

TCNJ Salutes 2007 Senior Baseball Players

This amazing class of 14 players have combined for impressive numbers of their careers, while helping the Lions earn back to back NJAC Champion titles in 2005 and 2006, while helping this year's team make their run for a third straight crown.

Overall, the Lions have posted a record of 120-41 the past four year and have made NCAA Tournament appearances in 2004, 2005, and 2006. This talented group of young men has combined to rewrite TCNJ's baseball record books along the way. They have now combined for 830 hits, 176 doubles, 34 triples, 88 homeruns, and 606 RBI's, while the Lion pitchers have collected 35 wins, 16 saves, and 381 career strikeouts.

PJ Anzelone



A four-year letter winner with the baseball team at TCNJ, PJ Anzelone is enjoying a career-best campaign this season. An outfielder for the Lions, he is now batting .274 with 29 hits and has scored 31 runs in 32 games started of the 33 games he has played in, while adding 19 RBI's. He is now 7-10 on stolen bases this season, having added 5 sacrifice hits as well.

As a junior in 2006, he made 18 starts in 32 games played, while adding a .265 average at the plate and connected on 14 RBI's for the Lions, while scoring 14 runs. He broke into the Lions' lineup as a sophomore in 2005 and made 27 starts with a .284 average at the plate. He had 29 hits and finished with 19 RBI's on the season having collected 134 putouts in the field and was perfect defensively.

Overall on his Lion career, the 2007 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America candidate, now has a .273 career batting average with 76 career hits with 52 RBI's, 14 doubles, 59 runs scored and 109 career total bases in 107 games played with 77 starts.

A four-time TCNJ Scholar-Athlete honoree, he is a health and exercise science major at TCNJ. A former all-star in both football and baseball at Vernon Township High, he was a Bloustein Award winner and participated in the Academic All-Star Bowl.

Career Stats

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
2004....	.000	7-0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-1	0	0	0	.000
2005....	.284	35-27	102	13	29	7	2	0	19	40	.392	6	2	19	3	.330	2	0	3-4	134	1	0	1.000
2006....	.265	32-18	68	14	18	5	0	1	14	26	.382	10	1	20	0	.358	2	2	4-4	17	1	3	.857
2007....	.274	33-32	106	31	29	2	3	2	19	43	.406	23	5	28	1	.419	2	5	7-10	47	0	2	.959
TOTAL...	.273	107-77	278	59	76	14	5	3	52	109	.392	39	8	68	4	.372	6	7	14-19	198	2	5	.976

Jeff Botti

A three-year letter winner with the baseball team at TCNJ, Jeff Botti is enjoying a career-best campaign this season. The Lion's starting left fielder this season, Botti is among the leaders at the plate this year with a .366 average, 48 hits, 6 sacrifice hits in 33 games. Botti earned a spot in the lineup last year, starting 22 of 36 games played and helped the Lions repeat as New Jersey Athletic Conference Champions in 2006, while earning an NCAA bid as well. He currently ranks 31st nationally in the toughest to strikeout category with a 29.5 rating.



Botti, has come along way since first playing in four games in 2005 and now has started 54 of 73 games played and has a .339 career batting average with 58 RBI's, 12 doubles, four triples and five homeruns. He batted .299 in 2006 with six doubles, two triples, and four homeruns with 31 RBI's.

At TCNJ, he has also excelled in the classroom and was recently named the College's 2006-2007 Dr. Harold W. Eickhoff Senior Male Scholar-Athlete honoree. He is a criminology and justice studies major, while also minoring in psychology. A 2007- ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America candidate, he was inducted in the Criminal Justice Honor Society, Alpha Phi Sigma and has been active as a member of the American Criminal Justice Association (ACJA) the past four years. A three-year TCNJ Scholar-Athlete Honoree, Botti is also working on a joint degree in the accelerated Master's Program and will receive his bachelor of arts degree from TCNJ this May in only three years, while also earning his Master's degree from Rutgers University-Newark in December of 2007.

A graduate of Colonia High School, Botti was a member of the National and Spanish Honor Societies scholastically, while also excelling on the baseball diamond. A four-year letterwinner and a two year team captain, he earned Group 3 All-State honors and is a former Eagle Scout.

