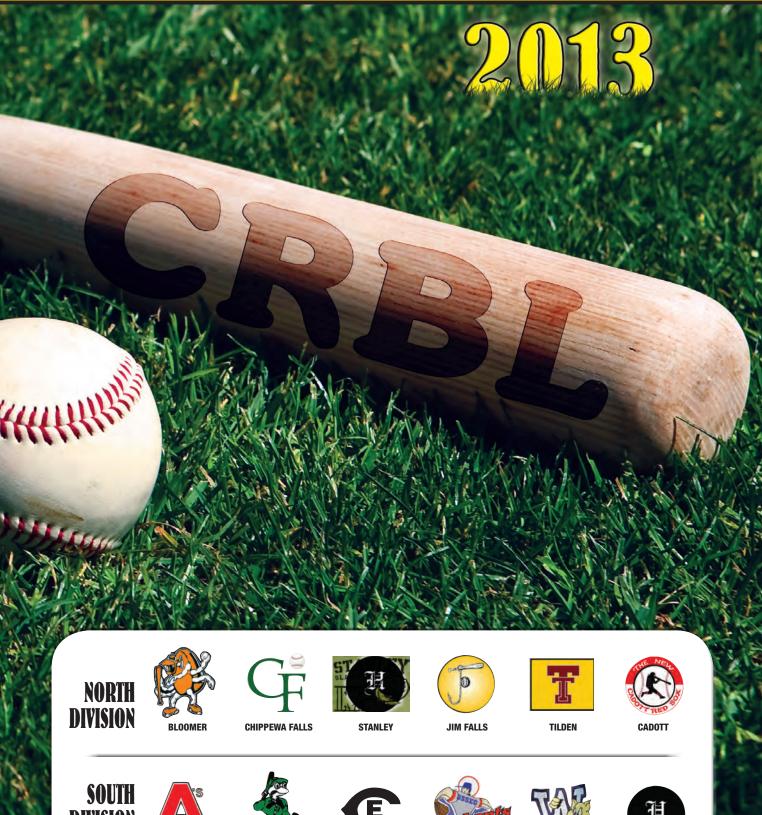
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- OSSEO
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Chippewa @ Bloomer Stanley @ Jim Falls Tilden @ Cadott Osseo @ Hallie

#### **SATURDAY - MAY 4** Bloomer @ Tilden

#### **SUNDAY - MAY 5**

Beef River @ Hallie Tilden @ Chippewa Stanley @ Bloomer Eau Claire @ Augusta

#### **SATURDAY - MAY 11**

Bloomer @ Cadott Jim Falls @ Tilden Beef River @ Stanley (2H) - 6:00 Chippewa @ Eau Claire (2H) - 6:00 @ Carson

WEDNESDAY - MAY 15

#### Osseo @ Beef River

#### **SUNDAY - MAY 19** Augusta @ Cadott (2H)

Hallie @ Chippewa (2H) Tilden @ Whitehall (2H) Jim Falls @ Beef River (2H) Osseo @ Bloomer (2H)

#### **WEDNESDAY - MAY 22**

Beef River @ Eau Claire @ Carson Whitehall @ Augusta Hallie @ Osseo Chippewa @ Stanley

#### **WEDNESDAY - MAY 29** Whitehall @ Osse

Beef River @ Augusta Eau Claire @ Hallie Jim Falls @ Chippewa Bloomer @ Stanley

#### FRIDAY - MAY 31

Whitehall @ Eau Claire **SATURDAY - JUNE 1** 

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Cadott @ Jim Falls **SUNDAY - JUNE 2** Cadott @ Tilden

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**WEDNESDAY - JUNE 5** Hallie @ Augusta Beef River @ Whitehall Cadott @ Chippewa

#### Jim Falls @ Stanley FRIDAY - JUNE 7

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Beef River @ Tilden (2H) Augusta @ Bloomer (2H) **SUNDAY - JUNE 16** Hallie @ Stanley (2H)

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Hallie @ Beef River Osseo @ Eau Claire Augusta @ Whitehall Cadott @ Stanley FRIDAY - JUNE 21

