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TODAY'S NEWS: The Reds have agreed to terms on 1-year contracts with **OF Jay Bruce**, **RHP Jared Burton**, **RHP Carlos Fisher**, **3B Juan Francisco**, **LHP Daniel Ray Herrera**, **RHP Sam LeCure**, **LHP Matt Maloney**, **RHP Robert Manuel**, **RHP Josh Roenicke**, **IF Adam Rosales** and **C Craig Tatum**... 15 players remain unsigned.

ROTATION: **RHP Edinson Volquez**, **RHP Johnny Cueto** and **RHP Homer Bailey** are scheduled to pitch in Wed's exhibition opener vs the Rays at Port Charlotte... **RHP Micah Owings** will start Thu's home opener vs the Twins... the upcoming rotation also includes **RHP Bronson Arroyo** on Fri vs Phi, **RHP Nick Masset** on 2/28 at Bos, **RHP Aaron Harang** on 3/1 vs NYY and **Bailey** again on 3/2 at Pit.

SPORTS CLINIC: About 80 kids, along with their parents, enjoyed today's free Reds clinic at Ed Smith Stadium... the annual event was sponsored by the **Sarasota Herald-Tribune**, the local **YMCA** and **Patrick's** restaurant... participants included pitchers **Micah Owings** and **RHP Jordan Smith**, catchers **Chris Denove** and **Chris Kroski**, infielders **Adam Rosales** and **Chris Valaika**, outfielders **Jeff Keppinger** and **Drew Stubbs** and International League Manager of the Year **Rick Sweet**.

Red Hots

PROSTATE CANCER SCREENING: The Reds and the **Men Against Prostate Cancer** group will offer free comprehensive prostate cancer exams at **Ed Smith Stadium** on **Monday** from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. and **Tuesday** from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.... the mobile examination center will be located at the corner of 12th Street and Tuttle Avenue... contact Rex Hardin of MAPC at (941) 926-9666.

WBC ROSTERS: Final 28-player rosters for the 16-team **2009 World Baseball Classic** will be announced **Tuesday**... 45-player provisional rosters for the **WBC** include 17 players in the Reds organization and 8 players on the 40-man roster: **1B Joey Votto** (Canada), **RHP Francisco Cordero** (Dominican Republic), **RHP Johnny Cueto** (DR), **RHP Edinson Volquez** (DR), **C/IF/OF Wilkin Castillo** (DR), **OF Willy Taveras** (DR), **IF/OF Jerry Hairston Jr.** (Mexico) and **C Ramon Hernandez** (Venezuela)... also on the provisional rosters are 9 minor leaguers: **RHP James Avery** (Canada), **RHP Kyle Lotzkar** (Canada), **LHP Philippe Alexandre Valiquette** (Canada), **IF Yen-Wen Kuo** (Chinese Taipei), **LHP Luca Panerati** (Italy), **LHP Mateo Pizziconi** (Italy), **LHP Alexander Smit** (The Netherlands), **RHP Juan Carlos Sulbaran** (The Netherlands) and **RHP Luis Machuca** (Panama)... Class AAA Louisville's **Tomas Vera** will be the head athletic trainer for Venezuela.

WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC: National Team training camp begins on **Friday** for **China**, **Chinese Taipei**, **Japan** and **Korea**... National Team training camp for the other 12 teams begins on **Mon, 3/2**... the international tournament begins in Tokyo on **3/5**, in **San Juan** and **Toronto** on **3/7** and in **Mexico City** on **3/8**... the second round begins in **Miami** on **3/14** and in **San Diego** on **3/15**... the semifinals are **3/21-3/22** and the final on **3/23**, all at **Dodger Stadium**... ticket information and the complete schedule can be found at www.WorldBaseballClassic.com.

SUNSET SEASON: In 2009 the **City of Sarasota Sports Complex** is hosting the Reds' spring training activities for the 12th and final season... next year the organization will move its spring training site 20 miles west of Phoenix to **Goodyear, Arizona**... the Reds will share the Goodyear Ballpark and Recreational Sports Complex with the Indians, who moved into the facility last fall... Cin's portion of the plans includes a 40,700-square foot clubhouse, 6 full practice fields and 2 half fields... the teams will share the 10,000-seat ballpark... the Reds' agreement includes a 20-year lease and two 5-year team options... next spring, 15 Major League Baseball clubs will train in Arizona and 15 will train in Florida.

