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NCBWA President's Message **By NCBWA President Rob Carolla**

Greetings from the President's Desk as we present the latest edition of the NCBWA newsletter. We're once again in the heart of the baseball season, as teams begin to jockey for positions in their conference championships. We've had some exciting games in my league this season, and I'm sure the same can be said around the country.

One of the first items in this edition is information about voting for the NCBWA All-America Teams. On that topic, please remember to "Get Out The Vote" and submit your selections to Bo Carter for each round during the voting process. No other organization in American does as thorough a job on selecting its postseason honors and I think that is a tribute to the NCBWA and all of its members. A special thanks to Bo for all his hard work!

In the last newsletter, I suggested a regular feature clarifying unusual or noteworthy scoring issues that surface during a college baseball game. Included this time is "A Scoring Philosophy", submitted by the distinguished official scorer of the College World Series in Omaha, Louis J. Spry (see page 8 of this newsletter). Lou has been handling the official duties at the CWS for many years, and his philosophy is a very sound one that should be reviewed by every official scorer. For those of you involved in scoring (or even if you're not!) please take a moment to look it over – it's a great guideline. Special thanks to Lou for allowing us to share with everyone (We'll have more samples of scoring situations in the next edition!).

As a reminder, please be sure to submit those votes for the NCBWA All-America teams over the next months. Thank you for all your support of college baseball. Best wishes and good luck to the team you cover the remainder of the season!

Rob Carolla
President, NCBWA

Don't Forget: NCBWA 2nd Ballot Deadline

The deadline is approaching for the first Dick Howser Trophy voting and the second NCBWA All-America team ballot. Here's the remaining timeline:

Thu., May 8	Second All-America Ballot emailed to Membership; First Howser Trophy Ballot
Fri., May 16	Deadline for Second Round of Voting
Thu., May 29	Final All-America and Howser Trophy Ballot emailed to Membership
Thu., June 5	Deadline for Final Round of Voting
Fri., June 6	NCBWA Regional Players of the Year Announced
Tue., June 10	NCBWA All-America Teams Announced
Fri., June 13	Dick Howser Trophy Winner Announced in Omaha

118 Team USA Alumni on Major League Baseball Opening Day Rosters

All told, there are 118 players that have previously donned the Red, White and Blue uniform, including 34 former Olympians from the United States national team—the Team USA. Check the list to find out which uniform your favorite Team USA player is wearing now!

American League - 58

Minnesota - 7

Michael Cuddyer, Mike Fetters, Chris Gomez,
Jacque Jones, Matt LeCroy, Doug
Mientkiewicz,
J.C. Romero

Seattle - 7

Willie Bloomquist, Pat Borders, Ben Davis,
Ryan Franklin, John Olerud, Gil Meche,
Dan Wilson

Tampa Bay - 5

Brent Abernathy, Carl Crawford, Travis Lee,
Jim Parque, Bobby Seay

Texas - 5

Todd Greene, Rusty Greer, Jay Powell,
Alex Rodriguez, Mark Teixeira

Anaheim - 4

Troy Glaus, Adam Kennedy, Aaron Sele,
Scott Spiezio

Boston - 4

Casey Fossum, Nomar Garciaparra,
Jason Varitek, Todd Walker

Cleveland - 4

Josh Bard, Casey Blake, Milton Bradley,
Ben Broussard

Detroit - 4

Matt Anderson, Jeremy Bonderman, Eric
Munson, Craig Paquette

New York - 4

Jason Giambi, Mike Mussina, Robin Ventura,
Jeff Weaver

Chicago - 3

Billy Koch, Paul Konerko, Frank Thomas

Kansas City - 3

Chris George, Albie Lopez, Michael Tucker

Oakland - 3

Mark Johnson, Mark Mulder, Adam Piatt

Toronto - 3

Doug Creek, Ken Huckaby, Orlando Hudson

Baltimore - 2

Rick Helling, B.J. Surhoff

National League - 60

Los Angeles - 6

Kevin Brown, Darren Dreifort, Shawn
Green, Mike Kinkade, Dave Roberts, Paul
Shuey

Milwaukee - 6

Royce Clayton, Jeffrey Hammonds,
Geoff Jenkins, Shane Nance, Ben Sheets,
Jon Vander Wal

