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The Braves took the field March 3 against the Callaway Cavaliers. The game was hyped-up by players and fans, with the two schools being rivals and region foes. The past five years the Braves have fallen to the Cavaliers, and it was time for revenge from the seniors who have not beaten Callaway in their entire high school career. The Braves came away with the 11-1 victory, as the game was ended in the fifth inning because of the mercy rule.

The game started off slowly as the Braves came away with a 2-0 lead after the first inning. The game remained 2-0 until the Braves exploded on the offensive side and scored seven runs in the third inning. The Cavaliers tried to spark a comeback, but only came away with one run in the fourth. The game ended in the fifth inning after the Braves scored two runs to take the 11-1 victory over the Cavaliers. After the game, sophomore Tyler Spradlin stated, "Everything was clicking tonight.

The bats were hot and Cash was on his A game. It was a big win for us tonight because of all the seniors and it also proved a point to the rest of the region. Emotions were high and the

outcome was even higher."

The team was lead offensively by senior Clint Lowery, who went 4-4 with three RBIs. Senior Clay Holtzclaw went 2-3 with two RBIs and a homerun and senior Jake Yates also went 2-3. The team batting average was .586 and the players combined for seventeen hits. The team was led by a solid pitching performance by senior Tyler Cash. Cash threw a no-hitter and only walked two runners. This is a tough feat and is only accomplished by a few select pitchers.

On March 5, the Braves took the field against the Mt. Zion Eagles. The Braves were victorious with a final score of 10-2. The team batting average was .486 for the game. The Braves had another seventeen hit performance against the Eagles. Senior Zack Janney pitched five solid innings, only giving up two runs, with only one of them being an earned run. Spradlin came in and finished the last two innings, giving up no runs. The team was led offensively by Holtzclaw, who went 2-3 with a homerun, and junior Bryan Dunson and sophomore Tyler Spradlin both went 3-4. Spradlin also added a homerun. Seniors Luke Robinson and Yates also added home-runs of their own.



with Clay Holtzclaw

By Jake Yates
Sports Editor

Clay Holtzclaw is a senior on the baseball team. He is the starting centerfielder and is one of the leaders on the offensive side. Holtzclaw has been a starter in centerfield for three years, which is a hard thing to do. Last season Holtzclaw batted over .400 and had eight homeruns, which was tops on the team. He also was honored with being on the All-Region first team. This year Holtzclaw is expected to be one of the vocal leader's, on and off the field. Recently I had a chance to interview Holtzclaw.

Jake: How long have you been playing baseball?

Clay: Since I was about four years old.



Jake: Do you play any other sports?

Clay: No I do not.

Jake: What do you expect from the team this year?

Clay: I expect us to play hard and have everyone give 110 percent.

Jake: What are your goals for the season?

Clay: I want the team to have a winning season. I also want to bat over .500 for the season and I would like to tie or beat the homerun record.

Jake: Do you plan on going to college?

Clay: Yes, I have been accepted to the University of West Georgia.

Jake: Do you plan on playing sports in college?

Clay: No.

2009 Varsity Baseball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
3/13	Spencer	Home	5:30
3/14	Macon County	Home	1:00
3/17	Jordan	Away	5:30
3/20	Lamar	Home	5:30
3/23	Handley	Home	5:30
3/26	Valley	Home	5:30
3/28	Macon County	Away	1:00
3/31	Callaway	Away	5:30
4/3	Crawford	Away	5:30
4/6	Mt. Zion	Away	4:30
4/7	Manchester	Home	5:30
4/13	Handley	Away	4:30
4/14	Jordan	Home	5:30
4/17	Pike County	Home	5:30
4/22	Temple	Away	5:30
4/24	Lamar	Away	6:00
4/27	Spencer	Away	4:00
5/1	Pike County	Away	5:30
5/8	State Playoffs		

2009 Baseball Roster

#	Player	Grade	Position
1	Clint Lowery	12th	SS/P
2	Bryan Dunson	11th	OF
3	Jake Yates	12th	3rd/2nd
4	Justin Norris	11th	OF
5	Trevor Spradlin	10th	C/IF
6	Brandon Manning	12th	OF
7	Wesley Cannon	12th	1st/P
9	DeAunte Holloway	10th	OF
10	Tyler Cash	12th	SS/P
11	Clay Holtzclaw	12th	OF
12	Tyler Spradlin	10th	OF/P
14	Jarret Gray	10th	OF
15	Casey Smith	12th	OF
16	Ryan Bussey	10th	2nd/SS
17	Luke Robinson	12th	C/3rd/P
20	Zach Janney	12th	2nd
21	Randall Lipford	10th	3rd/P