

# Brooks secures TSAC tournament

Staff report

Fans will have a chance to watch former local high school players next year when the TranSouth Athletic Conference (TSAC) college baseball tournament comes to Brooks Stadium in Paducah. The nine-team conference includes Mid-Continent University in Mayfield.

"We have 27 players on our team who come from a 60-mile radius," Mid-Continent head coach Shawn Yarbrough said. "We are proud of trying to build a team with local talent."

Six of the nine teams will qualify for the four-day tournament, which will be May 9-13.

The tournament was announced at Tuesday's Paducah City Commission meeting and in a news release from the Brooks Stadium Commission and TSAC.

The tournament replaces the Ohio Valley Conference baseball tournament, which completed its contract at Brooks Stadium last May after nine seasons in Paducah, Brooks Chairman Dr. Frank Hideg said.

The Paducah Convention & Visitors Bureau anticipates a local economic impact of at least \$250,00, the release said. McDonald's will be the corporate sponsor.

"We are excited about the opportunity to have this tournament in the city of Paducah, which has a rich history of hosting outstanding baseball tournaments," TSAC Commissioner E.L. Hutton said.

The TSAC was founded in 1996 and includes National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) programs in four states.

Many TranSouth teams also have players from the region. Other teams are Bethel College, McKenzie, Tenn.; Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Miss.; Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn.; Freed-Hardeman University, Henderson, Tenn.; Lyon College, Batesville, Ark.; Martin Methodist College, Pulaski, Tenn.; Trevecca Nazarene University, Nashville, Tenn., and Union University in Jackson, Tenn.

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