



ECTB Partners with premier NJ / PA franchises to form East Coast Collegiate Baseball League

*8-team league will include 8 of last 9 ACBL Wolff Division Champions;
Quakertown and Allentown franchises return to summer action*

Allentown, PA – September 5, 2023 – ECTB Holdings announced today along with several top area summer collegiate franchises, the formation of the East Coast Collegiate Baseball League, set to begin play with eight teams in June 2024.

The league will mark the return of the storied Quakertown Blazers franchise to summer action. One of the area's most storied summer collegiate teams will return after sitting out 2023 due to stadium reconstruction. The Blazers will be run by President/GM Chris Ray, who managed the team to the 2018 Atlantic Collegiate Baseball League title. They'll be joined by the Allentown Railers, which formed in 2012 and instantly became a powerhouse, winning four ACBL titles in five seasons from 2015-2019. The rivals will be joined in the ECCBL Northern Division by teams from the Poconos and Scranton, PA.

A pair of Trenton-area squads that have made an impact on the summer ball circuit will highlight the Southern Division squads. The Trenton Generals and South Jersey Kings played for the ACBL Wolff Division title a year ago at Ewing's Moody Park. They'll be joined by the Shore-based Jersey Wildcats and a squad from Lower Bucks County.

College student-athletes may play in the ECCBL, with no team having more than four current players from the same collegiate institution, per NCAA rules. Players must have completed the spring college semester or been a full-time high school student immediately preceding the ECCBL season and must have remaining college eligibility.

"I've had the benefit of meeting and getting to know some incredible coaches and managers," said Dominic Albanese, the Director of Baseball of ECTB Holdings, who will serve as League President for the inaugural year. "When we saw an opportunity to partner with some of these guys, I immediately knew that it would be a great opportunity to put together a high-quality collegiate league that will focus on the development and integrity that the game of baseball and our players deserve."

"I've always felt a league is only as strong as its weakest franchise, and that's one of the things that has me excited about this," said Dylan Dando, who guided the Allentown Railers to four

ACBL championships in five years, winning from 2015-2017 and again in 2019. "It is important to do this with the right franchises and the right people, and that's what we have here."

"To provide so many players the opportunity to develop against top-notch competition while staying local during the summer remains our most important goal," said Mike Olshin, general manager of the Trenton Generals, which captured the ACBL crown in 2021 and the Wolff Division title in 2023. Olshin also serves as GM of the South Jersey Kings, which won the 2023 Wolff Division regular season title. "To do so while renewing respectful rivalries against Allentown and Quakertown makes this move a no brainer for the Gens and Kings."

About ECTB Holdings, LLC

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