



# Johns Hopkins Baseball Weekly Notes

## Recapping the Centennial Conference Tournament:

Hopkins hosted the Centennial Conference Tournament last weekend. The Blue Jays opened with a 9-1 victory over Muhlenberg on Friday before posting a 16-6 win over Franklin & Marshall in the winner's bracket game on Saturday. In Sunday's championship match against Haverford, the Blue Jays trailed 4-1 to start the bottom of the ninth before railing for a 5-4 victory.

Junior second baseman **Dan Merzel** hit .600 with a team-best six runs scored while senior left fielder **Jon Solomon** hit .417 with a team-high nine RBIs.

## Scouting the Week Ahead:

Hopkins has just one game on its schedule this week. The Blue Jays will host Mary Washington on Tuesday at 2 p.m.

Hopkins is 3-2 in the all-time series with Mary Washington having won the last three meetings in a row.

## Team/Individual Notes:

**Nine is Just Fine:** The Blue Jays captured their second straight and ninth Centennial Conference Title overall on Sunday. That is the most Centennial Conference baseball titles by any team, the next closest is Franklin & Marshall and Ursinus with three apiece.

**MVP=Merzel:** Junior **Dan Merzel** started all three games as second base during the tournament and was named the Mike Durgala MVP by the coaches. Merzel hit .600 with six runs scored and had a solid game at second base. The award is named in honor of the former Blue Jay Mike Durgala who was tragically killed in a car accident in August of 2006.

**Going Dancin':** With Sunday's win in the Centennial Conference Championship, Hopkins earned the conference's automatic qualifier for the NCAA Regional Tournament. The Blue Jays will be making their 15th appearance in the NCAA Regional. The information about the NCAA Regional will be released on Monday, May 12.

**Closing in on 200:** Senior **Rob Pietroforte** enters play on Tuesday with 190 career hits. If Pietroforte gets 10 more hits, he will become just the

second player in school history to reach 200 hits for his career (John Christ-232).

**Holding Runners:** Catchers **Tony Margve** and **Joe Borrelli** have done a stellar job of holding would be base stealers on this year. Margve has thrown out 11-of-15 stealers while Borrelli has thrown out five would be stealers. They have combined to hold base stealers to just a 44% success rate.

**Streiking:** The Blue Jays have four players who will bring a hit streak of 15 or more games into Tuesday's action. Pietroforte has connected in 25 straight while Youchak has a hit in 20 consecutive games. Senior **Jonas Fester** has hit in 18 straight games and 28 dating back to last season while senior **Todd Emr** has hit in 17 games.

**Double Your Pleasure:** Hopkins enters Tuesday's game with 121 team doubles. The Blue Jays need just five more doubles to tie the single-season mark they set last year. The Blue Jays have five players with 10+ doubles this season. That group is led by Pietroforte with 18 and Youchak with 17.

**Climbing the Polls:** Hopkins moved up in both the ABCA/Collegiate Baseball Poll and the NCBWA/D3Baseball.com polls this week. The Blue Jays are now ranked #10 in the ABCA poll and fifth in the D3Baseball.com poll.

**I'll Take Three:** Pietroforte tied the JHU career triples record with his 13th at Montclair State on April 22. Pietroforte is currently tied with Tom Finegan, who had 13 triples from 1985-1988.

**Double Your Pleasure (Part Two):** The Blue Jays currently have two players ranked among the top five in career history for doubles at JHU. Fester has 48 doubles to date and needs just two more to tie the JHU and Centennial Conference career record. Pietroforte has 43 doubles in his career.

**I'm Honored:** Senior **Jon Solomon** and junior **Chez Angeloni** were named the Centennial Conference Player and Pitcher of the Week on Monday. Solomon hit .417 with five runs scored and nine RBIs in the three games of the tournament. Angeloni threw his second complete game of the season, this time against Muhlenberg. He allowed just one run and six hits while striking out six.

**Dominating the Righties:** Right-handed batters are hitting just .257 against the Blue Jays this season. Junior **Dave Fioretti** has held right-handed opponents to a .143 average while teammates **Matt Goldman** and **Matt Wiegand** have held righties to a .200 and .208 average respectively.

