



# 2017 WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC

## Media Information Sheet

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NO.	NAME	AGE	POS.	B/T	CLUB
2	<b>GAVIN CECCHINI (CHECK-ee-ni)</b> • 1st WBC • Made MLB debut with Mets in 2016 after hitting .325 with AAA Las Vegas • Ranked by Baseball America as Mets' No. 4 prospect entering 2016 • Drafted by NYM in first round (No. 12) in 2012.	23	INF	R/R	NYM (MLB)
3	<b>DANIEL DESCALSO (des-CAL-so)</b> • 1st WBC • Hit .264 with a career-high 8 HR with COL in 2016 • 1 of 2 players to since 2010 with 95+ starts at 2B/3B/SS (also: Mike Aviles) • Signed by ARI on Feb. 7 • Won a World Series with STL in 2011.	30	INF	L/R	ARI (MLB)
9	<b>DREW BUTERA (boo-TAY-ra)</b> • 2nd WBC (2013) • Caught 2 no-hitters (Francisco Liriano and Josh Beckett) • Played 7 MLB seasons with MIN (2010-13), LAD (2013-14), LAA (2015) and KC (2015-16) • Won a World Series with K.C. in 2015.	33	C	R/R	KC (MLB)
10	<b>ALEX LIDDI (LID-dee)</b> • 3rd WBC (2009, '13) • 1st Italian-born player in MLB (61 games from 2011-13 with SEA) • Hit 23 HR with 91 RBI with Quintana (MEX) in 2016 • Made his debut with Team Italy at 18 in 2006.	28	INF	R/R	Quintana (MEX)
12	<b>CHRIS COLABELLO (co-la-BELL-lo)</b> • 2nd WBC (2013) • Dual citizenship (US & Italy) • Speaks fluent Italian • Hit .321 with 15 HR and 54 RBI in 2015 with TOR • Signed by CLE as a MiLB free agent on Dec. 20, 2016.	33	INF	R/R	CLE (MLB)
17	<b>ALESSANDRO MAESTRI (my-ES-tree)</b> • 4th WBC (2006, '09, '13) • Was 2-2 with a 9.42 in 9 games (8 starts) with Hanwha (KOR) in 2016 • Pitched in CHC organization from 2006-10 (24-17 with 3.75 ERA) and Orix (JPPL) from 2012-15.	31	RHP	R/R	Hanwha (KOR)
18	<b>ALESSANDRO VAGLIO (vie-YO)</b> • 2nd WBC (2013) • Known for his defense • Hit .249 with Bologna (ITA) in 2016.	28	INF	R/R	Bologna (ITA)
20	<b>PAT VENDITTE (ven-DEET-tee)</b> • 2nd WBC (2013 - pitched only LH due to injury) • Italian citizen • Made 15 appearances with TOR and SEA in 2016 • Drafted by NYY in 20th round in 2008.	31	P	R/B	SEA (AAA)
21	<b>ROB SEGEDIN</b> • 1st WBC • Played 40 games with LAD in 2016 • Established LAD rookie record with 4 RBI in his debut on Aug. 7, 2016 vs. Red Sox • Named mid- and postseason PCL All-Star in 2016.	28	INF	R/R	LAD (MLB)
22	<b>NICK FANTI JR.</b> • 1st WBC • 2016 GCL postseason All-Star • Went 7-0 with a 1.74 ERA in 11 games (9 starts) with GCL Phillies in 2016 • Led GCL in wins and strikeouts (65) in 2016 • drafted by PHI in 31st round in 2015.	20	LHP	L/L	PHI (R)
25	<b>MICHAEL DEMARK</b> • 1st WBC • Posted a 1.89 ERA and 35 saves with York (Ind.) in 2016 • Was 17-16 with 20 saves and a 3.23 ERA in 318 MiLB appearances w/SD (2007-10, ARI (2011-12) and OAK (2013).	33	RHP	R/R	York (IND)
26	<b>SEBASTIANO POMA (say-BAHS-ti-ano PO-mah)</b> • 1st WBC • Won Italian Baseball League batting title (.366) with San Marino in 2016.	23	OF	L/L	San Marino (ITA)
28	<b>JORDAN ROMANO</b> • 1st WBC • Went 3-2 with a 2.11 ERA in 15 games (14 starts) with A Lansing (TOR) in 2016 • Missed 2015 following Tommy John surgery • Drafted by TOR in 10th round in 2014.	23	RHP	R/R	TOR (A)
