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A special Grand Junction welcome to all of our visitors.

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We would be remiss, too, if we didn't take the opportunity to congratulate the teams who have survived all the eliminations in order to come to this tournament. That speaks well for the team effort and the personal discipline of each of the tournament participants. But --- only 1 team can be the winner in this tournament and that team, whichever team is successful, will take home the trophy as the best Junior College Baseball Team in this great nation.

We trust you'll enjoy your trip to Grand Junction and that you'll take fond memories of our city, and the people of our city, home with you and we hope you'll return again when you can stay longer to enjoy the scenery and hospitality of Colorado West.

Sincerely,

Stanley E. Anderson
Mayor

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Jill Ficklin (left) and Mary Theisen, Mesa College students, model souvenirs of the 1973 National Junior College Baseball Tournament. The T-shirts, hats and pennants are on sale at the baseball park.

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Out of Our Scrapbook

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IN 1959 the NJCAA baseball championship in Grand Junction May 21-24 fought its way through rain, mud, postponements and the early exit of the host team but still netted a profit of \$137.53.

The profit was turned over to the Grand Junction Festival Company which had risked \$3,000 to underwrite the affair.

That \$3,000, along with \$1,500 contributed by Coca Cola Co., was the clincher in bringing the tournament to Grand Junction.

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IN 1960 Northeastern Oklahoma Coach Homa Thomas assured tournament officials and the press that "we didn't come here to finish second again."

They didn't.

For the record Thomas' team finished third.

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IN 1961 and no other tournament is complete without the pretty girl who has been dating one of the visiting athletes, rooting for her new found friend.

Heard during the game was "Come on number three". When her girl friend asked who number 3 was, our heroine replied, "I can't remember his name, but come on number three."

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IN 1962 Trinidad's Jim Heirigs pulled off the 'play of deception' for the National Junior College Baseball Tournament.

Heirigs, an outfielder pulled off the play in the fourth inning of the Trojans' game with Wilmington, N. C.

Heirigs leaped high into the air and appeared to have made a sensational stab of Ron Smith's long, hard line drive to retire the seahawks.

Umpire Bill Fanning raced into the edge of the outfield grass and was as convinced as most of the fans in the stands as he clearly signaled the out.

Smith, at that point halfway between first and second, turned and started for the dugout to retrieve his fielding glove when Coach Bill Brooks finally convinced him to circle the bases.

The key to the discovery that Heirigs had missed the ball came when Heirigs whipped off his glove and slapped it into his other hand. By this time, Fanning was on his way to the fence to see if the ball had been caught.

"If he had produced a ball from his pocket, I would have believed he had made the catch," Fanning said later.

The perfectly timed leap obscured the ball traveling over the fence to most persons in

Can You Remember When . . .

Lincoln Park Stadium and drew rounds of applause from most corners for the fine defensive move.

As it turned out, Smith received mostly laughter for his home run.

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IN 1964 not all of the athletic action took place at Lincoln Park Stadium Friday afternoon. Several spectacular plays and line drives were witnessed at the Bookcliff Country Club.

Tournament Director D. S. Dykstra and Harry Farrar, sports editor of the Denver Post, squared off against Stan Musial and Ed Doherty, the juco tourney's special guests, in a golf match over the Bookcliff layout.

Musial and Doherty moved in front after the first nine holes but the Farrar-Dykstra team, aided by an attractive woman in shorts playing in the foursome up ahead, came from behind to win on the second trip around the BCC course.

"That girl didn't bother myself or Farrar but Musial and Doherty seemed to fall apart," was Dykstra's explanation of the comeback.

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IN 1965 Lefty Gomez' first visit to the NJCAA National Tournament ended on an embarrassing note as in the opening game ceremonies, Lefty was slated to throw out the first ball, but in the confusion, the game started without the traditional event.

No one noticed the goof until Lefty brought the ball over to Sam Suplizio, the tournament director, telling Sam, "What do you want me to do with the ball, eat it?"

Naturally, the tournament officials made sure that Lefty was going to get into the act this year, so when the time came, Suplizio brought over a sparkling white, brand new MacGregor baseball.

Lefty looked over the ball and startled Suplizio by saying, "Sam, I can't throw out this ball, I work for the Wilson Sporting Goods Company."

Suplizio frantically searched the locker rooms for a Wilson ball, but without success. "Lefty," Sam said, "I can't find a Wilson ball for you to throw out."

"It's all right now, Sam," Lefty reassured, "I fixed this one." Lefty had scratched out the name MacGregor and wrote in "Wilson" with his ball point pen.

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IN 1966 Credit Tournament Director Sam Suplizio with an assist in Ellsworth's ninth-inning come from behind 6-3 victory over Nassau.

The Panthers were trailing 3-2 and had not scored for several innings going into the ninth

when Suplizio appeared at the backstop with the third place trophy.

The Ellsworth players spotted the trophy and proceeded to rally for four runs and ice the contest.

Coach Marty Dittmer told Suplizio, "Our boys saw you with the trophy and they decided that third place wasn't good enough."

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IN 1967 "Impossible! You won't play baseball for several days! Go home and sleep!" Such were the comments, opinions and advice given the NJCAA Baseball Committee after the soaking rains had made a quagmire out of Lincoln Park Stadium Friday and Saturday nights.

But, the committeemen, with six dedicated Mesa College students, plus a host of volunteers of local baseball fans, defied mother nature and put Lincoln Park into a playable condition—to the amazement of teams and fans alike.

The problems began Friday night when a desert born gulley washer cut loose at the beginning of the Odessa-Mesa game in the feature attraction, and washed the contest out.

"We knew we had to do something, or the tournament would be delayed several days," said Tournament Director Sam Suplizio.

The committee held a brief meeting, ran down City Parks Director Ralph Stocker at a bridge game, and met at Lincoln Park.

The committeemen, college students, many volunteers, plus Stocker and one city man stayed until 3:30 a.m. Saturday morning, pumping water and drying out the infield under the lights.

Suplizio and Assistant Tournament Director Dick Reimer were back on the job at 7:00 a.m., looking the situation over, then decided to move the tournament back a day.

The crew of students and volunteers worked all day Saturday with a three-man city crew to get the field into great shape for a single game Saturday night.

After the Mesa-Odessa game got in all right Saturday evening, the committee's troubles with the weather really became serious as a soaking rain continued through the night and until mid-Sunday morning.

"The response of interested town people was tremendous," Suplizio said. "Sam Haupt of Grand Mesa Oil brought a tanker truck of gasoline to the park so we could burn the infield dry."

"Maurice Gardner of Whitewater Sand and Gravel came with a load of sand, Tommy Thompson of the First-Street Cabinet Shop arrived with a load of sawdust, and contractor Tom McCall brought a load of drying equip-

ment, as did Dick Fante of Suburban Gas."

In three hours—10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.—an impossible task was completed and four seven-inning games were played.

The dedication of the committeemen, the students and the local volunteers who worked on the field in spite of the experts who said it was "impossible" will long be remembered by the NJCAA teams and fans.

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IN 1969 Sports Illustrated magazine was delivered to subscribers in Grand Junction Saturday just in time to put the kiss of death on the Bacone College Warriors.

The June 2 edition of SI has a feature on Bacone which tabs the Warriors as the favorite in the National Tournament. However, Bacone was eliminated Saturday by the upstart Rams of Wright College.

Regardless of Bacone's showing in the national meet, the article offers interesting reading and shows how JUCO baseball is growing in national prominence.

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The big ball shaggers, decked out in bright red tee-shirts, labeled "NJCAA tournament" have had little problems recovering foul balls.

However, during the Georgia-Bacone game, big Clay Agee had a foul ball go in back of the third-base stands. Before Agee could recover the ball, three small boys picked it up and gave it to a one-year-old toddler who was playing in front of the bleachers.

Agee was soundly, but good-naturedly "booed" by several hundred fans when all 200 pounds of him had to take the ball away from the tiny tot.

