



# championship **MINUTES**

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## **TODAY'S EVENTS:**

**12:00 - Zlív - Game 01 - Russia : Romania**

**14:00 - Hluboká - Game 02 - Lithuania : Slovakia**

**16:30 - Hluboká - Opening Ceremony**

**17:00 - Hluboká - Game 03 - Czech Rep. : Belarus**

**READY TO GET  
STARTED**

## Editorial

Deník Mistrovství Evropy v baseballu žáků Minuty mistrovství se po dvou letech opět vrací, aby informovaly o aktuálním dění na baseballových hřištích. Před dvěma lety mnohočlenný redakční tým pracoval dnem i nocí, aby své čtenáře na osmi stranách svým čtenářům přinášel čerstvé informace, zákulisní drby, rozhovory, odlehčené pasáže a množství fotografií. Letošní redakční tým je skromnější, proto budou i Minuty o něco tenčí. Mezinárodní formát turnaje si žádá více mezinárodního textu. Minutám bude vládnout angličtina, češtinu přesto nebudeme zcela zanedbávat. Naši redaktori ovšem nepřestanou strkat svůj nos všude a do všeho, na hřištích a v jejich okolí si opět nebudete moci být jisti tím, že po vás nekouká zvědavý teleobjektiv, hbitá tužka či právě běžící diktafon. Buďte tedy ve střehu a příležitostnou žurnalistickou ledovou sprchu berte tedy jako příjemné osvěžení v těchto parných dnech. Přejeme vám – i nám - napínavý a dramatický turnaj. Váš redakční tým.

The Championship Minutes are coming back again to bring you up-to-date information about everything and anything happening on and around the baseball fields. Two years ago a large press team worked day and night to bring you eight pages of fresh information, gossip, interviews, jokes and photos. This year's team is slimmer, the Minutes will be slimmer as well. However, they will be more international, English will be abundant in every issue. Our journalists will keep sticking their noses everywhere and to everything they would find interesting and you should not be too sure to escape their attention. We wish you a thrilling tournament. Your Minutes team.

## COLUMN JOKE

Q. Why did Cinderella get kicked off the baseball team?

A. Because she ran away from the ball!



## TASK OF THE DAY

Find this guy and wish him Merry Christmas. His name is Albert.

## TECHNICAL MEETING TO START OFF THE TOURNAMENT

Organizers, coaches, umpires and commissioners gathered yesterday evening in the Podhrad hotel in Hluboka nad Vltavou for the technical meeting before the tournament. During the meeting, chaired by Mr. Jan Esselman, Mr. Petr Ditrich and Mr. David Šťastný, the participating teams were informed about the logistics of the event, pointed to several rules in the rulebook and went through all the formal, obligatory pre-tournament procedures. The organizers also supplied information regarding free-time activities during the tournament and provided information leaflets for all the participants. The meeting launched already the third European Juvenile Championship in Hluboká, and this year for the first time in the nearby Zliv. Good luck to all the participating teams.



Complaining about hot weather? It is always good to remind ourselves that many things can change very quickly. In 2002, massive floods badly damaged the new baseball complex in Hluboká just one month after its official opening. The effort and energy needed to reconstruct something freshly built was truly immense. Most of the players spent more time working on the field than touching baseballs and bats. Enjoy the sun.

## ZÁKLADY BASEBALLOVÉHO TRÉNINKU PRO RODIČE HRÁČŮ

Hraje Váš syn - dcera baseball? Mají chuť doma občas trénovat? Nemusíte nutně znát všechna baseballová pravidla a strategie, abyste si s nimi doma mohli zatrénovat a ukázat a opravit základní baseballovou techniku.

KDY: úterý - pátek 13. - 16. 7. 2010, vždy 13:00 - 13:30

CO: co trénovat doma a jak, základy techniky házení a odpalování, kontrolní body, nejčastější chyby a jak je odstraňovat, jak se dívat na baseballový trénink a zápas

KDO: zkušenější čeští a zahraniční trenéři

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## 13. - 16. 7. 2010

TRÉNINK POD VEDENÍM ZKUŠENÝCH TRÉNERŮ Z ČR A USA  
vždy 13:00 - 14:00, baseballové hřiště  
sraz každý den ve 12:50 u půjčovny sportovního materiálu  
(včetně bezplatného kartičky)

PRO DĚTI OD 6 DO 12 LET

Aktce je součástí tréninkového kempu pořádaného Hlubockým baseballovým a softballovým klubem. Současné s tréninkovým kempem probíhá ME v baseballu žáků. ZDARMA.

