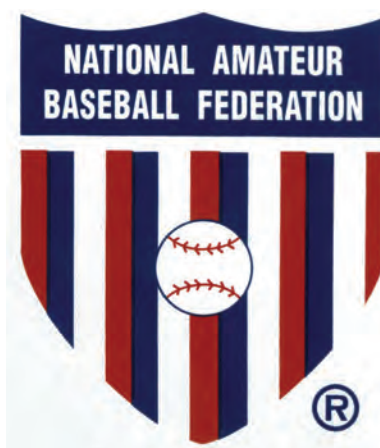




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Cardinal's David Freeze Graduate of the Year

David Richard Freeze (born April 28, 1983), third baseman for the St. Louis Cardinals, is the 2012 National Amateur Baseball Federation Graduate of the Year.

For the Cardinals, Freeze batted .545 with 12 hits in the 2011 National League Championship Series, and set a MLB post-season record with 21 RBIs, earning the NLCS MVP Award, World Series MVP Award, and the Babe Ruth Award, naming him the MVP of the MLB postseason.

David played his college ball at Meramec Community College and at the University of South Alabama. He was a major contributor to the St. Louis Metro Collegiate Baseball League's "infamous" 2003 league champions that eventually became NABF College Division national champs. He also played with our 2004 St. Louis league champs as well.

David was selected by the San Diego Padres in the 9th round of the 2006 amateur draft. After successful 2006 and 2007 seasons in the Padres minor league system, he was traded to the Cardinals in an offseason deal that sent Jim Edmonds to San Diego. David skipped Class "AA" ball as the Cards assigned him to Class "AAA" in Memphis, TN. He really opened some eyes while in Memphis hitting .306 with 91 RBIs and 26 home runs. Congrats to our latest alumni to reach the "Bigs."

His 2003 team that won the NABF College World Series was Fenton. Freeze was actually 17th in batting in the St. Louis Metro League and sixth on his team. He hit



David Freeze during the 2011 World Series parade. (MLB photos/Wikipedia.com)

.398 (35-for-97) with a .515 slugging percentage to go with 35 hits, seven doubles, one triple, two home runs, 50 total bases, five walks, nine strikeouts, four stolen bases, and 16 RBIs in 25 games.

He played for Brentwood of the St. Louis collegiate league in 2004, where he was 12th in the league in batting. He hit .349 (22-for-63) with a .453 OBP and .571 slugging to go with 14 runs, five doubles,

three triples, one HR, 36 total bases, nine walks, nine strikeouts, four stolen bases, and 12 RBIs in 17 games.

A star high school player, Freeze declined a college baseball scholarship from the University of Missouri, a Division I NCAA baseball program in the Big 12 Conference. Needing a break from baseball, he sat out his freshman year of college before feeling a renewed urge to play the game. He transferred to St. Louis Community College-Meramec, a junior college, where he played for one season before transferring to the University of South Alabama.

The Padres drafted Freeze out of South Alabama. He made his MLB debut on Opening Day 2009 due to an injury to incumbent third baseman Troy Glaus. Despite suffering injuries in his minor league career and first two MLB seasons, Freeze emerged as the Cardinals' best hitter during their 2011 World Series championship season.

Born in Corpus Christi, Texas, Freeze was raised in the Greater St. Louis area and he grew up a fan of the St. Louis Cardinals. He graduated in 2001 from Lafayette High School in Wildwood, Missouri. Freeze recorded a Lafayette-record .533 batting average and 23 home runs during his senior season. He was considered to be the best shortstop in the state.

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NABF College World Series champion Michigan Bulls pitcher Josh Vandemak (Madonna University) tosses at Rich Arbringer Field. (NABF photo by John Pollock/www.pollock.smugmug.com)

NABF Annual Meeting to be in Annapolis East, Kent Island, Maryland

The 98th Annual Meeting of the National Amateur Baseball Federation will be held Friday, November 9th and Saturday, November 10th, 2012 in Annapolis East - Kent Island, Maryland.

The Board of Director's Meeting is Friday, November 9th and the Delegates Meeting for all NABF franchised member associations, is Saturday, November 10th.

All NABF meetings are planned to be held at the Holiday Inn Express, 1020 Kent Narrows Road, Grasonville, Maryland 21638. The hotel phone number is (410) 827-4454 or visit their website www.holidaykentisland.com. NABF Franchise Representatives must mention Code: BAS for NABF Baseball for special room rates.

This event will be hosted by the Maryland State Baseball Association (MSBA). For additional information, members may contact Charlie Blackburn, President of Maryland State Baseball Association (MSBA) at (410) 721-4727 or nabf1914@aol.com.

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



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TO: ALL NABF MEMBERS:

On behalf of all of our National Amateur Baseball Federation members, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors and hosts of our world series, regional and national classics tournaments for making our 2012 programs another big success this season.

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Last, but not least, we would like to thank all those individuals and organizations who contributed to our scholarship program. Companies that sponsored are Baden Sports, official NABF baseball sponsor; Hillerich and Bradsby Company, (Louisville Slugger) our baseball bat sponsor since 1919; Jason Budden and Steve Sciafoni of Baseball Factory; Linda Sheriff & Debbie Lancellotti of New Era Park Caps; Motel 6; T-Mobile; Walter McDonald, our sponsor for rings and medallions; Major League Baseball Operations; Paul Wright and Village Sports Trophy Company; Frazier Insurance Agency; Debra & Dave Cook of Hoosier Bat Company; Sean McGuire and Valor Media Group and Pat Eaken, Editor of the NABF Tournament News. We would also like to thank all of the individuals too numerous to name that make NABF Baseball a reality year after year.

Charles M. Blackburn, Jr.
 Executive Director, NABF



From the President,

TO: ALL NABF MEMBERS:

With baseball season winding down for 2012 I would like to thank all our affiliated leagues, league officials, coaches and players for their participation. While operating a quality league has always required tremendous effort, I know in these tough economic times it has been even more difficult. I commend you for all your hardwork.

To all the leagues and communities that hosted a NABF tournament this year, our gratitude for your strong commitment. It is truly appreciated.

Thanks to all the NABF Officers and Board Members who traveled to tournament sites to assist with the management of any of our tournaments. Your efforts are vital to the success of the NABF.

And like always, I must extend my thanks to our Executive Director Charlie Blackburn. There is no doubt that this year has been one of the toughest challenges for Charlie. He has dealt with a continued down economy that has caused severe belt tightening for the NABF and family health issues at home. Through all of this Charlie has continued to lead us through another successful season.

As my term as President comes to a close, let me express again my sincere thanks for your commitment to the NABF. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Annual Meeting.

Greg Reddington
 President, NABF

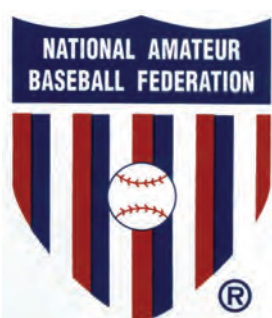
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National Youth Baseball

Florida Gators reach semis of televised NYBC

By Cash Kruth
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The NABF representative to the National Youth Baseball Championships, the Central Florida Gators, reached the NYB final four before falling. The Banditos Black (Super Series), which beat the Gators in a CBS sports televised semifinal, won the championship.

Semifinal 1: Houston Banditos Black 13, Central Florida Gators 6

A record-setting pitching performance by left-hander Thomas Burbank and a nine-run fourth inning led the Banditos past the Gators and into Monday's championship.

Burbank set an NYBC record by striking out 15 in five innings, recording every out via the punch out.

"We knew all along that he had the goods to do it," Deleon said. "That kid's been there for us all year. He was dominant. His breaking ball was outstanding."

Despite Burbank's powerful stuff, the Gators managed five runs off the lefty, one coming in the top of the fourth on a controversial balk call to put Central Florida ahead, 5-4. The lead quickly vanished in the bottom of the inning, as the Banditos exploded for a nine-run frame.

Alerick Soularie began the fourth-inning rally with a go-ahead two-run single, and Hunter Watson followed with a two-run double. Michael Cooper had the inning's big blast, launching a two-run homer.

The Banditos added three more runs as four Central Florida pitchers took the mound in the inning.

Soularie led the Banditos with a game-high three hits, while Watson and Cooper each had two hits and drove in three. Dakota More, Daniel Britt and Shane Jessen also had two base knocks, while Matthew Ferris drove in a pair.

Game 2: Central Florida Gators 7, Dairy Queen Crushers 3.

Central Florida's extra-inning victory came after the Crushers tied the game in the bottom of the sixth on a two-out bloop single by Parker Gavazzi, who advanced to second on an error and then scored on Cameron Tissue's single.

After two scoreless innings, Cabell hit a one-out single before successfully advancing to third on a single by Brett Wisely -- a risky baserunning decision.

"There was no doubt in my mind he was going" Gators manager Mark Roberts said. "He's so aggressive in everything he does."

"As soon as he got that base hit, I hustled and knew I had to go," Cabell said. "I saw the left fielder jog after it and I knew right away what I had to do."

Gators' Ben Jr. stands above peers

MEMPHIS -- Tommy Ben Jr. ("T.J." to his teammates) is used to receiving stares and attention.

The Central Florida Gators (Altamonte Springs, Fla.) first baseman is a big kid -- a real big kid, at 6-foot-4.

One might think that someone as big as T.J., whose father is the team's defensive coach, would play football or basketball, where size -- especially at such a young age -- could make him stand out more than he already does.

Instead, Ben loves baseball, and sometimes because of his size, it's easy to forget he's just a kid playing a kid's game.

At a tournament last year, manager Mark Roberts walked into his hotel room in Myrtle Beach, S.C., to the sight of Roberts' son and Ben watching "SpongeBob SquarePants."

"It was like a light-switch moment," Roberts said. "He's big -- he wears a size-18 shoe -- but he's still just a kid."

Thomas appears at research hospital

A young boy stood between former Major Leaguers Frank Thomas and Jeff Nelson on Thursday afternoon posing for a picture.

On the wall behind the three of them were pictures of the alphabet with words associated with each letter. 'A' was for 'always,' and 'B' was for 'ball.'

'C' was for 'cancer.'

The photo was snapped and the young boy, bald from his treatment but with big

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eyes and a bright smile, walked away with two autographed caps in hand. It was certainly a good day for the patient at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis.

Thomas, a two-time American League Most Valuable Player, and Nelson, a four-time World Series champion with the New York Yankees, visited the hospital Thursday afternoon. They were in town to broadcast the 2012 HotelPlanner.com National Youth Baseball Championships (NYBC), an event bringing 12 of the top 12-and-under youth teams from eight youth sports organizations in the country together that can be followed here.

Thursday was Nelson's fourth trip to St. Jude. Each time, he's been touched and reminded how lucky he is.

"For me, going there and having four healthy kids myself, it humbles you a bit," Nelson said. "It makes you remember to take nothing for granted."

Young children and their parents came up to the table where Nelson, Thomas and Eddie Einhorn -- the vice chairman and co-



owner of the Chicago White Sox and NYBC founder -- signed autographed caps. Some kids walked to the table on their own. Some needed crutches, while others were pushed in wheelchairs.

No matter how they got to the table to meet the players, most of the children left

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Cincinnati, Ohio

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Michael Ross
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100th anniversary approaches...

TO: ALL NABF MEMBERS:

I would like to take a few minutes to thank each of you, individually, as representatives of your respective league associations. Without your good work and your many contributions that made this season and seasons past possible, sandlot baseball would not exist.

Our Officers and Directors thank you for your service: your personal sacrifices, including the time you have devoted to your local league programs, your personal resources that provide so many baseball players with the opportunity to participate in your local league programs, along with our NABF National Championship Tournaments.

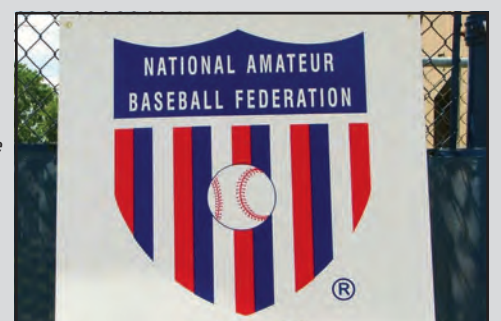
As we approach our 100th anniversary, the oldest continually operating national amateur baseball organization in America (est. 1914), it is time for all of us to reflect on the many contributions each of our members and associations provide to make this centennial celebration a reality. We would like to include your franchise member organizations and their outstanding representatives as part of our history. Any information you wish to contribute to our 100th Anniversary book, which will be published and issued in 2014, would be most appreciated. In addition to information, any pictures, newspaper articles, ect may be included.

Presently, we are preparing for our annual meeting in Annapolis-East/Kent Island, Maryland on November 9th-11th, 2012. Part of this meeting involves consideration for and approval of both regional and national championship playing sites for the coming 2013 season. Those of you wishing to host a NABF Regional or National Championship Tournament event are welcome to do so. Also, you may wish to consider hosting one of our annual NABF Classics Championship Tournaments for youth baseball. Please contact our national office for details. (410-721-4727 or NABF1914@aol.com)

Again, many thanks for your membership and participation in the National Amateur Baseball Federation programs for all ages. We look forward to the renewal of your membership in 2013.

