

# Men's Baseball History

## 2008-2009

The Baseball Gryphons finished the season with a 4-14 regular season record, seventh in the OUA. The Gryphs had 3 players in the OUA top 20 in batting: Thomas Fear (Kitchener, ON) was third in the OUA in on-base percentage with a .480 average and 6<sup>th</sup> in batting average at .320; rookie Steve Fleischer (Brampton, ON) was 10<sup>th</sup> in batting average at .300 and 14<sup>th</sup> in on-base percentage at .390; rookie Jordan Motruk (Harrow, ON) was 15<sup>th</sup> in batting average at .290. On the mound, rookie Colin Calvert (Burlington, ON) made 4 starts, going 1-1 with a 2.60 ERA, while fourth-year year Tyler Dale (Ottawa, ON) appeared in 5 games with a stellar 1.48 ERA. The team was one of the youngest squads in the OUA that featured 14 rookies.

Jordan Albaum	1L	Gregory Evans	1L	Dave House	1L	Kyle Plumpton	2L
Steven Ardron	1L	Thomas Fear	4H	Craig Howse	1L	Adam Reynolds	3L
Greg Bedard	1L	Steven Fleischer	1L	Andrew Lindley	1L	Joseph Ruggiero	2L
Colin Calvert	1L	Max George-Lane	3L	Adam Long	3L	Steve Spiers	2L
Ryan Dale	2L	Alex Hawley	5L	Dan McMullan	1L	Nick Swerdlyk	4H
Tyler Dale	5L	Brendan Higgins	1L	Jordan Motruk	1L	Ryan Thompson	1L
Spencer Emmerson	2L	Richard Horne	3L	John Murray	2L		

Coach: David Parris

Assistants: Brandon Cunliffe, Eric Schefski

Statistician: Neil Srivastava

Trainer: Amelia Balsillie

### Team Awards

MVP of the Year – Steven Fleischer

## 2007-2008

After finishing a disappointing 2-16 this season and failing to make the playoffs, the team hopes to put 2007 behind them and look ahead to overall improvements next season. The team experienced growing pains along the way as one of the youngest squads in the OUA that featured 13 rookies.

Michael Blachford	1L	Max George-Lane	2	John Murray	1L	Steve Spiers	1L
Chris Bloom	1L	Matt Hawes	1L	Kyle Plumpton	1L	Eric Stickney	3
Ryan Dale	1L	Alex Hawley	4H	Blake Prior	3	Nick Swerdlyk	3
Tyler Dale	4H	Richard Horne	2	Adam Reynolds	2	Cameron Toth	2
Shawn Dunsmore	1L	Thomas Karthaus	3	Alex Schmitz	1L		
Spencer Emmerson	1L	Tim Loch	5	Jason Smith	1L		
Thomas Fear	3	Adam Mills	1L	Brandon Speranza	1L		

Coach: David Parris

Assistant: Brendan Cunliffe

Statistician: Neil Srivastava

### Team Awards

MVP of the Year – Adam Reynolds

## 2006-2007

The young squad finished the campaign with a 7-11 regular season record rounding out league play in sixth-place. Third-baseman Matt Bylow was the lone Gryphon named to the All-Star team. The fifth year veteran was named an OUA Second Team All-Star holding a share of the team lead with four home runs and finishing second on the team with 12 runs batted in.

Shawn Boyle	1L	Matt George Lane	1L	Blake Prior	2
Matt Bylow	5	Tim Loch	4H	Adam Reynolds	1L
Tyler Dale	3	Adam Long	2	Joseph Ruggiero	1L
Thomas Fear	2	Matthew Longo	4H	Eric Stickney	2
Matthew Griffin	5	Calvin Mui	-	Nick Swerdlyk	2
Alex Hawley	3	Dan O'Connor	4H	Cameron Toth	1L
Richard Horne	1L	Mark Parris	4H	Kevin Wallace	4H
Aaron Ingram	5	Christopher Peckover	1L	Karl Wulf	4H
Thomas Karthaus	2	Andrew Pierce	4H		

