

LYNCS

BASEBALL

HISTORY

SNAPSHOTS of the TEAMS

1960---2025

Snapshots of Lynden Christian High School's Baseball History

(mostly gleaned from old media clippings via Kathy Bos's collection and from Tribune articles and LC alumni chats; all scorebooks prior to 1979 and some since 2005 are lost)
2010 was the first edition of this history. Some practice games earlier were not included in the season's won-loss record.

In the mid-**1950**'s the Lyncs played a single **baseball** game (vs. MEI) in Canada, the only one in Doc Zylstra's 4-year stretch at LC. Later that decade a few more games were arranged for LC baseballers, but none against public schools in WA.; after a couple games in 1958, the 1959 Lyncs (led by seniors Jim Vander May, Denny Timmer, Bill Reinsma, and Al Stremmer) played 4 baseball games against Canadian schools going 0-4. Led by Superintendent Mark Vander Ark, LCHS became accredited in

1960. In that transitional year LC played **basketball** against its first public school opponent, Mt. Baker, on 12-1-59 (losing at home 38-43). But LC's first Whatcom County League (WCL) participation began in earnest in the spring of 1960 in **baseball** under the direction of Coach Garris Timmer (1960-1962).

The **1960** team made LC's first season in WCL play exciting tying for the WCL (a 7-team league then) championship with a 9-3 league record behind the pitching of John Vander Molen, Ken Faber, and Harold Terpstra. Playing the Lynden Lions of Jake Maberry the first time in history in any sport, LC rallied to break a 4-4 tie in the top of the 8th behind the Darigold plant to win 7-6; Vander Molen pitched all 8 innings till key hits by Ken Faber, John Rozeboom, Sherm Polinder, and Bob Oordt spurred LC to victory. In an 18-3 win over Blaine, Faber was the WP while Terpstra hit a grand slam. LC beat Ferndale 4-3 as Polinder and Terpstra hit big 2B's. A Faber 2-hitter bested Meridian 12-1. Consecutive hits by Faber, Rozeboom, Terpstra, and Arlen De Young keyed a 4-run outburst putting LC past Mt. Baker 10-5. To tie Lynden and Ferndale for first place, the Lyncs edged Mt. Baker 4-3. Terpstra (.440 BA), Faber (.424), and Rozeboom (.405) led the Lyncs' strong offense. Matt ("Beep") Kok, Ed Feller, Howard Wouters, and Merlin Verhoeven were other contributing seniors on this historic team.

One reporter's "gold dust twins" were Ken Faber and southpaw John Vander Molen. Vander Molen beat Mt. Baker 2-1 with a 1-hit, 15K gem. Faber beat the Mounties again 6-3 while Harris Statema, Jack Byeman, Faber, and Duane Proppe keyed a 4th inning surge. LC ran its winning streak to 7 games. Glenn Van Andel offense (3-3, 2B, HR, 3 RBI) keyed a 9-5 win over the Pioneers. LC lost to Lynden 10-11 despite an Anton Mellema HR. Faber struck out 14 in a 6-hitter which beat Blaine 18-3 to keep LC in the title chase, but Ferndale behind Russ Barstad's 2-hitter edged LC and Vander Molen 2-1 and the Lyncs ended up 8-4 for third place in the WCL.

Early in **1962** LC had its biggest run-scoring effort ever, a 27-3 romp over Mt. Baker; in that game Harris Statema went 4-5 with 6 RBI while Rod De Jong was 2-3 with a 3B, HR, and 4 RBI. A big hit in a 9-8 win over NV was Jack Veltkamp's 2-run HR; this was Vander Molen's only win as he was plagued by a sore arm; he moved to 1B to keep his bat in the line-up. Power hitting brought LC a 7-6 win over the Borderites as Veltkamp hit another 2-run HR while Teddy Mellema and Byeman slugged triples. Faber's 3-hit shutout did in Meridian 9-0 as De Jong's 2-run 1B was a big LC hit. Losing 5-6 to Ferndale ended LC hopes of a WCL title share. Faber was selected to play in the state feeder game. The '62 team ended up with a 9-6 record and finished fourth in the WCL. Coach Timmer's teams went 26-13.

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In **1963** LC had some big bats. Despite losing 6-8 to Ferndale, Rod De Jong and Duane Bouma each went 3-4. Beating Bellingham's JV team 5-4 brought drama, a game-winning HR by Teddy Mellema. Against Mt. Baker LC brought some dandy pitching and a foreshadowing of things to come – a Dean Douma 1-hitter to win 3-2 with an offense keyed by Arnie Blankers, De Jong, Douma, and Mellema, and then a Bruce Bode 2-hitter, to win 8-0. Bode's 3-hitter helped LC upset the cross-town Lions 8-4. Dick Bajema's 6-hitter and Douma's 3-run 3B helped LC beat Blaine 10-5. In a slugfest LC beat Meridian as Douma's HR and Mellema's 3B and 2 2B led the power surge. Rod De Jong hit an impressive .436 while Bode's .368, Douma's .364, Mellema's .341, and Proppe's .325 all boosted LC offense in the 1963 season. The Lyncs were 6-4 for a third-place finish in the WCL.

As juniors, the talented 3-sport athletes (football and basketball too) of Dean Douma and Bruce Bode led LC to an 8-4 WCL finish, good for 3rd place, and 10-5 record for the season in **1964**. Duane Bouma and Bode combined to 2-hit Lynden in a 2-1 win. Bode came back with a 12K 7-hitter but lost to Ferndale 2-1 before beating Blaine 2-0 with a 2-hit, 18K masterpiece while Steve Lankhaar and Bob Brandsma led the LC offense. Beating NV 8-1, Bode fired a 12K 3-hitter and Arnie Blankers went 3-3 with 4 RBI. Bode's 1-hit, 19K mastery of Mt. Baker must've been something to see. Douma clipped Lynden's wings with a 6-hitter in a 9-4 LC win and later beat Blaine 12-3 with a 5-hitter and 8K while Bob Brandsma (3-3, 3B, 2 RBI) led the offense.

The **1965** team was bolstered by the tremendous pitching of the Bode-Douma tandem. Though the Lyncs' team batting average was a tender .202, opponents could only muster a .114 B.A. With Bob Brandsma catching, Bode beat NV 9-0 with a no-no + 13 K while Doug Brink had 2 hits. Aided by a 2-run HR from Dale Hendricks, Bode registered 17 K in a 2-2 tie with Bellingham's JV's, beat Blaine 1-0 on a 1-hitter when Hendricks singled and scored the only run, and defeated Lynden 4-1 for the league's co-championship on a 3-hitter with 16 K. On another fine outing Dean Douma fired a 1-hitter with 10 K besides going 4-5 with 3 RBI while Ken Kok was 3-4 (2 2B). LC ended with a 12-3-1 record; Bode and Douma combined to pitch 8 shutouts to earn the Lyncs a co-championship. Ken Draayer finished his 3-year coaching stint at LC (1963-1965) with this team. Coach Draayer's teams were 28-12.

The **1966** season started the coaching hitch of Coach Anton (Tony) Mellema, his first of 13 years (1966-1978). Vets were Ed Huisingsh, Dale Hendricks, Ken Kok, and Gary Van Loo. Early in the season Ben Hendricks beat NV 11-0 with a no-hitter while Huisingsh and Kok banded out 2 hits each. Beating Lynden 2-1 to squelch a perfect Lions' season, Marlin Statema threw a 3-hitter and Karl Bosman scored on Huisingsh's 2-run HR. That team ended up 6-4 in the WCL for 3rd place and 6-5-1 overall.

The **1967** club was led by Dale Hendricks and Ed Huisingsh. LC beat Mt. Baker 6-1 in their opener behind hits from Verlyn Korthuis, Norm Brandsma, Loren Maas, and Huisingsh, and they edged NV with offense led by Hendricks, Brandsma, Van Loo, and Bosman. They gained 3rd in the WCL with a record of 5-5 by beating Meridian 3-2 behind Hank Roorda's 9-hitter with 10 K and Brandsma's game-winning hit. Brandsma, a CF-er who "ran like a deer," batted .346 and Korthuis, the solid catcher, .345 to lead the Lyncs' offense. LC won 6 and lost 6 to finish 3rd in the WCL.

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Verly Korthuis and Vern Haveman were vets for the **1968** team. Beating Lynden 7-1 to break a 13-game winning streak of the Lions, aided by a 2-run HR from Jim Vander Mey, was special. Later in a 5-0 whitewash of Meridian, LC used a pair of hits each from Brent De Hoog, Vander Mey, and Gary Moorlag. In a pitching duel with Meridian, the Trojans won 2-1 as Wade Athean's 19 K bested Roorda's 18 K. To go 8-2 and win LC's 2nd WCL championship of the decade, the Lyncs beat the Lions in a "hair-raising" contest 6-5 before 100's of fans as Roorda pitched all 11 innings. Offense by De Hoog, Stanton Stuurmans, Brandsma, and Korthuis pushed LC ahead, but it took Brandsma's 2-run IB after Curt Meenderinck's IB, Bob Matter's HBP, and a double steal to seal the deal. Brandsma hit .439 on 16 hits while Meenderinck hit .372 for the season. LC went 11-2 for the season.

The **1969** seniors were Hank Roorda, Dave Terpstra, Stan Stuurmans, and Jim Vander Mey. This ball club ended up a perfect 12-0 in the WCL behind the powerful pitching of Roorda. He beat Concrete 3-1 on a 5-hitter with 14 K and was aided by Moorlag's squeeze bunt, Lynden 7-3 in 9 innings with an 18K 8-hitter helped by Terpstra's 3 hits, Meridian 7-2 on a 1-hitter, and combined with Kent De Hoog to beat Meridian 11-1 to culminate an outstanding pitching career. Brent De Hoog beat Lynden 9-3 with a nifty 2-hitter while Stuurmans slapped out 2 hits. Earlier LC beat NV 3-2 on a bases loaded walk to Brent De Hoog; Stuurmans had a 3B among his 3 hits that day. Voted to the WCL all-star team were unbeaten pitcher Roorda, Vander Mey, and Stuurmans. Vander Mey (SS) hit .375 and Stuurmans (3B) hit .390 to lead LC on offense.

