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Pedro Alvarez Grad of the Year

Pittsburgh Pirates all-star Pedro Alvarez began catching the attention of scouts while a youth playing for the NABF champion Bayside Yankees in New York City.

Alvarez played for the Bayside Yankees for three years (2003-05), where he helped the Yankees win the 2005 NABF 18U Senior World Championship in Jackson, Mississippi in 2005. He was Bayside's cleanup hitter and third baseman.

"He was a leader, on and off the field," said Bayside Yankees President and Senior Head Coach Marc Cuseta.

Alvarez was a 2005 graduate of Horace Mann High School in Riverdale, NY. He also was a three-time All American at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee and played for Team USA in 2006 and 2007.

"Pedro was one of the top three or four hitters to ever wear a Bayside Yankees uniform and that includes the 63 BY alums who have reached the Major Leagues in the program's illustrious 35-year history," said Cuseta.

"But more importantly, he is perfect gentleman, a loving husband (to his wife Kelli) and soon (in October) will be an adoring father. He is the epitome of what the Bayside Yankees represent, both on and off the baseball field," Cuseta continued.

Today, Pedro Manuel Alvarez Jr. (born
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NABF grad Pedro Alvarez. (Photo courtesy of Dave Arrigo/Pittsburgh Pirates)



St. Louis Dodgers win second title in three years

At Mercy Field in Toledo, the St. Louis Dodgers celebrate winning their second National Amateur Baseball Federation College Division World Series championship in three years with a team dousing of Gatorade. See story on page 7. (Photo by Scott Grau)

101st Annual Meeting

New century starts in Baltimore

The 101st Annual Meeting of the National Amateur Baseball Federation will be held Friday, November 6th and Saturday, November 7th at the Doubletree by Hilton Baltimore-BWI Airport.

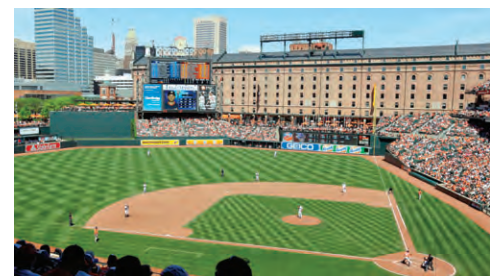
The Doubletree is located adjacent to BWI-Thurgood Marshall Airport and less than 3 miles from the BWI Amtrak station, and they offer a 24-hour complimentary shuttle to both places.

It is also conveniently close to area attractions including downtown Baltimore (Inner Harbor shops and dining; M&T Bank Ravens Stadium; Oriole Park at Camden Yards; Horseshoe Casino), historic downtown Annapolis (shopping; dining; U.S. Naval Academy), and Arundel Mills Mall (shopping; dining; Maryland Live Casino).

The Directors' meeting will be held the morning of Friday, November 6th. A dinner for the Officers and Directors will be hosted by the Maryland State Baseball Association on Friday evening.

The meeting for all NABF franchise member Delegates will be held the morning of Saturday, November 7th, followed by a luncheon and awards presentation in the afternoon at approximately 1 p.m. Trips to downtown Baltimore are planned for the afternoons of Thursday, November 5th and Friday, November 6th.

Camden Yards, home to the Baltimore Orioles, is the first of the "retro" major league ballparks constructed during the 1990s and early 2000s, and remains one of the most highly praised. It was completed in 1992 to replace Memorial Stadium. The park is situated in downtown Baltimore, a few blocks west of the Inner Harbor in the



Orioles Park at Camden Yards in downtown Baltimore. (courtesy mlb.com)

Camden Yards Sports Complex.

A special rate of \$109 per night, including a breakfast buffet for one person per room, per day has been reserved for the NABF. (Other fees may apply for additional people you wish to bring with you.) Please call 1-800-232-TREE (8733) or 410-859-8400, or visit www.doubletree.com and enter dates of stay. After you enter the dates, you have an option to enter a group/convention code. Our code for special rates for NABF members is NABF.

NABF Graduates of the Year

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| 1968 Bill Freehan (Detroit Tigers) | 1990 Barry Larkin (Cincinnati Reds) |
| 1969 Pete Rose (Cincinnati Reds) | 1991 Steve Farr (New York Yankees) |
| 1970 Bernie Carbo (Cincinnati Reds) | 1992 Marquies Grissom (Montreal Expos) |
| 1971 Ted Simmons (St. Louis Cardinals) | 1993 Paul O'Neil (New York Yankees) |
| 1972 John Mayberry (Kansas City Royals) | 1994 No selection (MLB Players Strike) |
| 1973 Sal Bando (Oakland Athletics) | 1995 Charles Nagy (Cleveland Indians) |
| 1974 Jim Wynn (Los Angeles Dodgers) | 1996 Brian Jordan (St. Louis Cardinals) |
| 1975 Frank Tanana (California Angels) | 1997 Jeff Reed (Colorado Rockies) |
| 1976 Rick Manning (Cleveland Indians) | 1998 Scott Rolen (Philadelphia Phillies) |
| 1977 Kenton Tekulve (Pittsburgh Pirates) | 1999 Paul Byrd (Philadelphia Phillies) |
| 1978 Lary Sorenson (Milwaukee Brewers) | 2000 Pat Burrell (Philadelphia Phillies) |
| 1979 Willie Horton (Seattle Mariners) | 2001 Billy Koch (Toronto Blue Jays) |
| 1980 Britt Burns (Chicago White Sox) | 2002 Roy Oswalt (Houston Astros) |
| 1981 Tom Paciorek (Seattle Mariners) | 2003 B.J. Surhoff (Baltimore Orioles) |
| 1982 Leon Durham (Chicago Cubs) | 2004 Brian Roberts (Baltimore Orioles) |
| 1983 Robert Bonnell (Toronto Blue Jays) | 2005 Mark Tiexiera (Texas Rangers) |
| 1984 Jack Perconte (Seattle Mariners) | 2006 J.J. Putz (Seattle Mariners) |
| 1985 John Franco (Cincinnati Reds) | 2007 Jake Peavy (San Diego Padres) |
| 1986 Jesse Barfield (Toronto Blue Jays) | 2008 Gavin Floyd (Chicago White Sox) |
| 1987 Brian Fletcher (Texas Rangers) | 2009 Zack Grienke (Kansas City Royals) |
| 1988 Allen L. Anderson (Minnesota Twins) | 2010 David Price (Tampa Bay Rays) |
| 1989 Dave Dravecky (San Francisco Giants) | 2011 Johnny Damon (Tampa Bay Rays) |
| | 2012 David Freese (St. Louis Cardinals) |
| | 2013 Michael Lance Lynn (St. Louis Cardinals) |
| | 2014 Sonny Gray (Oakland Athletics) |
| | 2015 Pedro Alvarez (Pittsburgh Pirates) |



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At left, Wildwood (St. Louis) Dodger fans celebrate a College Division World Series championship, the Dodger's second in three years. (Photo by Scott Grau)

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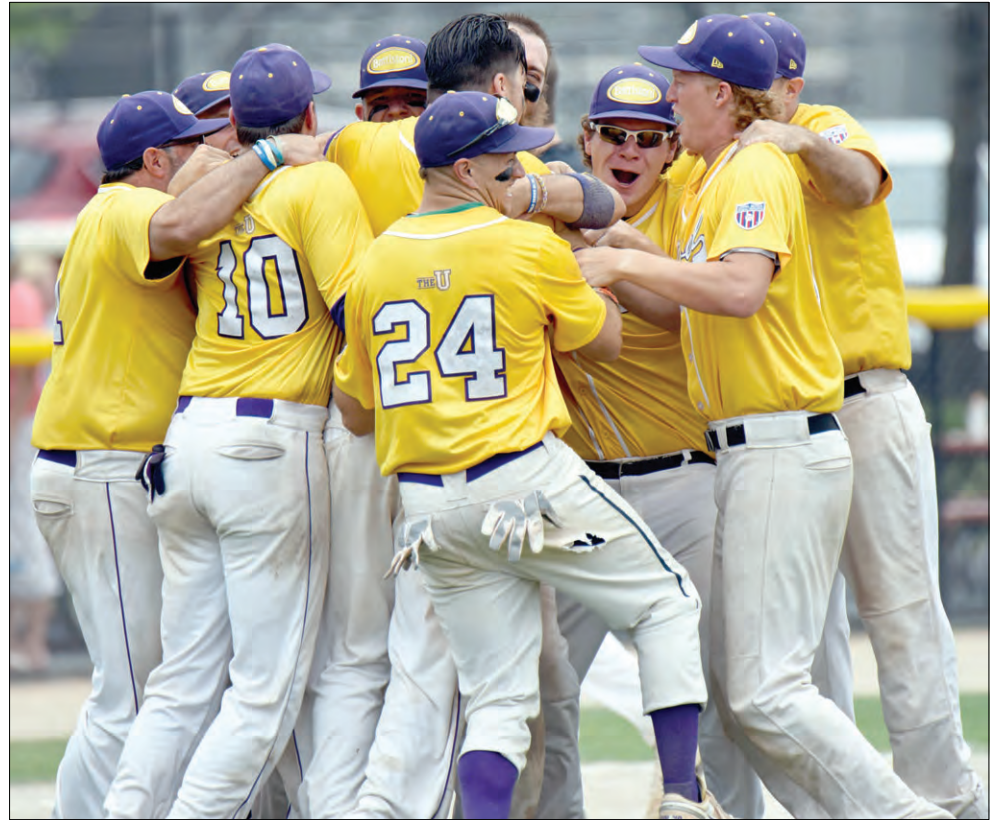
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Buffalo Battistoni Diesel champions in Battle Creek

A Buffalo Battistoni Diesel infielder makes an over the shoulder catch in his team's 7-3 Major Division World Series championship victory over the Lombard Orioles in Battle Creek. Above right, the Diesel celebrate their championship. In a slugfest, the Diesel pounded 16 hits in the championship, and the two teams combined for 27 hits. See story on page 6. (Photos by Art Frith)

Youth Baseball Network Plans Underway

Boston, MA – There's no rest for those who want to be successful.

With the inaugural Youth Baseball Network (YBN) National Championship completed less than a month ago in Branson, Missouri, YBN has started planning for next year's championship.

The YBN National Championship is a unique and prestigious tournament. It's an invitational youth baseball tournament of champions' consisting of several major youth baseball organization's 12U national champions.

In 2015, champions from American Amateur Baseball Congress (AABC), Amateur Athletic Union (AAU), Continental Amateur Baseball Association (CABA), Dizzy Dean Baseball, and National Amateur Baseball Federation (NABF) competed for the coveted national championship, along with a host Branson-area all-star team.

Youth Baseball Network Founder and CEO, Gil Vieira, said that the inaugural event was a major success and that Branson was well received by those in attendance.

"We were very pleased with our first YBN National Championship," said Vieira. "The feedback from organization leaders, coaches, players and families was extremely positive. They all enjoyed and respected the caliber of the competition."

Vieira said he was also happy to learn that participants enjoyed the city of Branson.

"Many coaches and parents said the kids had the time of their lives in Branson," said Vieira.

With the success in Branson, Vieira stated that he hopes it will become a long-standing tradition for the YBN Championship.

"Branson is the ideal city for youth sports," continued Vieira. "Between the family atmosphere, multiple entertainment venues for both children and adults, plus the added beauty of the Ozark Mountains, we hope to call Branson our home for many years to come."

However, while Vieira is very happy with the inaugural year, he knows there are improvements to be made.

"We've begun planning numerous changes and improvements," Vieira confirmed. "The first order of business is determining the location of the Championship in 2016."

Current plans are to play the championship at the new Ballparks of America complex in Branson, which is scheduled to open spring 2016. However, backup plans are being discussed should it not be ready.

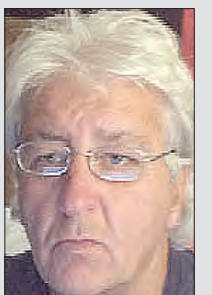
In addition to finalizing the host complex, YBN hopes to increase the championship to eight teams in 2016. Vieira could not confirm the organizations he'd like to add, though he plans to identify the participants in the coming months.

"Our plans have always been to be an eight-organization championship," added Vieira. "Like any annual project, getting year one under our belt was important, and I'll be forever grateful to the organizations and sponsors who made the commitment to participate in 2015. We accomplished most of our first year objectives and now move forward. There are many exciting plans in development."

Vieira wouldn't share specifics about the YBN plans or vision, but he did say that year one was only the beginning of some very special plans for the entire Youth Baseball Industry.

**Youth network's
 Gil Vieira to speak
 at NABF meeting**

Gil Vieira has worked diligently over the past two years to bring about the successful 2015 Youth Baseball Network National Championship Series, held in Branson, Missouri.



Gil Vieira

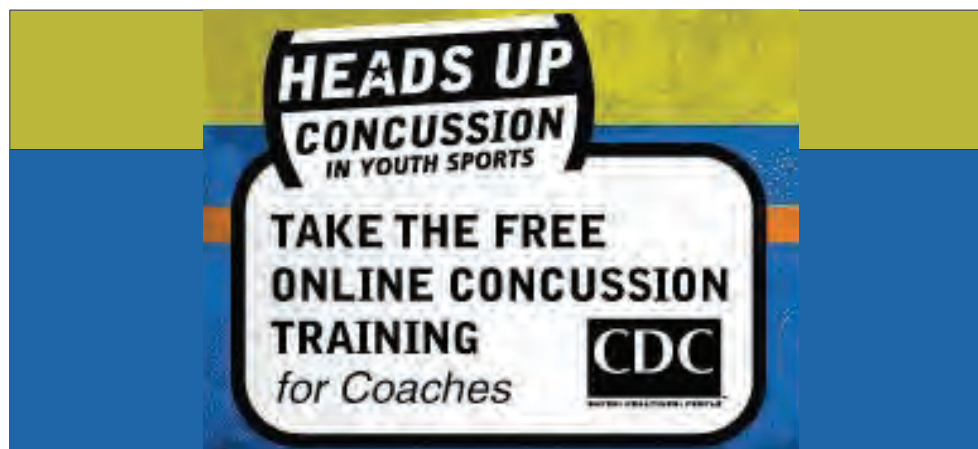
Vieira will be a speaker at the 101st NABF national meeting Friday, November 6th and Saturday, November 7th at the Doubletree by Hilton Baltimore-BWI Airport.

At the YBN National Championship Series, champions from American Amateur Baseball Congress (AABC), Amateur Athletic Union (AAU), Continental Amateur Baseball Association (CABA), Dizzy Dean Baseball, and National Amateur Baseball Federation (NABF), along with a host Branson area all-star team, all participated in this round-robin tournament.

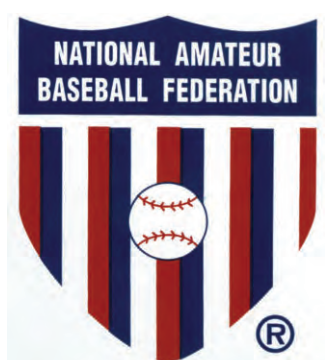
Gil is Founder & CEO of Youth Baseball Network, LLC. Youth Baseball Network is a marketing and online media company dedicated to the Youth Baseball Industry. He also serves as President of Rod Carew Baseball. He has held various executive positions in the past with various sports and athletic-related companies.