GOVERNOR'S BASEBALL DINNER: Is scheduled for **Tuesday** at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg... every team in the Grapefruit League received an invitation from Florida **Gov. Charlie Crist**, who once worked in the commissioner's office after law school... tickets can be purchased through the Florida Sports Foundation at (850) 488-8347.

OUT OF OPTIONS: The following players on the 40-man roster do not have options: **RHP Bronson Arroyo**, **RHP Francisco Cordero**, **IF/OF Jeff Keppinger**, **RHP Mike Lincoln**, **RHP Nick Masset**, **2B Brandon Phillips**, **LHP Arthur Rhodes** and **RHP David Weathers**.

SPRING TRAINING ROSTER: The Reds begin spring training camp with **63** players, including 29 pitchers, 8 catchers, 16 infielders, 10 outfielders and 23 non-roster invitees... most recently, the club invited to Major League camp **65** (2008), **57** (2007), **63** (2006), **55** (2005), **56** (2004), **64** (2003), **70** (2002), **58** (2001), **72** (2000) and **54** (1999) players.

OPENING DAY: If **RHP Aaron Harang** is tabbed the **Opening Day** starter (vs NYM, 1:10pm), he would become the first Reds pitcher to start 4 consecutive **Opening Day** games since **RHP Jose Rijo** had started 4 consecutive **Opening Day** games since **RHP Jose Rijo** had started 4 consecutive **Opening Day** games since **Pete Donohue** (5 straight, 1923-27), **Si Johnson** (3, 1932-34) and **Mario Soto** (5, 1982-86)... **Soto** holds the club record for most **Opening Day** starts (6).

OPENING DAY TICKETS: Are on sale only at reds.com as part of the **Power Pack** promotion... the 10-game package also includes tickets to all 3 games of the Indians series over Memorial Day weekend, the 3-game weekend series against the Cubs series in June and weekend games against the Brewers (Sat, 7/18), Dodgers (Sun, 8/30) and Pirates (at, 10/3)... prices start at \$115.

THE BOSS: On 4/23/08 **Walt Jocketty** was named president of baseball operations and general manager... he replaced **GM Wayne Krivsky**... Jocketty was hired on 1/11/08 as special advisor to Reds President and Chief Executive Officer Bob Castellini... he joined the Reds after 13 years with the Cardinals... Jocketty led StL to 7 playoff apps, 6 National League Central Division titles, NL pennants in 2004 and '06 and the World Series championship over the Tigers in 2006.

THE SKIPPER...: **Dusty Baker** is in his second season as Reds field manager... in 15 seasons as a Major League manager has produced a 1,236-1,0129 record (.523)... his 1,236 career victories tie Joe Cronin for 36th on the all-time list, just 3 wins behind Bill Rigney... his teams have finished first or second 9 times and won at least 90 games in a season 5 times... has been named National League Manager of the Year 3 times by the Baseball Writers' Association of America (1993, 1997, 2000), twice by *The Sporting News* (1997, 2000) and once by The Associated Press (1993)... in 2003 finished second in the BBWAA voting.

WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS: 1919, 1940, 1975, 1976, 1990 **NATIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONS:** 1919, 1939, 1940, 1961, 1970, 1972, 1975, 1976, 1990

Pocket Schedule

Tomorrow	Stretch, 9:30am Carlos Fisher's birthday
Monday	Stretch, 9:30am
Tuesday	Stretch, 9:30am WBC final rosters announced Bronson Arroyo's birthday Hot Stove League, WLW, 6:00pm
Wednesday	Reds at Rays, 1:05pm, WLW
Thursday	Reds vs Min, 1:05pm
Friday	MLBPA meeting, 8:30am Reds vs Phi, 1:05pm
Saturday	Reds at Bos, 7:05pm, WLW
Sun, 3/1	Reds vs NYY, 1:05pm, WLW
Mon, 3/2	Reds at Pit, 1:05pm WBC teams begin workouts WLW live at Fin Daddy's, 6:00pm

