



Going Dancin': This will be Hopkins' 15th overall appearance in the NCAA Tournament and 14th appearance under head coach **Bob Babb**. The Blue Jays were 3-2 at last year's NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regional advancing to the regional final before falling to Kean, the eventual National Champs.

Going South: Hopkins earned the number two seed in the NCAA South Regional Tournament. The Blue Jays have appeared in the South Regional one other time in school history. That was 1989 when the Blue Jays won the regional and advanced to the College World Series.

Brains and Braun: The Blue Jays had three players named to the *ESPN the Magazine* Academic All-District First Team last week. Seniors **Rob Pietroforte**, **Jonas Fester** and **Ryan Kealy** all advance to the national ballot after being first team selections. Pietroforte and Fester were first team all-district selections last year with Pietroforte earning academic all-america status.

Double Your Pleasure: Of Hopkins' 569 hits, 122 have been doubles. The Blue Jays need four more doubles to tie the Centennial Conference single-season doubles mark they set last year.

Fifth Best: This year's senior class that began play during the 2005 season has the fifth best winning percentage of any class under Babb. Entering the NCAA Regional Tournament, this year's seniors have a record of 132-34-2 (.791). The best winning percentage for a class under Babb belongs to the 2002-05 class that had a four-year record of 141-29 (.829).

50x3 and Counting: The Blue Jays enter the NCAA Regional Tournament with three players who have scored 50+ runs in a season. Pietroforte has scored 57 while sophomore **Brian Youchak** has crossed the plate 53 times. Senior **Todd Emr** rounds out the trio having scored 50 times this year. The last time the Blue Jays had three guys score 50+ runs in a season was 1998.

20+=17: When Hopkins defeated Gettysburg on April 11, the Blue Jays recorded their 20th win of the season. It marked the 17th straight season under Babb, the Blue Jays had recorded 20+ victories.

Centennial Standings		
School	CC	Overall
Johns Hopkins *	16-2	34-5
Franklin & Marshall	12-6	19-17
Haverford	12-6	27-14-1
Muhlenberg	11-7	20-20
Ursinus	10-8	20-14
McDaniel	9-9	13-19
Gettysburg	8-10	16-23
Dickinson	6-12	13-23
Swarthmore	3-15	10-21
Washington	3-15	7-22

* 2008 Centennial Conference Champion

I'm Honored: Six Blue Jays were named to the All-Centennial Baseball Team released at the end of April. Seniors **Tony Margve**, **Pietroforte**, **Emr** and junior **Ryan Biner** were all named First Team All-Centennial while **Youchak** earned Second Team All-Centennial honors. Senior **Joe Zaccaria** rounded out the group as he earned All-Centennial Honorable Mention.

King of the K's: Hopkins has 295 strikeouts this season. That number is just 21 K's away from the JHU and Centennial Conference single-season record of 316. The Blue Jays have seven pitchers with at least 20 strikeouts on the season led by Zaccaria's 46. Senior **Ryan Kuhlman** has racked up 36 strikeouts while senior **Brian Duddie** and junior **Chez Angeloni** each have 32 K's to their credit.

800 and Counting: With the 12-1 victory over Swarthmore on March 29, Babb recorded the 800th victory of his coaching career. He became the 12th coach in Division III history to reach the mark. He enters the NCAA Regional Tournament with a record of 821-285-10 in his 29th season on the Blue Jay bench.

Stranding Runners: The Blue Jay bullpen has done a solid job of stranding inherited runners this season. Only 17 of 54 inherited runners have made it across the plate against the bullpen. That group is led by sophomore **Matt Wiegand**, junior **Pete Smith** and sophomore **Marco Simmons**. Wiegand has stranded all 10 of the runners he has inherited while Smith has left seven of his 11 on base. Simmons has only allowed one of the five runners he has inherited to score.

Streaking: Four Blue Jays will carry a hit streak of 18 games or more into the NCAA Regional Tournament. Pietroforte has connected in 26 games while **Youchak** has hit safely in 21 games. **Emr** is riding an 18-game hit streak and when **Fester** returns to the field, he will pick up a 28-game hit streak that dates back to the final 10 games of last year.

