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2011 NABF Graduate of the Year Johnny Damon. (Photo by Skip Milos/Tampa Bay Rays)

Johnny Damon honored as NABF Graduate of the Year

On the cover of the 1991 NABF Tournament News, there is a photo of Bates Sporting Goods outfielder Johnny Damon getting "double recognition" — for Most Valuable Player and as a member of the championship nine in the previous summer's NABF High School Division World Series played in Apopka, Florida.

In the photo, he is standing smiling and holding two plaques while teammates flank his rear, also smiling. His smile looks as familiar as when he is in post-game interview after his Tampa Bay Rays win a game.

Damon's team, Bates Sporting Goods, was based in Orlando, Florida. They had won the High School World Series for the second year in a row. In 1991, Damon batted safely in every game he played, finishing the tournament 8-for-20 (.400) with a home run, double, and eight RBIs,

His coaches were Mark Reid, Dino Lanatti, Head Coach Danny Allie, and one listed as "Coach Barefoot." In the championship game, Bates overcame crosstown rival Apopka's 1-0 lead with an 8-run fifth inning rally and rolled on to a 12-2 victory. During the rally, two bases on balls were issued to Damon.

In Bates' first game against Grossi American Legion from Michigan, Damon was 2-for-5 with a home run, four RBIs, and two runs scored. He followed that with a 2-for-4 performance that included a double and RBI against the Longwood Bullets of Florida. Against Southeast Electric, Damon had one hit and an RBI in four at bats, and then he was 2-for-4 with two RBIs against Central Ohio. Finally, in the championship, Da-

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NABF Meeting to be held in Kissimmee, Fla.

The 97th Annual Meeting of the National Amateur Baseball Federation will be held Thursday, November 3rd to Sunday, November 6th, 2011 in Kissimmee, Florida.

The Board of Director's Meeting is Friday, November 4th and the Delegates Meeting, for all NABF franchised member associations, is Saturday, November 5th.

All NABF meetings are planned to be held at the Country Inn & Suites, 5001 Calypso Cay Way, Kissimmee, FL 34746. The hotel phone number is (407) 997-1400 or visit their website www.countryinns.com. NABF Franchise Representative must mention the NABF for special room rates.

This event will be hosted by the Orlando Baseball League. For additional information members may contact Bill Ball, President of Orlando Baseball League. His email is billball63@aol.com.

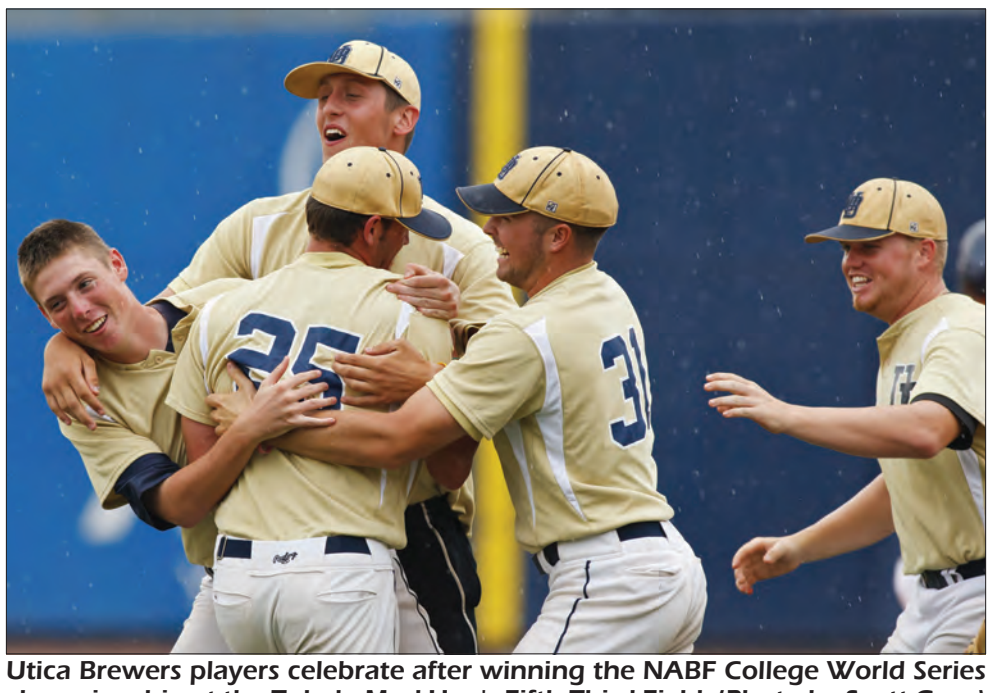
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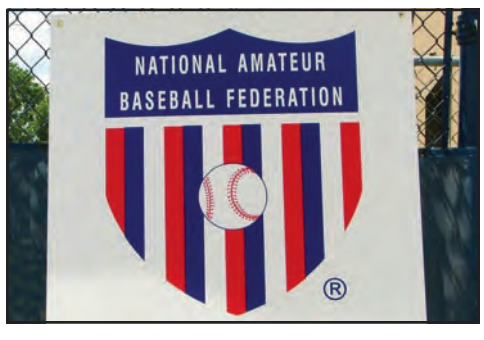
The Country Inn & Suites is 16 miles from Orlando International Airport.



Utica Brewers players celebrate after winning the NABF College World Series championship at the Toledo Mud Hen's Fifth Third Field. (Photo by Scott Grau)

NABF Graduates of the Year

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





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The pre-game ceremony for the NABF Senior Division World Series in Youngstown.

Tampa Bay Ray's Johhny Damon NABF's next honoree

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mon was 1-for-3 with two runs scored.

Today, we know Johnny Damon as that now clean cut outfielder with the Tampa Bay Rays, formerly of the New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox, where he sported long hair and a beard. NABF board member William Ball remembers Damon as a well-mannered young athlete but had teammates who were also very talented.

His teammates were Joey Santiago, Jason Cunningham, Bryan Bruce, Darren Cunningham, Scott Muhlhan, Will Bland, Josh Reid, Anthony Mistretta, Keith Chabot, Harold Rodriguez, Jose Torres, Ben Butkus, Tim Reigert, David Moore, Braniff Bonaventure, Rob Hurd, Nathan Sturm, Dana Coates, and Matt Fipps. Making the All-Tournament Team in 1991 were Reid (catcher), Bruce (second base), Moore (utility infielder), Chabot (outfielder), Fipps (pitcher), and Chabot was the tournament's top hitter, batting for even higher numbers than Damon.

After winning the 2004 World Series with the Boston Red Sox and achieving legendary superstar status in New England, Johnny signed with the New York Yankees in 2006. In 2009, he won a World Series with the Yankees, joining Babe Ruth, to be one of just a few full-time, everyday players to achieve World Series rings with both the Red Sox and Yankees. In February of 2010, he signed with the Detroit Tigers. A MLB star for 16 seasons, Johnny is one of the most outstanding, respected and durable players in MLB. On January 21, 2011, Johnny agreed to terms with the Tampa Bay Rays.

"Johnny is excited to play for the team that has a very good chance to keep winning and to play for a team in his home state of Florida," it states on his website, www.johnnydamon.con.

"Johnny is that unique star athlete who has remained truly humble in the face of overwhelming popularity He also has that rare free spirit, enabling him to leverage his all-star performance over the past decade to become one of the most recognizable and popular players in MLB. A leader by example, Johnny is well-liked and highly-respected in the baseball community.

"Johnny lives his life to the fullest with his wife Michelle and four children, spending time between Detroit and Orlando, Florida, where he has lived since he was five- and loves living in central Florida.

According to Wikipedia, Damon was born in Fort Riley, an army base in Kansas. His mother, Yome, is from Thailand and his father, Jimmy, is American of European descent. They met while his father, a Staff Sergeant in the United States Army, was stationed in Thailand. Damon spent much of his early childhood as an "army brat," moving to several bases from Okinawa, Japan, to West Germany before his father left the Army and settled the family in the Orlando area while Damon was still a preschooler.

Damon was a quiet child, largely on account of a fluency disorder.

"My thoughts just raced ahead of my tongue," says Damon of his problem then. "I'd sing songs as therapy, and I got better, but I just kept quiet most of the time."

He played in Dr. Phillips Little League as a child. Damon attended Dr. Phillips High School in Orlando, Florida when during his senior year in 1992, he was rated the top high school prospect in the country by Baseball America, was named to USA Today's High School All-America team, and was the Florida Gatorade Player of the Year. Damon also played football in high school,



Graduate of the Year Johnny Damon. (Photo by Skip Milos/Tampa Bay Rays)

once getting hit by Warren Sapp and sustaining the first concussion in his life.

Professional career

Damon was selected by the Kansas City Royals in the first round (35th overall) of the 1992 amateur draft. He made his Major League debut on August 12, 1995. He played for the Royals from 1995 to 2000. He scored 104 runs in 1998 and 101 runs in 1999. His best season came in 2000 when he led the American League in runs with 136 and stolen bases with 46, as he was second in hits (214), at bats (655), and plate appearances (741).

Damon spent 2001 with the Oakland Athletics. In a three-way trade involving the A's, Royals, and Tampa Bay Devil Rays, the A's received Damon along with pitcher Cory Lidle from the Devil Rays and second baseman Mark Ellis from the Royals. He was third in the league in at bats (644) and seventh in runs (108).

Damon signed a four-year, $31 million contract with the Boston Red Sox on December 21, 2001.

In 2002 Damon led the league in triples (11), and was 3rd in infield hits (25). He became the first player selected by the fans in the inaugural American League All-Star Final Vote.

On June 27, 2003, Damon became only the second major leaguer since 1900 to record three base hits in an inning, when he did so against the Florida Marlins.[8] Also, Damon suffered a head on collision with Damian Jackson. He had a concussion, while Jackson walked off the field fine.

In 2004, he was 2nd in the league in runs (123). Damon began to re-establish himself among the premier lead-off hitters and center fielders in the game. In arguably his best season in the Major Leagues, Damon batted .304 with 20 home runs and 94 RBIs, and showed improved patience at the plate. According to Damon's autobiography, he was only the 4th leadoff batter in the history of Major League Baseball to drive in more than 90 runs in a season. He was also a key player in helping the Boston Red Sox erase their eighty-six year Curse of the Bambino. In game seven of the 2004 ALCS he hit two home runs, one a game-clinching grand slam, to lead the Red Sox to victory over the Yankees. In the World Series he also hit a home run as Boston swept the St. Louis Cardinals.

Through his 4-year career with the Red Sox (2002–2005), Damon appeared in 597 games (590 in center field and seven as a designated hitter)[9] and hit 56 home runs.[10] Of his 2476 at bats, 2259 were as leadoff hitter. Damon batted 2nd in the lineup for 156 at bats in 2002, accounting for nearly all of the rest except for occasional pinch hit. He started two games as the #3 hitter in 2004. In 2005, he had 624 at bats, and all but three leading off. He also earned his 2nd All-Star selection, starting as the American League's center fielder. He led the AL with 35 infield hits, and matched the 35 doubles he'd hit in 2004.

On December 20, 2005, Damon signed a four-year, $52 million contract with the New York Yankees.[6] The Red Sox stood firm on a three-year contract and chose not to negotiate against a five-year deal proposed by agent Scott Boras. With the Yankees limited time offer and Boston general manager Theo Epstein's sudden resignation, Boras urgently attempted to contact team president Larry Luchino after failing to hear from the new co-general managers, but the Red Sox stood firm on their three-year offer.

Damon's signing with the Yankees led to his being subsequently vilified by many Red Sox fans because of his previously professed loyalty to the city and Red Sox

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Johnny Damon's Pro Awards

1993 – Midwest League All-Star OF
1994 – Carolina League All-Star Royals Minor League Player of the Year
1995 – Baseball America 1st team Minor League All-Star, KC Royals Minor League Player of the Year, Texas League All-Star & Most Valuable Player, AA All-Star, and AA Player of the Year
2000 – KC Royals Player of the Year
2002 – All-Star (Inaugural AL All-Star Final Vote winner)
2005 – Baseball America 2nd-Team All-Star, AL All-Star
2009 – TYIB Award: Best Postseason Moment



Lee Luther Jr.



G.R. Wiley

Remembering G.R. Wiley, Madison Hts. baseball stalwart

By Lee Luther Jr.
Lynchburg News & Advance

I first met G.R. Wiley in July 1978 when he was coaching in the Madison Heights Dixie baseball association. He had arranged for a traveling team from New York to stop in Madison Heights to play our local boys while on their way to North Carolina.

The team was the Bay Shore Boys Club, which had not lost a game in three years running.

That would soon change, but not before it took extra innings for the Madison Heights team to come out on top. Wiley would present the visiting team with a plaque and that would be the first time I saw the wide, boyish grin on Wiley's face.

I had only been a photographer with the Amherst paper for a few months when this took place. But I remember thinking, 'this guy knows how to coach.' And little did I know that was only the beginning of special things to come from Wiley, who started out coaching in Lynchburg but brought his talents to Madison Heights.

One year later, thanks to then Madison Heights Dixie Baseball president R. Leroy Floyd, I would be heading to my second Dixie World Series. The first was a long bus ride to Alexandria, La., where the Madison Heights squad won one and lost two. But I came home having met former Yankee great Bobby Richardson followed the next night by a face-to-face with Hank Aaron.

This time we headed to Conyers, Ga., not too far from Atlanta.

Little did I or anyone else in the local baseball community know what was about to happen next.

The team won its first game but then lost the second. But Wiley never reacted as though it was time to hit the panic button.

He played every inning like it was the last and when things did not work out he would simply try something else.

This mild style lasted the entire tournament until the last out . Wiley had guided the Madison Heights team to its first-ever Dixie world series win for. It was also the first win for a team from Virginia.

That would be the second time I would see that grin of his and the gleam in his eyes.

As of this day, no other team from Virginia has accomplished what Wiley and his boys did that night in Georgia 32 years ago.

When we got back home, I sat down with Wiley to get the stats from all the games so I could write my story of the big event for the New Era-Progress.

We met at the old Howard Johnson's restaurant in Madison Heights.

I eagerly had my pen and note pad ready as G.R. started telling me what happened game by game, inning by inning.

I noticed he had not opened the scorebook but was reeling off things that took place.

Since the number one rule in reporting is to get the facts correct, I politely interrupted G.R. and asked, "Are you sure?"

He just smiled opened the book and pointed out what he had just repeated.

I remember the look he had in his eyes when he would talk about the team. It was like every player was his son.

From that day on, until the last time I saw G.R. before he passed away last year, I would say, "Hey G.R., have you won any world series lately?"

He would just grin and say, "No, not today. But we did in 1979." From that point we would start talking about a play or two from that series.

This past weekend, the NABF World Series ended in Lynchburg and after the final out, one of the three umpires walked off the field crying. He said the tears are for G.R. because he was not here to see this. G.R. was the main reason this area has National Amateur Federation Baseball.

Now that G.R. is no longer with us, I have one last question: "Hey Virginia, won any world series lately?"

