**“And the Season Begins”**

Washington Jaguars vs. Parkside Rams
March 21, 2015
By: Tyler Owens

The Parkside Rams began their 2015 season today with a doubleheader matchup against Bayside opponent Washington High as the Rams begin their quest to get back to Ripken. Senior, Hunter Parsons, got the start on the mound for the Rams. Both starters were dealing as the game was held scoreless through the first two innings, until the Rams erupted for seven runs in the bottom of the third. There was no looking back for the Rams as they added fourteen more runs in the bottom of the fourth that began with a leadoff homerun by shortstop Brady Shreeves, who capped off the start of his final season two-for-three with two runs scored and two RBI’s. The Rams shutout the Jaguars in the first game of a doubleheader, defeating them 21-0, with Parsons earning the win and collecting eight strikeouts in the process.

"**It's a Great Day for a Baseball Game. Let's Play Two!"**

Parkside Rams vs. Washington Jaguars
March 21, 2015
By: Tyler Owens

As the late-great baseball legend Ernie Banks once said, “It’s a great day for a ball game. Let’s play two,” and that’s exactly what Parkside and Washington had in mind. After the Rams made their statement in the first game plating twenty-one, the Jaguars proved they came to play two games today. Coming off his hot start in the first game, Brady Shreeves would take the mound to begin the second game of the doubleheader. This game would tell a different tale, as the Rams and Jaguars were not separated by more than two runs through six innings, as the Jaguars showed they had something to prove. The Rams held strong as Dalton Swanger produced a huge two-out, two-run double to give the Rams insurance runs as they went on to get the 7-2 victory. Brady Shreeves earned the win on the mound as the Rams swept the doubleheader to begin their season 2-0.

**“Rams Take Care of Business Quickly in Victory over Eagles”**

Snow Hill Eagles vs. Parkside Rams
March 23, 2015
By: Tyler Owens

After the doubleheader sweep this weekend, the Rams enter a busy week which includes three games, ending with the first matchup against their Salisbury rival James M. Bennett on Thursday. However, before Thursday hits, the Rams have business to take care of, which is exactly what they did today against the Snow Hill Eagles. Dalton Swanger got the ball to start the game for the Rams, where he successfully pitched three shutout innings and earned the win. The Rams made sure they got out of the office early today, putting up six runs in the third and seven runs in the fourth, capped off by a Hunter Parsons two-run homerun. The Rams came away victorious, defeating the Eagles 14-2 in five innings. The Rams now head into their makeup game against Pocomoke with a record of 3-0, hoping to add to the win column tomorrow.

**“I'll Take Second, With a Side of Third”**

Pocomoke Warriors vs. Parkside Rams
March 24, 2015
By: Tyler Owens

The Rams were home again today as they faced off against the Pocomoke Warriors. Lucas Holmes got the ball first, as he made his first career Varsity start. The team stayed persistent in their scoring, with four extra base hits powering the way. La’Bron Hilliard led the offensive attack, going 2-2 with four RBIs and a triple, while Rasheem Sample also hit a triple coming off the bench and gathered two of the five stolen bases for Parkside in the game. The Rams’ succeeded to the win over the Warriors 12-1 in five inning, with Lucas Holmes picking up the win on the mound. The Rams, now 4-0, will face off against city rival James M. Bennett on Thursday at 4:00pm to try and continue their hot start to the season.

**“Rams Hit the Road”**

Parkside Rams vs. Wicomico Indians
March 30, 2015
By: Tyler Owens

As Mother Nature finally decided to cooperate, the Rams got back on the field for the first time in almost a week, as they traveled to county rival Wicomico High for their first road game of the season. The Rams got on the board quick with two runs in the first and never looked back as they went on to score twelve and beat the Indians 12-1 in five innings. La`Bron Hilliard led the attack at the plate, going two for three with a double, two RBI’s and two runs scored. Dalton Swanger, who got the start on the mound, pitched three shutout innings, only allowing one walk and striking out four. With this win, the Rams are now 5-0 heading into a big Bayside Conference match up against Stephen Decatur tomorrow at home.