That's a Big Hit: Seniors **Pietroforte** and **Emr** are in search of big hit numbers at the NCAA Regional Tournament. Pietroforte needs nine more hits to reach 200 for his career. He would join **John Christ** (232) as the only players in school history to record 200+ hits in their career. **Emr** needs 10 more hits to tie the single-season hits record at 81, also held by **Christ**.

With Ducks on the Pond: Hopkins continues to hit the ball well with runners on base and in scoring position. The Blue Jays are hitting .419 this season with runners on base, .415 with runners in scoring position and .730 with a runner on third and less than two outs. **Youchak** is the Blue Jays' best hitter in these situations as he is hitting .588 with runners on, .571 with runners in scoring position and .889 with a runner on third and less than two outs.

Scoring Early and Often: Hopkins has found success this year when it scores early and often. The Blue Jays have out scored its opponents 459-192 and

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2008 Schedule/Results (34-5, 16-2 CC)		
March		
4	Messiah	W/13-2
10	Rutgers-Newark	W/8-7
14	vs. Pitt Bradford (DH) ^	W/7-4 (8) & 16-1
15	vs. Cortland State ^	L/8-10
16	vs. Wheaton (MA) ^	L/8-13
17	vs. Keene State ^	L/8-9
18	vs. Western New England ^	W/12-7
19	vs. Williams ^	W/8-5
20	vs. Wisconsin LaCrosse ^	W/16-10
	vs. Springfield ^	W/11-4
21	vs. Dakota State ^	W/13-6
22	vs. Hamline ^	W/14-3
25	McDaniel *	W/16-3
28	at McDaniel *	W/17-0
29	Swarthmore (DH) *	W/12-1 & 18-2
April		
2	at Washington *	W/12-1
3	at Catholic	W/7-6
6	at Muhlenberg (DH) *	W/7-6 & L/5-8
8	at Gettysburg *	W/10-5
10	Villa Julie	W/9-4
11	Gettysburg *	W/18-4
12	at Ursinus (DH) *	W/5-2 & 11-4
15	Dickinson *	W/13-2
16	Washington *	W/27-4
18	at Dickinson *	W/24-7
19	F&M (DH) *	W/10-3 & 12-6
22	at Montclair State	W/12-3
24	York College of PA	W/14-5
26	Haverford (DH) *	L/2-7 & W/9-7
28	College of New Jersey	PPD
29	Salisbury	PPD
May		
2	Muhlenberg %	W/9-1
3	Franklin & Marshall %	W/16-6
4	Haverford %	W/5-4
6	Mary Washington *	W/17-10
14-18	NCAA Regional Tournament	TBA

Home games in **bold**
 ^ Spring Trip to Arizona
 * Centennial Conference games
 % Centennial Conference Tournament

160-44 in the first three innings. Hopkins is 24-2 when it scores in the first inning and 27-2 when it scores first in the contest.

30 is the Magic Number: The Blue Jays have recorded 30+ wins in seven of the last eight seasons. Hopkins has also won 30+ in 13 seasons under Babb. When the Blue Jays have reach the 30-win plateau they have won eight Centennial Conference Titles and advanced to the NCAA Tournament 12 times.

Closing in on a Record: Pietroforte needs one more triple to hold the school record for career triples. He is currently tied with Tom Finegan as each player has recorded 13. If Fester is able to return to the field from an injury suffered in the beginning of April, he to will be chasing a record. Fester is two doubles shy of tying the JHU and Centennial Conference doubles record at 50.

Nine is Just Fine: The Blue Jays captured their second straight and ninth Centennial Conference title overall. This is most Centennial Conference baseball titles by any team.

#32 Rob Pietroforte Sr. • Centerfielder

- has hit above .400 for the entire season
- needs one more triple to hold the JHU career triples record (currently tied for first at 13)
- leads the team with 18 doubles and is second with two triples and six home runs
- his 57 runs scored this season are just eight shy of the JHU single-season record (65)
- team captain
- First Team All-Centennial
- First Team *ESPN the Magazine* Academic All-District

#5 Nate Adelman Sr. • Infielder

- started the season as the starter at second base and moved to shortstop when Fester got hurt
- hit the first home run of his career against Dickinson
- second on the team in walks this year with 20
- has 13 games this season where he has scored two or more runs in a contest

#6 Dan Merzel Jr. • Infielder

- has played in 27 games as one of the first subs off the bench before earning the starting job at second base
- named Mike Durgala MVP of the Centennial Conference Tournament
- was 3-for-3 with three runs scored against Muhlenberg