Chicago - 5

Mark Bellhorn, Tom Goodwin,
Corey Patterson, Mark Prior, Mike
Remlinger

Cincinnati - 5

Aaron Boone, Danny Graves, Austin
Kearns, Barry Larkin, Paul Wilson

Colorado - 5

Scott Elarton, Todd Helton, Jason
Jennings, Charles Johnson, Preston
Wilson

St. Louis - 5

J.D. Drew, Joe Girardi, Dustin
Hermanson, Tino Martinez, Matt Morris

San Diego - 5

Sean Burroughs, Ryan Klesko, Mark
Kotsay, Xavier Nady, Phil Nevin

Montreal - 4

Michael Barrett, Rocly Biddle, Scott
Stewart, Brad Wilkerson

Atlanta - 3

Darren Bragg, Paul Byrd, John Smoltz

Florida - 3

Braden Looper, Brad Penny, Justin Wayne

San Francisco - 3

Kurt Ainsworth, Barry Bonds, Jose Cruz,
Jr.

Arizona - 2

Steve Finley, Matt Williams

Houston - 2

Roy Oswalt, Gregg Zaun

New York - 2

Jeremy Burnitz, Mo Vaughn

Philadelphia - 2

Pat Burrell, Randy Wolf

Pittsburgh - 2

Kris Benson, Jeff D'Amico

NCBWA National Hitters, Pitchers of the Week

Mar. 31—Hitter: Ryan Braun, 1B-DH, Miami (Fla.); Pitcher: Matt Luca, UNLV

Apr. 7—Hitter: Mike DeLorenzo, C, St. Joseph's (Pa.); Pitcher: (co) Dennis Bigley, Oral Roberts; Wade Townsend, Rice

Apr. 14—Hitter: Matt Lauderdale, C, College of Charleston; Pitcher: (co) Scott Lewis, Greg Prenger, Ohio State

Apr. 21: Hitter: (co) Neil Sellers, 3B, Eastern Kentucky; Taylor Eckel, 2B, Toledo; Pitcher: Glen Perkins, Minnesota

Apr. 28: Hitter: Jordan Foster, OF, Lamar; Pitcher: Stephen Head, Mississippi

NCBWA Sponsoring Division II Poll

Thanks to the cooperation of several Division II SIDs and the coordination by Slippery Rock publicist Bob McComas, the NCBWA is now sponsoring a weekly poll for Division II schools. The poll can be accessed through the following link: <http://www.sru.edu/pages/5059.asp>

NCBWA Debuts Division III National Players of the Week

Spearheaded by the efforts of John Arenberg of Emory University, the NCBWA has added Division III National Players of the week to its growing schedule of awards. The weekly winners are released on Tuesday afternoons. Here's a look at this season's winners thus far:

Mar. 11—Hitter: Brad Franklin, Guilford; Pitcher: Dustin Jones, Bridgewater

Mar. 18—Hitter: Elliot Strader, Hardin-Simmons; Pitcher: Dennis Reilly, Lebanon Valley

Mar. 25—Hitter: Vince Mancuso, Wisconsin-Oshkosh; Pitcher: A.J. Hutton, Worcester State

Apr. 1 – Hitter: Ron Hayward, William Paterson; Pitcher: Nick Secchini, College of Staten Island

Apr. 8 – Hitter: Ian Harden, Cornell College; Pitcher: Matt DeSalvo, Marietta

Apr. 15 – Hitter: Ryan Jones, Wisconsin-Stevens Point; Pitcher: Apr. 15 – Jon Lee, Tufts

Apr. 22 – Hitter: Kyle Wilkins, Ithaca; Pitcher: Julius Jenkins, College of New Jersey

Apr. 29 – Hitter: Nolan Neiman of DeSales University; Pitcher: Sean Lindstrom, University of St. Thomas

Ohio State Hurler Prenger Tosses 1st Perfect Game in School History

Righthanded pitcher Greg Prenger (Sr., Harpster, Ohio/Upper Sandusky) retired all 21 batters he faced to post a 2-0 perfect game victory over Oakland in the second game of a doubleheader on Apr. 9 at Bill Davis Stadium. It was the first no-hitter by an Ohio State pitcher since Eric Thompson no-hit Michigan State on May 10, 1998, and is believed to be the first perfect game in Ohio State's 120-year history. It was the first perfect game coached by Ohio State head coach Bob Todd, who is in his 20th year as a collegiate head coach. There had only been seven no-hit games on record by Buckeye pitchers--the first in 1955.

