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## NABF Grad of Year

### Rays' Forsythe gets 2016 nod

Tampa Bay Rays infielder Logan Forsythe has been named the 2016 National Amateur Baseball Federation Graduate of the Year.



Logan Forsythe

John Logan Forsythe (born January 14, 1987) played for the San Diego Padres from 2011 through 2013. While primarily a second baseman, Forsythe has been a utility player for the majority of his career, playing every position except for center field, as well as pitcher and catcher.

Former NABF board member Lou Tiberi, who nominated Forsythe, remembers him when he was 17-years-old and played for Team NABF in Tournament of Stars hosted by USA Baseball.

"He was a nice kid and all that. You could tell he was going to be a good ball-player," Tiberi said.

He was asked to play for the NABF team after competing at the NABF High School World Series in Tennessee. The

summer team was comprised mostly of players from Christian Brothers High School, where Forsythe played.

"That's a very good high school," Tiberi said about Christian Brothers baseball. "His coach down there, Buster Kelso, coached an NABF team, and he's still the coach."

Forsythe was recruited from Christian Brothers High School in Memphis, Tennessee to play college baseball at the University of Arkansas under coach Dave Van Horn. Logan's younger brother, Blake, also played at Christian Brothers, then at the University of Tennessee, and several years of professional baseball.

Prior to playing professionally, Logan Forsythe played college baseball for the University of Arkansas. He also competed for the United States national baseball team in the 2007 Pan American Games.

Logan and Blake's Forsythe's mother also attended Arkansas, so that may have helped Logan make his decision when he went to the next level.

Logan intended to take a medical red-shirt in 2006, but entered a game after an early-season injury. He singled in his first two games as a Razorback, and continued to

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### Brooklyn Sports Fever's incredible run

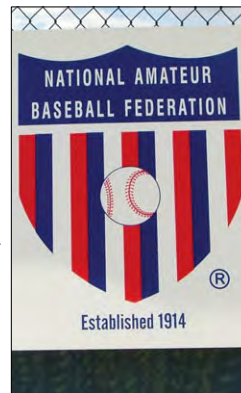
The Brooklyn Sports Fever celebrate a 12-2 championship game victory over the defending champion Buffalo Batistoni Diesel in the 103rd Annual Charles Blackburn Jr. Major Division World Series final at C.O. Brown Stadium in Battle Creek, Michigan. See story and photos on page 4 and 5. (Photo by Roy LaFountain)

## NABF Graduates of the Year

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|---|---|
| 1968 Bill Freehan (Detroit Tigers)        | 1991 Steve Farr (New York Yankees)            |
| 1969 Pete Rose (Cincinnati Reds)          | 1992 Marquies Grissom (Montreal Expos)        |
| 1970 Bernie Carbo (Cincinnati Reds)       | 1993 Paul O'Neil (New York Yankees)           |
| 1971 Ted Simmons (St. Louis Cardinals)    | 1994 No selection (MLB Players Strike)        |
| 1972 John Mayberry (Kansas City Royals)   | 1995 Charles Nagy (Cleveland Indians)         |
| 1973 Sal Bando (Oakland Athletics)        | 1996 Brian Jordan (St. Louis Cardinals)       |
| 1974 Jim Wynn (Los Angeles Dodgers)       | 1997 Jeff Reed (Colorado Rockies)             |
| 1975 Frank Tanana (California Angels)     | 1998 Scott Rolen (Philadelphia Phillies)      |
| 1976 Rick Manning (Cleveland Indians)     | 1999 Paul Byrd (Philadelphia Phillies)        |
| 1977 Kenton Tekulve (Pittsburgh Pirates)  | 2000 Pat Burrell (Philadelphia Phillies)      |
| 1978 Lary Sorenson (Milwaukee Brewers)    | 2001 Billy Koch (Toronto Blue Jays)           |
| 1979 Willie Horton (Seattle Mariners)     | 2002 Roy Oswalt (Houston Astros)              |
| 1980 Britt Burns (Chicago White Sox)      | 2003 B.J. Surhoff (Baltimore Orioles)         |
| 1981 Tom Paciorek (Seattle Mariners)      | 2004 Brian Roberts (Baltimore Orioles)        |
| 1982 Leon Durham (Chicago Cubs)           | 2005 Mark Tiexiera (Texas Rangers)            |
| 1983 Robert Bonnell (Toronto Blue Jays)   | 2006 J.J. Putz (Seattle Mariners)             |
| 1984 Jack Perconte (Seattle Mariners)     | 2007 Jake Peavy (San Diego Padres)            |
| 1985 John Franco (Cincinnati Reds)        | 2008 Gavin Floyd (Chicago White Sox)          |
| 1986 Jesse Barfield (Toronto Blue Jays)   | 2009 Zack Grienke (Kansas City Royals)        |
| 1987 Brian Fletcher (Texas Rangers)       | 2010 David Price (Tampa Bay Rays)             |
| 1988 Allen L. Anderson (Minnesota Twins)  | 2011 Johnny Damon (Tampa Bay Rays)            |
| 1989 Dave Dravecky (San Francisco Giants) | 2012 David Freese (St. Louis Cardinals)       |
| 1990 Barry Larkin (Cincinnati Reds)       | 2013 Michael Lance Lynn (St. Louis Cardinals) |
|   | 2014 Sonny Gray (Oakland Athletics)           |
|   | 2015 Pedro Alvarez (Pittsburgh Pirates)       |
|   | 2016 Logan Forsythe (Tampa Bay Rays)          |

## 102nd NABF meeting set for Youngstown

The 102nd Annual Meeting of the National Amateur Baseball Federation will be held Friday, November 11th and Saturday, November 12th, 2016 in Youngstown, Ohio.



The Board of Directors' meeting will be held on Friday, November 11th. The Delegates' meeting for all NABF franchise member delegates will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 12th, followed by a luncheon and awards presentation at 1 p.m.

The Country Inn Suites in Youngstown, Ohio is located roughly an hour from both Pittsburgh International Airport and Akron-Canton Regional Airport, as is accessible via Interstates 76 and 80 (Ohio Turnpike) and is convenient to these local attractions.

- Covelli Centre (6.6 miles) - several musical events, minor league hockey, etc
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- The Steel Museum (7.7 miles)
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At left, a fan at the Charles Blackburn Jr. Major Division World Series in Battle Creek, Michigan supports her team. (Photo by Roy LaFountain)



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At right, action from the NABF Major Division World Series. (Photos by Roy LaFountain)



**From the President..**

*As my term as President concludes this November, I want to take this opportunity to say thank you for an incredible and fulfilling experience. I am very proud to have served as President of the NABF and have enjoyed every minute of my term. I have worked alongside many hard working and driven people all with the same goal in mind - to keep amateur baseball alive and thriving throughout the United States.*

*When I took over as President, one of my main goals was to focus on and expand membership. That goal was most certainly achieved as the NABF participating membership was maintained and increased over the last two years. In addition, our members hosted over thirty-five tournaments. Classic tournament, Regional and World Series games were played in age divisions including the 10 and under, 12 and under, 15 and under, high school, college and unlimited age. There's no doubt NABF baseball touched the lives of many this past year.*

*Our annual meeting will be held in Youngstown, Ohio on November 11th and 12th. I encourage you to make the trip and be a part of this exciting and important weekend. It's at this meeting that we plan and set goals for the upcoming year. We encourage those in attendance to share their input and thoughts on how we can do a better job and continue to keep amateur baseball alive and thriving. It's that invaluable input from our members that makes the NABF strong and successful. One of the highlights of this year's annual meeting will be the launching our new website.*

*It's been an honor to serve for this wonderful cause, and I am excited as I pass the gravel to the new President. I am certain that not only will we continue to pursue growth with more tournaments and new membership, but many more exciting things are on the horizon. I look forward to seeing what the future holds for the NABF!*

All the best,

**Vincent J. DiLauro**  
President, NABF



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**From the Executive Director..**

*All of us here at NABF extend a special thanks to all sponsors of our national programs, League Outfitters, our official provider of sporting goods, Hoosier Bat Company, Village Trophy Company, Major League Baseball, Diamond Baseball (our official baseball), Baseball Factory, MTM Champion Rings, Baseball Blue Book, Frazier Insurance Agency, Bob Cene Park and Youngstown Class B Baseball League, City of Toledo, Ohio, City of Battle Creek Michigan, City of Knoxville, Tennessee, Youth Baseball Network & Branson, Missouri, USA Baseball, South Haven, Mississippi, Rockland Baseball Association NY/NJ, host for both the Rookie and Freshman Division World Series, and Hartsfield Media our on line Magazine, and to all those organizations, businesses and individuals so numerous to list having contributed their time and resources for NABF sandlot baseball, for all ages levels.*

*Congratulations to all participating franchised member organizations advancing your qualified teams to regional and world series play. Each world series site had an excellent field of teams this season, provided through our league member organizations..*

*None of our classics and regional or world series events started or finished without the good work of many individual volunteers, planning well in advance, and managing the game by game tourney events, including the administrative duties required prior to the event and until the final OUT of each tournament.*

*We look forward to 2017 and many seasons to come, with all of you as our loyal members, striving to improve upon each past season.*

Kind regards to all,

**Charles M Blackburn, Jr.**  
Executive Director, NABF



**Promoting the NABF brand**

The NABF booth at the American Baseball Coaches Association convention was a huge success. Connie Brown, Frosty Brown, Buzz McNish and Derek Topik spent time in the booth promoting the organization.

Connie and Frosty spent the majority of the time in the booth promoting the NABF brand and Topik says they did a great job.

"We made many contacts with new people, coaches, cities and facilities who want information on the NABF. I have sent out many emails with information about NABF Leagues and Classics. Many people have no idea that we are the oldest amateur organization in the country. We have got to get our name out there," Topik said.

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**In Memoriam  
Roger A. Faw  
1955 – 2016**

**Baltimore Metro League**

*It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Roger A. Faw, a beloved person in the game of baseball and even more importantly the growth of amateur baseball in the Baltimore area.*

Roger passed away on Friday March 18, 2016 at Virginia Mason hospital in Seattle, Washington. Roger was born in Baltimore Maryland on October 29, 1955. His parents are Elizabeth A. Antonakos (Faw) and Lemuel Ellsworth Ayres, Jr. and three sisters, Jillian, Eve and Amy. Roger married Mary E. Cunningham (Faw) on December 31, 1985 in Baltimore MD. Their family was blessed with children, Megan Elizabeth Jean Longmore (Faw), Edward Patrick Faw and Antigone C. Spiker (Stevens). Antigone has blessed us with two grandsons, Dylan and Bradley.

As the founder and President of the Baltimore Metro Baseball League (1977-2013), Roger had the unique ability to impact the lives of many local youth baseball players including but not limited to Major Leaguers Mark Teixeira, Gavin Floyd, and Brian Jordan. Roger was associated with several baseball programs in and around Baltimore such as the Towson American Legion, the Yankee Rebels, and the Towson State Jr. Varsity baseball team, and was a past president of the Maryland Amateur Baseball Congress and a member of the Board of Directors for the National Amateur Baseball Federation.

From 1978 to 2008, Roger sent teams affiliated with the Baltimore Metro Baseball League to several national tournaments, winning 52 World Series Championships over several age groups including 27 NABF World Series wins. His program was also responsible for grooming fifteen future Major Leaguers, five of which had the great honor of playing in a MLB World Series.



At the Major Division World Series, Battistoni Diesel hitter Nick Jasinski makes contact. (Photo by Roy LaFountain)

***In remembrance of those who have contributed...***

**In Memoriam  
Frank Rozum  
1936 – 2016**

**Cuyahoga County AAA Director**

*It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Mr. Frank Rozum, founder and long time director of the Cuyahoga County AAA League in Ohio.*



Frank passed away on June 2, 2016 at the age of 79. He was the dearly beloved husband of Joan for 59 years; loving father of Debbie Borowske(Don), Phil Rozum, Sue Tomasello, Frank Rozum and Becky Kazmier (Zak); grandfather of Adam, Alan and Amanda Valentin; Troy, Nathan and Rachel Tomasello; dearest brother of Jean Hochevar; dear uncle of many.

A retired varsity baseball coach and lead director of the Cuyahoga County AAA League, Frank oversaw the development and growth of amateur baseball in the Strongsville, Ohio area for over 40 years. He and his organization hosted several NABF Junior Division Regional tournaments, and his team participated in the very first NABF College Division National Championship Series held at the University of Maryland in 1984. A member and friend of the National Amateur Baseball Federation since 1980, and the organization's Man of the Year in 1988, Frank's contributions to the NABF will be missed greatly.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at the Mallchok Funeral Home in Parma, Ohio.

**In Memoriam  
Raymond W. Wells  
1946 – 2015**

**Youngstown Class B League Coach and Manager**

*"Ray" was born Sept. 16, 1946, in Youngstown, a son of Jesse Calvin and Ida Mae (Heckathorne) Wells.*



He was a 1965 graduate of Hubbard High School, attended Youngstown State University, and was a proud veteran of the U.S. Navy, having served in Vietnam. Mentoring youth was a passion of Ray's and one of his biggest passions was Youngstown Class B baseball, where he was a coach and manager for almost 50 years.

Ray Wells was honored in a pre-tournament ceremony at our NABF Senior Division World Series in Struthers, Ohio July 21-24.



