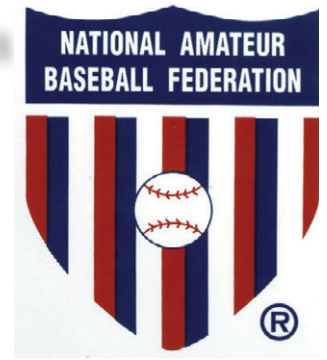




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Phillies' Tommy Hunter named 2020 NABF Graduate of the Year

Philadelphia Phillies middle reliever Tommy Hunter is the 2020 National Amateur Baseball Federation Graduate of the Year.

Hunter, who played summer baseball with the Indiana Bulls, was selected to play for the NABF national team in the annual Tournament of Stars. His NABF teammate was Lance Lynn, the NABF 2013 Graduate

of the Year who is now with the Texas Rangers.

NABF lifetime member Lou Tiberi, who helped coach the NABF team that year, said he remembers afterwards Hunter and Lynn each heading to play NCAA Division I baseball. Hunter went to Alabama and Lynn to Mississippi, and Tiberi says both were "Friday night starters," meaning they would often match up in key Southeastern Conference games.

Before joining the Phillies, Raymond Thomas Hunter (born July 3, 1986) previously played for the Texas Rangers, Chicago Cubs, Cleveland Indians, Baltimore Orioles, and Tampa Bay Rays.

Hunter was drafted by the

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Tommy Hunter (Photo courtesy mlb.com)

Youngstown to host NABF's 106th meeting

The 106th Annual Meeting of the National Amateur Baseball Federation, hosted by the Youngstown Class AA Baseball League, will be held Saturday, November 14th and Sunday, November 15th, 2020 at the Home2 Suites by Hilton Youngstown West/Austintown, 5580 Patriot Boulevard, Youngstown, OH 44515.

The Board of Directors' meeting will be held the morning of Saturday, November 14th. The meeting for all NABF franchise member Delegates will be held the morning of Sunday, November 15th.

The Home2 Suites by Hilton Youngstown West/Austintown is located roughly an hour from both Pittsburgh International Airport and Akron-Canton Regional Airport, and is accessible via Interstates 76 and 80 (Ohio Turnpike)

A special rate of \$87.00 per night has been reserved for the NABF. To reserve your room, please visit the link at the end of this paragraph. Group Name is NABF 2020, Group Code is NAB. Should you prefer to call the hotel directly to place your reservation, the phone number is (330) 505-9935.

NABF Graduates of the Year

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| 1968 Bill Freehan (Detroit Tigers) | 1993 Paul O'Neil (New York Yankees) |
| 1969 Pete Rose (Cincinnati Reds) | 1994 No selection (MLB Players Strike) |
| 1970 Bernie Carbo (Cincinnati Reds) | 1995 Charles Nagy (Cleveland Indians) |
| 1971 Ted Simmons (St. Louis Cardinals) | 1996 Brian Jordan (St. Louis Cardinals) |
| 1972 John Mayberry (Kansas City Royals) | 1997 Jeff Reed (Colorado Rockies) |
| 1973 Sal Bando (Oakland Athletics) | 1998 Scott Rolen (Philadelphia Phillies) |
| 1974 Jim Wynn (Los Angeles Dodgers) | 1999 Paul Byrd (Philadelphia Phillies) |
| 1975 Frank Tanana (California Angels) | 2000 Pat Burrell (Philadelphia Phillies) |
| 1976 Rick Manning (Cleveland Indians) | 2001 Billy Koch (Toronto Blue Jays) |
| 1977 Kenton Tekulve (Pittsburgh Pirates) | 2002 Roy Oswalt (Houston Astros) |
| 1978 Lary Sorenson (Milwaukee Brewers) | 2003 B.J. Surhoff (Baltimore Orioles) |
| 1979 Willie Horton (Seattle Mariners) | 2004 Brian Roberts (Baltimore Orioles) |
| 1980 Britt Burns (Chicago White Sox) | 2005 Mark Tiexiera (Texas Rangers) |
| 1981 Tom Paciorek (Seattle Mariners) | 2006 J.J. Putz (Seattle Mariners) |
| 1982 Leon Durham (Chicago Cubs) | 2007 Jake Peavy (San Diego Padres) |
| 1983 Robert Bonnell (Toronto Blue Jays) | 2008 Gavin Floyd (Chicago White Sox) |
| 1984 Jack Perconte (Seattle Mariners) | 2009 Zack Grienke (Kansas City Royals) |
| 1985 John Franco (Cincinnati Reds) | 2010 David Price (Tampa Bay Rays) |
| 1986 Jesse Barfield (Toronto Blue Jays) | 2011 Johnny Damon (Tampa Bay Rays) |
| 1987 Brian Fletcher (Texas Rangers) | 2012 David Freese (St. Louis Cardinals) |
| 1988 Allen L. Anderson (Minnesota Twins) | 2013 Michael Lance Lynn (St. Louis Cardinals) |
| 1989 Dave Dravecky (San Francisco Giants) | 2014 Sonny Gray (Oakland Athletics) |
| 1990 Barry Larkin (Cincinnati Reds) | 2015 Pedro Alvarez (Pittsburgh Pirates) |
| 1991 Steve Farr (New York Yankees) | 2016 Logan Forsythe (Tampa Bay Rays) |
| 1992 Marquies Grissom (Montreal Expos) | 2017 J.A. Happ (Toronto Blue Jays) |
| | 2018 Luke Gregerson (St. Louis Cardinals) |
| | 2019 Willie Bloomquist (Seattle Mariners) |
| | 2020 Tommy Hunter (Philadelphia Phillies) |

