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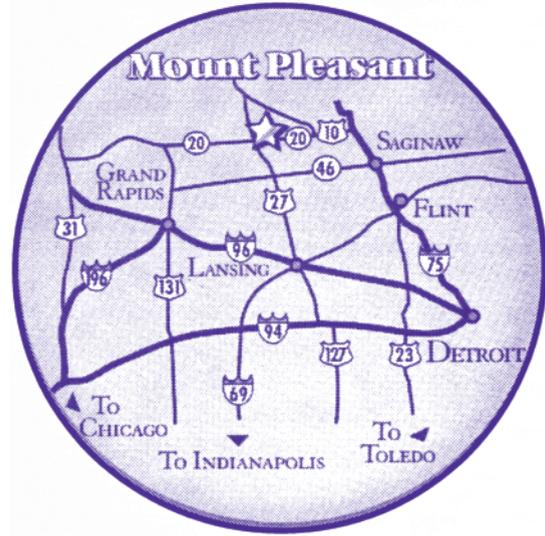
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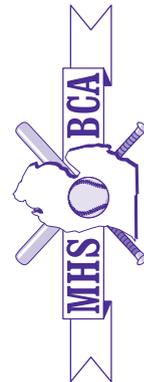


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**ANNUAL BASEBALL CLINIC
January 15 & 16, 2016**

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RESORT**



CLINIC PROGRAM

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2016

11:30-12:30 REGISTRATION - ENTERTAINMENT CENTER

12:30-1:00 MARK UYL - MHSAA UPDATE

1:00-1:45 SPENCER ALLEN - Northwestern
“Implementing Your Offensive Philosophy”

1:50-2:35 TAD SKELLEY - Northwestern
“Developing Young Hitters”

2:40-3:25 SPENCER ALLEN - Northwestern
“Practice Planning with Live Situations”

3:25-3:40 BREAK - VISIT EXHIBITORS

3:40-4:30 RANDY NATHAN - Bullying in Sports
“The Injuries We Don’t See”

4:35-5:30 TAD SKELLEY - Northwestern
“The Art of Outfield Play”

5:30-6:30 DINNER BREAK

6:30-7:15 SPENCER ALLEN - Northwestern
“The Recruiting Process”

7:15-7:30 ALLEN & SKELLEY
“Questions & Answers Wrap-Up”

7:30-8:20 BILLY GERON - Western Michigan University
“Covering All Bases”

8:20-9:10 JIM MEIER - Championship Thinking Coach
“Mental Game: Meat & Potatoes”

9:10-9:20 MHSBCA AWARDS -
Tim McDonald-MHSBCA President

9:20-10:15 DAN PETRY - Detroit Tigers
“1984 World Champions”
(Assistant Coach Orchard Lake St. Mary’s)

10:15-11:45 HOSPITALITY - ENTERTAINMENT CENTER

SATURDAY JANUARY 16, 2016

8:00-9:00 REGISTRATION - VISIT EXHIBITORS

9:00-9:45 RANDY NATHAN - Bullying In Sports
“Building Better Players Into Better People”

9:50-10:35 SEAN KENNY - University of Michigan
“Pitching”

10:35-10:40 BREAK - VISIT EXHIBITORS-RAFFLE

10:40-11:30 JIM MEIER
“7 Dimensions of High Performance Baseball Team”

11:30-12:15 PAT O’KEEFE - Grand Ledge High School
“Grand Ledge Baseball Program”

12:15-1:00 HOT STOVE - FORTY PLUS
“Still Coaching After All These Years”
Mario Borrocci-Frank Orlando
Pat O’Keefe-Frank Sumbera



Spencer Allen

June 14, 2015, that Spencer Allen took the reins as the 26th head coach of the Northwestern Wildcats baseball program.

“To be named the head baseball coach and join the Northwestern University family is a tremendous honor and opportunity,” said Allen. “The combination of a highly regarded athletic department and a prestigious academic institution was very appealing to me. My family and I are extremely excited for this new opportunity at Northwestern.