The **1970** team ended up 7-4 for 3rd in the WCL and 12-5 overall. LC beat Meridian 7-1 as Galen Koetje hit an RBI 3B besides pitching the win. The De Hoog brothers, Brent on the hill and Kent behind the plate, beat Blaine 8-0 with a 2-hitter; an RBI 2B by Rick Vander Yacht got the scoring going. Later LC used Vander Yacht's bat (2B, HR, 4 RBI) to clip the Borderites 14-2. The Lyncs had mounted a 13-game winning streak till they ran into Mike Kelly of Concrete; Kelly's 13-inning, 24K 5-hitter bested Brent De Hoog's 2-hitter; this game also snapped a 20 game WCL win streak for LC, but later De Hoog fired a 2-hit masterpiece to edge Concrete and Kelly. Beating Lynden 2-1 behind Koetje's 3B and run helped the Lyncs to even the series after the Chuck Price-led Lions with Gary Shelley's 1-hitter won.

Vets for the **1971** team were Arnie Hendricks, Rick Vander Yacht, Kent De Hoog, Dale Ter Wisscha, and Mark Heutink. Now pitching, Kent De Hoog beat Mt. Baker 7-2 on a 3-hitter, NV 7-1 with a 6-hitter besides hitting a HR and scoring 3 runs, and NV again 10-2 as Neil Kamphouse hit an RBI 3B and Hendricks slammed a 2-run 3B. This team ended up 4-6 for 4th in the WCL and 5-7 overall.

Seniors on the **1972** club included Arnie Hendricks, Doug Van Anandel, Steve Bosman, Rick Vander Yacht, and Dale De Boer. The Lyncs benefited from Kamphouse's 2-hitter and Van Anandel's RBI 3B in a win over Meridian 8-1. Kamphouse also defeated Blaine 5-1 with a 3-hit gem aided by offensive blows from Kevin Rutgers and Greg Geleynse and Concrete 1-0 (to cinch a tie for 2nd place in the WCL) on a steal of home in the 9th inning by Hendricks. Rick Vander Yacht hit .340 and played in the state feeder game. The team went 11-5 for the season.

The **1973** team was built around its lettermen – Kevin Rutgers (3B), Greg Geleynse (OF), Dave Huizenga (OF), Neil Kamphouse (P), and Dale De Boer ©. For the season opener LC defeated Lynden 11-7 in 9 innings to give the Lions their first loss in 25 league games; Kamphouse gave up 12 hits but

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went the distance while Rutgers was 3-5 with a HR. Pitching vs. Blaine, Doug Elsbree, a “Jamie Moyer-esque” lefty, had a big week in a 4-1 and 9-2 sweep over the Borderites as he gave up just 1 ER. A 10-4 win over NV was keyed by a Geleynse 4-hitter and Rick Rupke's 3-3, 2B, + 3 RBI. In a unique game LC bested NV 6-5 as Elsbree and Kamphouse each had 2 pitching stints; Morrie De Boer's single in the 10th set up the winning run. This was the first year of the state's playoff system for baseball. The Lyncs were knocked out of district by Darrington 4-2 despite Elsbree's 12k 6-hitter and a towering HR by Kamphouse estimated at over 400'. Kamphouse hit .377 on 20 hits and Mike Groen .347 on 16 hits while Elsbree gave up just 39 hits in 61 IP with 72 K for the season. LC was 2nd in the WCL and 12-4 for the season.

Lettermen returning for the **1974** squad were Doug De Boer ©, Doug Elsbree (P), Morrie DeBoer (3B), Gary Vermeulen (SS), and Greg Geleynse (P-IB). Elsbree's pitching was dominant in victories – over Meridian 1-0 on a 1-hit gem (Elsbree scored the winning run on Vermeulen's bases loaded walk), Blaine 2-1 on a "no no" with 7K as Mark Van Mersbergen's RBI IB forged the lead, Mt. Baker and ace Mark Lehman 6-2 on a 5-hitter as the offense was fueled by Jeff Jansen, Albert Timmer, Arlyn Visser, Vermeulen, Elsbree, Morrie De Boer, Gary Weg, and Galen Kaemingk, NV 2-0 as his 3-hitter edged Kelly Heutink's 1-hit piece, and Sultan 3-0 on another "no no" with 9 K as the O was led by Kaemingk, Jansen, Weg, and Doug De Boer. LC was knocked out of the playoffs by White River. The LC record in the WCL was 6-4 and for the season 10-6.

The **1975** season began with a 2-1 win over Meridian as Morrie De Boer and Gary Vermeulen shared pitching duties and Glenn Dykstra and Jim Kaemingk had RBI hits. The defense of Gary Weg led LC in a 3-1 verdict over Lynden while Galen Kaemingk and Albert Timmer produced RBI. In an 8-3 win over Blaine, De Boer and Galen Kaemingk combined to throw a 1-hitter. De Boer's 2-hitter tamed Mt. Baker while Vermeulen, Timmer, and Larry Vander Mey collected RBI. The season ended on a fluke play in a 0-1 loss to North Mason and ace Ken Aries despite solid Vermeulen pitching. Galen Kaemingk and Vander Mey both hit .325 for the 12-4 (7-3 in WCL) Lyncs, and Gary Weg was honored on the WCL all-conference team. The Lyncs finished 2nd in league, and LC was 12-4 overall.

In **1976** LC would rely on Ken Geleynse, Joel Huleatt, Albert Timmer, Glenn Dykstra, Jeff Jansen, and Ron Kok. LC used effective pitching by Mike Kingma and great defense by Dykstra at SS and 2 RBI from Dennis Huizenga to edge Meridian 4-3. Everyone hit the ball in a 13-5 win over Mt. Baker; especially big hits were by Terry Kaemingk and Timmer. Dykstra's 2-run IB keyed a 7-3 win over Mt. Baker. After splitting with Blaine, LC ended up 4-6 in the WCL. The final victory was a 9-inning 3-2 win with Weg's 3 hits and Duane Vander Yacht's game-winning RBI hit critical. Glenn Dykstra and Gary Weg were accorded all-conference honors. This squad ended up with a 5-5 record for 4th place.

The **1977** squad struggled some. A 10-4 win over Blaine was aided by Gary Van Dalfsen's 3 hits. A 10-8 win over Manson used offense of Duane De Boer, Terry Kaemingk, Rod Blankers, and Dennis Huizenga besides the relief pitching of Bruce Kok, whose 2B drove in the game winner in the 10th. Beating Meridian 5-2 showcased Kok again as the WP and Kaemingk's offense (3-3; 5 RBI). A 1-3 loss at Blaine ended this team's season as they left 10 men on base. After hitting .350, Terry Kaemingk was an all-conference selection and went on to play in the state all-star game. This team ended up 2-8 for 6th place in the WCL.

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Returning starters for **1978** included Duane Huisingh, Rod Blankers, Bruce Kok, Duane Elsbree, and junior Jeff Brink. Kok gave up just 3 hits in an 8-6 win over Mt. Baker. Besides Huisingh's 3-4, Ted Kooy broke an 8-8 tie with Blaine in the bottom of the 7th by singling in Dave Hamstra. Doug Vander Pol drilled 3 hits in a 4-12 loss to Lynden. LC ended up 0-10 in the WCL. Rod Blankers was chosen as all-conference. Coach Mellema's teams were 103-66.

Hardworking Bob Vander Haak's first crew of 6 seasons (1979-1984) was the **1979** team headed by underclassmen – Dan Kaemingk, Dave Tinklenberg, Mike Schweigert, Wendall Kaemingk, and Ted Kooy besides part-time trackster, senior Brett Biesheuvel. Biesheuvel slammed a 3-run HR to break a 5-5 tie in a win over Meridian as Schweigert won in relief. LC came back against the Trojans to win 3-2

behind Kooy's 2-hit, 8K job and RBI from Schweigert, Tinklenberg, and Biesheuvel besides 2 hits by Mark Heystek. Despite Jeff Brink's 4-hitter, LC fell to Meridian 0-4. A heartbreaker was an 11-inning 2-3 loss to NV as Kooy threw a 4-hitter, but a wild pitch on a squeeze bunt attempt went awry. LC ended up 1-9 for 6th place in the WCL and 3-14 overall.

In **1980** LC found some success. Drew Roosma was the WP in relief in a 4-3 win over Lynden while Roger De Boer had 3 base knocks and Kooy's 2B led to the winning run. Kooy came up big over Mt. Baker in a 6-1 win keyed by his giving up just 1 hit in 5 innings and hitting a 2-run 1B. Roosma was the WP in an 8-7 victory over Mt. Baker; Schweigert and John Vander Veen collected 2 RBI each. LC fell to Meridian 4-5 despite 2 Dan Kaemingk base hits. LC was 1-9 for 6th place in the WCL, and Kooy was picked for all-conference. This team's record for the season was 1-13.

For the **1981** team Drew Roosma was a horse of a pitcher. In pitching a 3-0 win over Lynden, he was aided by Roger Vander Griend's 2 hits and 3 RBI. Jim Huleatt picked up 3 RBI in an 8-6 win over Meridian while Roger De Boer banged out a 3B and collected 2 RBI in a 6-4 victory over NV. Clearly the highlight of the season was Roosma's dominating performance over Blaine; he pitched a 14-inning shutout and then drove in the game's only run to win it 1-0. LC ended up 6th in league and 5-13 overall.

The **1982** team was involved in some high scoring games. They beat NV 12-2 as Brent (Hook) Reinsma threw a 4-hitter besides collecting 2 hits including a 3B. Reinsma was the WP in a 13-9 victory over Blaine in a game in which De Boer, Kent (Bum) Bouwman, and Rich Appel had 2 hits apiece. Roger De Boer (4 1B) and Jordan Jansen (2 2B, 3 RBI) powered LC to a 13-8 win over Meridian. Appel and De Boer each ripped 3 hits in a 12-8 win over Blaine. Roger De Boer was selected as a WCL all star for the 4th place Lyncs after a 5-9 season.

The **1983** squad continued with strong offense. Bouwman pitched 4 innings of hitless relief besides his O (2-run 3B, 2 RBI) to help LC win over Lynden 10-4. Bouwman came on strong in a 14-4 victory over NV as he fired a 3-hitter while collecting 6 RBI including a 3-run HR. Lefty Jon Andrus halted a 5-game skid by shutting out NV 9-0 with the help of big hits from Bruce Stadt, Bouwman, and Appel. LC finished 4th in the WCL and 8-11 overall.

