

Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association

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CLINIC MARCH 9-10: One month until the Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association Fifth Annual Clinic! We hope you have made your plans to attend and bring the team along, the assistant coach and the coach "down the road" with you. Enclosed you will find a brochure about the speakers, topics, times, etc.. Show it to your principal and superintendent and make sure you get the day off to enjoy a weekend of baseball.

BANQUET TICKETS: Enclosed you will find a card to return so we can make a reservation for you for the Friday banquet and noon lunch on Saturday. Fill it out and mail it back with your check covering your meals. If you plan to eat both Friday and Saturday meals, your check should be for \$4.75. If you plan to eat for only the banquet, it would be \$3.00 and if plans are for only the Saturday lunch it should be \$1.75. To make a reservation for meals, you must enclose your check. Some cards have already been returned indicating the coach plans to attend the meals, but enclosing no fee. No reservation can be made without enclosing your check. Please make meal reservations no later than March 5.

Remember, if you are not a member of the coaches association by March 1, 1973 The clinic will cost you \$10.00 plus the meals. Make your check payable to the Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association. We will only order as many meals and noon lunches as we have paid reservations.

WAYNE DUKE BANQUET SPEAKER: The Big Ten Commissioner, Wayne Duke will be our banquet speaker. Wayne has much to offer coaches from the administrative angle. I'm sure you will enjoy his talk very much.

NEW TOURNAMENT SET UP: With the new set up on tournaments this year it might be of interest to the coaches that the Class A tournament will start July 16 and the Class AA will start July 20. Teams might be interested in scheduling games the week of the tournament. This will be the first year for a two-class tournament.

HALL OF FAME: Enclosed you will find the press release of the 1973 Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. A brief history follows each man's name. Not only will we honor Hall of Fame, but coaches who have served over 15 years, College Coaches of Year, High School District Coaches of Year and High School Coach of Year. We hope you all are planning to attend and bring someone along.

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS: Cedar Rapids Sporting Goods and Eby's Sporting Goods will appreciate your visit to their booths during the clinic. You will see their ad on the back of the program. They are helping offset the cost of the clinic by their ads. Remember to thank them for their support.

RESERVATIONS: It is recommended that you get your reservations in early if you plan to stay overnight. I have talked to the Holiday Inn and they gave us special rates once again. These are the places to call:

Holiday Inn, Williams Blvd. S.W. 319-365-9441
Howard Johnsons, Highway 30 West, 319-363-8101
Town House Motor Inn, First Ave. East, 319-362-3131
Roosevelt Hotel, Downtown, Cedar Rapids, 319-364-4111
Montrose Hotel, Downtown Cedar Rapids, 319-364-9111
Y.M.C.A., Downtown Cedar Rapids, 319-362-1138
Ramada Inn, 5560 6th St. S.W., 319-366-7721
Village Inn, 100 F Ave. N.W., 319-366-5323

Make your reservations early.

NIGHT CAP: After the Friday meeting all coaches will meet at the Elks Club in downtown Cedar Rapids, for an evening "night cap". Plan on this "off the cuff" get together. This is all baseball talk. Many "big stories" are told here. We hope you make it a total baseball week end.

200 WIN CLUB: All coaches who have won over 200 games please send in your name and your record to the Executive Secretary. We would like to print the name of those coaches who have achieved 200 wins. We will have a 300 win, a 400 win, and a 500 and over win club. Coaches will receive a certificate for this accomplishment.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: The next Board of Directors meeting will be held at Cedar Rapids Washington, March 8, 1973, starting at 7:30 P.M., Little Theater. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings. All Old Directors and New Directors are to attend these meetings. Also everyone who was appointed to a committee should attend. Committee meetings will be held.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS ACADEMY TRYOUTS: Iowa youths who have not yet reached their 20th birthday and have completed their high school eligibility are invited to participate in a series of tryout camps sponsored by the Royals in the Hawkeye state this summer.

The Academy, only institution of its kind in the world, is located in Sarasota, Fla. Youths selected in the tryouts will be sent there for a 16-month course with all expenses paid. They also will receive a salary. Dates and sites for the Iowa trials have not been selected but they will not be held prior to June 1.