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#### **SATURDAY - JUNE 29** Bloomer @ Beef River (2H)

SUNDAY - JUNE 30 Whitehall @ Jim Falls (2H) Tilden @ Osseo (2H) Augusta @ Halliè

#### **THURSDAY - JULY 4** All-Star Game @ Chippewa - 1:00

SUNDAY - JULY Jim Falls @ Hallie (2H) Chippewa @ Tilden

#### Cadott @ Bloomer **WEDNESDAY - JULY 10** Osseo @ Whitehall

Stanley @ Chippewa **SATURDAY - JULY 13** Beef River @ Osseo - 6:00

#### Hallie @ Cadott (2H) **SUNDAY - JULY 14**

Stanley @ Eau Claire (2H) @ Carson Chippewa @ Augusta (2H) Whitehall @ Bloomer (2H) Tilden @ Jim Falls

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#### Jim Falls @ Bloomer **WEDNESDAY - JULY 24**

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Jim Falls @ Cadott Stanley @ Tilden

#### **SATURDAY - AUGUST 3**

CRBL Championship @ North Division Winner - 1:00

#### 2013 Chippewa River Baseball League Write-Up

The Chippewa River Baseball League welcomes you to another season of competitive amateur baseball. We are proud to say that 2013 represents our 85<sup>th</sup> season over a 105-year period dating back to the summer of 1908. Unequivocally speaking, very few if any amateur baseball leagues in the United States can substantiate such a strong and rich history of hardball as the CRBL.

After much off-season discussion, it was decided that the "River League" will remain in its traditional format of 12 teams split into two divisions of 6 teams. The divisions will remain the same as they were in 2012. In other words, the 22-game meat grinder of a schedule will be intact again, making our regular season as challenging and quantifying as any format found in the amateur baseball ranks of Wisconsin.

A retrospective glance at 2012 shows that offensive production took a noticeable spike upward, as total runs per game (12.16) were at their highest point since 2007 (13.54). Additionally, the 11 hitters that cracked the .400 mark were the most ever in the modern wood bat era, which began in 2001. The previous high mark was 8, which also happened in 2007.

From this forest of heavy lumber emerged the young, fast, and talented Whitehall Wolves. The Wolves howled their way to a league best 19 and 3 mark and a second consecutive South Division crown. After a tough 4-3, 10 inning loss to Tilden in the 2012 CRBL title bout, the Wolves stamped their place in league lore by blanking the veteran Chippewa Falls Lumberjacks, 6-0 in Whitehall. In authoring the 9-hit shutout, venerable lefty Kyle Pronchinske was rightfully named game MVP.

Unfortunately, the CRBL fortunes turned poor in the WBA tournament, as no teams managed to make it to the Final 8 for only the second time since 2000. In the WBA championship game played at Osseo, the Menomonie Eagles prevailed over the Prescott Pirates by a score of 8 to 4. This was Menomonie's 3<sup>rd</sup> WBA title and first since 1989.

Gyrating CRBL groupies should make note of these dates in their little black books:

April 28th: CRBL Opener

July 4th: CRBL All-Star game at Casper Park, Chippewa Falls, 1 pm

August 3<sup>rd</sup>: CRBL Championship game at North Division Champ

August 9th - 11th: WBA Regionals, sites to be determined

August 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>: WBA Finals hosted by St. Croix Valley League

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#### 2013 Eau Claire Bears Yearbook Write-up

For the first time in four years, the 2013 Bears will be returning most of their team from the previous season, and there is a lot to be optimistic about based on last year's success. Last year's team put together one of the more impressive offensive seasons in Bears' history. Even though the league added two more games, many of the Bears' team records would have fallen without the extra contests. The 2012 Bears set or tied nine team records including league wins (17), hits (268), runs (192), RBIs (170), doubles (50), triples (9), average (.355), on-base percentage (.438) and total bases (355).