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The quote of the tournament, passed along the grapevine. A scout commenting on a pitcher's ability, "He hasn't enough stuff to gag a maggot!"

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IN 1970 Grand Junction, Colo., is leading the nation in hospitality as experienced by one visiting sports writer. Asked if he was treated well, the Hagerstown visitor said, "I am treated better here in Grand Junction than I am by my wife or in my home town."

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IN 1973 the linescore coming into the 16th annual National Junior College Baseball tournament stands 2,194 runs, 3,181 hits and 1,026 errors.

That's a lot of mileage on the Lincoln Park sod and plenty of thrills for Western Colorado baseball fans.



"Rangers"

RANGER JUNIOR COLLEGE RANGER, TEXAS

Coach: JACK ALLEN

Season Record: 34-20

NO.	PLAYER	POS.	HT.	WT.	B - T	BA - PR	CLASS	BIRTH DATE	HOME TOWN
45	Dave Stauffer	C	6-0	202	R-R	.287	Frosh	10-4-53	San Antonio, Tex.
22	Mario Trevino	C	6-0	190	R-R	.297	Soph	11-24-51	Eagle Pass, Tex.
19	Jr. Perez	C	5-11	190	R-R	.348	Frosh	12-14-53	Mercedes, Tex.
39	Don Flowers	1B	6-0	190	R-R	.311	Soph	1-17-53	San Antonio, Tex.
5	John Carrola	3B	5-9	182	R-R	.290	Soph	11-6-52	San Antonio, Tex.
30	Wayne Williams	2B	6-0	170	R-R	.303	Frosh	1-31-54	Abilene, Tex.
10	Wayne Benson	RF	5-11	195	R-R	.337	Frosh	6-24-52	Del Rio, Tex.
20	Jerry Gonzalez	SS	6-0	185	L-R	.210	Frosh	8-20-54	San Antonio, Tex.
32	Pat Stanchak	CF	5-10	165	R-R	.257	Soph	10-11-52	San Antonio, Tex.
36	Joe Lopez	RF	6-0	185	L-R	.163	Frosh	2-3-53	Eagle Pass, Tex.
1	Rick Jones	CF	5-7	158	L-L	.237	Frosh	1-3-54	Corpus Christi, Tex.
2	Bobby Duncan	LF	5-10	155	R-R	.329	Frosh	7-28-54	San Antonio, Tex.
5	Bobby Monzo	3B	5-9	165	R-R	.269	Soph	9-9-53	Eagle Pass, Tex.
11	Donnie Moore	P	6-0	170	R-R	12-1	Frosh	2-13-54	Lubbock, Tex.
46	Jim Webb	P	6-0	190	R-R	4-3	Frosh	2-7-54	San Antonio, Tex.
40	Tommy Sneed	P	6-0	190	R-R	3-2	Frosh	6-29-54	Grand Prairie, Tex.
41	John Dukes	P	5-10	175	R-R	5-0	Soph	3-28-53	San Antonio, Tex.
43	Jake Casanova	P	6-0	175	R-R	3-3	Frosh	2-25-54	San Antonio, Tex.
44	George Landreth	P	6-1	190	L-L	0-3	Frosh	4-5-54	Midland, Tex.
48	John Sabol	P	6-6	190	L-L	1-2	Frosh	5-5-54	Detroit, Mich.
49	Joe Pulido	P	5-7	175	L-L	3-4	Frosh	8-23-53	Edinburg, Tex.

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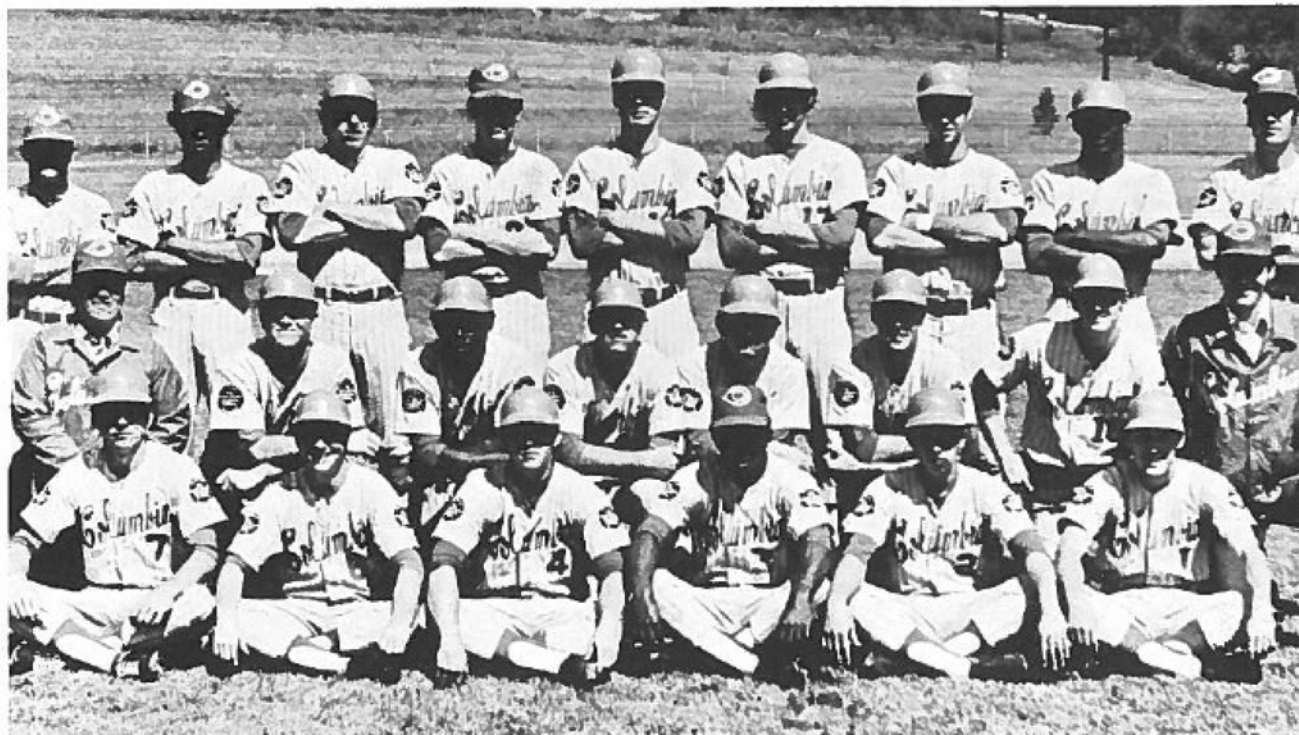


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"Chargers"

COLUMBIA STATE COLUMBIA, TENN.

