

MAIN EVENT

Little League World Series

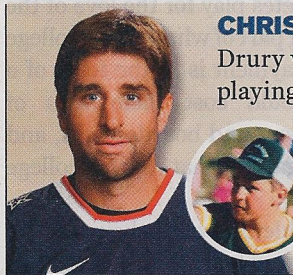
August 18-28 (ABC, ESPN, ESPN2)

A future generation of baseball stars will be on display at the 65th Little League World Series. After more than 45,000 games among 7,000 teams throughout the summer, the field has been narrowed down to 16 squads that will make the trip to the tournament in South Williamsport, Pennsylvania. The Little League World Series (LLWS) has been a launching pad for a number of professional athletes, such as these three stars:



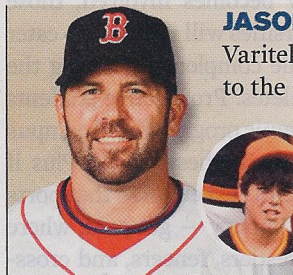
**COLBY RASMUS,**  
St. Louis Cardinals centerfielder

Rasmus was the starting pitcher for Phenix City (Alabama) when it won the U.S. championship in 1999. Because pitchers are not allowed to throw in consecutive games at the LLWS, Rasmus played first base in the final game, a 5-0 loss to Osaka, Japan.



**CHRIS DRURY,** New York Rangers center

Drury wasn't always just a star on the ice. He grew up playing both hockey and baseball. In the 1989 Little League World Series championship game, he pitched a complete game and drove in two runs to lead his team, from Trumbull, Connecticut, to a 5-2 victory over a squad from Kaohsiung, Taiwan.



**JASON VARITEK,** Boston Red Sox catcher

Varitek led his team, from Altamonte Springs, Florida, to the 1984 Little League World Series final. (Altamonte Springs fell to Seoul, South Korea, 6-2 in that game.) The catcher is one of only two players to play in the Little League World Series, the College World Series, and the major league World Series. — Eric Levenson

WHAT TO WATCH

U.S. Open of Surfing

July 30-August 7 (usopenofsurfing.com)

The world's top surfers will conquer the waves at Huntington Beach, California, in one of the biggest events of the season.



PGA Championship

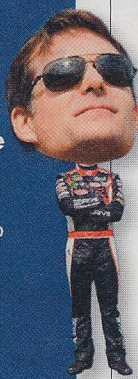
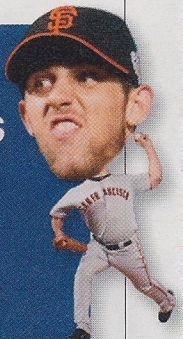
August 11-14 (TNT, CBS)

Martin Kaymer (below) looks to defend his title in the final major of the year, held at the Atlanta Athletic Club.



August Birthdays

- 1 ▶ Pitcher **Madison Bumgarner** of the San Francisco Giants is 22.
- 2 Notre Dame women's basketball guard **Skylar Diggins** turns 21.
- 3 Olympic gold medalist swimmer **Ryan Lochte** is 27.
- 4 ▶ NASCAR Sprint Cup driver **Jeff Gordon** celebrates his 40th birthday.
- 5 U.S. track and field star **Lolo Jones** is 29.
- 7 Center **Sidney Crosby** of the Pittsburgh Penguins turns 24.
- 9 ▶ Los Angeles Lakers guard **Derek Fisher** celebrates his 37th birthday.
- 14 Quarterback **Tim Tebow** of the Denver Broncos turns 24.
- 17 Boston Red Sox shortstop **Dustin Pedroia** is 28.
- 27 ▶ Running back **Darren McFadden** of the Oakland Raiders turns 24.
- 30 Philadelphia Phillies pitcher **Cliff Lee** celebrates his 33rd birthday.
- 31 ▶ Center **Ryan Kesler** of the Vancouver Canucks is 27.



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