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NCBWA President's Message

By NCBWA President Jeff Hurd

As the incoming President of the NCBWA, it is a privilege to extend my sincere gratitude to Rob Carolla of the Big East Conference for his significant contribution to the organization as President during the past year.

Through his hard work, combined with the tireless effort of Bo Carter and to Russ Anderson, awareness for college baseball is at an all-time high.

It was less than two months ago that Rice University claimed its first school national championship in any sport when it won the 2003 College World Series. It is precisely that a private school with the smallest enrollment among Division 1A institutions was able to accomplish such a feat that helps make the college game the attraction that it is today.

If you never have been to Omaha for the CWS, you are missing not just an NCAA championship. Rather, it is an event that is fully embraced by the city and by the more than 200,000 fans that attend each year. For 10 or 11 days, it is a happening.

Look around the college campuses throughout the country. Facilities are better, the crowds are bigger and institutional commitment is stronger. When the season begins in late January, the road to Omaha is indeed one open to all comers.

Texas, Tulane, Tennessee, Stanford, Nebraska, Louisiana-Lafayette, Southwest Missouri State, Miami (Fla), Cal State-Fullerton, Notre Dame, San Jose State, Florida State, Rice, LSU, Long Beach State and Clemson. Public and private; large, medium and small. They all have something in common in that they are recent participants in Omaha.

The NCBWA is committed to increasing awareness and visibility for college baseball. To do so, it needs and welcomes your involvement, comments and suggestions.

I look forward to the 2004 season and to see you in Omaha next June.

Jeff Hurd

2003 NCBWA President

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2004 Preseason Nominations Coming Soon

Nomination forms for the fourth annual 2004 NCBWA preseason All-America team will be sent out at the end of September and will also be included in the next NCBWA newsletter. As we have done in the past, each NCBWA Board member will be responsible for gathering nominees from selected conferences and the Board will make the selections during the month of October. A tentative release date of early November 2003 has been set so that this information may be included in your 2004 media guides and preseason promotional materials. We will be selecting first, second and third teams. Stay tuned, and thank you in advance for your participation.

**ASU's Pedroia Goes 2-for-3 With 2 RBI to Lead Team USA to Opening Pan Am Victory;
USA Baseball Improves to 23-0 With 10-0 Win over Guatemala; Cuba Edges U.S. in Pan Am Finals
for 9th Gold Medal in Row**

Arizona State sophomore All-American shortstop Dustin Pedroia went 2-for-3 with two runs scored and two RBI as the USA Baseball National Team opened up pool play at the Pan American Games with a 10-0 win in seven innings vs. Guatemala on Aug. 3 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Justin Orenduff (RHP, So., Virginia Commonwealth) and Stephen Head (LHP, So., Mississippi) combined for a four-hit shutout and Danny Putnam (Stanford) went 3-for-4 with two RBI. The win improves Team USA to 23-0 on the summer. "I think we did a good job; Orenduff gave us a quality outing and when we get runs early we're hard to beat," said Team USA head coach Ray Tanner. "I was hoping we'd come out and score some runs and have an easy first game. It doesn't always happen like you want it to but tonight it did." Orenduff worked five scoreless innings allowing just four hits and striking out five batters to improve to 5-0 on the summer. Head struck out three batters in two innings and did not allow a hit in relief of Orenduff. Team USA wasted no time getting on the scoreboard with four runs in the first inning. Eric Patterson (IF, So., Georgia Tech) doubled, Pedroia was hit by a pitch and Putnam bunted for a single to load the bases. With a 2-1 count, Jeff Larish (IF, So., Arizona State) knocked a ground ball to second base misplayed by Guatemala infielder Juan Manuel Dieguez allowing Patterson and Pedroia to score. The USA increased the lead to 4-0 on a RBI single by Tyler Greene (IF, Fr., Georgia Tech). With his single in the first, Greene extended his hitting streak to 13 games on the summer, a team-high.

The Red, White & Blue tacked on three more runs in the fourth inning to take a seven-run lead. Jeff Clement (C, Fr., USC) led off the frame with a triple and scored on a throwing error by Guatemala shortstop Amilcar Estrada. After a double by Mike Nickeas (C, So., Georgia Tech) and a one-out walk to Patterson, Pedroia knocked a RBI single to right center that scored Nickeas and Patterson. Team USA added three more runs in the fifth and sixth innings to go up by 10 runs. Seth Smith (OF, So., Mississippi) scored on a balk by Guatemala reliever Juan Pablo Mendizabal and Putnam doubled in Patterson and Pedroia. The USA finished with 10 hits on the evening as seven of the nine starters finished with at least one hit. The game ended after the top of the seventh inning due to a 10-run rule. After hitting .404 as a sophomore for ASU in 2003, Pedroia was hitting .321 (27-for-84) for Team USA through Aug. 3 and had not made an error in 81 total chances while starting the first 23 games at shortstop. Larish had his streak of home runs in five straight games snapped by going 0-for-3 with an RBI and run scored. Larish was hitting .293 (24-for-82) while leading the team in home runs (eight) and RBI (28) in early August.