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Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
2005....	.500	4-0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	.500	0	0	1	0	.500	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
2006....	.299	36-22	97	21	29	6	2	4	31	51	.526	7	0	14	2	.333	4	6	2-4	28	4	1	.970
2007....	.366	33-32	131	26	48	6	2	1	27	61	.466	16	2	4	3	.440	1	6	9-14	34	4	2	.950
TOTAL...	.339	73-54	230	47	78	12	4	5	58	113	.491	23	2	19	5	.396	5	12	11-18	62	8	3	.959

Ben Brown

After appearing in just one game as a freshman in 2004, Ben Brown has grown into a tremendous role player for the Lions. A back-up catcher, first baseman and designated hitter throughout his career, he has done everything asked of him by the Lions' coaching staff and has now started 6 of 32 games played with a .250 average at the plate. He has been a tremendous asset for the Lions with his skills and talents in the bull pen and will be missed for his contributions both on and off the field.



A Dean's List student at TCNJ, he is also a four-time TCNJ Scholar-Athlete honoree having excelled in the classroom as well. A health and exercise science major, he is a former team captain of both the basketball and baseball teams at Toms River North High. An honor roll student as well, he earned a selection to the National Honor Society and is a former 16-time honor roll student. At TCNJ, he also works with the Athletic Training staff.

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2004....	.000	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	2	0	0	1.000
2005....	.158	13-4	19	3	3	0	0	0	2	3	.158	2	0	8	1	.238	0	0	0-0	5	0	0	1.000
2006....	.375	13-2	16	6	6	2	0	0	5	8	.500	2	0	4	0	.444	0	0	0-0	1	0	0	1.000
2007....	.200	5-0	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	.200	0	1	2	0	.333	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
TOTAL...	.250	32-6	40	10	10	2	0	0	7	12	.300	4	1	14	1	.333	0	0	0-0	8	0	0	1.000

Blake Bullis

Blake Bullis opened his collegiate career with an impressive performance in Florida driving in 11 runs and batting .393 for the trip and by year's end batted .305. He started half of the games that year at third base and drove in 17 runs. His .512 slugging percentage was second highest among the Lions rookies in 2004. During his inaugural season, he was the NJAC's

Rookie of the Week on March 14, after batting .394 for the week with five doubles, one triple and one homerun with 11 RBI's. He had four multiple-hit games during that week as well.



A year later, Bullis earned a spot on the 2005 ABCA Division III All-America Second Team for his outstanding play at first base. His list of accomplishments as a sophomore also include a selection to the 2005 NJCBA Division II/III All-State First Team, the NJAC All-Star First Team, the ECAC Division III Metro First Team and a spot on the Mid-Atlantic Regional NCAA Division III All-America Team First Team at first base. A one-time NJAC and NJCBA Player of the Week honoree in 2005, Bullis batted .398 on the year, while leading the Lions and the NJAC with his 20 doubles. He ranked third in the league with his 124 total bases, while finishing third with a .649 slugging percentage.

His batting average (.398) ranks 16th in school history for a single-season, while his 191 at-bats ranks seventh, and his 76 hits ranks third. His 20 doubles in 2005 just missed TCNJ's single-season mark (21) and elevated his career doubles to 28, which was 15th best as well.

As if those accomplishments were not enough, Bullis picked up All-America First Team honors in 2006 after another tremendous season. Among the honors he reaped on the season were a selection to the ECAC All-Star First Team, the NJAC All-Star First Team, the NJCBA All-State First Team, the ABCA Atlantic Region Co-Player of the Year and the ABCA Atlantic Regional All-America First Team. He also shared the honor as the 2006 ABCA Mid-Atlantic Regional Player of the Year with his fellow Lion, Gerard Haran. Bullis led the Lions with 72 RBI's, while connecting on 14 homeruns as well. He added 16 doubles, three triples and a team-leading 75 hits. He has a .395 average and 190 at-bats with a .732 slugging percentage and a .434 on-base percentage. He was ranked 10th in homeruns per game (0.30) nationally in 2006 as well as third with RBI's per game (1.57), and 22nd in slugging percentage. Twice he was chosen the NJAC's and ECAC's Player of the Week in 2006 and finished the year as the Rawlings National Division III Defensive Player of the Year.

Bullis has continued to add to his impressive resume in his final season. Earlier this year, he broke TCNJ's career doubles record, only to watch a fellow Lion move past him a few weeks later. Overall, on the 2007 season, he has a .322 average with a .500 slugging percentage and now has 47 hits with 7 doubles, 5 triples and 3 homeruns. He has connected for 33 RBI's and leads the Lions with his 20 stolen bases and has scored 33 runs as well in 146 at bats. Just this past week, he added three triples in the Lions' win over CSI to break the College's career triple record.

