

HERE'S THE LATEST NEWS FROM UPPER DECK...

PROSPECT LEAGUE ALL-STAR DAN WARD LEADING HITTING LESSONS

(posted 01-11-18)... Arguably the greatest player in West Virginia Miners' history is now the lead instructor in teaching hitting lessons to area kids at Beckley's Upper Deck Baseball Training Center. Dan Ward is a former 2015-2017 West Virginia Miners' slugger, who notched a stellar .348 career batting average in 138 Prospect League regular season games with 15 homers, 35 doubles, and 44 stolen bases. Dan will be here through the end of April and if you would like your youngster to learn from one of the best hitters in Prospect League history, please call Upper Deck at 304-673-2160 or call the Miners front office at 304-252-SAFE (7233) and someone will be happy to assist you.

ABOUT UPPER DECK BASEBALL TRAINING CENTER

WHO ARE WE? The Upper Deck Baseball Training Center is located in Beckley, WV and is among the largest indoor baseball training facilities in the state. It enables baseball players of all ages to keep their baseball skills sharp year-round regardless of the weather. Coordinator of the center is Tim Epling, a veteran of college head coaching at West Virginia Tech (now known as WVU-Tech) and since 2010 the very successful head coach of the West Virginia Miners of the Prospect League, considered as one of the premier collegiate summer wooden bat leagues in the United States while annually featuring top college players from all levels of NCAA and NAIA collegiate play. The Miners have been to the postseason seven of their eight Prospect League seasons including three league titles (2011, 2012, 2016).

HOW TO CONTACT UPPER DECK: Persons needing more information on Upper Deck (or any of the related news stories below) can do so (unless noted otherwise) either by e-mail at upperdeck@inbox.com or by telephoning Tim Epling either at 304-673-2519 or 304-673-2160.

IN PREVIOUS NEWS FROM UPPER DECK BASEBALL TRAINING CENTER

(Posted 09-08-17) STARS & STRIPES RECRUITING SERVICE: The Upper Deck Baseball Training Academy, located in Beckley, WV and in conjunction with the West Virginia Miners baseball team, announced on September 8 the creation of Stars & Stripes Baseball Recruiting Service to assist high school baseball players in locating opportunities and scholarships for them to continue to play baseball at the college level. The program is specifically geared to benefit players ages 14-18 throughout their high school careers to put their names in front of potential colleges that have a need for players and/or the skills of those that play a particular position in which that college may have a need. This recruiting network service is being operated by long-time West Virginia Miners head coach Tim Epling, who previously was a successful college baseball coach at West Virginia Tech (now known as WVU-Tech) before beginning his tenure with the Miners in 2010 that has resulted with his teams reaching the postseason of the Prospect League in seven of the eight seasons the Miners have been in existence to date, which also includes three league titles (2011, 2012, and 2016). The Prospect League is considered to be among the top collegiate summer wooden bat leagues in the United States and annually feature top college players from all levels of NCAA and NAIA collegiate play.