

Pay'n Pak Is Strengthened

SEATTLE, WASH. (By Gary Elloitt, Public relations Director) - Pay'n Pak's field manager, Tom Wagner, has announced he has firm commitments from two outstanding players for '84 season. They are Mickey Brusco and Bruce Beard. Brusco, formerly the Gray's Crane shortstop (now folded) will play this year for Pak. Mick has a very solid background in baseball before trying his hand at fastpitch. He played two years at Lower Columbia College and finished his fine college career at Lewis & Clark State. Mickie had to be considered a "walk on" at the Pan-Am tryouts at Colorado Springs last summer, but he met the challenge, made the U.S. squad and contributed a great deal to this country's fine showing in the Pan-Am games. During '83 Norwest league play, Mick faced some of the best pitching that this game has to offer and did not strike out once! Mick has (On Page 24)

Elect Chuck McCord President of ASA

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (By Bill Plummer, communications director of Amateur Softball Association) - Charles L. (Chuck) McCord of Chillicothe, Ill., was elected the 24th president of the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) at the group's 52nd annual meeting held here Jan. 23-27. He succeeds Arnold (Red) Halpern, president of the governing body of the nation's No. 1 team participation sport. McCord, Illinois state commissioner for past 32 years, defeated G. Pat Adkison, Alabama's state commissioner, and O.W. (Bill) Smith of Nebraska for the 2-year post. A 1944 graduate of Eastern Illinois University, the new ASA president is one of the best known of the more than 100 ASA commissioners. He has attended 64 national fastpitch tournaments, including 32 women's nationals and for 26 years was one of the game's most respected fastpitch managers. His women's teams compiled an impressive 886 - 201 won-loss record and appeared in 18 national tournaments. Since the National (On Page 6)



CHARLES L. (CHUCK) McCORD
New ASA President

LATE NEWS-ASA Hall of Fame

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (By Bill Plummer III, ASA's Communications Director) - Five people, four from fastpitch and one slowpitch, were elected to National Softball Hall of Fame here Jan. 23-27 at the 52nd annual meeting of ASA. They include: Second Baseman Bob Barron, Aurora, Ill.; Outfielder Mickey Davis, Sunset Beach, Calif.; Pitcher Jackie Rice, Mornmouth, Ore., and Outfielder-Shortstop Diane Kalliam, San Francisco, Calif., from (On Page 20)

Cal State Fullerton Signs World Pitcher

FULLERTON, CALIF. (Submitted by Bill Newman) - Debbie Mygind, considered to be one of top pitchers in the world, has signed a national letter of intent to play for Cal State Fullerton's women's team for 1984. Mygind was named to all-world team in 1982 when she pitched for the New Zealand national team which won the '82 world championships. Mygind has been a member (On Page 28)

BAKERSFIELD, CALIF. - The Ed Smith Memorial tourney is on and will be staged here June 8-9-10. This is one of the best and will include Pay 'n Pak, Seattle; Cameron, Canada, California Kings with Peter Finn, Lancaster, Calif., Chameleons, ISC champs and more great teams as usual... CAMARILLO, CALIF. - They won the ISC championship in 1981 and '82 and today they don't exist. We are referring to the Camarillo Kings. Apparently because of financial woes, Dr. A. DeelWayne Jones had to give up and his great players scattered elsewhere. STONEHAM, MASS. - Joe Benoit calls to state a (On Page 6)

IMPORTANT PITCHING RULE
CHANGES FOR 1985!
SEE LES NOVAK'S COLUMN
ON PAGE 21

More Suggestions:

LOUISVILLE, KY. (By H. F. (Bill) Kerschner) — In response to your plea for ideas and suggestions on how to improve The Bulletin, I would like to submit the following comments and observations: First of all, I think The Bulletin is a much needed publication, and, if discontinued, the sport of fastpitch softball will be a big loser. We FASTPITCH "nuts" need to be kept informed on what's going on.

Second, I think to go to the public, asking for ideas and suggestions on how to keep The Bulletin alive, takes a lot of "guts!" You are to be commended for this act of humbleness. It's

Send us your ideas on how to improve The Bulletin to increase circulation. my hope you receive many good viable suggestions..... Now that the accolades have been dispensed with, let me try to provide just a few thoughts of my own. Con Brown (January edition) has some real fine ideas. I, too, feel that The Bulletin should be categorized and an index page included. It would make reading so much simpler. Other publications charge a fee to advertise tournaments. This would not make much money, but I'm sure that no one would object to a two or three dollar fee per month to list their tournament. The January issue listed 81 tournaments....In past issues it appears that 90 per cent of the articles related to men's teams. I have no argument with the percentages, but there is a wealth of material on women's softball that can be reported that I

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fee; sure would increase the reading market. For example, there are many high school, junior college and college programs that need promoting. Reporters in these areas can make a few phone calls and interview coaches and/or athletic directors about their programs. Also, the NCAA, NAIA and national association of junior colleges provide some good information to be passed on to the readers. For women this is where the growth is. Many Class A and B teams are stocked with college players. ...Better guidelines should be developed for the reporting of league and tournament action. Sam Jones walking with the bases loaded to win a game should not receive the same plaudits as Tom Smith's perfect game (get the point?)....There are several men's and women's tournaments that are considered as prestigious tournaments. Good prompt reporting (On Page 16)

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Topeka softball will never be the same

We called him The Czar. Or The Fat Man.

I guess those don't sound like particularly complimentary nicknames. But there was no offense intended. He could take a joke or a needle, and dish them out, too.

We, that includes everybody on the sports staff, liked and respected the 300-pound-plus guy with the crew cut, thick glasses and mismatched shirt and trousers.

Darwin Redmond, the state softball commissioner, was one of a kind. A very special kind.

That's why this is something I'm writing with tears in my eyes. Redmond died Sunday in Albuquerque at the age of 62.

IT'S ALMOST as if we lost a member of our staff. Heck, during the summer, Redmond was sometimes in our office more than the people drawing paychecks. It was no surprise when press releases from the Amateur Softball Association with his name on them started showing up in our mailbox.

There's no doubt in my mind that Redmond is responsible for building the extensive coverage of the game he loved in our sports section. He was hard to ignore, and quick to help.

He provided tourney schedules and pairings. He'd type up notes for stories or columns. If we needed a call with scores from a tourney, he would arrange it. If the writer covering a tourney couldn't wait for the late game to finish, Redmond would phone with the linescore and info the minute it ended.

While I'm sure our softball coverage wasn't always what Redmond hoped it would be, he never complained as some folks do when the newspaper falls short of their expectations.

That's probably because he took time to understand our problems and work within the system. He knew about tight deadlines, early holiday deadlines, manpower shortages, lack of space and budget limitations.

NO WAY ANYBODY could look at Darwin and see a smooth public relations man. But come to think of it, he never failed to ask how the women's slow pitch team I coach was doing and, on occasion, he dropped by for a game. A couple of times when my team had a bake sale, he was one of the big purchasers.

Our writers who covered softball annually received a membership in the national sports writing organization. We never paid dues. I suspect Redmond did out of his own pocket.

I know he was quick to praise a reporter who he thought had done a good job, and he'd mention it to me, too.

I don't know that everybody involved in softball — tourney officials, umpires and players — had the same easy relationship with Redmond that we did. And appreciated him like we did.

But I do know he was dedicated to the game and worked tirelessly to improve all aspects of it. I also know that he

Darwin Redmond, long-time softball figure in Topeka, Kan., was found dead of an apparent heart attack in an Albuquerque, N.M., hotel room early Jan. 22. Redmond's body was discovered lying on his hotel room floor by a Regent Hotel security guard at 3:30 a.m. A lift support device, which Redmond had used for last year, was connected to his body. Redmond, 62, was in Albuquerque to attend ASA annual meeting as he was the ASA Kansas commissioner. It's reported Chuck Davenport of Topeka will replace Redmond for ASA.



From Jan. 24, 1984, edition Topeka, Kansas, Capital-Journal

Darwin Redmond, Kansas ASA commissioner, died Jan. 22 at Albuquerque, N.M., where he was to attend 52nd annual convention.

became exasperated with those who didn't do what he considered right.

ONE OF TOPEKA'S top umpires, J.R. Campbell, related how Redmond wouldn't let him work a state tourney a few years back because he didn't think J.R.'s trousers were the standard shade of navy blue.

Campbell, by the way, will deliver a tribute at Redmond's funeral Thursday.

Redmond had carried on despite health problems in recent years. His weight, once as high as 322, had dwindled to 187 recently. I guess I should have suspected that he wasn't getting any better when he was absent from our office most of last summer.

But he sounded chipper and anxious to start a new season when we talked on the phone a few days back.

"I don't know how Topeka softball will get along without him," Campbell said Monday.

It will survive, of course. But it won't be the same.

DURING THE 1983 season The Bulletin instituted a feature that proved to be amazingly popular among our readers. It was "LET'S RATE TEAMS" feature for men's major teams. In this, readers were asked to rate teams each month as to their quality and indicate how these would finish at year's end. We tabulated their selections and published the results each month. This proved most interesting for our readers and did much to maintain and promote interest in the great game of fastpitch softball, which we are convinced is the greatest amateur team sport played today! So, The Bulletin is to repeat this feature again in '84. Only this year, we are to add the women's major teams to this rating feature as well....To tabulate and rate teams, these selected as first or top choices, are given 10 points; the second choice receives nine points, and so on down through your top 10 choices. We will receive and tabulate your selections that you send us, using blanks below, and each month we will print the results. Should be interesting and fun and will give readers a chance to express their own opinions!.... Most of the major teams have already reorganized for '84 season. California Kings of Merced, Calif., have signed the great Peter Finn, so that team will be a power. The Bloomington, Ill., Bidweisers have added a great pitcher, Graham Arnold. The two power-ers in Iowa, Modern Piping of Cedar Rapids and Butt'r Topp of Clear Lake, have merged and that team will have to be reckoned with this year. Oh, there are a lot of changes which will make this, "LET'S RATE TEAMS!" very interesting! Start now! Blanks below:

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Fill in the blanks above, or only one, whichever you feel you are qualified to complete. Then mail it to The Bulletin, address below, and we'll keep you posted as to how our readers pick what they think are the leading teams in the country. The results will be announced each month in a special story in The Bulletin. Should be fun! Try it

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EARL AND DON HUNSICKER HAVE NAMED COMMITTEES WORKING ON ALL SECTIONS OF ISC TOURNAMENT AT ALLENTOWN, PA.; TALENT-WISE, EXPECTED TO BE BEST MEET EVER PRESENTED

ALLENTOWN, PA. (By Don Hunsicker) -- We have a very efficient and hard-working group of committees working on this year's ISC world tournament to be held here Aug. 10-19 at two topflight parks, Bicentennial and Patriots. Bicentennial was constructed especially for fastpitch and has large seating capacity. We

are taking care of all the comforts for the players and fans. The entry list will be the greatest ever! Besides the 40-odd teams of quality that participate regularly, many of the other topflight teams of the country have indicated they want to qualify. I refer to such teams as Bank of Pennsylvania Sunners with the legendary Ty Stofflet, ADM of Decatur, Ill., a former ASA champ and a close runner-up last year; the Clearwater, Fla., Bombers, a nationally famous team. It is reported that the Franklin Cardinals of West Haven, Conn., last year's sensational ASA winners, are interested, too. Of course, the ISC champion, Lancaster, Calif., Chameleons will be back to defend their title and they will be even stronger. Besides the great Kevin Herlihy and Jimm Smith, Tom Morris, the owner, tells The Bulletin he has signed another great New Zealand pitcher in Chub Tangarao, who has appeared in this country several times, and is outstanding. So, with all these entries, we will have here in Allentown probably the best fastpitch tournament ever staged! So fastpitch fans will not want to miss this one. And we are

preparing to handle all the crowds and do it well. We have the seating in Best Ever! our main stadium, Bicentennial, which was constructed especially for fastpitch....At a recent meeting of our groups it was reported "all is well!"

Our city recreation director DICK HOFFMAN reports the budget has been approved for Patriots and Bicentennial parks for extensive repairs to parks and surrounding area, including may streets for resurfacing, new paved parking lot and fence erections. EARL HUNSICKER, tournament director is contacting area businesses promoting the event along with selling ad space in program book. Our sale of advance tickets with \$10 saving, is going well. Deadline is May 31. BOB KRUPA, assistant director, is recovering from a recent heart attack and we are hoping for a speedy recovery. RON NELSON, lodging chairman, suggests now is time to make reservations to avoid last-minute frustrations (see our advertisement on Page 2 of The Bulletin). Reservations are already coming in from all over the country and Canada. DON HEEB, photography, is planning on team pictures and over-all action shots. The promotion committee of BILL ALBERT, DICK SNYDER are planning a week of events on Hamilton Mall sponsored by the Center City Assn. Beauty pageant, parade, sky divers, are many of the ideas. A special pre-view night Thursday, Aug. 9 or 10, may feature famed "Queen and Her Court" in a special show. EARL LEASER, NORMAN ZIEGLER, our finance committee are planning on how to handle the money flow on such a large event as this. JOHN SCHANTZ is responsible for the Team Ambassadors. Any problem a team may have will be taken care of by this committee. Special shirts and caps will make these members easy to find. GENE TREXLER, JIM HARPER will be responsible for traffic flow in and out of the parking areas during the event.

