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4th World University Baseball Championship
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Individual awards for the WUBC

Part of the individual awards for the 4th World University Baseball Championship has reached the Czech Republic.

The best hitters of the championship will get the Louisville Silver Slugger. The trophy is three feet tall and bears the engraved name and logo of the championship. The Silver Slugger Award is given annually to the best hitters at each of the fielding positions. The award began in 1980 and is given by Hillerich & Bradsby, the maker of Louisville Slugger bats. The best hitters are selected by the managers and coaches from their respective leagues.



Holder of most Silver Slugger Awards

Pitcher - Mike Hampton (5)

Catcher - Mike Piazza (10)

First base - Todd Helton (4)

Second base - Ryne Sandberg (7)

Third base - Wade Boggs (8)

Shortstop - Barry Larkin (9)

Outfield - Barry Bonds (12), Manny Ramírez (9), Vladimir Guerrero, Tony Gwynn (7)

Designated hitter - Edgar Martínez, Paul Molitor, David Ortiz - 4 (Martínez also won a Silver Slugger Award at third base)

Next award will be the Rawlings Gold Glove for the best players. In MLB the award is given annually (since 1957) to the player judged to have the most "superior individual fielding performance" at each position, as voted by the managers and coaches in each league.



Holder of most Rawlings Gold Glove Awards

Pitcher - Greg Maddux (17)

Catcher - Iván Rodríguez (13)

First Base - Keith Hernandez (11)

Second Base - Roberto Alomar (10)

Third Base - Brooks Robinson (16)

Shortstop - Ozzie Smith (13)

Outfield - Willie Mays and Roberto Clemente (12)

The individual awards for the WUBC are provided by

www.play-ball.cz.



Reconstruction in Ostrava

The field in Ostrava is being reconstructed as planned. All works should be finished by the end of June. The reconstruction is supported by the city of Ostrava.

The first even that will be held here will be the Olympic Hopes Tournament for cadets (under 15). The Ceremony opening will take place right before World University Baseball Championship on July 16th, 2008.