On his career, he is now batting .366 with 156 runs scored, 223 hits, 26 homeruns, 51 doubles, 13 triples and 162 RBI's, while also adding 17 career sacrifice hits after breaking the NCAA's single-season triple record with 13 in 2006. He has started 147 of 153 career games played and has a .621 career slugging percentage with 378 total bases with a .973 fielding percentage with 970 career putouts. He now has 49 career stolen bases in 53 tries and ranks ninth all-time at TCNJ in the category, while his career at bats is 4th best, runs scored is 5th best, 223 career hits is second best and just 12 behind the leader (235), while also ranking second in career doubles, 6th in homers and third in RBI's.

The league MVP at Delran H.S., Bullis is a former first team All-South Jersey honoree as well as a first team all-county performer. Nominated for Boys' State, he is a computer science major at TCNJ.

Career Stats

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
2004....	.305	26-20	82	27	25	8	3	1	17	42	.512	12	3	20	0	.404	2	0	4-5	45	27	8	.900
2005....	.398	47-47	191	41	76	20	2	8	40	124	.649	18	2	32	2	.453	1	0	15-16	218	63	16	.946
2006....	.395	46-46	190	55	75	16	3	14	72	139	.732	16	7	23	2	.434	13	1	10-11	426	21	3	.993
2007....	.322	34-34	146	33	47	7	5	3	33	73	.500	16	1	17	2	.390	1	2	20-21	281	13	3	.990
TOTAL...	.366	153-147	609	156	223	51	13	26	162	378	.621	62	13	92	6	.425	17	3	49-53	970	124	30	.973

Andrew Cosgrove

As a rookie with the Lions in 2004, Andrew Cosgrove appeared in five games and managed to bat .400 in limited time at the plate. He worked hard in the off-season and earned a starting role the following year before suffering a hand injury mid-season. Before the injury, he had started 26 of 30 games at second base and was batting .290 with 27 hits and 15 RBI's. He had committed just five errors in 102 total chances and had made the transition to an everyday player quite well.



Cosgrove returned to the lineup in 2006 and started 35 of 42 games and turned in a .328 performance at the plate with a career-best 26 RBI's and five homeruns. He finished the 2006 season with a .515 slugging percentage and a .403 on-base percentage. Defensively, Cosgrove was also extremely effective with a .981 fielding percentage in 156 total chances.

This season finds Cosgrove batting .282 with 30 runs scored off 33 hits, while adding 8 doubles and 2 homeruns. He has 22 RBI's with 24 walks and a .402 slugging percentage and a .410 on-base percentage having started 31 of 33 games at second base this year.

Overall, he has a .304 career batting average in 109 games played with 106 career hits with 66 RBI's and 35 extra-base hits to his credit, while adding 56 career walks and has a .456 career slugging percentage.

A TCNJ Scholar-Athlete, he is a Dean's List student majoring in finance with a minor in marketing. He spent the summer of 2006 working as a financial manager at Northwestern Mutual.

A two-sport athlete at North Hunterdon, he excelled in baseball and wrestling, earning all-state and all-conference honors in baseball. He was also named the Express Times Player of the Year in baseball and went on to win three district championships in wrestling and was a three-time region runner-up. A National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society student, he graduated with high honors.

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Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
2004....	.400	5-0	5	3	2	0	0	0	3	2	.400	1	0	0	0	.429	1	0	0-0	1	1	1	.667
2005....	.290	30-26	93	19	27	9	1	1	15	41	.441	16	5	24	0	.417	1	0	0-0	43	52	5	.950
2006....	.328	42-35	134	21	44	8	1	5	26	69	.515	15	3	19	1	.403	2	4	3-3	60	93	3	.981
2007....	.282	32-31	117	30	33	8	0	2	22	47	.402	24	2	22	3	.410	1	2	1-3	67	98	4	.976
TOTAL...	.304	109-92	349	73	106	25	2	8	66	159	.456	56	10	65	4	.410	5	6	4-6	171	244	13	.970

Dan Czepiga

A transfer student from nearby Mercer County College, Dan Czepiga has helped the Lions with his skills in the field and at the plate since his arrival in 2006. He started 20 of 27 games last season and finished with a .357 average with 17 RBI and 12-extra base hits. He added 26 runs scored with 3 sacrifice hits and 3 sacrifice flies and added 30 hits, including 6 triples.

