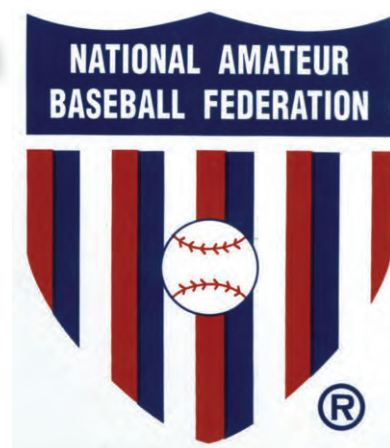




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## New York's SAYO Grays celebrate

The SAYO Grays celebrate after winning the televised NABF Junior Division World Series championship at Mercy Field in Toledo, Ohio. The third time was the charm for the New York team. The Grays, after losing in the NABF Junior World Series championship two years in a row to Ohio teams, faced an Ohio team for the third straight year in this year's championship, defeating the Youngstown Astro Falcons 9-3.

## Former Major League catcher Bob Boone to speak at 100th meeting



Bob Boone

Former Major League catcher Bob Boone will be the keynote speaker at the 2014 National Amateur Association meeting banquet on Saturday, November 8.

His presentation will be part of the NABF's 100th anniversary celebration to be held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Preceded by his father Ray Boone and succeeded by sons Aaron and Bret Boone in Major League Baseball, Bob Boone's career as a catcher is characterized by his defensive prowess and longevity.

Over the course of his 19-year career, Boone won a World Series with the Philadelphia Phillies in 1980, was named an All-Star four times and earned seven Gold Gloves while sporting the Tools of Ignorance. At the time of his retirement at age 42 in 1990 he was the all-time leader in games caught with 2,225, a record that would be broken by Carlton Fisk three seasons later.

The Stanford University product spent his first 10 seasons with the Phillies from 1972 to 1981, earning three All-Star selections and a pair of Gold Gloves.

In 1982 Boone was traded to the California Angels, where he would spend the next seven seasons. While an Angel, Boone made his final trip to the Midsummer Classic in 1983, caught Mike Witt's perfect game in 1984 and won three consecutive Gold Gloves from 1986 to 1988. He earned a fourth straight Gold Glove as a member of the Kansas City Royals in 1989 before retiring after the 1990 campaign.

Boone would go on to manage the Royals from 1995 to 1998 and the Cincinnati Reds from 2001 to 2003 before transitioning to a front office position.

He currently serves as the Assistant General Manager and Vice President of Player Development for the Washington Nationals.



## NABF 100th anniversary meeting to be held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida

The 100th Annual Meeting of the National Amateur Baseball Federation will be held Friday November 7 and Saturday November 8, 2014 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

The Board of Director's Meeting is Friday, November 7. The Delegates meeting for ALL NABF franchised member delegates is on Saturday, November 8.

Professional and Amateur Baseball will celebrate together for this Centennial Year. The committee has been busy lining up Speakers, Sponsors, and special guest for this event.

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## NABF Graduates of the Year

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|---|---|
| 1968 Bill Freehan (Detroit Tigers)        | 1990 Barry Larkin (Cincinnati Reds)           |
| 1969 Pete Rose (Cincinnati Reds)          | 1991 Steve Farr (New York Yankees)            |
| 1970 Bernie Carbo (Cincinnati Reds)       | 1992 Marquies Grissom (Montreal Expos)        |
| 1971 Ted Simmons (St. Louis Cardinals)    | 1993 Paul O'Neil (New York Yankees)           |
| 1972 John Mayberry (Kansas City Royals)   | 1994 No selection (MLB Players Strike)        |
| 1973 Sal Bando (Oakland Athletics)        | 1995 Charles Nagy (Cleveland Indians)         |
| 1974 Jim Wynn (Los Angeles Dodgers)       | 1996 Brian Jordan (St. Louis Cardinals)       |
| 1975 Frank Tanana (California Angels)     | 1997 Jeff Reed (Colorado Rockies)             |
| 1976 Rick Manning (Cleveland Indians)     | 1998 Scott Rolen (Philadelphia Phillies)      |
| 1977 Kenton Tekulve (Pittsburgh Pirates)  | 1999 Paul Byrd (Philadelphia Phillies)        |
| 1978 Lary Sorenson (Milwaukee Brewers)    | 2000 Pat Burrell (Philadelphia Phillies)      |
| 1979 Willie Horton (Seattle Mariners)     | 2001 Billy Koch (Toronto Blue Jays)           |
| 1980 Britt Burns (Chicago White Sox)      | 2002 Roy Oswalt (Houston Astros)              |
| 1981 Tom Paciorek (Seattle Mariners)      | 2003 B.J. Surhoff (Baltimore Orioles)         |
| 1982 Leon Durham (Chicago Cubs)           | 2004 Brian Roberts (Baltimore Orioles)        |
| 1983 Robert Bonnell (Toronto Blue Jays)   | 2005 Mark Tiexiera (Texas Rangers)            |
| 1984 Jack Perconte (Seattle Mariners)     | 2006 J.J. Putz (Seattle Mariners)             |
| 1985 John Franco (Cincinnati Reds)        | 2007 Jake Peavy (San Diego Padres)            |
| 1986 Jesse Barfield (Toronto Blue Jays)   | 2008 Gavin Floyd (Chicago White Sox)          |
| 1987 Brian Fletcher (Texas Rangers)       | 2009 Zack Grienke (Kansas City Royals)        |
| 1988 Allen L. Anderson (Minnesota Twins)  | 2010 David Price (Tampa Bay Rays)             |
| 1989 Dave Dravecky (San Francisco Giants) | 2011 Johnny Damon (Tampa Bay Rays)            |
|   | 2012 David Freese (St. Louis Cardinals)       |
|   | 2013 Michael Lance Lynn (St. Louis Cardinals) |
|   | 2014 Sonny Gray (Oakland Athletics)           |



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At left, NABF directors Buzz McNish, Connie Brown, and Derek Topik arrive for tournament play in Knoxville, Tennessee

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**From the Executive Director...**

To: All NABF Officers, Directors and Franchised Member Organizations:

We have concluded yet another successful year here at the NABF. Our 100th year was a great one!

The 2014 Reigning World Series Champions by age group are:

Major Division- Stratford Storm from Bridgeport Senior City League  
 College Division – Crystal Lake Cardinals from Metro Amateur of Illinois  
 Senior Division – Ohio Glaciers from Youngstown Class B  
 High School Division – Toronto Mets of Premier Baseball of Ontario  
 Junior Division – Sayo Grays from Parade Ground League  
 Sophomore Division – Creekside Fitness from Youngstown Class B  
 Freshmen Division (12 & U) – Team Oklahoma Baseball

Thanks to the following National Tournament Directors and their committees for successful championship series:

Terry Newton of Battle Creek, Michigan (Major Division), Aaron Myers of Toledo, OH (College Division AND Junior Division), Scott Ruark of Struthers, OH (Senior Division), and Buzz McNish of Knoxville, TN (High School AND Sophomore Division). A special thanks to Connie and Frosty Brown who attended THREE World Series events and helped all run smoothly.

I would also like to extend my great appreciation to all the Regional Directors and the NABF Franchise Organization for their success this season:

Scott Ruark/Youngstown Class B Baseball League, Gregg Sarra/Boys of Summer League, Joe Victor & Rubin Ramirez/Parade Ground League, Mike Gossner/Penn Jersey Collegiate Baseball League, Mike Dorsey/Eastern Shore Baseball League, Richard Brown/Fort Wayne Baseball Federation, Fred LeSage/Chicago Suburban Baseball League, Rick Krist/Greater Pittsburgh Federation League, Jim Kosmerick/Great Lakes UBL, Vin DiLauro/West Haven Twilight League, Tammi Nuber/Cincinnati Recreation Commission, and Paul Wolf/ Buffalo Muny AAA.

My personal thanks go out to Derek Topik for a great job overseeing the 2014 NABF Classics Tournaments and each of the following Classic Tournament Directors:

Derek Topik (14U, 16U, 17U, & 18U) in Raymond, MS, (14U) in Flowood, MS, and (18U) in Brandon, MS, Buzz McNish (17U) in Knoxville, TN, Charles Avery (11U) in Sloatsburg, NY, Scotty Baker (12U, & 13U) in Southaven, MS, Johnny Ray (15U & 16U) in Millington, TN

As always, I am grateful for Major League Baseball Operations for all their support and all of our sponsors for their continued support of the NABF program; Hillerich & Bradsby, Village Trophy, Baseball Express, Baseball Factory, Diamond Baseball, New Era, Hoosier Bat, S&W Limited (MTM Recognition), Team Express and Frazier Insurance.

Lastly, thank you to all the NABF Franchise Organizations. Your success, dedication, and volunteer time running your individual franchise is what has helped the NABF organization for 100 years so all can enjoy the on-field excitement of the NABF National Tournament games!

Charles Blackburn, Jr.  
 Executive Director, NABF



Charles M. Blackburn

**From the President...**

Dear NABF Members:

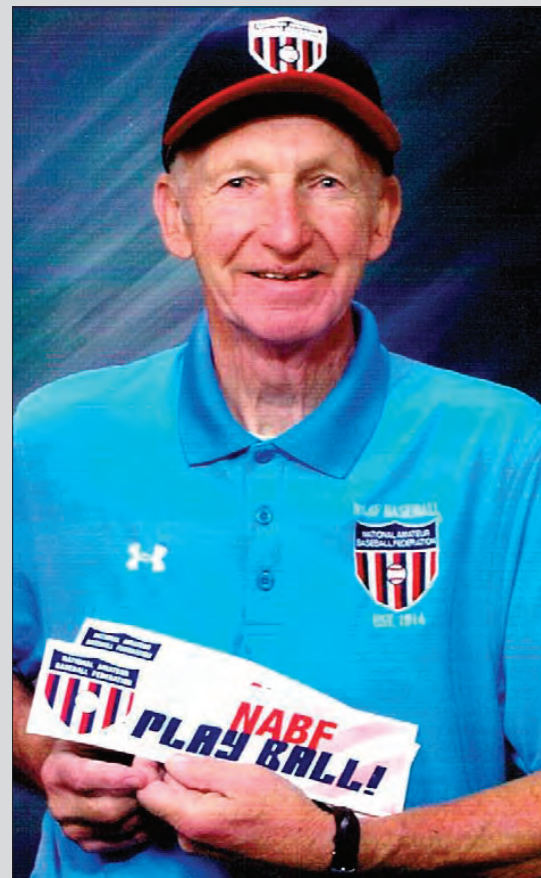
I cannot express how happy I am with the unforgettable experiences we were able to provide this year to all those involved with the National Amateur Baseball Federation. It has been a great year. Premier baseball programs like the NABF would not be possible without the tireless work of all our franchise members and volunteers. Through your hard work we have managed to continue to provide first class baseball opportunities for all of our age group participants. I feel the work put in by everyone is deserving of recognition. I am grateful to the so many individuals who have given their time and talent to changing lives through the game of baseball.

