# ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION 37TH ANNUAL CLINIC



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1998 6:30 P.M. TO 9:30 P.M.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1998 8:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M. EISENHOWER HIGH SCHOOL 12700 SACRAMENTO AVE. BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS

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### 1998 CLINIC SCHEDULE

## FRIDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 6, 1998

5:45 - 6:30	Registration - Visit Exhibitors
6:30 - 7:10	Paul Groot - Schaumburg H.S.
	"Aggressive Baserunning"
7:10 - 7:30	Break - Visit Exhibitors
7:30 - 8:10	Jeff Sefcik - Driscoll H.S.
	"Baseball Gods"
8:10 - 8:50	Jim Panther - Libertyville H.S.
	"Pitching"
8:50 - 9:30	Jim Darrah - IIT University
	"Coaching third base"
9:30 - Till ?	Smoker - Double Play II
	Same location as last year

## **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1998**

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7:45 - 8:15	Registration - Exhibits - rolls/coffee
8:15 - 8:50	Jack Kaiser - Oak Park River Forest H.S. "Programs"
8:50 - 9:30	Mike Mohner - Fairport-Hardin H.S., Ohio "Indoor/outdoor practice"
9:30 - 9:50	Break - visit exhibitors
9:50 - 10:30	Fred Turner - St. Francis Hospital "Rehab of Baseball Ind/Juries"
10:30 - 10:50	Break - visit exhibitors
10:50 - 11:30	Tom O'Connell - Pulaski H.S., Milw., Wisc. "Outfield Play"
11:30 - 12:10	Claude Kracik - Lincolnland Coll. "Infield Play"
12:10 - 1:00	Awards Luncheon Jim Flynn IHSA
1:00 - 1:40	Steve Ruzich - So. Suburban Coll. "Catching Techniques"
1:40 - 2:00	Break - Visit exhibitors
2:00 - 2:40	John Ostrowski - ILL. Benedictine
	"Reflections/Philosophies"
2:40 - 3:30	IHSA Rules Interpretation Meeting
5:30 - 6:30	VIP Cocktail Hour - Rosewood
6:30	Cocktail Hour - General Public - Rosewood
7:00	Hall of Fame Dinner - Rosewood
8:00	Hall of Fame Awards - Rosewood
	MC - Dave Kaplan - WGN Sports

# 20th Annual Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame Dinner sponsored by J.H.S.B.C.A.



#### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1998**

Rosewood Inn Crestwood, Illinois

Cocktails: 6:00 p.m. Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

## — Menu —

Cream of Chicken Rice Soup • House Salad N.Y. Strip Steak

Double Baked Potato • Vegetable Rainbow Sherbet

Open Bar: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. • Cash Bar after 7:00 p.m.

## Program

# Hall of Fame Members

ANDERSON, HARRY ANDERSON, BILL APPLETON, "DOC" BANKS, DUANE BASS, DUFFY BEAL, BOB BECK, ROBERT BEHRENS, WALLY BLAHA, BOB BONALI, BILL BONK, BILL BORKOWSKI, SKIP BRUCKER, ED BUDDE, AL BURNS, DON CALLAS, LES CARLEY DICK CARTENS, AL CHRISTOPHER, RON COUGILL, JERRY CREEK, GENE CURTRIGHT, GUY CZARNECKI, RON DaCOSSE, GENE DALLAS, BOB DAMOS, TED DARRAH, JIM DEBOLT, RON DEDIN, TOM DEHNER, LOUIS "PICK" DEMARR, WAYNE DUE, CHARLES **ECCLES, FRANK** ELBE, HARRY ELLINGSON, ERL ENGLERT, JOHN FENCL, GEORGE FLETCHER, JACK FRANKLIN, TY GANSER, FRANK GARCIA, JAMIE **GELLINGER, TERRY** GILBERT, ED GILLESPIE, GORDIE GRAHM, NED **GUAGENTI, RON** HAAS, TOM HAHN, ROGER

