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**2013-14
I.H.S.B.C.A.
DATES**

- Hall of Fame voting begins in September
- Fall District Meetings will be held in October
- State Clinic January 16 -18
- State Tourney Starts May 28th in 2014
- State Finals June 20th & 21st
- 2014 North/South All-Series at Richmond

CHAMPIONS CROWNED AT VICTORY FIELD

2013 State Finals

Baseball enthusiasts from around the state were treated to four exciting, competitive championship games this past June at Victory Field. For the first time since baseball was split into classes, all four games were decided by 1 run, keeping fans on the edge of their seats until the final out.

Friday evening a record crowd of 3,522 came out to watch a rematch of the 2006 title game. In the game, #1 Jasper got on the board first scoring in the 2nd inning to take a 1-0 lead before #3 Norwell was able to push single runs across the plate in the 3rd and 5th innings to take a 2-1 lead that they would not surrender. With the win, Norwell captured its 3rd title in 11 years and first under Head Coach Andy McClain who guided the 2013 Knights to a 33-3 record.

Saturday morning, Vincennes Rivet created early excitement as they scored single runs in the 3rd, 4th, & 5th innings to take a 3-0 lead going into the 6th. Central Catholic got one back in the 6th and 2 more in the 7th to tie it up at 3 apiece before pulling it out with a run in the 9th. With the win, Central Catholic (31-5) won its fifth consecutive 1A title and their 7th overall under Head Coach Tim Bordenet, equaling the number won by Hall of Fame Coach Ken Schreiber.

The 2A game featured the unranked South Spencer Rebels against the #1 ranked Northfield Norsemen. Both teams were able to score a run in the 2nd and it stayed that way until the Rebels scored 2 in the 5th to take a 3-1 lead. Northfield made it tight in their

half of the 7th by pushing a run across the plate to make it 3-2 but that was all they could muster as South Spencer (23-8) picked up their 2nd title in three years and third title overall under the leadership of Head Coach Brian Kuester.

Saturday's nightcap saw the #2 ranked Irish from Cathedral face off against the #3 ranked Blazers from Elkhart Central. In the bottom of the first, Elkhart Central got a lead-off home run and that would be all they would need as they held on for a 1-0 win. With the win the Blazers captured their first state baseball title in their first trip to the state finals. Head Coach Steve Stutsman led the team to a 32-1 record for the 2013 campaign.

Attention Coaches

As our association prepares to present proposals to the IIAAA & IHSAA this fall/winter we are working with the IHSAA to survey our membership. A survey will be sent to your principal and athletic director the first part of September and you need to voice your opinion. It has been conveyed to the IHSBCA leadership that surveys need to have an 85% return rate and that 70% of those returned need to be in favor of a proposal for it to be brought before the IIAAA & IHSAA. Let your administrators know this survey is coming and how you want to respond. The proposals are outlined on page 8 of the newsletter.

SOUTH SWEEPS N/S ALL-STAR SERIES

Fifty of the top seniors from the State of Indiana reported to Wabash College and their beautiful new baseball facility for the 39th annual All-Star Series.

In the series opener, the North got out to an early lead, which would be their only lead of the weekend as the South squad came back for a 7-3 win. In the nightcap, the South bats heated up as the North squad struggled on the

mound and in the field. As the dust settled on day one, the South squad closed out game 2 with a 13-0 victory. The final game of the series on Sunday was played with wood bats and the South won a pitcher's duel, 3-1.

The Don Jennings MVP Award was presented to Alex Krupa of Greenwood High School. Jostens will present Alex with a MVP ring.

The North maintains a 61-53 edge in the annual event.

Many thanks to Coach Stevens, the Wabash College and Crawfordsville H.S. coaching staffs and the many hands who helped make the All-Star event special.



2013 NORTH/SOUTH ALL-STAR SERIES—WABASH COLLEGE

JUNIOR SHOWCASE UPDATE

Dennis Kas and his staff again ran this event with great efficiency. The four hour format allowed more time for the 80 juniors on hand to demonstrate their abilities for the 28 college coaches and scouts from across the Midwest who were in attendance. The showcase was held at Goodrich Ballpark on the campus of Wabash College in Crawfordsville prior to the North/South Series. Thank you to Coach Stevens and the Wabash ground crew for their work in getting the field ready and maintaining it throughout the weekend. A change in format this year had the pitchers reporting first so that they had a better opportunity to participate in the rest of the showcase and most scouts and college coaches showed up early to see the arms. Many thanks also go out to EM-ROE who once again sponsored the showcase T-shirts.

