



## SABR CONVENTION JUNE 16-19 IN ARLINGTON, TEXAS

The 24th Annual SABR National Convention will be held at the Marriott Hotel in Arlington, Texas, directly across the street from THE BALLPARK IN ARLINGTON.

More than 40 presentations are expected along with many panel discussions, committee meetings, a Texas Rangers' game, trivia contests, Ballpark tours and a kickoff luncheon with no-hit and strikeout

king Nolan Ryan. In addition, numerous activities are also planned for the four-day extravaganza.

Our own Collegiate Baseball Research Committee will also play a key role in the activities of this year's SABR Convention.

The Collegiate Baseball Research Committee will stage its annual meeting on Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Please check the registration table for our specific room assignment and be ready to share ideas

and become an active member of our committee.

As the chairman of the Collegiate Research Committee, I am proud to report that our current membership has grown to 43. I look forward to meeting each of you on Saturday morning.

**John Mocek**  
Collegiate Committee  
Chairman

## 1994 COLLEGE BASEBALL CHAMPIONS

NCAA-I  
Oklahoma  
def.  
Georgia Tech  
13-5

NCAA-II  
Central Missouri St.  
def.  
Florida Southern  
14-9

NCAA-III  
Wisc.-Oshkosh  
def.  
Conn. Wesleyan  
6-2

NAIA  
Kennesaw State  
def.  
Southeastern Okla.  
2-0

JUNIOR COLLEGE  
Galveston  
def.  
Triton  
10-9

## COLLEGE WORLD SERIES NOTES


Larry Cochell won his first NCAA title with Oklahoma, but did you know that he is the only coach to take three different teams to the College World Series? Cochell led Oral Roberts University in 1978, California State-Fullerton in 1990 and Oklahoma twice, 1992 and 1994.


Central Missouri State University Head Coach Dave Van Horn won the NCAA-II title in his first year with the Mules. Van Horn took over the Warrensburg program after five seasons at Texarkana Junior College.


Attendance records fell again...A crowd of 21,530 filled Rosenblatt Stadium for the title game June 11 as Oklahoma defeated Georgia Tech, 13-5, in a game broadcast live nationwide on the CBS network.


## Jim Brock--Memorial


The college baseball world lost one of its most respected members when Jim Brock, a veteran of 23 years as a head coach, succumbed to a year-long battle with cancer. Brock made his 13th appearance in the College World Series last month, but was forced to leave his Arizona State team in Omaha when the illness escalated. His 1,100-440 record and two NCAA titles (1977 & 1981) rank among the all-time leaders.


 Bob Bennett became the 11th NCAA Division I coach to claim 1,000 career victories. Bennett led Fresno State University to an 8-2 victory over Hawaii-Hilo to claim the milestone victory. Bennett has been in the dugout for 26 years.

 Texas-Austin coach Cliff Gustafson became the all-time winningest coach in NCAA Division I history on April 22 when the Longhorns posted a 10-1 victory over Grand Canyon, giving "Gus" his 1,333rd win. Gustafson, in his 27th season, surpassed Southern California's legendary coach Rod Dedeaux.

 Gordie Gillespie, head coach of St. Francis of the NAIA, is the all-time winningest coach in college baseball with more than 1,400 victories.

 The nation's second winningest junior college coach, Bill Griffin, announced his retirement after 37 years in uniform. The mentor at Howard, Panola and Northeast Texas Junior Colleges, Griffin collected 1,148 victories and claimed national championships at both Howard and Panola.

 Miami's pitching coach, Lazaro Collazo, married Michelle Card on Feb. 5 during the seventh-inning stretch of the Hurricane's 3-1 victory over Tennessee. The wedding attracted 2,434 at Mark Light Stadium. The game attracted one other fan.

 Future Hall of Famers Nolan Ryan and Carlton Fisk have ventured into the college coaching ranks. Ryan at Texas Christian, where his son Reid is a pitcher, and Fisk at Illinois State, where his son, Casey, is a catcher.

## ABCA HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Duffy Bass--Illinois State  
Jim Dimick--St. Olaf College  
Ron Polk--Mississippi State  
Don Schaly--Marietta College

## COACH'S CORNER

Some notable coaches have hung up their spikes this season, including several of the most successful mentors in NCAA history.

Bobo Brayton  
Washington State  
33 years  
1169 victories

Gene McArtor  
Missouri  
22 years  
733 victories

Jack Dunn  
Portland State  
21 years  
630 victories

Barry Shollenberger  
Alabama  
18 years  
564 victories

Joe Arnold  
Florida  
18 years  
750 victories

Seven coaches in the NCAA-I joined the 500-Win Club this season.

