
***** SEASON 2009 NEWS ARCHIVE*****

2009 3rd ANNUAL RC WEST PLAYER RECOGNITION EVENT

Stevens Baseball awarded Rapid City Stevens High School Letters in Baseball to the following players:

2009 STEVENS BASEBALL HUSTLE AWARDS

Danny Baries (10)
Tanner Feterl (9)
Andy Brubakken (9)
Tanner Engle (9)
Chris Maks (10)
Paul Oddo (9)
Adam Brubakken (10)
Casey Ommen (12)
Lee Westby (11)
Alec Swanson (11)
Tommy Barbour (10)
Kevin Ficken (11)
Thomas Hegert (9)
Brennan Holloway (10)
Alex Schnell (10)

2009 SPRIT OF STEVENS BASEBALL AWARD

Danny Baries (11)

2009 MOST IMPROVED AWARD

Lee Westby (11)

2009 South Dakota All-State Teams

2009 Class A, All-State Second Team

Second Team – Men Hansen, DH.

Honorable Mention – Brennan Holloway, P.

2009 Region III, Class A, All-Region-State Team

First Team - Dan Bareis, 3B; Matt Lewis, SS; Chris Maks, Utility; Mason Landon, OF; Ben Hansen, DH, Brennan Holloway, P.

Honorable Mention - Dan Thyren, OF; Andrew Telkamp, C. Congratulations to all!

NO PRACTICE TONIGHT DUE TO THE WEATHER

12/8/2009 3:56:00 PM - Rick Holloway

There will be no practice tonight as a result of the weather and road conditions. Practice will resume next Tuesday at 6:00 pm at the BHWS Gym.

Baseball Practice Continues Weekly in the Gym

10/15/2009 7:23:42 AM - Rick Holloway

Baseball practice will continue for the remainder of the year (until the Holidays) indoors at the Black Hills Workshop Gym. Any athlete who wants to keep their baseball skills at a high level throughout the off-season, is welcome to attend practice every Tuesday night from 7 pm to 8 pm. While this practice is not mandatory, if you are not involved in other sports or activities that conflict with this time, it is highly recommended you attend to ensure that your arm strength and physical abilities are maintained for preparation for this upcoming season which will begin in February. Pitchers are strongly encouraged to make this practice and you will need to work on conditioning if you want to be successful in the Spring. Hitting will also be included with sessions at the indoor batting shed at Canyon Lake Little League. If you have any questions, please contact Coach Joe Burmeister at 545-0561.

Stevens Takes 3rd in Deadwood Wood Bat Tournament

7/5/2009 5:32:53 AM - Rick Holloway

A mix of Varsity, JV, and Silver players banded together the week before July 4th to participate in Deadwood's Wood Bat Tournament. The Tournament featured teams from across South Dakota in a pool-play format. Game 1: RC Stevens 11 - Deadwood 7. Stevens' bats came alive after being off for nearly 6 weeks, scoring 11 runs in 7 innings. Behind solid pitching performances from Caleb Ahrenstorff (W) and Tayler Boos (S), Stevens rallied in the late innings to win the game. Brennan Holloway contributed to 7 out of the 11 Stevens runs with 4 RBIs and 3 runs scored. He went 2 for 2 on the day with a sacrifice and a walk. Taylor Boos also helped his own cause by hitting 3 for 4 on the day with 2 RBIs. Game 2: Stevens 1 - Platt 3. Behind a gem of a game by pitcher Daniel Thyren, the Stevens Raiders sent the game into extra innings with a score of 1 to 1. Thyren pitched his maximum allowed for the day of 7 innings, allowing just 1 run, on 4 hits, and 7 strike outs. Offensively, PJ Cavanaugh scored Stevens' only run and went 1 for 3 with a walk. Adam Brubakken hit Stevens' only extra base hit with a Double in the 4th. Also of note was Stevens' outstanding defense - committing no errors in all 8 innings, even though it rained and was wet throughout the entire game. Unfortunately Stevens' luck ran out in the bottom of the 8th when Platt hit a walk-off 2-run home run to win the game. 3rd Place Game: Stevens 4 - Hot Springs 2. Stevens came out pool play fighting for a respectable 3rd place to face Hot Springs on the final day of the tournament. Behind the solid pitching of Alex Schnell (W) (who went all 7 innings, allowed only 2 runs on 8 hits), the Stevens Raiders' defense shined again. They executed 3 double plays during the game to keep Hot Springs base runners from scoring. Offensively, Alex Schnell contributed to his win by going 1 for 2 with a run and a walk. His brother, Eli, also helped out going 1 for 3 and scoring a run. Alec Swanson went 1 for 4, scored a run and had an RBI; while Daniel Thyren also contributed with 2 RBIs of his own. This is the second year in a row that a mixed team from Stevens and gone to Deadwood and competed in the Wood Bat Tournament. Manager Joe Burmeister indicates that next year he will work to provide an opportunity for a Stevens Team to play in several tournaments throughout the summer, including a return to the Wood Bat Tournament. Joe hints that next year Stevens will not be fighting for a 3rd Place finish while coming into the tournament with 6 weeks off.....They will be ready for anyone they face.

