

# Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association

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**1979 BASEBALL SEASON:** The 1979 baseball season is in full swing with most teams in the middle of their conference play and looking forward to state tournament play. A large number of coaches are sending in their results to the Des Moines Register and local papers. I would like to see all the games called into the Register so the coaches and people can see the scores and who is winning. Register phone number : 1-800-362-1830. You owe it to your conference and players to call in your scores.

**MEMBERSHIP:** The Association membership again meets its goal. We have achieved our goals every year for the past 11 years. If there is any new coach in your league or area who is not a member, mention the Association to him and explain what we are trying to do for baseball in the State of Iowa. Membership dues are now \$ 10.00. Also, a reminder of the District Meetings which will be held the week-end of July 14-15 for the Class A coaches and July 21-22 for the Class AA coaches.

**DISTRICT CHAIRMAN & MEETING SITES:** President Dave Posegate, Ames, appointed the District Chairmen for the All District Team selection and conducting the District business meetings that will be held in the five districts throughout Iowa.

**THE FOLLOWING DATES HAVE BEEN SET FOR THE MEETINGS:**

**NORTHWEST DISTRICT:** CHAIRMAN; Marv Thelen, Remsen St. Mary's 712-727-3461  
CLASS A Sat. July 14, 1979 9:30 a.m. Granville High  
CLASS AA Sat. July 21, 1979 9:30 a.m. Emmetsburg High

**SOUTHWEST DISTRICT:** CHAIRMAN; Ron Adams, C.B. Abe Lincoln, 712-328-9488  
CLASS A Sat. July 14, 1979 10:00 a.m. Avoca High  
CLASS AA Sat. July 21, 1979 10:00 a.m. Avoca High

**CENTRAL DISTRICT:** CHAIRMAN; Bob Watson, D.M. Hoover, 515-276-4490  
CLASS A Sun. July 15, 1979 2:00 p.m. Ames High School  
CLASS AA Sat. July 21, 1979 10:00 a.m. Ames High

**NORTHEAST DISTRICT:** CHAIRMAN; Dennis Olejniczak, Decorah 319-382-4570  
CLASS A Sun. July 15, 1979 1:00 p.m. Valley of Elgin  
CLASS AA Sun. July 22, 1979 1:00 p.m. Valley of Elgin

**SOUTHEAST DISTRICT:** CHAIRMAN; Jerry Barnholdt, Burlington, 319-752-8469  
CLASS A Sun. July 15, 1979 1:00 p.m. Washington High  
CLASS AA Sun. July 22, 1979 1:00 p.m. Washington High

**DISTRICT MEETING AGENDA:** The following topics will be discussed at your district meetings. Please make every effort to attend.

- (1) District Coach of the Year Nominations--Nominate five
- (2) All District Teams selection Two A & Two AA Teams
- (3) Media Person Nomination (1 from each district)
- (4) Recommendations for Board of Directors to consider at the Fall Meeting.
- (5) Review All Star Game

**CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES:** Would the conference representatives please send in the results of the league standing at the close of your conference play. Also send in the name of the conference champs coach. I would appreciate the games won and lost by all teams in your conference. The conference representative should also represent his conference in the District Meetings. We need your input, please take the time to fulfill this obligation.

**SCHEDULE FOR ALL DISTRICT TEAMS SELECTION:** 1/ Ballots out to coaches by July 1; 2/ Ballots back to Executive Secretary by July 10-Class A and July 17-Class AA; 3/ District teams selection Class A-July 15-16 and Class AA-July 22-23; 4/ District teams released to press August led at 12:00 noon.

Enclosed you will find your All District Ballot. Please fill it out and send it back July 10-the Class A ballot and July 17 for the Class AA ballot. You may vote for any boy who you feel is deserving of All District and All State and All Star Game honors. If your team plays in more than one district, vote for the boys on the back of the ballot who are not in your district. Their names will be forewarded to the District chairman in which he belongs. Please give as much information as possible on any boy you nominate. This will be very much appreciated by the selection committee.

**All District Priorities:** This is the list of priorities that the committees will follow in selection of the All District Teams.

