

Baseball History - Personal Interview

Q: What is your name?

A: Jonathan M. Fentress.

Q: What is your address?

A: [REDACTED].

Q: What is the date today?

A: October 12, 1994.

Q: What is your employment status at this moment. Are you working, in school, or other?

A: I am currently enrolled at Slippery Rock University of P.A.. I also work part time on the weekends for N.B.C. doing football games in Cleveland and Pittsburgh.

Q: So you are in school, what is your major.

A: Communication.

Q: What role have you played in the history of baseball in Western P.A..

A: I worked for the baseball network during the All-Star game this past year and subsequently there after.

Q: How did you get this opportunity?

A: Through my internship at KDKA-TV2 in Pittsburgh.

Q: Explain some of the responsibilities that you had?

A: I coordinate smooth commercials, scoreboard and billboard spots and network time correcting problems for the certain actors.

Q: Did you have any troubles with your responsibilities?

A: No, the people I worked with were very good and everything went well.

Q: What type of preconceptions did you bring with you to the ballpark?

A: Truthfully not many. To me, I've seen enough to be prepared for what would happen. I was just amazed of the vastness of the production and how serious people take it.

Q: Did any of these hold true while you worked at Three Rivers?

A: Yes, T.V. people put a lot of pressure on themselves to do the best. Anything less is not acceptable.

Q: What in your opinion was the most fascinating aspect of your experience?

A: Having a conversation on the future of baseball and the personal physical stature of Bob Costas. Great Fun!

Q: What did Bob Costas think about the future of baseball?

A: He said that the league needs to settle financial problems, they are the most important in the near future.

Q: Did you get to meet anyone famous that is involved with baseball?

A: Bob Uecker, Jonny Bench, and Reggie Jackson.

Q: At the game was any records broken that could be of any interest to me?

A: Frank Thomas' monster shot off the facade off the sixth level. It was estimated at over 560 feet.

Q: Would you like to do this type of thing again. Why or Why not?

A: Yes, It's exciting being around people that want to do the best and also sports events are fun.

Q: Would you consider working in the baseball world once you graduate from Slippery Rock University of P.A..

A: Definitely.

Q: Do you think that this opportunity will lead to anything bigger or better in the future for you?

A: Yes (knock on wood).

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