Traffic Control Remember, campers will have special parking areas at the parks. Suggest you order your spot now. Call 1-215-437-3402 or write 844 S. 11th St., Allentown, Pa. 18103. BILL BICKEL will handle press relations and has the job of assigning the various personnel for the operation of the tournament press box and official tournament bracket to be posted at both parks. GLENN HUNSICKER, CHARLES OHL, DICK McGEE are the concession chiefs for the 10-day affair. Reports from this committee indicate they plan to go all out for fast and efficient food service. Stroh's beer Pavilion will be located in leftfield section of Patriots park. The Stroh Brewery company is a co-sponsor of the classic. PHIL AND SANDIE SCHANTZ it will fall on this couple to try and please the ISC commissioners and umpires during their stay in Allentown. Many events are planned, including tour of the casino's in nearby Atlantic City, N.J. HANK KRATZER will be in charge of the gates. "Hank" recently retired from Dealers Transit will handle all the personnel needed to operate the four main entrances to the two parks. PAUL AND BETTY KLINE will head a committee of volunteers to sell our souvenirs and program books. Also, caps, shirts, jackets are a few of the (On Page 6)

ROLLING ALONG... (From Page 5) items they will have for sale. DON HUNSICKER, BOB WALSH, eastern Vice President of the ISC, have been attending area league meetings and promoting the great fastpitch tournament and also have been urging teams to enter an eastern ISC travel league. Champions of sanctioned travel loops automatically qualify for entrance into the championship tourney, like at Allentown, each year. Also, champions of qualifying tournaments are eligible....Some of the slogans we are promoting are: "Finally, the east isn't least," and "You've got friends in Pennsylvania, come and meet them!" We are enthused about this year's tournament, and we are sure, with good weather, it will be by far the very best!

ELECT CHUCK McCORD (Continued from Page 1) Softball Hall of Fame was established in 1957, McCord has served as its only chairman and the Illinois ASA has been a strong supporter of the Hall of Fame under his leadership. McCord, himself was elected to the ASA Hall of Honor in 1977 in the meritorious service category. (The contest for the presidency was a spirited affair and not "cut and dried" as many thought it would be. Indiana Commissioner Wayne Myers, one of the most active commissioners in the whole ASA program, served as campaign manager for McCord. When Myers first was named Indiana commissioner eight years ago, he more or less served an apprenticeship under McCord. "It was a tough battle," Myers told The Bulletin. "I had a dandy nominating speech all worked out and practiced, but when it came time to make it before the more than 300 assembled, I had 'butterflies' in my stomach, but I guess I did all right as Chuck won the contest, and he'll make a very good president.".... On Friday afternoon, the last day of the meet, the bidding and awarding of national tournaments was held. The 1985 men's major meet will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, Sept. 6-14. The women's majors will be staged at Lansing, Mich., Aug. 17-23. The men's Class A went to Bakersfield, Calif., Aug. 29-Sept. 2. The women's Class A went to Red-dong, Calif., Aug. 22-25. Girls 15-and-under went to Las Cruces, N.M., Aug. 8-11. Girls 18-and-under went to Boulder, Colo., Aug. 15-18, and boys 18-and-under was awarded to Turner, Kansas, Aug. 2-4. Still pending are boys 12-and-under, boys' 15-and-under and girls(12-and-under....Probably the most outstanding legislation adopted was the change of the residency rule for the major teams in both men and women's divisions. (see Doug Lindaman's story on Page 22). This permits major players to play most anywhere under certain conditions. This residency rule is very similar to the one adopted by the ISC last August at their meeting in Bakersfield, and proposed by Commissioner Carl Wilson of Tulsa, Okla. This rule goes into effect immediately. The other important change in rules pertains to fastpitch pitching, which was liberalized, but does not go into effect until 1985. (See Les Novak's "Umpiring" column on Page 21). He explains it in detail. Leading off base by a base-runner is now allowed. Novak explains that, too.

LATE NEWS: (From Page 1) new organization and will sponsor two teams, the Belmont Batterymen (A major team) and Reed Construction (Class A). Monte Marrocco is the president; Abe Baker, general manager, and Benoit is assistant general manager. He can be reached at #6 Drummond Road, Stoneham, Mass. 02138. Benoit he is to present his credentials to Bob Walsh, eastern vice president of the ISC for the commissioner-ship of the New England states....LANCASTER, CALIF. - Tom Morris, owner of the Chame-leons, ISC champs, tells The Bulletin he has really strengthened his team in its drive for a repeat of the ISC title. He already has a top quality pitching staff, but has added to it Chub Tangarao of New Zealand. He performed with Long Beach Nitehawks and Lakewood Jets in the past two years and has great potentials. Morris said he already has Kevin Herlihy and Jimmy Smith, but Herlihy will probably make the New Zealand na-tional team and will not be available until after the ISF World Tournament Games at Midland, Mich., July 6-14. Also, the Chameleons have added two star players from the Long Beach Nitehawks, First Baseman Jerry Hoffman and Outfielder Glen Harper....Seat-tle, Wash. - Tom Wagner, manager of Pay'n Pak took a group of all-star players from his team and players from the Northwest League on an exhibitin tour of New Zealand. They left Feb. 7 and scheduled to return Feb. 20, and he would let Bulletin readers know what happened....SAN DIEGO, CALIF. - Don Johnson writes that his Dons won 64, lost 22 last year, but this year don't have a sponsor, "so our expenses will come out of our own pockets this year," he says. "In tournaments we won three firsts last year,"

Revival!

CLEARWATER, FLA. (By Bob McCollough) - Now that I am a director of the Clearwater Bombers, I hope to supply more meaningful information. Having attended three sessions, the determined motivation of competent President Virgil Rice, Business Manager Steve Samsel, Secretary Mary Galbraith and all directors working in close harmony with new Manager Wayne Dees and MVP Mike Hazel, who is our skilled schedule manager, versatile in all aspects, insures a promising 1984

AFTER LACKLUSTER '83, CLEARWATER BOMBERS

REVISE BOOSTER CLUB AND NAME NEW MANAGER

AND HOPE TO REGAIN ITS NATIONAL PRESTIGE

season. Situated in the Tampa Bay area and encompassed by the Super Bowl frenzy, our board is not distracted by the Redskins, but are on guard against the Raiders, as we don't want to lose any talent. The area is full of fast discharging pitchers, serving fast mugs of beer to the football mania, whereas we hope Alvey Vaughn will join our pitching staff this week and help us qualify for the super ASA finals. I am enclosing (to The Bulletin) two stories published by the Clearwater Times (a division of St. Petersburg Times) written by a rising star reporter, Greg Nichols, coach at Dunedin high school and close friend of Mike Hazel. His articles cover our situation well. He should be invaluable as a new source for The Bulletin....Our complete schedule should be available by Feb. 15. The Franklin Cardinals (ASA champs) have accepted. We tried to add Corunna, the strong Michigan contenders, but the last minute addition could not be consummated. This year's schedule, arranged by Mike Hazel, will be a challenge worthy of consummating into participation in ISC and ASA national finals....Regardless of wealth of talent, there will be open tryouts for all positions and pitchers during March. Public exposure will highlight programs for service clubs, senior (super citizen) groups, chambers of commerce, live TV appearances, radio, press and all effective media exposure....There will be at least three area splinter Bomber teams of high quality in Tampa Bay area, besides several superior Florida teams with high aspirations. Of course team play on the field is the determining factor, and we are confident that our well laid plans will not go astray and we will present our fans locally and fastpitch enthusiasts away from home, a qualified contender. I will try to keep Bulletin readers well informed on activities of the board. The Bombers have their own newsletter called the Clearwater Bomber News. It's available to all who subscribe for \$4. Write Steve Samsel, 2061 Attache Ct., Clearwater, Fla. 33546.

Greg Nichols, Dunedin high school coach new softball writing star for Clearwater Times.

NEW MANAGER WANTS

CLEARWATER, FLA. (By Greg Nichols of Clearwater Times) - The Clearwater Bombers, a 10-time national ASA champion, have been moving steadily ahead in preparation for a new season they hope will be better than the last two. For two consecutive years (and three of

BACK IN NATIONALS

last five), the Bombers have failed to qualify for the national tournament. Wayne Dees, 39, is the Bombers' fourth manager in past six years and much is expected of him. Richie Ryals returns as coach and Leon Crain is back as trainer. "Our No. 1 priority for 1984 is to win the regionals and return to the nationals," Dees said recently at his Palm Harbor home. "To that end, I am attempting to blend a few of the veteran Bombers with many of last year's young team to build a solid and respectable unit. I don't intend to be slashing the team apart, but we feel strongly that improvements must be made." Dees started off by replacing two of last year's pitchers, Mitch Harter and Bob Thayer. Dees offered a spot to Bobby Quinn, 40, and Quinn has accepted. And Dees is waiting for a decision from Sonny Hornbeck, 38. Quinn and Hornbeck, except for the '83 season, had carried the Bomber pitching load between them for over a decade. In addition, at least one more pitcher will be added. Vaughn Alvey of Salt Lake City, Utah, has been talking to the Bombers and would be a perfect addition to the staff. Alvey has impressive credentials. He pitched 57 wins in a single season just two years ago. He has pitched in eight nationals and been named All-American twice. He was a pitcher on the Pan-American team last summer. If Alvey cannot be convinced to come, Dees said he would go after other pitchers who reside in the state. It is known the Bombers are interested in Dan Niemi of St. Petersburg and young Rick Gillis of Orlando, but probably will not be available. Mitch Harter will probably join old Coach Jim (On Page 8)

REVIVAL! (Continued from Page 7) Webber and several former Bombers, including Ron Pinner, and play for a Tampa team. Most of the other Bombers are expected to be back. Although Manager Dees declined comment on players who have not committed, the guess is Mark Perkins, Ray Trulock and Woody Wood are veterans who have Bombers' interest. Both Third Baseman Bing Tyus and Shortstop Wayne Vigil played just one year for the Bombers and are longshots to return, particularly if Steve Merchant moves to Clearwater. Joe Westmoreland received a lot of valuable playing time at second base last year and will be hard to move out. "Steve came on like gangbusters at end of year and if he moves to Clearwater he will be a big help to us," Dees said, "but no one will have a position locked down. Dees plans to return both Bruce Westbrook and Tom Cavallo as his catchers. "You need two good catchers to get through a long season in the humidity down here and those two are good ones," Dees said. The outfield will again be anchored by Mike Hazel and Danny Boyd is expected to return to his first base job. The two top returning Bombers are expected to be joined by Andy Marston, Bob Nepote and Andy Nall. Although the team will be stocked with talent, the Bombers will conduct two weeks of tryouts beginning the first of March... "We have really boosted our schedule and we need the best players we can put on the field," Dees said. Mike Hazel took

Schedule Will Be over the scheduling for the Bombers last year but due to a late beginning and other circumstances was unable to put together a consistent, challenging schedule. It will be different this year. "We are committed to having the toughest competition we can," said Bomber Board President Virgil Rice. "Mike has undertaken the task and

Tough on Bombers it looks good." The schedule will be highlighted by a trip to the midwest in June to face four of the toughest teams in the country, and a trip to Pennsylvania in August (if the Bombers qualify) for the International Softball Congress (ISC) national tournament (Bombers have never appeared in this meet before, which is attracting most of the better ASA teams this year). "We will be playing a home-and-home series with Aurora, Ill., Home Savings in July and have Reading, Pa. (Ty Stofflet's Sunners) in May, Bloomington, Ill., Hearts and the Franklin Cardinals (national ASA champs) coming in June," said Hazel. The Bombers open in April by hosting St. Thomas of Canada or possibly traveling to Nassau. Then they'll have defending southern ASA regional champs Parker and Mick from Jacksonville in town April 27-28. Also scheduled are Baton Rouge, La., Memphis, Atlanta (Johnny Moon), Orlando and Baltimore. The midwest trip June 19-23 will include 10 games against Bloomington Buds, ADM Decatur, Bloomington Hearts and Aurora -- four of the best teams anywhere. If the Bombers can win a 6-team qualifying ISC tournament they will be in Allentown, Pa., Aug. 10-19 and have an opportunity to play excellent tournament competition (won last year by Kevin Herlihy and his Lancaster, Calif., Chameleons). The Bombers will host their own invitational tournament July 13-15, which will be a round robin with playoff. Sixteen teams are expected. The Bombers hope to culminate the tough schedule with an ASA regional crown and a return to the ASA national tournament in St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 7-15.... The Bomber board of directors has been busy and is preparing an active year. President Virgil

Board Active Rice, Business Manager Steve Samsel, Purchasing Agent Buck Speed, new director Bob McCollough and many other Boosters will tackle the problem of increasing game attendance. A new Pep Club is being formed, headed by Judy Fairchild who is recruiting 14 Tarpon Springs girls as the first members. The board expects similar groups from Dunedin, Clearwater and Largo. Also, a 1-day clinic is being considered where Bomber players would help instruct local fastpitch players and conclude with a pizza party. Also, a 4-team girls league is planned to play Fridays at 5 p.m., before the Bomber games at Jack Russell stadium. There will be special nights for veterans, one for kids, one for interested clubs such as Elks, Moose, etc. The 4-page Bomber newsletter will be continued. It's published once a month. The fee is \$4, and can be ordered through Steve Samsel, 2061 Attache Court, Clearwater, Fla. 33546. The board has undertaken many projects to improve community awareness of the Bombers. "We are attempting to put our name in front of the community," said President Rice.

