

## **LORAIN COUNTY IRONMEN RELEASE ROSTER FOR 2014**

**(LORAIN, OHIO/ March 12, 2014)** The Lorain County Ironmen has recently released its roster for the 2014 season and is pleased to welcome back two members from the past years campaign.

Making their return will be infielders Tyler Bires from Coker College and Nate Langhals from the University of Toledo.

This year Ironmen roster includes:

- 20 players from Ohio
- Three players from Lake Erie College
- Two players from Angelo State, Bowling Green State University, The Ohio State University, the University of Akron, the University of Toledo and Walsh University
- Seven freshmen, eight sophomores, six juniors and three seniors

Joe Rhomberg will return for another season as the manager of the Ironmen.

Lorain County opens at home in the Pipe Yard against the Butler Blue Sox on May 28.

### **PLAYER BIOS-**

#### Tyler Bires

Junior—Infielder

Coker College

Lorain, Ohio

NOTES: Transferred to Coker after playing two years at Ashland University. Bires was an All-Ohio baseball player out of Marion L. Steele High School. Played in 14 of 20 games for Coker this year.

#### Anthony Bova

Sophomore—Outfielder

University of Akron

Brunswick, Ohio

NOTES: Batted .273 as a freshman at Akron. No fielding errors as a freshman. He was first team All-NOC as a senior and a first team All-Medina County Gazette pick at Brunswick.

Kyle Chontos

Senior—Infielder

Baldwin Wallace University

Pickerington, Ohio

NOTES: Career .327 hitter at Baldwin Wallace with 67 RBIs. Helped lead BW to a school tying 27 win season. He is the winner of the Most Outstanding Freshman award. Played every game last year.

Brook Clark

Sophomore—Infielder

Walsh University

Canton, Ohio

NOTES: Earned letter in reserve for hitting .300 primarily off the bench. Lettered three years at McKinley High School. Earned All-Federal League and a Federal League Scholar Athlete honors as a senior. Also received Bill Erlitz Award and Hank Miller Award and played in Hank Miller All-Star Game

Sam Clarke

Junior—Pitcher

University of Mount Union

Strongsville, Ohio

NOTES: Pitched in 13 games, starting nine of them in 2013 going 2-2 with at 4.10 ERA. Has improved to a 3.49 ERA through 13 game appearances in 2014. Earned the Most Outstanding Pitcher for coaches Jason Frederick and Josh Sorge at Strongsville High School.

Devin Daugherty

Sophomore—Pitcher

Bowling Green State University

Wooster, Ohio

NOTES: Second in team ERA this year (1.00) through 9 innings pitched. Also was second in team ERA last year with a 2.08. Only allowed five earned runs through 21.2 innings pitched. Earned three letters at Wooster High School.

Matt Ellenbest

Sophomore—Pitcher

Morehead State University

Medina, Ohio

NOTES: Buckeyescout.com named him one of the Top 100 Players in Ohio for 2010. Was also named High School Baseball MVP in both 2010 and 2011 by the Medina County Gazette.

Taylor Emody

Senior—Infielder

Ohio University

Milan, Ohio

NOTES: Finished 2013 with a .345 batting average, with spot starts coming at the DH. Ended the 2013 season on a five game hitting streak. Has two career homeruns as a bobcat.

Vince Frate

Junior—Pitcher

Ashland University

North Royalton, Ohio

NOTES: Off to a strong start this season for Ashland with a 3-0 start and no runs allowed. He was the winning pitcher in the 2013 GLIAC Tournament Championship Game after throwing a complete game. Mastered his control only walking eight batters in 49.2 innings pitched.

Justin Fritts

Sophomore—Pitcher

Wheeling Jesuit University

Mentor, Ohio

NOTES: Finished 2013 with a 3.09 ERA. Is a two-sport athlete, for he was recognized as the coveted 2011-12 season Ohio Mr. Basketball. Chose to go to Wheeling Jesuit because they allowed him to continue to play both baseball and basketball.

