

2012 PHS STATE CHAMPION BASEBALL TEAM

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The 2012 Portage Warriors team will always be remembered for their fight not to be denied to bring home another state championship to Portage. In the regional final, they trailed Wisconsin Dells 7-3 in the seventh inning. The Warriors prevailed 11-7 in eight innings.

In the sectional final, they trailed Lodi 6-5 in the 9th inning. The Warriors prevailed 7-6. In the state semi-final Portage was considered the heavy underdog as Fox Valley Lutheran boasted a .389 team batting average as well as a Division 1 pitcher who was 9-1 on the season with three no-hitters.

The Warriors were unfazed and sprinted out to a 4-1 lead in the first inning and won 7-2. In the state final Portage went up against Ellsworth who had defeated the No.1-ranked team in the state to get the championship game.

Once again, the Warriors showed no fear and bolted out to a 6-0 lead in the first two innings and won 8-3. It was a total team effort as many players had big time moments in regional, sectional, and state games.

The coaching staff consisted of Mike Hemming, Jim Walker, Dave Hamilton, Bill Greene, Mike Nelson, Matt Dietzenbach, and Shawn Bolgrien. It was a tremendous staff that all had roles that molded this team to be champions!