



Society for American Baseball Research

SABR WELCOMES RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF COLLEGIATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

John Mocek--Chairman

Let me introduce myself. My name is John Mocek. I have been a member of SABR for nearly a decade and have served as the assistant baseball coach at The University of Texas at Arlington for the past 11 years.

This summer, the executive board of SABR elected to re-establish the Collegiate Baseball Research Committee after a two year hiatus. I will be serving as chairman of this committee and would like to express my appreciation for the interest many of you have shown in making this committee an active and important part of SABR. I will be in need of your assistance throughout the years and look forward to working with you in compiling future newsletters, committee research and achieving our goals of both promoting the great game of college baseball as well as providing SABR with a valuable and worthy committee.

Our first goal will be to continue to keep pace with the fine quality of research established by previous Collegiate Baseball Research Committee Chairman Dave Anderson and Newsletter Editor Cappy Gagnon. This being our first newsletter, I have taken on the task of compiling information for this issue, but encourage all of you to take an active role in future publications. Our next newsletter is scheduled for late June to coincide with the SABR National Convention in San Diego. With a little luck in San Diego, we will establish committee officers and project coordinators, while moving our Collegiate Research Committee to a more accelerated pace.

Notification of the date, time and room of our meeting will be sent to you prior to the SABR Convention. I will be looking forward to meeting with each of you.

COMMITTEE PURPOSE

The stated purpose of our committee is to provide SABR with research information of any aspect of intercollegiate baseball...its history, records coaches, players and any other facet involving the sport of baseball on the college level.

COMMITTEE GOALS

The long term goal of the Collegiate Baseball Research Committee is to coincide with the playing of the 50th anniversary of the College World Series in Omaha, Neb. The SABR Collegiate Committee will publish a book that will help celebrate the history of college baseball, using the World Series and its tradition as the central theme of the project. The book will also include the history of the series, note-worthy teams, players, coaches and famous moments in college baseball.

The College Game Today....

In our first newsletter, we will be dealing primarily with NCAA Division I Baseball. The sport of baseball has gone through numerous changes under NCAA guidelines over the past few years. One of our goals will be to try to provide you with an overview of the rules and standards set forth by the NCAA that all Division I programs (274) abide by:

- * Scholarship limitation of 11.7 full scholarships to each program--a 10% cut-back from last year.
 - * Maximum of 56 games to be played during the regular season, excluding post-season conference tournaments and NCAA playoffs.
 - * Maximum of 22 weeks during the school year (Sept.-May) that coaches and players can participate on the field.
 - * Mandatory one off day per week.
 - * Maximum of 20 hours of practice or games per week during the 22 weeks of participation.
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- * Maximum of eight hours per week of non-supervised off-season (off the field) workouts not included in the 22 week participation schedule.
- * No fall games against outside competition unless counted against your 56-game schedule limit.
- * Coaching limitations of one head coach, one full-time assistant coach, one restricted earnings coach (not to exceed \$16,000 yearly) and one volunteer coach (allowed to assist on field during practice only--cannot be in uniform during games. Also restricted from travel and recruiting.)
- * Currently 274 of 298 Division I schools play baseball, including 28 conference that sponsor baseball.
- * The NCAA Tournament consists of 48 teams; 24 conference champions receiving an automatic berth and 24 teams receiving at-large berths.
- * The NCAA Tournament format includes eight regional tournaments with six teams at each sites. Tournaments are double-elimination with the winners advancing into the College World Series in Omaha, Neb.

* The College World Series is televised exclusively on ESPN and CBS and is traditionally the second most watched NCAA championship behind basketball's "Final Four". Last year's World Series attracted more than 190,000 fans for the 14 games in Omaha.

* The Louisville Slugger Bat Company annually presents the championship trophy, a special Waterford Crystal trophy standing two feet high and sitting on a mahogany base. The trophy is joined by a check for \$20,000 for the general scholarship fund of the championship school.

* Three national publications conduct weekly NCAA Baseball polls; The USA Today, Baseball America and Collegiate Baseball.

* The first intercollegiate baseball game was played on July 1, 1859 in Pittsfield, Mass. as Amherst defeated Williams 73-32 in 26 innings.

* The first televised sporting event was a college baseball game between Columbia and Princeton on April 8, 1939. Bill Stern provided the play-by-play to nearly 500 television sets four months before the first-ever Major League Baseball telecast.

College Baseball's Best Programs

Over the past decade, only four college teams have claimed 40 or more victories in each season:

Florida State, Texas, Wichita State and Oklahoma State.

