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It is hard to believe a month has already passed since our last edition of Line Drives, yet so much has happened. The Gulf Coast has suffered through two major hurricanes which have affected the lives of so many people. Katrina was a devastating storm and it will take time for the people in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama to rebuild. Rita did its own damage to southeast Texas and again to Louisiana.

I know those storms affected some of our membership and certainly affected universities in that area. If you have not already done so, I encourage you to make a contribution to one of the many support organizations that are participating in hurricane relief. Whether it is the Red Cross, Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity or even the fund set up through the College Sports Information Directors of America, please consider making a gift. The funds raised through CoSIDA will go directly to SIDs in that region who have been directly affected.

It is hard to think about college baseball at a time like this. The student-athletes are back in school, participating in conditioning drills or even practice. In the next month, NCBWA will begin to take nominations for the Preseason All-America Teams as well as our Stopper of the Year Award. More on those items will be sent out later, but stay tuned.

Congratulations are certainly in order for Dennis Poppe of the NCAA. In early September, our organization named him the winner of the Wilbur Snyppe Award. His contributions to the sport of college baseball are numerous. While he has brought more attention to the College World Series, he also has enhanced national exposure at the regional and super regional level.

I reiterate my challenge from last month in helping bring more members to the organization in 2005-06. I would like to invite the entire membership to rejoin and I challenge you to bring at least one new member to the group this year. Please pass along the NCBWA membership form to fellow SIDs or members of the media who cover your team or conference. It is an exciting time to be a member and we do not want anyone to miss out on voting for our All-America teams and the Dick Howser Trophy.

If there is anything the board or I can do for you or if you have any suggestions to help make NCBWA stronger, please let us know.

Todd Lamb
NCBWA President
The Ohio State University

Dennis Poppe Named 31st Wilbur Snyppe Award Recipient

Dennis Poppe, NCAA Managing Director for Football & Baseball, has been named the 2005 winner of the Wilbur Snyppe Award, which is presented annually by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers of America for contributions to college baseball.

"Dennis Poppe is one of the classiest administrators in college athletics," said NCBWA Executive Director Bo Carter. "The work he has done to enhance the NCAA World Series, NCAA Regionals and Super Regionals and the overall good of college baseball has been exemplary. He deserves a great deal of thanks and appreciation from the NCBWA as well as the entire realm of college baseball."

Poppe, a 31-year member of the NCAA staff, is responsible for all issues related to the sports of football and baseball, including but not limited to the administration of the baseball and football championships and the coordination of playing rules with the respective rules committees. He also serves as staff liaison with the coaches associations, works with postseason football bowl licensing, monitors and coordinates legislative issues and addresses other issues that might impact either sport.

His baseball responsibilities include serving as the primary liaison to the NCAA Division I Baseball Committee and serving as the tournament director for the College World Series. In addition, he is the liaison to the NCAA Baseball Rules Committee, and the American Baseball Coaches Association.

"I am honored to be recognized by the National College Baseball Writers Association as the 2005 recipient of the Wilbur Snyppe Award," said Poppe. "It is especially gratifying to be recognized by the members of the NCBWA, since this organization provides a great service for college baseball and the members have a passion for the sport."

"It has been my good fortune to have been involved with the NCAA Division I Baseball Championship since 1988, and I can truly state that it has been one of the most rewarding experiences that I've had during my career in college athletics."

Prior to joining the NCAA, Poppe served as a graduate assistant football coach and assistant director of athletics at the University of Missouri-Columbia. He was a three-year varsity football letter winner and played in the 1968 Gator Bowl and 1970 Orange Bowl. He was named to the 1969 All Big 8 football team as a defensive safety and the all-academic team. Poppe and his wife Donna are the parents of four children, Jon, Carl, Lisa and Ryan, and reside in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Poppe is the 31st recipient of the annual award, which is presented in memory of longtime Ohio State Sports Information Director and NCBWA founder, the late Wilbur (Bill) Snyppe. Snyppe was a noted contributor to the writers' organization, which was initiated in 1962 (and celebrating its 43rd year in 2004), as well as an officer in the group. The NCBWA/Wilbur Snyppe Award yearly honors a professional 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.

Wilbur Snyppe Award Winners

1975	Wilbur Snyppe, Ohio State
1976	Bill Esposito, St. John's
1977	Phil Langan, 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	Robert 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, USA Baseball
2002	Russ Anderson, Conference USA
2003	John Manuel, Baseball America
2004	Dana Heiss Grodin, Sports Weekly
2005	Dennis Poppe, NCAA

Already a “Great Catch” – New Mexico No. 99 in All-Time Victories

New Mexico baseball SID Ben Phlegar was kind enough to send a correction from the Top 100 all-time Division I diamond programs by victories after the August newsletter. Thanks to any for additional updates, and the correct all-time baseball record line for No. 99 New Mexico is:

Rank/School	Seasons	W-L-T	Pct.	Conf. W-L-T	Conf. Pct
99. New Mexico	88	1,421-1,308-14	.521	500-570	.467

Note: For Additional updates in the Nos. 101-200 all-time wins' rankings in Division I (see later parts of newsletter), please contact bo@big12sports.com. Thanks!

Speaking of Milestones: 2,000 and 1,000 Victories Newcomers

Six Division I baseball schools reached 2,000- and 1,000-win plateaus during the course of 2005, and a sampling of the teams that have joined these elite “clubs” by breaking these barriers follows. 2005 NCAA runnerup Florida missed the magic 2,000 juncture by three contests with 1,997 wins in its first 91 campaigns.

New to the 2,000-Triumph Group

School	Seasons	Overall Record	Pct.	Conf. Record	Conf. Pct.
Santa Clara	115	2,020-1,611-28	.556	834-737	.531

New to the 1,000-Triumph Group

School	Seasons	Overall Record	Pct.	Conf. Record	Conf. Pct.
George Mason	38	1,027-803-9	.561	180-180	.500
Evansville	63	1,026-988-13	.509	159-171	.482
Nevada	36	1,007-853-5	.541	585-546	.517
Texas-Arlington	36	1,004-901-1	.527	346-299	.536
UC Riverside	32	1,002-736-3	.577	46-41	.529

All-America Nomination Forms Forthcoming

Please stay tuned for nomination forms for the 2006 NCBWA Preseason All-America team. These will be distributed through the NCBWA email membership lists and conference offices in October. Please contact any NCBWA officer or board member for information on this team.

