

Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association

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CLINIC MARCH 9-10: The 1979 Clinic tentative lineup is enclosed. We feel it is another top notch clinic. We hope you are planning to get the day off and join us for another super clinic. It is open to your ball team if they are interested in learning a lot of baseball. Every session will be offered twice. We hope to have a record turn out for the eleventh year in a row.

Admission to the Clinic will be \$12.50. This is for all members. It will include all registration, meals and the opportunity to hear many good speakers. If you are not a member of the Association it will cost you \$17.50 for the clinic. This will include your membership. Late registration will cost an extra \$2.50. High School students rates are \$5.00 for full clinic or \$3.00 for one day. Meals will cost the high school student \$10.00 if they want the banquet, lunch and breakfast.

SUPER CLINIC SPEAKER LINE-UP.

GENE WOODLING: Started his Major League career in 1943. Gene played 17 years in the Major Leagues with the Indians, Yankees, Baltimore, and Senators. Gene played in 1,600 games as an outfielder. He played in five World Series with the Yankees in the years 1949 through 1953. Gene's best year was in 1961 when he batted .313. Gene retired from baseball in 1962, presently self employed, selling bat grips.

RAY SEDECKI: Started his Major League career in 1961. Ray played 16 years in the Big Leagues with the St. Louis Cardinals, Braves, Mets, and the Giants. Ray was a lefty handed pitcher, winning 135 and losing 130, with an E.R.A. of 3.78. His best year was in 1964 with a 20-11 record. Ray pitched in two World Series in 1964 and 1973. He retired from baseball in 1977, presently he is selling copying machines.

MEL DIDIER: Former Director of Minor League Clubs and Scouting for the Seattle Mariners and presently west coast scout for the Cleveland Indians will be one of the outstanding speakers at the clinic. Mel is one of the nations outstanding clinic speakers! Has many years of teaching baseball. Worked with the Dodgers, Expos farm system in previous years.

JIM BOWEN: Baseball coach at Cal State Stanislaus, has been coaching for 7 years with a winning percentage of 60%. Jim's 1978 team record was 38-20. Over the past three years the Stanislaus Warriors have won the National N.C.A.A. Division III Championship twice. Jim was a graduate of University of Northern Iowa, received his Master and Doctor Degree from the University of Iowa. At Iowa he was a graduate assistant to Coach Duane Banks. Jim spoke at the national convention last year and did an outstanding job.

GEORGE TOMA: Head grounds keeper for the Kansas City Royals and Chiefs. The best in the business. George started in the early 60's with the K.C. A's moving to Oakland when they moved west. He came back to Kansas City in 1969 with the Royals serving both complexes. George is best known for his work over the years for his work on the super bowl.

REPRESENTATIVE BALLOT: Enclosed you will find a voting ballot for your District Representative. Make sure you return it within two day after you receive your ballot. We need your votes.

Also enclosed (on the back side) you will find a ballot for the District Coach in your district. Select one coach in your district who you feel deserves the District vote for the Coach of the Year Award. At the bottom you should vote for the College Coach of the Year. One vote for the two year college coach and one vote for the four-year college coach.

LONGEVITY AWARD: Any coach with over 15 years of coaching baseball who has not received an award should send his name to the Executive Secretary with his record and places he has coached. We will honor these men at our Annual Clinic Awards dinner with a 15-20-25 year plaque. Please respond if you are one of the above. This must be done no later than Dec. 20, 1978. I need this information before the brochure goes to the printer.

200 PLUS VICTORIES: Did you reach a victory milestone last season? If you surpassed 200-300-400-500 wins, please send in your name and your record to the Executive Secretary. We would like to print the names of those coaches who have achieved this milestone. Coaches will receive a certificate for this accomplishment at the Eleventh Annual Clinic March 9-10, 1979.

ANNUAL A.A.C.B.C. MEETING AND CLINIC: This will be held in San Francisco, Thursday, January 4 through Sunday, January 7th. The convention will be held in the Shearton-Palace Hotel. This is the 34th annual meeting of the A.A.C.B.C.. Send your dues to Les Miller, Baseball Coach, Chicago Circle, Chicago, Ill. Membership dues are \$10.00.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE STILL ON: The membership drive is still on. Our goal this year is 700 paid members. Make sure all the baseball coaches in your conf-belong, also all the umpires you hire should belong. Get the umpire that work your games, come to the clinic together. We need every active members support to help increase membership and set an all time record this year for the clinic and membership. Get on the band wagon and get your assistant to join.

