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2018 "MLB LITTLE LEAGUE CLASSIC" – Quote Sheet

Baseball Commissioner Robert D. Manfred, Jr.

"All of us at Major League Baseball are excited to return to Williamsport for the second MLB Little League Classic, which will feature the Phillies and Mets. This year's event in Williamsport was a special experience. The interactions throughout the day between the Major League Players and Little Leaguers was something that those involved will remember forever. We are pleased to once again have the opportunity to help create these special memories next August."

Major League Baseball Players Association Executive Director Tony Clark

"Interactions between Major Leaguers and youth players provide true examples of how the game of baseball creates special bonds between those who play and love the game – regardless of age."

Stephen D. Keener, Little League President and CEO

"This year's MLB Little League Classic was one of the most historic, memorable occasions in the 70-plus-year history of the Little League Baseball World Series. The 16 teams that participated in this year's Little League Baseball World Series had an unforgettable experience at this year's MLB Little League Classic, and we're thrilled that the Little Leaguers competing in next year's World Series will also have this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to spend the day with the Phillies and the Mets at the Little League International Complex and at the MLB Little League Classic."

Philadelphia Phillies Executive Vice President David Buck

“It’s experiences like the 2018 MLB Little League Classic that create baseball fans for life, and we are honored to be a part of it. On August 19, we look forward to hosting the Mets at Bowman Field, the home of our Class-A Williamsport Crosscutters, for what promises to be a memorable event for Little Leaguers and Major Leaguers alike.”

New York Mets Chief Operating Officer Jeff Wilpon

“This is a great opportunity for our club to participate in a game that brings so many little leaguers and their families together. We support the Commissioner’s Play Ball initiative to reach the next generation of players and fans and our entire organization is looking forward to the experience.”

Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf

“Attending the inaugural Little League Classic this summer was an incredible experience as a lifelong Pennsylvanian and baseball fan. The atmosphere was unparalleled for the Little League players, coaches and families. Next year's game with our Philadelphia Phillies and the Mets will give Pennsylvania another opportunity to shine. We thank Major League Baseball, the Players Association, and the supportive community for bringing this game back to Pennsylvania.”

Pennsylvania State Senator Gene Yaw

“The 2017 MLB Little League Classic was a unique event which defines all that is good about sports, about mentorship and about our young people. I applaud MLB and the MLBPA for their support and welcome them back to Williamsport for an even better 2018 Classic.”

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