



CZECHIA

MEDIA GUIDE 2026





From its early beginnings in YMCA camps in the 1920s, through the first encounters with bat and ball introduced by Joe First, the publication of official rules in 1954 and the formation of the first clubs, Czech baseball has traveled a long and often challenging road. The sport endured decades of political adversity under the communist regime before finding new momentum after the velvet revolution in 1989. A game that long searched for its place in a country devoted to ice hockey and football never stopped believing in its future.

The Czech national team's promotion to Pool A of the European Championship in 1996 marked an important milestone. What followed was years of systematic work: building infrastructure, expanding the player base, developing youth programs, and enduring narrow defeats at European Championships and missed qualifications for the World Baseball Classic—experiences that shaped today's generation.

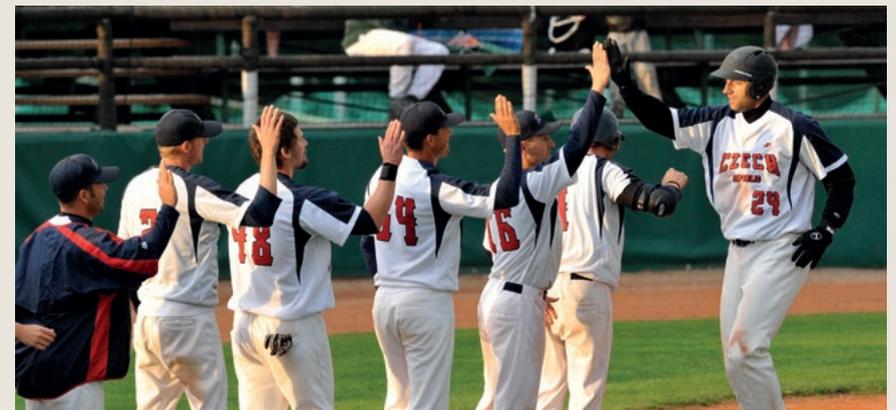
The turning point came in recent years. Participation in the World Baseball Classic 2023 sparked an unprecedented baseball boom in the Czech Republic, further fueled by a bronze medal at the European Championship.

Today, Czech baseball belongs among Europe's elite. Its youth development system regularly earns medals on the international stage, and in 2025 the Czech national teams captured four medals across four European Championships. Most notably, the first-ever senior men's medal represented a long-awaited reward for generations of Czech baseball players and coaches.

チェコの野球

1920年代のYMCAキャンプにおける初期の活動から、ジョー・ファースト氏によってバットとボールを用いる競技が紹介され、1954年の公式ルール発行および最初のクラブ設立に至るまで、チェコ野球は長く、しばしば困難を伴う道りを歩んできた。共産主義体制下では、数十年にわたる政治的逆境に直面したが、1989年のビロード革命以降は発展に向けた動きが本格化した。アイスホッケーとサッカーに強く支持される国において、この競技は、長く自らの立ち位置を模索しながらも、将来への信念を失うことはなかった。

1996年にチェコ代表が欧州選手権プールAへ昇格したことは、重要な節目となった。その後、インフラ整備、選手層の拡大、ユース育成の強化が体系的に進められる一方で、欧州選手権では接戦の末に敗れる試合が続き、ワールド・ベースボール・クラシック (WBC) への出場を果たせない時期も経験した。これらの経験が、現在の世代の基盤となっている。



しかし近年、その流れは転換期を迎えている。2023年のワールド・ベースボール・クラシック出場は、チェコ国内で前例のない野球人気の高まりをもたらし、欧州選手権での銅メダル獲得がその動きをさらに後押しした。

現在、チェコ野球は欧州において上位レベルに位置している。ユース育成システムは国際大会で継続的に成果を上げており、2025年には年代別に開催された4つの欧州選手権において、チェコ代表チームは4つのメダルを獲得した。中でも、シニア男子代表による史上初のメダル獲得は、長年にわたり競技に携わってきた選手および指導者にとって大きな成果となった。



The Czech Extraliga continues to attract players from around the world, such as 16-year NPB veteran Takashi Ogino, while Czech players also pursue professional opportunities abroad. Prague is home to the oldest baseball tournament in Central Europe—the Prague Baseball Week—and the Czech Republic has established itself as one of Europe’s most respected hosts of major international events, including the Men’s European Championship in 2023 and the U12, U23, and Women’s European Championships in 2025. In 2026, Czech teams will also appear at the U15 and U23 World Championships.

Now, the Czech national team returns to the world’s biggest baseball stage for the second time in its history. At the iconic Tokyo Dome, it will face four of the world’s best teams at the World Baseball Classic 2026.



チェコの国内リーグであるエクストラリーグには、NPBで16年間プレーした荻野貴司をはじめとする世界各国の選手が参加しており、同時にチェコ人選手も海外でプロとしての機会を追求している。プラハでは中欧で最も歴史のある野球大会である「プラハ・ベースボール・ウィーク」が開催されている。また、チェコは2023年の男子欧州選手権、2025年のU12、U23、女子欧州選手権など、主要な国際大会の開催国として評価を確立してきた。2026年には、U15およびU23代表がワールドチャンピオンシップに出場する予定である。

そして現在、チェコ代表は史上2度目となる世界最高峰の舞台に戻ってくる。象徴的な東京ドームを舞台に、ワールド・ベースボール・クラシック2026で世界屈指の4チームと対戦する。

VIDEO DOCUMENTS



**SMALL COUNTRY,
BIG DREAMS**



DESIRE IS A MIRACLE



BEHIND THE FLAG

DATA SOCIAL MEDIA BASEBALL CZECH 2025

FACEBOOK

IMPRESSIONS 15,5 mil.

REACH 9 mil.

FOLLOWERS 15,9k

INSTAGRAM

IMPRESSIONS 45 mil.

REACH 5,1mil.

FOLLOWERS 28k

X

RETWEET 7k

FOLLOWERS 5,5k

Czech baseball has fans not only on social media, but they can also be seen and heard at stadiums.

They already cheered loudly for the Czech team in Tokyo in 2023. And this year there will be even more of them. We are expecting more than 400 of the most loyal fans in the stands, who have flown across the world to support the Czech national team.

We would like to thank everyone who supports us on the field, on TV, or through social media. We greatly appreciate this support.



MEMORIES

2023

WHAT IS YOUR FONDEST MEMORY OF WBC 2023?

WBC 2023で一番心に残っている思い出は何ですか？



CZECHIA

8:5

CHINA

Martin **"Magic"** Mužík
"Win against China."
 中国戦での勝利

William Escala
"Watching Muzik hit the go-ahead homerun from the on-deck circle."
 ムジークが勝ち越しホームランを打つ瞬間をネクストバッターズサークルから見ていたこと

Marek Chlup
"Muzik's homerun."
 ムジークのホームラン

Tomáš Duffek
"Pitching against team Japan in front of sold out Tokio dome. Watching finals USA vs Japan last out Trout vs Ohtani"
 “満員の東京ドームで日本代表を相手に投げたこと
 決勝のアメリカ vs 日本、トラウト vs 大谷の最終打席を観たこと”



CZECHIA

2:10

JAPAN

Ondřej Satoria
"The reaction of Japanese fans to our team."

日本のファンが私たちのチームに示してくれた反応

Petr Zýma
"Game against Japan, as we scored first in the first inning with Sasaki on the mound."

日本戦。佐々木朗希投手を相手に初回で先制点を取ったこと



CZECHIA

3:7

KOREA

Jeff Barto
"Seeing my 1 year old daughter and wife in the stands and on the Jumbotron. Also seeing her sound asleep in her seat during the celebration win over China."
 “1歳の娘と妻がスタンドにいて、ビジョンに映ったのを見たこと
 さらに、中国戦の勝利のセレブレーション中に、娘が席でぐっすり眠っていたこと”



CZECHIA

3:8

AUSTRALIA



PETR DITRICH

President of Czech Baseball Association

It took us three attempts to qualify for the World Baseball Classic tournament. We finally succeeded in 2022 in Regensburg. Our first appearance in the main tournament in 2023 was a major turning point in the perception of baseball in the Czech Republic. We succeeded on the field, and thanks to television and dozens of broadcasts on Czech national television, baseball became one of the most popular sports. People began to understand the game's principles and identified with their team. These are the emotions that team sports bring, and we are very grateful to all the fans who support us.

We greatly appreciate this year's second chance to play in the main tournament. We hoped to be in the Tokyo group, and we are happy to return to Japan. We recognize that we are facing another significant challenge, as all our opponents are among the world's best. Facing professional-level baseball is a big challenge for us, but it is also an honor to compete against the best players from professional leagues.

We have been preparing intensively for this tournament for the last three years. We had the opportunity to play six games against Asian opponents, which taught us a lot. We would like to thank the NPB, KBO, and CPBL organizations for inviting us to games in Nagoya, Seoul, and Taipei. We won a medal at the European Championships for the first time in history, which gave us the motivation to work even harder in training.

We will definitely be better than in 2023, but everyone will be better. We want to present ourselves with attractive play that shows heart and passion. We'll see how far that takes us.

We look forward to seeing all our wonderful fans!!! Be there with us.

ご挨拶 ペトル・ディトリッヒ

チェコ野球協会 会長

私たちはワールド・ベースボール・クラシックへの出場権獲得に3度の挑戦を要しました。そして2022年、私たちはレーゲンスブルクで遂に本大会出場を決めることができました。2023年に初めて本大会へ出場したことは、チェコ国内における野球に対する認識を大きく変える転機となりました。フィールド上で結果を残したことに加え、チェコの公共放送で数十試合が中継されたことで、野球は国内で最も人気のあるスポーツの一つとなりました。人々は野球の仕組みを理解し、代表チームに共感を示すようになりました。これらはチームスポーツならではの感情であり、支えてくださるすべてのファンに感謝しています。

私たちは再び本大会に出場できる機会を得たことに感謝しています。私たちは東京プールでの出場を望んでいたため、日本に帰ることができて本当に嬉しく思っています。対戦相手はいずれも世界トップレベルのチームであり、再び大きな挑戦に直面することになると認識しています。プロレベルと対戦することは大きな挑戦ですが、同時にプロリーグで活躍する最高レベルの選手たちと競えることは名誉でもあります。

私たちは過去3年間、この大会に向けて継続的に準備を重ねてきました。アジアのチームとの6試合を経験し、多くを学ぶことができました。名古屋、ソウル、台北での試合に招待して下さったNPB、KBO、CPBLの各組織に深く感謝したいです。欧州選手権では史上初めてメダルを獲得し、それが強化に一層取り組む動機となりました。

私たちは2023年大会よりも確実に成長していますが、他のチームも同様に強化を進めています。私たちは情熱と意欲を示す魅力的なプレーで自分たちを表現したいと考えています。この大会を通してその取り組みの成果を示したいです。

すべてのファンの皆さんと会場でお会いできることを楽しみにしています。

PAVEL CHADIM

Manager of the Czech national team



Three years of preparation have passed, during which we gave opportunities to more than 100 players. For the main event, the 2026 WBC, we selected 30 players in whom we have the greatest trust. We selected 15 pitchers and 15 position players. Three Czech players from the previous WBC have played in Japanese professional leagues. The most successful among them was Marek Chlup, who even appeared in the prestigious NPB league wearing the uniform of the Yomiuri Giants, Japan's most iconic club. We believe they will prove that we did not waste those three years and that we made full use of every opportunity that came our way. We are pleased that one third of the roster for WBC 2026 consists of new players, mostly young prospects.

Our opponents in the group are among the absolute elite of world baseball; internally, we refer to our pool C as the "pool of death." We believe we will use all four games to demonstrate that, thanks in part to the support we received, it is possible to reach a world-class level even under amateur conditions and in a small baseball nation.

The number of children under the age of ten playing baseball in Czechia has doubled, and we are now able to sell out stadiums even for games held on Czech soil. Czech baseball is experiencing a dream era, and we do not want to wake up from it. We are fully aware that without continued hard work and commitment from the entire baseball community, everything we have achieved could be lost again.

At the same time, we want our performances to inspire other baseball countries in similar situations—to not lose hope and to join us in raising the overall level of international baseball. We believe that global baseball needs, alongside the outstanding American and Asian teams, the success of European teams as well—especially those that give opportunities to players who grew up within the European baseball environment. Comparing baseball teams from all continents is extremely exciting for every fan.

Personally, my main goal for WBC 2026 is to show that we have not wasted either this three-year period of preparation or the support we have received from Japan. We know that without the World Baseball Classic, Czech baseball would never have reached the position it holds today. Thank you.

ご挨拶 パヴェル・ハディム

チェコ代表監督

3年間の準備期間の中で、100人を超える選手が代表候補としてプレーしてきました。2026年のワールド・ベースボール・クラシック本大会に向けて、私たちは最も信頼を置く30人の選手を選出しました。内訳は投手15人、野手15人です。前回のWBCに出場したチェコ人選手のうち3人は、日本のプロリーグでプレーした経験を持ちます。その中で最も成功を収めたのがマレク・フルプです。彼は日本を代表する名門球団、読売ジャイアンツのユニフォームを着て、誇り高きNPBの1軍でプレーした実績を持ちます。私たちは、これらの選手たちがこの3年間を無駄にしていないこと、そして与えられたすべての機会を最大限に生かしてきたことを証明してくれると信じています。WBC2026の登録選手の1/3が新しい選手であり、その多くが若い有望株で構成されていることを私たちは誇らしく思っています。

グループ内の対戦相手はいずれも世界の絶対的なトップレベルに属しており、チーム内ではこのプールCを「死の組」と呼んでいます。私たちは、4試合すべてを通じて、これまで頂いた支援にも支えられながら、アマチュアかつ野球の小国であっても世界レベルの水準に達していることを示したいと考えています。

チェコでは、10歳未満で野球をする子どもの数が倍増し、現在では国内開催の試合でもスタジアムを満員にすることが可能になっています。チェコ野球は夢のような時代を迎えており、私たちはそこから目を覚ましたくないと考えています。同時に、野球界全体による継続的な努力と献身がなければ、これまで築いてきたものが再び失われてしまう可能性があることも十分に理解しています。

同時に私たちは、私たちの取り組みが、同じような立場にある他の野球国々の励みとなり、希望を失うことなく、ともに国際野球の競技水準を高めていくきっかけとなることを望んでいます。世界の野球にとって、米国やアジアの強豪チームに加え、ヨーロッパ勢の成功もまた不可欠であり、特にヨーロッパの野球環境で育った選手たちに機会を与える国々の存在は重要です。すべての大陸のチームを比較することは、どのファンにとっても非常に刺激的なことです。

私個人としてのワールド・ベースボール・クラシック2026における最大の目標は、この3年間の準備期間、そして日本から頂いた支援のいずれも無駄ではなかったことを示すことです。ワールド・ベースボール・クラシックがなければ、チェコ野球は今日の立場に到達することは決してなかったと私たちは認識しています。チェコ野球の発展に関わってくれたすべての皆さんに心より感謝の意を表したいと思います。

JOURNEY TO WBC 2026



PAVEL CHADIM

Manager of the Czech national team

Journey to World Baseball Classic 2026

Preparation for the 2026 WBC effectively began immediately after the conclusion of WBC 2023. Thanks to the support of Nippon Professional Baseball (NPB), doors opened to games we had only dreamed of in the past. We played a series against the Samurai Japan, faced the Premier12 champions from Chinese Taipei, and in the fall of 2025, we competed in Seoul against team Korea. These six games were attended by more than 130,000 fans in the stadiums.

Hideki Kuriyama, the manager of the Japanese national team that won the 2023 WBC, visited the Czechia as an ambassador of Czech-Japanese baseball cooperation and wished us good luck ahead of the 2023 European Championship. We deeply appreciate the support of Japanese baseball and are incredibly grateful for the partnerships that have been established.

Between 2023 and 2026, we also competed in two European Championships, finishing both tournaments with a record of 4 wins and 2 losses. At the home European Championship in 2023, we placed fifth. Last year in Rotterdam, Netherlands, we achieved a historic milestone by winning our first-ever medal at the Men's European Championship. In the bronze medal game, we defeated the reigning European champions from Spain.

A key part of our preparation has been Europe's oldest international baseball tournament, held annually in Prague. Prague Baseball Week has, for the first time in its history, welcomed national teams of Japan, Chinese Taipei, and Italy, and in 2026 it will also host the Netherlands national team—something that would have been unimaginable just a few years ago. During this period, the first-ever book about Czech baseball was published, and last spring we prepared for the season in Florida in cooperation with five MLB organizations.

All of this represents an unforgettable experience and a level of support that was previously unimaginable for us.

ご挨拶 パヴェル・ハディム

チェコ代表監督

ワールド・ベースボール・クラシック2026への旅

2026年ワールド・ベースボール・クラシックに向けた準備は、2023年大会終了直後から始まっていました。日本野球機構 (NPB) の支援により、これまで夢でしかなかった試合への道が開かれました。私たちは侍ジャパンと対戦し、プレミア12優勝国の台湾と戦ったほか、2025年秋にはソウルで韓国代表とも対戦しました。これら6試合には、スタジアムに延べ13万人を超える観客が来場しました。

2023年WBCで優勝した日本代表監督の栗山英樹氏は、チェコと日本の野球協力を担うアンバサダーとしてチェコを訪れ、2023年欧州選手権を前に私たちに激励の言葉を送ってくれました。日本球界からの支援、そして両国に築かれたパートナーシップに私たちは深く感謝しています。

2023年から2026年の間に、私たちは2度の欧州選手権に出場し、いずれの大会でも4勝2敗の成績を残しました。2023年に自国開催となった欧州選手権では5位に入り、昨年オランダ・ロッテルダムで行われた大会では男子欧州選手権で史上初となるメダルを獲得するという歴史的な快挙を成し遂げました。3位決定戦で前回王者のスペイン代表を破り、私たちは銅メダルを獲得しました。

この3年間の準備の重要な柱の一つとなったのが、プラハで毎年開催されている欧州で最も歴史ある国際大会「プラハ・ベースボール・ウィーク」です。この大会には、史上初めて日本、台湾、イタリアの各代表が参加し、2026年にはオランダ代表も招待する予定です。これは数年前には想像もできなかったことです。チェコ野球を題材とした初の書籍も出版され、2025年の春にはMLBの5球団と協力し、フロリダでキャンプを行いました。

これらすべては、私たちにとって忘れがたい経験であり、これまで想像することさえできなかった規模の支援によって実現したものです。

JOURNEY TO WBC 2026

RESULTS CZECH NATIONAL TEAM 2023-2025

2023

WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC

CZECHIA	8:5	CHINA
CZECHIA	2:10	JAPAN
CZECHIA	3:7	KOREA
CZECHIA	3:8	AUSTRALIA

PRAGUE BASEBALL WEEK

CZECHIA	11:0	NEW SOUTH WALES COUNTRY
CZECHIA	13:5	AUSTRIA
CZECHIA	9:5	BBJO GLOBETROTTERS

ROTTERDAM BASEBALL WEEK

CZECHIA	0:1 6:0 1:6	NETHERLANDS
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PREPARING GAMES

CZECHIA	1:7 5:3	ITALY
CZECHIA	8:1 5:7 12:11	MARLINS PUERTO DE LA CRUZ

EUROBASEBALL - 5TH PLACE

CZECHIA	9:0	AUSTRIA
CZECHIA	14:0	GREECE
CZECHIA	0:9	SPAIN
CZECHIA	2:12	GR. BRITAIN (QF)
CZECHIA	11:1	FRANCE
CZECHIA	5:1	ISRAEL



2024

PRAGUE BASEBALL WEEK

CZECHIA	1:3	TAIPEI
CZECHIA	4:3 7:6	GERMANY
CZECHIA	3:9	JAPAN

GERMAN SERIES

CZECHIA	8:6 2:5 5:7	GERMANY
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SWISS SERIES

CZECHIA	10:2 12:0	SWITZERLAND
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ASIA TRIP

CZECHIA	2:2 3:10	TAIPEI
CZECHIA	1:7 0:9	JAPAN



2025

SPRING CAMP FLORIDA (MINORS TEAM)

CZECHIA	3:4	HOUSTON ASTROS
CZECHIA	5:4	ST. LOUIS CARDINALS
CZECHIA	1:5	NEW YORK METS
CZECHIA	3:4	ATLANTA BRAVES

PRAGUE BASEBALL WEEK

CZECHIA	6:2 1:2	GERMANY
CZECHIA	15:2	ITALY
CZECHIA	15:4	AUSTRIA

GERMAN SERIES

CZECHIA	6:0 15:5 6:3	GERMANY
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ITALIAN SERIES

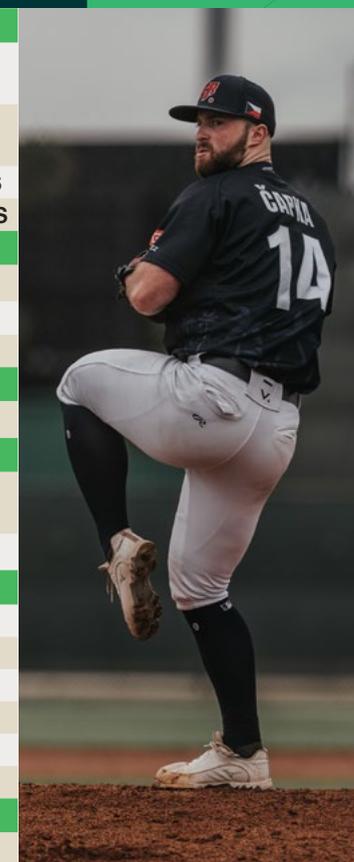
CZECHIA	8:2	BASEBALL JOBS OVERSEAS
CZECHIA	2:15 9:8	ITALY

EUROBASEBALL - 3TH PLACE

CZECHIA	1:8	GERMANY
CZECHIA	9:1	SPAIN
CZECHIA	10:0	SWEDEN
CZECHIA	4:3	ISRAEL (QF)
CZECHIA	5:8	ITALY (SF)
CZECHIA	9:2	SPAIN (3RD)

K-SERIES

CZECHIA	0:3 1:11	KOREA
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SCHEDULE

CZECHIA

VS

KOREA

MARCH 5

7 PM JST
(11 AM CET)



TAIPEI

VS

CZECHIA

MARCH 7

12 AM JST
(4 AM CET)



AUSTRALIA

VS

CZECHIA

MARCH 6

12 AM JST
(4 AM CET)



CZECHIA

VS

JAPAN

MARCH 10

7 PM (JST)
(11 AM CET)



SAVE THE QUEEN

ROSTER

No.	Name	Surname	Pronunciation	Pronunciation	Pos.	Bat	Throw	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Birth Place (Country, City)	Participations	
19	Jeffrey	Barto		ジェフリー	パート	LHP	L	L	09-15-1989	USA, Boise, ID	WBC 23, Euro 25
14	Filip	Čapka	FI-lip CZAHP-kah	フィリップ	チャブカ	RHP	L	R	11-04-1998	Czechia, Brno	WBCq 22, WBC 23, Euro 25
7	Tomáš	Duffek	TOH-mash DOO-fek	トマーシュ	ドゥフェク	LHP	R	L	09-12-1989	Czechia, Prague	WBCq 22, WBC 23, Euro 25
63	Lukáš	Ercoli	LOOH-kash ER-koli	ルカーシュ	エルコリ	LHP	R	L	04-17-1996	Czechia, Roudnice nad Labem	WBCq 22, WBC 23, Euro 25
88	Lukáš	Hlouch	LOOH-kash HLOUKH	ルカーシュ	フロウフ	RHP	L	R	12-12-2000	Czechia, Třebíč	WBCq 22, WBC 23, Euro 25
26	Filip	Kollmann	FI-lip KOHL-man	フィリップ	コルマン	RHP	L	R	06-22-2005	Czechia, Třebíč	Euro U23 25, Euro 25
3	Michal	Kovala	MIH-hal KOH-vah-lah	ミハル	コヴァラ	RHP	L	R	12-28-2003	Czechia, Ostrava	WBCq 22 WBC 23
15	Marek	Minařík	MAH-rek MIH-nah-rzheek	マレク	ミナジーク	RHP	R	R	06-28-1993	Czechia, Louny	WBCq 22, WBC 23, Euro 25
18	Jan	Novák	YAHN NOH-vak	ヤン	ノヴァーク	LHP	R	L	01-19-1994	Czechia, Prague	WBCq 22, WBC 23, Euro 25
57	Tomáš	Ondra	TOH-mash ON-drah	トマーシュ	オンドラ	RHP	L	R	03-20-1996	Czechia, Uherské Hradiště	Euro 25
42	Daniel	Padyšák	DAH-nih-yel PAH-dih-shaak	ダニエル	パディシャーク	RHP	L	R	07-02-2000	Czechia, Prague	WBCq 22, WBC 23
35	Ondřej	Satoria	ON-dzhray SAH-toh-ree-yah	オンジェイ	サトリア	RHP	R	R	02-26-1997	Czechia, Ostrava	WBCq 22, WBC 23, Euro 25
13	Martin	Schneider	MAH-rtin SHNY-der	マルティン	シュナイダー	RHP	R	R	03-04-1986	Czechia, Olomouc	WBCq 22, WBC 23
23	Ondřej	Vank	ON-dzhray VANKH	オンジェイ	ヴァンク	RHP	R	R	04-25-2005	Czechia, Prague	Euro U23 25
54	Boris	Večerka	BOH-ris Ve-CHER-kah	ボリス	ヴェチェルカ	RHP	R	R	08-22-2003	Czechia, Brno	-
21	Matouš	Bubeník	MAH-toush BOO-beh-neek	マトゥーシュ	ブベニーク	C	R	R	10-28-2005	Czechia, Prague	Euro U23 25
55	Martin	Červenka	MAH-rtin CZER-ven-kah	マルティン	チェルヴェンカ	C	R	R	08-03-1992	Czechia, Prague	WBCq 22, WBC 23, Euro 25
38	Martin	Zelenka	MAH-rtin Ze-LEN-kah	マルティン	ゼレンカ	C	R	R	12-20-2000	Czechia, Prague	Euro 25
78	Martin	Červinka	MAH-rtin CZER-vin-kah	マルティン	チェルヴィンカ	IF	R	R	03-03-1997	Czechia, Brno	WBCq 22, Euro 25
5	William	Escala		ウィリアム	エスカラ	UTL	S	R	12-11-1998	USA, Miami, FL	WBC 23, Euro 25
30	Ryan	Johnson		ライアン	ジョンソン	UTL	L	L	09-29-1992	Canada, Winnipeg	Euro 25
77	Vojtěch	Menšík	VOY-tyekh MEN-sheek	ヴォイチェフ	メンシーク	IF	R	R	05-24-1998	Czechia, Brno	WBCq 22, WBC 23, Euro 25
49	Martin	Mužik	MAH-rtin MOO-zheek	マルティン	ムジーク	IF	R	R	04-23-1996	Czechia, České Budějovice	WBCq 22, WBC 23, Euro 25
27	Jan	Pospíšil	YAhN POSH-pee-shil	ヤン	ポスピーシル	IF	L	R	10-21-2003	Czechia, Brno	Euro U23 25
56	Milan	Prokop	MIH-lahn PROH-kop	ミラン	プロコップ	IF	R	R	02-12-2003	Czechia, Brno	WBC 23, Euro U23 25, Euro 25
6	Terrin	Vavra		テリン	ヴァヴラ	IF	L	R	05-12-1997	USA, Menomonie, WI	-
73	Marek	Chlup	MAH-rek HLOOP	マレク	フルブ	OF	R	R	01-09-1999	Czechia, Český Dub	WBCq 22, WBC 23
97	Marek	Krejčířik	MAH-rek KRAY-chee-rzeek	マレク	クレイチジーク	UTL	L	R	06-27-2001	Czechia, Třebíč	WBCq 22, WBC 23, Euro 25
2	Max	Prejda	MAKS PREY-dah	マックス	ブレイダ	OF	L	R	06-06-2007	Czechia, Praha	Euro 25
11	Michal	Šindelka	MIH-hal SHIN-del-kah	ミハル	シンデルカ	OF	R	R	11-04-2005	Czechia, Brno	Euro U23 25, Euro 25

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Chadim Pavel

Manager

Team: Draci Brno

Age: 54 **Nickname:** Chada

Job: neurologist

Favourite MLB player: Ichiro Suzuki

Hobbies: family, golf

Guilty pleasure:

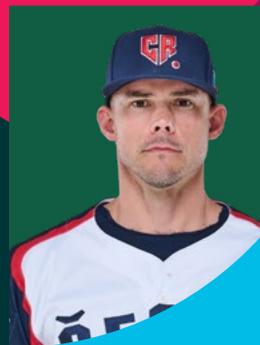
Peaky Blinders

One interesting fact

about yourself: I am the worst singer in the world

Bio: A baseball fanatic and former national team player who helped Czech baseball advance to Czechia's first ever European Championship

in 1996. A accomplished coach who has achieved success with national teams across all age categories. He led the men's national team to the WBC for the first time and to its first-ever medal at the European Championship. As a player, he won 10 championship titles in a row and was twice voted MVP of the year. He has long been involved in development projects at the Czech Baseball Association (CBA) and has already coached some of his current players in the junior national team. He greatly appreciates the support from Japanese baseball and would bend over backwards for the fans.



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Derhak Alexander

Hitting Coach

Team: independent

Age: 45 **Nickname:** Sash

Job: baseball coach , English teacher

Favourite MLB player: Carlton Fisk

Hobbies: spending time with my kids

Guilty pleasure:

Landman

One interesting fact

about yourself: I really like sci-fi

Bio: The American native joined the Czech Extraleague in 2010, when he played for Technika Brno. He settled in Czechia and won five titles with Draci Brno. He served as the manager of Hroši Brno, which he has led to the finals three times. He joined the Czech's men's national team's coaching staff in 2021. In 2024, he completed a coaching internship with the Chiba Lotte Marines club. His role model outside of baseball is Tom Brady.



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Hussey John

Pitching Coach

Team: Hroši Brno

Age: 39 **Nickname:** Huss

Job: baseball coach

Favourite MLB player: Derek Jeter

Hobbies: family

Guilty pleasure:

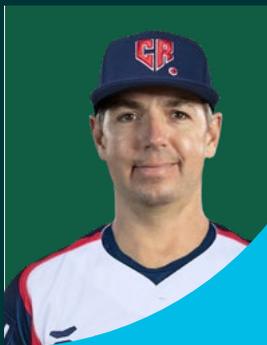
Moblands / Landman

One interesting fact

about yourself: I am introvert and being in team atmosphere is tiring for me.

Bio: The Australian-born former MiLB pitcher played nine seasons of professional baseball. He joined the Extraleague in 2015, playing for Technika Brno. He settled in Brno, spending three years with Technika, then two years with Draci, and finally moving to Hroši Brno, where, in addition to playing, was also involved in pitchers development. He joined the Czech men's national team's coaching staff in 2021. He played in 130 games in the Extraleague, pitched 610 IP, and recorded 684 K. He last appeared on the mound in 2024.

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Stříbrcký Petr

3rd Base Coach

Team: Toronto Blue Jays / Vancouver Canadiens

Age: 40

Job: baseball coach

Favourite MLB player: Greg Maddux

Hobbies: Traveling and exploring new places and food around the world
Guilty pleasure: Dark chocolate
One interesting fact about yourself: Speak three different languages
Bio: A former player for Olympia Blansko and Technika Brno, he devoted

himself to coaching youth in Czechia in addition to playing. In the big world of baseball coaching, he has been working in the Toronto Blue Jays for the last seven years. He got to the USA via Portugal. He worked as a rookie coach in the Dominican Republic, and in 2025 he worked in Vancouver with the Canadiens in MiLB. He joined the Czech national team with the help of umpire Zdeněk Židek, who connected him with Pavel Chadim. He played for the national team at the 2008 World University Games.



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Zýma Petr

Bench Coach

Team: Eagles Praha

Age: 36 **Nickname:** Zymen

Job: fund manager, daytime trader

Favourite MLB player: Derek Jeter

Hobbies: mountain bike, carpentry
Guilty pleasure: Lord of the Rings
One interesting fact about yourself: I can dance cuban salsa and learning to play the ukulele.

Bio: He appeared on the field as captain and leader at the last WBC, and now he is returning to Tokyo as a coach. The Eagles Praha icon comes from a baseball-softball family, has experience playing college baseball at the NCAA level, and has 20 years in the Extraleague (624 H, 304 RBI) under his belt, where he still plays. His first major men's national team event was the 2014 European Championship, and he has a gold medal from the U21 European Championship in 2010.



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Nevěřil David

1st Base Coach

Team: Tempo Praha

Age: 34 **Nickname:** Dawe, Davča

Job: baseball, logistics and transportation

Favourite MLB player: Mookie Bets

Hobbies: hockey, golf, tennis, mountains
Guilty pleasure: Fienids, Případy prvního oddělen
One interesting fact about yourself: I cry when I watch the Pearl Harbor, but who doesn't?

Bio: The Tempo Praha player and former national team technical director accepted Pavel Chadim's offer to serve as 1st base coach for the current national team. He entered the Extraleague at the age of 16, played in the infield and as a pitcher, and has appeared in 443 games so far. As a pitcher, he listened to MGK to prepare, but as a coach, he no longer listens to music before games.



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Kenshoku Takubo

Coach

Team: Hroši Brno

Age: 41 **Nickname:** Kenny

Job: baseball coach

Favourite MLB player: Torii Hunter

Hobbies: watchig Star Wars movies

Guilty pleasure: anime "Npo-chamu"

One interesting fact about yourself: I'm actually kinder than people think.

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Randák Dušan

Assistant Coach

Team: independent

Job: psychiatrist and psychotherapist

Favourite MLB player: Perez, Ohtani, Sasaki

Hobbies: family, floorbal coaching, music, work

Guilty pleasure: The Traitors, Twin Peaks

One interesting fact about yourself: Member of an amateur theater group and collaborator on the TV serie The Traitors CZ



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Kunst Pavel

Assistant Coach

Team: Tempo Praha **Nickname:** Pablo

Job: IT business, CBA

Favourite MLB player: Javier Báez

Hobbies: hiking, doing other sports, family

Guilty pleasure: Star Trek

One interesting fact about yourself: When I raise my voice, it doesn't mean that I'm angry, but often it's because I'm very involved in the conversation and I want to express that I'm telling the truth.



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Truesdale Joseph

Assistant Coach

Team: Kotlářka Praha **Nickname:** Joe

Job: physiotherapist

Favourite MLB player: Ken Griffey Jr.

Hobbies: family, snowboarding, scuba diving

Best ever advice: Play baseball as long as you can...

One interesting fact about yourself: I've been in two TV shows and a Documentary. The documentary was about baseball.



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Drápela Šimon

Bullpen Catcher

Team: Kotlářka Praha **Nickname:** Saymon

Job: student, own a cosmetics brand - ecommerce + retail

Favourite MLB player: Francisco Lindor

Hobbies: working out

Guilty pleasure: The Office

One interesting fact about yourself: I have an ATC licence



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Winkler Jakub

Bullpen Catcher

Team: Draci Brno **Nickname:** daa Winky

Job: student

Favourite MLB player: Javier Baez

Hobbies: listening to music, spending time with family, playing PlayStation

Guilty pleasure: Okresní přebor (Czech TV Show)

One interesting fact about yourself: I have the most severe case of color blindness possible.

No.	Name	Surname	Pronunciation	Pronunciation	
89	Pavel	Chadim	PAH-vel KHAH-dim	パヴェル	ハディム
47	Alexander	Derhak		アレグザンダー	ダーハク
22	John	Hussey		ジョン	ハッシー
51	Petr	Stříbrcký	PEH-tr STRZHEE-brts-kee	ペトル	ストジーブルツキー
99	Petr	Zýma	PEH-tr ZEE-mah	ペトル	ズイーマ
66	David	Nevěřil	DAH-vid NEH-vyeh-rzhil	ダヴィド	ネヴェジール
44	Takubo	Kenshoku			
75	Dušan	Randák	DOO-shan RAHN-daak	ドウシャン	ランダーク
12	Pavel	Kunst	PAH-vel KOONST	パヴェル	クンスト
41	Joseph	Truesdale		ジョー	トゥルーズデイル
37	Šimon	Drápela	SAAJ-mn DRAA-peh-lah	シモン	ドラーパーラ
17	Jakub	Winkler	YAH-kubh WIN-kler	ヤクブ	ウインクラー

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Barto Jeffrey

Team: Nuclears Třebíč

Age: 36 **Nickname:** Barto

Job: baseball coach and manager

Stats: Extraleague 2025 / Euro 2025

W-L	ERA	IP	K
0-0/1-0	0.00/2.84	5/6	4/5

Favourite MLB player: Bill Buckner

Hobbies: outdoor (hunting, hiking travelling)

What is the best advice you have ever received:

Whether you think you can, or you think you can't... you're right.

One interesting fact about yourself: Never intended to continue playing/coaching

baseball after school

Bio: The left-hander born in Idaho joined the Czech Extraleague in 2016 as a pitcher for Hroši Brno. After a couple of successful seasons, he settled down, started a family in the Czech Republic, and later received Czech citizenship. In 2022, he became a manager and pitcher for the Třebíč Nuclears, leading the club to its first-ever medal in 2025. He has played and coached at American universities and in Croatia, Austria, and Australia. He has pitched nearly 350 innings in the Extraleague, and with an ERA of 2.84, he ranks 18th all-time among pitchers.



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Duffek Tomáš

Team: Eagles Praha

Age: 36 **Nickname:** Duffy

Job: baseball development coach

Stats: Extraleague 2025 / Euro 2025

W-L	ERA	IP	K
2-2/0-0	2.79/3.00	52/3	40/1

Favourite MLB player: Derek Jeter

Hobbies: family and kids

Guilty pleasure: Bachelor, Too hot to handle

One interesting fact about yourself: I can flip the pancakes just by throwing them up in the air on the pan.

Bio: One of the most experienced Czech pitchers. He debuted in Extraleague at the age of 16 and made an appearance for the Czech national team at the Intercontinental Cup in 2010. A star player for Eagles Praha, who is close to 1,000 K (998) and 100 W (99) in league competition. It will most likely be his last WBC tournament.



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Čapka Filip

Team: Draci Brno

Age: 27 **Nickname:** Chappy

Job: in the space industry

Stats: Extraleague 2025 / Euro 2025

W-L	ERA	IP	K
6-3/0-0	4.68/0.00	83/2	69/1

Favourite MLB player: Justin Verlander

Hobbies: board games and cross-country skiing with friends

Guilty pleasure: Eurotrip (2014)

One interesting fact about yourself: I was/am a boy scout

Bio: Pitcher for Draci Brno who has already won five Extraleague titles with them. He also has experience playing abroad, having played for Wake Tech Community College in the USA and also in the Netherlands. Among his greatest achievements, he counts advancing to the Junior League World Series and his performance at the tournament. In 2025, he surpassed the 400 K mark in Extraleague. He enjoys listening to rap and techno music before a game.



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Ercoli Lukáš

Team: Kotlářka Praha

Age: 29 **Nickname:** Kólie, Kolča

Job: Baseball Czech marketing and communications director

Stats: Extraleague 2025

W-L	ERA	IP	K
7-4	3.76	84	85

Favourite MLB player: Eric Sogard

Hobbies: hiking with my wife, gardening

Guilty pleasure: One Piece

One interesting fact about yourself: I like cats. My cat's name is Dorota.

Bio: He started playing baseball in a small club called Praotci Roudnice. He was a member of youth national teams and made his debut in the men's national team at WBCq 22 after excellent performances in the Extraleague. He won the championship title with Kotlářka Praha in 2015 and helped Hroši Brno reach their first Extraleague final in history in 2022, setting the Extraleague record for the longest quality start streak (11).

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Hlouch Lukáš

Team: Nuclears Třebíč

Age: 25 **Nickname:** Candy

Job: nuclear equipment operator

Stats: Extraleague 2025 / Euro 2025

W-L	ERA	IP	K
6-2/0-0	3.03/0.00	71/1	58/2

Favourite MLB player: David Ortiz

Hobbies: running or hiking
Guilty pleasure: Czech Bachelor.
One interesting fact about yourself: I love fast cars

Bio: He started playing for the men's national team at the age of 17 and was a member of the U23 team that won a gold medal at the European Championship in Prague (2019). He has been playing in the Extraleague for 10 years, recording 407 K, playing for 3 clubs, and for the last 3 years he has been an important support of his home team, Nuclears Třebíč. In the first game of the K-Series, he was named MVP of the game for his performance. If he did not play baseball, he would have played soccer.



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Kovala Michal

Team: Chipola College (USA) / Arrows s Ostrava

Age: 22 **Nickname:** Micro, Kovi

Job: student

Stats: New England Collegiate Baseball League 2024 / Atlantic Coast Conference 2024

W-L	ERA	IP	K
3-2/0-0	11.25/4.0	20/18	28/18

Favourite MLB player: Paul Skenes

Hobbies: video games
Guilty pleasure: Demon Slayer
One interesting fact about yourself: I've reached master rank in League of legends which only 0.4% of players reach from 100Mil

Bio: The discovery from WBCq 2022 sensation struggled with injuries last year, but should now be fully fit. He started playing in the Czechia's top league at the age of 15, beginning as an infielder. He won two championship titles with the Arrows Ostrava and then left to attend high school in the USA, There, he focused more on pitching and in 2023 was ranked first among European prospects by Perfect Game. Everyone believes that his return to the game will bring a lot of success to the Czech team.



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Kollmann Filip

Team: Arizona Western College / Nuclears Třebíč

Age: 20 **Nickname:** Coolman

Job: student

Stats: Extraleague 2025 / Euro 2025

W-L	ERA	IP	K
3-2/0-0	2.95/7.71	46/2	64/0

Favourite MLB player: Mason Miller

Hobbies: skiing
Guilty pleasure: The walking dead
One interesting fact about yourself: I started pitching when I was 16, before that I used to be a catcher.

Bio: The promising pitcher from Třebíč Nuclears had a dream year in 2025. He won silver with the U23 national team at the European Championships on the home soil, bronze with the men's national team, and will now make his debut at the WBC. He made his first appearance in front of an Asian audience at the Asia Trip series in 2024, and a year earlier he was part of the Czech team at the U18 World Championships. He has played four seasons in the Czech top league and already recorder over 100 strikeouts.



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Minařík Marek

Team: Sokol Hluboká

Age: 32 **Nickname:** Míňa

Job: real estate

Stats: Extraleague 2025

W-L	ERA	IP	K
0-0	0.00	2	1

Guilty pleasure: Slovakia TV show Farm

Hobbies: ice hockey
What is the best advice you have ever received: Control the controllables
One interesting fact about yourself: That I'm really handy and enjoy fixing and building things

Bio: "Czech Shohei Ohtani" returns to the mound after more than a year's break. The hero of the WBC qualifiers in Regensburg and the match against China will build on his performances from previous years. The former MiLB pitcher in the Pirates and Phillies organizations has played for three clubs since his return to the Extraleague. In 2023, he was named the best pitcher in the Extraleague. In addition to pitching, he plays in the outfield and is also an excellent hitter. In 2025 he joined the Czech Home Run Club. He loves ice hockey and is very good at it as well.

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Novák Jan

Team: Kotlářka Praha
Age: 32 **Nickname:** Johnny
Job: custom headwear & finance
Stats: Extraleague 2025 / Euro 2025

W-L	ERA	IP	K
2-1/0-0	4.39/0.00	41/7	41/9

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Hobbies: surf
Guilty pleasure: Hunter X Hunter
One interesting fact about yourself: I'm an OG housekeeper
Who is your role model outside of baseball? Tereza Novak Houdkova (wife)

Bio: The former left-handed pitcher for the MiLB Baltimore Orioles had to take a two-year break due to an elbow injury. He gradually returned to the mound last year, when he returned to his home team Kotlářka Praha after three seasons with Sokol Hluboká. He already represented Czechia in the 2012 WBC Qualifiers. At the European Championships in Rotterdam, he pitched 7.1 IP, with 0 runs and 9 strikeouts.



Padyšák Daniel

Team: Oisix Niigata Albirex (JPN)
Age: 25 **Nickname:** Pady
Job: baseball player
Stats: Japan Eastern League 2025

W-L	ERA	IP	K
0-0	0.00	5	2

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Favourite MLB player: Nolan Ryan

Hobbies: watching movies and reading books
Guilty pleasure: The Chosen
One interesting fact about yourself: I can dunk a basketball

Bio: The first Czech pitcher ever to play professional baseball in Japan, as Padyšák signed a contract with Niigata in 2025. Before that, he was successful in the USA, where in 2022, he helped CSU to its first conference title since 2000. He spent five seasons at universities in the USA. He made his debut for the men's national team in 2018 at the Super6 tournament and he was the starting pitcher against China at the 23 WBC, delivering 4 nearly perfect innings (4 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 2 BB, 49 pitches).



Ondra Tomáš

Team: Hroši Brno (2025) / Draci Brno (2026)
Age: 29 **Nickname:** TO
Job: product specialist for an aortic valve implantation
Stats: Extraleague 2025 / Euro 2025

W-L	ERA	IP	K
0-1/1-1	4.50/1.74	34/10	27/7

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Favourite MLB player: Pedro Martinez

Hobbies: brunch
Guilty pleasure: Ted Lasso
One interesting fact about yourself: I can play guitar
Bio: The protege of Arrows Ostrava was the hero of the bronze medal match at the European Championships

against Spain (8,1 IP; 6 SO; 1.74 ERA). He also played in Germany for several years, most recently for the Regensburg Legionäre team. After his return to Czechia, he became a Hroši Brno ace, with whom he advanced to the finals three times against Draci Brno. He announced his transfer to the Draci Brno for the 2026 season. He has pitched more than 500 IP in the league. With his project "Svět baseballistů" (World of Baseball Players), he is involved in the development of young pitchers in Czechia.



Satoria Ondřej

Team: Arrows Ostrava
Age: 29 **Nickname:** Saty, Satka, Sat
Job: electrical Construction Control Technician
Stats: Extraleague 2025 / Euro 2025

W-L	ERA	IP	K
7-4/2-0	2.86/3.38	101/8	66/7

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Favourite MLB player: Yoshinobu Yamamoto

Hobbies: hiking, bouldering, soccer, father
Guilty pleasure: Star Wars
One interesting fact about yourself: After baseball, I'm going to focus a lot on bouldering
Bio: The experienced Arrows Ostrava pitcher made a name for himself

among fans by striking out Japanese star Shohei Ohtani. His performance earned him the respect of the whole of Japan and made him one of the most popular Czech players in the country. In 2025, he accepted an official invitation to participate in Expo and performed the ceremonial first pitch of an NPB game. His most popular and effective pitch is the so-called "worker". Throughout his career, he has remained loyal to his home club in Ostrava, helping them win three championship titles. He has pitched more than 900 IP in the top Czech league. His sporting idol is Lionel Messi.

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Schneider Martin

Team: Skokani Olomouc
Age: 40 **Nickname:** Schneidy, Omar
Job: firefighter
Stats: World Baseball Classic 2023

W-L	ERA	IP	K
0/0	2.57	7	2

Favourite MLB player: Derek Jeter, Omar Vizquel

Hobbies: guitar, drawing, woodwork
Guilty pleasure: Commando (1985)
Best advice ever: Just be yourself
Bio: The most famous firefighter in Czechia and certainly the only one to make the front

page of The New York Times. For many years, he was a great support to the national team as a pitcher, catcher, and batter. He won 12 Extraleague titles with Draci Brno and recorded 73 W as a pitcher. He fought three times in the Czech jersey to get to the WBC (2012, 2016, 2022) and his performance against Spain helped secure the advancement to the WBC 2023. He is returning to the mound after an injury, but he will certainly give his all on the field.



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Večerka Boris

Team: Hroši Brno
Age: 22 **Nickname:** The Missile
Job: baseball player, bouncer at a club
Favourite MLB player: Trevor Bauer

Hobbies: playing MLB the show
Guilty pleasure: Rick and Morty
One interesting fact about yourself: I had 2 tommy john surgeries

Bio: Another pitching rookie on the Czech team at the WBC and another pitcher returning from injury. At the end of 2022, he signed a professional contract with the Arizona Diamondbacks in MiLB. After suffering two Tommy John surgeries, he is now back and even pitched his first games since the injury in the 2025 Japanese Winter League.



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Vank Ondřej

Team: Northeastern Junior College (USA) / Tempo Praha
Age: 20 **Nickname:** Vanky
Job: student
Stats: Euro U23 2025 / NJCAA Region 9

W-L	ERA	IP	K
1-0/9-4	0.00/4.54	4/67	6/92

Favourite MLB player: Trey Yesavage

Hobbies: video games, reading
Guilty pleasure: Star Wars, The Clone Wars
One interesting fact about yourself: I like to play chess

Bio: A peer to Matouš Bubeník, they have been playing together in national teams since they were 12 years old. Young man from Tempo Praha had a great year in the NJCAA Region 9 competition, which he won with his team and was also named Pitcher of the Year. In addition, he helped the U23 national team win a silver medal at the European Championship. He debuted with the men's national team at the Asia Trip 2024 where he became a darling of the Taipei's crowd.



C 21

Bubeník Matouš

Team: UNC Wilmington (USA) / Eagles Praha
Age: 21 **Nickname:** Buben
Job: student
Stats: P27 Academy / Extraleague 2025

AB	AVG	HR	RBI
144/79	.375/.278	11/2	38/24

Favourite MLB player: John Jaso

Hobbies: listening to music
Guilty pleasure: The office
One interesting fact about yourself: I watch darts religiously

Bio: A representative of the upcoming generation of players who began playing in the US while still in high school. Although he has artistic talent in his genes, he decided to pursue baseball. He made his debut on the world stage at the 2017 U12 World Cup, and was part of the selection for the Asia Trip and K-Series, and will now make his debut at the WBC.

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C 55

Červenka Martin

Team: Kotlářka Praha
Age: 33 **Nickname:** Barry
Job: sales position - sell plastic granules
Stats: Extraleague 2025 / Euro 2025

AB	AVG	HR	RBI
119/24	.429/.542	21/4	47/16

Favourite MLB player: Alex Rodriguez

Hobbies: golf, skiing

Guilty pleasure:

Big Bang Theory

One interesting fact about yourself:

It's a secret

Bio: The best Czech player in history spent 10 seasons in the MiLB system and came very close to starting in MLB for the NY Mets.

After the 2021 season, he returned to the Extraleague, where he has dominated the batting statistics ever since. A very experienced player and excellent catcher, he has not lost his form or enthusiasm for the game even in the Czech league and continues to be a great asset to the national team. He has contributed to all of Czech baseball's successes in the last decade. Last year, he hit a home run cycle in a game against Italy at the PBW. At the European Championships, he was one of the main forces for the bronze medal win. His achievements also include the Czech Extraleague title with Kotlářka Praha (2015).



IF 78

Červinka Martin

Team: Draci Brno
Age: 29 **Nickname:** Chevy
Job: senior audit associate
Stats: Extraleague 2025 / Euro 2025

AB	AVG	HR	RBI
129/5	.326/.000	1/0	21/0

Favourite MLB player: Francisco Lindor

Hobbies: sleeping -

anytime, anywhere

Guilty pleasure:

The Bachelor

One interesting fact

about yourself: I still have the same pillow I had since I was 5

Bio: In adulthood he represented Czechia since 2018 (Super6, WUBC) and was part of the team at the 2022 WBCq. However, due to an injury, he did not make the nomination for the tournament itself. Now he is returning to the national team with even greater determination. He has celebrated six championship titles with Draci Brno in the Extraleague and has played in 334 games so far. In 2024, he won the European Champions League with Draci and received the MVP award.



C 38

Zelenka Martin

Team: Tempo Praha
Age: 25 **Nickname:** Zeli
Job: baseball coach
Stats: Extraleague 2025 / Euro 2025

AB	AVG	HR	RBI
60/2	.267/.000	2/0	13/1

Favourite MLB player: Josh Donaldson

Hobbies: working out in the gym, video games

Guilty pleasure:

Love Island

One interesting fact

about yourself: I'm crazy perfectionist

Bio: A newcomer to the WBC with experience and success from college baseball in the USA, where he trice won the All-Academic award at Pitt CC. In 2025, he played 14 games in D1 for UNCW and achieved an 8-game hitting streak. He won gold with the national team at the U23 European Championships in Prague. He has been playing in the Extraleague since he was 15 and has 214 hits to his name. He is a protege of the Tempo Praha, but will play for Sokol Hluboká in the 2026 season.



UTL 5

Escala William

Team: Hroši Brno
Age: 27 **Nickname:** Willie
Job: construction superintendent and estimator
Stats: AA Baseball / Extraleague 2025

AB	AVG	HR	RBI
48/29	.250/.310	3/1	9/4

Favourite MLB player: Mike Trout, Derek Jeter, Jose Ramirez

Hobbies: golf, work on vehicles

Guilty pleasure: Formula

1: Drive to survive,

Remember the Titans

One interesting fact

about yourself: I actually don't like to watch sports on T.V. Only in person.

Bio: The son of a Cuban father and Czech mother, he fit perfectly into the Czech team. He made his debut in the national jersey at the 2023 WBC and immediately attracted attention not only with his performance, but also with his fighting spirit and bravery. Since then he has been an integral part of the team. He has participated in all important events and also won a bronze medal at the 2025 European Championships. He played baseball for five years at college in the US (D1 and D2) and now plays in independent leagues. In Czechia, he plays for Hroši Brno.

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UTL 30

Johnson Ryan

Team: Nuclears Třebíč
Age: 33 **Nickname:** RJ
Job: english teacher at a catholic highscool
Stats: Extraleague 2025

AB	AVG	HR	RBI
90	.300	6	24

Favourite MLB player: Doc Halladay

Hobbies: reading fictional novels, playing video games with friends

Guilty pleasure:

Below deck

One interesting fact

about yourself: Although I am perceived as an athlete, im really quite a nerd.

Bio: The Canadian native

burst onto the Czech Extraleague scene in 2021. He played for the Nuclears Třebíč, helping them win the bronze medal last year both at bat and on the mound. Over the course of five seasons, he managed to hit 164 hits and strike out 354 batters. He announced his transfer to the Hroši Brno for the 2026 season. He decided to settle down in Czechia and recieved his passport in 2025. He made his debut in the Czech men's national team at the PBW in 2024, and officially played as a Czech citizen a year later in Regensburg. His first international event was Euro 2025, and now he faces another challenge in the form of WBC. He values his "Receiving all American honors at LCU".



IF 77

Menšík Vojtěch

Team: Hroši Brno
Age: 27 **Nickname:** Muatah, the sheep, Freaky Mensiki
Job: data analyst at PRO5 Baseball Academy
Stats: Extraleague 2025 / Euro 2025

AB	AVG	HR	RBI
56/23	.232/.304	0/0	9/1

Favourite MLB player: Shohei Ohtani, Trea Turner

Hobbies: hiking, watching movies and TV shows

Guilty pleasure:

Bridgerton

One interesting fact

about yourself: I have a twin sister

Bio: In 2021, he became the first Czech player to play in the College World Series for NC State Wolfpack. He signed a contract with the LA Angels, but was released after the draft and played only half a season in MiLB. He regularly plays as a successful lead-off hitter and amazes with his excellent defense, where he can play almost any infield position. In Czechia, he is loyal to his home club, Hroši Brno, which he has helped reach the finals three times.



IF 49

Mužík Martin

Team: Sokol Hluboká
Age: 29 **Nickname:** Sku, Magic, Magic Mužík
Job: groundskeeper, social media guy
Stats: Extraleague 2025 / Euro 2025

AB	AVG	HR	RBI
154/22	.377/.182	12/0	48/1

Favourite MLB player: Pete Alonso

Hobbies: fishing, video games

Guilty pleasure: The Simpsons, Love Island

What is the best advice you have ever received:

If you are five minutes early, you are already late.

Bio: Magic Muzik, captain of the national team. His homerun decided

Czechia's victory against China at the 20233 WBC. As captain, he led the U23 team to gold (2019) and the men's team to bronze at the European Championships. He is a member of the Czech Home Run Club, ranking 6th in the Extraleague's all-time charts with 98 homeruns. He started as a catcher and also played in the outfield for the national team. He grew up in Sokol Hluboká, where he returned after his team advanced to the top league, and he is a great representative and face of this club from southern Bohemia. He won the championship title with Kotlářka Praha (2015). Before the game, he gets in the mood with Czech hip hop.



IF 27

Pospíšil Jan

Team: North Geenville University (USA) / Hroši Brno
Age: 22 **Nickname:** Pospec, Bambi/Bambas
Job: student, youth baseball coach
Stats: Extraleague 2025

AB	AVG	HR	RBI
98	.367	0	16

Favourite MLB player: Ken Griffey Jr., Ronald Acuña Jr.

Hobbies: cooking, going for a Great Czech beer with my family or friends

Guilty pleasure: Naked Attraction, Borat

One interesting fact about yourself: You would have to ask my host family in the USA...

Bio: Another promising young Czech baseball player grew up in Hroši Brno, where he joined the Extraleague at the age of 16. Like most of his peers, he went to university in the US, where he attended Pitt Community College and has now moved to North Greenville University. In 2025, he won silver medal at the European Championships with the U23 national team and qualified for the 2026 World Championships. This is his first time at the WBC, but he has already shown himself to the world audience at the K-Series.

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Prokop Milan

Team: Draci Brno
Age: 22 **Nickname:** Milda
Job: student, social media for Draci Brno
Stats: Extraleague 2025 / Euro 2025

AB	AVG	HR	RBI
118/23	.271/.348	2/0	21/2

Favourite MLB player: Francisco Lindor, Aaron Judge

Hobbies: gym, snowboarding, ice hockey, fan-watching other sports
Guilty pleasure: Survivor
One interesting fact about yourself: I listen to podcasts on daily basis, I rather watch other sports than baseball and I love to follow politics.

Bio: He was one of the youngest players at the last WBC and has been proving his quality ever since. He started out at Pelikans Bučovice, but has now been playing for Draci Brno for five years, winning four championship titles with them. In addition to his high school experience in the US, he also boasts a year-long stint in the Independent League BC-League with Kanagawa Future Dreams. He has played all infield positions in his career, but most often plays SS and 3B. He also fondly remembers participating in the Little League World Series tournament.



Vavra Terrin

Team: free agent
Age: 28 **Nickname:** T Man
Job: baseball player
Stats: MLB career

AB	AVG	HR	RBI
139	.252	1	17

Favourite MLB player: Kyle Stowers

Hobbies: spending time with my wife and kids and golfing
Guilty pleasure: Reality TV shows
One interesting fact about yourself: I love to cook and I am a big fan of coffee.

Bio: A newcomer to the Czech team, he is the only player on the roster with MLB experience. He was drafted by the Colorado Rockies in 2018 and spent eight seasons moving up and down the Baltimore Orioles system. He made his MLB debut in 2022 and has appeared in 68 major league games. After the 2025 season, Terrin elected free agency. His great-grandfather was born in Czechia, and Terrin is now proud to represent his family heritage for the first time. He has never been to Japan and will visit the country for the first time at the WBC.



Chlup Marek

Team: Caliente de Durango (MEX)
Age: 27 **Nickname:** Mara
Job: baseball player
Stats: Japan Eastern League

AB	AVG	HR	RBI
165	.273	4	31

Favourite MLB player: Jarren Duran

Hobbies: traveling
Guilty pleasure: Wife swap
One interesting fact about yourself: I'm good at sewing
Bio: A native of Český Dub, he played for several Czech clubs and, wearing the Arrows Ostrava jersey, became the 6th youngest

player in history to enter the Extraleague. One of the best Czech batters in history, he is an excellent outfielder with dynamite in his hands. In 2022, he became the conference player of the year and a D2 World Series champion with NGU. He is the first Czech to play in the NPB. Due to an injury, he was unable to compete in the 2025 European Championship, but everyone believes that he will deliver another great performance at bat and in defense at the 2026 WBC. His role model outside of baseball is Matthew McConaughey, and he listens to techno music before games.



Krejčířík Marek

Team: NuclearsTřebíč
Age: 24 **Nickname:** Black work
Job: freelancer
Stats: Extraleague 2025 / Euro 2025

AB	AVG	HR	RBI
114/12	.272/.250	3/0	10/0

Favourite MLB player: Ichiro Suzuki

Hobbies: spending time with family and friends at our cottage, watching sports.
Guilty pleasure: Movie Legend with Tom Hardy
One interesting fact about yourself: I collect slides from Czech streetwear brands.

Bio: A versatile player who can play almost any position. One of few players to have participated in two consecutive Little League World Series (2013-2014). He started playing baseball in Třebíč, and after four years with the Hroši Brno, he returned to Nuclears Třebíč in 2025. If he did not play baseball, he would devote himself to athletic sprints or play hockey.

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Prejda Max

Team: Yale University (D1) / Kotlářka Praha

Age: 18 **Nickname:** -

Job: student

Stats: Extraleague 2025 / Euro 2025

AB	AVG	HR	RBI
63/17	.349/118	3/0	16/2

Favourite MLB player: Gunnar Henderson

Hobbies: travelling and photography
Guilty pleasure: Reality TV shows
One interesting fact about yourself: I could name almost all the countries in the world and their flags when I was 5 years old.

Bio: The youngest member of the team, who made his big debut in the men's national team at the successful European Championships in Rotterdam. So far, he has only played two seasons in the Extraleague for Kotlářka Praha. In addition to the outfield, he has also played on the mound. In 2019 he received an award for the most stolen bases (11) at the U12 World Championship. He participated in the PG National Showcase and, in 2024, the East Coast Pro Showcase. Next year, he is expected to play D1 at Yale University.



OF 11

Šindelka Michal

Team: Chipola College (USA) / Draci Brno

Age: 20 **Nickname:** Šindys

Job: student

Stats: Extraleague 2025 / Euro 2025

AB	AVG	HR	RBI
45/20	.356/150	2/0	9/4

Favourite MLB player: Ronald Acuña

Hobbies: pokémon, hanging out with family
Guilty pleasure: Pokémon anime
One interesting fact about yourself: I made my own Pokémon board game that I play with my family.

Bio: Despite his young age, this outfielder from Draci Brno has already won four championship titles. At the 2025 U23 European Championships, he won the award for best batter of the tournament and was one of the driving forces behind the team's silver medal and qualification for the World Championship. Since 2022, he has been playing at universities in the US, and in 2025 he played in the MLB Draft League for the Mahoning Valley Scrappers (91 AB, 25H, 11 RBI). He made his debut for the men's national team at the Asia Tour in 2024.

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仕事と野球の二刀流を体現するチェコ代表のプロフェッショナルな姿勢に共鳴し、その活動を継続的に支援します。また、スポーツの力とスポーツ業界の知見・経験を組み合わせ、スポーツの経済的価値と社会的価値の向上に貢献するとともに、地域活性化や社会課題の解決に取り組んでいきます。

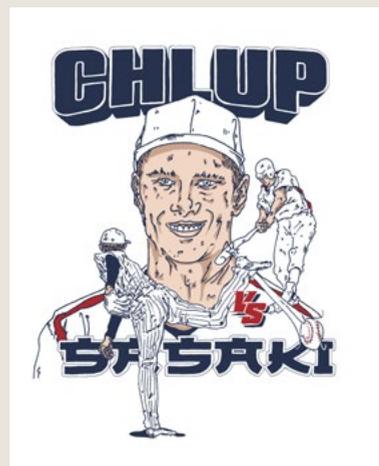
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JAKUB MATUŠKA AKA MASKER artist

In my illustrations for the Czech National Baseball Team, I capture four selected moments from the Czechia vs. Japan game at the 2023 WBC. I focused on one-on-one situations in which our players defeated world-class opponents. These are moments with the archetypal power of the David vs. Goliath story, moving, inspiring, and surprising. Not only for young athletes, but also as a statement about the system and society from which something so successful could emerge.

For me, this story also has a personal dimension. I once played alongside some of these players as a teammate or opponent. This makes me all the more fascinated by the progress Czech baseball has achieved in a single generation.

It is this transformation that gives these moments a meaning that transcends the sport itself. One of the highlights is the moment when Ondřej Satoria strikes out Shohei Ohtani - a scene I also painted on the wall of the national pavilion at Expo Osaka in the spring, as a statement about our society. The story of Czech baseball resonates unexpectedly strongly in Japan, and I was surprised by how many ordinary people knew about that game. It's great publicity for Czechia.

I carefully redrew the shots from that game in detail, and then experimented with the composition. I wanted to combine the retro aesthetics of 1990s university T-shirts, the game's "versus" theme, and the portrait stylization of our players Mužík, Satoria, Chlup, and Escala. I "animated" actions and incorporated them into the typographic composition.

ヤクブ・マトウシュカ (通称: マスカー)

画家

野球チェコ代表チームのために制作した私のイラストでは、2023年のワールド・ベースボール・クラシックにおけるチェコ対日本戦から、4つの場面を選んで描いている。世界トップレベルの相手に対し、チェコの選手たちが1対1の状況で勝利した瞬間に焦点を当てた。これらは、ダビデとゴリアテの物語を想起させる原型的な力を持った場面であり、見る者に訴えかけ、刺激を与え、驚きを与えている。それは若いアスリートに向けたものにとどまらず、このような成功を生み出した制度や社会についてのメッセージでもある。

この物語には、私自身にとっても個人的な背景がある。私はかつて、これらの選手たちとチームメイトや対戦相手として同じフィールドに立っていた。その経験があるからこそ、たった一世代の間にチェコ野球が遂げた進歩により強い関心を抱いている。

この変化こそが、これらの場面に競技の粋を超えた意味を与えている。その中でも特に象徴的なのが、オンジェイ・サトリアが大谷翔平を三振に抑えた場面である。このシーンは、大阪・関西万博のチェコパビリオンの壁にも描いたが、私にとっては社会についてのメッセージを示す作品でもあった。チェコ野球の物語は、日本において予想以上に強い反響を呼び、あの試合を知っている一般の人々が多くいたことに私は驚かされた。これはチェコの認知度向上につながっている。

私はまず、あの試合の各場面を細部まで丁寧に描き起こし、その上で構図の検討を進めた。1990年代の大学Tシャツに見られるレトロな美学、試合における「対決」というモチーフ、そしてムジーク、サトリア、フルプ、エスカラといった選手たちの肖像的な表現を取り入れたいと考えた。プレーの動きを「アニメーション化」し、それをタイポグラフィの構成の中に組み込んでいる。

MARTIN HAŠEK

Editor of the Sport daily newspaper and author of the book „Baseball: Small Country, Big Dreams“

It's still hard for me to believe that I wrote a book about baseball. At the beginning of winter 2023, I knew very little about the game, but a visit to Tokyo – where the Czech national team later played in the World Baseball Classic – changed everything.

I have worked as a sports journalist for over thirty years, and covered thirteen Olympic Games, yet this baseball experience was truly exceptional. I witnessed historic moments of Czech baseball, learned the story of its rise, and met the players, coaches, and dedicated staff behind the scenes.

Like the rest of the world, I was moved by the story of Czech amateurs competing with elite players from MLB and Asian leagues – but soon discovered the narrative was not complete. Although most Czech players do not earn a living from baseball, they approach the game professionally. After the World Baseball Classic, national team coach Pavel Chadim offered me the opportunity to write a book about the rise of Czech baseball.

I was surprised by how quickly the game won me over. I came to understand its magic and tried to capture the success of Czech players in the book. In Czechia, we love ice hockey and football and celebrate many sporting stars, including Olympic champion Ester Ledicka, who is an Olympic champion in alpine skiing and alpine snowboarding. Baseball is not yet as popular, but it has gained attention and has great potential in our country.

The Czech team will be considered an underdog at the 2026 World Baseball Classic, but I don't think that's the case. Knowing the players and coaches, I believe they can surprise the world again and show they have not wasted the three years since the last WBC



マルティン・ハシェック

スポーツ紙編集者／著書『野球——小さな国、大きな夢』著者

今でも自分が野球について本を書いたという事実が信じられない。2023年初頭の時点では、私はこの競技についてほとんど知識がなかった。しかしその後、ワールド・ベースボール・クラシックが行われる東京を訪れたことで状況は一変した。

私は30年以上にわたりスポーツ記者として活動し、13回のオリンピック取材してきたが、今回の野球の経験は特別なものだった。チェコ野球の歴史的な瞬間を目の当たりにし、その発展の経緯を知り、さらに選手や監督、コーチ、舞台裏での献身的なスタッフたちと出会うことができた。

世界の他の多くの人々と同様に、私も当初はチェコのアマチュア選手たちがMLBやアジアのプロリーグのトップ選手と競い合う姿に心を動かされた。しかし、やがてその物語はそれだけではないことに気づいた。チェコの選手の多くは野球で生計を立てているわけではないが、その取り組みはプロフェッショナルと言える。ワールド・ベースボール・クラシック終了後、代表監督のパヴェル・ハディム氏からチェコ野球の発展について本を書く機会を提案された。

私自身、これほど早く野球に引き込まれるとは思っていなかった。この競技の持つ魅力を理解するようになり、チェコ選手たちの成功を本の中で表現しようと試みた。チェコではアイスホッケーとサッカーが愛され、多くのスーパースターが称えられている。アルペンスキーとスノーボードの両方でオリンピック金メダルを獲得したエステル・レデツカもその一人である。野球はまだそれらの競技ほどの人気には至っていないが、注目は確実に高まっており、国内には大きな可能性があると感じている。

2026年のワールド・ベースボール・クラシックにおいてチェコ代表は下馬評では不利と見られるだろう。しかし私はそう考えていない。選手や監督・コーチを知る者として、彼らが再び世界を驚かせ、前回のWBCからの3年間が決して無駄ではなかったと世界に示してくれると私は信じている。



You can find the book in the fanshop.



SMALL COUNTRY,
BIG DREAMS

JAKUB STAŘÍK

Baseball and Softball Coverage Editor at ČT Sport, Commentator

Baseball began to receive coverage on what was then Czechoslovak Television in the early 1980s. Regular reporting followed in 1988, thanks to Prague Baseball Week. Following the Czech national team's advancement to Group A of the European Championship in 1996, all major baseball events have been broadcast regularly on Czech Television.

Czech Television is proud to present this sport to a broader audience through major tournaments such as the World Baseball Classic. These events allow not only sports fans but also casual viewers to gradually discover the beauty of the game, understand its rules, and appreciate its uniqueness.

The match between the Czech Republic and Japan at the 2023 WBC was watched by one million television viewers, many of whom remained loyal to the sport during the Czech national team's subsequent matches in the years that followed.

It is wonderful that the entire 2026 WBC will be broadcast nationwide on ČT Sport, with 18 games offered with Czech commentary.

WBC 2026 PRE-GAMES

22/2	Sun	Czechia vs. Chiba Mariners
23/2	Mon	Czechia vs. Chiba Mariners
24/2	Tue	Czechia vs. Hiroshima Carps
26/2	Thu	Czechia vs. Chiba Mariners
27/2	Fri	Czechia vs. Giants
2/3	Mon	Czechia vs. Giants
3/3	Tue	Czechia vs. Orix



In preparation for the WBC, Czech players prepared a special set of jerseys featuring several interesting Japanese motifs.

Japanese rising sun motif, typography inspired by Tokyo neon signs, detail of Mount Fuji on the sleeve stripes

Attentive fans can find in the numbers illustrations of players from previous WBC season.

We would like to thank all Japanese teams for the opportunity to play these preparatory matches with them.

ヤクブ・スタジーク

ČT Sport ベースボール/ソフトボール担当編集者

野球は、1980年代初頭に当時のチェコスロバキア国営テレビで取り上げられ始めました。1988年には国際大会「プラハ・ベースボール・ウィーク」のレギュラー放送がスタートしました。さらに、1996年にチェコ代表が欧州選手権のグループAへ昇格して以降、主要な野球イベントはチェコテレビで継続的に放送されています。

チェコテレビは、ワールド・ベースボール・クラシックのような大規模な国際大会を通じて、より幅広い視聴者にこのスポーツを紹介できることを誇りに思っています。これらの大会は、スポーツファンだけでなく、普段は野球に触れていない視聴者にも、徐々に野球の魅力を知り、ルールを理解し、その特有の魅力を楽しむ機会を提供してきました。

2023年のWBCで行われたチェコ対日本の試合は100万人がテレビで視聴し、その後も多くの視聴者がチェコ代表の試合を継続して視聴するようになりました。

そして今回、2026年WBCがČT Sportで全国放送されること、18試合がチェコ語実況付きで提供されることは本当に素晴らしいことです。

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