2011 NABF SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

Man of the Year Awards

Scott Baldwin,
Northville, Michigan

Scott Ruark,
Struthers, Ohio

Woman of the Year Awards

Darlene Herwat,
Toledo, Ohio

Deb Wallace,
Millbury, Ohio



Darlene Herwatt

John Benedict Sports Journalism Award

Sean McGuire and
Camelot Media Group
Birmingham, AL

NABF Award of Merit

Joseph M. Victor,
Brooklyn, New York

Ronald E. McMinn Award

Vincent "Vin" Di Lauro,
New Haven, Connecticut

National Youth Baseball

California, Texas squads win NYBC titles

By Jesse Sanchez
mlb.com

The Banditos Black team from Tomball, Texas, never quit and now has a new title to show for its effort: National Champions.

On Sunday, Banditos Black rallied for seven runs in the top of the seventh inning to power their way to a 13-6 victory against the San Diego Stars for the National Youth Baseball Championships 12U crown at Mark Neel Field in Memphis, Tenn.

It was a game for the ages -- all ages.

Tied at 6 in the top of the seventh, Cole Secrest, the Banditos' no. 9 hitter, broke the tie with a two-run single to push his team ahead, 8-6. He scored the team's ninth run later in the frame and Matthew Mitchell also hit a three-run home run in the eventful inning for a 12-6 lead. The Banditos tacked on another run by Shane Daughety to push the lead to seven runs.

It was quite a comeback for the Texas team.

San Diego led, 6-2, in the sixth inning and needed only one out to secure the 12U title but Banditos Black slugger Landon Miner hit a three-run home run with two outs in the final inning to pull the Texas team within one run. Mitchell followed with a solo home run to tie the game at 6.

Banditos Black played well early and led 2-1 after three innings. The Texans looked to build momentum heading in the second half of the game but all that changed in the bottom half of the fourth inning when San Diego scored four runs to pull ahead, 5-2.

In the eventful fourth inning, San Diego's Matt Rudick tied the game at 2 with a single. Later, Christian Moya raced home on an errant throw back to the pitcher to put San Diego up, 3-2. Rudick scored from third on a wild pitch to extend San Diego's lead to 4-2 and Stone Scoppettuolo drove a run home with a single to put San Diego up by three runs.

Moya also shined on defense, making an outstanding diving catch in left field in the top of the fifth inning.

The San Diego squad scored again in the fifth to extend the advantage to 6-2. San Diego starter Zach DeLoach shined on mound for six innings and was able to pitch out of several jams in the game. He was charged with only two earned runs.

Hayden Evans was the winning pitcher for Banditos Black.

• In earlier action, Banditos Black topped Team Florida, 9-5, in the first game of the day to advance to the final.

Miner was charged with five runs (four earned) in six innings for the victory. He walked one batter and struck out six. Daniel Cabrera hit a double and a triple while Mitchell went 2-for-4 with a home run, two runs scored and three RBIs for Banditos Black in the winning effort.

Brendan Fox had three hits and Jordan Murray hit a home run for Team Florida.

In the second game of the day, San Diego Stars edged MBA Pride (Daytona, Fla.), 5-4, to set up the championship showdown with Banditos Black.

Rudick, DeLoach and Scoppettuolo each notched two hits in the victory. DeLoach also hit a home run and Rudick pitched six innings for the win. William Rosado went 2-for-3 with a home run for MBA Pride.

Bandits Baseball was the NABF representative at the tournament. The Bandits opened Pool A play with a 12-1 victory over Texarkana (Dixie), lost to the Banditos Black (Super Series) 6-4, and lost to MBA Pride (AAU) 8-5.

Stingrays take U10 title

By Doug Miller
mlb.com

The Oakley Stingrays (Norwalk, Calif.) needed nine innings to do it, but they emerged from the Under-10 Youth Majors National Youth Baseball Championship as the winners, beating Miami (Fla.), 8-6, in the extra-inning title game on Saturday at Campbell Clinic Field in Memphis, Tenn.

Oakley's Moises Guzman hit a two-run triple in the top of the ninth, snapping a 5-5 tie that had taken the game into extras, and Eric Volpi doubled Guzman home. Miami scored a run in the bottom of the ninth, but it wasn't enough.

Earlier in the day in semifinal play, Oakley handled Banditos Black (Texas), 9-2, via a 13-hit attack, to gain entry in the final.

Miami did the same in its semifinal matchup, beating the Georgia Yard Dogs (Decatur, Ga.), 4-1, with Lewis Menendez scoring twice and adding two hits and Derek Ordaz and Bryce Fisher also contributing two hits apiece.

The NABF representative was the Mississippi Athletics from Brandon, Mississippi.

The four-day "National Youth Baseball Championships" tournament is the initial effort of the "Major Youth Baseball Alliance, LLC." The MYBA is a newly formed company comprised of eight major youth organizations, including AABC (American Amateur Baseball Congress), AAU (Amateur Athletic Union of the United States), Babe Ruth Baseball, Dixie Youth Baseball, NABF (National Amateur Baseball Federation), Pony Baseball, Super Series Baseball of America and USSA (United States Specialty Sports Association).

The inaugural tournament was be played in Memphis, Tenn., from August 21-24 and crowned national champions in the 10-under and 12-under divisions of the eight participating organizations, which include more than 100,000 teams. Tomateros de California from the USSSA won the 10-under division with a 7-6 win over Juice 10s from the AAU. In the 12-under division, Juice 12s of the AAU defeated SE Lexington Babe Ruth. The 2009 event will be from August 27-30, again in Memphis. New Era Cap Company is the title sponsor for the 2009 event. Future plans call for the tournament to include as many as eight different age groups.

It is played at Gameday Baseball's First Tennessee Fields in Memphis, Tenn.

The Board of Directors of the Major Youth Baseball Alliance, LLC, ismade up of the highest-ranking officials of the eight participating organizations. They include Richard Neely, President, AABC; Chet Lemon, National Chair for Baseball, AAU; Steve Tellefsen, President and CEO, Babe Ruth Baseball; Wes Skelton, Commissioner, Dixie Youth Baseball; Charles Blackburn, Executive Director and CEO, NABF; Abe Key, President and CEO, PONY Baseball; Mark Mathew, President and CEO, Super Series Baseball of America; Don DeDonatis, Chairman and CEO, USSSA; and Eddie Einhorn, Vice Chairman of the Chicago White Sox, who will serve on the Board as Interim Executive Director.

An MYBA Advisory Board includes Jerry Reinsdorf, Chairman, Chicago White Sox and Chicago Bulls; Cal Ripken Jr., Member, National Baseball Hall of Fame; Dr. Harvey Schiller, President, International Baseball Federation; and Dennis Gilbert, Chairman, Professional Baseball Scouts Foundation.

Additional Advisory-Board members will be announced at a later date.

Major World Series

Buffalo West Herr wins 98th Annual Major Division Series

The 98th National Amateur Baseball Federation Major Division National Championship was held at Derby City Field in Louisville, Ky., August 11-14, 2011. This continues Derby City Baseball's consecutive hosting of this event since 1985. This year's event offered a first since the tourney expanded to the current 10 team pool play format. Every team in Pool A at the conclusion of pool play, were tied with a 2-2 record.

The first semi-final game between the Perdue Chicks from Maryland and Buffalo West Herr turned out to be two days of excitement. Day one's excitement began in the fourth inning with Buffalo West Herr leading 6-2 and a storm packing 60-70 mph winds hit the ball park.

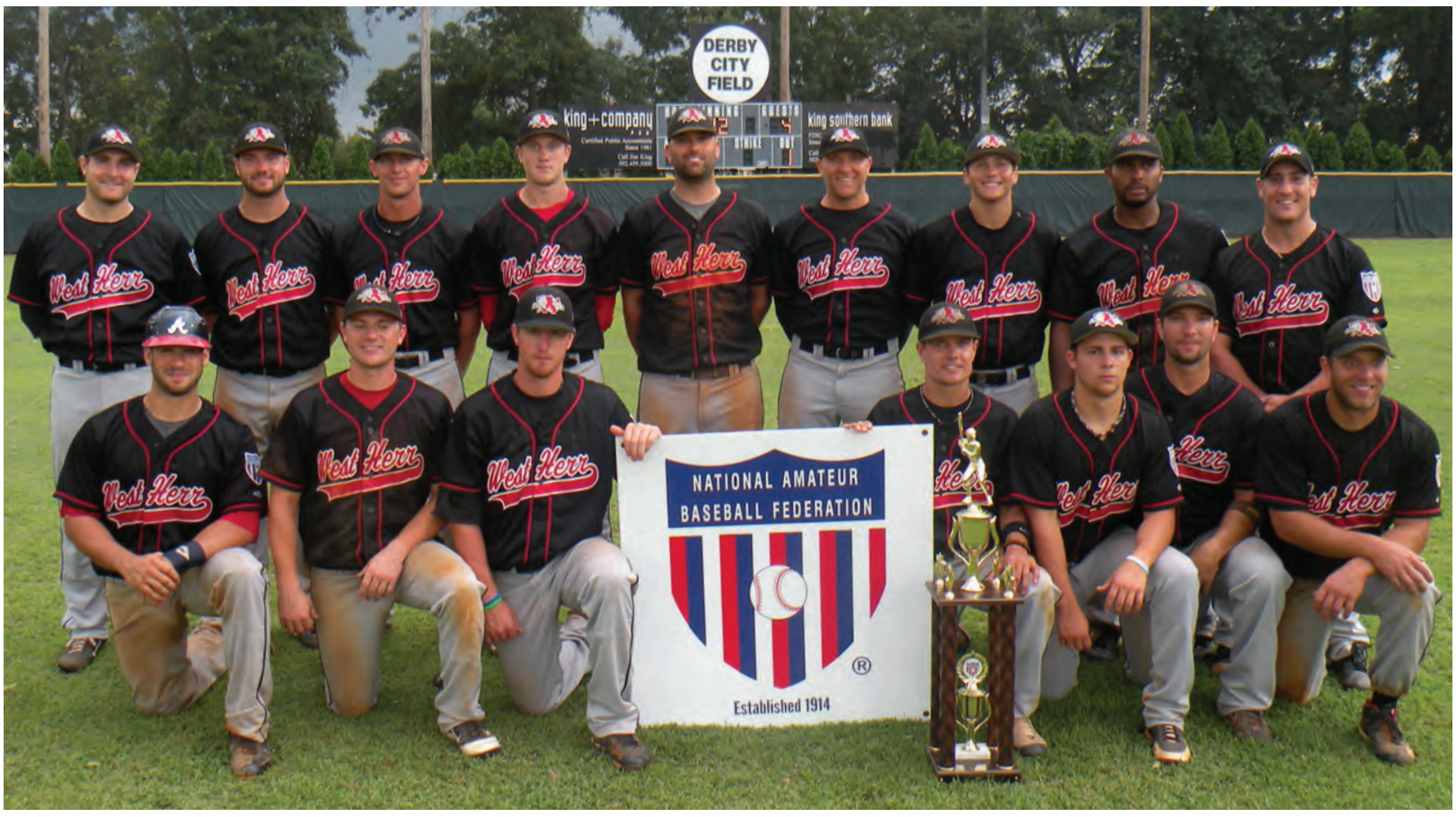
Thirty minutes later over two inches of rain had fallen, tree limbs down and power out in all the ball park buildings. The game was suspended and continued on Sunday morning. The fireworks Sunday was provided by Buffalo West Herr as they exploded from a 6-2 lead on Saturday to a 17-7 victory. Zach Lauricella pitched a complete game with three strikeouts to lead West Herr to victory. Kevin Miller provided some fireworks of his own by going 3 for 5 with 6 RBI's.

In the second semi-final game the defending champion Beecher Muskies took on the Pittsburgh River Bandits. This game turned into a see-saw battle with six lead changes. Pittsburgh River Bandit's pitcher Anthony Sambula led the way with a 7 inning, 5 strikeout performance to get the win. Ryan Dittmar entered in relief for two innings to get the save. The River Bandits held on for an 8-7 victory, spoiling the Beecher Muskies opportunity for back-to-back championships.

The championship game turned into a marathon. Two teams locked in battle for the championship, neither flinching or giving an inch. The Pittsburgh River Bandits raced to a 4-0 lead after two innings of play, but Buffalo West Herr dug in and scratched back for 2 runs in the forth and one run in the sixth and seventh inning to knot the score. After scoreless innings in the eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh innings, West Herr struck in the bottom of the 12th inning. With two runners on West Herr's D.H. Chris Aquilla launched a 3 run walk-off home run to give West Herr a 7-4 victory. Aquilla went 2 for 5 with a home run, a double and five RBI's. Mark Muoio pitched 8 innings of shutout relief as West Herr won one of the most exciting championship game in recent years.

This year's batting champ was Ryan Lardi with the Beecher Muskies who hit .588. The tourney MVP was Kevin Miller with Buffalo West Herr who hit .409 with 10 RBI's for the tournament.

The same two franchise members met in the final game of the NABF Nation Championship Series in 1969. The Pittsburgh Lawrenceville Tigers defeated the Buffalo Cardinals by the score of 6 to 4. Forty-two years later, Buffalo claims the National Championship title over Pittsburgh 7 to 4. The Buffalo Muny franchise has won five National Championships 1970, 1974, 1979, 2005, and 2011.



NABF Major World Series champion Buffalo West Herr. Back row (left to right): Tony Kirbis, Kevin Miller, Matt Mazurek, Dan Clifford, Carl Aquila, Mark Messina, Chris Pistirio, Bryan Boswell, Marc Muoio. Front row (left to right): Dave Convertini, Wade Rosolowski, Jim Boyack, Don Bell, Zach Lauricella, Chris Favorite, Steve Spillman. Missing: Dave Shufelt, Mike Brosius, Matt Clingersmith.

