

2004 Roster

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.
Hometown/High School					
1	Ian Guertin	Fr.	P	5-6	140
Sutton, Mass./Sutton					
2	Jesus Colon	Jr.	1B/OF	5-9	155
Brooklyn, N.Y./LaSalle Academy					
3	Kevin Kosco	So.	C/OF/IN	5-10	160
Tampa, Fla./Jesusuit					
4	Kevin Foley	So.	2B/3B	5-11	155
Reading, Mass./Reading Memorial					
5	Eric Libardoni	Jr.	2B/SS	5-8	165
Brattleboro, Vt./Brattleboro Union					
6	Kevin Harutunian	So.	2B	5-9	170
Beverly, Mass./Beverly					
7	Michael Champagne	Sr.	P/OF	5-7	160
Warwick, R.I./Pilgrim					
8	Dan O'Connor	So.	P	6-1	175
Worcester, Mass./Worcester Academy					
9	Michael Sullivan	Jr.	P/IF	5-10	165
Medfield, Mass./Medfield					
10	Matthew Pierce	Fr.	OF	6-2	185
Essex, Vt./Essex					
11	Michael Sipala	Jr.	OF	5-9	190
Matunuck, R.I./Moses Brown					
12	William Gamache	Fr.	P	6-2	190
Winooski, Vt./Rice Memorial					
13	Michael Frimodig	Fr.	P	5-10	145
Essex Junction, Vt./Essex					
14	Robby Barush	Fr.	P/OF	6-1	180
Essex, Vt./Essex					
15	Aaron Ciullo	So.	P	5-7	180
Pittsfield, Mass./Pittsfield					
16	David Deyo	Jr.	C	6-0	185
Brattleboro, Vt./Brattleboro Union					
17	Kyle Hildebrand	So.	C/3B	5-9	160
South Windsor, Conn./South Windsor					
18	Jack Owens	Fr.	OF	5-8	170
South Boston, Mass./Boston Latin					
20	James Everhart	Jr.	P	5-7	190
Birdsboro, Pa./Daniel Boone Senior					
21	Ryan Dulude	Fr.	C	5-11	185
Berkshire, Vt./Enosburg Falls					
23	Christian Paulino	Jr.	C	6-0	195
Brooklyn, N.Y./Bishop Loughlin Memorial					
24	Ricky Dailey	Sr.	1B/P	6-1	185
Manchester, Vt./Burr & Burton					
25	Ryan Coonley	Jr.	P	6-3	190
Albany, N.Y./Christian Brothers Academy					
29	Jacob Lowell	So.	OF	5-11	185
Penobscot, Maine/George Stevens Academy					

HEAD COACH: Perry Bove (Vermont '75), 16th season
ASSISTANT COACH: Greg Wells (American '84), 16th season
PITCHING COACH: Len Whitehouse, fourth season
CAPTAINS: Jesus Colon, David Deyo,
 Kevin Kosco, Eric Libardoni



Head Coach Perry Bove

Saint Michael's College baseball head coach Perry Bove enters his 16th season for the Purple Knights as the winningest coach in the school's history. He is the only coach in Vermont history to have more than 100 wins at the Collegiate, Semi Pro and American Legion levels.

Bove helped lead the 2003 Purple Knights' to a 9-3 record after his four previous teams recorded .500-and-above seasons, an accomplishment which hadn't occurred since 1921. His 1999 team also set the school season record for wins with 17. His collegiate career record to date prior to the start of the 2004 season stands at 124-223-1, but his overall coaching record is 452-363-1.

In 2001, Bove earned his 100th win in dominating fashion over Southern Vermont on April 28th, becoming the first coach in Saint Michael's history to reach the 100-win plateau. Bove has been named coach of the year 13 times during his career, including being named the Vermont Collegiate Coach of the year in 1999, 2000 and 2001, as voted by his peers and umpires. He was also the recipient of the James David Bashaw Award emblematic of the American Legion Coach of the Year in 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003. Bashaw was a close personal friend of Bove's who died of brain cancer in 2001. In 1994 he earned the Northeast-10 Conference Coach of the Year.