29	<b>FRANCISCO CERVELLI (CHER-ve-ll-i)</b> • 1st WBC • Turned 31 on March 5 • Played in 481 MLB games with NYY (2008-13) and PIT (2015-16) • Signed by NYY as an INT FA in 2003 (VEN) and traded to PIT for LHP Justin Wilson in 2014.	31	C	R/R	PIT (MLB)
30	<b>A.J. MORRIS</b> • 1st WBC • Pitched in 7 games with CIN in 2016 • Played in following organizations: WSH (2009-10), CHC (2012-13), PIT (2014-15), CIN (2016) • Drafted by WSH in 4th round in 2009 from Kansas State.	30	RHP	R/R	CIN (MLB)
32	<b>SAM GAVIGLIO (ga-VEE-yo)</b> • 1st WBC • Was 8-7 with a 4.36 ERA in 28 games (26 starts) with AA Jackson/AAA Tacoma (SEA) in 2016 • Drafted by STL in 5th round in 2011 and traded to SEA for INF Ty Kelly in 2014.	26	RHP	R/R	SEA (AAA)
35	<b>TIAGO DA SILVA (tee-AH-go)</b> • 3rd WBC (2009, '13) • Dual citizenship (Brazil & Italy)	31	RHP	R/R	Lara (VEN)
37	<b>DREW MAGGI (MAH-gee)</b> • 1st WBC • Hit .289 with AA Tulsa/AAA Oklahoma City (LAD) in 2016 • Named a mid-season All-Star in 2014-16 • Drafted by PIT in 15th round in 2010 from Arizona State.	27	INF/OF	R/R	LAD (AAA)
38	<b>ORLANDO OBERTO (oh-BER-toh)</b> • 1st WBC • Posted a 1.85 ERA in 12 games for San Marino (ITA) in 2016 • Led the Italian Baseball League in ERA (1.44) in 2007 • Made 17 career appearances for Team Italy.	36	LHP	L/L	San Marino (ITA)
39	<b>TOMMY LAYNE</b> • 1st WBC • Was 2-1 with a 3.97 ERA in 63 games with BOS and NYY in 2016 • Appeared in 197 MLB games with SD (2012-13), BOS (2014-16) and NYY (2016) • Drafted by ARI in 26th round in 2007.	32	LHP	L/L	NYY (MLB)
40	<b>BRANDON NIMMO (NIM-mo)</b> • 1st WBC • NYY co-MiLB Player of the Year in 2016 after finishing 2nd in average in PCL (.352) • Played 32 games with NYY in 2016 • Drafted by NYY in 1st round (No. 13) in 2011.	23	OF	L/R	NYM (MLB)
41	<b>TREY NIELSEN</b> • 1st WBC • Was 9-8 with a 3.75 ERA in 24 games (20 starts) with AA Springfield/AAA Memphis (STL) in 2016 • Drafted by STL in 30th round in 2013 from University of Utah (was a INF for first 2 seasons).	25	RHP	R/R	STL (AAA)
43	<b>NICHOLAS MORREALE (more-e-ALL-e)</b> • 1st WBC • Will be used mostly as catcher • Pitched in 10 games with San Marino (ITA) in 2016 and for Team Italy in the 2014 European Championship • Drafted by Phillies in 46th round in 2006 but did not sign.	28	UTL	R/R	San Marino (ITA)
45	<b>MARIO CHIARINI (key-ah-REE-nee)</b> • 3rd WBC (2009, '13) • Team Italy's captain • Made his debut in Italian Baseball League in 1997 and with Team Italy in 2002 • Played for AZL Mariners in 2000.	36	OF	R/R	Rimini (IBL)
47	<b>LUIS LUGO</b> • 1st WBC • Went 8-5 with a 4.04 ERA in 26 starts with A+ Lynchburg (CLE) in 2016 • Ranked by Baseball America as Indians No. 25 prospect entering 2016 • Signed by CLE as an INT FA in 2011 (VEN).	23	LHP	L/L	CLE (A)
57	<b>FILIPPO CREPALDI (kre-PALL-dee)</b> • 1st WBC • Recorded a 3.94 ERA with 3 saves in 12 games for Bologna (ITA) in 2016.	28	INF	R/R	LAD (MLB)
59	<b>FRAILYN FLORIAN (FRAY-lynn flo-RI-ahn)</b> • 1st WBC • Pitched for 3 seasons in FLA system (2001-03), going 10-11 with a 4.93 ERA.	31	LHP	L/L	San Marino (ITA)
77	<b>JOHN ANDREOLI (ANDRE-ol-ee)</b> • 1st WBC • Has 202 SB in 6-year MiLB career (2011-16) with CHC • Hit .256 with 12 HR, 61 RBI and 43 SB with AAA Iowa (CHC) in 2016 • Drafted in 17th round in 2011.	26	OF	R/R	CHC (AAA)