- 1/ Number of votes for nominated candidates (total)
- 2/ Nomination of player by own coach
- 3/ Degree of difficulty of schedule and team record.
- 4/ Any previous All State or All District recognition
- 5/ Nomination from floor by nomination committee
- 6/ Year in school by the player
- 7/ Coach is a member of the Baseball Coaches Association

**FOUR OTHER SUGGESTIONS FOR CHAIRMAN TO FOLLOW:**

- 1/ Majority vote of committee members present for each position chosen at All-District meeting.
- 2/ Use seasonal batting averages only--not conference averages.
- 3/ All District Chairman contact coach of player nominated 5 times and ask why player was not nominated by own coach.
- 4/ Conference Representatives attend All District meeting.
- 5/ Each school gets 1 vote at District meeting. Coaches should show 1979 membership card in order to vote.

**DISTRICT COACH OF YEAR NOMINATION:** We would like for all to nominate a District Coach from your district. He should be a coach who is deserving of the honor for his work on and off the field of baseball. He must be a coach with a least two years at least two years at his present school. Each District nominates five!

**FOR SALE:** The Association has a number of items for sale: 1/ Folders sets \$13.00; 2/ Bumper stickers, 25 ¢ each 3/ Plaques for certificates, \$13.00 4/ Pens \$ 3.00 5/ Coffee Mugs, \$ 1.50 with logo; 6/ Clinic tapes, \$ 3.00 7/ Association Hats \$ 3.50 8/ Tee Shirts \$ 5.00 9/ All Star Tee Shirts \$ 5.00.

**HALL OF FAME NOMINATION:** Check over the rules you must follow to nominate someone you feel is deserving of Hall of Fame honors. Please read these rules over and nominate according to the guidelines set forth by the Hall of Fame Committee. Enclosed you can find a Hall of Fame nomination sheet. Please fill out and return to Bill Freese, Chairman of Hall of Fame Committee, Davenport Central High School, Davenport, Iowa.

**BASEBALL RATING POLL:** The Des Moines Register is conducting a rating of the baseball teams in Iowa once again. This is the sixth year for the rating poll. This rating is getting the backing of the Association. Call your scores in so the coaches doing the rating can get a good look at the scores across the state. The coaches doing the rating were listed in last news letter. Call any of the committee if you feel your team deserves a vote.

**HALL OF FAME HAL TROSKY:** Hal Trosky, 66, died this past week after a sudden illness. Hal played professional baseball for the Indians and the White Sox from 1929 to 1946. He scouted for the Sox for four years. He was elected to the Iowa Sports Hall of Fame in 1965 and the Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1972. He was named Cleveland Indians All-Time first Baseman. The Coaches Association will miss Hal at the Annual Clinics. He never missed one since 1969.

# Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association

## Press - Radio - TV Information

SPECIAL HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS RELEASE.....FOR JUNE 20, NOON RELEASE

BURLINGTON, IOWA - - -

The Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association announced today that the Bandag Corporation of Muscatine and the Ruan Corporation of Des Moines have agreed to participate in the sponsorship of the 3rd annual high school all-star baseball series to be played August 11-12 at Iowa State University in Ames.

Executive secretary Harold Primrose of the coaches association also announced the all-star team coaches. They are:

CLASS AA (EAST) - Steve Duncan of Muscatine, head coach; Dick Core (Dubuque Hempstead) and Dennis Olejniczak (Decorah) assistants.

CLASS AA (WEST) - Bob Watson of Des Moines Hoover, head coach; Keith Christie (Algona) and John Kinse1 (Council Bluffs Thomas Jefferson) assistants.

CLASS A (EAST) - Jim Van Scoyoc of Norway, head coach; Cary Griffith (Nashua) and Ray Antisde1 (Wilton) assistants.

CLASS A (WEST) - Marvin Thelen of Remsen, St. Mary, head coach; Tom Stahle (Sergeant Bluff) and Mike Collins (Missouri Valley) assistants.

Games on Saturday, August 11, will feature the east teams playing the west teams in each class. The winners and losers of these games will play each other on Sunday, August 12. Starting times for each doubleheader will be 1:00 with a 4:00 time set for the second game.