FOR SALE: The Association has a number of items for sale to coaches.
1/ Folders set \$13.00; 2/ Bumper stickers 50¢ for 2. 3/ Plaques for certificates \$13.00; 4/ Pen's with logo \$3.50; 5/ Coffee Mugs with logo, \$1.50 6/ Clinic tapes \$3.00 each 7/ All Star Game Hats & Shirts: Hats \$3.50 Shirts \$4.00.

RESERVATIONS: It is recommended that you get your reservations in early if you plan to stay overnight. The Holiday Inn will serve as the convention head quarters. You will receive a request card in the Jan. newsletter. Holiday Inn, Williams Blvd. S.W. address: Phone: 319-365-9441.

CONGRATULATIONS TO GENE SCHULTZ, LANSING KEE HIGH: Congratulations are in order to Gene Schultz for the fine job he did in the fall tournament. Gene's team have won the fall championship the past two falls. Lansing is a good baseball town, winning the championship in 1973, and State runner up in 1975.

JOHN WATHAN, K.C. ROYAL 1ST BASEMAN & CATCHER: If any coach or booster club is interested having John speak at a dinner or banquet, he will be available in the month of January. John's address is 106 Meadowlark Ln. N.W. Cedar Rapids. Ia. 52403 Excellent speaker!

HONOR ROLL OF COACHES:

| CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS | SCHOOL | COACH |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Big Eight Conference | Marshalltown | Bob Leech |
| Des Moines Metro Conference | Dowling West Des Moines | Don Mauro |
| East Central Iowa Conference | Benton Community | John Banner |
| | Cedar Rapids Prairie | Mick Mattiace |
| Iowa-Nebraska League | Abraham Lincoln | Ron Adams |
| Hawkeye 8 Conference | Harlan | Dave Lansing |
| | Shenandoah | |
| Mississippi Valley Conference | Dubuque Hempstead | Dick Core |
| Omaha Metro Conference | Thomas Jefferson | John Kinsel |
| Northeast Iowa Conference | Decorah | Dennis Olyniczak |
| North Central Conference | Webster City | John Zahn |
| Quad County Conference (Co Champ) | Remsen St. Mary's | Marv Thelen |
| Southeast Seven Conference | Fort Madison | Rich Rambo |
| Racoon River Conference | Norwalk | Joe McFarland |
| Wamac Conference | West Delaware | Clair Buzz Beatt |
| Quad County Conference (Co Champ) | Grandville Spalding | Dan Hogan |
| Corn Bowl Conference | Rockwell-Swaledale | Jim Fredrickson |
| Cornbelt Conference | Terril | Dewey Torkelson |
| Little 8 Conference | Bridgewater-Fontanelle | David Stauffer |
| North Iowa Cedar Conference | Ackley-Geneva | Dave Gruenberg |
| South Iowa Cedar Conference | Belle Plaine | Jim Nurse |
| Upper Mississippi Conference | Kee High Lansing | Gene Schultz |
| Bayer Valley Conference | Charter Oak Ute | Wally Welander |
| Heart of Iowa Conference | Nevada | Jim Scholten |
| | Ballard | Pat Cole |
| Central Iowa Conference | Urbandale | Jerry Kindhart |
| Empire Conference | Blakesburg | Allen Halsapple |
| Blue Grass Conference | Wayne Community | Jim Douglas |
| Lakes Conference | Storm Lake | Lanny Grigsby |
| Wapsie Conference | Midland of Wyoming | Gary Heiar |
| Blackhawk Conference | Central of Argyle | Larry Avery |
| Iowa River Valley Conference | N.E.S.C.O. | Duane Newton |
| Cedar Wapsie Conference | Turkey Valley | Leo Hensley |
| Little Sioux Conference | Sgt. Bluffs-Lutton | Tom Stahle |
| Twin Lakes Conference | Rockwell City | Vic Belger |
| | Manson | Jack Pierick |
| | Albert City | Dave Yanechek |
| Upper Iowa Conference | M.F.D. Monona | Terry Heald |
| | North High | Rod Gaskill |
| Big Iowa Conference | Reinbeck | Mike Yantis |
| Eastern Iowa Hawkeye | Wilton | Ray Antisdell |
| | Solon | Jerry Doyle |
| Des Moines River Valley Conf. | Colfax | Terry Fox |
| Lakes Conference | Storm Lake | |
| Big Marsh Conference | Fredricksburg | Steve Staker |
| River Cities Conference | Cardianal | David Thompson |
| North Star Conference | Goldfield | Robert Budolfson |
| | Corwith Wesley | Steve DeGrote |
| TA-Ma-Ja Conference | Green Mountain | Steve Foster |
| Corn Valley Conference | Ogden | Larry Storm |
| South East Iowa Conference | Morning Sun | Bob Nelson |
| Western Iowa Conference | Elkhorn-Kimballton | Randy Meester |
| Iowa Cedar Seven Conference | Gilbertville Don Bosco | Tom Fetter |

Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association

BALLOT FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The Executive Secretary shall prepare and mail official election ballots to the members of the District. Upon voting, the election ballot to be returned (within ten days from mailing) to the Executive Secretary. The procedure in canvassing shall be the same as in canvassing nomination ballots and the person receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. In case of tie, the election shall be decided by lot by the candidates in the presence of the canvassing committee. The second highest vote getter shall be considered the alternate and in event of inability of elected Director to serve, alternate will be appointed to the Board of Directors.

VOTE FOR TWO IN YOUR DISTRICT onl

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NORTHWEST DISTRICT

DAN HOGAN, Granville Spalding
 AL SUTTON, Emmetsburg
 MARV THELEN, Remsen St. Mary's

NORTHEAST DISTRICT

LOU KOEINGSFELD, Charles City
 DENNIS OLEJNICZAK, Decorah
 JIM VAN SCOYOC, Norway

CENTRAL DISTRICT

BOB LEECH, Marshalltown
 BOB WATSON, Hoover Des Moines
 JOHN ZAHN, Webster City

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

MIKE COLLINS, Mo Valley
 JOHN KINSEL, Abe Lincoln
 RON ADAMS, Tee Jay

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

JERRY BARNHOLDT, Burlington
 LENNY WIEH, Clinton
 JERRY VAN DYKE, Tipton

-- VOTE FOR TWO IN YOUR DISTRICT --

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OVER FOR SURVEY

1978 SURVEY OF HEAD BASEBALL COACHES

1978 SURVEY OF HEAD BASEBALL COACHES SALARY & PROGRAMS

SCHOOL SIZE COACHES NAME SCHOOL
up to 100 100 to 200 200 to 400 400 to 700 700 to 800
800 to 1000 1000 to 1500 1500 to 2500

OTHER COACHING ASSIGNMENTS: (Please Check)

Asst. Coaching in another sport Head Coach in another sport
No other coaching duties

Is head baseball coaching salary negotiated by local teachers bargaining unit
Yes No

PRESENT SALARY RANGE FOR HEAD BASEBALL COACHING:

\$400-600 \$600-800 \$800-1000 \$1000-1200 \$1200-1400
\$1400-1600 \$1600-1800 \$1800-2000 \$2000-2400 \$2400-2600

WHAT DOES SALARY INCLUDE:

Just spring season Spring & Summer Summer

ADDITIONAL RESPOSIBILITIES EXPECTED FROM COACH (Check those you do)

Prepare baseball field (drag & line) make field improvements
arrange schedule wash uniforms
hire umpires serve as trainer to your players
mow & water field
maintain field in off season (paint--add dirt, etc.)

BUDGET ALLOWED FOR BASEBALL EQUIPMENT

Up to \$500 \$500 to \$1000 \$1000 to \$ 1500
\$1500 to \$2000 What ever I need I get

ASSISTANT BASEBALL COACHES (Check those teams which you have)

Varsity Reserve Sophomores Frosh Jr. High

How many assistant coaches do you have?

Did you Approve of the State Tournament Set Up in 1978?

IOWA HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION

CLASS A

DISTRICT COACH-OF-THE-YEAR BALLOT

PLEASE VOTE FOR ONE COACH IN YOUR DISTRICT ONLY !