Thursday August 11th

GAME #1: 9:30am Pittsburgh River Bandits (4) vs. Buffalo West Herr (3)
GAME #2: 9:30am Tampa Elite (0) vs. Beecher Muskies (1)
GAME #3: 12:00pm Perdue Chicks (2) vs. Fedell's Mechanics (0)
GAME #4: 12:00pm Cincinnati Chiefs (1) vs. LaMagarita Blues (4)
GAME #5: 2:30pm Buffalo West Herr (2) vs. Hackensack Troasts (3)
GAME #6: 2:30pm Beecher Muskies (8) vs. Fedell's Mechanics (9)
GAME #7: 5:00pm Pittsburgh River Bandits (5) vs. LaMagarita Blues (2)
GAME #8: 8:00pm Tampa Elite (2) vs. Louisville Star Drywall (5)

Friday August 12th

GAME #9: 9:30am Hackensack Troasts (1) vs. LaMargarita Blues (8)
GAME #10: 9:30am Fedell's Mechanics (0) vs. Louisville Star Drywall (2)
GAME #11: 12:00pm Cincinnati Chiefs (4) vs. Pittsburgh River Bandits (2)
GAME #12: 12:00pm Beecher Muskies (6) vs. Perdue Chicks (0)
GAME #13: 2:30pm Hackensack Troasts (3) vs. Cincinnati Chiefs (5)
GAME #14: 2:30pm Buffalo West Herr (6) vs. LaMargarita Blues (1)
GAME #15: 5:00pm Tampa Elite (8) vs. Fedell's Mechanics (9)
GAME #16: 8:00pm Louisville Star Drywall (1) vs. Perdue Chicks (7)

Saturday August 13th

GAME 17: 9:30am Pittsburgh River Bandits (0) vs. Hackensack Troasts (1)
GAME 18: 9:30am Louisville Star Drywall (4) vs. Beecher Muskies (11)
GAME 19: 12:00pm Perdue Chicks (4) vs. Tampa Elite (5)
GAME 20: 12:00pm Buffalo West Herr (6) vs. Cincinnati Chiefs (2)

Saturday August 13th SEMI FINALS

GAME 21: 4:30pm Buffalo West Herr (17) vs. Perdue Chicks (7)
GAME 22: 8:00pm Beecher Muskies (7) vs. Pittsburgh River Bandits (8)

Sunday August 14th FINAL

GAME 23: 3:30pm Pittsburgh River Bandits (4) vs. Buffalo West Herr (7)

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

C	Thomas John Zarewicz	Pittsburgh River Bandits
C	Tyler Riley	Perdue Chicks
1B	Steve Pelleck	Beecher Muskies
2B	Beau Manning	Louisville Star Drywall
3B	Matt Mazurek	Buffalo West Herr
SS	Milton Joyner	Pittsburgh River Bandits
P	Kurt Bruce	Perdue Chicks
P	Chris Begley	La Margarita Blues
P	Brandon DuBois	Beecher Muskies
P	Morgan Coombs	La Margarita Blues
P	Tony Kirbus	Buffalo West Herr
P	Antonio Acierno	Pittsburgh River Bandits
OF	Brett Velon	Beecher Muskies
OF	Kevin Miller	Buffalo West Herr
OF	Carl Aquila	Buffalo West Herr
OF	Brian Conner	Cincinnati Chiefs
OF	Jamie Spottz	Cincinnati Chiefs
OF	T.J. Stanfield	Beecher Muskies
UT	Kevin Montelbano	Hackensack Troasts
UT	Joel Henline	LaMargarita Blues
DH	Ryan Lardi	Beecher Muskies

MAJOR DIVISION REGIONALS

Buffalo, NY – Regional
Winner: West Herr (Buffalo, NY)
Runner Up: Orchard Park Sox (Buffalo, NY)
Final Game Score: West Herr 3 vs. Orchard Park Sox 2

Cincinnati, OH – Regional
Winner: Cincinnati Chiefs (Cincinnati, OH)
Runner Up: Cincinnati Flames (Cincinnati, OH)
Final Game Score: Cincinnati Chiefs 7 vs. Cincinnati Flames 4

Fort Wayne, IN – Regional
Winner: La Margarita Blues (Fort Wayne, IN)
Runner Up: Pontiac Parkers (Troy, MI)
Final Game Score: La Margarita Blues 8 vs. Pontiac Parkers 6

Hackensack, NJ – Regional
Winner: Hackensack Troasts (Hackensack, NJ)
Runner Up: Hackensack Giants (Hackensack, NJ0
Final Game Score: Troasts 6 vs. Giants 1

Kankakee, IL – Regional
Winner: Beecher Muskies (Chicago, IL)
Runner Up: Michigan City Lakers (Michigan City, IN)
Final Game Score: Beecher Muskies 8 vs. Michigan City Lakers 1

Orlando, FL – Regional
Winner: Tampa Elite Navy Team 2 (Tampa, FL)
Runner Up: Space Coast Sharks (Brevard County, FL)
Final Game Score: Tampa Elite Navy 11 vs. Space Coast Sharks 1

Salisbury, MD – Regional
Winner: Perdue Chicks (Salisbury, MD)
Runner Up: Frederick Flying Dogs (Frederick, MD)
Final Game Score: Perdue Chicks 2 vs. Frederick Flying Dogs 0

West Haven, CT – Regional
Winner: Fedell's Mechanics (Bridgeport, CT)
Runner Up: American Steakhouse (West Haven, CT)
Final Game Score: Fedell's Mechanics 3 vs. American Steakhouse 2

Youngstown, OH – Regional
Winner: Pittsburgh RiverBandits (Pittsburgh, PA)
Runner Up: Akron Lasiks (Akron, OH)
Final Game Score: Riverbandits 5 vs. Akron Lasiks 4

College World Series

Utica Brewers win College title at Mud Hens' Fifth Third Field

The Utica Brewers (Eastern Collegiate Baseball League) from New York belted out 18 hits to defeat the Crystal Lake Cardinals (Metro Amateur Baseball League, Illinois) 10-1 in the National Amateur Baseball Federation College Division World Series championship at Fifth Third Field, the home of the world famous Toledo Mud Hens.

The Brewers scored a single run in the third and seventh inning, and added two runs in the fourth and exploded for five in the fifth.

Mike Johnson (Hillsborough CC) was the winning pitcher, going the distance, allowing one earned run, six hits, striking out 11 and walking two.

Every Utica player got into the hit column, led by tournament MVP Brayan Cacique (Lake Erie College), who was 5-for-5 and had three RBIs. Cacique batted 12-for-22 (.545) with seven RBIs for the tournament.

Tyler McKnight (Oklahoma State) was 3-for-6 and getting two hits apiece were Scott Krutel (Missouri Baptist University), Armando Gutierrez (Missouri Baptist University), and Joe Iorio (University of North Florida). Also getting a hit apiece was Jimmy Franklin (Christian Brothers University), Dan Mims (Southeastern University), Joe Stropp (Broward College), and Logan Morello (Gloucester CC). The Brewers had three doubles (McKnight, Krutel, Iorio).

The Brewers went 3-0 in pool play, defeating the Illinois Jayhawks, 5-4, the Michigan Bulls, 10-7, and the Toledo Black Hawks, 4-3. The Brewers defeated the Long Island South 6-4 in the quarterfinals and the Chicago Zephyrs, 12-8, in the semifinals.

Brewers' players making the All-Tournament Team are outfielder Brayan Cacique, catcher Joe Stropp, pitchers Mike Johnson and Jacob Pettit (Warner Southern University), and designated hitter Dan Mims.

The Utica Brewers head coach is Dave Guido, and he is assisted by former Major League pitcher Russell Jacob Jr. The team is managed by Butch Russo.

Brewers team members include Mitch Buerosse (Nova Southeastern), Ryan Yarborough (Santa Fe College), Skylar Sopotnik (Thomas University), Ryan Donovan (Saint Rose), Tyler Redding (Nova Southeastern), Brent Krauss (St. Petersburgh College), Craig Lejeune (George Washington University), Josh Scharff (Yale University), Todd Glime (Missouri Baptist University), Matt Marsh (Miami Dade), and Matt Marsh (Miami Dade).

Crystal Lake had six hits in the championship, including a triple by Tom Wilson (Elgin CC), who went 2-for-4. Nolan Jacoby (Oakland University), Lee Spinelle (Lincoln Land JC), Brian Padove (Butler University), and Drew Buddle (Lewis University) all had base hits.

Crystal Lake was 2-1 in pool play, defeating the Kent White Sox, 3-0, and Genoa Rampage, 6-4, but losing to the Toledo Gold Hawks, 5-3. The Cardinals defeated the Buffalo Leib's, 5-3, in the quarterfinals and the Michigan Bulls, 3-0, in the semifinal.

Armando Bombino is the head coach of the Cardinals, and he is assisted by Matt Modlinski and Ted Ratliff. The Cardinals were NABF College World Series champions two years ago, defeating the Dix Hills Dodgers (Long Island, N.Y.) 3-0 in the championship.

Crystal Lake players making the All-Tourney Team include pitchers Mike Rivera (College of Lake County) and Ryan Pollock (Judson University), outfielder Tom Roth (Elgin CC), and designated hitter Lee Spinelle.

Crystal Lake players include Ben Albano (Lewis University), Jake Alvarez (Fresno State University), Will Anderson (Fresno State University), Connor Buxton (Valparaiso University), Louis Cohen (Cal State Northridge), Scott Heelan (Virginia Tech), Mark Hode (Parkland CC), Dave Hoffman (Augustana College), Mike Hoscheit (Butler University), Matt Huck (St. Francis), Zach Klein (Quincy University), Billy Laing (Butler University), Zach Leibman (Elgin CC), Brett Loeding (Elgin CC), Brian Marquis (Elmhurst College), Michael Morman (Valparaiso University), Luke Mottashed (Heartland CC), Jordan Mullins (Fresno State University), Adam Nisenson (Coe College), and Devin Rowland (Elgin CC).





At top, the NABF College World Series champion Utica Brewers, and below the runner-up Crystal Lake Cardinals.



HR Derby champ Jon Kemmer. (Kersey Diamonds/Clarion) (Photo by Harold Hamilton/HEHphotos.lifepics.com)

The College World Series batting champion is shortstop Joe Pantano (Erie CC) of the Buffalo Liebs, who went 12-for-17 (.706) with five RBI.

Besides Fifth Third Field, tournament sites included the former home of the Toledo Mud Hens, Ned Skeldon Stadium, George Ousky Field at the City of Oregon's William P. Coontz Recreation Center, the City of Toledo's Rich Arbinger Field at Bowman Park, and Dan Kober Field at St. Francis DeSales High School. Games were also telecast by Buckeye Cable Sports Network (www.bcsn.tv) and streamed live on the internet. The tournament was hosted by Toledo Amateur Baseball Federation.

For the second straight year, Jon Kemmer (Kersey Diamonds/Clarion University) won the home run derby, defeating 2009 champion, 2010 finalist, and 2011 runner-up Omar Velazquez (Dix Hills Dodgers/Adelphi University) in a showdown under the lights at Ned Skeldon Stadium.



The Utica Brewers celebrate in the Toledo Mud Hens dugout after winning the College Division championship at Fifth Third Field. (Photo by Scott Grau)

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

MVP	**Brayan Cacique, Utica Brewers (Lake Erie College)**
Batting Champion	**Joe Pantano, Buffalo Lieb's (Erie CC)**
C	Jacob Rhodes, Michigan Bulls (Murray State University)
C	Joe Stropp, Utica Brewers (Broward College)
1B	Luke Collins, Chicago Zephyrs (Elmhurst College)
2B	Brendan Barry, Long Island Sound (Post University)
3B	Pat MacKenzie, Michigan Bulls (Central Michigan University)
SS	Joe Pantano, Buffalo Lieb's (Erie CC)
P	Mike Johnson, Utica Brewers (Hillsborough CC)
P	Mike Rivera, Crystal Lake Cardinals (College of Lake County)
P	Ryan Pollock, Crystal Lake Cardinals (Judson University)
P	Joe Scanio, Wildwood Dodgers (Northwestern State University)
P	Kevin Archbold, Dix Hills Dodgers (Albany University)
P	Jacob Pettit, Utica Brewers (Warner Southern University)
OF	Blake Schmenk, Toledo Gold Hawks (Owens CC)
OF	Charles Aldridge, Chicago Zephyrs (Grambling State University)
OF	Aaron Cieslak, Michigan Bulls (Oakland University)
OF	Brayan Cacique, Utica Brewers (Lake Erie College)
OF	Tom Roth, Crystal Lake Cardinals (Elgin CC)
DH	Dan Mims, Utica Brewers (Southeastern University)
DH	Lee Spinelle, Crystal Lake Cardinals (Lincoln Land JC)
Utility	Blake Farley, Wildwood Dodgers (Temple JC)

Senior World Series

Toronto Mets edge Brooklyn Cougars 3-2 in Senior finale'

The city of Youngstown hosted the Senior Division World Series at Eastwood Field, where the Toronto Mets (Premier Baseball League of Ontario) proved to be to much for the Houston Raiders White (Triple Play Baseball), beating them 6-1.

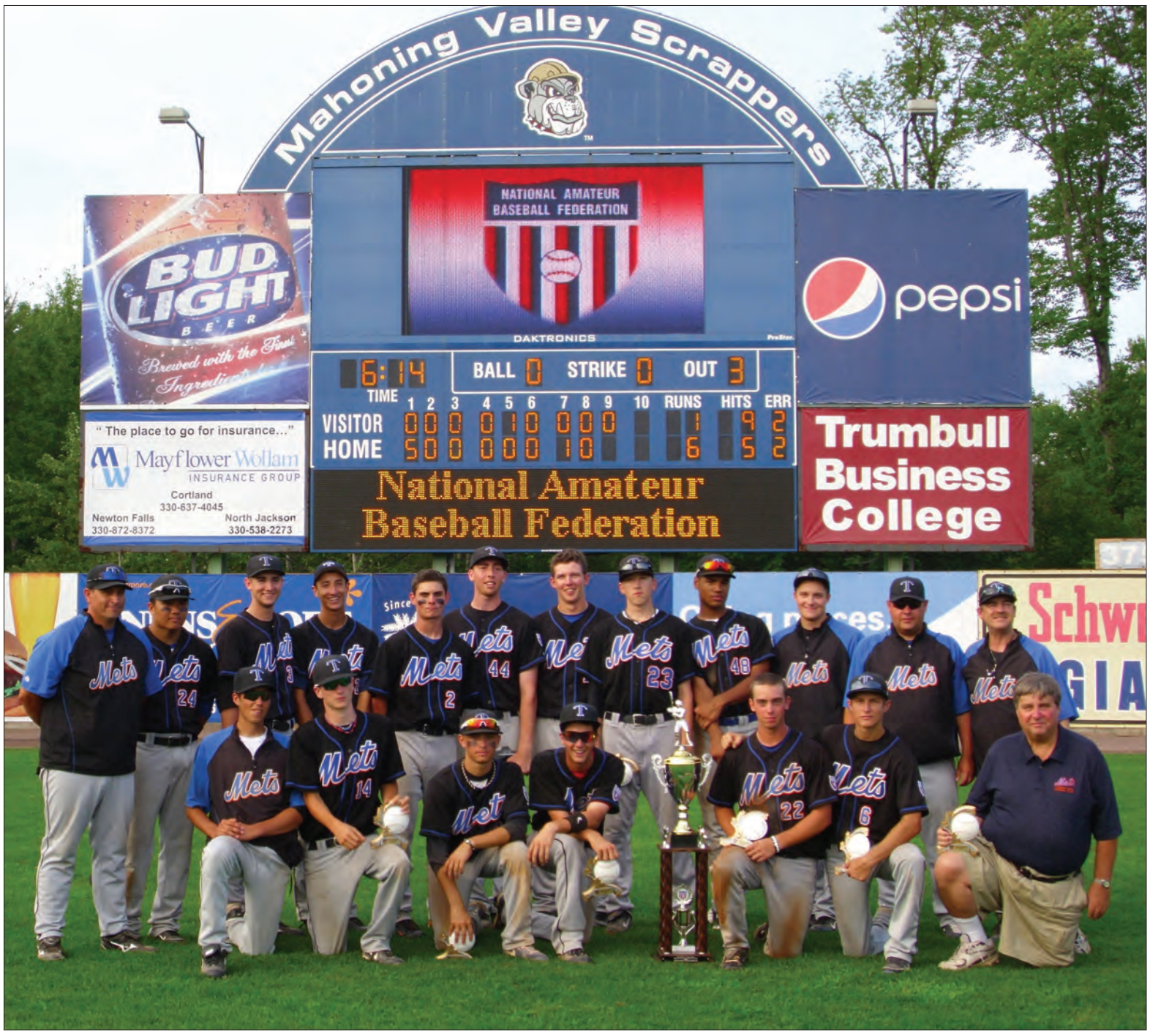
The Toronto Mets snuck by the Brooklyn Cougars beating them 3-2 to send them to the championship game. The Houston Raiders put up 11 runs against the Astro Falcons in the other semi-final game sending them to the championship with a score of 11 to 7.