In **1984** LC fielded a richly veteran team. Tim Zylstra pitched a 5-hitter to beat Blaine 7-2. Mike Van Weerdhuizen was the WP with Zylstra as the closer in a 5-2 win over Mt. Baker; RBIs were gathered by

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Zylstra, Jansen, and Tom Bajema. Zylstra came back with an 8K 4-hit masterpiece to beat NV 7-3; Duane Brandsma ripped a 2-run 1B while Van Weerdhuizen had 2 2B and Zylstra a 2-run 2B. Special was LC's 3-1 win over Meridian's Rick Foster as Van Weerdhuizen pitched the win and tripled while Zylstra had an RBI hit. A milestone win, the first over the Lynden Lions since 1975, was led by Zylstra pitching, a 2nd game-winning hit by Van Weerdhuizen – a triple, and double plays by the LC defense. Jansen's 3-run HR keyed an 11-5 victory over NV; he also earned all-star status with gaudy stats - .481 BA on 22 hits in league, 19 RBI, 10 ebh, and 3 HR. This 9-10 team just missed qualifying for the playoffs. The teams of 1979 -1984, under Coach Vander Haak, produced a record of 36-88-1.

The **1985** team was John Rozeboom's first of 21 seasons (1985-2005) coaching LC varsity baseball teams. A very young team, captained by senior Kevin ("Spanky") Kaemingk, had some exciting times.

Strong relief pitching by Barry De Zeeuw, a great defensive play by Leonard Smit (1B), and RBI by Tad (“Tator”) Vander Griend and Kaemingk helped edge Lynden 2-1. Kaemingk’s 3-run 3B and John Heystek’s RBI 1B led the O while Brian De Zeeuw and Vander Griend delivered some gutsy pitching as LC nipped NV 5-4. Later Coach Luna for the Lyncs, but then SS Desi Luna for Meridian, hit an RBI 3B in a 2-10 LC loss. Kaemingk made the all-county team. A largely sophomore team budded and just missed the playoffs with their 4-6 record as part of a 6-14 season.

Seniors on the **1986** team were Brian De Zeeuw, Tad Vander Griend, and Tim Bouma. De Zeeuw and Vander Griend did the bulk of the LC pitching and both played in the feeder game. LC beat NV 8-3 behind 3 RBI and 2 hits from Leonard (“Poco”) Smit, edged Mt. Baker 10-9 on Darren Johnson’s game-winning hit which scored Craig Shagren in the 8th and got by NV 8-6 on 5 hits between Vander Griend and Dean Sterk. Johnson’s 3 hits aided LC against Blaine till Smit’s squeeze bunt gave Blaine’s ace, Scott Baker, his first and only loss in a 5-4 thriller. LC ended up at 5-5 in the WCL and 8-9 overall. A bud had turned into a blossom.

In **1987** the Lyncs, anchored by several veteran seniors, reached a new high-water mark – 14 wins in a season. Ace Darren Johnson was the WP in a 10-5 win over Meridian as Smit drilled a 3-run HR and an RBI 2B while Barry De Zeeuw collected 3 hits. A Johnson 3-hitter and Dean Sterk’s game-winning 2B led LC to a 1-0 win over Lynden. In a 14-6 shootout over Ferndale, Dean Sterk blasted a 3-run 2B and a 3-run HR for 6 RBI. Using RBI by Dave Rozeboom and Johnson with Smit and Barry De Zeeuw combo pitching, LC beat Meridian 3-1. For the spring tournament championship Johnson fired a 3-hitter while Brad Greenough and Rozeboom came up with clutch 8th inning hits as LC edged Lynden 2-1. LC beat NV’s Brandon Newell as Roy Clark ripped 3 hits while Sterk and Rozeboom had 2 each in a 7-3 win. LC beat Blaine 20-14 with a football score as Barry De Zeeuw had 5 RBI with 2 HR. In a dramatic come-from-behinder LC overcame a 3-run Cory White HR in the 7th with Rozeboom’s game-tying RBI 3B and Greenough’s game-winning, chalk toucher to RF to beat Lynden 4-3. This team came in 2nd in a WCL tie at 6-4, only to be knocked out of a district berth in a play-in doubleheader. Clark hit .433 in league play while Rozeboom led the WCL with 14 RBI. Johnson, Clark, and Rozeboom were accorded all-conference honors while Johnson and Rozeboom played in the feeder game. This club’s 14-7 record was a new most wins’ mark for LC baseball. This team flowered.

The **1988** squad was led to a very satisfying season by 4th year player, the versatile Barry (“the Bear”) De Zeeuw, along with Kevin (“Keewee”) Havert, Brad (“Gunner”) Greenough, and Roy Clark – all of

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whom played in the feeder game at the season’s end. LC pounded NV 9-1; Greenough had 3 hits with a 3B and Clark had 2 RBI as Bill (“Bulldog”) Diephuis pitched the win. LC beat Mt. Baker 5-0 as Diephuis fired a 3-hitter while Eric Van Hofwegen (OF) robbed a Mountie of a hit and then turned it into a DP, and a Havert (CF) to Greenough (SS) to Brian Sipma (3B) relay was a big play. Meanwhile Jeff Kamps’ RBI 1B gave LC the permanent lead. De Zeeuw dominated the LC winning streak with his pitching; he beat Lynden 8-2 and NV 6-2 besting Tom Ackerman yielding just 2 hits in each game. LC won the spring tournament for a 2nd consecutive year. At district LC beat Lynden 5-4 as Tom Zylstra’s big 2-run 1B scored Kevin (“Goob”) Bovenkamp and Joel Rinsema, and then LC slipped by Meridian 3-2 as De Zeeuw outdueled Jay Edmonds for LC’s first district championship. Tolt eliminated LC 7-6 in

a tight regional game. The '88 team ended up 14-7. De Zeeuw was the WCL's MVP, the first for the Lyncs, as well as the first WCL player in 15 years, to play in the state all-star game.

In **1989**, a season of interruptions, LC returned just 14% of its offense. Eric Van Hofwegen's 3 RBI pushed LC to an 8-2 win over Meridian. In a 10-12 loss to Whalley in 8 innings Kent Shelton (4 RS, 2 H, 2B) and Kevin De Young (3 H, 3B, 2 RBI) led the O. One pitching masterpiece was turned in by lefty Chad Weg when he stunned Lynden 9-1 on a 1-hit gem while Zylstra and Diephuis homered and Kamps collected 3 hits and Kent Shelton 2, but later LC fell to Lynden 8-9 despite 2 hits apiece from Chris Senti, Bill Diephuis, and Jeff Kamps. Chad Bovenkamp tossed a 5-hit shutout to beat Whalley 2-0. LC ended up in 5th place at 2-8 in the WCL after being edged by Meridian. Kamps set a school record with his .468 BA. while Tom Z played the finest season of varsity 2B in Coach's 40-year coaching career; he was flawless defensively besides making some incredible plays, and adding a .424 BA on the O end. Both Jeff Kamps and Tom Zylstra were accorded all-conference honors on this 7-11 team.

Kent Shelton ©, Kevin DeYoung (CF), Chad Bovenkamp (P), and Chris Senti (IB) returned as starters for the **1990** squad. Transfers Bob Hayden (off to an 8-11 start with the bat and then a broken ankle was tough to take!) and Jon Vander Griend added pop to the O while Chad Bovenkamp really stepped up on the mound. Kevin De Young had 2 hits and 2 SB while Bovenkamp fired a 4-hitter and Hayden belted a grand slam as LC beat Lynden 11-1. At the spring tournament in Quincy, Jeff Stremmer pitched a beauty throwing a no-no with 15K in a 2-0 win over Cashmere. Vander Griend banged 4 hits in a 7-2 win over Lynden. RBI by Hayden and Russ Van Den Berg helped LC to win over Ferndale 3-0 as 3 LC pitchers combined on a 1-hitter. LC's season ended with an 11-10 record when it fell to Tolt 2-0 at district; despite great Bovenkamp pitching (a 4-hitter) and catching by Trevor Veltkamp (with Shelton injured and Van Den Berg ill), 1 hit by the offense was not enough. "Bovy" set a new LC e.r.a. record (since '79), 1.28 for the 11-10 Lyncs.

The **1991** team met with some tough setbacks. Jon Vander Griend hurt his pitching shoulder and then had a long mono spell. Bob Hayden knocked out a tooth on LC's CF fence in a game with the Lions. But the season started on a promising note: an 11-0 whitewash of NV as Jeff Stremmer and Vander Griend combined on a 1-hitter. Splitting with Granite Falls 7-3 and 5-13, LC had some pop: 3-run HRs by Vander Griend and Hayden besides 3 Dwayne ("the Rifle") Lensen base hits and his 2 defensive gems throwing out runners at 3B from RF. In a 7-6 win over Friday Harbor, Vander Griend and Hayden led the O (5-6, 2B, 3B, 4 RBI). Vander Griend had 2 hits in edging Meridian's Dana Beckley 4-2. At Quincy, Hayden was hot – 4 hits, a grand slam, and 5 RBI – in addition to 3 hits each from Lensen and

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Brian De Young. Jason Blankers went 3-3 with a 3B in a 3-7 loss to Lynden, but Hayden's 2-run IB set a new LC RBI record at 23 in a 6-1 win over Meridian. A 3-4 loss to NV eliminated 6-12 LC from the playoffs. Jon Vander Griend's BA of .420 led the LC offense. At the U of W, "Vandy" set several hitting records over his 3 seasons there before playing pro ball in the Angels' organization for 3 years.

1992 saw the emergence of lanky Loren Terpstra as a fine pitcher. In one drama-filled contest LC beat Meridian 6-4 as Terpstra threw a complete game (8 IP) and Ryan Diephuis, Jason Van Hofwegen,

Loren Bos (a squeeze), Justin Meenderinck, Jason Blankers, and Kent Bouma (4 hits) all came up big on offense. Blankers was impressive in a DH sweep at Granite Falls 7-6 and 13-8 with clutch pitching in both games as well as driving in 8 runs (2 + 6) for the day. LC beat Meridian 7-0 as Terpstra threw a 3-hitter while Blankers, Jeff Polinder, Kris Bouwman, and Bouma each had 2 hits. LC ate some “humble pie” by losing to Sedro Woolley 1-15 with its big gun Cameron Cleeland, who would play in the NFL. LC ended this season with an 8-11 record.

