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Welcome to the 45th MBCA Coaches Clinic at the Doubletree Inn in Westborough. Clinic coordinators Frank Carey and Harvey Krupnick have again put together an outstanding lineup of speakers. Special thanks to our Grand Slam and Triple Play Sponsors: **Championship-Award Guys, Boston Red Sox, National Fundraising Partners, The Game and On Deck Sports** for making it possible for us to continue to improve on a great weekend. Thanks also to **National Fundraising Partners** for hosting our Friday night social, and **Akadema** and **Miller Net** for sponsoring the Friday morning and Saturday morning coffee respectively. Please patronize our sponsors and the many vendors who have joined us for this weekend.

2012 MBCA HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Congratulations to the members of this year's class of the Massachusetts Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame: Please join us in honoring our new MBCA Hall of Fame members at the banquet on Saturday night. All are deserving of our recognition.

Neil Luke Greenwald, Tahanto Regional High School: Neil has been coaching baseball for 31 years, 24 as the Head Coach at Tahanto Regional. During that time his teams have won 3 league championships (94, 99, 04), a Central Massachusetts Division 3 Sectional Championship (93) and were a finalist in the State Division 3 State Championship that year. His team's record is 313 wins, 197 losses for a winning percentage of 61%. He is a member of the MBCA 300 Victory Club. Neil's teams have consistently qualified for tournament play and are the only team in the school's history that has participated in the MIAA state finals. For a school with a very small population, Neil has always had very competitive and hardworking teams that exemplified the meaning of good sportsmanship.

John Freitas, Needham High School: John has coached in the Needham School System for 43 years, 6 as an assistant coach and the last 37 as the head coach. During that time his teams have won over 300 games and multiple championships while a member of the Bay State Conference's Carey Division. Needham has also qualified for the post season 14 times during John's tenure. John was named as the BSC Coach of the Year in 2001 and 2007. John has had 5 players drafted by major league teams and over 52 have gone on to play in college. The coaches in the Bay State League have high praise for the way his teams conduct themselves both on and off the field. They feel he is a first class coach who teaches young men how to act and perform while competing at a very high level on the field.

Leo Duggan, Oliver Ames High School: Coach Duggan is currently in his 41st year of high school coaching. Leo has never had a year when he was not coaching a high school sport. Assistant football, freshmen and JV baseball, varsity softball, varsity golf and of course varsity baseball are a part of his coaching history. Leo has been the Varsity Baseball coach at OASH since 1987 and begins his 27th year this spring. During his tenure, coach Duggan's teams have won 351 games, 5 Hockomock League Championships, and 1 State Championship. He was selected Coach of the Year by the Boston Globe in 1993. He is a member of the MBCA and ABCA 300 victory clubs. In 1993 and 1995 he was selected to coach in North-South All Star game.

Joel Peckham, Sharon High School: Coach Peckham graduated from Winchester High School where he played football, basketball and baseball. While at Tufts University in his senior year he was the captain of both the basketball and baseball teams and was selected to the ABCA All-American Team in 1962. He is a member of the Winchester Sports Foundation and Tufts Jumbo Club Hall of Fames. His record at Sharon High School is 424 wins and 391 losses. His teams have won 2 Hockomock Championships and qualified for the State Tournament 21 times. In 1999 they reached the South Sectional Finals. Joel has devoted 40 years of his life to the sport of baseball. He has enriched the baseball experience for his players by planning annual trips to Cooperstown or other special tournaments and by conducting annual clinics for the youth teams in Sharon.

John D. Seed, Jr., New Bedford High School: John was an outstanding New Bedford athlete who attended the University of Massachusetts. He captained the 1976 team and compiled a career batting average of .312, earning first team All-New England honors in his senior year. Coach Seed's career at New Bedford spans 29 years, 21 as head coach. His coaching record speaks for itself as his 295 wins, 10 Conference Championships, and 3 State Division I Championships would attest. Opposing coaches could not only count on a competitive game but also face a team that respected the game, opponents, and officials. Coach Seed is considered a first-rate baseball coach and first-rate gentleman as well.