FUTURE N/S SITES

2014	Richmond
2015	Indiana State University
2016	Whiting



2013-2014 Executive Council

President-Chris McIntyre New Albany
 1st VP-Steve Stutsman Elkhart Central
 2nd VP-Shane Edwards Oak Hill
 3rd VP-Scott Hughes Shelbyville
 Past Pres.-Kelby Weybright Norwell (Retired)
 Executive Director-Brian Abbott; 2340 Guilford St., Huntington, IN 46750



The IHSBCA would like to extend its condolences to the family of Lenny Buczkowski who passed away in July. Coach Buczkowski coached at South Bend Adams for 29 years, winning 474 games and was inducted to the Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame. In 1991 Coach Buczkowski will be missed by many.

VICTORY CLUB CONFERENCE CHAMPS VOLUNTEER SHEET

You will find forms to be completed and sent in for committee volunteers, Conference Champ List, players playing college baseball, facility improvements, and victory milestones at the back of this newsletter. Please take the time to complete the appropriate information and submit it to the respective individual. We include the information in future publications to keep our membership informed about your program and the programs in your area.

If you reached a victory level this past season, make sure we are informed so that we may honor your accomplishment at the State Clinic. College coaches this applies to you as well.

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2013 NORTH ALL-STARS

<u>COACHES:</u>	<u>CATCHERS:</u>	<u>THIRD BASE:</u>	<u>PITCHERS:</u>
Doug Greenlee-Kankakee Valley	Mike Crowley-Chesterton	Riley Benner-Tri-County	Luke Hunter-Norwell
Andy McClain-Norwell	Caleb Stayton-Elk. Christian	Luke Porter-Noblesville	Zack Ryan-Andean
Rob Fisher-Muncie Central	Glen McClain-Fremont	<u>OUTFIELDERS:</u>	Ryan Keaffaber-Northfield
Troy Miller-Northfield(Asst)	<u>FIRST BASE:</u>	Tanner Tully-Elkhart Central	Justin Curry-McCutcheon
<u>MIDDLE INFELDERS:</u>	Brock Logan-Northridge	Marcus Pingleton-Western	Hunter Gladish-Frontier
Ryan Burvan-Lake Central	Shea Beauchamp-Wabash	Nathan Manworren-Westfield	Jesse Smith-Griffith
Jackson Boyce-Leo	<u>FLEX PLAYER:</u>	Kyle Joyce-Hebron	Dean Hill-Boone Groove
Peter Ripke-Lafayette Jeff	Andrew Hubertz-Central Catholic		Zach Plesac-Crown Point
Hayden Woodard-Wapahani			Tyler Huth-Ft. Wayne Northrop

Special Thanks to Mark Colston(Wabash College) & Doug Horton(Crawfordsville H.S.)—Trainers for N/S Series and Steve Hoffman, Matt Buche, Darren Hass, and Mark Maxwell—Umpires for N/S Series.

2013 SOUTH ALL-STARS

<u>COACHES:</u>	<u>CATCHERS:</u>	<u>THIRD BASE:</u>	<u>PITCHERS:</u>
Phil McIntyre-North Central	Kaden Lawson-South Vermillion	Curtiss Irving-Greenfield-Central	Jeremy McKinney-Franklin
Terry Gobert-Jasper	Demetrius Webb-North Central	Bryce Pennington-Speedway	Trent Astle-Jeffersonville
Ricky Romans-Charlestown	Austin Sparks-Cathedral	<u>OUTFIELDERS:</u>	Patrick Green-Shakamak
Fay Spetter-T.H. North(Asst)	<u>FIRST BASE:</u>	Alex Krupa-Greenwood	Mac Lozer-North Central
<u>MIDDLE INFELDERS:</u>	Sam Wolf-Terre Haute North	Nolan Rogers-Bloomington South	Nick Gobert-Jasper
Tyler Walsh-Ev. Mater Dei	Colton Martin-North Posey	Troy Montgomery-Mount Vernon	Brayden Walls-Washington
Ryan Dills-Evansville North	<u>FLEX PLAYER:</u>	Jordan Jackson-Crawfordsville	Mitch Powers-Castle
Mike Hartnagel-Brownsburg	Garrett Sherrell-New Albany		Zack Brown-Seymour
Colby Stratten-Bloomington North			
Mitch Roman-Hamilton Southeastern			