1993 brought LC its first league baseball championship since '69. Keyed by Matt (“Tiny”) Kok’s 2-run 2B, LC edged Granite Falls 5-4; it was the 222nd win for varsity baseball teams (also after 11 years at South Christian HS in MI) coached by Coach Rozeboom. LC crushed Concrete 14-1 as freshman Scott Romjue (2 H, 3B, 2 RBI) and Kok (3-4, 2B, 3B) led the big O. Kok had a HR and 4 RBI in a 12-6 win over Meridian. Travis Korthuis fired a 3-hitter when LC beat Friday Harbor 11-1 as Brent De Ruyter, Monty (“Double Sticks”) Bosman, Romjue, and Grant Terpstra had 2 hits each. Ryan Diephuis had a 4-hit game in a win over NV. De Ruyter’s squeeze bunt tied Lynden till Romjue’s game-winning RBI hit in the bottom of the 9th clipped the Lions. Loren Terpstra (“LT”) dominated on the mound throughout the season. His 2-hit, 10K mastery over Meridian 2-1 held up and secured the league title when Monty Bosman drilled a 2-run 1B in the 9th for LC’s 3rd 9th inning magic of the season, his 2-hit, 3-0 win over Mt. Baker was empowered by “Iron” Mike Apol’s 2-run 3B. Justin (“Cruiser”) Meenderinck was a premier bunter. At district Lakewood eliminated LC 1-0 with an unearned run in the 5th, despite a Terpstra 5-hitter, to close out the season. This 13-9 team set a school record (since 1979) with its .933 fielding average and a 2.02 e.r.a.; this team also started an 11-year run of earned district tournament participation (1993-2003); only LC, of all the county teams, could claim this achievement over that stretch. LT was the league MVP and played in the all-state game.

The veteran **1994** team was led by captains Ryan (“9-er”) Diephuis (©) and Matt Kok (P-1B). Kok and “Double Sticks” Bosman with 3 hits apiece led the Lyncs over Mt. Baker 7-4. Diephuis had 3 hits as LC beat Meridian 2-1. Scott Romjue pitched a 3-hitter to quell Concrete 2-1 while Lamont Bos had 2 hits. LC beat Blaine 11-2 behind Kok pitching and hitting (3-5), Romjue (3-4), and Brent De Ruyter’s 3-run 3B. Jess Pauley and Diephuis each had 3 hits in a 12-2 win over Vashon in Okanogan. Travis Korthuis hurled a 4-hit gem while Kendall Burns had 3 hits as LC beat Lakewood. Kok fired a 3-hit shutout with 13K to beat Meridian 3-0 and edged Concrete 2-1 on a 6-hitter with 11K as Diephuis had 2 2-out clutch hits and Romjue 3 hits. At Friday Harbor Kok’s 2-hitter brought 16-8 LC its 2nd consecutive league championship. Beating Concrete 9-5 with sterling Romjue relief pitching earned LC the district championship; Lamont Bos’s squeeze bunt put the Lyncs ahead for good. Kok and Romjue overpowered the Mounties on the mound while Kok went 4-4 with the bat in a 9-5 win over Mt. Baker. LC collected its 4th straight come-from-behind win, 9-6 over #2 ranked Port Townsend, in the regional opener by knocking out their unbeaten ace, Jeff Wack as the Lyncs executed 3 squeeze bunts to get the

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lead and then Romjue closed it out. Then #1 rated Rochester’s great pitching beat LC 6-0. Winning 16 games (16-8) was the highest number in LC baseball history. “Tiny” Kok put up really big numbers and was chosen as the league’s co-MVP and played in the all-state game.

By claiming its 3rd league championship in a row, the **1995** team accomplished something special at LC. LC beat Lynden 5-2 as Matt Flemming cracked 3 hits and Romjue tamed the Lions with a 6-hitter. LC overcame Lakewood 12-4 using De Ruyter’s 3-run 3B and 3 hits by Burns while Jess (“Big Dog”)

Pauley fired a 7-hitter. Romjue beat Meridian 7-4 with a 7-hitter, Mt. Baker 13-3 on a 4-hitter with 11K, NV 5-3 on 5 hits while DeRuyter (the "Igniter") was 4-4, and Blaine 4-0 on 2 hits with 9K. Using only 62 pitches, Pauley hurled a 1-hit gem in beating Friday Harbor first 11-1 as Aaron "Babe Ruth" Blankers went 4-4 and later 11-1 on 4 RBI by Romjue. Pauley 3-hit Coupeville in an 11-0 whitewash. Controversy surrounded the ending of the Cedarcrest 1, LC 0 game as 2B-runner De Ruyter was called out at home plate after a Romjue ripped a base hit into RF. Romjue gave up just 2 unearned runs in his final 2 post-season games, both losses. This team equaled the previous year's win total of 16, again 16-8 for the season. League MVP, Romjue hit .423 and broke school records for hits (33), extra base hits (11), and RBI (25) besides pitching LC to 8 wins.

Scott Romjue, like Barry De Zeeuw before, played 4 years of LC varsity baseball with full orbed careers. Romjue and Pauley did the bulk of the **1996** pitching. Early on, LC beat Meridian 10-2 behind HRs from Josh Parsons and Greg Dykstra and 3 hits from Tim (the "Tool Man") Vander Mey; later they beat the Trojans 11-5 as Cory Janzen had 3 SB and an RBI IB while Vander Mey was 4-5. LC bettered Ferndale 14-3 as Mason Bode went 3-3 with a HR besides pitching 6 innings. A Pauley 3-hitter and his 2-run 2B helped LC beat Mt. Baker 11-3. LC clobbered NV behind Brett ("Hendu") Hendricks' grand slam and Romjue pitching. His 1-hitter beat Friday Harbor 9-0 and his no-no was broken up on a 7th inning bloop to RF vs. Lakewood which led to a passed ball that ended the game for 12-9 LC. Romjue completed his 4-year LC baseball career with 100 hits, 77 runs, and 56 RBI from his #3 hitting slot, and he fashioned a 19-9 record (after 2690 pitches) on the hill. 1996 ended several seasons of Bob and Nella Terpstra daughters - Carleen, Sheri, Kristi, and Kara - serving as stat gals. What a gift!

Tim Vander Mey opened the **1997** season by nailing a 2-out, bottom of the 7th HR to edge Meridian 5-4. Marc ("Mario") Bajema's 5 RBI led LC over Granite Falls 12-3. Clutch relief pitching by Greg "Bulldog" Dykstra and his bat (3-3, 2 RBI) and 4 RBI by Parsons boosted LC past NV 6-3. Mason Bode's 4-4 highlighted a 9-3 win over NV. Two big defensive plays by Ben Blankers (RF) aided LC in a 5-1 victory over Concrete. Dykstra's pitching shone in a 2-hit shutout, 8-0 over Friday Harbor, a 6-hit win with 13K over NV 16-4, and a 3-hitter that stopped Blaine 9-1 while Bajema slammed 2 HRs and a 2B. On a "generous" day LC lost to Lynden and the Alexander boys 21-10 despite HRs from Dykstra and Nick ("House") Scholten. After the Jr-Sr banquet, 11-9 LC blew a lead and bowed to Bellevue Christian 7-8 ending hopes at district. With 11 HBP, Vander Mey set a special LC one-season record.

The **1998** ball club was anchored by 3-year vets - Josh Parsons, Scott Van Anandel, and Greg Dykstra. The season found LC playing its final game on the then brand-new green carpet of Husky Stadium in Seattle. LC pitching brought challenges to opponents. After his "no no" against Bellevue Christian, Kevin Roosma beat Blaine with a no-hitter while Scott Van Anandel supplied muscle (4-4, HR, 3 RBI). Landon Van Dyk pitched a 1-hitter with 8K while Dykstra tied Tim Bruland's school record of 5 hits in

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a game to beat Granite Falls 10-0. An LC 9-2 win over Sultan was propelled by a Nathan Landry HR and a Parsons' squeeze bunt. In Bothel Kevin Roosma bested Husky-bound Zack Daniels of Charles Wright 10-0; Roosma fired his 3rd no-hitter of the spring, an LC record, while Dykstra, "Watts" Van Anandel, Blankers, and Kyle Juergens each had 2 hits. Again, one step from the final 4, LC fell losing to Toledo 4-3 when Toledo popped a freakish squeeze bunt well over charging IB Scholten's head to forge a lead they did not relinquish. 119 RBI and 17 wins (17-7), big accomplishments, were new LC highs.

In **1999** Landon Van Dyk thwarted the Lynden Lions with 7K (in 4 innings) in a 13-9 LC win while Jason Matter hit a HR and Lee Van Groningen was 3-4. Van Dyk throttled Granite Falls 8-5 with 13K, Mt. Baker 11-4 with 12K while Mark Postma (3-run 2B; 3-4; 3 RBI) and Aaron Visbeek (4-5) led the O, and Granite Falls 10-0 with 10K and 3 hits while Scholten belted a grand slam. LC beat Blaine 7-6 on another Scholten grand slam. In Tacoma LC beat Tacoma Baptist 10-5 as Postma and Scholten had big RBI hits. The season ended at Seattle Christian in a 0-1 loss to Friday Harbor and their ace pitcher, Ty Williams; LC could only manage a Kyle Van Andel single. The Lyncs were 13-9. Nick Scholten with 6 HR, an LC high, and 27 RBI and catcher Mike Ruble with 170 PO set LC records.