As a senior, he has now started 12 of 24 games for the Lions in the outfield and now has a .306 average with 15 runs scored on the season. He has 6 RBI's and four extra-base hits and is now 8-11 on stolen bases for the team. Overall on his career at TCNJ, he has started 32 of 51 games played and now has a .338 batting average with 41 runs scored, 8 doubles, 7 triples and a homerun, while driving in 23 RBI's and having connected on 12-of-16 stolen bases.

He is a former two sport athlete at nearby Notre Dame High School having excelled in both football and baseball. He is a health and exercise science major at TCNJ.

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Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
2006....	.357	27-20	84	26	30	5	6	1	17	50	.595	11	2	19	0	.430	3	3	4-5	17	1	1	.947
2007....	.306	24-12	49	15	15	3	1	0	6	20	.408	7	0	11	2	.393	0	3	8-11	7	1	1	.889
TOTAL...	.338	51-32	133	41	45	8	7	1	23	70	.526	18	2	30	2	.417	3	6	12-16	24	2	2	.929

Tyler Hall

A late comer to the Lions' baseball program, Tyler Hall has helped the team with his performance this season. He has started five games already in the outfield and now has a .333 average in 17 games played. He has 9 hits with 5 RBI's and just last Sunday connected on the game-winning hit in the Lions' 6-5 win over Rutgers-Camden in 12 innings. He is both perfect on stolen bases and in the field, while adding a .370 slugging percentage this season.

A Dean's List student at TCNJ, Hall excelled in both soccer and baseball at Immaculata High and guided both teams to county championships during his scholastic days. He is a political science major at TCNJ and is a TCNJ Scholar-Athlete honoree.

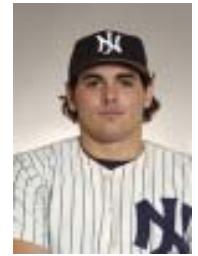
Career Stats

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2007....	.333	17-5	27	4	9	1	0	0	5	10	.370	2	1	7	0	.387	1	0	1-1	11	1	0	1.000
TOTAL...	.333	17-5	27	4	9	1	0	0	5	10	.370	2	1	7	0	.387	1	0	1-1	11	1	0	1.000



Gerard Haran

With each passing season, Gerard Haran has continued to lay claim to new TCNJ feats. During his time with the Lions, he continues to rewrite several single-season and career records, many of which he accomplished by his junior season, became the first Lion baseball player to earn ABCA National Division III Player of the Year honors.



He is coming off a tremendous 2006 campaign that saw the talented catcher earn Player of the Year honors from six different organizations, the NJAC, the NJCBA, the ECAC, the ABCA Atlantic Region, the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association NCAA Division III "Position Player of the Year," and the Rawlings/ABCA National Player of the Year.

He finished the 2006 season with 14 homeruns, elevating his career record to 35, a running school mark. He was named the Player of the Week by the NJAC, the NJCBA and the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association over the course of the spring and was the only repeat selection for the NCBWA during the year. He finished with a .415 average with 64 runs, 71 hits, 21 doubles, and 64 RBI's. He has also been hit by a pitch 17 times, another Lion record and finished with an .807 slugging percentage for the 2006 season.

Nationally his numbers were among many of the top performances in Division III as he ranked tenth in homeruns per game (0.30), seventh in runs scored per game (1.39), eighth in slugging percentage and 30th in doubles per game (0.46).

As a sophomore, he was selected to the 2005 ABCA All-American First Team after breaking school records for most homeruns (15) and RBI's (74) in a single-season. The 2005 NJCBA Division II/III Player of the Year, Haran batted .386 on the season in 47 games started. He had a .743 slugging percentage with a .488 on-base percentage in 2005 and was named to the ECAC Division III Metro First Team, the 2005 NJAC All-Star Second Team and the Mid-Atlantic Regional NCAA Division III All-America Team First Team as a catcher.

His numbers during the 2005 season rank as well among many of the top single-season efforts as well at TCNJ as his 50 runs scored and 66 hits both rank ninth, while his 16 doubles ranks sixth as well. He finished the season ranked third nationally with his 1.57 RBI's per game average and was 22nd in Division III with his slugging percentage. His 15 homeruns (0.32 per game) ranked 15th nationally as well. Twice during the 2005 season, he was named the NJAC's Player of the Week, while also earning two ECAC Player of the Week selections and an additional pair of selections as the NJCBA Player of the Week.