Thank you for a great season!

6/3/2009 4:08:04 PM - Rick Holloway

Players and Parents: I want to thank you all for a successful season, considering the adverse weather we faced at the beginning of the year. This caused some players to feel high school baseball was all practice and no games; however, as we made our way through May the Varsity squad played in 21 games, the JV squad played in 19 games, and the Silver squad played in 21 games. This exceeds the number of games played by all squads last year. Spring baseball can, and usually is, a difficult obstacle, but you all have shown that hard work and a determined attitude can lead to results and success. This was exemplified by

the success we had hosting the State Class A High School Baseball Tournament on Memorial Day. We will soon be organizing an end of the year Awards Ceremony in the next couple weeks. I will send out an e-mail advising everyone well in advance and post the information on the Web-site. Joe regularly presents awards to players at all levels for a multitude of contributions they make to the team. The Board of Directors also presents awards to parents, players, and coaches for their efforts. Finally, Lettering, participation pins, and statistics will be handed out to players at that time. We hope you all can come. Coach Joe is developing a schedule (practice and game) for Fall Ball beginning in September. Keep posted for future e-mails and the web site if you are interested in playing more ball this fall. Finally, as we move into next year, we are exploring the possibility of taking a team to Phoenix or Tucson, AZ, to play in a Spring tournament in March. Although details have not yet been worked out for the trip, any player wanting to make this trip will be eligible to go. To be eligible, the player will have to fund-raise the money necessary to travel - much like the Stevens Band and Choir do on their trips out of state. As we finalize this trip, we will pass along details to returning players and parents. In an effort to assist with individual fund-raising, we have discovered an opportunity for players to earn some money that can be applied to their trip. Yellow Book is currently seeking individuals to deliver phone books to residences and businesses in the Rapid City area. Yellow Book has established 69 routs in the area. Each rout consists of approximately 900 deliveries, requires approximately 10-14 hours to complete, and the participant can earn from \$150 to \$200 toward their trip. Should plans fall through for a Spring baseball tournament, then the money earned by the player/parent will be applied to fund-raising efforts for next baseball season. If you are interested in this opportunity to earn money to assist in a Spring baseball trip, please contact me (Rick) at 390-9740 or Coach Joe at 545-0561 within the next 2 weeks. Further details for this fund-raiser are also located in the News section of the Stevens Baseball web site. Again, thank you all for your hard work, dedication, and patience this year. In many ways this was a growing year for the teams(s) and the organization. We have some exciting opportunities ahead of us in the upcoming months. Our young team(s) will be a year older and will undoubtedly compete for the Region III title and hopefully the state title as well. We also have some organizational changes that will be made with the intent of improving communication between the Board, coaches, players, and parents; fund-raising; team identification with Stevens; coordination with other leagues and sports; and if we can find a way - control the weather too.... If I do not see you at the Awards Ceremony in the next couple weeks, I hope you have a great, warm, relaxing, and safe summer. Sincerely, Rick Holloway President

THANK YOU TO ALL THAT HELPED - State Tournament

5/26/2009 4:52:31 AM - Rick Holloway and Bryan Schnell

We would like to thank everyone who, over the past several days, weeks, and months put in the time and effort to successfully host the State Class A Tournament. All of your efforts paid off as we were able to be excellent hosts to the four teams playing in the tournament. Your efforts this weekend, and everyone's efforts throughout the season, demonstrate the high level of commitment and class you all bring to this program. Again, thank you for a great season!