**In Memoriam  
Joe Victor  
1942 – 2016**

**NABF Board of Directors**

*Joe Victor, a giant in New York City sandlot baseball for over 40 years, passed away suddenly on April 22nd, 2016. Joe first appeared on the sandlot baseball scene in the mid 1970s as a coach with the Brooklyn Cadets Baseball Club.*

*His next door neighbor's sons were players with the Cadets and Joe answered their call for help. He remained with the Cadets for over 25 years as a manager, coach and Athletic Director and produced some of the top high school and college age teams in Brooklyn baseball history. Many of his players went on to the college and professional ranks and had outstanding careers not only on the field but as solid citizens of the community. Joe was inducted into the Parade Ground Baseball League Hall of Fame in 1992 in recognition of his outstanding efforts as a Manager and Athletic Director.*

*Joe left the Cadets and formed his own college age baseball team called the Cubs and then the Mariners in the late 1990s. For the next 15 years they were a top team made up of college student athletes from the Northeast who appeared in many NABF Regional and National Tournaments.*

*In addition to his role in running the Cadets, Cubs and Mariners, Joe became a top administrator and league official of a number of local and national sandlot baseball organizations. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Marine Park Baseball League in Brooklyn for many years and served as a Board Member and President of the New York Metropolitan Baseball Association, which administered a vast baseball program of 10 leagues and over 200 teams and was affiliated with NABF and AABC.*

*Over the last 10 years, Joe was the Secretary of the Parade Ground Baseball League, the oldest sandlot baseball organization in New York City, and a Regional Director of the NABF. He worked very closely with Charles Blackburn to expand the number of teams from New York participating in NABF Leagues, sending New York City teams to NABF Regional and World Series Tournaments all over the country and hosting many of the Regional Tournaments in Brooklyn.*

*Joe will be sorely missed in New York sandlot baseball circles. His outstanding leadership qualities, strong administrative skills and intellect, as well as his passion for baseball and his desire to help New York City athletes advance to the high school, college and professional levels will always be remembered. The entire New York Baseball Community is forever thankful to Joe for his untiring and dedicated service to the youth of Brooklyn and the outstanding contributions that he made to advance the cause of New York City sandlot baseball over the last 40 years.*

# World Series continues to be a hit at C.O. Brown Stadium

By Will Kowalski  
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The local team, HBC-Behnke, didn't win the championship.

But Battle Creek still came out a winner Aug. 3-7, as Cereal City fans, tournament committee members and the economy all shared in the excitement of B.C. hosting the Charles M. Blackburn Jr. National Amateur Baseball Federation Major Division World Series for the fourth straight year.

Earning the title of the 103rd annual World Series — after three days of pool play, followed by quarterfinal, semifinal and championship game action in the single-elimination part of the tourney — was Brooklyn (N.Y.) Sports Fever. The squad defeated defending World Series winner Battistoni Diesel of Buffalo, N.Y. 12-2, in a seven-inning mercy-rule affair on Sunday at C.O. Brown Stadium, with Brooklyn's Bruce Valentin garnering Series Most Valuable Player honors.

Battle Creek's HBC-Behnke, which qualified for the NABF World Series for the fourth consecutive summer by winning the regular-season City League crown, topped Battistoni Diesel 8-6 in come-from-behind fashion in the tourney's Aug. 3 event opener during pool play.

Opening-day ceremonies also included Battle Creek Mayor David A. Walters throwing out the first pitch. Earlier, Walters proclaimed Aug. 3-7 National Amateur Baseball Week in B.C., and named the manager and members of the Battistoni Diesel 2015 title squad honorary citizens. Also earlier, the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners named Aug. 3-7 Charles M. Blackburn Jr. Week. Blackburn is executive director of the NABF.

Following its opening-evening win, manager Wayne Wardell's HBC-Behnke team wound up losing its next two pool play matchups. It fell 3-1 to the Lake Erie Buckeyes and 10-5 to eventual champ Brooklyn, and did not advance to the quarterfinal round in the event that began with 12 teams that hailed from Michigan, New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Maryland.

Only the top two teams from each of the tourney's three pools, plus two wildcard teams from those pools, advanced to weekend action.

Nevertheless, despite the local host squad bowing out early, World Series tournament director Terry Newton said he was pleased with the way local fans again supported the action at Bailey Park's C.O. Brown Stadium, Nichols Field and Morrison Field over the five-day span. Plus, he happily provided the reminder that the event will take place in Battle Creek through at least 2021 (through a deal that was struck between our local contingent and the NABF that included a two-year option).

"The first year we had the NABF here we had a regional tournament, then through a lot of hard work we got the World Series here...and now we just need to keep working hard and getting the community to keep supporting us in order to make this World Series an even more successful one," Newton said.

Terry Newton was honored as the NABF's Man of the Year prior to his year's World Series, and his daughter, Annie, was honored as NABF Woman of the Year for her work on the local tournament committee.

"We had a lot of great teams and players here and some great days here for this year's tournament — including opening night, Thirsty Thursday and Seniors Day on Friday that brought a lot of fans out — and now we just need to keep growing our number of fans. We're getting a lot of community support now, and it can get even better.

"Plus," added Newton, "it was nice to see a lot of kids come out to this year's World Series. A lot of them were just regular kids who came out with their parents,



Brooklyn Sports Fever fans say, 'Let's get on with the show,' and, at right, an HBC-Behnke batboy at C.O. Brown Stadium in Battle Creek, Michigan. (Photos by Art Frith)

and we had a lot of other kids come out from the local Shamrocks youth baseball program to shag foul balls. Overall, it's just important to get kids out here because they get to experience what World Series baseball at this level is all about, and hopefully they learned some things and watched the games and now they'll want to someday play in this World Series, too, when they get a bit older."

The NABF World Series is an event that replaced the long-running American Amateur Baseball Congress Stan Musial World Series in B.C. The Musial World Series took place in B.C. for over 65 years before moving to Texas in 2004.

Newton, the Southern Michigan Amateur Baseball Association, the Battle Creek Parks and Recreation Department and the Calhoun County Visitors Bureau all had a hand in bringing the NABF World Series to B.C. Over 25 local volunteers were also on hand during the tourney that was contested in great summer weather all five days.

"And, of course, we want to keep the NABF World Series here," Newton said.

"It's tougher to field summer adult baseball teams these days than it was in the past — what with the emergence of lots of the new summer college leagues like the Northwoods League we have here with the Battle Creek Bombers and all kinds of other independent professional summer leagues and the like — and it's tougher to get team sponsors than it was in the past. I mean, this year, we had four teams in our adult baseball summer league, compared to a lot more teams than that in the past.

"But overall, the NABF World Series is still made up of a lot of great players of all ages and backgrounds...and we had a lot of great baseball played here during this year's Series. Now, we just want to keep working hard to get even more fans out here to support our local teams and summer adult baseball, and hopefully we'll see our number of fans continue to grow and grow in the future."

#### No local champs, but pride remains

HBC-Behnke finished its season with a 24-6 record after going 1-2 during the NABF World Series. It had gone 23-4 during regular-season Battle Creek summer league play that included crossover games with Kalamazoo-based summer league teams.

In its 8-6, tourney-opening win against defending World Series champ Battistoni Diesel of Buffalo, N.Y., HBC-Behnke trailed 5-0 after three innings. But the host squad received a solo home run from Geno Roberts in the seventh; scored twice in the eighth to make it 5-3; and then plated five runs in the ninth after reliever Jake Rouse — a former Kalamazoo Central High and

Kellogg Community College star — pitched well down the stretch.

Roberts — a right fielder who is also a K-Central High grad and who will be entering his second year at KCC this upcoming season — finished the game going 4-for-5 and three RBI. Also, Nate Jones (Lakeview High/headed to Eastern Michigan University) and Jimmy Jackson (Pennfield High/Wayne State grad) had big hits in the ninth.

In its Game 2, 3-1 loss to the Lake Erie Buckeyes, HBC-Behnke scored its lone run in the seventh via a leadoff triple by Darian Brown and a sacrifice fly by Kenny Davis. Davis wound up 2-for-3 in the contest. Also, pitcher Todd Thorn (Lansing area/former minor leaguer with the Toronto Blue Jays) allowed only five hits in that game, a game in which HBC-Behnke manager Wardell noted that defensive lapses probably led to the team's setback.

And, in its Game 3 10-5 loss to eventual champ Brooklyn, Battle Creek led 4-0 in the third before the game got tied at 4-all. Then, Brooklyn took a 5-4 lead in the eighth; B.C. re-tied the game at 5-5 in the bottom of that inning; and Brooklyn then scored five times in the top of the ninth to pull away for good.

In Game 3, Roberts went 3-for-4; Jackson went 2-for-4 with three RBI; Benny Clark (KCC/Indiana Tech) went 2-for-4; and Hudson Whittmore (former Central Michigan star) had a pair of hits.

Roberts was Battle Creek's lone pick to the World Series All-Tournament Team.

"We would have liked to have done better as a team than we did, but things just didn't fall our way," Roberts said. "Still, we were competitive and worked hard, and we took pride in playing very good ball against some very, very good teams from all over the country. We didn't accomplish our mission as a team, to win it all, but we gave it our best. It was a great experience, and great to have this World Series in Battle Creek." HBC manager Wardell said his squad could



have gone 3-0 in pool play with a few more breaks and a few fewer miscues.

"We started the tournament with that great come-from-behind win, but then our defense got shaky the next two games and that probably cost us a couple of wins," Wardell said.

"Overall for the tournament, it was great to get the support from our fans here in the city, and once again I can't say enough about our sponsors — Mike Beck from HBC and the Behnke family for all they've done for us. And we did play some very, very

good baseball at times against some of the best teams around. Still, it was disappointing that we didn't make it out of pool play. We had some momentum going for us after that first-game win and had a lot of confidence. But then in the next two games, although we had opportunities to win both of those games, we just couldn't get the big two-out hits when we needed them and we had problems with our defense. I guess all you can say is, that's baseball.

"But even though we didn't get very far in the tournament this year," added Wardell, "it was still a very good season for us. Our goal every year is to win the city league championship and get to the World Series, and we did that. Our goal is also to win one of these World Series one of these years, earning another World Series title for Battle Creek — something that hasn't happened in 30 years — so now we'll just have to get our sights set on next year again and give it another try."

In an interesting side note, Terry Newton managed the last local team to win an adult baseball World Series in Battle Creek, Ferrari's, in 1986. Russ Bortell, former long-time baseball coach at KCC, was a pitcher and coach on that 1986 title squad, and was again on this year's HBC-Behnke roster.

"We weren't able to win the city's first World Series title in 30 years, but I thought we played well overall. It's all about timing. Play those last two games a week from now, and maybe we come out on top in both of those," the 59-year-old Bortell said.

"But even though we didn't accomplish our mission, it's still an honor for anybody who plays in a World Series, and it was again for me. I just can't thank Terry Newton and the city and the tournament committee and everyone else involved for all the hard work they did this year and will continue to do to make sure this World Series stays in Battle Creek. And hopefully, next year, although a few of us players will just be getting a year older, a lot of our younger players will be back and have even more experience and be even better players than they are now...and maybe then we can get back to the World Series again and win another championship for this great baseball community."



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# Major World Series

## Brooklyn Sports Fever grabs Major World Series title

The 103rd NABF Charles Blackburn World Series Championship trophy goes to the Brooklyn Sports Fever, who battled from the brink of elimination to be the first team from New York City to win the NABF championship.

With the win, the national champions from the Empire State dethroned the Buffalo Battistoni Diesel, 12-2, on a sun-drenched C.O. Brown Stadium on Sunday, August 7.

The path to the championship was anything from easy as the Fever trailed in every game, except the title game.

The Fever dropped their opener in pool play to the Lake Erie Buckeyes, 16-15, in a game that saw the Fever come from a 12-0 deficit after two innings to tie it at 15, only to have the Buckeyes score a ninth-inning run to get the victory.

Later, the Fever dropped a hard-fought pool play game battle with the Diesel, coming up a run short and losing to Paul Wolf's club 4-3.

The Fever's last hope was beating the host team, Battle Creek HBC/Behnke in the final game of pool play with the hope that they could garner the second wild card berth. The locals jumped out to an early 4-0 lead, but the Fever rallied to a 5-5 tie going into the ninth inning, before exploding for five runs and knocking the local team out of the World Series.

With the start of the single elimination bracket, Brooklyn faced the Brunswick Orioles, the only team to go undefeated in pool play – but also the team they defeated in the Maryland regional final in 2015. As in the previous contests, Fever fell behind early, rallied late and sent the Orioles to the sidelines with a 7-6 win after playing 10 innings.

In the semifinal contest, the opponent standing in the way were the Cleveland Black Wolves, who took the lead into the ninth inning when the Fever struck for a couple runs and a 6-5 walk-off victory, propelling the underdogs to the Sunday battle with Buffalo. Cleveland had found their way into the semifinal matchup by defeating fellow league member, the Lake Erie Buckeyes.

The opposition in the finals was the Buffalo Battistoni Diesel, looking to become the first returning champion to successfully defend the title in over 30 years. The champs had battled back themselves to reach the title game, having won four games in a row after the opening night ninth-inning loss to HBC/Behnke. The Diesel had to beat the Fever in pool play and advance to the great eight after knocking off the Lake Erie ballclub.

In the quarterfinal, the Diesel battled with longtime rival, the Beecher Illinois Muskies, and advanced with a 10-5 win. The semifinal match up saw the Diesel eliminate the team from Hackensack, New Jersey, who themselves had an outstanding showing in the series, thus setting the stage for the third meeting between Brooklyn and Buffalo in Battle Creek over the last two tournaments.