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

_____ DAN HOGAN, Granville Spalding
_____ HARLEY SCHEIFFER, West Lyon
_____ MARV THELEN, Remsen St. Mary's

NORTHEAST DISTRICT

_____ TERRY HEALD, M.F.L. Monona
_____ GENE SCHULTZ, Kee of Lansing
_____ STEVE STAKER, Fredericksburg

CENTRAL DISTRICT

_____ PAT COLE, Ballard
_____ STEVEN FORSTER, Green Mountain
_____ DUANE NEWTON, N.E.S.C.O. Zearning

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

_____ MIKE COLLINS, Mo. Valley
_____ JOHN HARRIS, Corning
_____ DAVID JAURON, Essex

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

_____ RAY ANTISDEL, Wilton
_____ ROBERT ROE, H.L.V. Victor
_____ JERRY VAN DYKE, Tipton

COLLEGE COACH-OF-THE-YEAR BALLOT

PLEASE VOTE FOR ONE FOUR-YEAR COACH AND ONE TWO-YEAR COLLEGE COACH

Four-Year College Coach

_____ DUANE BANKS, Univ. of Iowa
_____ DON PROTEXTER, Morningside

Two-Year College Coach

_____ RICK MATHEWS, S.W. Iowa
_____ MARTIN DITTMER, Ellsworth

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IOWA HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION

CLASS AA

DISTRICT COACH-OF-THE-YEAR BALLOT

PLEASE VOTE FOR ONE COACH IN YOUR DISTRICT ONLY !

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

LANNY GRIGSBY, Storm Lake
 JERRY LAKE, LeMars
 AL SUTTON, Emmetsburg

NORTHEAST DISTRICT

DICK CORE, Hempstead
 JOE KENNEY, Jefferson
 DENNIS OLEJNICZAK, Decorah

CENTRAL DISTRICT

JIM HINKEL, Carlisle
 JERRY KINDHART, Urbandale
 DON MAURO, Dowling West Des Moines

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

RON ADAMS, Abe Lincoln Council Bluffs
 DALE ALLENSWORTH, Jefferson
 JOHN KINSEL, Tee Jay Council Bluffs

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

JERRY BARNHOLDT, Burlington
 STEVE DUNCAN, Muscatine
 ED MERRITT, Pleasant Valley

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3. Communications

- a. John Watham of the Kansas City Royals was introduced.
- b. Correspondence from Bernie Saggau considering support by the Association for the Clinic.
- c. Letter from Tom Strobe.
- d. Letter from Lou Yunivich concerning involvement of college coaches in the Clinic.

Unfinished Business: Mick Mattice moved that if membership was raised to \$10.00, a patch should be included. Steve Duncan seconded the motion which was carried.

New Business: 1. Harold Primrose nominated Gene Sybe for "Contributor of the Year" award.

2. Ron Welsch made a motion that the Association support the idea of having the State tournament at one site. Lou Koenigsfeld seconded the motion which carried.

3. Don Mauro recommended a motion that the State tournament remain eight teams, which was seconded by Ron Welsch and carried.

4. There was considerable discussion concerning a 3-class system in baseball. Dale Allensworth made a motion that the Association support a 3-class system which was seconded by Jim Mahoney but the motion failed to pass. Bill Freese then recommended that we poll high school coaches through the Association on this subject.

5. Lou Koenigsfeld made a motion that a pitcher in the All-Star games be limited to five innings. Seconded by Dick Core, the motion carried.

6. A motion was made by Ron Welsch that the All-Star game be in Ames in 1979 and in Iowa City in 1980. It was seconded by Ron Adams and carried.

7. Harold Primrose put a motion on the floor that we go to an east-west division for the All-Star game with details to be set up in February. Seconded by Dale Allensworth, the motion carried.

8. After a lengthy discussion Jim VanScoyac made a motion that President Al Seabrooke write a letter to the Athletic Association stating that if a starting date be set for baseball, it would be April 1st, and if a limitation be put on games, it should be 45 dates, but we would prefer it stay as is. Terry Heald seconded the motion which carried.

9. Bill Freese stated that he would like to see the Association help pay to send Al Seabrooke to the National Convention which was tabled until February.