Many individuals had tremendous seasons as well. Three Bears were selected to the CRBL All-League team: Chevy Tollefson (Pitcher), Tom Mewhorter (First base), and Jeremy Nicolai (Second base). It was each player's first All-League selection. Nicolai compiled one of the greatest seasons in CRBL history as he set the league hits record with 41. He also scored a team record 30 runs and tied a team record with 8 doubles. Greg Button and Tom Mewhorter set the team RBI record with 25 RBIs each, and Reed Pecha tied the team's triples record with 3, which also led the league. On the pitching side, Chevy Tollefson tied a team record with 5 complete games and led the league while also setting a team record with 3 shutouts. If the Bears can continue to build on the team and individual success from 2012, there's a lot to be hopeful for in 2013

Here is a look at the 2013 Bears. Newly added Seth Hurt along with second year player Greg Button and veterans Reed Pecha, Jordan Dickerson, and Nick Flater will anchor the outfield. Veteran infielders Tom Mewhorter, Jeremy Nicolai, Garrick Day, Jim Thill, Matt Prosek and Nick Degen will shore up the infield positions, and Chris Flater along with second year player Sam Janni will do the catching. The Bears' all around utility man, Brian Menard will be doing a bit of everything as he is the most versatile and the most valuable player in the league.

The pitching staff will remain mostly the same with Matt Lunde, Kelly Werner, Jon Huth, Chevy Tollefson, Jordan Dickerson, Greg Button and Jeremy Hage manning the bump this year for the Bears.

With the camaraderie and chemistry between these players, and the success they experienced together as a young team last year, the Bears hope this group will be the second generation of Bears' who develop their own legacy while contributing to the championship history that the previous generation of Bears have built. Make sure to come out to a ball game this summer to cheer on the Bears as they play in one of the best amateur baseball leagues in the state. The Bears are looking forward another fun and competitive summer of CRBL baseball. GO BEARS!!!

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SS	Tyler Manley	Whitehall
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$1^{st}$	Tom Mewhorter	Eau Claire
Catcher	Max Ferguson	Whitehall
Utility	Luke Short	Tilden
Pitcher	Cody Bunkelman	Jim Falls
Pitcher	Chevy Tollefson	Eau Claire
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Employing a quiet and simple stance from the right side, Olson's CRBL rookie season of 1992 had him searing the ball at a .500 clip (29 for 58) and topping the league with 3 triples. Rob's half-full average in that year would initiate a streak of six consecutive seasons in which he hit .330 or better, including three seasons of .400 or better – 1994 (.453, 24 for 53), 1995 (.475, 28 for 59), and 1999 (.400, 24 for 60).

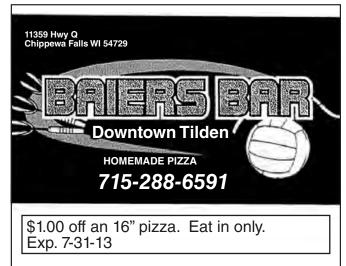
In each of these .400+ seasons, Rob was an offensive pace setter in the CRBL. In 1994, he tied for the lead in triples with 2. In 1995, he tied for the lead in hits with 28 while singularly claiming the lead in runs scored with 25. In 1999, Olson's .400 ledger coincided with a league high 19 walks, one of eight seasons during which the right-handed hitter earned 10 or more base on balls in league play.

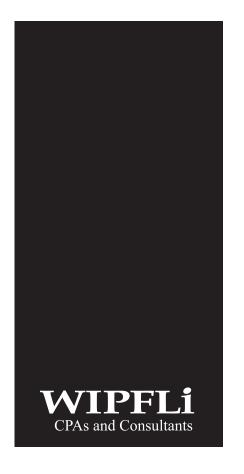
During Rob's time in the Eagle's nest, Hallie qualified for six WBA tournaments (1993, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2000), one Final 8 (1995), two South Division championships (1996 and 2001), and two CRBL title belts (1996 and 2000). In the 11 to 7 championship win verse the Tilden Tigers in 1996 at Hallie's spacious Sipple Field – Hallie's first league crown since 1984 – Olson scored 2 runs and laced 2 hits in 4 at-bats. Four seasons later in 2000, Hallie prevailed again over the Tigers at Sipple Field for the CRBL title, this time by a more comfortable 15 to 6 score. The consistent hitting outfielder had another difference making day, going 1 for 2 at the plate with a double, 3 RBI's, 3 base on balls, and 1 run scored.

