

**RYAN TOPHAM MD. ATHLETE -CLASS OF 1992**

Ryan Topham was Portage Central's first baseball All-American earning first team honors. A hard worker, and a true sportsman on the field, Ryan was one of the most respected student-athletes wearing the blue & gold. During his senior year, Ryan led the state with a .632 batting average, set school record in home runs, and was a member of the All-State dream team. During college, Ryan played for the University of Notre Dame earning Freshman All-American Honors and Division I All-American Honors his junior year. After his junior year, Ryan was drafted by the White Sox, and played 3 years of professional baseball, finishing at the double A level.

*Biggest thrill in athletics: "being drafted in the 4<sup>th</sup> round of the MLB draft, by the Chicago White Sox.*

**PORTAGE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL and OTHER HONORS**

**Baseball**

- High School All-American – 1992 American Coaches Association First-Team
- All-State – 1992
- State of Michigan Dream Team – 1992
- All-Conference – 1990, 91, 92
- All G-K – 1990, 91, 92
- MVP – 1991 and 1992

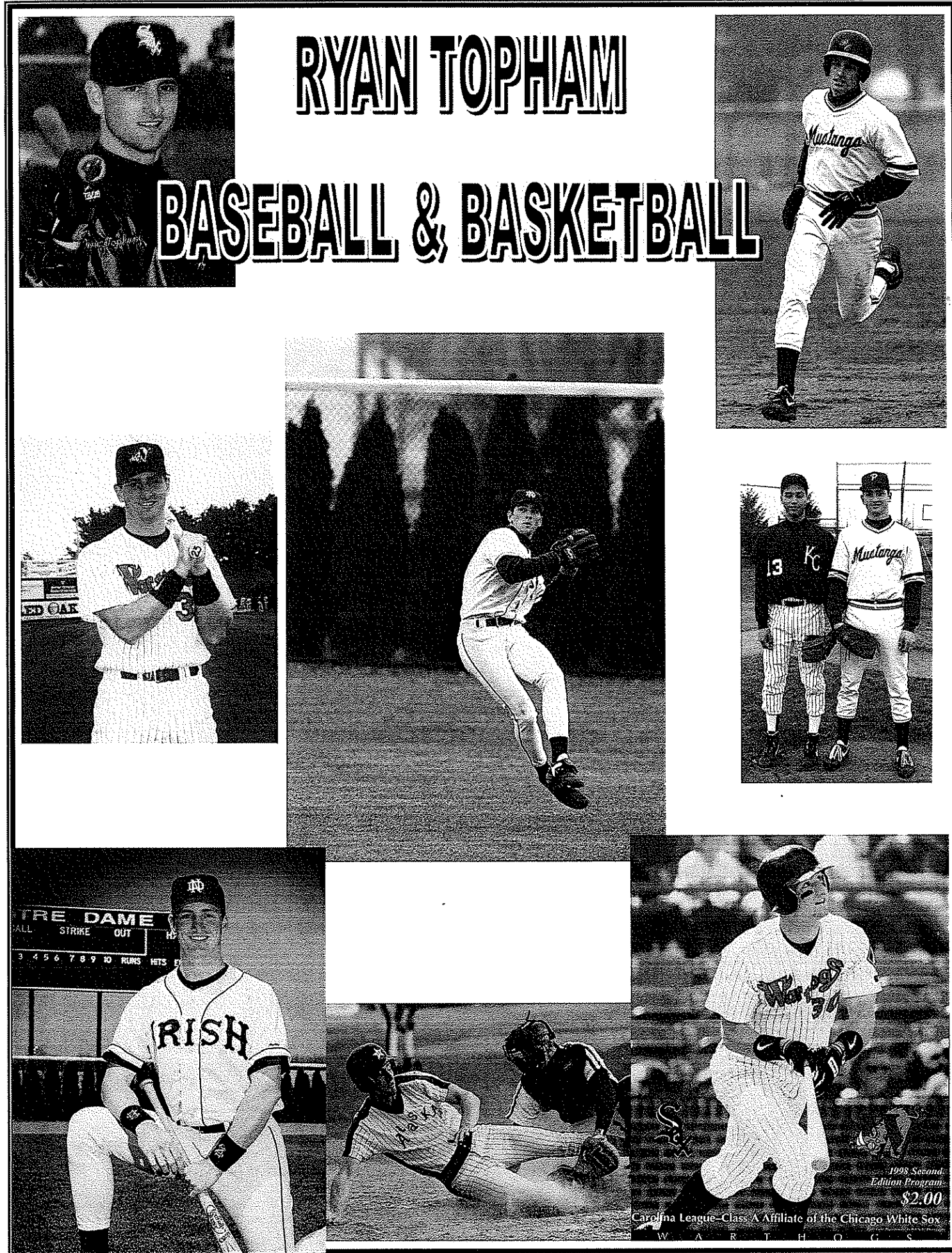
- 1992 batting average of .632 still stands as a school record. This also was the highest batting average for Michigan in 1992.
- School record of 30 walks in a season is currently tied for first
- At the time, set a PC record for most home runs in a season (6) and most home runs in a career (14)

**Notre Dame Honors**

- NCAA Division I All-American – 1995
- Freshman All-American -- 1993
- All Midwestern Collegiate Conference (MCC) Team – 1994 and 1995
- Team MVP – 1995

**Other Achievements**

- Earned a Portage Central varsity basketball letter in 1991
- Drafted in the fourth round, junior year by the Chicago White Sox
- Played professional baseball for three years finishing with the Double A Birmingham Barons.
- MVP for the South Bend Silverhawks in 1996



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