THEY WRITE: "Please renew my subscription as I really enjoy The Bulletin," Gary Bonar, Moundsville, W. Va.... "Please extend my subscription for one year. Appreciate your news bulletin very much," Nanetta Carter, Bethany, Mo.... "The Bulletin is the greatest!" Roger Goeringer, Burbank, Calif.

Costly!

BAKERSFIELD, CALIF. (By Phil Klusman, staff writer, Bakersfield Californian, and submitted by Larry Eads) - As the crow flies, it's a long way from New Zealand to the United States. But, if you don't want to eat crow against the best teams in fastpitch in this country, you'd better fly in some New Zealanders to handle the pitching chores. In the Paul Crissman Eddie Smith tournament here last June (regarded as one of the best meets in the country) there were 15 New Zealanders throwing in the 14-team tournament. The influx of New Zealanders has come within the past 10 years. The Arizona teams were the first to rely on the Kiwis (probably because A.C. Williams, Arizona ASA commissioner is so well known all over the world and who generally is contacted by foreign teams when they consider touring the U.S.) It doesn't come cheap, which means travel expenses and a relatively good paying non-fastpitch job. "I know a lot of caretakers and gardeners who are making awfully good wages," laughs Ron Chambers, manager of the local Frye Plastering team. "Everyone knows what's going on. It's just left unsaid." "To get one of the top pitchers it's going to cost you \$20,000 to \$30,000 a year," says Les Bazemore, manager of Lowder Electric. Lowder is a Class A division team, but Bazemore managed the Stokes Roofing team of Bakersfield, which played open division two years ago. One of the reasons for dropping down in classification was the expense involved in importing pitchers. It's becoming harder and harder to find sponsors willing to foot the bill since there is no income being created. While he cannot document it, Crissman says Peter Meredith of Madison, Wis., one of the best New Zealand pitchers, probably has a total package that would amount to \$30,000 to \$40,000 a year. That could include many things such as college tuition, housing, use of car and non-fastpitch job....It has become a bidding war. With exceptions like Paul Magan, who was with the Frye team the past three years, (but Frye has disbanded for 1984 and Paul undoubtedly will be in the bidding war) there are very little team loyalties among the New Zealanders. They'll go to the highest bidders. "They hear what the other guy is getting and they want their fair share," says Chambers....There are a few American born pitchers who can throw with the best New Zealanders. But there isn't enough to go around. While the young U.S. players are playing baseball in little league and high school programs, the young New Zealander is developing his fastpitch throwing skills. It's the national game of that country....Fastpitch (or fastball as they call it there) is the big summer sport in Canada, but it's harder to get Canadian pitchers to come to the U.S. (Mark Smith, who pitched the Camarillo, Calif., Kings to two straight ISC titles (1981-82) is a Canadian, but he went back to Canada last year.) They tend to be older and with more established roots, says Chambers. Geography plays a part as well since the New Zealand summer season is the winter season in the U.S. So, the New Zealanders can throw the year around if they desire. "There might be five U.S. pitchers who would rate with the top New Zealand pitchers," Chambers estimates. "Most of our best pitchers are over the top, while New Zealand, and Canada, too, keep turning out the young flame-throwers. Also, there is an out-and-out difference in the abilities. They throw harder, they have more pitches and better control of their pitches, or combinations of all three. The most successful teams are the ones with Canadian and New Zealand pitchers," concluded Chambers.

IT'S OFFICIAL -- BAKERSFIELD, CALIF. (By Ray Anderson) - It's official that the Dave Frye team has folded for the 1984 season. We have heard rumors to that effect, but we wanted the facts, so we called Ron Chambers, an old friend and Bulletin booster, who managed the team last year, and he confirmed the rumor as a fact! "The economic conditions is the main reason," Ron told us. He indicated that the Frye organization was one of the backers of the ISC world tournament held here last August and because of rain and other extenuating circumstances, the meet, although an artistic success, was not so financially. This, plus the cost of backing a top A-1 team, as the Frye team has been for last several years, was just too much of a burden on his sponsors. "Altogether, I would estimate fastpitch activities last year cost the Fries \$80,000," Ron told The Bulletin (On Page 10)

IT'S OFFICIAL (From Page 9) "I'm going to be sort of lost this summer," Ron lamented. "Oh, I had planned to enter a Class A league, but that was not too appealing after directing a really good team for so many years," Ron told The Bulletin. (The writer has known Ron since 1975, when we met at an ISC national at Kimberly, Wis., and he has always had a topflight team.) "Several Class A teams have been after me to help them, but maybe I'll take a rest this year and go fishing." Asked what will happen to his star pitcher Paul Magan, Ron said, "Oh, he's over in New Zealand trying to make the national team along with a few other well known New Zealand chuckers, including Kevin Herlihy. After that he will return to the states and pitch somewhere. A pitcher of his quality has no worry; he'll pitch somewhere." There are a lot of teams that could use him and team managers might get further info about Magan from Ron Chambers at 1-805-835-8081.... Chambers concluded with, "In last four years the Dave Frye team has established one of the best records of any team in the country, and now I have the time, I think I'll compose a resume to be run in The Bulletin. Dave Frye has earned this." He really has and I'm sure Bulletin readers would appreciate this.

ED SMITH TEAM BAKERSFIELD, CALIF. (By Ray Anderson) — There have been a lot of rumors reaching us that the Ed Smith team had folded and would not have a team in 1984. We have heard from several sources that the Dave Frye team, which was so well publicized and which did so well the last few years, has ceased to exist. (See story above.) So, we called Rueben James, manager of the Ed Smith team and put the question to him: "Have you folded?" "No way!" was his snappy reply. We'll be back this year stronger than ever! It's true the Dave Frye team no longer exists and we have picked up three of their players, and they are good ones," said Rueben. "Steve Agerton, one of the better players in this area, has agreed to play with us in '84. He can play third or first and is a real tough out at bat. We added Kelly Skeels of Frye's. He's an infielder/outfielder and a great utility player and will give our team more versatility. Another Frye player that we have added is Outfielder Mike Houston. Jim Clark, who we picked up 1st year to play with us in the ISC world meet staged here last August, and who won All-American honors as an outfielder, has agreed to join our team this year. He played with Guanella Bros. of Santa Rosa last year." Asked who his pitchers would be this year, James quickly replied that the two sensational New Zealanders would be back and who looked mighty good in 1983. "They are Mike White and Steve Schultz," James stated. "They are in New Zealand right now, but will be back shortly. And they will bring with them Graham Kenney, who was our catcher last year." James told us he was going to serve as general manager with Tom Goss as field manager and Ron Moe as coach. "Yes, we'll have a team and will be back stronger than ever," Rueben concluded. Team managers wanting to reach Rueben James can write him at 55 Cedarwood Lane, Oildale, Calif. 93308 or call him at 1-805-393-0182.... In the ISC nationals last year, the Smith team finished a strong seventh with a 5-2 record. The Dave Frye team, that was picked as one of the favorites, came in tied for 17th place with a 2-2 record.

KIWIS FORMING TAKANINI, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND (By Eugene Shepherd especially for The Bulletin) — We have just completed the nationals for our regional sides and Auckland, with Kevin Herlihy pitching, won the "if" game against Hutt Valley, which had Paul Magan and Loren Algar hurling. Our regional sides would be equivalent to the U.S.A. running an interstate tournament with each state picking all all-star side from players within that state. With the World Series coming up in Michigan this year, the coach Michael Walsh (he was over watching the ASA men's major tournament in Decatur, Ill., last year) has selected a training squad. I will get together an article to forward to you as soon as possible (about Kiwi players that are popular in the U.S.). Also, I will send a copy of a New Zealand softball magazine from which you can include any articles of interest to your readers and presumably you may reciprocate, allowing some of your articles to appear in this magazine. This year my association — Counties — hosts the under 21 girls tournament and we have just succeeded in getting IZONA (the jeans people) to sponsor the tourney. Also, Tom Wagner, Pay'n Pak manager, is bringing an all-star team of American and Canadian players to New Zealand Feb. 7-20. Will keep your readers posted from here.

Phenomenal!

TWO TOP MAJOR TEAMS THAT WON NATIONAL
TITLES ARE BASED ABOUT 15 MILES APART
--RAYBESTOS BRAKETTES, FRANKLIN CARDS

BRIDGEPORT, CONN. (By Bob Baird, Sunday Post Sports Writer and submitted by Bill Newman of Toronto, Ontario, Canada) - You wouldn't be out of line saying 1983 was the year of the Raybestos Brakettes and the Franklin Cardinals when speaking about fastpitch. It was truly a phenomenal season for the area's two major teams (based about 15 miles apart) as both captured national ASA major championships. But winning national titles has become "old hat"

for the Brakettes, who before last year's dramatic triumph in Salt Lake City, Utah, had won 17 crowns in last 25 years. However, none was more exciting, or exhausting, than the Brakettes' 1983 triumph as they came out of the losers' bracket to win nine consecutive games, including five on the last day at the Cottonwood complex....For the Cardinals, who played out of West Haven's Quigley stadium last year, their first championship since 1976 wasn't nearly as spine-tingling, but nevertheless, it too was a significant achievement. The Cards entered the finals in Decatur, Ill., unbeaten, only to suffer a 16-0 setback to host Archer-Daniels-Midland (ADM) to force the "if" game in which the Cardinals rallied for a 4-3 victory. The crown was the pinnacle of a 4-year master plan, which also qualified the Red Birds as the United States' representative in this summer's world championship games in Midland, Mich....In compiling a 10-1 record, Barbara Reinalda was 6-0 on the mound and Kathy Arendsen,

Reinalda Is 6-0 bothered with injuries throughout the year, went 4-1 for the Brakettes. After a 3-0 opening win over Tucson, Ariz., Sacramento, Calif.

pinned a 1-0 setback on the Brakettes, sending Ralph Raymond's club into the elimination round. The odds were stacked against the reigning champs and the 100-degree temperature didn't aid their quest. But the team put it all together, pitching, defense and hitting, and began sending teams home. Hamilton, Mo., (7-3); Bucks County, Pa. (11-0); Long Beach, Calif. (2-0) and Utah (3-1) were ousted before the Brakettes began their longest day on Saturday, Aug. 6. By day's end, Raybestos had eliminated four more clubs, including the previously unbeaten California Blazers of Sepulveda, and landed 10 players on the all-tourney team. Avenging the loss to Sacramento with a 4-0 win, which assured the team of an automatic berth in the 1984 tourney in Buffalo, N.Y. (top four qualify), the Brakettes then trounced Downer's Grove, Ill., 8-1, before completing the comeback with a 12-3 romp over the Sun City, Ariz., Saints, the team the Brakettes beat for the 1982 crown in Binghamton, N.Y....First team All-American Pat Guenzler, the tourney's batting champ (16-for-29, .552), drove in both runs in a 2-1 triumph over the Blazers. The decisive marker came in bottom of seventh when Jackie Gaw crossed the plate. In the 5-3 championship game, Reinalda hurled the win with Arendsen getting a save....Former Trumbull high standout Pat Dufficy, who played most of her Brakette career in the outfield, turned in several brilliant and crucial fielding plays at shortstop enroute to her MVP selection. Dufficy hit .484 (13-for-28) with a tourney-high nine runs batted in....Reinalda capped a 29-1 season (63-2 over last two years) to win the Bertha Tickey award as the tourney's outstanding pitcher. She also established a new record by walking only eight batters all season. Guenzler, Dufficy, Reinalda,

The Hard Way Arendsen, Allyson Rioux, Gina Vecchione and Missy Mapes were first team All-Americans, while Diane Schumacher and Gretchen Larson were second team picks and Catcher Doreen Denmon a third teamer....The Cardinals

gained their berth in the nationals the hard way, rallying out of the losers' bracket in the New England regional tournament. It marked the second year in a row the Cards of Sponsor George Franklin had to go that route. However, in 1982 they were disappointed to learn they would not be able to participate in the nationals at Midland because of a ruling over the eligibility of ace Pitcher Owen "Fog" Walford. Last year there was no denying the Cards as they surprised the 27-team field to capture the championship. With the Cards' national tourney games aired over a local radio station, many of the listening audience tuned in the "if" game as the Red Birds were on the short end of a 2-0 score entering the bottom of the fifth. Coming off a 16-0 shellacking, the outlook wasn't bright. However, three hits, three walks and two ADM errors were parlayed into four Cardinal runs and they held on to end Decatur's bid for its second title in three years. Player-Manager John Anquillare, who hit .412 (On Page 12)

PHENOMENAL! (From Page 11) in the tourney and drove in the win ning run in four games with some timely hitting, was the most valuable player. He also won that honor in 1970. Joining him on the all-tourney team was slugger Vin Caserto and Own Walford. By clinching the berth in the world tournament, it will give Walford a chance at becoming the only 3-time gold medal winner. Back in 1980, Walford pitched for Midland, Mich., which won the title in Tacoma, Wash. In 1976, his native New Zealand team finished as tri-champions of the world tourney played in Manila.