The script was reversed in the 2016 final as Brooklyn scored early, before the Diesel cut the deficit to 4-2. The men from Brooklyn followed up the Diesel's two runs with an outing that featured 16 hits en-route to a 12-2 victory and ultimately derailed the Diesel from a potential second consecutive national championship.

The 103rd NABF World Series was memorable as it was the first World Series under the banner of "Charles Blackburn Major Division World Series." Equally memorable was the unlikely champion who was one inning away from elimination, who trailed in five of their six games over the four days, yet showed the ability to slug their way to the championship.

Brooklyn second baseman Bruce Valentin was the tournament MVP and his teammate, first baseman Auddy Soto Ortiz, was the MVP.

Other Brooklyn players on the all-tournament team are shortstop Carlos Jimenez and outfielder Randy Rodriguez.

Team members contributing include Rigoberto Almonte, Jessue Alvarado, Joel Barrientos, Christopher Berroa, Benjamin Bruff, Eddy Fernandez, Chris Hill, Sonny Hodge, Marcus Perez, Luis Quintero, Luis Rios, Melvin Rios, Pedro Rivera, Francisco Rodriguez, Chris Rollins, Adrian Rosario, Jesse Jay Smith, Bobby Standish, Matthew Stone, Joseph Torres and Jeffrey White.



NABF Charles Blackburn Jr. Major Division World Series champion Brooklyn Sports Fever. (Photo by Art Frith)



A hit-saving catch by the Brooklyn Sports Fever outfield. (Photo by Art Frith)



Buffalo Battistoni Diesel pitcher Kevin Hughes delivers against Battle Creek HBC/Behnke. (Photo by Art Frith)



NABF President Vincent DiLauro presents the NABF Major Division championship trophy to Brooklyn manager John Cannistra. (Photo by Art Frith)

- NABF MAJOR DIVISION ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM**
- C Matt Noel, Cleveland Black Wolves
  - C Chris Gaskin, Muskegon Blue Jays
  - Utility Bryan Miller, Cleveland Black Wolves
  - Utility Jim Calderone, Beecher Muskies
  - 1B Auddy Soto Ortiz, Brooklyn Sports Fever
  - 1B George Dragon, Cleveland Black Wolves
  - 2B Bruce Valentin, Brooklyn Sports Fever
  - 2B Neal DeMartin, Buffalo Battistoni Diesel
  - 3B Butch Bellinger, Hackensack Troasts
  - 3B Brooks Warrenfeltz, Brunswick Orioles
  - SS Carlos Jimenez, Brooklyn Sports Fever
  - SS Paul Witt, Brunswick Orioles
  - OF Randy Moley, Buffalo Battistoni Diesel
  - OF Bart Stack, Buffalo Battistoni Diesel
  - OF AJ Flores, Hackensack Troasts
  - OF Wayne Toms, Brunswick Orioles
  - OF Bryan Nolan, Brunswick Orioles
  - OF Eugene Roberts, Battle Creek HBC/Behnke
  - OF Randy Rodriguez, Brooklyn Sports Fever
  - P Kevin Hughes, Buffalo Battistoni Diesel
  - P Corey Figenbaum, Hackensack Troasts
  - P Michael Herringshaw, Cleveland Black Wolves
  - P Kyle Stahlberg, Lake Erie Buckeyes
  - P Austin Main, Brunswick Orioles
  - P Blake Dahlstrom, Muskegon Blue Jays
- MVP — Bruce Valentin, Brooklyn Sports Fever, 13-for-25, 2 2B, 6 R, 1 SB, 1 SF, .520 BA, .500 OBP, .600 Slug. Pct.**
- Batting Champion — Auddy Soto Ortiz, Brooklyn Sports Fever, 15-for-28, 3 HR, 8 R, 1 SF, .536 BA, .517 OBP, .857 Slug. Pct.**

John Cannistra is the team manager and he is assisted by coach Cary Bisgyer. The Sports Fever represent the Parade Grounds League.

Buffalo players on the all-tournament team include second baseman Neal DeMartin (Central Michigan University), outfielders Randy Moley (St. Bonaventure) and Bert Stack (Canisius) and pitcher Kevin Hughes (University of Buffalo).

Buffalo position players contributing include infielder Brett Bauth (Mercyhurst), utility player Drew Pettit (Canisius), in-

fielder Alex Dusenberry (Central Michigan), utility player Nick Jasinski (Buffalo), infielder Rob Luehrsen (University of North Carolina-Greensboro), catcher Andrew Russo (Canisius), outfielder Zach Papesh (Buffalo), infielder James Spano (Lemoyne), and utility player Ron Bernick (Canisius).

Pitchers include Ryan Baroudi (Peru State), Christian Young (NCCC), Dave Brozyna (Buffalo), Matt Wilhelm (Fredonia), Alex Licata (NCCC), Adam Curyto (Mercyhurst), Kyle Smith (Brockport), Cam Knott (Mercyhurst), Mike Wagner (Central Michi-

gan), Luke Kuczewski (Fredonia), Zach Jordan (Fredonia) and James Tronolone (NCCC). Baroudi also plays in the outfield and Wagner in the infield.

The Diesel are managed by Paul Wolf, who is assisted by coaches Rob Luehrsen and Nick Galenti.

The Southern Michigan Amateur Baseball Association of Battle Creek again thanked all the teams for a great World Series, and look forward to another great showcase of baseball in 2017. Once again, congratulations to the 2016 champion,

# College World Series

## Hickey's game-winner gets Toledo Hawks third championship

By Yaneek Smith  
The Press Newspapers

The host Toledo Hawks scored in the bottom of the ninth to break a tie and defeat the St. Louis Bandits, 5-4, in the televised championship game of the National Amateur Baseball Federation College World Series at Don Kober Field.

The Hawks, coached Ed Mouch, were led by second baseman Luke Hickey (Bluffton University), who was named tournament MVP. Hickey batted .474, had the championship game winning RBI, and fielded 1.000 through all six games.

The Bandits, coached by Rick Fiala, had the tournament batting champion in outfielder Ryan Perkins (Murray State), who hit two home runs and batted .545 through six games.

It is the third NABF CWS championship for the Hawks, which were called the Monarchs when they won the first title under Coach Mouch. Mouch is assisted by Tristan Ladd and Mouch coached all three championship teams.

Under Coach Mouch, the Ohio Monarchs Gold defeated the Long Island Astros 4-3 to win the 2008 NABF CWS and the 2010 Toledo Monarchs defeated St. Louis Alton Indians 13-5 to win the 2010 final.

Right-handed pitcher Matt York (Lourdes College) and 6-foot-3, 200 pound infielder Chandler Dippman (College of Wooster) were instrumental in helping the Hawks win the NABF's college tournament. Both Hickey and Dippman were selected to the NABF CWS All-Tournament Team.

York, a 2014 Oregon Clay High School graduate, pitched 10 innings in the tournament, including 6.2 in the championship game, and Dippman had a key bunt in the bottom of the ninth to help move Colin Kaucher over before he was driven in by Luke Hickey with the winning run.

Toledo went 2-1 in pool play before winning all three games in the tournament. Ed Mouch's club went 2-1 in pool play to qualify for the eight-team single elimination tournament, defeating the Capital City Reds (Ontario), 10-5, before losing to the Crystal Lake Cardinals (Ill.), 13-4. The Hawks, however, recovered and went on to win four straight to take the title. An 8-3 win over the Muskegon Clippers (Mich.) gave Toledo the pool championship.

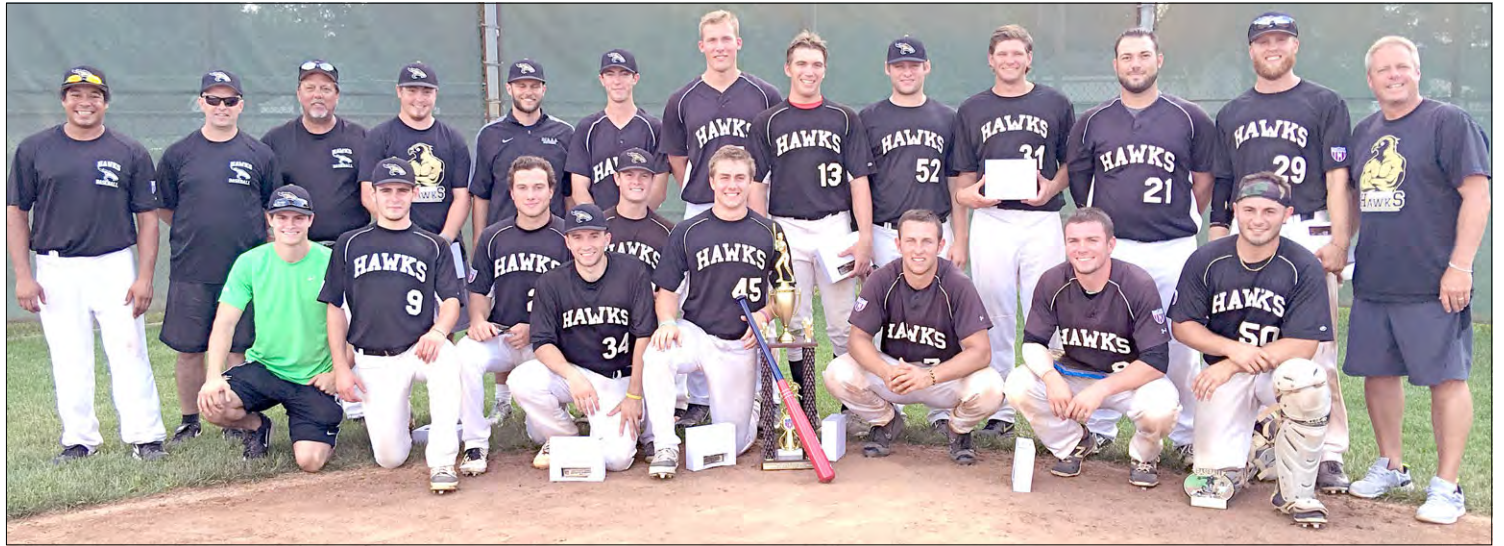
That was the beginning of an impressive run that saw the Hawks win both convincingly and in dramatic fashion. The Hawks defeated the Long Island Astros 7-0, and in the semifinals, broke a tie in the sixth inning before edging the Oil City Stags (Mich.) 3-1 to advance to the championship.

In the final, St. Louis took a 2-0 lead in the first inning before Toledo responded with a run in the third and took the lead with two runs in the third. The Hawks pushed the advantage to 4-2 in the fifth before the Bandits tied it with one run apiece in the seventh and eighth, setting up Hickey's heroics one inning later.

"The kids played really good baseball over the last four games. Once we lost 13-3 in the second game of pool play, they played really well. We got really good pitching, really good defense and timely hitting," Mouch said. "When we got to our semifinal game, we were tied 1-1, went up 2-1 and got a hit to go up 3-1; those were late-inning runs. In the title game, you need some good things to happen for you, and Luke came up with a big hit and won it for us. It's about pitching, defense and clutch hitting - we got those as the tournament went along.

"It's great for our kids; a lot of kids come back home to Toledo and they're trying to find a place to play (during the summer). Every college wants their kids to play, and we provide them with that opportunity. A lot of kids have played against each other in high school and sometimes in college, and that makes it real easy for them to mesh with each other. When you bring a new guy into an organization, they understand how to play with each other. They've all competed against each other in high school and now they come together for a single goal."

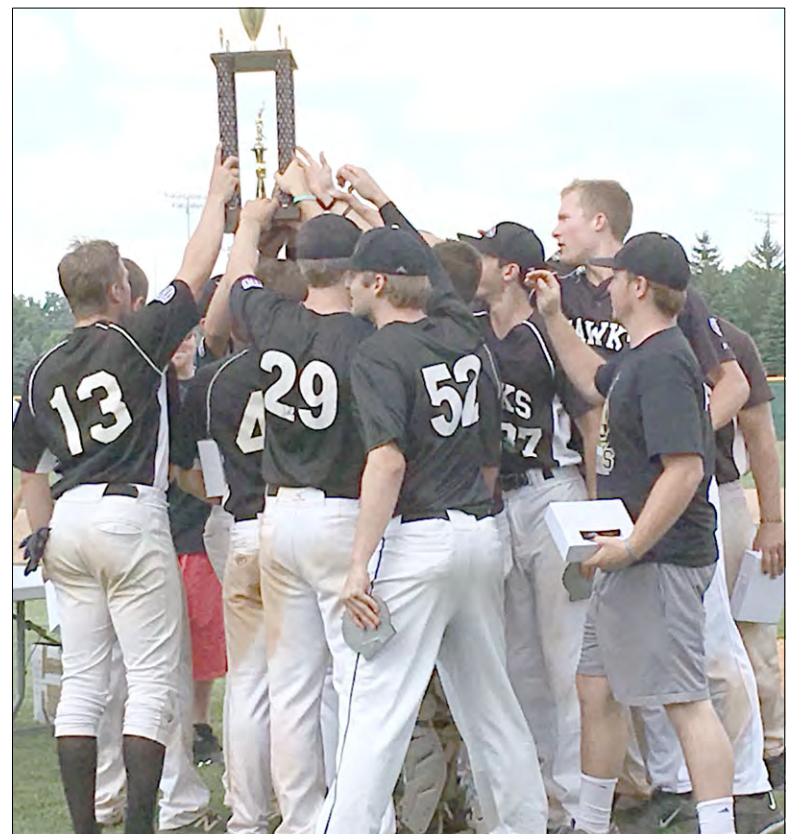
York, who just finished up his sophomore season at Lourdes University, actually played for another team that was part of the Northwest Ohio Men's Baseball Association and the Toledo Amateur



NABF College World Series champion Toledo Hawks — Front row, left to right: Chad Kuebler, Paris Creek, Jacob Peabody, Matt York, Ricky Riggs, Josh Schwere, Colin Kaucher, Luke Hickey and Clay Pittman. Back row, left to right: Tristan Ladd, Jim Kuebler, Coach Ed Mouch, Mason Mayberry, Dylan Clifton-Lorton, Ty Robinson, Josh Cales, Jeremy Chambers, Jake Ireland, Chandler Dippman, Collin Parcher, Jake Krupar and Jeff Schwere. (Photo courtesy Jill Schwere)



Toledo Hawks' tournament MVP Luke Hickey runs the bases during a CWS semifinal victory. (Photo by Scott Grau)



The NABF College Division World Series champion Toledo Hawks celebrate their championship victory. (Photo courtesy Jill Schwere)



St. Louis Bandits all-tournament pitcher Troy Newell. (Photo by Scott Grau)

Baseball Federation and joined Mouch's crew for the tournament via NABF's league pick-up rules. It was impressive what he was able to do in the tournament considering that he'd been converted to a pitcher this past year in college. In four appearances with the Gray Wolves, he went 1-0 with a 2.25 ERA and allowed just two runs in eight innings of work.