Region III, Class A, All Region Team

5/20/2009 6:56:04 AM - Dan Cavanaugh

First Team - Dan Bareis, 3B; Matt Lewis, SS; Chris Maks, Utility; Mason Landon, OF; Ben Hansen, DH, Brennan Holloway, P. Honorable Mention - Dan Thyren, OF; Andrew Telkamp, C. Congratulations to all!

Rapid City Stevens Baseball Thanks The Westbys

5/16/2009 9:13:41 PM - Rick Holloway

Stevens Raiders Baseball would like to thank Myrna and Curt Westby for volunteering their time - and day - delivering flowers during Mother's Day. Myrna and Curt delivered flowers for Flowers by LeRoy to many

happy mothers and donated their time and earnings to the Rapid City Stevens High School Baseball. Everyone in the League is grateful for your kind gesture.

Stevens Baseball Readies to Welcome Teams from Across the State

5/14/2009 6:34:21 AM - Rick Holloway

Rapid City Stevens Baseball finalizes preparation for the 2009 South Dakota State Class A Baseball Tournament. This year the State Class A Tournament will be held on Monday, May 25th at Pete Line Memorial Field in Rapid City, SD - the first time Rapid City has hosted the State Class A Tournament. We are very excited to play host to the rest of the State and welcome the top four teams in South Dakota to the area. As part of the day's activities, Game 1 will begin at 11:30, Game 2 will start at 2:30 and the Championship Game will begin at 6:00 pm. Opening Ceremonies at 11:30 will feature an introduction of all four teams, officials, and the members of the South Dakota High School Baseball Association. For teams traveling to Rapid City for the Tournament, Stevens High School Baseball will host a welcome BBQ Dinner for players and coaches on Sunday, May 24th at Pete Lien Field at 5:00 pm. The Rapid City Visitors and Convention Bureau have also put together great welcome packets for all families traveling to Rapid City for the Tournament. The welcome packets will showcase area attractions, restaurants, and business for those visiting for the games and staying to enjoy the area. With over 50 volunteers to help with a successful tournament, Stevens Baseball would like to thank all of the parents, players and coaches involved in the program this year. Additionally, Stevens Baseball would like to thank Post 320 Baseball for the use of Pete Lien Memorial Field, as well as the following tournament sponsors: the Stevens High School Booster Club, the South Dakota National Guard, the Rapid City Convention and Visitor's Bureau, The Officials, and the Law Firm of Clayborne, Loos, Stromman, and Sabers in Rapid City. We are also very excited to announce that the championship game will be broadcast in the Black Hills area by ESPN Radio, 99.5 FM. Numerous area hotels have offered blocks of rooms for the tournament at various rates. Furthermore, the South Dakota National Guard has offered it's facilities for teams and officials to use during the Tournament. For more information regarding lodging, accommodations, or tournament information, please contact Tournament Directors, Rick Holloway at 605-390-9740 or Bryan Schnell at 605-343-2885.

Varsity (3-11) Continues Struggles Against SF O'Gorman Knights

5/3/2009 10:20:53 AM - Rick Holloway

Stevens Varsity continued their struggles over the weekend with two more losses to a Sioux Falls team. In Game 1, the O'Gorman Knights took an early lead scoring 5 runs in the 2nd inning. O'Gorman pitchers kept the Raider bats quiet, allowing only one run off of 4 singles. PJ Cavanaugh finished the game 2 for 3 at the plate and scoring the only Raider run. In Game 2, the Knights jumped out to a 7-2 lead in the first inning and never looked back. Although the Raiders tacked on two more runs in the 2nd, that was as close as the game got with the O'Gorman pitchers taming the Raider bats. Mason Landon had a 2-RBI double in the 2nd, and Adam Brubakken went 2 for 3 with a run scored and a double.