Coach: David Parris

Assistant: Kirk McNabb

Student Assistant: Lauren Pekalski

Statistician: Neil Srivastava

## 2005-2006

In the first CIBA Top Ten rankings of the year, the Gryphons were ranked #2. They rounded out league play in 5th place with a 7-11 record. Guelph's Alex Hawley was the league's Most Valuable Pitcher while Kris Klassen was awarded First Team All-Star for the third year in a row. With a .320 batting average with 21 hits, 15 runs, 9 runs batted in and 4 doubles, Kris was the league's 11th top batter. He also recorded 12 stolen bases. (No.: indicates letters earned in that sport, 1L: indicates 1<sup>st</sup> letter earned, H: indicates Honour Award - 4 or more letters earned over 4 years)

Matt Bylow	4H	Aaron Ingram	4H	Marc Medeiros	3	Eric Stickney	1L
Tyler Dale	2	Thomas Karthaus	1L	Calvin Mui	-1	David Swerdlyk	3
Jason Dodd	4H	Kris Klassen	5	Dan O'Connor	3	Nick Swerdlyk	1L
Thomas Fear	1L	Tim Loch	3	Mark Parris	3	Kevin Wallace	3
Matthew Griffin	4H	Adam Long	1L	Andrew Pierce	3	Karl Wulf	1L
Alex Hawley	2	Matthew Longo	3	Blake Prior	1L		

Coaches: Kevin Lilley, Mark Brohman, Kirk McNabb (7-11-0)  
Student Assistant: Jeffrey Malenfant  
Statistician: Neil Srivastava

## Academic All-Canadians

Matt Bylow, Mark Parris

## OUA Awards

OUA 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Stars – Kris Klassen  
OUA MVP Pitcher – Alex Hawley

## Team Awards

MVP of the Year - Kris Klassen

## OUA LEADERS

Rank	##	Player	GP	BAVG	SLG%	OB%	Hits	Runs	RBI	Doub'	Trip'	HR	W	SB
1	2	Darren Sawyers - Brock	7	.450	.440	.500	10	3	3	1	0	0	3	4
2	0	Benjamin Rich - Western	16	.420	.450	.500	22	6	7	1	0	1	6	4
3	12	Pat Kropf - Laurier	18	.420	.490	.520	27	11	9	5	1	0	4	2
4	16	Jon Roth - Laurier	11	.380	.390	.430	10	3	3	1	0	0	2	0
5	15	Matthew Bekar - Western	16	.370	.360	.420	22	14	6	2	0	0	6	5
6	14	Devlin Connelly - McMaster	16	.350	.370	.440	19	4	6	4	0	0	8	0
7	22	Brandon Wittig - Waterloo	15	.340	.340	.400	17	10	7	2	0	0	6	1
8	5	Jeffrey Gruchy - Brock	13	.330	.370	.440	11	7	3	3	0	0	5	1
9	8	Bruce Craine - Western	16	.330	.330	.380	18	8	13	2	0	0	5	3
10	29	Brett Prosper - Brock	14	.320	.370	.390	15	4	11	3	0	0	2	1
11	8	Kris Klassen - Guelph	18	.320	.330	.400	21	15	9	4	0	0	9	12
12	0	Andrew Morales - Western	7	.310	.380	.380	5	3	1	1	0	0	0	1
13	46	Mike Walker - Brock	17	.310	.350	.420	17	5	9	5	0	0	7	2
14	11	Adam Vella - Brock	17	.310	.450	.510	17	11	8	11	0	0	7	9
15	27	Sean Grimes - Western	16	.310	.430	.470	15	10	12	2	0	2	5	1
16	15	Andy Wilson - Brock	16	.310	.320	.330	15	9	10	1	0	0	1	5
17	24	Mike Winter - Western	17	.310	.320	.360	18	9	5	2	0	0	4	6
18	0	Adam Long - Guelph	17	.300	.480	.530	17	10	7	3	2	2	6	2
19	25	Travis Skelton - Toronto	18	.300	.310	.370	20	7	5	3	0	0	8	7
20	26	Scott Reynolds - Waterloo	15	.300	.320	.360	13	5	5	2	0	0	3	4