Toronto jumped out on top scoring five in the bottom of the first. Solid defense and consistent pitching held the Raiders to one run throughout the game. The raiders scored in the top of the 5th thanks to a leadoff single by Gary Tesh who came around to score off Kyle Survance's single. Survance had an outstanding day at the plate going 4 for 4 with a double and the teams only RBI. Survance is the tournament batting champion belting 11 hits, 5 doubles, 8 RBI's, 9 stolen bases and crossing the plate 8 times. Houston finished the game outhitting the Mets 9-8. Timely hitting proved to be an issue in this game as they only managed to have one cross the plate. Mitch Lumley led the Mets offense with two hits and Grant Tamane touched home twice, leading Toronto in runs. Jordan Giller had a strong appearance on the mound earning the win. Giller threw all nine, struck out six with only two walks, and held the Raiders offense to only one run.

Toronto pushed their final run across in the bottom of the 7th and held it from there to earn their title as the 2011 NABF Senior Division National Champions.

MVP: Jack Dennis – Toronto Mets – 16 innings pitched, 2 wins, 6 walks, 16 ks, 2 runs, 1 earned, era 0.55.

Batting Champ: Kyle Survance – Houston Raiders - .423 avg., 26 ab, 11 hits, 5 doubles, 8 rbi, 9 stolen bases, 8 runs.



NABF Senior World Series champion Toronto Mets.



Kyle Survance, Houston Raiders
Batting Champ



Jack Dennis, Toronto Metes
Most Valuable Player

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

C	Kyle Tisdale	Astro Falcons
C	Jacob Hillier	Toronto Mets
1B	Connor Goodspeed	Jackson 96ers
2B	Grant Tamane	Toronto Mets
3B	Angel Arroyo	The Outsiders
SS	Stanley Susana	The Outsiders
P	Jack Dennis	Toronto Mets
P	Timothy Gonzales	Brooklyn Cougers
P	William Petrosky	Norwood Blues
P	Ryan Gallagher	Astro Falcons
P	Jordan Giller	Toronto Mets
P	Tim Faix	Ohio Glaciers
OF	Ryan Schoenbauer	Maryland Monarchs
OF	KyleSurvance	Houston Raiders
OF	Edgar Lebrone	Brooklyn Cougars
OF	Gareth Morgan	Toronto Mets
OF	Armando Torres	North Coast Vipers
OF	Stanford Parks	Jackson 96ers
DH	Andrew Rhodes	Andrew Rhodes
UT	Jacob Sarabi	Houston Raiders
UT	Caleb Dugas	Jackson 96ers





High School World Series

Maryland Monarchs champions of High School Division

By Dave Link
Knoxnews.com

The Maryland Monarchs completed a memorable four days in Knoxville on Sunday.

Austin Clark fired a three-hitter and the Monarchs posted a 6-0 victory over Allen Baseball of Houston, Texas, in the championship game of NABF High School World Series at Tennessee's Lindsey Nelson Stadium.

The Monarchs went 6-0 in the Sophomore World Series.

Monarch's Right fielder Tom Labriola was the World Series batting champion — hitting .470 (8-of-17) for the tournament — and eight other Monarchs were chosen to the all-tournament team.

Among them were pitchers Clark, Joe Benitez, and Matt Golenzki, and catcher Lee Lipinski.

"I thought we'd pitch and play defense," Steve Miller said. "I didn't know about the bats. We scattered enough across the plate to win ballgames."

In Final Four games earlier Sunday, Allen Baseball beat the St. Louis Stallions (Mo.) 5-4, and the Monarchs advanced with a 3-1 victory over Gaithersburg Post 295.

Allen Baseball trailed 4-3 in the bottom of the seventh and won the game on Santiago Villanueva's RBI single.

Allen coach Matt Coulson said his team was gassed after the semifinal.

"We were completely worn out," he said. "We were done. They fought hard. We came back (Saturday) and we came back again tough (Sunday)."

Allen Baseball, which went 6-2 in the tournament, knocked off two-time defending champion Virginia Barnstormers 6-3 in the Final Eight on Saturday afternoon. The Barnstormers led 3-0 before Allen scored six in the sixth inning.

"We battled all the way through this tournament, but that's the kind of stuff we do down in Texas and that's what our program is based about," Coulson said. "We don't ever give up, we never give in one time. I couldn't be more proud of my guys right now."



NABF High School World Series champion Maryland Monarchs



ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

C	Sam Meisenberg	Bay Bridge Academy
C	Lee Lipinski	Maryland Monarchs
1B	Seth Petter	Allen Baseball
2B	Derek Paddie	Allen Baseball
3B	Tyler Wiseman	Bay Bridge Academy
SS	Sean Miller	Maryland Monarchs
P	Elio Sequea	Allen Baseball
P	Alec Grosser	Virginia Barnstormers
P	Matt Golenski	Maryland Monarchs
P	Matt Davidson	Ontario Blue Jays
P	Joe Benitez	Maryland Monarchs
P	Austin Clark	Maryland Monarchs
OF	Justin Phamm	St. Louis Stallions
OF	Alex Gransbak	Virginia Barnstormers
OF	Austin Bentley	Chaney Baseball
OF	Derek Wells	Maryland Monarchs
OF	Kyle Mims	Allen Baseball
OF	Peter Davis	Maryland Monarchs
UT	Lane Eliff	Allen Baseball
UT	Mike Labriola	Maryland Monarchs


Tom Labriola, Maryland Monarchs, gets Batting Champion trophy from Glenn "Buzz" McNish.


Sean Miller, Maryland Monarchs, gets Most Valuable Player trophy from Glenn "Buzz" McNish.



Junior World Series

Ohio Glaciers win championship over Bloomington Normal

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

C	Mitch Schoeman	Brownlee Lookouts
C	Jack Gesert	Northville Broncos
1B	Harry Finelli	Ohio Glaciers
2B	Mike Rashilla	Ohio Glaciers
3B	Austin O'Harold	Team Cincy
SS	Brent Cleland	Toronto Mets
P	Zack Kendall	Troy Bombers
P	Jacob Froats	Ohio Glaciers
P	Zack Wilds	MATBL Broncos
P	Christian Botter	Toronto Mets
P	Geraldo Gonzalez	Sayo Grays
P	Sean Coonan	BNBA Gold
OF	Alex Jefferson	BNBA Gold
OF	Chris Maze	Ohio Glaciers
OF	Tyler Spain	Ohio Glaciers
OF	Mitch Henshaw	Allen Baseba
OF	Derek Turocy	Ohio Glaciers
DH	Mitch Longo	Brownlee Lookouts
UT	Zach Thompson	Troy Bombers
UT	Jacob Rudnicki	Brownlee Lookouts
UT	Frantz Kent	BNBA Gold

The 2011 NABF Championship was highlighted by the best two teams playing bookend games.

They met in the first game of the tournament on a rain-soaked field in windy conditions, and battled throughout the game. In the end, Bloomington Normal, from Illinois, prevailed with a 2-1 victory over their foes from the Cleveland/Akron area, the Ohio Glaciersm but it did not end that way in the championship.

Three days and many hard played innings later, they met under sunny skies, in near perfect conditions to compete in the Championship game. BNBA had emerged with a perfect 5-0 record, having swept their pool play and beaten the tough Lookouts from Brownlee, Ohio in one semifinal. After the initial defeat, the Glaciers had run the tables as well and earned the championship rematch with a hard fought win over the perennially strong Toronto Mets.

The final game proved to be a classic. BNBA Gold's Kent Frantz pitched a sterling game, and was matched pitch for pitch by Jake Froats and Chris Maze who shared the mound for the Glaciers. Scoring was low, but BNBA took the lead by scratching out a run in the top of the third. Kent Frantz doubled and tried to score on Alex Jefferson's single to right. Right fielder Santana Barrera charged and threw a laser to Froats who relayed it to catcher Tyler Spain for a bang-bang out at the plate. Jefferson scored easily on the next pitch when Adam McGinnis hit a towering double to deep center. 1-0 BNBA.

Neither team threatened again until the bottom of the fifth, when the game was decided. The Glacier's Harry Finelli led off with a base on balls. Sean Coyne executed a perfect sacrifice bunt and was safe at first. With runners at first and second, Ohio bunted again, but pitcher Frantz made a great defensive play and cut down the lead runner at third. His effort went for naught however when Tyler Spain, batting left-handed, drove a booming home run soaring over the right field fence. There was never a doubt as it left his bat, Glaciers 3, BNBA 1.

Although there was a bit of excitement when Bloomington put two runners aboard in the sixth, Chris Maze struck out the side to squash the rally. In the seventh, he retired the Gold 1,2,3 to seal the victory. Championship goes to a deserving Ohio Glaciers squad. Froats and Maze combined to limit BNBA to a single run over seven complete innings. Maze closed with six strike outs in 2-2/3 innings. This was a well played championship and a tribute to both teams!

The tournament was well played, by quality teams. Everyone should hold their heads high for earning their way to Northville and playing like champions.

Junior Division World Series Tournament Results

Year	Champion vs Runner-up, Score
1962	Detroit, MI Kowalski Sausage vs Cleveland, OH Crozier AC, 20-2
1963	Detroit, MI Kowalski Sausage vs Cleveland, OH Crozier AC,12-4
1964	Detroit, MI Kowalski Sausage vs Akron, OH McDonald Drive Inn, 11-1
1965	Detroit, MI Kowalski Sausage vs Hyattsville, Maryland, 13-2
1966	Detroit, MI Kowalski Sausage vs Cuyahoga Falls, OH Kiwanis, 4-2
1967	Maryland State College Park Post vs Detroit, MI Kowalski Sausage, 2-1
1968	Detroit, MI Ludington News vs Buffalo, NY Kensington's, 8-7
1969	Detroit, MI East Side Sports vs Cincinnati, OH Frisch's, 9-2
1970	Cincinnati, OH Midland Chiefs vs Detroit, MI William Green, 6-3
1971	Detroit, MI Kowalski Sausage vs Cincinnati, OH Midland, 8-2
1972	Detroit, MI Kowalski Sausage vs Pittsburgh, PA Perry Atoms, 8-2
1973	Cincinnati, OH Sweeney Chevrolet vs Maryland State Prince George's, 12-5
1974	Pittsburgh, PA Springfield vs Maryland State Prince Goerge's, 4-3
1975	Joliet, IL Elks vs Dayton, OH Johns Amoco(10 Inn), 6-5
1976	Joliet, IL West Jeffersonn vs Plymouth, MI Canton, 11-6
1977	Glenhead, NY North Shore A's vs Brooklyn, NY Ty Cobbs, 5-3
1978	Independence, MO Hi Boy vs Cincinnati, OH Midland Indians, 7-6
1979	Bel Air, MD Boys Club vs Plymouth, MI Canton, 8-3
1980	Baltimore, MD Highland Federal vs Miamisburg, OH Post 165, 3-2
1981	Baltimore, MD Harbor Federal vs Cuyahoga Falls, OH Wildcats, 3-2
1982	Westland, MI Wayne vs Baltimore, MD Liberty Road, 12-1
1983	Bayside, NY Yankees vs Miamisburg, OH Moraine Body, 12-11
1984	Baltimore, MD Harbor Federal vs Bayside, NY Yankees, 8-3
1985	Pikesville, MD Pikesville vs Bremerton, WA Ace Paving, 8-3
1986	Bayside, NY Yankees vs Victoria, BC Firefighters, 14-6
1987	Lexington, KY Lexington Dixie vs Jericho, NY Tigers, 6-4
1988	Baltimore, MD Putty Hill vs Bayside, NY Yankees, 12-3
1989	Lexington, KY Dixie vs Westland, MI, 9-5
1990	Akron, OH Manchester A's vs Lexington, KY Lexington Dixie, 3-2
1991	Cincinnati, OH Marion Merrell Dow vs Redmond, WA Dow Commercial, 7-0
1992	Lexington, KY Dixie Stars vs Long Island, NY Tigers,9-5
1993	Bayside, NY Yankees vs Dearborn, MI Stitt Post 32, 7-5
1994	Bayside, NY Yankees vs Cincinnati, OH Midland, 3-0
1995	Bayside, NY Yankees vs Lexington, KY Lexington Dixie, 4-2
1996	Long Island, NY Bayside Yankees vs Mobile, AL Mobile Bears, 9-5
1997	Long Island, NY Bayside Yankees vs Marietta, GA East Cobb Ringors, 6-5
1998	Long Island, NY Bayside Yankees vs Gambrills, MD Athletics, 6-0
1999	Indianapolis, Indiana Bulls vs Long Island, New York Tigers, 9-8
2000	Baltimore, Maryland Orioles vs Indianapolis, Indiana Bulls, 12-1
2001	Indianapolis, Indiana Bulls vs Dayton, OH Classics, 10-9
2002	Baltimore, Maryland Orioles vs Indianapolis, Indiana Bulls, 11-5
2003	Fairfield, OH, Diamond Stars vs Huntington, WV, Huntington Hounds , 11-0
2004	Long Island, NY Bayside Yankees vs Indianapolis, IN Indiana Bulls, 7-4
2005	FT. Wayne, IN Summit City Sluggers vs Columbia, MD Columbia Maryland Reds , 17-6
2006	2006 Springboro, OH, Kinect Nationals vs Long Island, NY, Bayside Yankees, 5-4
2007	Albany, NY Greenbush-Shodack Devilcats vs Independence, MO Independence Hammers, 6-2
2008	Fort Wayne, IN, Summit City Sluggers vs Garden City, NY, Long Island Mustangs , 14-1
2009	Long Island, NY Long Island Titans vs Dayton, OH Dayton Dirtbags , 2-0
2010	Rotterdam, NY Rotterdam Rangers vs West Islip, NY West Islip Lions , 10-0
2011	Niles, OH Ohio Glaciers vs Bloomington Normal Baseball Association Golf, IL, 3-1