Ariel Pestano went 3-for-4 four with a home run and two RBI and Norge Luis Vera pitched a two-hit, complete game as the Cuban National Team defeated the USA Baseball National Team, 3-1 in the gold medal game at the 2003 Pan American Games on Aug. 13 in Santo Domingo. Team USA closes out the summer with an overall record of 27-2, (the highest ever National Team winning % at .931) and as silver medalists at the Pan Am Games. "We thought it was going to be a duel between the pitchers and it turned out to be that," said Team USA Head Coach Ray Tanner. "Vera was just outstanding for Cuba. Jered Weaver battled his heart out for us, but we just weren't able to muster enough offense to get to Vera."

Weaver pitched eight innings in defeat for Team USA, allowing two runs on eight hits and finishing with seven strikeouts. The loss for Weaver was his first of the summer. "You can't do much about what happened tonight," said Weaver. "I felt great, but they just kept hitting good pitches. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity; not everybody gets to wear USA across their chest. It has been a fabulous journey. Pitching against the Dominican and here in the gold medal game against Cuba has been the experience of my life. I wouldn't change it for the world." Tied 1-1 in the seventh inning, Cuba strung three straight hits together, including an RBI single from Pestano to gain a one run lead. Weaver worked his way out of the jam though, setting the next three batters down in order, limiting Cuba from increasing its advantage. Cuba added its third run in the eighth inning as Pestano knocked a solo homer to left field off USA reliever Steven Register.

Team USA opened up a 1-0 lead early in the game in the bottom of the second inning. Jeff Larish led off the frame with a walk and advanced to second base on a single from Seth Smith. After Mike Nickeas grounded out to the right side, advancing both runners, Brent Lillibridge knocked a sacrifice fly to

center field, scoring Larish and giving the U.S. a one run lead. The Red, White and Blue maintained the lead until Cuba tied the game at 1-1 in the sixth inning. Carlos Alberto Tabares led off with a bunt single and scored on a two out RBI single from Yulieski Gourriel down the left field line. The run for Cuba ended a scoreless inning pitched streak for Weaver at 45.2 innings. The Cubans captured their ninth consecutive gold medal at the Pan Ams, while Team USA secured their second consecutive silver medal, and 8th Pan Am silver overall. Team USA hasn't won Pan Am gold since 1967. This was the third USA vs. Cuba Pan Am Gold Medal, and the Cubans have now won all three. Previously, Cuba was victorious by a 5-1 score in Winnipeg in 1999 and also defeated the USA in the 1987 Pan Am Games final by a 13-9 count. In addition, the two rivals have finished 1-2 five other times when medals were awarded based only on teams' overall pool play records.

**Pan American Games History -
United States & Cuba in Gold Medal Game**

2003 - Santo Domingo, DR - Cuba 3, USA 1
1999 - Winnipeg, Ontario, Canada - Cuba 5, USA 1
1987 - Indianapolis, Ind. - Cuba 13, USA 9

Pan American Games History - United States & Cuba finish 1-2

1975 - Mexico City, Mexico - Gold: Cuba, Silver: USA
1971 - Cali, Columbia - Gold: Cuba, Silver: USA
1967 - Winnipeg, Canada - Gold: USA, Silver: Cuba
1963 - San Paulo, Brazil - Gold: Cuba, Silver: USA
1951 - Buenos Aires, Argentina - Gold: Cuba, Silver: USA

This was the fifth straight year that Team USA and Cuba met in the gold medal game of a major international event.

2003 - Pan Am Games - Cuba 3, USA 1
2002 - FISU World University Championships - Cuba 6, USA 0
2001 - IBAF World Cup - Cuba 5, USA 3
2000 - Olympic Games - USA 4, Cuba 0
1999 - Pan Am Games - Cuba 5, USA 1

Rice's Graham Consensus National Coach of the Year; ABCA Announces Regional Coaches of Year

Rice head baseball coach Wayne Graham capped the Owls' first NCAA championship in any Division I sport by adding COLLEGIATE BASEBALL and ABCA Coach of the Year honors to a star-filled ledger. He guided RU to a final record of 58-12 and the 2003 crown in Omaha. Division II National Coach of the Year honors went to Brad Hill of Central Missouri State and Division III honors were given to Tom Tereschuk of Chapman University. The American Baseball Coaches Association also announced its 2003 Regional coaches of the year for Divisions I, II and III.