2000 was a wild ride season led by veterans Postma (“Posty”), Van Dyk (“Lando”), and Evan (“Voodoo”) Marcus. Marcus lifted LC hopes with a 2-hit shutout over Lakewood 4-0 while Postma went 3-4; later he struck out 13 in a rout over Sultan 16-3 as Van Groningen drove in 4 runs. Van Dyk beat NV there on a 1-hit 16K outing while Daniel Vander Kooi and Postma each ripped 3 hits, with Vander Kooi’s 2B in the 8th the game winner. In a great pitching duel Van Dyk beat Mt. Baker’s Varner 2-1. Vander Kooi’s 4-hitter beat Mt. Baker 12-2 as Postma had 3 hits and Aaron (“Beeker”) Visbeek laid down 4 beautiful bunts. In the playoffs LC beat Chimacum 12-10 in 9 innings as Clint Bosman and Visbeek set the table before Marcus and Van Groningen big RBI hits. Rochester edged LC 5-4, though Marcus came up with 3 big hits, to dash the Lyncs’ post-season hopes. Ruble had 185 PO to better his own record and led the Lyncs defensively. Van Dyk set LC pitching marks with his IP (83.3) and pitches (1368) to lead LC to a 16-10 record as Clint (“Ozzy”) Bosman at SS set a record with 67 assists.

Capably led by captains Mike Ruble, Trenton De Boer, and Daniel Vander Kooi, the **2001** baseball Lyncs built LC’s greatest post-season run yet. The season’s success was built upon the strength of the Lyncs’ pitching – Taylor De Boer, Vander Kooi, and Mark Holleman on an all-around solid team. Taylor’s 8-0 shutout gem over Meridian at mid-season boosted Lyncs’ confidence. A 14-2 April record was LC’s best month ever. #1 batter Trenton (“T-Dog”) De Boer (CF) scored 32 runs, #2 Clint Bosman (SS) hit .359, #3 Josh Visser (LF) scored 28 runs and hit .342, #4 Mike Ruble © had 22 RBI, #5 Daniel Vander Kooi (P-3B) hit .400 with a school record 41 RBI besides going 10-0 on the bump, and #6 Ryan Petronella (1B) hit .370. This ball club finished 3rd at state in Yakima with a 22-5 record after being beat by Othello when the LC defense faltered but coming back to beat Hoquiam 9-3. The 167 RBI bested the ’99 team’s output, and winning 22 games (to go 22-5) and scoring 204 runs were new LC highs. Vander Kooi capped off his splendid senior season by playing in the state all-star game in Wenatchee.

But **2002** created its own excitement. Mark (“MaHo”) Holleman and Taylor De Boer anchored the deep pitching staff. Holleman battled to beat Granite Falls 11-7 and Clint Bosman was 3-4 with the stick. Tolland Blair pitched 4 innings and then from CF threw out a Seahawk trying to score to secure a 5-4

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win over Anacortes. De Boer pitched a nifty 5-hitter to beat Granite Falls at LC when Kevin Kooy scored the game winner. LC brought down Blaine 2-0 when Nathan Bosman had 2 assists, 10 PO, and 0 passed balls to lead the defense while Holleman fired a 3-hitter. In an exciting loser out game at district in Mt. Vernon, a leaping Josh Visser (LF) caught a 2-out fly ball at the fence with the tying run at 2B to end a LC 5, South Whidbey 4 game. It was one of the finest high school OF catches in his coach’s memory. Then LC beat NV 2-1 as Holleman outdueled Tyler Marshall, and Visser banded the game-winning RBI hit. At the regionals Holleman bested Eatonville’s K.C. Jones after striking out the

side with the bases loaded and no outs and the game tied in the bottom of the 7th; slick fielding Matti (“MaHa”) Haggren (2B) and Bosman each had 2 hits. LC has so far in its history gone 3-0 in the playoffs against pitchers who reportedly threw 90+ mph; executing good bunting and hitting the ball to the opposite field really helped the Lyncs. In the 2nd game LC fell to Ridgefield 6-13 as the LC defense collapsed to the tune of 7 errors. Despite an LC best (since 1979) team e.r.a. of 1.85, LC finished 18-6.

Mark Holleman, Nate Bosman, Matti Haggren (2B), and Kevin Kooy (3B) – the utility expert the year before - were key vets coming into the **2003** season, a year of lots of drama. Early on, LC used Alex Bratt’s 4 hits and a Holleman 5-hitter to beat Sultan 6-2. Holleman beat Lakewood 2-1 and struck out 10. A 5-run rally by LC keyed by a Haggren squeeze bunt came up just short in a 5-6 loss to Lakewood. LC beat South Whidbey 7-4 as Levi Kennaw slammed 2 doubles; he also hit a grand slam against Sultan. A 4-17 humbling at the hands of NV did not seem to fit in with this season. Zach Parsons was the WP while Ryan Bogaard went 2-3 and RBI were collected by Holleman, Bosman, and Joel Douglas in a 3-2 win over the cross-town Lions. Using clutch hits by Holleman and Bosman to spur a 4-run 7th inning rally, LC edged Concrete 6-5. Bratt’s RBI 1B and Bosman’s 3-run 3B boosted LC over Mt. Baker in 9 innings. Holleman dominated in tournament play as he beat Granite Falls 11-4 and NV 6-2 while Haggren, a 3rd player since 1979 to play varsity ball for his 4 years, played a brilliant all-around game. Ridgefield’s ace, Billy Jones, gave up only a late 1B by Douglas as LC lost 1-4 to exit from the regional playoffs at Joe Martin Field. As a leadoff batter, the best in his coach’s long coaching career, Kooy was tremendous – 65% OB, 28 hits (.373 BA), 14 SB, and 33 runs. LC went 15-9 for the season.

2004 had exciting moments. LC edged Meridian 3-2 with an 8th inning, game-winning hit by Lane Visser. At Sultan Zach Parsons pitched a 4-hitter besides hitting a grand slam and collecting 5 RBI. Despite Ryan Bogaard’s 3-4 and a HR and Levi Kennaw’s HR, LC’s errors brought Anacortes an 11-5 win. Parsons belted a 3-run HR while Zach De Boer hit a 2B + 3B and Derek Strengholt won in relief in a 10-6 victory over South Whidbey. De Boer led LC to a 7-4 win at Concrete by being the WP, coming back for the save, and executing a perfect suicide squeeze bunt. A 2-6 loss to Mt. Baker ended LC’s season at 6-14. Players under Coach Rozeboom often executed successful suicide squeeze bunts.

A beautiful scoreboard donated by the generous Dorothy Otter began its reign over the CF fence. Key players that were looked to for the **2005** season were seniors – Derek Strengholt, Averill Sprague, Daniel Colacurcio, and Lane Visser and juniors – Steven Timmer and Brett VanWeerdhuizen. Solid pitching and defense were sometimes hard to find among the “green as grass” Lyncs. Despite Adam Hoogerhyde’s RBI 2B, LC fell to Blaine 6-1 and to Meridian 1-4 and 3-5 though Zach De Boer delivered some gutsy pitching and a Derek Strengholt RBI 3B and Mark Haan’s 2-3. Meridian’s Deuce Black pounded 2 HRs to overshadow LC O led by Visser (2-4, 3B, 2 RBI), Strengholt (2-4, RBI), and

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Timmer (2-3). Sophomore Scott Tinklenberg hit .381 to lead this team’s O. His grand slam to knock NV’s Bret Handy off the mound was a special moment. The winless season (0-17) ended with a determined pitching effort of 8 innings by VanWeerdhuizen and an LC rally that erased a 6-run deficit. LC teams of 1985-2005, under the direction of Coach Rozeboom, produced a record of 249-201.

A new coach - Darren Johnson (2006-2009), in **2006** came to the helm as well as greater challenges within the newly formed NWC. A 6-4 win over La Conner was led by Mark Haan’s 2-run 1B and Brett

(“V-dub”) VanWeerdhuizen’s 3-4 as well as 3 innings of shutout relief pitching. In a 3-4, 9-inning loss to NV, Scott Tinklenberg pitched effectively besides going 2-3. VanWeerdhuizen hit a HR against Sedro Woolley in a 2-12 loss and then had a solid pitching outing vs. Meridian in a 2-5 loss when Bryan Black flexed some serious hitting muscle. In a special highlight game, a 11-0 win over Mt. Baker, Tinklenberg pitched a nasty 1-hitter besides going 3-3 with a 2-run HR for 4 RBI. Lefty Nathan Korthuis overcame 9 BB to beat Blaine 5-1 and bring the Lyncs to .500 at 6-6. LC ended the season with a 6-11 record. At the season’s end Timmer and Tinklenberg were picked for the all-conference team.

Listed as top players for the **2007** team were Scott Tinklenberg, Zach De Boer, Andy Ruble, Adam Hoogerhyde, Mark Haan, and junior Evan Scholten. Behind De Boer pitching and hitting (a 3-run “moonshot” for the game-winning runs) and Tinklenberg’s 4-4 (2 2B), LC beat Meridian 6-3. Squalicum was overcome by De Boer pitching (9 K’s) and a Tinklenberg HR 4-1. Beating Coupeville 3-2 in a sub-district tilt was LC’s best game of the season; key was De Boer pitching and defense while Andrew Ryan’s IB drove in the game-winner in the 5th. An 8-3 loss to Meridian ended LC’s hopes for the post-season. Tinklenberg set the LC school record by hitting .511, the highest LC B.A., with 6 homers. With Bret Handy of NV, Tinklenberg was placed on the 1A all-state team.

Players listed to watch for the **2008** Lyncs were seniors Nate Taylor, Cody Miller, and Evan Scholten. In a 4-7 loss to Blaine, Derek Heystek went 3-3. A clobbering of LaConner 14-4 was led by Miller’s 2-run jack; also Ryan and Adam Stacey were 3-4 while Derek Heystek went 3-5 with 3 RBI. In a 9-11 loss to Mt. Baker Heystek was 3-3. In a 1-8 loss to Sehome, Daniel Ten Broek knocked in LC’s only run while Heystek and David Kooiman each banged a pair of hits. In a 2-6 loss to Anacortes, Scholten had 3 hits. Meridian eliminated LC (1-17 record), 10-0, in a sub-district game to end the season for the Lyncs.

