







# The Full Count

## St. Matthews Little League Baseball

January 2006

**Register ONLINE BEGINNING JANUARY 3, 2006!!!**

**[www.StMatthewsLittleLeague.com](http://www.StMatthewsLittleLeague.com)**

-  **Online registration is available 24/7 with no lines or hassle.**
-  **Just fill out the registration information and you're finished.**
-  **Your tryout date and time are printed on your receipt.**
-  **Minimal convenience fee added for online registration.**

### 2006 Walk-in Registration Dates and Times

TIME	TIME	REGISTRATION TYPE	LOCATION
1/22/06 Sunday	2 pm - 5 pm	Returning Players & Siblings	St. Matthews Community Center 310 Ten Pin Lane Louisville, KY 40207
1/28/06 Saturday	10 am - 1 pm	Returning Players & Siblings	
1/29/06 Sunday	2 pm - 5 pm	<b>NEW Players</b>	

**All New Players are required to show a copy of their birth certificate**

#### Clean – Up Day

The annual clean-up day for all our facilities is Saturday, March 18, 2006 at 10 a.m. Bring your elbow grease and enthusiasm to this required event.

#### Parade Day

Everyone looks forward to the big annual Opening Day Parade at 8:00 am down Shelbyville Road that will take place on April 15th starting at the St. Matthews Baptist Church and concluding at the ball fields.

Each team will decorate a vehicle/truck and show their team spirit. Games begin later that day!!

#### Scorekeepers / Announcers

Learn how to keep score and professionally announce ball games from a professional. Dick Farmer, our Scorekeeper Director, has been keeping score for the Babe Ruth Softball World Series and is developing this aspect of our league. Each team is required to provide a scorekeeper and/or announcer throughout the season. You must be 14 by April 10th to serve.

#### Umpires

St. Matthews Little League is accepting applications for the umpires for the 2005 season. Interested persons must be 14 by April 10<sup>th</sup>. No previous experience necessary. Benefits include a flexible schedule, top pay, professional training, and it's fun! Questions call Bo Phillips at 895-4525.

#### Managers & Coaches

Anyone interested in being a manager or a coach is required to attend the Manager/Coach application meeting on Saturday, January 28 at 8:30 a.m. The meeting will be held at the St. Matthews Community Center 310 Ten Pin Lane. SMLL is in need of coaches and managers for all age groups. Please consider donating your time in this way. If enough people do not volunteer for these duties the number of teams SMLL will be able to have may be limited. Remember training is provided for ALL managers/coaches. Please fill out the Volunteer Application at one of the registration dates listed above. Questions call Bo Phillips at 895-4525.

#### Support the League – Sponsor a Team or Purchase a Sign!

Team sponsorships and billboard signs are available for the 2005 season. Sponsorship is a great way to support the youth of St. Matthews Little League and a very economical means of advertising your business.

<b>Platinum</b>	\$800	Company name on team jerseys; two 3 X 8 billboards in outfield; official sponsorship plaque with team picture; and company name.
<b>Gold</b>	\$600	Company name on team jerseys; one 3 X 8 billboard in outfield; official sponsorship plaque with team picture; and company name.
<b>Silver</b>	\$300	One 3 X 8 billboard sign in outfield

**For more information on sponsorships, contact Bo Phillips at 895-4525.**

## Message from our President

### “2005 - A Season of Change / 2006 - What’s Next?”

Can you believe that it is once again the time of year when we eagerly anticipate St. Matthews Little League Baseball and Babe Ruth Baseball and Softball Sign-Ups, Tryouts, Draft, and ultimately realizing who will be on whose team when the Manager / Coach calls to schedule our first practice or team meeting. Will we be playing with some old friends or will we have the opportunity to make many new ones? It is now that time of year to turn our thoughts to the dreams of our children and the memories created at St. Matthews Ballpark.