Kind Regards,

Charles M. Blackburn, Jr.
Executive Director, NABF



Major World Series

Chicago Clout claims their second World Series trophy

CHAMPION: Chicago Clout, Illinois - Skyscraper League

RUNNER-UP: Pittsburgh - St. John's - Lefty's, PA. - Pittsburgh Federation Baseball League

FINAL GAME SCORE: Chicago Clout 8 V/S Pittsburgh St. Johns 2

MVP and Batting Champion: Armand Candea, .545 B.A.

Recap: 2012, NINETY-NINTH NABF CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

The Major Division Championship Series moved to a new location this season, Buffalo, New York. The host for nearly 30 years, Derby City Baseball, Inc. of Louisville, Kentucky, with the approval of the NABF Board, passed the torch to the Buffalo MUNY League. The Buffalonians graciously accepted the challenge to host America's most prestigious amateur baseball championship. Nine Regional champion teams from across the nation and Host Team, Murray's Diesel of the MUNY League made up the 2012 ten-team modified round robin schedule.

The Chicago Clout of the Skyscraper Baseball League captured their second National Championship by winning the 99th National Amateur Baseball Federation (NABF) Major Division (Unlimited Age) World Series in Buffalo/Niagara Falls, New York on August 16-19, 2012 by defeating the Pittsburgh, PA St. John's-Lefty's Saints 8-2 in the title game.

The Clout dominated the Ft. Wayne, Indiana NABF Double-Elimination Regional Tournament the previous weekend August 10-12, 2012 with a perfect 4-0 record to advance to the National World Series.

The Clout had earned the top seed in Pool B at the World Series by posting a 3-1 record with wins against the Milford, CT Hunters 12-2 (7-inning, 10-run slaughter), the Orlando, FL Storm 17-7 (7-inning, 10-run slaughter), and the Pittsburgh, PA St. John's-Lefty's Saints 8-6. The Clout's only loss was to West Haven, CT Fedell's Mechanics 13 - 0 (7 innings) in a meaningless game.

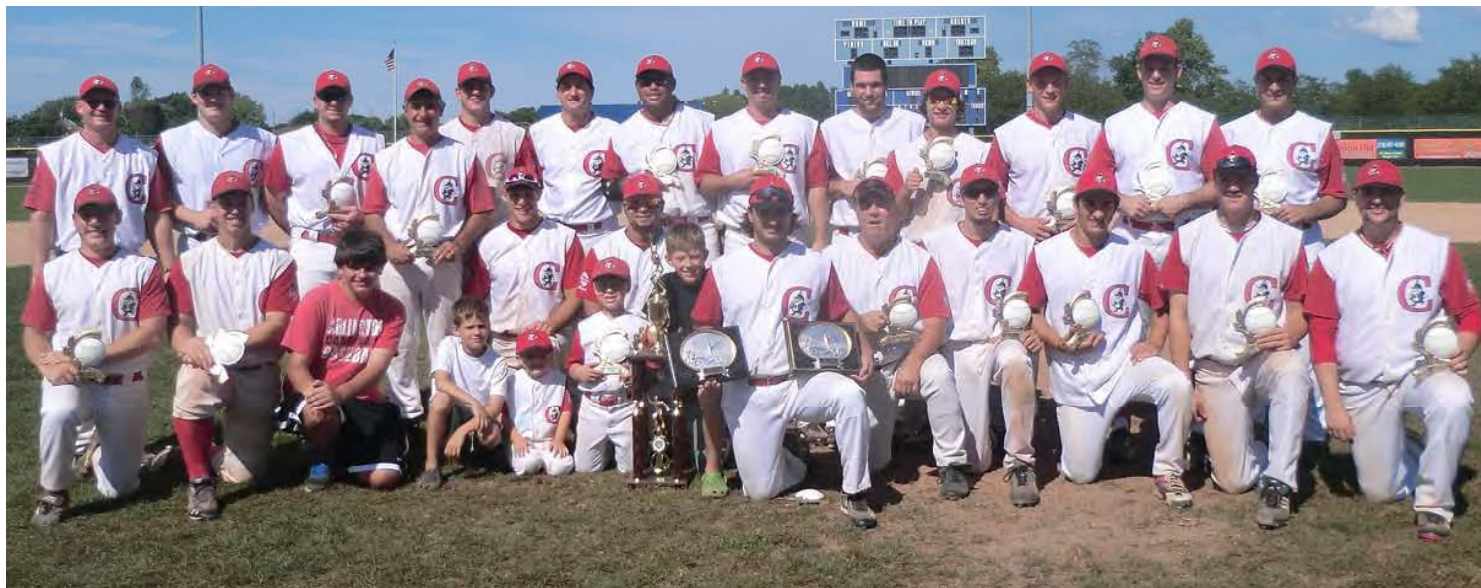
In the semi-final game, the Clout beat the Beecher, IL Muskies 9-5 on the strong pitching of veterans Wally Widelski (University of Notre Dame) and Paul Nykaza (Illinois Institute of Technology) who combined to yield 1 earned run. The clout took a 8-0 lead over the Beecher Muskies

The offense was lead by World Series MVP and Batting Champion Armand Candea (University of Illinois at Chicago) who went 4 for 5 while blasting a 3-run homer in the top of the first inning. Candea hit a blistering 0.619 (13 for 21) with 4 home runs and 13 RBI's at the World Series.

In the Ft. Wayne, IN Regional Tournament, Candea blasted 4 home runs, batted .417, and drove in 10 RBI's in the 4 games.

In the championship game, the Clout scored 5 runs in the top of the first inning and added single runs in the 3rd, 4th, and 9th innings. Veteran JP Gagne (University of Notre Dame) pitched a complete game to earn the victory while allowing 6 hits, 2 earned runs and striking out 5 in the 8-2 win. In the six games of the wood bat NABF Major Division World Series, the Clout scored 54 runs, belted-out 88 hits, had a team batting average of 0.409 while the pitchers yielded only 19 earned runs for a team ERA of 3.56.

The 2012 NABF Major Division World Series All-Tournament Team included the



2012 NABF MAJOR DIVISION WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS: CHICAGO CLOUT. 1st Row (Kneeling), Left to Right: Eric Stall, Joe Perona, Mac Camardo (Scorekeeper), Joseph Perona (Bat Boy), Matt Wietlispach, Drake Renken (Bat Boy), Weston Renken (Bat Boy), Tony Sanchez, Louis Perona (Bat Boy), Armand Candea, Jim Noble, Joe Ruge, Vito DeRango, Mike Klett, Mike Pagano. 2nd Row, (Standing) Left to Right: GM/Manager Kevin Renken, JP Gagne, Mike Kloss, Marc Camardo, Matt Scott, Steve Borg, Anthony Feliciano, Al Candea, JT Evans, Jim Topps, Zach Vander Laan, Wally Widelski, Paul Nykaza. Not Pictured: Mark Belcastro, Jon Kleinmeyer, and Jack Wietlispach.

following Chicago Clout players: DH - Armand Candea (University of Illinois at Chicago), P - JP Gagne (University of Notre Dame), 3B - Joe Ruge (University of St. Francis), and OF - Matt Wietlispach (Niagara University).

The Chicago Clout finished the season on a 30-3 run and a best-ever team record of 34-9-1. The Clout, established in 1982, are the founding members of the Skyscraper Baseball League and were the first Illinois baseball team to win the NABF Major Division World Series in 2001.

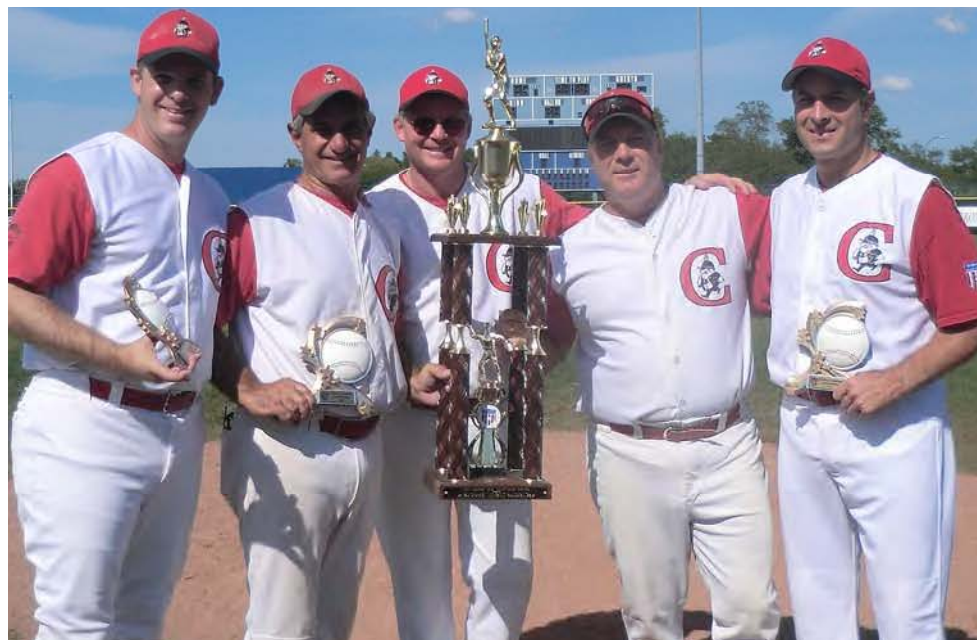
In the first semi-final games the St. John's Lefty's defeated the host team Murray's Diesel 14 - 8. The Dieselmens tied the game 8 to 8 going into the 7' TH inning, but a 3 run triple by St. John's player/coach Krist in that inning proved too much for the Diesel to overcome. Murray's Diesel of Buffalo MUNY League was the only team to go 4 and 0 in the round robin elimination pool play.

Other Championship Series contenders were the Milford Hunters out of Wallingford, Connecticut; The Purdue Chicks from Salisbury, Maryland; Fedell's Mechanics from Bridgeport, CT.; The Orlando Storm, Orlando, Florida; Portland Rockets., Portland, Indiana; and the Pepino's Pizza Team from Sparta, Michigan.

Notes: Each team battled their way thru the series and played well. As far as Buffalo weather goes, the tournament experienced a little bit of everything, 60 degrees at night, 80 plus during the day and a little bit of the wet stuff. Overall perfect conditions for baseball.

The rain delay on Friday kept the tournament committee on their toes, and it was resolved, with little or no delay in play. Congratulations to all teams for games well played. Again, our congratulation to Paul Wolfe, President, his Officers and Staff of Buffalo MUNY League for all the hard work and resources provided to make this annual championship possible.

NABF membership looks forward to our upcoming 100th Championship Series.



Chicago Clout 2001 and 2012 NABF Major Division World Series Champions Chicago Clouts players, from left to right, Wally Wildeski, Marc Camardi, Kevin Renken, Jim Noble, and Paul Nykaza. (more Major Division photos on page 10)

2012 Major Division All-Tournament Team

C	Ritch Satcho	St. John's Lefty's
C	Andrew Russo	Murray's Diesel
1B	Eric Schlitter	Fedell's Mechanics
2B	Derrik Zeroski	St. John's Lefty's
3B	Joe Ruge	Chicago Clout
SS	Josh Owens	Orlando Storm
P	J P Gagne	Chicago Clout
P	Ed Kohout	Murray's Diesel
P	Dan Bollenbacher	Portland Rockets
P	Vince Rizzi	Beecher Muskies
P	Brian Warheit	St. John's Lefty's
P	Zach Stevens	Peppino's Pizza
OF	Jordan Gowe	Purdue Chicks
OF	Ryan Manning	Peppino's Pizza
OF	Mike Lucas	Milford Hunters
OF	Randy Moley	Murray's Diesel
OF	Mike Henderson	Beecher Muskies
OF	Matt Wietlispach	Chicago Clout
DH	Armand Candea, MVP & B.C. -.545	Chicago Clout
UT	Jim Pasquine	St. John's Lefty's
UT	Rob. Luehrsen	Murray's Diesel



College World Series

Michigan Bulls take second College title at Mercy Field

The Michigan Bulls and the Toledo Hawks battled it out in Toledo, Ohio for the 2012 NABF College World Series on field turf Sunday, August 12 at Mercy Field, home of the Lourdes College and Toledo Central Catholic baseball teams.

The game was a back and forth stalemate for the first few innings, until a four-run fourth inning pushed the Bulls ahead, and they never looked back as the final score was 14-4. It was Coach Frank Gallagher's second College championship — his team defeated the Pittsburgh Pandas 17-3 in the 2005 championship in Toledo.

Michigan went undefeated during the entire tournament, led by tournament MVP and Batting Champion Patrick Mackenzie, the shortstop out of Central Michigan University. Mackenzie posted a fielding percentage of .987 and had a batting average of .654 going 17 for 26 with 13 runs, three RBIs, and three doubles throughout the tournament.

The Bulls' pitching was stellar as well led by a complete game performance by Josh Wedesky (Wayne State) in the championship and two all-tournament pitchers in Mark Heard (Northwood University) and Chris Rice (Wayne County CC/Mott).

