

DURHAM BULLS

2015 MEDIA GUIDE

DURHAM BULLS ATHLETIC PARK





DURHAM BULLS MEDIA INFORMATION

GENERAL CONTACTS

Accredited news media may obtain press credentials by calling, faxing or emailing requests to the Durham Bulls Media Relations Department. Requests must be made no later than 24 hours prior to first pitch. Press credentials can be picked up at the Bulls front office three hours before game time. All requests are subject to approval by the Bulls Media Relations Department.

CLUB HOUSES

The Bulls clubhouses are open to accredited media until one hour prior to game time. There will be no media admittance during rain delays or between games of a doubleheader. Within 15 minutes following the final out of the game, the Bulls clubhouse will reopen for media. The Bulls training room, lounge and coaches office are off limits to media at all times. The Visitors clubhouse is governed by the visiting team.

FIELD & DUGOUTS

The playing field and dugouts must be clear of all media representatives 30 minutes prior to the game and remain so until after the game. Field photo passes may be requested through the Media Relations Department and are subject to approval and revocation.

PRESS BOX

The press box is open to accredited members of the media on assignment only. Proper etiquette must be maintained at all times. Children are not permitted in the press box.

Game notes and statistics are available in the press box approximately two hours prior to game time. Anyone needing the information earlier or needing additional information should contact the Media Relations Department.

NO AUTOGRAPHS

Autograph seeking by media is prohibited at Durham Bulls Athletic Park.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information regarding policies or questions about interviews, photo requests, statistical information, credential requests, news releases, etc., contact the Durham Bulls Media Relations Department at (919) 687-6528.

BATTING PRACTICE SCHEDULE AT THE DBAP

7:05 PM GAME

Bulls B.P.....	4:15-5:15
Visitors B.P.....	5:15-6:00
Bulls Infield.....	6:05-6:15
Visitors Infield.....	6:15-6:25

6:05 PM GAME

Bulls B.P.....	3:15-4:15
Visitors B.P.....	4:15-5:00
Bulls Infield.....	5:05-5:15
Visitors Infield.....	5:15-5:25

1:05 PM GAME

Bulls B.P.....	10:15-11:15
Visitors B.P.....	11:15-12:00
Bulls Infield.....	12:05-12:15
Visitors Infield.....	12:15-12:25

6:35 PM GAME

Bulls B.P.....	3:45-4:45
Visitors BP.....	4:45-5:30
Bulls Infield.....	5:35-5:45
Visitors Infield.....	5:45-5:55

5:05 PM GAME

Bulls B.P.....	2:15-3:15
Visitors B.P.....	3:15-4:00
Bulls Infield.....	4:05-4:15
Visitors Infield.....	4:15-4:25

11:05 AM GAME

Bulls B.P.....	8:15-9:15
Visitors B.P.....	9:15-10:00
Bulls Infield.....	10:05-10:15
Visitors Infield.....	10:15-10:25



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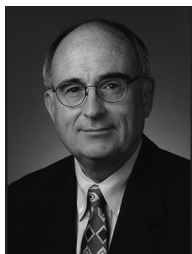
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JIM GOODMAN

PRESIDENT/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER CAPITOL BROADCASTING COMPANY

Jim Goodman is President of Capitol Broadcasting Company, Inc., the parent company of the Durham Bulls. A Triangle institution, CBC owns five television stations, ten radio stations, one minor league baseball team, a satellite data provider and several real estate ventures.

Since purchasing the Bulls in 1991, Goodman has overseen the team's relocation to the Durham Bulls Athletic Park in 1995, the ballclub's jump to Triple-A in 1998 and the renovations done to the DBAP prior to the 2014 season. In addition, he has seen Durham's first professional baseball championships in 33 years when the Bulls won back-to-back Governors' Cup Titles in 2002 and 2003, and then again in 2009 and 2013. The Bulls also won a Triple-A National Championship in 2009.

