



SABR CONVENTION JUNE 24-27 IN SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

The 23rd Annual SABR National Convention will be held at the Town and Country Hotel in San Diego, Cal. As many as 42 presentations are expected, along with many panel discussions, outside events, trivia contests, a Padres game and the banquet with keynote speaker and former Major League manager Dick Williams.

While there will be many fascinating attractions, the highlight each SABR Convention is the exhibit area, where we all have the opportunity to exchange baseball stories.

On Saturday at 9:20 a.m., we will hold our Collegiate Research Committee yearly meeting. At this time we will elect committee officers and project coordinators, while fulfilling our mission of providing SABR with quality information related to college baseball. I will also be meeting with Mark Alvarez (publications director of SABR) to discuss preliminary plans for our long-term goal of publishing a book to celebrate the history of college baseball in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the College World Series.

I encourage each of you to become an active member of our committee. We are always looking for ways to promote both SABR and college baseball.

Be sure to look for our specific room assignment during registration at the Convention and be ready to share ideas at the Collegiate Baseball Research Committee meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you in San Diego.

John Mocek
Collegiate Committee Chairman

1993 COLLEGE BASEBALL CHAMPIONS

NCAA-I
Louisiana State
def.
Wichita State
8-0

NCAA-II
Tampa
def.
Cal. Poly-S.L.O.
7-5

NCAA-III
Montclair
def.
Wisc.-Oshkosh
3-1

NAIA
St. Francis (Ill.)
def.
Southeastern Okla.
4-2

JUNIOR COLLEGE
Yavapai (Ariz)
def.
Triton (Ill.)
6-3

ATTENDANCE RECORDS FALL AGAIN

College World Series attendance records once again fell as more than 160,000 fans rushed into Rosenblatt Stadium for the post-season spectacular. Not only did the overall mark fall, but a record 20,447 saw Texas battle Oklahoma State. The championship game, which saw LSU freshman Brett Laxton throw the first shutout over Wichita State in 32 years, attracted 20,286.

In addition, a record 200,000 fans witnessed the NCAA Regional Tournaments, with the two Central Regionals leading the way (Texas--46,224 and Texas A & M--36,359).

Five of the Eight teams that hosted an NCAA Regional Tournament won the Regional and played in the World Series: Texas, Texas A & M, Oklahoma State, LSU and Arizona State. Florida State, Georgia Tech and Tennessee also hosted Regional Tournaments.

1993--A BASEBALL SEASON IN REVIEW

The 1993 Collegiate Baseball season provided millions of fans with an exciting display of the greatest game in the world. The following are just a couple of this season's top performances:



Cal-Santa Barbara freshman Jarred Jenke hit three home runs in his first collegiate game, a 13-7 win over Loyola Marymount. The mark matched Brigham Young's Cory Snyder, who turned the trick against UNLV.



UCLA All-American Ryan McGuire had an unbelievable week against Loyola Marymount and Arizona State, hitting eight home runs, driving in 22 runs and hitting .650 (13 for 20).



Michigan freshman DH Bart Close hit a single, double, triple and home run in his first four collegiate at-bats covering two games.



New Mexico scored 20 runs in the sixth inning (one run shy of Wichita State's NCAA record) in a 26-8 win over Utah. Jonathan Gallegos posted three hits and eight RBI in that inning.



Notre Dame and Michigan played their first 20 games on the road. Not bad, but consider Wyoming playing its first 31 games away from home, winning just eight times.



Eventual World Series participant Long Beach State was finally shutout after 270 games (4th longest streak in NCAA history) by Pacific's Lorenzo Hidalgo and Dave Dolejsi, 2-0.



Texas staged one of the greatest comebacks in history, trailing 9-3 to Miami with two outs and nobody on base in the ninth inning. The Longhorns came alive with six runs in the ninth and scored three times in the 10th to win 12-11 in front of 6,674 fans in Austin.



Arizona's All-American George Arias hit home runs in seven consecutive games against Stanford, UCLA and Notre Dame.