Gil holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Management with a Minor in Marketing from Jacksonville University, Jacksonville, Florida. He is also a proud member of the Fairhaven High School Hall of Fame located in Fairhaven, Massachusetts.

So, why Branson?
 "Well, this is not just your grandfather's Branson anymore. It's now a great family destination – just ask the players and families of the participants in this year's Championship. Numerous parents and coaches commented that the kids had the 'time of their lives.' Not only playing against the best of the best, but experiencing what Branson has to offer," Vieira writes on YouthBaseballNetwork.com.



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WOW!! We made it through another season despite an extended winter for many, and a very rainy wet summer.

Congratulations to all our participating franchise organizations advancing your qualified teams to Regional and World Series play.

Each World Series site provided an excellent field of teams this season. Our modified round robin schedule made each event exciting for teams competing for the final eight. Our single elimination (sudden death) finals to determine the national champion and first runner up teams, kept the excitement alive all the way to the final two.

Our Classics, Regional's and World Series events did not start and end without the good work of many individual volunteers. Planning well in advance, managing the game by game tourney events, including the administrative duties required prior to and for the final stages of the tournaments', is an ongoing process from early spring through the final out of the tourney.

We extend a special thanks to all the sponsors of NABF programs, Baseball Express, Hoosier Bat Company, Major League Baseball, Village Trophy, Diamond Baseball, Baseball Factory, MTM Champion Rings, Baseball Blue Book, Bob Cene Park, City of Toledo Ohio, City of Battle Creek Michigan, Struthers Ohio, City of Knoxville Tennessee, City of South Haven, Mississippi, Hackensack New Jersey, Raymond Mississippi, Youth Baseball Network, Branson, MO, USA Baseball, Hartsfield Media, LLC and to all those organizations, businesses and individuals having contributed their time and resources for NABF sandlot baseball.

Kind regards to all – we look forward to many new seasons to come, with all of you as our loyal members.

Charles M. Blackburn, Jr.
Executive Director, NABF



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From the President...

Dear NABF Members:

I want to thank all of you for the many very successful Regional Tournaments, Classics and the World Series this season for the NABF! I am elated that so many youths in America have participated this year from the ten year olds up to High School, and that the College and the Unlimited Age groups continue to stay strong. Keep up the great work that you have done to make amateur baseball enjoyable, successful and available to the many good players out there looking for the chance to just play ball!

However, there is much to do with expanding our membership in amateur baseball. With new membership, we will grow. Please ask yourself when was the last time you asked or pursued a new member? I ask you to take pride in your important work to keep amateur baseball thriving in our country and spread the word! In addition, I strongly urge you as an officer and/or director to attend our annual meeting taking place in Baltimore, MD on Thursday, November 5th to Saturday, November 7th, 2015. Check our web site www.nabf.com for more information.

To attend is an excellent opportunity to explore what we have to offer and learn more about how you can run your league better and be more profitable. We have much to do — like growing our Classics, expanding new membership and maintaining our tournaments. There is a lot on the agenda this year, such as a review of new rules, scholarship awards, NABF awards, introducing new vendors and outlining the procedures for the running of a Classic. We want to hear from you and your opinions on how we can do more for you and make the NABF better, bigger and stronger!

Baltimore is a great baseball city to visit, and we have been fortunate enough to have arranged a private, inside tour of Camden Yards Stadium and much more! From my experience in attending our annual meetings for the past 12 years, just having the opportunity to talk baseball with others dedicated to amateur baseball is the best part of all! Please call today to reserve your room.

I look forward seeing you in Baltimore!
Sincerely,

Vin DiLauro
President, NABF

Battle Creek's 'Mr. Baseball' — Man of Year

When you think of baseball in Battle Creek, many names come to mind such as C.O. Brown, Arch Flannery, Joe Cooper, former major league umpire Mike Reilly and one name always in the conversation is Terry Newton, known to many as Mr. Baseball in the Cereal City.

Terry was born, raised and lived his entire life in Battle Creek except when he attended Albion College. Terry grew up in a baseball family, his grandfather Clare played in the Battle Creek league in the 1920s and Terry's father, Galen was an outstanding high school baseball and basketball player at Battle Creek Central High School and after graduation signed a professional contract with the Cleveland Indians. Galen returned to Battle Creek in 1952 and was one of the best players in the Battle Creek league and in fact had the game winning hit for the Hall Drug Baseball Club that captured the 1953 ABC National Championship.

There was no doubt that Galen held a profound influence on his son.

Terry began his baseball career at seven years old at the old Bailey Park Complex and became a good player and also became an outstanding football player. In 1968, he helped lead Battle Creek Central to the Class "A" State Football Championship and was selected as first team All-State as a two way starter.

In 1969, Terry attended Albion College where he was a four-year varsity starter in football, including a perfect season in 1969 and was Co-Captain of the Briton football team in 1972. Newton as a member of the baseball team that helped Albion to three consecutive conference titles in 1971-1972 and 1973.

In 1969, while playing Connie Mack baseball, he coached and Newton became the head coach and player at the old age of seventeen. In 1971, he began his career in the Battle Creek City League and remained a fixture as a player, manager or coach until the end of the 1994 season. In 1975 he became a player-coach and in 1977 he became a manager while still being on the active roster.

In his first season as manager, Newton's 1977 Del Seat Construction team surprised the Battle Creek City league and captured the city championship and became the host team for the Stan Musial World Series for the twenty five year old skipper.

In 1978, Newton became manager for the newly formed EPI Baseball Club and for the next four years, his teams captured the city titles in 1979 and 1980 and were regional finalist the other two seasons. 1982 saw Newton move to become the manager of Ferrari's, who were the AABC National Runner-up and in a stretch of five seasons, the stylist won three city champi-



Terry Newton (right) with his daughter, Annie Newton, on November 21, 2014 after Annie's high school won the Michigan state volleyball championship.

onships, a regional title and captured the 1986 AABC National Championship and were national runner-up in 1983 and 1985. The 1985 team featured a hard throwing eighteen year right banded, John Smoltz who was inducted into the MLB Hall of Fame in 2015.

In the year 1984, Newton assembled a group of Michigan All-Stars who shocked the United States Olympic team by beating the Olympians 6-5 in an exhibition game on July 4, 1984. The 1989 season saw Newton assemble a club from Battle Creek to represent the United States in a World Amateur tournament in Cuba where they finished in fourth place against the top teams from Cuba, Japan, Taiwan, Canada, Mexico, Colombia and the Netherlands Antilles.

He continued to manage and coach adult baseball through the 1994 season ending his managerial career in adult baseball with over 1,300 wins, 12 city championships and 28 wins in World Series tournaments, including representing Battle Creek 12 times in the Stan Musial World Series. He was named Battle Creek City league manager of the year eight times and had the good fortune to have four players go on to play in the Major Leagues.

In 1995, he began a new career in baseball as the voice of the Michigan Battle

Cats in the Class "A" Midwest League, broadcasting over a thousand games, plus doing amateur baseball on the local radio and coaching his son's youth league teams. Terry also worked radio doing local high school football and basketball, he also spent four years on the Michigan State Radio Network as the statistician for football and the color commentator for basketball, plus he worked on a Detroit radio station covering the Unlimited Hydroplane Gold Cup Races and NASCAR events at MIS Speedway. He is still working for WBCB radio in Battle Creek, hosting a local sports program, Coaches Corner, which he has been the host for now the twenty-sixth year in a row.

Besides his career in baseball and radio Terry and his wife Barb have raised five children and all have worked for him in some capacity in baseball. He was also a teacher and coach in the Battle Creek Public Schools for thirty one years and retired from public education to become the athletic director, assistant principal, baseball and basketball coach at St. Philip Catholic Central High School, a position he held for six years and has since remained as the assistant basketball coach at St. Philip. In 2005 Newton was asked to become a tournament director for the BC Sports Promotions and began running tournaments.

Leaving St. Philip, Newton was hired in 2007 by the Battle Creek Parks & Recreation Department to be the league director for the baseball program, a position that has now expanded into being the Facilities & Operations Director of the Bailey Park Complex.

Bailey Park is a park of nearly ninety acres with twelve baseball fields, two playgrounds, two picnic areas, four sand volleyball courts and twelve shuffleboard courts. Bailey Park generates around 15 million dollars annually into the Battle Creek economy.

Newton also holds the executive Director position of the Michigan Amateur Baseball Association, the governing body for adult amateur baseball in Michigan and is the Director of the SMADA, a local group and the principal sponsor of the NABF Unlimited Age (Major Division) World Series.

In 2012, Battle Creek was selected to host the NABF Regional and a year later Battle Creek became the host for the 100th NABF World Series and has been the host for the NABF Unlimited Age World Series in 2014 and 2015.

"In Newton's long career, he has been given many awards, but has always said, 'I had a Wonderful Life and Baseball and my family have made me a very lucky man' and Battle Creek has been lucky to have Terry Newton," said Ivan Ranger, secretary/treasurer, SMABA.



Annie Newton

Annie Newton Woman of Year

Annie Newton of Battle Creek, Michigan, is the NABF's 2015 Woman of the Year.

Annie began to work for her father Terry Newton at Bailey Park at the age of 10 as a ticket taker at tournaments run by Battle Creek Parks & Recreation.

She continued to work tournaments every summer, taking admissions, team registrations and this year worked alongside the person who nominated her, Ivan Ranger, in field supervision.

She also took on an expanded role in the administration of the youth baseball program within the Battle Creek City Leagues.

This year, she assumed a major role in preparing schedules, Major Division packets and communications for the NABF World Series.

"She has demonstrated leadership qualities not often seen by a person her age. She is a valuable addition to the staff at the Battle Creek Parks & Recreation Department as well as SMABA (Sponsors of the NABF World Series)," said Ranger, secretary/treasurer of SMABA.

Annie was also an outstanding student and leader at St. Philip Catholic Central High School, where she had a 3.84 grade point average, finishing fourth in her graduation class and achieving a 27 on her ACT test. She was a member of the National Honor Society for three years and was class Vice President in her senior year. She was also a four-year member of the student council, a member of the homecoming court in the fall of 2014 and this past year she was awarded six scholarships totaling nearly \$20,000. She was also selected by the SCAA Conference as a scholar-athlete.

Annie showed a passion for athletics both in middle school and especially at St. Philip Catholic Central High School. While attending high school, Annie was a four-year varsity letterman in tennis, where was academic all-state. She received additional awards during her career, including Best Competitor, Most Improved, the Coaches Award and the Sister Therese Mary Award for sportsmanship and leadership.

She played volleyball for four years and was MVP of both her freshman and sophomore seasons. She was a two-time letterman on the varsity volleyball team that captured back to back state championships and was awarded the MHSAA "Role Model of the Year Award" this past year.

Greg Gulas gets John Benedict Journalism Award

The NABF 2015 John Benedict Sports Journalism Award goes to Greg Gulas of Youngstown.



Greg Gulas

Greg Gulas attended Youngstown State University, where he earned his BA (Speech and Drama) degree in 1977. While at YSU he played baseball for legendary coach Dom Rosselli (1973-76), serving as a student supervisor in the Intramural Department while writing for the school newspaper. He also worked in the sports information office.

He earned his MA in English (Sports Administration) from Ohio University (1979) and while at OU, served his internship in the public relations department of the Cleveland Browns.

When his internship there was completed, Gulas gravitated to his first love of radio where he served as Executive Producer of The Pete Franklin Sportsline at WWWE-AM/1100 Radio in Cleveland in the late 70s. He served as the producer of both the Cleveland Indians and Cleveland Cavaliers radiocasts for legendary play-by-play man, Joe Tait.

Upon receiving his MA in 1979, he returned to YSU as its sports information director and his 17 year tenure as SID still ranks as the longest of at the school. In 2005 Greg was honored with selection to the YSU "Athletics Hall of Fame."

The YSU Greek Campus Life organization has named their annual "Advisor of the Year" award in his honor while a yearly scholarship for a Greek organization

member, also named in his honor, will be instituted in time for the 2015-16 academic years.

For 40 years, he has served as a sports correspondent for The Vindicator as well as writing weekly sports and special interest columns for both The Boardman News and Hometown Journal. Gulas was also instrumental, along with lifelong friend, Ken Brayer, in helping start the Campbell Memorial Athletics Hall of Fame while writing all biographical information on all inductees for both the Curbstone Coaches and Trumbull County Sports Halls of Fame.

In addition, he has found the time to author and co-author two books; "My Memories as a Brooklyn Dodger," about

former Brooklyn Dodgers World Series hero and Youngtown-native George "Shotgun" Shuba, and Kelly "The Ghost" Pavlik, a book about Youngstown's Middleweight "Champion of the World."

The former athletic director at Lowellville H.S. (2013-14), he is also a three-time recipient of the YSU "Distinguished Service Award," receiving that honor in 1999, 2005 and again in 2010.

On February 29, 2012, he retired after nearly 35 years of service at his alma mater, YSU.

He is married to the former Michele Bush and they are the proud parents of two daughters; Meghan Ann and Heather Lynn. They reside in Boardman, Ohio.

Charlie Avery the 2015 Ronald McMinn Awardee

The NABF 2015 Ronald McMinn Award of Merit recipient is Charles "Chuck" Avery, an NABF Director.

Avery, a lifelong resident of Rockland County, NY, resides in New City with his wife, Donna. They have three children: Domenick Avery, Anthony Avery and Frances Avery-Clemente. Charlie is also the proud grandfather of seven grandchildren: Hailey, Domenick, and Charlie Avery, and Joey, Tony and Donna and Christian Clemente.

Charlie worked in the Rockland County Correctional facility for 36 years. He retired five years ago. In 1985, he began



Charles Avery

coaching his sons' Little League team when they needed a coach. Ironically, both boys went on to play football, but Charlie continued to devote his time to baseball and moved on to management. In 1994, Charlie accepted the position of Assistant Coach for the varsity team at Albertus Magnus High School.

Charlie's love of the game and service to the baseball community is unsurpassed. In 2007, Charlie became President of the Rockland Baseball Association. One of his finest achievements came with this position, when he brought NABF Baseball league play to his community in.

Attending several NABF World Series games in Lynchburg, VA and Toledo, Ohio, gave him the inspiration to bring the NABF 12U Freshmen Division Atlantic National Classic Championship Series Tournament to the New York and New Jersey areas. Charlie hosted a number of NABF tournaments in both Rockland County, New York

and Bergen County, New Jersey since 2013. These tournaments have been a huge success with teams traveling from all over the country.

Charlie currently sits on the boards of the Rockland County Baseball Association and its affiliate the Westchester Baseball Association, as well as The Federation and Metro Baseball Associations. In the spring (2015) Charlie took the title of "Commander" for American Legion Moscarella Post 199. Charlie also continues to act as the Commissioner of Baseball for the American Legion and remains active member of the National Amateur Baseball Federation.

In 2013 Charlie was asked what his long term goal was for the NABF. When revisiting that question this summer, Charlie was happy to announce that he has achieved his goal of having NABF tournaments become a community tradition and anticipates it will eventually become part of his community's baseball history.

Major World Series

Buffalo Battistoni Diesel grabs Major World Series title

By Mitch Galloway
Battle Creek Enquirer

The World Series finale between the Buffalo Battistoni Diesel (N.Y.) and the Lombard Orioles (Ill.) was an offensive clinic – a contest which saw competing teams combine for 25-plus hits and 10 runs scored.