Today more than 60 Durham Bulls and USA Baseball games are broadcast digitally on RTN (Time Warner Cable Channel 151). Goodman is also a key figure in the redevelopment of the American Tobacco District,

including the construction of the Diamond View Buildings located in the outfield of the Durham Bulls Athletic Park, the historic restoration of the American Tobacco Complex, located across from the ballpark on Blackwell Street.

A well-respected member of the business and social community in the Triangle, Goodman has received numerous awards and recognitions in his career, including the Raleigh News and Observer's 2003 Tar Heel of the Year due to his involvement and influence in two arenas: The redevelopment of Durham's American Tobacco complex and the national debate about how many television and radio stations a single media company should be allowed to own.

In addition to his duties at Capitol Broadcasting Company, Goodman serves on the board of directors of such companies as A.J. Fletcher Foundation, The Fletcher Academy, RBC Bank and Duke University Health System.

Goodmon lives in Raleigh with his wife, Barbara. They have three children; Elizabeth, James (Jimmy) and Michael, alongside three grandchildren; Michael, Claire and Michael, Jr.



GEORGE HABEL

VICE PRESIDENT/SPORTS GROUP CAPITOL BROADCASTING COMPANY

George Habel is responsible for Capitol Broadcasting's sports marketing enterprises - the Durham Bulls and Capitol's three sports radio stations. The company's Sports Group has significant experience with sponsorship development/activation, broadcast/on-line media and stadium/event management. Habel is based at Durham Bulls Athletic Park.

A Richmond, Virginia native, Habel has been in sports marketing with CBC since 1983. His career began 10 years earlier as a radio announcer and award-winning news reporter. He is a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University and for three decades Habel has worked with numerous teams in Capitol's

sports portfolio, including Atlantic Coast Conference universities, the NFL and the Carolina Hurricanes, as well as NASCAR.

Habel was Durham's chair of the Triangle United Way 2011 Campaign and currently serves on the United Way Durham cabinet. He is a board member at N.C. Amateur Sports, the Carolina Hurricanes' Kids 'N Community Foundation and the Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce. Habel volunteers with Durham Meals-on-Wheels and the Duke-Durham Neighborhood Partnership and he is a member of Church of the Good Shepherd.

Habel lives in Raleigh with his wife, Cindy. They have three adult children; Melissa, Lauren and Matt.



MIKE BIRLING

GENERAL MANAGER

Mike Birling is in his 15th season as General Manager of the Bulls and 18th year with Capitol Broadcasting Company after serving three seasons as Assistant General Manager of the Bulls beginning in 1998. In the last three seasons under Birling's guidance, Durham earned the 2014 John H. Johnson President's Award, Minor League Baseball's highest honor, has hosted the 2012 Triple-A National Championship and the 2014 Triple-A All-Star Game, while being selected to host the ACC Baseball Tournament from 2015-2018. Before joining the Bulls, Birling worked for the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers (Single-A) of the Midwest League from 1994-1998, the last three seasons as General Manager. He was named Midwest League Executive of the Year in 1998 and International League Executive of the Year in 2003. He is married to Amy and has two children, Ty (15) and Alec (13).



SCOTT CARTER

DIRECTOR OF MARKETING

Scott Carter enters his fourth season with the Bulls, bringing with him over a decade of sports marketing, communications and game entertainment experience. During his tenure in Durham, the Bulls have successfully hosted the Triple-A National Championship Game (2012) and Triple-A All-Star Game (2014), while also setting a single-season paid attendance record and earning the John H. Johnson President's Award as Minor League Baseball's most complete franchise. The team's game entertainment has also been honored, as the Bulls took home GameOps.com's "Best Team Operations" award in 2014. A Los Angeles-area native, Carter held management positions with the Fresno Grizzlies (PCL), Anaheim Ducks (NHL) and Rancho Cucamonga Quakes (CAL) to begin his career. The University of California, Santa Barbara alum currently resides in Raleigh with his wife Kianey and son Davis (1).