College Division World Series Tournament Results

Year	Champion vs Runner-up, Score
1984	Smithtown, NY Seaman Oil vs Detroit, MI LaDuke, 9-7
1985	Detroit, MI Dearborn Vacuum vs Louisville, KY Star Drywall, 4-2
1986	Triangle, VA Greys vs Detroit, MI Dearborn Vacuum, 15-10
1987	Dearborn, MI Vacuum vs Triangle, VA Greys, 6-5
1988	Livonia, MI Holzer vs Falls Church, VA Rebels, 5-0
1989	Troy, MI Buff Whelan vs Dayton, OH Miami County, 4-0
1990	Ann Arbor, MI Wendy's vs New York, NY New York Cubs , 4-3
1991	Kansas City, MO McDonald's vs Livonia, MI Waters Appliance, 5-3
1992	Buffalo, NY Buffalo Leib's vs Middletown, DE Green Acres, 8-0
1993	Cincinnati, OH Fairfield Rangers vs Macomb, MI Mustangs, 14-3
1994	St. Clair Shores, MI vs Cincinnati, OH Fairfield Rangers, 9-2
1995	Arlington, VA Washington Senators vs Cincinnati, OH Fairfield Rangers, 4-3
1996	Rome, GA Mid-South Braves vs Melrose, IL Melrose Park, 5-3
1997	Dayton, OH Miami Valley Bulldogs vs. Baltimore, MD Mt Airy Sharks,3-1
1998	Hyattsville, MD Bombers vs Miami Valley, Ohio Bulldogs, 10-7
1999	Salisbury, MD Swann's Insurance vs Mt. Airy, MD Sharks, 3-2
2000	Enon, OH Warhawks vs Bethesda, MD Big Train, 6-1
2001	Springfield, OH Warhawks vs Keystone, PA Diamonds, 1-0
2002	Cincinnati, Ohio Stars vs Springfield Ohio Warhawks, 5-4
2003	Fenton, Mo, Metro Collegiate vs Cincinnati, OH, Stars , 5-2
2004	Normal, IL Twin City Scrappers vs Livonia, MI Michigan Bulls, 5-3
2005	Livonia, MI Michigan Bulls vs Pittsburgh, PA Pittsburgh Pandas, 17-3
2006	Pittsburgh, PA, Pittsburgh Pandasvs Long Island, NY, Long Island Astros, 9-3
2007	Long Island, NYLong Island Astros vs Philadelphia, PA Lower Bucks Indians, 8-1
2008	Oregon, OH, Ohio Monarchs Gold vs Long Island, NY, Long Island Astros , 4-3
2009	Crystal Lake, IL Crystal Lake Cardinals vs Dix Hills, NY Dix Hills Dodgers , 3-0
2010	Oregon, OH Ohio Monarchs Gold vs St. Louis, MO Alton, Indians, 13-5
2011	Utica, NY, Utica Brewers vs Crystal Lake, IL Crystal Lake Cardinals, 10-1

NABF "Men of the Year" Awards

1968	Thomas Caulfield, Buffalo, NY
1969	Albert Heinichen, Cincinnati, OH
1970	Edward Clott, Cincinnati, OH
1971	Joseph Vernon, Hyattsville, MD
1972	Henry Morgan, Dayton, OH
1973	Dickson BurrowsDayton, OH
1974	Bud Anderson, Dayton, OH
1975	Joseph Provencal, Lardover Hills, MD
1976	Ralph Page, Birmingham, AL
1977	Tony Algeier & Pat Lenahan Louisville, KY
1978	F. Robert Faile, Painesville, OH; Kurt Zassoda, Birmingham, AL
1979	Louis Tiberi, Columbus, OH; Johnnie Berger, Dayton, OH
1980	Fred Feaver, Columbus, OH; Ivor James, Plymouth, MI
1981	Joseph Cirilli, Chester, PA; Larry Weis, Detroit, MI
1982	Carl Williams, Columbus, OH; Charles Blackburn, Jr., Bowie, MD
1983	Thomas Bertino, Joliet, IL; Richard Caswell, New Rochelle, NY
1984	Rudy Granito, Youngstown, OH
1985	Golden Fox, Jr., Louisville, NY; Edward Long, Dayton, OH
1986	Robert Frellick, Northville, MI; Walter Thomas, Birmingham, AL
1987	Patrick Rourke, Brooklyn, NY; Jerry Vedral, Flushing, NY; Paul Johnson, Flushing, NY
1988	Lester Dow, Bellevue, WA; Salvatore Rubino, Staten Island, NY; Frank Rozum, Strongsville, OH; Bruce Edwards, Whitehouse, OH: Jim Daugherty, Hilliard, OH; George Kelso, Canfield, OH
1989	Garry Snow, Louisville, KY; John McCain, Fultondale, AL
1990	Jack Meehan, Elmont, NY
1991	William L. Warren, Dayton, OH
1992	Michael Felton, Fort Campbell, KY: Sonny Wise, Apopka, FL; Dino Costanzo, Cincinnati, OH
1993	George Kirchgassner, Orlando, FL: Thomas L. Stout, Altoona, PA
1994	David Douglass, Arvada, CO; Thomas Mitchell. Maumee, OH
1995	Roger A. Faw, Baltimore, MD
1996	Jerry Henderson, Puyallup, WA
1997	Cyril Allgeier, Louisville, KY
1998	Leonard Renna, Kings Park, NY; Gene Holmes, Detroit, MI
1999	Bill Ball, Orlando, FL; William Allen, Baltimore, MD: Irvin "Frosty" Brown, Troy, OH
2000	Ronald "Lefty" LeBlanc, Hartford, CT; Jack Hand, Nashville, TN
2001	Joseph A. Platt, Arlington, TN
2002	David Gerome, Northville, MI; William Maksinuk, Ft. Erie, Ontario; Gregory Reddington , Louisville, KY
2003	Encil "Porky" Palmer, Buffalo, NY: Ronald Lieb, Buffalo, NY; Robert Chiara , Malverne, NY
2004	Forrest Cahoe, Louisville, KY; Jerry Salyers, Miamisburg, OH; Derek Topik, Branson, MS
2005	Carl Galietti, Northville, MI; Ed Frye, Schenectady, NY
2006	Robert Mingo, Youngstown, OH; Robert Doss, Greensboro, NC; Tim Adkins, Huntington, WV; Robert Greenwood, West Haven, CT; Paul Wise, Dunnington, PA; Brett Ratcliffe, Garrett, IN
2007	Simon Pettrow, Huntington Beach, CA
2007	Rich Pildes, Chicago, IL
2008	Mark Mills, Portland, TN; Michael Burton, Daytona Beach, FL; Anthony "Tony" Gorvet, Struthers, OH; Vincent "Vin" DiLauro , New Haven, CT
2009	Charles H. "Chuck" Ford, Bowie, MD
2010	Glenn "Buzz" McNish, Lenoir City, TN; Michael J. Tewell, Louisville, KY
2011	Scott Baldwin, Northville, MI; Scott Ruark, Struthers, OH

Sophomore World Series

Frederick Hustlers slug their way through Sophomore Series

By Chris Humphreys
Lynchburg News and Advance

The Frederick Hustlers continued slugging their way through the NABF Sophomore Division World Series and got an incredibly gutsy effort on the mound from Jordan Carr to earn an 8-2 victory over the Long Island Storm in the tournament's championship game on Sunday at City Stadium.

The lefty-tossing Carr threw a complete game and held the Storm to just two runs, eights hits, a walk and struck out seven. But, most impressively, he worked the last four innings with a giant bandage on his face after being struck squarely on the chin with a sizzling liner off the bat of Pat Bryant.

Carr tried falling backwards to avoid the missile and threw up his glove to try to protect himself, but to no avail. He bounced up immediately and searched for the ball, but it had ricocheted back toward home plate and into foul territory.

Seeing he had no play on the ball Carr calmly stood on the mound and checked his chin for blood with his hand as coaches from both teams rushed towards him. After talking with the coaches for a few minutes he went over to the dugout where his chin was bandaged.

"All I saw was the ball," Carr said. "I was going to stay in no matter what. My jaw is a little sore and I may need some stitches."

Then he went back out to the mound, picked off Bryant and proceeded to scatter two hits and a walk over the next 3 2/3 innings to earn the win.

"I was just thinking lets do it," Carr said. "I had a lot of fun and it was really exciting."

The two runs Carr gave up in the first inning shouldn't have scored though were earned runs. With two out in the inning Brian Kavanagh hit a routine ground ball to second baseman Maciah Thomas, but some miscommunication between Thomas and first baseman Chandler Redmond led to Thomas' throw to first being late.

Two singles and a wild pitch later and Long Island had a 2-0 lead.

"Jordan pitched a phenomenal game," Frederick coach Jack Redmond said. "He's a gamer. He didn't want to come out of the game. He's a better kid than he pitched today and he pitched so good today you just can't help, but wonder a good a kid he is."

The Hustlers quickly gained a reputation as a team that could swing the bats when they outscored their first day's opponents 41-7 and continued to hit throughout the tournament.

"I think we scored some where in the realm of 90 runs (in seven games)," Redmond said. "The kids just play hard. (Bryant) was throwing 87 miles per hour at the beginning of the game and it just took us a little while to get our bearings. I'm just so proud of these kids."

Frederick took the lead with three runs in the third and never looked back. Ben Warren got things started with a one-out double. Matt Kraeger followed by drawing a walk and Josh McClain singled to load the bases and set up an RBI-single by Thomas that scored Warren.

Kraeger scored and McClain went third and Thomas to second on the play when the throw from centerfield went all the way to the backstop. The third run came when McClain stole home.

Thomas went 2-for-4 with two runs, two RBIs and stole three bases. Kraeger had a triple, drew a walk and scored twice. Justin Keller went 1-for-2 with a sacrifice fly and had two RBIs and Redmond was 2-for-4 with two RBIs and won the MVP award.

Bryant went 2-for-2 with a walk and won tournament's batting title for Long Island. Andruw Gazzola and Matt Stepnoski both had two hits for the Storm.

Thomas won the Batting Champion award, getting a .480 average in 25 at bats.



NABF Sophomore World Series champion Frederick Hustlers.

PARTICIPANTS

Frederick Hustlers	6	1
Long Island Storm	6	1
Tornadoes	4	1
Action Physical Therapy	4	2
FCA Tigers	3	2
New Jersey Bandits	3	2
Long Island Vipers	3	3
Ohio Glaciers	2	2
Forest Cavaliers	2	3
The Hitmen	1	3
Fielder's Choice	1	3
Appomatox Raiders	1	3
Rustberg Red Devils	0	4
Brooklyn Cougars	0	4



Chandler Redmond,
Frederick Hustlers
Most Valuable Player



Maciah Thomas
Long Island Storm
Batting Champion

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

C	Mark Martinez	Long Island Vipers
C	Ben Warren	Frederick Hustles
1B	Ryan Capstick	Frederick Hustlers
2B	Daniel McEvoy	Long Island Storm
3B	Phil Socha	Action Physical Therapy
SS	Greg Popatak	Action Physical Therapy
P	Patrick Bryant	Long Island Storm
P	Jordan Carr	Frederick Hustlers
P	Connor Giacomo	Action Physical Therapy
P	Chris Hernandez	New Jersey Bandits
P	Anthony Papa	Long Island Viper
P	Isaiah Pasteur	Frederick Hustlers
OF	Courtney Goodwill	Forest Cavaliers
OF	Mark Krager	Frederick Hustlers
OF	Josh McClain	Frederick Hustlers
OF	Matt Stepnoski	Long Island Storm
OF	Maciah Thomas	Frederick Hustlers
OF	James Varella	Long Island Vipers
DH	Chandler Redmond	Frederick Hustlers
Util	Jordan Foster	Forest Cavaliers
Util	Matt Kraeger	**Frederick Hustlers**

Sophomore Division World Series Tournament Results

1974	Detroit MI West Seven vs Prince George's, MD, 6-3
1975	Oxon Hill, MD Boys Club vs Lanham, MD Boys Club, 2-0
1976	Detroit, MI West Seven vs Dayton, OH Moes Heating, 6-4
1977	Merrick, NY Bill Majors Boys Club vs Bowie, MD Boys Club, 2-1
1978	Farmington, MI Big Bills. vs Long Island, NY Glenhead A's, 7-4
1979	Miamisburg, OH Post 165 vs Baltimore, MD Standard Carpet, 6-0
1980	Bayshore, NY Amvets vs Miamisburg, OH Post 165, 6-1
1981	Plymouth, MI Craiger vs Riverview, MI Riverview, 10-4
1982	Baltimore, MD Edrico vs St. Louis, MO Johnny Mac, 7-6
1983	Pikesville, MD Angels vs Columbus, OH St. Charles Cards, 7-4
1984	Baltimore, MD Pikesville vs Dayton, OH Northridge, 6-4
1985	Brooklyn, NY Parkville vs Chicago, IL Warriors, 14-4
1986	Renton, WA A-1 Transfer vs Dayton, OH Huber Heights, 24-3
1987	Renton, WA A-1 Transfer, vs Miamisburg, OH Post 165, 10-5
1988	Brooklyn, NY Ty Cobb vs Warren, MI TS , 8-6
1989	Cincinnati, OH Nuckols vs Dearborn, MI Crestwood, 11-1
1990	Beaver Creek, OH Eldridge Const. vs Birmingham, MI, 5-4
1991	Miamisburg, OH vs Warren, MI TSI, 4-3
1992	Baltimore, MD Putty Hill vs Reisterstown, MD Reisterstown, 6-5
1993	Baltimore, MD Putty Hill vs Bloomfield, MI Bulls, 6-0
1994	Miamisburg, OH Post 165 vs Toledo, OH Toledo Trojans , 12-3
1995	Renton, WA vs Baltimore, MD Yankee Rebels, 10-2
1996	Norman, OK Oklahoma Sooners vs Miamisburg, OH , 13-8
1997	Norman, OK Oklahoma Sooners vs Baltimore, MD Orioles, 19-2
1998	Vancouver, BC, Canada N Thunder vs Franklin, TN Astros, 6-5
1999	West Chester, OH Sluggers vs Cincinnati Sweeney Mustangs, 9-2
2000	Marietta, GA East Cobb White Soxvs Indianapolis, Indiana Bulls, 16-6
2001	Farmington, MI Concealed Securities vs Kennewick, Washington Dirtdogs, 13-3
2002	New York, NY Giants vs Fredericks, MD Hustlers, 10-4
2003	Nashville, TN, Sabers vs Carmel, IN, Indiana Bulls, 7-4
2004	Nashville, TN Donelson Knights vs Baltimore, MD Maryland Orioles, 4-2
2005	Baltimore, MD Baltimore Buzz vs Joplin, MO Southwest Elite, 16-11
2006	Long Island, NY, Bayside Yankees vs Dayton, OH, Xtreme Yankees , 7-5
2007	Brooklyn, NY Glen Cove Cardinals vs Fort Wayne, IN Home Lending Solutions Gators, 16-6
2008	Co-Champs, NY Bonnie Youth Club and Cincinnati, OH Cincinnati Sharks
2009	2009 Cleveland, OH Up-to-Bat Titans vs Forest, VA Forest Cavaliers , 4-1
2010	2010 Lynchburg, VA Liberty Christian Academy vs Long Island, NY Long Island Titans , 4-1
2011	Frederick Hustlers, MD vs Long Island Storm, NY, 8-2

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World Classics

Mississippi Athletics defeat Prospects in Rookie title game

National Classic Championship Series

ROOKIE DIVISION
10 & Under Division National Classics Championship Series
Southaven, Mississippi
Snowden Grove Park

WINNER: Mississippi Athletics – Brandon, Mississippi

RUNNER-UP: Fultz Prospects – Covington, Tennessee

Final Game Score: Mississippi Athletics 6 vs. Fultz Prospects 0

By Chris Van Tuyl

Coach Larry Tompkins didn't quite know what kind of success his Mississippi Athletics would have before the start of the National Amateur Baseball Federation World Classic in Southaven, Mississippi.