Keith Madison  
Kentucky

Hal Baird  
Auburn

Sonny Pitaro  
Rider

Skip Bertman  
Louisiana State

Mike Knight  
Nicholls State


Dale Ramsburg  
West Virginia

John Smith  
Cal. State-Sacramento


## BIG LEAGUERS IN DIVISION I

18 former Major League Baseball players are currently serving as head coaches at NCAA Division I institutions.

<b>Jerry Kindall</b> Arizona	<b>Tom Bradley</b> Maryland
<b>Bill Bethea</b> Arkansas State	<b>Bill Freehan</b> Michigan
<b>Bill Almon</b> Brown	<b>Don Kessinger</b> Mississippi
<b>Kevin Rhomberg</b> Cleveland State	<b>John Sanders</b> Nebraska
<b>Bob Miller</b> Detroit Mercy	<b>Wayne Graham</b> Rice
<b>Moe Morhardt</b> Hartford	<b>Rick Soffield</b> Utah
<b>Steve Hertz</b> Gonzaga	<b>Jim Farr</b> William & Mary
<b>Chuck Hinton</b> Howard	<b>Ron Nischwitz</b> Wright State
<b>Bobby Randall</b> Iowa State	<b>John Stuper</b> Yale

 Five elite programs in the NCAA-I have received invitations to the last 10 NCAA Tournaments.

Miami.....	22
Florida State.....	17
Texas.....	16
Oklahoma State.....	14
Georgia Tech.....	10

 Clemson, Wichita State, Fresno State and Louisiana State are the only other programs

that have been to the NCAA Tournament every season in the decade of the 1990s.

 Four teams made their first-ever appearances in the NCAA Tournament this season, Illinois State, Wright State, North Carolina-Greensboro and Texas-San Antonio. UNCG has been playing baseball just four years, while UTSA recently completed its third season.

## SON OF A BIG LEAGUER

The following college players have well-known fathers.

Player	Father	School
Aaron Boone	Bob	USC
Dan Cey	Ron	California
Jose Cruz Jr.	Jose	Rice
Tim Grieve	Tom	Texas Christian
Reid Ryan	Nolan	Texas Christian
Casey Fisk	Carlton	Illinois State
Jamie Splittorf	Paul	Kansas
Ted DeCinces	Doug	UCLA
Ryan Nettles	Craig	San Diego State
Casey Davis	Willie	Wichita State

## NEW COACHES CRASH INTO NCAA-I

The NCAA Division I welcomed 21 new head coaches in 1994. Of the first-year coaches, only seven posted winning records, but five led their current team to the NCAA Tournament.

Danny Hall\*  
Georgia Tech

Jack Leggett\*  
Clemson

Jim Morris\*  
Miami

Rick Rembielak\*  
Kent

Rick Jones\*  
Tulane

Howard Bushong  
Southwest Texas State

Bob McDonald  
Navy

\* led his team to the NCAA Tournament

## AROUND THE HORN

Parity hit collegiate baseball this season. Among the 48 teams in the NCAA Tournament, only 23 were invited to the "Big Dance" last year.

Four NCAA-I teams won 40 games in 1994 but did not receive an invitation to the NCAA Tournament, including Delaware (41-13), McNeese State (41-16), Texas Tech (40-17) and James Madison (40-19).

Texas Christian University made its first appearance in the NCAA Tournament in 38 years. To put that in perspective, Head Coach Lance Brown was a star pitcher in Little League when the Horned Frogs received their last invitation.

Only three of the eight teams that hosted an NCAA Regional Tournament advanced to the College World Series--Miami, Florida State and Louisiana State.

The University of Texas has hosted an NCAA Regional Tournament 16 consecutive years.

Dallas Baptist University, which finished third in the NAIA World Series, won a tripleheader to advance to the regionals. DBU defeated Tarleton State (5-3) in front of a doubleheader sweep over Lubbock Christian (9-7, 6-1). The first pitch was thrown at 10 a.m., with the final out recorded at 11:30 p.m.

NCAA Champion Oklahoma did not appear in any of the preseason baseball rankings Top 25. Only *Collegiate Baseball* tabbed the Sooners as an NCAA participant.

*Collegiate Baseball* picked 13 of 30 conference champions along with five World Series participants in its preseason picks.

Baseball America picked 15 of 30 conference winners and tabbed four teams to the College World Series.