"I was converted from a shortstop to a

pitcher. It was a different mindset, I have been playing the game for 12 years," said York, who was a three-year starter at Clay and helped the Eagles win a district title during his sophomore season. "I throw a knuckleball and the coaches knew that and they gave me a chance. I threw a couple of bullpen sessions and it worked out pretty well."

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NABF COLLEGE DIVISION ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM	
C	Colin Kaucher, Toledo Hawks
C	Michael Westley, Oil City Stags
Utility	Darren Raby, Illinois D20 Mules
Utility	Jacob Buchberger, Muskegon Clippers
1B	Dean Marais, Oil City Stags
2B	Luke Hickey, Toledo Hawks
3B	Chandler Dippman, Toledo Hawks
SS	Logan Fleener, Muskegon Clippers
OF	Ryan Perkins, St. Louis Bandits
OF	Jeremy Chambers, Toledo Hawks
OF	Cody Klotz, St. Louis Bandits
OF	Daniel Covert, St. Louis Bandits
OF	Tyler Robbins, Oil City Stags
OF	John Royce, Cleveland Blaze Black
P	Troy Newell, St. Louis Bandits
P	Seth Noreman, Long Island Astros
P	Zach St. Pierre, Indiana Bandits
P	Brock Balderson, Creekside Crocodiles
P	Joey Lodes, St. Louis Bandits
P	Alexander Theiss, Toledo Hawks
P	Kody Shaw, Capital City Athletics
<b>MVP — Luke Hickey, Toledo Hawks, .474 BA, championship GW RBI, 1.000 fielding pct.</b>	
<b>Batting Champion — Ryan Perkins, St. Louis Bandits, 2 HR, .545 BA</b>	

# Senior World Series

## Astro Falcons wins Senior World Series at Bob Cene Park

By Greg Gulas  
Vindy.com

Trailing 4-0 and down to their last at-bat, the Astro Falcons did what they do best: get batters on base so that the meat of their order could do some damage.

And damage they did as the Struthers-Ohio based team scored five times in the seventh inning to defeat Crab (Baltimore, Maryland) University, 5-4 and capture the NABF 18-U World Series championship at Bob Cene Park in Struthers, Ohio.

Jared Kapturasky, who pitched Astros (40-7) into the championship game, hit a two-run single to tie the game at 4-4. Noah Laster's single past a pulled-in infield scored Kapturasky with the winning run.

"All I wanted to do was put the ball in play in order to give us a chance at scoring a run," Laster said. "I was waiting for [pitcher Conor Grammes'] off-speed pitch, but got a fast ball and was able to drive it. This team showed a lot of heart all year, especially today in battling back from four runs down in our last at bat. We played a lot of great games all season, but this was by far the most gratifying and exciting."

Kapturasky, who was named tournament MVP, also had two runs batted in and scored a run.

"This is without a doubt the crowning moment of my Astro Falcons career. We're a group of guys from different schools that just came together and jelled as a team, having a lot of fun along the way," Kapturasky said. "I am humbled to be named tournament MVP, but this does not happen without my teammates. They share this honor with me today as well."

Manager Andy Timko called Kapturasky and Laster players who will battle right to the end.

"Jared is a winner, a real fighter and one of the toughest players ever to put on an Astro Falcons uniform. He had a very special career for us," he said. "Noah just kept battling that last time up, fouling off pitches until he got the one that he liked. He came up clutch when we really needed him to."

Crab U. broke the scoreless tie in the second inning when Jarret Faunce was hit by a pitch and Ryan Engh singled, both of whom later scored on an infield error.

After a four hour and 22 minute delay due to rain and lightning, Crab U. added to their lead with two more runs in the sixth to stretch their lead to 4-0. Colin Bergh's single up the middle plated both Engh and Vincent Walker. In the seventh inning, Tyler Canova, Jacob Bonner and Matt Gibson each had infield singles to cut the score to 4-1.

Kapturasky's single cut the led to 4-3 with Gunn scoring the tying run and Kapturasky moving to third base on a Crab throwing error.

That would set the stage for Laster's game-winning hit and heroics.



NABF Senior Division World Series champion Astro Falcons — Kneeling - Left to Right - Ryan Cene, Rylee Wallace, Hank Clegg, Tyler Canova, Tyler Cannon, Noah Laster, Matt Gibson, Richie Serignese, Brandon Myers, and Coach Charlie White, Standing - Left to Right - Coach Brian Kubala, Bob Cene, Jr., Jared Kapturasky, Manager Andy Timko, Nick Petrolla, Jacob Bonner, Jacob Reimold, Vinny Lucente, Zack Senchak, Joe Gunn, Coach Ron Myers, and John Grace



From Left to Right - Bob Cene, Jr, Scott Ruark, and MVP Jared Kapturasky

- NABF SENIOR DIVISION ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM**
- C Albert Munoz, West New York Tigers
  - C Randy Ramirez, Sayo Grays
  - Utility Gregory Cuevas, West New York Tigers
  - Utility Matt Gibson, Astro Falcons
  - Utility Jack Anderson, Astro Falcons
  - 1B Connor Kin, Michigan Bulls
  - 2B Damon Langer, Spring Cove
  - 3B Christopher Fryer, Hurricanes
  - SS Conor Grammes, Crab University
  - OF Dom Bucko, Baird Brothers
  - OF Jarrett Faunce, Crab University
  - OF Joe Gunn, Astro Falcons
  - P Alexander Mackinnon, Team Ontario
  - P Sawyer Kline, Spring Cove
  - P Louis Rahm, Hurricanes
  - P Nicholas Janigan, Michigan Bulls
  - P Noah LeBrun, Crab University
  - P Austin Weber, Crab University
  - P Hank Clegg, Astro Falcons
- MVP — Jared Kapturasky, Astro Falcons**
- Batting Champion — Craig Lewis, Brownlee Lookouts**

## All-Time NABF Senior Division World Series Championship 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 Pequodsn	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 Steel1	5-2
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
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
2015	Maryland HCYP Raiders	vs Livonia, MI Michigan Bulls	7-5
2016	Struthers, OH Astro Falcons	vs. Baltimore, MD Crab University	5-4

# High School World Series

## Maryland's HCYP Raiders break open fifth inning to win final

The Metro Senators (Virginia) had used strong pitching to overcome a lack of offensive output to remain undefeated coming in to the championship game of the 17U NABF World Series.

The Senators had to win a 2-1 game in the bottom of the seventh of semifinal to advance. Meanwhile, the HCYP Raiders (Maryland) had barely advanced from pool play before they got hot in the quarterfinals.

Pitching was stellar from both sides in the championship game, with the exception of one inning. HCYP got seven hits on the day, all of them came in the fifth inning when they scored four runs. That was all they needed as the Raiders won, 4-1.

Tournament MVP Jake Dipoto from HCYP pitched a complete game gem and kept the Metro Senators bats silent. The dominating outing on the mound and one strong inning of offense was enough for the HCYP Raiders to win 4-1.

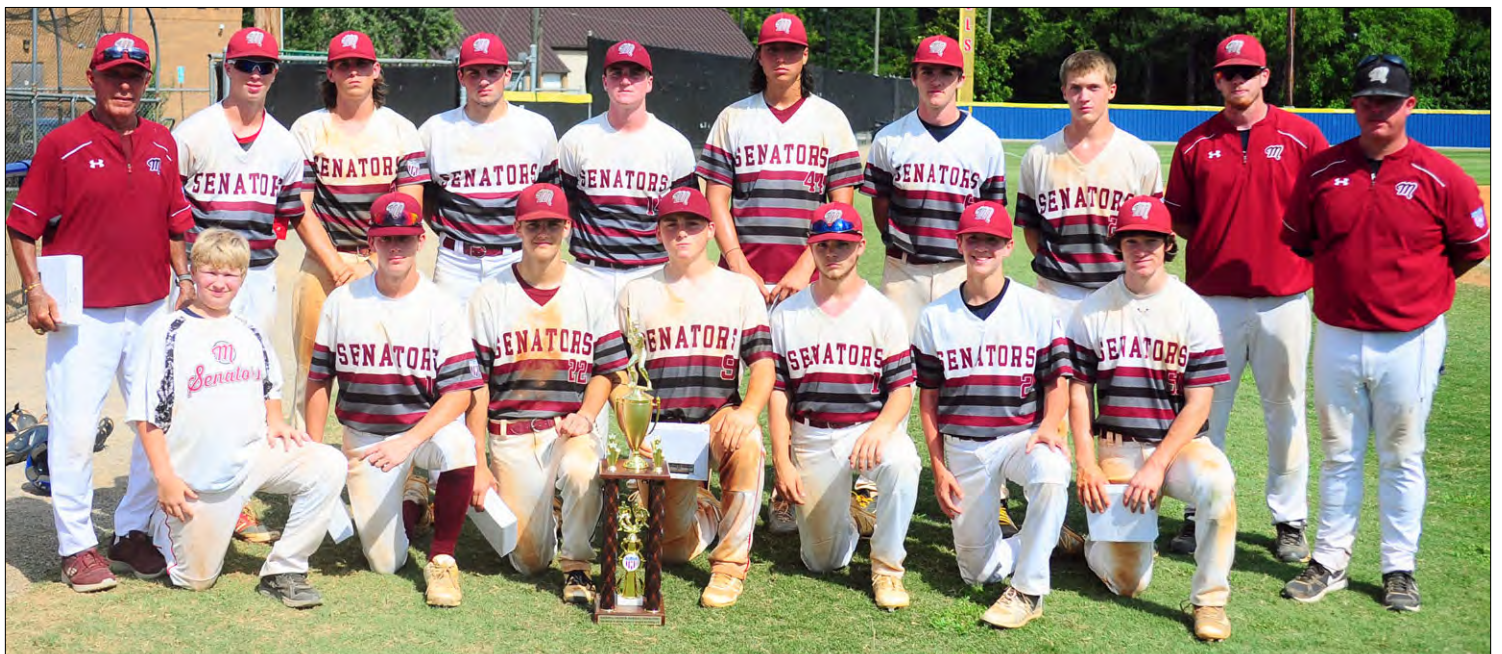


National Amateur Baseball Federation High School Division World Series champion HCYP Raiders — Front row, left to right: Reed Galloway (8), Kevin Hoffmeister (11), Josh Mann (1), Matt Gibbs (7), Jack Stilling (3), Jack Harrell (45), and batboy Josh Wicklein. Back row, left to right: Coach Doug Miller, Colin Kratochwill (2), Mark Wicklein (28), Josh Kulina (12), Jordan Price (22), Jake Dipoto (24), Manager Al Miller and Coach Mike Showe.

### NABF HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

- C Brandt Jones, Jackson Diamond 96ers
- C Jackson Sexton, West Rebels
- Utility John Moreau, Twin Town Devil Cats
- Utility Matt Gibbs, HCYP Raiders
- 1B Jared Culp, Karns Beavers
- 2B Gage Selby, Jackson Diamond 96ers
- 3B Mike Buck, Jackson Diamond 96ers
- SS Josh Kulina, HCYP Raiders
- OF Travis Buckmon, Brooklyn Bonnie Cougars
- OF Kimon Swanson, West Rebels
- OF Christian Layne, Brooklyn Bonnie Cougars
- OF Ian McGilvray, West Rebels
- OF Chase Mairne, West Rebels
- OF Josh Mann, HCYP Raiders
- DH Scout Knotts, Metro Senators
- P Cam Hull, Metro Senators
- P Jack Harrell, HCYP Raiders
- P Trevor Adams, Karns Beavers
- P Jacob Nelson, Karns Beavers
- P Sam Porter, Metro Senators
- P Issak Lyons, Metro Senators

MVP — Jake Dipoto, HCYP Raiders  
 Batting Champion — Nick Washington, Greenbelt Legion



National Amateur Baseball Federation High School Division World Series runner-up Metro Senators



NABF High School Division Director Glenn "Buzz" McNish with MVP Jake Dipoto, pitcher for the HCYP Raiders.



