

■ EARLY SEASON REPORT · APRIL 13, 2026

Built for This.

Centerville baseball is 7-2 and surging through the GWOC — a four-game winning streak, a dominant pitching staff, and a sophomore two-way weapon who may be the program's most exciting player in years.

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Nobody in the GWOC is hitting the ball the way Centerville is right now. Nobody on the Elks roster is doing it quite like Bronson Weng.

The sophomore utility/pitcher entered this week hitting **.480** — a .720 slugging percentage, a .567 on-base percentage, four doubles, a triple, and nine RBI across eight games. On the mound, he's been just as valuable: appearances in four games, the go-to arm behind the starters, already with a complete-game shutout of Fairfield on his resume.

That's what a program looks like when it has a weapon at multiple positions. The 2026 Centerville Elks, under head coach **Jason Whited**, have built their 7-2 start on exactly that kind of versatility — a pitching staff that distributes the load intelligently, an offense that scores runs in bunches, and a defense that makes the plays it needs to make.

The early returns on GWOC play are impossible to ignore. Centerville swept Northmont in both conference matchups this week — outscoring the Thunderbolts 24-8 combined in a dominant two-game statement — to move to **2-0 in conference play**. They are currently one of three GWOC teams with a perfect conference record alongside Springboro and Fairmont, with a loaded schedule of series ahead.



Luke Maciejewski (#4) · Photo: Rev Studios



Camden Weckesser (#13) lays out for a diving catch in the outfield · Photo: Rev Studios

RECORD	GWOC	WIN STREAK	RUNS SCORED	GWOC RANK (BAT AVG)
7-2	2-0	4	48	#1
Overall	Conference	Games	Season Total	Josh Becker (Jr)

Four wins in a week, including back-to-back blowouts of Northmont in GWOC play. This offense is just getting started.

THE ROTATION

If there's a single reason this team's record doesn't feel fragile, it's the pitching. Coach Whited has deployed his staff with discipline — no one arm is overworked, and each pitcher has a defined role.

Senior **Ryan Sidwell (#15)** has been the staff's most efficient arm out of the bullpen: 5.2 innings pitched this season, **zero earned runs allowed**, a 0.72 ERA and 0.88 WHIP with five strikeouts. He has not given up a run in 2026. Senior **Owen Wilder (#17)** has handled three starts, going 8 innings with 9 strikeouts and earning a win — including a dominant 4-inning, one-hit, 8-strikeout performance in the run-rule win over Alter. Senior **Lucas Dice (#22)** brings experience and a 1.27 ERA across 11 innings this season, with 10 strikeouts. He also got the win and his battery-mate **Lucas Clark (#6)** notched the save in the one-run Saturday win over Orchard Lake St. Mary's (MI).

And then there's Weng — sophomore, two-way, and increasingly the staff's most disruptive presence when called upon. His Fairfield shutout was one of the finest individual pitching performances of the early GWOC season.

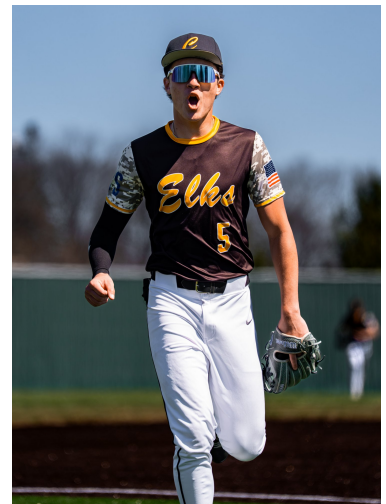


Photo: Rev Studios · vs. Elder

THE OFFENSE

Weng leads the offense by the numbers — .480 average, 9 RBI, a .720 slugging percentage that reflects the kind of extra-base pop this lineup can generate. But the story of the Centerville offense isn't one player. It's depth.

Junior **Josh Becker (#11)** leads the entire GWOC with a **.348 batting average** — 9 runs scored and a .467 on-base percentage in 23 at-bats this season. He's one of the most difficult outs in the conference lineup-by-lineup. Junior **Lucas Clark (#6)** is hitting **.429** with a .667 on-base percentage — and 7 stolen bases in 8 games. Speed changes the game, and Clark brings it every at-bat.