HASENSTAB, CHUCK

PEKIN H.S. THORNTON FRACTIONAL SOUTH H.S. PROVISO H.S. UNIVERSITY OF IOWA ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY PEKIN H.S. MASSAC COUNTY H.S. UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS THORNTON H.S. HERRIN H.S. QUIGLEY SOUTH H.S. OAK LAWN H.S. WOODSTOCK H.S. BELLEVILLE WEST H.S. GLENBARD WEST H.S. PROSSER VOCATIONAL H.S. BRADLEY BOURBONNAIS H.S. MAINE WEST H.S. CHICAGO STEINMETZ H.S. REED-CUSTER H.S. LAKE LAND H.S. NORTH CHICAGO H.S. REAVIS H.S. WILSON SPORTING GOODS GALLATIN COUNTY H.S. WAUKEGAN H.S. ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY WHEELING H.S. UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS EAST ST. LOUIS H.S. ST. CHARLES H.S. CHAMPAIGN CENTRAL H.S. THORNTON H.S. CAMP POINT CENTRAL H.S. YORK H.S. ELMWOOD PARK H.S. MORTON EAST H.S. MARION H.S. PEORIA RICHWOODS H.S. ANDREW H.S. PROVIDENCE H.S. WILLIAM GREMD H.S. PROVISO WEST H.S. COLLEGE OF ST. FRANCIS LEWISTOWN COMMUNITY H.S. MARION CATHOLIC H.S. CHICAGO VOCATIONAL H.S.

MORTON H.S., CICERO

BELLEVILLE WEST H.S.

HORENBERGER, JACK HUMAY, JIM HUMAY, DAN JACKSON, LARRY JOHNSON, THOMAS JONAS, JOEL JONES, RICHARD "ITCHY" KAISER, HENRY KA1SER, JACK KALMER, DEWEY KAZLAUSKY, FRITZ KEENER, JOHN KLEIN, RON KNOP, KEN KRATOCHYIL, ROGER KRAUSHAAR, BOB KUEHNER, DON LAWLER, PHIL LEEBERG, BILL LEHR, DICK LEIBER, DICK LEWIS, ED LEWIS, JOE LINDLEY, DAVE LOBBER, DALE LODL, AL LOUNSBERRY, DICK LUECHTEFELD, DAVID MACKEY, BOB MALLORY JACK MARIANI, FRANK MASSINO, JOE McALVEY, DON McCARTY, MARTIN McDEVITT, TOM McDONALD, MIKE McGONAGLE, H.S. KEN McKINNON, GEORGE MELLEN, RON MILLARD, FRITZ MILLER, LES MILLSPAUCH, BILL MORROW, LYLE MOWEN, RICK NEIGHBORS, ED NEWELL, ROBERT O'REILLY IRISH ODLE, CLYDE OLSON, DONALD

ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY OTTO, AL WHEATON NORTH H.S. FREEPORT H.S. CARBONDALE H.S. BREMEN H.S. CURIE H.S. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY NORMAL H.S. OAK PARK-RIVER FOREST H.S. **BRADLEY UNIVERSITY** GRANT H.S. **EDWARDS H.S NEW TRIER H.S. (WINNETKA)** STEWARDSON-STRASBURG H.S. MT. OLIVE H.S. JACKSONVILLE H.S. MARIST H.S. (CHICAGO) NAPERVILLE CENTRAL H.S. MONTINI H.S. FAIRFIELD H.S. LYONS TOWNSHIP H.S. BEARDSTOWN H.S. BELVIDERE H.S. **EVANSTON TOWNSHIP H.S.** ILLINOIS VALLEY CENTRAL H.S. ST. FRANCIS DeSALES H.S. HAVANA H.S. OKAWVILLE H.S. STEVENSON H.S. WAUKEGAN EAST H.S. HOLLY CROSS H.S. PUTNAM COUNTY H.S. THORNWOOD H.S. N. SHORE COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY MORTON H.S. EVANSTON H.S. NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY SANDBURG H.S. EAST PEORIA H.S. UNIV. OF ILLINOIS (CHGO CIRCLE) OLNEY H.S. WHEATON CENTRAL H.S. WAUKEGAN WEST H.S. MT. ZION H.S. HENRY H.S. LEWIS UNIVERSITY LOCKPORT H.S.