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Maryland (1967)

From the Executive Director...

A special thanks and congratulations go out to all of our national members that participated in their local leagues and in our 107th consecutive playing season, including the NABF National Championship Series in the High School Division (17 & Under) in Knoxville, TN, and the Rookie Division (10 & Under) and Freshman Division (12 & Under) World Series events in Tuxedo Park, NY.

The COVID-19 pandemic turned our 2020 playing season upside down, but in spite of all the adversaries, all of our franchised members managed to organize their local league teams, playing a limited number of games during the nation's national emergency.

Presently the NABF has made plans and is scheduled to play ball during the same timeframe in 2021, as we have for the past 107 seasons. Our Officers and Board of Directors will meet and discuss plans for our 108th consecutive season in November. Be ready to play baseball in 2021.

We tip our baseball caps to all members having kept our national game alive and well through these uncertain times, and we wish nothing less than health and happiness to all our members and those they love.

Kind regards to all,

Charles M. Blackburn, Jr.
Executive Director, NABF



Charles M. Blackburn, Jr.

From the President...

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the national members that participated in their local leagues for the 2020 season. I'm sure the experiences will last a lifetime for the players as well as the coaches. It is our duty as members of the NABF family to keep America's pastime going at the amateur level, even during a pandemic.

Our organization would not be successful without the hard work of all the officers, directors, and members of the NABF. I cannot thank you enough for the hours that you donate to make the NABF such a successful organization. I look forward to seeing everyone at our annual meeting in Youngstown, Ohio this coming November. I wish everyone good health and safe travels as we prepare for the 2021 season.

Sincerely,

Bob Mingo
NABF President



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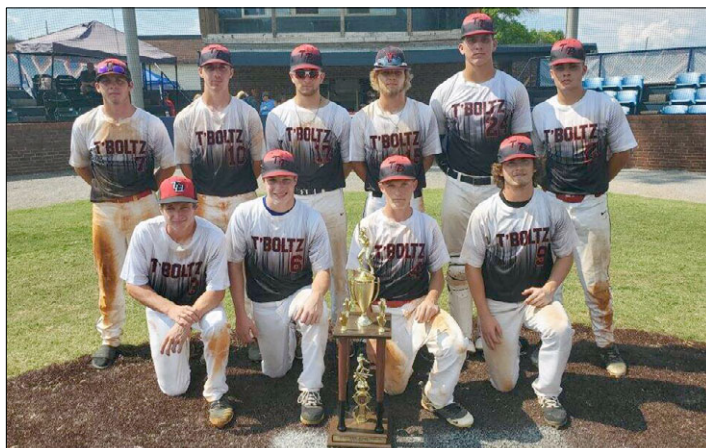
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High School Division World Classic



Thunderboltz (Ohio)
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Gibbs High School (Tennessee)
High School Division World Classic runners-up

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Final Game Score
Ohio Thunderboltz 8, Gibbs High School 1

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Brayden Taylor
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About NABF

The National Amateur Baseball Federation (NABF) was established at an organizational meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1914, and is the oldest continually operated national baseball organization in the country.

