

# 2008 YEAR IN REVIEW



The Saint Joseph's baseball team had its best season in seven years in 2008, amassing 18 wins for the first time since 2001. The Hawks also won nine games in conference play, matching their highest total since 2003. SJU showed improvement both at the plate and on the mound under interim head coach Lee Saverio, and after relying heavily on young players, the Hawk coaching staff will have a number of veterans at its disposal in the coming years.

The team's top pitcher and most outstanding player was sophomore lefthander Randy Mower. Mower led the team in wins for the second year in a row, notching a 7-5 record. His seven victories left him one shy of the program record for wins in a season and were the most recorded by a Hawk hurler since 1995. He also tied the record for starts made in a season and ranks in a tie for eighth place in career starts. Mower added a pair of complete games, including a 3-0 shutout of crosstown rival Temple on March 29 that earned him Atlantic 10, ECAC, and Philadelphia Big 5 Pitcher of the Week honors. For his efforts, Mower was named to the All-Philadelphia Big 5 Team.

Joining him on the squad was senior outfielder Jeremy Jakubowski. Jakubowski continued his hot stretch at the end of last season and carried it into the 2008 campaign, leading the Hawks in a number of offensive categories. He hit a career-high .337 to lead the Hawk regulars, and was tops on the club in hits (56), runs scored (36), triples (six), home runs (four), and stolen bases (15). He now ranks in a 10th-place tie for career hits (184), and his six triples were just one off of the SJU single-season record, while his 10 career three-baggers tie him for fifth all-time. In addition to his Big 5 honor, Jakubowski was named Honorable Mention All-Conference by the Atlantic 10.

Sophomore infielder David Valesente made the transition from third base to second base in his second season on Hawk Hill and led the team in at bats (177) and runs batted in (39). After a slow start, Valesente hit .305 in Atlantic 10 play to help power the Hawk offense from the cleanup spot. He also posted two separate impressive hitting streaks; he tied Jakubowski for the longest on the squad with a 10-gamer in March, which he then followed up with a nine-game streak not long after. His 95 career hits put him in a prime position to make a run at the program's all-time top 10 over the course of the next two years.

After taking over the starting slot at first base in March, sophomore Brian Hartsell impressed, posting a .331 batting average, ranking third in hits with 42 and recording an impressive .991 fielding percentage.

Junior Chris Prescott dazzled out of the bullpen for SJU, leading the team with four saves in the closer's role. He also combined with Mower and freshman Dominic Favazza on a seven-inning no-hitter against Saint Peter's on March 16.

Saint Joseph's received vital contributions from a trio of red-shirt-freshmen as well. Mike Coleman was the team's starting designated hitter for the final two months of the season and hit .333 while scoring 31 runs and stealing 13 bases at the top of the line-

## TEAM AWARDS

**MOST OUTSTANDING PLAYER:** Randy Mower  
**SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD:** David Valesente  
**ACADEMIC AWARD:** Doug DiSandro  
**VASQUEZ AWARD:** Tim Smith  
**DORIE LEAHY AWARD:** Ben Wendle  
**PITCHER OF THE YEAR:** Randy Mower  
**HITTER OF THE YEAR:** Jeremy Jakubowski  
**ROOKIE OF THE YEAR:** Mike Coleman  
**DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:** Brian Hartsell  
**MOST IMPROVED PLAYER:** Mike Coleman  
**COACHES AWARD:** Kenny Pustizzi  
**CAPTAIN'S AWARD:** Jason Hessler

## OTHER AWARDS

**Atlantic 10 All-Conference Honorable Mention:** Jeremy Jakubowski  
**Atlantic 10 All-Rookie Team:** Mike Coleman  
**All-Philadelphia Big 5 Team:** Jeremy Jakubowski, Randy Mower  
**Philadelphia Big 5 Baseball All-Academic Team:** Quentin Farr  
**ECAC Pitcher of the Week:** Randy Mower (4/2)  
**Atlantic 10 Pitcher of the Week:** Randy Mower (3/31)  
**Philadelphia Big 5 Baseball Player of the Week:** Jeremy Jakubowski (2/26, 5/13), Mike Boyland (3/5), Ryan McDonald (3/11)  
**Philadelphia Big 5 Baseball Pitcher of the Week:** Chris Prescott (3/25), Randy Mower (4/1)

up. Shortstop Joe Cook was third on the team in total bases (58) and tied for third on the squad with 25 runs driven in. He was also 11-for-12 on stolen base attempts. Outfielder Ryan McDonald battled injuries throughout the year, but played in 26 games and hit .391 with a whopping .580 slugging percentage when he was in the lineup.