### WBC RESULTS (4-7)

2006 (1-2)	Lake Buena Vista, Fla.
• March 7 - Italy 10, Australia 0 (7 inn.)	
WP: Grilli (1-0) LP: Stephens (0-1)	
SV: None	
HR: ITA - Saccomanno (1), Sinisi (1); AUS: None.	
• March 8 - Venezuela 6, Italy 0	
WP: Garcia (1-0) LP: DiNardo (0-1)	
SV: None	
HR: VEN - Cabrera (1); ITA: None.	
• March 9 - Dominican Republic 8, Italy 3	
WP: O. Perez (1-0) LP: Fiore (0-1)	
SV: None	
HR: DR - Pujols (1), Beltre (1), Alou (1); ITA: None.	
2009 (1-2)	Toronto, Canada
• March 7 - Venezuela 7, Italy 0	
WP: F. Hernandez (0-1) LP: Grilli (0-1)	
SV: None	
HR: VEN - Guillen (1), Mora (1); ITA: None.	
• March 9 - Italy 6, Canada 2	
WP: Serafini (1-0) LP: Perkins (0-1)	
SV: Grilli (1)	
HR: ITA - None; CANADA: None.	
• March 10 - Venezuela 10, Italy 1	
WP: Gonzalez (1-0) LP: Da Silva (0-1)	
SV: None	
HR: VEN - Abreu (1), Cabrera (1), Hernandez (1); Lopez (1); ITA - None	
2013 (2-1)	Phoenix, Arizona
• March 7 - Italy 6, Mexico 5	
WP: Pugliese (1-0) LP: Romo (0-1)	
SV: Grilli (1)	
HR: ITA - Butera (1); MEX: None.	
• March 8 - Italy 14, Canada 4 (8 inn.)	
WP: Maestri (1-0) LP: Hill (0-1)	
SV: None	
HR: ITA - Colabello (1); CAN: None.	
• March 9 - U.S. 6, Italy 2	
WP: Vogelsong (1-0) LP: Grifintini (0-1)	
SV: Detwiler (1)	
HR: ITA - None; U.S.: Wright (1).	
Pool 2 (0-2)	Miami, Florida
• March 12 - Dominican Republic 5, Italy 4	
WP: Strop (2-0) LP: Venditte (0-1)	
SV: Rodney (3)	
HR: ITA - Colabello (2); D.R. Cano (2), Reyes (1).	
• March 13 - Puerto Rico 4, Italy 3	
WP: Burgos (1-0) LP: Sweeney (0-1)	
SV: Cabrera (1)	
HR: ITA - None; P.R. None.	

### COACHING STAFF

No.	Name	Pos.
1	Nick Punto	Third Base
5	Marco Mazzieri (MA-TSE-AIR-REE)	Mgr.
11	Sal Butera (boo-TAY-rah)	First Base
13	Sal Fasano	Bench
19	Brian Sweeney	Pitching
27	Frank Catalanotto	Hitting
34	Gilberto Gerali (JER-AH-LEE)	Bullpen
	Dennis Cook	Pitching Consultant

### RETIRED NUMBERS

No.	Name	Pos.
7	Silvano Ambrosioni	Mgr.
	Manager of Italian National Team from 1985-2000; 2005 Italian Baseball HOF	
24	Giorgio Castelli	C
	1st Italian player to 100 home runs and 1,000 hits; 2005 Italian Baseball HOF; 1968 Spring Training invitee by Cincinnati	
33	Giulio Glorioso	P
	Owns Italian baseball records for wins (287) and strikeouts (2,884); won 7 league titles; played from 1948-74.	

NOTE: No. 8 (Yogi Berra) & 31 (Mike Piazza) are unofficially retired out of respect for their Hall of Fame careers.

**DID YOU KNOW?** The national color for Italian sports teams is sky blue "azzurro" because of a historic tradition. Before the Italian Republic, the Italian Regal Family (Savoia) had the color "azzurro" in their flag and that color was adopted by the soccer National Team to respect the Regal tradition. In 1934, wearing "azzurro," Italy captured its first of two consecutive World Cup championships (also 1938) and the tradition was born.