Mansfield University, an NCAA Division II school, just completed its 127th consecutive season of inter-collegiate baseball.

Arizona State went 274 games without being shutout, the fourth longest streak in NCAA history. Unfortunately for the Sun Devils, the streak snapped when USC and Grand Canyon blanked ASU in back-to-back games.

Mizuno's College Player of the Year, Ryan Jackson of Duke, hit .378 with 22 home runs, 63 RBI and a 34-game hitting streak. In addition, he chipped in with seven wins as a pitcher.

The Dick Howser Trophy went to Georgia Tech catcher Jason Varitek. The 14th person selected in the June free agent draft, Varitek posted a .432 batting average with 16 home runs, 85 RBI and 74 walks.

A tip of the hat to Ila Borders, who became the second female in collegiate baseball history to pitch. The south-paw from Southern California College posted a 2-4 record with a 2.92 ERA in 49 innings. Opponents hit just .244 against Borders.

Northern Iowa freshman shortstop Kevin Sawtzky tied an NCAA record with three consecutive triples in his first three at-bats. He went six for seven with four triples and five RBI in his first collegiate game.

Jeff Staubach, son of NFL Hall of Famer Roger Staubach, hit a home run in his first collegiate at-bat for Duke. His long-ball came against--you guessed it--the Naval Academy, Dad's alma mater. Florida A&M pitchers Shohn Lewis and James Harris pitched back-to-back no-hitters in a doubleheader sweep over North Carolina A&T (7-0, 8-0). Florida State University is the only other team to post back-to-back no-no when FSU turned the trick in 1968.

Robert Lopez of Oklahoma State set a Big 8 Conference record with 10 consecutive hits in a twin-bill sweep over Stephen F. Austin State.

Iowa freshman C.J. Thieleke hit a grand slam home run in consecutive innings in a 14-13 loss to Penn. State.

Springfield College's Hassan Robinson had a 38-game hitting streak in 1994.

The seventh longest hitting streak in NCAA-I history was turned in by Portland State catcher Dave Vilan when he hit safely in 37 straight games.

Georgia Southern second baseman Matt Wilson set an NCAA record by playing 42 consecutive errorless games.

## RECORD BREAKERS...

Santa Clara senior second baseman Lou Donati set an NCAA record when he was hit by a pitch for the 53rd time in his career. Believe it or not, he completed his freshman season without being hit by a pitch.

Bethune Cookman College second baseman King Lewis set an NCAA mark with eight stolen bases in a game against Savannah State.

Auburn senior right-handed pitcher John Powell became the all-time NCAA strikeout king on May 7 against Louisiana State University. The master of the split-finger fastball struck out his 542nd career batter, surpassing Derek Tatsuno of Hawaii (1977-79).

## WAY TO GO DAD...

After missing a three-game weekend series to be with his wife at the birth of their first child (a daughter), Texas Christian University shortstop Shannon Coulter returned to the lineup in time to collect 16 hits in his next 21 at-bats over the next five games.

## FINAL DRAFT NOTES...

In 1993, Texas A & M University featured a pitching staff that included a starting rotation of Jeff Granger (1993 first-round selection), Kelly Wunsch (1993 first-round selection), Trey Moore (1994 second-round selection), and Chris Clemons (1994 second-round selection).

In the 1994 draft, only 12 collegiate players were chosen with the first 28 picks. However, the New York Mets made Florida State University pitcher Paul Wilson the first player selected.

Six first-round picks in the June draft played in the 1994 College World Series in Omaha.

Three first-round draft picks from last year's draft are currently pitching in the Major Leagues:

Darren Driefort	Wichita State	Dodgers
Jeff Granger	Texas A&M	Royals
Brian Anderson	Wright State	Angels

Georgia Tech was represented very impressively in this year's draft with three players selected in the first 29 picks.

Nomar Garcia	Red Sox
Jason Varitek	Mariners
Jay Payton	Mets

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR...

The ABCA named its fourth executive director when Dave Keilitz, a 14 year head coach at Central Michigan, replaced Dick Bergquist. Keilitz, who posted a 456-203 record, has spent the last 10 years as the director of athletics at Central Michigan.

## THANKS...

We would like to extend our many thanks to the tremendous job *Collegiate Baseball*, *Baseball America* and *USA Today's Baseball Weekly* did in covering the 1994 season. In addition, our congratulations for the outstanding coverage provided by ESPN and CBS in presenting the College World Series to a national television audience.

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