Allen comes to Northwestern after serving as an assistant coach at Illinois in 2015. He helped the Fighting Illini set the school record with 50 wins and win the first NCAA Regional in program history. Illinois won its 30th Big Ten championship this spring, and it earned the No. 6 overall seed for the 2015 NCAA Baseball Championship, marking only the second time that a Big Ten program earned a national seed.

Under Allen’s tutelage, the Illini ranked near the top of the Big Ten in numerous offensive categories, leading the league in hits, runs, RBIs, total bases, home runs and slugging percentage in 2015. The team won a school-record 27 consecutive games between March 30-May 20, falling only seven games shy of matching the NCAA record of 34.

Said Northwestern Vice President for Athletics and Recreation Jim Phillips, “His tremendous talent and leadership have been shining examples in collegiate athletics... Whether it is in the classroom, the community or on the field, Spencer has truly been successful at every step of his journey...Amongst those in the college baseball community, he is widely considered to be one of the brightest young coaches in the game anywhere in the country.”

Prior to his stint with Illinois, Allen served a two-year stretch as the associate head coach and recruiting coordinator at Creighton. The Bluejays won 62 games in 2013-14 and the BIG EAST regular-season championship during its first season in the league in 2014. That was Allen’s second stay in Omaha, as he also worked on staff during the 2005 and 2006 seasons. The 2005 squad won 48 games and the first Missouri Valley Conference championship in program history. From 2010-12, Allen worked as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Washington State University, where he helped those squads average more than 30 wins per season.

Before returning to his home state, the Olympia, Wash., native spent time on staff with another Big Ten program, Purdue. Allen was the recruiting coordinator for the Boilermakers during the 2008-09 campaigns. Additionally, he has worked as a scout in the Detroit Tigers organization and as a volunteer coach at Iowa (2004). Allen’s coaching career began at Edmonds Community College in 2002, where he was an assistant coach.

Allen played three seasons at Iowa State from 1999-2001. He was a team captain during his final season and a 2001 All-Big XII Academic selection.



Sean Kenny

Sean Kenny completed his third season as an assistant coach for the University of Michigan baseball program. Kenny is serving as the Wolverines’ pitching coach.

Michigan’s pitching staff was second in the Big Ten with 513 strikeouts in 2015.. Adcock was named an All-Big Ten third team and ABCA All-Region second team selection. Kenny also coached Ryan Nutof and Bryan Pall, who were named to the All-Big Ten Freshman team and were Louisville Slugger Freshman All-Americans.

The U-M pitching staff led the Big Ten with 440 strikeouts and 24 pickoffs in 2014, while the team ERA of 3.21 was third in the league. Kenny guided freshman Brett Adcock to Big Ten All-Freshman team and Louisville Slugger Freshman All-America honors.

In his first season in Ann Arbor, Kenny coached Evan Hill, who was a Big Ten All-Freshman team selection and a Louisville Slugger Freshman All-American. Kenny also coached Matt Ogden, who led the Big Ten in earned-run average in conference games. The Michigan pitching staff shaved .60 runs off the ERA from 2012 while surrendering just 13 home runs, down from 32 in 2012.

Kenny, an Ann Arbor native and Pioneer High School grad, comes to U-M after spending three seasons with Bakich at the University of Maryland as the Terrapins’ pitching coach. He guided the Terps pitching staff that had a 3.21 team earned-run average in 2012, which was third in the Atlantic Coast Conference. The previous year, Maryland’s staff was fifth in the ACC in ERA and 32nd nationally with 8.0 strikeouts per nine innings. In Kenny’s first season at Maryland, the pitching staff set a school record with 464 strikeouts while ranking 16th nationally with 8.5 strikeouts per nine innings.

Before coaching at Maryland, Kenny spent six seasons as the pitching coach and recruiting coordinator at Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif. He helped the Waves to three West Coast Conference titles and five NCAA regional appearances, including regional final berths in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2008. As the recruiting coordinator, Kenny had multiple nationally-ranked classes, including the eighth-best class in 2005 and the 13th-best in 2008.