Team USA Has Solid College Connections in World Cup

The 24 players that represented the United States at the 2005 World Cup in The Netherlands have solid college connections on a squad chosen by USA Baseball. The roster was made up of professional, non-40-man roster players of the 30 Major League Baseball organizations. This is the fifth time USA Baseball has utilized Major-League affiliated professional players for international competition, following the 1999 Pan Am Games, the 2000 Olympic Games, the 2001 World Cup, and the 2003 Olympic Qualifier.

NCBWA member Blayne Beal of Texas Tech served as press officer for the USA contingent.

The World Cup is the largest official international baseball event for the 2005 calendar year, and took place September 2-17. For additional information about Team USA during and after the World Cup, please log onto www.usabaseball.com. There is also a direct link to the official IBAF World Cup website, for information on all 18 participating countries, tournament schedules, scores, stories, and more.

Team USA competed in Pool B against Australia, Colombia, Chinese Taipei, Greece, Japan, Puerto Rico, Nicaragua, and Spain (see schedule and results below). The full 24-man roster of the players named to the 2005 USA Baseball World Cup Team was:

Player	Pos	Current Org./Current Team	Hometown	College
Badeaux, Brooks	IF	Tampa Bay Devil Rays/AAA Durham	Scott, La.	Florida State
Bannister, Brian	RHP	New York Mets/AAA Norfolk	Paradise Valley, Ariz.	Southern California
Bauer, Greg	RHP	Philadelphia Phillies/AA Reading	Tulsa, Okla.	Wichita State
Cervenak, Mike	IF	San Francisco Giants/AAA Fresno	New Boston, Mich.	Michigan
Deardorff, Jeff	IF/OF	Tampa Bay Devil Rays/AAA Durham	Clermont, Fla.	HS Draftee
De la vara, Gilbert	LHP	Kansas City Royals/AZL Royals	Tucson, Ariz.	HS Draftee
Freed, Mark	LHP	Arizona Diamondbacks/AAA Tucson	Pennsville, N.J.	HS Draftee
Garcia, James	RHP	San Francisco Giants/AA Norwich	Torrance, Calif.	HS Draftee
Haines, Talley	RHP	Chicago Cubs/AAA Iowa	Jackson, Mo.	Freed-Hardeman
Hubbard, Trinidad	OF	Tampa Bay Devil Rays/AAA Durham	Missouri City, Texas	Southern U.
Jacome, Jason	LHP	IND Puebla	Tucson, Ariz.	Pima College
Johnson, Rob	C	Seattle Mariners/A Inland Empire	Houston, Texas	HS Draftee
LaHair, Bryan	IF	Seattle Mariners/A Inland Empire	Worcester, Mass.	St. Petersburg Coll.
Latham, Chris	OF	IND Bridgeport	Las Vegas, Nev.	HS Draftee
Michalak, Chris	LHP	Arizona Diamondbacks/AAA Tucson	Keller, Texas	Notre Dame
Milledge, Lastings	OF	New York Mets/AA Binghamton	Palmetto, Fla.	HS Draftee
Mobley, Chris	RHP	Florida Marlins/A Greensboro	Kingsport, Tenn.	Middle Tennessee
Peterson, Brian	C	Cincinnati Reds/AA Chattanooga	Flower Mound, Texas	San Diego State
Phelps, Josh	IF	Tampa Bay Devil Rays/AAA Durham	Rathdrum, Idaho	HS Draftee
Phillips, Jason	RHP	Tampa Bay Devil Rays/AAA Durham	Montoursville, Pa.	HS Draftee
Trujillo, J.J.	RHP	IND Coastal Bend	Corpus Christi, Texas	Dallas Baptist
Ust, Brant	IF/OF	Boston Red Sox/A Wilmington	Redmond, Wash.	Notre Dame
Wells, Jared	RHP	San Diego Padres/AA Mobile	Brazoria, Texas	North Dakota
Zobrist, Ben	IF	Houston Astros/A Salem	Eureka, Ill.	Dallas Baptist

Coaching Staff

Johnson, Davey	Manager	-----	Winter Park, Fla. - Texas A&M/UTSA
Radinsky, Scott	Pitching Coach	Cleveland Indians/A Lake County	Simi Valley, Calif. HS Draftee
Eckstein, Rick	Assistant Coach	Washington Nationals/A Vermont	Sanford, Fla. Florida
May Jr., Lee	Hitting Coach	Cleveland Indians/R Burlington	Cincinnati, Ohio

Administration

Eric Campbell	General Manager	USA Baseball	Raleigh, NC
Wabeke, Doug	Administrator	Grand Rapids CC	Jenison, MI
Fierro, John	Athletic Trainer	-----	Gilbert, AZ
Dicke, Fred	Team Physician	-----	Scottsdale, AZ
Beal, Blayne	Press Officer	Texas Tech	Lubbock, Texas

Team USA World Cup Results

Date	Opponent	Result
Sept. 4	Colombia	W, 12-1
Sept. 5	Australia	W, 5-1

Sept. 6	Spain	W, 11-1
Sept. 7	Puerto Rico	W, 12-6
Sept. 9	Nicaragua	L, 14-2
Sept. 10	Japan	L, 7-6
Sept. 12	Czech Republic	W, 7-2
Sept. 13	Chinese Taipei	W, 5-4
Sept. 14	Cuba	L, 11-3
Sept. 16	Nicaragua	L, Forfeit, field playing conditions
Sept. 17	Puerto Rico	W, 11-3 (7 th)

**Q & A With OSU's Team USA Members Gunderson, Nickerson
By NCBWA Member Kip Carlson, Oregon State**

Oregon State's baseball team reported for fall practice this week, with the Beavers coming off a 2005 season that saw them win the Pacific-10 championship and advance to the College World Series. For OSU pitchers Kevin Gunderson and Jonah Nickerson, the summer meant another special event - earning places as part of Team USA, traveling internationally and playing against some of the world's best players.