As we bring the 2014 tournament season to a close, let us look forward to another season of opportunities. The game of baseball is continuing to change. It will only be through the hard work and innovation of our franchise members, officers, executive director, and volunteers that the game will continue to thrive for many years to come. We will need to continue to communicate and collaborate to promote the National Amateur Baseball Federation. The strategies that maintained our organization for the last 100 years will need to evolve to engage a new generation.

As I finish my term as President, let me say a word of thanks to all of our NABF members. I would also like to thank Charlie Blackburn, our Executive Director. He is truly a great leader and promoter of NABF baseball. I have been proud and privileged to have had the opportunity to work with him in this outstanding organization. I look forward to thanking all of you in person at our Annual Meeting in Ft. Lauderdale Florida.

Sincerely,

Thomas L. Stout  
 President



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**Man of the Year Award  
Fred LeSage  
Bourbonnais, Illinois**

**NABF Presidents' Award  
Thomas Stout  
Altoona, Pennsylvania  
served as president  
2013-2014**



Sportswriter Chris Van Tuyl



The Ohio Glaciers play their own version of "fantasy" baseball during a rain delay at the NABF Senior World Series in At Bob Cene Park in Struthers, Ohio.

**NABF Man of Year**

**LeSage rewarded for 35 years of baseball**

Fred LeSage's time with Muskie Baseball began when he was a 17-year-old back-up infielder in the club's inaugural 1978 season.

After playing for the team each summer from 1978 on, he took over managing the Muskie in 1994. In 1996, the Muskie played in their first NABF Major Regional in Ft. Wayne, Indiana representing the Northern Illinois Baseball League.

In 2000, the Muskie joined the Chicago Suburban Baseball League and in 2002 won their first NABF Regional title in Memphis. That team advanced to the semi-finals of the NABF World Series.

In 2003, the CSBL hosted their first NABF Regional at Kankakee with LeSage as Tournament Director. He has acted in that role each year since as the CSBL has hosted regional tournaments for the last 12 seasons. The Muskie have now appeared in 11 NABF Major Division World Series with the team winning the series in 2010. LeSage's teams have won 656 games while losing only 355 for a .649 winning percentage.

Fred lives in Bourbonnais, Illinois with his understanding wife of 22 years Terri, daughters Jessica (21) and Rachel (19) and son Jacob (17). He works as a Construction Risk Engineer for XL Insurance Group and is an avid and long-suffering Chicago Cubs fan.



Fred LeSage



Fred LeSage, Muskie Baseball manager and long-time host of NABF regionals.

**Meet Brooks Miller, 2014 NABF Summer Intern...**

Brooks has been around the game of baseball since he was 4 years old. He played high school ball at Arundel High School for Bernie Walter before graduation in 2009. He played summer ball for the Maryland Monarchs from 2008-2010 under Bernie and Tom Keating. After graduating from Arundel he attended Anne Arundel Community College from 2010-2012 and played baseball for Dave Fletcher. He currently attends and plays baseball at Stevenson University which is located in Owings Mills, MD. He is scheduled to graduate this May (2014) with a major in Business Administration. He also took many classes in Sports Management.

He was on the Dean's List for both years at Stevenson University as a student-athlete (baseball).

Before his internship, Brooks said he was looking forward to the knowledge he will gain from the business side of baseball working for the National Amateur Baseball Federation. He was interested to learn about managing a national organization as well as working with local leagues and tournaments.

This summer he wants to help coach a local youth baseball team in his area. In the future, he wants to work in sports, especially the game of baseball; possibly working for a college athletic department or even for a professional sports team. He looks forward to any opportunity that is given to him.



Brooks Miller

**In Memoriam  
Salvatore T. Rubino**

**Richmond County  
Federation Baseball League/  
Staten Island Baseball**

**NABF Past President  
from 1997-1998  
1988 NABF Man of the Year**

**RUBINO, SALVATORE T.,** 70, passed away Thursday, May 29, 2014, at the Rose Mountain Care Center, New Brunswick, NJ., where he resided for six months.



Salvatore was a New Yorker for life as he was born in Brooklyn, then raised in Long Island while attending Brentwood High School. He then moved to Queens before eventually settling in Old Bridge in 2009.

Not only was Salvatore a family and baseball man, he was always a man of our country. He was a private first class, serving in the U.S. Army from 1962-65, as a paratrooper in the 45th Airborne Corps, stationed in the Dominican Republic.

Salvatore worked tirelessly year after year as the President of the Richmond County Federation Baseball League, along with the Sophomore and Junior Division Regional Tournaments. Because of his devotion to NABF baseball, he was recognized by the National Amateur Baseball Federation in 1988 as the recipient of the "Man of the Year" Award. Salvatore was so greatly respected around the organization that he served on the Board of Directors and was eventually named the President of NABF for a full two-year term from 1997-1998.

He is survived by his sons, Thomas and Salvatore; his daughters, Lisa Doyle and Roseann Bracco; his former wife, Marie Rubino, and four grandchildren.

We are very saddened by this news as he devoted his life to the NABF, our country, and most importantly his family. Contributions in Salvatore's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital would be greatly appreciated.



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# Oakland A's Sonny Gray named NABF Grad of Year

Oakland Athletics' pitcher Sonny Gray has been named the 2014 National Amateur Baseball Federation Graduate of the Year.

Gray played for the Bayside Yankees in the Senior Division World Series in 2008 and was nominated by NABF board members Derek Topik and Buzz McNish. McNish still sees Gray on occasion when he returns home to Nashville to work out at Vanderbilt University in the offseason.

Gray was born in Nashville, Tennessee to Cindy and Jesse Gray and spent his entire childhood growing up in his hometown of Smyrna, Tennessee. Jesse died in a car accident during Sonny's freshman year of high school, just as Sonny started playing baseball for Smyrna High School.

As a freshman at Smyrna, he pitched and played left field and was named Freshman of the Year in District 9AAA. As a sophomore, he suffered injuries and saw limited action during the season. As a junior, he led his team to the 2007 State Tournament with a masterful 11-2 record and a 0.95 ERA. This earned him a nod for the AFLAC All-American High School Baseball Classic and a nomination for National Player of the Year (which Tim Melville ultimately won). As a senior, he dominated once again, going 4-0 with a 0.79 ERA. However, he was injured in a district game against Hendersonville in April 2008 and never played again. He also excelled at the plate, batting over .500 his last two seasons at Smyrna, but instead opted to pitch in college.

In addition to his success on the mound, he also played quarterback for Smyrna's football team, guiding them to back-to-back 5A State titles in 2006 and 2007. He was voted Gatorade Player of the Year by The Tennessean in 2007 and 2008 for his overall athletic success.

Having already made a verbal commitment to Vanderbilt University before Smyrna's state tournament run, he was drafted in the 27th round by the Chicago Cubs in the 2008 MLB Draft. He did not sign with the team.

As a freshman at Vanderbilt, he began as a relief pitcher, earning four saves before moving to a starter's role late in the season. Although posting a 4.30 ERA, he improved over the next two years. He was designated as the ace of Vandy's staff in 2010 and 2011. In 2010, he went 10-5 with a 3.48 ERA, but led the team in strikeouts (113). Sonny's junior year was his most successful, as he



Oakland Athletics pitcher Sonny Gray. (Courtesy Wikipedia.com/mlb.com)

went 12-4 with a 2.43 ERA and 132 Ks. He also helped Vandy earn their first ever College World Series berth, making it to the semifinals and losing to national runner-up Florida.

Sonny elected to forgo his senior year at Vanderbilt and entered the draft. He was selected 18th overall by the Oakland Athletics in the 2011 MLB Draft and was signed for \$1.54 million signing bonus.

Gray, after being drafted, was optioned to the Athletics' Double-A affiliate, the Midland RockHounds, where he posted an 0.45 ERA in 5 games, all of which were games that he started.

The next year, Gray again began his season at Double-A, despite his performance the season before. There, he posted a 4.14 ERA before being promoted to Triple-A Sacramento RiverCats, where he struggled to the tune of a 9.00 ERA in a single start.

To start the 2013 season, Gray returned to the RiverCats, where he posted a 2.81 ERA and was selected to start the Triple-A All-Star Game for the Pacific Coast League.

Gray pitching in 2013 On July 10, 2013, Gray was called up to replace Dan Straily, who had been optioned to Triple-A.[3] He made his first major league appearance out of the bullpen, in relief of Jerry Blevins,

against the Pittsburgh Pirates in Pittsburgh. Gray pitched two innings, tallying three strikeouts and allowing a single hit. He did not allow a run, nor a walk. Gray made a second relief appearance nine days later in Anaheim but was then sent back down to the minors.

Gray was recalled again by the A's on August 10, and made his first Major League start against Mark Buehrle and the Toronto Blue Jays in Toronto.[4] This was supposed to be just a spot start in Tommy Milone's place in the rotation after Milone's struggles and subsequent option down to Triple-A Sacramento. However, Gray has since become a fixture in the A's rotation as the fifth starter.

Gray's first Major League win came against Erik Bedard and the Houston Astros in his home debut. He pitched 8 shutout innings to earn a 5-0 win.

On September 22, Gray pitched and won the AL West Division-clinching game against the Minnesota Twins in an 11-7 A's victory. He finished the regular season, going 5-3 in 12 games (10 starts) with a 2.67 ERA, striking out 67 in 64 innings.

On October 5, Gray started Game 2 of the American League Division Series against Justin Verlander and the Detroit Tigers. In a no-decision effort, he pitched 8 scoreless innings before a 9th inning walk-off hit by Stephen Vogt resulted in a 1-0 Oakland win.[5] In a surprise move, Gray was elected to start Game 5 over Bartolo Colón. Facing Justin Verlander, Gray pitched 5+ innings, giving up 6 hits and 3 runs, getting the loss in the 3-0 game.[6]

Despite not having previously been on an Opening Day roster, Gray made his first career Opening Day start on March 31, 2014 against the Cleveland Indians. He started the season 4-1 with a 1.76 ERA, while also recording his first complete game shutout, and 37 strikeouts in 41.0 innings pitched over six starts in April. For his early success, he was named AL Pitcher of the Month for the first time in his career.

Heading into the final week of the season, Gray was 13-10 in 210 innings with a 3.21 ERA. Hitters were batting .234 against him and he had struck out 178, walked 74, and has one complete game shutout in 32 starts.

For his career, Gray is 18-13 with a 3.09 ERA, 245 strikeouts and 94 walks, and hitters have batted just .229 against him.

## Award of Merit winner credits youth baseball experience

Bob Cene, Jr. will receive the 2014 National Amateur Baseball Federation Award of Merit for his service to the organization. Here is Cene's story, in his own words.