His 2002 and 2003 Essex American Legion team is the only Vermont American Legion team in history to record consecutive undefeated seasons within the state, compiling a record 62 straight victories. His 2002 Legion squad was the first in Vermont history to win 40 games in a summer, and has compiled four straight Northern League titles, four straight state titles and has made three consecutive appearances in the New England Regional Championships. In 2003, his Post #91 squad was the first in Vermont history to reach the regional championship game.

He has been involved with baseball for 40 years as a player and coach at the scholastic, collegiate and semi-pro level.

A native of Burlington, Vermont, Bove is a 1975 graduate of the University of Vermont and holds an M.Ed. from UVM as well.

Saint Michael's Facts

LocationColchester, VT
Founded.....1904
Enrollment.....1850 (undergraduate)
President.....Marc A. vanderHeyden
Alma Mater.....Bishop Hamer '59
Athletic Director Geri Kortz
Alma Mater SUNY Cortland '74
School/Baseball AffiliationNCAA Division II
ConferenceIndependent
Nickname.....Purple Knights
School Colors.....Purple and Gold

Baseball Information

Head CoachPerry Bove (Vermont '75)
Record at Saint Michael's (yrs.) 124-223-1 (15)
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Assistant Coach/yrs......Greg Wells (American '84)/15
Pitching Coach/yrs......Len Whitehouse/3
2003 Record:.....9-3
All-Time Record (1905-present):425-617-8
Top Returners:Eric Libardoni, Jr. (.412 avg., 21 runs)
Jesus Colon, Jr. (.393 avg., 12 RBI)
Kevin Kosco, So. (.306 avg., 15 RBI)
Key Losses:Paul McInnis (2-1, 5.31 ERA, 10 RBI)
Andrew Higley (.333 avg., 13 RBI)

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2004 Baseball



This is Saint Michael's

Saint Michael's College, ranked among the 15 finest master's universities in the north by *U.S. News and World Report*, is a Catholic liberal arts college committed to creating a life-changing educational experience for students from throughout New England, the nation and the world.

Situated on 440 scenic acres overlooking Burlington and Lake Champlain, with superlative views of Vermont's Green Mountains, Saint Michael's combines the bustle of a great college town with the splendor of a spectacular four-season wilderness. Some 1,850 undergraduate students, 95 percent of whom live on campus, are immersed in a community characterized by lifelong volunteer service, global perspectives and exceptional teaching. The College offers 25 majors in the traditional arts and sciences as well as contemporary fields of study. Saint Michael's is further enriched by approximately 600 graduate students and 200 international students in the College's School of International Studies, one of the nation's oldest intensive English language institutes.

The Tarrant Recreation and Ross Sports centers form the hub of athletic activities on campus. An NCAA Division II institution and a member of the Northeast-10 Conference, Saint Michael's offers 21 intercollegiate sports. About 25 percent of students compete at the varsity level, while another 50 percent take part in recreational programs. Students also have access to adventure and survival sports through our acclaimed Wilderness Program, which offers leadership training and certification in rock climbing, ice climbing, kayaking, and other outdoor activities.

A vibrant campus experience is rounded out with academic enrichment, the fine and performing arts, and the unique international character of the College. Known as "the international college in Vermont," Saint Michael's is a favored venue for visiting international businesspeople, government leaders and student groups, and is headquarters to the Vermont Council on World Affairs. The College was named Vermont's "Exporter of the Year" in 2000 for exemplary exportation of educational services. Saint Michael's is home to Greater Burlington's only Actor's Equity professional summer theater, the Saint Michael's Playhouse. On North Campus, at historic Fort Ethan Allen, the Elley-Long Music Center at Saint Michael's College is headquarters for the Vermont Youth Orchestra Association and hosts the Vermont Mozart Festival. In 2004, the College plans to begin a worldwide Centennial celebrating its 1904 founding by the Society of Saint Edmund.

2004 Outlook

In 2003, Saint Michael's had one of its most memorable baseball seasons ever. The squad's .750 winning percentage last spring has been surpassed only three times in the 86-year history of the program. However, due to miserable weather conditions throughout the Northeast, the 2003 team will be less remembered for its 9-3 record and more remembered for having two-thirds of its games cancelled.