Coach: JIM PAINTER

Season Record: 35-5

NO.	PLAYER	POS.	HT.	WT.	B - T	BA - PR	CLASS	BIRTH DATE	HOME TOWN
6	Terry Crocker	2B	5-9	160	R-R	.242	Soph	4-14-53	Nashville, Tenn.
1	Randy Davidson	SS	5-10	165	R-R	.363	Soph	5-22-53	Huntsville, Ala.
2	Mickey Dearstone	1B	5-10	175	R-R	.400	Soph	8-13-53	Greenville, Tenn.
16	Steve Downey	P	6-3	190	L-L	7-2	Soph	10-1-53	Collinsville, Ill.
3	Gene Essie	RF	5-9	160	R-R	.393	Soph	5-24-53	Knoxville, Tenn.
17	Gilbert Holt	P	6-2	210	R-R	1-0	Soph	3-1-53	Nashville, Tenn.
10	James "Spot" Howard	2B	5-10	160	R-R	.200	Soph	11-6-53	Hixson, Tenn.
4	Rodney Jones	LF	5-10	175	R-R	.355	Soph	9-24-52	Columbia, Tenn.
25	David McMurtry	OF	6-0	180	R-L	.429	Frosh	3-23-54	Madison, Tenn.
26	Danny Neal	P	5-10	170	R-L	6-0	Frosh	5-18-53	Sherwood, Tenn.
8	Mike Rankin	C	6-1	200	R-R	.372	Soph	1-1-53	Memphis, Tenn.
13	Barry Richardson	P	6-2	180	R-R	2-1	Soph	11-6-53	Knoxville, Tenn.
12	Walter Richardson	P	6-2	190	R-R	4-1	Soph	9-29-53	Manchester, Tenn.
14	Cliff Robertson	2B	6-0	170	R-R	.276	Frosh	3-13-54	Nashville, Tenn.
19	Charles Rogers	P	5-11	175	L-R	10-1	Soph	10-22-49	Chattanooga, Tenn.
11	Robert Rogers	LF	5-11	165	S-R	.375	Soph	5-23-52	Chattanooga, Tenn.
7	Rufus "Chuck" Smith	3B	6-2	180	R-R	.368	Frosh	5-25-53	Morristown, Tenn.
30	Leo Whiteside	CF	6-0	180	R-R	.374	Soph	3-12-53	Knoxville, Tenn.
9	Barry Wright	C	6-2	175	R-R	.400	Frosh	1-17-54	Hermitage, Tenn.

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"Falcons"

**INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CENTERVILLE, IOWA**

Coach: PAT DAUGHERTY

Season Record: 25-13

NO.	PLAYER	POS.	HT.	WT.	B - T	BA - PR	CLASS	BIRTH DATE	HOME TOWN
24	Jim Williams	P	6'1"	185	R-R	8-2	Soph	6-30-53	Jct. City, Kansas
21	Terry Kieffer	P	6'3"	190	R-L	8-2	Soph	9-5-52	Lake City, Minn.
17	Tom Higgins	P	6'1"	180	R-R	3-2	Soph	2-10-53	Council Bluffs, Iowa
15	Denny Garwood	P	6'1"	175	R-R	0-2	Soph	4-20-53	Monona, Wis.
6	Bob Gross	P	5'9"	160	R-L	1-2	Soph	3-15-53	Walnut, Iowa
12	Tom Blozevich	P	5'11"	160	R-R	0-0	Frosh	2-25-54	Centerville, Iowa
9	Mark Woeful	P	5'11"	170	R-R	0-0	Frosh	10-1-54	Fish River, Wis.
22	Randy Evans	P	6'1"	180	R-R	4-2	Soph	7-20-53	Saydel, Iowa
7	Bud Griffin	C	6'0"	165	R-R	.317	Soph	3-18-53	Des Moines, Iowa
25	Scott Stiles	C	6'1"	185	R-R	.215	Frosh	11-7-54	Fort Dodge, Iowa
3	Jim McBride	1B	5'11"	165	L-L	.302	Soph	3-20-53	Des Moines, Iowa
4	Mark Hiller	2B	5'10"	155	S-R	.387	Soph	3-12-53	Roswell N. M.
5	Chris Barcus	3B	5'10"	165	R-R	.287	Soph	12-25-52	Agency, Iowa
8	Marc Kiel	SS	6'0"	165	L-R	.275	Soph	7-22-53	Kaukauna, Wis.
23	Jim Smith	LF	6'0"	175	L-R	.377	Soph	9-22-53	Des Moines, Iowa
19	Fred Young	CF	6'0"	170	R-R	.319	Frosh	7-1-54	Des Moines, Iowa
14	Randy Rima	RF	6'3"	180	L-R	.278	Soph	11-22-52	Decorah, Iowa
2	Dar Deslauriers	UT	5'8"	155	R-R	.268	Frosh	3-15-54	Huron, S. D.
11	Rick McCarthy	UT	6'0"	160	R-R	.252	Frosh	7-13-54	Galesburg, Ill.
27	Mike Russell	UT	6'0"	195	L-L	.269	Soph	1-5-53	Milwaukee, Wis.
18	Mike Granitz	UT	6'0"	180	S-R	.234	Soph	7-7-53	Milwaukee, Wis.

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THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI

Coach: JERRY BLEMKER

Season Record: 25-11

NO.	PLAYER	POS.	HT.	WT.	B-T	BA - PR	CLASS	BIRTH DATE	HOME TOWN
7	Bell, Dave	IF	5'9"	165	R-R	.219	Soph	1-10-53	Mt. Vernon, Indiana
12	Brown, Unet	P	6'1"	190	R-R	.667 1-0	Soph	8-22-53	Arnold, Missouri
9	Emerson, Brad	IF	6'0"	170	R-R	.407	Soph	11-28-53	Oran, Missouri
20	Gentry, Sam	OF	5'11"	195	R-R	.300	Soph	4-23-53	Henderson, Ky.
17	Hildebrand, Mark	P-OF	6'1"	190	L-L	.240 4-1	Soph	2-12-53	Stendal, Indiana
5	Hill, Mike	P	5'10"	170	L-R	.412 4-1	Fresh	8-16-54	Puxico, Missouri
14	Kiel, Marvin	OF-IF	6'3"	185	R-R	.327	Fresh	11-7-54	Wentzville, Mo.
2	McCulloch, Bobby	IF	5'7"	160	L-R	.361	Soph	8-20-53	Hayti, Missouri
1	McCulloch, Terry	OF	5'11"	175	R-R	.238	Fresh	7-29-53	Portageville, Mo.
6	Pangburn, Pat	C	5'8"	180	R-R	.298	Fresh	5-31-54	Jeffersonville, Ind.
4	Redman, Gary	IF	5'7"	155	R-R	.286	Soph	4-29-53	Mt. Vernon, Indiana
15	Smith, Randy	P-1B	6'1"	205	R-L	.337 8-2	Soph	12-2-53	Arbyrd, Missouri
11	Smith, Tim	P	6'0"	175	R-R	.333 1-3	Soph	1-29-53	Poplar Bluff, Mo.
19	Swagman, Bob	P	6'2"	190	R-R	.000 3-0	Soph	3-10-53	O'Fallon, Missouri
16	Weber, Mike	P	6'2"	170	R-R	.059 3-4	Soph	12-14-53	Clarksville, Ind.
10	White, Jerry	OF-P	5'8"	170	R-R	.261 1-0	Soph	4-25 51	Hayti, Missouri
8	Winston, Randy	C	6'0"	180	R-R	.250	Soph	4-7-53	Wardell, Missouri
3	Young, Ron	OF	5'9"	170	R-R	.139	Fresh	10-26-54	Kennett, Missouri



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TWIN FALLS, IDAHO

Coach: BOB BANFIELD

Season Record: 21-13

NO.	PLAYER	POS.	HT.	WT.	B - T	BA - PR	CLASS	BIRTH DATE	HOME TOWN
2	Mike Fries	Inf.	5'8"	165	R-R	.245	Frosh	1-15-54	Twin Falls, Idaho
3	Bob Leise	CF	5'10"	165	L-L	.412	Soph	9-23-51	Omaha, Nebraska
4	Dennis Warburton	P	5'10"	160	L-L	3-1	Frosh	10-29-53	Rupert, Idaho
5	Jim Dunsmere	2B	5'5"	155	R-R	.304	Soph	10-7-53	Tulsa, Oklahoma
6	Rob Morgan	Inf.	5'8"	150	R-R	.235	Frosh	1-26-54	Tulsa, Oklahoma
7	John Wilson	3B	5'11"	175	R-R	.286	Soph	9-9-53	Tulsa, Oklahoma
8	Roy Kinnan	C	5'8"	175	R-R	.270	Soph	9-30-53	Tulsa, Oklahoma
9	Rick Spriggs	OF	5'9"	160	R-R	.189	Frosh	10-11-53	Twin Falls, Idaho
12	Joe Robino	P	6'1 1/2"	180	R-R	5-3	Frosh	1-14-54	Omaha, Nebraska
13	Ralph Bollinger	1B	6'3"	175	L-L	.387	Soph	10-5-53	Tulsa, Oklahoma
14	Ron Estes	P	6'3"	215	R-R	6-3	Frosh	7-30-53	Anaconda, Mont.
15	Darrell Groves	SS	6'1"	180	R-R	.338	Frosh	1-30-54	Twin Falls, Idaho
16	Kurt Barron	P	6'0"	175	R-R	4-4	Soph	9-19-53	Tulsa, Oklahoma
17	Bob Papworth	IF	5'10"	175	L-R	.316	Soph	11-6-52	Calgary, Alb., Can.
18	Kevin Nelson	OF-P	5'11"	175	L-L	4-1	Frosh	7-1-54	Twin Falls, Idaho
19	Mike Tremayne	C-Inf.	5'11"	185	R-R	.200	Frosh	12-28-53	Heyburn, Idaho
20	Dale Lattin	Inf.	6'1"	200	L-L	.400	Frosh	7-10-54	Mtn. Home, Idaho