NORWEST HAS ONLY SIX VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA (By Bert Bertolia) - We had our Norwest League meeting Jan. 14 and as it stands right now there will only be six teams in the loop. They are as follows: TEAMS; CANADIAN NEWS Vistoria Royals, Seattle Pay'n Pak, Seattle Westside, Yakima Pepsi, Van City Magicians and one Portland team with Mickey Newell in charge and team named probably Ray Bristow....An article in local paper has it that Don Funk has fold-ed his team, the Saskatoon All-O-Matics....Mark Smith's performace with Saskatoon was commendable, but not rewarding for him as Victoria Royals won the Canadian champion-ship. I hear he will toil for Calgary Brake and Clutch this summer. (Mark pitched Dr. Wayne Jones' Camarillo Kings to two straight ISC championships in 1981 and '82.)... The Victoria Royals have been nominated for British Columbia's team of the year. Will let your readers know the outcome next month....Dennis Eckert, all-star outfielder for the Victoria Royals is presently playing for a Wellington, New Zealand team, name not known....Earl Norris, rookie thrower with Royals last year, suffered multiple fractures of leg in car accident shortly after national tournament. It is reported he will be available to pitch when season starts. Earl also is coach of the Cowicha Cap-itals Tier II junior hockey team....Rob Guenter, national MVP pitcher and is an excel-lent squash, player as well as hockey, curler, basketball and golfer....Also, did you know Bob Burrows was on the Kansas City Royals high priority list until a fracture of the cheekbone ended his baseball career? Prior to that he was a top choice to sign with Seattle Super Sonics of the N.B.A.?...The Van City Magicians from Vancouver, B.C., will sport new look in their managing and coaching staff. The new coach for sure is Canadian Hall of Famer Stan (Colonel) Kern. Stan was offered a long-term contract, which, I am sure, included the future use of his son, Trevor, who is 15 years old and stands six feet or better and led the Langford juvenils and bantams to many western Canadian championships. I think the Victoria Royals were counting on his services in the future....I would hope that managers in western or eastern Canada would send me news that I could relay to The Bulletin. Write me: Bert Bertolia, 2382 Heron St., Vic-toria, British Columbia, Canada V8R 5Z6 or call 1-604-592-3810."

CHAYO QUILTS CORONA, CALIF. - James "Chayo" Rodriguez has been the leader of fastpitch here for years. He has fought "city hall" to keep the game alive and the City Park facilities available for fastpitch. As result the game still prevails here, where in many communities hereabouts the game has faded out of the picture. However, many disappointments and players leaving his team caused "Chayo" to hang up his man-ager's shoes and retire. Veteran Pitcher Ray Angulo has taken over. The team still will be sponsored by Ken Wachholts and his Star Electric company. "The players didn't seem to want to play for me anymore," Chayo told The Bulletin. "Some went with River-side Angels and others to San Bernardino Stars, so I had to drop out of the Pacific Coast Softball League because of lack of quality team which that league demands. I'll still have my two tournaments here at City Park, the Art Miguel Memorial May 25-28 and Labor Day meet Aug. 31-Sept. 3. Both are men's class B tourneys." Managers can contact James Rodriguez, 804 W. 8th St., Corona, Calif. 91720 or call 1-714-737-7629.

THEY WRITE: "Please renew my subscription and make a new one for Don Elliott. He's been a fastpitch sponsor for 15 years. During part of this time he spon-sored two fastpitch teams," Bob Clothier, Genoa, Ill...."Keep an open mind for a real competitive team from Iowa. Will try to be in St. Joe come September," Chet Brown.... "Thank you for printing The Bulletin. It really lightens my day. Renew my subscription, but send it first class," Ray Chase, Burbank, Calif...."Please renew my subscription to the greatest fastpitch softball news - The Bulletin," Russell T. Callahan, Colorado Springs, Colo., southern Colorado ISC commissioner.

Rough Schedule

MORE THAN HALF HOME SAVINGS' GAMES AGAINST TEAMS THAT WERE '83 METRO, STATE OR REGIONAL CHAMPIONS AND OTHERS PARTICIPATED IN ISC AND ASA NATIONALS

AURORA, ILL. (By Ed Kirner, Publicity Director, Home Savings & Loan) - In keeping with the tradition of scheduling outstanding competition, Home Savings and Loan of Aurora has completed most of its 1984 schedule and more than half of the games will be against teams which were state, regional and metro champions in 1983 and more than half

the games will be against teams which played in the 1983 ISC World of the ASA national tournaments. Two of the finest teams in the country, Decatur ADM and Madison The Farm will be familiar foes for Aurora. Decatur will be in Aurora for a 4-game series and Aurora will finish the regular season over Labor Day weekend playing ADM four games in Decatur. Home also will play Decatur in the Tri-Illini tournament. Madison will play host to Aurora for four games and then two months later will travel to Aurora for another four games. Madison and Aurora also will square off in the Tri-Illini tournament. The Bombers of Clearwater, Fla., will play a home-and-home 8-game series with Aurora. Recent efforts by some of the residents of Clearwater to get the Bombers back in major competition and hopefully a return to the national finals appear to be paying off as some of the better players in fastpitch will be on the Clearwater roster....The Tournament of Champions Memorial weekend tournament in Aurora will find six good teams playing a round robin and then the top four survivors will play an elimination to determine the winner. Teams entered are Goshen, Ind.; Alton and Casey, Ill.; St. James, Minn., and Broken Bow, Neb., along with the host, Home Savings. The Stars and Stripes Classic will not have a playoff, but the champion will be determined by the round robin play. July 4 is on Wednesday, so the tournament will only be held three days, June 29-30 and July 1. Teams invited are the Iowans (merged Cedar Rapids Modern Piping and Clear Lake Butt'r Topp); Bloomington, Ill., Hearts; Antigo, Wis. (with Rod Jarvis); Sioux City, Iowa, and Ashland, Ohio Merchants/ESS (with Tony Hunhoff, great eastern pitcher)....Reading, Pa. (Ty Stofflet), Odessa, Texas; St. Paul, Minn.; Indianapolis As; Terre Haute, Ind.; Muscatine, Iowa and many other outstanding teams will play in Aurora during the 1984 season. Aurora will be on the road six, and hopefully seven times, which is more traveling than any other Home team of the past. Besides going to Clearwater, Madison, Decatur, Home will also travel to Bloomington to face the Hearts in a 4-game series and will return there Aug. 3-5 for the Tri-Illini tourney. On the Florida trip, Aurora will play a twin bill against Orlando. Home will be in the ASA nationals in St. Joseph, Mo., after its third place finish last year (first four finishers get to return) and hopes to qualify for the ISC World at Allentown, Pa. It promises to be another great year for Aurora fastpitch fans with many of the nation's best teams going against Home Savings and Loan.

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Bloomington Hosts

Tri-Illini's Meet

Bloomington, Ill. (By Ed Kirner) - Officials from Aurora, Decatur and Bloomington Hearts met here recently to discuss the Tri-Illini tournament to be held here Aug. 3-5. The Tri-Illini (getting its name from the three Illinois teams) was started last year in Aurora. Each year one of the three Illinois teams acts as host and the three teams to be invited to the round robin tourney must be agreed upon by all three Illinois teams. At the recent (On Page 14)

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BLOOMINGTON HOSTS (From Page 13) meeting it was agreed that Madison, Wis., Farm, St. Paul, Minn., All-American Bar, and newly-merged Iowans Former Cedar Rapids Modern Piping and Clear Lake Butt'r Topp) would be the teams to invite and all have accepted. It is really good for the game to see these three Illinois teams from Illinois, who on the field are fierce competitors, sit down together for an evening of fastpitch business business and some socializing. Each team let the other know a out its schedule and worked together to book some of the out-of-state teams so when a team hits Illinois they will have three cities to play in. Next year the tournament will be in Decatur and then return to Aurora in 1986. The meeting was held in B. J. Iington Hearts center field Bob Watson's new restaurant, the Cut Above. I highly recommend it to anyone visiting Bloomington.

MORE ILLINI NEWS: SPRINGFIELD, ILL. - The New Mid-State Fastpitch Fastball League will open April 29 with an all-star team facing Decatur ADM in a fund raising double-header. There will be 10 Class A teams in the Central Illinois Mary League. Knight's Action Park on new Route 36 and Route 4 id the league's diamond. Six of the teams are from Springfield: Blake-ly's Fertilizer, Busch, Cambridge Court, Springfield Rats, Springfield Merchants and Tomahawk Trophies. Other teams are Assumption, Berry (Edinburgh), Ja cksonville Kings and Max Klemm (Taylorville). Each team normally will play two double-headers a week, Mondar through Friday. Make-up games will be played Saturday and Sunday....The ASA's women's state Class AA (major /open) tournament will be held at Borg-Warner field, Decatur, July 17-22 with Decatur Softball Boosters, Inc., as the sponsor under terms of a contract signed recently with State ASA Commissioner Charles McCord (recently elect-ed national president). ADM Sweeteners will be the host team.

ASA REGION 12 TO OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS (By Doug Lindaman, Mid-American Player Repre-sentative from Iowa) - Commissioners, player representatives, Um-pires and Junior Olympic commissioners of the ASA Mid-America Re-gion gathered for their annual meeting Nov. 20 last here. Repre-sentatives from the four states (Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri) and three metro areas (St. Louis, Kansas City and Omaha) were in attendance. One of the more signifi-cant changes which were adopted in fastpitch will allow each of the seven associations within the region to send an additional team to the regional tournament beginning this year. This will apply to both the men's and women's major divisions. Each of the seven associations will thus be able to send three teams to the regional tournament, although due to declining number of teams that are willing to play in the major divi-sion, it is doubtful that some of the associations will send the maximum number of teams allowable. In addition, we also approved both the defending champion and run-ner-up automatically returning to the regional tournament the following year. Previous-ly, only the defending champion was automatically included the next year. We hope these changes will bolster participation in major division fastpitch as well as reward those areas which have strong fastpitch programs currently. In fact, those of us in Iowa are excited at the possibility of having six Iowa teams in the men's tournament the next time we host it in 1985. It's a definite possibility with the host team, three teams from the state tournament and the defending champion and runner-up from the 1984 regional tournament. - Doug Lindaman, regional player representative.

ED'S SUGGESTION AURORA, ILL. (By Ed Kirner) - Maybe it's not my business, but I be-lieve all of us who send articles to The Bulletin should start a new approach. Publisher Ray Anderson is no spring chicken and we all may be taking too much for granted. I believe if we all shorten our stories and not expect 36 pages each edi-tion, Ray and his wife Ann would not have to work so hard. We don't want to have The bulletin stop its publication, so how about everyone cooperating and send in results of your tournament (for sure) but make these shorter. The job of sorting through the articles, re-writing many of these, typing all the stencils, having to print each page, the collating of the 18 sheets, the folding, stapling, addressing, etc., is a monu-mental job each month. A 20-page Bulletin with short stories would serve us all just fine. How about it fastpitch friends, what do you think of this idea? - Ed Kirner, 31 Briarcliff Road, Montgomery, Ill.