Five mornings a week the students at the Academy are occupied with college courses while their afternoons are devoted to baseball. The players selected this summer will make up the fourth class at the Academy. Youths wanting more information should write the Administrator, Kansas City Royals Baseball Academy, 6700 Clark Road, Sarasota, Fla., 33577.

CLINIC GROWTH: You might be interested in the growth of the Clinic over the years. Here are some figures that will show the growth of the Clinic: 1969--160 1970--195 1971--264 1972--420
Goal for 1973---650

We need your support and interest to achieve our goal of 650 for this year's Clinic. Remember your students are invited to come. This Clinic is open to the public. It will cost your students \$1.00 per session with a minimum fee of \$2.00. It will cost all others \$10.00 unless they are a member of the Association.

BROCHURE: The brochure you have in this letter has been donated to us by Ken Curran of Curran Typographic Service. Kenny is a real fan of the game. Many thanks are due him for the many hours that he has spent in getting this to us plus all the certificates.

TEAMS THAT PLAY SPRING BASEBALL: If any coach is interested in finding out who is playing spring baseball, have him contact the Executive Secretary and this information will be passed along. If you are interested in contracting games with a team that plays spring ball you can get this information from the association. Any team that plans on playing spring baseball please drop the Executive Secretary a line.

It would be appreciated if coaches who have their schedule completed would bring a couple dozen schedules to the Clinic for the college coaches and scouts. Teams schedules could be passed out to these people.

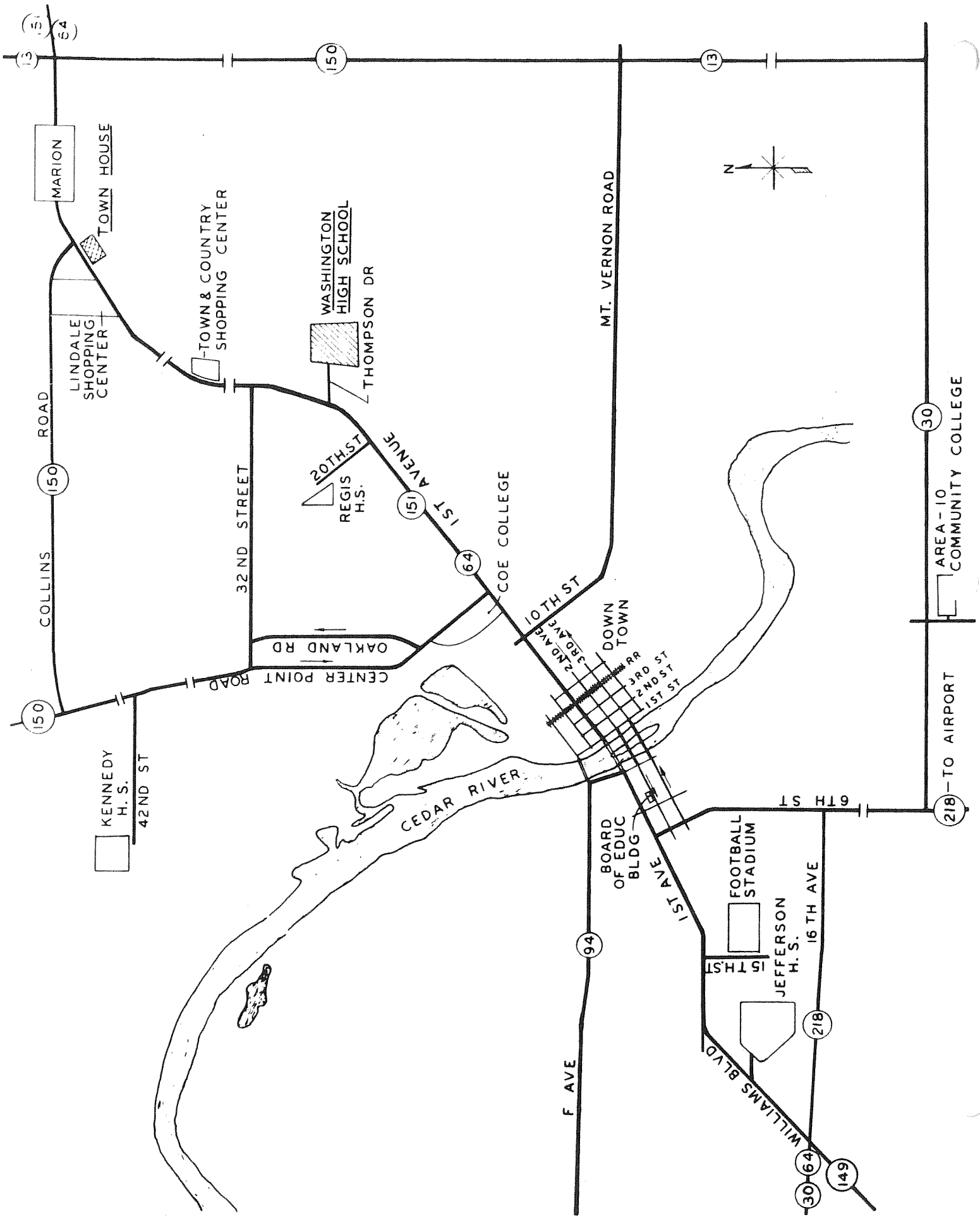
ALL DISTRICT CERTIFICATES: Coaches who had a boy make the All District Team in 1972 may pick up your player's certificate at the Clinic. All you have to do is ask for it at the registration window any time after 2:00 P.M. Friday, March 9. The certificates are a great reminder to the player of his high school playing day's. Make every effort to get it to him.

