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FALL BASEBALL TOURNAMENTS SWING INTO ACTION



Fall typically represents the climax of baseball season. When you think about fall baseball, you think about big league teams playing on the greatest stage in baseball, the World Series. The Fall Classic has produced some of the best memories in sports and this year hasn't been any different with the stage being shared between the Texas Rangers and the St. Louis Cardinals. Although the 2011 Major League Baseball World Series will be showcased in Arlington and St. Louis, Palm Beach County will be home to its own World Series of amateur baseball.

Approximately 130 amateur adult baseball teams will visit Palm Beach County to compete in two prestigious national tournaments taking place at Roger Dean Stadium. In the world of amateur baseball, two organizations dominate tournament participation for adults. The National Adult Baseball Association (NABA) and the Men's Senior Baseball League (MSBL) are the chief organizations that support amateur baseball leagues and tournaments for adults in the United States. Although both organizations compete against each other for members and team participation, both agree that Palm Beach County is a great place to play

championship baseball. NABA's East Coast World Series is scheduled to take place from November 3-6 and will be followed by the MSBL Florida Fall Classic, which takes place from November 8-19, 2011.

NABA will host its East Coast World Series at Roger Dean Stadium for the sixth straight year. This event will attract 24 amateur adult baseball teams from across the United States. Champions will be crowned in a variety of age groups that range from 18 and older to 55 and older. Each age group is separated into skill divisions that range from recreational competitors to highly skilled players that have prior collegiate or professional baseball experience. The NABA World Series uses wood composite bats, which provides a big league atmosphere.



The MSBL Florida Fall Classic will take place at Roger Dean Stadium in Jupiter, Tradition Field in Port St. Lucie and the Vero Beach Sports Village. This is one of the largest amateur adult baseball tournaments in the nation, which features more than 100 teams and 2,000 players that will travel from the United States, Venezuela, Puerto Rico and Canada to compete. The event will crown champions in various age groups that range from 18 & up to 58 & up. Similar to

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the age groups will be divided into skill divisions that range from recreational to those with collegiate or professional experience. The event includes both metal bat and wood bat divisions. After 18 years on the west coast of Florida, MSBL was persuaded by the Palm Beach County Sports Commission to move its Fall Classic to the east coast for the first time in 2009. MSBL is the largest national organization for adult amateur baseball, comprised of 325 local affiliates, 3,200 member teams and 45,000 member athletes who participate in local leagues, 30 regional tournaments and six national tournaments.



Baseball will provide an enormous impact to the Palm Beach County economy this fall. Approximately 2,250 adult baseball players accompanied by their families and friends will be shopping, dining and experiencing Palm Beach County. These tournaments are expected to generate over

2,500 room nights and \$2 million in economic impact for Palm Beach County. The Palm Beach County Sports Commission will continue to work with both organizations to foster and grow these national events in Palm Beach County. Don't forget that Arlington and St. Louis are not the only destinations hosting a World Series this fall.

RODEO IS COMING TO PALM BEACH COUNTY



The West Palm Beach Rodeo is making its second appearance in Palm Beach County, November 18-20, at the South Florida Fairgrounds beginning 7pm on Friday and Saturday and 1pm on Sunday.

The West Palm Beach Rodeo is a Professional Cowboy Association (PCA) sanctioned event. Cowboys and cowgirls will compete for cash prizes in eight different events: bareback bronc, saddle bronc, steer wrestling, team roping, calf roping, break away, barrel racing, and bull riding.

“The event will kick off with drill teams and trick riding, followed by the eight rodeo events. It will be a great time for everyone”, says Sarah Brown, tournament director. This event will have an impact on the Palm Beach County economy with over 15,000 people expected at this year's event, generating an estimated \$1 million in economic impact.

In addition to the rodeo, Palm Beach County is home to some of the largest and most prestigious, show jumping, dressage, and polo events in the world, making it a pillar for equestrian sports. Because of the County's leadership in equestrian sports, the West Palm Beach Rodeo could grow into one of the premiere rodeos in the United States.

WORLD POWERLIFTING CHAMPIONSHIPS PUMP UP PALM BEACH COUNTY



When thinking about sporting events in November, powerlifting doesn't strike the minds of most living in Palm Beach County. However, Palm Beach County will be home to one of the largest powerlifting competitions in the world.

The World Powerlifting Federation will bring its 2011 World Powerlifting Championships to the Palm Beach Gardens Marriott on November 8-13.

The event attracts over 400 lifters from more than 20 different countries. The competition will crown champions in the following divisions: bench press, deadlift, and a combination of all lifts. Lifters will be assigned to a variety of age groups, including: juniors (13-16), juniors (17-18), adult (20-23), open (up to 40), masters (40 and over), and Special Olympics.

Previous World Powerlifting Championships have taken place all over the globe. In 2010, the event took place in Bath England while Las Vegas was the home in 2009. Other recent hosts included Austria, Mexico, and Germany.

“We are excited about bringing this international event to Palm Beach County”, says David Jeffrey, President, United States Powerlifting Federation. “The great climate, culture and pristine beaches offer a great place for participants and spectators to enjoy.”



The Palm Beach Gardens Marriott will transform into a house for the world's strongest. The ballroom at the Marriott will separate into thirds; one third of the ballroom will be designated for practice and warm-up and the other two thirds will be used as the competition site. Lifting will take place from 9am to 5pm each day of the 5 day competition.

The World Powerlifting Championships is bringing more than \$350,000 in economic impact to Palm Beach County and over 1,000 room nights. If you want to see some of the strongest athletes in the world, make sure to visit the Palm Beach Gardens Marriott this November. Tickets are available onsite only. For more information on the World Powerlifting Federation, visit wpfpowerlifting.com.