#18 Todd Emr Sr. • Third Baseman

- made a strong return to line-up after missing all but five games last season with injury
- leads the team in multi-hit and multi-RBI games
- is currently on an 18-game hit streak after having a 15-game streak earlier this season
- needs 10 more hits to tie single-season hits record (81)
- has scored 50 runs and driven in 53 runs
- First Team All-Centennial
- team captain

#31 Matt Benchener Sr. • First Baseman

- has seen time at both first base and the DH spot this season
- was 4-for-4 with four RBIs and two runs scored against Gettysburg
- his home run against Haverford in the Centennial Conference Championship pulled the Blue Jays to within one in the bottom of the ninth
- five home runs on the season
- 10 games this season with multi-RBIs

#24 Dave Garber Jr. • Infielder

- has played in 22 games getting seven starts
- has six home runs, five of which have come in a pinch hit appearance
- homered in back-to-back games on March 21 and 25
- has four multi-RBI game

#3 Jonas Fester Sr. • Shortstop

- played in the first 18 games of the season before suffering an injury against Washington
- hoping to return for NCAA Regional Tournament
- is on a 28-game hit streak dating back to the 2007 season
- ranks among the top ten in several career stats categories both at Hopkins and Centennial Conference
- needs two more doubles to tie the JHU and Centennial career record at 50
- team captain

#2 Jon Solomon Sr. • Leftfielder

- knocked in six runs against Muhlenberg in the Centennial Conference playoff game
- has a career-high 34 RBIs already this season
- has 15 multi-hit games this season
- had two doubles in a game against Swarthmore and Muhlenberg

#9 Isaac Katz Sr. • Outfielder

- has appeared in 28 games while making 12 starts
- hit his first career home run against Wisconsin La Crosse
- had two doubles in a game-two win over Haverford
- scored four runs against Wisconsin La Crosse

#21 Tony Margve Sr. • Catcher

- one of three Blue Jays to reach the 100 career hit mark this season (Emr and Solomon)
- has thrown out 11 potential base stealers this season
- hit his first home run of the year at Montclair State
- had a 16-game hit streak earlier this season
- First Team All-Centennial

#4 Brian Youchak So. • Rightfielder

- batting average has been among the top ten in the nation throughout the year
- second on the team in runs scored (53) and RBIs (52)
- is currently on a 21-game hit streak
- hit two home runs in a game against Franklin & Marshall
- has two doubles against Wheaton and against Haverford in the regular season
- Second Team All-Centennial

#17 Ryan Kuhlman
Sr. • RHP

- Has appeared in 11 games while making nine starts
- His 24-3 career record ranks among the top five in career winning percentage
- struck out a season-high eight batters against McDaniel
- his 178 career strikeouts rank among the top ten in school history
- has allowed one earned run or less in five appearances

#23 Ryan Kealy
Sr. • RHP

- has made 11 appearances out of the bullpen for the Blue Jays
- First Team *ESPN the Magazine* Academic All-District
- has struck out a season-high three batters on four occasions
- has not allowed an earned run in eight of his appearances

#11 Brian Duddie
Sr. • RHP

- Brings a 5-0 record and 10-0 career record into Regionals
- struck out a season-high nine batters against Dickinson
- has gone five or more innings in five of eight appearances this year
- one of two Blue Jay starters with an ERA under 4.00
- has struck out at least four batters in each of his last five appearances

#33 Pat Steffee
Sr. • RHP

- has made 11 appearances including two starts on the season
- struck out a season-high four batters twice
- picked up his first win of the year at Ursinus after throwing five innings of one-run ball
- 10-3 career record ranks among the top 15 records by winning percentage at Hopkins

#26 Joe Zaccaria
Sr. • RHP

- All-Centennial Honorable Mention
- struck out a season-high 10 batters against McDaniel
- leads the team in innings pitched (47.1) and strikeouts (46)
- has struck out at least five batters in six of his appearances

#27 Matt Wiegand
So. • RHP

- has made the most appearances of any Blue Jay out of the bullpen this season (14)
- picked up his first career victory with 5.1 innings of work against Western New England
- got the win in the Centennial Conference Championship game against Haverford
- struck out a career-high seven batters against Western New England