VARSITY (3-9) DROPS 2 WITH SF WASHINGTON

5/1/2009 10:20:53 PM - Rick Holloway

The Stevens Varsity squad dropped two games with SF Washigton as the Raiders were unable to muster enough runs to overcome the Washington offense. In Game 1, SF Washington took the lead and kept it after a 3rd Inning home run from Bobby Olseth. SF put together a total of 12 runs off of 15 hits. In Game 2, the Raiders kept the game close going into the 7th inning before the flood gates opened and SF scored 11 runs. Highlights for the Raiders in game 1 included Mason Landon, who went 2 for 4; Matt Lewis who when 3 for 4 with a double; and Justin Zaiser who hit an RBI triple in the 2nd inning. For game 2, Chris Maks went 2 for 3 while Casey Ommen hit a double in the 3rd.

Stevens Varsity (3-7) beats Central 9-2

4/28/2009 6:00:18 AM - Dan Cavanaugh

Andrew Telkamp allowed two unearned runs, struck out six and did not give up a hit until there were two outs in the sixth inning en route to a 9-2 win over RC Central. The Raiders garnered four hits in the six-run fourth inning, highlighted by a run-scoring double by Matt Lewis, a single by Ben Hansen and two hits by Dan Bareis as the Raiders sent 11 men to the plate. Brennan Holloway, in relief of Telkamp, pitched a 1-2-3 seventh inning to close out the game. Stevens improved to 3-7 while Central fell to 1-2.

Stevens Varsity (2-7) Split Games with Sturgis Titans

4/23/2009 11:13:15 PM - Rick Holloway

After a rough first game in which Sturgis defeated the Stevens Raiders 3 to 13, the Raiders rebounded to take the nightcap 15 to 4. The Raiders jumped out to an early lead in game one, scoring two in the first inning off a triple by Matt Lewis and a single by Dan Thyren. The Titans answered in the bottom of the second with two runs of their own; however, Sturgis runs did not stop there. The Titans tacked on 6 more runs in the third, 2 in the fourth, and 4 more in the fifth. Stevens was only able to add one more run in the fourth inning. In the second game, Stevens wasted no time answering back to their game one defeat. The Raiders again scored two runs in the first after two Sturgis errors. The Raiders also added 2 more runs in the second off of a Ben Hanson 2-RBI single. Meanwhile, Stevens' starting pitcher, Brennan Holloway, held the Sturgis bats at bay for the first three innings by not allowing a run or any hits. The Raiders tacked on 5 more runs in the third inning, off of two hits, three walks, and two more Sturgis errors. Holloway, who picked up the win, pitched through five complete innings, allowing only 3 unearned Sturgis runs and two hits. He recorded a total of six strikeouts before Dan Thyren entered the game in relief. Thyren pitched the last two innings, allowing only one unearned run, and tagging Sturgis with 4 strikeouts. The Raiders sealed the deal in the top of the seventh inning, scoring 4 runs off of another Sturgis error, and an RBI single from Caleb Arhenstorff and a 2-RBI double off of reliever Thyren.

Stevens Silver (5-0) Wins Miles City Tournament

4/19/2009 7:56:56 PM - Rick Holloway

Rapid City Stevens Silver Wins Miles City Outlaw Tournament – Rapid City Stevens Silver (Freshmen) win the Miles City Outlaw Tournament, sweeping the weekend. After defeating all teams in pool play, the Rapid City Freshmen Baseball team defeated the Miles City Outlaws in the Championship game today 11 to 5. Connor Farrar picks up the win and helps himself by going 3 for 5 at the plate with 3 RBIs. Also assisting the cause was Tanner Sprague who went 3 for 4 with 2 RBIs and Thomas Hegert who when 2-3 with 3 RBIs. Also key in the tournament victories was Andy Brubakken who caught four out of five games played.