ADM adds tourney to schedule

DECATUR, ILL. (From Decatur, Ill., Review & Herald and submitted by Jim Nicol) - ADM's fastpitch team is going to double up in tournament competition. The International Softball Congress (ISC) state meet will be held at Borg-Warner field July 12-15 with ADM as host team, ADM spokesman Jim Nicol said. At least 10 teams are expected. The winner advances to the national tournament in Allentown, Pa., Aug. 10-19....ADM automatically advances to the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) national tourney in St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 7-15, after finishing as runner-up to West Haven, Conn., Cardinals last September at Borg-Warner field....In recent years, Aurora Home Savings & Loan, the Camarillo, Calif., Kings and the Lancaster, Calif., Chameleons have won the ISC tournament and then doubled up in the ASA national tournament....The ASA's long-time view of the ISC as an "outlaw" organization and thus off-limits was shattered by court decisions so there is unlimited fraternizing. But, nobody has yet doubled up as champion, however. ADM's fraternizing will be limited to tournament competition, Nicol said, meaning ADM will not compete in an Illinois-Iowa travel league....Ordinarily, ADM would be returning to the National Sports Festival - the top four in the national ASA tournament qualify. Since this is an Olympic year, the National Sports Festival will not be held. A trip to Allentown thus would be a sweet substitute....With the addition of the ISC state tournament, the ADM schedule is 99 per cent complete, Nicol said. Nicol is in charge of booking the games. The home highlights include: (1) Memorial Day weekend tournament with Bloomington Hearts, St. Louis Budweiser, Ashland, Ohio, Faultless, D nham Springs, La., with former Decatur Pitcher Barry Freeman; (2) June 8-9, Aurora Home Savings; (3) June 15-16, Franklin Cardinals (ASA champs); (4) Clearwater, Fla., Bombers; (5) Reading, Pa., with Pitcher Ty Stofflet; (6) Tournament, June 29-30-July 1, Odessa Texas, Madison, Wis., Mankato, Minn., and ADM; (7) July 4, Canton, N.C.; July 5-6, St. Paul, Minn., All-American Bar. ADM goes on a trip to Madison, St. Paul and Cedar Rapids, Iowa, July 21-25 and then goes to Connecticut to play the Franklin Cardinals July 27-28. The usual west coast trip has been scrubbed.

MARTY MCGUIRE STARTS PLANS FOR WORLD MEET

MIDLAND, MICH. — Marty McGuire, who'll be in charge of the world championship games here July 6-14 told The Bulletin Jan. 23 that 10 countries already had entered teams in the tournament. He attended the ASA commissioners' council meeting in Albuquerque, N.M., to secure names of other entries. Those already entered are U.S., Guam, Canada, New Zealand, Japan, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Bermuda, Dominican Republic and Mexico. Don Winger, sports editor of Midland Daily News reports his paper plans to give this event extensive coverage. It's his opinion this event will have cultural benefits as well as topflight sporting entertainment for all who attend. Those seeking information should contact Marty McGuire, 515 E. Collins, Midland, Mich. 48640.



**Bob
Fallstrom
Commentary**

Bob Fallstrom, outstanding sports editor of Decatur Herald & Review, occasionally writes a feature, "Appreciation Day." Herewith is one he wrote Jan. 7th:

It's "Appreciation Day," time to appreciate David Scott, the ADM softball pitcher.



David Scott
...65-game winner
He was 8-1 on the New Zealand trip, 3-1 in the Pan-American Games, 3-3 in the National Sports Festival. He also lost to ADM while pitching for the Pan-American team in a warmup series at Borg-Warner Field. Did any other pitcher, softball or otherwise, win 65 games last season? Perhaps we take Scott's skill too much for granted. I know this: I want him to stay in Decatur for life. Studying Scott's statistics on a cold winter day is

Scott has been a 50-game winner three successive seasons. He was 54-12 in 1981, 51-10 in 1982 and 51-8 last season.

Winning 50 is spectacular. Even more spectacular: Add all of Scott's games last season and discover he was a 65-game winner.

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DEB REZNICEK

"APPRECIATION DAY" (From Page 15) the best way to warm up. Which reminds me: 65 is not Scott's all-time high. He was 98-16 in 1979 for Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, and for two Houston teams and for Steve's Exporters of San Antonio. He also pitched several times that season in Mexico City. He won 77 games in 1978 under the same circumstances....Scott has helped ADM win one national championship and finish second twice. He has twice pitched the Pan American Games. The past three seasons he has had earned run averages of 0.94, 0.99 and 0.87....More appreciation: DEB REZNICEK, Perfect D&R Welding team pitcher. She had an 18-5 record pitching against men this past season. She pitched in a Springfield, Ill., church league and in a fall league, which included major open and Class A players. She is the daughter of Jim Davis, well known Springfield girls' team manager and promoter....Suggestion for "Appreciation Day" may be sent to Bob Fallstrom, 601 E. William St., Decatur, Ill. 62525 or call 1-217-429-5151.

MORE SUGGESTIONS (FROM Page 2) on these should be emphasized....All articles need to be as current as possible. Articles that are over two months old should not be printed. In the November issue there were at least 15 articles that were three to seven months old. There were also at least 10 others that were far too detailed. Reporters need to know that good reporting doesn't always require massive details....The option of raising rates should be considered as a last resort. This could cause more subscribers not to renew their subscriptions. However, as Con Brown pointed out, advertising is not going to hurt The Bulletin and may even get that large account....The Bulletin must be made more appealing to the reading public. I think this can only be done by having each of the reporters and staff work at making it more professional....It is not my intention to shoot fish in a rain barrel. I do not wish to be critical of anyone and certainly not those who do all the work. Your staff and those that submit articles are the backbone and heart of The Bulletin and should be commended for keeping the rest of us informed on fastpitch softball. If each of us did just a little better I feel sure that The Bulletin will survive. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to express my thoughts. - Bill Kerschner. (Editor's note: We thank Mr. Kerschner for his somewhat critical criticism of our efforts, but deep, we know he is right in most of his suggestions. I am also sure that if we put into effect his suggestions and those of Con Brown that we published last month, The Bulletin would be a much more interesting publication. How about you? Do you have any suggestions on how to improve The Bulletin and make it more acceptable to fastpitch enthusiasts? Let's hear 'em and we'll pass 'em on to the rest of readers.)

IN AGREEMENT WITH OWATONNA, MINN. (By Steve Kath) - I am writing in response to the letter Con Brown sent you which was on Page 2 of January edition of The Bulletin, about categorizing The Bulletin. I, too, don't intend this to be rude, but is my opinion. I agree with Con's comments about most of The Bulletin coverage going to major AA and ISC teams, and think everyone is interested in a little of this, but not 25 pages worth! In Minnesota we have only a few AA teams in the state with the majority of teams, like ourselves, being Class B. We are interested in what the AA and ISC teams are doing, but much more interested in the Class A and B teams, because these are the teams we play against. We also "advertise" our tournament in your paper and invite men's open class (any team), men's Class B and women's open (any team) to our tournament, but don't feel that our "advertisement" reaches many teams in our area. Most of this is probably due to people not knowing of The Bulletin or not being interested in the majority of the material in The Bulletin. I think Con had some great ideas and would be happy to promote The Bulletin at our tournaments, if you would categorize the teams a little more, to make it more appealing to the ball players in our state. Please don't take this the wrong way. - Steve Kath. (Editor's note: We are grateful to Steve Kath for his constructive criticism. These will be given serious consideration and we will try to incorporate these in an attempt to improve The Bulletin. Let's have your ideas, too. Maybe we can make our fastpitch newsletter a little more appealing. Steve refers to our tournament directly listings as "advertising." Please be informed, we do not charge for these listings. These notices are granted free of charge to tournament directors in the hope we can help promote his tournament and fastpitch in general.)

A.P.O. News

TERRY THOMPSON NAMED COACH RAMSTEN RAMS;

SCHEDULE INCLUDES SIX TOURNEYS, CSC LOOP

TILTS PLUS INTERNATIONAL MEET IN HOLLAND

difficult and exhausting assignment, yet the T-Bird still manages to squeeze out time to direct the air forces' top fastpitch team and write to let us know back here in the states what's going on. I know our readers appreciate his efforts!...I've been talking fastpitch softball whenever I could. Many bases only play the dreaded s---pitch! I had a team meeting on Friday the 20th of January (Ramsten Rams). Guess I should mention that I was selected as coach of the Ramsten Rams. Needless to say I'm proud and excited about the upcoming season. I've been calling other bases and trying to set up a good schedule for the coming season. So far six tournaments as well as our CSC league games have been arranged. Besides returning to the three tournaments that we are the defending champions (Tulip tournament, Holland; Frankfurt invitational, and our Ramsten invitational), we've been selected to play in an invitational tournament in Holland. This tournament will be held in June. I don't have all the details, but we're sure looking forward to playing in it. Our league office has promised to set that weekend as an open date from league games so we can compete. Our USAFE championship will be held in Wethersfield, England, in August. We won our first USAFE title

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USAFE Championship

at this site in 1981. We're shooting for an unpresidedented four in a row. No sport has had a champion repeat four in a row in Europe....We've got 30th hoses back, Jeff Kepner and Wendell Parsons and return six starters, but we desperately need some veteran outfielders. We also lost our all-USAFE catcher to the United Kingdom, but our all-USAFE second baseman can more than handle the job. I hate to move an infielder since we're working on three years together. This is very unusual for a military team....The turnout for our first meeting only produced a few new faces. I was disappointed since it had been advertised on the radio and in the paper. But, we really can't get outside until the first week in March (sometimes later) due to our snow and cold weather. Hopefully the warm weather will bring out new players. We sure could use a lefthanded hitting "rabbit in the lineup....I did get 15 subscriptions for The Bulletin. All are the Ramsten players who showed up for our initial pre-season meeting. I'm disappointed that many of my contacts who said they'd help with subscriptions. (Editor's second note: WOW! He's a fastpitch enthusiast, who is burdened with an important job in the air force, manager of the forces championship European team and still has time to solicit subscriptions for The Bulletin. And, on top of that, takes his valuable time to write this column monthly! How many others have that much interest and dedication in the game? If The Bulletin could award medals, the T-Bird certainly would get one!) He concludes: I'll do my best to write more as soon as I hear from other bases. T-Bird. If you approve of his efforts for his country and for fastpitch, why not drop him a line and let him know. He can be addressed Terry Thompson, Box 8322, A.P.O., New York 09012. I'm sure he'd like hearing from you.

LONDON, ENGLAND (By the T-Bird) - Hello from London! I'm on the road again as I've been during the past few months. Since my last card I've been in Rome, Athens, Crete and Germany. I'm traveling all our bases in Europe valadating housing contract projects. I'm hoping my efforts will mean improved homes for all our military and DOD civilian families. (Editor's note: As we understand it this is a very important and

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AL OLIVOS PUTS TOGETHER

TEAM OF VETERAN PLAYERS

ORANGE, CALIF. (By Al Olivos) - Well, here I go again. It's post time, the flag is up, it's showtime - in other words it's time to play ball! It is that time of year when business, family and other things take a back seat to the sport we love - fastpitch softball!... This has to be my best team I ever assembled. It has speed, power, offense and defense. Our weakest position is probably our pitching staff and yet it has the possibility to come through with flying colors. We have two tried and true veteran pitchers, in Sam Turner and Dan Woods. At times these two can be very tough. Then we have two promising youngsters in Dave Berridge of New Zealand and Reno Lato of Canada. I still have the door open for another pitcher such as Paul Magan, Michael White, etc. Sonny Jones will be our new sponsor and he's had experience in the WSC in which we will participate. Our home field will be the remodeled Hart Park in Orange. We have received from the city of Orange the utmost in assistance and cooperation, especially from Dave Ramirez and Paul Collen, who head the recreation department. Hart park not only offers the players excellent diamonds, but also has for the families and fans fantastic recreational facilities plus a wonderful atmosphere. Our name this year will be the Santa Ana-Orange Eagles. Back to the team we have two of the best hitters in fastpitch in Loyd Nolan and Floyd LaVerge, formerly of the Camarillo Kings. When they played with that team they won the ISC championship two times in a row. We also have the veteran outfielder, who, one year had a sensational slugging average of 1.018 in the Western Softball Congress. He's not a singles hitter, but bangs the fences. We have at least two veteran infielders in Greg Sepulveda and Harry Munoz who, in years past, have collected all kinds of trophies and laurels. With Gil Marquez as our field manager, I think we will go a long way in 1984. Otis Manning will be our public relations man. (Note to Al Olivos from editor: Please have Otis Manning keep The Bulletin's readers posted on how your team progresses in 1984.) Teams wanting to contact Al Olivos, write 1017 N. Louise, Santa Ana, Calif. 92703.

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15. DARREL McNEALEY, outfielder, has tools to be great.