40-Man Roster

New In 2009	Gone From 2008
RHP Carlos Fisher	RHP Jon Adkins
IF Juan Francisco	LHP Jeremy Affeldt
C Ramon Hernandez	C Paul Bako
RHP Sam Lecure	RHP Matt Belisle
LHP Matt Maloney	IF/OF Jolbert Cabrera
RHP Robert Manuel	RHP Josh Fogg
LHP Arthur Rhodes	IF/OF Ryan Freel
OF Willy Taveras	LHP Bobby Livingston
	RHP Gary Majewski
	LHP Kent Mercker
	OF Corey Patterson
	LHP Tyler Pelland
	*LHP Adam Pettyjohn
	IF Andy Phillips
	C Javier Valentin

* 2009 spring training invitee

2008 Team Awards

Joey Votto..... Most Valuable Player
Edinson Volquez..... Most Outstanding Pitcher
Aaron Harang..... Joe Nuxhall Good Guy Award

Tenured Reds

Aaron Harang	2003-08	6 years
David Weathers	1998, 2005-08	5 years
Edwin Encarnacion	2005-08	4 years
Bronson Arroyo	2006-08	3 years
Bill Bray	2006-08	3 years
Norris Hopper	2006-08	3 years
Brandon Phillips	2006-08	3 years

Supplemental Bios

See the Reds' staff for media guide bios for **C Humberto Cota**, **OF Jacques Jones** and **1B/OF Daryle Ward**.

40-Man Roster
Pitchers (21)
Bronson Arroyo, R
Homer Bailey, R
Bill Bray, L
Jared Burton, R
Francisco Cordero, R
Johnny Cueto, R
Carlos Fisher, R
Aaron Harang, R
Daniel Ray Herrera, L
Sam Lecure, R
Mike Lincoln, R
Matt Maloney, L
Robert Manuel, R
Nick Masset, R
Micah Owings, R
Ramon Ramirez, R
Arthur Rhodes, L
Josh Roenicke, R
Daryl Thompson, R
Edinson Volquez, R
David Weathers, R

Catchers (4)
Wilkin Castillo
Ramon Hernandez
Ryan Hanigan
Craig Tatum

Infielders (10)
Yonder Alonso
Edwin Encarnacion
Juan Francisco
Alex Gonzalez
Paul Janish
Jeff Keppinger
Brandon Phillips
Danny Richar
Adam Rosales
Joey Votto

Outfielders (5)
Jay Bruce
Chris Dickerson
Jerry Hairston Jr.
Norris Hopper
Willy Taveras

Non-Roster Invitees
Pitchers (8)
James Avery, R
Ron Flores, L
Aaron Fultz, L
Ben Jukich, L
Jeff Kennard, R
Adam Pettyjohn, L
Jordan Smith, R
Pedro Viola, L

Catchers (4)
Humberto Cota
Chris Denove
Chris Kroski
Devin Mesoraco

Infielders (6)
Wes Bankston
Kevin Barker
Luis Bolivar
Todd Frazier
Chris Valaika
Daryle Ward

Outfielders (5)
Jacque Jones
Jonny Gomes
Darnell McDonald
Laynce Nix
Drew Stubbs

...AND HIS CREW: The entire Major League coaching staff is returning for another season, including first base coach **Billy Hatcher**, third base coach **Mark Berry**, pitching coach **Dick Pole**, hitting coach **Brook Jacoby**, bench coach **Chris Speier**, bullpen coach **Juan Lopez** and bullpen catcher **Mike Stefanski**.

ADDITIONAL STAFF: Assisting the Major League coaching staff during spring training workouts at the City of Sarasota Sports Complex are instructors **Eric Davis**, **Freddie Benavides**, **Tom Brown**, **Bill Doran**, **Julio Garcia**, **Mack Jenkins**, **Pat Kelly**, **Ronnie Ortegon**, **Ted Power**, **Mario Soto**, **Rick Sweet**, **Jamie Quirk**, **David Bell** and **Darren Bragg**.