Stevens Silver (4-0) Wins Two More in Miles City Tournament

4/19/2009 2:16:12 PM - Rick Holloway

In games played today, the Silver squad took two more games in the Miles City Tournament, defeating Rapid City Central JV 5-3 in the first game: Tanner Feterl with the Win and Adam Drake notches the save. In the second game, the Silver squad beat Spearfish 7-0 with Eli Schnell picking up the win for Stevens. Silver plays in the Championship game today at 3:30.

Brookings takes both games from Varsity (1-6)

4/19/2009 12:17:35 PM - Rick Holloway

The Brookings Bobcats had the upper hand in both games on Sunday at McKeague Field. The Raiders could not hold down the Brookings offense losing both games 15-6 and 14-6. Some Stevens highlights for

the game included Matt Lewis hitting his second home run of the season. The Raiders kept game one close after five innings by only trailing the Bobcats by two (8-6). The Raiders plated four runs in the fourth inning, including Lewis' home run and a double by PJ Cavanaugh and back-to-back singles by Dan Bareis and Dan Thyren. In the second game, the Raiders had a big first inning, scoring five runs off of a Bareis triple and singles by Tom Barbour, Chris Maks, and Kevin Ficken. Ben Hansen also had a RBI double in the third inning.

Stevens Silver (2-0) Wins Two in Miles City

4/18/2009 9:10:58 PM - Rick Holloway

The Silver squad won both games of the Miles City Outlaw Tournament today in Miles City, MT. They defeated Miles City 7 to 4 in Game One: Taylor Boos with the Win. In Game Two, Silver defeated Billings, MT, in 8 innings 4-3: Tanner Feterl with the Win. In Game Two, Connor Farrar hit a home run and Thomas Hegert hit a double for Stevens.

(4-17-09) Stevens Varsity (1-4) Drops a Long Heartbreaker to Sioux Falls Lincoln

4/18/2009 8:06:06 AM - Rick Holloway

In a long, rain-soaked game in which Stevens held an early 7-0 lead after three innings, the Sioux Falls Lincoln Patriots battled back to extend the game into extra innings to eventually pull off a victory. Stevens' starter, Daniel Thyren, held the 3rd-ranked Patriot bats at bay over 2 and 2/3 innings, striking out three and only allowing to hits. However, starting the fourth, the Sioux Falls bats came alive with timely hits and assistance from some Stevens' errors. Offensively, Stevens hit up and down the line-up – just not enough to maintain their lead or pull of the win in the late innings. Matt Lewis hit for power on the night driving a long 2-run home run over the left-center field fence. He later added an RBI triple to his evening at the plate. Caleb Ahrenstorff also hit an RBI triple of his own. Additional, Raider highlights include: PJ Cavanaugh - 2-3 with two walks and two runs scored; Ahrenstorff – 3-5 with three runs scored. Also every Raider that appeared at the plate earned a base hit for a total of 16 hits on the evening.

(4-14-09) Stevens Varsity (1-3) Splits two with Sturgis

4/18/2009 8:06:06 AM - Rick Holloway

Game 1: In the first home game of the season for the Varsity squad, the Sturgis Titans took an early 2-0 lead in the second inning off of Stevens' starter, Caleb Ahrenstorff. Sturgis tacked on 2 more in the 4th before Stevens answered back with 3 of their own in the bottom of the frame. Brennan Holloway, who relieved Ahrenstorff in the 5th, held Sturgis to only 1 more run over the next 3 innings. Stevens added 5 runs in the sixth inning off of a Daniel Thyren triple and a pair of doubles from Dan Bareis and Matt Lewis. Holloway earned the first win of the season for the pitching squad, while Bareis and Ben Hanson both went 2 for 4 in the game at the plate. Game 2: Stevens took the lead early in the game, 2-1 at the end of two. However, it was all Sturgis offense from there. Sturgis tacked on 2 in the 3rd, 4 in the 4th, and 9 runs in the 6th, to win the game 16 to 4. Highlights at the plate for Stevens include a Tommy Barbour triple, and a Daniel Thyren double.