While it's been said practice makes perfect, there was little wrong fundamentally with Tompkins' squad who captured the 10-year-old division championship July 7 with a 6-0 victory over the Fultz Prospects at Snowden Grove Park.

The Athletics put four runs up on the scoreboard in the bottom of the first inning and then turned to the mound domination of Zach Douglas the rest of the way.

"It's funny," said Tompkins, "because we were talking about it (the previous night). I asked him if he had a no-hitter in him, and he said, 'Yeah, of course I do.' I told him today, 'I'll take the one-hitter, that's fine.' "

Aside from Tyler Byrd's single to right in the top of the second inning, Douglas, an all-tournament selection, was on top of his game. He finished with seven strikeouts.

"He did an exceptional job," said Prospects' coach Brad Warmath. "There's nothing we could do with him."

Now, thanks to Douglas and an offense that averaged 10.5 runs in the tournament, the Athletics have qualified for the National Youth Baseball Championships, beginning August 26 at the First Tennessee Fields in Memphis, Tennessee.

The only World Classic bump in the road was an 8-0 loss to this same Fultz squad in pool play. In fact, the Prospects' hurler Cam Barlow no-hit the Athletics, who bounced back later that day to score nine runs against Red Raider Baseball.

Said Tompkins: "When they started taking a little bit different approach at the plate -- laying off curveballs and hitting fastballs -- things started turning around for them."





NABF Rookie Classics champion Mississippi Athletics

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Braden Forsyth	Mississippi Athletics
Dawson Flowers	Mississippi Athletics
Landon Tomkins	Mississippi Athletics
Kendall Williams	Mississippi Athletics
Dalton Freeman	Mississippi Athletics
Zach Douglas	Mississippi Athletics
Hunter Ray	Fultz Prospects
Gage Woods	Fultz Prospects
Brock Lomax	Fultz Prospects
Cam Barlow	Fultz Prospects
Cade Spratlin	Mississippi Buzz
Austin Kelly	Mississippi Buzz
Braxton Sudduth	Mississippi Buzz
Ben Fryer	Mississippi Buzz
Hence Hooper	Mississippi Buzz
Thomas Dewitt	Red Raiders Baseball
Parker Laffrey	Red Raiders Baseball
Nathan Baker	Red Raiders Baseball
Tommy Boyer	Red Raiders Baseball

Versus Barlow in the rematch, the Athletics were hitting the ball to all fields. The big first inning was fueled by Hunter Haley's RBI single to left, Dalton Freeman's run-scoring double to right and an RBI single up the middle from Peyton Letchworth. Freeman's 3-for-3 performance also included an RBI single in the fifth.

"The first inning set the tone for the game with (Douglas) being able to get his changeup over and kind of keeping them off balance," Tompkins said. "Then scoring four runs gave us that added confidence to play the rest of the game. I knew if we could give Zach some run support, we were going to be in pretty good shape, because I thought that he was throwing really, really well."

The Prospects stranded runners at third base in the second and fourth innings.

"That's a great baseball team. They played well," said Warmath. "I just wish we would've given them our best ballgame, but they deserved it because they were better than us today."

Moving forward, the Athletics have a Rickey Henderson-type player in the leadoff spot with Jerrion Ealy, who scored his club's fifth run of the contest in the fifth after beating out an infield single and stealing two bases.

"He can fly," said Tompkins. "You'll be watching him on a track or a football field someday."

Memphis Tigers win 11 & under Classic title

11 & Under Division National Classics Championship Series
Southaven, Mississippi

WINNER: Memphis Tigers – Memphis, Tennessee

RUNNER-UP: Team Collierville – Collierville, Tennessee

Final Game Score: Memphis Tigers 12 vs. Team Collierville 4

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Jarrett Fowlkes	Team Collierville
Brayden Green	Team Collierville
Ty Leatherwood	Team Collierville
Carson Rees	Team Collierville
Zach Bondurant	Tennessee Ravens
Carson Carroll	Tennessee Ravens
Luke Reidy	Tennessee Ravens
Heydan Dodson	Tennessee Ravens
John Dyer	Tennessee Knights
Brayden Osborne	Tennessee Knights
Dalton Earheart	Tennessee Knights
Cade Hoppe	Tennessee Knights
Tate Kolwyck	Memphis Tigers
Collin Truitt	Memphis Tigers
C.J. Washington	Memphis Tigers
Seth Graham	Memphis Tigers
Brennon McClain	Memphis Tigers

"We've got a great offense, " Bradley said. "It's awesome having that support."

Bandits Baseball takes 12U Classics Title

FRESHMAN DIVISION
12 & Under Division National Classics Championship Series
Southaven, Mississippi

WINNER: Bandits Baseball – Ringgold, Georgia

RUNNER-UP: Memphis Outlaws – Memphis, Tennessee

Final Game Score: Bandits Baseball 6 vs. Memphis Outlaws 0

By Chris Van Tuyl

In the business of pitching shutouts, Bandits Baseball coach Troy Roberson sent out Tucker Bradley July 8 for the National Amateur Baseball Federation World Classic 12-year-old division championship game.

Against the Memphis Outlaws, the hard-throwing southpaw didn't disappoint.

Bradley struck out 13 batters to accompany his two-hitter, as the Bandits topped the Outlaws, 6-0, at Snowden Grove Park in Southaven, Miss.

"He's unbelievable," Roberson said. "I think he's the best baseball player in the country. I don't know where to start with him; just his baseball instincts, his foot speed, his arm strength - he's got all the tools."

Of their seven tournament games, the Bandits' pitching staff combined to hold their opponents off the scoreboard five times, including all three championship-round contests. The last masterpiece was painted by Bradley, who struck out the side in the second and sixth innings.

"Adrenaline was the key," said Bradley. "I was not hitting my spots at the beginning, but I finally found my groove."

Bradley opened the game a pair of strikeouts, before Keagan Voss doubled, Tyler Gentry walked and Cameron Pleasant reached on catcher's interference to load the bases. Bradley escaped further trouble by coaxing Parker Jordan to ground out to second.

"We just didn't make it happen," Outlaws coach Chip Pleasant said.

Added Outlaws assistant coach John Leatherwood: "(Bradley) was on his game today. He was sharp."

Similar outings will go a long ways in helping the Bandits succeed at the upcoming National Youth Baseball Championships. They qualified with the victory and are set to represent the NABF at First Tennessee Fields in Memphis, starting Aug. 26.

"It's a big thrill, and that was our goal," said Roberson. "This will let the boys hopefully get on TV. That's what the boys wanted."

The Bandits are also hopeful of displaying their power. They hit four homers - all solo shots - versus the Outlaws. Chaney Rogers belted two of those, going back-to-back with Tyler Calvert in the bottom of the third inning. Kale Ledford got things started with his home run in the second. Rogers led off the fifth with his other homer.

"It never grows old," said Roberson, of his team's pop at the plate. "When these boys get pumped and they get fired up, they do amazing things."

The remainder of the scoring for the Bandits took place in the fourth, courtesy of Gavin Roberson and Cole Shelton, who contributed an RBI groundout and RBI single, respectively.

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Brandon McIlwain,	Lamorinda Nomads
Chris Moya	Lamorinda Nomads
Alexandro Lara	Lamorinda Nomads
Hunter Bigge	Lamorinda Nomads
Tucker Bradley	Bandits Baseball
Chaney Rogers	Bandits Baseball
Tyler Calvert	Bandits Baseball
Kale Ledford	Bandits Baseball
Will Hardigree	Bandits Baseball
Robert Worley	Memphis Outlaws
Haydon Leatherwood	Memphis Outlaws
D.J. Robinson	Memphis Outlaws
Parker Jordan	Memphis Outlaws

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World Classics

Chet Lemon Juice win 13 & under Classic title

13 & Under Division National Classics Championship Series
Southaven, Mississippi

WINNER: Chet Lemons Juice – Eustis, Florida

RUNNER-UP: Germantown Sox – Germantown, Tennessee

Final Game Score: Chet Lemons Juice 12 vs. Germantown Sox 1

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Chase Cheek	Chet Lemons Juice
Kirby McMullen	Chet Lemons Juice
Joey Carillas	Chet Lemons Juice
Jake Sullivan	Chet Lemons Juice
Andrew Baker	Chet Lemons Juice
J.B. Burkette	Chet Lemons Juice
Will Christian	Germantown Sox
Ayrton Schafer	Germantown Sox
Nikko Warmus	Germantown Sox
K.D. Forsythe	Germantown Sox
Tyler Warmath	M3 Baseball
Tevin Burdette	M3 Baseball
Nathan McLaughlin	M3 Baseball
Winston Cannon	M3 Baseball

Chet Lemons Juice wins 14 & under Classic title

14 & Under Division National Classics Championship Series
Southaven, Mississippi

WINNER: Chet Lemons Juice – Eustis, Florida

RUNNER-UP: Mississippi Royals – Southaven, Mississippi

Final Game Score: Chet Lemons Juice 12 vs. Mississippi Royals 10

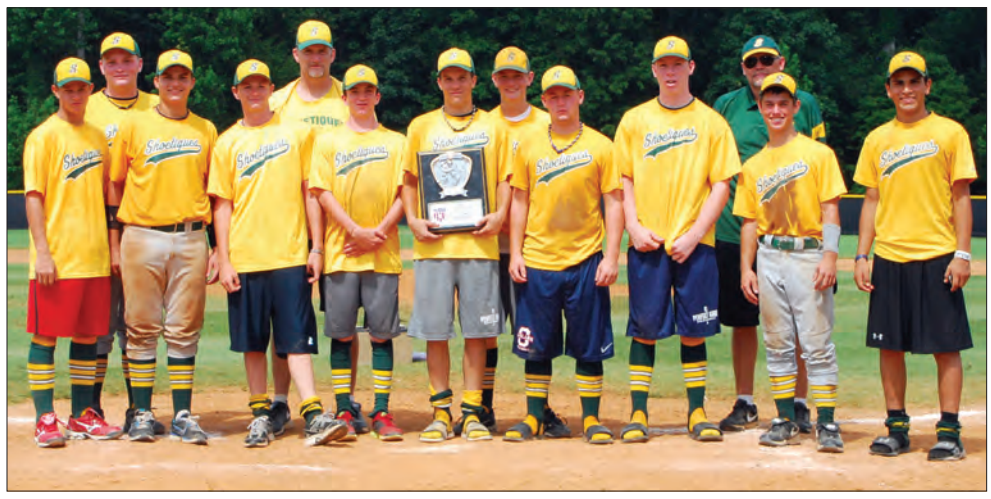
ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Brandon Warner	Arkansas Impact
Jason Fugitt	Arkansas Impact
Trey Breeding	Arkansas Impact
Jason Hastings	Arkansas Impact
Kyle Ferguson	Arkansas Impact
William Hancock	Arkansas Impact
Jack Jones	Tennessee Knockouts
Ryan Victory	Tennessee Knockouts
Casey Queener	Tennessee Knockouts
Sy Taylor	Tennessee Knockouts
Cade Kelly	Chet Lemons Juice
Jeremy Miglori	Chet Lemons Juice
Matt Coello	Chet Lemons Juice
Zack Watson	Chet Lemons Juice
Garrett Wright	Chet Lemons Juice

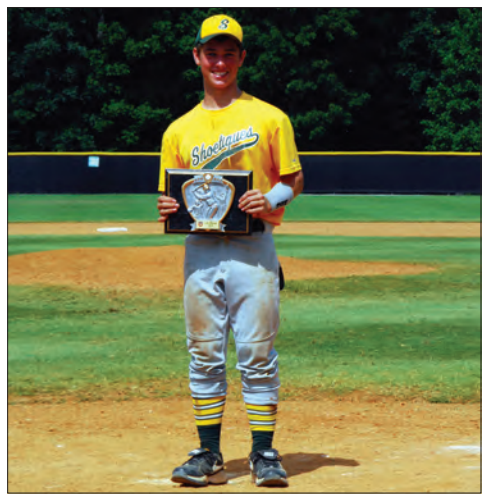
Approaching 100 years

TheNational Amateur Baseball Federation was established at an organizational meeting in Louisville, Ky. in 1914, and is the oldest continually operated national baseball organization in the country.

The NABF is a nonprofit organization run by a number of Officers and Directors from all parts of the United States. These volunteers help keep the organization running smoothly, as regional and national championship tournaments are held coast to coast.