*My history began when I was a Little League player for my father*

*Bob Cene, Sr. I was not blessed with the talent to pursue baseball passed the Pony League level; however I did witness & experience firsthand my father's passion for baseball, giving me a real understanding of the true meaning of the sport.*

*Especially for helping boys transform themselves using baseball as a platform to help them grow. He started coaching boys at the little league level along our entire neighborhood. He helped them improve their baseball skills along with their skills to become a man.*

*He taught me the importance of helping young men giving them an opportunity to use their baseball skills for college scholarship opportunities.*

*With this basic foundation instilled within me, it's given me the same passion to help young men showcase their abilities through our 3 field complex at Bob Cene Park in Struthers, Ohio.*

*I've been formally trained as an Architect at Kent State University from 1975 through 1980. I'm currently registered in Ohio & Pennsylvania.*

*After graduating, I assisted my Dad with many projects in our local community. As an architect, I became intimately involved with all the details of designing & building baseball fields.*

*I then went on to design many projects with Dad. We did a proposal for a minor league field in 1982 in downtown Youngstown. We just couldn't get the funding to financially support the project.*

*Next we did another proposal for a Youngstown City Park at Ipes Field which included a 3 field complex. The local neighbors were opposed to the project which didn't allow for continued development.*

*In 1983 we did a complete restoration of Pemberton Park, another city park in*



Bob Cene, Jr.

*Youngstown which received funding from the Donnell Foundation. This funding allowed us to build a new press box, restore the concrete stands, install field drainage & put in a new asphalt parking lot. Donnell/Pemberton Park was now the premier field in Youngstown for many years. This still was a city field that we leased & there were always problems with the local neighborhood when games went late into the evening.*

*It was always Dad's dream to build his own complex to allow his legacy to continue well beyond his time.*

*So in 1995 we purchased a substan-*

*tial section of old steel mill property, a BROWNFIELD to expand our business, Astro Shapes LLC. I was an Owner/Vice President for the past 24 years along with continued Ownership today.*

*With this opportunity we dedicated a portion of land to build a 3 field complex. In 1995, we completed field number 1, which included a 2 story*

*Press Box, Maintenance Building & a Concession Stand. We developed a complex that drew National recognition, that became the showcase that Dad dreamed of & in July of 1995 Bob Feller dedicated the complex by throwing out the first pitch for Dad.*

*By 1996, we were already building the second field. Both fields being fully lite allow us to have the final games of all of our tournaments at one location. This really helped the college coaches & scouts to see many players at one setting.*

*In 1999, Dad passed on, so in 2000, my brother Paul, Jim DiBacco & myself designed & built the 3rd field honoring Dad's Legacy. Now with three fields fully lite, Bob Cene Park has become one of the finest amateur complexes in the United States.*

*With Dad's passing, I became President of Youngstown Class B Baseball Inc. our non-profit tax exempt organization that Bob Cene Park resides in.*

*It has been my HONOR to continue Dad's legacy & will do so for many years to come. We have put together a great team to assist our program utilizing each of their talents where they can contribute the most.*

*First, our financial support group consists of Paul Cene, Jim Dibacco & myself, without this group's contribution, our complex would not be held to standard we experience today!!!!*

*Secondly, I must begin with Scott Ruark who's our Director of Baseball Operations. Scott has the same passion for baseball as my father & knows the sport intimately which enables him to lead our organization with our local leagues along with the college coaches, scouts, &*

*national organizations.*

*His commitment to our program is amazing, especially with his current role as Controller at Astro Shapes and being a husband, father, & coach of his two young boys.*

*Next Ryan Cene, my son has assisted Scott in many of his roles & has become an important part of our program. This will insure that our legacy will continue for many decades to come.*

*Also our field crew has taken our fields to the next level. Our team consists of 4 individuals, Don Watt, Ron Bovo, Bob Beam, & Steve Leslie.*

*This team has provided a unified energy that maintains our fields to the highest level along with developing many new projects.*

*Lastly I would like recognize "Red" Ronald Baker who is the voice of Bob Cene Park & John Grace who dedicates his time to have someone present at our fields and indoor training center.*

*So, in reflection it's my HONOR to lead our team providing a state of art complex for our 14 to 18 year olds. This allows the players to showcase their skills to college coaches & scouts from across the country. This is our mission to give the opportunity of college scholarships to many players that would not get exposed to.*

*Also, it's important to develop their skills to enable them to be better contributors to our community & the world that we live in.*

*Our program is more than baseball & is best summarized by my father's quote that's engraved in his monument at field 1. "This park is our youth's inheritance for their future".*

*Thank You for recognizing me today, but it's really about our entire team.*

*"The WHOLE is greater than the sum of the parts". Aristotle*

*I'm just BLESSED to be in the capacity to lead our organization & continue to provide opportunities for these young men.*

**Most Grateful,  
Bob Cene, Jr. AIA**

# Major World Series

## Stratford takes World Series by 'Storm,' wins 101st NABF title

The 101st NABF Unlimited World Series began with twelve hopefuls and ended with one champion, the Storm from Stratford, Connecticut.

The Storm was the only team to go through the tournament undefeated. To win the championship, the Storm turned aside Brooklyn Sports Fever, Orlando Pirates and the Michigan Area Braves in pool play. They eliminated the host team, HBC/Behnke, in the quarterfinal, they held on to eliminate the Brunswick Orioles, 10-6, and finished the dream with a 4-0 shutout of the 2013 champion, Pittsburgh St. Johns-Lefty's.

Both finalists were severely tested as the Storm defeated Brooklyn, 5-4, and the Michigan Area Braves, 2-0, in pool play to advance. The Lefty's road was even more difficult, as they shutout the host team HBC/Behnke, 5-0, in the opening game, before dropping a 12-3 decision to the Orioles of Brunswick. They then pounded Cincinnati 16-4 and Brooklyn 12-2, forcing the champs to meet the other team from the steel city, the Pittsburgh Steel City Black Sox in the semifinal match-up.

The Black Sox came into the semifinal undefeated going 4-0 and jumped out to a 3-0 lead, however the steel city showdown would go twelve innings before St. Johns prevailed 5-4. For the St. Johns-Lefty's the win put them in the championship for the third consecutive year, but the MVP of the series, Matt Bartoimel, blanked the champs and set the trophy back to the nutmeg state.

Bartoimel was brilliant in the series throwing three complete games, with an eight-inning performance on Thursday. It was the third year in a row the final was made up of a team from Connecticut and Pennsylvania. A little known fact, it was the Storms second consecutive national championship having won the AABC title in 2013.

The field of eight included the Storm and Lefty's, the Brunswick Orioles and Pittsburgh Steel City Black Sox (both pool winners), Michigan Area Braves, Brooklyn Sports Fever, with HBC/Behnke the host team from Battle Creek as the number one wild card and Beecher Muskies as the second wild card. The three pool winners did advance to the final four along with defending champion, St. Johns-Lefty's.

Mother Nature cooperated as all 25 games were played as scheduled with most games being played under ideal conditions. The final was played under a threat of rain, but there were light sprinkles for less than an inning.

On August 17 at 2:30 in the afternoon, the only storm in Battle Creek was the Stratford Storm celebrating a national championship behind the hitting of batting champion Ryan Barba (12-for-21, .576) and the pitching of Matt Bartoimel. The Storm brought home the third NABF Major Division World Series title to the nutmeg state, joining the Stratford Ale House (1996) and Peschells Bakery, New Haven, which won the title in 2003.



Stratford Storm's Most Valuable Player, pitcher Matt Bartoimel (Photo by Art Frith)



Stratford Storm manager Mike Siksay with championship trophy (Photo by Art Frith)



A runner is tagged out by the Stratford Storm third baseman in an NABF Major WS semifinal game. (Photo by Art Frith)

## Storm prevails in championship

By Mitch Galloway  
Battle Creek Enquirer

There were fans — and players — screaming and clapping during the 101st National Amateur Baseball Federation (NABF) World Series final.

The loud claps were prompted as the final out was recorded by the maroon-colored Stratford (Conn.) Storm, and continued as trophies and plaques were then handed out to the new World Series champions.

The two teams came in to the championship tilt having survived Saturday's NABF elimination round. But in the championship at C.O. Brown Stadium, it was Stratford who ended the Pittsburgh St. John's Leftys bid for a championship repeat, as the Storm went on to win 4-0 at the Bailey Park facility.

"This is the best team I've ever coached," said Storm manager Mike Siksay in front of podium after the game — right before his team doused him in a Gatorade jug full of water. "Thank you, guys, for giving

everything today."

In the top half of the second inning, a single to deep center with two outs by the Storm pushed across a run to give Stratford an early lead, 1-0. In the fourth inning, a groundout scoring third baseman Dan Pigeon increased the Stratford lead to two. An inning later and it was more of the same story — this time a sacrifice fly gave Stratford a 3-0 lead.

When the offense started off fast, Stratford starting pitcher Matt Bartoimel continued the team's early successes by throwing a complete-game shutout, and not allowing a hit after the fourth inning. Every time a St. John's Lefty threatened to score against Bartoimel, a key out was made by the Stratford defense.

Bartoimel, who had pitched over 19 innings in this tournament before the final, pitched quick and to contact all game long. During the tournament, every home team had lost in C.O. Brown Stadium — this day it was no different as St. John's Leftys ran into similar fate.

"We made it a whole different experience," Bartoimel said near the pitcher's



### 2014 NABF MAJOR DIVISION ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Position	Team Name	Player Name
C	Brooklyn Sports Fever	Melvin Rios
C	Steel City Black Sox	T.J. Zarewicz
C	Beecher Muskies	Mario Hernandez
Util	St. Johns-Lefty's	Jim Pasquine
Util	Steel City Black Sox	Tom Birko
1B	St. Johns-Lefty's	Nate Thimons
2B	Stratford Storm	Milton Joyner
3B	Steel City Black Sox	Ryan Barba *(Batting Champ)
SS	St. Johns-Lefty's	Ronnie Bernick
OF	Brunswick Orioles	Bryan Nolan
OF	Stratford Storm	Steve Agnostu
OF	St. Johns-Lefty's	Andrew Heck
OF	Brunswick Orioles	Wayne Toms
OF	St. Johns-Lefty's	Andy Blackwell
OF	Steel City Black Sox	Don McDuffie
DH	Brunswick Orioles	Dontae Eubanks
DH	Brooklyn Sports Fever	Jessue Alvarado
P	Stratford Storm	Matt Bartoimel ** (MVP)
P	Michigan Area Braves	Joel Pierce
P	Steel City Black Sox	Jon Cororan
P	Gronk Show	Justin Nowak
P	HBC/Behnke	Caleb Vincent
P	St. Johns-Lefty's	Greg Fredrick

mound — a place where he garnered three wins and a save. "There was no way I was coming out of the game. He would've had to pry the ball from my dead cold hands. I mean, he let me throw the first two games of the World Series, and then coming out for the... final game he (Siksay) puts all his faith in me. I do this for him; I do it for these guys."

The Storm squad could be heard screaming after key outs were recorded during their play. The ring leader of those cheers, Bartoimel, didn't want to lose this game. This team out of Connecticut, ac-

ording to its ace, wanted this win badly.

"It means so much to us," said Bartoimel, who was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. "We just wanted it so bad that we were willing to let nothing stand in our way. In our (first-game) of regionals we got no-hit, and (then) from right there and then on everyone stepped up and chipped in."

Leading the way for the Storm, Pigeon was 2-for-4 with two runs scored, while Bartoimel final pitching line was no runs and five strikeouts over nine innings of work.

# College World Series

## Crystal Lake Cardinals win second College World Series title

Who would have thought a little green plant could cause an NABF World Series to be cut short?

