

A Season to Remember and a Quest for a Title

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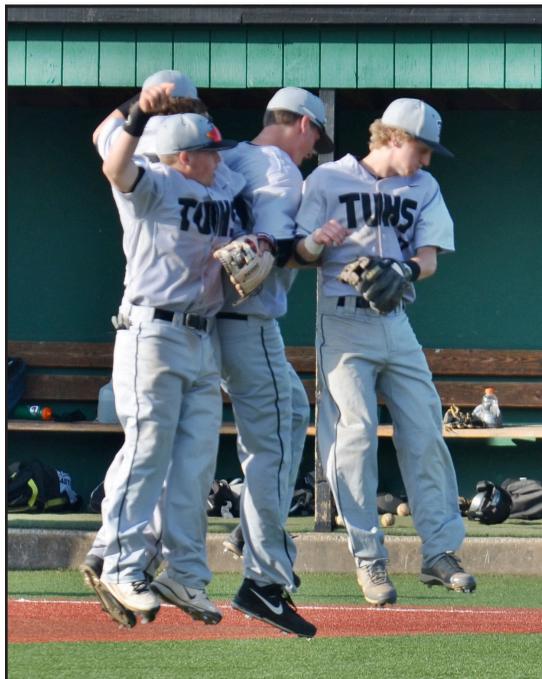
Perhaps Terrance was referring to the success of the Tualatin Timberwolves baseball program. One year after building a state of the art hitting facility, the Timberwolves found themselves on the cusp of their first ever championship appearance.

The Timberwolves are led by head coach Adam Strachan, who returned for his third season as head coach and

***"If you build it,
they will come."***

– Terrance Mann, Field of Dreams

earned his 3rd straight Pacific Conference Championship. Hi first-rate coaching staff includes Dave Schoppe, Eric Wadsworth, Justin Burch, Jimmy Chapin, Charlie Jenkins, and Matt Unis.



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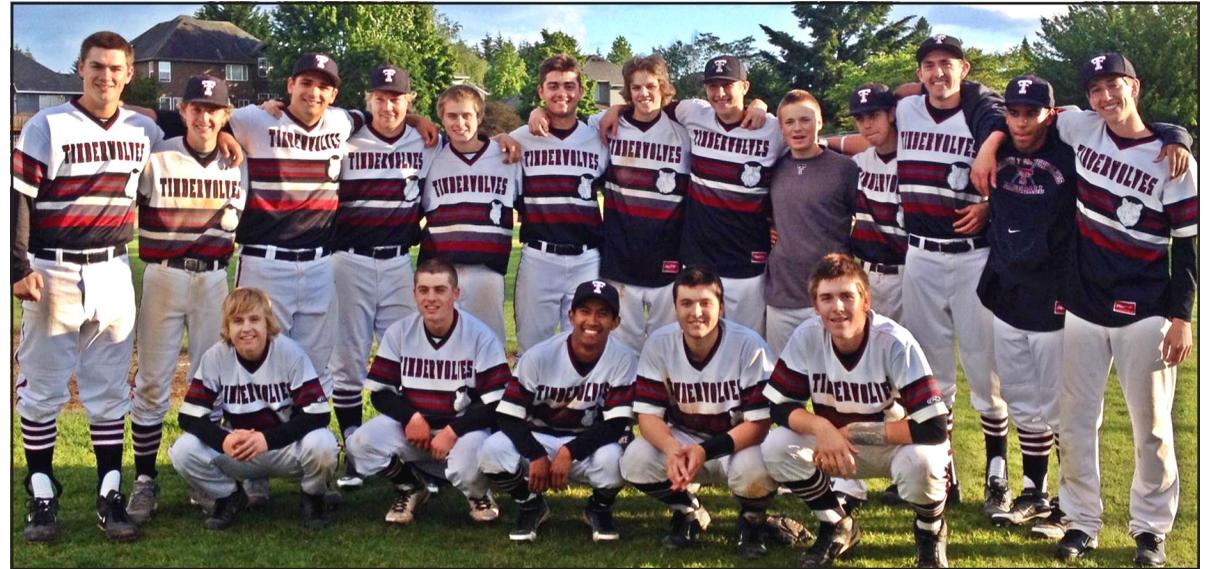
Led by the dominant starting pitching duo of Jacob Bennett and Karter Cook, the Wolves rolled to an overall record of 24-5, posting a conference mark of 13-4. Tualatin allowed the 3rd fewest runs in the state, giving up only 78 runs during the regular season. In addition, Wolves hitters finished 2nd in the state in scoring, with 218 runs. Tualatin won every league series while winning their 7th consecutive Conference Championship.

The Wolves entered the playoffs as the 3rd ranked team in the state, opening

at home against David Douglas. Led by a 13 strikeout, 2 hit performance by Jacob Bennett, and with right fielder Brandon Shroyer's big stick driving in all three runs, Tualatin prevailed with a 3-0 victory.

In the round of 16, the Wolves found themselves facing the Lincoln Cardinals in another home playoff game. Despite a rabid home crowd and a field lined with banners from their outstanding community business sponsors, Tualatin fell into a 3-0 hole. The Wolves remained in the game behind a gritty and gutty pitching performance by Karter Cook. Tualatin finally broke through in the 5th with a two-run single by Trevor Riese. However, the Wolves entered the bottom of the 7th trailing 3-2. Not to be denied, the Wolves loaded the bases for Riese. He delivered with a walk-off single, and was then mobbed by his teammates!

In the quarterfinals, the Wolves found themselves matched up against Conference foe McMinnville. The Wolves took the suspense out of the game early, with



Row 1: Chase Anderson, Tanner Marsh, Bryce Haskin, Jake Gellos, Jacob Bennett
Row 2: Karter Cook, Joey Fishback, Cam Frey, Brandon Shroyer, Trevor Riese, Cooper Brunner, Nathan Senger, Taylor Boos, Jackson Schleicher, Chris Fishback, Cody Davidson, Eli Robinson, Calder Fettig

Bennett delivering another strong performance on the bump and seven different players banging RBI's in a complete team offensive performance, as they posted a 9-2 victory.

"We're going to Medford!" That phrase was perhaps never yelled so joyously, as the Wolves found themselves going on the road to face the 2nd ranked North Medford Black Tornado in the State semi-finals, with a berth in the State Championship game hanging in the balance.

The semi-final game was a hard fought pitching duel that eventually turned in North Medford's favor. With the Wolves unable to string together enough hits, despite multiple innings w/base runners, Tualatin fell 4-0, one small step short of the State Championship game.

Despite the heartbreak of not reaching their ultimate goal, Tualatin baseball moves forward into next season poised for even greater success. They have built the foundation of the program, and the rewards will come!



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