**“Curse of the Thirty-First?
Rams Lose Heartbreaker to Seahawks”**

Stephen Decatur Seahawks vs. Parkside Rams
March 31, 2015
By: Tyler Owens

What some may consider the premiere match-up in the Bayside South, the Stephen Decatur Seahawks traveled to Parkside to take on the Rams for their first match-up of the season. The game featured two future division one starters in Grant Donohue for Stephen Decatur, who’s attending the University of Virginia, and Hunter Parsons for Parkside, who’s attending the University of Maryland. Parsons lasted the majority of the game for the Rams, pitching six complete innings, allowing three hits, two earned runs and striking out six in the game where he earned a no decision. Brady Shreeves led the way at the plate today, going two for four, with a double. The Rams took a 3-2 lead into the seventh inning, but they sadly came up short, falling for the first time this season 4-3 to the Seahawks.

Is this a coincidence? Last season the Rams shockingly fell to Wicomico High on this same date, March 31, giving them their first loss of the season, a season in which they ended up in the State Finals. Do the Rams just have some bad luck on March 31? Probably not the case, but if they end up at States again this season, some may look back at this article and wonder.

The Rams now head into their Easter Tournament this Thursday where they look to regain their steam for the season, as they wait for their chance to get a win at Stephen Decatur on April 22.

**“Rams Take Game One of the Easter Tournament”**

Indian River Indians vs. Parkside Rams
April 2, 2015
By: Tyler Owens

Parkside held their annual Easter Tournament again this year, which included Indian River, Easton, Sussex Central and Parkside. The Rams would face-off against Indian River in their first tournament game of the day. Nick Forbush got the start on the mound for the Rams, getting a no decision in his start. The Rams showed off some of their youth in this game, with Colin Green leading the attack at the plate, going two for three with a RBI and a run scored. Dalton Swanger in relief, came in and got the win for the Rams as they take their first game of the day with a 5-4 win over the Indians.

**“Ten-Inning Thriller at the Complex”**

Sussex Tech Knights vs. Parkside Rams
April 2, 2015
By: Tyler Owens

For their second game of the day, the Rams would take on the Sussex Central Knights at the Henry Parker Complex in Salisbury. Grant Burleson got the start on the mound for the Rams. It was a pitching duel to say the least as the Rams put up their second run in the fifth to tie the game at two. Dalton Swanger led the Rams attack at the plate, going three for three with two walks and a stolen base. Brady Shreeves was lights out coming into the game in relief, throwing six innings and allowing only three hits and striking out eleven. The highlight of the night was in the bottom of the tenth when Hunter Parsons hit the walk-off single to send the Rams to a 3-2 victory over the Knights. The Rams end the tournament 2-0 as they are now 7-1 on the season. They head into a busy week next week, which presents them with games against Dover High and their make-up game against city rival James M. Bennett.

**“Homerun Derby in Mardela”**

Parkside Rams vs. Mardela Warriors
April 7, 2015
By: Tyler Owens

The Rams headed to Mardela today to take on the Warriors as the first game of their busy week. Hunter Parsons got the start on the mound, throwing a scoreless inning with two strikeouts. The bats came alive as the Rams broke out for five extra-base hits, including three homeruns. La`Bron Hilliard and Brady Shreeves went back-to-back in the fourth, followed by Dalton Swanger two batters later. Hilliard, Shreeves, and Swanger all went two for three on the day, with Shreeves collecting two RBIs, Hilliard collecting three, and Swanger collecting four. The Rams ended up scoring eighteen, defeating the Warriors 18-2. The Rams will be heading back home tomorrow to take on Crisfield.

