



## Biking For Baseball

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### PRESS NOTICE

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#### **\* UPDATE \***

On Thursday June 15th Tim was struck by an F-150 on Alabama Route 86 about 40 miles outside of Tuscaloosa.

**Tim is ok.** But he's in rough shape. He was rushed to DCH Medical Center in Tuscaloosa before being transferred to UAB Birmingham due to the severity.

Tim has a burst fracture in his lower back as well as a (minor) broken neck, minor fractures up his spine, a fracture in his face, a significant number of teeth are gone, and his face is scraped up real good. He was admitted into surgery Friday afternoon to fuse vertebrae T11 to L3. The six hour procedure went well and he is in good spirits and will be cared for at the University of Birmingham Hospital. He will be heading back to Chicago this week and recovering with his parents for the next few months.

**Regretfully, Tim's journey to bike all 30 this season is over.**

**But his endeavor continues.** Tim remains the captain of B4B 2017 and his goals of raising money to establish a scholarship for mentees hoping to pursue a higher education are intact.

There has been an a wonderful outpouring of support and well-wishes from Tim's friends, family, as well as both the biking and baseball communities.

The most common question has overwhelmingly been, "**what can I do?**" To which Tim has made the following statement:

*" This trip has been absolutely incredible. I can't say how devastated I am that this is how it ends. The places, stories, but especially the wonderful people I've met across the country has made this adventure amazing.*

*For those wanting to help and show their support, I ask the same thing I have all summer; first consider becoming a mentor and volunteering some of your time to help your community and be a good influence in a kid's life, and second consider donating to the cause and helping us get this scholarship funded.*

*And thank you for the unbelievable support you all have shown me all summer long and especially through this ordeal,"*

-Tim Lalla

[Photos for use: Tim, his bike and the location of the accident can be found on the website.](#)

---- ORIGINAL PRESS RELEASE BELOW ----

**Biking for Baseball is swinging for the fences in 2017 with a 12,000 mile, 6 month solo bike journey to all 30 MLB ballparks.**

Tim started opening day in Seattle and has already biked the entire west coast and through Arizona and up and over the Rockies. Tim rides solo and supported only by fans, new friends, and the volunteer B4B admin team back in the homebase of Denver.

The purpose of the ride and the organization is to encourage people to improve their communities through mentorship. Tim hopes to engage media and local fans nationwide, driving them to volunteer to become a mentor. Tim is also raising funds for the “B4B ‘little’ Scholarship Fund” with the goal of sending 2 mentees to college and change their lives forever!

[Biking for Baseball Website](#)

[Biking for Baseball Launch Video](#)

[ROOT Sports Spot from his Denver Stop](#)

[CW33 Dallas Interview](#)

[ROOT Sports Houston Stop](#)

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*( Tim's phone was destroyed in the accident and will not likely be available for interview or phone calls until the first week of July )*