That's what happened with the 2014 College Division World Series in Toledo. A toxic, invasive green algae in Lake Erie caused Toledo to place a water advisory on its residents just as the World Series was about to enter the quarterfinals. For safety reasons, tournament directors were told to send the eight remaining teams home.

Two teams, the Crystal Lake Cardinals (IL) and the River City Rapids (MI), finished pool play with 3-0 records, and using NABF wild card rules, the Cardinals were declared 2014 World Series champions and River City is the runner-up.

The Cardinals defeated the Brunswick Express (MD), 17-1, the Schenectady Aces (NY), 10-1, and the Sandusky Grays (OH), 12-0. Two games were mercy ruled after seven innings and Crystal Lake outscored its three opponents by a combined score of 39-2.

It is Coach Armando Bambino's second World Series championship. In 2009, the Cardinals defeated the Dix Hills Dodgers (NY), 3-0, in the championship game played at the former Toledo Mud Hen's former home field, Ned Skeldon Stadium. The Cardinals represent the Metro Amateur Baseball League of Illinois.

Crystal Lake first baseman/designated hitter Bob Thorson (Campbell University) was named the tournament MVP after going 7 for 11 at the plate with five RBIs and he scored six runs.

Also making the all-tournament team from Crystal Lake were Thorson, pitchers Tyler Hamer (Nebraska-Omaha) and Colin Nowak (Heartland CC), outfielders Logan Poisall (Fresno State) and Erik Maki (Western Illinois), and utility player Nick Saldutti (Butler). Hamer pitched a complete game shutout victory in the win over Brunswick, striking out nine, walking two, allowing four hits and no earned runs. Nowak went seven innings in the victory over Schenectady, striking out six, walking one, giving up six hits and one earned run.

Remaining Crystal Lake players are Ricky Alfonso (Indiana), Koby Batesole (Buchanan), Kody Batesole (Fresno State), Dylan Cysewski (Lewis University), Ethan Gasbarro (Valparaiso), Andy Gertonson (MCC/Chicago State), Drew Hasler (Valparaiso), Mark Hode (King College), Joseph Kubera (Winona State), Billy Laing (Butler), Chris Marras (Butler), Emmanuel Morris (Villanova), Will Munro (Fresno State), Mike Murphy (ECC/Tenn-Martin), Bobby Napoleon (Butler), Ryan Olson (Northern Illinois), Drew Peters (Elgin CC/Bradley), Kyle Pisano (Rockford University), Joe Ross (Chicago State), Carl Russell (Northern Illinois), Eric Schiller (McHenry County CC), Andre Sopena (Oakland University), Lee Spinelle (Eckerd College), and Ryan Thomas (Elgin CC).

Joining Bambino on the coaching staff are Matt Modlinski, Joe Pudio, Ted Ratliff, and Ty Marotz.

The Cardinals college team was established in 1995 to serve college players in the ages of 19 through 22. The Cardinals play a 60-game schedule in June and July. The Cardinals are a member of the Chicago Suburban Baseball League established in 1982 and the Metro Collegiate Baseball League of Illinois established in 1978.

The Cardinals have a record of 530 wins and 298 losses since 1999 and are now the 2014 and 2009 NABF Summer College World Series Champions and 2011 Runner Ups. The Cardinals are the 2013, 2011, 2009, 2006, 2005, 2004 and 2002 Metro Collegiate League Champions and the 2002 Illiana League Champions. The Cards have earned trips to the 2000 and 2001 NABF Regionals in Ft Wayne, Ind. and to the 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 NABF Summer College World Series in Dayton and Toledo.

The Cardinals finished first in the 2007 and 2008 Puerto Rico Invitational Summer Tournament with a record of 5-0 and 6-0 respectively. In 2013, the Cardinals played against the USA National Collegiate Baseball team at Kane County Stadium.

The Cardinals play in collegiate and semi-professional baseball wood bat leagues. The semi-pro organization, the Chicago Suburban Baseball League (CSBL), is ranked among the best leagues in the country by the National Semi-Pro Baseball



Coming at you — a Michigan Bulls pitcher during CWS pool play action. (Photo by Russ Lytle/Facebook/Russ Lytle/RHP)



Crystal Lake Cardinals

It's a play at the plate in this College World Series pool play game between the Long Island Astros and the Lake Erie Monarchs. (Photo by Russ Lytle/Facebook/Russ Lytle/RHP)

Association. The CSBL, sends its best teams to post season play at the National Baseball Congress (NBC) tournament in Wichita, the AABC Stan Musial Tournament and NABF College and Major Tournaments.

Prairie Gravel, the 2004 and 2005 CSBL Champion, obtained first place in the prestigious NBC Tournament in Wichita in 2005. The collegiate organization, The Metropolitan Collegiate Summer Baseball League of Illinois, is affiliated to AABC, NABF, and CABA, and has been in existence for over 20 years.

Cardinals players who have signed professional contracts are Nate Sopena-Pittsburgh Pirates-2014, Julian Barzilli-St.Louis Cardinals-2014, Will Anderson-St Louis Cardinals-2013, Eric Aguilera-Los Angeles Angels-2013, Michael Heesch-Chicago Cubs-2012, Tom Harlan-Pittsburgh Pirates-2012, Derek Eitel-Arizona Diamondbacks-2010, Sean Bonesteel-Florida Marlins-2010, Drew Gagnier-Oakland Athletics-2009, Rick Zagone-Baltimore Orioles-2008, Erik Wetzel-Colorado Rockies-2008, Mark Badgley-Florida Marlins-2007, Ozzie Lewis-Minnesota Twins-2007, Nick Hall-Philadelphia Phillies-2006, Scott Hode-Chicago Cubs-2005, Clint Brannon-Texas Rangers-2004, Rick Hummel-Chicago White Sox-2003, Matt Blanton-St. Louis Cardinals-2003, and Tony Bacci-Pittsburgh Pirates-1997.

Cardinals playing for Independent League teams are Rob Wirth (2004), Ty Marotz (2005), Joey Maurer (2001), Bryan Hansen (2006), Ted Juske (2006), Rob Fontana (2007), Ted Ratliff (2008), Jesse Wight (2010) and Dave Hoffman (2011 Australia Professional Baseball League).

Cardinals players who have been drafted by professional teams are Kyle Wilson-Chicago Cubs, Bryan Hansen-Toronto Blue Jays, Matt Sibigroth-Chicago White Sox, and Gary Kershke-Chicago Cubs.

### River City Rapids

In this year's College World Series, the River City Rapids defeated the Long Island Athletics (NY) 16-6, the defending champion St. Louis Dodgers 10-3 and the Ohio Glaciers, 11-1, outscoring its opponents by a combined score of 37-10.

River City's all-tournament selections are first baseman Brendan Bender and utility player Brandon Cable.

Other River City players are Nolan Wilson, Robert Greenman, Matthew Priebe,

### 2014 NABF COLLEGE DIVISION ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Position	Team Name	Player Name
C	Brunswick Express	Zack Walsh
C	Long Island Astros	Anthony DeDona
Util	River City Rapids	Brandon Cable
Util	Michigan Bulls	Jake Hranec
Util	Crystal Lake Cardinals	Nick Saldutti
1B	River City Rapids	Brendan Bender
2B	St. Louis Bandits	Ryan Simmons * (Batting Champion)
3B	St. Louis Dodgers	Matt Spradlin
SS	St. Louis Bandits	Shane Cooper
OF	St. Louis Bandits	Jeremy Phillips
OF	Crystal Lake Cardinals	Logan Poisall
OF	Michigan Bulls	Mike Battistelli
OF	St. Louis Dodgers	Dan Holst
OF	Lake Erie Monarchs	Griffin Harms
OF	Ohio Glaciers	Andrew Burdick
OF	Crystal Lake Cardinals	Erik Maki
DH	Crystal Lake Cardinals	Bob Thorson ** (MVP)
DH	Orville's Baseball	Jared Baldinelli
P	Toledo Hawks	Alex Ricica
P	Ohio Glaciers	Dan Reese
P	Crystal Lake Cardinals	Tyler Hamer
P	Crystal Lake Cardinals	C. Nowak
P	Michigan Bulls	Jake Balicki
P	Schenectady Aces	Kyle Mohr
P	Buffalo Leibs	Corey Paige

Jonathon Nate, Tyler Baratano, Cody Greear, Cameron Cooper, Kory Brown, Anthony Alarcon, Michael Meade, Scott Powell, Corey Murphy, Corbin Clouse, Ben Sheckler, Jordan Zyistra, Ryan Butzer, Hunter Prince, Steven Schuiling, Connor Seymour, Aaron Jensen and Kevin Marnon. The team is managed by Kevin Tidey and coaches include Ryan McCosky and Chris Oppel.

Other teams remaining in the quarterfinals were the Long Island Astros (2-1), St. Louis Bandits (2-1), St. Louis Dodgers (2-1), Buffalo Liebs (2-1), Orville's Baseball (2-1), and the Schenectady Aces (2-1). The Toledo Hawks also finished 2-1 but did not advance because of a tiebreaker in their pool.

Other teams were the Sandusky Grays

(1-2), Michigan Bulls (1-2), Lake Erie Monarchs (1-2), Ohio Glaciers (1-2), Brunswick Express (0-3), Oil City Stags (0-3), and Long Island Astros (0-3).

Games were played at the University of Toledo's Scott Park, Lourdes University's Mercy Field, the City of Toledo's Rich Arbinger Field at Bowman Park, and Don Kober Field at St. Francis DeSales High School.

Games were telecast by Buckeye Sports Cable Network and DVDs can be purchased at [www.bcsn.tv](http://www.bcsn.tv).

This marked the 10th year the wood bat CWS was held in Toledo, but the first time it was cut short before reaching the championship.

# Senior World Series

## Ohio Glaciers win the battle of Youngstown in the Senior WS

By Greg Gulas  
Youngstown Vindicator

For the first time in the 70-year history of the NABF Senior Division, two teams from Youngstown decided its World Series champion.

When the dust finally settled and the last out was made, the Ohio Glaciers had secured their first World Series title.

Dion Felger threw a complete-game six-hitter, allowing just one run as the Glaciers defeated Creekside Fitness, 8-1.

Zack Miller had three hits and three RBIs, including two doubles, while Greg Popatak had three hits, two runs scored and Scott Pierce a three-run triple for the Glaciers.

For his efforts Felger was named tournament most valuable player while Jamie Switalski was named the event's top hitter.

"Location was everything for me today and my catcher, Christian Porterfield, is one of the very best behind the dish," Felger said. "We were on the same page the entire game and that is what made this win all the more special.

"To win the championship for such a great sponsor is just as special. It just goes to show that the best amateur baseball is still played in Youngstown, Ohio."

It was the second time in three seasons that a team from Youngstown has won the crown (Youngstown Astro Falcons won the 2012 World Series), while Creekside had to settle for second place for a second consecutive season.

The Glaciers struck first in the opening frame when Switalski doubled with two away and eventually scored on Popatak's single.

Switalski batted .478 (11 for 23) in the tournament.