"I've been involved with several pitchers who have thrown no-hitters, but I have never had one of my pitchers throw a perfect game," Todd said. "I am happy for Greg Prenger. He came back from arm surgery a year ago and has worked extremely hard to come back from that. This is a tribute to his dedication and hard work."

Prenger, who missed all of last season after undergoing surgery on his right shoulder in summer, 2001, said he once threw a new hitter on his high school junior varsity team when he was a freshman at Upper Sandusky.

Amazingly, two days later on Apr. 11, LHP Scott Lewis (So., Washington Court House, Ohio/Washington) fanned 20 batters in nine innings as Ohio State beat the Iowa Hawkeyes 4-1 in the opening game of a four-game Big Ten series at Bill Davis Stadium. The 20 strikeouts tied the school record held by Steve Arlin, which he set in a 15-inning 1-0 victory over Washington State at the 1965 College World Series. The feat also followed up a perfect game by Prenger. "We have had a lot of well-pitched games since I have been here," Bob Todd, head coach, said. "But I know we have never had back-to-back games pitched like this." Lewis, whose previous career high in strikeouts was 12 last season against Purdue, had that total through the first five innings. "I didn't realize I was up there," Lewis said after the game of this 20-strikeout performance. "I was shooting for 13, which would have been my personal record, but had no idea I was nearing a (school) record." He actually had a no-hitter going entering the sixth inning to give the Buckeyes 12 innings of no-hit baseball over two games to go with Prenger's seven innings of perfection.

ASU Continues to Crack Consecutive Games' Scoring Mark: Reached 475 on 8th Anniversary

The Arizona State Sun Devils not only marked a win Apr. 8 that gave them confidence heading into this weekend's three-game series at California, but they also celebrated a pair of anniversaries that speak volumes about their illustrious baseball history. In a 10-2 victory over Grand Canyon, the No. 7-ranked Sun Devils extended their NCAA-record scoring streak to 475 games on the eight-year anniversary of the last time they were shutout. The remarkable accomplishment coincided with the 29th anniversary of ASU's first game at Packard Stadium. "I don't even think about it," Sun Devil head coach [Pat Murphy](#) said of his team's scoring streak. "It's not an issue and it's not something that comes into our heads. We just play the game."

ASU made its 475-game scoring streak official in the bottom of the first inning when junior designated hitter [Jeremy West's](#) single to right field brought home sophomore first baseman [Jeff Larish](#). "I didn't know it was that many games, but I knew we had the longest streak," ASU sophomore shortstop [Dustin Pedroia](#) said. "We don't really think about it. We're just trying to score more runs than them and we hope to get a win out of every game." The last time the Sun Devils scored only one run was on May 12, 2002 when they fell 3-1 at Stanford. The Sun Devils have plated one run 12 times since they suffered a 9-0 loss at then-No. 16 Southern California in 1995. "I was just a youngster playing Little League," Pedroia said of the last time ASU was shutout. "I had never even seen a college baseball game. Actually, I hadn't even been to a pro baseball game." ASU's win marked its third on the anniversary of its scoring streak. The other two victories came over Pacific-10 Conference foes Oregon State (2000) and Washington State (2002). In 2001, the Sun Devils sustained a 5-1 loss at then-No. 12 USC on the six-year anniversary of their scoring streak. During the current eight-year streak, ASU's hitters have faced several formidable pitchers, including Barry Zito (USC), Mark Prior (USC) and Kirk Saarloos (Cal State Fullerton). The Sun Devils have accumulated a 314-160-1 record during that span.

Longest Scoring Streaks in NCAA Division I History (Through Apr. 24, 2003)

1. 481 Arizona State 4-7-95 (Southern California, 9-0) to present
2. 349 Coastal Carolina 4-16-83 (Armstrong Atlantic, 2-0) to 4-10-89 (Winthrop, 11-0)
3. 332 Wichita State 3-13-96 (Arkansas, 5-0) to 2-23-01 (Louisiana-Lafayette 1-0)
4. 326 Florida State 4-29-84 (Tulane, 1-0) to 2-25-89 (South Fla., 10-0)
5. **307 Nebraska 5-3-98 (Texas, 8-0) to present**
6. 302 Georgia Tech 4-27-79 (South Carolina, 8-0) to 4-18-84 (Maryland, 4-0)
7. 278 Arizona State 2-18-90 (Southern California, 6-0) to 4-12-94 (Grand Canyon, 5-0)