Entertaining 200-plus fans in the deciding game of the National Amateur Baseball Federation (NABF) World Series at C.O. Brown Stadium, it was the Diesel out-hitting the Orioles and winning, 7-3.

Battistoni Diesel (Buffalo, N.Y.) scored in each of the first four innings on its way to defeating the Lombard Orioles (Ill.) 7-3 in front of 200 fans at C.O. Brown Stadium and winning the 102nd National Amateur Baseball Federation Championship.

For the Diesel, a four-time semifinalist, it was its first NABF national championship. The championship team is managed by Paul Wolf.

In a slugfest, the Diesel pounded 16 hits in the championship victory, and the two teams combined for 27 hits.

A key moment in the game came in the seventh inning and the bases loaded with Lombard black-and-orange suited players. After a series of hits, Lombard had a chance to tie the game down three runs, 6-3. However, Diesel pitcher Kevin Hughes, who was named tournament Most Valuable Player, struck out Zach Speaker to end the inning.

“Hughes, the 6-foot, 200-pound pitcher from Lockport, N.Y., threw a complete game with 130 pitches and escaped the Orioles’ hot bats in the first two innings. He pitched at the University at Buffalo until 2014.”

Other Diesel players on the all-tournament team include catcher Andy Russo and outfielders Randy Moley and B.J. Stack.

In the semifinals, the Diesel relied on a three-run rally in the bottom of the eighth inning to defeat Brooklyn Sports Feature, 4-3.

Diesel finished the tournament 5-1 and received wins against Lombard (twice, including 5-2 in pool play), the Englewood Athletics (N. J.) 14-4, Battle CreekHBC/Behnke 6-4 in a quarterfinal and Brooklyn. The Diesel only lost to the Cincinnati Chiefs, 8-5, in pool play.

For the Orioles, it was its first championship game since 1994, and both championship teams came from the same pool. There was not a single team that finished the world series undefeated.

In pool play, the Orioles defeated Englewood, 9-2, and Cincinnati, 12-4. In the quarterfinals, Lombard won again over Cincinnati, 8-1, and then downed the Michigan City Lakers 4-0 in a semifinal.

Lombard had two pitchers on the all-tournament team: Alex Troop, who went 1-0, pitching a 9-inning shutout, allowing six hits and no earned runs while striking out three; and Andrew Mamlic, who went 1-0, tossing nine innings, allowed one earned run while striking out eight, and allowing six hits.

Lombard outfielder Marcus Pingeton and infielders Nico Zych and Jeff Szubert were also selected.

For Michigan City, a perennial contender, it was the first time they allowed 11 runs in five games. MC opened with an 11-0 victory over the Cleveland Black Wolves, downed defending champion Stratford Storm (Conn.) 7-6 and then defeated the host Battle Creek team 8-1 in pool play.

In the semifinal, MC defeated another perennial contender and rival, Detroit Jet Box, 1-0.

Five teams returned from the 2014 World Series — Stratford, Battle Creek, Pittsburgh St. John’s Lefty, Brooklyn and Cincinnati.

The batting champion was Brooklyn slugger Jessue Alvarado, who went 12 for 20 (.600 average).

The Diesel drove seven hours to play in this tournament. No one, not even manager Paul Wolf, knew what it would feel like to hold the gold-and-black plated, 3-foot trophy.

“I love all of these guys,” Wolf said with tears in his eyes. “I took over this team in 1998. This is our fifth trip to the World Series, and our first time past the semifinals. I just got a new office. I know where I will put this trophy. I’ll probably drink with it a lot tonight. This is just amazing,



Buffalo Battistoni Diesel, 2015 NABF Major Division World Series champions. Players are (2) infielders Brett Bauth (2), Rob Luehrsen (21) and James Spano (42), outfielder/pitcher Ryan Baroudi (24), utility players Drew Petit (17) and Nick Jasinski (87), pitchers Zach Jordan (30), Drew Brozyna (12), Blair Lasko (15), Matt Jiminez (6), Kevin Hughes (22), Matt Clingersmith (37), Matt Matre (18), Matt McCuen (16), Matt Whilhelm (25), P/utility player Mike Elwood (7), outfielder Randy Moley (19), catcher Andrew Russo (11), SS/P Ron Bernick (28), outfielders Ben Stack, Zach Papesch and Bart Stack, P/IF Mike Wagner, and SS/P Tom Prospero. The head coach is Paul Wolf and assistants are Rob Luehrsen and James Spano. (Photo by Art Frith)



One of 16 hits by the Buffalo Battistoni Diesel in the final. (Photo by Art Frith)



Buffalo Battistoni Diesel pitcher and MVP Kevin Hughes. (Photo by Art Frith)

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

		W-L	IP	H	R	ER	K
P	Collin Arnold, Michigan City Lakers	1-0	9	5	0	0	8
P	Greg Fredrick, Pittsburgh St. John's Leftys	1-0	9	3	0	0	12
P	Pedro Rivera, Brooklyn Sports Fever	1-0	9	8	1	0	9
P	Casey Young, Michigan City Lakers	1-0	9	7	0	0	2
P	Alex Troop, Lombard Orioles	1-0	9	6	0	0	3
P	Andrew Mamlic, Lombard Orioles	1-0	9	6	1	1	8
P	Kevin Hughes, Buffalo Battistoni Diesel	1-0	8	8	0	2	2
C	Andy Russo, Buffalo Battistoni Diesel						
C	Scott Kapers, Michigan City Lakers						
1B	Aaron Hacias, Detroit Jet Box						
2B	Matt Speckman, Brooklyn Sports Fever						
3B	Rob Shaw, Cincinnati Chiefs						
SS	Jessie Alvarado, Brooklyn Sports Fever						
OF	Marcus Pingeton, Lombard Orioles						
OF	Randy Moley, Buffalo Battistoni Diesel						
OF	Greg Stokes, Pittsburgh St.						
	John's Leftys						
OF	Collin Willis, Michigan City Lakers						
OF	Henry Fuentes, Brooklyn Sports Fever						
OF	BJ Stack, Buffalo Battistoni Diesel						
OF	Seth Johnson, Battle Creek NBC/Behnke						
IF	Nico Zych, Lombard Orioles						
IF	Jeff Szubert, Lombard Orioles						
	Batting Champion — Jessie Alvarado, Brooklyn Sports Fever, 12-for-20, .600 BA						

POOL PLAY

- Battle Creek NBC/Behnke 8, Stratford Storm 6
- Michigan City Lakers 5, Brooklyn Sports Fever 4
- Pittsburgh St. John's Leftys 4, Thermaxx Jackets 0
- Buffalo Battistoni Diesel 5, Lombard Orioles 2
- Cincinnati Chiefs 4, Englewood Athletics 1
- Michigan City Lakers 7, Stratford Storm 6
- Pittsburgh St. John's Leftys 4, Detroit Jet Box 2
- Battle Creek NBC/Behnke 4, Cleveland Black Wolves 2
- Brooklyn Sports Fever 8, Thermaxx Jackets 4
- Cincinnati Chiefs 8, Buffalo Battistoni Diesel 5
- Lombard Orioles 9, Englewood Athletics 2
- Cleveland Black Wolves 6, Stratford Storm 3
- Detroit Jet Box 6, Thermaxx Jackets 4
- Brooklyn Sports Fever 9, Pittsburgh St. John's Leftys 5
- Buffalo Battistoni Diesel 14, Englewood Athletics 4
- Lombard Orioles 12, Cincinnati Chiefs 4
- Michigan City Lakers 8, Battle Creek NBC/Behnke 1

QUARTERFINALS

- Michigan City Lakers 1, Detroit Jet Box 0
- Brooklyn Sports Fever 11, Pittsburgh St. John's Leftys 1
- Lombard Orioles 8, Cincinnati Chiefs 1
- Buffalo Battistoni Diesel 6, Battle Creek NBC/Behnke 4

SEMIFINALS

- Lombard Orioles 4, Michigan City Lakers 0
- Buffalo Battistoni Diesel 4, Brooklyn Sports Fever 3

CHAMPIONSHIP

- Buffalo Diesel 7, Lombard Orioles 3

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awesome. I'm happy, so happy, so proud of these guys. My dad's battled a lot – cancer three times – and he made it here.”

Diesel finished the tournament 5-1 and received wins against Lombard (twice),

Englewood (N. J.), Battle CreekHBC/Behnke and Brooklyn Sports Fever.

Tournament Director Terry Newton was pleased with the outcome of the tournament's third year in Battle Creek.

College World Series

Wildwood Dodgers win second College championship

By Warren Mayes
West News Magazine

The Wildwood (St. Louis) Dodgers earned a new nickname at the National Amateur Baseball Federation College World Series championship in Toledo, Ohio.

After their performance in winning the World Series for the second time in three years, the St. Louis Metro Collegiate team is known as the "Cardiac" Dodgers. That's because the team pulled out victories in the quarterfinal and semifinal games in the bottom of the ninth inning on the same day.

"I'm still in la-la land," Dodgers coach Gus Lombardo said. "I feel like it didn't happen. It went by so fast. It feels great to win it again."

"I'm still getting texts from the kids about the season we had. We pulled together all year. We preached and they listened and now they are champions."

The Dodgers defeated the Michigan Monarchs 8-1 in the televised championship game at Mercy Field.

The Dodgers out-hit the Monarchs only 11 to 10, but timely hits led by World Series MVP DaShawn Lindsay (Mississippi Delta University), who was 2-for-3 with four RBIs in the championship game, made the difference.

In addition, Wildwood's 6-foot-3, 225 pound southpaw Josh Rye (Austin-Peay University) went the distance, striking out one, walking one, and allowing one earned run in nine innings to get the victory.

Wildwood never left the championship in doubt, putting up three runs in the fourth, two in the sixth, one in the seventh, and the Dodgers added two more in the eighth.

"I knew this team was could go all the way," said Lombardo about his club that was 23-3 heading into the World Series. "The field was really strong this year. I think it was the strongest pool ever that we were in. All the teams were very good; that's why they were there."

To get to the quarterfinals, Wildwood went 2-1 in pool play, defeating the Long Island Gamecocks 3-1, the Toledo Hawks 10-0 in a mercy-ruled seven inning game, and losing to the Creekside Crocodiles 14-11.

In quarterfinal action, Wildwood fell behind to the Long Island Astros 7-1, but came back to win with a walk off run in the bottom of the ninth with a 9-8 decision. Long Island scored seven runs in the fifth and added its final run in the ninth to tie it at 8-all.

"So many good things in that game," Lombardo said. "We chipped away. Wesley Piles shut them down for four innings in relief and that gave us time to come back and win. Without him, we might not have made to the semifinals. In fact, I told him 'Without you, we wouldn't be here.'"

Piles is a left-handed pitcher from the Rebels. Lombardo added him along with five others from other league teams as he could have a 25-man roster in the tournament. Piles is from Poplar Bluff and will be a sophomore at Southeast Missouri State.

Lindsay drove in the game-winning with a single for the Dodgers.

In the game, Keith Grieshaber, a Marquette graduate who will be a sophomore at Jefferson Junior College, went 3 for 5 with two runs scored and two RBIs. Garrett Taylor also went 3 for 5 and 2 runs scored. Shawn Murley, of Eureka who will be a sophomore at Southwestern Illinois College, was 3 for 4 in the game.

In the semifinal game, the Dodgers were down 3-2 in bottom of ninth.

It wasn't the Dodgers' last miracle either. In the semifinal, Wildwood was down 3-2 to the defending champion Crystal Lake Cardinals heading into the bottom of the ninth. The Cardinals muffed two grounders to allow two unearned runs to score, giving Wildwood a 4-3 win and a spot in the championship game.

Wildwood had one out when Murley singled and stole second. Collin Holton, of O'Fallon, Ill., who will be a sophomore at Southwestern Illinois College, flew out. Matthew Spradlin, a Vianey graduate who will be a junior at Eastern New Mexico, reached on an error by the second baseman when the ball went through his legs. Murley scored to tie the game.

Taylor hit a grounder to shortstop, who



St. Louis Dodgers, NABF College Division World Series champions. Players are — bottom, left to right, Keith Grieshaber, Garrett Taylor, Jake Beckwith, Collins Holton, Matt Dunavant, Matt Brown, Ryan Fish, Ty Stahl, Sean Murley, Matt Spradlin, Derrick Watson, Matt Harvey, Dylan-bat boy. Back row, l-r, Gus Lombardo-Manager, Adam Stahl-Coach, Dashawn Lindsay, Tyler Greene, Sean Ullrich, Austin Southmayd, Blake Clynes, Anthony Garza, Jake Patzner, Luke Bakula, Jake Haberer, Josh Rye, Cole Miller, Ryan Fischer, Wes Pyles, Scott Brown- Coach, Michael Hunt – Coach. (Photo by Harold Hamilton/HEHphotos.smugmug.com)

mishandled the ball for an error. Lindsay, who went 2 for 3, hit a grounder to deep short for the game-winning single to short and beat out the throw for a hit and Spradlin scored.

"They all went crazy," Lombardo said of his club. "What a win."

Anthony Gaza, of Garza, of Belleville who will be a sophomore at Southwestern Illinois College, got both wins in relief.

The Dodgers used that momentum to easily win the championship game.

"Josh Rye was tremendous pitching in the final," Lombardo said about the southpaw from Clarksville, Tenn. "He played for the Bandits and was a big addition to our team. I thought he was the best one to start that game and go deep and he went all nine innings."

"We played great defense behind him and won. It was a great team win."

In the title game, Sean Ullrich, of Ballwin and a Marquette graduate who will be a sophomore at Johnson County Community College, went 2 for 5 with 2 RBIs. Matthew Brown, a catcher with the Bandits and added to the roster went 3 for 5 with an RBI. Brown is a Vianey graduate who will be a sophomore at Johnson County Community College. Lindsay was 2 for 3 with four RBIs.

Joining Lindsay and Rye on the All-Tournament Team was Dodgers first baseman Luke Bakula, of Ballwin and a graduate of Parkway South who will be a sophomore at Southwestern Illinois College, contributed an RBI to the cause in the final. Grieshaber, who had a hit, scored a run and had an RBI in the championship, also made the team.

The Dodgers offense had some impressive numbers in the tournament.

Lindsay went 12 for 22 for a .545 average. He had eight RBIs, two stolen bases and five runs scored. He did not strike out once.

"He was deserving of being named the MVP," Lombardo said. "He had a great Series."

Grieshaber was 12 for 25 for a .480 average. Ullrich went 9 for 24 for .375. Brown was 9 for 23 for .391 and Murley went 8 for 24 for a .364 average.

Besides all the players mentioned, the other Dodgers also contributed.

Other pitchers for Wildwood were Blake Clynes (Murray State), Jake Naberer (Eastern Illinois), Michael Lyndon-Lorsors (Rockhurst University), Cole Miller (Parkland College), Jake Ratzner (Johnson County Community College), Derrick Watson (Southwestern Illinois), Tyler Greene (Southwestern Illinois), Austin Southmayd (University of Central Missouri) and Matt Harvey (Missouri Southeast).

Position players also included Jake Beckwith (University of Missouri-St. Louis), Garrett Taylor (Maryville University), Matt Dunavane (Eastern Illinois), Ryan Fisener (John Wood Community College), and Ryan Fish (Jefferson Community College).

