

Halladay to take mound for Stars

BY JEFFREY LUTZ The Wichita Eagle

Roy Halladay spent much of this week in Cooperstown, N.Y., helping coach his son's summer baseball team, before flying to Wichita to join the Kansas Stars at the NBC World Series. The next time he visits the site of the National Baseball Hall of Fame, it might be in a more official capacity.

The journey toward the Hall of Fame, for which the 40-year-old Halladay becomes eligible in 2018, nearly began in Wichita. Halladay was recruited by Wichita State but committed to Arizona before signing with the Toronto Blue Jays as a first-round pick in 1995.

"I ended up committing to Arizona and I regretted it," Halladay said. "Every day I regretted it, because the program at Wichita State was so much better. But like a stupid kid, I saw the big campus (at Arizona) and the flashy stuff and the girls."

Halladay had a 203-105 record and won two Cy Young Awards in a 16-year career spent with the Toronto Blue Jays and Philadelphia Phillies. He finally gets a chance to pitch in Wichita for the Stars,

NBC World Series

Saturday's Games

- Colorado Sox vs. San Diego Force, 1:30 p.m.
- Everett (Wash.) Merchants vs. Liberal Bee Jays, 4 p.m.
- Colorado Cyclones vs. Kansas Stars, 7 p.m.
- Santa Barbara (Calif.) Foresters vs. Derby Twins, 9:30 p.m.

who debut in the National Baseball Congress World Series on Saturday night at Lawrence-Dumont Stadium when championship week begins.

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