MBCA NEWS AND NOTES

Happy retirement to Peter Moscariello: Pete Moscariello, a long time and valuable board member has decided to retire and step down from his MBCA responsibilities. Pete spent countless hours studying and researching information concerning the aluminum and wood bat issue. Pete's detailed research and presentations regarding the effects of aluminum bats in comparison to wood bats provided the members of the MBCA with updated and accurate data to make informed decisions. For many years Pete also served as the registration coordinator for the MBCA's annual clinic. Pete's effort and time over the years was greatly appreciated.

2012 MBCA ANNUAL SECTIONAL ALL-STAR GAMES

North/South Game

Tuesday June 19, 2012

Time: 7:00

Fraser Field – Lynn, Massachusetts

West/Central Game

Tuesday June 19, 2012

Time: 7:00

Site: TBA

2012 MBCA STATE JUNIOR SELECT ALL-STAR GAME

Sunday, June 17, 2012

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Robert Defelice Field - Bentley University - Waltham, Massachusetts

2012 MASSACHUSETTS / CONNECTICUT SENIOR AND JUNIOR SELECT ALL-STAR GAMES (DH)

Saturday June 23, 2012

Time: TBA

Site: TBA

For updated information on times, dates and sites please visit the MBCA website

2012 MBCA AWARD RECIPIENTS

FRED EBBETT AWARD

Dick Paster – Westwood Legion

Steve August – NE Roughnecks

Phil Samco – District 4 legion

ASSISTANT COACH OF THE YEAR

Al Fordiani – Lincoln Sudbury High School

Jack Veo – Hudson High School

Mark Petruzella – Pittsfield High School

Congratulations to Frank Carey: Frank Carey will be inducted into this year's class of the BCA Coaches Hall of Fame. Frank has been coaching at North Reading High School for 48 years while accumulating over 600 wins. His teams have won 23 League Championships, two Eastern Massachusetts Championships and four State Championships. The North Reading community dedicated the varsity baseball field in his honor.

Frank was instrumental in founding the MBCA serving as its president from 1979-1980. Frank also has organized the MBCA Annual Clinic and the MBCA Sectional All-Star Games for many years. With the BCA, Frank has represented the New England region on the Executive Board, been a member of the Hall of Fame Committee and served as its president in 2006.

Kirk Fredericks, a former MBCA president, was selected as the BCA District 1 Coach of the Year. Kirk coaches the Warriors from Lincoln Sudbury who won the Division 1 State Title by beating Minnechaug 10-2 last June. It was the second Division 1 State Championship for Lincoln Sudbury in the last 5 years (2007). Lincoln Sudbury also captured the Division 2 State Championship in 2005. In addition to winning the 2011 Division 1 State Championship Coach Fredericks earned his 200 win this past season.

Welcome new board members: Dwayne Follette of Plymouth North High School, Erik Mandell of Minnechaug Regional and Justin Richards of Oxford High School.

William Herdiech of Greenfield High School was selected as the BCA District 1 Assistant Coach of the Year. Coach Herdiech has been an assistant to the Greenfield Baseball Team for 14 years. Prior to being an assistant at Greenfield, Bill coached both at the high school and community college levels. Bill is well respected by the members of the Greenfield coaching staff for his knowledge of the game.

Bob Roscoe / Strong's Field-East Bridgewater: Strong's Field located in East Bridgewater which is cared for by Bob Roscoe was named the BCA District 1 Field of the Year. Bob has spent countless hours taking care of one of the most beautiful fields in New England.

Dave MacLaughlan of Greater Lowell Technical High School and a member of the MBCA Executive Board received a service award from the BCA for his long time involvement in high school baseball. Dave just finished his 40th year; a wonderful accomplishment!