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TOM STASIK NAMED

ISC COMMISSIONER

CLIO, MICH. (By Tom Stasik) - I have been named the ISC commissioner for the state of Michigan and we will be represented in the ISC world tournament at Allentown, Pa., Aug. 10-19. From all reports this will be the greatest tournament ever held. Besides all the regular ISS teams, they will be joined by many of the standout ASA teams like ADM of D. Catur, Ill., Bank of Pennsylvania of Reading, Pa., the Bombers of Clearwater, Fla., there is a possibility that the ASA champs, Franklin Cardinals of New Haven, Conn., may participate. Details for the Michigan qualifying tournament will be announced in near future. I played with the Saginaw Bolters when that team was one of the top clubs in the country. Last July 1 I was injured. A bone chip as big as a quarter and 80 per cent of the cartilage on the left side of my knee had to be removed. Presently I am still hobbling around and my playing days may be over. What we need here in Michigan is a standout pitcher, and I hope one of the possible affluent sponsors will come up with one so we can have a really good team or so in Michigan once again as we have in the past. I will keep The Bulletin posted, which does a great job for the game.

THEY WRITE: "You're doing a super job with The Bulletin. Thanks for running my article on Pete Zamarron memorial tourney," Steve Zamarron, Rodecrest, Calif.... "Keep up the good work with The Bulletin and I'll try to promote it this summer," Pat Sullivan, Iowa ASB commissioner, Dubuque, Iowa.

Aurora trio is named to ASA Halls of Fame

AURORA, ILL. (By Gary Stutzman in Aurora Beacon-News and submitted by Ed Kirner, public relations director for Aurora Home Savings and Loan team) — Bob "Beaver" Barron, the slick-fielding second baseman for the great Aurora Sealmasters and Home Savings and Loan teams of the 1960's and '70's, has been named to the Amateur Softball Association's National Hall of Fame. The selection of Barron to the ASA Hall of Fame was made at the annual

ASA commissioners' council meeting last week in January in Albuquerque, N.M. The Illinois ASA commissioners attending the meeting also honored two of Barron's former teammates on the Sealmasters and Home Savings teams — Outfielder Bob "Ma" Christensen and lefthanded Pitcher Charley "Rocket" Richard — by naming them

into the Illinois ASA Hall of Fame. Barron who was named to the Illinois Hall last year, was pleased with the honor, but put it in proper perspective. "It's a super honor," said Barron. "Just look at the company I fall in with. But there are a lot of ball players who should be in there. I've seen a lot of good players in my career. I was just fortunate enough to play with the Sealmasters and Home Savings and have the opportunity to play in

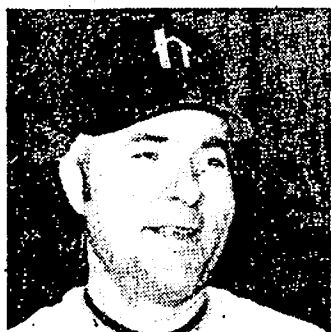
all those national tournaments. I played softball because I enjoyed it. It's a super game and I met a lot of friends playing it," he said. "The awards are nice, I have to admit that, but I will always cherish playing with some really great guys." Barron is the seventh Aurora player to be named to the national honor. He joins Pitcher Jim Chambers (1960), Catcher LeRoy Hess (1968), Pitcher John Spring (1970), Outfielder Ned Wickersham (1971), Third Baseman Don Ropp (1972), and Pitcher Harvey Sterkel, the last Auroran to be enshrined (1982). Barron, 49, also made it to triple-A status in the Baltimore Orioles minor league system, played nine years with the Sealmasters, beginning in 1960. He was a member of ASA national championship team in '61, '65 and '67, and on the International Softball Federation World Tournament championship teams in 1966 and '68. A terrific fielder, Barron was also a good hitter. He led the Sealmasters in doubles and bases on balls (On Page 20)



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AURORA TRIO (From Page 19) in 1965 and '66, and in total hits (81) in '65. Hig highest season batting average was .345 in 1967. Barron was also an All-American in 1971 with the Anixter Bombers (after the Sealmasters folded) and in 1975 as a member of Home Savings and Loan. He was a second team All-American with the Savers in 1974....The Illinois honor for Christensen and Richard was long overdue. The pair became the 24th and 25th Aurora-area members (which includes sportswriters, umpires, players and sponsors) of the Illinois Hall. Christensen, affectionately known as "Ma" to his teammates because he was always looking after them, was a steady a player as ever played in Aurora. Christensen was named to the ASA All-America teams in 1965 and '69, the last year as a playing-manager with the Sealmasters, and in 1974 with the Savers. He played in 12 national tournaments. "I've been awfully lucky," said Christensen, who will be 51 in May. "I've had so many happy memories in this game. And I've had the privilege of playing here in Aurora with the Sealmasters and Home Savings." Christensen began his career in 1957 with a team in Champaign. He joined the Decatur Merchants, the forerunner to the Decatur A's in 1960, and also had short stints with the Anixter Bombers and the Aurora Blue Seals. "The national Hall of Fame is the utmost," said Christensen, "but the state recognition is quite an honor. I've had so many highlights in my career, but this ranks right up there above them all."...Richard, "Rocket" as he was nicknamed, was known for his wickedly fast pitches, compiled a 206-29 record for the Sealmasters from 1960 to '68. In those nine seasons his composite earned run average was 0.50, or half a run a game in 235. In the first ever International Softball Federation World tournament, held in Mexico City, Mexico, in 1966, Richard was magnificent in winning six of the 10 victories for the Sealmasters, who were representing the United States. Richard played with the Rockford Reds after the Sealmasters folded operations in 1970. He later played with Home Savings in 1972, '74 and '75. In his final year of major fastpitch, Richard compiled a 15-1 record with 1.72 ERA. "Fastpitch has been very good to me," said Richard, 50. "I feel very fortunate. The game has been very instrumental in my successes in life. I've made a lot of friends and met a lot of people. You never really anticipate being named to the Hall of Fame, and now that's happened, it's kind of anti-climatic.. It may be read 'Charley Richard' on the plaque, but there should be a lot of other names on that plaque - people who have been instrumental in my career, but who may never have the opportunity to be recognized." (Editor's note: We thank Gary Stutzman and Ed Kirner for this story about well-known former players. I am sure our readers will appreciate this feature!)

ELECT FIVE TO HALL (From Page 1) fastpitch, and J.D. McDonald, McAdenville, N.C., from slowpitch. The five people will be formally inducted into the National Hall of Fame this summer at fourth Hall of Fame Classic, which will be co-sponsored by Miller Brewing Co., Milwaukee and ASA. With election of five former greats, the ASA Hall of Fame membership now stands at 83, including 48 men and 35 women. The Hall was established in 1957 to honor accomplishments of former softball greats in the USA who starred at national championship level of play. Players must be retired at least three years before they can be nominated for the Hall. Barrons career spanned 20 years (see Page 19) Mickey Davis was one of top fielding outfielders during her 12 years of playing fastpitch. She didn't make an error in her first seven national tournaments. Her lifetime fielding percentage was .966. She played with Orlando, Fla., Rebels, Orange, Calif., Lionettes and Atlanta Tomboys....Jackie Rice compiled a pitching record of 21-8 and 15 ASA nationals, and was named MVP in '64 national at Orlando, Fla. She played for Fresno Rockets, Erv Lind Florists, Portland, Ore., and Orange Lionettes. She currently is an associate professor at Western Oregon college in department of physical education, health and athletics....Diane Kalliam was one of the best hitters in woman's fastpitch, compiling a lifetime batting average of .427. She twice led the national tournament in batting and her .632 batting average in 1975 national tournament is a national record. McDonald is 10th slowpitch player to be named to the Hall.

THEY WRITE: "Keep up the good work for fastpitch. Saw part of nationals last year at Decatur, Ill., and plan to be in St. Joe this year," James Vowell, Herrin, Ill...."Keep up good work," Betty and Jack Grafeier, Kimberly, Wis. (ISC commissioner)

Umpiring

DRAMATIC PITCHING RULE CHANGES

MADE FOR 1985; READ CAREFULLY;

UMPIRES MUST MAINTAIN CONTROL!

GOLDEN VALLEY, MINN. (By Les Novak, Minnesota Umpire-in-Chief) — I've just returned from the 52nd annual ASA council meeting in Albuquerque, N.M., where I had the opportunity to attend both the fastpitch and playing rules committee meetings as well as the main council meeting where THE MOST SIGNIFICANT RULE CHANGE CONCERNING FASTPITCH IN THE PAST 40 YEARS WAS ADOPTED!!! The new rules are to become effective in 1985! Starting in 1985 there will be language in the fastpitch rule to include the following: "The pitcher shall take a position with his or her pivot foot on the pitcher's plate. The should-ers shall be in line with first and third base." He or she shall hold the ball in one hand, ONE FOOT ON THE RUBBER! Do you pitchers, managers and fans know what that means to the umpire? We no longer will hear: "They don't call that back home," "My pitcher can't throw like that," and "What are you trying to do, change the game? Nobody calls that!"....The rule that puts the umpire in conflict with every pitcher or manager while trying to enforce two feet on the rubber has been deleted from the book starting in 1985!....The other important rule change for fastpitch concerns the base-runner leaving the base. The new language will include: "Base-runners are entitled to advance with liability to be put out when the pitcher's non-pivot foot crosses the plane of the pitcher's rubber on his or her forward step toward the plate in delivering a pitch!" Presently, the runner cannot run or leave the base until the pitcher releases the ball. This new change for 1985 will allow for more base stealing and and more scoring. It also off-sets the 1983 pitching rule change which allows leaping. These two important rule changes were submitted by Marty McGuire of Midland, Mich. (who will direct the ISF World Tournament Games at Midland, July 6-14), and supported by the ASA national umpire staff, fastpitch committee Chairman Wayne Meters, Indiana commissioner, umpire and rules committee chairman Ferris Reed, Chicago metro commissioner and this writer as well as many commissioners attending the committee meetings. In the opinion of this writer, these are the most important changes to come to fastpitch in the last 40 years. Perhaps, now, with the one foot rule, we will be able to encourage and develop some young pitchers in the U.S. At least it's worth a try! But there is one thing to remember: "These rule changes do not go into effect until 1985!"Some time ago I received a letter from Jim Davis of Springfield, Ill., concerning a problem of unsportsmanship by players and managers towards umpires in what he and others feel is a growing problem in softball. In my column of February, 1981 (The Bulletin) I wrote what I feel is a growing problem, and I think bears repeating herewith: All players, fans as well as coaches should be concerned with an attitude which seems to permeate athletic competition regarding officiating. It is popular to take a position of criticizing officials for certain calls or judgment made by them. It is easier for coaches and players to blame someone else for a loss of for their shortcomings. Certainly there are some bad calls during any game or contest, but they have a way of balancing out for each team. A certain official may be inept, but none cheats either team. Someone once said, "Officiating is the only profession in which you must be perfect to start and improve each week!" Evidently a growing number of individuals expect this. But, abuse by the players or managers during a game can never be tolerated. The umpire must maintain control of the game, and in order to do this, he or she must by their actions in the game show that they are in charge. To allow a manager or team to "ride" the umpire for a couple of innings over a call is inexcusable! To have to eject (On Page 22)

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UMPIRING! (From Page 21) someone is not having control! Control is already lost when someone is ejected! It may restore control, but what is needed is strong, positive approach to the game by the umpire from the first pitch to the last out. If we, as umpires, do not control our game, we will be the brunt of the growing number of frustrations by players and the game will suffer!...That's it for this month. Once again I would like to hear from you players, managers and fans as well as all you umpires. In March I will be working in the eighth annual Carson, Calif., invitational tournament (one of the largest and best in southern California under the direction of Buck Lanier, southern Cal umpire-in-chief to be staged March 16-18 at Dolphin and Scott parks, Carson. Plan to see this one, editor's note.) I hope I see many of you there. I can be reached at 7020 Olson Highway, Golden Valley, Minn. 55427.

PLAYER REPRESENTATIVE'S

REPORT ON ASA'S MEETING

ACKLEY, IOWA (By Doug Lindaman (Mid-America Region ASA Player Representative) - The 52nd annual council meeting of ASA in Albuquerque, N.M., was the third I have attended as a voting delegate. Player representatives were given that opportunity beginning with the 1980 council meeting, and I have been fortunate to represent the Mid-America region as player representative three out of those five years. In general this was the most productive and progressive meeting of the three. One of the more positive pieces of legislation, which was adopted, modifies the "residency rule" of eligibility. Effective immediately, major division teams (in men's and women's fast and slowpitch) are not restricted by the March 1 residency deadline for rostered players. In effect, a major division player may now play anywhere he wishes with the restriction that once he plays or signs a roster, he is committed to playing within that local association for that season. There was a great deal of discussion about this proposal (as well as about a half dozen similar proposals) within the council, including opening it up to include all divisions of play, not just the major division teams. But, it was a feeling that most of the legal problems encountered with the present rule came from major division teams and loosening it up partially in 1984 is a positive first step....Another positive step is a modification of the pitching rule.

