

The 2024 season marked the tenth anniversary of Genesee Rapids baseball, and it was a season that will not be forgotten for a long time. The Rapids finished the regular season with a 25-11 record, earning them a second place finish in the NYCBL Western Division. Kicking off with our annual Kids' Day game to the final playoff game loss against Dansville, the 2024 Rapids made it a summer to remember.

Starting off the season with a 9-1 record, the Rapids took hold of the league's top spot in the NYCBL Power Rankings, a spot they would hold for four weeks this summer. Early in the season, OF Andrew Tseng, a Sophomore from Fu Jen Catholic University in Taipei, Taiwan, was selected to represent Genesee on the NYCBL Prospect Games team that competed at Liberty University. Another highlight of the summer was our coaching staff earning the honor of coaching the NYCBL Western Division All-Star team due to the Rapids having the best record in the Western Division at the All-Star break. This year's game took place at Innovative Field, the home of the Rochester Red Wings. Coach Harmon, Coach Tew, and Coach Swanson led the West to a 4-2 victory over the East. Seven Rapids were named to the Western Division All-Star Team (Andrew Tseng, Nick Moyer, Kanta Ueno, Ethan Cetton, Jordan Talbot, Tyler Fahey, and Jontavious Spearmon). Throughout the summer, fans have also been voting on our 10th Anniversary team which will be announced very soon!

Pitching was a definite strong spot of this summer's Rapids team. As a team, our staff finished with a 4.15 ERA, tied for second lowest in the NYCBL. Our pitchers only gave up 259 hits the entire summer which was the lowest amount in the league, and batters only hit .246 against our pitchers, second lowest in the league. Tyler Fahey, a Freshman at Trinity College, had the lowest ERA, 1.32, in the NYCBL. Jontavious Spearmon's 9 saves led the league as well. Jordan Talbot, a Senior at Norwich University, was the team leader in wins with 5, and Ethan Cetton, a Senior at Houghton University, led the Rapids in strikeouts with 38. Defensively, as a team, the Rapids had a .964 field percentage, second best in the NYCBL, and only had 43 errors, the lowest in the league. Kanta Ueno, a Junior at Houghton University, made many spectacular plays throughout the season, and his defense was well known and respected throughout the league.

Andrew Tseng's .327 batting average led the Rapids this summer, while Braedon Leathed, a Senior at Indiana University South Bend, also hit above .300 (.312). Nick Moyer, a Sophomore at Messiah University was a co-leader for HR with 3 along with Austin Amburgey, a Junior at Valparaiso University. Amburgey was the team leader in RBI with 23.

As always, the support of the Rapids fan base was on display and so appreciated throughout the summer. Relationships were built by teammates and those in the community that will last a lifetime. As always, thank you to all of our sponsors and community members who help make Rapids baseball happen every summer.