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JOHNS HOPKINS BASEBALL REPORT

Results: The Blue Jays currently sport an 11-2 record after sweeping a doubleheader versus 26th-ranked Ithaca (5-1 & 8-4) on Sunday. JHU also defeated Widener, 4-3, last Tuesday, but suffered a 12-7 loss to Elizabethtown on Wednesday.

Up Next: Hopkins opens Centennial Conference action Tuesday as the Blue Jays travel to face Gettysburg at 3:00 p.m. JHU then hosts the Bullets on Friday at 3:00 p.m. before travelling to Ursinus for a doubleheader on Saturday beginning at 12:00 p.m.

The Coach: Bob Babb is in his 24th season as head coach of the Blue Jay baseball. Babb, who is the all-time winningest men's baseball coach in JHU history, sports a 626-242-8 (.719) record. Last season, Babb became the 14th active Division III head coach with 600 wins as JHU defeated Franklin & Marshall, 4-1, on April 6. Under Babb's guidance, Hopkins has captured 10 Middle Atlantic Conference Southeast League titles, seven UAA titles, five Centennial Conference Championships, and made 10 appearances in the NCAA Division III Tournament.

Team & Player Notes

Winning Ways: Hopkins is off to another exceptional start with a 11-2 record through 13 games. Including this year, the Blue Jays have posted a 386-146-1 (.725) record since the start of the 1990 season. In that time, JHU has won five Centennial titles and reached the NCAA Tournament seven times. The Blue Jays have also won at least 25 games for 11 consecutive seasons and have not had a losing season in 23 years under coach Babb.

Strength in Numbers: Through the first 13 games, JHU has displayed its depth with 21 players seeing time in the field and 11 pitchers taking the mound. All 21 players have recorded at least one RBI, while 19 players have scored a run and 20 players have tallied at least one hit. Eight pitchers have started a game this year and nine pitchers have made at least two appearances.

Scoring in Bunches: The Blue Jays have scored 108 runs in the team's first 13 games for an average of 8.30 runs per game. Hopkins has scored 10 runs or more in four games, with a season-high 16 runs in a win over William Penn on March 11. JHU has scored at least four runs in an inning on nine occasions. Last season, the Blue Jays averaged 9.09 runs in 44 games for a total of 400 runs.

Power Surge: JHU has hit 23 home runs in the first 13 games for an average of 1.77 home runs per game. If the team maintains the current pace over the final 24 regular season games, the Blue Jays would finish with a school-record 65 home runs. Hopkins set the school mark with 57 home runs in 44 games a year ago. Sophomores **Mike Durgala** and **Paul Winterling** lead the team with four home runs, while senior **Jay Cieri** has added three homers.

Clutch Hitting: Hopkins is hitting .345 (49-for-142) with runners in scoring position and .316 (6-for-19) with the bases loaded. Blue Jay pitchers have limited opponents to just a .228 combined average with runners on base. **Paul Winterling** leads the team with a .571 (8-for-14) average with runners in scoring position.

Winterling Off to Fast Start: **Paul Winterling** is off to a tremendous start as he leads the team in runs (12), hits (16), RBIs (15) and is tied for the team lead in home runs (4) and doubles (3). Winterling, who is fourth on the club in hitting with a .457 average (16-for-35), is second on the team in stolen bases with five. He has already surpassed his totals in many categories from last year and looks to be a fixture in the starting lineup.

Cieri Leads the Way: Senior **Jay Cieri** has been one of JHU's top hitters this season from the leadoff spot. He leads the team in runs scored (13), walks (11) and on-base percentage (.639). Cieri, who is second on the team with a .480 (12-for-25) average, has also hit three home runs and totaled eight RBIs. Last season, Cieri walked 30 times, just six walks shy of the school single-season record, and posted a team-best .508 on-base percentage.

Brown Notches No-Hitter: Senior **Jeremy Brown** pitched the sixth no-hitter in school history against #19 Lakeland College in a 9-0 win on March 8. Brown struck out a career-high 12 batters and walked just one in seven innings for the first no-hitter for JHU since three pitchers combined to no-hit Franklin & Marshall on April 7, 2001 in a 9-0 win.