It's a fitting end for Lombardo. The veteran coach and his staff are going to retire.

"Myself and my assistant coaches Mike Hunt and Adam Stahl are announcing our



St. Louis Dodgers CF and MVP DaShawn Lindsay. (Photo by Harold Hamilton)

retirement," Lombardo said. "We've won the World Series two out of the last three years now. That's the way to go out — winning it all."

Helping Lombardo coach is assistants Mike Hunt and Adam Stang.

The Monarchs breezed through pool play, defeating the Long Island Astros 12-2, the Brunswick Express 19-3 in seven innings, and the defending runners-up, the Oil City Stags, 5-0.

The Stags were a wild card, despite finishing 1-2, and qualified for quarterfinals, only to face the Monarchs again, and the second time Michigan won 7-4. In the semifinal, Michigan defeated the Creekside Crocodiles, 8-3.

Monarchs players making the All-Tournament Team are pitcher Cliff Landess (Madonna University), first baseman Josh Cales (University of Toledo), third baseman Jack Clark (Kalamazoo College), and designated hitter Jeffery Rousseau (University of Northwestern Ohio).

Other pitchers are Kyle Rago (University of Toledo), Steven Duby (University of Toledo), Matthew Woloszyk (University of Cincinnati), Nolan Dill (Michigan State University), Brent Mattson (Eastern Michigan University), Grant Peters (Owens CC), Jake Trejo (University of South Carolina-Sumter) and Brandon Melchert (Aquinas College).

Other position players are Jimmy Marx (Oakland University), Andrew Dayfield (Olivet College), Zach Coffield (Owens CC), Josh Arndts (Wayne State University), Josh Smith (Grand Valley State University), Jimmy DeSana III (St. Clair CC), Hosea Nelson (Wabash Valley College), Casey Gose (Owens CC), Jimmy Scott (Mount Union University), Frederick Jehle (Siena Heights University) and Kyle Hartwick (Marygrove College).

Games were telecast by Buckeye Cable Sports Network and game videos can be purchased at www.bcsn.tv.

- ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM**
- C Hunter Wenstrom (Milliken), Crystal Lake Cardinals
 - C Brooks Warrenfeltz (Glenville State), Brunswick Express
 - Utility Duncan Watt (Westminster), Capital City Reds
 - Utility Keith Grieshaber (Jefferson), St. Louis Dodgers
 - Utility Dean Sheridan (SUNY-Old Westbury), Long Island Astros
 - 1B Josh Cales (Toledo), Michigan Monarchs
 - 2B Austin Marcellus (Limestone), Capital City Reds
 - 3B Jack Clark (Kalamazoo), Michigan Monarchs
 - SS Aaron Arruda (Fresno State), Crystal Lake Cardinals
 - OF Billy Goodall (Mount Union), Creekside Crocodiles
 - OF Jared Patterson (Chicago State), Crystal Lake Cardinals
 - OF Josh Schwerer (Findlay), Toledo Hawks
 - OF Patrick Carlozzi (Ashland), Creekside Crocodiles
 - OF Gregory Kazmierski (Saginaw Valley State), Oil City Stags
 - OF DaShawn Lindsay (Mississippi Delta), St. Louis Dodgers
 - OF Jonathan Duforest (Weatherford), Capital City Reds
 - DH Luke Bakula (Southwestern Illinois), St. Louis Dodgers
 - DH Jeffrey Rousseau (Northwestern Ohio), Michigan Monarchs
 - P Cliff Landess (Madonna), Michigan Monarchs
 - P Gino Divincenzo (Ashland), Creekside Crocodiles
 - P Mike Lamneck (Queens), Long Island Gamecocks
 - P Dan D'Onofrio (SUNY-Old Westbury), Long Island Astros
 - P Mason Mayberry (Findlay), Toledo Hawks
 - P Kevin Cashman (Farmingdale State), Long Island Astros
 - P Josh Rye (Austin Peay), St. Louis Dodgers

MVP — DaShawn Lindsay (Mississippi Delta), St. Louis Dodgers CF (.600 BA)
Batting Champion — Aaron Arruda (Fresno State), Crystal Lake Cardinals, 8-for-11, 7 RBI, .727 BA

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Senior World Series

Maryland Raiders win the Senior Division crown in Struthers

In Struthers, Ohio, the Maryland HCYP Raiders won their first ever Senior Division crown in the championship game.

Marylan defeated the Michigan Bulls (Midwest Alliance Travel Baseball League), 7-5, in the championship.

The Raiders got three runs in the opening inning, fell behind 4-3 in the fourth frame and then added three more tallies in the fourth.

Ricky Williamson had three hits and an RBI while Cain and Jack Finn each drove in two runs for the Raiders (7-0).

Greg Wills was the winning pitcher while Ravi Mahanti suffered the loss.

Manasa and Colin McClelland each had two hits for the Bulls with McClelland driving in three of the Bulls' runs.

HCYP utility player Seth Kopel was named MVP of the tournament. Raiders making the all-tournament team were catcher Jack Finn, Kopel, utility player James Cain and outfielder Ricky Williamson. HCYP is coached by Mike Showe, Ted Trapuzzano, Dave Kopel, Ryan Miller and Manager Al Miller.

Bulls players making the all-tournament team included first baseman Justin Steele, outfielders Alex Manasa and David Vinsky and pitcher Zack Vitkuske.

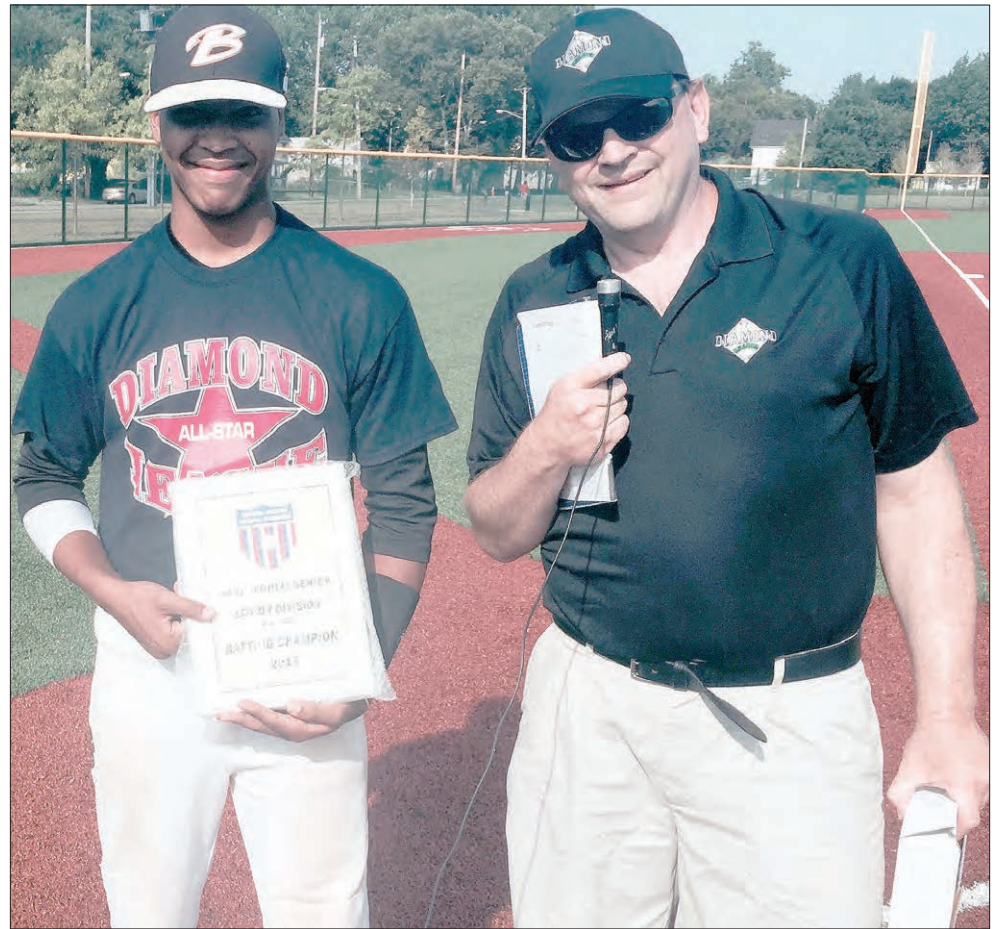
Devonte Washington, a designated hitter with the Brownlee Lookouts, batted .667 to win the batting championship.



HCYP Raiders (Eddie Brooks League/ Maryland State Baseball Association), NABF Senior Division World Series champions. Players are — Pictured: back row (l-r): Coach Mike Showe, Coach Ted Trapuzzano, Joey Trapuzzano, Greg Wills, Louis Gillespie, Jimmy Cain, Alex Caffes, Tyler Morris, Mike Finn, Manager Al Miller, Coach Dave Kopel. Front row (l-r): Robby Miller, Jack Finn, Ricky Williamson, Seth Kopel, Coach Ryan Miller. Not pictured, but played in the tournament: Brian Forman & Joe Dinoto.

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

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| C Jack Finn, HCYP Raiders | DH Devonte Washington, Brownlee Lookouts |
| Utility James Cain, HCYP Raiders | P Cory Levy, Team Ontario |
| Utility Seth Kopel, HCYP Raiders | P Diogenes Almanza, SAYO Grays |
| 1B Justin Steele, Michigan Bulls | P Tyler Duben, Boys of Summer |
| 2B Riley Campbell, Astro Falcons | P Zack Greenwald, Troy American Legion |
| 3B Cody Harsman, Troy American Legion | P Jared Burkert, Astro Falcons |
| SS Richard Palacios, Cody Harsman | P Zack Vitkuske, Michigan Bulls |
| OF Jared Houser, Astro Falcons | |
| OF Jon Pingree, Roth Brothers | MVP — Seth Kopel, utility player, HCYP Raiders |
| OF Alex Manasa, Michigan Bulls | Batting Champion — Devonte Washington, designated hitter, Brownlee Lookouts, .667 BA |
| OF David Vinsky, Michigan Bulls | |
| OF Ricky Williamson, HCYP Raiders | |
| OF Canyon McWilliams, Brownlee Lookouts | |



Devonte Washington of the Brownlee Lookouts, NABF Senior Division World Series batting champion with a .667 average, with tournament director John Mengelkamp.

SENIOR DIVISION WORLD SERIES TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Year	Champion	Runner-up	Score
1944	Dayton, OH Dayton K. Fittings	vs Pittsburgh, PA Matrona Post 48	3-0
1945	Louisville, KY Hasenhour Cafeman	vs Pittsburgh, PA Bombers	5-0
1946	Detroit, MI Sam's Inc.	vs Louisville, KY Hasenhour Cafeman	9-6
1947	Dayton, OH Dayton Frigidaires	vs Louisville, KY Merchants	5-4
1948	Dearborn, MI Dearborn Movers	vs Detroit, MI Joe Gentile	7-5
1949	Cincinnati, OH Wood Insurance	vs Detroit, MI Joe Gentile	11-2
1950	Dayton, OH Inland	vs Detroit, MI Trumbell Chevrolet	5-1
1951	Detroit, MI Trumbell Chevrolet	vs Atlanta, GA Merchants	9-4
1952	Cincinnati, OH Andy Schain	vs Chicago, IL Sun Dodgers	2-0
1953	Detroit, MI Arthurs Clothes	vs Dearborn, MI Optimists	4-2
1954	Cincinnati, OH Frisch's	vs Louisville, KY Braves	6-4
1955	Detroit, MI Arthurs Clothes	vs Cincinnati, OH Frisch's	7-2
1956	St. Louis, MO Meramec Caverns	vs Cincinnati, OH Eagle Savings	9-1
1957	Altoona, PA Kelly's Stars	vs Louisville, KY Firefighters	1-0
1958	Detroit, MI Lundquist Insurance	vs Altoona, PA Tenth Ward	5-1
1959	Detroit, MI Lundquist Insurance	vs Cincinnati, OH Schiff Shoes	5-1
1960	Detroit, MI Lundquist Insurance	vs Cincinnati, OH Schiff Shoes	6-4
1961	Detroit, MI R.G. Moeller Co.	vs Cleveland, OH Go Team	7-6
1962	Detroit, MI Citizens Mutual Ins.	vs Pittsburgh, PA McKees Rocks	12-0
1963	Detroit, MI Citizens Mutual Ins.	vs Pittsburgh, PA McKees Rocks	14-6
1964	Detroit, MI Favro's	vs Chicago, IL Bruins	2-0
1965	Hyattsville, MD Cheverly-Volks.	vs Cincinnati, OH Wilson Freight	8-4
1966	Detroit, MI A & B Brokers	vs Cleveland, OH Go Team	10-3
1967	Detroit, MI A & B Brokers	vs Youngstown, OH McAuley Awn	6-3
1968	Detroit, MI Fireman's Fund	vs Buffalo, NY Hank Nowak Post	1-0
1969	Detroit, MI A & B Brokers	vs Chicago, IL Tomchaney Mohawks	6-2
1970	Detroit, MI Larco's Inn	vs Cincinnati, OH Wilson Freight	6-0
1971	Youngstown, OH Campbell A.C.	vs Toledo, OH Dave White Chevrolet	4-3
1972	Chicago, IL Pequods	vs Bowie, MD Cheverly	16-3
1973	Detroit, MI Womac	vs Dayton, OH Johnny's	7-2
1974	Castro Valley, CA Marmount	vs Joliet, IL Comets	10-1
1975	Cincinnati, OH Master Charge	vs Youngstown, OH Livi Steel	15-2
1976	Cincinnati, OH Midland Warriors	vs Westland, MI American Legion	10-8
1977	Cincinnati, OH Midland Warriors	vs Prince George's County, MD	6-5
1978	Niles, OH Livi Steel	vs Flushing, NY Tigers	15-2
1979	Niles, OH Livi Steel	vs Hilliard, OH Toronto Bus Equip.	7-6
1980	Joliet, IL Comets	vs Niles, OH Livi Steel	13-2
1981	St. Louis, MO Russel Sporting	vs Atlanta, GA Mustangs	5-0
1982	Dolton, IL Comets	vs Utica, MI Technical Service	9-3
1983	Melrose Park, IL Mighty Meteors	vs Youngstown, OH Campbell A.C.	6-1
1984	Youngstown, OH Campbell A.C.	vs Dayton, OH Moraine Body Shop	7-2
1985	Utica, MI Technical Services	vs Long Island, NY Tigers	8-3
1986	Randallstown, MD Liberty Road	vs Long Island, NY Tigers	6-4

SENIOR DIVISION WORLD SERIES TOURNAMENT RESULTS (continued)

