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Local Ballplayer Chosen to Represent the USA!

Washington High School freshman, **Bobby Smith**, has joined an elite fraternity of college-bound athletes from around the country. Smith was recently chosen to represent the USA and Toledo (OH) as a member of **Coast to Coast Baseball in Puerto Rico** this summer. During the seven-day program, Smith will compete against top amateur teams from greater San Juan while receiving instruction from Coast to Coast staff who have all played or coached the game at the collegiate or professional level. The same staff will provide college recruiting information to both players and parents in seminar format during the trip.

Each summer and fall Coast to Coast sees approximately 2000 players at a series of nationwide tryouts. Additionally, the organization evaluates hundreds of applications from players unable to attend a tryout event. From this pool approximately 250 roster spots - comprising 15-18 teams - are filled with players seeking to play at one of the game's highest levels. Based in Marietta (OH), the 8-year old program has taken over 1600 players from 46 different states to compete in **Germany, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Australia and Puerto Rico**. The organization's alumni now compete at every level of college baseball and event professionally.

Smith showcased his skills for the Coast to Coast coaches at a recent tryout held at **Marietta College**. At tryouts, players are evaluated in four areas: hitting, fielding, arm strength and speed. Players selected from the tryouts then have a chance to choose the Puerto Rico program or the **Florida Camp & Showcase** event held twice annually in Jupiter (FL) at the Roger Dean MLB spring-training complex.

In addition to his love for baseball, Smith is a member of the National Honors Society at Washington HS and the church youth group at Bluffton Baptist Church. He hopes to attend either Ohio State University or Kent State where he would like to play baseball and major in Chemistry.

In order to maintain his amateur status, Smith will be seeking to raise his share of the team's cost. Persons interested in making a donation can contact the Smith family at (xxx) xxx-xxxx or Coast to Coast Baseball directly. To make a tax-deductible donation, please contact My Sports Dreams (800-376-5988).