Other Bulls players included pitcher Tom Constand (Western Illinois University), outfielder Kevin Conway (Wake Forest University), second baseman Josh Deeg (Madonna University), pitcher David Frederick (Grand Rapids CC), second baseman Ryan Horvath (Owens CC), catcher Tyler Huntley (Central Michigan), pitcher Derek Kilmer (Saginaw Valley State University), pitcher Ryan Kopf (Michigan State), first baseman Brad Lineberry (Madonna University), James Martinez (Wayne State), Steve Pelletier (Madonna), third baseman Theo Piccirilli (Western Michigan University), outfielder Logan Regnier (Central Michigan), outfielder Nick Regnier (Central Michigan), catcher Jacob Rhodes (Murray State University), pitcher Riley Smith (Siena Heights), pitcher Randall Stempel (Madonna), pitcher Josh Vandemak (Madonna), pitcher Ethan Vasiliauskas (Wayne State), and pitcher Ty Wilson (Grand Rapids CC).

The Bulls and Hawks came out of the same pool with the Bulls being pool champion after posting a 3-0 record. The Bulls defeated the Long Island EVCC Sound 10-1, the Hawks 5-4, and the Brunswick Express 12-3 in pool play. The Bulls represented the Livonia College League, the Hawks the Toledo Amateur Baseball Federation.

Toledo Hawks players included outfielder Austin Achter (Ohio State), pitcher Kelly Barnes (Bluffton University), infielder J.J. Buckey (Ohio Wesleyan), pitcher Jeff Davis (Owens CC), outfielder Ssm Fischer (Adrian College), pitcher John Fortunato (Case Western Reserve), pitcher Brent Greenwood (Adrian), outfielder Benjamin Hammer (University of Toledo), catcher/infielder Zachary Kolvey (Adrian), pitcher Matthew Kruzal (Sinclair College), pitcher Brandon Lucas (John Carroll University), infielder Zach Michael (Toledo), pitcher Travis Mielcarek (Siena Heights), pitcher Jason Moulton (Ohio University), outfielder Kyle Niermann (Bluffton), infielder Matt Pitzulo (Bowling Green State University), pitcher Alex Ricica (Franklin College), infielder R.J. Rios (Adrian), pitcher Clayton Ruch (Owens CC/Wayne State), outfielder Blake Schmenk (University of Findlay), catcher Fred Sharp (Bowling Green), pitcher Jimmie Shaw (Lake Erie College), infielder Matt Vannett (Bowling Green), outfielder Ryan Williams (Tiffin University), and pitcher John "Jack" Masin (Bowling Green).

Other teams making it to the quarter-finals included the Chicago Zephyrs (Midwest Collegiate League), Dix Hills Dodgers (Federation of Amateur Baseball League, N.Y.), Crystal Lake Cardinals (Metro Amateur Baseball Association, Ill.), Shrub Oak Diamondbacks (Westchester Baseball Association), Ohio Glaciers (Youngstown, Ohio regional winner), and the St. Louis Dodgers (St. Louis Metro Collegiate Baseball). Other teams in the College World Series included the Maryland Black Barons, Buffalo Lieb's, New Penn Pirates, Illinois Jayhawks, Line-Drive Sportz, and Greenville Spartans.

Games were televised by Buckeye Cable Sports Network (www.bcsn.tv), which sells DVDs of the games. Besides Mercy Field, pool play sites included Rich Arbiner Field at Bowman Park, Dan Kober Field at St. Francis DeSales, and John Ousky Field at the City of Oregon's William P. Coontz Recreation Complex.



2012 NABF COLLEGE DIVISION WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS: MICHIGAN BULLS. Players are (not in order) John Wedesky, Chris Rice, Tom Constand, Kevin Conway, Josh Deeg, David Frederick, Mark Heard, Ryan Horvath, Tyler Huntley, Derek Kilmer, Ryan Kopf, Brad Lineberry, Patrick Mackenzie, James Martinez, Steve Pelletier, Theo Piccirilli, Logan Regnier, Nick Regnier, Jacob Rhodes, Riley Smith, Randall Stempel, Josh Vandemak, Ethan Vasiliauskas, and Ty Wilson. The team is coached by Frank Gallagher and represents the Livonia Collegiate League.



2012 NABF COLLEGE DIVISION WORLD SERIES RUNNERS-UP: TOLEDO HAWKS. Players are (not in order): Austin Achter, Kelly Barnes, J.J. Buckey, Jeff Davis, Sam Fischer, John Fortunato, Brent Greenwood, Benjamin Hammer, Zachary Kolvey, Matthew Kruzal, Brandon Lucas, Zack Michael, Travis Mielcarek, Jason Moulton, Kyle Niermann, Matt Pitzulo, Alex Ricica, R.J. Rios, Clayton Ruch, Blake Schmenk, Fred Sharp, Jimmie Shaw, Matt Vannett, Ryan Williams, and John "Jack" Masin. The head coach is Ed Mouch, his assistant is Pete Lizcano, and the General Manager is Steve Timofeev. The Hawks represent the host Toledo Amateur Baseball Federation.



College MVP and Batting Champion Patrick Mackenzie (Central Michigan University). (NABF photo by John Pollock/www.pollock.smugmug.com)

2012 College Division All-Tournament Team

C	Daniel Delaney	Crystal Lake Cardinals
C	Jacob Rhodes	Michigan Bulls
1B	Brad Lineberry	Michigan Bulls
2B	Scott Fox	Greenville Spartans
3B	Matt Vannett	Toledo Hawks
SS	Patrick Mackenzie	Michigan Bulls ***MVP **Batting Champion
P	Josh Houston	St. Louis Dodgers
P	James Perrino	Dix Hill Dodgers
P	Christopher Anderson	Chicago Zephyrs
P	Mark Heard	Michigan Bulls
P	Chris Rice	Michigan Bulls
P	Josh Harris	Crystal Lake Cardinals
OF	Shawn Ullrich	St. Louis Dodgers
OF	Logan Regnier	Michigan Bulls
OF	Nick Regnier	Michigan Bulls
OF	Will Krug	Crystal Lake Cardinals
OF	Sam Fischer	Toledo Hawks
OF	Ban Hammer	Toledo Hawks
DH	Eddie Reese	Ohio Glaciers
DH	Shane Wagner	Ohio Glaciers
UT	Ryan Williams	Toledo Hawks

Senior World Series

Astro Falcons defeat Houston Raiders 8-7 in Senior finale

Champion: Astro Falcons (Struthers, OH)
Runner-Up: Houston Raiders (Houston, TX)

Final Game Score: Astro Falcons 8 vs. Houston Raiders 7

MVP: GJ Senchak – Astro Falcons

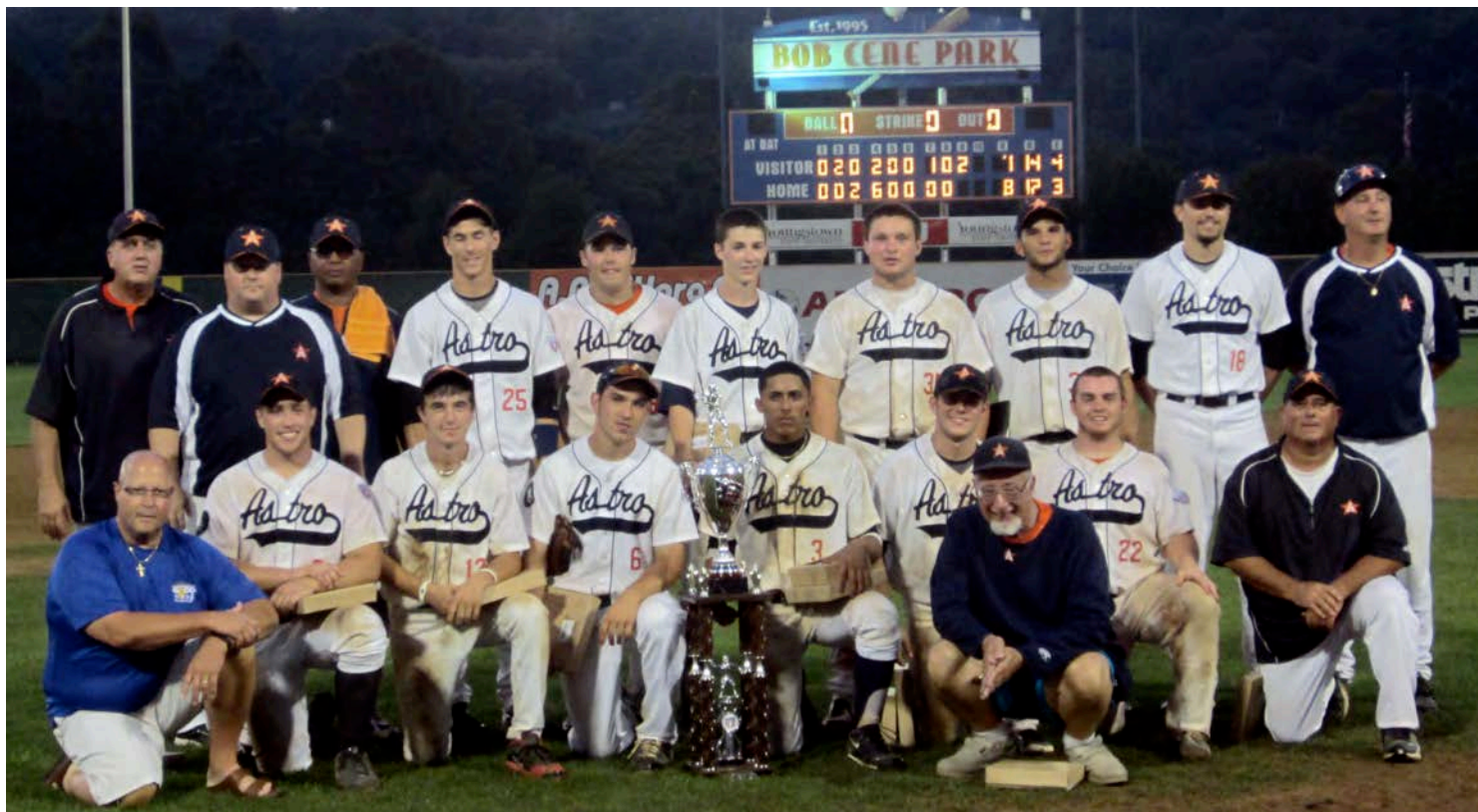
Batting Champion: Gary Tesch – Houston Raiders

Recap: The Falcons did not miss out on their rebuttal as they topped the Raiders 8-7.

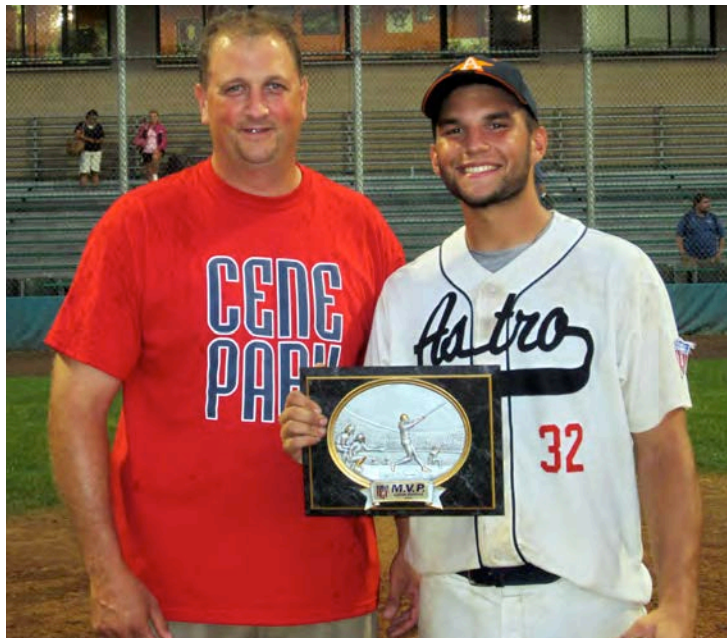
Jake Sarabia and Conner Rye lead the Raiders to an early 2nd inning lead after they each drove in a run. In the bottom of the 3rd however, Tyler Gentile had a lead-off double, then was driven in by a James Coated single. Coates scored later on from the help of a fly ball error out in left. In the 4th, Houston broke the tie after Bryce Stark and Josh Leonharde got on base, then (after a GJ Senchak relief of starting Astro pitcher Chris Watschak) Senchak's first batter Dylan Paul hit a two-run single. Although, in the bottom of the 4th Falcons' lead-off hitter Chris Watschak hit a single, as six of the first seven batters reached base safely, causing six runs to be scored, and an 8-4 lead.

The Raiders would later score in the 7th. In the 9th, Senchak would be replaced by Brendan Cox, and he finished out the game, receiving a save for his efforts. Dylan Paul had three hits, and Jake Sarabia had three runs batted in for Houston. Adam Becker and James Coates each had three hits in the Astro Falcons' first ever NABF Senior Division World Series.

GJ Senchak and Matt Unkefer each had two wins in the tournament, with MVP Senchak winning his two games in the semi-finals and the championship. Gary Tesch was named Batting Champion after hitting a whopping .621 batting average in 29 at-bats for his Houston Raiders.



2012 NABF SENIOR DIVISION WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS: ASTROS FALCONS.



Tournament director Scott Ruark with Senior Division Most Valuable Player G.J. Senchak (Astro Falcons)



Senior Division batting champion Gary Tesch (Houston Raiders) with tournament director Scott Ruark at Cene Park in Struthers.



