



## 2006 BASEBALL EXPRESS CAPE COD HIGH SCHOOL CLASSIC

POWERED BY BASEBALL FACTORY AND TEAM ONE BASEBALL

### NEWS RELEASE

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#### **BASEBALL FACTORY & TEAM ONE ANNOUNCE THE SECOND ANNUAL BASEBALL EXPRESS CAPE COD HIGH SCHOOL CLASSIC**

The 2006 Baseball Express Cape Cod High School Classic, powered by Baseball Factory and Team One, will showcase the best high school baseball players from across the nation

**Columbia, MD, June 20, 2006** – The Baseball Factory and Team One have announced that the second annual **Baseball Express Cape Cod High School Classic will take place in Wareham, Massachusetts, July 28, 2006 at Noon.** The High School Classic will showcase the most talented high school rising seniors and juniors from across the nation. The Cape Cod Baseball League will once again serve as official host for the game, providing a historic setting for this event.

The Baseball Express Cape Cod High School Classic will precede the Cape Cod League's annual All-Star Game, which will take place on July 29 in South Yarmouth, MA. By hosting the High School Classic at the Cape Cod League, scouts will be able to watch the best high school players followed by the best college players on consecutive days. All High School Classic players will be honored during the opening ceremonies at the Cape All-Star Game.

Scouts from Team One and Baseball Factory have selected the Baseball Express Cape Cod High School Classic teams. Thirty-six players will form two teams that will face off in front of numerous scouting directors and influential decision makers within Major League Baseball. Almost 100 scouts and college coaches attended last year's game to evaluate the talented baseball players. As a result, **17 players from the inaugural game were selected in the 2006 MLB Amateur Draft including six players taken in the first 50 overall picks.**

**Kasey Kiker**, LHP, Phenix City, Alabama – Texas Rangers, 1st Round (12 Overall)  
**Chris Parmelee**, OF/1B, Chino Hills, California – Minnesota Twins, 1st Round (20 Overall)  
**Colton Willems**, RHP, Fort Pierce, Florida – Washington Nationals, 1st Round (22 Overall)  
**Adrian Cardenas**, SS, Miami Lakes, Florida – Philadelphia Phillies, 1st Round (37 Overall)  
**Cory Rasmus**, RHP, Phenix City, Alabama – Atlanta Braves, 1st Round (38 Overall)  
**David Christensen**, OF, Parkland, Florida – Colorado Rockies, 2nd Round (46 Overall)



**Baseball Express** will once again serve as the title sponsor for the event. This sponsorship helps to solidify the company's support of premier amateur baseball events. Additionally, the sponsorship agreement provides the Cape Cod High School Classic with financial and promotional support to help promote the game to a wider audience.

### **About the Cape Cod Baseball League**

The Cape Cod Baseball League has been regarded as the premier amateur baseball league in the nation since 1885. Some 250 ballplayers from colleges and universities across the country are recruited each year to play on the 10 teams of the Cape Cod League. These players are hosted by local families and compete in front of large crowds eager to see future major leaguers playing baseball at its purest form. In 2005 alone, 198 former Cape Cod League players graced the roster of a Major League team. Over 33% of the Major League Baseball players that went to college competed in the Cape Cod Baseball League.

### **About the Baseball Factory**

The Baseball Factory provides baseball players nationwide with the very best instruction, tournament competition, and college planning and placement. From day one, Baseball Factory has understood the uncertainty of being a high school player heading to college. That is why Baseball Factory has developed programs to provide players, parents, high school coaches, college coaches, and professional scouts with year round guidance and information so that they all can benefit from Baseball Factory's longstanding relationships in the baseball community. Baseball Factory holds over 100 events nationwide each year and has over 30 full-time employees on staff featuring some of the best scouts, former college coaches and professional players in the business.

### **About Team One Baseball**

Team One Baseball provides exposure opportunities for the nation's top high school players to come together and play in front of large amounts of scouts and college recruiters through the company's showcase events. The Team One Showcases have featured 130 players who have played or are currently playing in the Majors including New York Mets' third baseman and 2006 National League All-Star David Wright, Oakland A's third baseman and five-time Gold Glove winner Eric Chavez, 2003 Cy Young winner Roy Halladay (Toronto Blue Jays), Texas Ranger's third baseman and two-time All-Star Hank Blalock among others.