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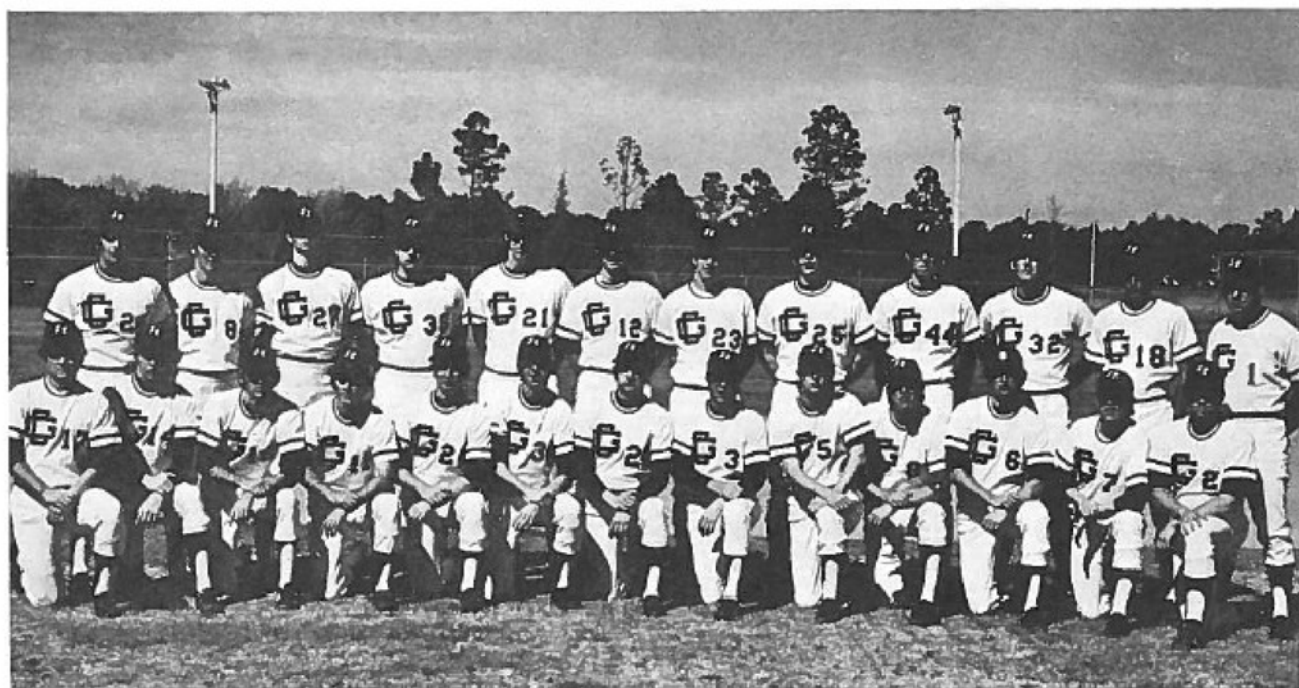


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PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA

Coach: WILLIAM FRAZIER

Season Record: 27-20

NO.	PLAYER	POS.	HT.	WT.	B - T	BA - PR	CLASS	BIRTH DATE	HOME TOWN
25	Bailey, Dennis R.	OF	6'2"	198	R-R	.331 2-1	Soph	5-12-53	Montgomery, Ala.
18	Barnes, James K.	INF	6'0"	165	R-R	.331	Frosh	7-2-54	Panama City, Fla.
27	Buckingham, Michael D	P	6'4"	175	R-R	3-1	Soph	12-31-52	Auburn, Ala.
24	Drevnak, David E.	OF	6'1"	192	L-L	.246	Frosh	6-20-54	Manville, N. J.
3	Gendron, Steve	P	5'8"	170	R-R	1-1	Soph	12-6-52	Tampa, Fla.
32	Hannon, John R.	P	6'2"	200	R-R	4-3	Frosh	12-4-53	Mattydale, N. Y.
16	Hill, Michael L.	INF	5'11"	160	R-R	.186	Frosh	8-30-53	Chamblee, Ga.
20	Holocher, William B.	C	5'11"	175	R-R	.313	Soph	3-4-53	Fort Mitchell, Ky.
14	Keeble, Fredrick N.	P	6'0"	165	R-R	2-2	Frosh	1-21-54	Florence, Ala.
21	McGlamory, Arthur S.	P	6'5"	218	R-R	3-3	Frosh	4-12-54	Chamblee, Ga.
23	Nodurft, James J.	INF	6'1"	160	R-R	.000	Frosh	2-13-54	Pittsburgh, Pa.
17	Peterson, Eric M.	P	5'11"	180	L-L	4-3	Frosh	10-30-54	Pittsburgh, Pa.
9	Pupo, James J.	OF	5'11"	175	L-R	.179	Soph	3-19-53	Lewistown, Pa.
35	Purkey, Robert T.	P	6'2"	200	L-R	3-2	Frosh	12-1-54	Bethel Park, Pa.
7	Roberts, Dan S.	INF	5'10"	165	R-R	.183	Frosh	7-7-53	Ft. Washington, Pa.
6	Simmons, Thomas C.	C	6'0"	185	R-R	.200	Frosh	2-7-53	Meadowbrook, Pa.
8	Stamps, Jerry C.	C	6'1"	180	L-R	.379	Soph	3-4-53	Bessemer, Ala.
44	Tanner, Stephen B.	P	6'3"	180	R-R	5-2	Frosh	5-26-53	Hunt Valley, Pa.
2	Toth, Richard L.	OF	5'11"	170	R-R	.303	Soph	11-12-53	Metuchen, N. J.
22	Trageser, John P.	C	5'11"	190	R-R	.250	Frosh	6-27-54	N. Miami, Fla.
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Coach: JIM FRYE