Tyler Beed of Lawrence Academy was named District 1 Regional Player of the Year and First Team All American by the BCA. In 51 innings pitched, Tyler recorded a record of 8-0, struck out 102 in only 51 innings and had an ERA of 0.69.

Patrick Connaughton and John Magliozzi of St. John's Prep (Danvers) and the Dexter School of Brookline respectively were both named to the BCA District 1 Regional Team. Patrick compiled a 2-2 record and a 1.83 ERA as a pitcher. As a position player he hit .400 and 4 home runs. As a pitcher for Brookline, John was undefeated with a record of 6-0, had an ERA of 1.25 and struck out 41 in 34 innings.

2011 MIAA BASEBALL CHAMPIONS

STATE CHAMPIONS

Division 1: Lincoln Sudbury: Coach – Kirk Fredericks: MVP – Matt Cahill
Division 2: Plymouth North: Coach – Dwayne Follette: MVP – Jamie Dougherty
Division 3: Newburyport: Coach – Bill Pettingell: MVP – Ryan O'Connor
Division 4: Cohasset: Coach – Peter Afanasiw: MVP – Jamie Faber

SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS

Eastern Mass – North

Division 1: Lincoln Sudbury: Coach – Kirk Fredericks: MVP – Dan Celluci
Division 2: North Andover: Coach – Todd Dulin: MVP – Brandon Walsh
Division 3: Newburyport: Coach – Bill Pettingell: MVP – Brett Fontaine
Division 4: Georgetown: Coach – Mark Rowe: MVP – Ryan Browner

Eastern Mass – South

Division 1: Franklin: Coach – Dave Niro: MVP – Tyler Buck
Division 2: Plymouth North: Coach – Dwayne Follette: MVP – Alex Rozak
Division 3: Apponequet: Coach – Robert Lomp: MVP – Chris Travers
Division 4: Cohasset: Coach – Pete Afanasiw: MVP – Jeff Cavanaro

Central Mass

Division 1: St. John's: Coach – Charlie Eppinger: MVP – Jimmy Smith
Division 2: Hudson: Coach – Timothy Reinhardt: MVP – Ryan Bowen
Division 3: Hopedale: Coach – Joe Small: MVP – Ian Strom

Western Mass

Division 1: Minnechaug: Coach – Eric Mandel: MVP – Greg Heineman
Division 2: Palmer: Coach – Peter Farr: MVP – Jake Graveline
Division 3: Pioneer Valley: Coach – Thomas Conway: MVP: Joe Larson

2011 MIAA SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

RANDOLPH HIGH SCHOOL

MBCA VICTORY CLUB

100 Victories

Keith Verra – Holliston H. S.
Brian Whelan – Westwood H. S.
Paul Funk – Yarmouth H. S.
Dan Hirsch – Arlington H. S.
Paul Worth – North Shore T.H.S
John Demagian – Northbridge H. S.

200 Victories

Kirk Fredericks – Lincoln Sudbury H.S.

300 Victories

Marc Pelletier – Central Catholic H. S.
Peter Farr – Palmer H.S.
Glenn Lincoln – Westport H. S.

600 Victories

Bill Pettingell – Newburyport H. S.
Jim Curtin – Burlington H. S.

2011 MBCA SECTIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ALL STAR GAMES

2011 North – South Sectional All-Star Game

The North-South 2011 MBCA Sectional All-Star Game was held at Fraser Field in Lynn. The South won a hard fought battle 12-7 over the North. Mike Molta from Nantucket was named the Most Valuable Player and Shaun McGrath of Everett was voted the Most Valuable Pitcher. The South squad was coached by Matt Marengi of Medfield and Paul Funk of Dennis-Yarmouth. The North was coached by Mike Caron of Cambridge Ringe and Latin and Paul Worth of North Shore Tech.