Team USA consists of the top collegiate baseball players in the country; it is selected by USA Baseball, the governing body of the sport in the United States and a member of the United States Olympic Committee (USOC). The team performs each summer in a schedule of exhibition games across America and overseas, versus the world's top baseball talent. Its alumni include such Major Leaguers as Kevin Brown, Pat Burrell, Jose Cruz Jr., J.D. Drew, Nomar Garciaparra, Jason Giambi, Troy Glaus, Todd Helton, Mark Kotsay, Tino Martinez, Phil Nevin, Mark Prior, Jason Varitek, and Jeff Weaver.

Gunderson and Nickerson, both of whom are going into their junior seasons at Oregon State, were the Beavers' first-ever selections to Team USA, and they helped the squad compile a 16-4 record in an international tour that included games in the United States, Japan, Taiwan. Gunderson (Portland, Ore./Central Catholic HS) and Nickerson (Oregon City, Ore./Oregon City HS) capped the team's season by being the winning pitchers in both ends of a doubleheader against Nicaragua on Aug. 3 in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Gunderson was 1-0 with a 0.45 earned run average in 11 appearances (including the start against Nicaragua); in 20.0 innings, he allowed two runs (one earned) on 11 hits and three walks while striking out 17. Nickerson was 1-1 with a 2.00 ERA in six appearances (one start); in 18.0 innings he allowed six runs (four earned) on 14 hits and seven walks while striking out 23.

As the Beavers gathered to start working toward the 2006 season and defending their Pac-10 title, Gunderson and Nickerson talked about their summer experiences with Team USA.

(When you showed up for the Team USA tryouts after the College World Series, was it a little intimidating or had the experience of playing in Omaha and in the Pacific-10 really made you feel you belonged there?)

NICKERSON: "I didn't think it felt any different. It was obviously an honor to be there with all the great players, but I didn't think it felt any different. GUNDERSON: "Pretty much the same thing. Obviously, you're there for a reason - they hand-select these guys throughout the season. Like Jonah said, it's an honor, but you're there for a reason, for getting the job done during the season and having a good year. So everyone was there to hopefully make the team; if not, then they're just going to their respective summer leagues."

(When you got a look at the other players at the tryouts, were you confident you could make the team?)

N: "I wasn't really sure, because I know all the guys there were worthy of making the team; that's why they got the invitation. But I didn't really have a mindset of whether I was going to make the team or not after I saw the guys throw." G: "I know going in how many relievers they'd brought in and it wasn't that many, so I guess my chances were a little different than the starters, because there were more starting pitchers there. They said they'd move maybe one or two starters to the bullpen, but they said they didn't know how well that would work because those guys are used to starting and not coming in from the bullpen. There were only really three relievers who were there, and they all made the team, so it was a little different situation for myself as far as what I needed to do to make the team. I knew I was going to be a bullpen guy there and not a starter, so I didn't have to worry about switching roles. It definitely wasn't a lock, especially with the type of people that were there, but the odds were a little bit different and maybe a little more in the relievers favor to make the team."

(What's the best thing about being a member of Team USA?)

N: "Just representing your country with the best players in the nation, and going to places to play and people knowing you're the best in the country, and representing your country." G: "Just being able to walk around and have USA gear on and everybody knows you play on the U.S. national team, or at least you're a part of USA Baseball. It's kind of a great honor just to be able to do that, because you look at some of the alumni of USA Baseball and it's a long list of major league guys right now who are playing and being very successful. For me, it's more an honor and being able to represent your country and play against other teams from all over the world. It's a great time."

(Can you tell the different ways that different countries approach baseball and what it means in their cultures?)

G: "We started in the New England Collegiate League and played three exhibition games there, and that's U.S. baseball. Then we went to Japan and we knew it was big. I think we realized how big it was when we got on the bus right after we landed. Heading to our hotel, we had about an hour bus ride and they had a couple TVs on the bus, and there were baseball games all over the TVs, like every channel that you flipped through because they had cable on the busses. Every channel, you had a baseball game going. And to see the fan support they get at the major league games ... their crowds are different. They cheer real loud and they bang things all game long. In Japan, they take baseball real serious and it shows. They're really, really, really good at baseball. It's not that they're better than any of us over here, but they're so fundamentally sound. They just drill themselves to be fundamental in what they do, and they just feed off your mistakes so they let you screw up and then they take advantage of it. Then you're out of the game because they just had six singles in a row and scored six runs. They take baseball seriously, and so does Taiwan. They have a real good team; it was unfortunate we got stuck in that typhoon so we just played them twice instead of the five games. Nicaragua had a little bit of flair to them, but especially Japan and Taiwan you could see how they approach the game differently, even the fans. Everything is different about it." N: "Italy's team was older. Their first guy who threw against us was 42 years old; I think their youngest guy was 20. They had guys who were 35, 34."

College Marathon Games

By Phil Lowry, Special Contributor

I am a fellow NCBWA member. For 42 years, I've been researching baseball's longest and shortest games --- 20 or more innings, game time less than 90 minutes or more than 6 hours, elapsed time of more than 7 hours (including delays), rain delays of 3 or more hours, doubleheaders of 26 or more innings, all tripleheaders, and games ending after 1 AM, ever since my father and I attended a doubleheader August 9, 1963 which ended at 2:30 AM. The next day we discovered nobody could answer the question, "Is that the longest-ever day of baseball?"

The following records are not official in any way. They're just what I have found so far. The NAIA, NCAA, NCCAA, and NJCAA do not keep such records. I'm certain there are more such games waiting to be discovered, especially in the NAIA and NJCAA. I have found only one game time under 90 minutes so far. There have to be other such 4 ½-inning or 5-inning games lasting less than 90 minutes. I've discovered 22 games of 20 or more innings, 9 game times of 6+ hours, three doubleheaders lasting 26 or more innings, and seven tripleheaders.

If you know of any such games, anywhere, at any level, please contact me via e-mail at plowry1176@aol.com or via postal mail at 4323 Woodhill Road, Minnetonka, MN 55345. I'm especially interested in finding the record shortest single games and doubleheaders. Thank you very much for your help.