As a newcomer to the lineup in 2004, Haran adjusted to the collegiate game with great ease and by season's end had wrapped up Rookie of the Year honors from both the NJAC and the NJCBA. He finished the season batting .333 with a .596 slugging percentage. He led the Lions with his six homeruns and added 24 RBI's on his rookie campaign while batting cleanup for the Lions. The Lions' everyday catcher as a rookie, he also threw out 15 runners and held the opposition to .651 stolen base percentage when behind the plate.

He earned NJAC Rookie of the Week honors on March 28 after batting .500 for the previous week. He added the game-winning run in an extra innings game against Wilmington in the 10th inning off the bench.

In his final season, he has earned several weekly player of the week honors thus far and ranks 10th nationally with his 0.29 homeruns per game, while leading the Lions with his 10 total homers ranks 13th as well in Division 3. On the season, he now has .308 average with a team-best 10 doubles, 10 homeruns and 42 RBI's, while sporting a .624 slugging percentage, while also having been hit 10 times by opposing pitchers in 34 starts. He also leads the Lions with his 4 sacrifice flies and has scored 35 runs in 133 at bats. He added his 200th career RBI earlier this week to become just the fourth player in conference history to hit the mark, while becoming the 22nd player in Division 3 history to have 200 or more RBI's.

On his career, Haran now has a .368 career batting average with 211 hits, 174 runs scored, 55 doubles, 204 RBI's, 85 walks and has been hit by a pitch 47 different times, while adding 17 sacrifice flies. He has a .709 career slugging percentage with a .474 on-base percentage and has made only 14 career errors in 1028 career total chances. He has started 152 of 155 career games with the Lions as well.

Among the current career records he now holds is most homeruns (45), most doubles (55), most RBI's (204), most runs scored (174), most times hit by a pitch (47), while standing with in striking distance of TCNJ's career hit mark which is currently 235 as he now has 211.

During the summer of 2006, Haran played for the New Market Rebels in the Valley Baseball League and earned all-league honors as the only Division III player recognized of the league's 16 all-stars. In January of 2007, he was recognized by the New Jersey Sports Writers Association as the Collegiate Baseball Player of the Year and moved the crowd with a memorable acceptance speech.

He is an English major at TCNJ and is a former Honor Roll student.

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Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
2004....	.333	28-25	99	25	33	8	0	6	24	59	.596	6	7	15	1	.400	3	2	0-0	192	36	4	.983
2005....	.386	47-47	171	50	66	16	0	15	74	127	.743	26	13	32	4	.488	5	0	0-1	326	28	6	.983
2006....	.415	46-46	171	64	71	21	2	14	64	138	.807	36	17	18	0	.541	5	0	2-2	225	26	3	.988
2007....	.308	34-34	133	35	41	10	1	10	42	83	.624	17	10	18	4	.415	4	0	1-1	167	14	1	.995
TOTAL....	.368	155-152	574	174	211	55	3	45	204	407	.709	85	47	83	9	.474	17	2	3-4	910	104	14	.986

Brian Kraus

Brian Kraus has been a contributor for the Lions on the mound throughout his career and has helped the Lions as a starter this season.

He is coming off a strong season that saw him finish with a 6-2 record and a 3.39 ERA with 38 strikeouts. As a rookie in 2004 he worked in just 8.1 innings and finished the season with a 4.32 ERA. He emerged as a starter as a sophomore for the Lions in 2005 and went 3-1 in nine appearances with eight starts. He added 40 strikeouts in 47 innings worked with a 2.63 ERA.



On the 2007 season, he is now 1-2 in six starts with a 3.27 ERA in 33 innings of work, while fanning 27 batters. He has held the opposition to a .272 average this spring while allowing only 34 hits. Earlier this season, he collected his 100th career strikeout.

Overall on his career, he now has a 10-5 record in 30 appearances with 26 starts and a 3.19 ERA in 146.2 innings of work, while fanning 113 batters during that time. He has held opponents to a .233 average while working on the mound for the Lions.

He is a former second-team all-league pick at Neshaminy High School, where he helped his squad win both the league and district championships as a junior.