IHSBCA District Reps for 2013-2014

District	Representative	School
A	Bob Shinkan	Munster
B	Rollie Thill	Boone Groove
C	Andy Brabender	Northridge
D	Pat McMahon	Canterbury
E	Tim Weeks	Kokomo
F	Mike Larrabee	Yorktown
G	Jay Malott	South Dearborn
H	Brad King	New Castle
I	Mark Grove	Churubusco
J	Tyler Rosenbarger	Benton Central
K	Matt Cherry	Fishers
L	Dan Ambrose	Her. Christian
M	Kyle Kraemer	T. H. South
N	Rick Romans	Charlestown
O	Terry Gobert	Jasper
P	Mike Goedde	Ev. Central

District H will need to elect a new District Representative at the Fall Meeting.

THE GAME, JOSTENS, & LOUISVILLE SLUGGER SUPPORT THE IHSBCA

We hope that each of you will give the companies who assist the IHSBCA strong consideration when ordering your baseball needs for 2013-2014.

Hats for the North/South series are provided by THE GAME Hat Co. who also provides the association with a check to help pay for the IHSBCA expenses.

Louisville Slugger provided batting practice shirts for the North/South players, as well as wood bats for the final game of the series.

Jostens provides us with a North/South MVP ring and the COTY rings presented at the Hall of Fame banquet during the clinic.

2013 PLAYER OF THE YEAR

This year when coaches voted for the All-State teams, they also had the opportunity to select the Indiana Player of the Year. The ballot included a nominee from each of the IHSBCA districts, plus any player who was drafted.

This years award was presented at the North/South All-Star banquet. The 2013 Indiana Player of the Year was Trey Ball who played at New Castle H.S. for Head Coach Brad King. Trey Ball was a first round pick and subsequently signed with the Boston Red Sox and is currently playing in the Rookie Gulf Coast League.

The member coaches in each of the 16 IH-SBCA Districts voted for their District Coach of the Year and District Umpire of the Year at their June Meetings. The COTY will be presented their awards at the banquet held during the IHSBCA State Clinic in January. Umpire of the Year recipients will receive their certificates by mail in September.

District	COTY	UOTY
A	Brian Jennings-Griffith	Tim Mills-Valparaiso
B	Jack Campbell-Chesterton	Tim Mills-Valparaiso
C	Steve Stutsman-Elkhart Central	Tony Gauglar-Jimtown
D	Jerry McDermid-Angola	Gary Tomlinson
E	Andy McClain-Norwell	Jason Kessler-Logansport
F	Brian Murphy-Greenfield Central	Darin Adams-Pendleton
G	Paul Strack-Franklin	Craig McCarty-Columbus
H	Tony Windle-Franklin County Brad Catey-Hagerstown	Ron Jobst-Batesville
I	Tony Uggen-Northfield	Bob Plummer-Bluffton Matt Shafer
J	Scott McTaggart-Lafayette Jeff	Kevin Keen-Lafayette
K	Ryan Bunnell-Westfield	Ryan Conley-Fishers
L	Rich Andriole-Cathedral	Kevin Brown-Indianapolis
M	Richard Hurt-Bloomington North	Steve Malone-Bloomington
N	Casey LaDuke-Floyd Central	Brent Simmons
O	Brian Kirchoff-Northeast Dubois	Scott Arthur-Loogootee
P	Dan Sparrow-Evansville North	Mike Rust



ALL-STATE TEAMS CHOSEN BY IHSBCA MEMBERSHIP

The members of the IHSBCA nominated and voted the following players All-State honors. Players selected in the free agent draft were automatic members of their respective teams. This years' players will be recognized with previous All-State teams on our website.

