

TO: NCAA Baseball Regional Media Members

FROM: Kyle McRae, NCAA Regional Media Director

RE: 2002 NCAA Baseball Regional At Stanford

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Following is information to guide you for the 2002 NCAA Baseball Regional at Stanford's Sunken Diamond this Friday-Sunday, May 31-June 2. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me. You can reach me via phone (work 650-725-2959/ home 650-498-8874 or cell 650-544-5617), email (kyle.mcrae@stanford.edu) or fax (650-725-2957). The main phone number for the Stanford Athletics Media Relations Office is 650-723-4418. Take a look at this document, keep it for reference and please feel free to ask me questions about any of the information to follow. The subjects are listed in alphabetical order.

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM: An 11-player all-tournament team, including the most outstanding player, will be selected by the media immediately following the final game of the Regional. The three outfielders selected do not have to play different positions. The designated hitter may be someone who played at designated hitter throughout the Regional, or a deserving player at a position that already had an outstanding player. The two pitchers selected may be both left or right-handed. The pitchers can be both starters, or relievers, or one of each. The Most Outstanding Player also must be a member of the 11-player all-tournament team.

AUDIO BROADCASTS: Per NCAA Division I Championship rules, one complimentary credit card line will be provided for all audio broadcasts. If you need an additional line, please contact Kyle McRae to make arrangements. Stanford's audio broadcast will be located on the first base side and of the press box for all Stanford games. For non-Stanford games, the home team's audio broadcast will be located on the first base side of the press box, while the visiting team will be located on the third base side of the press box. All locations are on the lower tier of the press box. All phone numbers will be marked on the telephone jacks. All commercial radio stations must pay a \$50 rights fee made payable to Stanford University for each game to be broadcast prior to the beginning of the game. Commercial stations will also be charged an additional \$25 for each additional station in their network. Please accompany your payment with a 2002 National Collegiate Baseball Championship Radio Agreement. I will provide the form to you. Per NCAA rules, stations can not go on the air until the rights fees have been paid. Student stations are not required to pay a rights fee.

COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS: No complimentary tickets are available at NCAA championship events.

CREDENTIAL APPLICATIONS AND PICKUP: Please compile a list of your local media that will be attending the Regional and email or fax the list to me by Tuesday, May 28 (5:00 p.m.). We will accept applications for credentials after this but would like to keep credentials requests to a minimum after Tuesday. Credentials can be picked up at the Sunken Diamond Press Tent near the batting cages on Thursday during the team practices from 10:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. After Thursday, credentials will be available at the Sunken Diamond Will Call Window beginning Friday, May 31 (1:00 p.m.).

FOOD/DRINKS: There will be four media meals served in near the Sunken Diamond Press Tent during the Regional (Friday – Dinner; Saturday – Lunch, Dinner; Sunday – Lunch). Drinks will also be provided to members of the media in the Sunken Diamond Press Tent and the Press Box.

GAME PROGRAMS: Host Communications will provide a game program with rosters of all 64 teams selected for the 2002 NCAA Division I Baseball Championships at the Regional. Statistics of each of the participating teams will be inserted into the program. Please provide your updated stats to Kyle McRae at the conclusion of your competition each day. Game programs will be available to members of the media upon request.

PARKING: A limited number of parking passes will be available to the media and visiting SID's. Please include on your credential list which individuals will need parking passes. The parking passes can be picked up at the same times and locations as the media credentials.

PHONES/FAX/COPIER: There will be three live phone lines available for use in the Sunken Diamond Press Tent near the batting cages on a first-come first-serve basis. All phone lines will require a calling card for use. There will also be a fax machine and a copy machine near the Sunken Diamond Press Tent available for your use. If you need something faxed to you, please have it sent to the media work area fax or 650-725-2957 as an alternate.

PHOTOGRAPHY: Credentialed photographers will be allowed to take photos in the photo boxes just beyond the first and third base dugouts during games and at post-game press conferences. No flash photography is permitted. Photographers can use phone lines in the Sunken Diamond Press Tent to send their digital photos on a first-come first-serve basis. However, please be considerate of the deadlines of writers.

POST-GAME INFORMATION: A full-game statistical book, box score, post-game story, game notes and quotes will be produced as soon as possible at the conclusion of each game. Please provide me with a list of where you would like any or all of this information emailed or faxed to.

PRE-REGIONAL PRACTICES: All four teams will practice at Sunken Diamond on Thursday, May 30. The practices are open to the media and the general public. The practice schedule is as follows.

Long Beach State (10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.)
San Jose State (11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.)
Cal State Fullerton (1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.)
Stanford (2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.)

PRE-REGIONAL PRESS CONFERENCES: Each team will have a press conference in the Sunken Diamond Press Tent next to the batting cages on Thursday, May 30. Each session will last approximately 15 minutes and should include the head coach and any players requested by the media. The press conference schedule is as follows.

San Jose State (11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)
Long Beach State (11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.)
Stanford (2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.)
Cal State Fullerton (2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.)

PRESS BOX PHONE NUMBER: The press box phone number is (650) 723-4629. Please do not give this number out to the general public.

PRESS BOX SEATING: Seating is available for media members in the Sunken Diamond Press Box. Please indicate on your credential list which members of the media will request a seat in the press box. Press box seating assignments will be at the discretion of the Regional media director.

POST-GAME PRESS CONFERENCES: Each team is required to participate in post-game press conferences. After a 10-minute cooling off period, the head coach and at least two players from the losing team will report to the Sunken Diamond Press Tent. Immediately following the press conference for the losing team, the head coach and two players from the winning team will report to the Sunken Diamond Press Tent. Each SID is responsible for bringing his/her coach and players to the Sunken Diamond Press Tent promptly. Head coaches and players are not allowed to participate in any other post-game interviews until their responsibilities at the post-game press conferences are completed.

TELEVISION: No games in the Regional are scheduled to be televised. At all non-televised games, a television station is allowed to broadcast a live report and/or game highlights from the Regional site, not to exceed three minutes in its regularly scheduled sports-news segment. Television cameras will have a location designated on the upper walkway (first base side of the stadium). A television station may not sell, loan or give away footage of the Regional to any individual or agency, or for use on any nonsports news program produced or aired by the station. The NCAA has contracted with Sportscast Productions, Inc. to provide audio feeds and video highlights of games during the NCAA Division I Baseball Championships. That service will be provided for this Regional. Satellite coordinates and telephone numbers to provide access to audio feeds will be provided later in the week. Any television station wishing to film a "live shot" must contact Kyle McRae to make arrangements.

WEBSITES/LIVE STATS: The Stanford Athletics website (gostanford.com) will provide extensive coverage of the Regional, including live stats for every game. All are welcome and encouraged to provide links from gostanford.com to their own website. Please also provide your local media and fans with the website address. There will also be live stats provided for every game of the 2002 NCAA Division I Baseball Championships from a link at ncaachampionships.com. The direct website address for the 2002 NCAA Baseball Regional at Stanford is listed below.

gostanford.fansonly.com/sports/m-basebl/2002-regional.html