

# Varsity Baseball Counting Heavily on Pitching

by Craig Glantz

The Boys' Varsity Baseball team, coached by Marty Brown, has begun preparing for the upcoming season. The Vikings, who are coming off last year's disappointing season, are once again in a tough league that includes the perennial powerhouse MacArthur, as well as two other outstanding squads—Garden City and Bellmore/J.F.K. However, this year Port expects to fare well against several teams including Herricks and Great Neck South.

Undoubtedly, the Vikings' success will hinge on its pitching corps, which includes senior Matt Shodell, juniors Damon Sleicher, Kevin Mahoney, Mike Sullivan and Ralph Petruzzo, and sophomore Billy Davis. Shodell, who received Honorable Mention All-Division honors last year as a junior, will be counted on as the

ace of this year's staff.

The showing that the other team members make will also, of course, figure into the team's success. Jason Levy should yield dividends, while Sleicher, Petruzzo, Jon Camera, Shodell, Greg Panullo, and Tim Mahoney will make important contributions both at the plate and in the field. Newcomers Tom Demsker, Billy Davis, Tom Eletto, Doug Borden, Ted Deinard, and Derek Navinski should also play vital roles.

Last year was a rough one for Port. However, this year, the Vikings will look to turn it around, as veteran Jason Levy stated, "The (team's) overall attitude is better (than last year's). This team will hustle and play heads-up baseball." Schreiber faithfuls hope for good season, as this year's team attempts to put Port baseball on the map.



Varsity first baseman Jason Levy prepares to scoop up a grounder.

## Girls Softball Starts Impressively

by Dan Juceam

The Varsity Softball team, coached by Ms. Stephanie Joannon, has recently commenced the regular season. In the past couple of years the team has not lived up to the fine reputation that had been previously established. However, this year's squad has many veterans and all the essentials to produce a winning club. One interesting aspect of the team is its mix of grade levels, which range from freshmen to seniors.

On the mound, Joannon intends to rotate three year vet-

eran Julie Suk with rookie Jordana Glantz. Behind the plate, Port will use Antonella Asaro and Daria Markowski. April Walker, in her second year of varsity softball, will play first; Vicki Reed, a senior, will play second; Amy Flyer, a three year returnee and past All-Division representative, will cover short-stop; and Lisa Cardiello, another three-year veteran, will be heavily relied upon at third base.

It is anticipated that Ericka Chose will cover left field, Christine Kubin (a freshman)

will play center, and three year veteran Suzanne Hess will play right field. Joannon has yet to decide upon the specific roles which Karin Johnson and JoAnn Suk will play this season.

In their first scrimmage, Port routed Manhasset 15-3 in a five-inning game, giving Coach Joannon her first indication that much can be expected from this year's club. In the first non-league competition of the regular season, Port handily defeated Wheatley 10-4, again reaffirming the potential of this well-balanced squad.

## Girls Varsity Lax Banks on Seniors

by Jordana Glantz

The Girls' Varsity Lacrosse team is coming off a very successful season in which they reached the quarterfinals of the playoffs and had a final record of 11-6-1.

This year's team will be led by a corp of eleven returning players. Coach Winter stated, "The returnees have experience which is the biggest attribute you can offer a team."

Of course, no team can be successful without a strong defense. This year's defensive unit will be led by seniors Nicola Eckert, Karen Graser, Amanda North, Tracy Persson, and All-Division player Janice Gruntwick.

The all important attack will be led by seniors Chrissy Vietri, Sunshine Osterman, All-Division player Maria Bartini, who

had 27 goals and 11 assists last year, and All-League center Karen Song, who was selected to play on the Long Island High School Tournament team last season. Juniors Jenni-O-George and Yasmeen Jackson will be returning on the attack as well.

There are eight new team members who all played on the Junior Varsity level last year. Juniors Laurie Kintner and Amanda Davis will join the defensive unit. Jody Litwin and Eliza Comer, juniors as well, will play both defense and attack along with sophomores Judy Doyle and Erin Yau. Jen Galvin will play on the attack because of her good goal-scoring ability, and Amanda Chambers will be in the goal.

Due to bad weather and lack of field space, the team has been practicing indoors. They have had two scrimmages in which they have performed well, making use of their experience. Coach Winter says, "It's hard to imagine what we're going to be like because it's very early in the season, but we always strive to win our division." Port's main opponent will be Cold Spring Harbor, a squad with many returning players.

When asked what his outlook for the season was, Coach Winter responded, "The team shows a good, positive attitude, so we'll work our way into the season step-by-step and see what happens."

## Girls Badminton Lacks Depth

by Seth Yablans

The Schreiber High School Badminton team, again coached by Mr. Albert Jessen, has begun its practice and training for the 1989 season. Although the squad consists of many new players, there are several returning stalwarts. They include Momoko

Kishigami, Kimiko Miakang, and Junko Mira. Coach Jessen stated, "The team does not look bad, but it does lack depth." He also indicated that the team should be very successful in the first and second singles positions, but the rest of the slots will be a major challenge for the

team to fill successfully. Jessen expects that Mek Wonanabi, a new addition to the badminton team, will be one of the team's top players and should have an outstanding season. The team begins their league schedule with their first match on April 4 against Farmingdale..

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