Change Pitching Rule

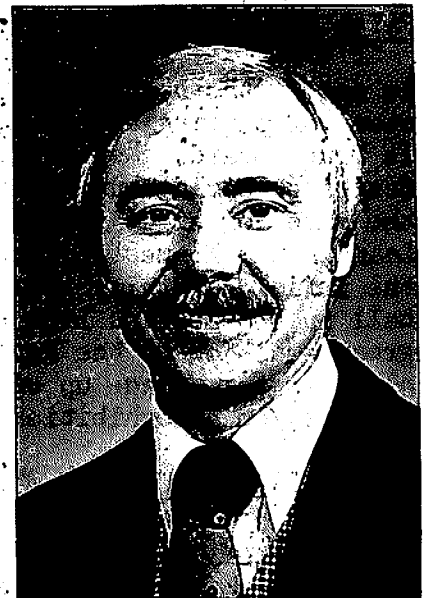
The new rule, which becomes effective in 1985 (not this year), will allow the pitcher to have his non-pivot foot either on or behind the pitcher's plate before starting his delivery. This should help alleviate one of the most abused and inconsistently enforced rules as long as fastpitch has been played. It should eliminate many of the illegal pitches which were not called in league and invitational tournament play, but were called in championship play....To offset this new advantage for the pitcher, we liberalized the base running rule to now (1985) allow a runner to leave the base when the pitcher's non-pivot foot crosses the plane of the pitching plate. This should make it easier to advance runners into scoring position and give more advantage to the offensive team.... The role of the player representatives in the national meeting is becoming increasingly important. Player reps now account for nearly one-third of the 167 votes in the council and we are being appointed to more important and meaningful positions on the various standing committees, although we have a long way to go in being really effective. Though some council members are uncomfortable by our presence and fearful of their decreasing power, greater involvement by the player reps can only be beneficial for the ASA organization. Many commissioners have served long terms and gained valuable experience in the operations of the ASA, particularly in the area of "parliamentary procedure." With the inclusion in the council of at least eight commissioners and player reps who are either lawyers or PhD's, player representatives who get involved and have a broad knowledge about what is happening in softball nation-wide, will have the most to contribute in future ASA council meetings. (Note to the editor: I wrote this from the perspective of a player representative, who was involved primarily from a legislative and playing rule point of view. I didn't discuss much of the P.R. type material about team registrations, commissioner awards, etc., because I'm assuming Bill Plummer, the ASA's communications director will provide The Bulletin with that type information. I tried to be thorough about the important legislation without being too lengthy. I hope this is what you wanted for Bulletin. I really feel we made some positive steps at this meeting. - Doug Lindaman.) Thanks, Doug!



ART GILLIS
Florida ISC Commissioner
Formerly of Michigan



ANDY OKULOVICH
Andy Okulovich, new Metro Cleveland
ASA commissioner.



BRUCE LYNN MAURER
Iowa ASA Commissioner

New Commissioners Named

SEVERAL NEW COMMISSIONERS have been named by their respective associations and we report on a few here. "I have appointed Art Gillis our new Florida commissioner," writes Milt Stark, executive director of the International Softball Congress, in a letter to The Bulletin. "He is thoroughly familiar with our program, having served as our Michigan commissioner at Saginaw, before removing to Florida," stated Stark. While commissioner in Michigan he conducted a very successful ISC world tournament at Saginaw in 1981, where Dr. A. DeWayne Jones' Camarillo, Calif., Kings won their first of two successive championships. Florida has never sent a representative to the ISC national meet but one is assured this year. Mr. Stark also reports that Tom Stasik, former member of the Saginaw Bolters team of Clio, has been named the new ISC commissioner. Also, in Illinois, Bruce Reynolds of Aledo is the new Midwest Softball Congress commissioner, replacing Bob Bergstrom. ...The Amateur Softball Association reports that Andy Okulovich has been named to succeed the late John Nagy as metro Cleveland commissioner. This was announced by Don Porter, executive director of the ASA. Nagy, who had been commissioner since 1954, died last July of a heart attack. The 50-year-old Okulovich has been involved with Cleveland softball for more than three decades at all levels and served as metro Cleveland deputy commissioner under Nagy. He is employed by the Cleveland parks and recreation department....Bruce Lynn Maurer, the new Iowa ASA commissioner, has qualifications "a mile long." He was born July 5, 1948. He is married and has four children. Education includes bachelor of science, physical education (emphasis on administration), master of arts, recreation education. Both degrees conferred by Iowa university. At the University of South Dakota he was director of intramural and recreational sports and later was assistant to athletic director. He was in the United States Air Force (1970-1976) at Homestead Air Force Base where he was a recreation specialist. He gained many honors and awards including best intramural program and Philip Pia award for outstanding service.

NEW DATES!

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A NEW FASTPITCH WORLD

TOURNAMENT

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PAY'N PAK STRENGTHENED (From Page 1) been playing fastpitch five years and has been selected to many all-star teams. In this writer's opinion, he is one of the best shortstops around and it is a pleasure to have him on our team instead of playing against us....The second ball player that has committed to Tom Wagner is Bruce Beard. He probably has not received the notoriety that Brusci has in the fastpitch world, but he is every bit as good as ball player. Bruce has been playing the game for eight years. He played three seasons for Westside Federal Savings and Loan in the Norwest league and never hit under .300. Bruce can play all positions in the infield and play them well. His forte seems to be first base. Bruce played winter ball in New Zealand last year, where he hit his share of home runs. Bruce will be a great addition to the Pay'n Pak team in 1984....On Feb. 8, Manager Tom Wagner took an all-star team, made up of players from his Pay'n Pak team and other Norwest league players, on an exhibition tour of New Zealand. They were expected to return Feb. 20.

AL COLGLAZIER TO AID ST. JOSEPH, MO. "I'm very optimistic about our Walnut/Woods team this year," Ed Christgen, manager, told The Bulletin recently, "and feel it will be one of the top teams in the country and will amply represent our city in the men's major ASA nationals to be staged here Sept. 7-15 as the host team." He went on to say that the entire team from last year will be back, with the addition of Wayne "Doc" Miller, who pitched for Walnut many years and is topflight. Also, with the ASA residency rules change adopted just recently at Albuquerque, N.M., that made Al Colglazier eligible to play with us, which he will. Many know him as one of the best pitchers in the country. And our All-American pitcher Tim Reynolds is rapidly recovering and is expected to be ready about the first of June. With the good team we already have, backed by this exceptional pitching staff, we should be able to take on all comers!" Christgen exclaimed. In the last tournament at St. Joe in 1981, the Walnut Products team (now Walnut/Woods) put on a sensational drive for a precedent-setting fourth place finish and stirred the local fans to the point where 90,000 turned out for the tourney games, which was the best attendance mark for the national competition up to that point. This can be repeated if Walnut/Woods can do as well or better....Reynolds has been battling cancer for a year-and-a-half, but after a recent operation, seems to be well on the way to recovery. "He has come back to put on 10 pounds and return to work high school teacher) and I expect the 6-foot-7 southpaw to be back in shape sooner than he thinks." Reynolds' problems made the acquisition of another front-line pitcher essential. At a team meeting Jan. 26, at Ed Christgen's home, Colglazier called and stated he wanted to pitch for Walnut/Woods. "I guess that means I won't have to get in shape as quick," was Reynolds remark. The team's response to a man was, "Wrong, you'll have to get in shape as soon as possible." He went on, "My confidence zoomed with that team meeting and the attitude of our players!" Colglazier, a 6-foot-2 righthander, who throws a great drop ball, calls Pueblo, Colo., home and will commute back-and-forth, which is possible under the new ASA residency rule. Colglazier will make his first appearance for Walnut/Woods in Tulsa, Okla., in the opening games of the Tri-State ISC league, of which Walnut/Woods is a member. "Colglazier will pitch for us on weekends when we play in the ISC league, big tournaments here and in such places as Sioux City, Iowa, and Springfield, Mo. Reynolds is not expected to be ready for duty until the middle of June, according to Christgen, who thinks it will take the All-American that long to get into shape. Walnut/Woods will swing into local league action with Wayne (Doc) Miller and Larry Sparks the pitchers. Sparks is in his early 40's and Miller in his late 30's on a roster that has a number of players past the 30-year mark and a few past 40. The one exception is Craig Wells, who comes from Helena and played for Maryville team before that organization fell apart. "Craig will be a utility man for us," Christgen said. With Wells the roster now number 17, with some All-Americans such as Tom O'Brien and Charley Blakley, outfielders. Bobby Blakley, the third Blakley brother on the team, plays rightfield and gives the local team one of the best outfields anywhere. Leo Blakley and Fred D wney give the team experience and talent behind the plate. The infield is a strong one, featuring Shortstop Charles Pusateri, the team's offensive leader, plus Jerry McDaniel at third, Vince Kafka at second and Rich Loehning at first. "I am confident this is the best team ever to represent Missouri in national competition and I feel we will win ISC travel league, and we are dedicated members."

Set Class B Meet

OLYMPIA, WASH. (By Terry Meyer) — Our popular Olympia Invitational men's Class B tourney will be held July

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27-28-29 at Steven's Field here in Olympia and will be sponsored by the Olympia Softball Assn. It will be limited to 16 teams so managers had better rush their entries. Last year's meet was won by Richards of Everett, but it was never reported in The

Bulletin, although I sent in a story. The Bulletin's editor promised to use it this month, so here it is: — Game #1: Barndoor Tavern (Seattle) 10, Rainbow Sports (Olympia) 3. Ken Pruitt had three hits and two RBIs and teammate Pitcher Jerry Johnson tossed a 3-hitter to win. #2: Betti Industries (Lacey) 6, Brenerton Merchants, O. Ken Spinharney had three hits and Leon Benek had two RBIs to pace Betti's win. #3: Manke Lumber (Shelton) 4, Sunrise Landscaping (Yakima) 3. Carl "Digger" Roush was the winner on a 6-hitter. Roger Hoff's two hits and double paced Manke. #4: Hannigans (Portland) 6, Royal American Foods (Yakima) 4. Losing Pitcher Keith Nickles tossed 5-hitter but his teammates committed six errors enabling Hannigans to coast. Roger Holbrook had three hits for winners and two RBIs. #5: Sportspage (Renton) 3, Cloverleaf Tavern (Tacoma) 1. Winning Pitcher Gene Romo tossed 1-hitter, while Randy Dean collected a couple hits in win for Sportspage. #6: Smokeshop Cafe (Aberdeen) 3, Seattle Merchants 2. Rod Winner had 2-run single which "salted" it away for Smokeshop and Gil McCoy had

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the win. #7: Richards (Everett) 7, Upper Valley Merchants (Yakima) 1. Rod Taylor supplied most of Everett's power with three hits. Losers had six errors. #8: G.S.R. (Everson) 5, Stewart & Goit (Bremerton) 2. G.S.R.'s Pitcher Curt Sell fired a 4-hitter while Curtis Gill had two hits including triple and an RBI. #9: Barndoor Tavern 5, Bashar Supply (Portland) 4. (9 innings). Barndoor's Russ Jensen had three hits and Mike Larabee had two hits and two RBIs. #10: George's Auto (Seattle) 4, Betti Industries 1. Betti collected 11 hits but could only muster one run. George Zuvela had two hits and a triple in win. #11: Bremerton Businessmen 9, Sunrise Landscaping 5. Bremerton's Robin Bunner and Greg Larson both doubled while Teammate John Prata had two RBIs. #12: Rainbow Sports 7, Upper Valley Merchants 2. Greg Mozel and