Career Stats

Year	ERA	W-L	App	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	BF	B/Avg	WP	HBP	SFA	SHA
2004....	4.32	0-0	4	2	0	0/1	0	8.1	9	4	4	8	8	1	0	0	41	.281	0	1	0	0
2005....	2.68	3-1	9	8	1	1/0	0	47.0	31	17	14	27	40	5	0	2	205	.183	4	6	0	3
2006....	3.39	6-2	11	11	0	0/0	0	58.1	51	27	22	35	38	6	0	3	257	.242	8	8	1	2
2007....	3.27	1-2	6	5	0	0/1	0	33.0	34	19	12	20	27	7	1	0	160	.272	3	6	3	6
TOTAL....	3.19	10-5	30	26	1	1/2	0	146.2	125	67	52	90	113	19	1	5	663	.233	15	21	4	11

Bill Opel



Bill Opel is coming off a banner campaign that saw him earn a spot on the 2006 All-State NJCBA First Team and a place on the 2006 ABCA Regional All-America Third Team. As a junior, he went 6-1 for the Lions with four starts and had an impressive 2.04 ERA, tops among the starters. He added 47 strikeouts for the season with one save in 53 innings pitched. He also held the opposition to a .222 batting average and yielded just eight extra-base hits on the season.

As a sophomore, he worked in 15 games for TCNJ and went 1-1 with a save. He had a 3.52 ERA with 28 strikeouts along the way.

He has now worked in 12 games this year with a 1-0 record with 3 saves. He has a 3.63 ERA in 17.1 innings on the mound with 16 K's and has given up only 14 hits during that time.

On his career, he is now 8-2 with 7 saves, while sporting a 2.64 ERA in 102.1 innings of work and is poised to earn his 100th career strikeout as he started the weekend with 99 career strikeouts in 46 appearances with five starts.

A former team captain and second team all-conference pick at St. Peter's Prep, Opel helped lead his team to three conference championship titles in high school.

He is majoring in English at TCNJ.

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Year	ERA	W-L	App	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	BF	B/Avg	WP	HBP	SFA	SHA
2004....	2.00	0-0	7	0	0	0/0	2	9.0	10	2	2	3	8	3	0	0	38	.286	3	0	0	0
2005....	3.52	1-1	15	1	0	0/1	1	23.0	18	12	9	18	28	2	1	2	105	.212	1	1	1	0
2006....	2.04	6-1	12	4	0	0/0	1	53.0	40	13	12	30	47	7	0	1	222	.222	5	6	2	4
2007....	3.63	1-0	12	0	0	0/1	3	17.1	14	7	7	14	16	2	0	1	82	.226	0	3	0	3
TOTAL....	2.64	8-2	46	5	0	0/2	7	102.1	82	34	30	65	99	14	1	4	447	.227	9	10	3	7

Blake Ortiz

As a rookie in the Lions' pitching rotation, Blake Ortiz evolved into the Lions' set-up man and appeared in 11 games, the second most among the squad's pitchers in 2004. He finished with a 3.68 ERA in 22 innings of work and fanned 28 batters along the way, holding the opposition to a .231 batting average while on the mound.



He earned a spot on the 2005 NJCBA Division II/III All-State Second Team as a relief pitcher as a sophomore. After a 2-2 record and a save. He finished the 2006 campaign with a 5.18 ERA and 17 strikeouts and was the winning pitcher in the 2006 NJAC Championship game.

A starter for the Lions this season, Ortiz is now 5-1 with a team-best 42 strikeouts in 49.1 innings of work. He has a 2.19 ERA as well having limited the opponents to a .212 average with only 12 earned runs this season. He fanned 11 batters in the Lion's win over Richard Stockton earlier this year and now has 119 career strikeouts. He has a 10-5 career record with a 3.20 career ERA in 54 appearances with seven starts and has worked in 135 innings with 5 saves.

An all-conference and Carpenter's Cup honoree, Ortiz earned All-South Jersey honors as both a pitcher and utility player. A National Honor Society student and a recipient of the Math Achievement Award, he is an accounting major at TCNJ.