An All-Star participant in six seasons (1992, 1993, 1995, 1997, 1998, 1999), Rob was selected as an All-CRBL outfielder in four campaigns (1992, 1994, 1995, 1999).

Upon induction, the right-handed Eagle's highest all-time rankings can be found in batting average where he is perched in 5<sup>th</sup> place and in triples where he is tied for 11<sup>th</sup> place.







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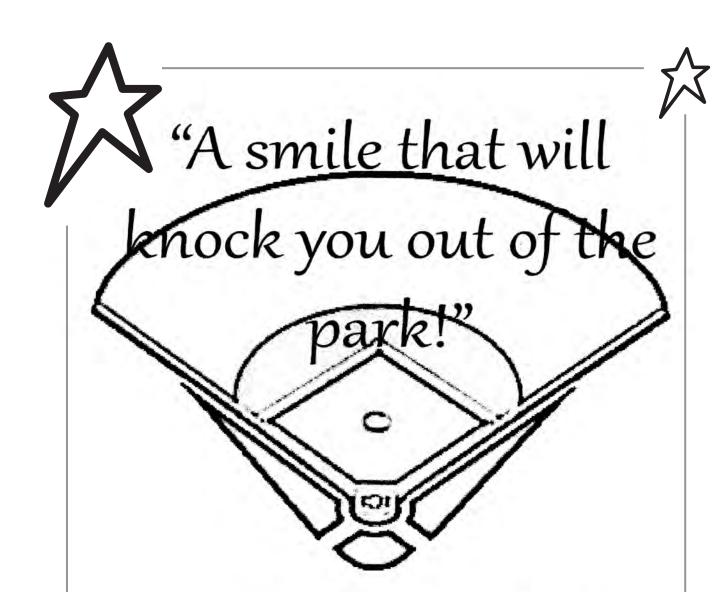
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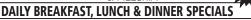


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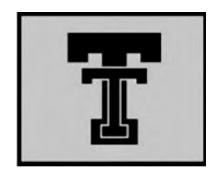


