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In BRIEF

The 45th annual THSBBCA Waco Convention and Clinic was held January 14-16, 2016. Those who attended heard excellent clinicians and received updates from the UIL as well as rule changes. The line-up of speakers was excellent thanks to Dane Saucier our Pres.-Elect. We broke all attendance records with over 2700 attending this year's convention. Our Hall of Fame speaker was Lance Berkman.

2016 POLLS:

Our Pre-Season poll has already been released and can be found on page 2. Our Poll Chairmen are: JOHN ADAIR- Elkhart HS and ERIC FORESTIER- SA Harlandale HS. All District Reps need to contact their Regional Directors each week beginning March 10 to identify the top teams in their District. With everyone's input these Poll Directors will

be able to rank the top teams throughout the season. And don't forget to use **Game Changer** for all your stats. The next UIL meeting is in June. Please contact the THSBBCA office with any concerns or suggestions that we can take to that meeting.

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PRESIDENTS LETTER FROM DANE SAUCIER

Coaches,

First of all I want to tell you what an honor it is to serve as your President for the next two years. After serving in many positions within the association and now to be the President I have a little understanding of how it all has to come together.

We had another great convention and would like to thank all the officers and directors who put a lot of time in making our 45th convention a success. I also want to thank the vendors who bring their baseball items so coaches can see the new types of equipment and clothing for the 2016 season. I would also like to thank the speakers who taking their time to assist our coaches to become even better baseball coaches.

I also want to encourage you to become more involved with the workings of the THSBCA. A very important part of our organization is the recognition of our outstanding athletes. I strongly urge each of you to nominate your players for our All-Star and All-State teams. Nominations for All-Star teams are to be completed and submitted by May 1st. These players must be seniors. All-State and Academic All-State nominations are due by June 1st. These players can be of any classification. The forms for all of these and other nominations can be found on the THSBCA website, www.thsbca.com, to the left, under forms. Please complete these nominations and help us with this process.

Again thank you for allowing me to serve as your President

Yours in baseball,
Dane Saucier
President- THSBCA



PRE-SEASON SEASON POLLS

TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION 2016 PRE- SEASON POLLS January 28, 2016

- 6A:
1. Coppell
 2. Houston Westside
 3. Round Rock
 4. San Antonio Reagan
 5. Arlington Martin
 6. Dallas Jesuit
 7. Katy Seven Lakes
 8. Corpus Christi Carroll
 9. Southlake Carroll
 10. Cy Ranch
- Others Receiving Votes: Lewisville Hebron, Flower Mound, Lake Travis, Keller, and Laredo Alexander.
- 5A:
1. Prosper
 2. CC Calallen
 3. Aledo
 4. Tomball
 5. Frisco Wakeland
 6. Alamo Heights
 7. Canyon
 8. College Station
 9. Georgetown
 10. Boerne Champion
- Others Receiving Votes: Tomball Memorial, Victoria East, Crosby, Magnolia, Brenham, and Kingwood Park
- 4A:
1. Abilene Wylie
 2. Argyle
 3. Carthage
 4. Robstown
5. Robinson
6. Pleasant Grove
7. Sinton
8. Hidalgo
9. Giddings
10. Sweeny
- Others Receiving Votes: Jasper, North Lamar, LaVernia, Taylor, and Iowa Park
- 3A:
1. West
 2. Central Heights
 3. Bishop
 4. Banquete
 5. Brock
 6. Shallowater
 7. Lago Vista
 8. Sunnyvale
 9. Elkhart
 10. Jim Ned
- Others Receiving Votes: Pottsboro, Edgewood, Early, Wall, and Gunter
- 2A:
1. Beckville
 2. Harleton
 3. Refugio
 4. Riesel
 5. Flatonia
 6. Shiner
 7. Rivera
 8. Big Sandy
 9. West Texas
 10. Maud
- Others Receiving Votes: Center Point, Bosqueville, Chico, West Sabine, and Muenster

WACO CONVENTION:

The following new Directors were selected at our annual business meeting:

REGION 1 – TED LEPS - BRIDGEPORT
REGION II – BRIAN JONES – DALLAS JESUIT
REGION III – KELLY KERLIN - MANVEL
REGION IV – DAVID SMITH – CIBOLO STEELE

The 2016 All Star Coaches are as follows:

6A NORTH – KENT MEADOR – LUBBOCK
MONTERREY

6A SOUTH – JOHN POPE – CY RANCH

5A NORTH – Barry Rose – FRISCO WAKELAND

5A SOUTH – DONNIE RANDELL – NEW CANEY

4A NORTH – OJ HOLCOMB - CASTLEBERRY

4A SOUTH – GEORGE VILLA JR. – DEVINE

3A NORTH – GARRETT HEARD - IDALOU

3A SOUTH – JEFF BENNETT - KIRBYVILLE

2A NORTH – EUGENE LAFITTE - DOUGLAS

2A SOUTH – RANDY SMITH - CRAWFORD

Congratulations to these outstanding coaches!