## 2004-2005

In the 2004 campaign, the Gryphons rounded out league play in 1st place with a 13-5 record and were ranked #2 in the Canadian University Top Ten rankings. In the first round of the playoffs, the Gryphs lost a best of three series 2-1 to Toronto. Guelph's Andrew Pierce tied for the league's Most Valuable Pitcher. The Gryphons also received two First Team All-Star distinctions in Kris Klassen and Jason Dodd. Klassen was the league's top batter with a .350 batting average with 24 hits, 17 runs and 19 runs batted in, 3 doubles and 1 homerun. Dodd was 5th leading batter with a .300 batting average and stole 15 bases. Second baseman Matt Longo and pitcher Andrew Pierce were selected as Second Team All-Stars. (No.: indicates letters earned in that sport, 1L: indicates 1<sup>st</sup> letter earned, H: indicates Honour Award - 4 or more letters earned over 4 years)

Matt Blacklaws	3	Andrew Fairfull	4H	Matthew Longo	2	Andrew Pierce	2
Matt Bylow	3	Matthew Griffin	3	Marc Medeiros	2	Matthew Stockley	1L
Tyler Dale	1L	Alex Hawley	1L	Calvin Mui	1L	David Swerdlyk	2
Jason Dodd	3	Aaron Ingram	3	Dan O'Connor	2	Kevin Wallace	2
John Dungavell	1L	Kris Klassen	4H	Mark Parris	2	Wes Walters	3
Michael Durigon	2	Tim Loch	2	Emerson Pendleton	4H		

Coaches: Kevin Lilley, Kirk McNabb, Mark Brohman (13-5)  
Ben Wenke (Student Assistant)

Trainer: Ashley Clark

## Academic All-Canadians

Matt Bylow

## OUA Awards

OUA 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Stars - Kris Klassen, Jason Dodd

OUA 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Stars – Matt Longo, Andrew Pierce

OUA MVP Pitcher – Andrew Pierce (co-winner)

## Team Awards

MVP of the Year – Kris Klassen

## OUA LEADERS

Rank	##	Player	GP	BAVG	SLG%	OB%	Hits	Runs	RBI	Doub'	Trip'	HR	W	SB
1	0	Chris Coughlin - Brock	9	.550	.560	.670	6	1	6	3	0	0	5	0
2	0	Dan Baribeau - Brock	14	.440	.520	.600	15	11	10	7	0	0	8	0
3	7	Tim Loch - Guelph	11	.440	.300	.500	7	5	5	1	0	0	11	2
4	16	Harmon Brar - Toronto	17	.430	.490	.560	23	4	17	8	0	0	10	1
5	33	Bryan Rock - Toronto	14	.420	.680	.680	23	12	14	5	2	2	1	0
6	9	Kris Klassen - Guelph	18	.410	.430	.510	24	17	19	3	0	1	10	13
7	12	Patrick Kropf - Laurier	18	.390	.420	.480	22	14	5	5	0	0	8	2
8	0	Andy Wilson - Brock	14	.380	.360	.430	15	10	7	1	0	0	6	6
9	0	Jonathan Rush - Brock	15	.380	.240	.450	8	10	0	0	0	0	13	4
10	38	Jamie Cryer - McMaster	13	.380	.370	.380	14	3	3	0	0	0	1	0
11	25	Travis Skelton - Toronto	15	.370	.310	.430	17	20	4	1	0	0	13	8
12	11	Scott Schmidt - Waterloo	17	.370	.340	.440	15	4	6	2	0	0	9	1
13	0	Adam Vella - Brock	12	.360	.440	.500	13	6	5	5	0	0	5	3
14	15	Robin Mckim - McMaster	14	.360	.560	.610	13	7	4	5	1	1	5	0
15	2	Jason Dodd - Guelph	16	.350	.300	.390	19	19	3	0	0	0	9	15
16	1	Jeremy Paikin - McMaster	13	.350	.360	.420	14	11	4	2	0	0	5	4
17	0	Devlin Connelly - McMaster	8	.320	.320	.320	6	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
18	7	Joe Bondy-denomy - Waterloo	9	.320	.380	.430	6	1	3	2	0	0	2	0
19	34	Anthony Iafraite - Laurier	18	.320	.350	.410	18	9	12	1	0	1	6	2
20	5	Nick Guiler - Laurier	11	.310	.260	.370	10	7	6	0	0	0	7	0

## 2003-2004

In the 2003 campaign, the Gryphons ended up in a 5-way tie for 3<sup>rd</sup> place with identical 8-9 records with Laurier, Toronto, Western and Waterloo. After comparing point differential and head to head competition, Guelph was awarded 5<sup>th</sup> spot. Outfielder Kris Klassen, shortstop Andrew Kirwin and second baseman Matt Longo were selected as OUA All-Stars. Klassen had 23 hits and a .400 batting average that earned him 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> spots in the league respectively. He was also 3<sup>rd</sup> in stolen bases with 9 while Jason Dodd followed up with 8. Kirwin was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the RBI category with 16.