## GUIDELINES

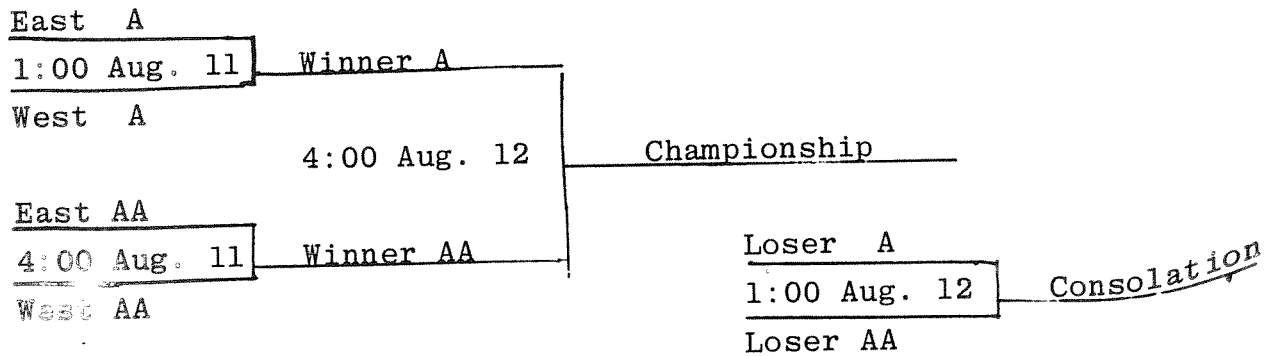
### 3RD ANNUAL IOWA ALL-STAR SERIES

#### PURPOSE:

- To promote Iowa High School baseball.
- To give recognition to Iowa's top athletes and coaches.

#### COMPETITION:

Games to be played at Iowa State Univ., Capp Timm Field, Aug. 11, 12, 1979.  
Games will be 9 innings.



Rain date Aug. 12, play 4 games 9, 11, 1, and 3 o'clock.

#### PRACTICE:

- A squads 12:00--2:30 Aug. 10, Friday Players should report 11:00 a.m.
- Squads 2:30--5:00 Aug. 10, Friday Players should report 1:00 p.m.

#### SQUAD REGULATIONS:

Each squad will consist of 15 players.  
2-catchers; 4- pitchers; 5- infielders; 4- outfielders

#### PLAYERS SELECTION:

First priority All District Teams, second priority, coaches recommendation.

#### COACHES SELECTIONS:

By steering committee at clinic, coaches must be a member of the association.  
Committee will select Head Coach and two assistants for each team.

#### SPECIAL RULES:

1. Pitchers must play a minimum of 3 innings, and no more than 5.
2. No pitcher may pitch more than 5 innings in one game.
3. Non pitchers must play a minimum of 6 innings, recommended that each player selected start in one of the games.
4. Games are 9 innings.
5. I.H.S.A.A. rules apply as to all other rules.

#### UMPIRES:

Selected by Umpire Committee in relation with All Star Committee. (4 per game)

#### COACH ASSISTANCE:

Newsletter this spring and summer will ask members to send in players profile  
of possible All Star selections. Player profile sheets are available at clinic

SELECTED COACHES:

Responsible to send their selections to Jim Mahoney no later than:  
Class A July 20 & Class AA July 27

ALL DISTRICT MEETING:

Class A July 14, 15      Class AA July 21, 22

District Chairman of each district is to call coaches of All Star teams immediately after meetings are held to speed selection process.

BANQUET:

To be held at Sheman Center, I.S.U. 7:30, Friday, Aug. 10, 1979.

TICKET SALES:

\$ 11.00 includes Banquet and game tickets. At gate \$ 2.00 adults, \$1.00 student

PROGRAMS:

Compiled and sold by committee. Team pictures to be taken on Friday.

PUBLICITY:

Dick Wagner is in charge of press release and stories.

CONCESSIONS:

Sales and profit to All Star Fund

HOUSING AND FOOD:

I.S.U. Dorms. Saturday night barbeque.

CERTIFICATES:

Awarded to players, coaches and umpires.

GIFT:

Association to give each player a T-shirt and baseball cap for being selected.

