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MONROE BASEBALL

- **21-Time Region III Champions**
- **Six-Time District Champions**
- **Six Appearances at the NJCAA World Series**
- **Over 1,300 victories in 47 years of existence**
- **More than 60 All-Americans**

Monroe's Skip Bailey Gets The Call

By PAUL CASEY GOTHAM

Dudley "Skip" Bailey will be among those inducted when the National Junior College Athletic Association presents its 2011 Baseball Hall of Fame class.

Elected by the NJCAA Baseball Coaches Association, Bailey, the current Director of Athletics at Monroe Community College and former head and assistant coach and player, will be inducted during this year's NJCAA Division I World Series.

In twelve seasons at the helm, Bailey's teams compiled a record of 451-204 winning six Region III championships. His 2007 team advanced to the NJCAA Division II World Series earning him East District Coach of the Year to go with five Region III Coach of the Year awards (1998, 2000, 2002, 2006, 2007).

Bailey started at MCC in 1975 as a shortstop for the legendary coach Dave Chamberlain. He was eventually elected captain of the 1976 MCC squad – Chamberlain's first Tribune team to advance to the World Series.

Bailey will join Chamber-

lain in the NJCAA Hall-of-Fame.

"I'm really proud of him," Chamberlain said. "It's quite an accomplishment. He might be the only guy in the hall who played in a World Series and also served as an assistant."

Bailey went on to the University of Colorado where he was also named team captain and eventually earned All-Big Eight honors in 1978. He returned to MCC and served as an assistant under Chamberlain for 17 years before taking over as head coach.

Reflecting on his career Bailey noted: "We've had a lot of good players and coaches through the years. They have a share in this award. The assistant coaches that worked while I was the head are as responsible as I am. Nothing would have happened without them."

Long-time assistant, Pete Dawes talked about Bailey's influence on the program.

"He wanted his teams prepared," Dawes commented. "He had a plan to get as many games as possible."

That plan included the Tribunes increasing their number of games against schools in the south. Under Bailey, the Tribes regularly made a trip that included a stop in Maryland before heading to Florida and returning to Maryland. MCC frequently played 14 games in 10 days.

The experience earned him the nickname of "Bingo" Bailey – the traveling road coach.

"His goal was to get back to the World Series, and we accomplished that in 2007," continued Dawes who was an assistant in the program for 26 years – 12 of those under Bailey. "Our kids were well-prepared because of him."

Along with Bailey, former New Mexico JC coach Ray Birmingham Jr. and current head coach Tom Frizzell Sr. of Massasoit CC (Mass.) make-up the class. Longtime NJCAA Division I World Series Tournament Chair Jamie Hamilton of Grand Junction, Colorado will also join the group.

"He definitely continued the success and tradition established by Coach Chamberlain," added current Tribunes head coach, Mike Kelly who played for and served as an assistant under Bailey. "He's the reason why I am here."

Currently, Bailey is NJCAA Region III Men's Assistant Director and chairs the NJCAA Division III baseball committee. He is also the President of the Western New York Athletic Conference and chair of the NJCAA Swimming & Diving committee.

"He's very involved," Chamberlain added. "The best is yet to come."

The induction ceremony will take place in Grand Junction, Colorado.



Skip Bailey

Trio of former Tribs eye spring training

By PAUL CASEY GOTHAM

From cactus to grapefruit, MCC alums got it covered.

Cory Brownsten, Tim Redding and Patrick Urckfitz will spend February and March honing their wares at spring training facilities in Florida and Arizona.

Brownsten will report on February 17th to the Atlanta Braves' Wide World of Sports complex in Orlando, Florida. Urckfitz heads to the Houston Astros' facility in Kissimmee, Florida. Redding will spend his spring at Camelback Ranch, the Los Angeles Dodgers' site in Glendale Arizona.

After suffering a small meniscus tear in his second at bat of fall instructional league, Brownsten will rehab for the first two weeks of spring training.

The Atlanta Braves chose Brownsten in the 15th round with the 464th pick of the 2010 draft. In 34 Gulf Coast League games, the catcher hit .287 with two home runs and 14 RBI. Brownsten earned a late season call-up to play one game with the Danville Braves of the Appalachian League. He went 3-for-4 with a team-high five runs batted in to close out the campaign.

In his sophomore season with the Tribunes, Brownsten earned Junior Col-



Urckfitz

lege D2 Defensive-Player-of-the-Year honors to go with a Gold Glove. He garnered first-team All-American, All-District and All-Region honors hitting .390 with seven home runs, 50 RBI and a slugging percentage of .615. MCC finished the 2008 season third in the nation.

Brownsten went on to play at the University of Pittsburgh where he earned All-Big East honors hitting .395 with 17 extra-base hits, including three home runs and 48 RBI. The right-handed hitter walked 16 times, stole three bases in six attempts and finished with a slugging percentage of .530.

Urckfitz reports with the Astros pitchers and catchers on February 16th. He has tossed over 186 innings in three seasons in the Astros farm system striking out 179 while walking just 60 to go with an ERA of 3.42.

He will compete for a spot with the Corpus Christi Hooks of the Double-A Texas League where he finished last season.

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The lefty nearly doubled his innings pitched last summer throwing over 104 frames for the Lancaster Jethawks of the Class A Advanced California League before the late-season call up to the Hooks.

He finished 2010 with a spot in the prestigious Arizona Fall League. Urckfitz pitched went 1-0 in nine appearances for the Peoria Javelinas. He struck out eight and walked four in 11.2 innings earning a spot in

the Rising Stars game. Urckfitz struck out one of the two batters he faced in the showcase game.