The **2009** team included key players – Klayton Stap, Trevin Likkel, Derek Heystek, David Kooiman, Steve Heystek (soph.), and juniors – Daniel Ten Broek and Caleb Zandstra. A Zandstra HR sparked Lyncs’ hopes in a 2-10 loss to Lakewood. LC beat NV 9-7 with RBI hits by Mike Kortus and Likkel. A DP which Nolan Wolffis keyed secured the victory. LC beat Bellingham 5-1 behind the complete game of pitcher Stap and the offense of Kortus (1-2, 2B, 2 RBI) and Stap (2-4); Steven Heystek and Zandstra each had 2 hits. Pitching by Likkel and Derek Heystek’s 2-run HR and a 3-run 2B by Ryan Byma led LC over NV 13-5. The Lyncs’ final hurrah was a 2-1 victory over Coupeville when Derek Heystek blasted a 2-run, 8th inning HR while Likkel pitched the win on the hill. LC ended with a 4-18 record and were 11-70 over the 4 seasons under Coach Johnson.

Desi Luna, LC’s 7th different baseball varsity head coach over 50 years, began directing Lyncs’ baseball fortunes in the **2010** season. With resourcefulness he initiated some significant diamond improvements. Daniel Ten Broek and OF-er Caleb Zandstra were the two seniors on this young team; two sophomores and three freshmen started on this club which ended up with 3-18 record. With Zandstra’s 3-4 and Travis Brown’s game-winning hit in a 2-run 9th, LC beat NV to break a 15-game losing streak. Highlight of the year was a 4-3 defeat of Meridian, who ended up garnering a 3rd at state, behind the complete game, nifty 6-hitter of John Groen.

With Ryan Byma, Steven Heystek, Kevin Doherty, and John Groen as seniors the **2011** squad compiled an 8-14 record. Keyed by a Nolan Wolffis bunt, LC forged a 4-1 lead and beat Mt. Baker 14-4; this game revealed very aggressive baserunning, a mark of Coach Luna. Groen led the way on the mound going 3-3 with a solid 3.05 e.r.a. while CF-er Nolan Wolffis (.321 BA, 15 SB) and freshman Jamie Heystek (.328 BA, 4 HR, 19 SB, 20 RBI) pumped major life into the LC offense. Making it back to the district tournament was the special highlight of the season.

2012 was another year of improvement. The team was led by seniors – Cody Bierlink, Devin Carberry, Austin Haan, Brennan Huleatt, Noah Likkel, and Nolan Wolffis. After a strong 4-1 start, the Lyncs were state ranked for the first time in 10 years. A home win over 3-A foe Sedro Woolley in a must-win game was huge; the wild 9-inning affair ended with a walk-off single by freshman Dalton Biehle to score Brennan Huleatt. The win assured an LC trip to the district tournament. The Lyncs beat Nooksack 4-1 before bowing to Friday Harbor 3-8 in a hard luck game for pitcher Cody Bierlink. For the season the team went 8-16.

Brand new in **2013** was the addition of a RF fence that made the diamond look symmetrical and sharp. Only Grant Te Velde and Truman Van Dalen were seniors. The largely youthful Lyncs had some very exciting games. The veteran Van Dalen capably served as the team's ace on the mound and built a 6-3 record. Early in the season he was edged by AA Lynden 3-2 but capped several fine outings with a 2-1 win over Coupeville in the single A playoffs. One major highlight game included rallying in a dramatic comeback over AAA Ferndale 9-8 behind some lusty hitting – Josh Heutink's 4 hits and 3 hits apiece by Jamie Heystek, Jake Poag, and Van Dalen. Leadoff batter Heystek ended up with a bunch of enviable stats - .471 BA, 14 SB, 17 R, 12 RBI, and 9 EBH, and Alex Vander Velden made a couple webgem catches in the outfield. A 3-6 loss to South Whidbey ended the LC season with a 9-13 record, but lots of young players picked up valuable playing experience.

The **2014** edition of Lyncs baseball was led by the seniors – Grant Wolffis, Austin Vander Haak, Drake Likkel, Anthony Anker, Josh Hornstra, and Jamie Heystek. After a slow start the Lyncs built a 3-game winning streak that included edging Sehome 2-1 near mid-season. Down the stretch defeating Sedro Woolley 3-2 in 9 innings and Meridian 5-4 for the first time in a very long time were season highlights. Vander Haak, Alex Vander Velden, and Jake Hoag dropped down some beautiful bunts over the course of the season. Keyed by a RF fence-rattling triple off the bat of "Stack," LC opened district play with a tight 2-1 win over Mt. Baker; first year pitchers Wolffis and Jordan Jansen gave the Lyncs a chance to win the game. In the next pair of games lack of offense led to a play-off's exit for LC and a season record of 8-15. As a 4-year starter Jamie Heystek was an anchor for the LC defense at SS and a key bat

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in the offense. He leaves LC as the career leader with 12 home runs and a "stack" of big offensive stats. He was selected to play in the state all-star game and is the first LC baseball player to be chosen to the all-state first team.

Seniors Alex Vander Velden, Josh Heutink, and Dylan Meenk returned to give the very young **2015** team some experience after the departure of 8 players from the year before. Having no J.V. team again forced youth into challenging situations. Early in the season junior Marc Meenderinck's 4 shutout innings helped finish off Coupeville in a 7-6 win, and LC got 2-hit games from Vander Velden and

Heutink and a 3-hit, 3 RBI game from Meenk versus Squalicum. In a 5-14 loss to Sehome 2 hits each by junior Taiji Van Dalen, Heutink, and freshman Ty Van Dyken, and Meenk's key 2-R IB and SB led to some run production. In a tight one, the Lyncs edged Mt. Baker 7-6 as Heutink's relief pitching and walk-off sacrifice fly were huge after back-to-back triples by Heutink and Vander Velden had tied the game earlier. In a 0-8 loss to Burlington capable pitching by freshman Tanner Jansen and solid sticking by Heutink, who went 3-3, gave LC bright spots. In post-season play the offensive production came up shy as LC fell to Cedar Park Christian and University Prep. Tyson Cline went 1-1 with 2 SB in the first game. The Lyncs ended their season with a 3-19 record. After the season Coach Desi Luna stepped down. His teams compiled a record of 39-95 over six seasons. Coach Luna helped make several improvements to the varsity baseball diamond. For the 2016 season Daniel Vander Kooi, a former Lyncs' baseball standout and a captain of the highest finishing team (22 wins and a 3rd at state) so far in LC history, became the 8th varsity baseball coach as the Lyncs looked to their 66th year of baseball.

Seniors Marc Meenderinck (2B), Taiji Van Dalen (SS), Andrew Vander Mey (LF), and Eric Vree (OF), headed a rather inexperienced group of players that faced new head coach, Dan Vander Kooi, for the **2016** season; the Lyncs did reveal some "growing pains." Playing a dozen games against AA teams in the Northwest Conference was a stellar challenge. Having a JV team again was encouraging. Early on, the bats of Meenderinck and Vander Mey were hot. A mid-season 4-run rally in the 9th inning created a buzz as the Lyncs scored a 13-9 victory over Royal with Tanner Jansen pitching the win. Versatile Ty Van Dyken, the Lyncs' ace, threw some very fine games; he almost beat league-leading Burlington and notched the league win over Mt. Baker so that the Lyncs earned a third place among the four A teams to qualify LC for the playoffs. In the Burlington game freshman Peyton Robertson's double in the bottom of the 7th drove in two of his 4 RBI's and sent the game into extra innings. Van Dyken and sizzling Tyson Cline, the team's 3 and 4-hole batters, led the team in the regular season with their .340 and .440 B.A.'s. Though errorless defense and outstanding pitching for 9 innings by Peyton Robertson on Joe Martin's beautiful diamond in 79-degree heat was a treat hard to beat, LC finally yielded in the 11th inning to powerful Cedar Park Christian in its bi-district opener 2-1. The Lyncs were bounced out of the playoffs when Overlake/Bear Creek mounted a big lead before LC got its offense going behind 2 hits apiece from Meenderinck, Cline, and Colby Flint. The team ended up with a 5-17 record. Team MVP Tyson Cline (with a .407 BA for the year) made the second team all-conference team as an outfielder for a post-season honor. Ty Van Dyken led the team with a .528 on base percentage and drew 19 walks. A strong summer of player development was hoped to give everyone confidence for next year.

The **2017** Lyncs baseball team made it just one game from the "sweet 16" (the regional tournament). Led by its 3 seniors – David Bladies (RF-LF), Tyson Cline (CF-P), and Colby Flint (3B), this ball club broke a 13-year drought of losing records and ended up 13-11. The team started 5-0 and finished with a

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6-2 record down the stretch. LC completed the first half of the regular season with a classy combo pitching job by Robertson and Cline to shut out Squalicum 3-0. Robertson starred with his pitching and bat to help beat Lakewood 4-1, and Van Dyken was sharp on the mound in a heartbreaking 1-2 loss to Burlington. In a critical seeding game LC beat Mt. Baker 8-6 with some key relief pitching by Tanner Jansen. In a doubleheader sweep over a youthful Orcas team the Lyncs scored 36 runs to complete the regular season. In post-season play LC 10-runned Bush in 5 innings behind flawless defense and sharp Van Dyken pitching and Dylan Vander Yacht's "clinic" on O besides the big bats of Van Dyken and Cline and 2 well executed suicide squeeze bunts. Cedar Park Christian was too seasoned for LC, but LC

stayed alive with a 9-6 nailbiter over South Whidbey before bowing out in a 0-3 shutout from Meridian's Simon Burkett. Flint broke Tim Vander Mey's 20-year-old HBP record and finished with 14 "plunks." Flint also scored 22 runs, Again the team's MVP and an all-conference selection, Cline hit a lusty .413 with 12 ebh and 22 RBI, Van Dyken drew 22 walks, Bladies had 15 SB, and Robertson led the pitchers with a 4-2 record. This ball club brought lots of excitement to LC.