Senior Division World Series Tournament Results

Year	Champion	Runner-up	Score
1944	Dayton, OH Dayton K. Fittings	Pittsburgh, PA Matrona Post 48	3-0
1945	Louisville, KY Hasenhour Cafeman	Pittsburgh, PA Bombers	5-0
1946	Detroit, MI Sam's Inc.	Louisville, KY Hasenhour Cafeman	9-6
1947	Dayton, OH Dayton Frigidaires	Louisville, KY Merchants	5-4
1948	Dearborn, MI Dearborn Movers	Detroit, MI Joe Gentile	7-5
1949	Cincinnati, OH Wood Insurance	Detroit, MI Joe Gentile	11-2
1950	Dayton, OH Inland	Detroit, MI Trumbell Chevrolet	5-1
1951	Detroit, MI Trumbell Chevrolet	Atlanta, GA Merchants	9-4
1952	Cincinnati, OH Andy Schain	Chicago, IL Sun Dodgers	2-0
1953	Detroit, MI Arthurs Clothes	Dearborn, MI Optimists	4-2
1954	Cincinnati, OH Frisch's	Louisville, KY Braves	6-4
1955	Detroit, MI Arthurs Clothes	Cincinnati, OH Frisch's	7-2
1956	St. Louis, MO Meramec Caverns	Cincinnati, OH Eagle Savings	9-1
1957	Altoona, PA Kelly's Stars	Louisville, KY Firefighters	1-0
1958	Detroit, MI Lundquist Insurance	Altoona, PA Tenth Ward	5-1
1959	Detroit, MI Lundquist Insurance	Cincinnati, OH Schiff Shoes	5-1
1960	Detroit, MI Lundquist Insurance	Cincinnati, OH Schiff Shoes	6-4
1961	Detroit, MI R.G. Moeller Co.	Cleveland, OH Go Team	7-6
1962	Detroit, MI Citizens Mutual Ins.	Pittsburgh, PA McKees Rocks	12-0
1963	Detroit, MI Citizens Mutual Ins.	Pittsburgh, PA McKees Rocks	14-6
1964	Detroit, MI Favro's	Chicago, IL Bruins	2-0
1965	Hyattsville, MD Cheverly-Volks.	Cincinnati, OH Young Freight	8-4
1966	Detroit, MI A & B Brokers	Cleveland, OH Go Team	10-3
1967	Detroit, MI A & B Brokers	Youngstown, OH McAuley Awn	6-3
1968	Detroit, MI Fireman's Fund	Buffalo, NY Hank Nowak Post	1-0
1969	Detroit, MI A & B Brokers	Chicago, IL Tomchanev Mohawks	6-2
1970	Detroit, MI Larco's Inn	Cincinnati, OH Wilson Freight	6-0
1971	Youngstown, OH Campbell A.C.	Toledo, OH Dave White Chevrolet	4-3
1972	Chicago, IL Pequods	Bowie, MD Cheverly	16-3
1973	Detroit, MI Womac	Dayton, OH Johnny's	7-2
1974	Castro Valley, CA Marmount	Joliet, IL Comets	10-1
1975	Cincinnati, OH Master Charge	Youngstown, OH Livi Steel1	5-2
1976	Cincinnati, OH Midland Warriors	Westland, MI American Legion	10-8
1977	Cincinnati, OH Midland Warriors	Prince George's County, MD	6-5
1978	Niles, OH Livi Steel	Flushing, NY Tigers	15-2
1979	Niles, OH Livi Steel	Hilliard, OH Toronto Bus Equip.	7-6
1980	Joliet, IL Comets	Niles, OH Livi Steel1	3-2
1981	St. Louis, MO Russel Sporting	Atlanta, GA Mustangs	5-0
1982	Dolton, IL Comets	Utica, MI Technical Service	9-3
1983	Meirose Park, IL Mighty Meteors	Youngstown, OH Campbell A.C.	6-1
1984	Youngstown, OH Campbell A.C.	Dayton, OH Moraine Body Shop	7-2
1985	Utica, MI Technical Services	Long Island, NY Tigers	8-3
1986	Randallstown, MD Liberty Road	Long Island, NY Tigers	6-4
1987	Randallstown, MD Liberty Road	Long Island, NY Tigers	7-6
1988	Randallstown, MD Liberty Road	Chicago, IL Norwood Blues	8-3
1989	Baltimore, MD Putty Hill	Lexington, KY Dixie	7-6
1990	Baltimore, MD Putty Hill	South Holland, IL Midwest Angel	3-1

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2012 Senior Division All-Tournament Team

C	Zach Dennison	Up-To-Bat Titans
C	Dan Popio	Astro Falcons
1B	Chris Watschak	Astro Falcons
2B	Tom Ziegen	Long Island Tigers
3B	Juan Gomez	Sayo Grays
SS	Donivan Lopez	Houston Raiders
P	Chris Appell	Central Long Island Rams
P	Elijah Brook	Northern Ohio Hurricanes
P	Chris Harrell	Northern Ohio Hurricanes
P	Kevin Tarabinec	Creekside Fitness
P	Jeremy Newton	Toronto Mets
P	Adam Jafine	Toronto Mets
OF	JD Osborne	Toronto Mets
OF	Dylan Paul	Houston Raiders
OF	Gary Tesch	Houston Raiders
OF	Kevin Sierra	** Batting Champion
OF	James Coates	Astro Falcons
OF	GJ Senchak	Astro Falcons
		*** Tournament MVP
DH	Joe Killian	Creekside Fitness
UT	Graham Ahlrich	Jackson 96ers
UT	Andrew Rhodes	Houston Raiders

High School World Series

Chicago's Top Tier 'tops' Texas' Allen Baseball in title game

Champion: Top Tier Baseball of Chicago (IL)
Runner-up: Allen Baseball (TX)
Final Game Score: Top Tier Baseball of Chicago 7 vs. Allen Baseball 5
MVP: Anthony Drago – Top Tier Baseball of Chicago
Batting Champion: Austin Frick – Allen Baseball
Recap:

By Dave Link
 Knoxville News Sentinel

Top Tier Baseball of Chicago has a 44-page media guide, and it has a simple slogan on the cover: "Expect Greatness." That's pretty much what Top Tier produced the past four days in the NABF High School World Series in Knoxville.

Top Tier defeated Allen (Texas) Baseball 7-5 on Sunday afternoon at the University of Tennessee's Lindsey Nelson Stadium for the NABF title for 17 & Under High School Division National Championship Series in their first attempt.

"It was a great experience," Top Tier coach Todd Fine said. "The kids had a blast, great facilities, great entertainment, great hospitality. The kids really loved it."

Top Tier, which was started in 2003, fields 22 travel teams based out of Chicago. They travel the country in search of the best competition. The 17-under NABF World Series champions have 30-9 record after Sunday's victory and have won 21 of



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their last 23 games.

"We try to put ourselves in the best position to play a national schedule," Fine said.

So does Houston-based Allen Baseball, which was runner-up in the NABF High School World Series last year in Knoxville.

Allen went 6-1 in this year's tournament.

"We're fortunate to be here," Allen coach Skip Allen said. "Anytime you get a great group of kids and a great group of parents and you're successful at the same time, it makes it worthwhile."

It was certainly a worthwhile trip from Chicago for Top Tier which displayed a deep pitching staff during the NABF World Series. Kevin Smith, Tyler Feece and Mike Yacko combined for a five-hitter in Sunday's championship game; Feece and Yacko had not pitched before the title game.

While Feece gave up a walk, single, and earned run in a relief role starting the sixth inning, Yacko was almost perfect af-



ter that. Yacko relieved Feece with one out in the sixth. He retired Austin Frick on a groundout, ended the sixth with a called third strike, and struck out the side in the seventh (two on called third strikes).

"It felt good to be out there," Yacko said. "It felt good to go out there and strike everybody out and win the championship."

Fine knew Top Tier had plenty of pitching depth.

"For us, we tried to save our pitching till the end," Fine said. "We feel like based on the teams we played, we were the freshest (with the pitching staff). We backed our staff up and kind of end-loaded it."

Frick was the batting champion of the NABF World Series with a .579 average, while Top Tier first baseman Anthony Drago was the tournament's MVP. Drago went 0-for-2 with two walks in the championship game.

Leadoff batter Anthony Ray, Top Tier's center fielder, was 2-for-4 with a triple, RBI, and scored a run.

"It was a great tournament," Ray said. "We did well all-around: good pitching, catchers, and defense."

(Dave Link is a freelance writer for the Knoxville News Sentinel Co., 2012)

High School Division World Series Tournament Results

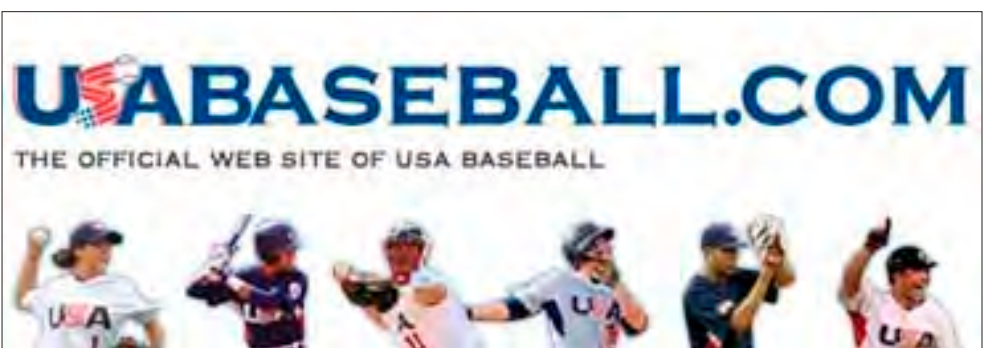
Year	Champion	Runner-up	Score
1990	Orlando, FL Bates Team Sport	Winter Park, FL	10-1
1991	Orlando, FL Bates Team Sport	Apopka, FL Apopka Baseball	12-2
1992	Apopka, FL Apopka Baseball	Lexington, KY Dixie 17's	5-4
1993	Apopka, FL Apopka Baseball	Orlando, FL Bates Team Sport	5-2
1994	Boone	Apopka, FL Apopka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

Junior Division World Series Tournament Results

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

2012 HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

C	Brad Margo	Top Tier Baseball
C	Cody Conn	Allen Baseball
1B	Anthony Drago	Top Tier Baseball
2B	Kyle Colleta	Top Tier Baseball
3B	Jeremy Wright	Top Tier Baseball
SS	Austin Frick	Allen Baseball
P	Patrick Martin	Top Tier Baseball
P	Logan Beckner	Frederick Hustlers
P	Tom Griffin	Virginia Shamrocks
P	Jeremy Kravetz	Top Tier Baseball
P	Ryan Kinter	Funkstown Skunks
P	Dylan Wagner	Funkstown Skunks
OF	Anthony Ray	Top Tier Baseball
OF	Matt Machak	Frederick Hustlers
OF	Josh Moats	Funkstown Skunks
OF	Ronnie Musick	Huntington Hounds
OF	Brayson Longman	Allen Baseball
OF	Steven Stacey	Allen Baseball
DH	Mitch Hinshaw	Allen Baseball
UT	Alex Wilson	Brooklyn Cougars
UT	Trey Carpenter	Gibbs Eagles