DIVISION I ABCA REGIONAL COACHES OF THE YEAR

South	Corky Palmer, Southern Miss
South Central	Roger Cador, Southern University
Atlantic	Elliott Avent, North Carolina State
Northeast	Steve Owens, LeMoyne College
Mideast	Bob Todd, Ohio State
Midwest	Keith Guttin, Southwest Missouri State
East	Mark Scalf, UNC Wilmington
West	Wayne Graham, Rice

DIVISION II ABCA REGIONAL COACHES OF THE YEAR

South	Joe Urso, Tampa
South Atlantic	Mike Sansing, Kennesaw State
North Atlantic	Jeff Messer, Slippery Rock
Northeast	Jayson King, Franklin Pierce
South Central	Britt Bonneau, Abilene Christian
Central	Brad Hill, Central Missouri State
North Central	Steve Lyon, Grand Valley State
West	Rex Peters, Cal-Davis

DIVISION III ABCA REGIONAL COACHES OF THE YEAR

New England	Bill Holowaty, Eastern Connecticut State
New York	Matt Dembinsky, Mount Saint Mary
Mid-Atlantic	Tim Neiman, DeSales
South	John Harvell, Christopher Newport
Mideast	Don Brandon, Anderson
Central	Augie Schmidt, Carthage
Midwest	Tom Lechnir, Wisconsin-Oshkosh
West	Tom Tereschuk, Chapman

Wilbur Snyppe Award

Now is the time to send in any additional nominees for the coveted Wilbur Snyppe Award to Vice President Mike Montoro of Southern Miss (email: Michael.Montoro@usm.edu). The award is given annually to the NCBWA member who for contributions to the sport of collegiate baseball. Voting is done by a panel of previous winners, who include past NCAA World Series directors, College Sports Information Directors of America Hall of Fame members, decorated media members, and others. Below is a list of all-time winners:

Past Wilbur Snyppe Award Winners

1975	Wilbur Snyppe, Ohio State
1976	Bill Esposito, St. John's
1977	Phil Langhan, Cornell
1978	John Geis, Southern Conference
1979	Hank Schomber, Georgia Southern
1980	Bob Culp, Western Michigan
1981	Lou Pavlovich, Sr., Collegiate Baseball
1982	Tom Price, South Carolina
1983	Bob Bradley, Clemson
1984	Bob Williams, Omaha World-Herald
1985	Jerry Miles, NCAA
1986	Larry Keefe, Seton Hall
1987	Tom Rowen, San Jose Mercury-News
1988	Fred Gerardi, KESY Radio, Omaha
1989	Jim Wright, NCAA
1990	Steve Weller, SIU-Edwardsville
1991	Bill Little, University of Texas
1992	Kirk Bohls, Austin American-Statesman
1993	Bo Carter, Southwest Conference
1994	Lou Pavlovich, Jr., Collegiate Baseball
1995	Steve Pivovar, Omaha World-Herald
1996	Gary Johnson, NCAA
1997	Dave Wohlhueter, Cornell
1998	Allen Simpson, Baseball America
1999	Alan Cannon, Texas A&M University
2000	Jim Callis, Baseball America
2001	Dick Case, U.S. Baseball Federation/USA Baseball
2002	Russell Anderson, Conference USA

The All-Time Top 25 By Victories – Division I

Thanks to research by the University of Minnesota and the NCBWA Board, here are the post-2003 Top 25 all-time Division I teams in terms of most victories. Please email any updates on all-time conference records, etc., to bo@big12sports.com or any NCBWA Board member. Thanks to many who have submitted updates over the last four years.

All-Time NCAA Division I Baseball Records

School	Seasons	Overall	Pct.	All Conference Games	Pct.
1. Fordham	144	3,161-1,543-40	.672	41-70	.369
2. Texas	108	2,760-867-27	.761	1,170-392	.749
3. Southern California	109	2,692-1,383-44	.661	1,158-632	.647
4. Michigan	136	2,376-1,332-37	.641	894-517	.634
4. Stanford	111	2,376-1,483-32	.616	1,018-769	.570
6. Arizona State	45	2,318-1,128-6	.673	609-369	.623
7. Washington State	108	2,301-1,348-17	.631	928-722	.562
8. Arizona	99	2,273-1,179-21	.658	624-394	.613
9. Harvard	135	2,233-1,405-32	.614	534-350	.604
10. Clemson	106	2,227-1,233-29	.644	561-267	.678
11. Florida State	56	2,192-801-9	.732	275-88	.758
12. Illinois	124	2,165-1,294-34	.626	927-649	.588
13. North Carolina	113	2,151-1,278-36	.625	489-349	.584
14. California	122	2,145-1,566-13	.578	865-887	.494
15. Minnesota	112	2,139-1,252-26	.631	870-552	.612
16. Alabama	110	2,111-1,230-23	.632	756-577	.567
17. Mississippi State	113	2,105-1,181-28	.641	735-571	.563
18. Yale	138	2,096-1,813-42	.538	466-474	.496
19. Texas A&M	102	2,094-1,185-34	.639	904-594	.603
20. Fresno State	75	2,082-1,165-4	.641	378-208	.645
21. Ohio State	120	2,076-1,338-41	.608	762-585	.566
22. Oklahoma State	92	2,057-1,001-4	.673	635-317	.667
23. Louisville	94	2,048-1,951-10	.512	103-110	.484
24. Notre Dame	111	2,028-1,206-17	.627	135-48	.738
25. Princeton	119	2,011-1,626-46	.553	509-455	.528