10. Dale Allensworth made a motion to buy a duplicating and copy machine. Seconded by Dick Core, motion carried.

11. The final motion was by Ron Welsch to raise head coaches dues to \$10.00 in 1979-1980. It was seconded by Don Mauro. Carried.

The main business meeting was then adjourned to District meetings in which District coaches were nominated along with Hall of Fame nominations, media person, etc.

Jim Mahoney moved that the meeting adjourn. It was seconded by Don Mauro. Carried.

The members present and their wives then enjoyed dinner provided by the University of Iowa followed by the Iowa-Purdue homecoming football game. Special thanks to Duane Banks for setting up the arrangements for the above.

Respectfully submitted,

Byron Rhodes
Byron Rhodes, Secretary

Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association

1978-79 OFFICERS

AL SEABROOKE, President, Valley of Elgin
 DAVE POSEGATE, Vice President, Ames
 TERRY HEALD, Treasurer, M.F.L. Monona
 BYRON RHODES, Secretary, B.C.L. Conrad

HAROLD "PINKY" PRIMROSE
 Executive Secretary
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| Dave Posegate | 216 Todd Circle | Ames | 50010 | 515-292-4519 | 232-8440 |
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|----------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------|--------------|----------|
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NORTH EAST

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| Dick Core | 1791 Rosemont | Dubuque | 52001 | 319-588-9368 | 557-2800 |
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NORTH WEST

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SOUTH EAST

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SOUTH WEST

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|------------------|-------------|----------------|-------|--------------|----------|
| Dale Allensworth | 403 N. West | Jefferson | 50129 | 515-386-2586 | 386-2921 |
| Ron Adams | 106 Dorset | Council Bluffs | 51501 | 712-328-9488 | 328-1845 |

BUILDING YOUR CLUB

You have asked each player what position he plays.

Put him in that position. Let him show you what he can do in "his opinion". But keep in mind you may (later) ask him to work in another position. He may be mistaken as to his own qualifications. You will watch him several days. If, or when, you wish to move him, be wise in how you do it. Say to him that you "would like to see him work at" the other position. Encourage the player to believe that he may be greater at the other position. This is important with boys. They are sensitive.

How to build your club.

Assume you have watched your squad work for several days. You now must begin to build, what to do?

"Strength through the middle" is your phrase -- and the truth.

(a) Evaluate your catchers. If they are strong you need look no further. But, frequently, you know that unless you can find better catching you will have a fatal weakness at that position. Look over the squad - maybe you will find a boy who can better be spared at "his" position than to play with weak catching. Ask the boy if he won't try it. Maybe you will solve your problem.

(b) You must develop a smooth working 2B combination - your SS and 2B. Such a combination will save many games by executing crucial double plays and will make weak pitching look better - and fair pitching look excellent. The requirements for these positions, however, are different. (1) Your SS must have literally the best fielding ability of any member of your team. He should have a great arm, almost acrobatic ability to go to his right or left, field the ball and make the throw - if necessary - from almost any position. The test for your SS is the hard hit ball to his right just out of reach of the 3B. If he can consistently get that ball and throw out the runner at 1B, he is your SS. The SS must also be a good pivot man at 2B - and, if possible, should be the sort of individual who "takes charge" of your infield by reason of both his ability and his forceful personality. Your SS should be able to play either 2B or 3B. But not all 2B or 3B can play SS. If you have a great fielding SS who is a weak hitter, sacrifice hitting here for fielding. (2) Your 2B should be a good pivot man on the double play but his arm need not of necessity, be as strong as your SS. If you, per chance, have two men of equal ability around 2B you are very fortunate indeed. Indeed, you may have an infielder whose arm is mediocre, but whom otherwise, can do the job. Play him at 2B for his throws are shorter and you will find that he can serve the team well in spite of his arm weakness. Naturally, as in all positions the fielding ability is equal.

(c) Look for your centerfielder. You seek a boy who has two outstanding qualifications (1) a strong throwing arm and (2) superior running speed. If, in addition to these qualifications, the boy is a graceful catcher of fly balls, you have your ideal CF. But, keep this in mind: With practice almost any boy can learn to catch fly balls while great arms and running speed are harder to find. You want the great arm because that arm will stop the opposition from running for extra bases -- you want the running speed because your CF must cover more territory than either of your other outfielders. Finally, you will always hope that your CF is a strong hitter.

