



**Nashville Old Timers  
Baseball Association**



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## **Old Timers Banquet to Feature Dwight 'Doc' Gooden**

**Cy Young Winner in 1985**

NASHVILLE, TN – January 24, 2011 - Former Major League player 'Doc' Gooden will be the featured speaker at the 2011 Old Timers annual banquet, scheduled for Friday, January 28th at the Millennium Maxwell House, 2025 Rosa L. Parks Blvd.

Beginning his professional career in Kingsport, Tennessee as a New York Mets farmhand, Gooden was Rookie of the Year in 1984 and an All-Star with the Mets in 1984, 1985, 1986 and 1988. He was the Cy Young winner in 1985.

Author Billy Staples (***Before the Glory*** and ***BillyBall 2009***) will interview Gooden and add a few stories about some of the Hall of Famers he has interviewed.

The 2011 banquet corporate sponsor is Franklin American Mortgage Company with additional financial support provided by Delta Dental, Nashville Sounds, and Pinnacle Financial Partners.



Larry Cole, who played and coached at Tennessee State University, Capitol City and Tri-State Leagues, will be inducted into the Old Timers Hall of Fame, and Cumberland University baseball coach Woody Hunt, who has led his team to two NAIA National Championships, will be honored with the prestigious "Mr. Baseball" award.

Nashville Sounds player of the year Luis Cruz will be recognized, along with local amateur MVPs and World Series Champions will be recognized. Scholarship award recipients will also be announced.

Tickets for the banquet are \$35 each and may be purchased at Nashville Sporting Goods, Hit after Hit, Nashville Sounds, or from any Old Timers board member. The event begins at 6:30 PM. Call Farrell Owens (615-269-7348), Skip Nipper (615-773-7050) or visit [www.otbaseball.com](http://www.otbaseball.com) for more information.

Formed in 1938 by a group of local baseball enthusiasts, the Nashville Old Timers Baseball Association is one of the oldest such ongoing organizations in the United States. The Old Timers group will be celebrating its 72nd year of existence in 2010.



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