What a season of change that 2005 brought to St. Matthews Little League Baseball and Babe Ruth Baseball and Softball. To recap:

- St. Matthews provided a youth baseball and softball recreational sports experience to over one thousand (1,000) boys and girls through our various programs.
- St. Matthews’s sponsors, volunteers, and parents once again opened their wallets and purses to financially support our efforts. Without this support we cannot provide the experience that we strive to do for the children who participate.
- St. Matthews engaged the services of Home Field Advantage, a division of Louisville Bats, to manage and maintain our field and turf areas. Consequently, they were professionally maintained on a day to day basis and we will reap those rewards for years to come.
- St. Matthews engaged the services of Herbie Brodarick with Toll Bridge Inn to manage our concessions. Herbie brought his restaurant experience and quality, diverse food to St. Matthews Ballpark. Consequently, we increased sales from \$30,000 in 2004 and lost money to over \$80,000 in 2005. Don’t forget that we receive fifteen percent (15%) of Gross Sales. Herbie will be back this season so remember when you dine at the ballpark everyone benefits.
- St. Matthews strengthened its relationship with Metro Louisville Umpires Association who provide us with professional and well trained umpires for all of our children’s games.
- In the Post Season and All-Star season we fielded eighteen (18) teams. We had at least one (1) team available for every division in which we were qualified to participate.

Certainly, with the amount of change initiated and that we experienced in 2005 throughout all of the different levels of league operations there comes challenges. The children of St. Matthews Little League Baseball and Babe Ruth Baseball and Softball are extremely fortunate to have a dedicated, committed, and professional Board of Directors that all serve for the common good of the children who participate. It is only through each and every Board Member’s respect for our mission, dedication to their service and responsibility and their input in formulating the vision for the future of our leagues that we can accomplish what we have and plan for the future.

The main goal in my mind is to plan for ease of succession and continuity for service to the children of our programs. With that in mind, numerous, additional changes will occur in 2006. What does the future hold for St. Matthews Little League Baseball and Babe Ruth Baseball & Softball?

- Through the unbelievable dedication of one of our newest and brightest Board Members, Dan Trice, we have now advanced from the stone ages of communication. We now have a **WEBSITE!!!** You will be able to register on-line, check rainout reschedules on-line, communicate with your Board of Directors on-line, patronize our sponsors, etc. Please visit our really cool website at [www.StMatthewsLittleLeague.com](http://www.StMatthewsLittleLeague.com)
- We have also engaged the services of a professional league Executive Director to manage on a full time basis the day to day operations and assist the Board of Directors of St. Matthews. James “Bo” Phillips is our Executive Director and a huge supporter of our programs. Bo has been around our ballpark for many years. No longer will the telephone go unanswered or messages unreturned. Please give Bo a call at 895-4525 or stop by the ballpark and welcome him to the league.
- Finally, the Presidents Council of Little League Baseball District Two has addressed the need for the athlete who may want to learn more through a more competitive environment than our recreational league provides. To that end and on a demonstration basis the leagues associated with District Two are providing the opportunity of a Select Developmental League at every age group which we represent. Please see the Select Team Table at Sign-Ups or call Bo Phillips at 895-4525 for details.

Once again, it has been my privilege to serve the children of St. Matthews Little League Baseball and Babe Ruth Baseball & Softball. Thank you for your support of the league and for allowing us to create memories with your children that hopefully are positive and will last a lifetime.

Mike Czerwonka, President



### Divisions and Fees

5 yr olds	Boys/Girls T-Ball	\$90
6 yr olds	Boys/Girls Soft Toss Baseball	\$90
7-8 yr olds	Boys Baseball Machine Pitch	\$115
9 yr olds	Boys Baseball Rookie	\$115
10-12 yr olds	Boys Minors & Majors Baseball	\$115
13-18 yr olds	Boys Babe Ruth Baseball	\$150
7-8 yr olds	Girls Softball Machine Pitch	\$95
9-10 yr olds	Girls Softball Kid Pitch	\$95
11-12 yr olds	Girls Fast Pitch Softball	\$95

Fees include: hat, jersey, and snow-cones after each game.  
3<sup>rd</sup> child in each family receives a \$90 discount.

### New Age Limits for Baseball

International Little League and Babe Ruth Baseball have changed their league age determination date for the 2006 season. Please refer to the Age Chart on the web site for reference: [www.stmatthewslittleleague.com](http://www.stmatthewslittleleague.com)

**Little League and Babe Ruth Baseball - as of April 30<sup>th</sup> 2006**

**Babe Ruth Softball - as of December 31<sup>st</sup> 2005**

### Birth Certificates

International Little League rules dictate that a child's age as of April 30 or for girls' softball as of December 31 determines the age group in which that child must play. All first time players must bring a copy of their birth certificate and proof of their address to registration.

