## Matt Klausing

Elder High School

This senior pitcher went an undefeated 8-0 with a 2.10 ERA last season and was a major cog in helping the Panthers (28-1) win the Ohio Div. I baseball championship. It was the 12th Ohio baseball title for Elder, more than any other school in the Buckeye state. The Panthers were ranked 8th nationally by Baseball America and 16th nationally by USA Today. Matt shut out Lewis Center Olentangy 8-0 to win a big regional semi-final game, then followed this up by hurling a 3-hit, 3-0 shutout vs. Toledo Stark to win the state title game. (The Panthers are pre-season ranked #1 in Cincinnati this season.) Active in community service, Matt plays summer ball for the Weststar Panthers. He plans to play at the next level, but has not yet committed to a college. His favorite entertainer is Pearl Jam, his favorite

athlete is Sean Casey and his most-like-to-meet is President George Bush.



COACH'S QUOTE -- "Matt has been a tremendous asset to our baseball program and Elder High School. His quest for excellence both on and off the field truly exemplifies Elder's motto: *altiora* – to strive for the higher things." – Mark Thompson, Baseball Coach

LaRosa's MVP of the Week

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SPORT(S): Baseball GRADUATING YR.: 2006 GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT: Pitching in state championship game. BIRTHDATE: 1-10-88 HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5'11" - 145 lbs. RESIDENCE: Western Hills PARENTS: Jack & Kathy BIGGEST INFLUENCE: "Cousin Doug Nicholas" FUTURE GOAL: "Have a family, good job and be happy."



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