



# BEREA BASEBALL ASSOCIATION TRAVEL (BBAT)

## BBAT NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2010

### PRACTICES & WORKOUTS:

- **SUNDAYS**— All Berea Travel Teams received individual Team practice time during the month of January. 8U-14U fill BHS main Gym on Sundays and 16U Team use BHS Sports Complex On Mondays.
- **WEDNESDAYS**—All BBAT Players are invited to make use of the Open Gym times on Wednesdays from 7-9pm. The coaching staffs put the players through a combination of various skills, separated by age level.
- **FRIDAYS**—Roehm Middle School Gym is in use from 7:00-8:30pm by Pitchers & Catchers. Throwing lanes are set-up and the players use this extra time to keep the arm loose and hone skills.

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## Welcome to the 2010 Travel Baseball Season

### NIGHT AT THE RACES—HUGE SUCCESS!

The Berea Baseball Association Travel Program hosted a very successful fundraiser on Saturday November 21st. All (8) Berea Travel teams put forth a combined effort in selling over 350-tickets, 200-Horses, & landed nearly 40 sponsors for the first annual Night at the Races (NATR). The event had Prizes & Pay-Outs of over \$6,000 through a combination of race betting, side boards, games, auctions, pull tabs and Door Raffles. This will be an annual event and although we received very positive feedback from this years event, the committee has already begun to improve the event for next fall.



### WINTER PRACTICES

Never before has our program directors worked so hard to secure winter gym time for all 8 Travel Teams. Faced with many changes here in the city of Berea, a combined effort between the BBA Board and BBAT officials, coaches, and assistants, worked every angle to get back the practice facilities we once took for granted as reserved for our use. We are happy and proud to say that the BBAT has strengthened relationships with the High School and Roehm Middle School and the City recreation program to provide ample facility use to prepare the boys skills for the coming 2010 season, and hopefully beyond. See Practices times (at-left and on the web site).



### UNIFORMS

A representative from our uniform supplier, Luna Team Shop, attended the practices on Wednesday January 13th and again on Sunday January 17th, to measure and size players for a proper uniform fit. Team uniforms will then be custom produced with players desire number and size. The Braves uniform was redesigned in 2009 and consists of separate Navy and Red Jersey tops, pants with piping, socks, belt, and fitted cap w/ embroidered number. If you missed the fitting date, please call 'Gene' at Luna Ph. 440.234.5007 to arrange for a fitting in their store at 113 Front St. Berea.



BRAVES NAVY UNIFORM

### NEW BATTING MACHINES & EQUIPMENT COMING

The BBAT has recently ordered five different kinds of batting machines to be used at upcoming indoor practices. Soon the BHS gym will be transformed into 6 different batting stations that will be able to cycle each player through all 6 stations in 60-minute workouts. Equipment includes: (2) Advance skill batting Tees (shown), (2) Brush Top Tees, (2) Power Bag stations, (2) Tru-toss Soft Toss Machines and nets, a specialty batting mat, and Muhl Training bat, are just some of the items already on order. We also look to invest in a Mini-lite ball Pitching machine with cage. New practice balls will also be furnished with the machines as well as recommended spare/wear parts. The Program looks to save hundreds of dollars over the life of the new batting equipment, that was usually budgeted for and spent at area batting cages by all 8 Travel Teams.



BRAVES RED UNIFORM

### 2010 REGISTRATION

The first installment toward the 2010 Registration fee was due January 10th, the remaining balance to be paid March 7th. The BBAT Registration fee of \$200 is among the lowest in N.E. Ohio. Cost incurred for each player in our program is approx. \$615.00 per player, it is important that we receive full participation in fundraising in order for us to keep our registration fees to a minimum. Thanks for doing your part.