



# Final Newsletter

4th World University Baseball Championship  
July 17th - 27th, 2008, Czech Republic

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## USA are the World Champions

The last day of the WUBC decided about the medalists and also about the teams on the first six places. Canada won with the Czech Republic 3:1 and gained thus the 5th place, Czech Republic the 6th. In the fight for bronze medal Chinese Taipei repaid Korea their beating in the round robin and ended on the 3rd place.

The "big final" between the title defender USA and ambitious Japan was played at the sold out stadium in Brno. It lasted nearly four hours and both teams showed perfect defense so the decision was made in extra innings. The USA scored in the 12th inning and managed to hold their one-point lead also in the bottom. They won the title for the third time in a row.



### Final standing:

1. USA
2. Japan
3. Chinese Taipei
4. Korea
5. Canada
6. Czech Republic
7. Lithuania

The whole WUBC was marked out by prime quality of games and tight results. Often the winner was decided in extra innings. The interest of fans was unusual in the European conditions. The Czech TV broadcasted 12 live games, 4 broadcasts were sent to the Japanese TV. More than



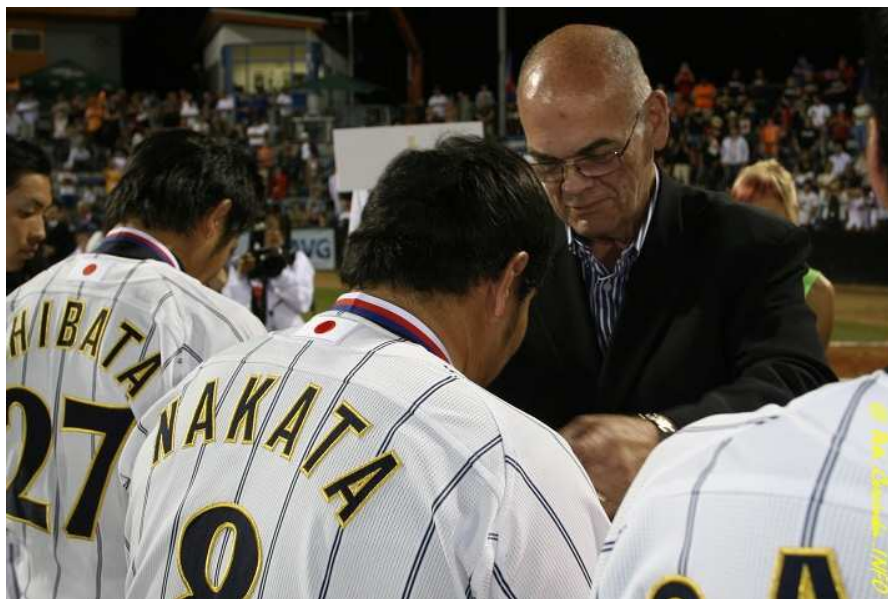
million clicks were registered at the websites of the Championship. The Czech Republic vs. Korea game, the USA - Czech Republic game and the final game were sold out.

### Individual awards received:

- *Best hitter*  
Ono Shota (JAP)
- *Best pitcher (ERA)*  
Mark Hardy (CAN)
- *Best pitcher (W/L)*  
Tatsumi Shingo (JAP)
- *Most runs batted in (RBI)*  
Mtsumoto Keijiro (JAP)
- *Most home runs*  
Morris Hunter (USA)
- *Most stolen bases*  
Jan Toman (CZE)
- *Most runs scored*  
Mtsumoto Keijiro (JAP)
- *Most valuable player (MVP)*  
Blake Smith (USA)
- *Best defensive player* – Jared Clark (USA)



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The WUBC is lead by the FISU; nevertheless it was visited by important guests from IBAF and CEB. Martin Miller, the CEB President and IBAF Vice-President, came to the Opening Ceremony in Ostrava, John Ostermayer, IBAF Secretary General, took part at the Closing Ceremony.

More details, reports, photos and the record of the final 12th inning can be found at the websites [wubc.baseball.cz](http://wubc.baseball.cz).