USA Baseball Inks Contract with Marriott Hotels

USA Baseball announced on Apr. 15 the signing of a new corporate sponsorship agreement with Marriott Hotels in the Triangle Area of North Carolina. The agreement will extend through the organization's 2005 season. Marriott – an official supplier of the United States Olympic Committee – now becomes the Official Sponsor of USA Baseball in the hotel and lodging category. The regionally-exclusive agreement calls for USA Baseball's athletes, coaches, international opponents, and other partners to utilize the Marriott Research Triangle Park (RTP), Courtyard Research Triangle Park (RTP), Courtyard Airport, Residence Inn Airport, Spring Hill Suites Airport and Residence Inn Durham properties. The agreement also provides Marriott hotels with access, including direct mailings, to USA Baseball's event participants and families. The first teams covered under the agreement will be the 2003 USA Baseball National Team and the 2003 Japanese Collegiate All-Stars who stay at the Marriott Research Triangle Park in July as part of the 2003 USA vs. Japan Collegiate Series at the Durham Bulls Athletic Park. "Marriott has worked with USA Baseball throughout our relocation to North Carolina and we look forward to building a long-term partnership with one of the Olympic Family's suppliers," said USA Baseball Executive Director/CEO Paul Seiler. "This partnership insures our athletes will have the finest accommodations when they are training and playing in the area." "Marriott is proud to welcome USA Baseball as a neighbor and business partner. Their move to the Triangle brings with it some exciting events involving baseball's future stars from around the world," said RTP Marriott General Manager Mike Rodden. "We are very pleased to have earned this opportunity."

C-USA Coaching Honors

Three Conference USA coaches celebrated landmark victories during the month of April. On April 13, South Florida skipper Eddie Cardieri recorded his 700th career coaching victory at Saint Louis. On that same day, Southern Miss head coach Corky Palmer registered his 600th collegiate win. On April 26, Louisville head coach Lelo Prado, the 2002 USA National Team coach, won his 500th collegiate game.

Rice Rolls to School Record 30-Game Winning Streak; Longest in DI Since 1999; Sixth All-Time

Lamar got late-inning home runs from John Allen and Jeremy Gray to end Rice's school-record 30-game winning streak to upset the top-ranked Owls 7-5 on Apr. 9 at Reckling Park in Houston. Allen broke a 4-4 tie in the eighth inning with the first home run of his career, a two-run blast to left off Owl closer David Aardsma (4-1). Gray followed an inning later with a solo shot to left, his third of the season, supplying the Cardinals (23-9) with an insurance run. The loss was the first for Rice (33-2) since a 6-5 setback to Alabama on Feb. 16 at Minute Maid Park in downtown Houston. The loss also broke a 25-game winning streak in games at Reckling Park. It was the longest winning streak by a Division I diamond team since Florida Atlantic tied Texas for the NCAA record with 34 in 1999 (UT accomplished the feat in 1977) and the sixth-most consecutive contests won in major college history.

Another Installment: NCAA Division I All-Time Baseball Records—Nos. 51-200

Continuing the list of NCAA Division I all-time baseball programs in terms of total victories, and please send any additional seasons for the missing schools or updates on conference records to the NCBWA or the University of Minnesota. Thanks to all for assistance in this ongoing project, and the NCBWA email address for updates is bo@big12sports.com; fax: 214-753-0145. The NCAA Record Book has listed the Top 50 all-time teams in each of its last three editions.

All-Time NCAA Division I Baseball Records

(Through 2002; Ranked by Victories; Research: University of Minnesota, Big 12 Conference)