FINANCES:

Looking for donations:

ALL STAR COMMITTEE:

Jim Mahoney--Chairman, Johnston High School  
Dave Posegate--Ames High  
Jim Scholten--Nevada High  
Jim Jagim--Valley High  
Pat Cole--Ballard High  
Clair Rierson--Iowa State Univ.

IHSBCA  
HALL of FAME NOMINATION QUESTIONAIRE

Category: \_\_\_\_\_ LIVING: \_\_\_\_\_ DECEASED: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

QUALIFICATIONS:

personal history; high school and college attended \_\_\_\_\_

membership in professional or honorary groups: \_\_\_\_\_

baseball history: as a player (give dates where applicable); \_\_\_\_\_

as a coach - dates - record - etc; \_\_\_\_\_

as an umpire: \_\_\_\_\_

as a scout: \_\_\_\_\_

As a fan: \_\_\_\_\_

Statement by presentor: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of presentor: \_\_\_\_\_ date: \_\_\_\_\_

# CLASS

## AA

### IOWA HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION ALL DISTRICT BASEBALL BALLOT

Please list your selections below. You may vote for your own boys. Please put as much information as possible on your ballot. If you vote for a ball player from another district, please put his name on the reverse side. **Return your ballot immediately to: Harold Primrose, Executive Secretary, 4211 High Ridge Road S.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52403**

The ballot must be in by July 14, 1979, if you want it to count.. IA Schools Played \_\_\_\_\_ W L

### ALL DISTRICT BASEBALL BALLOT

SEASON RECORD

| POSITION    | NAME | SCHOOL | CLASS | AVERAGE | PITCHING RECORD |
|-------------|------|--------|-------|---------|-----------------|
| Pitcher     |      |        |       |         |                 |
| Pitcher     |      |        |       |         |                 |
| Pitcher     |      |        |       |         |                 |
| Catcher     |      |        |       |         |                 |
| Catcher     |      |        |       |         |                 |
| First Base  |      |        |       |         |                 |
| Second Base |      |        |       |         |                 |
| Shortstop   |      |        |       |         |                 |
| Third Base  |      |        |       |         |                 |
| Outfield    |      |        |       |         |                 |
| Outfield    |      |        |       |         |                 |
| Outfield    |      |        |       |         |                 |
| Outfield    |      |        |       |         |                 |
| Utility     |      |        |       |         |                 |

ALL DISTRICT COACH NOMINATION \_\_\_\_\_

HALL OF FAME NOMINATION \_\_\_\_\_

TWO-YEAR COLLEGE COACH NOMINATION \_\_\_\_\_

FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE COACH NOMINATION \_\_\_\_\_

Media Person NOMINATION \_\_\_\_\_

SEASON RECORD \_\_\_\_\_

NAME SCHOOL DATE DISTRICT  
MEMBER NON MEMBER UMPIRE FAN

- BALLOT MUST BE RETURNED BY JULY 14, 1979



# CLASS

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### ALL DISTRICT BASEBALL BALLOT SEASON RECORD

| POSITION    | NAME  | SCHOOL | CLASS | AVERAGE | PITCHING RECORD |
|-------------|-------|--------|-------|---------|-----------------|
| Pitcher     | _____ | _____  | _____ | _____   | _____           |
| Pitcher     | _____ | _____  | _____ | _____   | _____           |
| Pitcher     | _____ | _____  | _____ | _____   | _____           |
| Catcher     | _____ | _____  | _____ | _____   | _____           |
| Catcher     | _____ | _____  | _____ | _____   | _____           |
| First Base  | _____ | _____  | _____ | _____   | _____           |
| Second Base | _____ | _____  | _____ | _____   | _____           |
| Shortstop   | _____ | _____  | _____ | _____   | _____           |
| Third Base  | _____ | _____  | _____ | _____   | _____           |
| Outfield    | _____ | _____  | _____ | _____   | _____           |
| Outfield    | _____ | _____  | _____ | _____   | _____           |
| Outfield    | _____ | _____  | _____ | _____   | _____           |
| Outfield    | _____ | _____  | _____ | _____   | _____           |
| Utility     | _____ | _____  | _____ | _____   | _____           |

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HALL OF FAME NOMINATION \_\_\_\_\_

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FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE COACH NOMINATION \_\_\_\_\_