Season Record: 32-16

NO.	PLAYER	POS.	HT.	WT.	B - T	BA - PR	CLASS	BIRTH DATE	HOME TOWN
4 25	Brown, Rick	C	5-11	170	R-R	.091	Frosh	10-2-54	Tempe, AZ
3 17	O'Malley, Marty	C	6-2	188	R-R	.186	Frosh	2-9-54	Winner, SD
12 10	Delgado, Julio	IF	5-7	160	R-R	.358	Soph	4-19-52	Whitefish, MT
11 21	Graham, Dan	IF	6-0	205	L-R	.297	Frosh	7-19-54	Hayden, AZ
15 26	Inglish, Jamie	IF	5-8	150	R-R	.305	Soph	10-20-53	Mesa, AZ
21 32	Pate, Bob	IF	6-2	188	R-R	.365	Frosh	12-3-53	Compton, CA
16 4	Udike, Ted	IF	6-2	175	L-L	.125	Frosh	12-28-53	St. Miguel, CA
2 20	Velasquez, Abe	IF	5-6	160	R-R	.000	Frosh	2-12-54	Mesa, AZ
9 16	Croley, Paul	OF	5-11	165	L-R	.233	Frosh	2-11-54	College, OK
20 14	Diveley, Rick	OF	6-0	170	R-R	.303	Soph	10-7-53	Scottsdale, AZ
5 11	Gerlach, Bill	OF	5-9	155	L-R	.429	Soph	8-30-54	Tempe, AZ
7 29	Nichols, Jerry	OF	5-11	168	L-L	.214	Frosh	6-9-53	Flagstaff, AZ
18 31	Wofford, Barry	OF	6-3	197	R-R	.307	Frosh	9-13-54	Hueneme, CA
8 30	Draper, Ed	P	5-11	170	L-L	8-2	Soph	10-20-53	Las Vegas, NV
19 19	Forgie, Ray	P	6-1	195	R-R	8-2	Soph	7-6-53	Scottsdale, AZ
1 28	Hamilton, Mike	P	6-4	170	L-L	2-3	Frosh	1-19-54	Tempe, AZ
22 12	Harshey, Chris	P	5-10	155	R-R	8-4	Soph	2-8-53	Chandler, AZ
10 15	Hunsaker, Scott	P	6-4	165	R-R	0-1	Frosh	11-25-54	Mesa, AZ
6 27	Schmidt, Jerry	P	5-10	160	R-R	4-4	Frosh	1-19-54	Great Falls, MT

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NO. Gr. Wh.	PLAYER	POS.	HT.	WT.	B - T	BA - PR	CLASS	BIRTH DATE	HOME TOWN
2 2	Jerome Banks	OF	5-7	145	S-R		F	11-16-51	Baltimore, Md.
40 40	Don Coleman	P	6-0	180	R-R		F	3-10-52	Baltimore, Md.
20 20	Brian Jones	C	5-10	175	R-R		S	8-6-51	Baltimore, Md.
7 7	Dean Jones	OF	5-11	180	R-R		S	3-24-52	Baltimore, Md.
22 22	Joe Juliano	P	5-10	180	R-L	7-3	S	10-1-53	Ossining, N.Y.
3 3	Joe Piechota	3B	5-10	190	R-R		F	8-8-54	Baltimore, Md.
16 16	Ro Plajzer	OF	6-0	175	R-R		S	11-28-53	Baltimore, Md.
18 18	Johnny Pompey	2B	5-10	170	L-R		S	10-19-53	Baltimore, Md.
11 11	Scott Robinson	SS	5-11	170	R-R	.344	S	8-31-53	Baltimore, Md.
14 1	Nick Rucci	2B	5-8	175	R-R	.303	S	5-14-53	Carteret, N.J.
9 9	Bob Seifert	P-OF	5-9	180	R-R	7-1	F	10-11-53	Baltimore, Md.
38 38	Marvel Smith	OF	6-2	200	R-R		F	7-14-53	Baltimore, Md.
17 17	Howard Sprinkle	SS-P	6-1	160	R-R		F	8-16-54	Baltimore, Md.
10 10	Greg Stokes	1B	5-11	175	R-R		F	9-28-54	Baltimore, Md.
23 23	Willard Swann	3B	5-6	140	R-R		F		Baltimore, Md.
5 5	Mike Trott	1B-P	6-1	185	R-R	.340	F	12-27-54	Baltimore, Md.
8 8	Robert Ullman	C-OF	5-11	175	R-R	.317	F	12-9-54	Baltimore, Md.
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The reputation of Robert L. Howsam as a masterful trader in the baseball market place took on added glitter during the 1972 season when the Cincinnati Reds won the National League championship for the second time in three years.

It was a massive swap of player talent, engineered by Howsam, that changed the image of the Cincinnati team. The power-packed Big Red Machine, which had produced a National League championship in 1970, sagged badly in 1971, but the addition of Joe Morgan, Denis Menke, Jack Billingham and Cesar Geronimo from Houston revitalized the team and returned it to the World Series in 1972.

Howsam has been impressing and amazing the baseball world for a long time. A Navy pilot during World War II, Howsam launched his career as a baseball executive at Denver, Colo., during the late '40s.

He served as President-General Manager of the Denver Bears (American Association) for a dozen years and built his team into the best-drawing minor league team in the country. He was twice honored by The Sporting News as Minor League Executive of the Year.

Howsam found success in other fields, as well, when he became one of five men to organize the American Football League, which confounded sports experts by surviving to eventually merge into the well-established National Football League.

He served as President of the Denver Broncos team in the AFL for a year. Howsam also found success in the financial world as head of an investment firm before heeding the lure of baseball once again.

He was named General Manager of the St. Louis Cardinals in mid-season of 1964 and guided the team to victory over the New York Yankees in the World Series that fall. When the team fell off badly the next two years, Howsam put his trading brilliance to work to acquire Orlando Cepeda and Roger Maris, key figures in the Cardinals dominance of the National League.

But Howsam didn't remain in St. Louis to reap the gold and glory. The new owners of the Cincinnati Reds were impressed by the way he had rebuilt the team as well as his guidance in moving from old Busch Stadium to the new downtown stadium in St. Louis.

They brought him to Cincinnati to perform the same transformation to the Reds. Howsam was named General Manager of the Cincinnati team on Jan. 22, 1967 and added the title of Executive Vice-President on Feb. 6 of that year.

While spectacular trades earned the headlines, Howsam also revitalized the farm system, the real lifeline of a baseball organization, and his efforts in this direction are now producing talent that should keep the Reds challenging for championships for years to come.

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1972—Mesa Community College of Mesa, Ariz., became a triple crown winner by defeating Manatee College of Florida 4-2. Individual standout for the HoKams was outfielder Greg Snowden. Snowden repeated on the all tournament team and was named the 1972 tournament's most valuable player.

1971—Mesa Community College of Mesa, Ariz., won its second straight baseball championship with a 7-2 triumph over Miami-Dade North of Miami, Fla. Miami won its first four tournament games but the hustling HoKams came out of the losers' bracket to defeat the Falcons twice on the final two days of the tournament. Jim Otten of Mesa was selected as the tourney's most valuable player after winning two games and playing in the outfield in the other tournament contests.

1970—After finishing second in 1969, the HoKams of Mesa Community College of Mesa, Ariz., reached the JUCO tourney throne room in 1970. Coach Jim Brock's HoKams defeated Mesa College of Grand Junction 8-0. Jim Otten held the Mavs to three hits and Ken Reed, one of the smallest players in the tournament, delivered a key two-run homer. Larry Patton of Columbia State College, Tenn., won the most valuable player award.

1969—Panola College of Carthage, Tex., used only 12 players in the six-day, double-elimination but the lack of depth did not hamper the tireless Texans from capturing the national title with an 8-6 victory over Mesa, Ariz. Most Valuable Player honors went to Doug Ault, who won three games in the tournament for Panola, and hit .318. Ault played in the outfield when not pitching. Randy Bayer, a 6-5 first baseman with sprinter speed from Mesa, Ariz., was voted the player most likely to succeed.

1968—Glendale Community College battled the odds to win the national crown. The Gauchos dropped their tournament opener 15-8 at the hands of Manatee College but rebounded to win five straight games and the crown. Glendale's Otis McCowan was selected as the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

1967—The Bacone Warriors lashed out 16 hits to defeat Odessa 10-4 for the national title. Gerald Pirtle of Bacone was the recipient of the most valuable player award, Ed Bravo of Miami-Dade was to top hitter with a .500 average and Larry Koch of Nassau was voted the most likely to succeed.

1966—Nassau Community College of Garden City, N. Y. won its first national title with a come-from-behind victory over Miami-Dade College of Miami, Fla., 9-6. Joe Arnold, the Miami-Dade pitcher, was selected as the tourney's most valuable player while Miami catcher Bob Stinson was named the player most likely to succeed in professional baseball. Steve Lohrer of Nassau was the tourney's leading hitter.

