

UNDERCLASS BASEBALL TEAM FINISHES STRONGLY

The 1968 baseball squad, comprised basically of underclassmen, turned in a fine 10-10 record, while rewriting the record books both defensively and offensively. Led by consistent hitting of third-baseman Joe Lanza, outfielder Tony Chuffo, and pitcher-outfielder Dave Klastava, the team batted a solid .281 for the season while maintaining an excellent fielding average of .936. Team season highlights included a double-header sweep over Springfield and two wins over the Group 4 State Champs, Union.

Individually, there were many stars, with the pitching of Jim McDede and Most Valuable Player Klastava most outstanding. Klastava, who pitched a one- and two-hitter against Rahway, ended the season by pitching 26 consecutive scoreless innings. The team went on to win four of their last five starts by shutouts. Colton Helbig at shortstop also excelled, both with the bat and defensively, while Gordon Ososki at first base and Rick Todaro as catcher added extra batting and defensive punch to the lineup.

Head Coach Sochan sees Gerry Didonato, Dave Molten and Steve Gerlovich supplying additional strength and depth to his 1969 team, while lettermen Dennis Visconti, Lee Fusselman and Gary Sonderland are expected to be assets to the team.



"Go to your room, Hotdog!" Mr. Sochan.



Tony Chuffo would never have made it without his P.F. Flyers.