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Bryce Harper's Big Debut

By Tim Romanotto and Marisa Romanchick

On Saturday, April 28, 19-year-old sensation Bryce Harper made his debut in the MLB. The game was against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Washington's coach was very questionable about calling Bryce up. He said that Bryce showed him up on Saturday night though.

"I questioned his maturity level in the past as well as the 'swagger' that he exudes while playing the game. Neither of which showed up at the ballpark with him during his debut."

In his first at bat against Chad Billingsley, Harper took a huge cut but it ended up being an easy play right back to the pitcher. It didn't stop Harper as he hustled down the line and even forced the play to be tougher than it should.

What do you think about Bryce Harper's debut?

"He is my favorite player ever. He is only a rookie and played fantastically, especially hitting the huge double and sac fly to bring in the go ahead run. I was very upset that he didn't wear his eye black though," exclaimed sophomore Devin Cunningham.

Harper got his first professional hit by belting a ball 380 feet past Dodger's center fielder Matt Kemp. Harper had an easy double but really turned on the jets hoping to get a triple. He was held up at second though.

"I thought that he played well for his debut, even cranking that dou-



Harper in the minors last year. *Photo Courtesy of Wikipedia Commons*

ble over the center fielder's head. But the hair has to go and the eye black needs to come back," senior Dan Jeffery said.

Another impressive attribute to Harper is his cannon of an arm. In the bottom of the seventh, there was a ground ball hit to the outfield. Harper came up throwing to gun down a runner at the plate. He put everything he could on his throw, it was an absolute bullet to catcher Wilson Ramos.

The throw beat the runner by at least 10 feet but Ramos couldn't hold on to the ball. The run scored, but not before Harper impressed the entire stadium, fans, and everyone watching at home with his fantastic and accurate throwing arm.

Harper's much anticipated debut will be a game he won't forget. He roped his first career hit, picked up his first career RBI on a sac-fly to left, and even got to showcase his fantastic arm. It would have been better if the Nationals had been the ones coming out on top in Saturday night's 4-3 extra-innings victory for the Dodgers, but Harper will soon learn that he'll take part in his fair share of both victories and losses.

The Nationals are a team on the rise, and with Harper in left field for the foreseeable future, they have even more to look forward to.

Bryce Harper had a great debut and is looking forward to the season as his team fights for a trip to the playoffs.

Good Deeds Pay Off

By Rob Schiesswohl

Good deeds are always rewarded even if it takes awhile. The Cloverleaf PTO staff, Student Council, and the student body all have earned UPC points for a 32" flat screen TV.

A mind boggling 4,000 points came from the high school students' volunteering. Originally, it took 31,100 UPC points to get the TV.

"They gave us 500 points for every event," said staff member Anita Whitslar.

The Cloverleaf students participated in events such as Toys for Tots, blood drives, canned food drives, academic challenge games, and book drives for the Battered Women's Shelter.

Cloverleaf also received UPC points for collecting soup labels. Most of the labels collected earned Cloverleaf one point, but some of the labels were worth five points.

"We have 1,300 points at the moment to put towards our next goal. We would really like to get a DVD/VCR combination deck to use with the TV," said Whitslar. "We need 8,100 points, so we only need 6,800 more."

Although the PTO and student body have gotten this far, it would be a big help if anyone else could participate. The whole Campbell's soup label isn't necessary anymore, they just need the UPC on the back of the can or box.

Help would be very appreciative and spreading the word is just as important. Only a few thousand more points, and they will have reached their goal.

Cloverleaf students are really excited about the free TV. This is an easy way to earn more equipment for the school.

"I really think our school is coming

together as one and the free TV is a great achievement," said Adrian Medina.

Good deeds are always rewarded, and for this school, we are thankful to have people like Anita Whitslar who will help contribute to refurbishing the school.



Ohio Weather Has Been Crazy!

By Collin Zuk

This spring, the weather has been quite fickle in Ohio. For one week in March, people were wearing shorts because the temperatures were in the high 70s. Then as quickly as the sun was shining, the snow started blowing and people were wearing their winter jackets again.

This is the first time ever in Ohio that March was warmer than April. The warm temperatures in March just teased people and made them ready for warm weather. The students at Cloverleaf High School want to put their winter coats in their closets.

Sophomore Emily Peterson commented, "I just want summer to be here and I am ready for warm weather and swimming."

Sophomore Dom Payerchin also commented, "I just want it to be warm because I am sick of the cold weather."

Everyone at Cloverleaf High School was all excited when the warm weather arrived and then in an instant it changed back to cold. That made everyone's mood change to disappointment and it felt like summer was never coming to Ohio.

Junior Noah Berg said, "The weather is playing jokes on everyone because I was all ready for summer and then bam it went right back to winter."

Some kids at Cloverleaf hate the cold weather more than others. The spring athletes especially hate the cold weather. Players in tennis, baseball, softball, and

track like the warmer temperatures at this time of the year so they can practice outdoors.

Freshman Eddy Wagner commented, "I don't enjoy playing baseball in cold weather. I would rather be playing in the warm weather like it should be played."

Sophomore Dakota Duncan said, "It is easier to train for soccer when it is 70 degrees out and sunny rather than training in the cold and snow like it has been."

No one knows what is in store for the rest of this spring season in Ohio, but most kids at Cloverleaf High School are ready for summer and the warmer temperatures so they can be outside and enjoy the warmer temperatures.

Quiz & Quotes

What's the
Funniest Face
You Can
Make?



Mr. Michel: (staff)



Mr. Farrar: (staff)



Mrs. Sovchick: (staff)



Mr. Lantz: (staff)

Another "Super" Summer

By Marc Frary

It's going to be super summer with all of the upcoming super hero movies that are going to be hitting theaters. It looks as if, once again, there will be an amazing super hero movie streak going over the span of summer.

So sit back and watch the fun as some of the greatest heroes take the big screen by storm. *The Avengers* stars Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans, Scarlett Johansson, and Samuel L. Jackson. The Avengers is about Nick Fury, who as the head of S.H.I.E.L.D., has been tasked with assembling a special team to attempt and stop a deadly force from taking over our world.

After *The Avengers* comes a movie long awaited, *The Amazing Spider-man*. *The Amazing Spider-man* also has some impressive names to account for, which include Andrew Garfield, Emma Stone, and Denis Leary. Unlike the first *Spider-man* movie, this one tells the tale of how Peter Parker has discovered a clue as to why his parents disap-

peared when he was only a child.

Now he must take to the streets as Spider-man so he can follow the clues and find the truth. Finally to top off a super hero summer, there is the movie that everyone is waiting for, even if they aren't huge fans.

The Dark Knight Rises comes to tell the last piece in the Batman saga. Christian Bale, Morgan Freeman, and Liam Neeson return to tell the final chapter of Batman.

After eight long years since Batman took the fall for Two Face's crimes, a new terrorist threat sweeps over Gotham and not even their finest officers can stop it. It is then when the dark knight must rise to protect the city that has labeled him a villain.

There might be some other movies coming out soon, but what could possibly come out and stand amongst these fine movies that are sure to have their viewers ready for action. The only decision in the end would be how many times to see them before they leave theaters.



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