indicates drafted player

\$\$ drafted player signed

** indicates repeat first team performer

POSITION	PLAYER/GRADE	SCHOOL
4A FIRST TEAM		
Catcher	Garrett Sherrell(Sr.)	New Albany
1 st Base	Sam Wolf(Sr.)	T. H. North
2 nd Base	Ryan Burvan(Sr.)	Lake Central
3 rd Base	Colin Brockhouse(Jr.)	F.W. Northrop
SS	Mark Hartnagel(Sr.)	Brownsburg
OF	Tanner Tully(Sr.)	Elk. Central
OF	Nolan Rogers(Sr.)	Bloomington South
OF	Tyler Houston(Jr.)	Brownsburg
OF	Alex Krupa(Sr.)##**	Greenwood
P	Cory Malcolm(Sr.)	Elkhart Central
P	Ashe Russell(So.)	Cathedral
P	Trey Ball(Sr.)\$\$	New Castle
P	Zack Brown(Sr.)##	Seymour
P	Daniel Ayers(Sr.)\$\$	Columbus North
3A FIRST TEAM		
Catcher	Kaden Lawson(Sr.)	South Vermillion
1 st Base	Mark Geisler(Sr.)	Jasper
2 nd Base	Ben Wewe(Sr.)	Franklin County
3 rd Base	Zach Sizemore(Sr.)	Franklin County
SS	Jackson Boyce(Sr.)	Leo
SS	Josh VanMeter(Sr.)\$\$**	Norwell
OF	Troy Montgomery(Sr.)	Mount Vernon
OF	Marcus Pingleton(Sr.)**	Western
OF	Jordan Jackson(Sr.)**	Crawfordsville
P	Luke Hunter(Sr.)	Norwell
P	Skylar Parker(Sr.)	Angola
2A FIRST TEAM		
Catcher	Andy Roser(Sr.)**	Northfield
1 st Base	Shea Beauchamp(Sr.)	Wabash
2 nd Base	Austin Fuller(Sr.)	Union County
3 rd Base	Dakota Ware(Sr.)**	Seeger
SS	Logan Barnes(Sr.)	Taylor
SS	Tyler Walsh(Sr.)##	Evan. Mater Dei
OF	Judah Zickafoose(Jr.)	Westview
OF	Colton Martin(Sr.)	North Posey
OF	Larry Crisler(Jr.)	Bishop Noll
P	Ryan Keaffaber(Sr.)**	Northfield
P	Cole Bartlett(Sr.)	Hagerstown
1A FIRST TEAM		
Catcher	Kyle Mikesell(Jr.)	Frontier
1 st Base	Jon Miller(Sr.)**	Cowan
2 nd Base	Drake Fleck(Jr.)	North White
3 rd Base	Riley Benner(Sr.)	Tri-County
SS	Jake Churchill(Sr.)	Central Catholic
OF	Colin Hileman(Sr.)	North White
OF	Luke Miller(So.)	Cowan
OF	Pete Wissel(So.)	Blue River Valley
P	Nathan Hannan(Sr.)**	Rising Sun
P	Hunter Gladish(Sr.)	Frontier

HONORABLE MENTION ALL-STATE are listed on the IHSBCA website.

2013 HALL OF FAME ANNUAL GOLF EVENT

The Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame will be holding its annual Golf outing on Friday, October the 4th at Sultan's Run Golf Club in Jasper, Indiana. Shotgun start at 9 a.m.

If you are interested in putting a foursome together in the event or wish to be involved contact Ray Howard at: 812-482-2262 or by email at: rajahoward@psci.net

More information can also be found on the Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame website:
www.indbaseballhalloffame.org

NATIONAL CLINIC INFORMATION

The National High School Baseball Coaches Association will host its 2013 National Clinic December the 5th-8th in Tuscon, Arizona at the Doubletree Hotel at Reid Park. Additional information can be found on the BCA website:

www.baseballcoaches.org

The American Baseball Coaches Association will host its' 2014 Convention January the 2nd-5th in Dallas, Texas at the Hilton Anatole. Additional information can be found on the ABCA website:

www.abca.org

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2013 ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

Players were nominated by their high school coaches and their academic information was entered into the IHSBCA computer which measured the senior players against the established criteria. These players were then named Academic All-State. Certificates were mailed and then presented to each player by the head baseball coach.