In 2008, Saint Joseph's solidified its young nucleus and showed marked improvement in all facets of the game. As this group grows together in the coming years, the Hawks will be prepared to make a mark in the increasingly competitive Atlantic 10.



Jeremy Jakubowski was SJU's leader in hits, runs scored, triples, home runs and stolen bases. His .337 batting average was tops among the Hawk regulars.



# 2008 STATISTICS

## SAINT JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY FINAL 2008 BASEBALL STATISTICS (OVERALL: 18-34 / ATLANTIC 10: 9-18)

(ALL GAMES SORTED BY BATTING AVG)

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
Tom Dennen	.300	4-0	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	.500	0	0	1	0	.500	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	1.000
Evan Spano	.412	11-2	17	3	7	1	0	0	5	8	.471	1	0	2	0	.421	1	0	1-1	31	4	0	1.000
Ryan McDonald	.391	26-19	69	17	27	5	1	2	14	40	.580	8	3	6	1	.475	0	0	4-5	33	2	2	.946
Jeremy Jakubowski	.337	44-42	166	36	56	7	6	4	31	87	.524	22	8	21	1	.437	1	2	15-18	55	4	1	.983
Mike Coleman	.333	39-27	99	31	33	2	1	0	12	37	.374	16	10	21	0	.465	2	0	13-17	8	1	0	1.000
Brian Hartsell	.331	40-29	127	18	42	10	1	1	23	57	.449	9	0	23	2	.367	3	1	4-5	300	15	3	.991
Phil Pursino	.314	16-12	35	3	11	2	0	0	5	13	.371	6	1	5	0	.429	0	0	3-3	57	10	3	.957
Mike Boyland	.289	41-30	117	17	35	7	1	2	19	50	.413	11	1	20	3	.351	1	0	0-2	21	70	15	.858
Joe Cook	.285	42-40	131	31	39	11	1	2	25	58	.423	13	9	19	1	.377	3	4	11-12	52	126	15	.922
Kenny Pustizzi	.274	35-28	95	16	26	6	1	0	13	34	.358	12	2	14	1	.364	1	2	0-0	167	32	3	.985
David Valesente	.271	48-45	177	22	48	14	1	3	39	73	.412	13	4	23	2	.328	4	0	1-3	96	121	11	.952
Matt Barnathan	.271	43-33	107	14	29	4	0	0	18	33	.308	21	2	26	2	.400	0	4	1-1	41	0	2	.953
Chris Hildreth	.264	28-23	87	18	23	4	1	0	9	29	.333	10	4	24	0	.366	0	0	4-4	24	43	6	.918
Dewey Oriente	.250	33-25	100	19	25	9	0	1	17	37	.370	10	1	29	1	.319	2	0	3-3	182	4	1	.995
Brooks Miller	.250	10-4	16	2	4	2	0	0	1	6	.375	2	0	11	0	.333	0	1	1-1	8	9	1	.944
Ben Wendle	.224	46-44	161	23	36	12	0	3	25	57	.354	16	11	28	2	.330	3	1	1-2	83	1	2	.977
Drew Smith	.213	31-24	89	9	19	5	1	0	11	26	.292	16	3	17	4	.352	0	0	0-0	56	7	0	1.000
Jerome Scott	.210	32-13	62	10	13	3	0	0	6	16	.250	2	2	0	0	.500	1	1	2-2	3	7	1	.909
Mike Blahusch	.200	8-3	5	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	.000	2	0	0	0	.000	1	1	0-0	0	0	0	0.000
Tim Smith	.196	37-11	51	13	10	3	0	0	3	13	.255	8	0	17	0	.305	0	2	6-6	36	3	1	.975
Mike Galetta	.167	5-2	12	1	2	1	0	0	0	3	.250	0	0	1	0	.167	0	0	0-0	0	6	1	.857
Chris Cashman	.160	26-12	50	10	8	0	0	0	5	8	.160	3	1	8	0	.222	0	1	1-1	26	45	10	.877
Mike Plakis	.000	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0.000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>.278</b>	<b>52-52</b>	<b>1787</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>.386</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>.369</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>75-111</b>	<b>1329</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>.956</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>.310</b>	<b>52-52</b>	<b>1827</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>.431</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>.395</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>107-131</b>	<b>1363</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>.960</b>