UNOFFICIAL NAIA RECORDS

LONGEST GAME TIME FOR SINGLE GAME. AND MOST INNINGS FOR SINGLE GAME – 6:00 and 21 innings – Babson Park, FL – 2/19/1999 and 2/20/1999 – Nova Southeastern Knights 9 Webber Warriors 8.

LONGEST GAME TIME FOR 9-INNING GAME – 4:30 - Dahlonaga – 4/23/2004 – Faulkner Eagles 19 Georgia Southwestern State Hurricanes 12 – finished at 1:30 AM.

MOST INNINGS FOR DOUBLEHEADER – 27 innings – Honolulu, HI – 4/13/1990 – Hawai'i Pacific Sea Warriors vs. Idaho (later Albertson) Coyotes, UNKNOWN GAME TIMES.

MOST INNINGS FOR TRIPLEHEADER - 27 innings – Miami Gardens, FL – 1/29/2005 – Lee Flames vs.

St. Thomas Bobcats; also Springfield, MO – 5/11/1996 – Benedictine Ravens vs. Missouri Valley Vikings, then two games vs. Evangel Crusaders, BALLPARKS UNKNOWN.

LATEST FINISH - 4:59 AM – Corbin, KY – 5/9/1996 – Lindsey Wilson Blue Raiders 8 Pikeville Bears 5.
UNKNOWN: SHORTEST GAME TIME FOR SINGLE GAME; SHORTEST COMBINED GAME TIME FOR DOUBLEHEADER; LONGEST COMBINED GAME TIME FOR TRIPLEHEADER; LONGEST COMBINED GAME TIME FOR DOUBLEHEADER; LONGEST GAME TIME FOR 9-INNING GAME; LONGEST RAIN DELAY

UNOFFICIAL NCAA DIVISION I RECORDS

SHORTEST GAME TIME FOR 9-INNING GAME – 1:39 - Eck Stadium, South Bend, IN – 4/1/2002 – Notre Dame Fighting Irish 1 Brigham Young Cougars 0.

SHORTEST GAME TIME - 1:10 – Carson Center Field, Evansville, IN – 5/1/1999 – Evansville Purple Aces 1 Southern Illinois Salukis 0 in 7 innings.

SHORTEST COMBINED GAME TIME FOR DOUBLEHEADER - 3:07 – Carson Center Field, Evansville, IN – 5/1/1999 – Evansville Purple Aces vs. Southern Illinois Salukis in 1:10 and 7 innings, then in 1:57 and 9 innings.

LONGEST GAME TIME FOR SINGLE GAME – 6:43 – Houston, TX – 2/21/1999 – Baylor Bears 8 Houston Cougars 2.

MOST INNINGS FOR SINGLE GAME – 22 innings – Lincoln, NB – 4/26/1974 – Colorado Buffaloes 2 Nebraska Cornhuskers 1; also Houston, TX – 2/21/1999 – Baylor Bears 8 Houston Cougars 2.

LONGEST ELAPSED TIME FOR SINGLE GAME, AND LONGEST RAIN DELAY - 10:02 = 1:50 game + 8:12 rain delay – Holyoke, MA – 5/24/1978 – Delaware Blue Hens 1 Harvard Crimson 0 in 6 innings, rain delay 8:12 top 7th.

LONGEST GAME TIME FOR 9-INNING GAME - 3:57 – Lubbock, TX – 3/6/2004 – Harvard Crimson 25 Air Force Falcons 20.

LONGEST ELAPSED TIME FOR 9-INNING GAME (QUESTIONABLE) - 6:15 = 5:15 game + 1:00 rain delay - Charleston, SC – 3/15/2001 – Citadel Bulldogs 5 Butler Bulldogs 1 – although the scoresheet and both school ADs confirm that this game began at 4 PM and finished at 10:15 PM, and was only delayed by rain for 60 minutes, it is hard to comprehend how 8 ½ innings could have taken 5 hours and 15 minutes to play; that is 44 minutes per inning.

LONGEST COMBINED GAME TIME FOR DOUBLEHEADER, AND MOST INNINGS FOR DOUBLEHEADER – 9:44 and 28 innings – Clemson, SC - 4/21/1996 – Georgia Southern Eagles vs. Clemson Tigers.

LONGEST COMBINED GAME TIME FOR TRIPLEHEADER – 10:20 - Lubbock, TX – 3/6/2004 – Harvard Crimson vs. Air Force Falcons, then two games vs. Texas Tech Red Raiders.

MOST INNINGS FOR TRIPLEHEADER – 28 innings - Salem, VA – 5/25/2003 – Georgia Tech Ramblin' Wreck vs. North Carolina Tar Heels, then vs. Florida State Seminoles, then vs. North Carolina State Wolfpack.

LATEST FINISH - 4:24 AM – South Bend, IN – 5/19/1989 – Notre Dame Fighting Irish 20 Dayton Flyers 4.

UNOFFICIAL NCAA DIVISION II RECORDS

LONGEST GAME TIME FOR SINGLE GAME AND MOST INNINGS FOR SINGLE GAME – 6:30 and 22 innings – Owensboro, KY - 4/20/1964 – Kentucky Wesleyan Panthers 8 Oakland City Mighty Oaks 7.

UNOFFICIAL NCAA DIVISION III RECORDS

LATEST FINISH - 2:28 AM – Memorial Stad, Salem, VA - 5/23/1998 – Montclair State Red Hawks 8 North Carolina Wesleyan Bishops 3 in 2:45.

UNOFFICIAL NCCAA RECORDS

LATEST FINISH - 7:15 AM – Chattanooga, TN – 5/3/1985 – Marion Wildcats 11 King's Purple Knights 1.

UNOFFICIAL NJCAA RECORDS

LONGEST GAME TIME FOR SINGLE GAME, AND MOST INNINGS FOR SINGLE GAME – 7:30 and 32 innings – Bradenton, FL - 4/4/1987 – Hillsborough Hawks 6 Manatee Lancers 4.