Sturgis Game moved to Thursday the 23rd

4/15/2009 6:59:42 PM - Rick Holloway

The Varsity game at Sturgis on Wed, April 22nd has been moved to Thursday April 23rd. The schedule has been updated.

STEVENS VARSITY (0-2) DROPS 2 IN MITCHELL

4/13/2009 10:41:07 PM - Rick Holloway

Stevens Varsity traveled 4 hours to play their first games of the season on Monday (4/13) against

Mitchell, SD. Mitchell, ranked 1st in the state, topped Stevens in both games. In the first game Mitchell prevailed 7-0, while in the second game, Mitchell won 15-5. (Stay tuned for further updates on these games.)

Stevens JV (3-1) splits games with Central JV

4/13/2009 10:41:07 PM - Rick Holloway

Game 1 (11 - 5 Central)- Stevens JV team started out slow against Central's JV team in games played on Monday. In the first game, Central took an early lead 5 – 3 lead after 2 innings. Over the next 5 innings, Central tacked on another 6 runs, while Stevens could only muster 2 additional runs. Offensively, Stevens could not get timely hits, stranding numerous runners on base, while Central effectively moved their runners around the bases. Steven's Ryan Jensen hit an inside-the-park home run, scoring two in the second inning, Tanner Sprague and Austin Joachim also hit doubles for Stevens. Ryan Comer pitched for Stevens, racking up 4 strikeouts; however, that was not enough to defeat Zimmer from Central who tallied 8 strikeouts of his own. Game 2 (11-4 Stevens) - In game 2, Central took an early 3-0 lead in the first inning and added 1 more run in the second. Stevens answered with 2 runs of their own in the bottom of the second. Central's bats were shut down by Taylor Boos, who pitched four solid innings, allowing only 2 runs and 4 strikeouts. Steven's bats came alive in the 3rd, scoring 5 runs. They added 4 more runs in the 4. The game was ended after 5 innings due to the cold and late evening. Offensively, Andy Brubakken went 2 for 2 with 3 RBIs, while Bates also went 2 for 2 with a double.

FIRST HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL GAMES OF THE SEASON - Stevens JV (2-0) Played on the Road and out of the snow.

4/11/2009 7:01:51 PM - Rick Holloway

Miles City, MT - It may have taken two weeks to pull off, but the 2009 Stevens High School Baseball season officially began on Saturday, April 11, in Miles City, MT. Although field conditions prevented any baseball from being played in Rapid City, the conditions were much better in Miles City. With temperatures approaching 80 degrees, the Stevens High School Junior Varsity team decided to make the 8 hour round trip to get out of the snow and play some ball. Stevens High won both games, defeating the Miles City Outlaws with scores of 11 to 5 in Game 1, and 16 – 12 in Game 2. Tanner Sprague earned the win in game one and Ben Hansen notched a win in game 2. The Varsity squad in preparing to travel to Mitchell, SD, on Monday April 14th to play their first games of the season. Stevens is set to play a doubleheader with Mitchell starting at 3:00 pm CDT/2:00 pm MDT.

Team Pictures Rescheduled

4/8/2009 5:50:47 PM - Rick Holloway

Team Pictures have been rescheduled for April 21st at 3:45 pm at McKeague Field. Please bring your picture packtes at that time. Thank you.

Stevens Baseball Loves Pizza!!

3/28/2009 2:24:32 PM - Rick Holloway

Thanks to a lot of Pizza fans and hungry appetites, Stevens Baseball raised \$325.00 in proceeds from Thursday night's Pizza Dinner at PIZZA HUT. That's a lot of pizza folks - \$1,625.00 in pizza, pasta, and beverages. Thank you to all that stopped to eat or picked up a pie to go. And thank you very much to the West Main PIZZA HUT for their generosity and support of Stevens Baseball.

THANK YOU TO ALL THAT HELPED - 100 Inning Game

3/13/2009 3:34:46 PM - Rick Holloway

I would like to thank everyone who assisted last weekend at our 100-inning game. Thanks to those that

volunteered your time at the field, setting up, baking goods, and/or bringing food. Again, our success is all due to you!