Righter Picks Up Where He Left Off: After allowing just one run in 8.2 innings in his final five appearances last season, junior **Matt Righter** is 2-0 this year with a 1.93 ERA in 14 innings. He has struck out 13 and held opponents to a .180 combined average in a team-high five appearances.

Freshman Pitchers Start Strong: Freshman pitchers **Jim Flannery**, **Andrew Bail** and **Jason Thayer** have all made major contributions in the team's first 13 games. The trio has combined for three wins, one save and 27 strikeouts in 22 innings of work.

Flannery, who is 1-0 with a 0.90 ERA and 16 strikeouts in 10 innings, just missed a no-hitter in his first career start against St. Joseph's on March 14. He allowed one hit with two outs in the seventh inning and struck out 13 in Hopkins' 4-0 win. Flannery has allowed just four hits on the year and is limiting opponents to a .108 combined average.

Bail is 1-0 with a 1.80 ERA in four appearances. He has struck out six batters without a walk in six innings pitched. **Thayer** is 1-0 with one save in four appearances. He has posted a 5.14 ERA in seven innings of work and allowed just one hit in 3.1 innings while in relief.

Spiciarich Leads Team in Hitting: Sophomore **Mike Spiciarich** is off to a solid start this season and leads the team with a .500 (9-for-18) average. He leads the team with three triples, has two doubles and belted his first career home run against Ithaca on Sunday. Spiciarich, who has seen time at second and third base, also has three stolen bases and leads the team with a 1.111 slugging percentage.

2003 Johns Hopkins Schedule/Results (11-2)

Month	Opponent	Time	Result
March	8 vs. Albion #	W/13-4	Berger (1-0)
	8 vs. #19 Lakeland #	W/9-0	Brown (1-0)
	9 vs. Baldwin Wallace #	W/11-4	Stafford (1-0)
	10 vs. Transylvania #	W/4-0	Righter (1-0)
	11 vs. William Penn #	W/16-3	Josephart (1-0)
	13 vs. #5 College of Wooster #	W/15-12	McConnell (1-0)
	14 vs. St. Joseph's (ME) #	W/9-5	Bail (1-0)
	14 vs. St. Joseph's (ME) #	W/4-0	Flannery (1-0)
	15 vs. Wayne State (D II) #	(8 inn) L/3-4	Stafford (1-1)
	18 Widener	W/4-3	Thayer (1-0)
	19 Elizabethtown	L/7-12	Brown (1-1)
	21 Johnson & Wales	ppd.	
	22 #3 College of New Jersey	ppd.	
	23 #26 Ithaca	W/5-1	Berger (2-0)
23 #26 Ithaca	W/8-4	Righter (2-0)	
25 @ Gettysburg *	3:00 pm		
28 Gettysburg *	3:00 pm		
29 @ Ursinus * (2)	12:00 pm		
31 @ Catholic	3:00 pm		
April	1 Dickinson *	3:00 pm	
	4 @ Dickinson *	3:30 pm	
	5 Swarthmore * (2)	12:00 pm	
	8 Washington *	3:30 pm	
	11 @ Washington *	3:30 pm	
	12 @ Franklin & Marshall * (2)	1:00 pm	
	14 @ Neumann	3:30 pm	
	15 @ McDaniel *	3:30 pm	
	18 McDaniel *	3:30 pm	
	19 @ Haverford * (2)	1:00 pm	
	23 Gwynedd Mercy	3:30 pm	
26 Muhlenberg * (2)	1:00 pm		
29 @ Montclair State	7:00 pm		
May	2-4 @ Centennial Playoffs	TBA	
	6 York (PA)	3:30 pm	
	9 @ Salisbury	3:00 pm	

Games in Ft. Myers, Florida
* Centennial Conference Games

Home Games in Bold

Centennial Standings (as of 3/24)

Team	Conference	Overall
Johns Hopkins	0-0	11-2
Muhlenberg	0-0	8-4
Ursinus	0-0	9-5
McDaniel	0-0	5-3
Haverford	0-0	6-4-1
Gettysburg	0-0	5-6-1
Franklin & Marshall	0-0	5-6
Swarthmore	0-0	1-8
Dickinson	0-0	0-2
Washington College	0-0	0-9