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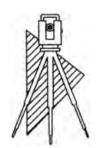
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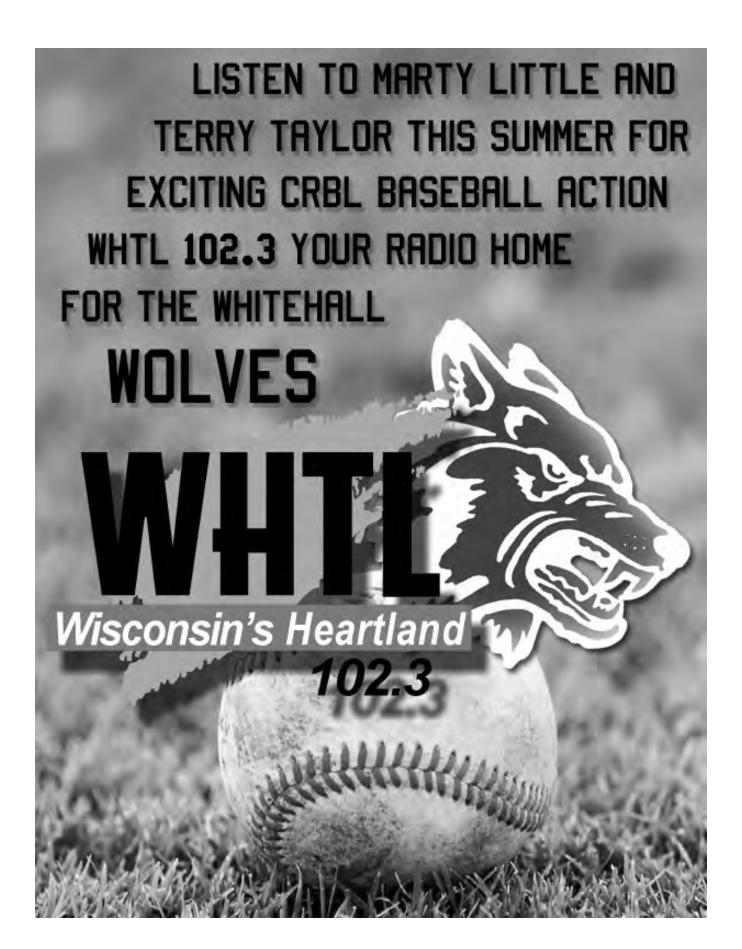
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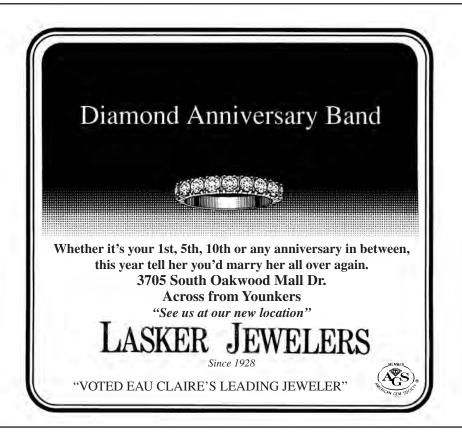
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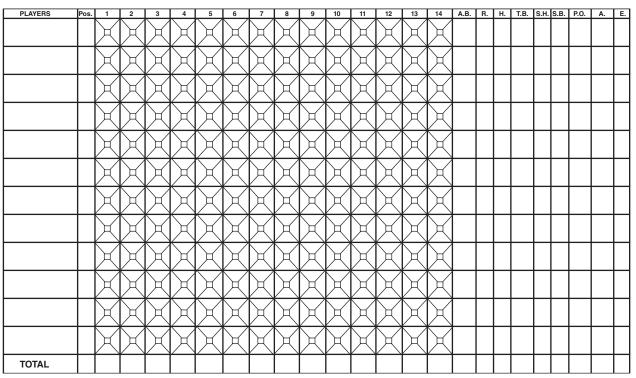
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#### 2013 Chippewa Falls Lumberjacks Team Preview

The reigning North Division champions meander towards 2013 with the goal of continuing to be one of the most competitive and consistent teams in the CRBL. Since 2008 – a five season stretch — no team in the CRBL has more regular season wins (73) or a better winning percentage (.753) than the 'Jacks. The winning stretch has been highlighted by three division titles (2008, 2010, 2012) and a CRBL title (2010).

Employing a tried, true, and successful formula, Chippewa Falls will rely heavily on proven and reliable veterans to get through the tough 22-game league schedule. With an average player age of 34 in the starting line-up, the Lumberjacks are hopeful their geriatric approach can provide the intangibles to compete with the younger, faster, and more verbal league opponents.

The 14 and 8 CRBL record of 2012 was fueled by timely hitting, patience at the plate, clutch pitching, and a consistent defense. Sparking that fuel was the thunderous bat of outfielder Emery Hull. In earning his 1<sup>st</sup> All-CRBL award, Emery hit .446 (33 for 74) with 2 home runs, 7 doubles, 1 triple, 24 RBl's, 26 runs scored, 6 stolen bases, a .649 slugging %, and an on base percentage of .594. All those numbers were team highs.

Other accelerants to the offense were added by vets Terry McCann (.319, 1 HR, 16 RBI), Hans Soukup (.319, 1 HR, 12 RBI, 19 wals), Dick Reesman (21 RBI's), and Andy Niese (20 runs scored with a league high and single season CRBL record of 27 walks).

The pitching staff was – and will be -- anchored by the hard throwing styles of Tyler Gray and Shawn Held as well as the frustrating strikes of Hans Soukup. Gray's 6 and 3 mark with 75 K's and an ERA of 2.25 in 72 innings was acknowledged by his 3<sup>rd</sup> Honorable Mention All-CRBL Award. The locked and loaded consistency of Gray has propelled him to 2<sup>nd</sup> all-time in CRBL history for ERA. T-Gray's 2.38 mark trails only Eau Claire Bear ace Matt Lunde's ledger of 2.28.