South: Mike Keleher (Medfield), Sean Newcomb (Middleboro), Dan Dymecki (Wellesley), Donny Murray (B.C. High), Alex Witkus (North Attleboro), David Podurgiel (Scituate), Ben Monteiro (Case Swansea), Dan Creel (Dennis-Yarmouth), Mike Molta (Nantucket), Ryan Bosswell (Greater New Bedford), Jeff Cavanaro (Cohasset), Mike Cahill (Plymouth North), Charlie LaPaglia (Marshfield), Matt Walsh (Plymouth North) and Chris Travers (Apponequet).

North: Ryan O'Connor (Newburyport), Shaun McGrath (Everett), Wil Marcel (Lexington), Victor Mendez (Lawrence), Adam Ravenelle (Lincoln Sudbury), Nelson Correa (West Roxbury), Nick Gikas (Danvers), Kyle Edwards (Lowell), Demetri Monovoukas (Lexington), Dave Ruggiero (Bishop Fenwick), Ramses Vittini (Peabody), David Marte (Brighton), Mark Cornelius (Westford), Paul Yanakopulos (Malden Catholic), Corey Donovan (Greater Lowell) and Derek Frazier (North Shore Tech).

2011 West-Central Sectional All-Star Game

The West-Central 2011 MBCA Sectional All-Star Game was held at Greenfield High School in Greenfield. The West beat the Central squad by a score of 9-1. Garrison Banas of Hopkins was named the Outstanding Pitcher and Todd Ezold of Westfield was voted the Most Valuable Player. The West was coached by Austin Kimball of Agawam, Mike Kennedy of Westfield and Juan Rodriquez of Dean Tech.

Central: Steve Roche (St. Peters), Gio Pasquale (Doherty), AJ Zarosny (St. John's), John Boyd (Worcester Tech), Mike Mastrotaro (Worcester Tech), Mike Fusaro (Burncoat), Nils Carson (Worcester Academy), Steve Trychon (Wachusett), John Connor (Doherty), Kyle McGinnity (Algonquin), Steve Collela (Leominster), and Connor McDavitt Wachusett).

West: Garrison Banas (Hopkins), Forrest Boivin (Ware), Kyle Szatrowski (Agawam), Edgar Diaz (Dean Tech), Joe Teed (Longmeadow), Rory Slattery (Taconic), Tyler Benoit (Drury), Chase Priete (Drury), Frederick Andujar (Holyoke), Kenny Morrisino (East Longmeadow), Eric Perez (Central), Brandon Casella (St. Joseph), Matt Lattanzi (Belchertown), Adam Majka (Granby), Todd Ezold (Westfield), Steffen Herter (Amherst), Kevin Sugermeier (Minnechaug), Matt Warren (Minnechaug) and Joe Periak (Chicopee).

2011 NEW ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL ALL-STAR GAMES

In this year's game, the Massachusetts All-Stars were scheduled to take on the New Hampshire All-Stars and the Connecticut All-Stars were to play Rhode Island. Unfortunately the weather did not cooperate and as a result both games were rained out. Below are the members selected to the Massachusetts All-Star Team:

Massachusetts State All-Star Team

The staff from Plymouth North including Dwayne Follette, Tim Walsh and Paul Coffin was chosen to coach the team. Massachusetts All-Stars selected for the game included: Dave Ruggiero (Bishop Fenwick), Paul Yanakopulos (Malden Catholic), Garrison Banas (Hopkins), John Boyd (Worcester Tech), Kyle Szatrowski (Agawam), Wil Marcel (Lexington), Ramses Vittini (Peabody), Joe Perlak (Chicopee), Steffen Herter (Amherst), Todd Ezold (Westfield), Mike Mastrotaro (Worcester Tech), Mike Molta (Nantucket), Donny Murray (B.C. High), Adam Revenelle (Lincoln Sudbury), Mike Cahill (Plymouth North), Chris Travers (Apponequet), Shaun McGrath (Everett) and Matt Walsh (Plymouth North).