### Tryouts

Tryouts will be held on Friday, February 24, 2004 and Saturday, February 25, 2004 for players 8yrs and older. All other players will be selected through a blind draft in early March. Final times and location will be provided at registration and on the website.

### Do You Live Within The Boundaries?

The SMLL boundaries encompass 14 zip codes. The actual boundaries and not the zip codes determine your eligibility to play at SMLL. However, 7 of the zip codes lie entirely within the boundaries and 7 are partially within the SMLL boundaries. Check the following table and if you have any questions about your specific address, check with the Player Agent during sign-ups.

<u>In Boundaries:</u>	40041 40025 40059 40207 40222 40242 40243
<u>Partially Within:</u>	40204 40205 40206 40220 40223 40241 40299
<u>Outside:</u>	40245

### Girls' Softball News

This year the girls will continue to play under Babe Ruth rules. The Babe Ruth boundaries encompass 13 zip codes. The zip codes are as follows:

40025 40059 40205 40206 40207 40220  
40222 40223 40241 40242 40243 40245 40299

New and previous managers/coaches please sign-up and call me. Remember managers/coaches we couldn't do it without your help. If you have any questions, please call me at 452-4308.

Dan Trice, Softball Director/Player Agent

### New Website!

**[www.StMatthewsLittleLeague.com](http://www.StMatthewsLittleLeague.com)**

*Your NEW source for League, Player and Parent information!*

### Further Information

**Website:** [www.StMatthewsLittleLeague.com](http://www.StMatthewsLittleLeague.com)

**Email:** [SMLL\\_INFO@StMatthewsLittleLeague.com](mailto:SMLL_INFO@StMatthewsLittleLeague.com)

**Phone:** Bo Phillips, Executive Dir. (502) 895-4525.

### St. Matthews Little League Baseball Post Season & All-Star Teams for 2005

The Little League Baseball Post Season District Two Tournaments, both Steve Oberhausen 9/10 year old and Ron Meyer's 11/12 year old teams emerged victorious as District Champions. In the Little League Baseball All-Star State Tournaments, Gary Nitzken's 11/12 year old All-Star team won the District Tournament and finished Runner-Up in the Kentucky State Tournament and Mark Smith's 9/10 year old All-Star team won the District Tournament and also won the Kentucky State Tournament as well. In addition, they represented St. Matthews in a Little League Regional Tournament and made it to the semi-final round.

### St. Matthews Babe Ruth Baseball All-Star Teams for 2005

In Babe Ruth Baseball, Ben McMichael's 13 year old All-Star team won the District Tournament and finished Runner-Up in the Kentucky State Tournament and Frank Stehltentpohl's 15 year old All-Star team won the District Tournament but subsequently was eliminated in the Kentucky State Tournament.

### St. Matthews Babe Ruth Softball All-Star Teams for 2005

In Babe Ruth Softball, Dan Trice's 10 & Under All-Star team finished Runner-Up in the Kentucky State Tournament and Mike Wise's 12 & Under All-Star team won the Kentucky State Tournament before being eliminated in the Babe Ruth Softball Regional Tournament.

While these accomplishments are definitely awe inspiring and worthy of recognition, no one including the managers of the aforementioned team will tell you that there is still nothing more satisfying as a manager, coach or parent as watching our children play an organized game and learn the values of discipline, respect and teamwork on the fields of St. Matthews Ballpark.



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## 2006 Board of Directors Assignments

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

President	Mike Czerwonka
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### COMMISSIONERS

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Coach Pitch Baseball (6)	Wayne Knabel
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Minor Baseball (10-12)	Mark Smith
Major Baseball (10-12)	Dick Farmer
Babe Ruth Baseball (13)	Ben McMichael
Babe Ruth Baseball (14-15)	David Burke
Babe Ruth Softball (7-8) Rookie	Carmin Grandinetti
Babe Ruth Softball (9-10) Minor	Brad Bollman
Babe Ruth Softball (11-12) Major	Brad Bollman

### PLAYER AGENTS

Little League Baseball	Kevin Dixon
Babe Ruth Baseball	Gus Herbert
Babe Ruth Softball Director/PA	Dan Trice

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Executive Director	Bo Phillips
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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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