Kenny was the pitching coach and recruiting coordinator at the University of San Diego from 1999-2003. He helped USD to West Coast Conference championships and NCAA regional appearances in 2002 and 2003 and recruited the nation’s 22nd-best class in 2004.

Kenny began his coaching career as a volunteer assistant at Saint Mary’s College in 1997, working with the Gaels outfielders. He took on his first full-time coaching assignment at Laney Community College in Oakland, Calif., where he served as pitching coach in 1998.

The local product was a two-time Mid-American Conference selection as a pitcher at Eastern Michigan. He went on to play three seasons of professional baseball in the New York Mets organization after being a 17th-round selection in 1993. Kenny earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in literature from Eastern Michigan in the fall of 1997 and earned a Master of Arts degree in health, physical education and recreation from Saint Mary’s in July of 2000.



Dan Petry

Dan Petry was never a showman. He never sought attention. He never won 20 games. But he won between 10 and 19 games for the Detroit Tigers for six consecutive seasons, and there is no denying that he was a solid player -- or that he was critical to the 1984 Detroit Tigers. He was more than the No. 2 pitcher with 18 wins. His dogged work ethic and persistence epitomized the 1984 Tigers. While others were getting press and magazine articles and huge contracts, Petry simply did his job.

He was serious about his craft and worked hard, and he continued doing his job until his arm gave out, at which time he went back and devoted himself to raising a family.

In 1979 the Tigers called him up in midseason, and he got his first taste of major-league ball. Petry was only 20 years old, but he certainly believed that he belonged in the big leagues. And he pitched that way as well. He ended the year getting 98 innings of big-league work under his belt and going 6-5 with a 3.95 ERA for the Tigers.

The Tigers decided that Petry was ready for the big club again in 1980, and they called him up. Petry pitched well, finishing his rookie year with a 10-9 record and a 3.94 ERA. In 1982, Petry finished ninth in voting for the American League Cy Young Award as a 23-year-old after compiling a 15-9 record and a 3.22 ERA in 35 games, all of which he started. He had eight complete games, one of them a shutout, and pitched 246 innings. Petry was 19-11 and led American League pitchers with 38 starts in 1983. He almost got a no-hitter on April 29 -- a 6-1 victory over the Cleveland Indians in which he didn’t give up a hit until there was two outs in the eighth inning.

Petry’s 18-8 mark (with a 3.24 ERA) in 1984 was good for the third-best winning percentage (.692) in the American League, and he was the No. 2 starter for the world champion Detroit Tigers. He finished fifth in voting that year for the American League Cy Young Award.

In 1985 Petry was 15-13. He pitched more than 230 innings for the fourth straight season. He was selected to the All-Star team. In 1988 he pitched for the Angels. A free agent after the 1989 season, Petry returned to the Tigers for 1990. He enjoyed a mini-renaissance, going 10-9 in 23 starts.

Petry was a consistent, durable starter for his 13-year career. He pitched for the Tigers for nearly a decade, and showed flashes of brilliance. Of the six straight seasons in which he won 10 or more games for the Tigers, he had at least 15 victories in four of those years. For his full 13-year career, he was 125-104 in 370 games with a 3.95 ERA. He had 11 shutouts and more than 1,000 strikeouts. In 2009 a baseball researcher called him the fourth-best fielding pitcher in major-league baseball from 1900 to 2008.



Billy Gernon

The eighth baseball coach in school history, Billy Gernon entered his sixth season at the helm of Western Michigan’s Bronco baseball and 15th overall as a head coach with a club that features both experienced players and a talented group of newcomers. He is known as one of the most energetic coaches in the country.

Western Michigan has advanced to the eight-team MAC Tournament in four of the five seasons under Gernon, winning at least one game over a higher seeded opponent in all four. Under Gernon, the Broncos have made it to the

MAC tournament four of his five years. Gernon has won more post season games in four years than in the 30 years prior to his hire and only two teams from the MAC have won more post season games than WMU in that five year stretch.