1987	Randallstown, MD Liberty Road	vs Long Island, NY Tigers	7-6
1988	Randallstown, MD Liberty Road	vs Chicago, IL Norwood Blues	8-3
1989	Baltimore, MD Putty Hill	vs Lexington, KY Dixie	7-6
1990	Baltimore, MD Putty Hill	vs South Holland, IL Midwest Angel	3-1
1991	Atlanta, GA Astros	vs Bedford, NY TWA Baseball Acad	13-3
1992	Long Island, NY Bayside Yankees	vs Youngstown, OH Fab. Goldsteins	9-4
1993	Marietta, GA East Cobb Ringers	vs Bayside, NY Yankees	10-8
1994	Jackson, MS Jackson 96ers	vs Seattle, WA Chaffay Baseball	12-5
1995	Enon, OH Warhawks	vs East Cobb, GA Ringers	4-0
1996	Jackson, MS Jackson 96ers	vs New Lenox, IL	6-2
1997	Hammond, LA Bill Hood Broncos	vs Springfield, OH Enon Warhawks	10-8
1998	Marietta, GA East Cobb Astros	vs Olympia, WA Pepsi	11-4
1999	Hammond, LA Bill Hood Broncos	vs Chicago Norwood Blues	11-3
2000	Northern Virginia Barnstormers	vs Bloomington, IN Blue Storm	7-3
2001	Central Florida Renegades	vs Lexington, KY Dixie	10-2
2002	Columbus, Ohio Cobras	vs Jackson, Mississippi 96ers	15-6
2003	White Oak, PA, Batting Practice	vs Orlando, FL, Orlando Scorpions	9-7
2004	White Oak, PA Diamond Dogs	vs Indianapolis, IN Indiana Bulls	7-6
2005	Long Island, NY Bayside Yankees	vs Jackson, MS Jackson 96ers	7-1
2006	Jackson, MS, Jackson 96ers	vs Long Island, NY, Bayside Yankees	5-4
2007	Houston, TX Houston Heat	vs Evansville, IN Evansville Razorbacks	4-2
2008	Long Island, NY, Bayside Yankees	vs Marietta, GA, TNL Sports	8-0
2009	Gambrills, MD Maryland Monarchs	vs Jackson, MS Jackson 96ers Blue	12-5
2010	Houston, TX Houston Raiders	vs Gambrills, MD Maryland Monarchs	9-2
2011	Toronto, ON Toronto Mets	vs Houston, TX Houston Raiders	6-1
2012	Struthers, OH Astro Falcons	vs Houston, TX Houston Raiders	8-7
2013	Gambrills, MD Maryland Monarchs	vs Youngstown, OH Creekside Fitness	7-6
2014	Youngstown, OH Ohio Glaciers	vs Youngstown, OH Creekside Fitness	8-1

High School World Series

Greenbelt Legion wins first High School championship

The High School Division World Series Championship in Knoxville, TN was an all Maryland affair as the Maryland Monarchs faced the Greenbelt Legion. Post 136.

Greenbelt continued their tournament dominance early. They took an early 4-0 in the 1st inning behind a walk, hit batter, and two errors. Greenbelt never looked back, defeating the Monarchs, 7-4.

A strong pitching outing from Marcus Brown kept the Monarchs in check and tournament MVP Chris Jelletic dominated at the plate going 2-4 and reaching base three times.

For Greenbelt, it was their first NABF High School Division National Championship.



High School Division tournament director Buzz McNish presents the championship trophy to the Greenbelt 136 American Legion.

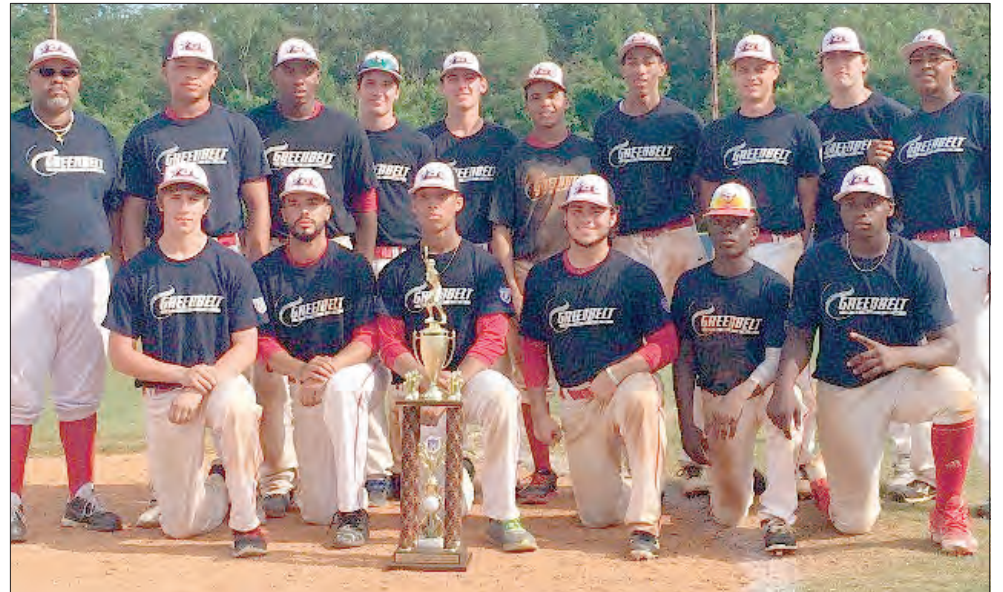
ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

- C Brian Garcia, Rockland River Dogs (NY)
- C Jarrett Faunce, Greenbelt Legion Post 136 17s (MD)
- Utility Brady Waters, Maryland Monarchs (MD)
- Utility Isaac Cooper, Karns Beavers (TN)
- 1B Joseph VanRiper, Rockland River Dogs (NY)
- 2B Jimmy Gentry, Maryland Monarchs (MD)
- 3B Seth Caldwell, Oak Ridge Wildcats (TN)
- SS Isiah Russell, Bonnie Youth Club (NY)
- OF Alex Hanes, Karns Beavers (TN)
- OF Michael Dellicarri, Rockland River Dogs (NY)
- OF Dillon Waters, Maryland Monarchs (MD)
- OF Cole Skvara, West Rebels (TN)
- OF Aaron Brooks, Greenbelt Legion Post 136 17s (MD)
- OF DJ Coleman, Maryland Monarchs (MD)
- DH Carter Uzzell, DC Metro Senators (VA)
- P Jared Culp, Karns Beavers (TN)
- P David Larson, Maryland Monarchs (MD)
- P Marcus Brown, Greenbelt Legion Post 136 17s (MD)
- P Pete McGovern, Rockland River Dogs (NY)
- P Kimon Swanson, West Rebels (TN)
- P Bryan Lirano, Greenbelt Legion Post 136 17s (MD)

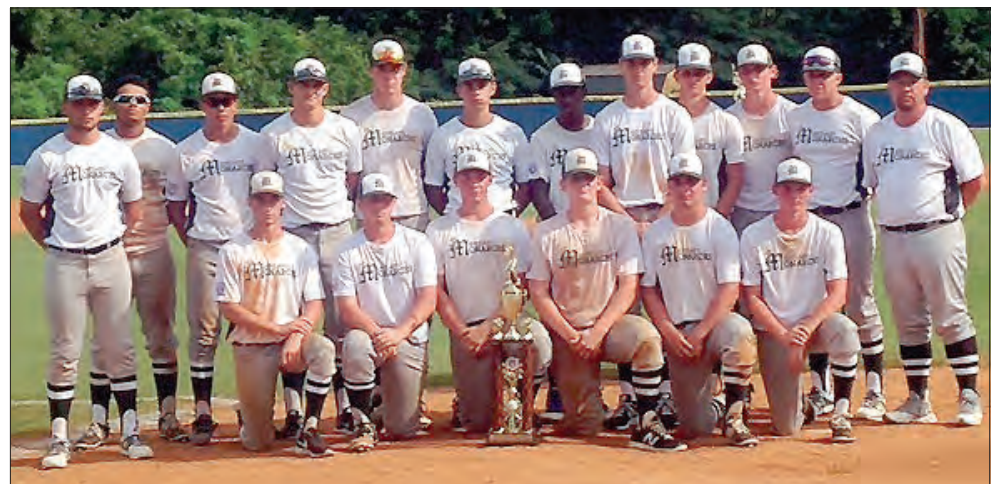
MVP — Chris Jelletic, Greenbelt Legion Post 136 17s (MD)
 Batting Champion — Isiah Russell, Bonnie Youth Club (NY), .563



Buzz McNish presents the runner-up trophy to the Maryland Monarchs, High School Division World Series runners-up.



Greenbelt Post 136 American Legion 17s, NABF High School Division World Series champions. Players are — Front Row (l-r) Robert Napoli, Bryan Liriano, Matt Day, Jarrett Faunce, Elijah Hanible, Kyriq Woods. Back Row: (l-r) Coach Izzy Taylor, Marcus Brown, Paul Brown-Taylor, Tommy MaGee, Will Glick, Moises Aristy, Aaron Brooks, Chris Jelletic, Austin Weber, Coach Carlos Brown. Not Pictured: Coach Mike Higgin-



Maryland Monarchs, NABF High School Division World Series runners-up.



HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION WORLD SERIES TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Year	Champion	Runner-up	Score
1990	Orlando, FL Bates Team Sport	vs Winter Park, FL	10-1
1991	Orlando, FL Bates Team Sport	vs Apopka, FL Apopka Baseball	12-2
1992	Apopka, FL Apopka Baseball	vs Lexington, KY Dixie 17's	5-4
1993	Apopka, FL Apopka Baseball	vs Orlando, FL Bates Team Sport	5-2
1994	Boone vs Apopka, FL Apopka Baseball		6-5
1995	Long Island, NY Suffolk County vs Apopka, FL Apopka Baseball		3-2
1996	Indianapolis, IN Indiana Bulls vs Apopka, FL Apopka Baseball		4-0
1997	Carmel, IN Indiana Bulls vs Suffolk County, NY Islanders		14-2
1998	Twitty City, TN Hallmark vs Memphis, TN Bill Speros		7-0
1999	Germantown, TN Diversified Sec. vs Long Island, New York Bulls		11-8
2000	Germantown, TN High School vs Ontario, Canada Team Ontario		10-4
2001	Miamisburg, OH Rawlings Nationals vs Midwest, Missouri Prospects		10-5
2002	Memphis, Tennessee Team Dulin '03 vs Apopka, FL Apopka Baseball		2-1
2003	Memphis, TN, Bill Speros vs Carmel, IN, Indiana Bulls		8-2
2004	Clinton, MS Mississippi Stars vs Ontario, Canada Team Ontario		9-0
2005	Kennesaw, GA East Cobb Braves vs Long Island, NY Long Island Titans		9-5
2006	Long Island, NY, Midville Dodgers vs Frederick, MD, Frederick Hustlers		15-6
2007	Dayton, OH Kinect Nationals vs Chesapeake, MD Chesapeake Clippers		9-1
2008	Long Island, NY, Long Island Tigers vs Wilmington, DE, Delco Diamonds		9-1
2009	Burke, VA Virginia Barnstormers vs Baltimore, MD Maryland Orioles		3-0
2010	Burke, VA Virginia Barnstormers vs Huntington, WV Huntington Hounds		6-4
2011	Gambrills, MD Maryland Monarchs vs Houston, TX Allen Baseball		6-0
2012	Chicago, IL Top Tier Baseball vs Allen, TX Allen Baseball		7-5
2013	Ronkonkoma, NY Marucci Titans vs Gambrills, MD Maryland Monarchs		8-2
2014	Toronto, Ontario Toronto Mets vs Ellicott City, MD HCYP 17s		7-6

Pittsburgh Pirates' Pedro 'El Toro' Alvarez NABF Grad of the Year

(continued from page 1)

February 6, 1987) is a Dominican-American professional baseball first baseman with the Pirates. Álvarez has been nicknamed El Toro, Spanish for "the bull", because of his strength and muscular physique. He stands 6-foot-3 and weighs 250 pounds. A third baseman until late 2014, Alvarez has since transitioned to first base for the Pirates.

Álvarez was born in the Dominican Republic to Pedro and Luz Alvarez. Alvarez also has a sister. As a young boy, he grew up in the Washington Heights neighborhood in the New York City borough of Manhattan.

Álvarez first attended the Mott Hall School for gifted and talented students in Harlem, where he was an A student. He then attended Horace Mann School in the Bronx, where he holds numerous baseball records, most notably home runs, batting average, on-base percentage, slugging percentage, and RBIs. Álvarez was named Athlete of the Year his senior season. Though he attended a private school, Álvarez's abilities attracted the attention of scouts throughout the New York City area, especially after he led his club team, the Bay-side Yankees, to a national title in 2005. In recognition of his success, Louisville Slugger crowned him the Player of the Year in New York and also named him to its All-America team.

Vanderbilt career

After graduating from high school, Álvarez was drafted in the 14th round of the 2005 major league draft by the Boston Red Sox. Though offered a substantial signing bonus, Álvarez instead chose to play college baseball for the Vanderbilt Commodores of the Southeastern Conference.

Álvarez started slowly and had some trouble adjusting to the college game. However, after growing comfortable, he became an integral member of the Commodore lineup. Álvarez put up some of the best offensive numbers in the history of Vanderbilt, setting single-season school records in home runs and second in RBIs to Warner Jones.

These stats earned Álvarez National Freshman of the Year honors from several publications, including Baseball America. Álvarez was then selected to the USA National team, leading the team in batting average. Baseball America ranked him as the 2nd best pro prospect on the squad. In addition, Sports Illustrated ranked him as the best pro prospect on the team and said that he was the "early favorite to be drafted first in 2008," due to his impressive performance over the summer and as a freshman.

Before the 2007 season began Álvarez was named to the watchlist for the SEC and national player of the year awards. He was also chosen as a 1st team pre-season All-American. During the season, Álvarez had great success, hitting .397 with 17 home runs, 65 RBI, 72 runs, an on-base percentage of .467, and a slugging percentage of .706 for the 51-11 Commodores. His strong play was one of the key reasons Vanderbilt captured its first ever SEC regular-season championship. During the SEC Tournament, Álvarez powered Vanderbilt to a come-from-behind championship despite the team dropping the tournament's first game. No other team in SEC history had ever come back to win after losing its first game, and Álvarez was named Tournament MVP.

"Pedro has many layers to his story and how he arrived at Vanderbilt and for that, I am very proud of his progression as a person. He is a young man that is filled with humility and great pride. I love him for who he is...a great husband, a great friend and confidante, and very soon, a tremendous caring dad," Vanderbilt head baseball



Pedro Alvarez

“
It's very fun to go out there and play some good baseball and come out winning. It makes it that much better when you have a good day that you can celebrate with your teammates.
”

coach Tim Corbin emailed the NABF.

Álvarez was invited back to Team USA after his strong performance in 2006 and would prove to be a leader on the field. He led the team in homers, RBI, batting average, hits, and slugging percentage.

Professional career

Pittsburgh Pirates[edit]Álvarez was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the first round (second overall) in the 2008 Major League Baseball Draft. He agreed to a \$6 million minor league contract with the Pirates on August 15, minutes before the deadline but did not immediately sign it. He was placed on the restricted list after the Major League Baseball Players Association filed a grievance against Major League Baseball over draft picks being signed minutes after the August 15 deadline. On September 22, Álvarez agreed to renegotiated terms on a four-year major league contract at \$6.4 million.

Minor Leagues

In 2009, he attended Spring Training with the Pirates, but was assigned to the minor league's spring training on March 16, 2009. After playing several months with the Pirates High-A affiliate, Lynchburg Hillcats, Álvarez was assigned to Double-A Altoona Curve in late June. Álvarez performed extremely well between the two levels, leading the Pirates organization in home runs and RBI with 27 and 95 respectively. He also batted .288 with an .917 OPS.