Seniors on the **2018** Lyncs team were C/P Ty Van Dyken, CF Shane Whittern, 2B Dylan Vander Yacht, P-1B Tanner Jansen, and IB Jared Smit. This team jumped out of the starting gate by winning 7 of its first 10 and produced lots of excitement. Using the new fieldhouse was a big bonus. This team went 12-8 in the regular season. In game 9 LC beat Blaine 4-1 behind a critical diving catch in LF by Shale Whittern and his brother Shane's suicide squeeze bunt and a pair of double plays to back up closer Luke Johnson's effective work, 1 of his 5 saves. Cole Langstraat's bunting prowess was very evident in his 2 squeeze bunts that helped LC overcome Squalicum 4-3 when Robertson slashed a game-winning knock to RF. In some games, defensive lapses limited the Lyncs, but aggressive offense with lots of stolen bases kept them competitive. Overall LC got great production from Payton Robertson pitching (7-3, 2.11 era, 63 IP, 70K) and the offense of the 2,3, and 4-hole batters (Shane Whittern - .439, 29 H, 31 R, 57% OB, 15 SB; Van Dyken - .333, 4 3B, 26 BB; and Robertson - .367, 29 H, 24 RBI) to anchor the team's output. In the playoffs LC was oh so close to reaching the regionals as the bottom of the batting order made some good noise. Robertson pitching with Van Dyken catching bested Overlake/Bear Creek 3-1 and South Whidbey 6-2 giving each team only a couple hits. After a tough loss to Cedar Park Christian 6-7, hard-luck Tanner Jansen with only 1 ER kept the Lyncs' hopes alive in pitching very effectively against Meridian in the final game, but once more Simon Burkett came up big in pitching with 11 K and just 3 singles allowed for the Trojans with its 8 seniors to slip past LC 2-1. LC's season record was 14-10. Shane Whittern was accorded first team all-conference and played in the all-state game while Ty Van Dyken and Payton Robertson were second team all-conference selections.

The **2019** seniors were Damyn Dykstra and Kyden VanderVeen as gone from last year's squad were 7 players. This largely inexperienced ball club got off to an encouraging start by going 4-3. But playing AA teams led to a difficult 0-6 stretch through the Ferndale game. However, the young Lyncs played some very good ball down the stretch beating Squalicum 6-2 behind dandy Zach Sipma pitching and Lakewood 8-2 behind Luke Johnson on the hill; the bats of freshman Jamison Hintz (3 hits) and Dykstra, Brevin Zylstra, and Cole Moorlag (2 hits each) offered ample offensive support. A 6-1 win over Meridian behind strong Sipma pitching was satisfying in the regular season finale till the upsetting forfeit via a Meridian protest over a legal pitch count issue. LC ended the regular season at 7-13 after the play-in game loss to University Prep, eventual winners of the state championship, and tournament

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exit. The greenness of the team showed clearly in the defensive department. But Sipma led the pitching with an era of 3.42 in 43 IP while Johnson had 43 K and 5 wins in 40 IP. 3B-man Shale Whittern with a great offensive season (.439 BA on 29 hits with 9 ebh, 21 SB, 18 RS), Sipma's 15 RBI and Moorlag's 19 RS headed up the offense. After a very productive year, Whittern was accorded post-season honors with his selection to the all-conference's second team.

The outlook for the **2020 LC baseball team** with its fine core of players was filled with hope. But Covid-19 concerns closed all schools in mid-March and erased hopes for spring sports. The junior varsity roster included: sophomores – Andrew deRegt, Riley Diephuis, and Joey VanHofwegen and

freshmen – Lane Dykstra, Morgan Carter, Isaac Paxton, Tyler Sipma, Jason Veenstra, and Dexter Zylstra. The varsity was composed of seniors – Bryce Bouwman, Tanner Feenstra, Zach Sipma, Jake Terpstra, and Brevin Zylstra, and juniors – Zach Eisenberg, Luke Johnson, Preston Mark, Cole Moorlag, Charlie Terpstra, and Shale Whittern. A “P.S.” to the non-season was a special treat for 13 Lyncs playing as the summer legion team in a mid-June tournament in Idaho. Cole Moorlag and Jake Terpstra combined to log 15 of the 25 innings as pitchers while Whittern led the O (5-11, 4 RS, 5 RBI, HR) and B. Zylstra climaxed the final game with a walk-off 2-R jack!

Starved after the Covid-cancelled '20 spring sports season, the **'21 Lyncs Baseball** varsity players, part of a record MS and HS baseball turnout at LC, were hungry as they anticipated a 14-game schedule following a delayed and shortened fall sports slate. These kids seized every opportunity to play in true “Carpe Diem” fashion. 7 seniors – Zach Eisenberg, Shale Whittern, Cole Moorlag, Logan Dykstra, Charlie Terpstra, Luke Johnson, and Preston Mark – set the pace with servant leadership and multiple contributions. Coach VanderKooi used the mound combo of Moorlag (2 saves), Johnson (3-1, 2.16 era, C32K), Logan Dykstra (2-0), and sophomore Isaac Paxton (4-0, 2.23 era) very effectively. Only losses to Anacortes and powerful Ferndale interrupted the Lyncs’ success in their shortened, but exciting season. The defense, headed by flawless infielder Whittern (0 E’s in 50 chances), and the offense (team BA of .296 with 91% SB rate) was typically productive. A common batting order featured: 1=Moorlag-SS+ (.55 OB, 14 SB, 17 R, .472 BA), 2=Lane Dykstra-3B+ (.363 BA), 3=Whittern-3B+ (.376, 16 RBI, .622 slugging pct., 13 SB), 4=Paxton-1B+ (.270 BA), 5=“Marksy” (.300 BA), 6=Brody Bouwman -DH (.353 BA), 7=Jamison Hintz-CF (.176 BA), 8= Terpstra (.217 BA), and 9=Eisenberg-LF (.276 BA). Beating the 3 Bellingham schools proved this team was something new. Clutch hitting by many different batters was no surprise. The zaniest game was played at Blaine: a brutal start (trailing 2-8 after 2 innings), a historic triple play mid-game (5-2-6-4: a grounder to Lane at 3B, to a tag by “Marksy” by home to nail the 3B-R, to a tag of the 2B-R at 3B by Cole - the shortstop, to a tag by Charlie at 2B to finish off the batter runner trying to advance), and then a glorious finish to tie first and then win on Shale’s 3-run blast to LF. Disappointingly the season came to an abrupt end with Covid the culprit, and 3 very challenging games left unplayed. Adding to the legacy of Lyncs baseball, this team ended up with a 9-2 record and a 5-game winning streak in its “half” of a full season. Being able to play games outside with family and fans was special for all involved, even if the “rest of the story” could not be played and told. Special post-season honors were accorded Cole Moorlag and Shale Whittern for being named the team’s co-MVPs and first team all-conference infielders and Cole was selected to play in the all-state game. After the season Daniel VanderKooi resigned; he served LC as head coach during 6 seasons, and his teams went 48-53. Coach VanderKooi led the drive to construct the batting cage building.

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Coach Noah Rawls began his hitch as head coach in **2022** with only 1 senior – Joey VanHofwegen. This youthful team created several fun surprises. In an early 2-1 win over Coupeville, the Lyncs committed no errors, had no pass balls, and rode the bat of freshman Austin Engels (3-3 + 2B) and 6 shutout pitching innings of Isaac Paxton and Jonah Terpstra to its first victory. After a 1-18 loss to Sedro Woolley was changed to a forfeit win for LC, a 9-6 win over Bellingham as Dexter Zylstra led the O (3-4, 2B, 2 RBI) and a 9-8 hang-on win over Mt. Baker, the Lyncs were 4-6. Sandwiched between Good Friday and Easter, the big bats of Terpstra and Brody Bouwman with 5 RBI off extra base hits powered LC over Meridian. Lane Dykstra got his second walk-off, HBP, to finish off Sehome in the rain; Joey VH’s single was the sole hit in the 4-run rally. Pax pitching, a 2-hitter and his second mound win in 2 days, and defense (3 big assists) helped LC over Lakewood 12-2. Despite Dykstra’s 1 ER, LC lost its

district opener 0-3 vs. South Whidbey and then Blaine as the offense faltered. For the season, LC went 9-12, with a 5.45 era (Pax was 6-2), a .900 fielding average with an uncertain defense which couldn't control opponents' baserunning, and an offense led by the .300 hitters (Terpstra .364, Dykstra .323, Paxton .317, and the freshman Engels .316).

The **2023** spring began with a pretty full stable and high hopes. The season began slowly but ended with a big bang and a "just about." The big bang was highlighted by a playoff run which was capped by a majestic 6-run rally to tie LaCenter in LC's first regional appearance in 20 years; LC had gone to the regionals 7 times between 1994 and 2003. After a 1-5 start, the Lyncs exploded at Lakewood to win 16-5 as Jonah Terpstra picked up the win supported by some big O: Austin Engels (3-4, 2 2b), Isaac Paxton (3-5), and JT's 4 RBI. LC edged Sehome 2-1 behind Lane Dykstra's strong start and Brody Bouwman's solid relief along with the RBI of Pax and Treyson Johnson. Showing they could compete with the best of 1A in league, LC played nearly even with Meridian and Blaine. In between, the O was loud in a 10-5 win over Nooksack and a 15-5 thumping of Mt. Baker with JT pitching (5 IP, 0 ER) and lusty O: AE (3-3, 3 RBI), Pax (2-2, 2b), and Dexter Zylstra (2-2, RBI). In a night game at Bellingham LC rode the complete game of Pax on the mound along with batting of AE and JT (both 4-5 OB) and LD (2 H, 2 RBI) to an 8-6 victory. Down the stretch edging Burlington 4-3 and Sedro Woolley were momentum builders. JT pitched a 4-hitter at the Tigers and scored the winning run on BB's clutch, walk-off blast to deep CF. Against #4 ranked Cedar Park Christian, freshman Eli "Webgem" Maberry threw a very encouraging 4 innings in his first varsity mound stint; fellow freshman TJ finished the game on the bump. Over the regular season defensive and base running lapses sometimes limited success. But then came district. A 2-3 loss to Overlake, despite TJ and Logan Brink leading the O, put LC in the losers' bracket. But beating Blaine 5-3 behind Pax's 14th career win kept LC hopes alive. A well-prepared LC knocked out Meridian with its ace pitcher Aase 4-1 with LD tossing a 7-hitter and blew out Kings 12-1 behind Pax's 3-hit gem and a 14-hit attack led by EM (3-3, W, 3 R, 2 RBI) and BB (2-4, 2 2b, 3 RBI). In the regional opener a rather "blond" looking LC wowed the crowd with a 6-run 5th to tie LaCenter before letting a 1-run lead slip away in a 7-9 loss. The LC bombardment was highlighted by AE's 2-run single and BB's mammoth 3-run home run to right-center. The ending batting order looked like this: JT-6/1 (.237, 18 SB, 20 R), EM-8/6 (.333), LD-1/5 (.367, 20 SB, 19 R; 2.72 ERA), AE-4 (.403, .54 OB, 1.085 OPS, 7 2b, 17 RBI), BB-3/5/1 (.296, 10 EBH, 22 RBI), IP -3/1 (.338, 11 SB; 5 wins), TJ-2 (.286), DZ -9 (.207), and LB -7 (.224). Overall the team finished with an 11-13 record and in the middle of the conference. A team B.A. of .280 and a fielding average of .941, a school record, were significant; and the pitchers didn't walk many. Seniors Lane Dykstra, Isaac Paxton, and Dexter Zylstra will be missed. Post-season honors were accorded to Lane Dykstra and Austin Engels (NWC 2nd team and the

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team's silver slugger award) and Isaac Paxton (NWC honorable mention).