PLAYER	SCHOOL	PLAYER	SCHOOL	PLAYER	SCHOOL
Zachary Dugan	Evansville North	Brandon Wagler	Barr-Reeve	Jordan Hochstetler	Fairfield
Jack Enlow	Mitchell	Danny Kennedy	Guerin Catholic	Trent Tatlock	Edinburgh
Andrew Roginski	McCutcheon	Chris Dietrich	Crown Point	Nathan Manworren	Westfield
Kevin Rex	Park Tudor	Pete Lannoo	Terre Haute South	Jensen Kirch	North Central (Indy)
Alex Carson	University	Nicholas Klemsz	University	Andrew Birky	Kouts
Alex Crowe	Munster	Mason Freese	North Central (Indy)	Colby Stratten	Bloomington North
D.J. Sternasty	Heritage Christian	Sam Goad	Evansville Mater Dei	A.J. Vleck	Greenwood
Chandler Brown	Churubusco	Alex Dunn	Jay County	Ryan Spesard	Carrol (Flora)
Ethan Lehnen	Valparaiso	Ross Canada	Mt. Vernon (Posey)	Seth Hershberger	Kouts
William Sherlock	Bishop Dwenger	Kolby Boyd	Tipton	Waylon Matthews	Loogootee
Matthew Haskell	North Central (Indy)	John Riddell	Rushville	Jace Martin	Oak Hill
Nathan Shelton	Norwell	Will Todd	Center Grove	Jay Petrie	Churubusco
Michael Deprez	Bishop Dwenger	Eric Mesarch	Portage	Luke Labus	Guerin Catholic
Matt Kotva	Concord	Andrew Rejer	New Palestine	Ryan Abbott	Union County
Luke Hunter	Norwell	Adam Meadows	Heritage Christian	Austin Starke	Carroll (Allen)
Jacob Zeller	North Central (Indy)	Adam Schroeder	Seton Catholic	Evan Woods	Clinton Praire
Alan Grusy	Northridge	Jake Dunbar	Guerin Catholic	Drew Schnitz	Huntington North
Mitch Powers	Castle	Jason Sawa	Boone Grove	Daniel Pobereyko	Bishop Noll
Hunter Leum	Brownsburg	Austin Brown	Griffith	Derrick Keppenbrock	Heritage Hills
Connor Curry	Floyd Central	Kyle Gleeson	Greenfield-Central	Kyle Hoeing	Rushville
Brody Forbes	West Lafayette	Chris Stevens	Hagerstown	Jake Deweese	Ben Davis
Caleb Stayton	Elkhart Christian	Danny Hamilton	Highland	Austin Henke	Goshen
Patrick Stimpson	Bishop Chatard	Logan Mullen	Evansville North	Matt Pauszek	Park Tudor
Tyler Fraley	Highland	Brennen Duke	North Knox	Brandon Benedict	Perry Meridian
Colin Scher	Fishers	Patrick Korman	South Bend St. Joseph	Alexander Kryah	Lawrence Central
Matt Schwaller	Adams Central	Drew Huffman	Connersville	Matt Bandor	Ft. Wayne Northrop
Branson Schroeder	Evansville Mater Dei	Geoffrey Bowles	Lawrence Central	River Vanzant	Mt. Vernon (Posey)
Jordan Bickle	Columbia City	Mike Hilbrich	Lowell	Joshua Etchberger	University
Dane O'Neal	Connersville	Bryson Jenkins	Castle	Matt Eppers	Elkhart Central
Brian Bangs	West Lafayette	Kyle Joseph Voegel	North Posey	Cole Kaser	John Glenn
Alex Freitag	Highland	Kyle Richardville	Vincennes Lincoln	Cal Murray	Park Tudor

MEDIA AWARD WINNERS

When coaches met for their District meeting in early June they selected the following persons as their MEDIA AWARD winners:

Dist.	Award Winner	Media
A	Nathan Laird	Regional Sports Network
B	Jim Peters	NWI Times
C	Steve Kraha	Elkhart Truth
D		
E	Greg VanMeter	Wells County Voice
F	Grant Freking	Greenfield Daily Reporter
G	Steve McClure	Franklin Daily Journal
H	Dan Harney	Nettle Creek Gazette
I	Gary Andrews	Wabash County Sports
	Rusty Nixon	Plymouth Pilot News
J	Mike Cleff	WLFI-News Channel 18
K	Don Jellison	Noblesville Daily Times
L	Pete Cava	Prep Baseball Report
M	John Montgomery	95.3 FM Radio
N	Matt Dennison	1450 AM-The Sports Buzz
O	Kurt Gutschell	WBDC Radio/WJTS Jasper
P	John Montgomery	95.3 FM Radio

The IHSBCA greatly appreciates their support of Indiana Baseball. Congratulations!