1965—Phoenix College won its third national title with a 9-6 victory over Gulf Coast College of Panama City, Fla. Tom Burgess of the Bears won three games and was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. Tom Robson of Phoenix was meet's top hitter with 13 hits in 24 times at bat.

1964—Miami-Dade College of Miami, Fla., swamps the Mesa College Mavericks 19-5 in the final game. Mack Gendreau of the Mavs is voted most valuable player and sets tournament strikeout record with 31.

1963—Wilmington, N.C. wins second juco title by beating Manatee, Fla., 9-2. Ken Widman of Long Island, N. Y. is most valuable player while Phil Dickens of Mantee is voted most likely to succeed in professional baseball and signs \$50,000 bonus contract after tournament.

1962—Phoenix College claims second national title by upsetting defending champion Wilmington, N. C., 13-5. Lee McFarland, Phoenix pitcher is named most valuable player while 17-year-old George Jones of Trinidad College sets tournament batting record with sensational .647 average.

1961—Wilmington, N. C., wins first tournament title by whipping Mesa College in finals and semi-final, 8-3 and 16-9 respectively. Ron Durham of Wilmington named Most Valuable Player.

TOURNAMENT RECORDS

BATTING

Average (15 or more at bats) — .647, George Jones, Trinidad, 1962.

Hits — 14, Dave Magnole, Miami-Dade, 1964.

Hits (one game) — 5, Ron Durham, Wilmington, 1961; Sterling Coward, Wilmington, 1962; John Grubb, Manatee, 1961; Emrick Jagneaux, Panola, 1971.

Runs — 12, Stanley Levy, Tarleton State, 1960.

Runs-batted-in — 13, Ron Smith, Wilmington, 1962; Tom Robson, Phoenix, 1965.

Doubles — 4, Travis Washington, Bacone, 1967; Ron Hix, Odessa, 1967; Dennis Kendrick, Mesa, Ariz., 1970.

Triples — 4, Howard May, Gulf Coast, 1965.

Home Runs — 2, Ron Durham, Wilmington, 1961; Ron Smith, Wilmington, 1962; Mike DerManuel, Mesa, Colo., 1963; Jack Posky, Blinn, 1964; Ed Bravo, Miami-Dade, 1967; Otis McGowan, Glendale, 1968; Beau Robinson, Bacone, 1969; Barry Hoffpauir, Panola, 1969; Ronnie Saunders, Columbia, 1970; Bernie Boehmer, Meramec, 1970; Ted Brazell, Meramec, 1970; Dave Arnott, Genessee, 1971; Greg Snowden, Mesa, Ariz., 1972; Rick Davidson, Columbia, 1972; Rick Burley, San Jacinto, 1972.

Home Runs (one game) — 2, Mike DerManuel, Mesa, Colo., 1963; Beau Robinson, Bacone, 1969; Ronnie Saunders, Columbia, 1970; Bernie Boehmer, Meramec, 1970; Rick Davidson, Columbia, 1972; and Rick Burley, San Jacinto, 1972.

PITCHING

Appearances — 6, Darrell Porter, Tarleton State, 1960.

Innings Pitched — 30 $\frac{3}{4}$, Joe Arnold, Miami-Dade, 1966.

Victories — 3, Ken Floyd, Tarleton State, 1960; Ron Durham, Wilmington, 1961; Tom Burgess, Phoenix, 1965; Richard Folkers, Ellsworth, 1966; Larry Patton, Columbia, 1970; Jim Otten, Mesa, Ariz., 1970; Doug Slocum, Mesa, Ariz., 1972.

Strikeouts — 32, Richard Folkers, Ellsworth, 1966.

Strikeouts (one game) — 21, Len Bell, Paris, Tex., 1959.

Bases on Balls (one game) — 15, Doug Ault, Panola, Tex., 1970.

No Hitter — Billy DeBruhl, Wilmington, 1959.

TEAM

Most Runs (tournament) — 58, Wilmington in six games, 1962.

Most Runs (one game) — 23, Manatee against Kingsborough, N. Y., 1972.

Most Hits (tournament) — 71, Phoenix, 1965.

Most Hits (one game) — 20, Trinidad against Blinn, 1962 and Miami-Dade against Mesa, Colo., 1964.

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All Tournament Team—1972

1b—Tim Bull, Meramec
 2b—Randy Davidson, Columbia
 3b—Carl Russ, San Jacinto
 ss—Jeff Oscarson, Mesa, Ariz.
 u if—Dave Collins, Mesa, Ariz.
 u if—Bob Gentile, Kingsborough
 u if—Dave Lampley, Manatee
 of—Greg Snowden, Mesa, Ariz.
 of—Gene Essie, Columbia
 of—Richard Langford, Manatee
 u of—Ed McClendon, Meramec
 c—Wayne Cato, San Jacinto
 c—Steve Gowens, Mesa, Ariz.
 p—Rick Burley, San Jacinto
 p—Doug Slocum, Mesa, Ariz.
 p—Charlie Rogers, Columbia
 Sportsmanship Award given to the Kingsborough team.
 Most Valuable Player — Greg Snowden, Mesa, Ariz.
 Big Stick Award—Carl Russ, San Jacinto with .500 batting average.
 Outstanding Pitcher—Rick Burley, San Jacinto

All Tournament Team—1970

1b—Vernon Wilkins, Mesa, Ariz.
 2b—Gus Lombardo, Meramec
 3b—Joe Steiner, Meramec
 ss—Donald Rhoten, Columbia
 of—Dennis Kendrick, Mesa, Ariz.
 of—Ken Mosley, Meramec
 of—Herb Genung, Mesa, Ariz.
 *c—Bernie Boehmer, Meramec
 p—Jim Otten, Mesa, Ariz.
 p—Mike Hall, Mesa, Colo.
 p—Larry Patton, Columbia
 u—Tony Cianelli, Hagerstown
 u—Al Torrey, Mesa, Colo.
 u—Dennis Primeau, St. Clair
 u—Phillip Williams, Columbia
 u—Emrick Jagneaux, Panola
 Most Likely to Succeed — Dennis Queen, St. Clair (pitcher)
 Most Valuable Player—Larry Patton, Columbia (pitcher-outfielder)
 Sportsmanship Award given to Columbia
 *Won the Big Stick award for highest batting average of .563

All Tournament Team—1968

1b—Phil Pate, Blinn
 2b—Carlo Spartano, Hudson Valley
 3b—Jim Williams, Glendale
 ss—Dick Allred, Mesa
 c—Harry Saferight, Manatee
 of—Otis McCowan, Glendale
 of—John Grubb, Manatee
 of—Ricky Burch, Blinn
 p—Jack Snyder, Glendale
 p—Mike Boyce, Glendale
 p—Pat Jamison, Blinn
 u—Doug Thorley, Glendale
 u—Dave Moates, Manatee
 u—Ron Cash, Manatee
 u—Mike Houck, Hudson Valley
 u—Ralph Dick, Mesa
 Most Valuable Player—Otis McCowan, Glendale
 Most Likely to Succeed—Harry Saferight, Manatee
 Sportsmanship Award—Bill Dorothy, Bacone

All Tournament Team—1971

1b—Vernon Wilkins, Mesa, Ariz.
 2b—Bob Jablanski, Hudson Valley
 3b—Clarence Poitier, Miami-Dade
 ss—Pat Leary, Mt. Hood
 u if—Jeff Oscarson, Mesa, Ariz.
 u if—Jorge Perez, Miami-Dade
 of—Greg Snowden, Mesa, Ariz.
 of—Gary Conley, Miami-Dade
 of—Bruce Fox, Mt. Hood
 u of—Dave Arnott, Genesee
 u of—Mark Reinke, Mesa, Ariz.
 c—Marty Stajduhar, Mesa, Ariz.
 c—John Tamargo, Miami-Dade
 p—Stan Butkus, Miami-Dade
 p—Gary Walcott, Hudson Valley
 p—Jim Otten, Mesa, Ariz.
 Best Defensive Player—Vernon Wilkins, Mesa, Ariz.
 Sportsmanship Award given to Ernie Myers, coach, and the Genessee team.
 Big Stick Award—Pat Leary, Mt. Hood, with .611 batting average.
 Most Valuable Player—Jim Otten, Mesa, Ariz.

