

What my abbreviated first year of high school baseball taught me is, when you have fun and enjoy yourself, success will follow. For the few weeks that I spent on the Bulldog Junior Varsity baseball team, I began to really enjoy the game. I wasn't playing to put myself at the next level, but rather help the team win. The group of guys on my team cracked my shell and made me feel what it's like to be part of a team. I have vivid memories of rallies, friendly banter and hard slaps on the back after crossing home plate. Despite having such a small sample size, I cannot help but feel sorry for the seniors that do not get to experience this one last time as well as guilty knowing I have three more years with Bulldog baseball. I would like to thank the seniors, Jesse Lacefield, Ethan Rindner, James O'Donnell, Jason Olinger, Eddie Hacopian, Ari Issacson, Ben Gumer, Jackson Bouquet, Aaron Shields and Ryan Gans for helping to set Churchill baseball up for success and being great leaders for guys like me to look up to. I hope to see all the future Churchill alum back soon so they can see the program they built, live out their senior season and bring a state title back to the Dawg Pound.

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