The 2015 edition of the Broncos reached the MAC Tournament as the seventh-seed and proceeded to stun the MAC East champion Kent State Golden Flashes with the first post season complete game shutout in WMU history. WMU just narrowly fell to eventual champion Ohio in the semifinal round, dropping an extra innings decision to the Bobcats.

Two Broncos were able to continue their baseball careers at the end of the season, with Brett Sunde (Bishop Foley, H.S) being selected by the Oakland A’s in the 18th round of the 2015 MLB Draft and teammate Kurt Hoekstra (Grand Rapids Christian H.S) going in the 21st round to the Atlanta Braves. Sunde, who was selected as ESPN Gatorade Player of the Year in Michigan in 2012, hit .273 as a junior, notching one home run, 18 doubles, and 32 RBIs while playing the catcher position and batting primarily in the clean-up spot. Hoekstra played both middle infield position for the Broncos and was voted the team’s Most Valuable Player leading the team in batting average (.322), runs (39), hits (69), triples (3), total bases (105), slugging percentage (.491) and multi-hit games (23).

Western Michigan was rewarded for its outstanding play, as six players were named MAC Player or Pitcher of the Week by the conference office and WMU had four College Sports Madness MAC Player of the Week selections. Shortstop Andrew Sohn (Brother Rice H.S MI) was an All-MAC selection for the second straight season and first-year right-handed pitcher Chad Mayle also earned a conference nod, as both were named Second Team All-MAC. Sohn went on to be drafted in the sixth round of the Major League Baseball Draft by the St. Louis Cardinals. Sohn had previously been undrafted out of high school, speaking to his development under Gernon, as he became the second highest drafted shortstop ever in WMU history. He was the highest drafted position player taken from the Mid-American Conference.

With clearly stated goals and a vision, Gernon wasted little time in getting Bronco baseball back on track. In 2011, the Broncos secured their first postseason victory in 12 years despite being picked to finish 12th. Under Gernon’s direction, the Broncos made it to the conference tournament as the No. 7 seed and defeated the No. 2 seed and in state rival Central Michigan, 9-7. Western Michigan made a return visit to post season play in 2012 and won its first game as the No. 5 seed, over No. 4 seed Ohio, 4-2, in spite of being selected 11th overall preseason. It was the first time since the MAC instituted the postseason tournament in 1981 that Western Michigan had made back-to-back appearances recording victories in each trip.

Since arriving in 2011, Gernon has had 21 players selected as MAC Player of the Week. Under Gernon, two Broncos have been named First Team All-MAC and Western Michigan has had three Second-Team All-MAC recognitions. Five players have been chosen in the MLB draft. Western Michigan has had 105 players drafted or signed since the draft instituted in 1965. It is the most of any school in the MAC conference according to baseballreference.com.

With Gernon at the controls his impact was felt immediately as the Broncos were ranked 10th in the nation in 2011 for winning percentage improvement of 14 games by the NCAA for posting 26 victories in just his first season. In 2011 under Gernon, the Broncos swept arch rival Ohio for the first time since 1985 and tied the school history mark by successfully sweeping MAC opponents on four occasions. Western Michigan also swept two games from Michigan State in 2011 going 3-5 against Big Ten opponents. The 2011 season culminated with Brian Stroud (31st) and Eric Heckaman (33rd) being selected in the MLB amateur draft by the Detroit Tigers. Academically, the Broncos have posted a 3.0 grade point average in the last 9 semesters under Gernon including the highest gpa on record of 3.25 posted in the fall of 2012. In five seasons under Gernon, 23 players have been honored by the MAC for academic achievement.