Other veterans returning to the lumber camp will be Josh Briggs, Chad Zutter, and Dave Roubal. Rounding out the squad of dedicated Green and Grey ball players will be youngsters Sawyer Sturz, Bradon Hall, and Micah Sackett.

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#### 2013 Jim Falls Sturgeons

In 2012, the Sturgeons enjoyed their most successful season in several years. Their I1-11 record kept them in contention for the Northern Division crown until the final week of the season. They also missed the WBA tournament by a single game. In 2013, the team will be committed to taking the next step.

Ben Pitsch, eponymous great-grandson of a CRBL Hall-of-Famer and son of another, takes the managerial reins from Justin Boiteau this year and inherits a team bristling with a rejuvenated offense. Jim Falls had nine players with significant plate appearances who hit over .290, led by Matt Nelson (.439) on his way to being named to the CRBL Honorable Mention list. He was followed by Cole Zwiefelhofer (.383, 17 R, 15 RBI), Nate Liedl (.378, 1 HR), Andy Walker (.360, 1 HR), Alex Ruf (.313, 17 R), Matt Pitsch (.304), Ben Pitsch (.297, 2 HR, including a walk-off grand slam, 14 RBI), Justin Boiteau (.296, 3 HR, 16 RBI), and Bob Maurer (.294). Additionally, several other players contributed big hits and big plays on the field along the way.

On the mound, Cody Bunkelman again led the way with a 7-6 record, 3.83 ERA, and a whopping 107 strikeouts in 89.1 innings. The first no-hitter tossed by a Sturgeon pitcher in decades cemented his credentials as an All-CRBL award winner. Robbie Cooper ably backed Cody up, going 4-4 with a 6.44 ERA over 58.2 innings. Also, in limited action, Zwiefelhofer kicked (punted?) in with the teams' lone save.

Another highlight of the season, occurring on the same day as the no-hitter, was the retirement of Dave Hepfler's number and the great crowd that came out to honor him.

As the Sturgeons head into 2013 with high hopes, we extend our best wishes for a successful season of CRBL baseball. We also want to urge players and fans to show their appreciation to the great sponsors whose ads appear in this book and who help make all this possible.

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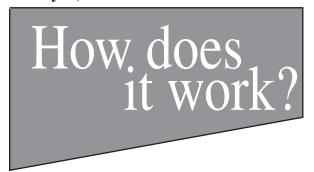
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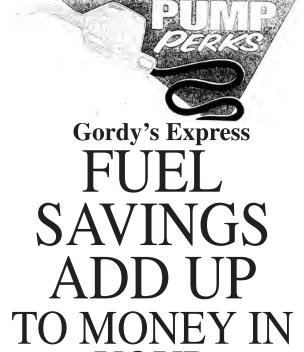
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In 2013, the Wolves will continue to look toward emerging as one of the premier amature teams in the state of Winconsin. Taking over the reigns of one of the top managers in the league, (Paul Pehler), the Wolves appointed Max Ferguson as new team manager. However, Pehler will continue to be a part of the club. Ferguson will look to continue after a solid 2012 season (.378, 32 RBI, 3 HR). Also leading the way include: Kyle Pronschinske, Tyler Manny, and Brad Schank. Proschinske proved to still be dominate after missing the 2011 season due to shoulder surgery, posting a 1.91 era in 47.2 IP, 41 K, 3BB, going 5-1 with 2 saves. Also, Pronschinske batted .408, 2 HR, 16 RBI, and 11 SB. Tyler Manley posted possibly one of the greatest seasons as a leadoff hitter in CRBL history. Manley batted .458, 40 R, 25 BB, and 32 SB. Lastly, Brad Schank continued his solid performance as a veteran of the team. Schank was able to bat .456, 19 RBI, with 20 SB.

Other key players returning for the 2013 season include: Alex Byom, (46 IP,2.74 ERA), Scott Hovell (.293, 14 RBI), Paul Pehler (.350, 14 RBI), Adam Cordova, Drew Pronschinske, and Brad Gamroth. Also, looking to see more action will be Sam Ferguson and Sawyer Bawek.