NEW FEDERATION RULES - 2014

The National Federation has made a few rule changes for the 2014 season. They have added backswing interference to Rule 7-3-5c and revised Rule 6-1-3 addressing the placement of a pitcher's pivot foot. The points of emphasis for the upcoming season include malicious contact, coaching attire and umpire authority and enforcement. For more information go to the 2013-2014 Baseball folder on the IHSAA website (IHSAA.org) or go to www.nfhs.org.

OPEN DATES

If you have any open dates on your 2014 schedule, we encourage you to get them listed. There is a link on our new and improved website ihsbca.org that allows you to view open dates and post your own for the 2014 season.



Coaches—Please take the time to fill out the forms and information on page 8 and send the items to the respective individual. Your participation and involvement in the IHSBCA is greatly appreciated!!

TEAM INDIANA UNDEFEATED IN MIDWEST CLASSIC

Team Indiana, a squad made up of incoming juniors and seniors, went 5-0 for the 2nd year in a row in the 13th annual Midwest Classic held in Plainfield Illinois, July 23rd-25th. The squad was led by Head Coach Dave Pishkur (Andrean) and assistant coaches Ryan Bunnell (Westfield), John Vode (Andrean), and Bill Lindsey (Westfield). A total of 16 states appear in the classic over a two week period. This year Team Indiana defeated squads from Pennsylvania, Missouri, Colorado and two teams from Illinois.

Players on the 2013 team were:

Bailey Parlow—Westfield
Cole McCrary—Westfield
Larry Crisler—Bishop Noll
Chandler Sanburn—Avon
Jonathon Azar—Munster

Alec Olund—Lake Central
Matt Kubacki—Chesterton
Logan Sowers—McCutcheon
Triston Polley—Brownsburg
Evan Miller—Laporte

Jake Dietz—Westfield
Nick Podkul—Andrean
Noah Burkholder—Crown Point
Jeff Scott—Clinton Central

BASEBALL STRIKES OUT KANCER UPDATE

The 2013 Baseball Strikes out Kancer campaign raised over \$15,000 for the American Cancer Society with a small number of school participating. Mark Grove— project chairman for the IHSCA is putting together plans with the ACS for next seasons campaign and it is the hope of the IHSCA that we eclipse the \$20,000 mark this next season. Coaches—start thinking about a game or an event that you could pair with the ACS this upcoming season for our best effort yet.

DID YOU KNOW!?!?

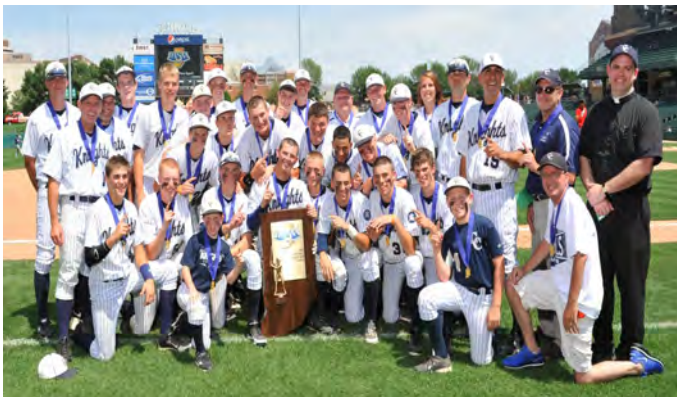
In 1960 Bobby Richardson became the only player to ever win the World Series MVP from the losing team as the Pirates defeated the Yankees.

Ken Ash is the only Major League pitcher to win a game after throwing only 1 pitch, which he did in 1930 for the Reds.