**“NO-NO”**

James M. Bennett Clippers vs. Parkside Rams
April 11, 2015
By: Tyler Owens

The long awaited match-up between city rivals, the James M. Bennett Clippers and the Parkside Rams, would finally be underway with mother nature finally cooperating after two previous rainouts. Hunter Parsons got the start on the mound, with an outing that many will remember for a while. Parkside came out strong in the first, scoring four runs, highlighted by a Matt Smith 2-run homerun. Matt Smith would later hit a solo shot out to dead centerfield, giving him a two-for-three day, with two homeruns and three RBI’s. In the meantime, Parsons would go on to throw a no-hitter against the city rival, falling a walk short of a perfect game. This no-hitter would mark the twenty-second no-hitter in Parkside Baseball history. The Rams went on to win the game 10-0 in a five-inning victory. The Rams will head down the street to face off against the Clippers again this Thursday, as they look to keep their season rolling, as they are now 9-1 on the season.

**“Solid Pitching, Extra-base Hits Propel Rams past Eagles”**

Parkside Rams vs. Snow Hill Eagles
April 13, 2015
By: Tyler Owens

The Rams start off their week on the road with a trip to Snow Hill to take on the Eagles. Nick Forbush got the start on the mound, pitching a solid three innings, striking out six and only allowing one hit. Hunter Parsons and Jared Fuller both chipped in at the plate, delivering two big triples. The Rams would go on to win 9-5, with Forbush picking up the win. The Rams will stay on the road as they meet up with James M. Bennett for their second matchup of the season on Thursday.

**“Three Runs Are More Than Enough for Rams to defeat Clippers”**

Parkside Rams vs. James M. Bennett Clippers
April 16, 2015
By: Tyler Owens

The Rams traveled down the road today to take on city rivals James M. Bennett, just five days after no-hitting them. Brady Shreeves got the start on the mound, pitching two solid innings of no hit baseball with two strikeout before having to leave the game due to injury. Grant Burleson came in after him in relief, pitching four innings, allowing only one run and striking out five. Lucas Holmes owned the key hit of the ball game, driving in 2 runs with a two-out single up the middle. The Rams would strive on from there to get the 3-1 victory over the Clippers, completing the season sweep of James M. Bennett for the second straight season. Burleson got the win on the mound and Hunter Parsons got the save. The Rams are now 11-1 on the season, trying to stay hot as they face Crisfield this Saturday at home.

**“Weather doesn't Rain on Parkside's Parade, pick up Win on Road vs. Crabbers”**

Parkside Rams vs. Crisfield Crabbers
April 18, 2015
By: Tyler Owens

After a rainy night in Salisbury, the Rams switch gears and travel to Crisfield for their first matchup of the season. Lucas Holmes got the start on the mound, pitching three innings, allowing only one hit and striking out three. Connor Shockley had an impressive day at the plate, going three for three, picking up two RBI’s and scoring a run. Matt Smith notched his third homerun of the season with a solo shot in the second inning. The Rams went on to win 11-0 over the Crabbers, with Holmes getting the win.

Crisfield native and Parkside senior Nick Forbush made his final start in Crisfield today, the school in which he started his high school career. He went one for three in his final game, getting the ball on the mound for the final inning of the game, pitching a scoreless frame with a strikeout.

The Rams now head back home where they will start their busy week ahead, starting with city rival Wicomico on Monday, followed by a trip to Stephen Decatur to try and get back to the top of the Bayside South.

**“Rams Shutout Indians in 10-0 Victory”**

Wicomico Indians vs. Parkside Rams
April 21, 2015
By: Tyler Owens

The Rams start off their busy week with a city battle against rival Wicomico High. Nick Forbush got the start on the mound for the Rams. The Rams offense was led by La`Bron Hilliard and Connor Shockley, who each drove in two runs each. Forbush had strong day on the mound, pitching a complete game shutout and striking out six. He also earned the win as the Rams would defeat the Indians 10-0. The Rams will head to Stephen Decatur tomorrow to play for the top spot in the Bayside South.

