



BASEBALL SENATORS SLUG THROUGH 2008 SEASON By Matt Bollati('08)

It is spring time again and that can only mean one thing...American Studies Baseball has been happening. With the problems surrounding Major League Baseball, many of the players are eager to put that aside and play the game they love.

Perhaps the main obstacle for the Senators is the loss of 5 starters from last year. Coach Blitz is very well aware of the current situation. "It's going to be hard to replace the 5 seniors that we lost, but it is a learning process."

The already shorthanded Senators suffered a tremendous blow to their rotation. Ryan Allison('09), one of the projected starters, was thought to be unable to play this season due to a nagging injury from last year that required surgery. Ryan was expected to become the workhorse of the rotation, trying to replace the innings of pitching that Jared Greenfield('07) and Karl Roman('07) threw last year. He is now back and playing 1st base and



The Slugging Senators see light at the end of their tunnel.

has a bat that has jump started the offense.

Also, the secret weapon of the pitching staff, the much improved Saddam Alma('09) cannot play in the 2007-2008 season.

"With the limited number of pitchers on the team," Ryan Allison('09) said, "it will be hard for them to handle the workload since the team has so many games scheduled."

Jake Glickman('09) noticed the

tremendous amount of work ahead of him as he told *Common Sense*, "we have a lot to do," but said he still felt extremely optimistic.

So far this season, Co-Captains Matt Bollati('08) and Jake Walkup('08) are very pleased about the teamwork and unity developing among their players. "No one is negative or harsh toward one another, and that is the way we want to keep it this year," explained Jake Walkup.

One of the many bright spots for the HSAS baseball team is the freshman class of 2011. The future of Senator baseball looks good as Sam Allison('11), Ian Turley('11), Sean Neill('11), Rifat Hossain('11), Jake Hazen('11) and Erluis Nacaj('11) all have had experience playing on baseball teams before coming to American Studies.

Sean Neill('11) is optimistic about the upcoming season's end, sharing that he's "nervous and excited. I want to perform, I have high expectations of myself."

The baseball team has faced much adversity this season and some of the student body seems to doubt their ability to perform.

One senior, Daniel Verdejo('08), proclaimed "Why even try?"

Hopefully negativity like this will motivate the team to win some games and prove that baseball can be a winning team here at American Studies, along with basketball, softball, tennis, cross-country and outdoor track. ☞

SUPER BOWL REFLECTIONS

By Michael Hamlett('08)

The New York football team, The Giants, returned to glory in 2008. After an 0-2 start, after a little preseason controversy, and after doubters questioned the Giants' heart, they ended the regular season with a record of 10-6 and entered the Super Bowl 13-6; Their post season wins included games against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, the Dallas Cowboys, and the Green Bay Packers.

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Their nemesis for the Super Bowl was the then unbeaten, 18-0, New England Patriots, who actually beat the Giants in the last game of the regular season, and whose dynasty might as well have set up reservations each year for the super bowl.

The Giants described themselves as "resilient" and "road warriors" as they slugged on towards the big game.

They won ten straight road games in order to claim their place and score a chance at the Super Bowl. They showed that being undefeated means absolutely nothing if you can't win the big game.

The game was a defensive war that ended with the Giant victory

17-14. The Giants applied pressure on patriot quarterback Tom Brady, limited Randy Moss to five catches for 62 yards, and virtually eliminated the patriots running game.

When asked how she felt about the game, Casey Simiring('11) exclaimed, "It's great! I'm happy they (the Giants) won."

"It was awesome and I don't even watch football," replied Nia Fogelman('08).

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"It was beauty in itself," shared Sara Yancovitz('09).

Not everyone was rooting for the Giants at HSAS. Moe Pyer('10) told *Common Sense*, "I just wished the Patriots won because Tom Brady is hot."

It was a perfect season--for the Giants that is, through all the injuries, the disbelief in the early weeks of the season, the predictions and the controversies.

Plaxico Burress put it best, telling the national press, "nobody gave us a chance." Through it all, the New York football Giants prevailed and are now the Super Bowl champions of the world. ☞

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1)Springfield Gardens	124	2)Bronx HS Of Science	79
3)Lafayette Educational	70	4)Campus Magnet	66
5)Harry S. Truman	64	6)Jamaica	63
7)Francis Lewis	62	8)Paul Robeson	61
9)Far Rockaway/FDA VI	58	10) HS Of American Studies @ Lehman College	54
11)Bayside	46	12)Townsend Harris	38
13)Alfred E. Smith	33	14)Clara Barton	32
15)Samuel Gompers	31	16)Benjamin Cardozo	30
17)Newtown	29	18)Brooklyn Technical	28
18)Thomas Jefferson	28	18)Prospect Heights	28
21)William C. Bryant	26	22)Martin Van Buren	24
22)Fort Hamilton	24	24)Transit Tech	22
25)Forest Hills	19	26)John Bowne	18
27)Hunter College HS	17	28)HS of Applied Comm	14
29)Information Tech HS	12	29)South Shore	12
31)Benjamin Banneker	11	32)Grover Cleveland	10
33)Fiorello H Laguardia	7	34)Aviation	6
35)Frederick Douglass	1		

Softball Bronx II B 2007-2008 Standings

School Name	Wins	Losses	Pct
Riverdale/Kingsbridge Academy	13	0	1.000
HS Of American Studies @ Lehman College	9	3	.727
Christopher Columbus	7	4	.636
Grace Dodge	3	7	.300
Bronx School/Law, Govt & Justice	2	8	.200
Taft Educational Campus	0	12	.000

Baseball Bronx B 2007-2008 Standings

School Name	Wins	Losses	Pct
Riverdale/Kingsbridge Academy	12	1	.923
Morris	11	1	.917
Jane Addams	11	3	.786
Harry S. Truman	9	2	.818
HS Of American Studies @ Lehman College	4	9	.308
Roosevelt Educational Campus	3	9	.250
Fannie Lou Hamer	3	11	.214
Taft Educational Campus	2	11	.154
HS of Info & Network Technology	1	10	.091