NABF High School Division Director Glenn "Buzz" McNish presents trophy to HCYP Raiders Manager Al Miller.



### A Cloud of Dust

Hacksensack Troasts baserunner Nick Urbanovich (10) slides into home at the Major Division World Series in Battle Creek, Michigan. (Photo by Roy LaFountain)

# Junior World Series

## Brandon Smith leads Jackson Diamond 96ers to Junior Title

The 16U NABF World Series was dominated from start to finish by the Jackson Diamond 96ers out of Mississippi.

The team faced the Frozen Ropes Outlaws, who were undefeated coming in to the championship game.

The tournament MVP, Brandon Smith, went 2-for-3 at the plate with a triple, two runs, two RBIs, and a sacrifice fly. Smith cooled the Outlaws off offensively by pitching a complete game three hitter and striking out eight batters.



National Amateur Baseball Federation Junior Division World Series champion Jackson Diamond 96ers — Front row, left to right: Grayson Guillory, Trey Frierson, Kyle Tynes, Elisha Hickman, DJ Lewis, Manager Derek Topik, John Topik, Peyton Esslinger, and Jekobe Knight. Back Row, left to right: Coach Paul Wilson, Eldeshun Miller, Julian Murphy, Peyton Graham, Jovante Dorris, Brandon Smith, Caleb Burnette, Chris Hart, Reid Blakely, Eli Carter, and Coach Cooper Esslinger.

- NABF JUNIOR DIVISION ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM**
- C** Coleman Stauffer, Baird Brothers
  - Utility** Nick Bianco, Baird Brothers
  - Utility** Javonte Dorris, Jackson Diamond 96ers
  - Utility** Adrian Espinal, Brooklyn Bonnie Bees
  - 1B** Eldeshun Miller, Jackson Diamond 96ers
  - 2B** Brandon Mathews, Baird Brothers
  - 3B** Elisa Hickman, Jackson Diamond 96ers
  - SS** Devin Kruzinski, Frozen Ropes Outlaws
  - OF** Mark Barnett, Brooklyn Bonnie Bees
  - OF** DJ Lewis, Jackson Diamond 96ers
  - OF** David Massey, Ohio Longhorns
  - OF** Ryan McGee, Frozen Ropes Outlaws
  - OF** Trey Frierson, Jackson Diamond 96ers
  - OF** Jeff Conastra, Frozen Ropes Outlaws
  - DH** Brandon Fleeger, Baird Brothers
  - P** Brett White, Frozen Ropes Outlaws
  - P** Grayson Guillory, Jackson Diamond 96ers
  - P** Alberto Rosario, West New York Tigers
  - P** Duvante Jacelyn, Brooklyn Bonnie Bees
  - P** John Topik, Jackson Diamond 96ers
  - P** Tyler Struffolino, Frozen Ropes Outlaws
- MVP** — Brandon Smith, Jackson Diamond 96ers  
**Batting Champion** — Kevin Ferguson, Creekside Fitness



### Beating the throw home

Hacksensack Troasts baserunner Jesse Baiza scores during the Charles Blackburn Jr. Major Division World Series in Battle Creek. (Photo by Roy LaFountain)



Jackson Diamond 96ers coaching staff with championship trophy.

**It's a Baseball Miracle:**

**After 19 years, Columbus Auto Body wins 84th West Haven Twilight season**

After 19 years of sponsoring teams to play amateur hardball baseball in The West Haven Twilight League, in July 2016, the Columbus Auto Body team has finally earned the title of champions of the 84th Season of West Haven Twilight League (Connecticut) baseball!

For the past 83 years, since its inception in 1933, The West Haven Twilight League has been providing the opportunity for former high school, college, and minor league baseball players of all ages to play amateur hardball baseball and continue to engage their passion for baseball.

Vin DiLauro, President of Columbus Auto Body, has carried on the tradition of the participation of Columbus Auto Body in The West Haven Twilight League, which began with their father, Joseph DiLauro's love of baseball and his first team. DiLauro fondly remembers watching his father, family members, and the Columbus workers pitch, hit, catch, and throw on the baseball field.

He began his amateur baseball career as a ball boy for the Columbus team. Although he never actually played for the Columbus team, his joy in watching, his enthusiasm in cheering from the dugout and the stands, and his pride in the players and the teams have given DiLauro great happiness over the years.

Through his commitment, dedication, optimism, persistence, and his great love of baseball, Vin DiLauro, has finally attained his dream of a championship! Ultimately, a championship has mattered little to DiLauro over the years — his passion has been simply to provide former baseball



The 2016 Columbus Auto Body team that won the 84th West Haven Twilight Season championship — one of the oldest continually operated leagues in the NABF. (Photo courtesy Vincent DiLauro)

players with the chance to play ball and for himself to have the occasion to experience the pleasure of watching them play. DiLauro's dedication to amateur baseball has been demonstrated by his roles, not only as a sponsor, but as the President of the Twilight League and the President of the National Amateur Baseball Federation (NABF) for the past two years. His family and friends have deemed Vin the "George

Steinbrenner" of the West Haven Twilight League because of his hands-on and intense approach to the game. It has been the source of a few laughs over the years that Columbus has not had a winning season despite DiLauro's commitment, dedication and long-term service in the Twilight League and the NABF. However, Vin is smiling now, and we are all smiling with him!

Maybe it wasn't a baseball miracle after all, but the belief, dedication, unwavering support, persistence, and optimism of Vin DiLauro and the hard work of the Columbus players that made them champions after 19 years of play. Congratulations to the Columbus team and Vin DiLauro! Maybe you'll even make it to the National Amateur Baseball Championships in Battle Creek, Michigan!



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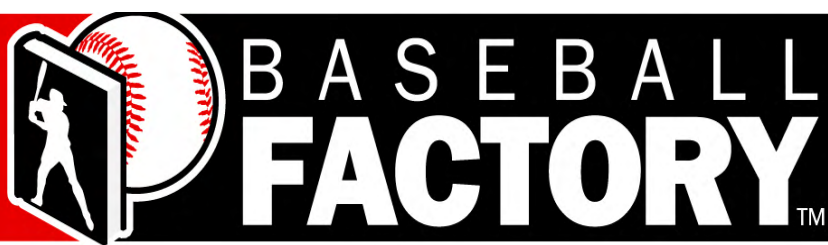
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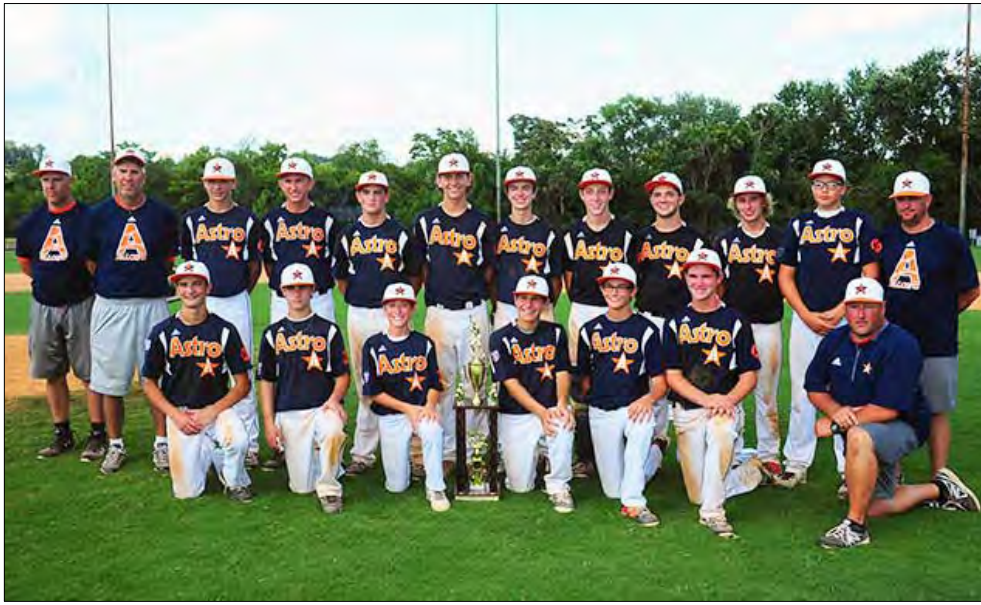
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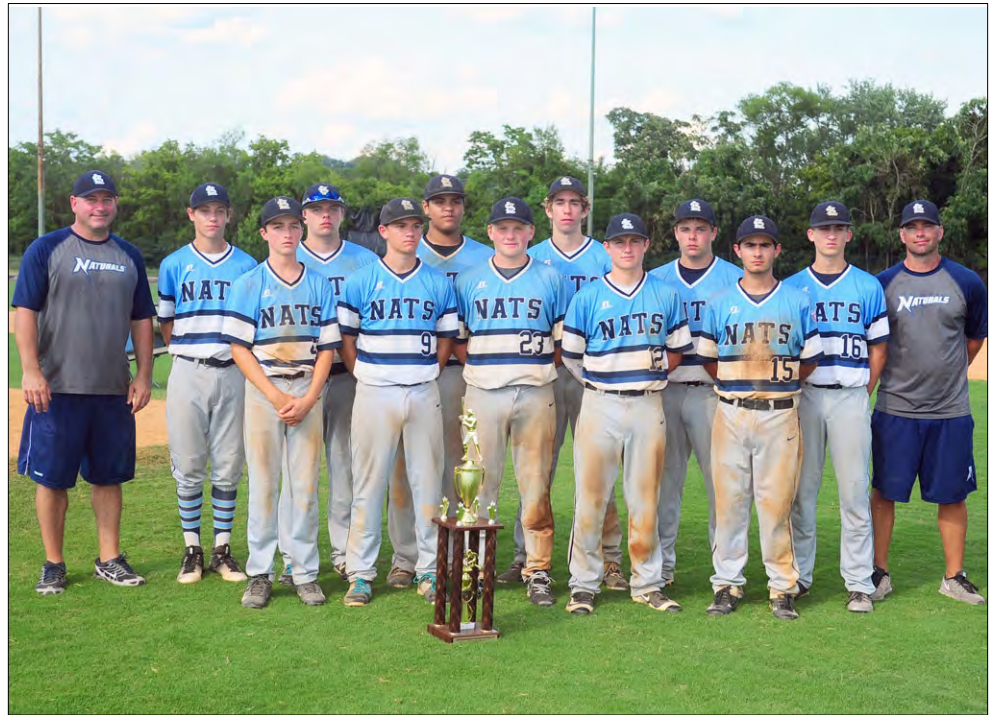
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Sophomore Division World Series champion Astro Falcons — Front row, left to right: Mike Kushner, Chase Franken, Seth Velker, Colin Balas, Drew Clark, Charlie Davis, and Coach Chad Miller. Top row, left to right: Coach Rob Armeni, Manager Steve Leslie, Ty Ventresco, Evan Ruark, Rick Havrilla, Brandon Mikos, Brayden Beck, Connor Miller, Andrew Sabella, Vince Armeni, Rocco Berandina and Coach Rick Havrilla.



NABF Sophomore Division World Series runner-up St. Louis Naturals.

# Sophomore World Series

## Astro Falcons win see-saw battle over St. Louis Naturals, 9-7

The championship game of the NABF 14U World Series was a back and forth battle from the start.

The visiting St Louis Naturals took a 2-0 lead in the first inning. The Astro Falcons (Struthers, Ohio) scored two runs of their own in the bottom of the second to tie it up.

The Naturals wasted no time reclaiming the lead in the top of the third by scoring two runs to take a 4-2 lead. The Astro Falcons stormed back in the bottom of the inning scoring four runs and taking a 6-4 lead.

The eventual tournament MVP Andrew Sabella got the bats going in the bottom of the third for the Astro Falcons and chased Naturals pitcher Tyler Rhodes out of the game.

The St Louis Naturals were not discouraged. They came back in the top of the fourth to score three runs, reclaiming a 7-6 lead.

In the bottom of the fifth, tournament MVP Andrew Sabella again drove in two

runs to give the Astro Falcons an 8-7 lead. This time Chase Franken would enter the game for the Astro Falcons and slam the door on the Naturals for the last two innings.

The Astro Falcons added an insurance run in the bottom of the 6th for the 9-7 win. The Astro Falcons organization also won the NABF Senior Division title this summer.

Astro Falcons joining Sabella on the All-Tournament Team were catcher Conner Miller, shortstop Vince Armeni, outfielders Brayden Beck and Colin Bates and pitchers Brandon Mikos and Charles Davis.

St. Louis players making the all-tourney team include catcher Jeremy Schork, utility player Jake Hagger, first baseman Cole Robinson, outfielder Brayden Wingenback, and pitchers Charles Cepicky and Cade Carter.

Utility player Trey Pancake of the Baird Brothers was batting champion, and Baird Brothers had all tournament selections in third baseman Andrew Vance, outfielder Dylan Dominguez and pitchers Austin Vogt and Jacob Gehring.