51. Wichita State	68	1,635-731-8	.691	415-201	.674
52. Virginia	108	1,626-1,469-38	.523	391-483	.447
53. Nebraska	102	1,617-1,232-17	.568	586-622	.485
54. Vanderbilt	104	1,616-1,412-32	.534	389-715	.352
55. Pennsylvania	127	1,614-1,376-42	.540	105-95	.525
56. Wake Forest	94	1,613-1,091-22	.597	380-429	.470
57. Elon	104	1,605-1,147-1	.583	36-27	.571
58. Georgia Southern	59	1,604-1,014-0	.611	223-126	.639
59. Pepperdine	63	1,597-1,109-22	.590	608-288	.679
60. Lafayette	137	1,574-1,361-32	.536	27-51	.346
61. San Jose State	87	1,572-1,374-30	.533	462-460	.501
62. TCU	105	1,564-1,364-25	.534	616-793	.437
63. Arkansas	80	1,553-1,020-6	.604	386-332	.538
64. Tennessee	93	1,552-1,179-14	.568	554-594	.483
65. Purdue	113	1,540-1,536-37	.501	552-826	.401
66. Grambling	76	1,536-561-0	.699	71-41	.634
66. Stetson	87	1,536-1,143-11	.573	69-43	.616
68. Indiana State	107	1,532-1,065-19	.590	254-269	.486
69. Auburn	68	1,528-969-6	.612	695-558	.555
70. Bradley	102	1,520-1,167-12	.566	283-324	.466
71. Maine	120	1,517-1,207-15	.557	175-113	.608
72. Brigham Young	66	1,515-833-11	.645	605-244	.713
73. Navy	107	1,515-939-29	.617	56-24	.700
73. Villanova	124	1,515-1,033-24	.595	195-180	.520
75. Mississippi	102	1,503-1,154-17	.566	570-655	.465
76. Northwestern	131	1,499-1,622-30	.480	515-933	.356
77. Holy Cross	114	1,488-965-26	.607	33-47	.413
78. Cornell	133	1,466-1,559-31	.485	420-491	.461
79. Tulane	96	1,464-1,045-17	.579	248-242	.506
80. Hawai'i	72	1,463-1,010-17	.592	334-239	.583
81. Washington	100	1,456-1,261-17	.536	793-822	.491
82. Southern Illinois	57	1,454-919-10	.613	214-278	.435
82. Miami (Ohio)	87	1,454-1,109-9	.567	508-498	.505

84. California Poly	97	1,442-1,341-14	.518	67-87	.435
85. Sam Houston State	53	1,434-911-4	.612	175-175	.500
86. Kansas	113	1,405-1,383-16	.504	527-817	.392
87. Rutgers	132	1,401-1,190	.541	115-52	.689
88. Illinois State	101	1,394-1,271-20	.523	207-278	.427
89. Wisconsin	114	1,391-1,164-27	.544	542-541-6	.501
90. St. John's (N.Y.)	124	1,386-674-13	.673	220-156	.585
91. Kentucky	92	1,383-1,223-23	.531	521-709	.424
92. Richmond	87	1,380-939-11	.595	220-145	.603
93. Rice	86	1,375-1,286-3	.517	574-833	.408
94. Texas-Pan American	47	1,356-895-2	.602	59-110	.349
95. Louisiana Tech	100	1,354-1,075-2	.557	593-484	.551
96. Vermont	105	1,347-1,160-33	.537	147-138	.515
96. Kansas State	101	1,347-1,397-7	.491	461-823	.359
98. Iowa State	110	1,346-1,412-17	.488	479-694	.408
99. Western Carolina	75	1,339-945-7	.586	346-164	.678
100. South Alabama	38	1,327-660-3	.668	293-151	.660
101. Memphis	53	1,326-913-14	.592	76-107	.415
101. Western Kentucky	83	1,326-1,059-18	.556	297-326	.477
103. Georgetown	109	1,317-1,347-3	.494	94-246	.254
104. Eastern Illinois	97	1,313-1,079-4	.549	88-46	.657
105. Long Beach State	49	1,312-1,190-25	.524	582-429	.576
106. Cal State Northridge	43	1,311-965-19	.576	28-14	.667
107. Houston	56	1,310-958-15	.577	353-340	.509
108. New Mexico	85	1,307-1,230-10	.515	448-532	.457
109. East Carolina	51	1,306-666-7	.661	158-66	.705
110. Massachusetts	119	1,305-1,135-18	.535	49-38	.563
111. Sacramento State	44	1,298-995-19	.566	50-109	.314
112. Birmingham-Southern	36	1,293-572-1	.693	88-30	.746
113. Oral Roberts	36	1,283-673-4	.656	151-23	.868
114. Bowling Green	83	1,282-1,061-26	.547	445-482	.480
115. Brown	139	1,276-1,387-39	.479	301-384	.439
116. Army	113	1,267-1,087-38	.538	40-38	.513
117. Western Michigan	55	1,265-908-13	.582	594-388	.605
118. Temple	74	1,264-968-31	.566	47-40	.540
119. Northern Colorado	79	1,262-867-3	.587	92-63	.594
120. Old Dominion	70	1,259-924-13	.577	124-108	.534
120. Connecticut	107	1,259-1,037-26	.548	195-191	.505
122. Cal State Fullerton	28	1,243-525-6	.703	366-153	.705
123. UC Santa Barbara	53	1,203-1,150-16	.511	266-311	.461
124. Maryland	111	1,200-1,151-59	.510	307-468	.396
125. Portland	78	1,183-1,163-8	.504	508-738	.408
126. Kent	75	1,179-957-10	.552	483-516	.483
127. Detroit Mercy	62	1,178-1,000-2	.541	18-56	.237
128. Texas Tech	54	1,175-886-8	.570	370-413	.473
129. Ball State	81	1,164-1,114-14	.511	326-370	.468
130. Eastern Kentucky	59	1,162-924-9	.557	303-250	.548
131. The Citadel	49	1,156-751-3	.605	497-293	.629
132. Northwestern State	91	1,148-1,123-14	.506	406-425	.489
133. Florida International	29	1,145-608	.653	152-95	.615
134. Providence	76	1,133-858-13	.569	177-133	.571
135. Nicholls State	43	1,121-890-9	.557	324-279	.537
135. Akron	103	1,121-1,091-19	.507	158-228	.409
137. Southern Mississippi	74	1,118-1,003-10	.527	104-81	.562
138. UNLV	36	1,111-870-5	.561	355-373	.488
139. SMS	38	1,105-628-1	.638	376-203	.649
140. Lamar	50	1,104-835	.569	373-272	.578
140. Murray State	63	1,104-916-16	.546	295-268	.524
142. UNC-Wilmington	46	1,100-802-7	.578	46-37	.554
143. New Orleans	33	1,096-749-1	.594	197-148	.571
144. Southeastern	52	1,092-1,042-12	.512	37-67	.356
145. Cincinnati	92	1,087-1,133-16	.490	114-145	.458

