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Savannah Photographer to Exhibit “Farm Team: A Season in the Minors” at Grayson Stadium

Savannah, GA – On April 5 at Savannah’s Historic Grayson Stadium, Savannah native, professional photographer and baseball fan Joseph C. Gamble will offer a media sneak peek of “Farm Team: A Season in the Minors” during Media Day for the Savannah Sand Gnats. “Farm Team” is a photographic mosaic celebrating, examining and revealing the 100th year of baseball in Savannah through the 2004 season of the Savannah Sand Gnats.

The exhibit will officially open on April 29, and photographs from the exhibit will remain hanging in the breezeway of Grayson Stadium’s concourse throughout the 2005 season.

For five months last summer, Gamble and his lens lived among the players, coaches and staff of the Sand Gnats, an affiliate of the Washington Nationals and the latest in Savannah’s history as a host of minor league baseball clubs. His black and white images capture a side of the farm team system that fans rarely witness.

“I wanted my photographs to evoke the timelessness of baseball, but more than anything I wanted to show what minor league baseball is really like,” said Gamble. “I also wanted to memorialize Savannah’s affair with the game and illustrate the importance of minor league baseball in a city where baseball in Grayson Stadium has been a fixture for so long.”

The resulting visual chronicle is both wistful and sharp, recalling the sights, smells, tastes and sounds of warm days spent lazily admiring a graceful game while not sparing the angst and courage of young men indulging the possibility of achieving their lifelong aspirations upon the grass and dirt. From the poignant emotion on a player’s face following a bad inning on the mound to a playful dominoes match on the team bus, Gamble’s collection honors the hopeful determination and youthful exuberance of life in the minor leagues. The photographer blends action views with unguarded exposés of young men seeking an identity in sport along with telling perspectives of the aged stadium that has housed each season’s drama.

The exhibition opening will begin April 29 at 5:00 p.m. and the public is invited to attend at no charge. Ten limited edition collections of 20 signed prints will be available for purchase after opening day. For more information about the project, please visit www.aseasonintheminors.com or call (912) 441-5172.

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