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News Release

USA, Cairns, Darwin and Townsville playing in the Great Barrier Reef baseball tournament. 25th, 26th and 27th of July

A group of College baseball players from the USA will arrive in Cairns on the 23rd of July to play in the Cairns Baseball Leagues annual Great Barrier Reef Tournament. Teams from Darwin and Townsville and a new look Daikin Cairns Cyclones representative team will be playing for the GBR tournament shield. The GBR tournament has been running for over 25 years with teams from the USA visiting regularly to attend.

A new look Daikin Cairns Cyclones team made up of 16 of Cairns top players has been selected from over 30 hopefuls and includes a lot of very strong young talent mixed with some older heads. The Cyclones consist of current and ex state and Australian representative players, USA college players as well as a new addition to the Cairns Baseball League, Landis Wilson who is playing in Cairns from North Carolina while he waits for the ABL (Australian Baseball League) season to start in the hope of getting picked up by one of the teams. The Daikin Cyclones will be wearing new uniforms and are planning in to compete in state and national competitions in the future.

The USA team is coming to Australia under the USA Athletes International banner and will be in Cairns for 5 days to play the tournament and experience the Great Barrier Reef and Tropical North Queensland. They are a combined college team from NCAA Division 1, 2 and 3 NCAA colleges. They are part of an ambassador program which encourages the athletes to learn about Australian culture and experience playing baseball abroad. There are 12 players aged between 19 and 21 and the team is coached by Dwight Kotila and Tim Huber, both highly successful college coaches in the USA.

Darwin will be sending a team for the first time in the tournaments history and Townsville will also be playing for the shield again. Townsville have been joining the competition for many years and Darwin are very excited to be a part of it and hope to bring a team every year.

The feature games will be the USA team versus the Daikin Cairns Cyclones on Saturday night the 26th of July at 7pm and the grand final playoff game on Sunday at 1pm. Please see the full draw below along with the full Daikin Cairns Cyclones team list.

Facebook event details can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/events/657599051000461/>

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Cairns Cyclones:

Tom Wall, Tim Sexton, Jayme Wellington, Landis Wilson, Cameron Davis, Shiji Daibo, Adrian Nelson, Sam Thompson, Scot Peace, Phil Warring, Michael Thompson, John Tolentini, Nick Paine, Even Lansell, Kieran Woodleigh, Jack Marshall.

Coach: Kerry Ahlberg. Manager: Leon (Moose) Nelson.

The Great Barrier Reef Tournament game schedule is as follows

Friday - 25 July

5.00pm USAAI v Darwin Rebels
8.00pm Cairns Cyclones v Townsville Stealers

Saturday – 26 July

10.00am Darwin Rebels v Cairns Cyclones
1.00pm Darwin Rebels v Townsville Stealers
4.00pm Townsville Stealers v USAAI
7.00pm Cairns Cyclones v USAAI

Sunday – 27 July

10.00am Playoff 3 v 4
1.00pm Final 1 v 2
3.30pm Presentation and Tournament Close

Lead up media photo and interview opportunities. USA training session 4pm, Wed 23rd at Trinity Beach Baseball Grounds. Cairns Cyclones Training sessions Thursday 17th and 24th of July 6 – 7:30pm Trinity Beach Baseball Grounds.

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Townsville Team Coach:

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