Senior **Luke Maciejewski (#4)** has contributed at the plate and with his arm — a true two-way presence whose baseball IQ shows up in how he handles situations. Senior **Camden Weckesser (#13)** exemplifies what makes this outfield dangerous: he takes away balls that other outfielders concede, as his diving catch this week demonstrated. The moments that don't show up in a box score matter — and Weckesser provides them.

When it all came together this week — **Northmont 13-7** on Wednesday, **Northmont 11-1** on Friday, then a **6-5 one-run escape** against Michigan's Orchard Lake St. Mary's on Saturday — it was four wins in seven days, outscoring opponents 40-13 across the streak.



Head Coach Jason Whited addresses the Elks before a game · Photo: Rev Studios

2026 SEASON KEY CONTRIBUTORS

PLAYER	YR	POS	AVG	OBP	RBI	SB	NOTES
Bronson Weng #9	So	UTI/P	.480	.567	9	1	4 2B, 1 3B · also 2-0 on mound
Josh Becker #11	Jr	OF	.348	.467	6	2	#1 GWOC batting avg
Lucas Clark #6	Jr	OF/1B	.429	.667	0	7	7 SB in 8 games
Joey Kristbaum #7	Jr	OF/P	.308	.379	4	3	1 HR · 2-hit, 2 RBI in GWOC win Apr 8

2026 PITCHING STAFF

PITCHER	YR	APP	IP	ERA	WHIP	SO	W-L	ROLE
Ryan Sidwell #15	Sr	3	5.2	0.00	0.88	5	0-0	Relief ace — 0 ER all season
Bronson Weng #9	So	2	9.0	1.56	1.00	11	2-0	Starter/relief · 2-0 record
Lucas Dice #22	Sr	3	11.0	1.27	1.36	10	0-0	W vs OLSM · SV candidate
Luke Maciejewski #4	Sr	3	10.0	3.50	1.70	9	1-1	3 starts · 9 K
Owen Wilder #17	Sr	3	8.0	4.38	1.75	9	1-1	8 K in Alter run-rule win

2026 RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	RECORD	NOTES
Mar 28	Elder (ALS Awareness Game)	W 4-3	1-0	Season opener
Mar 30	Fairmont	W 1-0	2-0	
Apr 2	at Fairfield	W 5-0	3-0	Weng shutout
Apr 3	Lakota West	L 3-11	3-1	
Apr 4	Anderson	L 2-5	3-2	
Apr 7	at Alter	W 10-0	4-2	Wilder: 4 IP, 1 H, 8 K
Apr 8	at Northmont (GWOC)	W 13-7	5-2 · 1-0	15 hits

Apr 10	Northmont (GWOC)	W 11-1	6-2 · 2-0	Run rule, 5 innings
Apr 11	at OLSM (MI)	W 6-5	7-2 · 2-0	Dice W · Clark SV · Stoehr 3 RBI

THE ROAD AHEAD

The GWOC gauntlet begins in earnest now. Remaining conference opponents include Springfield (series begins April 13/15), Fairmont (April 17/20), Wayne (April 22/24), Miamisburg (April 27/29), Beavercreek (May 1/4), and Springboro (May 6/8). Every game counts twice. There are no warmup rounds left.

What Centerville has established through the first nine games is a blueprint: distribute the pitching, manufacture runs, play defense, and win the close ones. The 1-run win over Orchard Lake St. Mary's on Saturday — a Michigan program — showed a team that knows how to play from behind and close things out. That kind of experience pays off late in conference play when the margins shrink.

The 2025 season ended earlier than this program wanted. In 2026, the returning experience, the depth in the rotation, and the emergence of Weng as a legitimate two-way force give this team a different ceiling than its predecessors. Coach Whited's Elks are 7-2 and they're not done.

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
Mon, Apr 13	at Springfield (GWOC)	Springfield HS
Wed, Apr 15	vs Springfield (GWOC)	Booster Park
Fri, Apr 17	vs Fairmont (GWOC)	Booster Park
Mon, Apr 20	at Fairmont (GWOC)	Fairmont HS
Wed, Apr 22	at Wayne (GWOC)	WSU-Nischwitz Stadium
Fri, Apr 24	vs Wayne (GWOC)	Booster Park
Mon, Apr 27	vs Miamisburg (GWOC)	Booster Park — Youth Night
Wed, Apr 29	at Miamisburg (GWOC)	Miamisburg HS