



2005 CAPE COD

HIGH SCHOOL CLASSIC

POWERED BY BASEBALL FACTORY AND TEAM ONE BASEBALL

NEWS RELEASE

For Release: Jason Budden
Baseball Factory
(800) 641-4487
jason@baseballfactory.com

BASEBALL FACTORY & TEAM ONE ANNOUNCE THE INAUGURAL CAPE COD HIGH SCHOOL CLASSIC

The 2005 Cape Cod High School Classic, powered by Baseball Factory and Team One, will showcase the best high school baseball players from across the nation and the world

COLUMBIA, MD, April 1, 2005 – The Baseball Factory and Team One have announced that the inaugural Cape Cod High School Classic will take place in Wareham, Massachusetts, July 29, 2005 at 11 AM. The High School Classic will showcase the most talented high school rising seniors and juniors from across the nation and around the world. The Cape Cod Baseball League will serve as official host for the game, providing a historic setting for this event.

The Cape Cod High School Classic will precede the Cape Cod League's annual All-Star Game which will take place on July 30 in Hyannis, 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.

Baseball Factory CEO and Founder Steve Sclafani, instrumental in the development of this game, is looking forward to the upcoming event. "Over the past 10 years The Baseball Factory has been creating unique opportunities for high school baseball players to develop their skills, test them against top competition and expose them to the right people in baseball. The Cape Cod High School Classic fulfills all of the above for these young players and further exemplifies The Baseball Factory, Team One and the Cape Cod Baseball Leagues' commitment to baseball at the grassroots level."

The Cape Cod High School Classic teams will be selected by scouts from Team One and Baseball Factory. 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. Players will also be run through a series of drills to showcase their skills, including the 60 yard dash, batting practice, and defensive workouts.



This is the first time that the prestigious Cape Cod Baseball League has hosted such an event and they are excited about the opportunity to bring the best high school players in the world to compete at the home of the best college summer league in the nation.

“We are excited about hosting this event and think it will be great for baseball and great for Cape Cod. The players will have a unique experience and an excellent opportunity to play this game in Wareham, one of the league’s best facilities. We are also thrilled about the chance to introduce these players to the Cape League games. Baseball Factory has been a loyal sponsor of the Cape League for several years. This is a natural. We are glad we could work with Steve (Sclafani) to put this together,” said CCBL President, Judy Walden Scarafilo

The player selection process for the Cape Cod High School Classic will take place over the next 75 days as Team One and Baseball Factory scouts review nominations by high school coaches and recommendations from professional scouts. The two teams of 18 will be announced on June 1. Team One West will take on Baseball Factory East.

Team One Senior Director, Jeff Spelman, spoke to the importance of the High School Classic and its connection to the Cape Cod League. "The Cape Cod League has always been the most heavily scouted place in the nation for the top college players each summer. Their All-Star game is filled with many future Big League players and the stands are packed with Major League scouts. At the same time, the number one stop each summer for the scouts to see the nation's best high school players has been Team One. Now Team One, Baseball Factory and the Cape Cod League are joining forces to provide the best 1-2 scouting punch in baseball. Major League teams will now be able to watch the 36 best high school players one day, and then see the top college prospects the next day - all in one great location - Cape Cod."



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 300 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 2004 alone, 197 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 87 players who have played or are currently playing in the Majors including Chicago Cubs pitcher Mark Prior (selected to 2003 NL All-Star team; finished 3rd in the NL Cy Young Award voting in 2003), Oakland A's third baseman and four-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.