NABF 15U Classics champion Shoetigues from Tennessee



Shoetigues MVP Ryan Kemp

Major Division World Series Tournament Results

1914 Cleveland Telling - Strollers vs Chicago Butler Bros., 3-2
1915 Cleveland White Autos vs Omaha, Nebraska N/A
1916 Cleveland Kiesch 12th Ward vs Louisville K of C, 5-3
1917 Johnstown Moose Club vs Detroit Miss Det. Cigars, 10-3
1918 Cleveland White Autos vs Detroit Miss Det. Cigars, 15-0
1919 Cleveland Favorite Knits vs Cincinnati Christ Church, 8-7
1920 Detroit Risdon Creamery vs Etna Spang Chalfonts (PA), 8-4
1921 Cleveland White Autos vs Detroit Risdon Creamery, 7-5
1922 Detroit Grennan Cakes vs Cincinnati Ehrmatrouts, 7-5
1923 Cleveland Bauer Meats vs Cincinnati Christ Church, 7-4
1924 Detroit Grennan Cakes vs Johnstown Roxbury Club, 5-3
1925 Cleveland Collingwood Shale Brick vs Scranton Petersburg Club, 9-5
1926 Cincinnati Comello's vs Detroit Checker Cab, 6-5
1927 Cincinnati Comello's vs Detroit Kennedy Clothes, 7-2
1928 Cincinnati New Era's vs Detroit Heintz Men's Wear, 6-5
1929 Cincinnati Pleasant Ridge vs Dayton Shroyers, 4-2
1930 Cincinnati Siebler Tailors vs Flint Sausage (MI), 3-0
1931 Cleveland Fisher Foods vs Cincinnati Comello's, 6-0
1932 Cleveland Fisher Foods vs Detroit Grand Trunk RR, 10-4
1933 Youngstown St. Stanislaus vs Pittsburgh Immaculate Heart, 6-5
1934 Cleveland Rosenblum's vs Birmingham Sloss By-Products, 12-3
1935 Petrolla Oils (PA) vs Springdale (PA), 16-4
1936 Cleveland Fisher Foods vs Dayton Delco Products, 11-3
1937 Weirton Steel (WV) vs Dayton Bobbles, 5-3
1938 Detroit Altes Lager vs Pittsburgh Wilkinsburg, 7-5
1939 Detroit Altes Lager vs Birmingham Jordan Park, 14-12
1940 Birmingham Acipco's vs Pittsburgh Crafton-Ingram,10-2
1941 Birmingham Acipco's vs Dearborn Scenic Garden, 6-2
1942 Detroit Auto Club vs NY City Hotel New Yorkers, 2-1
1943 Atlanta U.S. Ordnance vs Detroit Auto Club, 4-1
1944 Dayton Acme Pattern Tool Col vs Battle Creek Clark's Equipment, 2-0
1945 Akron Orphans vs Dayton Acme, 2-1
1946 Cleveland Rosenblum's vs Detroit Andrew Motors, 7-0
1947 Cleveland Bartunek Clothes vs Detroit Dossin's Pepsi, 6-2
1948 New York City Equitable Life vs Cleveland Bartunek Clothes, 4-2
1949 New York City Equitable Life vs Akron Orphans, 4-0
1950 New York City Equitable Life vs Youngstown McKelvey's, 3-0
1951 Birmingham Stockham Valves vs Dayton Frigidaires, 5-3
1952 Detroit Dossin's Pepsi vs Royal Oak (MI) Al Rogers, 4-1
1953 Youngstown McKelvey's Stores vs Birmingham Acipco's, 4-0
1954 Youngstown McKelvey's Stores vs Dearborn Fords, 9-1
1955 Youngstown McKelvey's Stores vs Cleveland Schroeders, 15-1
1956 Detroit Dossin's Pepsi vs Youngstown McKelvey's, 2-0
1957 Lorain National Tube (OH) vs Flint Pfeiffer's Beer,12-8
1958 Memphis Kittle Pontiac vs Dayton Bailey Realty, 5-2
1959 Cleveland Sepper Corp. vs Chicago Puerto Rican Congress, 10-1
1960 Detroit Pepsi-Cola Bottling vs Youngstown McKelvey's, 7-6
1961 Detroit Alytaus Club vs Cleveland Schroeders, 3-1
1962 Detroit John F. Ivory Co. vs Memphis Montesi Super Market, 10-4
1963 Detroit Pepsi-Cola Bottling vs Buffalo Simon Pures, 13-2
1964 Detroit John F. Ivory Co. vs Cincinnati Lakers, 11-10
1965 Detroit Coca-Cola vs Washington Moreland Plumbing, 9-3
1966 Detroit Stan Long Pontiac vs Dayton Parkmoor, 3-0
1967 Dayton Parkmoor vs Cincinnati Waits Realty, 5-0
1968 Dayton Blatz vs Detroit Alytaus Bar, 3-2
1969 Pittsburgh Lawrenceville Tigers vs Buffalo Cardinals, 6-4
1970 Buffalo Sloan Bruins vs Cincinnati Waits Realty, 7-3
1971 Dayton Cassis Packing vs Detroit Farmer Jacks Markets, 9-6
1972 Detroit ITM vs Dayton Dodgers, 8-4
1973 Detroit ITM vs Lakewood, OH Barry Buick, 7-4
1974 Buffalo Eldredge Club vs Louisville Police, 10-3
1975 Springfield, OH Reco Pabst vs Detroit ITM, 5-3
1976 Detroit ITM vs Troy, MI Jet Box, 3-0
1977 Louisville Star Drywall vs Detroit ITM, 3-0
1978 Springfield, OH Pabst Royals vs Louisville Star Drywall, 6-5
1979 Buffalo Voyageurs vs Forfeit, 9-0
1980 Louisville Star Drywall vs Salty Dogs (NY), 9-8
1981 Toledo VFW Post 5536 vs Buffalo Voyageurs,10-4
1982 Birmingham Budweiser vs Chicago Hornets, 8-4
1983 Springfield, OH Post Printing vs Chicago Hornets, 17-11
1984 Youngstown Trolio's vs Detroit ITM, 18-9
1985 Cincinnati Reading Taxi vs Louisville Star Drywall, 4-1
1986 Youngstown Miller Brewing vs Cleveland Shade Decorating, 10-3
1987 Cincinnati Reading Taxi vs Louisville Star Drywall, 8-5
1988 Dayton Jolt Cola vs Chicago Clout, 14-5
1989 Cincinnati Reading Taxi vs Troy MI, Jet Box, 4-3
1990 Cincinnati Reading Taxi vs Dayton, 6-1
1991 Derby City Star Drywall vs Eau Claire Cavaliers (WI), 5-4
1992 Cincinnati Coors vs Byron A.C. (CT), 7-0
1993 Long Island Brewers vs Byron A.C. (CT), 14-6
1994 Canton, OH Suarez Corp. vs Midland Scouts (Cincinnati), 10-4
1995 Pelham, NY Mets vs Louisville Star Drywall, 9-5
1996 Stratford, CT Stratford Ale House vs Louisville Star Drywall,12-1
1997 Troy, MI Jet Box vs Fairfield, CT Sounders, 8-3
1998 Youngstown, Ohio Tamburro's A.C. vs Chicago, Illinois Clout, 10-9
1999 Long Island, NY Storm vs Buffalo, NY West Herr, 20-5
2000 Louisville Star Drywall vs Chicago, Illinois Clout, 9-5
2001 Chicago, Illinois Clout vs Federal, Virginia Lock and Safe, 7-1
2002 Springfield, Ohio Giants vs Evansville, Indiana Outlaws, 8-7
2003 New Haven, CT, Peschell's Bakery vs Ft. Wayne, IN, Crumback-Symons, 12-9
2004 Brunswick, MD Brunswick Orioles vs Ft. Wayne, IN La Margarita Blues, 5-1
2005 Buffalo, NY Orchard Park Sox vs New Haven, CT Peschell's Bakery, 5-0
2006 Cleveland, OH, Cleveland Mosquitoes vs Detroit, MI, Detroit Jet Box, 8-3
2007 Detroit, MI Jet Box Baseball Team vs Pittsburgh, PA St. Johns-Lambros, 5-1
2008 Tampa, FL, Tampa Elite vs Louisville, KY, Louisville Riverrats, 3-1
2009 Troy, MI Jet Box vs Beecher, IL Beecher Muskies, 5-4
2010 Beecher, IL Beecher Muskies vs West Haven, CT A-Plus Plumbing, 8-4
2011 Buffalo West Herr (NY) vs. Pittsburgh River Bandits (PA), 7-4, 12. innings

Shoetigues take the 15 & under Classic title

Greater Nashville, Tennessee National Classic Championship Series
15 & Under Division National Classic Championship Series

WINNER: Shoetiques, TN

RUNNER-UP: Lakota Lightning, OH

Final Game Score: Shoetiques 8 vs. Lakota Lightning 0

MVP: Ryan Kemp (Shoetiques)

Co-Batting Champions: Marty Robbins (Lakota Lightning)
Alec Ward (Shoetiques)

Dix Hills Dodgers win College Classic title

Bowie, Maryland National Classics Championship Series
22 & Under Division National Classics Championship Series
Bowie, Maryland

WINNER: Dix Hill Dodgers, Dix Hills, NY

RUNNER-UP: EVCC Sound, Brooklyn, NY

Final Game Score: Dix Hill Dodgers 6 vs. EVCC Sound 1

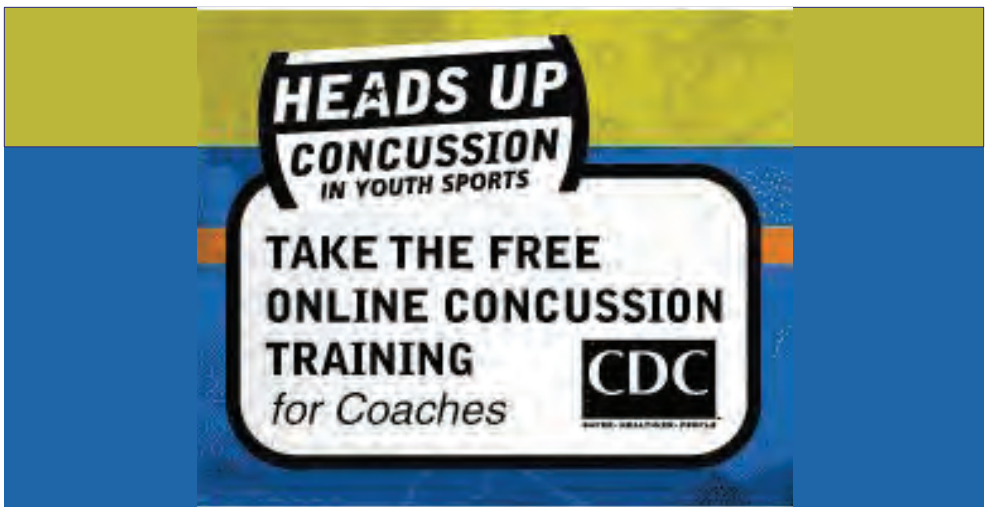
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To all affiliated leagues, teams, coaches and players congratulations on another excellent season. Your efforts this season are very much appreciated. Without a doubt each and everyone of us has been tested this season. The combination of tough economic times and weather made this season one of the most difficult in recent memory. The Officers and Board of Directors of the NABF commend you for all you do to continue to advance this great game of baseball.

Also I believe it is most appropriate to give a hardy salute to Charlie Blackburn for another tremendous effort this season. Without Charlie›s commitment and dedication, the NABF would not be the organization that we are so proud to be affiliated with year after year.

Once again job well done in 2011 and I am confident, with your support, that 2012 will be another successful season.

Greg Reddington
President, NABF



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Letter

Dear Charles Blackburn:

I had been coaching baseball from the time I was in the US Military in Germany, primarily for dependent children of military personnel, mostly in the Pony League division. Discharged in 1965, I moved to the Spring Hill / City View section of Pittsburgh, hence the name Springview) and while I had no children of baseball age at the time, I decided to devote some of my spare time coaching in the Little League and Pony League. As I was a baseball fundamentalist, I was more interested in teaching than winning. My thoughts were and still area one of teaching, believing that winning will follow once the players adapt to the instruction rather than mimicking professionals. In 1967, was transferred to Michigan, first Detroit, then Saginaw, where I mainly coached Little League. Moving back to the Spring Hill in 1972 where I was self employed and mainly managed Pony & Colt League teams until 1978. I continued to be involved in some manner of the Springview Athletic Association, generally as an officer and coach until I sold my business. After that, employment commitments, basically travelling, first nationally, then internationally kept me too busy to remain involved. My children continued in the organization through the Colt League.

About coaches and members of the team at that time, two coaches are deceased and the third is a retired Pittsburgh Policeman. The players that continued on through college sports were Bill Poletti and John Dugan, both receiving scholorships at their respective schools. Unfortunately, Bill Poletti and three of the other members of the team are already deceased through avariety of illnesses, all natural, albeit early in their lives. None were through illegal drugs. Two of the other members are self employed in their own businesses and others, as this was mostly a blue coller area, moved on in life. One, Jack Schanbacher continued in coaching and became President of the Springview AA. Jim Messmer, the most likely to succeed in professional sports was drafted by th Chicago Cubs, played a couple of years in the minor leagues (Rochester, NY, I believe) then gave up. Jim had the ability, but not necessarily the maturity. After that, he played softball for a traveling team.

One member of the Perry Atoms Team that lost in the finals became and stil is a High School Baseball Team manager, first with Pittsburgh North Catholic, the North Allegheny where I believe while he was there, his team won 1 or 2 State AAAA High School Championships.

Now, I'm retired, living in Florida, and still follow the Pittsburgh Teams and players with whom I maintain contact.

Take Care,

Bill Sukitch
Clermont, Florida

In Memoriam

Thomas J. Bertino

Joliet Boys Baseball
NABF President 1975-1976
NABF Man of the Year 1983
Ronald E. McMinn Award of Merit 1997



It is with great sadness that we announce the loss of Thomas J. Bertino, past president.

Tom passed away peacefully at The Joliet Community Hospice Home on April 22, 2011.

Beloved husband of 61 years to Beverly (nee Elenwood). Beloved father of Daniel T. (Luann), David G. (Brenda) and Vicki (Tom) Lennon. Proud Grandfather of six. Great Grandfather of four. Brother to Raymond (Dolores), Lawrence (Ruth) Bertino, Maryann (James) Crater. Brother in law to Ardis (Ernie) Bankroff. Uncle and friend to numerous nephews, nieces and cousins. Preceded in death by his parents Peter & Octavia (Vernezzi) Bertino, three brothers and two sisters.

Tom was involved in local area boy's baseball programs, serving as President of Joliet Boys Baseball, St Joe's Baseball Association, the Will County Old Timers Baseball Association and as President of the National Amateur Baseball Federation, Inc, 1975-1976.

As past President of the NABF he joined 49 other past presidents of NABF enshrined in the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York for their many years of dedication to amateur baseball, since 1914.

In addition to serving over forty years on the NABF Board, Tom was often called upon to assist in the administration requirements of our National Championship Tournaments.

In his spare time Tom enjoyed bowling, golf and traveling with family and friends.

God Bless Tom Bertino, his family and friends of baseball.

Forrest D. Cahoe

Derby City Baseball
2004 NABF Man of the Year



It is with great sadness that we announce the loss of our good friend and National Amateur Baseball Federation member, Forrest D. Cahoe.

Forrest, who was 89 years old, passed away on the seventeenth day of March 2011, at the Robley Rex Veterans Medical Center.

Forrest was recognized by the National Amateur Baseball Federation in 2004 as the recipient of the "Man of the Year" Award. He worked tirelessly yearafter year with the Major Division World Series Tournament Committee. His many contributions to amateur baseball in the Louisville, Kentucky area are well known by all who have taken part in the NABF National Championship Series and the Derby City Baseball League for 40 plus years. We will always remember Forrest Cahoe for his smile and special greeting to all who took part in baseball games at the Derby City Field.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Frances Eleanor Cahoe, and grandson; Michael Shane Neal.

Forrest was one of 11 children born to Francis Bernard and Mary Gertrude Nally Cahoe. He was a World War II veteran of the US Army, and a retired baker with the old Tasty Bakery. He was a longtime member of Holy Family Church.

He is survived by his two children, Samuel G. (Carol) Cahoe and Martha Dale (Mike) Neal; three grandchildren, Christina Cook, Shannon Goldsmith and Chad Cahoe; and his five greatgrandchildren, Austen Neal, Bradlie Neal, Shayna Neal, Sierra Goldsmith and Kenny Goldsmith.