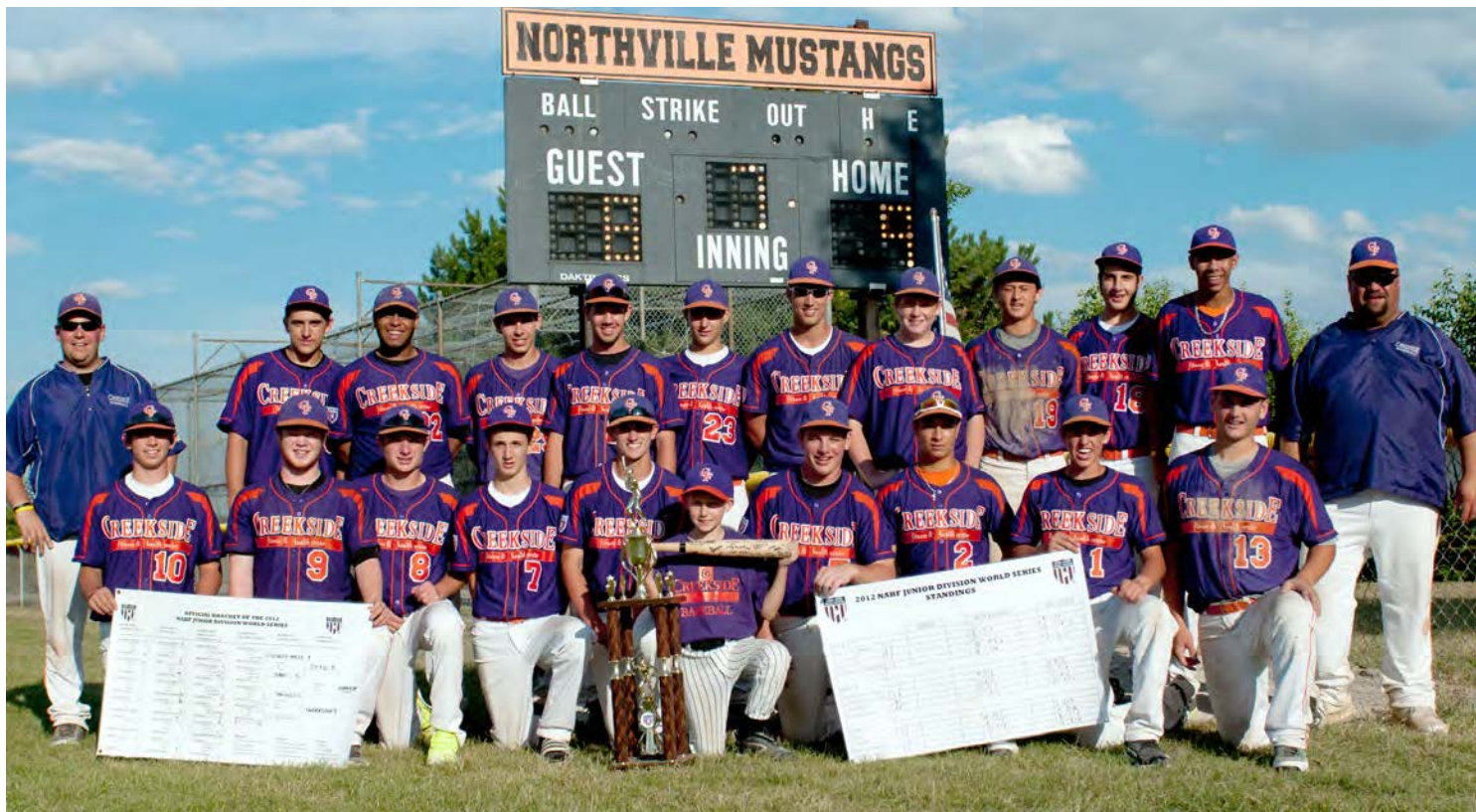
Junior World Series

Creekside Fitness defeats SAYO Grays in Junior World Series

Champion: Creekside Fitness (Youngstown, OH)
Runner-Up: SAYO Grays (Brooklyn, NY)
Final Game Score: Creekside Fitness 9 vs. SAYO Grays 8
MVP: Zack Miller- Creekside Fitness
Batting Champion: Carmen Caruso-Schenectady Indians

Recap: The final batter decided this NABF Junior World Series in a nail-bitter featuring Creekside Fitness and SAYO Grays. Right out of the gates, the Grays scored three in the top of the 1st, while Creekside took a few innings to get things going as it was their 3rd game of the day. Fitness scored four runs in five hits during the home half of the 3rd. Although, SAYO rebounded in their very next chance...four runs in the top of the 4th to reclaim the lead 7-5. The score stayed 7-5 until the 6th, where Creekside tied it up at seven a piece.

The bottom of the last inning was magnificent as SAYO went in with an 8-7 lead, after lead-off batter Austin Nieves was walked and then later scored on a sac fly. Christian Lowery of Fitness hit a single to right to start the bottom of the inning; he later reached 2nd on a sac bunt. After a ground out to short, SAYO was the probable champion with only one out to go. Billy Goodall forced Grays' pitcher into a full count, then made his way to first on a ball four. Scott Pierce then came up to bat and hit a base knock, his third single of the game, tying the ball game. Next man up, tournament MVP Zack Miller, smacked the ball down the right field line in walk-off double fashion for the Creekside Fitness to be claimed the NABF Junior World Series



2012 NABF JUNIOR DIVISION WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS: CREEKSIDE INDIANS

Champions. Carmen Caruso dominated the competition with a .600 batting average on his way to the tournament's Batting Champion award.

2012 Junior Division All-Tournament Team

C	Josh Palacios	SAYO Grays
C	Ryan Miller	Creekside Fitness
1B	Zack Wilds	Northville Broncos
2B	Kenton Harbor	Allen Baseball-Texas
3B	Austin O'Boyle	Toronto Mets
SS	Henry Moore	Team Cincinnati
P	Trent Collins	Creekside Fitness
P	Nolan Waldeck	Northville Broncos
P	Nick Fanti	B45-Marrucci
P	Kane Durkin	Creekside Fitness
P	Liam Carter	Top Tier Chicago
P	Emmanuel Castellano	SAYO Grays
OF	Ryan Megyasi	Creekside Fitness
OF	Johnny Gonzalez	SAYO Grays
OF	Daniel Procopio	Toronto Mets
OF	Carmen Caruso	Schenectady Indians
OF	Aaron Floyd	** Batting Champion
OF	Ty Palomaki	B45-Marrucci
		La Plata
DH	Kurtis Kuzmail	Ohio Glaciers
UT	Frankie Farry	Top Tier Chicago
UT	Tyler Booher	Kuboff-Youngstown

Freshman World Series

Central Florida Gators Take Freshman World Series



2012 NABF FRESHMAN DIVISION WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS: CENTRAL FLORIDA GATORS

By Chris Van Tuyl

As manager of the 12-and-under Central Florida Gators, Mark Roberts has many duties. And one of those is scheduling.

"The NABF (National Amateur Baseball Federation World Classic) was one of the first tournaments that we put on our schedule (for 2012)," said Roberts. "We definitely weren't disappointed with the facilities and how they ran the tournament - it was first class."

The same might be said for the

performance of the Gators, who capped an undefeated run through their division at Southaven's Snowden Grove Park with a 13-0 championship-game victory over the Mississippi Rebels on July 6.

Whether or not Central Florida got its fill of the Memphis area, the Gators, with the win, have also qualified for a berth in the fifth annual National Youth Baseball Championship at Gameday Baseball's First Tennessee Fields in neighboring Cordova. Representing the NABF, the Gators will participate in the 12-team tournament that's being held Aug. 24-27.

"You've got to play a lot of baseball and it was 105 to 108 (degrees) on a couple of those days, so anything can happen," said Central Florida coach Chuck Isenberg, "but you set a goal at the beginning of the season and it's rewarding when it pays off."

The Gators teed off on Mississippi Rebel pitching in the title game, scoring five runs in the first inning and tacking on four more in the second, highlighted by Seth Caddel's home run. Central Florida also went deep in the third inning, as Aaron Ahn and Grayson Kicklighter connected on back-to-back shots.

"We are a big team and we do have a lot of power," Isenberg said. "We just absolutely murdered the ball."

And the stats don't lie. In their eight NABF contests, the Gators outscored the opposition, 92-25. The only time Central Florida didn't crack the double-digit

plateau on the scoreboard was an 8-4 semifinal victory over the Ohio Heat.

"Winning the tournament was very satisfying and very exciting for all of us," said Isenberg. "A lot of hard work went into it."

Pitching-wide, the Gator staff registered an identical 13-0 shutout in pool play against the Red Stockings Baseball Club.

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Sophomore World Series

Maryland Monarchs edge Ohio Glaciers in Sophomore Series

Champion: Maryland Monarchs (MD)
Runner Up: Ohio Glaciers (OH)
Final Game Score: Maryland Monarchs 9 vs. Ohio Glaciers 8
MVP: Lavale Hodges – Maryland Monarchs
Batting Champion: Frank Frascchetti – 11-for-20, .579 avg.

Recap:

By Mike Peters
 Capital Gazette

The Maryland Monarchs didn't have trouble with many teams. It figured, of course, the one which gave them the toughest test was standing in the way of their national title. Four losses to Severna Park were enough, though. Lavale Hodges made sure of it.

Hodges' walk-off home run on an 0-2 pitch with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning gave the Monarchs a 4-3 victory over the Green Hornets to reach the National Amateur Baseball Federation 14-U final. The Monarchs held on for a 9-8 win over the Ohio Glaciers in the final on Sunday to avenge a tournament-opening loss and add to the program's recent stretch of dominance.

"When we were 12U, (we) went to Cooperstown, N.Y.," Monarchs coach Dave Cassard said. "When we went into the amateur section of the Hall of Fame, there was a Monarchs hat — the one we were wearing — for the 2009 amateur championship team with Bernie Walter. Steve Miller and the 17Us won it last year. Our goal was to get into the NABF and carry on what the organization has done."

With solid pitching and a powerful middle of the lineup, the Monarchs (39-12) survived a 9-1 loss to the Glaciers (68-3) and played through a grueling, weather-affected schedule — one game Friday, two on Saturday and three more on Sunday — to bring another title back to Anne Arundel County.

After the loss to the Glaciers, the Monarchs won the next five games and outscored the opposition, 47-22. Zack Stoll, who'll attend Mount St. Joseph, pitched 11 innings — including seven against Severna Park in the semifinal — without giving up a walk. Andy Rozyolwicz threw 11.2 innings, and his DeMatha teammate, Bradley Thaxton, pitched four of his seven in the title game. Keith Parks (Old Mill) and Matthew Looser (Arundel) made their marks on the mound as well.

The offense wasn't bad, either; Hodges, an Archbishop Spalding freshman and the tournament's Most Valuable Player, followed a pair of three-pitch strikeouts by Severna Park's Tyler Blohm by clubbing a home run to end the marathon on his way to a near-.500 average. St. Vincent Pallotti's Robert Colvin went 7 for 11 during the final day, and Aidan Fowler — a sophomore at Annapolis — drove in four runs with two-run doubles in the fourth and fifth innings in the title game.

The Glaciers got to the Monarchs' Parks and Rozyolwicz during the early innings of the finals. But the Monarchs put together four-run innings in the fourth and fifth — sparked by Fowler's doubles — to take a 9-7 lead into the seventh. Thaxton was able to nail down the win and seal the Monarchs' latest title.

"They've got an experience under their belts that's going to help them in the future," said Cassard, a Southern graduate



2012 NABF SOPHOMORE DIVISION WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS: MARYLAND MONARCHS

2012 NABF SOPHOMORE DIVISION ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

C	Lavale Hodge	Maryland Monarchs
C	Cole Smith	CNY Pioneers
1B	Yanni Patton	Ohio Glaciers
2B	Dave Harding	Severna Park
3B	Jake LaFerriere	Waterford Nationals (NY)
SS	Robert Calvin	Maryland Monarchs
P	Jared Burkert	Ohio Glaciers
P	Zack Stoll	Maryland Monarchs
P	Kevin Flynn	CNY Pioneers
P	Andrew Hunt	Severna Park
P	Chris Torres	Bonnie Paws
P	Tyler Laguardia	North Coast
OF	Cody Rayburn	Ohio Glaciers
OF	Frank Frascchetti	Ohio Glaciers
OF	William Godrick	Severna Park
OF	Joe Bachie	Northern Ohio
OF	Tyler Hass	North Coast
OF	Tyrell Hardy	Bonnie Paws
DH	Barrett Smith	Severna Park
Util	Keith Parks	Maryland Monarchs
Util	Matt Yozzo	CNY Pioneers

who played at Towson. "Over the last three years, we wanted to get them ready for the future. For the most part, they're ready for high school."

They beat a team from Brooklyn, N.Y., North Coast — another Ohio team — and the Waterford Nationals (N.Y.) before getting to Severna Park. The Monarchs trailed Waterford by five runs in the third before rallying for a 12-6 win to make the semifinals.

Once there, they combined to shut down the Green Hornets — who entered the tournament with a 59-4 record — behind seven innings from Stoll. The plan was to use him for four innings, but he kept telling Cassard he was good for another. Finally, Hodges broke a 3-3 tie in the ninth.

"We had to go through Severna Park to win it, so I think that says a lot about Anne Arundel County baseball," Cassard said.

Round #1

Ohio Glaciers-10 vs. Maryland Monarchs-1
 North Coast-1 vs. Bonnie Paws-7
 Northern Ohio-7 vs. Severna Pk. Green Hornet-11
 Creekside Fitness-5 vs. Roth Bros.-3
 CNY Pioneers-10 vs. Astro Falcons-9
 Cincinnati Patriots-5 vs. Waterford Nationals-11

Round #2

Maryland Monarchs-7 vs. Bonnie Paws-4
 Ohio Glaciers-0 vs. North Coast-5
 Severna Pk. Green Hornets-16 vs. Roth Bros.-3
 Northern Ohio-4 vs. Creekside Fitness-3
 Astro Falcons-4 vs. Waterford Nationals-13
 CNY Pioneers-10 vs. Cincinnati Patriots-0

Round #3

Ohio Glaciers-5 vs. Bonnie Paws-4
 Maryland Monarchs-15 vs. North Coast-2
 Northern Ohio-13 vs. Roth Bros.-6
 Severna Pk. Green Hornets-21 vs. Creekside Fitness-1
 CNY Pioneers-10 vs. Waterford Nationals-3
 Astro Falcons-10 vs. Cincinnati Patriots-3

Round #4

Ohio Glaciers-8 vs. Northern Ohio-3
 Severna Pk. Green Hornets-6 vs. Bonnie Paws-1
 CNY Pioneers-16 vs. North Coast-2
 Maryland Monarchs-12 vs. Waterford Nationals-6

Round #5

Ohio Glaciers-7 vs. CNY Pioneers-6
 Severna Pk. Green Hornets-3 vs. Maryland Monarchs-4

Round #6

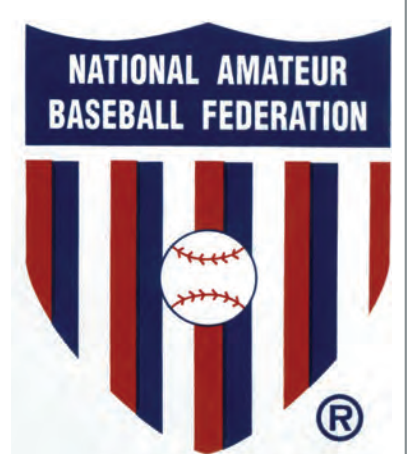
Ohio Glaciers-8 vs. Maryland Monarchs-9

MVP-Lavale Hodges-Maryland Monarchs (Lavale hit a home run in the semifinal to win the game)

"Severna Park was the team I really didn't want to run into up there. ... It says a lot of things about the way they run that team and how Dave Harding has done."