Fresno State's all-everything Todd Johnson made his 200th consecutive start, the NCAA's longest current streak.



Baylor's Joe Wharton had the distinction of beating the number one ranked team in the country on back-to-back weekends, defeating Texas and Texas A&M when both teams sat on top of the NCAA polls.



Another World Series participant, Kansas, scored 16 runs in the first inning of a game against Northwest Missouri State, winning the game 36-2. Kansas is also the only school in NCAA history to win a football bowl game, reach basketball's final four and play in the College World Series in the same year.



South Florida hit 18 home runs in a three-game series sweep at Louisville. The Bulls hit nine round-trippers in one game.



St. Louis University's Mike Barger reached base 17 consecutive times with 13 hits and four walks.



Wyoming's Steve Abbs was hit by a pitch in four consecutive plate appearances in the same game against Creighton.



Texas Head Coach Cliff Gustafson moved into second place on the all-time win list with 1,272, a 2-0 victory over Lamar while the Longhorns were in the midst of a 41-game season-opening home stand. Texas won 36 of the 41 games.



Texas A & M All-American Jeff Granger had 21 strikeouts in a 16-0 route over NAIA power Lubbock Christian.



Texas-Arlington posted 27 total bases (3rd highest in NCAA history) in the first inning against Southwest Texas State. The Mavericks posted 12 runs in the opening frame and went on to collect a 22-7 victory. UTA also hit five home runs in the first inning, including two by Jason Smith.



Oklahoma State's Jason Heath set a Big Eight record with 10 RBI in a 24-4 victory over Kansas State.



World Series MVP Todd Walker of LSU set the Southeast Conference consecutive game hitting streak record with 33 this season.



Georgia Southern's Todd Greene has moved into third place on the all-time NCAA home run list, pounding out 20 this season to push his career total to 88.

JAMIE IRVING of Harvard won two games in one weekend over Yale this season. What was so special was that he pitched a complete game victory on both Saturday and Sunday, pitching right-handed on Saturday and left-handed on Sunday!

NEWS FROM THE COACHING RANKS

GORDIE GILLESPIE turned in one of the most remarkable seasons in college baseball history. Not only did he surpass former Southern California coach Rod Dedeaux to become the winningest coach in history (1,333 victories), but guided the St. Francis (Ill.) Saints to 11 consecutive playoff victories and the NAIA National Championship. The Saints recovered from a slow start to win 38 of their last 39 games. In his 41st season, Gillespie won three consecutive NAIA titles while with Lewis University between 1974-76 and has led his teams to 15 NAIA World Series appearances. His record currently stands at 1,348-692.

JOHNNY REAGAN of Murray State has retired after 36 years in the dugout. Reagan posted a 776-508 record. His retirement leaves Clemson's **BILL WILHELM** as the dean of NCAA-I coaches, entering his 37th season.

AUGIE GARRIDO of Cal. State-Fullerton became the 10th coach in NCAA-I to collect his 1,000th victory when CSF defeated San Jose State, 12-1.

DON SCHALY of Marietta College won his 1,000th game on the Division III level. Schaly has coached for 30 seasons and owns a winning percentage of better than .800.

UPDATE

It has been brought to our attention that there is at least one additional ex-Major League Baseball player coaching on the Division I level. **Bob Miller** of Detroit Mercy University was left off our first list. Thanks to committee member **Jay Langhammer** (Ft. Worth, Texas) for spotting that omission.

Ex-Major Leaguer **Mike Marshall**, who won the Cy Young Award, is also coaching on the collegiate level. He was named head coach at West Texas State University, an NCAA Division II school.