Randy Nathan

Coach Randy is an international keynote speaker, workshop facilitator and edutainer. His high energy and dynamic approach engages participants by introducing valuable strategies to overcome obstacles and inspires them to achieve their personal goals. Some of his topics include, Bullying in Sports: The Injuries We Don’t See, The Bystander Bully, The Leader in You, The Bully in Me, The Power of Personal CHOICE, Operation PRIDE, LEAP into Excellence – the Five Core Principles, parent programs and corporate presentations.

Coach Randy is the founder and creator of The Five-Star Coach, The LEAP Program, Teen Life Coach Training, Career JumpStart, Workforce 2.0, and Peak Performance Coaching; compelling empowerment programs that foster better choices, increased confidence and self-esteem, enhanced motivation, and greater sense of direction. Coach Randy has written numerous articles, hosted his own radio show, and is Fox 5’s Good Day New York area anti-bullying expert. (Click here for more on his programs)

Thousands of individuals have benefited from Coach Randy’s motivation, training, facilitation and coaching services. Having earned his BA from the University of Colorado (Sociology & Education), an MSW from the University of Southern California, a MA in Non-Profit Management from Hebrew Union College, and his coaching certification from iPEC Coaching, Randy has spent over twenty years inspiring individuals as a motivational speaker, educator, athletic coach, camp director, and professional coach.

His hands-on approach coupled with his background, education and training, has proven to be extremely beneficial. His sense of humor, sensitivity and contagious enthusiasm stimulate and motivate audiences of all ages.



Jim Meier

Jim Meier is an author, coach, and consultant. He is a trainer to coaches, schools, sports teams and individual amateur and professional athletes in the core areas of sports psychology, leadership, team development, innovation, management and student/athlete and parent relationships. His work is laser focused on 1) directly assisting athletes and teams tap into and display their inner greatness and 2) with coaches, schools and professional teams in strengthening winning traditions.

The cornerstone of Jim’s approach is developing the entire person--their mind, emotion, heart and spirit, based on character, good old fashion work ethic, desire for play and a healthy dose of moxie. He applies this by assessing for mental game and related strengths and weaknesses and effectively transfers information and skills to a player, coach and full team in many sports.

In December 2007, Leadership Excellence magazine selected Jim to it’s list of top 100 minds in personal leadership.

Since 2005 Jim has hosted a weekly hour long Internet radio talk show titled, “Championship Thinking.” The show, designed to educate, inform and motivate coaches and players, features prominent guests from the world of sports. Jim has also written two sports psychology workbooks, Golf’s Mental Game; Your 15th Club and Championship Thinking: Building Mental Muscle in Baseball and numerous instruction documents. His frequent media contributions include numerous articles and radio interviews for organizations such as Ripken Baseball, ESPN-The Zone, ABC local affiliate, Omaha-World Herald, “You’ve Got Game”, The Strike Zone, and baseball coaches associations.

Jim regularly delivers sports focused presentations in settings such as national conventions, clinics, camps, conferences, workshops, award banquets, cruise ships and school assemblies. Jim is president of The Training and Consulting Connection (TCC). His background includes advanced education, knowledge and experience in psychology, philosophy and social development as applied to sports. Jim also works with profit, not-for-profit, government, education and professional associations.



Tad Skelley

Tad Skelley, the Wolfeboro, N.H., native works closely with the Northwestern outfielders, while also assisting in the development of the infielders and hitters. He also assists Spencer Allen, Josh Reynolds and Dusty Napoleon with their on-campus recruiting efforts.

Skelley graduated from Wheaton College in the spring of 2011 with a Bachelor of Arts in economics. A member of the Lyon baseball team for four years, Skelley helped Wheaton to a 130-44 record over four years as the squad won three conference regular season and tournament championships (2008, 2010, 2011). A team captain and dorm residential advisor as a senior, the Wolfeboro, New Hampshire native left school as a career .345 hitter. As a junior Skelley hit .357 and started 34 of the 36 games he played in, before improving as a senior to hit .371 while starting all 42 contests.

Prior to Wheaton Skelley was a three-sport standout in football, hockey and baseball at the highly competitive academic and athletic Holderness School, winning the Webster Cup as the school’s top athlete.