"We were on the cusp of having one of our best seasons ever, but we had 25 games either rained or snowed out," said 16th-year head coach **Perry Bove**. "It was very disappointing, especially for our seniors."

With the bulk of last year's team intact, however, 2004 could be a record-setting season for Purple Knights' baseball under Bove, assistant coach **Greg Wells** and pitching coach **Len Whitehouse**.

"We are a seasoned team, and will go as far as the players want to go," said Bove, who has guided Saint Michael's to five straight .500-or-better seasons. "Our captains have done a remarkable job getting the team prepared through winter workouts."

The Purple Knights are paced by a high-powered offense and a deep and talented outfield. Leading the way is sophomore **Kevin Kosco (Tampa, Fla.)**, who as a freshman last year finished second on the club in runs, runs batted in and walks while starting every contest.

"Kevin is a special kid, and will primarily be our starting left fielder," said Bove. "He's a proven winner, as his high school team (Jesuit) won a national championship."

In center field (when he's not pitching) is sophomore **Kevin Foley (Reading, Mass./Reading Memorial)**, a strong defensive player and left-handed batter who should provide a spark at the top of the lineup. Handling the right field chores will be freshman **Matt Pierce (Essex, Vt./Essex)**, a player Bove has coached previously in American Legion ball.

A "good but thin" infield is headlined by junior shortstop **Eric Libardoni (Brattleboro, Vt./Brattleboro Union)**. The 5-8 dynamo led the Purple Knights in many offensive categories last year, including at bats, runs, hits, doubles, total bases and batting (.412).

"Eric is a sparkplug who knows the game real well," said Bove. "He may have to come out and pitch some for us."

Libardoni's double play partner at second will be sophomore **Kevin Harutunian (Beverly, Mass./Beverly)**. Harutunian started every contest as a freshman, and

paced the team with 16 RBIs last year.

"Eric and Kevin work really well together on double plays," said Bove.

At the corners will be first baseman **Jesus Colon (Brooklyn, N.Y./LaSalle Academy)** and third baseman **James Everhart (Birdsboro, Pa./Daniel Boone Sr.)**. Colon posted a .393 batting average while starting every game he played in 2003, while Everhart shifts to the hot corner after being used solely as a pitcher last year.

Behind the plate is junior **David Deyo (Brattleboro, Vt./Brattleboro Union)**, a rugged six-footer who played errorless ball last season.

Backing up Deyo behind the dish is freshman **Ryan Dulude (Berkshire, Vt./Enosburg Falls)**, a "big kid growing into the position," said Bove. "You won't find a harder working kid."

While the pitching staff lacks a proven ace, Bove can count on several players to eat up some innings. At the top of the list is **Ricky Dailey (Manchester, Vt./Burr & Burton)**, the lone senior and a four-year member of the Purple Knights. "We'll run Ricky out there as much as we can," said Bove.

Expected to step into the rotation is freshman **Michael Frimodig (Essex Jct., Vt./Essex)**. The left-hander beat Rhode Island in the American Legion Northeast Regional semifinals last summer, and is "quite a competitor who'll make an immediate impact."

Another lefty who will get some innings is sophomore **Aaron Ciullo (Pittsfield, Mass./Pittsfield)**. Freshmen **Ian Guertin (Sutton, Mass./Sutton)** and **Billy Gamache (Winooski, Vt./Rice Memorial)** should earn spots at the end of the rotation, while sophomore **Dan O'Connor (Worcester, Mass./Worcester Academy)** "throws the ball extremely hard," said Bove. Others expected to get some work on the mound are junior **Mike Sullivan (Medfield, Mass./Medfield)** and freshman **Rob Barush (Essex, Vt./Essex)**, who will also served as a back-up infielder and designated hitter.

The team kicks off the season in Florida for the first time since 1996, as the Purple Knights will take part in the Port Charlotte Invitational. Saint Michael's is scheduled to play nine games in seven days at the former spring training home of the Texas Rangers.

"The Florida trip is a tremendous carrot for the kids," said Bove. "When we come back, we should only be practicing indoors for a week before playing our Northeast schedule."