"We lost to Creekside in five games for the league title so this makes up for us falling short back then," Switalski said. "We played teams from all over, but to play against a team from your league for the World Series championship is pretty special."

They added five more runs in the fifth inning for a 6-0 advantage, chasing starter Mitchell Wood in the process.

Four hits, including a run-scoring double by Zack Miller and bases clearing triple by Scott Pierce proved to be Wood's undoing.

Marcus Gunter also had a run-producing triple.

"I wasn't fielding as well as I wanted to so I had to give it my all at the plate. I saw the ball really well all afternoon and was just able to get around on the pitches," Miller said.

After Miller's second RBI double the following inning, the Glaciers stretched their lead to 7-0 with three innings remaining.

Creekside got on the board in the seventh frame when Tyler Walters' two-out double plated Gino DiVincenzo for its only run. That cut the Glaciers' lead to 7-1.

The Glaciers added an insurance run in the eighth inning when Miller struck again, this time lacing a run-scoring single that scored Bub Haddox with the game's final run.

"We had a good run, but ran out of pitching. That's no excuse because we got beat by a good team and an excellent pitcher in Dion Felger today," Creekside manager Terry Landis said. "We had a lot of guts all year, battling back when we had to but today it just wasn't to be. We had an excellent season."

Creekside finished 5-2 in the tournament and 51-7 overall while Ohio Glaciers were 6-1 in the tournament, finishing the season with a 38-9 mark.

Felger went 3-1 this season against Creekside Fitness.



Senior World Series Most Valuable Player, pitcher Dion Felger, Ohio Glaciers.



NABF Senior World Series batting champion, Jamie Switalski, Ohio Glaciers.



Glaciers' Marcus Gunter does a "photo bomb" with the championship trophy.



### Ohio Glaciers

#### 2014 NABF SENIOR DIVISION ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Position	Team Name	Player Name
C	Michigan Bulls	Collin McClelland
C	Ohio Glaciers	Christian Porterfield
Util	The Blaze	Brandon Kasberg
Util	Michigan Bulls	Spencer Triner
1B	Ohio Glaciers	Greg Popatak
2B	Creekside Fitness	Ted Williams
3B	Creekside Fitness	Gino DiVincenzo
SS	Brownlee Lookouts	Joe Caserio
OF	Maryland Monarchs	Cody Gwinn
OF	Troy American Legion	Trenton Wood
OF	SAYO Grays	Anthony Rosario
OF	Creekside Fitness	Kyle Wise
OF	Stark County Terriers	Tristian Tolerton
OF	Maryland Monarchs	Brian Perreira
DH	Ohio Glaciers	Jamie Switalski *(Batting Champ)
P	Brownlee Lookouts	Kevin Zullo
P	SAYO Grays	Junior Ramirez
P	Team Ontario	Deron Boughner
P	Stark County Terriers	Jake Vance
P	Creekside Fitness	Mike Stryffler
P	Ohio Glaciers	Zac Lowther
P	Ohio Glaciers	Dion Felger **(MVP)

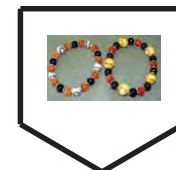
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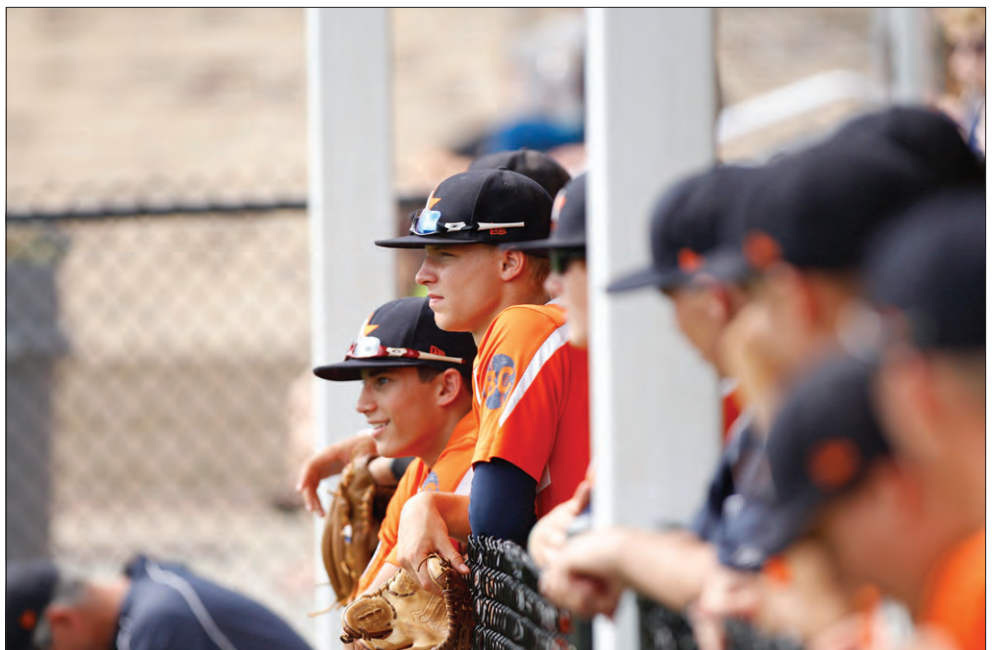
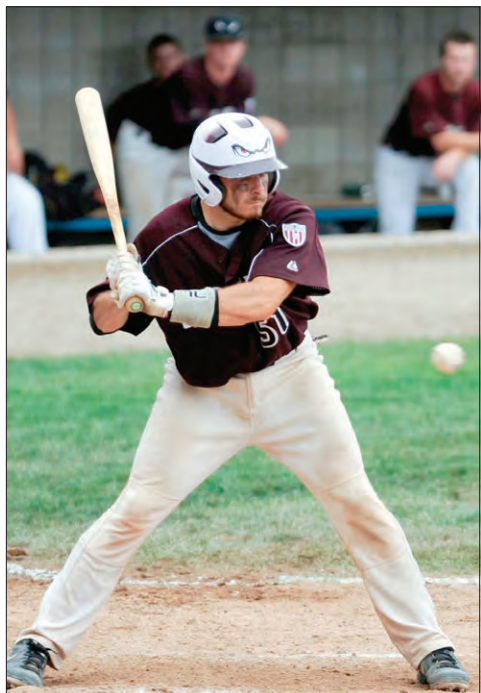
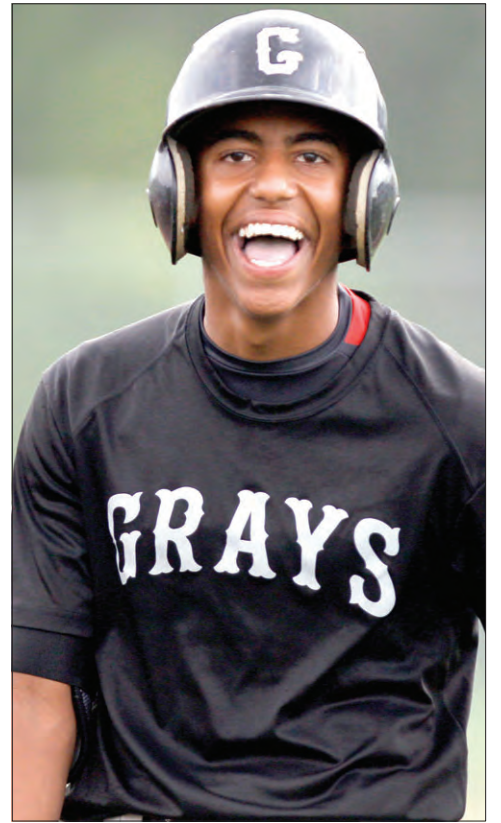
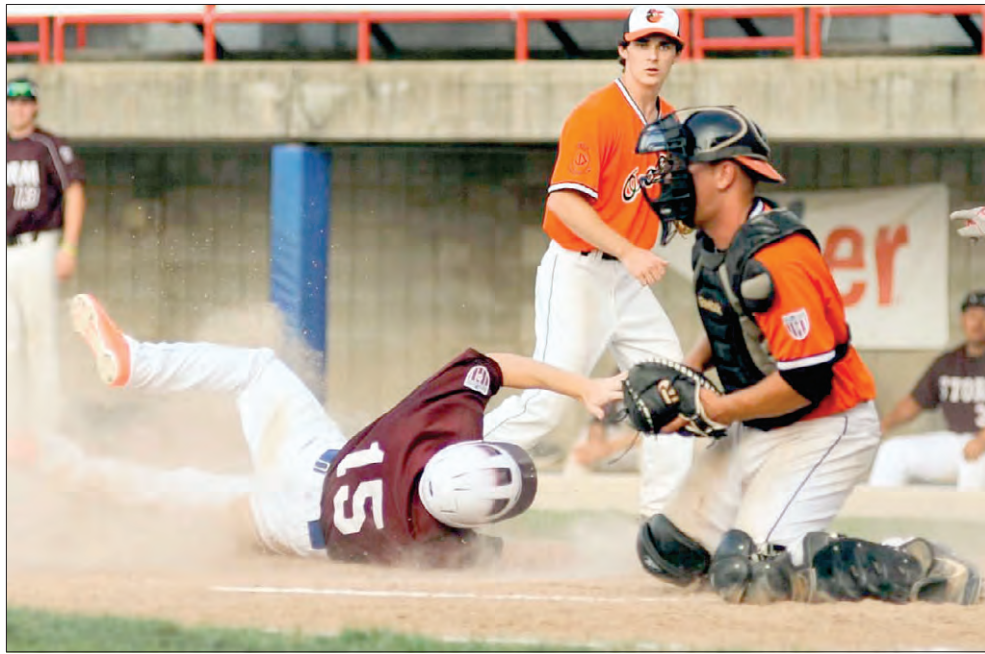
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# High School World Series

## Toronto Mets prevail over HCYP 17s in High School WS thriller

After 3.66 inches of rain in Knoxville Tennessee in less than 72 hours, the High School Division World Series Champion was finally crowned on a Monday afternoon.

The Toronto Mets and the HCYP 17s Raiders took the field after winning semi-final games earlier in the day. It was all Toronto Mets early after they put up three runs in the first inning.

The HCYP 17s pitching looked to be depleted, but Dan Rosenberry settled down after the first, keeping the Mets scoreless until the sixth inning.

In the bottom of the 5th, HCYP 17s finally got to Mets pitcher Austin Tanfield. Tanfield had been dominant to that point pitching on short rest. HCYP 17s scored three runs to tie the game. The Mets came right back in the sixth, scoring three runs of their own to reclaim the lead 6-3.

HCYP 17s went quietly in the bottom of the 6th. In the top of the seventh, and the Toronto Mets added another run to take a 7-3 lead. However, HCYP 17s were not finished.

With two men on and one out, Alex Caffus singled to make it a 7-4 game. A batter hit by a pitch loaded the bases with one out for Joey Trapuzanno. Trapuzanno singled to drive in two more runs to make it a 7-6 game.

With tensions mounting, Seth Kopel came to the plate and hit another single to load the bases with one out. Five minutes earlier, it looked like the Mets were going to cruise to the championship, now it looked like HCYP 17s were about to mount an unbelievable comeback.

