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## **Mattingly Sports Teams Up with API Sports to Offer Mattingly “Hit Man” Baseball Camps** *Day Camps to Be Held This Summer in St. Louis, New York, Philadelphia and Los Angeles*

**SHELTON, CT May 19, 2010** – Mattingly Sports, a leading baseball and softball equipment company founded by MLB legend Don Mattingly, is pleased to announce it will be offering a series of instructional youth baseball and baseball/softball combination camps around the country this summer. The four day “Hit Man” Camps for players between the ages of 7 and 16, will be run in conjunction with Maryland-based API Sports Management & Marketing and are scheduled to begin in July in St. Louis. Additional camps are scheduled throughout the summer in the Philadelphia, New York and Los Angeles metro areas.

“The new “Hit Man” Camps are a natural extension for our growing brand” said Don Mattingly, Founder – Mattingly Sports. “Since day one our company has always been about helping players learn the fundamentals of the game and have more fun playing it. These camps give us a great opportunity to share with kids the proper technique and approach necessary to be a solid ballplayer.”

The camps, which will run from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. daily, commence with a July 15-18 session at the Ozzie Smith Complex in O’Fallon, MO. This inaugural event will be followed by a combination baseball/softball camp, in the New York metro area on August 2-5. This combination camp will include softball instruction from members of API’s U.S. Professional All-Stars, a team of top pro women’s fast pitch athletes. The last two “Hit Man” camp events of the summer are slated for Wissahickon High School in Ambler, PA, on August 9-12 and Occidental College in Los Angeles on August 17-20. Each session, with the exception of New York-area camp, will include an appearance by Don Mattingly and instruction from Mattingly-trained local coaches with professional, collegiate and high school coaching experience.

Campers will receive daily small-group instruction influenced directly from Mattingly’s own personal training philosophies and beliefs. The core instruction will include all fundamental aspects of the game, covering throwing and catching, base running, infield play, outfield play, pitching, hitting and catching. In addition there will be instructional games and skills contests, as well as team-fundamental and position-specific instruction. Lunch will be provided each day, and campers will receive a Mattingly “Hit Man” Camp T-shirt as well as other surprises. The cost of the camp is \$350 per camper. For more information or to register please go to [www.MattinglySports.com](http://www.MattinglySports.com)

### About Mattingly Sports

Founded in 2005 by former New York Yankee Don Mattingly, Mattingly Sports provides innovative, high quality baseball and softball equipment, including patented V-Grip and traditional handle bats, fielding gloves, training aids and accessories. With its headquarters located in Shelton, CT Mattingly Sports conducts business with all major sporting goods retailers across the United States. Online at [www.MattinglySports.com](http://www.MattinglySports.com).

API Sports Management & Marketing, founded in 2008, also manages the Big Ten/BIG EAST Baseball Challenge, the Baltimore Orioles’ Youth Baseball Camps and Kyle Harrison’s Playmaker Lacrosse Camps. A full-service sports management and marketing company based out of Sparks, MD, API represents more than 20 professional athletes for marketing and other personal services, including Cleveland Indians pitcher Aaron Laffey, professional football player Garrett Palmer, 2008 college softball player of the year Angela Ticher and U.S. National Team softball players Katie Cochran and Ashley Charters. Online at [www.APICamps.com](http://www.APICamps.com).