14U MVP Andrew Sabella and 14U tournament director Randall Brown

### NABF SOPHOMORE DIVISION ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

- C Conner Miller, Astro Falcons
  - C Jeremy Schork, St. Louis Naturals
  - Utility Trey Pancake, Baird Brothers
  - Utility Jake Hagger, St. Louis Naturals
  - 1B Cole Robinson, St. Louis Naturals
  - 2B Will Shaffer, Rizzor Group
  - 3B Andrew Vance, Baird Brothers
  - SS Vince Armeni, Astro Falcons
  - OF Dominic Pilloli, Rizzor Group
  - OF Brayden Beck, Astro Falcons
  - OF Dylan Dominguez, Baird Brothers
  - OF Colin Balas, Astro Falcons
  - OF Brayden Wingenback, St. Louis Naturals
  - DH David Duffalo, Adirondack Hawks
  - P Brandon Mikos, Astro Falcons
  - P Austin Vogt, Baird Brothers
  - P Charles Cepicky, St. Louis Naturals
  - P Cade Carter, St. Louis Naturals
  - P Jacob Gehring, Baird Brothers
  - P Charles Davis, Astro Falcons
- MVP — Andrew Sabella, Astro Falcons  
 Batting Champion — Trey Pancake, Baird Brothers



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### Close Play at Home

A Lake Erie Buckeyes baserunner tries to beat the throw into the Battistoni Diesel catcher during the Major Division World Series. (Photo by Roy LaFountain)

# Freshman World Series

## Brooklyn Blue Storm goes undefeated, takes Freshman title

The Brooklyn Blue Storm 12U dominated the NABF Freshman World Series leading into the championship game.

In the final, the DB Razorbacks kept Blue Storm from scoring in the first two innings.

The Blue Storm put up one run in the second inning making it a 1-0 ball game followed by two more runs in the third inning.

The DB Razorbacks came back with a home run but then left the bases loaded.

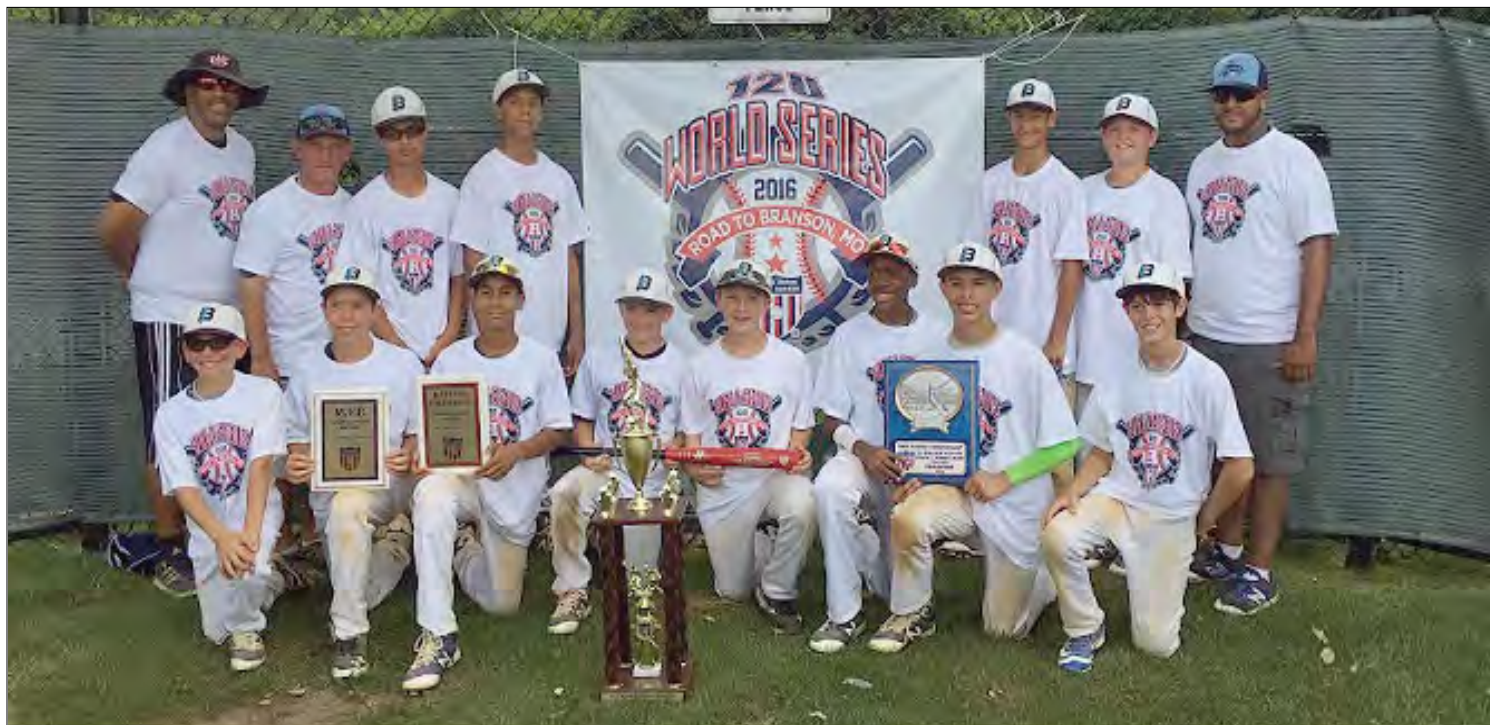
In the fifth and six innings Blue Storm put up another six runs (three each inning).

It was a great game ending 9-1 and the Blue Storm is on their way to the Youth Baseball Network National Championship in Branson, Missouri.

On behalf of the Rockland Baseball Association, we wish the Blue Storm the Best of Luck and hope to see you "WIN BIG AND TAKE EM' BY STORM!" in Branson!

At the end of the championship game, there were two player tied for the batting title. Both had eight hits in 11 at bats for an average of .727. They were Brody DeGroot of the DB Razorback and Justin Sanchez of the Brooklyn Blue Storm.

The Storm finished the tournament 4-0, the Razorbacks were 3-1.

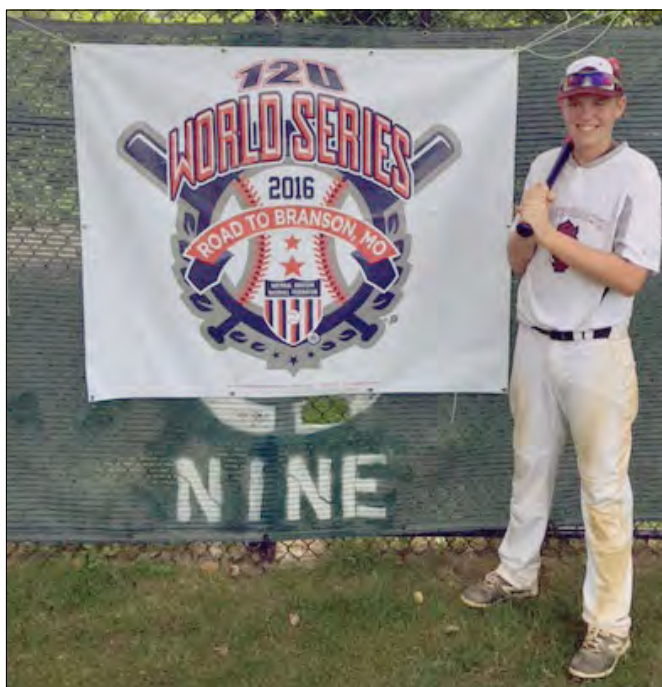


Freshman World Series champion Brooklyn Blue Storm — Front row, l-r: Fabian Apicella, Most Valuable Player Chris Hayes, Batting Champion Justin Sanchez, Sean Serrano, Daniel Kaplan, Tory Crooks, Antonio DiGrigoli, Jacob Steinmetz. Back row: Coach Rodney Cooks, Coach Matt DiGrigoli, Antonio Pena, Daniel Corona Jr., Devan Kodall, Jakob Anderson, Coach Daniel Corona.

### NABF FRESHMAN DIVISION ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

- C Antonio DiGrigoli, Brooklyn Blue Storm
- Utility Ethan Simaan, DB Razorbacks
- 1B Brody DeGroot, DB Razorbacks
- 1B Justin Sanchez, Brooklyn Blue Storm
- 2B Jacob Steinmetz, Brooklyn Blue Storm
- 3B Antonio Pena, Brooklyn Blue Storm
- SS Daniel Corona Jr., Brooklyn Blue Storm
- OF Joey Palminteri, DB Razorbacks
- OF Joey Spacavento, DB Razorbacks
- OF Lorenzo Lombardo, Clifton Park Plainsman
- P Ryan McIntyre, Team Pride Select
- P Stanley Cedeno, DB Razorbacks
- P Jose Mena, Pacoy Dragons
- P Chris Hayes, Brooklyn Blue Storm
- P Christian Aiello, DB Razorbacks

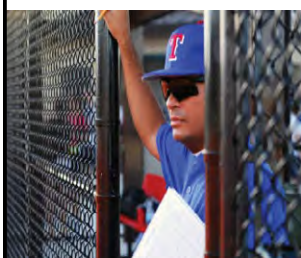
MVP — Chris Hayes, Brooklyn Blue Storm  
 Co-Batting Champions — Justin Sanchez, Brooklyn Blue Storm; Brody DeGroot, DB Razorbacks



Co-Batting Champion Brody DeGroot



**Lead at second base**  
 At the Major World Series, Hackensack Troasts baserunner A.J. Flores looks to get a lead at second. (Photo by Art Frith)



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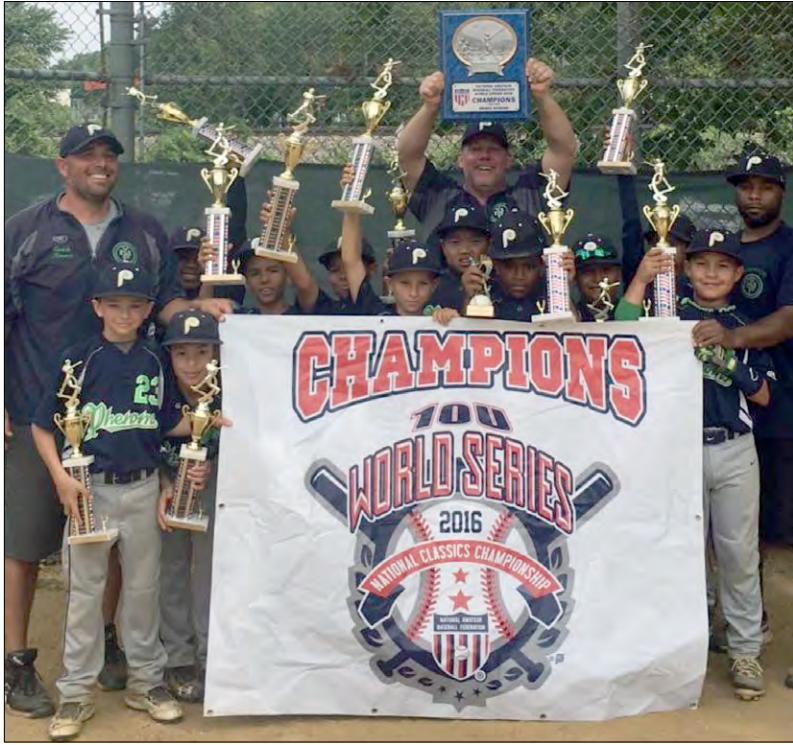


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# Rookie World Series



National Amateur Baseball Federation Rookie Division (10U) World Series champions, the New York Phenoms, which defeated the New York Bandits in the final.



National Amateur Baseball Federation Rookie Division (10U) MVP Ralph Riviere of the New York Phenoms.

- NABF ROOKIE DIVISION ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM**
- C Jaden Quezada, Clarstown Stars
  - C Denali Rivera, New York Phenoms
  - 1B Joseph Rosario, Clarstown Stars
  - 2B Charlie Zuppe, Clarstown Stars
  - 3B Jaysen Camacho, New York Phenoms
  - 3B Brandon Gonzalez, New York Bandits
  - SS Justin Lopez, New York Phenoms
  - OF Caden Wu, New York Bandits
  - CF Sebastian Velasquez, New York Bandits
  - OF Arelious Yendrell, New York Bandits
  - P Jesiah Carpenter, New York Phenoms
  - P Ralph Riviere, New York Phenoms
- MVP — Ralph Riviere, New York Phenoms**

## Avoiding the tag

At the Charles Blackburn Jr. Major Division World Series in Battle Creek, Michigan, a Lake Erie Buckeye baserunner tries to avoid the tag from Buffalo Battistoni Diesel catcher Mike Wagner (27) and score. The Diesel, which came in as defending champions, finished as runners-up, losing to Brooklyn Sports Fever in the final. (Photo by Roy LaFountain)



**Getting low on wind-up**  
Cleveland Black Wolves pitcher gets low in his windup at the Major Division World Series. (Photo by Roy LaFountain)



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# World Classics



18U Classics championship game coaches and umpires. Jackson, Mississippi, July 28-31, between the Pure Momentum Stars and the Mid South Brewers.



NABF 18 and under Classics champion, Pure Momentum Stars (Mississippi). The Classic tournament was held in Jackson, Mississippi on July 28-31.



NABF 18 and under Classics runner-up, Mid South Brewers (Mississippi). The Classic tournament was held in Jackson, Mississippi on July 28-31.



NABF 18 and under Classics runner-up, Mississippi Blues. The Classic tournament was held in Jackson, Mississippi on May 20-21.

## From the Classics Director...

The 2016 NABF Classics had a very successful season with champions being crowned from New York to Mississippi in tournaments this past summer. Classic Championships were held for 10U-18U age groups in various parts of the United States. The Classics are a great opportunity for teams to experience NABF run tournaments in pool play and championship bracket format. These events bring in some of the best teams in the country and the games are very competitive.