With the bases loaded and one out, Chris Dornan came to the plate. Dornan hit a slow roller to the shortstop. It looked like a tough play, but Jaiden Hill made it look routine turning a 6-4-3 double play to end the game and win the High School Division World Series. Austin Tanfield got the victory on the mound for the Mets and was awarded the MVP for his efforts.



High School World Series MVP, Austin Tanfield, pitcher for the Toronto Mets, with tournament director Buzz McNish.



Toronto Mets



HCYP 17s Raiders

### 2014 NABF HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Batting Champion-Luke Yancey-Diamond 96ers Blue

Position	Team Name	Player Name
C	Brooklyn Bonnies	Sebastian Sanchez
C	HCYP 17s	Jack Finn
Util	Diamond 96ers	Zac Cox
Util	Toronto Mets	Jaiden Hill
1B	Toronto Mets	Max Wright
2B	Toronto Mets	Sean Collie
3B	Toronto Mets	Jesse Elliott
SS	West Rebels	Adam Cupp
OF	Brooklyn Bonnies	Wayne Roberts
OF	Troy Bombers	Josh Faulkner
OF	Toronto Mets	Eric Senior
OF	Karns Beavers	Nick Beuchate
OF	Cincinnati Patriots	Daniel Clark
OF	Toronto Mets	Ian Wilson
DH	Team Cincinnati	Dallas Robinson
P	HCYP 17s	Brian Forman
P	HCYP 17s	Jimmy Cain
P	Toronto Mets	Austin Tanfield ** (MVP)
P	West Rebels	Sam Springer
P	HCYP 17s	Seth Kopel
P	Karns Beavers	Kyle Justice



Sharing a trophy at the Major World Series (Photo by Art Frith)



Sportsmanship — that's what it's all about. (Photo by Scott Grau)

# Junior World Series

## New York's SAYO Grays finish championship in third attempt

The third time was the charm for the SAYO Grays out of New York.

The Grays, after losing in the NABF Junior World Series championship two years in a row to Ohio teams, faced an Ohio team for the third straight year in this year's championship.

Last year, it was an 11-4 championship game loss to Team Cincinnati. This year the Grays came through. The Grays defeated the Youngstown Astro Falcons 9-3 in the televised final at Lourdes University's Mercy Field in Toledo, Ohio.

The game was a rematch between two teams from the same pool, with the Astro Falcons taking the pool play game 12-6 and finishing 3-0, while the Grays finished 2-1 and were pool runner-ups.

The second meeting, the one that counted the most, went the Grays way as pitcher and tournament MVP Evan Lane went seven innings, striking out eight, walking four, and spreading out nine hits and giving up two earned runs. It was Lane's second victory on the mound for the Grays in the 12-team World Series.

His offense gave him plenty of support, belting out 11 hits and scoring a single run in the second inning, four in the fourth, and added four more insurance runs for good measure in the seventh inning.

However, it was the Astro Falcons which struck first. Jared Burkert led off the first inning with a base hit, advanced on a sacrifice bunt by Dalton Donachie, went to third when Jared Kapturasky walked, and scored on a base hit by Chris Lewis.

The Grays tied the game in the second on an unearned run. Jose Gonzalez reached on an error, advanced when Ryan Leo grounded out, and scored on a base hit by Michael Cortez.

The Grays sent the game wide open in the fourth, doing most of the damage with two outs. Marcos Castillo had a base hit, advanced on a sac bunt by Jose Gonzalez, and Cortez walked. Zeph Vaughn's base hit scored Castillo, and then a double by Andreidy Vasquez sent Cortez and Vaughn scoring. Noah Cabrera was hit by a pitch, and Vasquez scored on a base hit by Richard Jordan Palacios, whose father had played in Toledo with the Mud Hens years earlier.

In the bottom half of the fourth, Astro Falcon Noah Laster reached on an error and after Maxx McGee walked and Burkert was hit by a pitch, Donachie hit a sac fly to center field, scoring Laster, but Youngstown still trailed 5-2.

In the sixth, Donachie doubled and scored on a base hit by Kapturasky, bringing the Astro Falcons to within two runs. But it wouldn't last long.

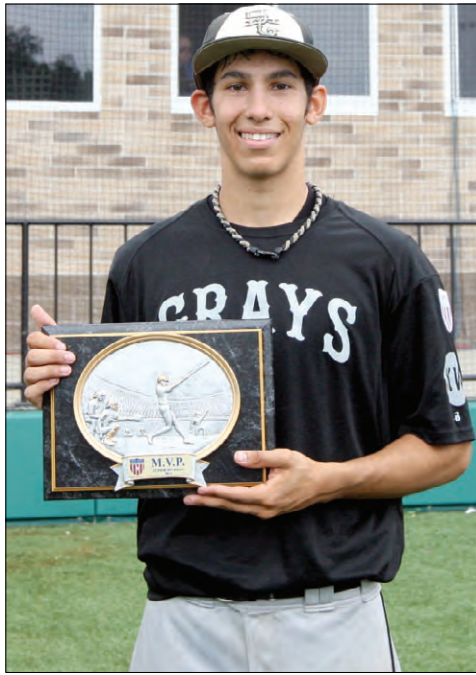
In the seventh, the first four SAYO players reached base and all scored. Mason Marino singled, Castillo walked, and Gonzales followed with an RBI single. After Gonzales stole second, he and Castillo both scored when Ryan Leo reached on an error. Leo advanced on a sac bunt by Cortez and scored on an RBI base hit by Vaughn.

For the Grays, Gonzales was 2-for-3, scored twice and had an RBI, Palacios 2-for-4 with an RBI, Vaughn was 2-for-4 and scored with two RBIs and Vasquez was 2-for-4 and scored with two RBIs. Vasquez and Donachie both doubled for the Grays and Gonzalez had a stolen base. Marino was 1-for-4 and scored, Leo was 1-for-3, and Cortez was 1-for-2 and scored with an RBI.

For the Astro Falcons, Burkert was 2-for-3 and scored, Kapturasky was 2-for-3 with an RBI, and Lewis was 2-for-4 with a stolen base and RBI. Donachie was 1-for-2 and scored with an RBI, Vito Petrillo was 1-for-3, and McGee was 1-for-2.

Garrett Mulrooney was the Astro Falcons starting pitcher and was stuck with the loss after pitching 3.2 innings, giving up six hits, four earned runs, striking out three and walking two. In relief for Youngstown, Vinny Lucente went 3.1 innings, striking out five, walking two, allowing five hits and two earned runs.

Besides losing to the Astro Falcons in pool play, the Grays defeated Gators Baseball (Ohio), 2-1, and Allen Baseball Club (Texas), 4-1. In the quarterfinals, SAYO defeated the Michigan Bulls 8-3 and in the semifinal the Grays downed the Brooklyn Bonnie Bees, a Parade Grounds League rival, 5-4. The Astro Falcons were a direct bid to the World Series, the Bonnie Bees won their regional tournament to advance. In pool play, the Astro Falcons defeated the Allen Baseball Club 3-1, Gators Baseball,



Junior World Series MVP, SAYO Grays pitcher Evan Lane. (Photo by Scott Grau)

9-2, and the SAYO Grays, 12-6.

In the quarterfinals, Youngstown downed the Diamond Spikes, 5-2, and in the semifinal defeated the host Toledo Hawks, 10-5.

Players on the SAYO Grays team and their high schools are Mark Barilias (Evangel Christian), Noah Cabrera (Cardoza), Marcos Castillo Jr. (Telecommunications), Michael Cortez (Molloy), Robert De La Vega (Abraham Lincoln), John Friessner (Walton), Jose Gonzalez (Long Island City), Michael Gonzalez (Midwood), Evan Lane (Telecommunications), Ryan Leo (Newtown), Mason Marino (Xaverian), Ivan Martinez (De Witt Clinton), Isalas Moran Jr. (Xavier), Emmanuel Olivo (Forest Hills), Richard Jordan Palacios (Berkley Carroll), Aaron Rodriguez (Telecommunications), Christopher Sanchez (Manhattan Center), Travis Savino (Queens Vocational), Andreidy Vasquez (Expirations Academy), Zephaniah Vaughn (Evangel Christian), and Christopher Williams Jr. (Law & Government).

Grays players chosen to the All-Tournament Team are Leo (third baseman), Palacios (shortstop), Lane (pitcher), and Jose Gonzalez (designated hitter). The Grays manager is Ian Younge and coaches are Darren Johnson and Rick Echevarria. The team represented the Parade Grounds League.

Astro Falcons team members are Tyler Adams (Louisville), Danny Boerio (Youngstown Boardman), Jared Berkert (Poland), Tyler "T.J." DeShields (West Branch), Michael Despietorich (Boardman), Charles Dalton Donachie (Springfield), Jared Jay (Boardman), Travis Jones (Boardman), Anthony Joseph (Canfield), Jared Kapturasky (Austintown Fitch), Garrett J. Mulrooney (McDonald), James Kerrigan (McDonald), Noah Laster (Austintown Fitch), Christopher Lewis (Canfield), Vinny Lucente (Ursuline), Vittorio Petrillo (Ursuline), Maxx McGee (Bethel Park), Eric Ostrowski (Jackson Milton), Christopher Patton (Ursuline), Hudson Widrig (Boardman) and Lou Cardona (Boardman). The Astro Falcons' manager is Robert Beam and coaches are Steve Leslie and Thomas Tedesco. They competed out of the Youngstown Class B League.

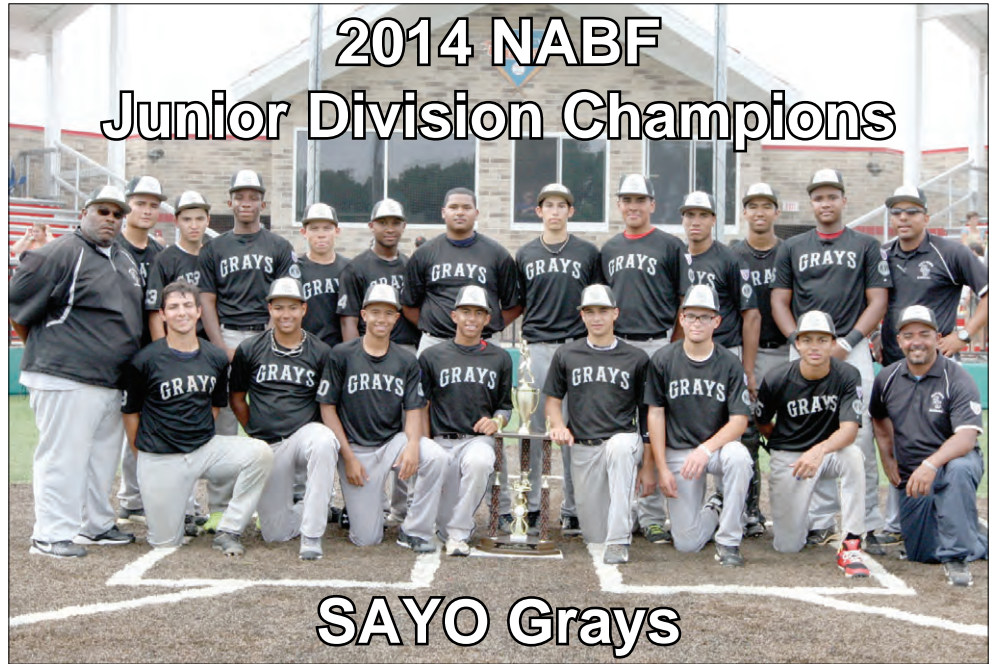
Astro Falcons on the All-Tournament Team include Cardona (catcher), Lewis (first baseman), Adams (second baseman), Burkert (pitcher), and Kapturasky (outfielder).

