

**Kodiak High
School**

Bears Baseball

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2010 Season Preview

Plethora of new starters to see significant action this year

With the graduation of five starters and the transfer of another from last season's conference runner-up squad, the Bears will start the season with a significantly different opening day look. However, when the Bears take the field April 30 at home against 2009 conference co-runner-up Homer they will not be as inexperienced as it may appear as many opening day starters and back-ups saw plenty of action last year in varsity, junior varsity, and summer American Legion games.

Anchoring the 2010 defense at catcher will be returning senior starter **Shane Wandersee**. With some help from his pitchers, Wandersee should be able

to slow down the opposing team's running game as he picked off eight base runners last season. Fellow returning senior starter **Connor Caldwell** will be looked upon to provide leadership as he ably defends the hot corner at 3rd base. Junior **Mikel Garner** will get the starting nod at 1st base and will be backed-up by sophomore **Josh Bezona** while junior **Matt Chavarria** will back-up Caldwell at 3rd base. Junior **Eddie Arellano** will lead the crucial middle infield positions while sophomores **Alec Eastman** and **Dylan Kavanaugh** will bring their excellent glove skills to the varsity level in 2010. The 2010 Bears' outfield will feature plenty of speed led by junior center-fielder and 2009 all-conference selection **Raphael Matautia**. Flanking Matautia in the outfield will be fellow juniors **Austin Cowley** and **Patrick Pickett** along with senior **Justin O'Donnoghue**. As in previous years, the Bears' coaching staff expects defense to be a strength for this year's team.

If the Bears are to make a run at a Southcentral Conference championship and one of the conference's two bids to the state tournament they must get excellent pitching from expected staff ace Matautia (0.00 ERA, 20 K's in 12 2/3rd innings

in 2009). To complement Matautia the Bears should again have a relatively deep staff as Arellano (8 1/3rd innings), Chavarria (7 2/3rd innings), Caldwell (7 innings), and Garner (5 2/3rd innings) all saw varsity action on the bump last season.

For the first time in program history, the Bears have more home (7-Varsity, 4-JV) than away games (6-Varsity, 2-JV) scheduled. After opening up with a home series against Homer (April 30/May 1), the Bears take to the road the following two weekends, first to play 2008 state entrant Soldotna, followed by a non-conference game against Houston prior to a series at Palmer. The Bears then return home to host defending 2-time conference champion Colony (May 21 & 22) and finish out the regular season at home in rare mid-week action against Wasilla (May 26 & 27). Bears' players and fans will be praying to the weather gods for rainless game days as minimal precipitation often makes Baranof Field unplayable for baseball. If the weather cooperates it should be a great year to locally see some good high school baseball games. If games are rained out you can bet Bears' baseball boosters will be at the

forefront of the drive to construct the all-weather, vertically drained, synthetic surfaces already designed for the Baranof Park fields.

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Friday	4/30/10	Homer	Home	<u>5:00 Var</u>
Saturday	5/1/10	Homer	Home	1:00 & 4:00 Var
Friday	5/7/10	Soldotna	Away	<u>5:00 Var</u>
Saturday	5/8/10	Soldotna	Away	11:00 & 2:00 Var
Thursday	5/13/10	Houston	Away	6:00 Var
Friday	5/14/10	Palmer	Away	5:00 JV, <u>7:00 Var</u>
Saturday	5/15/10	Palmer	Away	10:00 JV, 1:00 Var
Friday	5/21/10	Colony	Home	2:00 JV, <u>5:00 Var</u>
Saturday	5/22/10	Colony	Home	1:00 JV, 4:00 Var
Wednesday	5/26/10	Wasilla	Home	2:00 JV, <u>5:00 Var</u>
Thursday	5/27/10	Wasilla	Home	1:00 JV, 4:00 Var
Thursday	6/3/10	State Championship (Palmer)		TBA
Friday	6/4/10	State Championship (Palmer)		TBA
Saturday	6/5/10	State Championship (Palmer)		TBA

Conference Games Underlined

Home Games in Bold

Var = Varsity

JV = Junior Varsity

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2010 Kodiak High School Baseball Roster

<u>Player</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Position</u>
Connor Caldwell	12	3B, P
Justin O'Donnoghue	12	OF
Shane Wandersee	12	C
Eddie Arellano	11	INF, P
Matthew Chavarria	11	3B, P
Austin Cowley	11	OF
Mikel Garner	11	1B, P
Raphael Matautia	11	CF, P
Patrick Pickett	11	C, OF
David Sweeney	11	OF
Josh Bezona	10	1B, OF
Alec Eastman	10	INF, P
Lucas Gerlitz	10	C, OF
Dylan Kavanaugh	10	INF, P
Jesse Swearingin	10	INF, P
Andrew Gregory	09	3B, P
Jack Helms	09	OF, P
Ryan Lenon	09	INF, P
Axl LeVan	09	OF
Brandon Mahle	09	INF, P
Zach Smith	09	OF, P
Seth Starr	09	C, OF
Mathieu Sutton	09	1B, P

Head Coach: Rick Langfitt

Assistant Coaches: Jeff Holden, Jim Cratty, Tim Cowley, Randy Diocares, Mitchell Pruitt

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supplement the school district's travel fund allowing for more games to be played and more players to participate. A special thank you also goes out to the **Kodiak High School Booster Club** which provides significant funding for Junior Varsity travel.

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