

# Who's On First

The Baseball Heaven Sports Complex News



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## 2006: We Built It and They Came

The Baseball Heaven Sports Complex was built with the dream of creating a professional atmosphere for youth baseball. Perhaps the New York Times describes the The Baseball Heaven Sports Complex best: "Seven baseball diamonds blanketed in emerald-green artificial turf. Pitchers' mounds puffed like clay cupcakes. Below grade dugouts outfitted with bat and helmet holders and attached bullpens. Professional lights for night play, stadium seating and towers with a public address system for each field."

In 2006, there was plenty of evidence to suggest that 28 acres of land in West Yaphank truly has become a field of dreams. From youngsters just learning the game to high school athletes working toward college scholarships; from prospects hoping to break into the professional ranks to those swinging the bat just for the love of the game; the Baseball Heaven Sports Complex was home to all of these and more over the past year. In fact, over 400,000 people attended a Baseball Heaven Sports Complex event in 2006.

Highlights included the Perfect Game WWBA Northeast Qualifier where spectators, college recruiters from all over the country and MLB scouts alike witnessed some of the finest amateur baseball of the year. The Baseball Heaven Sports Complex was also home to one of the nation's premier wood bat events. The Columbus Day Wood Bat Tournament was loaded with over 70 teams from the U.S. and Canada including a squad managed by future Hall of Famer John Franco. Beginning in May, our four Holiday Tournaments (Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, and Columbus Day) attracted over 300 teams in four weekends alone.

But in a facility capable of hosting anything from baseball and lacrosse to archery and wheelchair sports, it's no surprise that the Baseball Heaven Sports



Complex was also home to a wide array of sporting events outside the world of baseball this past year. As an example, we served as host of NFL FLAG, the premier youth football league for boys and girls ages 5-17. The program provides young players a fun and exciting opportunity to engage in non-contact, continuous action while learning lessons in teamwork.

We offered our first Lacrosse Camp designed to provide young athletes with the opportunity to learn from some of the best coaches and players in the game.

Girls softball also has a home at the Baseball Heaven Sports Complex and 2006 saw the Rampage win the Girls Under 12 championship on our fields. Also on the softball front, the Baseball Heaven Sports Complex was happy to host a charity softball tournament in November that raised thousands for the Children with Autism fund.

We are looking forward to many of these same events and dozens more in 2007.



# 2007 Summer Heat

The Summer Heat World Series will be the premier event in the country for 2007. Teams will be qualifying throughout the year in order to compete in this event. Teams that advance to this tournament will receive a the Baseball Heaven Sports Complex World Series Ring, be part of skills/showcase events and a Parade of Champions.

## Dates:

4/20/07 – 4/22/07 Qualifier #1  
5/11/07 – 5/13/07 Qualifier #2  
6/8/07 – 6/10/07 Qualifier #3  
8/16/07 – 8/21/07 World Series

## Tournament Participation Requires:

- Completed Registration Form
- Completed Waiver Release Form (visit our website for form)
- Artificial Turf Fields. Rubber Cleats preferred.
- Teams MUST be available for all time slots posted.
- Once the schedule is posted, there will be no reschedules!

**Limited Space, Register Early!**



## Upcoming Coaches Meeting For Spring League Registration Ages 9–18

January 16, 2007 at the Holiday Inn, Ronkonkoma. 7:00pm – 9:00pm.

# 2007 Spring

The 2007 Spring baseball league begins its 16 game schedule the week of April 2nd. The top two teams from each age group will earn a bid for the Baseball Heaven World Series August 16-21, 2007.

**Spring Camp** will prepare players for their upcoming school season and upcoming travel ball at the Baseball Heaven Sports Complex.

*“It’s exciting to come here and play.*

*It gives me the chills.”*

*Corey Martin, a 13-year-old pitcher from Long Island Baymen*

# Summer Camp

**Beginner Baseball Camp** – The Baseball Heaven Sports Complex is hosting 5 beginner baseball camps this summer. Our camp training will work on players’ strength, power, endurance and flexibility helping them become more confident players.

The camp will be conducted by:

**All Pro Sports Academy**

**July 9th –13 and July 16–20**

**Sal Agostinelli’s Baseball Academy**

**July 23 –27,**

**July 30 – August 3 and August 6 – 10**

**Future Prospects Lacrosse Camp** – This camp was developed to provide young boys and girls athletes with an opportunity to become better lacrosse players by learning from some of the best. From professional players to college and high school coaches, the focus is to give each camper individual attention no matter what level.

**July 23–27 and July 3–August 3**

Visit [www.baseballheavenli.com](http://www.baseballheavenli.com) for all the details.