2010

Álvarez started the 2010 season with the Pirates Triple-A affiliate, the Indianapolis Indians, as the 8th-best prospect in Baseball America's 2010 rankings. In 66 games with the Indians, he hit .277 with 13 home runs, 53 RBI and 4 stolen bases.

Álvarez was called up to the MLB on June 16, 2010 and made his Major League debut against John Danks of the Chicago White Sox. He went 0-for-2 with a walk, a strikeout, and a run scored.

His first Major League hit came against the Cleveland Indians on June 19, 2010, an RBI double over the left-field wall off Indians starter David Huff. The following several weeks of his career did not go so smoothly, however. He struck out at least once in each of his first 10 games, capped off by a 4-strikeout game in a 14-4 loss to the Oakland Athletics on June 25, 2010. Pirates manager John Russell then gave him a day off. His first Major League home run came against the Philadelphia Phillies on July 3, 2010, a solo shot to left field off of Phillies starter Kyle Kendrick. Following his benching, Álvarez responded with an eight-game hitting streak from June 28-July 6 that included 2 home runs, 3 runs scored and 4 RBI.

Álvarez recorded his first career multi-

homer game on July 20, 2010 against the Milwaukee Brewers. He hit a grand slam in the first inning off Brewers starter Dave Bush and then followed with a solo home run in the following inning. He finished the game 2-for-4 with two runs and five RBIs, helping the Pirates to an 11-9 win. He hit two home runs again the next night against the Brewers, going 3-for-5 with 3 RBIs as part of a 15-3 Pirate victory. The home runs came against Milwaukee starter Randy Wolf and reliever Kameron Loe. After the game, Álvarez had raised his batting average over 60 points, from .197 on July 9 to .259.

"Obviously, those first few weeks, it's a million miles an hour, and as time goes on you get used to it a little bit more and more." said Álvarez of his early struggles. "It's very fun to go out there and play some good baseball and come out winning. It makes it that much better when you have a good day that you can celebrate with your teammates."

On August 7, 2010 Pedro hit a walk-off 3 run home run against the Colorado Rockies closer Huston Street.

Álvarez was named National League Player of the Week for September 20–26 for his performances. He finished the week 10-for-24 (.417) with 2 home runs and 13 RBIs. Álvarez continued his hot streak, going 4-for-5 with 5 RBIs on September 30 against the Florida Marlins while raising his season batting average 8 points from .249 to .257. Álvarez finished the season by winning the NL Rookie of the Month Award for September, hitting .311 and leading all Major League rookies with 26 RBIs in his final 27 games.

2011

Álvarez did not immediately continue

his late 2010 performance, compiling a .208 batting average and a .587 OPS in 36 games. On May 21, 2011 Álvarez was placed on the 15-day disabled list. After being reinstated from the DL on July 9, 2011 he was optioned to the AAA Indianapolis Indians.

2012

Álvarez decided not to spend the 2011–2012 offseason playing winter league ball. [citation needed] After the first nine games of the 2012 season, he struck out 13 times in his first 27 at-bats. In an interleague series against the Cleveland Indians, Álvarez hit two home runs in back-to-back games on June 16 and 17, making him only the second Pirates' player with multi-home run games in back-to-back games since 1918, with Ralph Kiner being the other player. [21] Álvarez hit a go-ahead home run in the 19th inning against the St. Louis Cardinals on August 19, the longest game in the majors to that point in the season and tied for the longest in terms of time at 6 hours, 7 minutes. Álvarez hit a 469-ft home run, the longest hit by a Pittsburgh Pirate in the history of PNC Park to date, in a two home run game against the St. Louis Cardinals on August 28.

2013

Álvarez was selected to the National League All-Star team. He also participated in the Home Run Derby, where he hit six home runs. On September 13, he hit an inside-the-park home run. He finished the 2013 season with 36 home runs, which was tied for most in the National League and third-most in the majors, and 100 RBI, which was tied for fifth-most in the NL. On October 9, 2013, he became the first player in baseball history to record an RBI in each of his first 6 postseason games.

2014

The 2014 season saw Alvarez's defense struggle, with an MLB-leading 24 errors by August 3. As a result, Alvarez was removed from the everyday lineup and utility player Josh Harrison received the starting job at third base for an indefinite time period. This led to the Pirates' considering a move for Alvarez from third base to first base in order to keep his offensive capabilities in the lineup. On August 18, Alvarez made his first Major League appearance at first base against the Atlanta Braves at PNC Park.

The Pirates announced on September 10 that Alvarez had been diagnosed with a stress fracture in his left foot stemming from an injury he sustained in-game on August 26. He missed the remainder of the regular season, and was left off of the Wild Card Game roster against the San Francisco Giants. (biography courtesy wikipedia.org and NABF sources)

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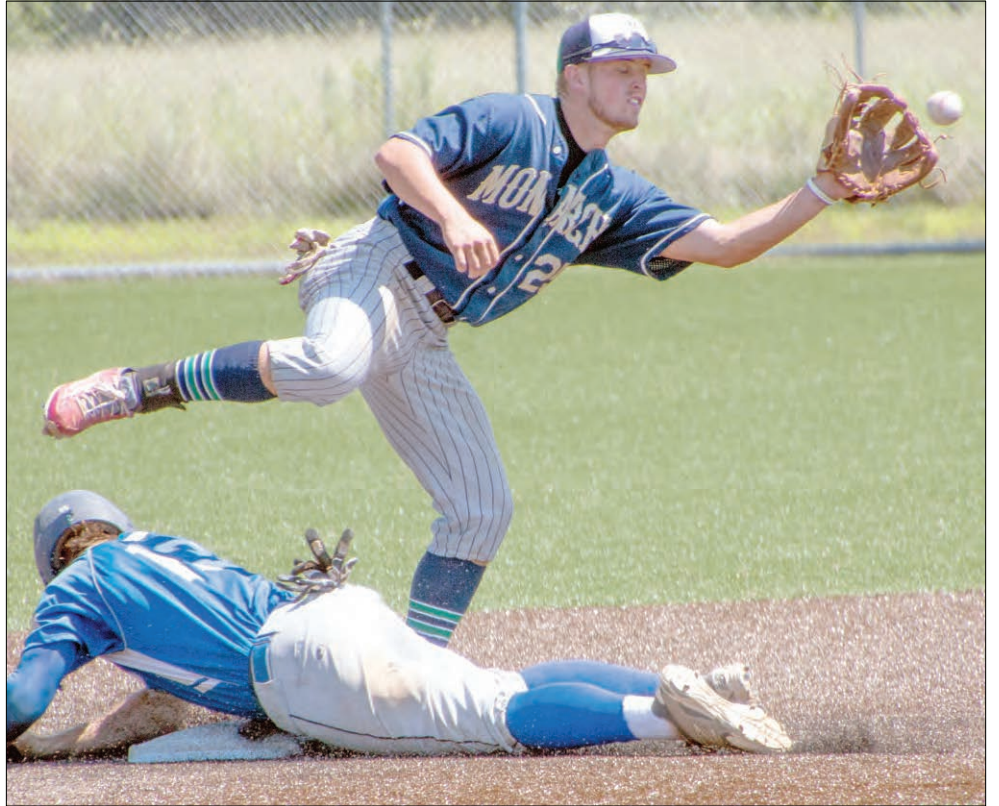


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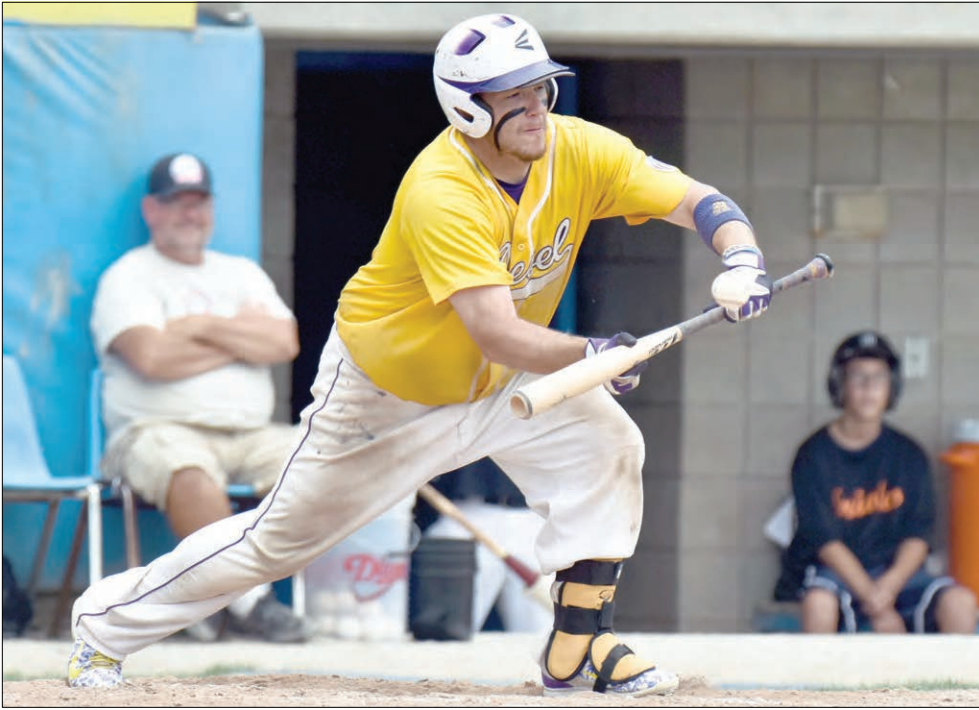
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Junior World Series

Creekside Fitness takes an extra-inning thriller in Knoxville

The Junior Division World Series Championship Game was an extra-inning thriller in Knoxville, Tennessee.

The Toronto Mets carried a 2-0 lead in to the 7th inning. Creekside Fitness (OH) scratched out two runs in the 7th to tie the game after singles from Tony Chiaro and Dom Drummond and Kevin Pollock was hit by a pitch.

Creekside Fitness (OH) scored a run in the top of the 8th after Pad O'Shaughnessy doubled to lead off the inning. The Toronto Mets were not finished.

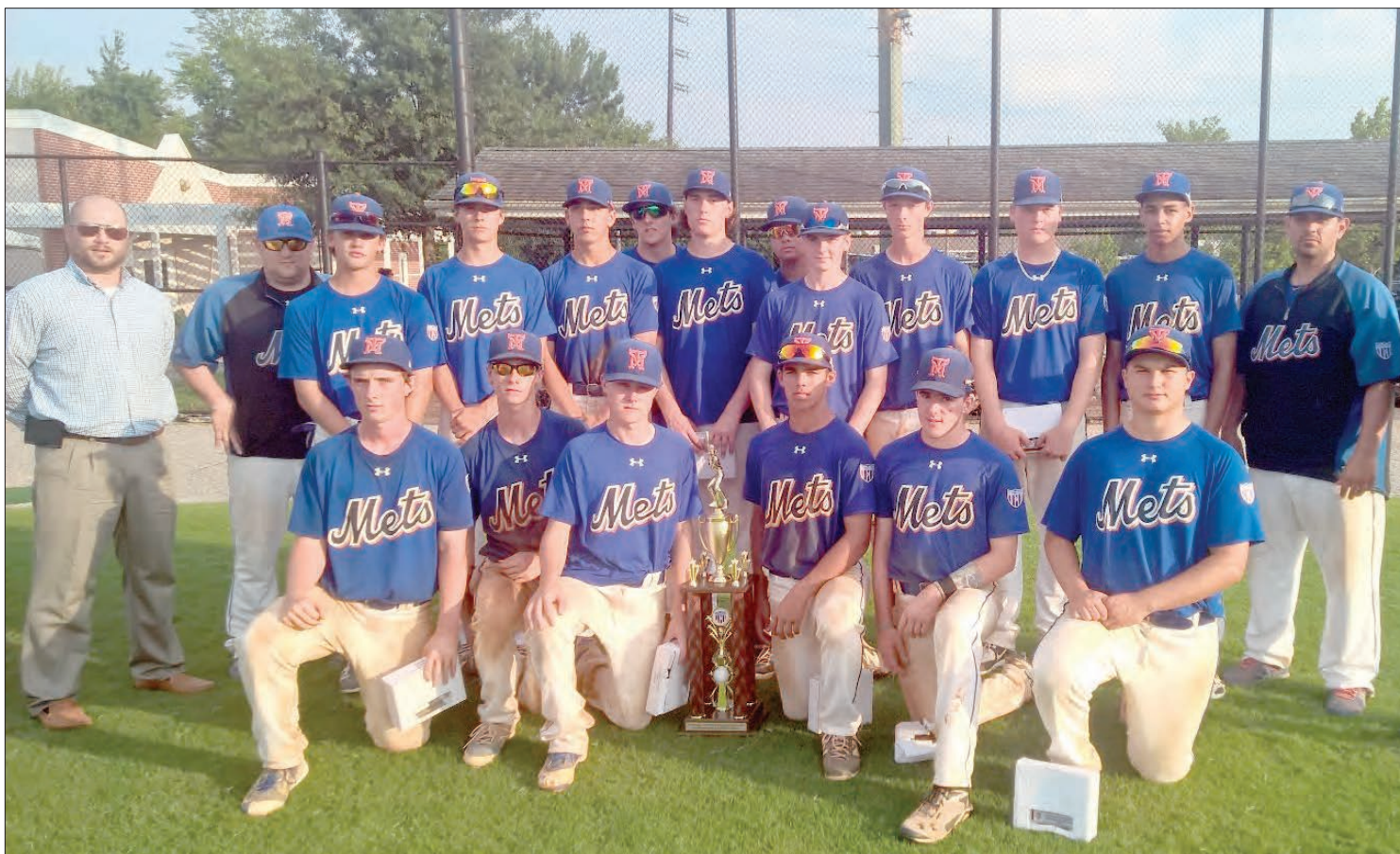
In the bottom half of the 8th, three hits and a walk allowed the Mets to tie the game again at 3 a piece.

In the 9th, Creekside's Kevin Pollock doubled to start the inning. Back-to-back-to-back singles from Suarez, Richey, and O'Shaughnessy gave Creekside a 4-3 lead. Creekside's Erik Sapp slammed the door on Toronto in the bottom of the 9th to secure the win.

Suarez was named the Tournament MVP and Richey was the batting champion.



Creekside Fitness, NABF Junior Division World Series champions. Players are — Kneeling L to R: Jaydon Johnson, Anthony Laird, Pad O'shaughnessy, Kevin Pollock, Noah Suarez, Bryce Richey, Donald Drummond, Tony Chiaro. Standing L to R: Coach Lonnie Laird, Coach Brian Richey, Dylan McAvoy, Jacob Harsany, Nat Ross, Aidan Thomson, Dan Klase, Dominic Drummond, Jon Collins (East TN Baseball District), Dominic Pecchia, Jake Wick, Eric Sapp, Bob "Bubba" Boughner, Manager.



Toronto Mets, NABF Junior Division World Series runners-up.

- ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM**
- C Liam Hicks, Toronto Mets (ON)
 - C Brandt Jones, Jackson 96ers (MS)
 - Utility Daniel Carinci, Toronto Mets (ON)
 - Utility Will Hebert, New York Devil Cats (NY)
 - 1B Brentley Neal, Seymour Eagles (TN)
 - 2B Jackson Arender, Toronto Mets (ON)
 - 3B Robert Howe, Bonnie Rockets (NY)
 - SS Bryce Richey, Creekside Fitness (OH)
 - OF Noah Suarez, Creekside Fitness (OH)
 - OF Dillon Maxon, New York Devil Cats (NY)
 - OF Tacker Stanton, Music City Dodgers (TN)
 - OF Adam Plouffe, Toronto Mets (ON)
 - OF JJ Nicholas, Baird Brothers (OH)
 - OF Sam Mills, Jackson 96ers (MS)
 - DH Jake Wick, Creekside Fitness (OH)
 - P Alex Gray, Strongsville Stingrays (OH)
 - P Jake Harsany, Creekside Fitness (OH)
 - P Aiden Findlay, Toronto Mets (ON)
 - P Hayden Malenfact, Toronto Mets (ON)
 - P Dylan McAvoy, Creekside Fitness (OH)
- MVP — Noah Suarez, Creekside Fitness (OH)
 Batting Champion — Bryce Richey, Creekside Fitness (OH)

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Sophomore World Series

The Rizer Group nips Lake Erie Warhawks, 4-2, in Knoxville

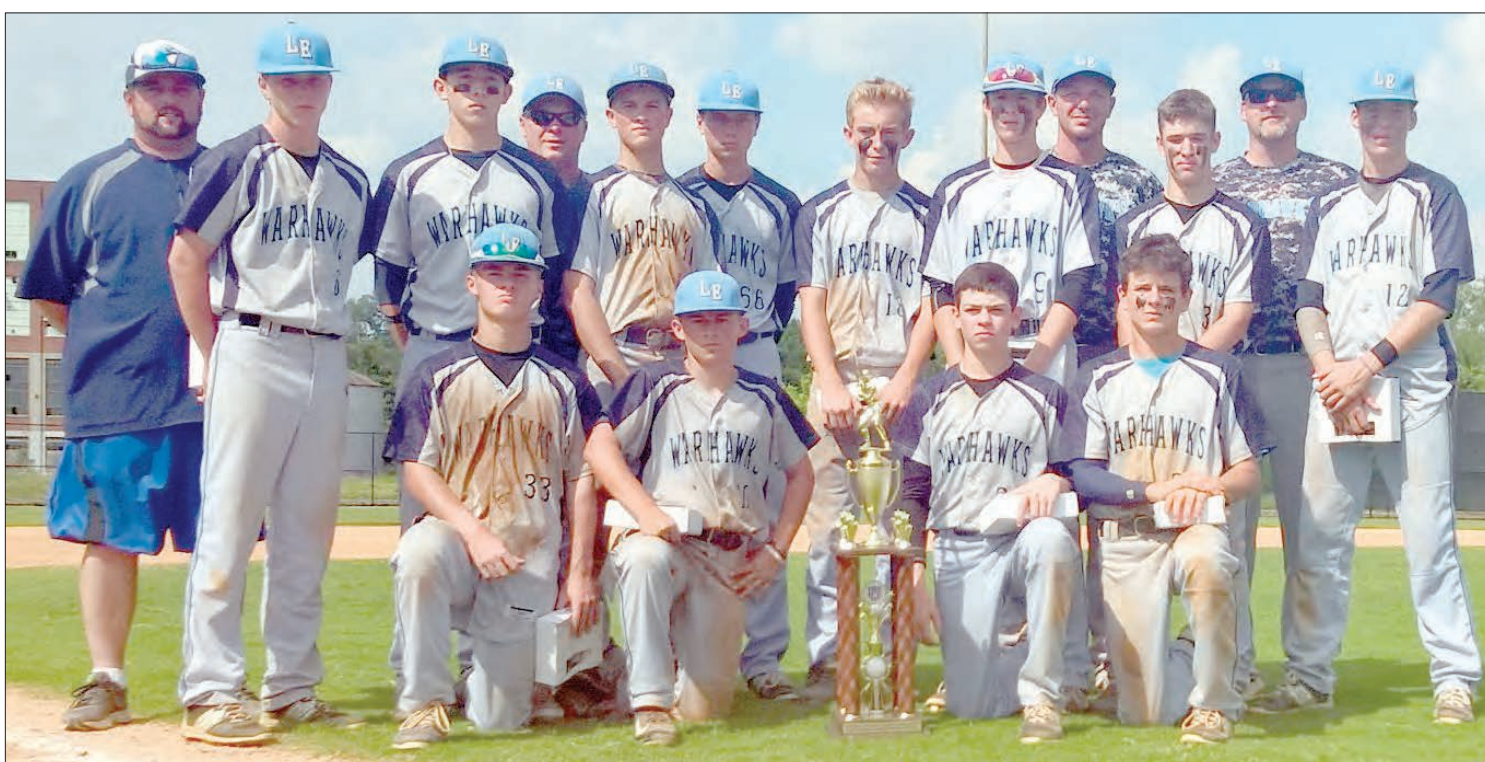
In Knoxville, the Sophomore Division World Series championship saw The Rizer Group (OH) make the most of their wild-card birth to the quarterfinals by defeating the Lake Erie Warhawks (OH) by a score of 4-2.

The Rizer Group jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the third inning when Dom Piloli tripled in Matt Senchak and Braden O'Shaughnessy singled in Senchak. In the fourth, The Rizer Group added two more to take a 4-0 lead. The Lake Erie Warhawks did not go quietly. In the 6th, the Warhawks scored two runs after a lead off single from Seth Sanders and a walk to Reese Miller.

In the 7th, trailing 4-2, the Warhawks put two runners on with no outs, but the rally fell short when the tournament MVP, Malik Caige entered the game to pitch. Caige slammed the door on the Warhawks and secured the championship for the Rizer Group.



Rizer Group, NABF Sophomore Division World Series champions. Players are — In front (l-r) David Greenburg, Dom Piloli, Braden O'Shaughnessy, Brian Shevitz, Matt Senchak, and Evan McCrensky. Middle row (l-r) Dom Wade, Mark Torsello, Malik Caige, Will Shaffer, Jad Jallah, and Jaxon Anderson. Back Row (l-r) Gerry Senchak (manager), Steve Shaffer (coach), Randall Brown (NABF Sophomore Division Director), Mark Torsello (coach), and Brian Shevitz (coach).



Lake Erie Warhawks, NABF Sophomore Division World Series runners-up.

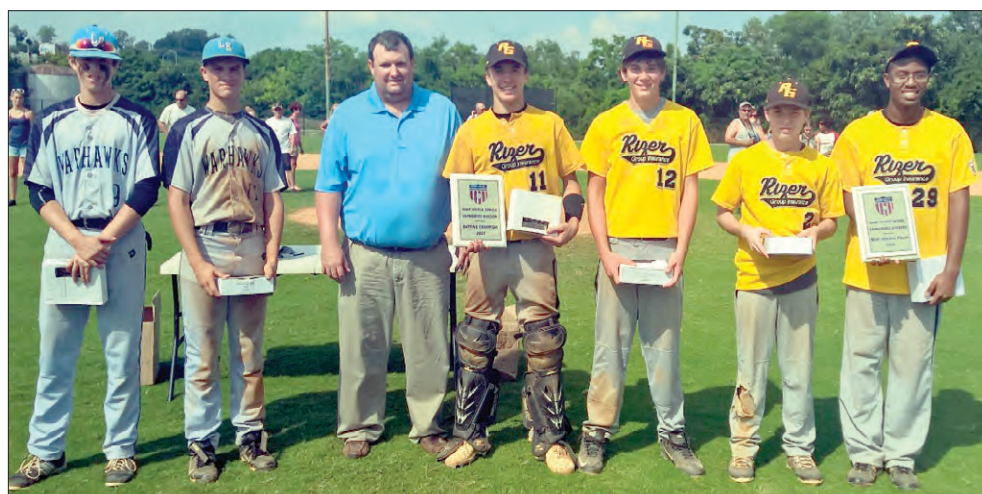
- ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM**
- C Jackson Anderson, Rizer Group (OH)
 - C Bridley Thomas, Jackson 96ers (MS)
 - Utility Nick Melillo, Devil Cats (NY)
 - Utility Kevin Weaver, Elite Impact (OH)
 - 1B Reese Miller, Lake Erie Warhawks (OH)
 - 2B Will Shaffer, Rizer Group (OH)
 - 3B Van Reed, Jackson 96ers (MS)
 - SS Luke Pascarella, Devil Cats (NY)
 - OF Nathan LaPinski, Devil Cats (NY)
 - OF Noah GrandJean, Devil Cats (NY)
 - OF Matt Pagano, Diamond Buddies Hawks (NY)
 - OF Tebow Hunt, Jackson 96ers (MS)
 - OF Justin Anglero, Brooklyn Cougars (NY)
 - OF Dom Pilloli, Rizer Group (OH)
 - DH Billy Blood, Lake Erie Warhawks (OH)
 - P Malik Caige, Rizer Group (OH)
 - P Nick DeGregory, Astro Falcons (OH)
 - P John Rodopoulos, Diamond Buddies Hawks (NY)
 - P Mark DeFalco, Astro Falcons (OH)
 - P Gregory Dorfman, Brooklyn Cougars (NY)
 - P Will Shaffer, Rizer Group (OH)
- MVP — Malik Caige, Rizer Group (OH)**
Batting Champion — Jackson Anderson, Rizer Group (OH), .579 BA



Batting Champion Jackson Anderson (Rizer Group) with Sophomore Division tournament director Randall Brown.



Tournament MVP Malik Caige (Rizer Group) with Sophomore Division tournament director Randall Brown.



All-Tournament Team members from Rizer Group and the Lake Erie Warhawks.

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Freshman World Series



The NABF Freshman champion Bonnie Robins and the runner-up, NYCYSO Rays, after the Robins won the championship to advance to the YBN Championships.

Bonnie Robins advance to Youth Baseball Network Series

By Alberto Ariza

The Bonnie Robins of Brooklyn, N.Y had a fantastic run in the 2015 12U NABF World Series that was held in Hackensack, N.J at Foschini Park. They finished their run undefeated with 5 wins and 0 losses with the efforts of talented, hardworking, and dedicated baseball players.

In Game 1, the Bonnie Robins 12U beat NY Phenom 12U 8 to 1 in six innings.

In game 2, the Bonnie Robins 12U jumped out to an early lead on the TYA Tigers 12U and captured a 12-3 victory.

The bats were busy in game 3 when the dust cleared Bonnie Robins 12U had a 20-13 win over the Baby Yankees in six innings.

Bonnie Robins 12U jumped out to an early lead on DB Razorbacks 12U and captured a 19-4 victory in the semi-final game of the NABF World Series.

The Bonnie Robins 12U beat the NYCYSO Rays 12U 18-0 in five innings

after a 14-run explosion in the fifth inning of the championship game. Bonnie Robins scored in the fifth on an RBI single by Bryan Jerez, a two-run single by Jasson Molina, a three-run single by Manai Hutchinson, an RBI single by Sammuel Urena, a two-run single by Justin Austin, an RBI single by Solly Walsh, a two-run triple by Manuel Ariza, an RBI double by Jasson, and an RBI single by Manai. Manai racked up four RBIs on four hits for Bonnie Robins.

Bonnie Robins 12U's Bryan J kept the NYCYSO Rays off the scoreboard for all five innings he was on the hill. He pitched a shutout, allowing no opposing players to cross the plate on five hits while ringing up eight. Bonnie Robins 12U easily handled the NYCYSO Rays pitching as seven hitters combined for 18 hits, 15 RBIs and 15 runs scored. Bonnie Robins stayed on top until the final out after taking the lead in the third, scoring four runs on a two-run double by Bryan J and an RBI triple by Bryan Padilla.



NABF Freshman champion Bonnie Robins

CABA's Academy Sun Devils Crowned 2015 Youth Baseball Network Champions

By YBN

The Academy Select Sun Devils from Dallas, TX won the inaugural 2015 Youth Baseball Network National Championship in Branson, MO.

The Sun Devils, National Champions from CABA, defeated AABC National Champions PL Siege from Pembroke Lakes, FL to win the prestigious YBN Championship.

The Sun Devils, who had lost a tight battle with PL Siege, 2-1, in the winner's bracket finals, came back by defeating NABF Champion, Bonnie Robins from Brooklyn, NY, 16-0, to advance to the Championship game. In the finals, the Sun Devils came from behind in dramatic fashion to win game one, 9-7, to force a second game in the double-elimination tournament.

The final game for the championship was an exciting battle, as both teams came from behind several times, with the Sun Devils prevailing, 15-13, to win the first Youth Baseball Network National Championship. The Sun Devils win was a total team effort, as several players contributed. Jonathan Huff and Zach Rike were outstanding throughout the tournament.

The Sun Devils were led by Head Coach Linty Ingram and assistant Chris

Edelstein. The Sun Devils are managed by Kyle Krowka.

The National Amateur Baseball Federation (NABF) crowned Bonnie Robins their 2015 World Series 12U Champion in July. Bonnie Robins is from Parade Ground League in Brooklyn, New York.

The Youth Baseball Network (YBN) announced that Diamond Sports will serve as the official ball of Youth Baseball Network and its YBN National Championship.

"Youth Baseball Network is extremely proud to be associated with Diamond, such a great brand in baseball," said Gil Vieira, Founder and CEO of Youth Baseball Network. "Diamond has been considered a premier ball in the industry for years, and we couldn't be more pleased as they join our efforts promoting Youth Baseball."

Andrea Gordon, President of Diamond Sports stated, "We are looking forward to our partnership with Youth Baseball Network and its YBN National Championship. Partnering with a company dedicated to expanding youth baseball and encouraging play is an initiative we look forward to assisting." The partnership will also provide YBN and Diamond with co-branding marketing opportunities across advertising, digital and grassroots platforms."



Bonnie Robins' Bryan Jerez, the Freshman Division World Series Most Valuable Player. gets his plaque. Jerez batted .690 and pitched a complete game shutout.



Bonnie Robins' Brian Padilla batted 750 for the tournament to get batting title.

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World Classics



Runners-Up, Devils Cats coach, accepts 9U NABF Classics runner-up trophy.



Storm team manager Rich Aleman with Bill White, Classics tournament director.



Jersey Storm, 9U NABF Classic champions

NABF Scholarship Application

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

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

could be made each year.

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

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

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

with the National Amateur Baseball Federation member association is eligible.

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

Scholarship Application

Applicant's Name: _____
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 Sponsor: _____
 Association's Approval _____, Pres.

