

Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association

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CLINIC SUCCESS: The Sixth Annual Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association Clinic was a record setting clinic. Four hundred sixty five coaches, players, umpires, and fans attended the two-day clinic. This clinic has been growing over the past six years. Here are some figures that will show the growth of the Clinic:

1969--160 1970--195 1971--264 1972--420 1973--450 1974--465

The clinic speakers did a outstanding job. A lot of coaches would like to have some of the speakers back next year. Everyone enjoyed the exchange of ideas at the mini clinic sessions.

All sessions were taped. If you are interested in hearing any of the speakers, you may send \$2.50 and you will receive a cassette with the topic of your choice. The mini clinics were not taped. Each cassette would have an hour of the clinic. If you order more than one hour it will be another \$2.50. Send in your order now and you will get your cassette in the near future.

BANQUET: There were 220 at the Friday banquet and over 145 at the Saturday luncheon. This is down from last year which was a record year. At the banquet many coaches were honored for their services to Iowa High School Baseball. Any coach who coached more than 15 years received a plaque, Plus the District Coach of Year Awards, Coach of the Year Award, Hall of Fame and College Coach of Year Awards. We also honored the coaches who have won over 200 games into the Win Club.

We hope more coaches and fans of baseball will be in attendance next year. Mr. Gillespie gave a tremendous talk.

HALL OF FAME: The coaches' association inducted into its Hall of Fame four more outstanding baseball men. They were: Pete Cramer, Des Moines; Jeff Pickart, Norway; Harold "Pinky" Primrose, Cedar Rapids Washington; Cy Slapnicka, Cedar Rapids. Bob Brooks of K.C.R.G. T.V. of Cedar Rapids gave the introductions. Each was introduced and a brief history was given.

You will be able to nominate a man you feel is qualified for the honor on your ballot for All District in July. Look around for those deserving of such honor. You may also write to any member of the Hall of Fame committee and nominate a candidate.

A large number of past Hall of Fame members came back to the banquet. The Hall of Famers had the opportunity to get together and discuss old times. They also nominated a candidate.

1975 SEVENTH ANNUAL CLINIC: The dates for the seventh Annual Clinic are set. They are March 14-15, 1975. It will be held in Cedar Rapids Washington High School once again. If you have any ideas for speakers and topics for next year's clinic, drop us a line.

COLLEGIATE BASEBALL & COACH & ATHLETE: These are two things that are a must for all coaches to have. Collegiate Baseball is one of the top baseball newspapers around. It has feature articles plus news on every level of baseball. I recommend this newspaper very highly. You may subscribe by writing Collegiate Baseball, P.O. Box 50566, Tucson, Arizona 85703. \$5.00 for your membership, send along your mailing address.

Coach and Athlete is the Magazine for Coaches, Players, and Officials. If you are interested in this magazine you should write, Coach & Athlete, Box 931, Montgomery, Alabama 36102. \$4.00 for subscription.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: President Dick Wagner made his committee assignments for 1974-75. Each committee met Friday and has a lot of ideas about the Association. The new committee assignments are enclosed. Your organization is a growing one, and your involvement is necessary for it to continue to grow.

It is the chairmens responsibility to send out a questionnaire to his committee for their input.

BALLPARK IMPROVEMENTS: Now is the time for you to start making the improvements in your baseball diamond.

1. Improve your lights.
2. Get a good fence up.
3. Get a good score board.
4. Get some bleachers for people to use.
5. Warm up pitchers mound.
6. Charge at the gate.
7. Get your infield and out-field in top shape.
8. Rest rooms!

CALLING IN YOUR GAMES: We would like to remind you coaches to send in to your local newspaper or the nearest newspaper plus the Des Moines Register the results of your baseball games. Call in your score to the radio and television stations in your local area. Promote baseball by helping the press and radio people. In the long run it will help your own program. Do you think the football and basketball programs would be successful without calling in their scores? You owe it to your ball players, and fans.

COACHING CLINIC AT CORNELL COLLEGE: Duane Banks will be the featured speaker at the Baseball Clinic. The Clinic will be held on the Cornell Campus starting at 8:30 a.m., Thursday May 30, and will continue until noon, May 31. The Golf Tournament will then be held at the Hillcrest Country Club. A free cocktail hour and steak fry will follow the gold tournament. Send your reservations to Jerry Clark, Director, Coachin Clinic, Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa 52314. Total Package \$30.00!

A BASEBALL BOOK YOU SHOULD HAVE: Buz Keller of the Kansas City Royals, tells us that every coach should have this book: Baseball Injuries and Training Tips, by Mickey COBB, Vantage Press, New York 516 West 34th St. New York, N.Y. 10001 GET IT!

'THE NOW CARLER': Bob Oldis feels this is a terrific film for your ball players to see. If you are interested in showing this film write Bob Oldis, 306 Virginia Dr. Iowa City, Iowa 52240. Phone 338-1665

FOR SALE: Jim Kaat, Pitching Machine, Indoor/Outdoor-Model 3000. Machine has never been used. 36 ball capacity, 110 volt electric motor. School price \$450.00 Contact Mick Mattiace, baseball Coach at Prairie High School 401 76th Ave. Cedar Rapids, Iowa (848-4121 or 365-7159 phone)

DISTRICT COACHES OF THE YEAR: Five District Coaches were honored. They were Dave Mulder, Sioux Center; Tom Vincent, Council Bluffs T.J.; Dave Posegate, Ames; Don Jones, Davenport West; Harold Primrose, Cedar Rapids Washington.

