

The
Footprint

Special Edition

Buffalo High School

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CHAMPIONS

THE JOURNEY

From second in Mississippi 8 to State Champs

2/06 Bison fall to Monticello in Conference championship

3/06 Team ends season with loss in first round of sections



12/06 Bison open 06-07 season with 61-56 victory over Orono

1/07 Team begins 18 game win streak topping Big Lake

2/07 Bison go 14-0 in M8, take Conference title



Jordan Olmscheid

3/15/07 Buffalo upends Apollo for Section 8 Title



Tom Bauman and Darrin Olmscheid

3/22/07 Bison beat Lakeville South to reach the State Final

3/24/07 Buffalo wins Class 4A State Championship



"When I ran out on the court, I turned around and looked at the fans. I was just like 'wow'. There was a whole bunch of people. There was not much red. It was all purple. It was amazing."

-Sophomore Brooks Beilke



Coach Nicholas Guida

"It was late in the game, and I was talking to the boys while showing them what I wanted them to do, and as I squatted down to a defensive stance I heard a pop. It wasn't just a little rip, it was two seams that criss-crossed. The entire crotch was open, but at least I was wearing black boxers."

- Coach Nick Guida



Sophomore Brock Korbøl, Junior David Pallesen, Sophomore Chase Liska, Junior Ryan Bares

"Guida is more like a friend than a coach. We trust him. Even when he's yelling, it's just because he cares. I mean, he was crying after the second game. This team is like a family. So on the sidelines, when Guida's telling us to step up our defense, he actually does the motions. Apparently, he crouched a little too deep and in the huddle during time out, he goes, 'Guys, check this out', and showed us his ripped pants. We were all like laughing our heads off with a minute left in the game."

- Senior Darrin Olmscheid

"There was Josh, De and we were"



Sophomore Brock Korbøl and Junior T. J. Fabel

"They told us we were all going to get announced, and the camera was going to be on us. So I wrote prom on my fingers, and I was going to mouth it to Amanda on TV, but I got scared and said 'I love you, Mom' instead."

- Junior Kyle Willetts



Collin Olmscheid

"You notice the arena, but you just keep playing. There's a ledge on the side of the court and I almost fell off; Karl fell onto a table, but it was just a 3-inch drop. The lights in the arena were awesome and they intensified the game. The court was bigger too, so we got tired faster."

- Sophomore Erik Olson



was a point during the game when we were down; Darrin, me, and Erik and me, we just looked each other in the eyes and we were thinking: **we are not going down like this.**"

- Senior Karl Olson



Senior Darrin Olmscheid and Sophomore Erik Olson

"Sonju has been in the back of my mind. I wouldn't be in this position if he was still here. My staff relationships have always been really important, but looking back I know that Pat was looking down and smiling at us during that game. At the end I turned and looked at the crowd and I saw his wife Kim. She saw me and pointed to the ceiling and I knew exactly what she meant. One guy told me that he thinks that Pat Sonju saw the last shot that Lakeville was making, and he blew a gust of air to move it away from the rim. He wanted us to win, it was his dream."

- Coach Nick Guida



Junior Jake Duske

"All day Saturday, I kept running to the bathroom to throw up. So before Saturday's game I told everybody that I was fine and that I could play. Lubben set aside a special trash can for me at the end of the bench just in case, you know, I had to use it. I was playing on adrenaline the whole game because I couldn't keep anything down and I was a little weak. That is why I was in for short amounts of time. When I was out I would drink Gatorade to get something in me."

- Junior Jake Duske

THE CAPTAINS Reflect upon a season of met goals and successes



Senior Karl Olson

"Earn something, Earn something men," is what Coach Nick Guida has said all year to the Boys Basketball team. Last Saturday, the team earned the State Championship in Class 4A, after waiting 76 years to return to the state tournament.

Throughout this season and the seasons before, Senior Captains Karl Olson, Josh Ortmann, and Darrin Olmscheid, built off each other's talents by working together as a team and accomplishing one of their biggest goals...winning state.

"We all have our talents and have played together for so long it's hard not to know what we're doing," said Olson.

The key to the team's success was the coaches' and players' patience dedication and determination.

"It is important to have coaches that are always looking out for your best interest and pushing you to play like they know we can," said Olmscheid

"Guida has always been a players coach," said Ortmann "He really treats us like his own kids"

Captains are known for having more responsibilities. As veteran players, the team success relies on their knowledge, coaches' expectations, and their skills of the game.

"Being a captain can be tough and frustrating because you know that it's your last year to prove and show yourself," said Olson.

From Darrin's injury early in the season to Josh's at the State Tournament, and Karl's 1000th career point, they played as a team from the beginning to the end with the motto...TOGETHER.

- Ryan Bares and Mel Birkemeyer

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Senior Karl Olson



Senior Joshua Ortmann



Junior Deuntae Broadnax



“It was the best feeling after we won the championship - the noise from the stands - everyone, the coaches, the players, the fans, hugging each other. I think everyone almost shed a tear. I know that’s the most emotional I’ve been in a long time.”

-Senior Captian Karl Olson

“Leave it out there because you never know when that last game is gonna be.”

-Senior Captian Josh Ortmann



Front Row: Margaret Suerth, Mel Birkemeyer, T.J. Fabel, Brock Korbel, Karl Olson, Erik Olson, Dee Broadnax, Tim Hanes, Dan Wackler
Second Row: Sarah DeVore, SunMee Sandusky, Jordan Bruhn, Brooks Beilke, Josh Ortmann, Jake Duske, Kyle Willetts, Aaron Gauthier
Back Row: Nick Guida, Jason Sorenson, David Pallesen, Jordan Olmscheid, Zack Kassulke, Darrin Olmscheid, Luke Costanzi, Ryan Bares, Chase Liska, Dan Dehmer, Ross Mjelde