MAP TO WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL: Enclosed you will find a map of Cedar Rapids and the directions to Washington High School.

TWINS INSTRUCTIONAL MANUAL: Marv Olson, Minnesota Twins Scout, said he would send the Twins Instructional Manual to any coach who sends him his schedule and roster plus 25¢ for postage. This is an excellent Manual. Just write to: Marv Olson, Box 95, Gayville, South Dakota 57031. Don't forget to send 25¢ for postage.

CONSTITUTION CHANGE: Recommended Amendments and changes: Section 2. Board of Directors. Paragraph(A) Each board member would be elected for a period of two years with one-half of the board members being elected each year. In each election the person receiving the second highest number of votes would become the alternate.

Election of Officers: A succession for the officers should be when the President's term is concluded each officer moves up in rank and a new treasurer is selected. The officers concerned would be the President, Vice-President and the Treasurer.



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COLLINS ROAD

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MARION TOWN HOUSE

LINDALE SHOPPING CENTER

TOWN & COUNTRY SHOPPING CENTER

32ND STREET

CENTER POINT ROAD

OAKLAND RD

20TH ST

REGIS H.S.

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

THOMPSON DR

1ST AVENUE

151

CEDAR RIVER

COE COLLEGE

F AVE

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FOOTBALL STADIUM

JEFFERSON H. S.

16TH AVE

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15TH ST

WILLIAMS BLVD

1ST AVE

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218 - TO AIRPORT

30 AREA - 10 COMMUNITY COLLEGE



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NEWS RELEASE

TO BE RELEASED FEBRUARY 16, 1973

CEDAR RAPIDS: Seven new members of the Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association "Hall of Fame" will be formally honored at the banquet March 9 in Cedar Rapids featuring the Association's Fifth Annual Clinic.

In announcing the names of the honorees, Association Executive Secretary Harold Primrose said: "Again this year we are privileged to present seven men whose names loom large in the playing, coaching, and umpiring of baseball in Iowa over long period of years. Each was a standout. All share with previous men named to the Hall of Fame a record of unselfish achievement in whatever capacity they were privileged to serve. We are proud of them all."

Alphabetically, the seven men are Everett Barr of Algona, Jay R. Beekmann of Storm Lake, Alex Evans of Manson, Bill Holmstrom of Clinton, Orval J. Madden of Alton, Merle E. "Midge" McKeever of Delaware and Frank Tvrdik of Cedar Rapids.