Honorary All- Star Coaches: from the Retired Coaches Assn.

TBA IN APRIL

ALL STAR COACHES

Each year when All Star coaches are selected we realize many worthy coaches have not been nominated. This is “highlight” of any coach’s career is unfortunately not unrealized because of the failure of a fellow coach to make a nomination.

Please consider your fellow coaches who you think are a deserving coach, and nominate him.

Go to our website; www.thsbca.com and look under FORMS

SPECIAL NOTES: WIN PLAQUE RECIPIENTS

100 WINS

1. ROBERT BELL - KENEDY
2. ALLEN McGEE – GRAHAM
3. MANUEL ALVARADO – VICTORIA WEST
4. TATE CRISWELL - DUMAS
5. CASEY SMITH – MISSION VETERANS MEMORIAL

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2. ALLEN McGEE – GRAHAM
3. MANUEL ALVARADO – VICTORIA WEST
4. TATE CRISWELL - DUMAS
5. BRIAN MARTINEZ – NEW BRAUNFELS CANYON
6. CASEY SMITH – MISSION VETERANS MEMORIAL
7. DERRICK JENKINS – WHITEHOUSE

200 WINS

1. CHAD KOEHL – SMITHSON VALLEY
2. DERRICK JENKINS – WHITEHOUSE
3. PAUL OFFILL – WACO MIDWAY
4. RAUL GARCIA- RAMEAU – STRAKE JESUIT
5. STEVE SEBESTA – TROY
6. BRAD HARMON – MONAHANS
7. TRACY HOWARD – FT WORTH CHRISTIAN
8. RYAN EBNER – GRANDVIEW
9. JIMMY WEST – CRANDALL
10. KEVIN BARTLEY – BOSQUEVILLE

400 WINS

1. CRAIG COHELEY – LEONARD
2. TERRY MASSEY – WEATHERFORD
3. STEVE RIBERA - LUBBOCK
- 4.

500 WINS

1. JOHN ADAIR – ELKHART
2. JEFF SCHROEDER – SECOND BAPTIST
3. RON EASTMAN – THE WOODLANDS
4. DONNIE RANDELL – NEW CANEY
5. RICK ROBERTSON – PLANO
6. BILL MERRELL – BOERNE
7. ARMANDO SEDENO – LANGHAM CREEK

600 WINS

1. GLENN BACAK – AUSTIN

700 WINS

1. TOM McPHERSON – KATY

300 WINS

NEWS FROM OUR ALUMNI- COACHES ASSOCIATION

We had the business meeting at ten A.M. on the morning of the 15th of January, it was well attended, and we were able to through the old business and new business within an hour. The financials were given, we gave away two scholarships this year (\$1000 each), one was given away in the Memory of John Carpenter and the other was given in the memory of Ray Knoblauch. Next year we will again give a scholarship in the member of Coach Carpenter and the second one will be given in the Memory of Coach Freddy Carlton, past president and we still have money left over in the checking and savings accounts.

The panel discussion was a success and well attended, we are grateful for the panel members Frank Chumbley, Gerald Turner, John Dudley, Diz Reeves and Don Fry. A job well done by a group of very successful coaches each in their own right. Thank you again coaches; we appreciate your time and effort in contributing to the pane.

The banquet had a new wrinkle to it, each of the four Hall of Fame Candidates, Rudy Alvarez, Steve Castillo, Jim Long, and Julian Pressly were videoed in their respective home towns. All were asked basically the same questions and each gave a very sincere answer to each of the questions that were asked. Each coach's video was approximately 9 minutes or less in time and very informative and entertaining for those attending the banquet. Congratulations to each of the coaches and their families for an honor that is most well appreciated and deserved.