USA Baseball's Seiler Named Treasurer

The Confederation of Pan American Baseball (COPABE) has officially elected Paul V. Seiler (United States) as Treasurer of the organization during elections at the 2003 Pan American Games in Santo Domingo. "I'm honored to receive this appointment and I look forward to working with the Pan American countries in assisting COPABE in it's mission to raise the awareness and development of our sport internationally," said Seiler, from the USA Baseball headquarters in Durham, North Carolina. This appointment gives Seiler a seat on both the Continental (COPABE) and International (IBAF) Executive Committee for the sport of Baseball. Seiler currently serves as First Member at-Large within the Executive Committee of the International Baseball Federation (IBAF). In addition, Eduardo DeBello of Panama was re-elected as President of COPABE. Other positions elected during the meeting were: President - Eduardo De Bello – Panama; Acting Secretary General - Hector Pereyra - Dominican Republic; Treasurer - Paul Seiler - United States; First Vice President - Rodolfo Puente Zamora – Cuba; Second Vice President - Carlos Buenrostro – Mexico; Third Vice President - Jorge Otsuka – Brazil; First Vocal - George De Lira – Aruba; Second Vocal - Ernesto Polit – Ecuador; Acting Member at Large - Miguel Flores – Honduras

In a related development, **IBAF Headquarters, Lausanne, Switzerland** - The IBAF announced today that the Pan American Baseball Confederation (COPABE) has finalized the list of 12 participating countries for the Americas Olympic Qualifying Event for the sport of baseball, which will be held in Panama City, Panama this October 30-November 11, 2003. The 12 countries that will be vying for two (2) berths into the 2004 Athens Olympic Games are: Aruba, Bahamas, Brazil, Canada, Cuba, Dominican

Republic, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Puerto Rico, United States, and Venezuela. The top two teams from this competition will earn an automatic berth to the 2004 Athens Olympic Games Baseball Tournament, to be held August 15-25, 2004. The United States is the defending Olympic gold medalist.

Although the exact game format and schedule have not been finalized, it is likely that the field of 12 teams will be split into two pools of six. During round-robin pool play, each team will play one game against every other team in their pool, for a total of five games. After the round-robin, the teams ranked 1-through-4 in each pool advance to the quarterfinals. The No. 1-ranked team will face the No. 4-ranked team from the opposite pool, and the No. 2-ranked team will face the No. 3-ranked team from the opposite pool. The four quarterfinal winners then advance to the semifinals, with the two winners of those games earning Olympic berths. Those two winners will also meet in the gold-medal game, and the two semifinal losers meet in the bronze medal game. The players that will represent the United States in this competition are minor-league professional players, who will be selected by the USA Baseball Selection Committee, led by Dean Taylor & Bob Watson. The committee is comprised of various Major League Baseball Team representatives, and USA Baseball personnel.

All 12 countries will be utilizing 24 players on their roster, for the second time in an Olympic Qualifying event. The USA team will be exclusively comprised of players from minor league affiliates of Major League Baseball teams. A similar team made up the roster that qualified Team USA for the 2000 Olympics at the 1999 Pan Am Games. Some professional minor-league players are also likely to be on the rosters of each of the other 11 participating countries. It is certain that the Team USA roster will include several future major leaguers. Current MLB players from the 1999 USA Qualifying Team include: Mark Mulder, Adam Kennedy, Milton Bradley, Dave Roberts, Brad Penny, Matt LeCroy, Craig Paquette, & J.C Romero.

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Founded in 1962, the NCBWA is dedicated to the advancement of college baseball. Membership is open to writers, broadcasters and publicists of the sport. Members receive a membership card, directory, newsletter updates and official votes in the Howser Award Player of the Year, Regional Player of the Year and NCBWA All-America voting. The NCBWA also sponsors preseason All-American awards, publication and writing contests. Additionally, the organization will be launching a website this spring at www.ncbwa.com. For membership, send annual dues (\$15.00), along with mailing address, phone, fax and e-mail address information to Russell Anderson, NCBWA Treasurer, c/o Conference USA, 35 East Wacker Drive, Suite 650, Chicago, IL 60601.

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