

TWIN TOWERS

Varsity baseball pitchers, juniors T.j. Zeuch and Andrew McDonald, use their height as an advantage on the mound

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The Mason varsity baseball team is having one of their most successful seasons this year; a year that included winning their first GMC title. Much of their success is due to their two outstanding pitchers, juniors T.j. Zeuch and Andrew McDonald, also known as the “Twin Towers,” because of their heights; 6’8” and 6’5” respectively.

According to Senior pitcher Zach Boden, he was the originator of the esteemed nickname for these two pitchers.

“They are both super tall and really dominate in our league,” Boden said. “So, one day I just started calling them the ‘Twin Towers.’”

Being labeled as a duo, the two have been a vital part in the Comets’ success this year with a combined record of 11-1, and over 13 feet of pitcher. According to Zeuch, he and McDonald take the most pride in winning for the team.

“As a pitcher, I take the most pride in pitching strikes and putting our defense in the best position,” Zeuch said. “With that said, the biggest thing is getting the win for the team.”

McDonald said winning is big for them and it is also something that they have been doing a lot of this year. Both pitchers throw in the upper 80’s.

According to McDonald, their heights give them an edge when it comes to pitching.

“My size is a strength of mine,” McDonald said. “Being taller puts you closer to the plate, which makes a pitch in the upper 80’s seem like it is in the lower 90’s to a batter.”

Due to both pitchers success, they have both been getting a lot of contact from colleges around the nation, according to McDonald.

“Both T.j. and I have had a lot of [colleges] coaches come and watch us pitch throughout the season,” McDonald said. “My top two are Georgia Tech and Ohio State.”

Zeuch said he is also cutting down his college choices, but he is not yet down to two schools.

“Right now my top schools are Louisville, Kentucky, Stanford and Virginia,” Zeuch said.

While both pitchers look forward to playing college ball, McDonald said now they are focused on helping the team in the postseason.

“We got a number one seed and have some high expectations,” McDonald said. “We just have to go out there and play like we have all year and hopefully everything else will fall into place.”

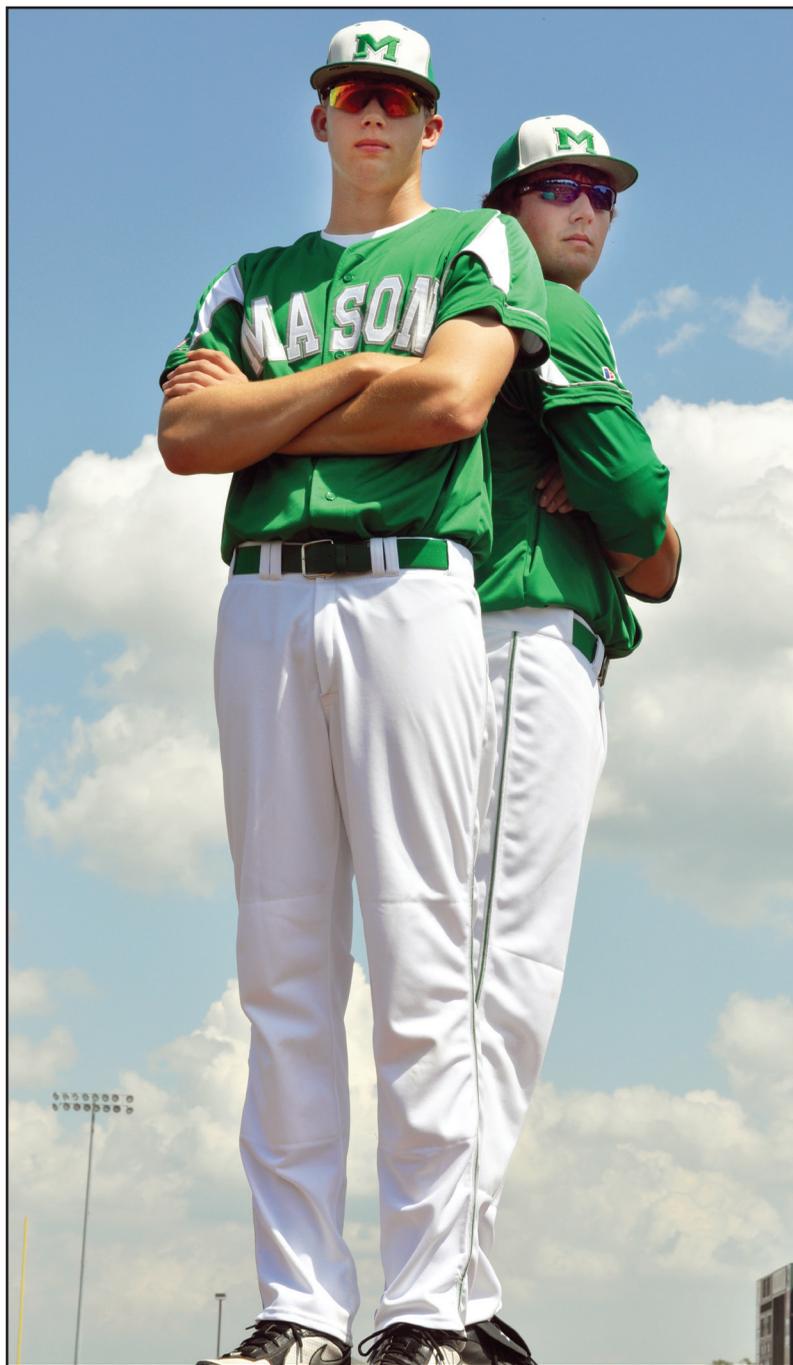


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Junior pitchers T.j. Zeuch and Andrew McDonald, who stand at 6’8” and 6’5” respectively, have a combined record of 11-1 for the regular season.

SPORTS COLUMN

Former NBA MVP Derrick Rose’s injury should send a message to the Chicago Bulls to search for new players



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I hate Derrick Rose for getting hurt. It was a sad ending to the Chicago Bulls’ season and it left a sour taste in every Chicagoan’s mouth. It was like eating a Chicago style dog

with sauerkraut on it.

But, at the same time, I liked Derrick Rose getting hurt. Even though I was about to kill him after he went out of control in the lane during game one against the 76ers, the injury was for the best. And please don’t be ignorant and blame his injury on coach Tom Thibodeau.

To be honest, I didn’t expect the Bulls to get past the Heat in the conference finals anyway. I

was expecting the same results as last year—LeBron James shutting down Rose (if he didn’t get injured) and the Bulls losing. They had the same exact team as last year, besides the addition of the washed up Rip Hamilton. So, the Bulls getting bounced in the first Heat round was actually a blessing in my mind.

It’s the wakeup call that the Bulls need, and more specifically Gar Forman, the GM, needs. Maybe this is a good sign that there’s an obligation for a change the Bulls’ approach. And I’m not talking about the defensive-scrappy team that Thibbs has formulated; I’m talking about a change in the piping system. Overall, I don’t think the team the Bulls have is all that exceptional, they just play well together. Luol Deng, Carlos Boozer

and guys like Ronnie Brewer and CJ Watson are expendable. If they stay, which they probably will, then that’s not all bad. But the Bulls need more fire power if they want to do anything productive in the mission to win an NBA title—aka beat the Heat.

Guys like Ben Gordon, from a few years ago, who are quick slashers that can score is what they need. Besides Rose, there’s no explosive player that can create his own shot. Deng thinks he can take over that role, but looking at his playoff performance, he can’t.

It’s upsetting when the former MVP goes down—and now can’t compete in the Olympic games—but maybe it will send a message to Forman to hire a plumber to fix this team up.