Heath Kelley

Junior—Pitcher

Lake Erie College

Mentor, Ohio

NOTES: He has four saves and a 2.01 ERA so far this year. Take away one outing and Kelley finished the 2013 campaign with a 1.72 ERA. As a freshman he established himself as a late inning arm out of the Storm's bullpen.

Jordan Kesson

Freshman—Pitcher

University of Toledo

Hartland, Mich.

NOTES: Been efficient in limited action so far in 2014, not allowing a run. Had a productive fall with the Rockets, both at the plate and on the mound, including his first save. Known as a pitcher, but batted .330 as a senior in Hartland where he was the team MVP and Offensive Player of the Year.

Nate Langhals

Senior—Infielder

University of Toledo

Strongsville, Ohio

NOTES: He was third in the 2013 Prospect League with nine hit by pitches and batted .213 with three home runs for the Ironmen last year. He has started 83 of 91 games as a member of the Rockets. Only made one error in the field through 12 games in 2014.

Jamie MacLean

Sophomore—Pitcher

Angelo State University

Nova Scotia, Canada

NOTES: 3.60 ERA in limited action in 2014 for Angelo State. Redshirted his first year, appeared in eight appearances in 2013. In his college career he averages about one strikeout per inning pitched.

Jason McPeck

Junior—Outfielder

Walsh University

Stow, Ohio

NOTES: Transferred to Walsh from the University of Akron. Third best Walsh batting average in 2014 at .341. He is 9-of-10 in stolen bases through 13 games this season. Would come in to pitch relief at Akron where he registered seven strikeouts in 15 innings pitched.

Kyle Michalik

Freshman—Infielder

The Ohio State University

Brunswick, Ohio

NOTES: Michalik was the NOC Pitcher of the year and MVP at Brunswick where he lettered all four years. Has yet to appear in a game for Ohio State. Also had offers from Michigan, Kent State, Cincinnati and Michigan State.

Carlos Ortiz

Freshman—Pitcher

North Carolina Central University

Cleveland, Ohio

NOTES: Batted .547 with 23 runs as a senior at Lincoln West High School. Led the Wolverines to the state championship game all four years, winning the game twice. Known also for throwing a one-hitter in the 2013 Senate Athletic League baseball championship game.

Lou Peterlin

Sophomore—Catcher

Lake Erie College

Mentor, Ohio

NOTES: Batting .328 with a four doubles this season for the Storm. Earned first team All-Ohio honors as a senior at Lake Catholic High School. Honored as the North Coast League Most Valuable Player.

Lucas Raley

Freshman—Outfielder

Hinckley, Ohio

NOTES: He has started every game for the storm this year, batting .250 with a home run. Raley earned a varsity letter at Hinckley for three years. He was a three-sport athlete also playing football and basketball. Earned First Team Suburban League honors.

Addison Rospert

Freshman—Outfielder

Bowling Green State University

Port Clinton, Ohio

NOTES: 4-Time letter winner in both football and baseball at Port Clinton High School. He batted .440 with 24 stolen bases as a senior, which led him to being named First Team All-SBC.

Billy Salem

Sophomore—Infielder

University of Akron

Willoughby Hills, Ohio

NOTES: Salem appeared in 21 games last year for the Zips, batting .217 with three RBIs and three doubles. At Lake Catholic High School he hit over .400 as a junior and as a senior, where he also set the school record for most fielding assists in a season (84).

Joey Stoll

Freshman—Pitcher

The Ohio State University

Westlake, Ohio

NOTES: Redshirted his freshman season at Ohio State. Played last summer for the Miami Valley Warhawks. As a senior he batted better than .400 and had a ERA of 2.00.

Bryce Zak

Junior—Pitcher

Angelo State University

San Angelo, Texas

NOTES: Transferred to Angelo State after playing at Texas A&M-Coprus Christi. For his career he averages one K/9 innings pitched. He was a District 2-5A first-team selection at first base as a senior at San Angelo High School