LONGEST RAIN DELAY – 4:00 – Memphis, TN – 3/23/1985 – Normandale Lions 3 Waubonsee Chiefs 2.

LATEST FINISH - 2:01 AM – Memphis, TN – 3/23/1985 – Shelby State 6 Waubonsee Chiefs 4.

OTHER NON-RECORD LONGEST AND SHORTEST GAMES BY STATE

ALABAMA

2:22 AM finish – Northcut Fld at Westgate Pk, Dothan – 3/1/2003 – NCAA - Troy Trojans 8 Kansas State Wildcats 7 in 5:22 and 18 innings.

1:41 AM finish – Joe Davis Stad, Huntsville – 5/21/1987 – NCAA - Arkansas Razorbacks 10 Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders 7 in 3:01.

CALIFORNIA

21 innings – Prepatara Diamond, Fullerton – 4/9/1927 – NCAA at High School - Pomona College Sagehens 4 Fullerton HS Indians 3 in 3:00.

20 innings – Blair Fld, Long Beach – 3/30/1973 – NCAA - Cal State San Jose Spartans 1 Cal State Long Beach 49ers 1 in 3:35.

2:00 AM finish – Smith Fld, San Diego – 3/26/1982 – NCAA - US Internatl Gulls 6 Cal State LA Golden Eagles 4 in 2:30.

FLORIDA

20 innings – Perry Fld, Gainesville – 4/22/1972 – NCAA – Auburn Tigers 7 Florida Gators 6 in 4:35.

27-inning tripleheader – Florida Memorial Fld, Hialeah – 1/30/2004 - NCAA – Morris Brown Wolverines vs. Savannah State Tigers, then Florida Memorial Lions, then Albany State Golden Rams, UNKNOWN GAME TIMES.

7:03 elapsed time = 2:51 game + 4:12 rain delay – Lakeland - 5/17/2003 – NCAA - Tampa Spartans 10 Florida Southern Moccasins 4.

1:25 AM finish – Osceola County Stad, Kissimmee – 5/7/1999 – NJCAA - Palm Beach Panthers 24 Miami Dade Sharks 7 in 2:40 and 7 innings.

INDIANA

21 innings – Carson Center Fld, Evansville - 3/7/1999 – NCAA - Memphis Tigers 4 Evansville Purple Aces 4 in 5:00.

20 innings – South Bend – 7/14/1945 – US Army Air Force at NCAA – Notre Dame Fighting Irish 1 Indianapolis Stout Army Air Field Airmen 0.

KANSAS

20 innings, and 6:28 – Frank Myers Fld, Manhattan – 4/9/2004 – NCAA - Texas Longhorns 10 Kansas State Wildcats 6.

KENTUCKY

7:31 elapsed time = 3:00 game + 4:31 rain delay – Paducah - 5/26/2004 – NCAA - Jacksonville State Gamecocks 15 Eastern Kentucky Colonels 0.

LOUISIANA

21 innings – J.C. Love Field, Ruston – 2/16/1985 – NAIA at NCAA - Louisiana Tech Bulldogs 2 Southern Arkansas Muleriders 1 in 4:54.

MASSACHUSETTS

26 innings – Young Ladies Institute Town Lot, Pittsfield – 7/1/1859 – Inter-Collegiate Assn - Amherst Lord Jeffs 73 Williams Ephs 32 in 3:30.

24 innings – Holmes Fld, Cambridge – 5/11/1877 – International Assn at Inter-Collegiate Assn –

Manchester Pros 0 Harvard Crimson 0 in 3:30.

20 innings – University Fld, Amherst – 5/13/1972 – NCAA - Connecticut Huskies 9 Massachusetts Minutemen 3 in 5:10.

MINNESOTA

4:35 AM finish – Metrodome, Minneapolis – 3/7/2004 – Dickinson State Bluehawks 9 Hamline Pipers 3 in 5 innings.

MISSISSIPPI

7:16 elapsed time = 2:42 game + 4:34 two rain delays - Cleveland - 5/13 and 5/14 and 5/15/2004 – NCAA - Southern Arkansas Muleriders 10 St. Mary's Rattlers 7, rain delay 1:30 bottom 2nd on 5/13, 2nd rain delay 3:04 bottom 2nd on 5/14.

NEW YORK

1:55 AM – College Stad (later Diethrick Pk), Jamestown – 5/25/1992 – NJCAA - Gloucester Roadrunners 14 Columbus State Cougars 8 in 4:10.

OHIO

21 innings – Miami Athletic Fld, Oxford - 5/30/1930 – NCAA - Miami Big Reds 2 Cincinnati Bearcats 1 in 3:30.

1:50 AM finish – Pioneer Pk, Marietta – 5/7/1996 – NCAA - Bethany Bison 6 Marietta Pioneers 0, then Bethany 5 Marietta 2.

OREGON

20 innings, and 27-inning doubleheader – Coleman Fld, Corvallis – 5/6/1972 – NCAA - Washington Huskies 2 Oregon State Beavers 1 in 4:38, then Oregon State 7 Washington 1 in 1:45 in 7 innings.

PENNSYLVANIA

1:20 AM finish – Veterans Stad, Philadelphia – 5/12/1998 – NCAA - Fordham Rams 3 Virginia Tech Hokies 1 in 2:30.

RHODE ISLAND

20 innings – Brown Diamond, Providence – 6/7/1924 – NCAA - Providence Friars 1 Brown Bears 0 in 4:00.

SOUTH CAROLINA

7:02 elapsed time = 2:34 game + 4:28 rain delay – Columbia - 6/12/2004 – NCAA - South Carolina Gamecocks 4 East Carolina Pirates 2.

TEXAS

20 innings, and 6:07 – Disch-Falk Fld, Austin – 5/15/1981 and 5/16/1981 - NCAA - Texas Longhorns 7 Rice Owls 6.

7:53 elapsed time = 3:30 game + 4:23 rain delay - Houston - 5/26/2001 – NCAA - Baylor Bears 11 Rice Owls 10.

3:00 AM finish – Hays Fld, Lubbock – 6/?/1983 – NAIA - Lewis-Clark Warriors 16 Lubbock Christian Chaparrals 15 in 4:30 and 14 innings.