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The Cadott Red Sox were a fixture in the Chippewa River Baseball League during the 60's, 70's, and 80's. Unfortunately, the team suffered with low numbers and not a lot of local players during the early 90's, And the team disbanded after the 1997 season. In 2010, a group of former Red Sox players started an effort to revive the team. A golf outing was held as a fund raiser for the new team and the turnout was great. The team was resurrected and rejoined the CRBL for the 2011 season.

After two seasons back in the league, the team is struggling with low numbers and having a difficult time competing in the always tough CRBL. The new squad has only been able to win one game in each of its first two campaigns. However, the team is not giving up as manager, Ken Poppe, coach, Dan Leis, and the older former players are working hard to fill out a competive nine. A number of new players will be added this year and hopes are high for a more successful season.

Again this season, Ben Poppe will be the team's main pitcher. Jordan and Josh Semanko, as well as Ryan Davis, will also be counted on for mound duty. Other players returning from last season include Todd Rykal, Luke Rykal, Dakota Leis, Luke Poppe, Jacob Arneson, and Greg Sonnentag. Newcomers to the squad include Jeremy Goettl, Jon Goettl, Matt Waldusky, Cory Kimball, and Derek Dachel. Hopefullly, this year's roster will allow the team to always field a complete team with some reserves.

The Red Sox will again play their home games on the high school field, which was recently updated with new fences, dugouts, and a new scoreboard. Fan support has been excellent as the squad consistently has more spectors at their home games than most of the teams in the league. Thanks to all our fans and sponsors!!



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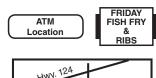
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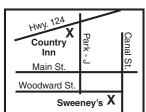
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#### 2012 CRBL Final Standings, Statistics, and Information

#### Final Standings

North Division	W-L
Chippewa Falls	14-8
Tilden	13-9
Jim Falls	11-11
Bloomer	7-15
Stanley	6-16
Cadott	1-21
South Division	W-L
Whitehall	19-3
Hallie	17-5
Eau Claire	17-5
Osseo	13-9
Beef River	9-13
Augusta	5-17



#### Championship Game Facts

- Slated for Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 1 pm at Whitehall.
- This will be Whitehall's second consecutive South Division championship and second consecutive championship game appearance. The Wolves fell to Tilden 4-3 in 10 innings last year at Tilden.
- Whitehall joined the league in 2005. They now have two South Division crowns to their credit.
   It should be noted that with the expanded, 22 game league schedule this year; the talented
   Wolves set a single-season record for regular season wins with 19 (against 3 losses).
- Chippewa Falls is making their first appearance in the championship game since 2010, when they beat the Eau Claire Bears 4-0 at Cason Park to claim the CRBL championship.
- Since joining the CRBL in 1983, the Lumberjacks have won nine North Division titles: 1983, 1985, 1987, 1990, 1995, 2001, 2008, 2010, and 2012. This is third to Tilden's total of 17 divisional titles and Cadott's mark of 10.
- Chippewa Falls has won seven CRBL crowns: 1983, 1985, 1987, 1988, 1990, 2001, and 2010.
   This is second to Tilden's total of 17 CRBL belts.

#### Noteworthy Performances

- With the expanded league schedule, several offensive single-season records were shattered this year. They include:
  - Hits Eau Claire's Jeremy Nicolai had an astounding total of 41, besting the mark of 39 set by Augusta' Marcelino Alonso in 2000.
  - At-Bats Eau Claire' Tom Mewhorter had 95 AB's, topping the long-standing total of 89, set by Cornell's Paul Dumholtz in 1957.
  - Doubles Beef River slugger Todd Lasher rapped 13 two-baggers, tying the mark
    of 13 set by the Lafayette Indians Joe Vavra in 1981. Joe is a CRBL Hall of Famer
    and has long been involved with baseball at the professional level since 1982.
     Vavra is currently in his seventh season as the Minnesota Twins hitting coach.
  - Coincidentally, Lasher's father Fred pitched in the major leagues for five seasons, with his rookie year coming in 1963 with the Twins.