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# WORDS FROM TOURNAMENT PATRONS



## Jan Řeháček

24 years old, Minnesota Twins (Rookie Advanced), Czech national team, 2008 – 2009 Konica Minolta Pioneers (Dutch Major League) I will certainly be a big fan of all participants of the 2010 European Championship. They have obviously been working very hard in order to get there so it should be appreciated. Their advantage against me is clear, I joined baseball when I turned 12. I frankly think that the biggest upside of kids' baseball is the joy of the game and happiness in the eyes of young players when hitting or throwing. I think baseball can provide dreams and goals which come through only if you work hard.

## Ray Thomas friend of the club

Hello from the USA. My name is Ray Thomas and I have been involved with the great sport of Baseball for 55 years. I have played as a young boy and then advanced all the way to the Pro level. I have coached all ages and have been a umpire for 30 years. I live in Mexico now and have over 3000 boys from 8-16 in our Baseball programs. I also enjoyed 3 different years helping to coach in Hluboka. The game of baseball can teach us many things: How to accept winning and losing, teamwork, discipline and most important playing a game and having fun!!! There is something very special to be part of a team and it is a life experience that boys and men never forget. The best advice I can give is to practice, play to win but accept the loss of a game and learn from the experience but most important of all is to remember it is a game and enjoy it and have FUN!!! Have a great tournament.

## Aleš Navrátil

37 years old, Czech Extraleague player, Czech national team player, World Cup participant, 1993 – 1994 San Jose City college, playing baseball since 1987

Hi guys, in a while a beautiful time will come, for which you have worked so hard. The European Championship will let you face the best teams of Europe, you will play thrilling games and experience a great touching atmosphere of full audience and your family supporting you. The fact that you have started playing earlier than most of guys I know and play with gives you a great chance of getting ahead and entertaining in the game of hard hits and exciting field plays. I wish you all great luck not only at this event, but also in next years. The future of baseball in Europe is yours.

## Pavel Budský

37 years old, long-term Czech national team player, Czech Extraleague player, Dutch Major League in 2000 (HCAW), 1997: Kansas City Royals (Gulf Coast League), best Czech home-run hitter (155), Czech Extraleague hits leader (555), batting average champion (.408)

I wish all the kids participating at the 2010 European Championship pretty good luck and joy of the game. The European Championship is always a great chance to play great baseball games. I hope that the Czech team could follow the line of past success.

## Jakub Malík

Czech national team player, captain of the Czech national team, professional player of Konica Minolta Pioneers (Dutch Major League) I wish the best luck and mostly, good fun to players and fans as well. I believe that

the Czech team will try hard for gold till the last out will be recorded! I started playing baseball when I was 11 years old, so I was not playing for the National team U12. I want to tell you all, it is just a game, so enjoy every single moment of this tournament. It is the highest point you can reach in kids' baseball.

## Mark Miller

MLB Envoy coach

Hello from California, I wanted to wish all teams and participants the best of luck in the upcoming tournament! I have had the opportunity to coach in Hluboka as a Major League Baseball Envoy coach, and also host different coaches at my home in the U.S., and am very honored to have been asked back for this tournament. Unfortunately, prior travel plans will prevent me from attending this year. To all participants in this year's tournament, remember that baseball is game, and to have FUN! You may win, you may lose, but what is most important, are the lessons and experiences you will get from playing the game! I wish to one day return to meet old friends, and to once again have the honor of coaching the Czech baseball players! Best of luck!

## Petr Baroch

28 years old, Czech national team player, former player of the Dutch Major League, current player of Kottárka Praha (Czech Extraleague)

I strongly believe that this upcoming European Championship will provide many experiences for players, coaches and the organizing team and everyone will remember it in bright light. I would like to tell the players to play 100% of their abilities from the first to the last out. The success will come and you will make everyone happy! I want to wish good luck to players, coaches and the organizing team. I personally think that the spirit created by the fans will be one to remember!

## Leon Boyd

26 years old, Dutch national team pitcher (2008 Olympic Games, 2009 World Baseball Classic- beaten Dominican Republic twice), 2006 Belgian league, 2007 – 2008 DOOR Neptunus, 2009 – Blue Jays Minor League (Double A-ball), 2010 DOOR Neptunus

Baseball was such an important building block in my life, and shaped the way I live. It brings structure, routine and passion into anyone's lives. I am sure the European Championships will be no different. Enjoy every game, every inning, every out, and every pitch. They will be memories for a lifetime! If you work hard, play hard, and play the game the right way, you will be rewarded. Best of Luck!"

## Greg McCarthy

41 years old, three-year experience from the MLB (Seattle Mariners 1996-1998), current player/assistant coach of Draci Brno (Czech Extraleague)

I just would like to say to the kids: Always believe in yourself, and never give up. The most important thing is to go out and have fun, and to also remember the harder you practice the easier the battle. Remember, no matter how good a team is they can always get beaten! Good luck in the European Championship tournament!

pro ty, kteří nečtou anglicky alespoň

# GALLERY OF THE YESTERDAY