CLOSING IN ON VICTORY NUMBER 1,000

Bob Bennett	Fresno State	971
Larry Hays	Texas Tech	927
Jim Dietz	San Diego St.	923
Larry Cochell	Oklahoma	910
Gene Stephenson	Wichita State	906

JOINING THE 500 WIN CLUB DURING 1993

Jim Morris	Appalachian State
Fred Decker	Western Michigan
Pete Dunn	Stetson
Al Ferrer	Cal-Santa Barbara
Jim Morris	Georgia Tech

HALL OF FAME

The American Baseball Coaches Association will be inducting six new members into its Hall of Fame at the 1994 Convention this January in Anaheim, California. Our congratulations to the class of 1994:

Don Edwards
Cal-Riverside

Al Endriss
College of Marin
(California)

Ed Pellegrini
Boston College

Charles Greene
Miami Dade-South

John Nöce
College of San Mateo

Richard Hoffman
Westminster
Christian
High School
of Florida

Over a 12-month span, the University of Texas-Austin announced the appointment of five different pitching coaches. Howard Bushong left UT due to the NCAA coaching salary restrictions. Then came Mark Brewer, who left for a coaching job in the Dodgers' organization. Chuck Hartenstein took over briefly before turning to scouting for the Twins. Brett Gideon then came and left to enter private business before graduate assistant C.L. Baskin took over the remainder of the season, although he will not be pursuing a career in coaching.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

At least 11 NCAA Division I coaches had their sons playing for them during the 1993 season:

COACH	SON	SCHOOL
Bob Hannah	Bruce	Delaware
Jim Brownlee	Tim	Evansville
Joe Arnold	Joey	Florida
Mike Martin	Mike	Florida State
Robert Braddy	Bob	Jackson State
Jon Pavliski	Cory	Miami (Ohio)
John Sanders	Craig	Nebraska
Larry Cochell	Craig	Oklahoma
Jim Dietz	Steve	San Diego State
Butch McBroom	Chad	Texas-Arlington
Gene Stephenson	Jay	Wichita State
Bragg Stockton	Russell*	Houston
Andy Watson	Keenan**	Centenary

* Assistant Coach

**Brother

THE RICH GET RICHER

The eight teams that met in Omaha for the 1993 College World Series featured coaches who entered the series with a combined 6,075 wins. Of course, with the 14 games played in Omaha their win total now stands at 6,089:

Cliff Gustafson	Texas	1,300
Jim Brock	Arizona State	1,055
Gene Stephenson	Wichita State	903
Gary Ward	Okla. State	811
Dave Bingham	Kansas	742
Skip Bertman	LSU	479
Mark Johnson	Texas A & M	418
Dave Snow	Long Beach State	369

OUR CONGRATULATIONS

Brooks Kieschnick of the University of Texas was named as the *Collegiate Baseball*, *Baseball America* and the Dick Howser "College Player of the Year". Kieschnick hit .376 with 19 HR and 80 RBI, while compiling a 16-4 record with a 3.06 ERA. He was the 10th player selected in the year's draft as the Chicago Cubs' first-round pick.

Newsletter editor, Steve Weller of Texas-Arlington, has been selected to serve as publicist for the 1993 Junior National Team at the World Championships in Windsor, Canada. It marks the sixth time Weller has been selected to be a part of a USA national or international team.

HOW ABOUT THAT...

In its pre-season guide, *Baseball America* correctly predicted the winners of 15 out of 29 major college conferences and 27 of the 48 teams in the NCAA Tournament. By the way, *Baseball America* also tabbed LSU as the pre-season favorite to win the College World Series.

GREAT SERIES...

In what may go down as one of the most competitive College World Series in history, six of the 14 games were decided by one run and 10 of the 14 victories were of the come-from-behind variety. Seven games were decided with runs scored in the seventh inning or later.

COLLEGE VS. HIGH SCHOOL...

In the recent Major League Draft, 15 first-rounders came from the college ranks. In addition, exactly half of the first 100 players selected were taken from college campus' nationwide.

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 1993 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.

HELP...

Fellow Collegiate Committee member Cappy Gagnon, 3321 41st Way SE, Olympia, Wash, 98501 (206-943-1482) needs volunteers to make contact with colleges who have Major League players as alumni.

ALL-AMERICANS...

Of the 14 players selected by *Baseball America's* All-American team, just two were seniors. Nine were juniors and three sophomores earned the honor.

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