LOB - Team (425), Opp (445). DPs turned - Team (48), Opp (46). CI - Team (2), Pustizzi 2, Opp (4). IBB - Team (5), Jakubowski 2, Barnathan 1, Pustizzi 1, Wendle 1, Opp (20).

Picked off - Boyland 3, Valesente 2, Jakubowski 2, Hartsell 1, Cook 1, Wendle 1, Scott 1, Pustizzi 1.

(ALL GAMES SORTED BY EARNED RUN AVG)

Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBD	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA
Mark Imbo	0.00	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	1.0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	.333	0	0	0	0	0
Chris Prescott	3.65	1-1	18	0	0	0/1	4	24.2	19	11	10	19	30	8	0	0	92	.207	3	2	0	0	2
Doug DiSandro	4.26	0-2	15	0	0	0/0	1	19.0	22	10	9	11	16	1	1	0	75	.293	2	5	1	1	3
Randy Mower	4.45	7-5	16	16	2	1/1	0	85.0	102	60	42	23	41	15	5	342	.298	1	6	0	0	4	9
Quentin Farr	4.50	0-0	15	0	0	0/0	0	18.0	17	10	9	10	17	1	1	2	65	.262	0	0	0	0	3
Chad Simendinger	5.21	0-1	9	0	0	0/0	0	19.0	21	11	11	8	16	5	0	2	75	.280	1	4	0	0	1
Don Werner	5.28	2-7	14	12	0	0/1	0	73.1	88	59	43	25	42	15	3	2	301	.292	7	14	0	4	3
Andrew Powers	5.59	2-0	12	2	0	0/0	0	19.1	32	19	12	9	13	7	1	1	90	.356	2	5	0	0	1
Bryan Penalo	6.05	1-1	9	2	0	0/0	0	19.1	17	15	13	18	17	2	0	3	72	.236	4	2	0	2	1
Dominic Favazza	6.17	8-5	13	10	0	0/0	0	58.1	74	40	40	30	34	18	0	3	234	.316	4	1	1	1	8
Mark Dolaghan	6.85	0-3	15	0	0	0/1	1	22.1	33	23	17	7	19	7	0	1	96	.344	1	4	0	0	1
Jason Hessler	7.56	1-3	6	6	0	0/0	0	25.0	46	28	21	8	21	5	4	3	121	.380	0	2	0	1	0
Adam Rivera	8.59	0-0	13	0	0	0/0	0	14.2	25	15	14	9	8	3	0	1	63	.397	0	2	0	1	0
Justin Trudell	8.69	3-5	18	0	0	0/0	0	19.2	26	24	19	13	28	5	1	3	90	.289	8	4	1	0	0
Pat Monaghan	11.12	0-1	11	4	0	0/0	0	22.2	35	34	28	19	12	1	1	1	80	.368	6	1	1	3	0
Ryan Cucinelli	40.00	0-0	3	0	0	0/0	0	0.1	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	10	.000	0	0	0	0	0
Ben Wendle	54.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	0.1	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	.667	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6.01</b>	<b>18-34</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3/2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>443.0</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1827</b>	<b>.310</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>5.07</b>	<b>34-18</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1/0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>454.1</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1787</b>	<b>.278</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20</b>

PB - Team (17), D. Smith 8, Pustizzi 4, Pursino 4, Spano 1, Opp (11). Pickoffs - Team (3), Monaghan 2, DiSandro 1, Opp (12). SBA/ATT - Pustizzi (62-74), Pursino (21-24), Werner (19-23), D. Smith (20-23), Mower (13-19), Favazza (14-15), Hessler (7-10), Dolaghan (7-8), Prescott (7-7), Monaghan (5-7), DiSandro (7-7), Powers (4-7), Spano (4-6), Penalo (5-6), Trudell (5-5), Rivera (4-5), Simendinger (5-5), Farr (1-3), Imbo (3-3), Cucinelli (1-1).