THANK YOU to the Stevens High School Booster Club

3/8/2009 10:00:55 PM - Rick Holloway

Rapid City Stevens High School Baseball would like to thank the Stevens High School Booster Club for their continued support! The Board of Directors for Stevens Baseball encourages all parents and families to join the Stevens High School Booster Club. Your membership helps to support Stevens High School athletics, programs, and student activities. Show interest in your child's school, become involved, and thank any current Stevens Booster Club member for their support of this program.

Rapid City Stevens Baseball to Host 2009 State Class A High School Baseball Tournament

2/16/2009 9:37:32 AM - Rick Holloway

Rapid City Stevens High School Baseball will host the 2009 State Class A High School Baseball Tournament at Pete Lien Field on May 25th. The top four teams in the state will play for the state Class A title in Rapid City. This is the first time the State Class A High School Baseball Tournament has been played in Rapid City. Please keep posted to the Stevens High School Baseball web site for more information regarding the tournament and all Stevens Baseball activities.

Rapid City Stevens Baseball Needs Your Help!!!

2/10/2009 1:46:57 PM - Manager Joe Burmeister

Obviously, one of our major focuses at Rapid City Stevens is to teach the game of baseball, and all of the wonderful components that come along with it—teamwork, goal setting, work ethic, and so on. However--and maybe most importantly--we as coaches feel we have an obligation to help develop our players into becoming upstanding members of the community. In order to meet this end, we have decided to undertake a service project in order to raise community awareness to our players. This will also help us generate some positive publicity for our organization as well through local media outlets and businesses, and let those in the community be known that we are not just about teaching the game of baseball, but about teaching the game of life as well. For the second year in a row, the project we have undertaken is that of supporting Special Olympics of South Dakota via the 2009 "Polar Plunge". The Plunge is set to take place on Saturday, February 28th, at 2:00 pm at Memorial Park. The goal I have set for our team is that of \$2500. Myself, Coaches Cody Young, Adam Magbuhat and Dan Hagel have all agreed to take the plunge on behalf of Special Olympics; there will also be a handful of players that will be "freezin' for a reason" as well! You help find the funding, and we'll endure the physical pain. Again, all monies raised will go to SOSD ON BEHALF of RC Stevens Baseball Club, giving our players, families and friends a chance to give back to the community. If you consider making a donation, you will be recognized, as will all of our donating families, on a page in our 2009 Rapid City Stevens Baseball Season program. This is a great way for us to give to others less fortunate, so I feel its worth the effort. I've already gotten a good jump towards our \$2500 goal by personally raising \$1200 already. CAN YOU HELP US OUT? Thank you for your consideration, Joe Burmeister Manager Rapid City Stevens Baseball Club

Our "Polar Plunge" Fundraising Widget!!!

2/10/2009 1:46:57 PM - Manager Joe Burmeister

<http://www.firstgiving.com/joeburmeister>

RC West Baseball Club Now Officially STEVENS BASEBALL CLUB

1/31/2009 2:05:45 PM - Rick Holloway

Last month, the Board of Directors for RC West Baseball Club officially voted to change its name to Rapid City Stevens Baseball. Although the transition to the new name may take several months to complete, the Varsity squad will be wearing new uniforms identifying themselves as players from STEVENS starting this 2009 baseball season. The transition from West to Stevens was able to occur once the club sport was recognized by the Stevens Athletic Department. Although we are now recognized by Stevens, we are not yet a sanctioned sport (like football, basketball, gymnastics), but we are working in that direction. Eventually all three squads will be clearly identified as athletes from Stevens High School; however, this transition will occur as uniforms are to be replaced. Please watch as we make this exciting transition and proudly identify ourselves as Stevens Raiders!

Tryouts Complete - Final Roster to be Posted within the Week

1/31/2009 2:05:45 PM - Rick Holloway

With the 2009 Tryouts complete for this season, players and parents will be notified within the next week of the final roster for the 2009 baseball season. Final roster assignments for the Varsity, Blue, and Silver squads will not occur for several weeks as coaches work with all the athletes during the upcoming days of practice. Please check back to the web site often for updates on practice schedules, teams, and roster assignments.