KRISTA BOYD

DIRECTOR OF PROMOTIONS

Krista Boyd enters her fourth season with the Bulls. The Texas native joined the Bulls after four seasons with the Fresno Grizzlies, Triple-A affiliate of the San Francisco Giants, as their Director of Entertainment & Publications. Boyd began her career in the marketing department at Roger Dean Stadium where she worked Spring Training for the St. Louis Cardinals and Miami Marlins, along with their affiliates in the Florida State League.



PATRICK KINAS

RADIO ANNOUNCER

Patrick Kinas moved to Raleigh in 1999 from Chicago to become the voice of the Carolina Mudcats, and was twice named Southern League Broadcaster of the Year, including in 2011. Kinas just concluded his 14th season as broadcaster for the NC State Wolfpack women's basketball team via Learfield Sports, while continuing to be NC State men's basketball fill-in. A native of Pontiac, IL, Kinas earned his undergraduate degree from Millikin University, and master's from Northwestern University in Evanston, IL. 2015 will mark Patrick's fourth season with the Bulls.



MATT SUTOR

MEDIA RELATIONS COORDINATOR

Matt Sutor enters his second season with the Bulls and third consecutive season in the International League after serving as the Media Relations Assistant for the Lehigh Valley IronPigs in 2013, the Triple-A affiliate of the Philadelphia Phillies. Prior to his time in Pennsylvania, the western New Jersey native made stops in the Australian Baseball League, Coastal Plain League and Can-Am League in broadcasting and media relations roles. He graduated from Marist College with a degree in Sports Communication and Journalism.

RADIO

All home games throughout the course of the 2015 season can be heard on the flagship station for Bulls baseball - Buzz Sports Radio. All 144 games will be aired live on 96.5 FM in Durham and 99.3 FM in Raleigh, starting with a 15-minute pre-game show leading to the first pitch.

TV

Over 50 home games throughout the season will be hosted on the home of the Durham Bulls, Me-TV 50.2, which is available free over-the-air on WRAZ Channel 50.2, Channel 50.2 and in high-definition on Time Warner Cable Sports Channel 323. For more information and a schedule of broadcasts please visit durhambulls.com.

EXPLORER POST 50



Explorer Post 50 is a youth based television broadcasting program that provides students, ages 14-20, with an invaluable opportunity to gain exceptional experience in the field of television broadcasting.

All Explorer Post 50 members have the opportunity to learn: Camera Operation, Directing, Producing, Audio Board Operation, Video Tape/Instant Replay Operation, Camera Control Unit Operation, Graphic Computer Operation

The Explorer Post is designed to make every opportunity a learning opportunity. While we take great pride in teaching the skills needed to produce a television broadcast, we believe our greatest responsibility is to mold our young people into well-adjusted, productive and responsible individuals.

Explorer Post 5 and Explorer Post 50 are members of the Learning for Life program, a subsidiary of the Boy Scouts of America, and are associated with the Oconeechee Council of Boy Scouts here in Raleigh. Youth between the ages of 14-20 are eligible to participate in Post 5 to learn about broadcasting.

Explorer Post 5 was chartered in 1969 by Jim Goodmon, President and CEO of CBC, and

then WRAL-TV engineer Powell Kidd. Post 5 is the oldest continuous post in the country. Hundreds of youngsters have been introduced to broadcasting through the post and a number of current outstanding employees got their start in the post. ...and many, many more who are working throughout the country.

The students of Explorer 50 have been producing a closed-circuit broadcast for Bulls' home games since 1999. In the 2001 season, the Bulls and FOX 50 expanded the program to broadcast 32 home games on WRAZ-DT, FOX 50's digital channel. Explorer Post 50 were nominated for a Student Production Emmy by the Midsouth Region for their work in producing Bulls games that inaugural year.

EXPLORER POST 50 HISTORY

Capitol Broadcasting Company CEO Jim Goodmon created Explorer Post 50 in the fall of 1998 to provide area youth with a positive and productive way to spend their summer. The following spring, Bulls fans were able to enjoy live game action on television sets throughout the ballpark and inside the skyboxes.