MAINE EAST H.S.

PAPCIAK, ED PATTON, LARRY PHIPPS JIM PIERCE, CLIFF PILE, TOM POHLMAN, LARRY PRITKIN, HARRY ROSE, RANDY RYSER, TERRY SARVER, HUBY SAUNCHES, RAY SCHMID, JIM SCHMIDT FRED SCHMITT BOB SCHULTE, LEE SCOTT, JIM SEDLACEK GEORGE SEIPLE, BILL SHATKOWISKI, WALLY SHELTON, RON SISLER, HERB SKUBICH, TOM SMARGIASSI, DON SMILGOFF, JIM SMITH, KIRBY SMITH, DICK SMITH, LARRY STATTS, JOHN K. STEGEMEIER, ROBERT STELZER, MAYNARD STEPHENS, JAMES L. STONEBOCK, EDWARD STUART, JAMES SUBJECT, PAUL SULASKI, GARY SUTHERLAND, BILL SYMONDS, BOB SZUKALA, JERRY TAYLOR, DON THOMPSON, JAY TOMOLEONI, RICHARD TYLER, WAYNE VIDONI, GENE WILD, CHARLES WIMAN, BOB WORKMAN, JIM ZEEMAN, BLLL

LANE TECH H.S. BELLEVILLE EAST H.S. NILES WEST H.S. SCHURZ H.S EDWARDSVILLE H.S. PROSPECT H.S. **BOWEN H.S.** EISENHOWER H.S. PROVISO EAST H.S. LaSALLE-PERU H.S. DirOHOIN H.S. WAUBONSIE VALLEY H.S. LEYDEN H.S. LIMESTONE H.S. MARISSA JR.-SR. H.S. UNIVERSITY HIGH (NORMAL) BROTHER RICE H.S. (CHICAGO) NAPERVILLE CENTRAL H.S. THORNRIDGE H.S. WARREN H.S. ROCKFORD AUBURN SCHOOL HUBBARD H.S. PAWNEE H.S. TAFT H.S. (CHICAGO) BARRINGTON H.S. NAPERVILLE CENTRAL H.S. KASKASKIA COLLEGE SPRINGFIELD H.S. **GRANITE CITY H.S** EVERGREEN PARK H.S. STREATOR H.S. PEORIA MANUAL H.S. COLUMBIA H.S. **GRAYSLAKE H.S** HINSDALE CENTRAL H.S. PROVISO WEST H.S. TRITON COLLEGE LANE TECH H.S. CARLYLE H.S. HARRISBURGH H.S. **CLEMENTE H.S. (CHICAGO)** ALTON SENIOR H.S. CASEY-WESTFIELD H.S. ROCKFORD WEST H.S. MATTOON H.S. **CULLOM TRI-POINT HIGH** ROANOKE-BENSON H.S.

ROLLING MEADOWS H.S.

# Hall of Fame Award

#### **ED BRUCKER**

Last season was Ed's 28th year coaching high school baseball. Fifteen of those years as a head coach, 3 at Forrestor High School and 12 years as the head coach at Woodstock High School. During those 15 years, Ed compiled a record of 324 wins and 197 losses. During his tenure as head coach, he won 5 conference championships, 4 regional championships and 1 sectional championship. Ed's 1992 team finished 3rd in the state. Ed has had 60 players go on to play at the collegiate level. This season, Ed's 29th in baseball, he will be coaching the sophomores at Woodstock. He is recently the head varsity football coach at Woodstock which won the Class 5A state championship this past season earning Ed the Gridiron Report Coach of the Year.





#### JIM DARRAH

Jim Darrah is in his 20th year as Baseball Coach and Director of Athletics at Illinois Institute of Technology. Before coming to IIT in 1978, he served as assistant baseball coach for eight years at the University of Illinois, Chicago (UIC).