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Matt Blacklaws	2	Colin Grosney	2	Matthew Longo	1G	Andrew Pierce	1G
Matt Bylow	2	Craig Hobin	3	Jeffrey Malenfant	1G	James Sabo	3
Jason Dodd	2	Aaron Ingram	2	Marc Medeiros	1G	David Swerdlyk	1G
Michael Durigon	1G	Andrew Kirwin	3	Dan O'Connor	1G	Kevin Wallace	1G
Andrew Fairfull	3	Kris Klassen	3	Brad Painter	3	Wes Walters	2
Joe Giacomelli	3	Garry Lee	1G	Mark Parris	1G		
Matt Griffin	2	Tim Lock	1G	Emerson Pendleton	3		

Coaches: Kevin Lilley, Kirk McNabb (8-9)  
 Manager: Mark Brohman  
 Stats: Neil Srivastava  
 Trainer: Jill Geisberger

## OUA Awards

OUA All-Stars - Kris Klassen, Andrew Kirwin, Matt Longo

## Team Awards

MVP of the Year – Kris Klassen

## 2002-2003

The Gryphons finished their season with a team high 11-6-0 record tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the OUA. However, based on a tiebreaker with McMaster they finished 4<sup>th</sup> as Mac swept the season series 2-0. A lack of clutch hitting in post season play led to an early exit from the OUA playoffs for the Gryphons as they lost 2 straight to Brock. The season was not without its highlights as designated hitter, Marc Sgrignoli, earned OUA All-Star status and head coach, Kirk McNabb, was selected Coach of the Year. Kris Klassen set the OUA record for most stolen bases with 18 in 20 attempts while Dan Fiorita tied the Gryphon mark for most wins in a season with 3. Overall, the team also set a new high for runs scored, runs batted, hits and homeruns in a season.

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Matt Blacklaws	1G	Dan Fiorita	2	Aaron Ingram	1G	Jamie Sabo	2
Mark Brohman	2	Owen Gallupe	2	Jay Jarvie	2	Ian Sider	2
Matt Bylow	1G	Joe Giacomelli	2	Andrew Kirwin	2	Marc Sgrignoli	2
Dave Caron	2	Matt Griffin	1G	Kris Klassen	2	Mike Wallace	2
Jason Dodd	1G	Collin Grosney	1G	Ryan Mellor	2	Wes Walters	1G
Erik Enns	1G	Craig Hobin	2	Brad Painter	2	Ben Watson	2
Andrew Fairfull	2	John Holden	1G	Emerson Pendleton	2		

Coach: Kirk McNabb (11-6-0)  
 Assistant: Kevin Lilley  
 Manager: Darryl Kruger  
 Trainer: Jennifer Perry 2

## Academic All-Canadians

Owen Gallupe

## OUA Awards

OUA All-Stars – Marc Sgrignoli  
 OUA Coach of the Year – Kirk McNabb

## Team Awards

MVP of the Year – Andrew Kirwin

## 2001-2002

The Baseball team had a .385 win percentage for a 5-8 record on the season with one rain out which saw them finish 6th in the 8-team OUA conference. The Gryphons strength was in team fielding as they led the league with a .961 percentage with 194 put outs, 77 assists, 11 errors and 4 double plays. On September 12th, the Gryphons had a game-high 11 strikeouts against Western and on September 29th, a game-high 3 triples against Laurier. Individual highlights include: Andrew Fairfull's .400 batting average with 6 hits in 15 at bats; Jamie Sabo's .296 batting average, a .444 slugging percentage and a .387 on base percentage; pitcher, Mark Brohman, collected 7 runs batted in and 11 strikeouts on the season and Andrew

Kirwin had 10 hits.