All-Time Centennial Composite Standings

Team	2002	Overall
Johns Hopkins	16-2	125-36 (.776)
Ursinus	13-5	112-50 (.691)
Franklin & Marshall	16-2	94-66-1 (.586)
Western Maryland	6-12	84-77 (.521)
Washington College	8-10	83-79 (.512)
Gettysburg	4-14	80-82 (.493)
Dickinson	4-14	71-91 (.438)
Muhlenberg	11-7	60-102 (.370)
Haverford	7-11	58-103-1 (.361)
Swarthmore	5-13	40-121 (.248)

Centennial Weekly Honors

Week	Player	Honor Roll/POW
March 17	Jeremy Brown Paul Winterling	Pitcher of the Week Player of the Week

Multiple Hit Games

	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	HITS SEASON
Paul Winterling	2	1	1	-	4	16
Craig Cetta	3	1	-	-	4	12
Jay Cieri	2	-	1	-	3	12
Mike Durgala	1	1	-	-	2	10
Mike Spiciarich	1	1	-	-	2	9
Paul Long	1	1	-	-	2	8
Bryan Eberle	1	-	1	-	2	7
Gary Rosenberg	2	-	-	-	2	6
Brian Morley	2	-	-	-	2	5
Doug Hitchner	1	-	-	-	1	7
Corey Gleason	-	1	-	-	1	6
Eric Nigro	-	1	-	-	1	6
Joe Urban	1	-	-	-	1	6
Carl Ippolito	1	-	-	-	1	5
Tim Casale	1	-	-	-	1	3
Brian Harris	1	-	-	-	1	3
Sven Stafford	1	-	-	-	1	3
Team	21	7	3	-	31	128

Multiple RBI Games

	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	RBI SEASON
Paul Winterling	2	1	-	1	4	15
Jay Cieri	2	1	-	-	3	8
Brian Morley	2	1	-	-	3	7
Mike Durgala	-	1	1	-	2	11
Carl Ippolito	2	-	-	-	2	6
Paul Long	1	-	1	-	2	6
Eric Nigro	1	1	-	-	2	5
Craig Cetta	1	-	-	-	1	6
Sven Stafford	-	-	1	-	1	6
Mike Spiciarich	1	-	-	-	1	4
Joe Urban	1	-	-	-	1	4
Bryan Eberle	1	-	-	-	1	3
Corey Gleason	-	1	-	-	1	3
Dave Montegari	1	-	-	-	1	2
Gary Rosenberg	1	-	-	-	1	2
Team	16	6	3	1	26	98

Multiple Run Games

	2	3	4	TOTAL	RUNS SEASON
Jay Cieri	2	1	1	4	13
Paul Winterling	1	1	1	3	12
Joe Urban	-	2	-	2	11
Craig Cetta	1	1	-	2	9
Mike Durgala	2	-	-	2	9
Paul Long	2	-	-	2	8
Tim Casale	2	-	-	2	7
Carl Ippolito	2	-	-	2	6
Eric Nigro	1	1	-	2	6
Mike Spiciarich	1	1	-	2	6
Corey Gleason	2	-	-	2	5
Team	16	7	2	25	108

Blue Jays By The Numbers:

Overall	11-2
Home	3-1
Away	0-0
Neutral	8-1
Centennial	0-0
Centennial Home	0-0
Centennial Away	0-0
Non-Conference	11-2
Day	9-2
Night	2-0
1-Run Games	1-1
2-Run Games	0-0
5+-Run Games	4-1
Extra Innings	0-1
Doubleheaders	2-0-0
vs. Left Handed Starters	3-0
vs. Right Handed Starters	8-2

Scoring by Innings

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R
JHU	17	12	17	11	16	10	19	4	2	108
Opp.	10	7	10	7	8	2	5	1	2	52