Coach Darrah has led the IIT baseball program to a position of great respect in the Chicagoland area. In his first year as head coach in 1979, he guided the Hawks to an NCAA bid at the end of the season. This was the first time that an IIT team had ever received a post season bid from the NCAA. In 1986, Coach Darrah was voted "Coach of the Year" for the state of Illinois. In 1996, he moved "Coach of the Year" honors for the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference. Recently he was also named to the UIC Athletic Department Hall-of-Fame, and the Chicago Pitch and Hit Club 1997 College Coach of the Year.

He is best known around IIT as the "Coach to the Stars"; for his work with Madonna, Tom Hanks and the cast from "A League of Their Own, helping Bo Jackson with his baseball re-hab, and providing outfield drills for Michael Jordan in his quest to become a baseball player.

Besides being a member of the American Baseball Coaches Association and the Pitch & Hit Club of Chicago for the past 29 years, Coach Darrah also serves as the liaison man between college baseball and the Chicago White Sox. In his career at IIT, he has placed three players in professional baseball and complied a 344-268 overall record.

Jim and his wife Maribeth live in Hickory Hills, Illinois and have three children: Michelle, Dan and Mike.

#### **JAIME GARCIA**

Jaime began his high school coaching career at Providence Catholic High School where he spent 17 years, 13 of those seasons as the head varsity coach, compiling a regular season record of 397-121. Providence won 9 conference championships, 7 regional championships, 4 sectional championships during Jaime's tenure. That's not all, in '86, they went on to the quarterfinals, in '79 went to the state semifinals and in '78 and '82. Providence ended the season as state champions. After leaving Providence, Jaime went on to professional baseball. From 1989 to 1996, Jaime worked for the Chicago White Sox as a minor league pitching coach and also managed one season in the Gulf Coast league for the White Sox. In 1997, Jaime again coached pitching for the Milwaukee Brewers in Beloit. Jaime has served United States baseball all over the world as a clinician, in such places as Honduras, Guatemala, Peru, Chile and Spain. Presently Jaime is working for the Texas Rangers as coach and their Latin American liaison coordinator.





#### TERRY GELLINGER

Terry began his coaching career at the University of Illinois as the freshman coach for 2 seasons. Terry then moved on to Palatine High School before moving to Fremd High School where he was the head varsity coach for 18 seasons. During his tenure, Terry won 5 divisional and 3 conference championships. During tournament play, Terry's teams won 3 district, 3 regional and 2 sectional championships. Terry's teams qualified twice for a trip downstate. Terry finished his career with a record of 257-179. Terry also coached IHSA summer league teams making it to the state finals once. Terry has been a speaker at our clinic, and served the IHSBCA as a conference representative.

#### TOM HAAS

Coach Haas began coaching baseball in 1973 as the sophomore coach at CVS. In 1981, he became the varsity coach and retired from coaching in 1996. During his sixteen years as the varsity coach, Coach Haas' teams had won 317 games, seven conference championships, and a city championship in 1987.





Tom is a 1967 graduate of Southern Illinois University with a BS in physical education. He lettered at SIU for three years as a diver. Tom began his teaching career in elementary school in Chicago, and after a tour of duty in Viet Nam, he returned to teach at Gage Park High School as an English teacher and coached tennis and diving. In September of 1972, Tom was assigned to Chicago Vocational.

Tom resides in the Beverly area of Chicago with his wife, Maureen. He has two sons, Tom Jr., who resides in Atlanta Ga., and Mike, a senior at Loyola University.



#### PHIL LAWLER

Phil is very deserving of this prestigious award. Phil has been a member of the IHSBCA for the past 22 years. For the last 12 years, Phil has served as a member of the executive board. Phil has been one of the chief supporters of the IHSBCA. Over the past 20 years, he was the driving force behind expanding the current summer league tournament. In 1983, the last year of single elimination, nearly 60 teams participated in the summer tournament. This past year over 120 teams from virtually all over the state competed for the summer championship. Phil is without a doubt the man behind all of this. Coaches from all over the country come to scout our high school athletes in the summer championships. College and professional scouts routinely comment that the IHSBCA prospect list, developed and researched by Phil, has become the "bible" for the high school recruiting in Illinois. I believe it is safe to say that Phil has become

one of the top "sources" of information on high school baseball players in Illinois.