### 2008 BASEBALL GAME-BY-GAME RESULTS: Record: 18-34 Home: 9-8 Away: 6-22 Neutral: 3-4

Date	Opponent	Result	R	H	E	R	H	E	Inn	Overall	Atlantic 10	Pitcher of Record	Attendance	Time
Feb 23, 2008	at William and Mary	4-9 L	4	9	3	9	15	0	9	0-1	0-0	Mower (L 0-1)	-	2:45
Feb 23, 2008	at William and Mary	3-6 L	3	3	2	6	8	3	7	0-2	0-0	Trudell (L 0-1)	178	2:07
Feb 24, 2008	at William and Mary	12-16 L	12	15	1	16	17	0	9	0-3	0-0	Monaghan (L 0-1)	-	4:00
Feb 24, 2008	at William and Mary	5-10 L	5	8	2	10	8	0	7	0-4	0-0	Werner (L 0-1)	-	2:05
Mar 01, 2008	@ vs Georgetown	9-4 W	9	11	0	4	12	2	9	1-4	0-0	Mower (W 1-1)	315	2:35
Mar 02, 2008	@ vs Georgetown	7-11 L	7	12	2	11	13	1	9	0-1	0-0	Trudell (L 0-2)	302	2:47
Mar 04, 2008	@ vs Holy Cross	16-4 W	16	21	0	4	8	2	9	2-5	0-0	Werner (W 1-1)	223	2:40
Mar 04, 2008	@ vs Georgetown	7-11 L	7	12	1	11	15	2	9	2-6	0-0	Trudell (L 0-3)	196	3:00
Mar 05, 2008	@ vs Rollins College	4-5 L	4	9	1	5	12	1	9	2-7	0-0	Favazza (L 0-1)	239	2:40
Mar 06, 2008	@ vs Holy Cross	6-8 L	6	9	1	8	8	1	(11)	0-0	0-0	DiSandro (L 0-1)	196	3:37
Mar 07, 2008	@ at Rollins	5-11 L	5	5	3	11	14	0	9	2-9	0-0	Hessler (L 0-1)	218	2:43
Mar 08, 2008	@ vs Holy Cross	6-1 L	6	12	2	7	3	2	(11)	2-10	0-0	Trudell (L 0-4)	438	3:40
Mar 11, 2008	@ at Seton Hall	5-2 W	5	9	0	2	7	1	9	3-10	0-0	Mower (W)	75	2:30
Mar 15, 2008	MD-EASTERN SHORE	11-3 W	11	9	4	3	8	4	9	4-10	0-0	Hessler (W 1-1)	215	2:48
Mar 15, 2008	MD-EASTERN SHORE	4-0 W	4	7	0	0	3	2	9	5-10	0-0	Werner (W 2-1)	215	2:37
Mar 16, 2008	# vs Saint Peter's	11-0 W	11	12	0	0	0	1	7	6-10	0-0	Favazza (W 1-1)	76	1:47
Mar 18, 2008	* vs Villanova	7-5 W	7	7	1	5	8	2	9	7-10	0-0	Prescott (W 1-0)	138	2:52
Mar 21, 2008	* at George Washington	7-12 L	7	6	2	12	16	0	9	7-11	0-1	Mower (L 2-2)	183	2:50
Mar 21, 2008	* at George Washington	10-8 W	10	14	1	8	9	4	9	8-11	1-1	Trudell (W 1-4)	163	3:30
Mar 22, 2008	* at George Washington	4-9 L	4	4	3	9	19	0	9	8-12	1-2	Hessler (L 1-2)	2500	2:39
Mar 25, 2008	* at Delaware	2-17 L	2	11	5	17	18	2	9	8-13	1-2	Werner (L 2-2)	138	3:04
Mar 26, 2008	@ at Rider	5-8 L	5	9	1	8	11	0	9	8-14	1-2	Dolaghan (L 0-1)	150	2:44
Mar 28, 2008	* TEMPLE	2-13 L	2	10	2	13	11	1	9	16-15	1-3	Favazza (L 1-2)	228	3:20
Mar 29, 2008	* TEMPLE	3-0 W	3	6	2	0	3	4	9	9-15				