THE POWER OF TRADITION: Spring training guest instructors include **Joe Morgan**, **Lee May** (3/1-3/7), **Johnny Bench** (3/3-3/7), **Doug Flynn** (3/4-3/10), **Jack Billingham** (3/4-3/11), **Greg Vaughn** (3/17-3/24), **Cesar Geronimo** (3/18-3/25) and **Jim Maloney** (3/18-3/25).

DANDY DOMINICAN: Reds prospect **3B Juan Francisco** established a Dominican Winter League regular season record for home runs by a lefthanded batter with 12...he shattered the mark held by Rafael Batista, who hit 8 homers during the 1974-75 DWL regular season...including the playoffs, in 62 apps and 246 at bats for Gigantes del Cibao **Francisco** hit .350 with 14 doubles, 2 triples, 18hr, 55rbi and 52 runs scored.

AND THIS ONE BELONGS TO...: Hall of Fame broadcaster **Marty Brennaman**, the voice of the Reds on Radio network, has been named **Ohio Sportscaster of the Year** for the second straight year and for the 15th time overall...in July 2000 ceremonies at the **National Baseball Hall of Fame** in Cooperstown, New York, Brennaman received the **Ford C. Frick Award** for his “major contributions to the game of baseball”...he also is a member of the **National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association Hall of Fame**, the **National Radio Hall of Fame** and the **Virginia Sports Hall of Fame**...last month he was selected by the **American Sportscasters Association** as one of the Top 50 broadcasters of all time...the 2009 season will be Brennaman’s 45th as a broadcaster, his 36th in Cincinnati.

SPRING TRAINING TICKETS ON SALE: Tickets for Reds 2009 spring training games at Ed Smith Stadium in Sarasota are on sale at the complex box office, on-line at reds.com and by phone at (877) 647-7337...fans also can order **season tickets** via reds.com or by calling (941) 954-4464...ticket prices are \$16 for box seats, \$14 for reserved seats and \$9 for general admission...there is an additional \$2 charge per ticket for each of 6 Premium games...the Reds’ 36-game spring training schedule opens on **Wed, 2/25** and features 16 games at Ed Smith Stadium, including a March 4 contest against the **Netherlands’** World Baseball Classic entry.

GOING GREEN AT THE ED: Fans can park for half price at Ed Smith Stadium lots for Reds spring training games if their vehicles have at least 4 people...regular parking is \$10 per vehicle but just \$5 if at least 4 fans car pool.

NUXHALL EXHIBIT: Fans have just a couple more weeks to see the *The Ol’ Lefthander: A Tribute to Joe Nuxhall* exhibit at the Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame and Museum...the popular exhibit that documents Joe’s remarkable career will close at the end of February...a new exhibit featuring the sights and sounds of **Crosley Field** will open later in March...tickets to the Reds Hall of Fame and Museum are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and students...kids under 5 years old, active military members and military veterans are admitted free.

HOT STOVE LEAGUE: The **Hot Stove League** show can be heard at 6:00 p.m. every Tuesday on **700 WLW Radio**, via the internet at reds.com/hotstove and on the **Reds On Radio Network**.

THE BIG ONE: From **March 2-6**, Reds on Radio rightsholder **700 WLW** will broadcast its nightly **SportsTalk** show live from **Fin Daddy’s** on Beneva Road in Sarasota...host **Paul Daugherty** and Executive Vice President of Player Procurement **Bill Dennison** can be heard **March 2** from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. ET, **March 3** from 6:00 to 7:00, **March 4** from 6:00 to 8:00, **March 5** from 6:00 to 8:30 and **March 6** from 6:00 to 9:00.

REDS ON TV: Reds television rightsholder **FOX Sports Ohio** will broadcast 3 spring training games, including **3/19 vs Red Sox** at Sarasota (7:05 p.m. ET), **3/20 vs Astros** at Kissimmee (live at 1:05, replayed at 7:00) and **3/21 vs Pirates** at Sarasota (1:05)...**Reds Season Preview ‘09**, hosted by **George Grande** and **Jeff Piccoro**, will air on **3/31** at 10:00 p.m. and will be replayed on **4/1** (6:30), **4/2** (7:00), **4/4** (7:00) and **4/5** (8:00)...the Emmy-Award winning *Reds Live* pre-game show returns in 2009 with popular hosts **Piccoro** and **Jim Day**...the pre-game show will air half an hour prior to each of FOX Sports Ohio’s regular-season telecasts.

