
East Lansing, Mich.
(East Lansing)

Aaron Troyanksy
Jr. | 5-11 | 180 | R/L
Pitcher
Lubbock, Tex.
(Lubbock)

Angus Vaughan
Fy. | 6-1 | 190 | R/L
Outfield
Minneapolis, Minn.
(Minneapolis Southwest)

Dan Matthews
Jr. | 6-1 | 170 | S/S
Pitcher
Tulsa, Okla.
(Holland Hall)

Jay Melson
Sr. | 6-2 | 210 | R/R
Infield
Cottage Grove, Minn.
(Park)
COACHING STAFF

HEAD COACH
AARON RUSHING
Record at Carleton: 30–74 (three years)
Career Record: 52–93 (four years)
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Aaron Rushing is in his fourth season as Carleton’s head baseball coach. He brings a wide range of playing and coaching experiences to the baseball program.

In his only year as head coach at Minot State University, Rushing inherited a team that had only six wins the previous season and led that Beavers squad to the 2003 DAC-10 Tournament Championship and their first NAIA regional tournament berth in 15 seasons.

He also served as pitching and catching coach for two summers with the Lehigh Valley (Pa.) Catz, a summer collegiate team in the Atlantic Collegiate Baseball League. Rushing’s pitching staff set a Catz record with a 2.23 ERA, helping them to the 2003 ACBL regular season and tournament championships. Ten pitchers and two catchers from those teams have gone on to play professionally.

A 2001 graduate of Grinnell College, Rushing captained the two winningest teams in school history. Following graduation, he played one season in France for the Toulouse Tigers.

Rushing also serves as an assistant football coach and assistant professor in the physical education, athletics, and recreation department at Carleton. Rushing earned a master’s degree in management from Minot State in 2004 and lives in Northfield with his wife, Naomi, and their two children.

ASSISTANT COACH
JIM CHRISTENSEN
Jim Christensen is in his 12th season on the baseball coaching staff. A longtime Carleton assistant football coach, Christensen is a local insurance representative as well as an experienced high school and college basketball official. He was a pitcher and outfielder for the Northfield Millers, a local amateur age-35-and-older ball club, which captured the 1997 and 1998 state championships.

ASSISTANT COACH
NEAL JEPSSON
This is Neal Jeppson’s fourth year as hitting coach for the Knights. He retired after 29 seasons as head coach at Burnsville (Minn.) High School. His long, successful tenure was recognized by his induction into the Minnesota State High School Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame. Jeppson also assists with the Carleton football team as wide receivers coach.

2009 SEASON PREVIEW

For the first time since rejoining the MIAC in 1984, the Knights return a pair of All-MIAC players, seniors Ethan Guevin and Jay Melson, who lead the deepest team Carleton has had in years.

Guevin posted a team-leading 3.21 ERA with 47 strikeouts in 47 2/3 innings last year. He has paced Carleton in wins, strikeouts, and ERA during each of his first three seasons.

Melson was an All-Region selection a year ago when he batted .389 overall with 7 homers and 32 RBI, while ranking among the MIAC’s top 10 in nearly every offensive category. His home run total ranked second in the conference and tied for the second-highest single-season amount in the Carleton record book.

Among many returning position players worth keeping an eye on are Russ Fujisawa, Cameron McDonald-Hyman, and Brad Eckelmann. Fujisawa finished second on the squad in home runs and RBI a year ago after transitioning from shortstop to left field. McDonald-Hyman has become a mainstay in right field after starting 48 games over the past two seasons. Eckelmann the team in hitting at .429 with a .512 on-base percentage.

Carleton’s pitching staff is deeper than it was a year ago. Southpaw Aaron Troyansky and right handers Shane Henfling, Michael Servis, Jacob Anderson, and Alex Wirta have a chance to join Guevin in the starting rotation. In the bullpen, the Knights return a quartet of players—Jake Riss, Sam Cross-Knorr, Geoff King, and Glenn Greenberg—who appeared in 10 or more games last season.
THE CARLETON DIFFERENCE

Carleton may be the best combination of baseball, academics, and student life in the country.

On the diamond, the Knights compete with the best teams in Division III as a member of the Minnesota Collegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC), one of the toughest leagues in the nation. Head coach Aaron Rushing has resurrected Carleton's proud baseball tradition producing the program's highest three-year win total since 1993–95.

“We push our players to reach their full potential on the field, whether that means being an All-Conference, All-American, or professional player,” says Rushing. Recent knights have been named an Arthur Ashe Sports Scholar, All-Region, All-MIAC, and Academic All-District.

In the classroom, the knights benefit from one of the top liberal arts educations in the country. U.S. News & World Report consistently ranks Carleton among the nation's top colleges. The faculty has been recognized as No. 1 in the country in their commitment to teaching. Carleton has been named one of the top 25 liberal arts colleges in the number of graduates who become business executives and is first in graduates who earn PhDs in sciences and mathematics.

Student life at Carleton is exceptional by just about any measure. Carleton has been named the most fun-loving school in the country and is ranked No. 1 in alumni giving—arguably the most important measure of overall experience.

More than half of the players study abroad during their four years at Carleton. In the past two years, team members have played or studied in China, Costa Rica, Denmark, England, Germany, Nicaragua, and Spain.

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The recently refurbished Mel Taube Field is home to the Carleton baseball team.

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