Items required with application:

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



Fans take in the action at OC Brown Stadium in Battle Creek. (Photo by Art Frith)



A catcher doing his job at the College World Series. (Photo by Scott Grau)

NABF Regionals

MAJOR DIVISION REGIONALS

BUFFALO, NY
 Winner: Battistoni Diesel
 Runner-Up: Leibs Baseball
 Final Game Score: Battistoni Diesel 10 vs. Leibs Baseball 6

CINCINNATI, OH
 Winner: Chiefs
 Runner-Up: Yorkville
 Final Game Score: Championship game rained out (winner determined by Rule 8.01)

FLINT, MI
 Winner: Jet Box
 Runner-Up: Pontiac Parkers
 Final Game Score: Jet Box 11 vs. Pontiac Parkers 1

FORT WAYNE, IN
 Winner: Lombard Orioles
 Runner-Up: Cleveland Black Wolves
 Final Game Score: Lombard Orioles 10 vs. Cleveland Black Wolves 0

HACKENSACK, NJ
 Winner: Englewood A's
 Runner-Up: Bergen Yankees
 Final Game Score: Englewood A's 10 vs. Bergen Yankees 0

KANKAKEE, IL
 Winner: City Lakers
 Runner-Up: Joliet Dirtbags
 Final Game Score: City Lakers 15 vs. Joliet Dirtbags 3

PITTSBURGH, PA
 Winner: St. Johns Lefties
 Runner-Up: Lake Erie Buckeyes
 Final Game Score: St. Johns Lefties 13 vs. Lake Erie Buckeyes 6

SALISBURY, MD
 Winner: Brooklyn Sports Fever
 Runner-Up: Brunswick Orioles
 Final Game Score: Brooklyn Sports Fever 8 vs. Brunswick Orioles 4

WEST HAVEN, CT
 Winner: Thermaxx Jackets
 Runner-Up: Columbus Auto Body
 Final Game Score: Thermaxx Jackets 8 vs. Columbus Auto Body 2



NABF College Division Director Aaron Myers presents the runner-up trophy to a Michigan Monarchs player at Mercy Field in Toledo. Photo by Scott Grau



A Lombard Orioles pitcher delivers in the championship game of the Major Division World Series at Bailey Park in Battle Creek, Michigan. (Photo by Art Frith)

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NABF High School Pre-Season All-Americans

2015 NABF High School Pre-Season 1st Team All-Americans

Name	Height	Weight	B/T	Position	High School	State	Graduation	Summer Team	Commitment
Lucas Herbert	6'1	195	R/R	C	San Clemente	CA	2015	So Cal Renegades	UCLA

This UCLA signee won a gold medal this summer for the 18U USA Baseball Team in the COPABE 18U Pan American Championships. Herbert caught a majority of the time this summer for Team USA. Herbert has an impressive 1.8 pop time.

Michael Hickman	6'1	205	L/R	C	Seven Lakes	TX	2015	Marucci Houston	Oklahoma
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This catcher shows tremendous potential offensively and defensively. Hickman boast a 1.8 pop time and shows big time power with the bat. Hickman participated in the 2013 USA Baseball Tournament of Stars as one of the few members of the 2015 class.

Domenic DeRenzo	6'1	185	R/R	C	Pittsburgh Central Catholic	PA	2015	Youngstown Astro Falcons	Oklahoma
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DeRenzo has an unusual tool for a catcher that makes him very attractive, he runs a 6.75 60. With his power arm, bat and speed, DeRenzo is a big time prospect. DeRenzo is a player that has performed on every stage this spring and summer.

Zac Cox	6'0	215	R/L	1B	Warren Central	MS	2015	Jackson 96ers	East MS CC
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Cox hit .347 during the 2014 high school season. He had a big summer for the Jackson Diamond 96ers. Cox displayed power in the NABF High School (17U) World Series by hitting 3 homeruns. He was named to the NABF High School World Series All Tournament Team.

Greg Popatak	6'2	220	L/R	1B	Sharpville	PA	2015	Ohio Glaciers	George Mason
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Popatak is a power hitter with good size to play the corners. In 2014, Popatak was named to the NABF Senior Division (18U) World Series Team. Popatak hit .318, with 4 doubles and 6 RBIs in the World Series.

Drew Mondaza	6'4	180	L/R	P/MIF	Lake Minneola	FL	2016	Lake Minneola	Florida State
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Mendoza is a big time prospect that is ranked as one of the top 2016 players in the country. He could be a high draft pick in 2016. On the mound, Mendoza boasts an 88-89 mph fastball. Mendoza is dominating in every aspect of the game.

Nick Shumpert	6'0	180	R/R	MIF	Highlands Ranch	CO	2015	Propsects National Team	Kentucky
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The son of former major leaguer Terry Shumpert is rated as one of the top all around players in the country. Shumpert participated in the USA Baseball Tournament of Stars and showed a big time arm and lightening speed. Shumpert continues to improve offensively and could be a high draft pick in next June's draft.

Kendal Jefferies	5'11	175	R/R	P/MIF	Klein	TX	2015	Houston Heat	Rice
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Jefferies is a double threat playing middle infield and pitching. Jefferies pitches in the upper 80s and can dominate on the mound. Jefferies runs a 6.7-6.8 60, which helps his range and has a big time arm from the infield. His tools make him one of the top dual players in the country.

Zac Watson	6'0	160	S/R	P/MIF	West Ouachita	LA	2016	West Ouachita	LSU
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Watson is another dual threat playing middle infield and pitching. Watson pitches in the low 90s. This summer, Watson got the victory, in a pitchers dual, against fellow All American Sam Springer at the Mississippi NABF Classic. This spring, Watson showed his offensive dominance by hitting .465, with 9 homeruns, and 18 doubles. Watson also showed his 6.6 60 speed by stealing 26 bases.

Tom Friar	5'10	200	R/R	3B	Jefferson	MI	2015	Toledo Hawks	
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Friar had a big tournament at the NABF Junior Division (16U) World Series. His efforts earned him a spot on the World Series All Tournament Team. Friar is big and strong and can hit for power. He is still young, but shows great potential for the future.

Luke Craig	6'2	200	R/R	3B	Morton	MS	2015	Mississippi Golden Spikes	
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Craig has size and power to play the corners. In the 2014 high school season, Craig hit .667, with 38 RBIs, 41 runs, 15 doubles, and 11 homeruns. Craig kept that pace playing in Mississippi NABF Classics during the summer for the Mississippi Golden Spikes.

Trey Jimmerson	5'10	175	L/L	OF	Concordia Lutheran	TX	2015	Houston Heat	Texas A&M
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This Texas SA All State Player ranks as one of the top players in the class of 2015. His hitting ability and jump on the ball separate him from other outfielders. Jimmerson has put up big numbers and performed on every stage this past spring and summer.

Tyler Rand	6'2	175	R/R	OF	Langham Creek	TX	2015	Houston Heat	Texas
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Rand is a career .321 hitter with 44 RBIs and 43 stolen bases in high school. He has been chosen as a Team Texas selection each of the last two years. Rand is one of the best centerfielders and leadoff hitters in the 2015 class.

Trenton Wood	6'1	170	R/R	OF	Troy	OH	2015	Troy Post 43	Mt Vernon
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Wood was selected to the NABF Senior Division (18U) World Series All Tournament Team, hitting .469 in the tournament. Wood is a line drive hitter, with gap power. He has a plus arm from the field and the mound. Wood is a career .373 hitter in NABF play, with a 17-4 record on the mound. In high school, Wood was selected All GWOC in 2014.

Luke Yancey	5'10	155	L/L	OF	East Rankin	MS	2015	Jackson 96ers	
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Yancey is a five tool player that has put up big numbers in his career. In high school, Yancey is a career .442 hitter, with 36 doubles, 14 triples, 7 homeruns and 43 stolen bases. Yancey was the batting champion in the 2014 NABF High School (17U) World Series.

Evan Lumbert	5'11	170	L/R	OF/P	Boone	FL	2015	Boone	
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Lumbert is a dual threat on the mound and in the outfield. Lumbert projects to be an outfielder with solid offensive numbers in the spring, summer, and fall of 2014

Juan Hillman	6'2	185	L/L	OF/P	Olympia	FL	2015	Olympia	UCF
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Scouts love Hillman. He qualifies as an All American on the mound and in the outfield. Hillman will pitch on the next level. On the mound, Hillman throws low 90s, with good command and a deceptive delivery. Hillman dominated throughout the summer and fall in 2014. Hillman could be a high draft pick in 2015.

Kolby Allard	6'2	175	L/L	P	San Clemente	CA	2015	So Cal Renegades	UCLA
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Allard was dominating on the mound this summer for the 18U USA Baseball Team. Allard got the nod for the gold medal game in the COPABE 18U Pan American Championships. In the gold medal game, Allard piled up 7 strikeouts and did not allow a run in three innings. His mid 90s fastball from the left side will make him a priority in the MLB Draft.

Luke Shilling	6'5	250	R/R	P/C/1B	Notre Dame Prep	MI	2015	Michigan Bulls	Cincinnati
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Shilling is a jack of all trades and a master of all. He is a pitcher, first baseman and catcher. Although Shilling pitches in the low 90s, his bat will make him a position player in college. Shilling hit .430 with 8 homeruns this past spring.

Jimmy Cain	6'3	180	R/R	P	Howard	MD	2015	HCYP	Salisbury
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This pitcher dominated in the NABF High School Division (17U) World Series, by throwing a no hitter in the quarter finals, on his team's way to advancing to the championship game. Cain has a long thin body that will fill out and potentially make him even more dominating.

Jordan Hicks	6'2	185	R/R	P	Cy Creek	TX	2015	Houston Heat	Tulane
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Hicks fastball reaches in the low 90s with a good curveball to go with it. Hicks projects well and is already one of the top prospects in the country. Hicks could end up being a high draft pick in the 2015 draft.

Stephen Kolek	6'3	215	R/R	P	Sheppard	TX	2015	Houston Heat	Texas A&M
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Stephen is the brother of 1st Round Draft Pick Tyler Kolek. Like his brother, Stephen has a big time arm. His fastball reaches in the low 90s and projects to get even better. Kolek was chosen to participate in the USA Baseball Tournament of Stars in 2014 and selected as a member of the 44 man USA 18U Team roster.

Zach Lingenfelter	6'4	210	L/R	P	Sevier Co	TN	2016	Sevier Co	Tennessee
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Lingenfelter threw 50.3 innings last spring and went 5-0 with his low 90s fastball. Lingenfelter had a big summer and caught the eyes of many big time college programs. With his size, he projects to fill out and be even more dominating on the mound.

Sam Springer	5'11	175	R/L	P/1B	Knoxville West	TN	2016	Knoxville West	
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This DI recruit had a big summer. In the NABF High School Division (17U) World Series, he pitched a 1-0 complete game shutout, striking out 11. At the Mississippi NABF Classic, he pitched 5 2/3 innings, striking out 9 against fellow All American Zac Watson. In the Perfect Game East Cobb Showcase, he got a 5 inning complete game victory, striking out 10. Springer picked off 19 runners in 2014, proving he has one of the best moves in the country.

Jake Vance	6'2	170	S/R	P	Central Catholic	OH	2016	Stark County Terriers	Ohio State
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Vance shows potential dominance on the mound with his command. Vance throws an upper 80s fastball, with a low 70s change up and good arm action. As a sophomore, he went 8-2 with a 1.36 ERA and struck out 75 batters in 67 innings.



Oregon Clay (Ohio) High School junior Zach Brown, an NABF Pre-Season High School All-American.

2015 NABF High School Pre-Season 2nd Team All-Americans

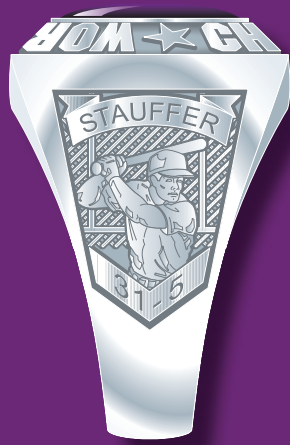
Name	Positions	High School	State	Graduation	Summer Team	Commitment
Jared Char	C	Farmington Hills Harrison	MI	2016	Michigan Bulls	
Jack Finn	C	Calvert Hall	MD	2015	HCYP	
Mason Gifford	C	Shawnee Heights	KA	2015	Topeka Stars	
Jesse Philip	P/1B	Lufkin	TX	2015	Houston Heat	Texas A&M Corpus Christi
Ryan Newman	1B/C	Brenham	TX	2015	Houston Heat	Texas State
Jonathon Ortega	MIF	Victoria East	TX	2015	Houston Heat	Texas State
Richard Jordan Palacios	MIF	Berkely Carroll	NY	2015	SAYO Grays	
Raul Cabrera	MIF	Lake Nona	FL	2015	Lake Nona	Miami Dade
Andrew Fregia	MIF	Liberty	TX	2015	Houston Heat	Sam Houston State
Nick Perez	3B/P	Austin	TX	2015	Houston Heat	Texas State
Jake Bedevian	3B/P	Second Baptist	TX	2015	Houston Heat	Incarnate Word
Wayne Roberts	OF	Trinity Pawling	NY	2015	Brooklyn Bonnies	
Nick Beuchate	OF	Karns	TN	2015	Karns	
Jesse Perez	OF	Shawnee Heights	KA	2015	Topeka Stars	
Justin Halper	OF	Shore Reg	NJ	2015	Diamond Spikes	
Jared Kapturasky	OF	Fitch	OH	2016	Youngstown Astro Falcons	
Daniel Clark	OF		OH	2016	Cincinnati Patriots	
Austin Boyles	P	Klein Collins	TX	2015	Houston Heat	TCU
Seth Kopel	P	Pikesville	MD	2015	HCYP	Johns Hopkins
Jared Burkett	P	Poland	OH	2016	Youngstown Astro Falcons	
Michael Byrne	P	Olympia	FL	2015	Olympia	Florida
Jon Dignazio	P	North Allegheny	PA	2015	Ohio Glaciers	
Tanner Lawson	P	Klein Oak	TX	2015	Houston Heat	Houston
Brett Gilchrist	P	Whitney	TX	2015	Houston Heat	Dallas Baptist
Caleb Hawks	P	Lufkin	TX	2015	Houston Heat	Texas A&M Corpus Christi

2015 NABF High School Pre-Season Honorable Mention All-Americans

Name	Positions	High School	State	Graduation	Summer Team	Commitment
Collin McClelland	C/SS	Brighton	MI	2015	Michigan Bulls	
Ritchie Divita	C	James Madison	NY	2016	Brooklyn Bonnie Bees	
Lou Cardona	C	Boardman	OH	2016	Youngstown Astro Falcons	
Chris Lewis	1B	Canfield	OH	2017	Youngstown Astro Falcons	
Ryan Leftwich	MIF	Cypress Ranch	TX	2015	Houston Heat	Texas State
Jake Almandarez	MIF	Pearland	TX	2015	Houston Heat	Texas State
Adam Cupp	MIF	Knoxville West	TN	2017	Knoxville West	
Ryan Calkins	Util	Jamestown	NY	2017	Diamond Spikes	
Jose Gonzalez	Util	Long Island City	NY	2015	SAYO Grays	
Dallas Robinson	Util	Hamilton	OH	2015	Team Cincinnati	
Johnny Rizer	OF	Cy-Fair	TX	2015	Houston Heat	Louisiana Lafayette
Zach Brown	OF	Clay	OH	2016	Toledo Hawks	
Alex Ludwick	OF	Padua Franciscan	OH	2017	Spartans-Blue	
Shawn James	P	James Madison	NY	2016	Brooklyn Bonnie Bees	
Danti Toppi	P	Central Catholic	MI	2016	Michigan Bulls	
Spencer Mraz	P	Berea-Midpark	OH	2016	Ohio Gators	
Evan Lane	P	Telecommunications	NY	2015	SAYO Grays	
Michael Conklin	P	Sylvania	OH	2016	Toledo Hawks	
Brian Forman	P	Marriotts Ridge	MD	2015	HCYP	
Thomas Benson	P	St Joseph	MS	2015	Jackson 96ers	

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