All Tournament Team—1969

1b—Randy Bayer, Mesa, Ariz.
 2b—Ken Reed, Mesa, Ariz.
 3b—Steve Foucault, South Georgia
 if—Roy Staiger, Bacone
 ss—Glenn Cooper, Panola
 u—Gary Wiley, Gardner-Webb
 u—Mike Ahern, South Georgia
 of—Leroy Gardner, Bacone
 p-of—Doug Ault, Panola
 of—Charles Miller, Panola
 of—Bob Knight, South Georgia
 c—Bob Engle, Mesa, Colo.
 c—Bill Sievers, Wright
 p—Hardy Frazer, Panola
 p—Don Formiller, Mesa, Ariz.
 p—Kyle Young, South Georgia
 Most Likely To Succeed—Randy Bayer, Mesa, Ariz.
 Most Valuable Player—Doug Ault, Panola

All Tournament Team—1967

1b—Travis Washington, Bacone
 2b—Kurt Bevacqua, Miami-Dade
 3b—Ed Bravo, Miami-Dade
 ss—Chuck Mercer, Odessa
 of—Van Fixico, Bacone
 of—Ronnie Ward, Bacone
 of—Edgar Avila, Miami-Dade
 of—Mark Sink, Gardner-Webb
 c—Ron Hix, Odessa
 Utility—Pete Hernandez, Phoenix
 Utility—Louis Flores, Gardner-Webb
 Pitcher—Lloyd Kingfisher, Bacone
 Pitcher—Larry Horton, Odessa
 Most Valuable Player—Gerald Pirtle, Bacone
 Most Likely To Succeed—Larry Koch, Nassau

All Tournament Team—1966

1b—Bill Brill, Mesa
 2b—Kurt Bevacqua, Miami-Dade
 2b—Richard Souto, Nassau
 ss—Steve Lohrer, Nassau
 3b—Dan Colombo, Nassau
 3b—Terry Brumfield, Miami-Dade
 of—Al Crawford, Miami-Dade
 of—Larry Linville, Mesa
 of—Harry Green, Wingate
 of—Dennis Hegarty, Miami-Dade
 c—Bob Stinson, Miami-Dade
 c—Gene Sidor, Nassau
 p—Richard Folkers, Ellsworth
 p—Joe Arnold, Miami-Dade
 u—Steve Oglin, Miami-Dade
 u—Gary Reiners, Ellsworth

Most Valuable Player—Joe Arnold, Miami-Dade
 Most Likely to Succeed—Bob Stinson, Miami-Dade

All Tournament Team—1964

1b—Brooks Tolbert, Bacone
 2b—Tom Zumalt, Bacone
 3b—Ken Mann, Miami-Dade
 ss—Bob Andrews, Mesa
 of—Bob Rosenthal, NYCC
 of—Dick Welch, Ellsworth
 of—Dave Magnole, Miami-Dade
 c—Tom Cook, Blinn
 p—Mack Gendreau, Mesa
 p—Barry Lersch, Mesa
 p—Oscar Zamora, Miami-Dade

Honorable Mention—Jerry Chick, Mesa; Steve Bruns, Wingate; Mike Martin, Wingate; Billy Johnson, Blinn.

Most Valuable Player—Mack Gendreau, Mesa
 Most Likely to Succeed — Dave McCammon, Miami-Dade

All Tournament Team—1962

1b—Mike Strobe, Trinidad
 2b—Sterling Coward, Wilmington
 3b—George Jones, Trinidad
 ss—Cecil Holt, Blinn
 of—Bill Hart, Phoenix
 of—Allen Bauer, Phoenix
 of—Ron Smith, Wilmington
 c—Rex Heard, Ellsworth
 p—Wayne McAlpin, Phoenix
 p—Louis Howard, Wilmington
 u—Jim Reed, Manatee
 u—Stan Matthews, Blinn

Most Valuable Player—Lee McFarland, Phoenix
 Most Likely to Succeed—Ron Smith, Wilmington

All Tournament Team—1965

p—Tom Burgess, Phoenix
 p—Q. V. Lowe, Gulf Coast
 p—Gary Gentry, Phoenix
 1b—Tom Robson, Phoenix
 1b—Howard Maye, Gulf Coast
 2b—Dave Alvarado, Phoenix
 2b—Pete Garza, Blinn
 ss—John Hill, Phoenix
 ss—Ron Sutton, Blinn
 3b—Bob Smith, Bacone
 of—Jesus Pesquiera, Phoenix
 of—Jim Johnson, Bacone
 of—Phil Ogee, Bacone
 c—Nate Markham, Gulf Coast

All Tournament Team—1963

1b—Bob Shipp, Wilmington
 2b—Dick Fernandez, Manatee
 3b—Mike DerManual, Mesa
 ss—Maurice Hopkins, Manatee
 of—Larry Honeycutt, Wilmington
 of—Tex Tolman, Mesa
 of—Tom Cole, Wilmington
 c—Allen Payne, Manatee
 p—Ed Lemon, Wilmington
 p—Steve Cahoon, Southern Utah
 p—Ken Widman, Long Island

Honorable Mention — Bucky Hakes, Mesa; Norm Johnson, Long Island; Brook Tolbert, Bacone; Sterling Coward, Wilmington.

Most Valuable Player — Ken Widman, Long Island.

Most Likely To Succeed — Paul Dicken, Manatee.

All Tournament Team—1961

1b—Randy Dow, Mesa
 2b—Herb Bumgardner, Wright
 3b—Al Nelson, Wright
 ss—Dave Miller, Wilmington
 of—Bernard Bisho, Boise
 of—Jack Milam, Pueblo
 of—Bob Bruno, Northeastern
 c—Wayne Taylor, Wilmington
 p—Len Church, Wright
 p—Pete Lovrich, Mesa
 u—Jim Reed, Manatee
 u—Warner Brooks, Mesa

Most Valuable Player—R. Durham, Wilmington
 Most Likely to Succeed—Floyd Weaver, Paris