The **2024** team, with seniors Brody Bouwman, Logan Brink, Eddie DeYoung, Carson "Cbolt" Libolt, Luke Moorlag, and Jonah "Jonsie" Terpstra attained something special. Led by the hot bats of "Pringle" (Austin Engels) and Jonah, they jumped out to an encouraging start by scoring 28 runs in their first 3 games. Pitchers Jonah, "Webgem" (Eli Maberry), Brody, and "Trey J" Johnson limited opponents to 2 runs. Behind "Big Bopper" Brody's 2B and pitching masterpiece, LC knocked off unbeaten Oak Harbor, and Jonah broke the record of fewest pitches (dad Loren's 76 in 1993) in a 7-inning game by using only 60 to edge Meridian 2-1. The Huleatt brothers helped conquer Nooksack as Jayden shined with his

glove and bat while Jaxon threw 3 shutout innings of relief. Trey J's 2-hitter bested Mt. Baker before a nice win over Blaine (JT, the WP; "Slamming Sammy" (Sam Kok) with 2 hits). Despite the big bats of Eli (3-4, 3R) and Austin (3-4, HR., 3 RBI), the Bellingham game slipped away. Trey J's 3-R double vs. Mt. Vernon wasn't enough in the 3-8 loss. LC "reined" over Sedro Woolley as "Mr. Efficiency" (Jonah) walked none in a 3-hitter with more of big Engels and Maberry offense. LC ended the regular season with a heartbreaking 2-3 loss at Burlington after Brody's game tying 3B and then some breakdowns. Noteworthy was Engel's impressive NWC "triple crown:" 4 homers, 24 RBI, and a .517 BA. To start the postseason LC, cooking on all cylinders, beat Overlake/Bear Creek 8-0 behind Terpstra's 0-walk shutout and Trey J's O (3-4, 2 2B, 2 RBI, and R). High powered Cedar Park Christian put the Lyncs into the losers' bracket 9-3. Terpstra's 1-hitter nipped Nooksack in a nailbiter as Trey J's hit to RF drove Brody home and LC qualified for the regional level of state. After a seeding loss, LC faced highly seeded Naches Valley in Yakima; the Lyncs used Jonah's 3-hit gem with Sam's clutch game-tying 1B and an OF error to forge a big 3-1 win. In the regional final Tenino used a 4-run 5th to forge ahead enroute to a 12-2 victory. After a 22-year recess LC got to the regional final. Standouts for the season were Austin Engels with his .500 BA and Jonah Terpstra with his record-setting 70% strikes and 6 complete games and 6 wins in a row to produce a 1.33 e.r.a.. Leading the offense most of the year were the first 6 in the batting order: 1=Terpstra - 6/1 (.281; 7-2 W-L, 1.32 era), 2=Maberry -8/6/1 (.342 BA, 9 SB), 3=Engels -4 (.500 BA, 12 ebh, 60% OB, 30 RBI), 4=Bouwman - 3/1 (.212 BA; 3-3 W-L, 3.34 era), 5=Kok -5 (.288 BA), and 6=Johnson -2,1 (.246 BA). The ascending '24 team played with a love of the game and ended up with 14-11 record. Post-season awards to given to Austin Engels for selection to first team all-conference and team awards: Cy Young to Jonah Terpstra and Silver Slugger to Austin Engels.

LC baseball will be interested in the futures of the LC pipeline: **JV team** members ("Bubby" Muljat, Logan Davis, Case DeJong, Mason Reinke, Drew Simmons, Cole Larson, Eli Stamps, Vance Elton, Kayden Veldman, Janson Burns, Carter LaVeille, Iggy Frost, Blayden VanderMeulen, Isaac Kramer, and Coleson Seigman), the **8th grade** team (Tanner Blair, Kellen Blankers, Graeme DeYoung, Brayden Engels, Royce Fischlin, Jonah Grande, Moses Hemnes, Kendrick Huggins, Trey Moorlag, Oden Smith, Lane VanderWoude, Gavin VanLoo, Jackson Wyant, Jackson Yun, and Jermaine Zoerink), and the **7th grade** team (Grant Adams, Brady Arnold, Charlie Arnold, Mason Berendsen, Joshua Bruce, Isaac Dick, Grady Kooy, Cooper Krieg, Levi Lagreid, William Macomber, Nicholas Meenderinck, Dylan Moses, Karsten Raedeker, Jack Rutledge, Ryker Tjoelker, Cason Urie, Tysen VanRooyen, and Willem Weg.

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Enroute to a 16-9 season, the **2025** edition of Lyncs' baseball was a pretty wild ride. Trey Bosman, Austin Engels, Jayden Huleatt, Luke Muljat, and Jase Postma were the seniors. After a rainy opener loss to Cedar Park Christian, the Lyncs built an encouraging 10-game winning streak. This included double wins over Sehome (4-3 & 8-5) and Squalicum (6-0 & 9-8). Hitting highlight included game-winning RBI by AE, Sam Kok, and Trey Johnson. Paced by AE's 4 hits, the 11-1 defeat of Blaine revealed a bunch of LC's strengths, especially high batting averages from AE, TJ, ES, Eli Maberry, Eli Stamps, and Vance Elton. JP's steal of home aided a comeback effort in the 7-6 squeaker over Friday Harbor. At Sehome's field, LC beat Mt. Baker behind freshman Tanner ("the Tan Man") Blair's 6-inning no-hitter and edged Meridian 7-6 after SK's 3-run 3B gave LC a good start and Cole Larson's walk-off ending. Prior to spring break SK, Jaxon Huleatt, and EM combined to produce a nifty 7-0 record on the mound. After the break and a couple losses to bigger, stronger teams, TJ's

complete game 7-hitter aided by big hits from AE helped LC to a 6-3 win over Sedro Woolley. Lynden hung on to win 7-5 despite TJ's 5 shutout IP and his booming 2-run 3B and ES's 3 hits. Webgem defensive plays by EM, Jax H, and SK spearheaded a mostly solid defense. LC finished the regular season with a 13-7 record after beating Lakewood 17-1 as EM fired a 5-hitter and AE, EM, and ES empowered the O with a combined 11 RBI on 8 hits. At district LC fell to Kings when the defense and pitching stumbled, but the Lyncs rebounded on the shoulders of dandy infield defense and SK's sterling 2-hit shutout pitching to "slam" the door on Blaine's season. After a very sloppy start, LC held off Meridian 10-6 for a date at state (the regionals) before gaining a higher seeding with a tight 2-1 win over Kings as EM and Jax H jointly three a 3-hitter. SK overcame an ankle injury to play big, freshman Brayden Engels slammed 3 doubles for the day, and EM pitched really well in both games. At Camas HS against 6th seeded Cashmere an explosive 3-run first innings with hits by EM, AE, ES, TJ, and VE and a late 3-run homer by AE weren't enough as the Bulldogs scored 11 runs on 14 hits in response to the Lyncs' hot start. Austin Engels built quite a hitting resume in his 4-year LC career: 95 games, 120 hits, a .433 BA with 40 ebh and 94 RBI. Commonly the batting line-up leaders looked like this: 1=EM-8+6+1 (.392 BA, 15 SB, 265 29 R), 2=Jax H-8+9 (.246 BA, 51% OB, 16 HBP), 3=AE-4 (.475 BA, 38 H, 15 ebh, 31 RBI), 4=ES-3 (.385, 30 H, 18 RBI), 5=TJ-2+1 (.369 BA, 24 H, 19 RBI), 6=VE-DH+7+1 (.265 BA), and SK-6+1 (.225 BA, 18 W, 16 RBI). This team's O produced a .290 BA; its fielding average was .936 and its pitching e.r.a. was 4.06. Post-season awards will be included in the 2026 edition of Lyncs' baseball history.

The Lyncs' pipeline we will be watching contains the '25 **JV squad** consisted of Kellen Blankers, Tanner Blair, Janson Burns, Case DeJong, Graeme DeYoung, Brayden Engels, Moses Hemnes, Isaac Kramer, Carter LaVeille, Harrison Lowry, Trey Moorlag, Maso Reinke, Lane VanderWoude, and Jermaine Zoerink. The **8th grade** team included Brady Arnold, Charlie Arnold, Joshua Bruce, Isaac Dick, Grady Kooy, Cooper Krieg, Levi Lagried, Nic Meenderinck, Karsten Raedeker, Jack Rutledge, Malachi Scott, Cason Urie, Jacob Van Middendorp, Tyson Van Rooyen, and Willem Weg. The **7th grade** team was Kasyn Blanchard, Talen Blankers, Chase Clark, Alden DeBoer, Isac Debrow, Wyatt Enfield, Anthony Freeman, Jess Heldoom, Miles Libolt, Zeke Roosma, James Spoelstra, Ethan Tjoelker, and Case VanderKooi.

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an information note: for LC's 100 anniversary in 2010 former coach John Rozeboom collected all the data he could to provide a "snapshot" paragraph on each of LCHS baseball teams from 1960 to the present. A personal note: I am thankful to have been blessed by God with the opportunity to play and coach baseball with its rich array of players over lots of years at LC. My induction into the WA state baseball coaches' Hall of Fame in 2006 rests on the shoulders of special players and helpful assistant coaches. What a joy it is to watch different generations of Lyncs playing baseball. Today I serve LC baseball as an ESP – encourager, supporter, and promoter. Go big Blue! – old Coach Roze (alias Rozy) (rozeboomj@comcast.net)

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