## Matching Game

The Baseball Heaven Sports Complex is the place where future stars are playing today, but Long Islanders have long had baseball fever. In fact, over 70 major leaguers were born, grew up or attended college in Nassau or Suffolk Counties. Test your knowledge by matching the big leaguer with his Long Island alma mater:

1. **Craig Biggio**  
Center fielder, Houston Astros
2. **Carl Yastrzemski**  
Hall of Famer, Boston Red Sox
3. **Billy Koch**  
Relief pitcher, Chicago White Sox
4. **Ken Singleton**  
Ex-Met, Expo and Oriole
5. **Frank Viola**  
Pitcher, Minnesota Twins and the Mets

- a. Hofstra University
- b. East Meadow High School
- c. Kings Park High School
- d. Bridgehampton High School
- e. West Babylon High School

Answers: 1c, 2d, 3e, 4a, 5b

*“You can learn how to play baseball here because the field is major-league quality. This gives you the ability to practice correctly everything that you have learned.”*

*James Petschauer, Coach, Smithtown Lightning*

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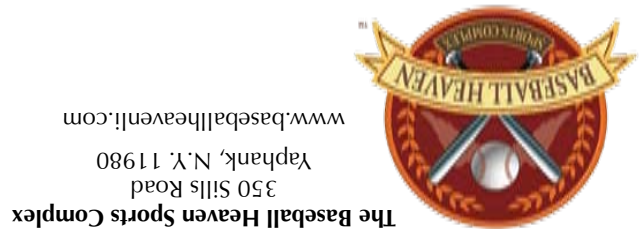
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## About The Baseball Heaven Sports Complex

The Baseball Heaven Sports Complex is a state-of-the-art baseball facility built so all children can experience the dream of playing like a pro against some of the best competition in the country. The Baseball Heaven's Sport Complex is equipped with all the amenities of a professional ballpark including below-grade dugouts, connecting bullpens, warning tracks, P.A. systems, electronic scoreboards, and professional artificial turf. The Baseball Heaven Sports Complex also accommodates its spectators with ballpark seating, concessions, a full-service restaurant, and a beautiful picnic area. We are located on Long Island - just minutes from Long Island's MacArthur Airport, less than an hour from La Guardia and Kennedy Airports, and an hour from New York City. Also, centrally located to many Long Island attractions such as, the country's finest beaches, Tanger Outlets, Splish Splash Water Park, Atlantis Aquarium, wineries, and a minor league ball park. We are 1/2 mile South of Exit 66 from the Long Island Expressway in Yaphank, New York.

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## Spring 2007 Tournament Calendar

(March through July)

### MARCH

#### 3/30 to 4/1 - Pre-Season Bash

3 game Min, 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U, 14U

This pre-season event is a 3 game minimum, the top 2 teams in each age group receive a bid to the Summer Heat World Series August 17th at the the Baseball Heaven Sports Complex.

### APRIL

#### 4/20 to 4/22 - Summer Heat World Series Qualifier #1

3 game Min, 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U, 14U

BBH Summer Heat Qualifier is a 3 game minimum, the top 4 teams in each age group receive a bid to the Summer Heat World Series August 17th at the the Baseball Heaven Sports Complex.

### MAY

#### 5/11 to 5/13 - Summer Heat World Series Qualifier #2

3 game Min, 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U, 14U, 15U

BBH Summer Heat Qualifier is a 3 game minimum, the top 4 teams in each age group receive a bid to the Summer Heat World Series August 17th at the the Baseball Heaven Sports Complex.

#### 5/25 to 5/28 - Memorial Day Championships

4 game Min, 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U, 14U, 15U, 16U

Memorial Day Tournament has been sold out for 3 consecutive years with over seventy teams competing against some of the finest teams in the country. This years event will also be a Summer Heat qualifier with the top 4 teams in each age group earning a bid to the Summer Heat World Series August 17th at the the Baseball Heaven Sports Complex.

### JUNE

#### 6/8 to 6/10 - Summer Heat World Series Qualifier #3

3 game Min, 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U, 14U, 15U, 16U, 18U

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### JULY

#### 7/5 to 7/8 - Independence Day Championship

4 game Min, 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U, 14U, 15U, 16U, 18U

4th of July Tournament has been sold out for 3 consecutive years with over seventy teams, competing against some of the finest teams in the country. This years event will also be a Summer Heat qualifier with the top 4 teams in each age group earning a bid to the Summer Heat World Series August 17th at the the Baseball Heaven Sports Complex.

#### 7/27 to 7/29 - Summer Heat World Series Qualifier #4

3 game Min, 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U, 14U, 15U, 16U, 18U

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