"Building Your Club"

Assuming you are strong through the middle, what is your next consideration?

You have the other two outfield positions, 1B and 3B to fill. Your first consideration should be to give proper attention to your offensive strength. Therefore, all other considerations being equal, you will place the better hitters in these positions. Surely, you need great arms, especially your right fielder, and great running strength in your other outfielders -- but your offensive strength must be evaluated and if you have equal or almost equal, defensive ability you will select the boy who is the better hitter. If possible to do so, place your right handed throwers in left and center field and your left handed thrower in right field. Your centerfielder will always act as your outfield "quarterback" -- going in both directions, calling plays and generally taking charge of the outfield play. Your strongest arms should be placed in center and right field as these positions require the longer throws on cut-off plays on the bases.

(d) Your firstbaseman should have height, reach and agility but again, this is a position that should be open to a good hitter. Preferably he should be a left handed thrower, but, again, this may be sacrificed in favor of hitting power.

(e) The 3B should have a good arm, cut-like quickness in handling hard-hit balls, but, again, this position should be open to the boy who can field acceptably but who also can add hitting power to your offense. Your overall picture in building your club is the quest for a nice balance of offense and defense. Many factors must be considered such as right and left handed hitters -- you should have your attack strengthened by your ability to present both right and left handed batters -- you will sacrifice hitting at shortstop if you must in order to secure a great defensive player; you will always give the preference to the hitter if the fielding ability is equal, and finally, you will very definitely place a premium upon running speed. The team that can and will "run" is the team that upsets the defense by taking an extra base, by the constant threat it presents to the defense when attacking and by its all around attitude called "hustle."

With your players selected, you have finally to decide on your batting order so that your attack may be as consistently strong as possible. This is, in general, your batting order:

1. Speed, ability to judge strike zone, and a hitter -- to "get on".
2. Good speed, ability to bunt and, if possible, ability to hit to opposite field so as to advance his runner.
3. Your most consistent hitter with running speed.
4. Your No. 1 power hitter -- "Clean up".
5. Another power hitter, if possible, as good as No. 4.
6. Still another power hitter. 4, 5, 6 represent your strength.
7. Your weakest hitter.
8. Your weakest hitter.
9. The pitcher, he must learn to bunt. Frequently he may become a threat as a hitter. Encourage him to practice hitting.

Finally, the club that is imbued with the spirit of attack, attack, attack, will usually win. From your first practice session to the end of your season, indoctrinate each boy -- and the team as a whole -- with the aggressive, fighting, never-say-die spirit of attack!!

DISTRICT COACH OF YEAR NOMINEES BACKGROUND CLASS A

NORTH WEST DISTRICT

DAN HOGAN: Granville Spalding High School, has been coaching for 5 years with an overall record of 121-26. Dan's 1978 team record was 45-10, sharing the championship of the Quad County Conference and winning the Sectional Tournament. Over the past five years Dan's teams have won two conference titles four Sectionals and the Fall State Championship in 1976. He has been a member of the Association for 4 years.

HARLEY SCHEIFFER: West Lyon of Inwood High School, has been coaching for 7 years with an overall record of 75-60. Harley's 1978 team record was 25-3, winning the Sioux Land Conference, Sectional and District Tournaments. His team came in third in the State Tournament. Harley's teams have won the Sioux Land Conference the last two years. He has been a member of the Association for 7 years.

MARV THELEN: Remsen St. Mary's High School, has been coaching 22 years with an overall record of 307-180. Marv's 1978 record was 33-19, sharing the Quad County Conference Championship. Marv has been a member of the Board of Directors for 5 years, serving on the Hall of Fame Committee and is a Hall of Fame Member. He served as an Assistant All-Star Coach in 1978 and was selected District Coach in 1972. He has been a member of the Coaches Association for 10 years.

NORTH EAST DISTRICT

TERRY HEALD: M.F.L. Monona High School, has been coaching for 12 years with an overall record of 285-91. Terry's 1978 team record was 33-10, sharing the Upper Iowa Conference Championship, winning the M.F.L. Invitational, and Fort Dodge St. Edmond Invitational. Terry is presently the Treasurer of the Association after serving on many committees and the Board. He was the All Star Coach in 1977 of Class A. This is Terry's fifth nomination for N.E. Coach of Year. His teams have averaged 34 victories in last 7 years. He was named District Coach of Year in 76 & 77, Coaching the State Champions in 1976. He has been a member of the Association for 8 years.