#### JAY THOMPSON

The 1997 season was Jay's 15th as the head varsity baseball coach at Harrisburg High School. Jay has compiled an overall record of 349-102. During Jay's tenure, Harrisburg has won 8 conference, 6 regional, and 4 sectional championships. On 4 occasions Jay's teams have qualified for the trip down state, finishing 4th once in 1995, twice as the runner-up in 1992 and 1995, and winning it all as the Class "AA" state champions in 1989. Over 50 of Jay's players have gone on to play collegiate ball, and 5 have signed professional contracts. Nine of Jay's players are now his peers in the coaching ranks. Jay has served the IHSBCA for 10 years as a conference representative, and a member of the Class "A" All-State committee. Jay has been president of the Southern Illinois Baseball Coaches Association, coached in two I.C.A. all-star games and one Illinois-Michigan all-star game. Jay was also the recipient of the President's Award in 1993 by the IHSBCA.



# Alward Winners



#### LESS MILLER MAN OF THE YEAR — PHIL LAWLER - NAPERVILLE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

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#### PRESIDENT'S AWARD - FRANK ECCLES - RICH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

This is Frank's 21st year of working on the clinic in some capacity. He will open the 1998 season as a coach for the 42nd time. This started with amateur summer ball in 1957, through Thornton High School for 31½ years, and presently at Rich Central High School. Frank's coaching record on all levels of competition is 742 wins and 749 losses. He received the IHSBCA Man of the Year award in 1984 and was inducted into the associations Hall of Fame in 1991. He is a member of the National High Baseball Coaches Association and the ABCA. Frank is married to Lynda and has 3 children, Randy, Michelle and Jeff, and 2 stepsons, Jason and Chad Ross.



#### PRESIDENT'S AWARD — RANDY ROSE – EISENHOWER HIGH SCHOOL

A Cardinal staff member and head baseball coach for thirty years, Coach Rose has been IHSBCA Executive Secretary for the last 10 years. As such he is responsible for the organization membership and for hosting and conducting the annual clinic and Hall of Fame Banquet for 500 to 600 high school, college and youth baseball coaches held the first weekend in February. In addition, he is past-president of the SICA Baseball Coaches Association and has coached Team U.S.A. baseball teams competing in Australia, Holland, Germany and Austria.

In January 1994, Rose received a Twenty-five Year Coaching Award at the American Baseball Coaches Association national convention. He was named the IHSBCA's Man of the Year in 1989, and in 1992 he was inducted into the IHSBCA Baseball Coaches Halls of Fame.

#### ASSISTANT COACH OF THE YEAR — KEN DOBSON - LOCKPORT HIGH SCHOOL

Ken began his baseball career at Austin High School in Chicago as an outfielder. Last year was Ken's 29th year coaching baseball. He has been an assistant at Lockport High School for the past 17 years. Ken coached the freshmen at Lockport for 1 0 years winning 235 games and 5 conference championships. In 1989 his team's record was 25-0. In 1991 Ken became a varsity assistant and is responsible for coaching the catchers, outfielders and first basemen. During his 6 years as a varsity assistant, Lockport has won 4 conference championships, making it to the state finals twice, finishing 4th in 1992 and 2nd last season. Despite the extra inning loss for the state championship, it was Ken's most exciting and satisfying year as a coach.



#### TOM HULL SCOUT OF THE YEAR — AL OTTO - CHICAGO WHITE SOX

Al was born and raised in Chicago, attending Calumet High School and Northern Illinois University. After college, Al played 3 years with the New York Yankee organization. After his playing career ended, he was the head coach at Rolling Meadows High School for 17 years. In 1987, Al was inducted into IBCA Hall of Fame. Al started scouting in 1990 for the Milwaukee Brewers, moving to the Chicago White Sox in 1991, where he continues to scout, covering the northern Illinois area. Al's son, Dave, had a 5 year major league career with Oakland, Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Chicago Management of the Chicago White Sox in 1991, where he continues to scout, covering the northern Illinois area. Al's son, Dave, had a 5 year major league career with Oakland, Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Chicago White Sox in 1991, where he continues to scout, covering the northern Illinois area. Al's son, Dave, had a 5 year major league career with Oakland, Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Chicago White Sox in 1991, where he continues to scout the continues of the continu go. And NO, Al did not sign Dave.