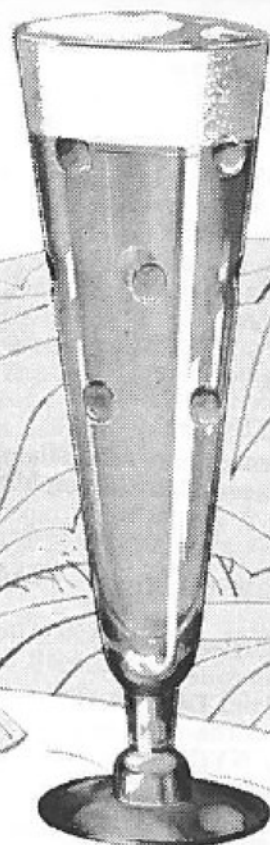
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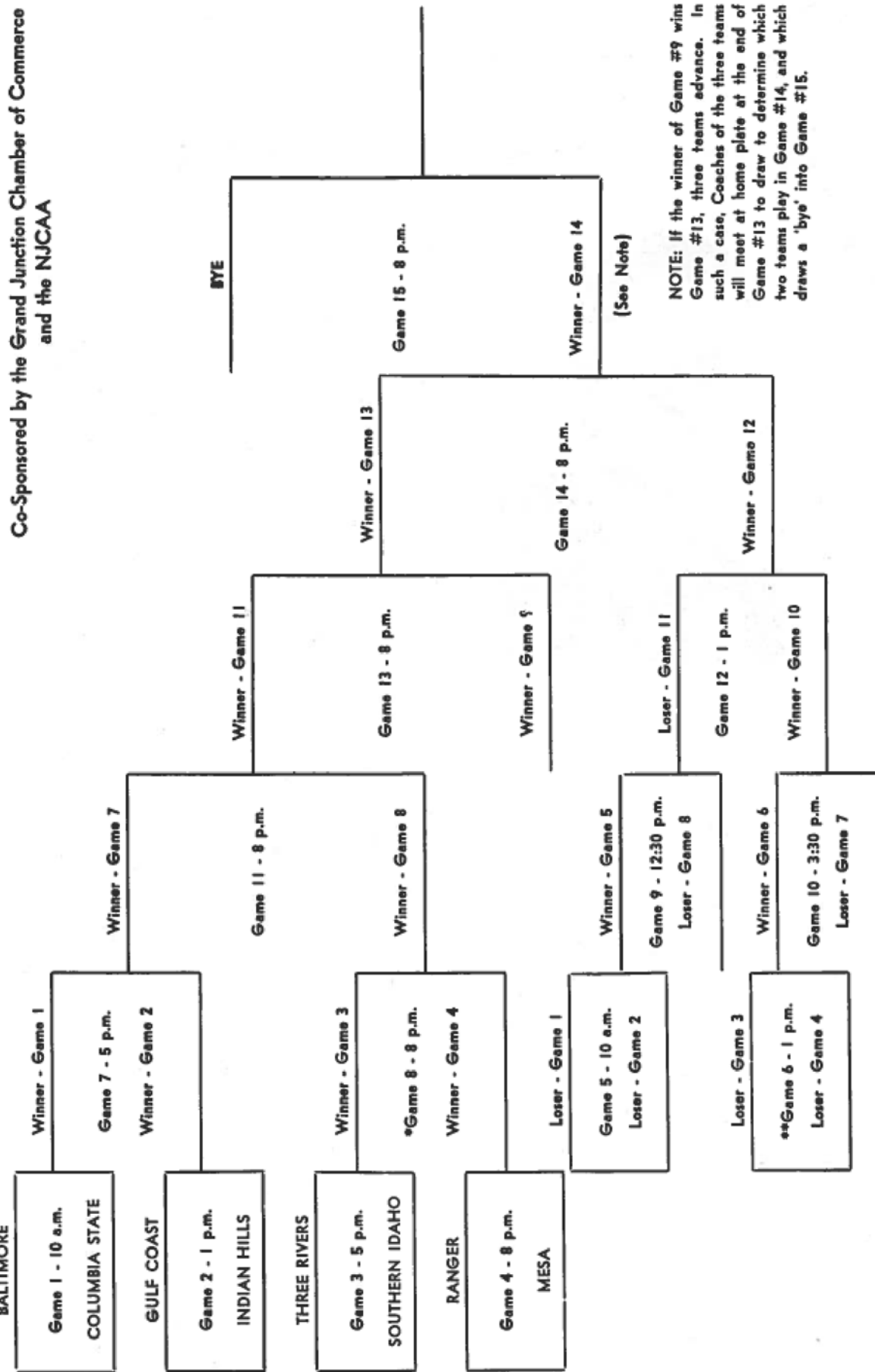
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NOTE: If the winner of Game #9 wins Game #13, three teams advance. In such a case, Coaches of the three teams will meet at home plate at the end of Game #13 to draw to determine which two teams play in Game #14, and which draws a 'bye' into Game #15.

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May 14, 1973

Bert Rosenthal
418 Main St.
Grand Junction, CO 81501

Dear Sir:

As president elect, and on behalf of the National Junior College Athletic Association, I would like to add my congratulations and best wishes to all concerned with the National Junior College Championship Baseball Tournament.

I would like to commend the players and the coaches of the eight participating colleges who have worked hard to get here.

I would also like to congratulate the Baseball Committee and fans of Grand Junction for the excellent way in which this tournament is run and for their support.

Best wishes for the greatest tournament ever.

Sincerely,

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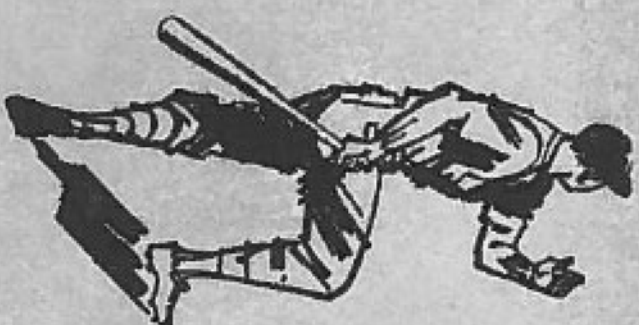
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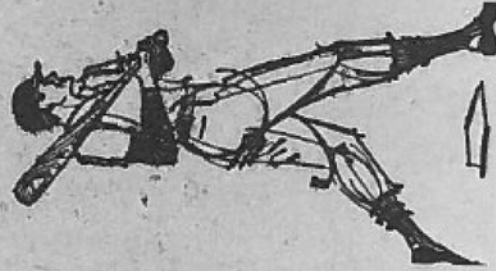
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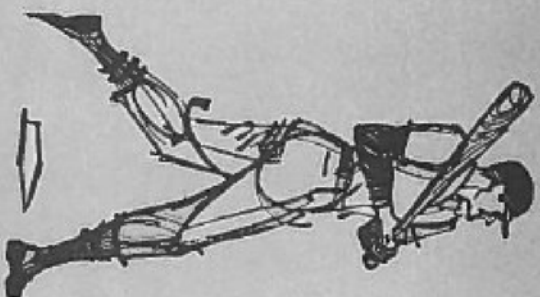
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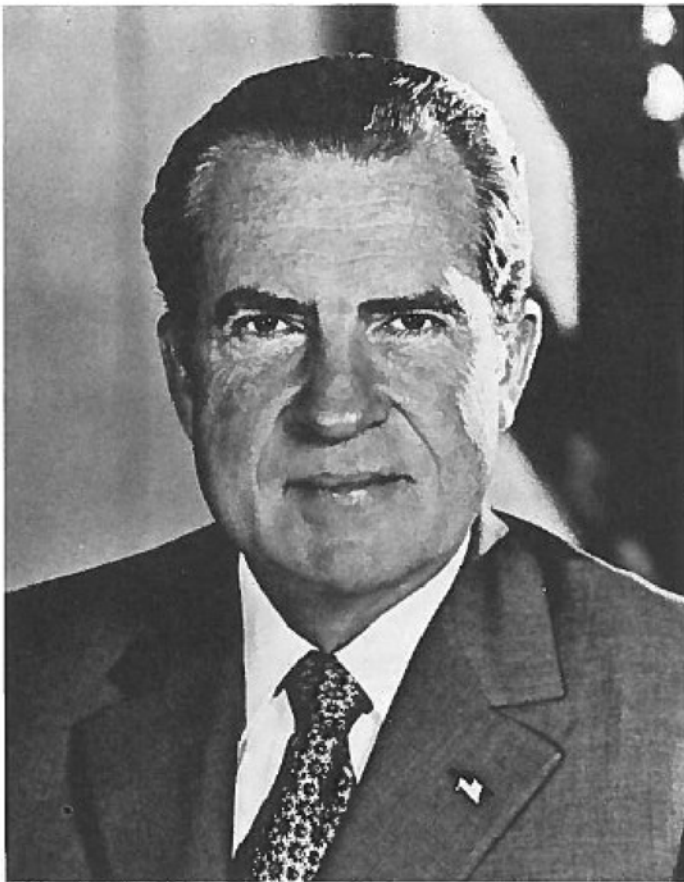
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Dear Mr. Suplizio:

The President has asked me to convey his greetings to the participants, sponsors and spectators of the 1973 National Junior College Baseball Tournament. As you know, the President is a great fan of baseball, and he is especially pleased to see the support you are giving to this sport.

You have our very best wishes for a most successful and enjoyable tournament.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jim Lovell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Captain James A. Lovell, USN
Consultant to the President
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NASA Astronaut

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