Sites for the tournament included Mercy Field, Scott Park (University of Toledo), Rich Arbinger Field (Bowman Park) and Don Kober Field (St. Francis DeSales High School).

Numerous games were telecast by Buckeye Cable Sports Network and DVDs can be purchased at www.bcsn.tv.

This was the first year hosted by the Toledo Amateur Baseball Federation after three decades of being hosted by the Northville Baseball/Softball Association of Michigan. Toledo tournament officials acknowledged the tremendous job of running this tournament by the Northville association and are working to follow their example.

Toledo has also hosted the College Division World Series every year since 2004 (except 2007). The Toledo Hawks' Zach Brown (Oregon Clay High School) was the tournament batting champion after taking his team to the semifinals.



SAYO Grays pitcher Evan Lane delivers in the championship. (Photo by Scott Grau)

### 2014 NABF JUNIOR DIVISION ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Position	Team Name	Player Name
C	Youngstown Astro Falcons	Lou Cardona
C	Brooklyn Bonnie Bees	Ritchie Divita
Util	Diamond Spikes	Ryan Calkins
Util	Toledo Hawks	Tom Friar
1B	Youngstown Astro Falcons	Chris Lewis
2B	Youngstown Astro Falcons	Tyler Adams
3B	SAYO Grays	Ryan Leo
SS	SAYO Grays	Richard Jordan Palacios
OF	Michigan Bulls	Jared Char
OF	Diamond Spikes	Justin Halper
OF	Toledo Hawks	Zach Brown *(Batting Champ)
OF	Toronto Mets	Mark Bernardi
OF	Spartans-Blue	Alex Ludwick
OF	Youngstown Astro Falcons	Jared Kapturasky
DH	SAYO Grays	Jose Gonzalez
P	Brooklyn Bonnie Bees	Shawn James
P	Michigan Bulls	Dante Toppi
P	Ohio Gators	Spencer Mraz
P	SAYO Grays	Evan Lane **(MVP)
P	Youngstown Astro Falcons	Jared Burkert
P	Toledo Hawks	Michael Conklin

# Sophomore World Series

## Creekside Fitness prevails in NABF Sophomore World Series

After a rain soaked weekend that included 3.66 inches of rain and eight fields under water, the NABF Sophomore Division World Series was completed on Sunday night.

As a result of the weather and discussions with coaches, it was decided to shorten pool play and begin bracket play on Sunday.

The championship game was played between Creekside Fitness and Diamond Elite 96ers.

Creekside Fitness used a four run fourth inning and a strong pitching performance from Anthony Longo to win the championship. Longo also provided the offensive punch for Creekside by having two

of Creekside's six hits, scoring one run and having one RBI.

The 96ers tried to mount a comeback in the sixth inning. The 96ers loaded the bases with one out trailing 4-0. The 96ers scored a run on a sac fly from Noah Sasser. After a two out walk loaded the bases again, Joe Faber came in to pitch for Creekside Fitness. Faber got a big strikeout for the third out to end the 96ers threat. Creekside went on to keep the lead and win the Sophomore Division Championship.

Creekside Fitness was led by Anthony Longo, who was the tournament MVP. Diamond Elite 96ers were led offensively by Davis Ferguson, who went 2-3 on the night.

### 2014 NABF SOPHOMORE DIVISION ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Position	Team Name	Player Name
C	Diamond Boys	Joe Capretta
C	Creekside Fitness	Coleman Stauffer
Util	PAL Rangers	Tom Crispen
Util	Creekside Fitness	Anotonio Page
1B	Diamond Elite 96ers	Noah Sasser
2B	Diamond Elite 96ers	Chris Hart
3B	Creekside Fitness	Garrison Wieland *(Batting Champ)
SS	Diamond Elite 96ers	Javonte Dorris
OF	Brownlee Lookouts	Jared Burick
OF	PAL Rangers	Kyle Olsen
OF	Creekside Fitness	Jared Fabry
OF	Rizer Group	Nate Merchard
OF	Creekside Fitness	Brennan Olesh
OF	Upstate Warriors	Daniel St Claire
DH	Creekside Fitness	Nick Bianco
P	Brownlee Lookouts	Zach DiLauro
P	Diamond Boys	Sammy Blazenyak
P	Diamond Elite 96ers	Connor Stec
P	Diamond Elite 96ers	John David Topik
P	PAL Rangers	Ryan Mallory
P	Creekside Fitness	Anthony Longo ** (MVP)

## NABF Regionals

### MAJOR DIVISION REGIONALS (UNLIMITED)

#### SALISBURY, MD

Winner: Brunswick Orioles  
 Runner-Up: Perdue Chicks  
 Final Game Score: Brunswick Orioles 4 Perdue Chicks 0

#### FORT WAYNE, IN

Winner: Fort Wayne Jackers  
 Runner-Up: Baria Blue Sox  
 Final Game Score: Fort Wayne Jackers 7 Baria Blue Sox 6

#### KANKAKEE, IL

Winner: Breecher Muskies  
 Runner-Up: Joliet Dirtbags  
 Final Game Score: Breecher Muskies 7 Joliet Dirtbags 0

#### PITTSBURGH, PA

Winner: Steel City Black Sox  
 Runner-Up: Cleveland Black Wolves  
 Final Game Score: Steel City Black Sox 4 Cleveland Black Wolves 3 (10 innings)

#### SAGINAW, MI

Winner: Michigan Area Braves  
 Runner-Up: Jetbox  
 Final Game Score: Michigan Area Braves 14 Jetbox 5

#### WEST HAVEN, CT

Winner: Stratford Storm  
 Runner-Up: Barbrook Remodelers  
 Final Game Score: Stratford Storm 12 Baybrook Remodelers 1

#### CINCINNATI, OH

Winner: Cincinnati Chiefs  
 Runner-Up: Yorkville  
 Final Game Score: Cincinnati Chiefs 4 Yorkville 0

#### BROOKLYN, NY

Winner: Sports Fever  
 Runner-Up: Bonnies  
 Final Game Score: Sports Fever 12 Bonnies 3

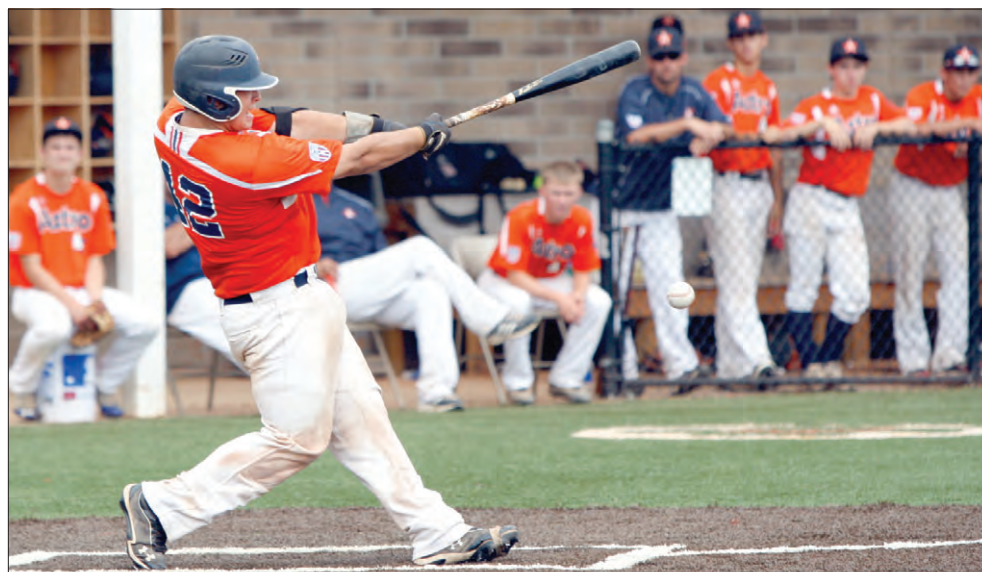
#### BUFFALO, NY

Winner: Gronk Show  
 Runner-Up: Leibs  
 Final Game Score: Gronk Show 10 Leibs 5 (12 innings)

### COLLEGE DIVISION REGIONAL (22 & UNDER)

#### PHILADELPHIA, PA

Winner: LONG ISLAND ATHLETICS  
 Runner-Up: CAPITAL CITY  
 Final Game Score: 3-0



At NABF World Series action this year, at left, swinging for the fences. At top right, an intense coach. Above, sliding on the turf. (Photos by Scott Grau)

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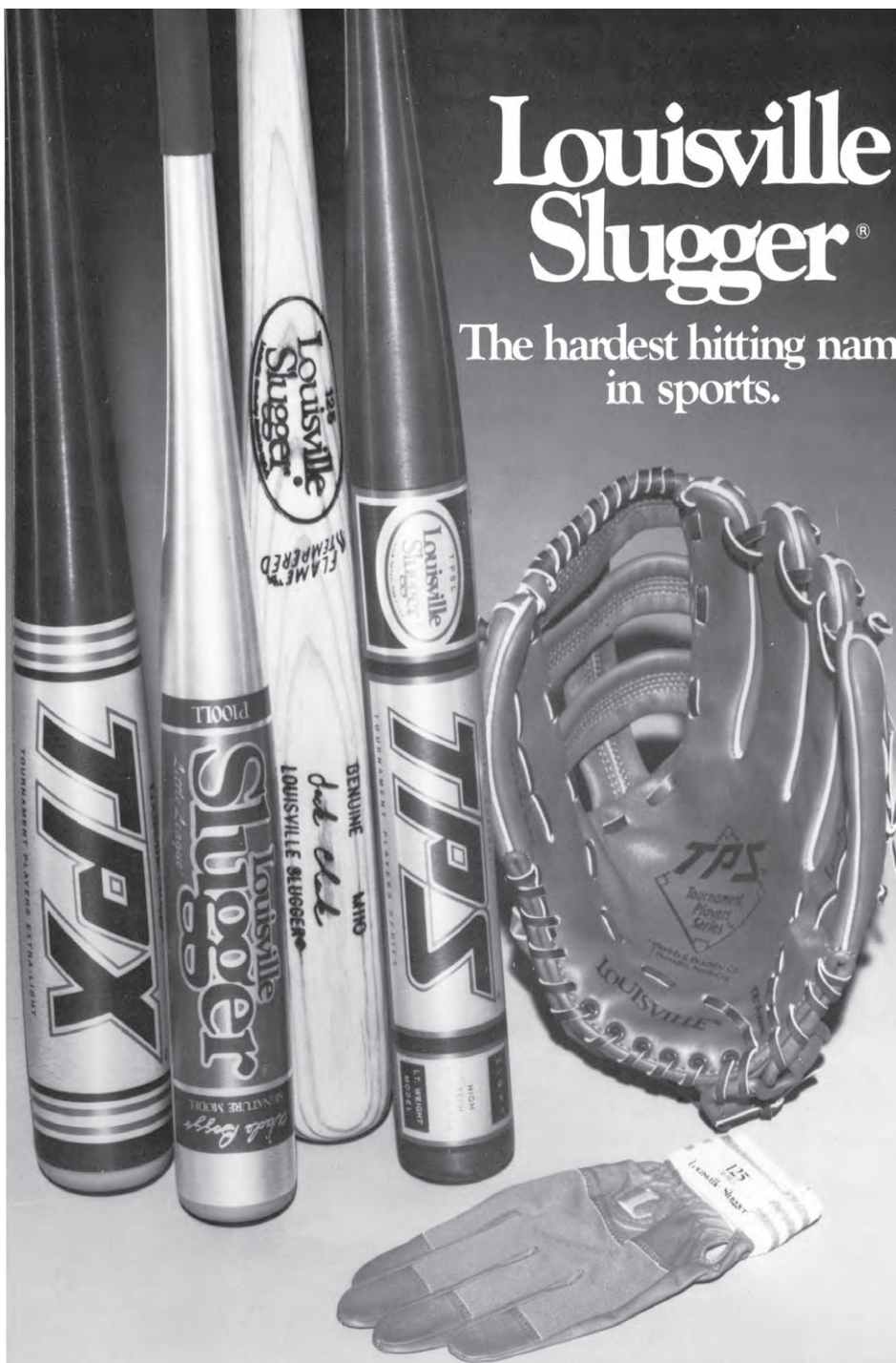
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# World Classics