The NABF is a non-profit organization run by a number of Officers and Directors from all parts of the United States. These volunteers help keep the organization running smoothly, as regional and national championship tournaments are held coast to coast.

Meet our NABF intern Matt Schofield...

My name is Matt Schofield and I graduated in August from Towson University with a major in Sport Management, as well as a minor in business administration.

After graduation I am looking to pursue a career in the sports industry. Ideally, I would like to work toward a career in college or professional basketball. Basketball has always been a passion of mine as I am very knowledgeable about the game both in terms of tactics and strategies, as well as current players and coaches. Additionally, in my time



Matt Schofield

at the NABF, I was able to find

a passion for writing as Mr. Blackburn assigned me with several written assignments throughout the summer. Although I was previously unknowledgeable of the history and information that I was researching,

I enjoyed the process of learning new information and finding a way to make a story out of it all. Although we are in an unprecedented time of this global pandemic in which the sports world has had to be put on pause, I am hopeful for an opportunity to begin my career involved in the sports world.

Freshman Division World Series



Clarkstown Stars Black (New York)
Freshman Division World Series champions

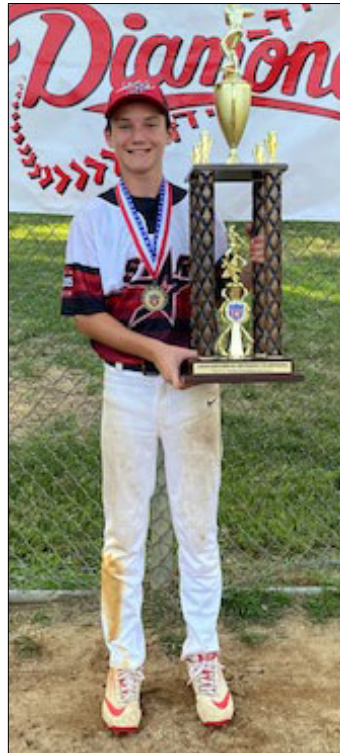


Bergen Crush (New Jersey)
Freshman Division World Series runners-up

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Rangers in the supplemental first round of the 2007 Major League Baseball draft out of the University of Alabama. He made his major league debut in 2008. In 2010 he led the American League with a .765 win-loss percentage, as he was 13-4.

Hunter was born to Ray and Pam Hunter in Indianapolis, Indiana, and raised there with his older sister Megan Hunter attended Cathedral High School, where he was a two-time All-City Player of the Year (2004 and 2005). He played both baseball and football for the school. He was also a two-time Junior Olympic judo champion. Hunter married girlfriend Ellen Cohara on January 4, 2014. They have two sons, Henry and Oliver.

At Alabama, Hunter was a Second-Team All-American in his freshman season, during which the team won the 2006 Southeastern Conference Championship, and a pre-season All-American entering his sophomore season. He also earned a gold medal at the World University Baseball Championship with the USA National Baseball Team in 2006.

Texas Rangers

Hunter was drafted by the Rangers in the supplemental first round of the 2007 Major League Baseball draft. Hunter made his major league debut on August 1, 2008, taking on the Toronto Blue Jays as the fourth-youngest player in the American League shortly after turning 22. He recorded his first MLB win on July 3, 2009, against the Tampa Bay Rays. He recorded his first Major League complete game on September 13 against the Seattle Mariners.

In 2009, he was 9-6 with a 4.10 ERA, with 64 strikeouts in 112 innings. He held right-handed hitters to a .228 batting average (7th-lowest in the AL), and opponents at home to a .226 average (the lowest single-season figure ever by a pitcher with at least 10 starts at Rangers Ballpark).

Hunter made his 2010 season debut on June 5, pitching a complete game win



Tommy Hunter (mlb.com)

against the Tampa Bay Rays. He was 13-4 for the season (an American League-leading .765 win-loss percentage), with a 3.73 ERA as he struck out 68 batters in 128 innings. His 13 wins tied Derek Holland for the most wins by any pitcher in the Rangers organization in 2010, in either the major or minor leagues. Hunter started Game 4 of the ALCS vs the Yankees. In 2011 with the Rangers he was 1-1 with a 2.93 ERA, and struck out 10 batters in 15.1 innings.