GENE SCHULTZ: Kee High School of Lansing, has been coaching for 9 years with an overall record of 344-85. Gene's 1978 record was 44 wins 7 losses. His team won the Explorerland Conference and the Upper Mississippi Conference. Gene's team won the Fall State Championship in 1977 & 78. Over the past five years his teams have won the State Championship three times. Gene has been a member of the Association for 5 years.

STEVE STAKER: Fredericksburg High School, has been coaching for 6 years with an overall record of 88-62. His 1978 team record was 19-8, winning the Big Marsh Conference and losing to Don Bosco in the 1st round of the State Tournament. Steve has improved the baseball facility in Fredericksburg and the program so players are proud to be a part of the program. He has been a member of the Association for 4 years.

CENTRAL DISTRICT

PAT COLE: Ballard High School, has been coaching for 10 years with an overall record of 164-81. Pat's 1978 team record was 28-5. His team won the Heart of Iowa Conference and the Story County Championship. Pat has served on the All-Star Committee. He was selected as Westmar Coach of the Year in 1977. Pat was a nominee last year for District Coach. He has been a member of the Association for 10 years.

STEVEN FORSTER: Green Mountain High School, has been coaching for 3 years with an overall record of 80-36. Steven's 1978 team record was 25-5, winning the Ta-Ma-Ja Conference and Sectional Tournament. He was selected his Conference coach of year in 1977 & 78. Steven has been a member of the Association for 2 years.

DUANE NEWTON: N.E.S.C.O. High School, has been coaching for 22 years with an overall record of 204-225. Duane's 1978 team record was 15-5, winning the Iowa River Valley Conference and Scandinavian Tournament. Duane has served on the Board of Directors. He has been a member of the Association for 10 years.

SOUTH EAST DISTRICT

RAY ANTISDEL: Wilton High School, has been coaching for 5 years with an overall record of 49-67. Ray's 1978 team record was 14-12. His team won the Eastern Iowa Hawkeye Conference. Ray has been a member of the Association for 5 years.

ROBERT ROE: H.L.V. Victor High School, has been coaching for 15 years with an overall record of 118-66. Bob's 1978 team record was 23-8. He was selected as South Iowa Cedar Coach of Year in 1975-76. He has been a member of the Association for 4 years.

JERRY VAN DYKE: Tipton High School, has been coaching for 5 years with an overall record of 45-45. His 1978 team record was 18-9. Jerry's has been on the Coaches Rating Poll Committee. He has been a member of the Association for 5 years.

SOUTH WEST DISTRICT

MIKE COLLINS: Mo. Valley High School, has been coaching for 5 years with an overall record of 135-75. Mike's 1978 team record was 24-6, winning the Sectional, District, finishing second in the state. Mike has been a member of the Association for 5 years.

JOHN HARRIS: Corning High School, has been coaching for 14 years with an overall record of 208-62. John's 1978 team record was 19-6, winning the Tall Corn Conference and Sectional Tournament. He has served on the Board and served as an assistant coach at the All-Star Game. He was a previous winner of the District Coach of Year. John has been a member of the Association for 10 years.

DAVID JAURON: Essex High School, has been coaching for 17 years with an overall record of 161-101. David's 1978 team record was 15-5, winning the Sectional Tournament. His teams have had only two losing seasons in the last twelve years. Dave has been a member of the Association for 11 years.

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NORTH WEST DISTRICT

ANNY GRIGSBY: Storm Lake High School, has been coaching 4 years with an overall record of 64-28. Jerry's 1978 team record was 16-6, winning the Lakes Conference. His teams have won the Lakes Conference two of the last three years. He has been a member of the Coaches Association for 4 years.

JERRY LAKE: LeMars High School, has been coaching for 6 years with an overall record of 116-81. Jerry's 1978 team record was 19-10. Jerry has been a promoter of high school baseball in his area. He has been a member of the Coaches Association for 6 years.