#14 Chez Angeloni
Jr. • RHP

- Named Centennial Conference Pitcher of the Week after throwing a one-run complete game against Muhlenberg in the playoffs
- took a no-hitter into the top of the seventh against Swarthmore
- struck out a season-high nine batters against the Garnet
- has allowed one earned run or less in four appearances this year

#7 Pete Smith
Jr. • LHP

- has made 11 appearances out of the bullpen
- struck out two batters against McDaniel
- has not allowed an earned run in nine of his appearances

Individual Player Honors

Jonas Fester (Sr./SS): Centennial Conference Player of the Week (3/18), *ESPN the Magazine* Academic All-District First Team

Todd Emr (Sr./3B): First Team All-Centennial, Centennial Conference Player of the Week (3/24), Centennial Conference Co-Player of the Week (4/14), Larry Goldfarb Award

Brian Youchak (So./OF): Second Team All-Centennial, Centennial Conference Player of the Week (3/31 & 4/21), ECAC South Player of the Week (4/21), NCBWA National Player of the Week Honorable Mention (4/21)

Rob Pietroforte (Sr./OF): First Team All-Centennial, Centennial Conference Honor Roll (4/7,4/28), Dr. William Howard Award, *ESPN the Magazine* Academic All-District First Team

Ryan Kealy (Sr./RHP): Centennial Conference Honor Roll (3/18, 4/7), *ESPN the Magazine* Academic All-District

Brian Duddie (Sr./RHP): Centennial Conference Honor Roll (4/14, 4/21)

Ryan Kuhlman (Sr./RHP): Centennial Conference Honor Roll (3/24)

Tony Margve (Sr./C): First Team All-Centennial, Robert H. Scott Award

Ryan Biner (Jr./1B): First Team All-Centennial

Joe Zaccaria (Sr./RHP): All-Centennial Honorable Mention

Dan Merzel (Jr./INF): Mike Durgala MVP of Centennial Conference Tournament

Jon Solomon (Sr./OF): Centennial Conference Player of the Week (5/5)

Chez Angeloni (Jr./RHP): Centennial Conference Pitcher of the Week (5/5)

Game Highs

Individual Batting

Runs scored:	4	Isaac Katz vs Wisconsin La Crosse	3/20/08
	4	Nate Adelman vs. Dickinson	4/18/08
Hits:	5	Todd Emr vs Wisconsin La Crosse	3/20/08
RBIs:	7	Brian Youchak vs. Franklin & Marshall	4/19/08
Total bases:	11	Brian Youchak vs. Franklin & Marshall	4/19/08
Walks:	3	Tim Rappazzo vs Springfield	3/20/08
	3	Nate Adelman vs. Dickinson	4/18/08
Home Runs:	2	Todd Emr vs. Ursinus	4/12/08
	2	Brian Youchak vs. Franklin & Marshall	4/19/08
	2	Joe Borrelli vs. York (Pa)	4/24/08
Stolen bases:	3	Rob Pietroforte vs Williams	3/19/08

Individual Fielding

Putouts:	15	Matt Benchener vs Muhlenberg	5/2/08
Assists:	10	Dan Merzel vs. Muhlenberg	5/2/08

Individual Pitching

Innings pitched:	9	Chez Angeloni vs. Muhlenberg	5/2/08
Strikeouts:	10	Joe Zaccaria vs McDaniel	3/25/08

Record Breakdown

Overall.....	34-5
Conference.....	16-2
Non-Conference.....	18-3
Home Games.....	17-1
Away Games.....	9-1
Neutral Site.....	8-3
Day Games.....	33-5
Night Games.....	1-0
vs. Left-Handed Starter.....	8-1
vs. Right-Handed Starter.....	26-4
In extra innings.....	1-0
Shutouts.....	1-0
When JHU out-hits the opponent.....	32-2
When the opponent out-hits JHU.....	2-1
In games decided by -	
1-3 runs.....	8-3
4-6 runs.....	5-2
7-9 runs.....	8-0
10+ runs.....	13-0
After 6 leading.....	26-1
trailing.....	6-4
tied.....	1-0
After 7 leading.....	22-1
trailing.....	1-3
tied.....	4-0
After 8 leading.....	23-1
trailing.....	0-3
tied.....	2-0