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College World Series champion Michigan Bullscoach Frank Gallagher (far left) looks on with two players. (NABF photo by John Pollock/www.pollock.smugmug.com)



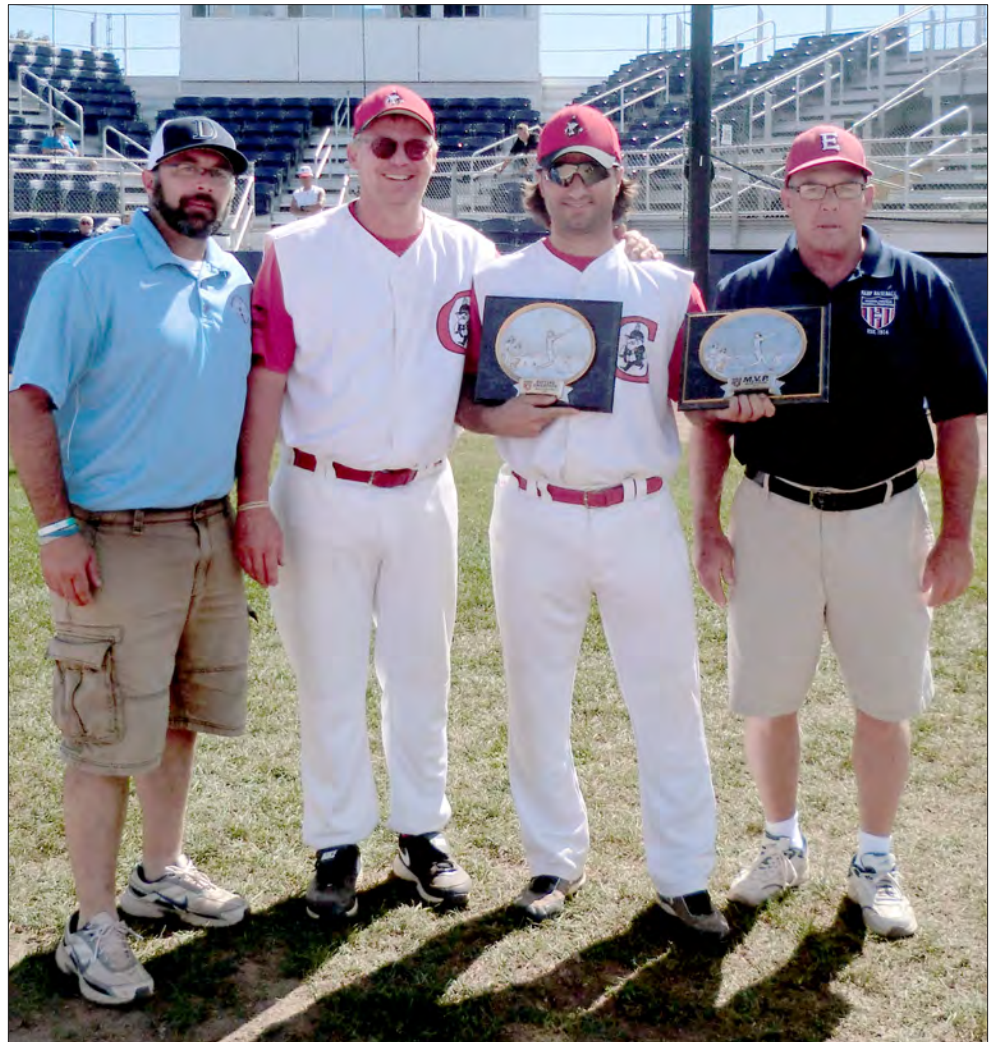
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David Freese

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Freese in June 2011

As a senior in high school, Freese was offered a scholarship to play college baseball for the University of Missouri's baseball team, competing in the Big 12 Conference of the National Collegiate Athletic Association's (NCAA) Division I. Feeling burned out, Freese decided instead to quit the sport. He enrolled at the University of Missouri, where he studied computer science and pledged Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

During the summer after his freshman year, Freese worked for the Rockwood School District maintenance department. When he visited Lafayette High School towards the end of the summer, he realized how much he missed baseball. Freese asked Tony Dattoli, the coach at St. Louis Community College-Meramec, for a roster spot.

St. Louis Community College is a junior college, which participates in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA). During his one season at St. Louis Community College, Freese hit .396 with 41 runs batted in (RBI) and 10 home runs and was named to the NJCAA All-America second team. Dattoli recommended Freese to Steve Kittrell, the head coach of the Jaguars baseball team at the University of South Alabama. At South Alabama, opposing teams respected his hitting ability; scouts told their pitchers: "Don't let Freese beat us." In 2005 as a junior, Freese hit .373, with a .443 on-base percentage (OBP), .525 slugging percentage (SLG), and 52 runs scored in 56 games. He was seventh in the Sun Belt Conference (SBC) in average and led the school one year after Adam Lind had done so. Freese was even better in 2006, hitting .414 with a .503 OBP and .661 SLG with 73 runs and 73 RBI in 60 games. He won the SBC batting title and also led the conference in RBI. He tied for ninth in Division I in RBI, was 12th in average and just missed the top 10 in runs scored. He made the All-Conference team at third base and was named SBC Player of the Year. He was named an American Baseball Coaches Association All-American as the top third baseman in NCAA Division I, ahead of Evan Longoria and Pedro Alvarez, among others. Kittrell considers Freese to be the best player he coached at South Alabama, where he also coached Lind, Luis Gonzalez and Juan Pierre.

Prior to the 2006 Major League Baseball Draft, the Boston Red Sox attempted to sign Freese for \$90,000. However, South Alabama made the College World Series regional playoffs, which extended their season past the pre-draft signing deadline.

Freese was drafted by the San Diego Padres in the ninth round (273rd overall) of the draft. Freese played for the Eugene Emeralds of the Class-A Short Season Northwest League, Fort Wayne Wizards of the Class-A Midwest League and Lake Elsinore Storm of the Class-A Advanced California League in the San Diego farm system in 2006 and 2007. He batted .379 with a .465 OBP, .776 SLG, 19 runs and 26 RBI in 18 games for the Emeralds and .299 with a .374 OBP, .510 SLG and 44 RBI in 53 games for the Wizards in 2006. Freese batted .302 with a .400 OBP and .489 SLG for Lake Elsinore in 128 games during the 2007 season. He scored 104 runs and drove in 96. He ranked seventh in the California League in OBP, seventh in RBI and tied with Tony Granadillo for third in runs. He made the California League All-Star team.[9] However, the Padres had third basemen Chase Headley and Kevin Kouzmanoff as well, potentially blocking Freese's path to the majors. As a result, Freese began to practice as a catcher.

Before the 2008 season, Freese was traded by the Padres to the Cardinals for Jim Edmonds. He spent the season with the Memphis Redbirds of the Triple-A Pacific Coast League (PCL), where he batted .306 with a .361 OBP and .550 SLG, hit 26 home runs and recorded 91 RBI. He led PCL third basemen in fielding percentage (.967) and double plays (26).

Freese on the basepaths

Freese emerged as a potential starter when an injury seemed likely to put Cardinals starting third baseman Troy Glaus on the disabled list at the beginning of the 2009 season. Freese made his Major League debut on Opening Day of the 2009 season, coming off the bench and hitting a go-ahead sacrifice fly in the Cardinals' home opener against the Pittsburgh Pirates.[13] Freese was expected to be the team's starting third baseman, but was quickly passed over by Brian Barden and Joe Thurston.[14] He was optioned to Triple-A Memphis on April 20, 2009 to make room for newly acquired reliever Blaine Boyer.[15] He later had surgery to repair a left ankle injury that hampered him during spring training. He



Top, NABF Graduate of the Year David Freese after being named Most Valuable Player of the 2011 Major League Baseball World Series, leading his St. Louis Cardinals to a world title. Lower left, Freese surveying tornado damage in Joplin, Missouri, and lower right, on base as a Cardinal. (Major League Baseball photos courtesy of Wikipedia.com)

missed two months of the season. He was activated and assigned to the Springfield Cardinals of the Double-A Texas League in late July, before he was assigned to Memphis. He led the Memphis Redbirds to a PCL division championship. He was recalled in the September call-up on September 23, 2009. Freese played only 17 games for the Cardinals in 2009, in addition to 56 games for Triple-A Memphis.

Freese began the 2010 season as the Cardinals' starting third baseman. However, he suffered a right ankle injury in June. This injury required him to have two ankle surgeries and ended his season after 70 games.

Breakout season: 2011

Freese was projected to start the 2011 season, and he was named the starter on Opening Day, despite suffering minor ailments during spring training. He started off the year batting over .320, but was hit by a pitch that fractured his left hand, and missed 51 games. After returning to the starting lineup, he finished the season with a .297 batting average, 10 home runs, and 55 RBI. He recorded hits in eight of the final nine regular-season games. Freese credited his improvement in power hitting to hitting coach Mark McGwire, who helped him refine his stroke.

In his first playoff series, he drove in 4 runs against Philadelphia in Game 4 to force a fifth game. In the National League Championship Series (NLCS) against Milwaukee, Freese had a .545 batting average, hit 3 home runs, drove in 9 runs, and scored 7 runs. He was named the NLCS Most Valuable Player.[Through Game 3 of the World Series against Texas, Freese had a 13-game postseason hitting streak, a Cardinals record and just two short of matching the all-time National League record. The hitting streak was snapped in Game 4.

In Game 6 of the 2011 World Series, with the Texas Rangers leading, 3 games to 2, Freese came to bat in the bottom of the ninth, with two out and two men on base.

With a count of one ball and two strikes, Freese hit a two-run triple off Neftali Feliz just out of the reach of Nelson Cruz to tie the game and send it to extra innings. In the 11th inning, again with two strikes, Freese hit a game-winning lead-off, "walk-off", solo home-run to deep center field (420 feet), to send the World Series to its first Game 7 since 2002. Freese joined Jim Edmonds, the man he was traded for, as the only players in Cardinals history to hit an extra-inning walk-off home run in the postseason. He joined David Ortiz (2004) and Hall of Famers Carlton Fisk (1975) and Kirby Puckett (1991) as the only players to hit an extra-inning walk-off home run when their team was facing postseason elimination.

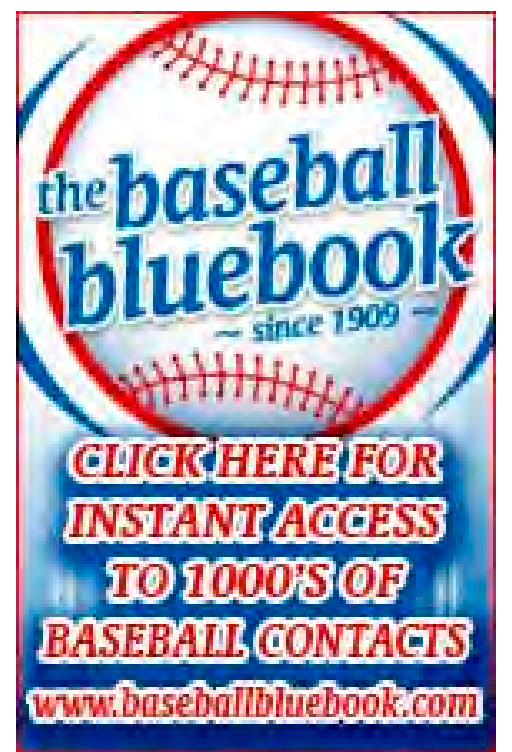
In Game 7 of the World Series, Freese hit a two-run double in the bottom of the first inning, bringing his 2011 postseason RBI total to 21, an MLB record. The Cardinals went on to win the game and the series, making Freese a World Series champion for the first time. For his efforts, Freese

was named the World Series MVP. He became the sixth player to win the LCS and World Series MVP awards in the same year. [30] Freese also won the Babe Ruth Award as the postseason MVP.

2012 season

Freese won the All-Star Final Vote in 2012, joining the All-Star roster with teammates Lance Lynn, Carlos Beltran, Rafael Furcal, and Yadier Molina for the National League in the 2012 MLB All-Star Game. Freese had a .294 batting average, along with 13 home runs and 50 RBI in the first half of the season.

His father, Guy, is a civil engineer. His mother, Lynn, is a retired teacher. (bio courtesy of St. Louis Metro Collegiate Base-



World Classics

Central Florida Gators champs of 12 & Under World Classic



2012 NABF 12 & UNDER WORLD CLASSICS CHAMPIONS:
CENTRAL FLORIDA GATORS



2012 NABF 12 & UNDER WORLD CLASSICS RUNNERS-UP:
MISSISSIPPI REBELS

By Chris Van Tuyl

As manager of the 12-and-under Central Florida Gators, Mark Roberts has many duties. And one of those is scheduling.