146. Boston College	93	1,080-841-21	.562	150-227	.398
147. UL Monroe	51	1,072-972-9	.524	406-305	.571
148. South Florida	37	1,068-820-5	.566	195-173	.530
149. Northern Iowa	103	1,067-1,112-10	.490	288-345	.455
150. Toledo	78	1,064-1,130-20	.485	377-556	.404
150. Pacific (Calif.)	54	1,064-1,260-9	.458	379-567	.401
152. Rider	60	1,063-795-14	.572	57-48	.543
153. San Diego	45	1,061-1,002-21	.514	308-361	.460
154. McNeese State	51	1,058-1,024-8	.508	277-292	.487
155. Mercer	56	1,054-958-5	.524	39-46	.459
156. Creighton	39	1,052-800-7	.568	235-244	.491
156. Illinois-Chicago	54	1,052-1,031-8	.505	45-30	.600
158. Gonzaga	38	1,031-870-5	.542	616-603	.505
159. Central Florida	30	1,029-640-10	.617	86-28	.754
160. Jacksonville State	33	1,025-491	.676	31-92	.252
160. Northeastern	82	1,025-951-14	.519	164-124	.569
162. Northern Illinois	103	1,024-1,117-25	.478	88-183	.325
163. Portland State	52	1,018-900	.531	205-269	.432
164. Marshall	92	1,015-1,094-9	.481	245-417	.370
165. Davidson	108	1,012-1,554-14	.394	280-429	.394
166. UL Lafayette	57	1,010-695-3	.592	313-208	.601
167. Wyoming	59	1,009-1,057-4	.488	184-233	.441
168. Lehigh	118	1,008-1,218-22	.453	35-45	.438
169. Morehead State	62	1,005-922	.522	301-252	.544
170. Bucknell	115	1,001-1,178-20	.457	47-35	.573
171. Butler	91	989-1,119-11	.469	41-37	.526
172. Dartmouth	135	988-1,103-10	.473	446-434	.507
173. Loyola Marymount	35	986-983-3	.501	476-428	.527
174. Middle Tennessee	39	985-753-6	.567	353-233	.602
175. Austin Peay	63	981-1,079-11	.476	251-294	.461
176. Long Island	64	980-641-16	.605	46-45	.505
177. James Madison	33	979-559-7	.637	43-40	.518
178. Tennessee Tech	55	970-1,005	.491	247-320	.436
179. Centenary	56	957-1,012-6	.486	14-16	.467
180. George Washington	55	942-856-11	.524	169-124	.577
181. Coastal Carolina	28	939-564-1	.625	53-21	.716
181. Evansville	60	939-902-13	.510	123-119	.508
183. George Mason	35	922-745-9	.553	136-159	.461
184. Nevada	33	919-773-5	.543	537-505	.515
185. Texas-Arlington	33	901-823-1	.523	297-268	.526
186. William & Mary	104	901-1,046-13	.463	198-393	.335
187. UC Riverside (since '74)	29	900-668-3	.578	9-12	.429
188. Dayton	81	890-1,085-11	.451	47-41	.534
189. Jackson State	30	878-612-3	.589	165-55	.750
190. New Mexico State	41	876-1,061-3	.452	145-359	.288
191. Arkansas State	54	874-1,141-8	.434	325-445	.422
192. Air Force	46	873-923-3	.486	167-400	.294
193. Appalachian State	48	866-794-5	.522	272-276	.496
194. Southeast Missouri	43	861-653-10	.569	179-101	.639
194. Wright State	32	861-707-8	.549	37-44	.457
196. Belmont	48	860-635-1	.575	9-20	.310
197. Youngstown State	48	854-768-3	.527	124-187	.399
198. Furman	62	848-1,081-13	.440	340-429	.442
199. Rhode Island	92	840-1,038-17	.447	38-50	.432
200. Manhattan	96	834-1,116-22	.428	45-56	.446