2003 ABCA/Collegiate Baseball

Preseason Poll

Rk	School	2002 Record	2002 Rk
1.	Marietta (Ohio)	41-9-1	2
2.	Eastern Connecticut State	39-11-1	1
3.	College of New Jersey	36-14	4
4.	Rensselaer (N.Y.)	33-11	5
5.	Wooster (Ohio)	38-6	6
6.	Wheaton (Mass.)	37-9-1	7
7t.	Concordia (Texas)	35-13	9
7t.	Carthage (Wis.)	34-11	10
9.	Aurora (Ill.)	34-6	11
10.	Methodist (N.C.)	39-9-1	18
11.	Cal Lutheran	30-10	rv
12.	Wis.-Stevens Point	37-10	13
13.	Ohio Wesleyan	35-13	14
14.	Dallas (Texas)	33-3	15
15.	St. Thomas (Minn.)	31-12	20
16.	Christopher Newport (Va.)	38-16	3
17t.	Pomona-Pitzer (Calif.)	36-7	12
17t.	Alvernia (Pa.)	36-10	17
19.	Lakeland (Wis.)	34-16-1	8
20.	York (Pa.)	34-15	16
21.	Texas Lutheran	33-6	-
22.	Ripon (Wis.)	27-9	rv
23.	Kean (N.J.)	33-12	rv
24.	Johns Hopkins (Md.)	35-9	21
25.	Cortland (N.Y.) State	31-11	22
26.	Ithaca (N.Y.)	27-18	19
27.	William Paterson (N.J.)	26-13	rv
28.	Wartburg (Iowa)	29-15	23
29.	Salisbury (Md.)	30-13-3	24
30.	Trinity (Texas)	37-11	25

First regular season poll released March 31.

• JHU Home Run Info:

Total (23)

Mike Durgala 4, Paul Winterling 4, Craig Cetta 3, Jay Cieri 3, Doug Hitchner 1, Carl Ippolito 1, Paul Long 1, Dave Montegari 1, Brian Morley 1, Gary Rosenberg 1, Mike Spiciarich 1, Sven Stafford 1, Joe Urban 1.

Solo (10)

Paul Winterling 3, Craig Cetta 2, Mike Durgala 2, Jay Cieri 1, Doug Hitchner 1, Carl Ippolito 1.

Two-Run HR (9)

Jay Cieri 2, Craig Cetta 1, Dave Montegari 1, Brian Morley 1, Gary Rosenberg 1, Mike Spiciarich 1, Joe Urban 1, Paul Winterling 1.

Three-Run HR (2)

Mike Durgala 1, Paul Long.

Grand Slams (2)

Mike Durgala 1, Sven Stafford 1.

Home Run Listing:

#	Player (#)	Type	Opponent	Date
1	Sven Stafford (1)	Grand Slam	Albion	3/8
2	Jay Cieri (1)	Solo	Albion	3/8
3	Jay Cieri (2)	2-run	Baldwin-Wallace	3/9
4	Mike Durgala (1)	Grand Slam	Baldwin-Wallace	3/9
5	Mike Durgala (2)	Solo	Transylvania	3/10
6	Gary Rosenberg (1)	2-run	William Penn	3/11
7	Jay Cieri (3)	2-run	William Penn	3/11
8	Joe Urban (1)	2-run	William Penn	3/11
9	Mike Durgala (3)	3-run	William Penn	3/11
10	Paul Long (1)	3-run	Wooster	3/13
11	Craig Cetta (1)	Solo	Wooster	3/13
12	Paul Winterling (1)	Solo	Wooster	3/13
13	Paul Winterling (2)	Solo	Wooster	3/13
14	Paul Winterling (3)	2-run	St. Joseph's	3/14
15	Dave Montegari (1)	2-run	St. Joseph's	3/14
16	Mike Durgala (4)	Solo	Widener	3/18
17	Craig Cetta (2)	2-run	Widener	3/18
18	Brian Morley (1)	2-run	Elizabethtown	3/19
19	Paul Winterling (4)	Solo	Elizabethtown	3/19
20	Doug Hitchner (1)	Solo	Elizabethtown	3/19
21	Craig Cetta (3)	Solo	Elizabethtown	3/19
22	Carl Ippolito (1)	Solo	Ithaca	3/23
23	Mike Spiciarich (1)	2-run	Ithaca	3/23