The Mississippi NABF conducted three Classic Events in Jackson, MS (14U, 16U, 17U and 18U) and the City of Southaven held two events (13U and 14U). The East TN Baseball District (Knoxville) held a 17U event crowning the West Rebels as champions.. The Eastern New York Travel League hosted a 15U event in Troy, NY with the Brooklyn Cougars winning the tournament. The 10U and 12U Classic World Series, hosted in Hackensack, NJ, was a big success this year. The 12U Champions, Brooklyn Blue Storm (NY), went on to represent the NABF in the YBNNC (Branson, MO) and were the runner-up in this prestigious event.

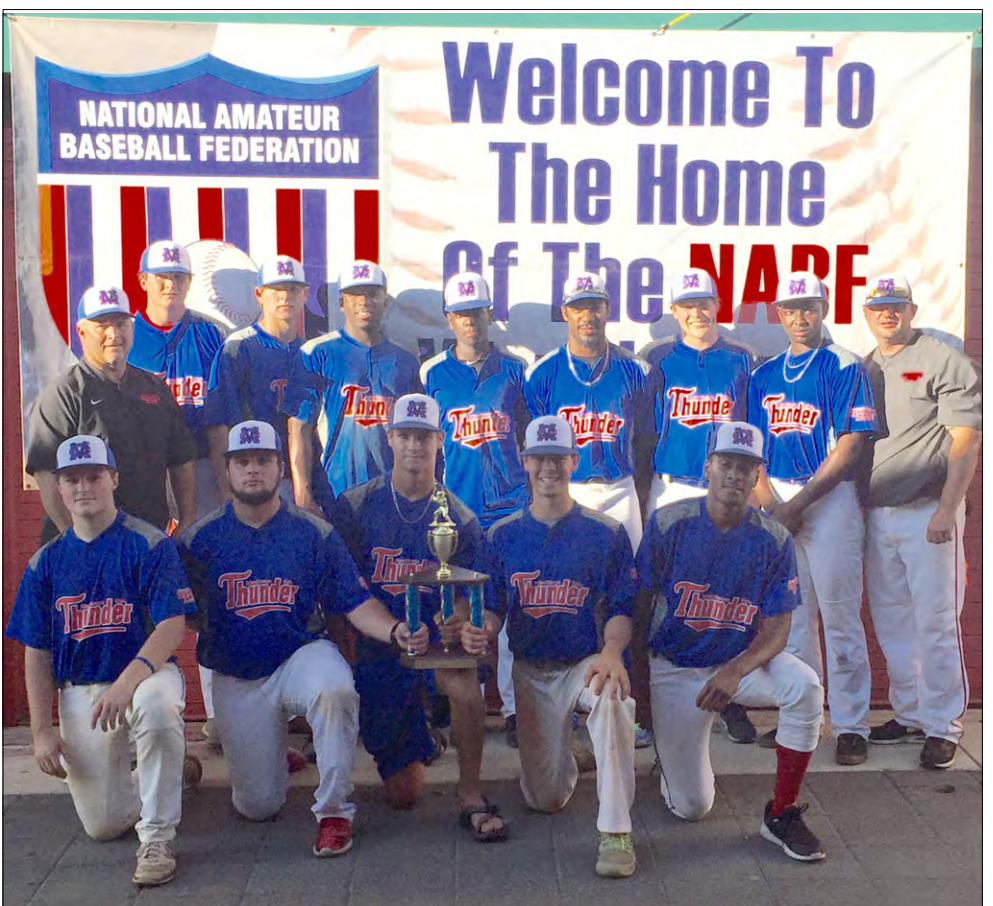
Classic events for 2017 are already being planned. Please email or call if you are interested in hosting a NABF Classic event.

Sincerely,

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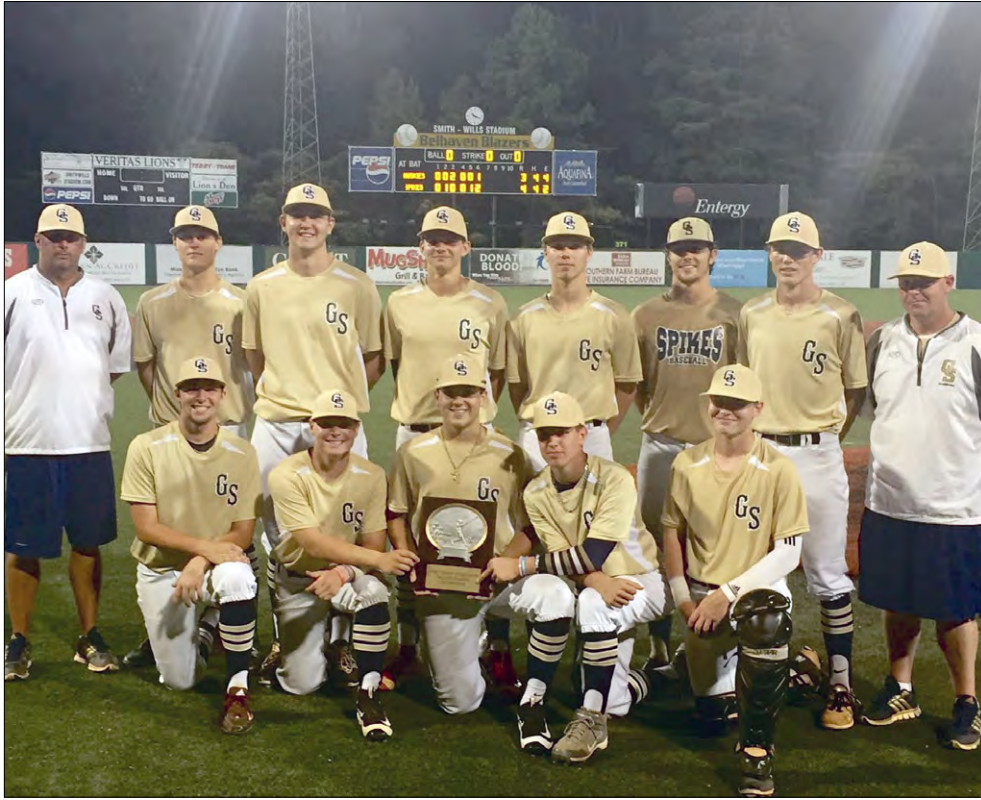


NABF 16 and under Classics champion, MC Thunder.



NABF 16 and under Classics runner-up, MC Thunder.

# World Classics



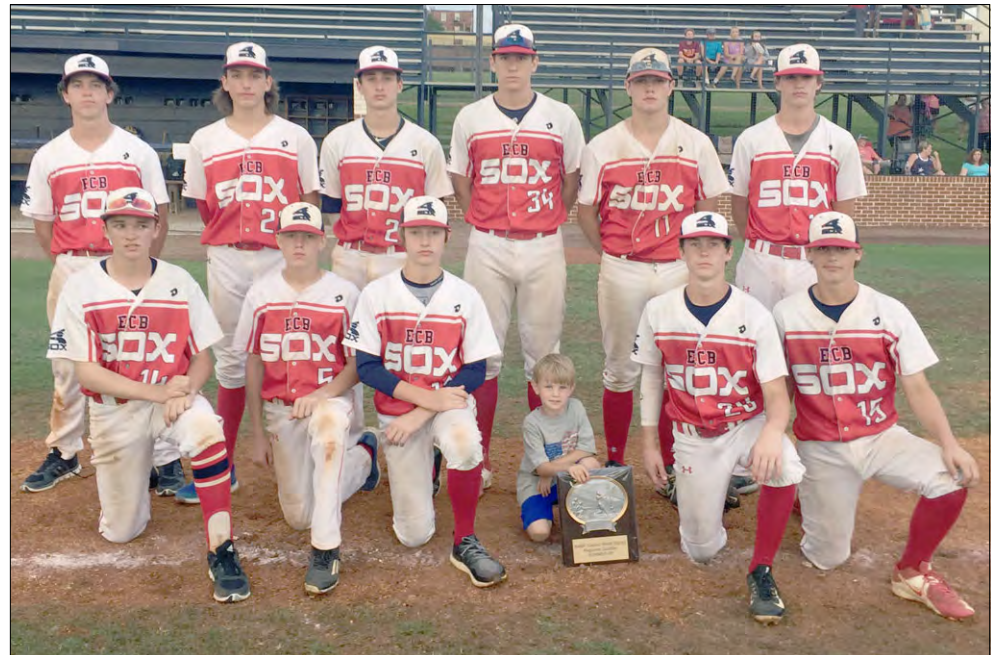
NABF 16 and under Classics champion, Golden Spikes Baseball



NABF 14 and under Classics champion, Diamond Elite Jackson 96ers



NABF 16 and under Classics runner-up, Huskies Baseball



NABF 14 and under Classics runner-up, EC Sox

## NABF Scholarship Application

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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

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 Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 NABF Member Association: \_\_\_\_\_  
 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.

# World Classics

**NABF World Classics**  
July 1-3, 2016  
**13 Year Old Division**  
Southaven, Mississippi

	W	L	T
MS Royals Baseball Academy	1	4	
St. Louis Pirates	6	1	
EC Sox Red	1	4	
St. Louis Prospects	4	2	

	W	L	T
Fusion 13 Navy	1	4	
Rawlings AR Prospects (Allen)	6	1	
Memphis Tigers (Dunn)	1	4	
Twin Town Devil Cats	3	3	

**World Classics Round Robin Game Schedule**

Friday, July 01, 2016						
Game #	Score	Score	Time	Complex	Field #	
1	MS Royals Baseball Academy 3	St. Louis Pirates 16	10:00 a.m.	D	14	
2	EC Sox Red 4	St. Louis Prospects 16	10:00 a.m.	D	15	
3	Fusion 13 Navy 1	Rawlings AR Prospects (Allen) 2	12:30 p.m.	D	14	
4	Memphis Tigers (Dunn) 2	Twin Town Devil Cats 15	12:30 p.m.	D	15	
5	Rawlings AR Prospects (Allen) 0	St. Louis Pirates 15	3:00 p.m.	D	14	
6	MS Royals Baseball Academy 3	EC Sox Red 7	3:00 p.m.	D	15	
7	Fusion 13 Navy 11	Memphis Tigers (Dunn) 3	5:30 p.m.	D	14	
8	St. Louis Prospects 7	Twin Town Devil Cats 6	5:30 p.m.	D	15	

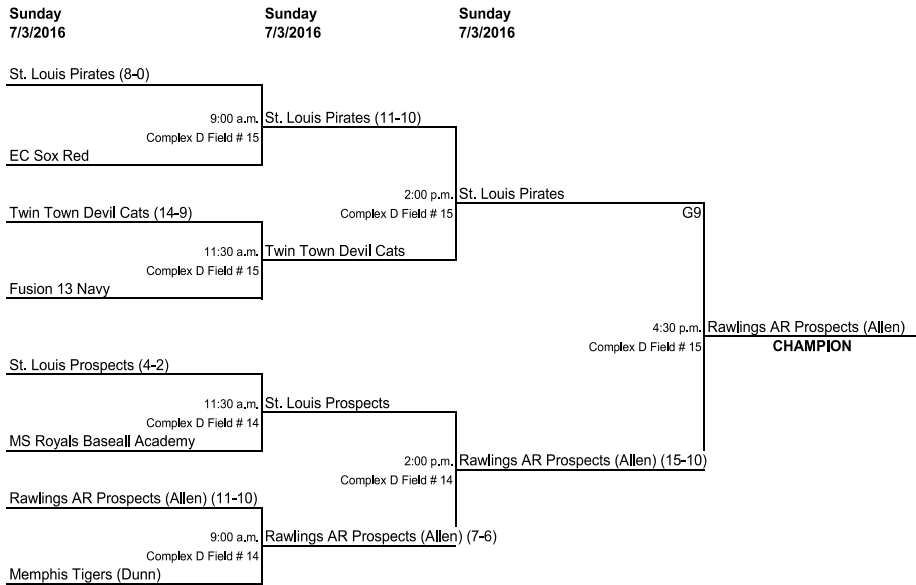
**World Classics Round Robin Game Schedule**

Saturday, July 02, 2016						
Game #	Score	Score	Time	Complex	Field #	
9	MS Royals Baseball Academy 6	Fusion 13 Navy 4	10:00 a.m.	D	14	
10	St. Louis Pirates 13	St. Louis Prospects 5	10:00 a.m.	D	15	
11	Rawlings AR Prospects (Allen) 8	Twin Town Devil Cats 7	12:30 p.m.	D	14	
12	EC Sox Red 6	Memphis Tigers (Dunn) 11	12:30 p.m.	D	15	
13	MS Royals Baseball Academy 3	St. Louis Prospects 11	3:00 p.m.	D	15	
14	St. Louis Pirates 17	EC Sox Red 8	3:00 p.m.	D	14	
15	Rawlings AR Prospects (Allen) 9	Memphis Tigers (Dunn) 0	5:30 p.m.	D	14	
16	Fusion 13 Navy 3	Twin Town Devil Cats 12	5:30 p.m.	D	15	

**Championship Round Seedings**

All teams will advance to the Championship Round and will be seeded based upon the tie breakers below:  
In the event of "Ties" the following "Tie Breakers" will determine which teams advance and in which order.