AL SUTTON: Emmetsburg High School, has been coaching for 21 years with an overall record of 334-166. Al's 1978 team record was 23-6, winning the District, Sub-State and coming in second to Hempstead in the championship game. Al has been a member of the Rating Poll Committee. He has received his 10 and 20 year service award and 300 win certificate. He has been a member of the Association for 21 years.

NORTH EAST DISTRICT

DICK CORE: Dubuque Hempstead High School, has been coaching for 14 years with an overall record of 208-19. Dick's 1978 team record was 29-4, winning the Mississippi Valley Conference, District, Sub-State and State Championship. Dick has served on the Board of Directors for 3 years, a committee chairman for four years and rating poll committee for three years. He was named coach of Year in 1975 and M.V. Coach of Year in 1974-75-76-78. He has been a member of the Association for 11 years.

JOE KENNEY: Jefferson High School, Cedar Rapids, has been coaching for 22 years. No record of his overall record. Joe's 1978 team record was 30-10, winning the District and Substate Tournament. Jefferson lost to Muscatine in the first round state. Joe has worked on the Clinic for the past 8 years. He received his 20 years service award in 1977. He has been a member of the Association for 22 years.

DENNIS OLEJNICZAK: Decorah High School, has been coaching for 17 years with an overall record of 442-12. His 1978 team record was 40-6, winning the Northeast Iowa Conference and District Tournament. Dennis has served on many committees of the Association. He was District and State Coach of the Year in 1970. Dennis has been a member of the Association for 11 years.

CENTRAL DISTRICT

AL HINKEL: Carlisle High School, has been coaching for 9 years with an overall record of 133-45. His 1978 team record was 29-12, winning the District, Sub-State Tournament, coming in Third in the State. Al was the District Nominee in 1977. He has been a member of the Association for 10 years.

JERRY KINDHART: Urbandale High School, has been coaching for 15 years winning 229 games. His 1978 team record was 30-10, winning the Central Iowa Conference. Jerry has served on committees for the Association. He has been a member of the Association for 10 years.

DON MAURO: Dowling West Des Moines High School, has been coaching for 15 years with an overall record of 271-84. Don's 1978 team record was 27-5, winning the Des Moines Metro Conference. Don was the District Coach of Year in 1974. Presently he is serving on the District Coach of the Year Committee. Don has been a member of the Coaches Association for 11 years.

SOUTH EAST DISTRICT

JERRY BARNHOLDT: Burlington High School, has been coaching for 4 years with an overall record of 92-50. Jerry's 1978 team record was 32-14, winning the District Tournament. He is a member of the Board of Directors. Jerry has been a member of the Association for 4 years.

STEVE DUNCAN: Muscatine High School, has been coaching for 5 years with an overall record of 158-69. Steve's 1978 team record was 32-12, winning the District and Sub-State Tournaments, coming in fourth place in the State Finals. Steve has worked on the All-Star Committee the past two years. He has been the Mississippi Valley Coach of Year in 1977. Steve was one of the All Star South AA Coaches last year. Steve has served on the Board of Directors for three years. He has been a member of the Association for 5 years.

ED MERRITT: Pleasant Valley High School, has been coaching for three years with an overall record of 12-29. Ed's 1978 team record was 25-5, winning the Big Bend Conference. He started the program at Pleasant Valley three years ago and building a winner each year. Ed played professional baseball for 10 years with the Yankee organization. He has been a member of the Association for 3 years.

SOUTH WEST DISTRICT

RON ADAMS: Council Bluffs Lincoln High School, has been coaching for 4 years with an overall record of 106-56. Ron's 1978 team record was 45-6, winning the Omaha Metro Conference. His 1978 team was the top rated team in the Register Season Poll. Ron is serving on the Board of Directors of the Association. He has been a member for 4 years.

DALE ALLENSWORTH: Jefferson High School, has been coaching for 7 years with an overall record of 58-53. Dale's 1978 team record was 12-13. Dale has been a District Coach Nominee for three of the seven coaching years. He is a good promoter of baseball in the Southwest District. Dale has been a member of the Association for 7 years.

JOHN KINSEL: Council Bluffs Thomas Jefferson High School, has been coaching for 6 years with an overall record of 92-32. His 1978 team record was 46-22, winning the Ia. Neb. Conf., District and Sub-State Tournament. His team won the Denison and Creston Tournaments. He has been a member for 6 years.

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