"The NABF (National Amateur Baseball Federation World Classic) was one of the first tournaments that we put on our schedule (for 2012)," said Roberts. "We definitely weren't disappointed with the facilities and how they ran the tournament - it was first class."

The same might be said for the performance of the Gators, who capped an undefeated run through their division at Southaven's Snowden Grove Park with a 13-0 championship-game victory

over the Mississippi Rebels on July 6.

Whether or not Central Florida got its fill of the Memphis area, the Gators, with the win, have also qualified for a berth in the fifth annual National Youth Baseball Championship at Gameday Baseball's First Tennessee Fields in neighboring Cordova. Representing the NABF, the Gators will participate in the 12-team tournament that's being held Aug. 24-27.

"You've got to play a lot of baseball and it was 105 to 108 (degrees) on a couple of those days, so anything can happen," said Central Florida coach Chuck Isenberg, "but you set a goal at the beginning of the season and it's rewarding when it pays off."

The Gators teed off on Mississippi

Rebel pitching in the title game, scoring five runs in the first inning and tacking on four more in the second, highlighted by Seth Caddel's home run. Central Florida also went deep in the third inning, as Aaron Ahn and Grayson Kicklighter connected on back-to-back shots.

"We are a big team and we do have a lot of power," Isenberg said. "We just absolutely murdered the ball."

And the stats don't lie. In their eight NABF contests, the Gators outscored the opposition, 92-25. The only time Central Florida didn't crack the double-digit plateau on the scoreboard was an 8-4 semifinal victory over the Ohio Heat.

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Southaven's DSP Angels win 11U Classic title over Hurricanes

DIVISION
11 & Under Division
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Southaven, Mississippi

WINNER: DSP Angels – Southaven, MS

RUNNER-UP: Hurricanes Baseball – Olive Branch, MS

Final Game Score: DSP Angels 16 vs. Hurricanes Baseball 4



2012 NABF 11 & UNDER WORLD CLASSICS CHAMPIONS:
DSP ANGELS



2012 NABF 11 & UNDER WORLD CLASSICS RUNNERS-UP:
OLIVE BRANCH HURRICANES

Dulins Dodgers win 13U Classic title over Germantown Giants

DIVISION
13 & Under Division
National Classics
Championship Series
Southaven, Mississippi

WINNER: Dulins Dodgers – Cordova, TN

RUNNER-UP: Germantown Giants – Germantown, TN

Final Game Score: Dulins Dodgers 10 vs. Germantown Giants 8



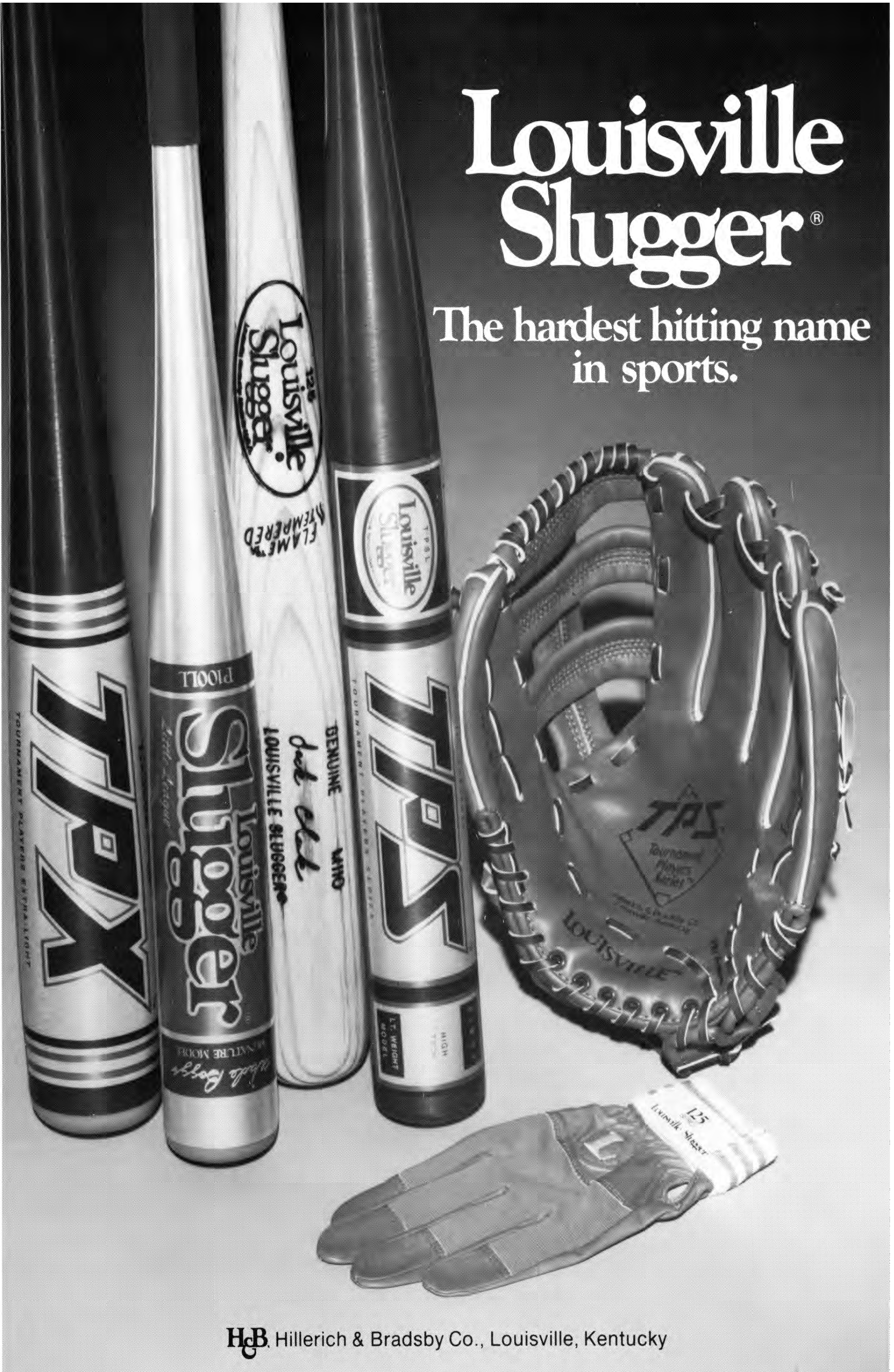
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Two Ohio Elite teams face off in Southaven's 18U Classic

WINNER: Ohio Elite Ratcliff – OH
RUNNER-UP: Ohio Elite Huesman – OH
Final Game Score: Ohio Elite Ratcliff 3 vs. Ohio Elite Huesman 0
Summary of Game:

By Chris Van Tuyl

The championship game of the 18U Classics Tournament featured two teams from the same Ohio Elite franchise, but how they entered into the final contest came in different ways.

Throughout pool play, and in the semi-final contest against the Columbus Cobras, the Ohio Elite Ratcliff team stymied the opposition, allowing no more than three runs in their five games. On the other hand, the

Ohio Elite Huesman team was rolling offensively into the finals having run-ruled two of its last three opponents scoring at least eight runs in each.

In the battle against the immovable object and unstoppable force, what had to give were the bats of Huesman's team as Ratcliff's shutdown their Elite peers taking the championship 3-0.

Wynston McMartin, (New Albany, Ohio) toed the rubber and overpowered OEH with a steady diet of upper-80s fastballs, a change offering and curveball. McMartin's three-pitch attack shutdown the two-seed for five innings.

McMartin received all the support he would after one inning of work. OER would strike OEH pitcher Kris Popham (Powell,

Ohio), who will be attending Wright State in the fall, for two first-inning runs before tacking on a third in the second. OEH would turn to their ace Michael Koltak (Upper Arlington, Ohio), to try to keep the game close in hopes of a rally.

Koltak, an Ohio State commit, would do his job, shutting out OER over the final three innings, a day after allowing just one run in seven innings to the same team, but the offense for Huesman's club never performed in the way they had in their previous five games.

After McMartin set up his team to win, Kevin Kline (Hamler, Ohio), would close the door and complete the shutout. The Toledo signee pitched the final two innings to cap a tournament in which Ratcliff's team

would yield eight total runs.

The tournament featured several talented players from each team, players that are heading to college baseball.

Joining Koltak in heading to Ohio State will be OER members Jacob Bosiokovic, Jacob BRobst and Zach Ratcliff. Koltak's teammate Zak DeCamp will head to Lake Erie for his college baseball and was one of the toughest outs during the tournament.

All-tournament players for the champions included Reed Schlesner (Miami), Michael Steensen (Akron) and Curtis Olvey (Kent State).

A pair of players headed to Eastern Kentucky in TJ Alas (Columbus Cobras) and Ryan Nowlin (Cincinnati Bulldogs), too, shown well over the three days.

South Florida Gators reach semis of NYBC on CBS Sports

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with a big smile.

"Whenever athletes take time out of their busy schedules to visit St. Jude Children's hospital it not only raises awareness of our lifesaving mission, but also brings joy to our patients and their families," said Steele Ford, senior director of sports marketing for ALSAC/St. Jude. "We are extremely grateful for today's visit from baseball greats Jeff Nelson and Frank Thomas and our ongoing relationship with the National Youth Baseball Championships."

The children weren't the only ones touched by the interaction.

"Unbelievable watching their faces, so full of life," Thomas said. "Like the tour guide said, these kids are fighters."

For Thomas, Thursday's trip was especially emotional. As a 10-year-old boy growing up in Georgia, he spent six months of his childhood going to and from St. Jude on the weekends as his 2 1/2-year-old sister eventually lost her battle with leukemia.

Thursday was his first trip back.

"It brought back, not good, but weird memories," Thomas said. "It was good for the soul."

For all involved.

Frank Thomas joins broadcast team for NYBC

Frank Thomas, one of the greatest sluggers in baseball history, has been named to the broadcast team for the 2012 HotelPlanner.com National Youth Baseball Championships (HotelPlanner.com NYBC), scheduled for August 23 - 27 at Gameday Baseball's First Tennessee Fields in Memphis, TN. The HotelPlanner.com NYBC will be broadcast live on CBS Sports Network and MLB.com.

Thomas, who combined 521 home runs with a .301 lifetime batting average during his 19-year Major League career, will be joined in the broadcast booth by fellow MLB.com analysts Jeff Nelson and Jim Duquette. Nelson, a veteran of 15 Major League seasons, was a four-time World Series champion with the New York Yankees. Duquette was formerly general manager of the New York Mets and Baltimore Orioles.

The HotelPlanner.com NYBC brings together the 12-and-under champions of eight youth baseball organizations representing over eight million participants and four at-large selections to determine a true National Youth Baseball Champion.

CBS Sports Network will carry quarterfinal games on Saturday, August 25 (2:00 and 6:30 PM, ET) and semifinal games on Sunday, August 26 (3:00 and 6:00 PM, ET). The action begins again on Monday, August 27 (4:00 PM, ET) with the Memphis Cup, recognizing the top team among those not advancing to the championship bracket. First pitch of Monday's championship game is at 7:00 PM, ET.

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In addition to the national television coverage on CBS Sports Network, MLB.com will provide a live worldwide simulcast of the games via the Internet, as well as provide updated tournament coverage and archived games on demand on their youthmajors.com website.

Participating organizations and their teams selected for the championships are:

- American Amateur Baseball Congress (AABC) - So Cal Outlaws Black of Chino Hills, CA.
- Amateur Athletic Union of the United States (AAU) - Team Texas of Rusk, TX.
- Babe Ruth Baseball - Competition still under way.
- Dixie Youth Baseball - Hope Mills, NC.
- National Amateur Baseball Federation (NABF) - Central Florida Gators of Altamonte Springs, FL.
- PONY Baseball - Sierra Valley Storm of El Dorado, CA.
- Super Series Baseball of America - Banditos Black of Tomball, TX.
- United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) - Team Phenom of Moreno Valley, CA.

The at-large field includes the DQ Crushers of Conway, AR, the Germantown Giants of Germantown, TN, the Next Level Tornadoes of Plainfield, IL, and Stealth Baseball USA of New Haven, CT.