- Beginning in 2001, the Durham Bulls could be seen more than thirty times per year on WRAZ-DT, Time Warner digital cable channel 251.

- On November 16th, 2001 it was announced that Explorer Post 50 was nominated for an Emmy in the Student Production Category for the Mid-South region. A select group of Post 50 members were chosen to attend the banquet and awards ceremony on February 2nd, 2002 at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee.

- On May 2nd, 2002 WRAL-TV hosted the Oconeechee Council of the Boy Scouts of America -Learning for Life Recognition Banquet where Post 50 was named Explorer/Learning for Life Post of the Year.

- On September 6th, 2002, the very first out of market broadcast of a Bulls game was seen in Toledo, Ohio, when the Toledo Mud Hens came to Durham to play game three of a five-game playoff series against the Bulls.

- In 2005 Post 50 made it possible for more fans to get in on the action by airing the games on the web at MiLB.com.

- On September 10th, 2007, FOX 50 launched RTN, the Retro Television Network on their digital cable channel, WRAZ-DT 251, and became the official home of the Durham Bulls.

BULLS ON THE ROAD

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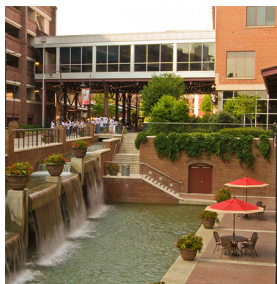
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AMERICAN TOBACCO CAMPUS

WHERE CHAMPIONS PLAY AND WORK



From Broadway to baseball, from culture to the comforts of home, from amazing places to work to tantalizing places to eat -- American Tobacco is fast becoming the region's premiere destination.

American Tobacco's many offerings come to life amid historic brick factory buildings located in Downtown Durham, just off the city's main expressway with easy access to RDU International Airport. The unique architectural details of this 19th century industrial complex include our iconic water tower, the smokestack and eye-catching structural elements such as overhead conveyors and walkways. A first-class amphitheater-style courtyard bordered by the "Ol' Bull River" hosts many popular events such as Back Porch Music on the Lawn, Fox 50 Family Fest, Great American Tobacco Duck Race and more. The campus also hosts the Triangle Christmas Tree Challenge each year on the Diamond View lawn. Amenities abound, including: a YMCA fitness center, wireless internet, even the American Tobacco Trail for bikes and joggers.

Perhaps most striking of all are our famous and busy neighbors -- the Durham Bulls Athletic Park and the Durham Performing Arts Center. Fans of both pour in before and after events to enjoy our restaurants. Each offers a distinct dining experience:

- Mellow Mushroom (Pizza)
- Tyler's Restaurant & Taproom (American)
- Saladelia (upscale Grab-n-Go)
- Cuban Revolution Restaurant & Bar (Caribbean)
- Tobacco Road Sports Cafe (American)

With the excitement of a National Championship baseball team, world-class concerts and shows, and plenty of dining options, American Tobacco is always a destination for fun-seekers.

But American Tobacco is also a premiere destination for business. Our Class A office space -- all one million square feet -- is home to prestigious tenants such as Burt's Bees, Bronto Software, Wireless Generation, Appia, Digitalsmiths, Duke University, Smith Breeden, the Triangle Community Foundation, The Art Institute of Raleigh-Durham, advertising agency McKinney, WUNC-FM, venture capital firms and many others.

In 2010, we launched the American Underground, an additional 26,000 square feet of space designed to help start-up entrepreneurs create the next world changing innovations. The Underground is home to three incubator programs: Joystick Labs, Groundwork Labs and Triangle Startup Factory, the most highly funded program in the southeast.

All of our tenants are here for the sense of community and feeling of vitality American Tobacco provides. Tenant employees regularly tell us, "It sounds corny, but I'm excited about coming to work here every day."

For events that transcend the day-to-day, American Tobacco offers the area's most elegant event space -- Bay 7. Able to host 400 people, Bay 7 is one-of-a-kind, featuring exposed brick walls, hardwood floors, steel girders, a balcony and an indoor water fall. From meetings to weddings, the urban chic of Bay 7 makes any occasion unforgettable.

