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 **MARYLAND ROSTER SET FOR 2018 BIG 26 BASEBALL CLASSIC®**

**Registration underway for the Buddy Challenger Game**

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 **HARRISBURG, PA (June 19, 2018)** -- The Hershey Harrisburg Sports & Events Authority today announced that Team Maryland has made its final roster selections for the 2018 Big 26 Baseball Classic®.

Pennsylvania hosts the annual event in Harrisburg at FNB Field, home of the Washington Nationals’ AA affiliate Harrisburg Senators. Incoming juniors and seniors were eligible to try out. This year’s matchup is scheduled for July 19-22 and features a Buddy Challenger Game, pro-style scout workout and a 3-game series for Pennsylvania vs. Maryland.

“We’re thrilled that Maryland has once again been invited to participate in the Big 26 Baseball Classic,” said Maryland Team Coordinator Randy Kail. This is the 6th edition of the event, which was on hiatus in 2017 due to a change in management. Maryland looks to even the series that stands 3-2 in favor of Pennsylvania.

Players will stay at Penn State Harrisburg, where they’ll practice on Thursday and participate in Friday’s scout session. College coaches and pro scouts are also invited to attend any (or all) of games against Pennsylvania at FNB Field.

“We have some players who have already made college commitments [Burroughs/UNC-Charlotte, Klitenic/Duke, Terrents/Towson, Wargo/Coastal Carolina] and players who are getting their first look from scouts,” said Kail. “What’s special about the event is that it’s much more than a recruiting opportunity. It’s about team building, sportsmanship, great high school baseball and the memories we’ll make by sharing our time with participants in the Challenger Game,” said Kail.

Registration for the Challenger Game is open to Maryland and Pennsylvania children and young adults ages 5-21 with physical and/or intellectual disabilities. Athletes from the Pennsylvania and Maryland teams will pair with challenger athletes for a modified game. Challenger athletes are also invited to participate in an opening picnic and pre-game introductions for games 1-3. There is no charge for challenger athletes.

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Buddy Challenger Picnic and Game: July 19 @ 5:15 p.m.
PA vs MD Game 1: July 20 @ 7:05 p.m.
PA vs MD Game 2: July 21 @ 4:35 p.m.
PA vs MD Game 3: July 22 @ 1:35 p.m.

Big 26 Baseball Classic ticket information and a registration link for the Challenger Game can be found at **www.big26.com**.

**2018 Big 26 Baseball Classic Maryland Coaches and Roster**

Team Coordinator: Randy Kail – Diamond Pros Baseball
Head Coach: Brooks Norris – Head Coach @ Archbishop Curley
Assistant Coach: Drew Lowman – Assistant Coach @ St. John’s College High School
Assistant Coach: Brian Femi – Former Head Coach @ St. Michaels High School

Blake Beal *| Pitcher |* Fort Hill HS ‘19

Nate Beal *| Pitcher |* Loyola Blakefield ‘20

Khalil Brown *| Outfield |* DeMatha Catholic HS ‘19

Chase Burroughs *| Catcher |* Chopticon HS ‘19

Gavin Evans *| Catcher |* Archbishop Curley HS ‘20

Anthony Fiallo *| Outfield |* Georgetown Prep ‘19

Brendan Foster *| Pitcher |* Howard HS ‘19

Bryce Frederick *| Middle Infield |* Dulaney HS ‘19

Ryan Gleason *| Pitcher |* Georgetown Prep ‘19

KJ Jarrett *| Outfield |* Long Reach HS, ‘19

Nathan Kistler *| 3B |* Patuxent HS ‘19

Clark Klitenic *| Utility |* St. Albans School ‘19

William Manship *| Middle Infield |* North Caroline HS ‘19

Josh Moylan *| 1B |* Archbishop Spalding HS ‘20

Nicholas Newnam *| Utility |* St. Michaels HS ‘19

Tyler Martinez *| Outfield |* Gilman School ‘19

Austin Mumaw *| Pitcher |* Loyola Blakefield ‘19

Danny Rosenfield *| Pitcher |* Gilman School

Nico Santoro *| Middle Infield |* John Carroll HS ‘19

Ben Smith *| 3B |* McDonough HS ‘19

Matthew Spind *| Utility |* McDonough HS ‘19

Ryan Terrents *| Middle Infield |* Huntingtown ‘19

John Toroella *| Pitcher |* Mount Saint Joseph HS ‘19

Clay Wargo *| Catcher |* Huntingtown HS ‘20

Gavin Wingard *| Outfield |* John Carroll HS ‘20

T.J. William *| Utility |* Georgetown Prep ‘20

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**About Big 26 Baseball**

The Big 26 Baseball Classic® is committed to producing the highest quality of events that provide our athletes the opportunity to learn and grow on and off the field of play. The development, competition, evaluation and exposure for our athletes will be in a welcoming and productive atmosphere for all.

**About Hershey Harrisburg Sports & Events Authority**

HHSE is committed to promoting sports tourism and events initiatives in the Hershey Harrisburg Region, forging mutually beneficial partnerships with new and existing clients, supporting locally produced events to expand audiences, and driving economic development as it relates to sports and events tourism. HHSE is a division of Visit Hershey & Harrisburg, which serves as the official non-profit partnership-based Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) for Dauphin and Perry Counties located in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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