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Local MLB Pitching Phenom Works His Magic at BatSpeed® Academy

Gurnee, IL January 19, 2009 – Former Warren High School and University of Illinois pitching sensation, Scott Shaw, has joined BatSpeed Academy's instructional staff. Scott was selected by the National Baseball League's New York Mets in the 13th round of the MLB's Free Agent Draft this past June.

Latest word is that righthander Shaw, at 6 foot 5, 230 lbs. and loaded with athleticism, is on the Mets short list. He is just one of 10 Mets affiliate pitchers invited to come to spring training camp in Florida two weeks early for a special review by team officials. And is it any wonder. His fastball averaged 88-89 mph when he played in the New York-Penn league for the Brooklyn Cyclones, but was regularly clocked at 90 mph when he played in the Hawaiian Winter League this past fall.

In the meantime, he has stayed true to his local roots and joined BatSpeed's instructional staff for two and a half months. He is available for private lessons and will head up a series of one and three day clinics in early February where emphasis will be placed on velocity, core balance, change-ups and fastballs.

It will be hard to say good-bye to this up and coming NY Mets affiliate in mid-February, but BatSpeed has a full range of baseball and softball camps planned both for spring break in late March as well as for the summer months of June and July. To learn more about BatSpeed and its upcoming programming, go to www.batspeedacademy.com.

About BatSpeed

BatSpeed is a new baseball and softball academy which opened its doors in Gurnee, IL in June, 2008. The spacious (17,800 square foot), air conditioned, year-round facility features state-of-the-art equipment and a thirteen person staff of instructors, all of whom have solid teaching credentials. In recognition of the increasing popularity of fast-pitch softball, two members of the staff have in-depth, softball teaching credentials.

Local owner, Scott Czerniejewski, and every member of the staff are committed to instruction which is custom-tailored to the physical abilities, needs and goals of the individual player. BatSpeed offers a wide range of programs from private lessons to a full menu of camps and clinics which run throughout the year.

All ages are welcome, from the youngster just learning the fundamentals to the high school and collegiate player looking to take their game to the next level. Teams also find BatSpeed's flexible layout useful for infield practice in addition to hitting and pitching practice.

BatSpeed has already been selected as the training home of the Warren Blue Devil Travelers, Waukegan Raiders and the Warren Wave. It is located in the Tri-State Business Parkway just west of SixFlags Great America® Theme Park. BatSpeed is located in the Tri-State Business Park immediately west of Six Flags Great America® Theme Park.