**With Ducks on the Pond:** Hopkins continues to hit well with a runner on third and less than two outs. The Blue Jays have a .730 average in those situations this year. Youchak is hitting .889 in those situations while Emr has a .850 average in the clutch.

**Single Season Hits Record:** Emr enters play on Tuesday with 69 hits on the season. He needs eight

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## 2008 Schedule/Results (33-5, 16-2 CC)

### March

<b>4</b>	<b>Messiah</b>	<b>W/13-2</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Rutgers-Newark</b>	<b>W/8-7</b>
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
<b>25</b>	<b>McDaniel *</b>	<b>W/16-3</b>
28	at McDaniel *	W/17-0
<b>29</b>	<b>Swarthmore (DH) *</b>	<b>W/12-1 &amp; 18-2</b>

### 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
<b>10</b>	<b>Villa Julie</b>	<b>W/9-4</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Gettysburg *</b>	<b>W/18-4</b>
12	at Ursinus (DH) *	W/5-2 & 11-4
<b>15</b>	<b>Dickinson *</b>	<b>W/13-2</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Washington *</b>	<b>W/27-4</b>
18	at Dickinson *	W/24-7
<b>19</b>	<b>F&amp;M (DH) *</b>	<b>W/10-3 &amp; 12-6</b>
22	at Montclair State	W/12-3
<b>24</b>	<b>York College of PA</b>	<b>W/14-5</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>Haverford (DH) *</b>	<b>L/2-7 &amp; W/9-7</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>College of New Jersey</b>	<b>PPD</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>Salisbury</b>	<b>PPD</b>

### May

2	<b>Muhlenberg %</b>	<b>W/9-1</b>
3	<b>Franklin &amp; Marshall %</b>	<b>W/16-6</b>
4	<b>Haverford %</b>	<b>W/5-4</b>
6	<b>Mary Washington *</b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>
14-18	NCAA Regional Tournament	TBA

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

more to match Fester's 77 which were the second most in school history. He needs 12 more to match John Christ who holds the single season record with 81.

## Centennial Standings

School	CC	Overall
<b>Johns Hopkins *</b>	<b>16-2</b>	<b>33-5</b>
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



## Individual Player Honors

**Jonas Fester (Sr./SS):** Centennial Conference Player of the Week (3/18)

**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

**Ryan Kealy (Sr./RHP):** Centennial Conference Honor Roll (3/18, 4/7)

**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 Memorial 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

<b>Runs scored:</b>	4	Isaac Katz vs Wisconsin La Crosse	3/20/08
	4	Nate Adelman vs. Dickinson	4/18/08
<b>Hits:</b>	5	Todd Emr vs Wisconsin La Crosse	3/20/08
<b>RBIs:</b>	7	Brian Youchak vs. Franklin & Marshall	4/19/08
<b>Total bases:</b>	11	Brian Youchak vs. Franklin & Marshall	4/19/08
<b>Walks:</b>	3	Tim Rappazzo vs Springfield	3/20/08
	3	Nate Adelman vs. Dickinson	4/18/08
<b>Home Runs:</b>	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
<b>Stolen bases:</b>	3	Rob Pietroforte vs Williams	3/19/08

### Individual Fielding

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

### Individual Pitching

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

## Record Breakdown

Overall .....	33-5
Conference .....	16-2
Non-Conference .....	17-3
Home Games .....	16-1
Away Games .....	9-1
Neutral Site .....	8-3
Day Games .....	32-5
Night Games .....	1-0
vs. Left-Handed Starter .....	8-1
vs. Right-Handed Starter .....	25-4
In extra innings .....	1-0
Shutouts .....	1-0
When JHU out-hits the opponent .....	32-2
When the opponent out-hits JHU .....	1-1
In games decided by -	
1-3 runs .....	8-3
4-6 runs .....	5-2
7-9 runs .....	7-0
10+ runs .....	13-0
After 6 leading .....	25-1
trailing .....	6-4
tied .....	1-0
After 7 leading .....	21-1
trailing .....	1-3
tied .....	4-0
After 8 leading .....	22-1
trailing .....	0-3
tied .....	2-0