**“Tied Back Up at the Top”**

Parkside Rams vs. Stephen Decatur Seahawks
April 22, 2015
By: Tyler Owens

The Rams traveled to Stephen Decatur today to take on the Seahawks in a game which could change the outlook at the top of the Bayside South. Division 1 signees, Hunter Parsons and Grant Donohue, would again get the call on the mound for their prospective teams. For the Rams, the starter was not the only one turning heads today. La`Bron Hilliard went four for four on the day, with two doubles, a RBI and a run scored. Connor Shockley also stayed hot, going three for four, with a double, a RBI and a run scored. The Rams collected sixteen hits total in the game, ten off the hits coming off of the starter Donohue. Parson dealt on the mound, allowing only one run, two hits and striking out fifteen batters over six innings of work. Grant Burleson pitched the final frame, striking out all three batters he faced. The Rams earn the victory 5-1 over the Seahawks for a huge win on the road, tying the two teams back up at the top of the Bayside South. The Rams now travel to Pocomoke to try and earn another Bayside victory and do their job to stay atop the Bayside South with Decatur.

**“Young Bats lift Rams over Warriors”**

Parkside Rams vs. Pocomoke Warriors
April 23, 2015
By: Tyler Owens

After their big win yesterday, the Rams headed back out on the road to face off against the Warriors in Pocomoke. Dalton Swanger got the start on the mound, pitching three scoreless innings, allowing two hits and striking out five. The youth of the Rams came through big at the plate today, with Connor Shockley staying hot, going two for two with a double, Grant Burleson going one for one with a two-RBI double and two walks, and Lucas Holmes also driving in two runs. Rasheem Sample made his return today after coming off of injury, making the start in left field and going one for one with an RBI single and a hit by pitch. The Rams would go on to defeat the Warriors 7-1, with Swanger picking up the win on the mound. The Rams will now come home for the next two games, starting with a game against Crisfield tomorrow.

**“Rams Rampage on to Another Victory”**

Crisfield Crabbers vs. Parkside Rams
April 24, 2015
By: Tyler Owens

The Rams finish off their four-game stretch today with a home game against Crisfield, as they try and finish off 4-0 for the week. Grant Burleson got the start on the mound today for the Rams. The offenses were held quite through the first four innings, with the Rams scoring the only two runs. The fifth inning would equate to a different story as the bats came alive for Parkside. Hunter Parsons took a ball for a ride for the second time this season, hitting a solo shot in the fifth. Connor Shockley kept his hot streak alive again today, going two for three with a double, a triple, two RBI’s and two runs scored. Tolan Harrison also got a huge knock today with an RBI triple. Grant Burleson was strong on the mound today, pitching a complete game shutout and striking out nine. The Rams would go on to score eight in the fifth inning, defeating Crisfield 10-0 in five innings. The Rams complete the four game sweep of the week and remain tied atop the Bayside South division.

**“Victory is Sweet for Seniors on Senior Day”**

Mardela Warriors vs. Parkside Rams
April 27, 2015
By: Tyler Owens

The Rams start off their final week of the regular season at home today against Mardela. Today would also mark their final regular season game at Parkside, making it Senior Day at the Parkside Baseball Field. All eight seniors, Nick Forbush, Jared Fuller, Jack Goertzen, La`Bron Hilliard, Logan Jones, Hunter Parsons, Brady Shreeves, and Dalton Swanger, were all honored on the field before the game for each of their great four years of playing high school baseball. Senior, Nick Forbush got the start on the mound for the Rams in the game, pitching four innings, allowing three runs and striking out five. La`Bron Hilliard had a day at the plate, going two for three, with an RBI and a run scored. Lucas Holmes had a two-hit game and scored four runs on the day, while Tolan Harrison also tacked on two hits of his own. Senior, Jared Fuller came into the game in relief, pitching two scoreless frames and striking out three in a very impressive outing on the mound. In the end, the Rams came away with the Senior Day victory, by a score of 13-3 in the six-inning victory. With that win, the Rams Bayside South regular season schedule comes to a close, with the Rams going 15-1 in the division for the season. The Rams will conclude their regular season this weekend at Perdue Stadium, as they have the Bi-State Rivalry game Friday night against Delmar and a game Saturday against Dover.