Urckfitz led the 2009 Lexington Legends of the Class A South Atlantic League in appearances (42) and saves (13). In 49 innings of work, he compiled a 4-1 record with a 2.57 ERA while striking out 42 and walking 13 and earned Legends' Pitcher-of-the-Month honors for May going 1-0 with four saves with 0.71 ERA for the month. He finished the year hurling 57.2 innings.



Brownsten

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Tribunes welcome two new assistant coaches

The Monroe Community College baseball program has added two former Tribunes to the coaching staff for the 2011 season.

Tony Fuller and Ryan Sullivan are the newest assistant coaches for Monroe. The duo joins head coach Mike Kelly and assistant coach David Brust on the staff. Fuller and Sullivan were teammates on a pair of regional championship-winning MCC squads.

Fuller assists with infielders and hitters and coaches first base. He also handles recruiting and coordination of camps.

As a player, Fuller helped lead the Tribunes to regional titles in 2005 and 2006. He was an All-Region selection his sophomore season.

He continued on and played two years at the University of Buffalo, where he was also a volunteer assistant coach. He has also been the head coach of the Braman Post American Legion team.



Fuller

Sullivan is works with MCC catchers. He was an All-Region performer at Monroe and was MVP of the 2006 Region III, Division II tournament. He won regional titles both his freshman and sophomore years.

Sullivan also played at the University of Rochester, where he served as both a catcher and a closer.



Sullivan

Looking Back ...



Former Tribune Matt McGovern enjoyed an incredibly successful college career. McGovern was 13-0 with a 1.64 ERA in his two years at MCC, garnering All-American honors as the Tribunes finished third in the nation in 2008. He continued his roll at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, going a combined 18-2 and earning All-Region Pitcher of the Year and All-American honors. In four years of college ball, McGovern fashioned an overall record of 31-2 with an ERA of 2.49.

Alumni Day set for April 17

The MCC Baseball program will hold an Alumni Day on Sunday, April 17 at the Tribunes' field.

Monroe alumni will have a chance to play the current edition of the Tribunes starting at 12 p.m.

If you are interested in participating in this event, e-mail Skip Bailey at dbailey@monroecc.edu.

The History of MCC Baseball

A book chronicling the history of Tribune baseball is in the works. Former MCC Head Coach Dave Chamberlain and Paul Gotham are in the early stages of organizing the forthcoming publication.

Interested in donating to the MCC Baseball Program? Contact Athletic Director Skip Bailey at dbailey@monroecc.edu for more information.

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TRIO

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He signed as a free agent with the Astros in 2008 after fanning 25 in 14.2 innings of work for the 2008 Webster Yankees of the New York Collegiate Baseball League.

Urckfitz made 15 appearances for the 2008 Tribs. He tossed 11.3 innings of relief in NJCAA World Series surrendering just one run while striking out 15 to earn All-Tournament team.

"They didn't draft them because they think they can do something," MCC head coach Mike Kelly said when refer-

ring to his two former players. "They drafted them because they have they can do something."

Redding signed a minor league contract with the Dodgers. The 13-year veteran has logged over 800 innings of work at the major league level fanning 552 in that time.

Twice Redding has notched double-digit wins getting 10 each with the 2003 Astros and 2008 Washington Nationals.



Redding

Redding also has 71 wins at the minor league level.

Redding's 16 career victories rank second all-time in Tribune history. In 1997, he earned third-team NJCAA D1 All-American honors with 10 wins and an E.R.A of 1.02. Both numbers top the MCC lists for those respective categories.

The Churchville, NY native was taken in the 20th round by the Astros and was the M.V.P of the Florida State League in 2000 and the Texas League in 2001. Redding was inducted into the MCC Hall-of-Fame in 2008.

Both the Cactus and Grapefruit League play opened on February 25.

2011 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
March 11	Rockford JV	Away	12:30 p.m.
March 11	Concordia JV	Away	3 p.m.
March 12	Marian JV	Away	2:30 p.m.
March 12	Bemidji State JV	Away	5 p.m.
March 13	Scottsdale CC	Away	2 p.m.
March 14	Phoenix College (DH)	Away	12 p.m.
March 15	Yavapai College (DH)	Away	12 p.m.
March 16	Paradise Valley CC (DH)	Away	12 p.m.
March 17	Phoenix College	Away	12 p.m.
March 18	Augsburg JV	Away	11:30 a.m.
March 18	Minot State JV	Away	2 p.m.
March 19	Paradise Valley CC (DH)	Away	11 a.m.
March 26	CCBC-Dundalk (DH)	Away	12 p.m.
March 27	CCBC-Dundalk (DH)	Away	11 a.m.
March 29	Finger Lakes CC (DH)	Away	1 p.m.
April 2	Herkimer County CC (DH)	Home	1 p.m.
April 3	Herkimer County CC	Home	12 p.m.
April 5	Finger Lakes CC (DH)	Home	1 p.m.
April 7	Lackawanna College (DH)	Away	3:30 p.m.
April 9	Erie CC (DH)	Away	1 p.m.
April 10	Erie CC (DH)	Home	1 p.m.
April 12	Onondaga CC (DH)	Home	2 p.m.
April 14	Genesee CC (DH)	Away	1 p.m.
April 16	Genesee CC (DH)	Home	1 p.m.
April 17	Alumni Day	Home	12 p.m.
April 19	Tompkins Cortland CC (DH)	Away	2 p.m.
April 21	Mercyhurst NE (DH)	Home	1 p.m.
April 23	Mercyhurst NE (DH)	Away	TBA
April 28	Lackawanna College (DH)	Home	2 p.m.
May 3	Niagara County CC (DH)	Home	2 p.m.
May 6-8	Regionals (at Mercyhurst)	Away	TBA

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