Superior location, unique architecture, convenient amenities, restaurants and thriving tenants make American Tobacco one of the country's most exciting mixed-use destinations. To find out more, please visit www.americanbaccocampus.com, or call Valerie Ward, Events and Public Relations Manager at (919) 433-1570.

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Housed at Durham Bulls Athletic Park, USA Baseball features a professional team, Collegiate National Team, 18U National Team, 15U National Team, 12U National Team and a Women's National Team, while also fielding 17U and 14U National Team Development programs.

Players who recently competed at DBAP while playing for the USA Baseball Collegiate National Team include 2008 Olympians: Stephen Strasburg, Brett Anderson, Trevor Cahill, Matt LaPorta, Dexter Fowler and Jake Arrieta; Top overall selections in the '06, '07, '09, and '11 MLB First-Year Player Drafts include: Luke Hochevar, David Price, Strasburg, and Gerrit Cole; 2006 and 2008 Baseball America Minor League Players of the Year Alex Gordon and Matt Wieters; Washington Nationals third baseman Ryan Zimmerman; Colorado Rockies shortstop Troy Tulowitzki; Boston Red Sox second baseman Dustin Pedroia; Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim pitcher Jered Weaver; Detroit Tigers pitcher and 2011 American League Cy Young award winner Justin Verlander; and top young Major Leaguers such as: Pedro Alvarez, Trevor Bauer, Danny Espinosa, Mike Leake, Brian Matusz, Drew Pomeranz, Justin Smoak, and Brett Wallace.

Other notable USA Baseball alums with North Carolina ties include Chris Archer (Clayton HS), Scott Bankhead (UNC), Daniel Bard (UNC), Andrew Brackman (N.C. State), Jason Childers (Durham Bulls), Carl Crawford (Durham Bulls), Jeremy Cummings (Durham Bulls), Joey Devine (N.C. State), Tim Federowicz (Apex High School, UNC), Tyrell Godwin (UNC), Evan Longoria (Durham Bulls), Landon Powell (Apex HS), Brian Roberts (UNC), Justin Ruggiano (Durham Bulls), Marcus Stroman (Duke), B.J. Surhoff (UNC) and Jon Weber (Durham Bulls). Additional USA Baseball alumni include Major League Baseball All-Stars such as Todd Helton, Matt Holliday, Ryan

Howard, Derek Jeter, Joe Mauer, Roy Oswalt, Joe Nathan, Jake Peavy, Ben Sheets, Jimmy Rollins and Chase Utley. Among the up-and-coming stars to don the red, white and blue are Bryce Harper, Eric Hosmer, Brett Jackson, Manny Machado, Mike Montgomery, Mike Moustakas, Jameson Taillon, and Mike Trout.

Headquartered at the Durham Bulls Athletic Park, USA Baseball is the National Governing Body for amateur baseball and represents the sport in America as a member of the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) and the International Baseball Federation (IBAF). USA Baseball is the sole organization responsible for selecting, training and supporting the USA Baseball Professional Teams (World Baseball Classic Team, World Cup Team, Pan American Team); the USA Baseball Collegiate, 18U, 15U and Women's National Teams; and the 14U and 17U National Team Development Programs. Additionally, since 1978, USA Baseball has honored the top amateur baseball player in the country with the Golden Spikes Award. The award is presented each year to the player who exhibits exceptional athletic ability and exemplary sportsmanship.

The organization's fingerprint in the Triangle also extends to Cary, where the USA Baseball National Training Complex (NTC) is located. One of the country's premiere baseball facilities, the NTC has held past and present USA Baseball events like the Road to Beijing pre-Olympic series and the Tournament of Stars presented by Major League Baseball (18U). And, in 2008, it was the home stadium for the UNC-Chapel Hill Tar Heels baseball team, which finished the regular season with a No. 1 national ranking.

For ticket information on USA Baseball's games in Durham this summer, please visit the Durham Bulls website or call 919-956-BULL (2855).