A Scoring Philosophy

An Attempt To Establish Guidelines

For Those Who Serve As Official Scorers

(by Lou Spry)

Official scorers are, in effect, the guardians of two of baseball's most precious assets: Its statistics and its records.

Knowledge of the scoring rule [Rule 10] is required, but judgment is the most important quality in scoring. These guidelines are not intended to supplant good judgment on the part of the official scorer as he or she evaluates each set of circumstances.

On each batted ball, the scorer should look for ways within the rules to credit the batter with a hit, rather than charge a fielder with an error. Rule 10 states: "Always give the batter the benefit of the doubt."

Infielders, including the pitcher and catcher, should not be charged with an error when attempting to catch a batted ball and throw with their bare hand. If the batter reaches or is awarded an additional base or bases because of a wild throw, an error shall be charged for the advancement beyond first base.

Third basemen and first basemen should be given special consideration on hard hit balls because of their proximity to the batter.

On a play that could be called the first hit of the game (or an error), scorers should make a decision and stand by it. If the play is scored an error, and after a subsequent hit, the first decision should not be changed to a hit.

Any pitch in the dirt that allows a runner or runners to advance shall be scored a wild pitch.

With none out, a batter who bunts and moves up a runner or runners should be credited with a sacrifice regardless of the score.

With one out, a batter who bunts should be considered as bunting primarily for a base hit, unless his bunt scores a runner from third base, or unless he "squares around" to bunt.

When an outfielder catches a ball, but drops it when he runs into a fence or falls to the ground, the play should be scored a hit.

When a fielder dives for a line drive or a fly ball and fails to catch it, score a base hit.

When considering whether to credit a hit or charge an error, ask yourself, "What kind of a play would it have been if the fielder had made it?" If it was a routine play, then it probably should be an error. If it was a play that would have drawn an extraordinary crowd reaction, then it probably should be a hit.

It often is instructive to examine a play that a fielder has made, but assume the play was not made. Would you charge an error? This will give you perspective to assist in future decisions.

There are two parts to handling a ground ball: The catch and the throw. An infielder who makes a diving stop and makes a bad throw from his knees or otherwise off balance, probably should not be charged with an error, unless the batter advances beyond first base. On the other hand, if he regains his footing then he should be expected to make an accurate throw.

In determining whether to credit a stolen base or defensive indifference, consider the following: If the catcher does not make a throw that alone does not constitute indifference. Generally, if the first baseman is not holding the runner that would be indifference. Consider the closeness of the score. Take into consideration the value of the stealing runner; i.e., in a late inning if the winning run is at third, the defense may be indifferent to whether a runner advances from first to second.

Your first impression of a play is probably correct, absent instant replay. A veteran scorer has opined that the longer you examine options, the greater the chance of making a mistake.

When balancing your scorebook, first count the total number of plate appearances for each team. Then apply the formula of runs, opponents' putouts and left on base against official at bats, bases on balls, hit by pitcher, sacrifices and runners awarded first on catcher's interference. This method precludes making balancing errors on each side of the equation.

Keep a note pad at hand to record unusual plays or circumstances, which may be edited and transferred to the margins of your scorebook after the game.

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