Along with those four teams, 23 additional programs have claimed 30 or more victories in each of the past 10 years:

Miami, Clemson, Georgia Tech, North Carolina, Fullerton State, South Carolina, Indiana State, Georgia State, Stanford, Arizona State, Washington State, Mississippi State, Hawaii, San Diego State, Central Florida, Brigham Young, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas-Arlington, Stetson, Florida International, Central Michigan, Pepperdine.

Four teams are currently hoping to extend their record-breaking NCAA Regional Tournament appearance streaks this season:

Miami (20), Florida State (15), Texas (14), Oklahoma State (12).

Only 14 teams in the NCAA-I have been invited to participate in the last three NCAA Regional Tournaments:

Miami, Florida State, Texas, Oklahoma State, Georgia Tech, Wichita State, Clemson, Mississippi State, Fresno State, Louisiana State, South Alabama, Stanford, Creighton, Southwest Louisiana.

Collegiate Baseball Publication's final Top 20 Rankings show only five programs that have cracked the Top 20 each of the past five seasons:

Miami, Texas, Wichita State, Florida State, Oklahoma State.

The University of Texas has finished its season ranked in the Collegiate Baseball Top 20 a record 14 consecutive years, while Oklahoma State has been among the top 20 in each of the last 13 seasons.

Did You Know...

College Baseball's first national champion was crowned in 1947 as the University of California defeated Yale (and first baseman George Bush) 8-7 in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Over the past decade, teams have reached the title game of the College World Series more than once: Texas (4--83, 84, 85, 89), Stanford (2--87, 88), Wichita State (2--89, 91), Oklahoma State (2--87, 90), Cal. State-Fullerton (2--84, 92).

The past 10 years has also produced four attendance champions in college baseball: Miami (3), Texas, Fresno State, Mississippi State

The all-time single game attendance record (average) for a season is held by Mississippi State, attracting 6,430 fans per game in 1990.

Currently, there are 13 former Major League Baseball players coaching NCAA-I programs:

Don Kessinger.....Mississippi
 Bill Freehan.....Michigan
 Jerry Kindall.....Arizona
 Bobby Randall.....Iowa State
 Ron Nischwitz....Wright Stat
 Tom Bradley.....Maryland
 Rick Sofield.....Utah
 Steve Hertz.....Gonzaga
 Bill Bethea.....Arkansas State
 John Sanders.....Nebraska
 Wayne Graham.....Rice
 Bill Almon.....Brown
 John Stuper.....Yale

If anyone has knowledge of any other Division I coach with Major League experience, please notify me so we can update this list.

The NCAA listed nine coaches with 1,000 or more victories as the 1993 season began:

*Rod Dedeaux, USC, 1,332 (45 years)
 *Ron Fraser, Miami, 1,271 (30 years)
 Cliff Gustafson, Texas, 1,250 (25 years)
 Bill Wilhelm, Clemson, 1,116 (36 years)
 Al Ogletree, Texas-Pan American, 1,111 (36 years)
 Bobo Brayton, Washington State, 1,093 (31 years)
 Jack Stallins, Georgia Southern, 1,023 (32 years)
 Jim Brock, Arizona State, 1,009 (21 years)
 Chuck Hartman, Virginia Tech, 1,003 (33 years)

*Retired

Cliff Gustafson (Texas) is the winningest coach in the NCAA by percentage (.810 with a 1,250-293 record)

Consistency, success and longevity are a staple when it comes to college baseball coaching. There are currently 44 coaches in Division I that have served the same institution for at least 20 years:

*Bill Wilhelm, Clemson, 36
 *Johnny Reagan, Murray State, 36
 *Skip Wilson, Temple, 34
 Gene McDonnell, LaSalle, 33
 *Bobo Brayton, Washington State, 32
 *John Cunningham, San Diego, 30
 *Bob Hannah, Delaware, 29
 Ted Connor, New Hampshire, 28
 *Bob Miller, Detroit Mercy, 28
 *Dick Vining, C.W. Post, 28
 *Bob Bennett, Fresno State, 27
 Steve Schultz, LeHigh, 27
 Dale Ramsburg, West Virginia, 26
 *Cliff Gustafson, Texas, 26
 *Al Ogletree, Texas-Pan American, 25
 *Duane Banks, Iowa, 24
 *Norm DeBryn, Arkansas, 24
 Tony Rossi, Siena, 24
 Rick Spear, Duquense, 24
 Dick Pawlow, Western Illinois, 24
 *Les Murakami, Hawaii, 23
 Jack Whalen, Holy Cross, 23
 Tom O'Connell, Princeton, 23
 *Jim Brock, Arizona State, 22
 *Dick Rockwell, LeMoyne, 22
 Bob Seddon, Penn, 22
 Tom Wall, Furman, 22
 Willie McGowan, Alcorn State, 22
 *Jim Dietz, San Diego State, 22
 *Jerry Kindall, Arizona, 21
 *Jack Riley, Oregon State, 21
 John Tankersley, Prairie View, 21
 *Dave Fross, Akron, 21
 *Mike Sheppard, Seton Hall, 21
 *Robert Brady, Jackson State, 21
 Cleotha Wilson, Mississippi Valley, 21
 *John Winkin, Maine, 20
 David Mays, Tenn. Tech, 20
 *Butch McBroom, Texas-Arlington, 20
 *Jim Morris, Appalachian State, 20
 *Jack Russo, St. John's, 20
 *Mickey Sullivan, Baylor, 20
 *Fred Dallimore, UNLV, 20
 *Gene McArton, Missouri, 20

*Denotes at least 500 wins at that institution

In addition to the coaches listed on page three who have 20 or more years of service to the same institution and have at least 500 victories, 21 additional coaches have won 500 games with the same school:

Jack Dunn, Portland State, 19 years
Gary Adams, UCLA, 19 years
Joe Brockhoff, Tulane, 19 years
Ron Nischwitz, Wright State, 19 years
John Skeeters, Sam Houston State, 18 years
Jack Stallings, Georgia Southern, 18 years
Bob Warm, Indiana State, 18 years
Augie Garrido, Fullerton State, 18 years
Ron Polk, Mississippi State, 18 years
Mark Marquess, Stanford, 17 years
June Raines, South Carolina, 17 years
Gary Pullins, BYU, 17 years
Jim Gilligan, Lamar, 16 years
Gene Stephenson, Wichita State, 16 years
Bob Milano, California, 16 years
Mike Roberts, North Carolina, 16 years
Gary Ward, Oklahoma State, 15 years
Chuck Hartman, Virginia Tech, 15 years
Danny Price, Florida International, 14 years
Mike Martin, Florida State, 14 years
Gil Stafford, Grand Canyon, 13 years

Small College Coaches who have 1,000 wins

Gordie Gillespie, St. Francis (Ill.) 1,301, 41 years
Ken Dugan, David Lipscomb, 1,024, 33 years
John Scolinos, Cal-Poly-Pomona, 1,198, retired

Junior College Coaches with 1,000 wins

Lloyd Simmons, Semionole (Okla), 1,181, 17 years
Demie Mainieri, Miami Dade-North, 1,012, 30 years
Bill Griffin, NE Texas, 1,024, 30 years

Jerry Kindall is the only person to play and coach in an NCAA-I World Series Championship Game. He played for the 1956 University of Minnesota team and coached Arizona to a trio of title games in 1976, 1980 and 1986.

College World Series Appearances over the last 10 years:

SIX
 Texas
 Oklahoma State
 Miami

FIVE
 Stanford
 Louisiana State
 Florida State

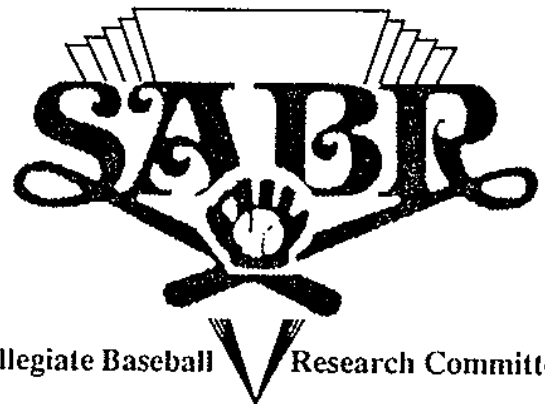


FOUR
 Arizona State
 Wichita State
 Fullerton State

THREE
 Arkansas
 Maine

DATES TO REMEMBER

NCAA-I--Omaha, Neb.--June 4-12
 NCAA-II--Montgomery, Ala--May 29-June 5
 NCAA-III--Battle Creek, Mich.--May 27-June 1
 NAIA--Des Moines, Iowa--May 28-June 3
 NJCAA--Grand Junction, Colo.--May 29-June 4



Collegiate Baseball Research Committee

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