Memorial Expressions may be made in Mr. Cahoe's name to the Veterans Hospital, or Derby City Baseball, P.O. Box 333202, Louisville, KY 40232.

Cyril L. Allgeier, Sr.

Derby City Baseball Inc.

The memory of Cyril Allgeier will live on in the hearts and minds of league officials, teams and sandlot players throughout the National Amateur Baseball Federation.

Cyril Allgeier, President and Founder of Derby City Baseball of Louisville, Kentucky, passed away at his home on October 21, 2010 following a long illness. Cyril, 74 years of age, had been battling complications of leukemia.

Cyril served as an Alderman in the 4th Ward, Louisville, Kentucky from 1981 through 2002. He was then elected a member of the Louisville Metro Council from the 10th District, following the merger of City and County government in 2003.

Mayor Jerry Abramson said of Cyril, "Time and time again, he earned the respect and trust of his constituents."

Cyril Allgeier had been a member of the National Amateur Baseball Federation (NABF) for over forty five years, when he coached four national championship teams. In 1997, he was named NABF Man of the year and in 2000 received the coveted Ronald E. McMinn Award of Merit for his many contributions to amateur baseball and youth sports.

Cyril and Mary, his wife, shared a love of baseball. They devoted many hours and resources to amateur baseball in Louisville, including the development and improvements needed for Derby City Field, home of the NABF Major Division Championship Series.

Cyril is survived by his wife, Mary; five sons and one daughter; grandchildren and great grandchildren.

His funeral Mass was celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday, October 25, 2010 at Holy Family Catholic Church, 3926 Poplar Level Road, with burial in St. Michael Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Holy Family Church or School or the charity of your choice.

On the web at www.nabf.com

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, bequethed 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.

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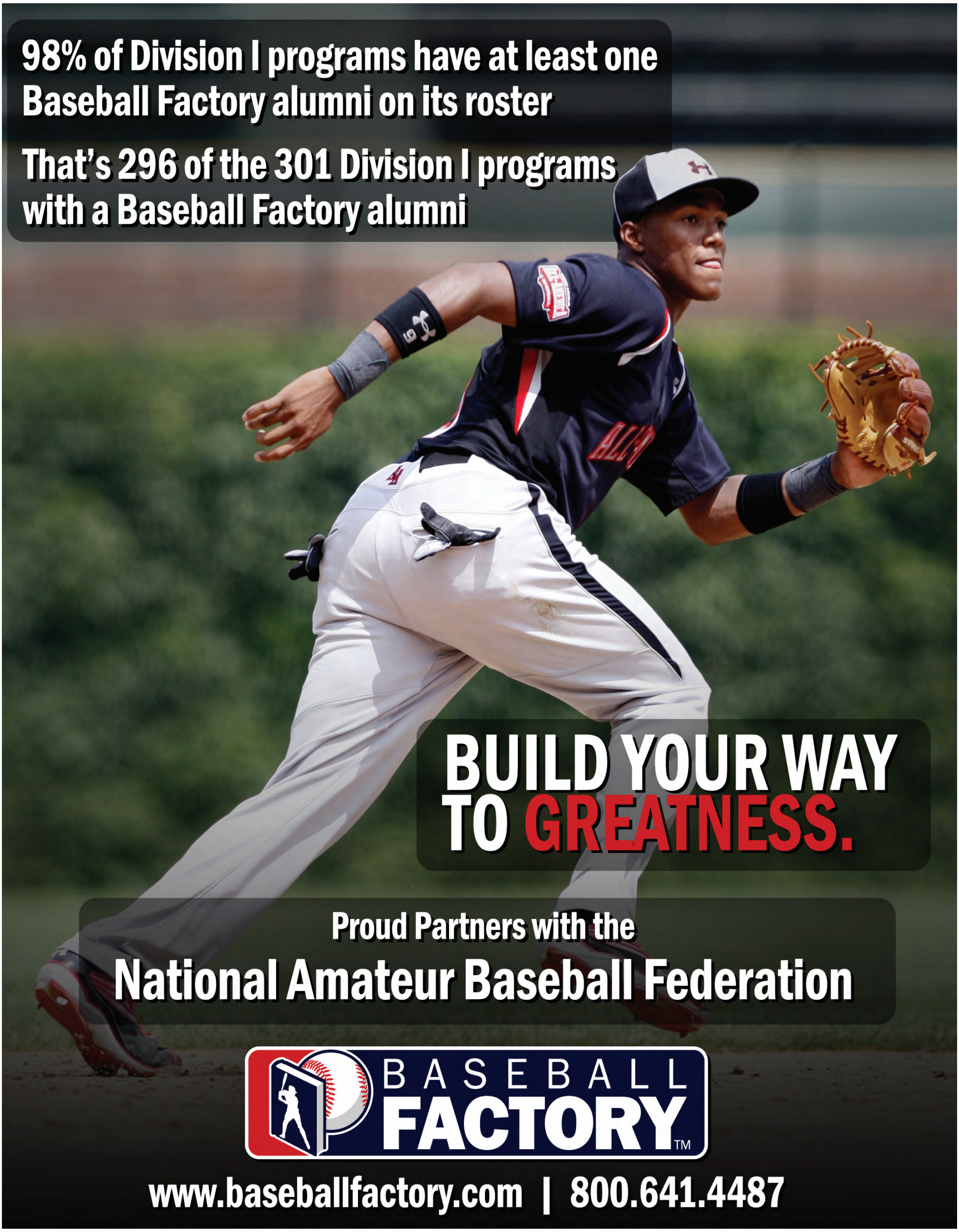
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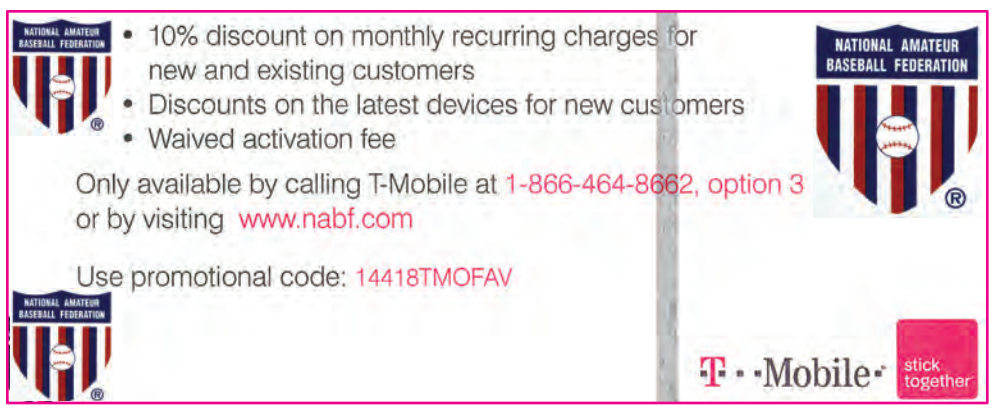
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Items required with application:

1. **A copy of the letter of acceptance from or 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 evalute 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. **No application will be considered if the above items are not included with the application.**
6. **Applications must be received by September 1st.**
7. **Successful applicants, scholarship award winners, must submit, a proof of enrollment by December 1st before the scholarship check may be issued.**
8. **Please mail fully completed application with the required items to Bruce Edwards, 4638 Shale Lane, Toledo, Ohio 43615.**


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Johnny Damon

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organization, including his now infamous statement in May, 2005, where he claimed, "There's no way I can go play for the Yankees, but I know they're going to come after me hard. It's definitely not the most important thing to go out there for the top dollar, which the Yankees are going to offer me. It's not what I need."

As the Yankees have a strict dress code for players forbidding both long hair and facial hair beyond neat mustaches, Damon had his shoulder-length "cave man" hair cut and beard shaved on December 22. Damon, who had a clean-cut appearance until his third season with the Red Sox, had been planning on cutting his hair and shaving his beard off even if he didn't sign with the Yankees, but waited until after he signed with them in order to prevent speculation

Damon with the Yankees.In a pivotal 5-game series between the Yankees and Red Sox at Fenway Park, Damon went 3-for-6 in each of the first three games, including a doubleheader on Friday August 18, and a game on Saturday August 19. Damon hit two home runs, drove in eight runs, and scored eight runs in the first three games as the Yankees won by a combined score of 39-20 and dealt a severe blow to the Red Sox 2006 play-off aspirations.

In 2006 Damon finished 3rd in runs (115) and 9th in stolen bases (25) in the AL, while hitting 24 home runs, his career high. He also tied his mark of 35 doubles from the previous two seasons.[10] He was only one of 4 players in the major leagues to hit at least 24 home runs and steal at least 24 bases.

On December 13, 2007, ESPN wrongly accused Damon of being in the Mitchell Report. They had reported hours before the report was released that his name was in the document. When it came out, his name was nowhere to be found.

On June 7, 2008, Damon went 6 for 6 in the Yankees 12-11 win over the Kansas City Royals, including a walk-off ground-rule double, which had bounced over the wall. He is the first Yankee to have six hits in a 9 inning game since Myril Hoag accomplished the feat in 1934. Damon said in a post-game on-field interview that this was his first walk-off as a Yankee.

On July 6, 2008 the Yankees placed Damon on the 15-day disabled list for the first time in his Major League career with a bruised AC joint in his left shoulder. The injury occurred a day earlier when Damon collided with the outfield wall in an attempt to catch a triple. At that time, Damon was one of only three active major league ballplayers who had played at least 10 years in the majors without going on the disabled list. He returned to active duty, and hit 27 doubles for the season.[10] Damon hit 53 home runs in his three complete seasons with the Yankees.

On July 27, 2009, Damon hit his 200th career home run against the Tampa Bay Rays' Brian Shouse. For the 2009 season, he batted .282, and led AL left fielders in errors (with 5), while he was 4th in the league in runs scored (107).

Damon, after winning his second World Series, entered free agency after the 2009 season despite expressing his desire to return to the Yankees.[18] He insisted that the Yankees not even make him an offer, however, unless they pay him at least the $13 million he earned for the past four years.[18] As a result of his contract demands, the Yankees signed 1B/DH Nick Johnson to a one-year/5.5MM deal, despite Damon lowering his salary demands at the last minute.[19] The Yankees then signed outfielder Randy Winn to a one-year/2MM deal which officially closed the door on Damon's return to the Bronx.

On February 22, 2010, Damon agreed to a one-year, $8 million deal with the Detroit Tigers.

On April 14, 2010, Damon recorded his 1,000th career RBI against the Kansas City Royals. On May 1, he hit a walk-off home run against Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim pitcher Scot Shields at Comerica Park to win the game 3–2. On July 6, Damon recorded his 2,500th career hit off Jake Arrieta of the Baltimore Orioles, and hit a walk-off home run off David Hernandez, giving the Tigers a 7–5 win. For the season, he batted .271.

Damon became a free agent at the end of the season.

On January 21, 2011, Damon agreed to a one-year, $5.25 million deal with the Tampa Bay Rays. The Rays also signed his former Boston Red Sox teammate Manny Ramirez in a package deal suggested by agent Scott Boras.[21][22]

Manager Joe Maddon said he expected the 37-year-old Damon to often be replaced by Sam Fuld during the season late in games that the Rays are leading.[23] After Ramirez's abrupt retirement, this would be moot as Damon primarily would play as the designated hitter.

On April 16, 2011, Damon had the game-winning hit for the fifth consecutive game for the Rays, two of which were walkoff hits. On June 29, 2011 Damon tied Ted Williams for 71st on the all-time hit list with 2,654 hits. The hit came at Tropicana Field in the bottom of the 6th inning. On July 2, 2011, Damon went 4-for-4 and his first inning single moved him past Ted Williams on the all-time hit list.

Johnny Damon biography taken from the 1991 National Amateur Baseball Federation Tournament Newspaper, Johnny-Damon.com, and Wikipedia.com.

Johnson Tops in NYCBL posted by Baseball America

Mike Johnson, who pitched in the NABF College World Series with the champion Utica Brewers, was the No. 1 prospect with the New York Collegiate Baseball League.

Johnson was picked in the 46th round by the Angels after his first year with Hillsborough (Fla.) CC and spent the summer improving his stock. Johnson signed a deadline deal with the Angels the biggest bonus doled out in the final seven rounds of the draft. With Utica, Johnson struck out 55 batters in 52 innings while going 9-1, 2.21. He sits in the low 90s and touched 95 mph this summer. He developed a cutter during the summer, which one manager called a devastating pitch. Johnson also mixes in an overhand curveball and changeup. At 6-foot-2, 175 pounds, Johnson still has room to get stronger as he begins his professional career.

Mike Johnson made his professional debut, throwing a scoreless 7th inning on August 23, just two weeks after playing in the NABF College World Series.

Johnson threw a scoreless 7th inning for the Orem Owlz of the Pioneer League farm team of the Anaheim Angels. The Owlz at the time owned the best home record in the Pioneer League with a 22-6 mark.

This Day in Buffalo Sports History: Folding Up the Tent

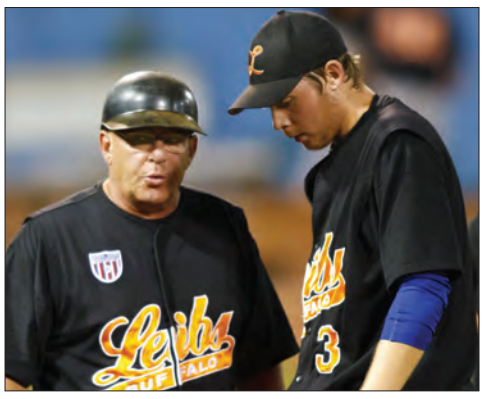
September 17, 1885 — The youngsters reading this — and by that, we're referring to everyone under 130 years old — might not remember that Buffalo used to be a major league city. The ending to those glory days is a great story with an unhappy ending.

The Buffalo Bisons had been in the National League since 1879 when they started the 1885 season. They had never finished higher than third, but the Bisons fell on hard times in that season. They went stumbling along near the bottom of the standings as the campaign came to its conclusion.

In September, Detroit called to ask if it could purchase four players as reinforcements for the stretch drive. The Wolverines were told by Josiah Jewett, president of the Bisons, that they couldn't have them — they had to buy the entire roster. So that's what the Detroit franchise did, paying $7,000 for the team.

The Bisons finished the season about four weeks later. The roster was filled with amateur and local players. Buffalo lost every game but one the rest of the way; the Herd did record one tie in that span and finished 38-74 — somehow avoiding last place in the process. The fans showed their enthusiasm by staying away; one game took in all of $3 in gate receipts.

The National League left after the season, never to return. Buffalo has been on the outside looking in ever since.



Manager Ron Lieb with a pitcher from the Buffalo Lieb's at the NABF College World Series. The Lieb's have played games at the current Bison's IL park.

From the Executive Director,



On behalf of all our National Amateur Baseball Federation membership, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Sponsors and Hosts of our World Series, Regional and National Classics Tournament Events for making our 2011 program another big success this season.

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