**“Rams Tame Wildcats' Bats, throw no-hitter in 4-1 win”**

Delmar Wildcats vs. Parkside Rams
May 1, 2015
By: Tyler Owens

The Rams cap off their final week of the regular season at Perdue Stadium this weekend, as they take on the Delmar Wildcats and the Dover Senators. They would first face-off with the Delmar Wildcats on a Friday night game under the lights. Grant Burleson got the start on the mound for the Rams. The Rams took an early 1-0 lead with a La`Bron Hilliard RBI single. Jack Goertzen also had a big night at the plate, going two for three, with a double and two RBIs. That would prove to be all the Rams needed on a night where pitching was pristine. Grant Burleson would pitch six strong innings for the squad, while allowing six walks, he allowed no hits, struck out nine and only gave up one run in earning the win. Dalton Swanger came in to close the game out, pitching a scoreless inning, allowing no hits and earning the save. Burleson and Swanger would combine to pitch the twenty-third no-hitter in Parkside history and the second this season. The Rams will cap off their 2015 regular season Saturday, as they play Dover at Perdue Stadium.

**“Rain Doesn't Stop the Rams”**

North Caroline Bulldogs vs. Parkside Rams
May 11-12, 2015
By: Tyler Owens

After a week’s worth of practice and a first round bye, the Rams were all ready to take on North Caroline on Monday in the Regional Quarter-Finals. However, Mother Nature had other plans. Hunter Parsons got the start on the mound Monday. While the Rams were batting in the bottom of the first, the rain came down, suspending the game until  Tuesday, with the Rams owning a 4-0 lead. This would leave the Rams having to wait a little bit longer to finally complete their first game in over a week. Tuesday finally came, and so did the sun. Nick Forbush got the ball on the mound for day two of the matchup. The Rams attack at the plate was led by Dalton Swanger, who drove in four runs on the day, including a three run double in the last inning. Connor Shockley and Grant Burleson also chipped in with two RBIs a piece. The Rams would go on to win by a score of 10-0 in a five inning slaughter rule. Forbush was solid in his four innings of work, striking out six and only allowing two hits. The Rams now play Queen Anne’s in the Regional Semi-Finals tomorrow at home.

**“Heartbreaking Finale”**

Queen Anne's County Lions vs. Parkside Rams
May 13, 2015
By: Tyler Owens

The Rams continued their playoff push today, staying on their home field to take on Queen Anne’s County in the Regional Semi-Finals. Grant Burleson would get the start on the mound for the Rams. Queen Anne’s put up one run early, which would prove to be the difference in the Rams’ season. The Rams would go down by five after the third inning, but they refused to let their season end without a fight. They would go on to put up a run in the fourth, on a Dalton Swanger RBI double, and three in the sixth, led by a two-RBI single by Connor Shockley. Dalton Swanger and Hunter Parsons would silence the Lions’ bats for the rest of the game, combining for seven strikeouts between the two of them and only allowing one baserunner. In the bottom of the seventh the Rams would get a guy to third with two outs, but with a matter of inches, the Rams would be given their final out, ending their 2015 season with a 5-4 loss.

Today’s loss marks the end of the Rams’ 2015 season, where they would end 19-3, tying the second-largest win total for a team in Parkside history. The season would be highlighted by two no-hitters; one by Hunter Parsons and one by Grant Burleson and Dalton Swanger combined. The Rams’ season was also led by eight seniors who invested their heart and soul into the organization and today played their last game in a Rams uniform; Hunter Parsons, Jack Goertzen, Dalton Swanger, Nick Forbush, La`Bron Hilliard, Jared Fuller, Logan Jones, and Brady Shreeves. Although, today might have been the end of the 2015 Rams, there is a bright future for the organization and a bright future for all of the graduating seniors. The Rams will get together one final time Sunday, at black diamond lodge for the end of the year banquet.