

Deyten Klein selected for Omaha National World Series in June

Written by Chris Lee

HHS junior Deyten Klein recently found out he has been selected for the Omaha National World Series scheduled to be held next month in Omaha, Neb.

Klein, along with three other Holyoke Dragon baseball players, were nominated for an Under Armour tryout by HHS coach Kyle Bules. It was held Sunday, May 6 at the Coca Cola All Star Park in Lakewood.

“It was pretty much like a mini Coors Field,” Klein said of the park where he tried out. “It was pretty awesome.”

Klein said the tryout included fielding, sprints, as well as pitching. He said he was a little nervous after seeing some 5A pitchers throwing over 90 mph. Klein was being evaluated as a pitcher, but has been told he will also get some playing time at third base.

Klein was evaluated on his speed and his different pitches. “I felt pretty good because I was throwing strikes,” he noted.

Two days after the tryout, Klein received notification he had been chosen. He admits it took some time for the feeling to settle, but he is pretty excited to have been given the chance.

“I’m pretty pumped,” Klein said.

Baseball is a game the young junior has always enjoyed. He is really interested in playing at the college level and this opportunity could help open doors to make that dream a reality.

He said he enjoys playing a game where he can prosper and just have fun with his friends.

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The opportunity not only provides a week of baseball, it also is Klein's official enrollment in the Baseball Factory Program which is promotion and guidance to college baseball programs. He will remain in the program until he graduates from high school next year.



Deyten Klein recently participated in an Under Armour baseball tryout in Lakewood and two days later found out he had been selected for the Omaha National World Series later this summer. —Enterprise file photo

Klein will spend June 22-27 in Iowa training with the other ball players before taking part in a tournament. Training will be held at Iowa Western Community College in Council Bluffs, Iowa. The college is considered one of the top junior college programs in the nation and is approximately 10 minutes from Omaha.

Another interesting piece is the Omaha National World Series is held during the two-week College World Series that calls Omaha home. Baseball Factory Players are given the opportunity to attend one College World Series game.

Klein will work with Baseball Factory Program's experienced staff which includes professional scouts, former professional players and former college coaches. These coaches will work one-on-one with every player to make adjustments that will lead to success in future games.

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From now until June 22, Klein will be busy keeping in shape. He said he is working with a couple of his Dragon teammates to keep his arm in shape and ready for the occasion. He also said there will be some weight training but not much as the Factory Program doesn't want him to bulk up.

Also trying out in Lakewood a few weeks ago were Dragon teammates Jesus Hermosillo, Trevor Dalton and Logan Tharp.

With the experience only five weeks away, Klein has been busy planning for his trip by fund raising. He has sent out letters asking people to donate what they can. There are six donation categories: base hit, double, triple, home run, grand slam and other.

Donations may be dropped off at Hometown Liquor in Holyoke. There is also an account set up at Holyoke Community Federal Credit Union.

A silent auction for a two-day, two-person duck, pheasant and goose hunt in Crook is also taking place. To make a bid, contact Jerry Haynes at 970-474-3408, 520-4788 or Brady Haynes at 520-9315.

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