LOU GROZA COLLEGIATE PLACE-KICKER AWARD ANNOUNCES TOP 20 SEMI-FINALISTS

The Palm Beach County Sports Commission is excited to announce the 20 semi-finalists for the 2011 Lou Groza Collegiate Place-Kicker Award, presented by the Orange Bowl Committee. Determining the top 20 place-kickers in Division I College Football was a daunting task, but the chosen place-kickers are well deserving of the honor.

This year's list of candidates for the 20th annual Award includes (in alphabetical order):

Drew Alleman, Louisiana State University
Brett Baer, Louisiana-Lafayette University
Tyler Bitancurt, West Virginia University
Chris Boswell, Rice University
Randy Bullock, Texas A & M University
Chandler Catanzaro, Clemson University
Anthony Fera, Penn State University
Eric Folk, University of Washington
Andrew Furney, Washington State University
Jack Griffin, Florida International University
Andre Heidari, University of Southern California
Dustin Hopkins, Florida State University
Brett Maher, University of Nebraska
Mike Meyer, University of Iowa
Jimmy Newman, Wake Forest University
Quinn Sharp, Oklahoma State University
Jeremy Shelley, University of Alabama
Caleb Sturgis, University of Florida
Jake Wieclaw, University of Miami
Jordan Williamson, Stanford University

Semi-finalists will be voted on by all FBS (Division I-A) head coaches and SID's, along with national, regional and local football writers. The three finalists will be honored at the Lou Groza Collegiate Place-Kicker Awards Banquet taking place at the Kravis Center in West Palm Beach, FL on December 6, 2011. The three kickers will be honored, and flashbacks will be shared from their very successful seasons. The winner will be announced live on the nationally televised Home Depot ESPNU College Football Awards Show which is taking place two days later on the evening of December 8, 2011. Wanting to share in celebrating the three best place-kickers in college football? Order tickets now at LouGrozaAward.com.

The Lou Groza Collegiate Place-Kicker Award is privileged to be associated with great place-kickers over its 19 year history. The award has given great honor to NFL kickers, Nate Kaeding, Sebastian Janikowski, Mike Nugent, Martin Gramatica, Jason Elam, Mason Crosby, Graham Gano, and last year's winner Dan Bailey.

2012 PALM BEACH COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES ANNOUNCED

The Palm Beach County Sports Commission announces its 2012 Sports Hall of Fame inductees- including Pahokee standout wide receiver Anquan Boldin and local coaches, Jessie Hester and Rollie Massimino. The ten inductees will join a legendary list, dating back to 1977, of those that have achieved excellence in the world of sports. The induction ceremony will take place at the Palm Beach County Convention Center on the evening of March 25, 2012.

"The 2012 Hall of Fame inductees represent an elite class of athletes and individuals who have a passion and commitment for sports. Each person represents the diversity of talent prevalent in Palm Beach County," said Joe Ceravolo, Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee. "We are proud to have them as part of our community and honored to have them join the other 238 accomplished athletes and professionals that are members of the Palm Beach County Sports Hall of Fame."

2012 Inductee Class Includes (in alphabetical order):

- **Anquan Boldin**, Football
- **Kevin Butler**, Golf
- **Willie Goldsmith, Sr.**, Coaching
- **Jessie Hester**, Coaching
- **Eric Kresser**, Football
- **Rollie Massimino**, Coaching
- **Cauley Patrick**, Track & Field
- **Mark Richt**, Coaching
- **Fred Ross**, Basketball
- **Jimmy Spencer**, Football



On March 25, 2012 join the inductees as they are honored at a gala banquet. Their lifetime of outstanding contributions in sports is recognized as they are inducted into the elite membership of the Palm Beach County Sports Hall of Fame. Also honored during this banquet is Palm Beach County's Amateur Athlete of the Year, Professional Athlete of the Year, Coach of the Year, Outstanding Sports Contributor, High School Coach of the Year, High School Athlete of the Year and Special Olympics Athlete of the Year.

For tickets, sponsorship opportunities, and any additional information on the Palm Beach County Sports Commission's 36th Annual Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, please contact the PBCSC at 561.233.3180

ASA QUALIFIER “BASH AT THE BEACH” IS COMING TO PALM BEACH COUNTY

The Palm Beach County Sports Commission is teaming up with Florida Amateur Softball Association (Florida ASA) to host an ASA National Qualifying Tournament, the “Bash at the Beach”. This event is expecting to bring 40 to 50 Amateur Softball Association of America (ASA) teams to Palm Beach County traveling from the Southeast Region of the Country, representing age divisions of 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U, & 18U. The winners of each age division will earn a respected bid to the 2012 (ASA) National Championships.

As the National Governing Body of Softball, the ASA promotes the sport of softball while allowing millions of players the opportunity to have clean fun at some of the most competitive levels. Carlton Benton, the liaison of Florida ASA, is thrilled to be bringing such an event to Palm Beach County. Benton goes on to mention, “We

worked very hard with the Palm Beach County Sports Commission to bring this qualifier here and are overwhelmed with the superior softball venues. Hopefully, this will be one of many more ASA events to come to Palm Beach County.”

The “Bash at the Beach” will be held November 19 and 20, 2011 at three different County owned facilities. The three venues which are conveniently located a short commute from one another will be Okeehetee Park in West Palm Beach, John Prince Park in Lake Worth, and Seminole Palms Park in Royal Palm Beach.

For more information regarding Florida ASA Softball, please visit www.playasa.org, email Carlton Benton at cb@playasa.org, or call 863.604.1836.

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