2011 MBCA STATE JUNIOR SELECT ALL-STAR GAMES

2011 State Junior Select All-Star Game

The MBCA State Junior Select All-Star Game was held on Sunday, June 19 at 2 p.m. at Bob Defelice Field at Bentley University in Waltham. The game scheduled the top juniors from Eastern Massachusetts vs. the top juniors from Central and Western Massachusetts. The West-Central won an exciting game over the East 8-5. The game was coached by Dwayne Follette (Plymouth North), Mike O'Keefe (Chelmsford), Paul Funk (Dennis-Yarmouth) and Ronnie Drouin (Tewksbury) for Eastern Massachusetts and Jim Woods (Granby), Tom Lescarbeau (McCann Tech), and Brian Davis (Southbridge) for Western-Central Massachusetts.

Central-West:: Connor Fuller (Auburn), Mike Smith (Nipmuc Regional), Steve Flynn (St. Peter Marian), Mike Lemay (Oxford), Matt Abrain (Northbridge), Lee Albertson (Westfield), Bryan Goosens (Minnechaug), Peter Gregory (Taconic Regional), Tom Paine (Nipmuc Regional), Slayter Aubin (Hoosac Regional), Mike Croke (South Hadley), Matt O'Neil (East Longmeadow), John Kinne (Monument Mountain), Fran Crinella (Springfield Cathedral), Mike Walkowicz (Amherst Regional), Joelfi Arias (Springfield Central), Andrew Sadowski (Northampton), Adam Goldstein (Doherty), Dan Whigham (Quabbin), Ryan Wardwell (Hudson), Kevin O'Connor (Leominster), Sean McGrail (Burncoat), Caleb Nichol (David Prouty), Steve Moyers (East Longmeadow) and Scott Blanchette (Pittsfield).

East: Alex Rojak (Plymouth North), Alex Fiste (St. Mary's), Kyle Gauthier (Lynn Classical), Ryan McDonald (Acton-Boxborough), Ryan O'Shea (Oliver Ames), Brandon Walsh (North Andover), Connor Perry (Central Catholic), Bob Melley (BC High), Sean Glabicky (Malden Catholic), Chris Shaw (Lexington), Dan DeDonato (Chelmsford), Will Cousins (Medfield), Dan Cellucci (Lincoln Sudbury), Jason Hendy (Sandwich), Chris Hoyt (Xaverian), Peter Franchi (Lynnfield), Matt Montalto (Dennis-Yarmouth), Rory O'Connor (Lowell) and Tyler Buck (Franklin)

2011 Massachusetts – Connecticut State Junior Select All-Star Game

The first New England Challenge was held in Plainfield Connecticut this past June. The squad from Massachusetts pounded out 23 hits in a dominating 19-5 win. Leading the way were catcher Bob Melley (BC High) who went 3-for-4 with two doubles and six RBI's and Chris Shaw (Lexington) who hit a long tape-measure homerun over the center field fence. Sean Galbicky (Malden Catholic), Dan Cellucci (Lincoln Sudbury) and Brandon Walsh (North Andover) also had big hits. On the mound Alex Rozark (Plymouth North), Byran Goosens (Minnechaug) and Brandon Walsh all tossed scoreless innings. Bob Melley was named the Most Valuable Player and Brandon Walsh the Most Valuable Pitcher. The Massachusetts All-Stars were coached by Mark Baldwin.

The Massachusetts State Junior Select All-Star Team included: Nick Lemay (Oxford), Ryan McDonald (Acton-Boxboro), Alex Fiste (St.Mary's), Bryan Goosens (Minnechaug), Mike Walkowicz (Amherst), Alex Rozak (Plymouth North), Bob Melley (BC High), Connor Perry (Central Catholic), Brandon Walsh (North Andover), Sean Glabicky (Malden Catholic), Frank Crinella (Springfield Catholic), David DeDonato (Chelmsford), Adam Goldstein (Doherty), Dan Cellucci (Lincoln Sudbury), Joelfi Arias (Springfield Catholic), Chris Shaw (Lexington), Matt Montalto (Dennis Yarmouth), Pete Franchi (Lynnfield) and Dan Whigham (Quabbin)

Nominations needed: The MBCA is looking for yearly nominations in the following categories. If you feel there is a deserving baseball person, player or team in your community, the MBCA would appreciate your time to forward their name and accomplishments to an MBCA executive board member.