## New Jersey, Tennessee, Mississippi host World Classic events

**World Series Qualifier**  
**Madison, MS**  
**(14U, 16U, 17U, 18U)**

**18U**  
**Champion: Quachita Chiefs**  
**Runner-Up: Golden Spikes**  
**Baseball**  
**Final Game Score: Quachita**  
**Chiefs 6 vs. Golden Spikes**  
**Baseball 4**

**17U**  
**Champion: Diamond Jackson**  
**96ers**  
**Runner-Up: Ouachita Chiefs**  
**Final Game Score: Diamond**  
**Jackson 96ers 11 vs.**  
**Quachita Chiefs 1**

**16U**  
**Champion: Golden Spikes**  
**Baseball**  
**Runner-Up: MS Blues**  
**Final Game Score: Golden**  
**Spikes Baseball 8 vs. MS**  
**Blues 7**

**14U**  
**Champion: North Mississippi**  
**Stars**  
**Runner-Up: Diamond Elite**  
**Jackson 96ers**  
**Final Game Score: North MS**  
**Stars 12 vs. Diamond Elite**  
**Jackson 96ers 4**

**World Classics**  
**Qualifier**  
**Knoxville, TN (17U)**

**Champion: Karns Beavers**  
**Runner-Up: Harriman**  
**Final Game Score: Karns**  
**Beavers 11 vs. Harriman 0**

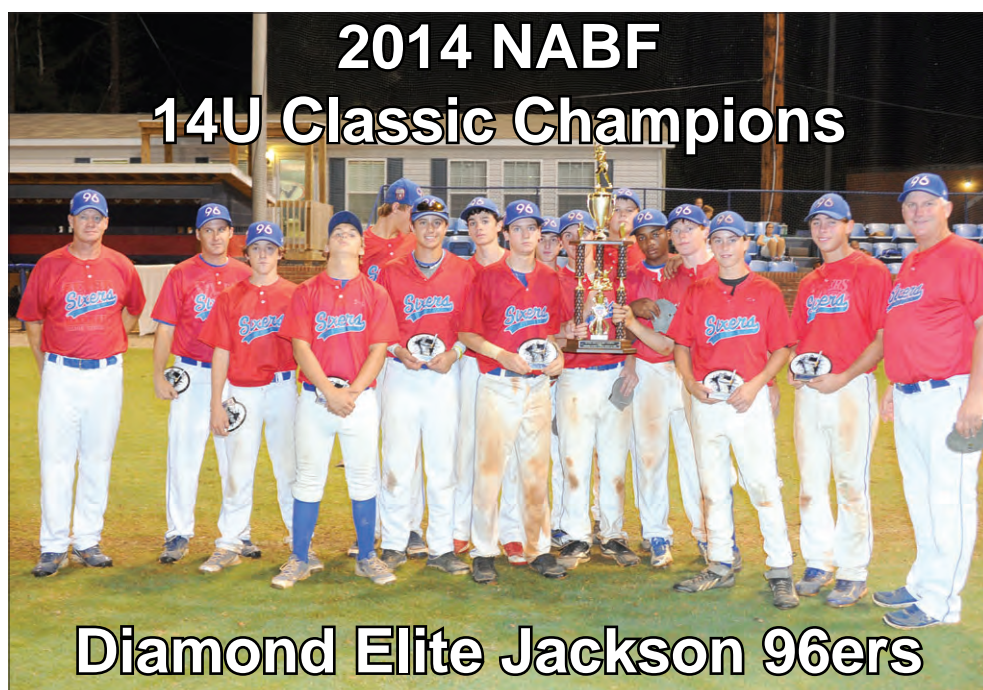
**World Classics**  
**Championship Series**  
**Southaven, MS**  
**(12U, 13U)**

**12U**  
**Champion: Team Oklahoma**  
**Runner-Up: Arkansas Express**  
**Final Game Score: Team**  
**Oklahoma 21 vs. Arkansas**  
**Express 5**

**13U**  
**Champion: Arkansas Prospects**  
**Runner-Up: Dulin's Dodgers**  
**Final Game Score: Arkansas**  
**Prospects 9 vs. Dulin's**  
**Dodgers 8**

**World Classics**  
**Championship Series**  
**Madison, MS (14U)**

**Champion: Diamond Elite**  
**Jackson 96ers**  
**Runner-Up: Elite Training MS**  
**Final Game Score: Diamond**



**Elite Jackson 96ers 7 vs.**  
**Elite Training MS 0**

**World Classics**  
**Championship Series**  
**Brandon, MS (18U)**

**Champion: Topeka Stars**  
**Runner-Up: Golden Spikes**  
**Baseball**  
**Final Game Score: Topeka Stars 8**  
**vs. Golden Spikes Baseball 2**

**World Classics**  
**Championship Series**  
**Millington, TN**  
**(15U, 16U)**

**15U**  
**Champion: Dulin's Dodgers**  
**Pleasant**  
**Runner-Up: Dulin's Dodgers**  
**Copeland**  
**Final Game Score: Dulin's**  
**Dodgers Pleasant 10 vs.**  
**Dulin's Dodgers Copeland**  
**0**

**16U**  
**Champion: Arkansas**  
**Prospects**  
**Runner-Up: Diamond Jackson**  
**96ers**  
**Final Game Score: Arkansas**  
**Prospects 11 vs. Diamond**  
**Jackson 96ers 6**

## NABF Scholarship Application

The National Amateur Baseball Federation has a history of helping sandlot baseball to grow. The organization was brought into existence in 1914. Since then, in times of peace and prosperity, despite wars and recession, there always has been the year-after-year excitement of the NABF National Tournaments.

In 1984, the NABF Scholarship Fund was established, and the first scholarship was presented in 1985. Named after the NABF executive director emeritus of the NABF and his wife, The Ronald and Irene McMinn Scholarship, is an annual award. In 1988, Mr. McMinn, in memory of his late wife Irene, generously endowed the fund so that several NABF scholarship awards

could be made each year.

In 2000 Edward "Red" Carrington, past President of the NABF and long time President of Fort Wayne Baseball Federation, bequeathed a generous scholarship fund in memory of both him and his wife, Germaine. Red Carrington has a remarkable, durable and effective relationship

with the NABF which he joined after the conclusion of World War I. The Germane and Edward "Red" Carrington Fund and the McMinn Fund are the basis for the overall NABF Scholarship program.

Anyone in good standing who has been or is a current participant in any league properly sanctioned

with the National Amateur Baseball Federation member association is eligible.

Selection of the award winner will be made by the federation's scholarship fund committee. It will be based on grades, financial need, and previous awards to candidates from a sponsoring association.

### Scholarship Application

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Items required with application:

1. Evidence of enrollment in an accredited two or four year College or University must accompany the scholarship application which must be received by September 1st.
2. A transcript of high school grades or College University grades if already enrolled.
3. Two letters of recommendation. One must be obtained from a teacher and the other from his/her baseball coach who is in a position to evaluate the applicant's academic and athletic performance.
4. A concise written statement from the applicant detailing scholastic, athletic and personal achievement, community involvement, and any other information in support of the applicant. No more than two pages please. The selection Committee may require and request additional information from an applicant or sponsor.
5. Application must be signed by the president of your NABF Franchised League.
6. No Application will be considered if the above items are not included with the application.
7. Successful Applicants, Scholarship Award winners, must submit a head and shoulder picture for publication and proof of enrollment by November 15th, before scholarship check may be issued.
8. Please mail fully completed application with the required items to: NABF Office, P.O. Box 705, Bowie, MD 20718.



Safe at the plate in an NABF College World Series game. (Photo by Russ Lytle)

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(NABF Franchise League Programs)

For final approval by NABF Board of Directors Nov. 7, 2014

Age	Registration	Play Begins
<b>Rookie Division (10U)</b>		
World Series	Wed, July 1	Thurs-Sun, July 2-5
<b>Freshman Division (12U)</b>		
World Series	Wed, July 1	Thurs-Sun, July 2-5
<b>Sophomore Division (14U)</b>		
Regional	Wed, July 8	Thurs-Sun, July 9-12
World Series	Wed, July 15	Thurs-Sun, July 16-19
<b>Junior Division (16U)</b>		
Regional	Wed, July 15	Thurs-Sun, July 16-19
World Series	Wed, July 22	Thurs-Sun, July 23-26
<b>High School Division (17U)</b>		
World Series	Wed, July 15	Thurs-Sun, July 16-19
<b>Senior Division (18U)</b>		
Regional	Wed, July 15	Thurs-Sun, July 16-19
World Series	Wed, July 22	Thurs-Sun, July 23-26
<b>College Division (22U)</b>		
Regional	Wed, July 22	Thurs-Sun, July 23-July 26
World Series	Wed, July 29	Thurs-Sun, July 30-Aug 2
<b>Major Division (Unlimited)</b>		
Regional	Wed, Aug 5	Thurs-Sun, Aug 6-9
World Series	Wed, Aug 12	Thurs-Sun, Aug 13-16

**Note:** Some Regional and World Series dates may be scheduled to start on dates other than those shown due to local conditions and availability of playing fields. (Review assignment information packet for each respective tournament site). World Series and Regional Tournaments may utilize the Modified Round Robin Schedule as described under Official NABF Tournament Rules when practical in place of the double elimination bracket system.

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