Media Person NOMINATION \_\_\_\_\_

SEASON RECORD \_\_\_\_\_

NAME SCHOOL DATE DISTRICT

MEMBER NON MEMBER FAN

— BALLOT MUST BE RETURNED BY JULY 7, 1979

# Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association

1979-80 OFFICERS

AVE POSEGATE, President, Ames  
TERRY HEALD, Vice President, Monona  
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STEVE DUNCAN, Secretary, Muscatine

HAROLD "PINKY" PRIMROSE  
Executive Secretary  
4211 High Ridge Rd. S.E.  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52403

June 25, 1979

Dear Coaches:

IS BASEBALL HEADING FOR THE SETTING SUN? By now I'm sure most all of you baseball coaches know that baseball has had limitations put upon it. These limitations are the most extreme of any sport program in the I.H.S.A.A.. Baseball has gone to a seven week playing season! Many people ask why? I don't have the answer other than to say that many of the States Athletic Directors wanted limitations on all sports.

How did baseball survive for so many years without these type of restrictions? A seven week program and 20 playing dates.

Let's take a look at what has happened over the past couple months. The Baseball Advisory Board and the Coaches Associations suggested that no limitations should be put on--that it should be a local option. The Advisory Board did say--if you must limit baseball do so by playing dates, not games.

A joint committee of I.G.H.S.A.U. & the I.H.S.A.A. compiled a survey that they sent out to all the schools. The results of this survey can be found in the newsletter. Let me comment on this survey. The only time you could express a feeling towards any additional comments was when you answered yes. The survey should have been in two parts. Part I. Simple! Do you favor placing a limitation on the baseball season?

YES \_\_\_ Nu \_\_\_

407 returned the survey and said they participated in summer baseball. The first question asked was: Do you favor limitation or should it be local option of each school district. If you answered you favored a limitation, you got to go on to Question C. If you answered no you HAD NO VOTE ON C. 123 had no vote on the next question, which means 30 % of the people had no vote!

PAR: II. If the schools in Iowa favor limitation which of the following would you prefer. Then give more than two options.

QUESTION C: Only two dates were given as choices: a/ At the conclusion of the District Track Meet or b/ At the conclusion of the State Track Meet. Why not a starting date of April 15 or May 1 also? Why should the District Track of State Track Meet dictate a starting time for baseball? 203 answered a/ and 45 b/

QUESTION D: Should there be a starting date for competition in summer baseball established? 249 said Yes, we favor a limitation and 118 said no, it should be a local option of each school district. Again, if you answer positive to the questionnaire you got to go on an answer # E. 118 did not get to answer E. This is again around 30 % that had no vote in E.

QUESTION F: Should there be a maximum number of playing dates established in summer baseball? 264 answered Yes, we favor a limitation and 144 said no, they favored local option. Again if you answered yes you got to continue on to vote on a number of playing dates.

I feel this poll was very biased on the number of options restricted, and over 30% of people did not have a vote on any of the options. We are supposed to be educators, and yet we have this kind of poll conducted.

How much input did the baseball coach have in the poll? From what I understand very little. I assume every coach in the state is a professional in his sport he coaches. Why no input? The coaches association and advisory board were both against these type of restrictions.

We can live with guide lines or starting dates., but they should be reasonable ones, and not ones that are extreme!

How many boys will be able to get college scholarships on a 7 week program? They are competing for these with boys from other states. Will the Iowa boy have the same opportunity as everyone else? How many Iowa boys will be drafted by the pro's? Very few if any!

The schools that already have spring baseball have success in student participation. (Which is what high school athletics is suppose to be all about). Here at Washington High School in Cedar Rapids we have over 50 boys out for baseball; for 90% of these boys, baseball is their only sport. It becomes a long winter waiting for their favorite sport. We can't play year round like someother sports! Will we have that many boys showing up for baseball if we have a later starting date? A lot of them will get jobs and never come out, others will forsake baseball for softball in the city, or other summer recreational programs in the summer.

