

The SANDLOTT Wood Bat League continues to move players from amateur baseball to professional baseball. There have been to date eighteen SANDLOTT Alumni who have had the opportunity to play professional baseball. Here's what's happening with the class from each year.

Class of 2000 - **Joe Blanton** (00 Ky Blazers) signed with the Oakland A's and is the first SANDLOTT player to be a major leaguer. Joe is a starter and mainstay in the current pitching rotation for the A's.

Class of 2001- **Wes Wilkerson** (01 Twitty City Hallmark) pitched in his hometown Nashville, TN. for the Omaha Royals (AAA) against the Nashville Sounds which thrilled family and friends. Wes was released recently from the Royals organization at the end of spring training. He is currently in negotiations with several other clubs as of this date. **Eric Brandon** (01 AFPC) had two good seasons in the minor leagues before retiring.

Class of 2002 - **Jeff Little** (02 Twitty City Hallmark) is still in the White Sox organization as a relief pitcher. No decision has been made yet as to where he'll play in 06. **Jerry Knox** (02 Mules) pitched in the Central League with Shreveport and in the CanAm League with Brockton before retiring. **Terrence McClain** (02 Twitty City Hallmark) an outfielder has played in the Frontier League with the Evansville Otters where he was named to the league All-Star team. He played in 05 for the Fullerton Flyers in the Golden League and has signed to play in the Northern League for the Edmonton Cracker Cats for the 06 season. **Brad Haynes** (02 Twitty City Hallmark) pitched in the Frontier League for the Evansville Otters in 03 before retiring. **Steven Faulkner** (02 Twitty City Hallmark) pitched two seasons in the Frontier League for the Evansville Otters and in the CanAm League for the Brockton Rox. Steven has retired and is back in Nashville. **Logan Good** (02 Twitty City Hallmark) signed and pitched in the Frontier League with the Evansville Otters before retiring. Logan has been coaching youth league teams recently. **Andy Howdeshell** (02 Dodgers) signed with the North Shore Spirit of the CanAm League. He is listed on the roster as a third baseman for the 06 season.

Class of 2003 - **Jefferey Terrell** (03 River Rats) pitched a season for the Shreveport Sports in the Central League but had to retire due to an injury. **Luke Lambeau** (03 Stingers) pitched in the CanAm League with the New Jersey Jackals and the New Haven Cutters. He was traded to the Rockford Riverhawks in the Frontier League for 05 and has not yet re-signed to date to play with Rockford in 06. **Nick Hiter** (03 Twitty City Hallmark) first signed as a catcher with the Kenosha Mammoths in the Frontier League before signing and playing in 04 and 05 for the New Haven County Cutters in the CanAm League. The Cutters traded Nick for the 06 season to the Florence Freedom of the Frontier League. **Keith Black** was slated to pitch for the Twitty City Hallmark in 03 but before throwing his first pitch, SANDLOTT negotiators got Keith a job to pitch in the Central League with the Shreveport Sports. Keith then moved to the Northern League where he pitched in 04 for the Edmonton Cracker Cats. Keith was forced to retire during the 05 season due to a serious illness suffered by his mother.

Class of 2004 - **Jimmy Stanfield** (04 Twitty Birds) signed with the Brewers and played with the Arizona Brewers in single A and was promoted to the Huntsville Stars the Brewers AA teams in 05. No word as of this date where he'll play in 06. **BJ Jenkins** (04 Twitty City Heat) was drafted by the Padres and pitched at the single A level before being released in 05. No news as to whether BJ will be signing elsewhere in 06. **Steve Shippey** (04 Stingers) has pitched in the Frontier League and the Northern League with the Joliet Jackhammers. He pitched this winter for the Morley Eagles in the Australian Winter League and recently signed with Traverse City Bums of the Frontier League. **Phil Britton** (04 Stingers) was signed by the Atlanta Braves and has been playing in their minor league system. We will find out where he goes after spring training.

Class of 2005 - It's too early to report on the class of 2005. Many pro tryouts and signings are yet to come in 06. But if the future keeps pace with the past, there will be many more SANDLOTT Wood Bat League players to live the dream of playing professional baseball.