Baltimore Orioles

On July 30, 2011, the Rangers traded Hunter and first baseman Chris Davis to the Orioles for reliever Koji Uehara. In 2011 with Baltimore he was 3-3 with a 5.06 ERA, with 35 strikeouts in 69.1 innings.

In the 2012 season, Hunter posted a 7-8 record with a 5.45 ERA, with 77 strikeouts in 133.2 innings. As a reliever Hunter's fastball averaged 96 MPH over the month of September, and topped out at 100 MPH, after averaging 91-92 MPH for his career.

After former closer Jim Johnson was traded to the Oakland Athletics, Hunter was named the new Orioles closer for the 2014 season. Hunter started the 2014 season as the Orioles closer and was successful in 11 of his 12 save opportunities. For the 2014 season, he was 3-2 with 11 saves and a 2.97 ERA and 45 strikeouts in 60.2 innings in 60 games.

He was 2-2 with Baltimore in 2015 with a 3.63 ERA with

32 strikeouts in 44.2 innings

Chicago Cubs (2015)

On July 31, 2015, Hunter was traded to the Cubs for outfielder Junior Lake. He was 2-0 with one save with the Cubs with a 5.74 ERA with 15 strikeouts in 15.2 innings.

Cleveland Indians (2016)

Hunter signed a one-year contract worth \$2 million with the Indians on February 12, 2016. He was 2-2 with the Indians with a 3.74 ERA with 17 strikeouts in 21.2 innings.

2nd stint Orioles (2016)

The Baltimore Orioles signed Hunter on August 28, 2016. He was 0-0 with the Orioles with a 2.19 ERA in 12 games.

Tampa Bay Rays (2017)

On February 22, 2017, Hunter signed a minor league deal with the Tampa Bay Rays. Hunter impressed in spring training and received a spot in the bullpen. He had an ERA of

1.08 in 10 appearances. Hunter finished the season with a 3-5 record with one save and 25 holds (5th in the AL) in 61 games with a 2.61 ERA (a career low), pitching predominantly in the 8th inning before closer Alex Colomé. He held all hitters to a .202/.254/.333 batting line as he struck out 64 batters in 58.2 innings.

Phillies (2018-present)

On December 15, 2017, Hunter signed a two-year contract with the Philadelphia Phillies. He changed his number from 40 to 96 after Wilson Ramos was acquired from the Rays. In 2018 with the Phillies, he was 5-4 with four saves, 25 holds (tied for 5th in the NL), and a 3.80 ERA, as he struck out 51 batters in 64 innings over 65 games.

In 2019, he underwent season-ending surgery. On February 12, 2020, Hunter re-signed with the Phillies on a one-year deal

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ALS ASSOCIATION

At the 2017 National Amateur Baseball Federation Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors and NABF Franchise Member Representatives in attendance voted unanimously to name the ALS Association as the official charity partner of the NABF.

The NABF got involved in 2017 after “Pack the Park for Barb” night at C.O. Brown Stadium in Battle Creek, Michigan, which raised \$2,500-and-counting for the ALS’ Michigan chapter (“Strike Out ALS” was the night’s catch-phrase). The fundraising effort was named in honor of Barbara Newton (wife of tourney director Terry Newton) who passed away in January from the disease. The evening drew a crowd of over 1,500 to the ballpark – C.O. Brown’s largest in several years.

The NABF is now officially partnered with the ALS Association in the fight against amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (more commonly known as ALS or Lou Gehrig’s disease), and in spreading knowledge and awareness of the disease as well.

The ALS Association is the only national nonprofit organization fighting Lou Gehrig’s disease on every front: supporting cutting-edge research, enhancing access to clinical care, and promoting better public policies. Their nationwide network of chapters comprises one team with a single mission: to discover treatments and a cure for ALS, and to serve, advocate for, and empower people with ALS.

ALS is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord. Eventually, people with ALS lose the ability to initiate and control muscle movement, which often leads to total paralysis and death within two to five years of diagnosis. Visit ALSA.org to learn more about the tremendous work being done throughout the Association and to make a donation in honor of the NABF/ALS Association Charity Partnership.

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