MLB NETWORK 2009 PREVIEW: The Reds’ segment of **MLB Network’s 30 Clubs In 30 Days** series is scheduled for **Fri, 3/6** at 8:00 p.m. ET.

2008 SPRING TRAINING: Last spring the Reds finished 17-15 (.531)...won their last 3 spring games and 5 of their last 6 exhibition contests...posted a winning record for the fifth consecutive spring (18-16 in 2004, 17-15 in 2005, 22-11 in 2006, 18-12 in 2007)...went 10-6-1 at Sarasota’s Ed Smith Stadium and 7-9 on the road...average attendance at 7,500-seat Ed Smith Stadium in Sarasota was **5,323**, including 2 sellouts (3/17 vs Det, 3/24 vs Tor)...the Ed Smith Stadium attendance total of **90,489** (17 dates) was the highest since the Reds moved to Sarasota in 1998...the Reds began spring training camp with 62 players, then signed to a 1-year contract **RHP Josh Fogg** (2/21) and to minor league contracts **OF Corey Patterson** (3/4) and **Jerry Hairston Jr.** (3/3)...Giants Rule 5 draftee **LHP Jose Capellan** joined camp on 3/13, the day after he was claimed off waivers from San Francisco, but on 3/28 he was returned to the Red Sox...**SS Alex Gonzalez** missed all spring with a compression fracture in his left knee and wouldn’t play for the Reds in 2008...**C David Ross** was bothered all spring by low back spasms and didn’t play in his first “A” game until 3/26...**RHP Matt Belisle** didn’t pitch in an “A” game after 3/14 because of a sore right forearm...all 3 players began the 2008 season on the disabled list...**RHP Mike Lincoln** led the staff in apps (10)...**RHP Aaron Harang** led the staff in spring training innings pitched (22.0)...**RHP Edinson Volquez** led the club in strikeouts (26k in 20ip)...**Jolbert Cabrera** led the team in doubles (8)...**Adam Dunn** led the club in HR (4)...**Scott Hatteberg** tied for the team lead in total bases (30)...**Jeff Keppinger** led the team in hits (24)...**Brandon Phillips** led the team in RBI (17) and total bases (30, tied).

Reds’ Spring Training Records				
Year	Rec	G	ERA	BA
2008	17-15-1	33	5.49	.283
2007	18-12	31	3.96	.279
2006	22-11	33	4.61	.279
2005	17-15	32	5.01	.264
2004	18-16-1	35	4.16	.258
2003	13-18-2	33	4.57	.262
2002	9-22-1	32	4.74	.239
2001	14-14-1	29	4.48	.267
2000	16-17	33	4.94	.285
1999	15-16	31	4.52	.288
1998	13-18	31	3.88	.250
1997	17-15	32	4.39	.301
1996	11-18	30	4.83	.242
1995	7-5	12	5.55	.305
1994	12-19-1	31	5.26	.283
1993	18-9-2	29	4.28	.290
1992	22-9-1	32	3.12	.283
1991	13-17-1	31	4.83	.271
1990	9-7	16	4.63	.281
1989	16-14-2	32	3.49	.275
1988	16-12-2	30	3.65	.262
1987	16-19-1	26	4.59	.289
1986	16-13	29	4.97	.295
1985	14-12	26	4.15	.267
1984	11-14	25	3.62	.241
1983	9-14-1	24	3.98	.261
1982	14-12	26	3.22	.256
1981	12-13	25	4.44	.282
1980	9-13	22	4.12	.273
1979	10-14	24	3.61	.255
1978	14-11	25	4.32	.275
1977	11-15	26	4.77	.272
1976	7-7	14	3.90	.274
1975	18-11	29	3.85	.305
1974	NA			
1973	17-9	26	3.14	.266
1972	9-11-1	21	2.70	.240
1971	15-15	30	4.44	.283
1970	14-13-1	28	4.95	.269