2004 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Mar. 14	Central College of Illinois	Port Charlotte, Fla.	12 p.m.
Mar. 15	Dordt College (DH)	Port Charlotte, Fla.	9 a.m.
Mar. 16	Endicott College	Port Charlotte, Fla.	3 p.m.
Mar. 17	Dana College	Port Charlotte, Fla.	12 p.m.
Mar. 18	Purdue Univ. - North Central	Port Charlotte, Fla.	12:30 p.m.
Mar. 18	MidAmerica Nazarene Univ.	Port Charlotte, Fla.	3 p.m.
Mar. 19	Univ. of Wisconsin - Oshkosh	Port Charlotte, Fla.	8:30 a.m.
Mar. 20	Carthage College	Port Charlotte, Fla.	2:30 p.m.
Mar. 27	Skidmore College (DH)	Saratoga Springs, N.Y.	12 p.m.
Mar. 28	Vassar College (DH)	Poughkeepsie, N.Y.	12 p.m.
Apr. 1	Norwich Univ.	Colchester, Vt.	3:30 p.m.
Apr. 6	Middlebury College	Colchester, Vt.	3 p.m.
Apr. 8	So. Vermont College (DH)	Bennington, Vt.	2 p.m.
Apr. 9	New England College (DH)	Henniker, N.H.	2 p.m.
Apr. 12	Norwich Univ.	Northfield, Vt.	3:30 p.m.
Apr. 13	Castleton State College (DH)	Castleton, Vt.	2 p.m.
Apr. 17	Williams College (DH)	Williamstown, Mass.	1 p.m.
Apr. 18	Castleton State College (DH)	Colchester, Vt.	1 p.m.
Apr. 21	Lyndon State College (DH)	Colchester, Vt.	1 p.m.
Apr. 22	Plattsburgh State Univ.	Colchester, Vt.	3:30 p.m.
Apr. 25	Plattsburgh State Univ. (DH)	Plattsburgh, N.Y.	1 p.m.
Apr. 27	Lyndon State College (DH)	Lyndonville, Vt.	2 p.m.
Apr. 28	Middlebury College	Middlebury, Vt.	4 p.m.

Bold indicates home game played at Doc Jacobs Field
DH - doubleheader (seven-inning contests)

2003 Results

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Mar. 14	St. Thomas Aquinas (DH)	Sparkill, N.Y.	canceled
Mar. 15	Baruch College (DH)	Manhattan, N.Y.	canceled
Mar. 16	Mercy College (DH)	Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.	canceled
Mar. 22	Cape Cod Classic (DH)	Eastham, Mass.	canceled
Mar. 23	Cape Cod Classic (DH)	Eastham, Mass.	canceled
Mar. 29	Polytechnic University	Brooklyn, N.Y.	W, 38-5
Mar. 30	Skidmore College	Saratoga Springs, N.Y.	W, 6-4 (6)
Apr. 1	Norwich Univ. (DH)	Colchester, Vt.	canceled
Apr. 5	Vassar College (DH)	Poughkeepsie, N.Y.	canceled
Apr. 8	Middlebury College	Middlebury, Vt.	canceled
Apr. 10	Southern Vermont College	Colchester, Vt.	W, 16-1
Apr. 11	New England College (DH)	Colchester, Vt.	W, 6-3; W, 16-1
Apr. 13	Rhode Island College (DH)	Providence, R.I.	L, 6-2; L, 11-1
Apr. 15	Castleton State College	Colchester, Vt.	W, 28-16
Apr. 17	Plattsburgh State Univ.	Colchester, Vt.	W, 11-5
Apr. 19	Castleton State College (DH)	Castleton, Vt.	L, 5-3; W, 7-0
Apr. 22	Plattsburgh State Univ. (DH)	Plattsburgh, N.Y.	canceled
Apr. 24	Lyndon State College (DH)	Lyndonville, Vt.	canceled
Apr. 26	Gordon College (DH)	Wenham, Mass.	canceled
Apr. 27	Montreal (DH)**	Colchester, Vt.	W, 13-1; W, 13-3
Apr. 28	Lyndon State College (DH)	Colchester, Vt.	canceled
Apr. 30	Middlebury College	Colchester, Vt.	W, 15-13

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** - exhibition contests