Blake Ortiz Career Stats

Year	ERA	W-L	App	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	BF	B/Avg	WP	HBP	SFA	SHA
2004....	3.68	0-0	11	0	0	0/1	0	22.0	21	12	9	11	28	2	1	1	107	.231	6	3	0	2
2005....	2.97	3-2	19	0	0	0/1	4	39.1	35	20	13	6	32	10	0	1	166	.226	2	2	1	2
2006....	5.18	2-2	17	0	0	0/0	1	24.1	28	20	14	11	17	5	1	1	111	.304	0	3	3	2
2007....	2.19	5-1	7	7	0	0/1	0	49.1	38	15	12	21	42	12	2	1	204	.212	1	3	0	1
TOTAL...	3.20	10-5	54	7	0	0/3	5	135.0	122	67	48	49	119	29	4	4	588	.236	9	11	4	7

Matthew Marinello

A member of TCNJ's junior varsity program the past few years, Matthew Marinello has earned a spot on the Lions' varsity roster with his determination, attitude and contributions to the program.

A political science major at TCNJ, he is also a Dean's List student and a TCNJ Scholar-Athlete having excelled in the classroom. In his spare time, Marinello was also worked on campus with TCNJ's WTSR Radio Station and last summer held an internship with WFAN Radio. He is a former two sport athlete at St. Peter's Prep, having excelled in both baseball and basketball there, while helping the teams capture the 2002 Hudson County Championship as well as the 2002 Parochial A North State Runner-up title.

Career Stats

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
2007....	.000	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
TOTAL...	.000	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000

Dave Waseleski

In his first season with the Lions in 2005, Dave Waseleski appeared in 7 games and went 1-0 in 11.1 innings of work. He added 17 strikeouts on the season and finished with a 3.13 ERA. He followed up that campaign with a pair of saves and a 1-0 record in 11 outings in 2006. He contributed to the Lions' record breaking year as he fanned 12 batters and finished with a 2.08 ERA and held the opposition to a .222 average.

As a senior, he is now 5-0 in a team-best 15 outings. All five of his wins have come in relief for the Lions and he has a pair of saves to his credit as well in 2007. With 21 strikeouts this year, he currently leads the team with his 1.47 ERA and has now worked in 30.2 innings. He has limited the opponents to a career-best .196 average this season and has allowed only 5 earned runs this season.

On his Lion pitching career, he is now 7-0 with 4 saves in 55 innings of work, while sporting a 1.96 career ERA with 50 K's.



Career Stats

Year	ERA	W-L	App	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	BF	B/Avg	WP	HBP	SFA	SHA
2005....	3.18	1-0	7	1	0	0/0	0	11.1	13	4	4	5	17	2	0	0	52	.277	1	0	0	0
2006....	2.08	1-0	11	0	0	0/0	2	13.0	12	8	3	3	12	3	0	1	60	.222	4	2	1	0
2007....	1.47	5-0	15	0	0	0/2	2	30.2	22	8	5	13	21	4	1	1	133	.196	3	6	2	0
TOTAL...	1.96	7-0	33	1	0	0/2	4	55.0	47	20	12	21	50	9	1	2	245	.221	8	8	3	0

Matt Zonies

In his first season with the Lions, Matt Zonies started 16 games and finished with a .375 average at the plate. He added 7 RBI's in 2005 and helped the Lions having scored 12 runs with 24 hits and saw limited time in the infield.



He returned to help the Lions once again lay claim to the NJAC championship and made 15 starts in 2006 with a .321 average in 24 games played. He has 18 hits and a .415 on base percentage to pace the team, while adding 19 total bases.

As a senior, he is enjoying a career-best season as he is now batting .349 with 16 RBI's and 7 doubles. He has 14 runs scored and a .430 slugging percentage, having started 26 of the 28 games he has played in thus far. Overall on his career, he now has a .350 average at the plate with 9 doubles, 29 RBI's 37 runs scored with 9 sacrifice hits and has started 57 of the 77 games he has played in for the Lions.

He is a former two sport athlete at Cherokee High where he earned letters in both baseball and basketball and was tapped as both the MVP and team captain during his scholastic days. He is a finance major at TCNJ as well as a TCNJ Scholar-Athlete honoree.

Career Stats

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
2005....	.375	25-16	64	12	24	1	0	0	7	25	.391	5	1	9	2	.429	0	3	2-2	25	48	4	.948
2006....	.321	24-15	56	11	18	1	0	0	6	19	.339	7	2	13	4	.415	0	1	0-0	32	52	5	.944
2007....	.349	28-26	86	14	30	7	0	0	16	37	.430	5	3	14	1	.400	1	5	3-5	16	58	10	.881
TOTAL...	.350	77-57	206	37	72	9	0	0	29	81	.393	17	6	36	7	.413	1	9	5-7	73	158	19	.924