- 1) HEAD TO HEAD COMPETITION (ONLY IF 2 TEAMS ARE TIED: IF 3 OR MORE GO TO FEWEST RUNS ALLOWED)
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**NABF World Classics**  
July 1-3, 2016  
**14 Year Old Division**  
Southaven, Mississippi

	W	L	T
Team Mississippi Prospects	2	4	
Tennessee Speed		5	
Extra Bases	5	1	
Western KY Aces	5	1	
Jackson Diamond 96ers	2	3	

Friday, July 01, 2016						
Game #	Score	Score	Time	Complex	Field #	
1	Tennessee Speed 6	Jackson Diamond 96ers 8	12:30 p.m.	D	17	
2	Tennessee Speed 0	Western KY Aces 15	3:00 p.m.	D	17	
3	Team Mississippi Prospects 0	Extra Bases 12	3:00 p.m.	D	16	
4	Team Mississippi Prospects 1	Western KY Aces 9	5:30 p.m.	D	16	
5	Extra Bases 12	Jackson Diamond 96ers 0	5:30 p.m.	D	17	

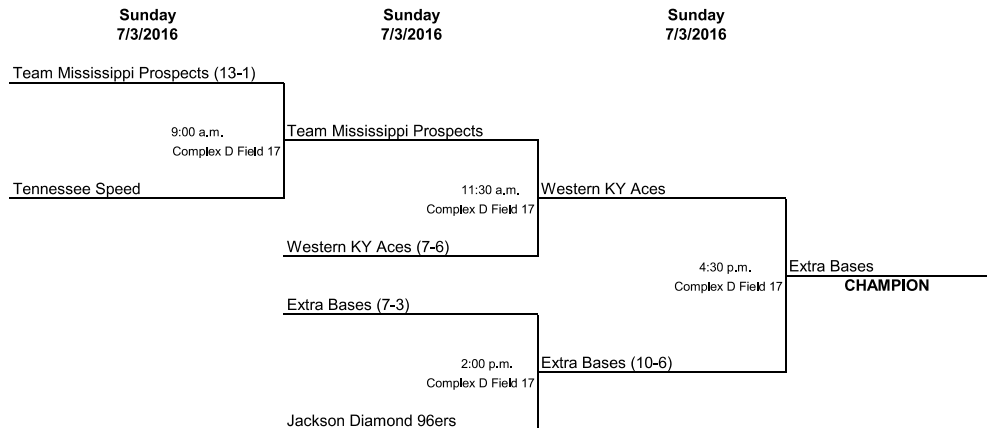
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6	Tennessee Speed 2	Extra Bases 13	12:30 p.m.	D	17	
7	Jackson Diamond 96ers 2	Western KY Aces 15	12:30 p.m.	D	16	
8	Team Mississippi Prospects 6	Tennessee Speed 2	3:00 p.m.	D	17	
9	Extra Bases 0	Western KY Aces 12	5:30 p.m.	D	16	
10	Team Mississippi Prospects 1	Jackson Diamond 96ers 10	5:30 p.m.	D	17	

**CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND**

**\*\*NOTE\*\***

**Top 2 teams will advance to Championship Play, Seedings will be determined by the following :**

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# Toledo Hawks, St. Louis Bandits battle at College World Series

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York's array of pitches includes, in addition to the knuckleball, a fastball and a curveball. He tries to model his game after Toronto Blue Jays pitcher R.A. Dickey.

Dippman, who just finished up his freshman season at Wooster, is a graduate of St. John's Jesuit High School. His parents are both from the Toledo area; his father, Ken, is from Oregon and his mother, Sharon, is a Genoa native. He helped the Hawks in the CWS, batting .364 in the tournament after hitting .292 in 31 games during the regular season. Dippman finished with five doubles, a home run, 17 RBI and a team-high 18 walks.

"This season was awesome. Playing with a bunch of guys who feel like brothers, day in and day out is so much fun," said Dippman, who plays third base. "A team filled with local talent that is so competitive just made it a fun and successful season."

Other Hawks making the NABF CWS All-Tournament team were catcher Colin Kaucher (Ohio Dominican University), outfielder Jeremy Chambers (Lakeland Community College), and right-handed pitcher Alexander Theiss (University of Findlay).

Other Hawks position players are infielder Ricky Riggs (Rochester College), infielder Michael Gilliland (Defiance College), outfielder Josh Schwerer (Findlay), infielder/outfielder Thomas Gully (Louisburg College), infielder Collin Parcher (Adrian College), outfielder Jacob Peabody (John Carroll University), catcher Clay Pittman (Lincoln Trail College), outfielder Ian Waddell (Ohio Wesleyan University), outfielder Jake Krupa (Ohio Wesleyan),

Other pitchers are Hickey, Paris Creek (Findlay), Pete Burkett (Findlay), Nolan Silberhorn (University of Toledo), Chris Hampton (Toledo), Jake Ireland (Findlay), Ty Robinson (Rochester College), Bill Todurowski (Owens CC), Mason Mayberry (Findlay), Josh Cales (Toledo) and Ty Castilla (Cuyahoga CC). Creek, Burkett, Cales, and Mayberry are also infielders and Silberhorn is a catcher.

The Hawks represent the Toledo Amateur Baseball Federation, but also compete in the Tri-State Collegiate Baseball League.

Besides Perkins, Bandits on the all-tournament team were pitchers Troy Newell (Jefferson College) and Joey Lodes (Maryville).

Other Bandit position players are second baseman Tyler Muelling



Toledo Hawks pitcher Bill Todurowski. (Photo by Scott Grau)

(Lindenwood), outfielder Cody Klotz (Maryville), first baseman Neil Fischer (St. Louis CC), outfielder Connor Wardlaw (Jefferson), shortstop Mike Wielansky (Wooster), outfielder Daniel Covert (Maryville), catcher Brett Coffel (St. Leo), first baseman Luke Bakula (Kansas), third baseman Justin Perkins (Murray State) and catcher Brady Wildschuetz (Missouri S&T).

Other Bandit pitchers are Tim Agne (Southeast Missouri), Nick Keller (Maryville), Adam Bartholomew (Danville CC), Joe Manley (St. Louis CC), Dylan Jones (SWIC), Sean Hopkins (Johns Hopkins) and Brian Nolan (Missouri S&T). Helping Fiala coach are Rob Simpson and Scott Brown.

The Bandits represent the St. Louis Metro Collegiate Baseball League. It was the third time in four years a St. Louis team played in the championship game of the NABF CWS. The St. Louis Dodgers defeated Sparta Peppino's Pizza (Mich.) 9-5 in the 2013 final and the Wildwood Dodgers defeated the Michigan Monarchs 8-1 in last year's final. In addition, Coach Rick Fiala coached the 2003 Fenton Metro team, led by all-tournament player David Freese (former MLB WS MVP now with Pittsburgh Pirates), which won the 2003 NABF CWS

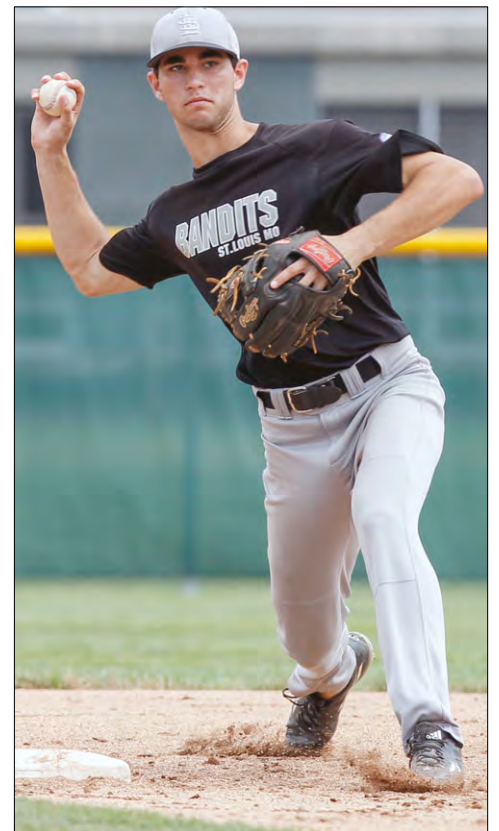
by defeating the Cincinnati Stars, 5-2.

The Bandits were a perfect 3-0 in pool play, including a 10-0 mercy win over the Columbus Braves and wins over the Stag City Stags 8-5 and 6-5.

In the quarterfinals, Cleveland Blaze Black defeated the Clippers, 4-2, the Bandits downed Illinois D20 Mules 13-3, the Hawks defeated the Long Island Astros 7-0, and Oil City downed the Creekside Crocodiles 13-1. In the semifinals, the Bandits defeated the Blaze 13-3 and the Hawks downed the Stags 3-1 to set up the championship.

Also in this year's CWS were the Indiana Bandits, which finished 2-1 in pool play, but was eliminated from entering the quarterfinals because of a tie-breaker. Other teams included the Michigan Bulls, Capital City Athletics, and Brunswick Express.

Tournament games were at Lourdes University/Central Catholic's Mercy Field, the University of Toledo's Scott Park, St. Francis de Sales' Don Kober Field, and Rich Arbinger Field at Bowman Park. Tournament games were televised by Buckeye Cable Sports Network, which can be reached at [www.bcsn.tv](http://www.bcsn.tv). Game CDs can be purchased from BCSN by visiting the website.



During a semifinal victory at the College World Series, a St. Louis Bandits pitcher (top) and baserunner (above) get into the action. (Photos by Scott Grau)

## NABF Graduate of the Year — Tampa Bay's Logan Forsythe gets nod

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start 24 games his freshman year. The freshman also won a game in the 11th inning with a walk-off single for the Hogs, entering as a pinch hitter. Forsythe added over 150 points to his batting average his sophomore year, with four home runs and 29 RBI. He also led the team in steals with 18.

"He played well at Arkansas," Tiberi said.

Forsythe was a part of Team USA in summer of 2007, finishing with a silver medal in the Pan Am Games. The junior was named a third-team pre-season All-American, and also named to USA Baseball's pre-season Golden Spikes Award Watch list.

### San Diego Padres

The Padres chose Forsythe in the supplemental first round (46th overall pick) of the 2008 Major League Baseball Draft. Forsythe progressed to the Double-A San Antonio Missions by the 2009 season while playing his college position of third base. In 2010, Forsythe was switched to second base at Double-A, and he made starts at second, third, and short with the Triple-A Tucson Padres in 2011.

Forsythe was called up to the majors for the first time on May 4, 2011. He was called up again on May 26 when Orlando Hudson went on the disabled list and started ten games at second base.

After going back to Triple-A in mid-June, Forsythe was recalled on July 16 when Chase Headley strained his calf. Forsythe was mostly used as a pinch hitter or late inning defensive replacement until Headley broke his pinkie and went on the DL in August, and Forsythe took over as the regular third baseman until his 2011 season was ended by knee surgery. Forsythe finished 2011 with a .213/.281/.287 line in 36 starts and 62 total games.



Tampa Bay infielder Logan Forsythe. (Courtesy mlb.com)

Forsythe was a candidate to make the 2012 Opening Day roster as a utility infielder, but a broken sesamoid in his left foot required surgery during spring training and he opened the season on the disabled list.

After a brief stop in Triple-A, Forsythe returned to the Major League club on June 3 and became the regular second baseman. Forsythe made 73 starts at second base and also put in time at shortstop and third base. He finished 2012 hitting .273/.343/.390 with six home runs. Forsythe hit for a .313 batting average at Petco Park, the highest

single-season average for any player at Petco Park with more than 110 at-bats. He also slugged .493 at Petco, over one-hundred points higher than his overall total.

Forsythe was sidelined by plantar fasciitis in spring training and opened the 2013 season on the 60-day disabled list. After a brief rehab stint with Triple-A Tucson, he was activated on June 10 when Jedd Gyorko went to the DL with a groin strain. Forsythe manned second base until Gyorko returned in mid-July, and then served the club in a utility role playing shortstop, second, and

third as well as both corner outfield positions. His plantar fasciitis returned at the end of the season, and he was largely limited to a pinch hitting role. Forsythe batted .214/.281/.332 on the season with six home runs in 75 games played and 220 at-bats.

### Tampa Bay Rays

On January 22, 2014, the Padres traded Forsythe, Brad Boxberger, Matt Lollis, Matt Andriese, and Maxx Tissenbaum to the Tampa Bay Rays in exchange for Alex Torres and Jesse Hahn.

In 2014, Forsythe slashed .223/.287/.329 with six home runs in 110 games with the Rays. He played First, Second, Third, Short, and Outfield in his first season with the Rays.

In 2015, Logan had a career year. Slashing .281/.359/.444 while hitting a well-over career-high 17 home runs (previously six) and 68 RBI (previously 26). Forsythe took advantage of an increase in at-bats and become one of the Ray's offensive leaders. Forsythe's numbers became even more impressive once turned into sabermetrics, the WAR measurements had Forsythe at 5.12, the second best second baseman and 32nd best overall player.

In the 2015 offseason, Forsythe signed a two-year contract with a club option for the 2018 year. Forsythe will earn only \$1 million in 2016, \$5.75 million in 2017, and an \$8.5 million club option in 2018. The prior numbers do not include the \$2.5 million signing bonus.

"He always played third base, and he played third base in the Majors mostly, but now they are playing him at second. He's had a pretty decent year. He's hit close to 20 home runs," Tiberi said.

In early September, Logan Forsythe was batting .279 (124 for 445) with 69 runs, 19 homers, 50 RBIs, six stolen bases, a .349 on base percentage and .818 OPS.



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