1:05 AM finish – Olsen Fld, College Station – 5/5/1989 – NCAA - Arkansas Razorbacks 11 Texas A&M Aggies 9 in 5:57 and 16 innings.

UTAH

20 innings – Thunderbird Pk, Cedar City - 5/??/1981 – NAIA - Mesa State Mavericks 9 New Mexico Highlands Cowboys 8, UNKNOWN DATE, GAME TIME.

VIRGINIA

2:11 AM finish – Dan Daniel Pk, Danville – 4/19/2002 – NCAA - Averett Cougars 5 Greensboro Pride 0 in 2:11.

WEST VIRGINIA

3:15 AM finish – Watt Powell Pk, Charleston – 5/??/early 1980's – NAIA - West Virginia State Yellow Jackets over Davis & Elkins Senators.

2:52 AM finish – Princeton – 5/4/1997 – NAIA - West Virginia State Yellow Jackets 7 Shepherd Rams 6 in 3:12 and 12 innings.

WISCONSIN

2:30 AM finish – Pohlman Fld, Beloit – 4/20/1996 – NCAA - Beloit Buccaneers 9 Ripon Red Hawks 8, then Ripon 9 Beloit 7.

East Carolina to play game in support of C-USA Relief Fund

In support of the Conference USA Relief Fund, the East Carolina baseball team will conduct a 100-inning intrasquad game to help raise money for those victimized by Hurricane Katrina. The Friday night, Oct. 7 contest is scheduled to start at 6 p.m. at Clark-LeClair Stadium.

Admission to the 100-inning extravaganza is free to all fans and donations will be collected onsite.

Those wishing to donate to the C-USA Relief Fund should make their checks payable to "Conference USA." All donations are 100 percent tax deductible and should be sent to:

ECU Baseball
117 Scales Field House
East Carolina University
Greenville, NC 27858

"After seeing the devastation in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the players decided they wanted to help out," said Head Baseball Coach Randy Mazey. "It's frustrating to watch the images on television and not be able to help. The players came to me and asked about playing this game and collecting donations as a way of helping out."

Pepperdine's Kleen Named Scholar-Athlete of Year

Steve Kleen was a first team All-American by the National Collegiate Baseball Writer's Association (NCBWA), a unanimous first team All-West Coast Conference (WCC) selection and was one of five finalists for the NCBWA "Stopper of the Year Award" before being selected in the 11th round of June's First Year Player Draft by the Oakland A's.

A member of the Pepperdine program for four years and a two-time All-WCC selection, Kleen concluded his career with a .334 average, 15 home runs and 129 RBI while posting an 11-10 record, 3.31 ERA and 28 saves in a school-record 97 appearances. In 2005, Kleen batted .350 with eight home runs and 58 RBI as the Waves first baseman and went 4-3 with a 1.75 ERA and finished second in the nation with 17 saves. His saves total ranks second and 29 appearances tie for 10th on the school's all-time single-season lists. Kleen capped an outstanding senior campaign by pitching 18 consecutive scoreless innings over 12 appearances. He registered a 1-0 mark, 0.00 ERA and two saves in four appearances during the Long Beach Regional. In 5.2 innings, Kleen allowed two hits, one walk and struck out six en route to being named to the all-region team.

Kleen twice earned WCC Player of the Month recognition, earning the honor for February and May and was on the Watch List for the Brooks Wallace Award that is presented to the country's top collegiate baseball player. He helped Pepperdine post a 41-23 overall record, capture the WCC title, advance to the championship game of the NCAA Long Beach Regional and conclude the year with a national Top 25 ranking. In addition to his impressive accomplishments on the field, Kleen also excelled in the classroom while earning a degree in sports medicine. He was named to the District 8 All-Academic Team, WCC All-Academic Team and to the WCC Commissioner's Honor, earning Silver distinction.

Pepperdine Alumnus Lowry Giving More Than Field Assists

Someone once asked legendary humanitarian Mother Teresa why she spent a lifetime helping others, considering it was just "a drop in the bucket" for the needy in the world. She replied, "It isn't a drop in the bucket, it's a drop in the ocean," and that if she didn't contribute, there would be one less drop.

In his own small way, Giants pitcher and Pepperdine standout Noah Lowry, the club's nominee for the 2005 Roberto Clemente Award, is doing his part for the less fortunate in the Bay Area, and routinely visits sick kids and underprivileged youngsters while off duty from baseball. It's nothing new for the native of Southern California, who would assist his mom and other members of his church in Ojai as they served food at homeless shelters, traveled to Mexico to spread Thanksgiving cheer and helped in other local causes. "I enjoy helping people, and it's been something I've done since I was a little kid, helping people out, whatever it may be," said Lowry, currently working with the Giants to donate funds for victims of Hurricane Katrina. I'm up here by myself in San Francisco and have a lot of alone time and down time, so it's a good opportunity to get out and help the community as much as I can," he said. "We've done a few things this year, and I'm involved in the Wender Weis Foundation for Children [relief to at-risk and underprivileged kids]. I'll be flying up here in October to help in their Halloween Heroes event. I did it last year, and there was a great turnout."

Lowry was selected as National League Pitcher of the Month in August after posting a 5-0 mark.

Gurley Named Assistant Coach at Ohio State

Harry Gurley has been named an assistant baseball coach at The Ohio State University, head coach Bob Todd announced.

Gurley has been retired since 2001 after more than 36 years in baseball at many different levels.

"Harry brings a great deal of experience with him to Ohio State," Todd, about to enter his 19th season at Ohio State, said. "He comes with a varied background. His high school teams won state championships. He has experience at the major college level with a Southern Illinois team that reached the College World Series. He has coached in the minor leagues and served as a major-league scout. He brings a great deal of knowledge and experience of the game, especially as a pitching coach."

Gurley, 65, who has spent the last four years in retirement in Lake Havasu City, Ariz., will work with the Buckeye pitchers and replaces Pat Bangston, who departed after last season to become the head coach at the University of Akron.