#### BOB UDELL UMPIRE OF THE YEAR — HARRY ROSENBERG

Harry completed his 28th year as an I.H.S.A. official last season the last 25 years as a certified umpire. Harry has worked 20 regionals and 7 sectionals Harry is affiliated with UMPS (Umpires Metropolitan Professional Services). He has served that organization as Vice President, President and Chairman of the Board of Directors. The last 18 years, Harry has been the assignment chairman for umpire assigning high school and college games in the southwestern suburbs of Chicago.

#### PLAYER OF THE YEAR — JAYSON WERTH – CHATHAM-GLENWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Jayson had a year in 1997 that most people can only dream about. Jayson went to bat 107 times last season, striking out only 5 times, he had 66 hits and compiled a .617 baiting average. Jayson scored 80 runs and drove in 63. The power numbers were also there with 40 extra base hits out of his 66 hits. He had 17 home runs last year, and he can run too, having swiped 32 stolen bases. After a season like that the awards kept rolling in. In addition to being named Player of the Year by the IHSBCA, he was voted All-Conference, Chicago Tribune All-State First Team, ICA First Team All-State, and the Illinois State Journal Register - Central State Eight Baseball Player of the Year. After those awards, another dream came true, being drafted in the first round with the 22nd pick by the Baltimore Orioles. This past summer, he was sent to the instructional league and then on to play for the Sarasota Orioles in the Gulf Coast league, where he went on to hit .295. In 1998, Jayson will play for the Delmarva Orioles Class "A" team.



#### CLASS 'A' COACH OF THE YEAR — JEFF SEFCIK - DRISCOLL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Last season was Jeff's 5th year as the head coach at Driscoll. He has a 5 year record of 123-45. Jeff has 3 conference, 3 regional and 2 sectional championship, going 33-7. This is Jeff's second time being honored as the Class 'A' Coach of the Year. He was also honored by the Pitch Hit & Run Club as the 1997 Coach of the Year. Jeff also serves on the Sun-Times, I.C.A. and IHSBCA on All Area and All-State committees. Jeff teaches history and psychology at Driscoll. Jeff is married to Christy and has 2 children, Quentin and Brooke.



CLASS 'AA' COACH OF THE YEAR — PAUL GROOT – SCHAUMBURG HIGH SCHOOL
Paul graduated from Wheeling High School where he played for IHSBCA Hall of Famer, Ron DeBolt. He went on to Purdue University, catching raul graduated from wheeling High School where he played for IHSBCA Hall of Famer, Ron DeBolt. He went on to Purdue University, catching for 4 years for the varsity Boilermakers. He was captain in his senior year and named 2nd team all Big-10. He received the "Red Mackey" post-scholarship award and coached from 1978-1980 at Purdue. In 1980 Paul moved on to Schaumburg High School, where he has been the varsity baseball coach for the past 13 years with a record of 281-128. During that span, Paul has won 4 conference championships, 5 regional championships and 2 sectional championships. In 1989 Paul's team finished as the state runners-up, losing in the 8th inning 3-2 to Harrisburg. Last season Paul turned the table winning the 1997 Class 'AA' State Championship over Lockport in extra innings, finishing the season 32-5. Paul was also awarded the District 4 C.O.Y. honors this past season by the NHSBCA. Paul served on the IHSBCA Executive Board for 8 years. He was our president from 1990-1992. Paul lives in Schaumburg and has a daughter, Katelin.



#### SUMMER BASEBALL COACH OF THE YEAR — JIM PANTHER - LIBERTYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Last year was Jim's 29th year at Libertyville. The last 15 years as head coach. Jim's record at Libertyville is 391-126 overall. Jim has won 7 conference championships and 5 regional championships. Jim has made 4 IHSBCA summer state championship appearances. Last summer Jim's Libertyville squad won the summer state championship and finished 22-7. Jim also played professionally for 7 years.