SPONSORS

We want to highlight two of our new sponsors:

1. FRANKLIN BATTING GLOVES – Franklin Sports, Inc. is proud to announce a multi-year sponsorship agreement with the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association (THSBCA) to become "The Official Batting Glove of The THSBCA." As part of this agreement, Franklin Sports will be offering all affiliated Texas high school baseball coaches and players significant savings on custom team batting glove orders from www.FranklinSports.com/custom. To receive up to 40 percent off team orders of 12+ pairs, please email teamsales@FranklinSports.com or call Chris Rodday at (781) 573-2436.

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2. FAN CLOTH – Fan Cloth is the official fundraising company for the THSBCA. Please go to their website, www.fancloth.com for directions on how to raise money for your team.

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Modified: PENALTY: The umpire shall warn the offender unless the offense is judged to be major in which an ejection shall occur. If the offender has a subsequent minor violation, the offender shall be ejected. The warning or ejection shall be made at the end of playing action. Coaches who receive a written warning (10-2-3) shall also be restricted to the bench/dugout for the remainder of the game. For coaches who violate f (1-5), g, h, i, j, or k, the umpire may (1) restrict the offender to bench/dugout for the remainder of the game or (2) eject the offender. For violation of f (6), both the head coach and the offending coach shall be restricted to the dugout for the remainder of the game, or if the offense is judged severe enough, the umpire may eject the offender and restrict or eject the head coach. Any coach restricted to the bench shall be ejected for further misconduct. A coach may leave the bench/dugout to attend to a player who becomes ill or injured. In f (7), the state association shall determine appropriate action.

Rationale: To assist the game official in preventative officiating and to match the appropriate penalty when dealing with the behavior of the coach.



NEW: ART. 1 . . . A coach, player, substitute, attendant or other bench personnel shall not:

a-p Sub-articles remain the same.

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q. have physical contact, spit, kick dirt or engage in any other physical action directed toward an umpire.

Rationale: To clarify additional behaviors that would result in an ejection from the game.

BLUE BELL/ THSBKA HALL of FAME

We are still looking for baseball related items to be loaned to the Hall of Fame and Museum. If you have items that you think could be used by the museum please contact Jim Long, the Director for the museum, or Rex Sanders.

Our Museum now has on display pictures of almost all State Champions since 1947. The next project is to display the All Star teams since 1973. If you have any of these pictures please contact Jim Long.

Thanks to several donations, we are in the process of purchasing a kiosk for the Hall of Fame. We hope to have it ready for viewing in the Spring of 2016. We will bring the kiosk to Waco in 2017.



GAMECHANGER



Comparison of the Old and New Era Baseball Coaches

New Era Coaches

Starting Practice

Please listen up I need to inform you of today's workout. The workout will be fun an exciting and every-one will succeed concerning our team goals. Remember to hydrated yourself.

Hitting

Hitting is a series of mechanical movements to provide Kinetic Energy. This combined by ocular motion of the sphere. A powerful motion of the hip flexors and shoulder rotation. Will be the topic today.

Fielding

Fielding the batted ball is the results of the coronation of the binocular eyes and the frontal lobe of the cerebrum.

the skillful repetition of this will yield good results. The throwing motion is the results of 56 muscle movements. We must master all 56 muscles movements. A cup must have an official stamp of UIL and NCAA. One size fits all.

Bus Rules

Booster Club pays for Charter Bus and Coach does not drive.

Bus equipped with fans for fighting gas. Bus is fitted for WY-FI and has individual ear phones. The bus has restrooms with fans Scores called in by home team. Get home around 2:00am but Must be at football field house to break down films, somethings never change!

Old Era Coaches

Listen up Ladies! Get in a push up position and give me 20 on my count. Any-one not getting 20 will run until you pucke. Line up for in and out!

Hitting is wanting to hit! See the ball and Hit the ball. It is a level swing and square hit. If this is not done foul poles awaits. Spit in your hands and swing hard !

Set your feet shoulder width and bend over and extend. Shake hands with the ball. Crow hop and throw the ball. Make the ball go over not under. If you Over throw your partner. Then you will go and find it. Twenty pushups will be done. Wear a cup and they come in sizes. Take it in the chest if all else fails.

Coach drives bus. Must keep meals to \$4.00 per player. All equipment is stored on the floor and the last two seats of the bus.

Players Must

- 1. Be quiet
 - 2. No omitting gas
 - 3. Underclassmen set by me
- Coach will lead team in prayer
Call in score
Put up and clean the bus and be at School at 6:00pm for football mtg.

More comparisons will be in the next issue. This is all “tongue in cheek” and no offense intended





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