I feel baseball should have the same opportunity as other sports on having students during the school day for practice and some games! It is important to the participants in any sport--to have the identification or recognition by their peers during the school year! A real problem if starting late is the players will go out and practice by themselves and what habits they will learn is not predictable! In fact bad habits of throwing, hitting, etc will be the rule. Also--waiting that long tries the patience of all of us. Will it lead to violations of the rule itself? It would seem that the rule encourages such violations. It will be very difficult to explain and to justify such a rule to participants who are eagar to play. We are not talking about law breakers, but truly interested kids.

The spring time of the year is when coaches do most of their teaching of fundamentals. If the lack of learning fundamentals is a reason to place limitations, if this is a problem it is not a local problem the same as an in-effictive class room teacher? What will a late starting date do? It is the starting that professional baseball calls for 4-6 weeks of training before the season begins and we get 8 days. How much can a single coach teach in such a period? If the program would start in April with fundamentals and starting of games May1 or the second Saturday in May and run through the start of the State Tournament it would give Iowa a real quality baseb all program! This would amount to 3 to 4 weeks of practice and 11-12 weeks of baseball, and around 25 playing dates. This would compare to the basketball season in length.

It is difficult to play a large number of boys when a game limitation is on the school. The size of squad should have some bearing on number of games or dates. We have a different problem at Washington than does a small school, but we have the same restrictions. There are several factors that the survey forgot to take into account. Does your school have Lights? How many boys are out for baseball? How many people will not show for 4:00/6:00 doubleheader-especially true of natural rivialries. To make money there should be single-games at a time when fans will come. Make them doubleheader and both schools lose a good gate.

What can we do to let people know they made a mistake! We can talk to our principal and Athletic Directors! Have your local school boards express themselves if they feel local option should be important, or reasonable starting dates and reasonable number of playing dates.

Why did Iowa go to summer baseball in the first place? Was it not for the reasons that baseball is a summer sport? You can play lots of games? And many more reasons for the summer programs were given. Now what are they saying?

I just can't see where these limitations can help improve the baseball program of Iowa. I have coached 24 years, and we have taken a real step backward! Why do people in positions to make rules always like to cut the things player/ students like to do? I would rather have them out on a baseball diamond and involved in a baseball game rather than hanging out at a drug party, driving all around in a car, or drinking at a party, or even working 28 hours a week.

Sincerely yours in baseball,

Harold "Pinky" Primrose  
Baseball Coach  
Washington High School  
Executive Secretary  
I.H.S.B.C.A.

VII. SUMMER BASEBALL

A. Does your school participate in summer baseball:

407 Yes                      6 No  
 If your answer to VII-A was "yes" please continue:

B. Do you feel that a starting date for practice in summer baseball should be established?

278 Yes, we favor a limitation.  
123 No, it should be the local option of each school district.  
 If your answer to VII-B was "yes" please continue:

C. Which of the following would you prefer as an acceptable starting date for practice in summer baseball? (Note: Pitchers and catchers would be exempt from any starting date.)

- (A) At the conclusion of the District Track Meet. -203
- (B) At the conclusion of the State Track Meet. - 45
- (C) \_\_\_\_\_ - 12
- other

D. Should there be a starting date for competition in summer baseball established?

249 Yes, we favor a limitation.  
118 No, it should be the local option of each school district.  
 If your answer to VII-D was "yes" please continue:

E. Which of the following would be an acceptable date for the starting of competition in summer baseball?

- (A) After 5 days of practice. -80
- (B) After 10 days of practice. -143
- (C) \_\_\_\_\_ - 10
- other

F. Should there be a maximum number of playing dates established in summer baseball?

264 Yes, we favor a limitation.  
104 No, this should be the local option of each school district.  
 If you answered "yes" to VII-F, please continue:

G. Recognizing that competition in a tournament or a doubleheader counts as only one playing date each, which of the following limitations on playing dates would you prefer before the Association's sponsored tournament series?

- |        |     |        |      |        |     |        |     |           |       |
|--------|-----|--------|------|--------|-----|--------|-----|-----------|-------|
| (A) 18 | -65 | (C) 20 | -108 | (E) 22 | -19 | (G) 24 | -20 | (I) 26    | -11   |
| (B) 19 | - 1 | (D) 21 | - 9  | (F) 23 | - 3 | (H) 25 | -21 | (J) _____ | - 7   |
|        |     |        |      |        |     |        |     |           | other |

H. Your comments regarding summer baseball:



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