NYBC GAME SCHEDULE

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Date	Time	Field	Round	Matchup/Result	Box	Video	TV
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8/24	9:30 p.m. ET 8:30 p.m. CT	Mark Neel	Pool play	Germantown Giants (WC) 1 Team Phenom (USSSA) 3	📺		
8/24	9:30 p.m. ET 8:30 p.m. CT	Methodist Le Bonheur	Pool play	Dairy Queen Crushers (WC) 7 Team Texas (AAU) 2	📺		
8/25	2 p.m. ET 1 p.m. CT	Mark Neel	Quarterfinal	Sierra Valley Storm (PONY) 1 Team Phenom (USSSA) 7	📺	📺	
8/25	3 p.m. ET 2 p.m. CT	Mark Neel	Quarterfinal	Central Florida Gators (NABF) 7 Dairy Queen Crushers (WC) 3	📺		
8/25	6 p.m. ET 5 p.m. CT	Mark Neel	Quarterfinal	Germantown Giants (WC) 0 So Cal Outlaws Black (AABC) 10	📺		
8/25	6:30 p.m. ET 5:30 p.m. CT	Mark Neel	Quarterfinal	Stealth Baseball (WC) 1 Banditos Black (Super Series) 6	📺	📺	
8/26	3 p.m. ET 2 p.m. CT	Mark Neel	Semifinal	Central Florida Gators (NABF) 6 Banditos Black (Super Series) 13	📺	📺	
8/26	6 p.m. ET 5 p.m. CT	Mark Neel	Semifinal	So Cal Outlaws Black (AABC) 3 Team Phenom (USSSA) 13	📺	📺	
8/27	7 p.m. ET 6 p.m. CT	Mark Neel	Final	Banditos Black (Super Series) 8 Team Phenom (USSSA) 6	📺	📺	

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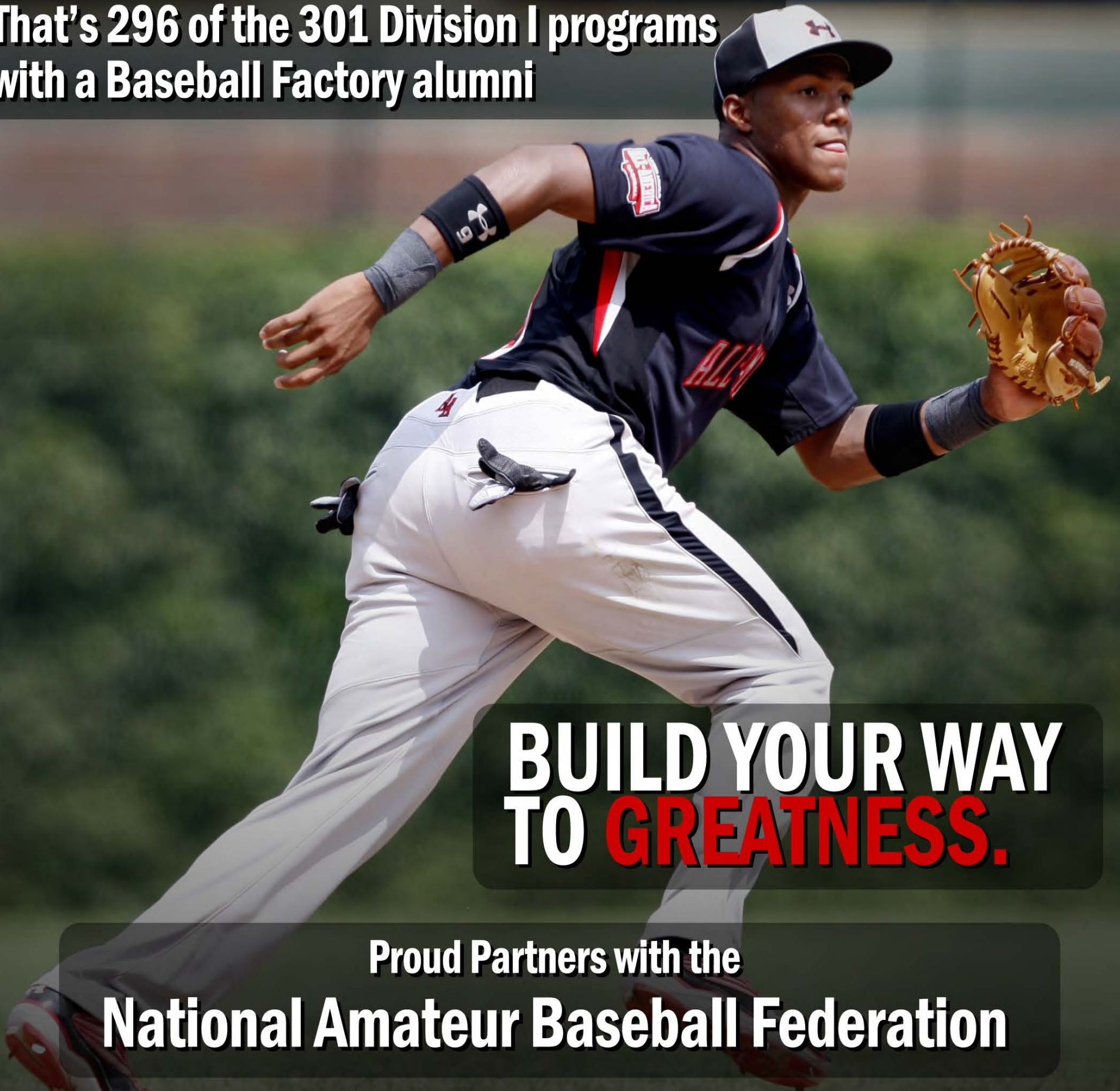
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skills in front of 18U National Team manager Scott Brosius and his coaching staff. The five-day event will continue Saturday morning with games resuming at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, June 21

NABF 4 vs. AABC 6 -- BOX

AABC (1-1) scored two runs in the third, fifth and eighth innings and held off NABF in the ninth to win 6-4. Timmy Richards led the way at the plate for AABC as he was 1-for-3 with 3 RBIs. In the top half of the ninth inning, NABF threatened by putting the first two hitters on base. After an error that allowed a run to score and a fielder's choice, Sheldon Neuse came to the plate with two runners in scoring position. Neuse, who was 3-for-5 on the day, couldn't record his fourth hit of the game however, as Cheyne Bickel struck him out to end the game. Alec Byrd was the winning pitcher for AABC, and Hunter Green took the loss for NABF.

Babe Ruth 5 vs. Dixie 3

Babe Ruth became the first team to the two win mark at the 2012 Tournament of Stars when they scratched for two runs in the top of the ninth, and Matt Ruppenthal shut the door in the bottom of the ninth to notch a save. Bryson Brigman set the tone from the lead off spot, going 3-for-5, and Chasen Ford picked up the win with three innings of solid relief. Dixie tied the game in the seventh when Justin Williams crushed an RBI-double. The double was Williams second hit of the game, matching teammate Christain Arroyo for tops on the team in the game. Alex Hagner was charged with the loss, allowing two runs over two innings of work.

RBI 4 vs. USA Stars 5

The USA Stars (1-1) jumped on RBI (0-2) early with three runs in the bottom of the first inning. Adan Gutierrez held the game close for RBI, however, as he fired four and a third innings while allowing one run. RBI climbed back with a two-RBI double from Corey Ray in the top of the third, and an

RBI single off the bat of Marcellus Sneed in the fifth inning. With the game tied at four in the bottom of the eighth, Trey Michalczewski scored the eventual winning run on a wild pitch. Connor Beck got the win for the USA Stars with two solid innings of relief, and Brick Paskiewicz struck out the side in the ninth to earn the save. Gabe Selochan took the loss for RBI. Sneed and Michalczewski had two hits for RBI and the USA Stars, respectively.

PONY 1 vs. American Legion 2

It took American Legion (1-1) until the bottom of the seventh inning to record their first hit off the PONY (1-1) pitching staff, but after Andy McGuire's lead-off double, the hits started coming in bunches. The American Legion lineup had four hits in the bottom of the ninth inning to erase a one-run deficit and top PONY, 2-1. Kenny Meimerstorff drove in Logan Shore on a walk-off RBI single to give American Legion their first win of the 2012 Tournament of Stars. Billy Roth notched the win with two and a third innings of relief, while Tyler Thorne took the loss for PONY. Anfernee Grier and Matt Diorio each had multi-hit performances in the loss.

Wednesday, June 20

USA Stars 3 vs. Babe Ruth 5

After rain pushed back the start of the USA Stars (0-1) and Babe Ruth (1-0) game an hour, the Babe Ruth pitchers came out firing. Steven Farinano and Stephen Gonsalves each pitched three innings and combined to allow just three hits while striking out 14. With a 2-1 lead through five and a half innings, Babe Ruth extended its lead to four when it pushed across three runs in the bottom of the sixth. The USA Stars fought back with two runs in the top of the seventh on an RBI single from Nico Giarratano and a sacrifice fly off the bat of Riley Unroe, but the rally wasn't enough. Touki Toussaint took the loss for the USA Stars and Christian Martinek closed out the game with two strikeouts in the top of the ninth to earn the save.

AABC 2 vs. PONY 3

Despite a lengthy rain delay that ended Trey Cobb's stellar relief appearance after two innings, the righty from Broken Arrow, Okla., managed to pick up the win in PONY's (1-0), 3-2, victory over AABC (0-1). Fighting the weather conditions through the early part of the game, AABC jumped out to a 2-1 lead on an RBI single by Joe Corrigan and a sac fly by Cody Thomas in the top of the third. PONY responded in the bottom of the fifth with a two-RBI double by Pete Alonzo just moments before the grounds crew was called in to tarp the field. The 3-2 score would stay the same the rest of the way as Ryder Jones fired two scoreless innings to pick up the save. Adrian DeHorta took the loss for AABC.

American Legion 4 vs. NABF 5

NABF (1-0) exploded for three runs in the bottom of the ninth inning to erase a two run deficit to beat American Legion (0-1), 5-4. Cavan Biggio led the NABF offense as he was 2-for-3 with two doubles. Zac Ryan earned the win for NABF as he allowed two earned runs in five innings of relief. Andy McGuire, Logan Shore, Michael Maiello and Nick Ciuffo each had two hits to lead the American Legion offensive attack. American Legion also got a strong pitching performance from Chris Kohler

who threw five innings and gave up one run on just two hits while striking out six.

Dixie 1 vs. RBI 0

Dixie (1-0) and RBI (0-1) traded scoreless frames through eight innings, with pitching dominating the first game of the 2012 Tournament of Stars. Marcellus Sneed and Seth Martinez each fired four shutout innings for RBI, striking out five and six hitters respectively. On the other side, Sean Brady, Nicholas Gordon, Garrett Williams and Spencer Traynor combined to throw nine shutout innings and allow just two total hits from the RBI lineup. Dixie first baseman Bryce Harman, who went 3-for-4 in the contest, broke the scoreless game with an RBI triple in the top of the ninth inning, scoring John Sternagel who previously singled. Sal Mendez took the loss for RBI, while Trayner picked up the win in relief for Dixie.

Tuesday, June 19

The 144 invited players arrive from all over the country to compete in the 2012 Tournament of Stars presented by Major League Baseball. The event is the primary selection vehicle for the 18U National Team that will compete in the 2012 IBAF Junior World Championships in Seoul, Korea.

Senior Division World Series Tournament Results

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Year	Champion	Runner-up	Score
1991	Atlanta, GA Astros	Bedford, NY TWA Baseball Acad	13-3
1992	Long Island, NY Bayside Yankees	Youngstown, OH Fab. Goldsteins	9-4
1993	Marietta, GA East Cobb Rangers	Bayside, NY Yankees	10-8
1994	Jackson, MS Jackson 96ers	Seattle, WA Chaffay Baseball	12-5
1995	Enon, OH Warhawks	East Cobb, GA Rangers	4-0
1996	Jackson, MS Jackson 96ers	New Lenox, IL	6-2
1997	Hammond, LA Bill Hood Broncos	Springfield, OH Enon Warhawks	10-8
1998	Marietta, GA East Cobb Astros	Olympia, WA Pepsi	11-4
1999	Hammond, LA Bill Hood Broncos	Chicago Norwood Blues	11-3
2000	Northern Virginia Barnstormers	Bloomington, IN Blue Storm	7-3
2001	Central Florida Renegades	Lexington, KY Dixie	10-2
2002	Columbus, Ohio Cobras	Jackson, Mississippi 96ers	15-6
2003	White Oak, PA, Batting Practice	Orlando, FL, Orlando Scorpions	9-7
2004	White Oak, PA Diamond Dogs	Indianapolis, IN Indiana Bulls	7-6
2005	Long Island, NY Bayside Yankees	Jackson, MS Jackson 96ers	7-1
2006	Jackson, MS, Jackson 96ers	Long Island, NY, Bayside Yankees	5-4
2007	Houston, TX Houston Heat	Evansville, IN Evansville Razorbacks	4-2
2008	Long Island, NY, Bayside Yankees	Marietta, GA, TNL Sports	8-0
2009	Gambrills, MD Maryland Monarchs	Jackson, MS Jackson 96ers Blue	12-5
2010	Houston, TX Houston Raiders	Gambrills, MD Maryland Monarchs	9-2
2011	Toronto, ON Toronto Mets	Houston, TX Houston Raiders	6-1

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.

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

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Scholarship Application

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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. No application will be considered if the above items are not included with the application.
6. Applications must be received by September 1st.
7. Successful applicants, scholarship award winners, must submit, a proof of enrollment by December 1st before the scholarship check may be issued.
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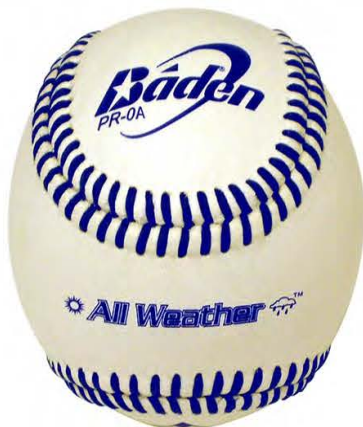
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