Gurley coached high school baseball for 30 years in three different states. After teaching at the junior high level for three years, Gurley got his first coaching job at Hazelwood High School in Florissant, Mo. from 1967-69 and again from 1972-75. He coached the Hawks to the 1974 Missouri state championship. After the 1975 season, Gurley went to Lake Havasu City, Ariz. and coached Lake Havasu High School from 1976-91 and served as the school's athletics director for four years. The Fighting Knights finished second in the 1983 state tournament. When he left after the 1991 season, he took a job at Kingwood High School in Kingwood, Texas, a northeast Houston suburb. His 1997 team won the regional championship, coming within one game of the state semifinals.

Following his seven seasons at Kingwood (1992-98), Gurley was a pitching coach for the Nevada (Mo.) Griffins that won the Jayhawk Collegiate Baseball Summer League championship and went on to finish second in the 1998 NBC Tournament in Wichita, Kan. He spent one season, 1984, as manager of the Helena (Mont.) Gold Sox of the Pioneer League (Class A) and led them to the league championship. Gurley also coached American Legion baseball early in his career and guided the Thoman-Boothe American Legion team in Overland, Mo., to the state championship in 1967 and 1968.

After coaching in the Jayhawk League in 1998, Gurley spent four years as an associate scout for the Kansas City Royals and the St. Louis Cardinals.

Gurley has coached a total of 25 players who have played professional baseball, including 12 players who have played Major League Baseball. Four of his pupils - Jeff Austin, Ryan Jorgensen, Mark Mangum and Bob Milacki - were drafted in the first round of the MLB Draft, including three in four consecutive seasons when he coached at Kingwood High School.

Rick Reed Tabbed as Assistant at Marshall

Marshall head baseball coach Dave Piepenbrink announced the hiring of former major league all-star pitcher and Thundering Herd standout Rick Reed as the school's new pitching coach August 20.

"Rick brings a great deal of baseball knowledge and experience at the highest levels of baseball to our program," Piepenbrink said. "He is a quality individual that cares not only about this University, but the Huntington community as a whole. He will truly be an asset to our program."

Reed replaces Tom Carty, who recently accepted a coaching position with Georgia College & State University. Reed, 40, has 17 years of professional baseball experience as a pitcher in the Minor and Major Leagues. He has also served as a consultant to Minor League pitching staffs during past spring training sessions.

"I can't wait to get started," Reed said. "This is a great opportunity and I am looking forward to it. This is something that I have thought about for a while, and I am ready."

Over the course of his professional career, Reed has pitched for the Minnesota Twins (2001-2004), New York Mets (1996-2001), Cincinnati Reds (1994), Texas Rangers, Kansas City Royals (1996), and the Pittsburgh Pirates (1995). He was named to the National League All-Star team in both 1998 and 2001 as a member of the New York Mets and also pitched in the 2000 World Series against the Yankees. In 1998, Reed posted a career-high 16 wins with a 3.48 earned run average, while striking out a career-high 153 batters and walking only 29.

Reed attended Marshall for 1984 and 1985, and played the 1985 season under legendary MU head coach Jack Cook (422 wins in 24 seasons), leading the Herd in appearances with 17, at the time a new Marshall record, and saving three games, which tied the existing school record. Reed was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the 26th round of the 1986 amateur draft. He later signed as a free agent with the Reds in 1994.

LeCroy Named Western Carolina Assistant Coach

Western Carolina head baseball coach Todd Raleigh announced in August the addition of Bradley LeCroy (pronounced lee-CROY) as assistant coach. LeCroy, who will coach the infielders, played at Clemson (1997-2000) and coached with the Tigers for the past three seasons.

"I am excited to have Bradley join our staff," Raleigh said. "He is a quality person, came from a good program and has College World Series experience. He will be a good asset to both our infielders and Western Carolina. He played for and coached with Coach (Jack) Leggett at Clemson, similar to me, so Bradley is already familiar with the system and, more importantly, knows about winning."

Although the Anderson, S.C., native and Wahalla (S.C.) High product has only coached for a short time, LeCroy has already built an impressive resume. The 2003 season was his first coaching at Clemson, his alma mater. The Tigers had a .326 team batting average in Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) regular-season games, the best mark in the league by 19 points. The .969 fielding percentage that season also ranks third-best in Tiger history.

LeCroy coached four all-conference players in 2003, all of which comprised the Tigers' starting infield. Included in that list were underclassmen Brad McCann (3B) and Russell Triplett (SS). Michael Johnson (1B) and David Slevin (2B), who were seniors in 2003, also earned All-ACC honors as infielders during the 2003 season.

All-Time Division Team Records: Nos. 101-200

Continuing the series, listings of teams from Nos. 101-200 in the all-time Division I standings. Thanks to many who have sent corrections in additions to the ones listed earlier in the newsletter. Please contact bo@big12sports.com with any additional updates on these.

All-Time NCAA Division I Baseball Records
(Ranked by Victories; Research: University of Minnesota, Big 12 Conference;
Through 2005 Season)

