

Final Rosters Set As World Baseball Classic Scheduled to Get Underway March 2nd

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Sixteen teams from four continents will clash for the title of “Best in the World” when the 2013 World Baseball Classic gets underway on March 2nd. The rosters for the event were finalized on Thursday and there are plenty of marquee names that will suit up for their respective nations.

Triple Crown winner and reigning American League Most Valuable Player Miguel Cabrera, World Series MVP Pablo Sandoval, and All-Stars Robinson Cano, Joey Votto, Hanley Ramirez, Carlos Beltran and Jose Reyes are just some of the big names that will be on the big stage. Printable Brackets says that with all the star and firepower, there’s no clear-cut favorite in this year’s international tournament.

“The best of the best will be on the diamond in March,” said Printable Brackets spokesman Zaniel Worth. “There are a few teams that certainly have to be favored to take home the title, but baseball is a game based on unpredictability.”

The World Baseball Classic is being held for the first time since 2009. The previous two events were both won by Japan, which will be a host site in the opening round this year. Taiwan, Puerto Rico and the U.S. will also host first round games. Japan, the Dominican Republic and the U.S. are considered to be the front-runners for this year’s title.

“Team USA hasn’t fared very well in its previous two showings in the World Baseball Classic,” said Worth. “However, this year’s club has a good mixture of youth and experience and should find a way to contend for the WBC crown.”

The Americans are 7-7 all-time in WBC play and have never finished better than fourth. This year’s team is anchored by Cy Young Award winner and Toronto Blue Jays pitcher R.A. Dickey, and former MVP Award winners Jimmy Rollins, Joe Mauer and Ryan Braun.

In honor of WBC 2013, Printable Brackets is offering a complimentary sheet featuring Team USA’s opening round schedule as well as the brackets for the championship round. In addition, the site has released newly-designed fantasy baseball 2013 draft sheets that are also complimentary.

“March Madness isn’t just about college basketball anymore,” said Worth. “The biggest baseball stars in the world will share the spotlight with the best basketball event in the country.”

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