Standout player on the list is MC KEEVER, whose three varsity years at Coe College are still talked about, notably his .563 batting average in 1922. From that springboard McKeever played professionally from Class D to Class AAA baseball as a catcher and second baseman. He was an adept base-stealer with a high of 67 in 1925. Retiring as a player, McKeever coached Davenport High School baseball, winning 3 state titles and placing twice as runner-up in eight seasons. In all, McKeever umpired 30 years, coached 38 years. Now 73 years old, McKeever lives in retirement in Delaware.

JAY BEEKMANN was another player with professional talent as a pitcher in his youthful days as evidenced by several fine seasons with the celebrated Storm Lake White Caps plus the fact that when Buena Vista College launched it's athletic "Hall of Fame" in 1969 Beekman was in the first group to be honored. But his greatest career service to baseball was in the field of coaching, administration and leadership. As athletic director and baseball coach of Buena Vista College since 1955, Beekman's teams have rated national attention time after time and led to a series of well-deserved honors for their coach. Active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Beekman is an ordained elder in the Presbyterian church of Storm Lake.

Contribution of time, effort and leadership to American Legion baseball is the highlight of FRANK TVRDIK's career. Since 1935 he has been "Mr. Legion Baseball" in Cedar Rapids with a record which now reads 622 wins, 132 losses, eleven state titles and national runnerup in 1971. Tvrdik was noted for players he developed such as Dick Rozek, Hal Trosky, Frank Stastny, Bob Stastny, Bob Tvrdik, Tom Farmer and many others. A third baseman in his playing days, Tvrdik has been associated with baseball in a variety of capacities since 1918.

A man with a protegee pitching in the majors is Athletic Director BILL HOLMSTROM of Clinton High School. Prior to going full-time to administration at Clinton in 1969, Holmstrom's City High baseball teams in Iowa City won 233 games, lost 89, played two ties and finished runnerup to Abe Lincoln of Council Bluffs for the 1959 state title. Veteran reliefer Eddie Watt of the Baltimore Orioles is one of Holmstrom's "boys". He was at Clarence 4 years before going to City High.

Off a busy 34-year-background of coaching and administration, ORVAL J. MADDEN of Alton Floyd Valley High School first started up the baseball ladder as a pitcher, making the switch to coaching after giving the old Nebraska State League a whirl. Over the years at Auburn, Little Rock, Osage and Alton, Madden has been involved in almost every facet of the game, managing and coaching Junior Legion, Midget, town teams and semi-pro teams along with high school coaching, fund-raising, conducting clinics and a wide variety of other worthwhile projects. He's been connected with baseball since he was 12.

Anyone who ever attended clinics or state tournaments at Manson since 1941 will nod agreement with this word that ALEX EVANS, the guiding spirit behind those activities at Manson, is a Hall of Fame nominee this year. Evans did a remarkable job in putting clinics together with top major league talent like George Sisler, Lew Fonseca, Spees Torporcer and others on hand to teach. He went after the big names and he got them. A Decorah native and athlete under the late Doc Dorman at Upper Iowa College, Evans got his coaching start at Central City in 1921 and after serving at Grundy Center went to Manson in 1940. As coach there, he produced outstanding high school and Legion teams.

Proving that something nice can happen to umpires, EVERETT BARR of Algona makes the Hall of Fame off a background of superlative work in that role. Rated with the very finest umpires in Iowa history, Barr also coached successful Junior Legion baseball at Algona, served as commissioner of the Iowa Junior College association, directed the Algona city recreation program and taught sports officiating in Algona's adult education program. But Everett Barr is in the Hall of Fame primarily as an umpire, a field in which his work served as a standard of comparison and met the test well.

Others named previously to the Association's Hall of Fame are Otto Vogel, Dr. Harry Simmer and L. A. "Lefty" Schnack, all deceased, along with Hal Trosky, Sr., Joe Bailey, Bud Suter, Hap Miller, Roy F. Jessen, Ken Blackman, Emil Klumpar, Hamlet Peterson, Mon Whitford, Fred Larsen, Harold Schmickley, Vince Meyer, Elmer Starr, Cap Timm, George Thomson, Estel Thomson, Chick Sutherland, Dick Davis and Ray Manship.