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Newsletter



The Official Estacada Baseball Alumni Newsletter!

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Ranger Baseball Looks to Senior Leadership for a Much Anticipated Season

The Estacada Baseball Team finally has experience on their side. After fielding young teams the past two seasons, the Rangers have a quartet of seniors to put on the field this time around.

Coach Ryan Carpenter expects his

younger players to look toward the senior leadership of Tyson Settle, Travis Babikoff, Jason Woodruff, and Austin Overton as the team battles through the traditionally tough Tri-Valley Conference schedule.

The Rangers throw

the first pitch Tuesday March 13th v. Tillamook. The game will be played in Estacada @4:30pm

GO RANGERS!

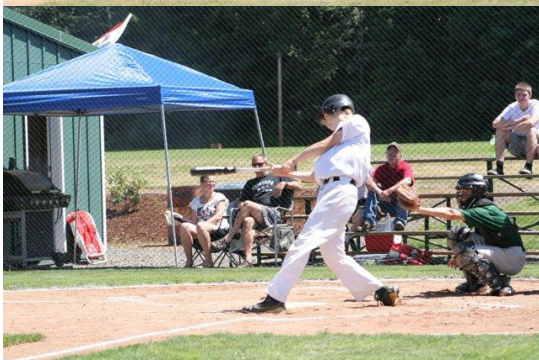
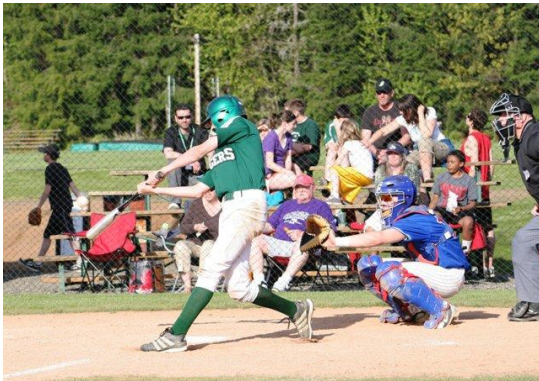
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Pictured from left to right seniors: Austin Overton, Travis Babikoff, Jason Woodruff, and returning all league outfielder Tyson Settle.

Estacada Alumni Return to Coaching Staff

John James

The baseball program is excited to add John James back to the baseball coaching staff this year. This will be John James' fourth round with the Estacada Baseball Program. Coach James is a Ranger alumnus and had a bright career in the Estacada baseball program. After Coach Rob Vance left Estacada to become the head baseball coach at Concordia University, Coach James took over the Ranger Program. In 1998, James led his team to 9 wins which is tied for 4th best all time (single season) in Estacada Baseball History. Coach James returned for

another short stint as the Ranger's head coach from 2007-2009. James also is deeply involved in youth football, basketball, and baseball. He also serves as the Offensive coordinator for the High School Football team.



Coach James

- Graduate of Estacada High School (93)
- Played college football at Lewis & Clark College
- Head Estacada Baseball Coach (1997-99 and 2007-09)
- Head Junior Varsity Football Coach

Jacob Layton

2011 Estacada graduate Jacob Layton is going to get the opportunity to experience baseball from the coaching perspective. Layton was a standout baseball player for the Rangers and broke many school records. Jacob finished with a .520 career batting average and hit .584 his senior year. Layton was a two-time 1st Team All-League player and was voted by coaches all over the state to participate in the 4A Oregon All Star Game.

Layton has decided to take the year off from playing baseball at the college level. He will serve the capacities as the head junior varsity baseball coach.



Coach Layton

- Graduate of Estacada High School (2011)
- 1st Team All League Player (10-11)
- Oregon All Star Game Participant (2011)
- Attending Mt. Hood Community College

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Ranger Coaching Staff At:
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Estacada Youth Baseball Makes Full Transition to J.B.O.



Chad Gaidos – President of the newly formed Estacada Youth Baseball Association. Estacada youth baseball and softball has transitioned from Little League to JBO and ASA.



Baseball in Estacada continues to make positive growth. As of October, the Estacada Youth Baseball and Softball Board voted unanimously to dissolve its affiliation with the Little League and join many other districts in the highly competitive Junior Baseball of Oregon Organization (JBO). The youth softball organization will also join the American Softball Association (ASA). "This is a great move for our youth baseball program." Said head coach Ryan Carpenter. "This will provide more opportunity for young players and will allow each kid to compete based on his ability level. I also believe that joining the JBO will make our entire baseball program from the high school level to the youngest baseball levels more competitive at the local and state levels." For more information about the JBO or ASA in Estacada, check out the newly formed website: www.eybsa.org

What is JBO?

Junior Baseball of Oregon, Inc. (JBO) is a non-profit organization formed to provide an opportunity for Oregon youth from ages 9-16 to participate in an organized baseball experience. The goal of JBO is to provide each child, **regardless of skill level**, an ability to compete in baseball against other players of equal skill and age. As such, players are divided into separate divisions based on age and skill level (see "**Junior Baseball Divisions**"). JBO games are played according to the rules of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) with some modifications to tailor the rules to the age and skill level of the players. For example, JBO base lengths and pitching distances are reduced from the High School level to accommodate younger players, but increase progressively with the age of the players. The intent is to provide all ages of players the opportunity to play the complete game of baseball (leading off, stealing, etc.) but to progressively increase playing distances as the age and skill of players increase.

What are the Differences Between JBO and Little League?

The primary difference is that "JBO" plays by amended high school rules, as opposed to "Little League" rules. Probably one of the most prominent rule differences is about base stealing. In "Little League", a player cannot steal a base on a pitched ball until the ball crosses home plate. In "Junior Baseball", a player may take a lead off the base and steal at any time during the pitch. As the kids get older and more experienced, the "base stealing" rule makes for some very exciting baseball. The rule also teaches the kids smart base running techniques. They will need the techniques if they continue playing baseball, as they get older. Possibly the best thing about Junior Baseball, is that when it comes to playoff time, a team goes as a unit. No "all-star" team is created. A growing number of *Little Leagues* in Oregon are converting to *Junior Baseball Organization*.

500 Hits on the Ranger Baseball Website

The month of December hit a new record for the Estacada Ranger Baseball Website. Each month, since its creation, the website has shown a continued growth. In December, the baseball website saw 500 hits or views. The Ranger Website is designed to communicate information to parents and players, reconnect alumni, and recruit new fans and followers from the Estacada community.

Surprisingly, other high schools around the country are using the site to gather information about facility building projects, fundraising ideas, and brainstorming new ways to improve their own program. It is the hopes of our program that the website continues to grow and serve as a communication tool to all who are interested. Go Rangers!

Check it out for yourself at:

WWW.ERANGERBASEBALL.COM

2012 Ranger Winter Hitting Camp Starts Baseball Fever in Estacada



During the first three days of Christmas break, 33 young baseball players showed up for the Estacada Winter Hitting Camp. For three days "future Estacada baseball players broke into different stations and worked on key fundamentals for hitting. The camp was lead by the Estacada High School coaching staff. The high school baseball team also helped by leading the campers to their stations as well as giving them some helpful pointers on their swings.

The campers also got to hear from guest speakers Brigham Baker (Estacada Head Football Coach), and Chad Gaidos (Estacada Little League President), and Estacada seniors Jason Woodruff, Tyson Settle, and Travis Babikoff.

" I saw tons of improvement." Said head coach Ryan Carpenter, "As we begin to build a baseball program in Estacada it is important that we start with our youth programs. I look forward to continuing to work with the Estacada Little League in hopes that we can build excitement for baseball in this community."

Meet the Team: *Austin Overton*

Name: Austin Overton

Year: Senior

Position: Utility/Pitcher

Plans after High School:

Attend Mt. Hood Community College and major in education.

Goals for this Season: To make the playoffs and have a .300+ batting average.

Coach's Comment: "Austin is one of our most fundamentally sound baseball players. He has two years of varsity experience and I anticipate he is going to have a great year both at the plate and in the field for us."
- Coach Carpenter



Q: How Many Times has Estacada won a Baseball League Championship?
Answer on page 6

Mark Your Calendar for the Diamond Dinner

MARCH 9TH

Come Join Estacada Alumni, Donors, and Fans at the 3rd Annual Diamond Dinner. Friday March 9th 2012. Cocktails begin at 5:00pm

The 3rd Annual Diamond Dinner is fast approaching and reservations are now being taken. This year's event will be held at the Masonic Ballroom in downtown Estacada on Friday March 9, 2012. Cocktails and refreshments begin at 5:00 pm, with dinner at 6:00. Food will be sponsored again by Sysco Foods. Join us to toast our much anticipated spring season and help raise money for our summer baseball program.

This event is a wonderful opportunity for you to meet and greet our players and coaches, while sharing old baseball stories with other alumni baseball players and fans. In addition, there will be many popular Ranger Baseball memorabilia and other extravagant vacations and opportunities through out silent auction. Tickets are \$50 per person, or you can purchase a sponsored table for 8 for \$350. RSVP for the Diamond Dinner at www.erangerbaseball.com/diamond-dinner.html



FAMOUS AUTHOR **ROBIN CODY** (CLASS OF 1962) SLATED AS KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT DIAMOND DINNER



Robin Cody was born in St. Helen's Oregon. When he was five, his family moved to Estacada, Oregon when his father was hired as the grade school principal there. The Codys remained in Estacada for nearly 50 years. Robin Cody graduated from Estacada High School in 1962. During his time in high school he was a major contributor to the baseball program. He was voted twice as a first team all-league player (1960, 1962). In 1962, he was also selected to play in the Oregon High School All Star Baseball Series.

After Estacada, Cody attended and graduated from Yale University, Taught in the American School of Paris, France, and was the Dean of Admissions for Reed College. In 1984 he became a writer with *The Oregonian*. And one of his stories won the Western Writers of America's Silver Spur Award for short non-fiction in 1986. Cody joined the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) as a freelance writer for a time. It was during an assignment for the BPA that he was inspired to canoe the Columbia River from its source to its mouth. The 82-day trip gave birth to his book, *Voyage of a Summer Sun*, which won the Oregon Book Award in 1995. He teaches seminars and workshops around Portland mostly about nature writing.

The History of Estacada High School Baseball

For the past year and a half, the Ranger Baseball program has been compiling facts, data, stories, and pictures in order to construct the Official History of Estacada Ranger Baseball. "Not all of the pieces have been put together," Commented Head Coach Ryan Carpenter. "But it is my goal to put together a quality history book about baseball in this community that can tell the story of how we came to be." Carpenter explained, "There are a lot of great stories and tribulations that occurred throughout baseball's history and I think our community and alumni will enjoy reading them." Old EHS yearbooks, school newspapers, and alumni accounts have provided valuable information. However, we are looking to add to the story.

The official history of the Estacada Baseball Program is posted on the Ranger Baseball website. There is a link on the pages which allow old players, coaches, and parents to add their piece to our cherished baseball history.

Can you find famous Estacada Alumni Jim Weston?



*Is your class, your year, your stories,
your records represented?*

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ESTACADA SUMMER BASEBALL FESTIVAL JUNE 15-17

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Sunshine*

TEAMS ENROLLED IN TOURNEY: (FULL)

ESTACADA (HOST)

GRESHAM (6A)

NORTH SALEM (6A)

SPRAGUE (6A)

SANDY (5A)

GLADSTONE (4A)

MOLALLA (4A)

MACLAUGHLIN (EASTERN OREGON) (4A)



Answer to question: 3 times (1924, 1939, and 1956) that's a long time ago

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TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY

THURSDAY MARCH 15TH

JOIN THE ESTACADA BASEBALL FAMILY IN HONORING SOME OF OUR PLAYERS MOST IMPACTFUL TEACHERS.



Thanks for all your help with the Oranges Fundraiser:
Together, the Baseball Program raised over \$5,000