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Steven Ardron	1G	Daniel Fiorita	1G	Kris Klassen	1G	Ian Sider	1G
Mark Brohman	1G	Owen Gallupe	1G	Kyle Martin	1G	Cory Snyder	1G
Dave Caron	1G	Joe Giacomelli	1G	Ryan Mellor	1G	Todd Stronks	1G
Ming Chou	1G	Matt Harrison	1G	Brad Painter	1G	Mike Wallace	1G
Steve Clarke	1G	Craig Hobin	1G	Emerson Pendleton	1G	Ben Watson	1G
Paul Dwyer	1G	Jay Jarvie	1G	James Sabo	1G		
Andrew Fairfull	1G	Andrew Kirwin	1G	Marc Sgrignoli	1G		

Coach: Marc Lepage (5-8)  
Assistants: Matt Durocher, Kirk McNabb  
Manager: Darryl Kruger  
Trainer: Jennifer Perry

### **Academic All-Canadians**

Owen Gallupe, Todd Stronks

### **Team Awards**

MVP of the Year - Todd Stronks

## **2000-2001**

The Canadian Intercollegiate Baseball Championships were staged in Guelph for the first time ever. In their first game, the Gryphons upset the top-seeded Toronto Blues 4-3. They finished the round robin portion of the tournament 1-2 including 1-0 and 2-0 losses to Laval and Ottawa respectively. The Gryphs then advanced to the semis where they met Ontario West Division champion, Brock, and prevailed 4-0. In the final, they lost 4-0 to Laval. Highlights of the Gryphons season included 1<sup>st</sup> baseman, Mark Brohman and shortstop, Andrew Kirwin, being selected as National Tournament All Stars. Brohman also received accolades as the top hitter in the 2000 campaign as he led the league with a .545 batting average. Pitcher, Ryan Mellor, capped off the season with an incredible ERA of 0.00 in 20 1/3 innings. His stats include 76 batters faced, 2 unearned runs, 8 hits, 8 walks and 24 strikeouts.

Mark Brohman	Andrew Harrison	Kyle Martin	Marc Sgrignoli
Brett Boniface	Craig Hobin	Jeremy McDooling	Todd Stronks
Matt Durocher	Dennis Hodgkinson	Ryan Mellor	Burke Thompson
Owen Gallupe	Jay Jarvie	Emerson Pendleton	Mike Wallace
Joe Giacomelli	Andrew Kirwin	Adam Sarginson	Ben Watson

Coaches: Kevin Baxter, Marc Lepage, Kirk McNabb  
Manager: Darryl Kruger

### **Academic All-Canadians**

Matt Durocher, Andrew Harrison

### **CIBA Awards**

CIBA All-Star – Mark Brohman, Andrew Kirwin  
CIBA Top Hitter – Mark Brohman

## **1999-2000**

The Gryphon Baseball squad had its best season ever closing with a 7-8 record in regular season play to finish third in the Central Ontario Division of the Canadian Intercollegiate Baseball Association. The Gryphs advanced to the playoffs for the first time in their short history, losing to York in a very close series. Dave Stermole and Ryan O'Neill were nominated for the CIBA's Top Pitcher of the Year Award.

Gbenga Ajasin	Kyle Martin
Kevin Baxter	Tom Matthews
Mark Brohman	Matt Moir
Mark Brohman	Ryan O'Neill

Matt Durocher  
John (Marcus) Flannery  
Chad Helm  
Dennis Hodge  
Bill Ioannou  
Andrew Kirwin

Cory Snyder  
Dave Stermole  
Todd Stronks  
Konrad Szczepanik  
Dave Teboekhorst  
Alfred (Burke) Thompson  
Mike Wallace

Coach: Rich Moccia (7-8)  
Assistants: Casey Cooper, Darryl Kruger  
Trainer: Krista Braiden

## 1998-1999

Gbenga Ajasin  
Darrin Bausch  
Kevin Baxter  
Mike Bottoms  
Kevin Callahan  
Matt Durocher  
Geoff Gravett  
Chad Helm  
Bill Ioannou  
Ben Kelly  
Simon Mallett  
Kyle Martin

Tom Matthews  
Jeremy McDooling  
Brent Minacs  
Jason Montgomery  
Cory Snyder  
Dave Stermole  
Todd Stronks  
Lyndon Swing  
Dave Teboekhorst  
Burke Thompson  
Matt Vrooman

Coaching Staff: Neil Srivastava - Head Coach  
Rich Moccia, Casey Cooper  
Lee Piccoli, Sean Travers