School	Seasons	Overall	Pct.	All Conference Games	Pct.
101. Western Kentucky	95	1,416-1,146-18	.553	329-367	.473
102. Birmingham-Southern	39	1,409-629-1	.691	127-39	.765
102. Louisiana Tech	62	1,409-1,186-3	.543	622-544	.533
104. Oral Roberts	39	1,406-724-4	.660	213-27	.888
104. Houston	59	1,406-1,047-15	.573	406-376	.519
106. Wisconsin	114	1,391-1,164-27	.544	542-541	.501
107. Memphis	56	1,388-1,016-14	.577	107-164	.395
108. Cal State Fullerton	31	1,386-581-6	.705	554-185	.750
109. Eastern Illinois	100	1,382-1,179-4	.543	127-80	.614
110. Georgetown	112	1,381-1,441-3	.449	113-303	.272
111. Sacramento State	47	1,380-1,197-19	.536	79-141	.359
111. Maryland	114	1,380-1,315-31	.512	340-552	.381
113. Cal State Northridge	47	1,369-1,080-20	.559	490-403	.549
114. Massachusetts	122	1,366-1,213-18	.530	82-74	.526
115. Army	116	1,360-1,141-38	.544	83-55	.601
115. Bowling Green	86	1,360-1,126-26	.547	479-519	.480
117. Northern Colorado	82	1,347-945-3	.588	92-63	.594
118. Iowa State	110	1,346-1,412-17	.488	479-694	.408
119. Dallas Baptist	35	1,343-719-2	.651	----	.000
119. Jacksonville	49	1,343-1,044	.563	316-248	.560
119. Connecticut	110	1,343-1,111-27	.547	235-235	.500
122. Western Michigan	58	1,337-991-13	.574	635-423	.600
123. Brown	142	1,333-1,460-39	.477	332-413	.446
124. UC Santa Barbara	59	1,329-1,286-18	.508	511-644	.442
125. Old Dominion	73	1,325-1,018-13	.566	147-149	.497
126. Temple	77	1,324-1,054-31	.557	75-86	.466
127. Kent State	78	1,284-1,020-10	.557	526-540	.493
128. Texas Tech	58	1,279-957-8	.572	404-456	.470
129. Troy	51	1,276-743-1	.632	326-214-1	.604
130. Ball State	84	1,266-1,181-14	.517	374-395	.486
131. Northwestern State	94	1,257-1,188-14	.514	460-450	.505
132. The Citadel	52	1,252-838-3	.599	551-329	.626
133. Southern Miss	77	1,251-1,059-10	.542	168-107	.611
134. Florida International	32	1,248-685	.646	186-129	.590
135. Eastern Kentucky	62	1,246-1,001-9	.555	340-284	.545
136. Lipscomb	33	1,238-598	.674	17-43	.283
137. Portland	81	1,221-1,288-9	.487	526-809	.394
138. Detroit	64	1,212-1,070-2	.531	36-80	.310
139. UNLV	39	1,229-938-5	.567	398-390	.505
140. Lamar	53	1,223-892	.578	427-297	.590
141. UNC-Wilmington	49	1,220-867-7	.585	99-52	.656
142. Missouri State	41	1,202-710-1	.629	424-240	.639
143. UC Davis	68	1,197-1,281-17	.483	707-564	.556
144. Akron	106	1,194-1,177-19	.504	192-263	.422
145. Nicholls State	46	1,185-982-9	.573	347-335	.509
146. Boston College	96	1,182-909-21	.565	195-255	.433
147. Murray State	66	1,174-1,013-16	.537	330-307	.518
148. New Orleans	36	1,166-848-1	.579	227-189	.546
149. Illinois-Chicago	57	1,164-1,091-9	.516	87-58	.600
150. USF	40	1,163-902-5	.563	236-218	.520
151. San Diego	48	1,158-1,080-21	.517	361-398	.476
152. UL Monroe	54	1,157-1,057-9	.527	439-351	.556
153. Southeastern Louisiana	55	1,156-1,147-12	.502	69-115	.375
154. Creighton	42	1,155-878-7	.568	289-277	.511

155. Middle Tennessee	45	1,154-876-7	.568	388-251	.607
156. UCF	33	1,150-701-10	.621	232-132	.637
157. Northern Iowa	106	1,145-1,199-10	.488	325-395	.451
158. Cincinnati	95	1,142-1,242-16	.479	137-210	.395
158. Pacific (Calif.)	59	1,142-1,350-8	.452	356-548	.372
160. McNeese State	54	1,136-1,114-8	.505	312-338	.480
161. Providence	76	1,133-858-13	.569	177-133	.571
162. Rider	63	1,130-878-14	.562	100-86	.538
163. Jacksonville State	36	1,123-571	.663	85-125	.405
164. UL Lafayette	34	1,122-767-3	.594	355-236-2	.601
165. Toledo	81	1,121-1,232-20	.476	398-608	.396
166. Mercer	59	1,113-1,053-5	.514	65-107	.373
167. Gonzaga	41	1,107-949-5	.538	661-645	.506
168. Northeastern	85	1,106-1,018-14	.521	204-146	.583
169. Northern Illinois	106	1,105-1,205-25	.478	123-222	.357
170. Austin Peay	66	1,081-1,152-12	.484	301-317	.487
171. Marshall	95	1,080-1,186-9	.477	274-462	.372
172. Lehigh	121	1,078-1,283-22	.457	65-75	.464
173. Davidson	111	1,076-1,638-14	.396	318-480	.398
174. Loyola Marymount	37	1,075-1,062-4	.503	527-464	.532
175. Coastal Carolina	30	1,074-618-1	.635	102-39	.723
175. Bucknell	118	1,074-1,244-20	.463	79-63	.556
177. Butler	94	1,071-1,211-11	.469	74-68	.521
178. Morehead State	65	1,064-1,023	.510	329-297	.526
179. Occidental	64	1,063-673-16	.612	5-5	.500
180. George Washington	58	1,061-911-11	.538	217-145	.599
181. James Madison	37	1,056-649-7	.619	72-79	.477
182. Dartmouth	138	1,044-1,160-10	.474	479-461	.510
183. Centenary	58	1,030-1,106-6	.482	36-37	.493
184. George Mason	38	1,027-803-9	.561	180-180	.500
185. Evansville	63	1,026-988-13	.509	159-171	.482
186. Tennessee Tech	58	1,025-1,103	.482	276-362	.433
187. Long Island	67	1,018-719-16	.586	73-90	.448
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189. Wyoming	59	1,009-1,057-4	.488	184-233	.441
190. Nevada	36	1,007-853-5	.541	585-546	.517
191. Texas-Arlington	36	1,004-901-1	.527	346-299	.536
192. UC Riverside	32	1,002-736-3	.577	46-41	.529
193. William & Mary	107	996-1,113-13	.472	233-422	.356
194. New Mexico State	44	980-1,133-4	.464	185-391	.321
195. South Dakota State	59	969-819-3	.542	---	.000
196. Dayton	84	967-1,172-11	.452	78-82	.488
197. Arkansas State	58	960-1,223-8	.440	354-486	.421
198. Jackson State	33	953-674-3	.586	216-85	.718
199. Belmont	51	948-707-1	.573	53-69	.434
200. Southeast Missouri	46	945-733-10	.563	223-130	.632

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