- **Fred Ebbett Award:** Award of Distinction
- **Assistant Coach of the Year**
- **Team Sportsmanship Award**
- **Players for the MBCA All-Star Game**

MIAA NEWS

The following is relevant news / comments from the MIAA. The MIAA is the state governing body for high school interscholastic athletics. It is important for all coaches to keep up with current rule changes.

NEW MIAA AWARDS

The MIAA, in cooperation with NESN, is sponsoring several new awards for athletes and coaches. The MIAA has asked us for help selecting Baseball Team Sportsmanship and Coach of the Year Awards. There will be four Sportsmanship Awards (one for each district) and one state-wide Baseball Coach of the Year Award. Nominations are due by March 23, 2012. To nominate worthy candidates, you may go to www.nesn.com/high, www.massbca.com, or call MIAA Student Service Dept at 598-541-7997.

The MIAA and NESN will also be presenting a Student-Athlete of the Month Award. This award will be presented on a monthly basis to one male and one female student-athlete who display excellence in the area of academics, athletics and community service. Nominations may be submitted by principals, athletic directors, coaches, guidance counselors or other school administrators and must be received by the last day of each month in order to qualify for that month's award. To nominate a student for this award, go the nesn.com/highschool or visit www.miaa.net.

- **Required Concussion Course:** The MIAA mandates the all coaches take the National Federation's online course "*Concussion in Sports – What You Need to Know*" on a yearly basis. Please check the MIAA website for additional information.
- **Game Ejections Down!** The Sportsmanship Committee sent a letter to the Baseball Committee acknowledging their efforts to promote sportsmanship during the past school year. Student and coach disqualifications decreased (57%) over the past year. A recommendation was made to continue the communication process of the "Strike Two" Policy to umpires and coaches again this year.
- **BBCOR Update:** All Massachusetts high schools must use BBCOR bats beginning this spring, the 2012 season. Middle/junior high schools must use BBCORs if those students are eligible for high school competition. (Ex: Grade 7-12 schools with a common principal). For more detail information please visit the MBCA website.

SUPER EIGHT BASEBALL TOURNAMENT PROPOSAL

Presently there is proposed Super Eight Baseball Tournament being considered by the MIAA. At this time the proposal is in its initial stages. The tournament is being proposed because based on percentages the private/catholic schools have dominated the MIAA division one high school baseball tournament. Many coaches in the MBCA and athletic directors in Massachusetts feel that there is an unfair playing field since the private/catholic schools have students from numerous communities.

A Super Eight Baseball Tournament would allow the top private and public schools to continue to compete together and at the same time potentially solve the problems that coaches and athletic directors have with the current format.

There are still many questions that need to be addressed including:

- Should this be a state wide tournament?
- What should be the ratio of private/catholic schools to public schools invited?
- What should the tournament format look like?
- Who should pick the teams that should be participating?

Please keep informed as your input is important to the MBCA

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CAN YOU NAME THEM?

The following questions were taken from “**Baseball Trivia Calendar**”.

1. Who was the MVP of the 2007 World Series? (Redsox vs. Cardinals)
2. Which American League hurler holds the record for most victories by a lefthander?
3. Which player hit the most home runs in the 1950s?
4. Who was the first American League shortstop to club 30 homers and knock in 100 runs in the same season?
5. Who was the MVP of the 1999 World Series? (Yankees vs. Braves)
6. Who was the first African American to play for the Yankees?
7. Which Houston Astros player was the first to win the National League MVP?
8. Which Dodger shortstop stole 104 bases in 1974?
9. Which Texas Ranger pitched a perfect game in 1994?
10. Whose all-time career stolen base record did Lou Brock break in 1979?

Answers: