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WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.- With less than a month away from the first pitch of the 2012 season, fans and alumni can feel the excitement surrounding the opening of another Sailfish baseball season. Palm Beach Atlantic University will open the 2012 campaign by hosting Lynn University on February 2nd at 7 pm when the two Palm Beach County rivals get together in Jupiter, Florida at Roger Dean Stadium.

This will mark the third straight season that PBA will begin the baseball season at Roger Dean Stadium which is home to Major League Baseball's Florida Marlins and the defending World Series champion, St. Louis Cardinals.

Admission for the game will be free to the public where fans of both teams will have the opportunity to view a NCAA Division II baseball game in one of the region's finest baseball facilities.

The Sailfish return a large majority of their roster from a season ago when the team finished 27-26 under second-year head coach and MLB Hall-of-Famer Gary Carter. The Fish have since added another big league veteran to its coaching staff in former St. Louis Cardinal All-Star Kent Bottenfield as the program's Associate Head Coach.

Lynn University returns a solid core from its team of last year when they finished 26-23 including an 8-4 victory over PBA at Roger Dean Stadium last February. The Knights are under the direction of Rudy Garbalosa who is entering his 11th season as the head skipper at Lynn while leading the program to a NCAA Division II National Championship in

2009.

Fans will have the opportunity to participate in on-field promotions, enjoy traditional ballpark concessions, and experience a big league atmosphere from anywhere in the ballpark. Families are encouraged to bring everyone out for an exciting evening of PBA Baseball.

For questions on the game please contact PBA Assistant Athletic Director, Michael Brown at **michael_brown@pba.edu** or (561) 803-2529.

Palm Beach Atlantic University is a comprehensive, interdenominational Christian university founded in 1968, in West Palm Beach, Fla.

DHS Alum Sawyer Smith is a member of the baseball team.

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