Each coach was nominated last July on the All District Ballot. A candidate must be a member of the Coaches Association. He must have coached for a least two years in his present school. He must be a promoter of High School baseball in his District. These are the qualifications to become the District Coach of the Year. Each coach received a certificate and trophy from Eby's Sporting Goods of Cedar Rapids.

COACH OF THE YEAR TO TOM VINCENT: Tom Vincent was elected Coach of the Year 1973. Coach Vincent had an outstanding year in 1973 winning the State Championship. Tom has been the winner of the District Coach of the Year in past years. He was selected by the District Representatives and Officers at the direction of Jim Jagim. The Directors rate each candidate. The candidate with the most points wins.

SCOUTING INFO: A standard roster form is now being used by colleges and high schools; while a relatively small thing in the whole picture, the roster form will simplify the work of major league scouts in getting necessary data on all the players at every school they visit. Scouts will have all the info they need, without having to check with the coach or the player. The roster form under 12 headings, supplies the following:

Uniform number, name, position, how he bats and throws, his height, weight and class, birth date, home address, telephone number and school.

ALTERNATES APPOINTED: President Dick Wagner, of Burlington, appointed Dick Core, Dubuque Hempstead (N.E. District) and Jim Ellwanger, Fort Dodge (C District) to fulfill the positions left vacant by Mick Mattiace and Jim Jagim.

1974-75 OFFICERS: The new officers were elected at the General Meeting held Friday March 15, the new officers are: President, Dick Wagner, Burlington, Vice-President, Jim Jagim, Valley West Des Moines, Treasurer, Dave Hoyt, Cedar Rapids Washington, Secretary, Mick Mattiace, Cedar Rapids Prairie; Executive Secretary, Harold Primrose, Cedar Rapids Washington. The Executive Committee will be meeting throughout the year giving direction to the Coaches Association. Feel free to contact any officer.

HELP FROM I.H.S.A.A.: The Iowa High School Athletic Association helped on the expenses for the clinic instructional staff once again. The association has helped us each year with their contribution. A real thanks is due the I.H.S.A.A. for their help. We could not put on this type of clinic without their help.

MID WEST LEAGUE WILL HONOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD: Any team in the Mid-West Class A Professional League will honor your membership card. We hope you take advantage of this.

THANKS TO EBY'S AND CEDAR RAPIDS SPORTS: A big thanks to Eby's and C.R. Sports for their advertising on the program and displays at the Clinic. Also a thank you to Ebys for the trophies. We need this type of support.

1974-75 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

ALL-STATE TEAM COMMITTEE

Dick Wagner, Burlington (Southeast) - Chairman
Bill Freese, Davenport Central (Southeast)
Harold Primrose, Cedar Rapids Washington (Northeast)
Dennis Olejniczak, Decorah (Northeast)
Jim Jagim, Valley, West Des Moines (Central)
Rick Mathews, Marshalltown (Central)
Tom Vincent, Council Bluffs Thomas Jefferson (Southwest)
Dean Witmer, Perry (Southwest)
Marv Thelen, Remsen, St. Mary's (Northwest)
Eugene Speraw, Sioux City North (Northwest)

ALL-DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Lowell Grunwald, Waterloo East - Chairman
Richard Arrington, Dubuque Senior
Don Jones, Davenport West
Mike Shiel, Indianola
Jim Ellwanger, Fort Dodge St. Edmonds
Jim Scholten, Mason City Newman

MEMBERSHIP

Chuck Burnett, Atlantic - Chairman
Bob Leech, Centerville
Dick Core, Dubuque Hempstead
Jerry Lake, Le Mars
Jim Hinkel, Carlisle
Ron Welsch, Eddyville

ALL-STATE COACH

Marv Thelen, Remsen, St. Mary's - chairman
Mick Mattiace, Cedar Rapids Prairie
Dave Posegate, Ames
Don Miller, Davenport Assumption
Terry Heald, Monona M-F-L
Jim Van Scoyoc, Norway

HALL OF FAME

Orville Madden, Alton, Floyd Valley - Chairman
Ed McNeil, Fort Dodge
Ron Clinton, Creston
Bill Sapp, Boone
David Mulder, Sioux Center
Ken Miller, Burlington

CONSTITUTION

Jim Schulz, Bettendorf - Chairman
Vern Bredeson, Cedar Rapids Jefferson
Don Mauro, West Des Moines Dowling
Al Seabrooke, Valley, Elgin
Rich Rambo, Fort Madison
Dick Wold, Maquoketa

NOMINATION

Bill Freese, Davenport Central - Chairman
Ray Randall, Iowa City West
Gay Bowden, West Union
Bob Watson, Des Moines Hoover
Duane Timmons, Muscatine
Larry Anderson, Remsen
Don Owen, Tama

CLINIC

Harold Primrose, Cedar Rapids Washington
(Chairman will select his own committee)