In 1905, Jack McCarthy, an outfielder for the Chicago Cubs, threw three runners out at the plate in the same inning.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2013 IHSAA STATE CHAMPIONS

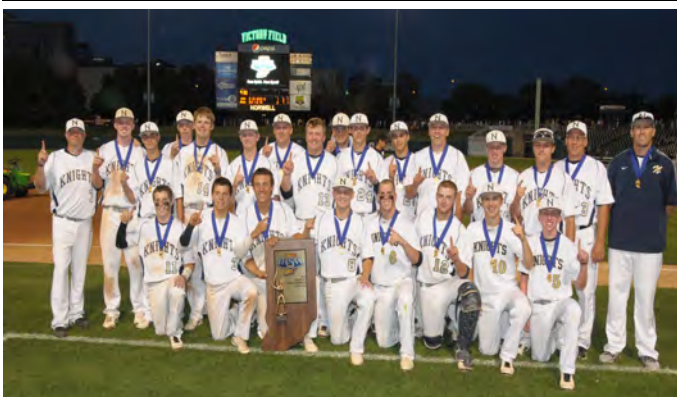
Lafayette Central Catholic Knights Class 1A



South Spencer Rebels Class 2A



Norwell Knights Class 3A



Elkhart Central Blazers Class 4A



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Greetings from beautiful Wabash College! The 2013 version of the North South All – Star Series is in the books and was a huge success. The weekend began on Friday with 80 players attending the junior showcase along with 28 college coaches and scouts. A new format was used this year and the college coaches were very appreciative of the change. The banquet followed Friday night with an excellent crowd of 230 people and was culminated with Trey Ball of New Castle High School winning the Indiana Baseball Player of the Year Award.

Saturday and Sunday belonged to the South All – Stars as they swept the series by the scores of 7 – 3, 13 – 0, and 3 – 1. Alex Krupa of Greenwood High School was selected MVP of the series and, therefore, received the Don Jennings Award. The town of Crawfordsville and the parents of the all – stars came out in force as the attendance was great all weekend. Wabash College Head Coach Cory Stevens did an outstanding job of hosting and promoting the series. Coach John Froedge and his Crawfordsville High School staff threw some great batting practice on Friday and provided a Hospitality Tent on Saturday that drew rave reviews from the coaches in attendance. Everything was first class and the IHSBCA was truly blessed with Wabash College and Crawfordsville High School hosting this event.

Please take the time to review the website and look over the material on the main page and also the many features that are now being offered. We are continually adding things to the site to get ready for a more productive 2014 season from our end. We are going to explore more payment options on the website, statistical reporting, and maybe even some online opportunities to interact with veteran coaches. We also need your feedback of how we can improve the current features as the whole site is still a work in progress, but we are getting closer!

FYI – We are considering moving to a digital newsletter in the future. The target date for this is August 2014 with the only mailing still being the newsletter for the state clinic. This will help reduce postage costs and also use the full capabilities of our website. If you still desire a mailed newsletter that option will still be available, but we hope most of our members will opt for the digital version.

FYI – The Social Hour at the State Finals has not been well attended the last two years and it costs us \$1100 to run it. The coaches that come really enjoy it (only costs \$5) and I would like to keep it, but without a sponsor or better attendance we may consider other options in the future.

This fall is our time to submit proposals to the IHSAA. A survey will be going out to schools in late August/early September from the IHSAA and will be e-mailed to principals and athletic directors so be aware of this and give input when asked. We need at least an 80% response rate to be heard by the IIAAA and the IHSAA.

Nominations for the Hall of Fame in the Players Category have been very minimal lately and we need to increase our nominee pool. Please share names that are Hall of Fame caliber so your leadership can pursue nominations for next year.

Thanks for all you do for baseball,

Brian

Dinosaur Shirts Available

Coaches—if you have put in 20 years of coaching, either as an assistant or head coach at the high school level we want to recognize that accomplishment by providing you with a **FREE IHSBCA Dinosaur Shirt**. Please contact Bill Jones and he will send you your shirt.

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IHSBCA Record Book - Coaches please submit any record updates ASAP to: Scott Hughes at—sdhughes@shelbycs.k12.in.us

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT—JEFF SAMARDZIJA

RHP Jeff Samardzija is currently in his 6th season with the Chicago Cubs and his second as a full-time member of the starting rotation. Jeff is a 2003 graduate of Valparaiso H.S. where he was All-State as a senior. Following graduation, Samardzija played football and baseball at Notre Dame before being selected by the Cubs in the 5th round of the 2006 draft. Chicago's opening day starter this season, Jeff is currently 7-11 in 26 starts with a 4.12 ERA in 168.1 innings of work. Jeff has 168 K's and has allowed 83 runs, 77 of them earned. Jeff made his debut with the Cubs in July of 2008.