- Homeruns Todd Lasher equaled the all-time mark by bashing 11. Jeremiah Paulson hit 11 long balls for Augusta in 1994 and Brandt Freitag hit the same total for the Athletics in 1996. Lasher's 11 homers are the most, however, with wood bats in a single-season. The old wood bat mark of 9 was reached in 1957 by the Lafayette Braves' Bob Wolfe.
- Runs Scored Whitehall's lead-off man extraordinaire Tyler Manley crossed home plate 40 times, shattering the old mark of 35 runs, set by Tilden's Mitch Steinmetz in 1992.
- Stolen Bases Manley swiped 32 bags, erasing Matt Miller's total of 27 that he set in 2005 with the Beef River Bullfrogs.
- Walks Chippewa Falls' lead-off hitting catcher Andy Niese walked a record 27 times, topping John Davenport's total of 24 for the Eau Claire Pioneers in 1989.
- Jim Falls' Cody Bunkelman led the league with 107 strikeouts. On the heels of his league leading total of 132 from 2011, the ex-pro became the first CRBL pitcher to record back-to-back 100 K seasons since Bloomer's Mike Meindel and CRBI Hall of Famer did it in 1971 (141) and 1972 (137).
- Bunkelman twirled an 8-1, 9 inning no-hitter vs. Tilden on Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. This was the 40<sup>th</sup> no-hitter in CRBL history.

#### Milestones

- Chippewa Falls' Chuck Hall became the first player in CRBL history to cross the 1,500 at-bat barrier. With 65 this year, he now has 1,551 AB's, the most in CRBL history.
- Hall also became the third person to have 300+ career RBI's. With 11 this season, he now has 304, good for third place all-time. The all-time leader is Tilden's Randy Baier with 347.
- Hall's run scored total of 440 (15 in 2012) is the all-time CRBL mark. Teammate Andy Niese is now in 4<sup>th</sup> place with 293 runs scored (20 in 2012).
- Todd Lasher's 11 home runs this year catapulted him into 6<sup>th</sup> place all-time in homers with 46.
   The all-time leader is Tilden's Randy Baier with 83.
- Beef River's Chad Fjelstad and Chippewa Falls' Hans Soukup became the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> players to cross the 300 hit mark. Fjelstad now has 310 knocks and Soukup has 308. The all-time CRBL hit king is Bloomer's Scott Stuckert with 515
- Whitehall's Brad Schank has jumped to 5<sup>th</sup> place all-time in stolen bases. With 20 this season, he now has 81 in his career. The all-time leader is Tilden's Mitch Steinmetz with 131.
- Eau Claire' Jim Thill had 2 triples, giving him a career total of 10, putting him in a tie for 5<sup>th</sup> place all-time. The leader is CRBL Hall of Famer and Jim Falls great Roger Bergeron with 14.
- On the pitching side, Tilden's Todd Bresina strengthened his hold on the all-time save total with 2 in 2012, giving him 27 all-time. In second place is CRBL Hall of Famer Dick Krumenauer with 16.
- With 17 innings this season, Bresina became the 16<sup>th</sup> pitcher in CRBL history to log over 600 innings. With his total of 610.2, Todd stands at 16<sup>th</sup> place all-time. The leader is CRBL Hall of Famer Russ Nelson with 1,770.1 innings pitched.
- Eau Claire's Matt Lunde maintained his all-time ERA lead. Lunde now has a career ERA of 2.28.
   In second place is Chippewa Falls' Tyler Gray with an ERA of 2.38.
- With a 3 and 1 record in 2012, Lunde now has 55 career wins, putting him in a tie for 9<sup>th</sup> place all-time with CRBL Hall of Famer John Harings.
- Eau Claire's Jon Huth notched a perfect 3 and 0 record from the hill, giving him a career record
  of 27 and 6. His .818 winning percentage is good for 7<sup>th</sup> place all-time. The all-time leader is
  Hall of Famer Chief Gerrits with a win percentage of .854 (35 wins against 6 losses).



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