



Fall 2014
Newsletter

THE MASON RUDOLPH CELEBRITY GOLF Classic

The annual Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame's Mason Rudolph Celebrity Golf Tournament is on Tuesday, October 7th at Vanderbilt's Legends Golf Club in Franklin.

The Tournament benefits our Champion Within Youth Program. The cost is \$375 per individual and \$1,500 per team. There is still limited space, so make sure to make your reservation today.

If you are not a golfer, but still want to participate, this year you can. We are offering tickets for only \$30 per person, which will include the lunch and press conference. The press conference announces some of the 2015 Induction class. Your ticket also gives you the opportunity to bid on our silent auction and raffle prizes.

In the past, the Celebrities that have participated include... Hope Hines, John Majors, Vince Gill, Kelly Holcomb, Lou Graham, Joan Cronan, Marty Roe and Rick Byrd.

All reservations must be made in advance for this year's tournament, please contact Corey Blaske at 615-242-4750.





RECIPIENT OF THE FALL 2014 JEFF BYRD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP.

Eric Jones is a Kingsport Tennessee native and a current senior at King University. Eric is a member of King University's Track and Field Team where he earned the Conference Carolinas Indoor Championship and 1st team All-Conference in the long jump in 2013. Eric is currently enrolled in King's Athletic Training Program where he plans to receive his Bachelor of Science in the spring of

2015. Eric credits sports for making him the person he is today, and feels it was because of the values learned in sports that he was able to enroll in college. When Eric is not in classes or competing at meets he likes to volunteer his time in the community. Eric participates in church mission trips and helps out at local High School Track meets. Even though Track and Field is Eric's area of interest he is also known for taking time to help out the other athletic programs at King University in their fundraising efforts. In the spring of 2013 Eric was part of the team who gave up their time to volunteer for the Tennis Team who, as part of their fundraising efforts were stadium ushers at the Bristol Motor Speedway during the NASCAR Sprint Cup Race.

2014 PROFESSIONAL ATHLETE of the YEAR, RICH FRONING FOURPEATS AT CROSSFIT GAMES

Rich Froning won his fourth straight CrossFit Games title at the StubHub Center in Carson, CA in July. After the Games Froning announced he is retiring from individual competitions and going to focus on group events. The World's Fittest Man was hungrier, more aggressive, and completely dominant in the final day of competition. He claimed first place in all three events on the final day of competition. Froning said "It's a blessing that's for sure; it has been sweeter and sweeter each time. I can't thank the fans enough."

[CLICK HERE for the ESPN highlights of the event](#)

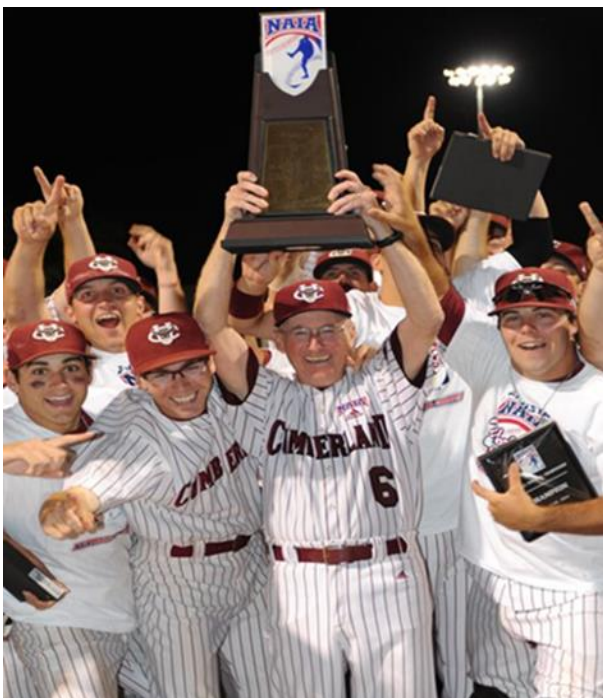
VANDERBILT & CUMBERLAND WIN COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

The state of Tennessee is fortunate to have many collegiate baseball teams that compete year in and out for Championships. This year Vanderbilt University under Tim Corbin won its first every National Championship in Baseball and its second in school history for any sport.



Cumberland University also hoisted the World Series Trophy this year in the NAIA and this is the third time since 2004 the Bulldogs have won the World Series and was the schools 12th appearance in the World Series.

The future of Baseball looks very bright in Tennessee. Both Coach Corbin and Hunt earned Coaches of The Year and the state of Tennessee had 44 players drafted in the 2014 Major League Draft. (Eight of the players selected are out of High School)



See the full list of players
From Tennessee below

[CLICK HERE for the MLB Draft Tracker](#)

DRAFT DAY WNBA AND NBA EDITION

The WNBA draft was on April 14, 2014 and two players from Tennessee were drafted...

Vanderbilt Guard, Christina Foggie, 2nd round to Minnesota Lynx (WAIVED)

Tennessee Guard, Meighan Simmons, 3rd round to New York Liberty (WAIVED)

**2014 Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Female Amateur Athlete of the Year*

Heather Butler from Tennessee-Martin was undrafted, but signed with the San Antonio Stars.

The NBA draft was on June 26th, 2014 and two players from the University of Tennessee were drafted...

Tennessee Power Forward, Jarnell Stokes, 2nd round to Utah Jazz (traded to Memphis Grizzlies)

Tennessee Guard, Jordan McRae, 2nd round to San Antonio Spurs (traded to Philadelphia 76ers)

BOOK THE HALL!

Whether you are planning a meeting, banquet, reception, tailgate or Holiday party, the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame is a great place to hold your next event. We offer a 7,200 square foot facility that will provide a unique atmosphere for any type of occasion. Our friendly staff will work with you to create the perfect setting for your particular event. The brilliant decorated facility houses all types of sports memorabilia that makes for an extraordinary background for all types of events.

The Hall has hosted a variety of events through the years, from an annual V.I.P. media reception to pre-game receptions for the Nashville Predators' hockey games. The Hall of Fame is located in the heart of Downtown Nashville just steps from Schermerhorn Symphony Center, Lower Broadway and is in close proximity to prominent hotels, attractions and the Music City Center.

Make your Hall rental reservation today by contacting
Corey Blaske at 615-242-4750 or tnsports@bellsouth.net.

A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



The fall is turning out to be a very busy time here at the Hall of Fame, with the Mason Rudolph Celebrity Golf Tournament on October 7th, and we are hosting the 44th annual International Sports Heritage Association (ISHA) conference in the month of October. Both events look to be a great experience for everyone who participates and get involved. With collegiate and professional sports getting back into full gear, we hope that this season is as memorable as the last and that teams from Tennessee continue to put athletics on the map for this great state. Please make sure to follow us on social media and get the latest news about your teams and past legends of the game. Thank you for your continued support of the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame

Dr. Bill Emendorfer

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Executive Director