Mike Carruth each had two hits while Carruth had two RBIs, enabling Dave Michalak to get the win. #13: Cloverleaf Tavern 6, Bashar Supply 3. Bashar made 16 hits but only scored once in second, fifth and sixth. Cleon Tungsvik pitched the win and son Mike had three hits. #14: Seattle Merch. 7, Betti 3. Dave Shotwell doubled and Bob Hansen tripled for Seattle. Dave Hulse was winner. #15: Bremerton Businessmen 5, Royal American 4. Trailing 4-2 in bottom of seventh, Bremerton scored three times for win. Robin Runne tossed 5-hitter, while John Prata hit homer. #16: Rainbow Sports 6, Stuart & Goit 3. Galen Wright threw 6-hitter, Mike Scanlon tripled and had two hits. #17: Manke Lumber 5, Hannigans 1. Mike Nutt held Hannigans to three hits. Dale Johnson and Joe Earl each had two hits for winners, While (Neal) had two RBIs in win. #18: Sportspage 8, Barndoor 4. Barndoor scored four in top of first, but Sportspage collected seven in bottom of second. Steve Anderson tripled and had three hits. #19: George's Auto 3, Smokeshop 2. George's Joe Rosengen tossed a 3-hitter while teammate Keith Anderson homered in the victory. #20: Richards 4, G.S.R. 1. Richards' Garvie Cooper fired a 5-hitter while Jim Backus and Jerry Corey hit homers. Corey also had three RBIs. #21: Rainbow Sports 9, Hannigans 2. Winning Pitcher Dave Michalak tossed 5-hitter for his second win of meet. Greg Mozel had two RBIs and double. #22: Seattle Merch. 9, Barndoor 1. Seattle Pitcher Dave Berquist had the win on a 3-hitter. Ken Kucetti smacked three hits including triple for Seattle. #23: Smoke Shop 3, Cloverleaf 1. Gil McCoy for Smoke Shop hurled 2-hitter and whiffed seven. Tim Wahl had winning RBI. #24: G.S.R. 9, Bremerton Businessmen 0. Curt Sell pitched the shutout on 4-hitter. Mike Hathaway tripled and Tony Johnson hit home run with two on for three RBIs. #25: Manke Lumber 2, Sportspage 1. Fifty-six-year-old Loyd Meur tossed a nifty 5-hitter. Manke's Dale Johnson had two hits and a triple to lead the way. #26: Richards 11, (On Page 26)

SET CLASS B MEET (Continued from Page 25) George's Auto 10 (10 innings). This was the game of the tournament! George's led 4-2 after five complete. They added five more in top of sixth to go ahead 9-2. Richards wouldn't quit and responded with eight runs in bottom of sixth to take the lead, 10-9. But George's tallied one more in top of seventh to tie. It stayed that way 'til bottom of 10th when Richards scored to win it. John Backus had three hits and home run, while Brian Duffy also had three hits and homer to lead Richards. The downfall, however, was the 10 errors the losers committed. #27: G.S.R. 7, Smokeshop 2. Phil Johnson tripled and had three hits while Harold Gelwicks pitched the win. #28: Seattle Merchants 5, Rainbow Sports 3. Winning Pitcher Sinn Damoran fired a 5-hitter and had help from Bob Aries, who doubled and tripled for Seattle. #29: G.S.R. 3, Sports Page 2. G.S.R.'s Phil Johnson had two hits and the winning RBI for G.S.R. #30: George's Auto 2, Seattle Merchants 0. Dave Norman tossed a 4-hitter while Teammate Craig Naly collected two hits and two RBIs. #31: The two unbeaten - Richards 5, Manke Lumber 0. Garvie Cooper pitched the shutout win on a 4-hitter. Rod Taylor doubled while Teammates Dave Green, John Backus and Phil Hunt each had two hits for Richards. #32: G.S.R. 3, George's 2. Dave Norman tossed a 3-hitter in a losing cause, while Winning Pitcher Harold Gelwicks had a 6-hitter. G.S.R. trailed going into bottom of seventh, 2-1, but scored two on Dave Johnson's 2-run RBI single to win it, 3-2, and send George's home. #33: Manke Lumber 7, G.S.R. 0. Loyd Meur pitched a 4-hitter while his teammates Rob Mills and Tom Fredson carried the hitting load. Mills doubled and had two RBIs. #34: (Championship Game): Richards 5, Manke Lumber 4. Dale Danner was the winning pitcher in the final game, throwing a 6-hitter. Mike Moran doubled while Reilly Cooper tripled. Dale Johnson homered in a losing cause....Fastpitch isn't dying - Terry Meyer.

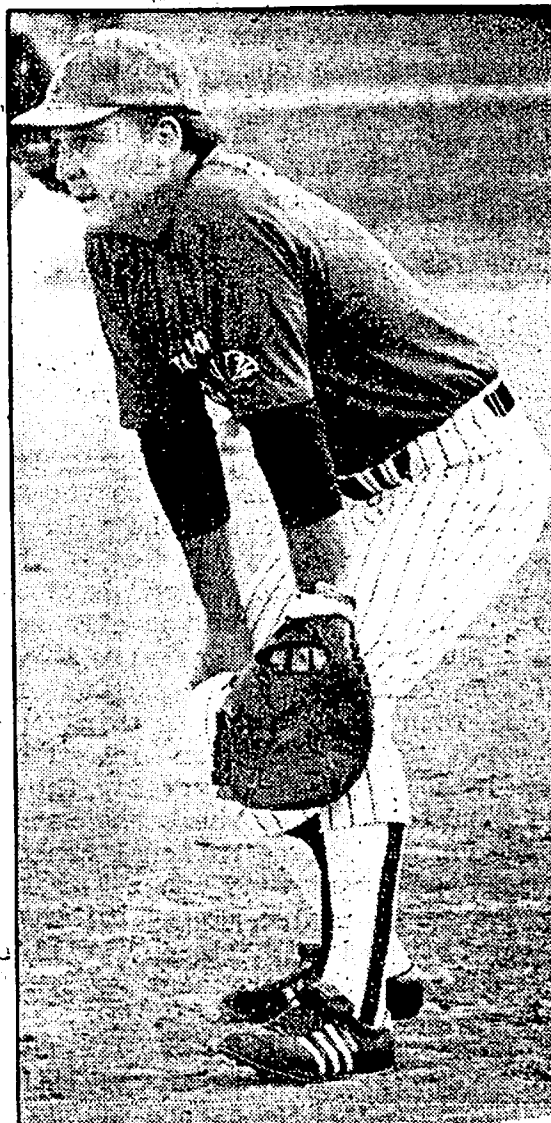
ONE MORE RELATED**TOURNEY REPORTED**

OLYMPIA, WASH. (By Terry Meyer) I am submitting the report on Hawks Prairie Invitational that I sent in last July, that never made it in The Bulletin, but I finally made it, herewith: This 17-team round robin/playoff was finally won by South Park (Seattle) although it did not win as many games as did E.O.R./Lemons of Olympia. Brief resume of playoff games: #1: E.O.R./Lemons 7, B&I (Tacoma) 0. Shelby West tossed 4-hitter, while Mark Willis was 2/4 and Kevin Weiks 2/2 and scored three runs. Mike Marshall 2/4 and triple and Tom Maguire 2/4 and homer and four RBIs. #2: E.O.R./1, Vic's (Wenatchee) 0. Mark Willis singled, to second third on Tom Maguire's single and scored on 2-out single by Al Stautz. Tracy West had 2-hitter in win. #3: E.O.R./Lemons 3, South Park (Seattle) 2. After seven, no score. Tie-breaker was used. E.O.R. went ahead 1-0 top of eighth on RBI single by Steve DeMiero. South Park tied on throwing error. Top of ninth E.O.R. went ahead 2-1 on Al Stautz single. South Park tied it when Catcher Jim Pescatore singled home Art Eversole. E.O.R. went ahead to stay when Devin Kanda scored on wild pitch. Gale McGrath went all the way, giving up three hits. Dave Marquart was loser. #4: E.O.R./Lemons 11, Pierce Realty (Yakima) 2. E.O.R. scored eight times in sixth. Mark Willis was 2/3 with triple, Kevin Weiks 2/3, Shawn Fuller 2/3. Bernie Keller took win on 2-hitter. #5: E.O.R./Lemons 8, Betto Industries 4. Betti jumped on Shelby West for three runs in first but E.O.R. scored six in bottom of fourth. Kevin Weiks 2/3 with double and three RBIs. #6: E.O.R./Lemons 5, Lumbermen's 2. Mark Willis 2/3 on triple and H.R. Denin Kanda 2/3 with triple and Rob Hill 2/3 for winners. Tracy West was winner/help from Gale McGrath. Howard Summers loser. #7: (Championship) South Park 1, E.O.R. 0. A rematch - this time Gale McGrath recived the call again against Kiwi Lefthander Ra Koia. McGrath gave up five hits, including the game's only run, when South Park Shortstop Bill Crockett hit a home run. Winning Pitcher Koia tossed a 2-hitter while striking out 11. This was E.O.R./Lemons' first and only loss, but due to the round robin setup, first place went to South Park. Lumbermen's finished third and Seattle Champion International finished fourth. Among the all-star players were Mark Willis of E.O.R., who batted .360 on 9/25; Shawn Fuller of E.O.R., who batted .250 on 4/16; Al Stautz, E.O.R., 6/22 or .273. Other all-stars named were Rich Hollowell of Lumbermens, Steve Fuller, Lumbermens. Most valuable player selection was Dave Marquart of South Park, and MVP pitcher named was Ra Koia, also of South Park. Also hitting well for E.O.R./Lemons was Kevin Weiks going 9/22 or an .409 batting average.

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AUL's Jameson a playing sponsor enjoys fastpitch as recreation

FLINT, MICH. (By Vince Sikora, Journal Sports Writer and submitted by Bob McCollough) — Doug Jameson has been a part of fastpitch's two worlds: The out for blood, glory phase and the play-for-fun aspect — Now in the waning years of a long career, he prefers the latter, has fond memories of the former when his American United Life Insurance team was one of the best in the nation. "It's (fastpitch) in Flint where it was meant to be, for fun and recreation," said Jameson who will turn 48 on July 22. "I figure I have a couple years left," adding he feels good and jogs regularly to keep fit....A fastpitch sponsor annually since 1961 — except for three years when he played with Bay City Made Rite, a major classification club which was a 2-time state ASA champ — Jameson has always had representative teams, capped by his Jim Doyle-led 1977 club which played in the ASA national tournament at Midland. It was the first Flint club to reach that plateau since M&S Orange in 1945. First Baseman Jameson has enjoyed all levels of



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the sport and to a degree, has paid to play. He's played for every team he's sponsored. "It cost me \$100 to sponsor my first team in a Holly league. I had to buy jerseys and six softballs," Jameson said, "And probably had as much fun playing game then as ever did."

The expenditure climbed to \$10,000 to \$12,000 in 1977, has dropped to about \$3,500 for last year's edition. Jameson, whose 6-foot-2 son Dave "Skip" is an outstanding junior catcher and 2-year Genesee Eight conference baseball all-star at Goodrich, doesn't regret, or probably miss, the financial outputs. His AUL agency has made tremendous growth since he went it alone May 1, 1965, severing five years with Prudential. Now he has 25 salesmen, 11 secretaries, 16,000 clients, is the No. 1 AUL agency in the country and among the top agencies in the United States among all insurance agencies. His teams have always been well attired. His 1977 club had pin stripes, red hats, red shoes, and was the envy of many clubs. "A lot of them wanted uniforms just like we had," Jameson said. "People still stop me and want to talk about that team," he said. Jameson, who has always sponsored winners, including basketball, calls fastpitch good therapy. "With 25 salesmen, you know I'm in a stress world," he said. "The hour or so playing is enjoyable."....An aggressive hitter — I was (On Page 28).

one of first paid advertisements ever run in Bulletin.
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AUL'S JAMESON a good RBI-hitter when I was young," he says. He's still feared in clutch situations with runners in scoring positions, because he moves the ball. He still laughs about the time when Skip, only 12, was used as a leadoff hitter in an AA game to get him into required three games to be eligible for post-season playoff action. Skip, now 18, went down swinging. Doug, behind his son in batting order, took a called third strike. "People won't let me forget it," Jameson said. Born on a farm in West Branch, Jameson graduated from high school there in 1954, spent four years in the air force with time for three years of fastpitch, including an appearance in the all-service finals. He started at Mott Community college in 1958, amjoring in physical education and business administration. It's a background that heightened his love for sports and fastpitch and made him a highly successful in the business world.

CAL STATE FULLERTON (From Page 1) of the New Zealand national team since 1979. "We're real excited to have her," said Titan Coach Judi Garman. "You can't find a pitcher with that kind of experience anywhere. She has the most awesome change-up you'll ever see. You can put her out on the mound at any time; she'll never lose a game for you."...Garman learned about Mygind from Kathy Aⁿndson of Raybestos Brakettes (considered to be the top women's pitcher in the world by many) at the 1983 college world series. "She told me I have to have her," said Garman. "Kathy said she was better than any pitcher at the world series. Tom Lantz and Agrian Lavigne (coaches of Canadian national team) have also rated her as one of top pitchers in the world today." The righthander was also recruited by Creighton, South Carolina, Oklahoma State and defending champion Texas A&M. She chose Cal State Fullerton because of the California climate and the quality of pitching coaching. "Cal State Fullerton had a good all-around program and I think the quality of coaching for my position is about the best," said the 21-year-old. "I came to America because the coaching here is better." While selecting a university the Auckland, New Zealand, native attended Arizona Western Junior College where she was named All-American and to the all-tournament team at the junior college national championships. "Debbie and All-American Susan LeFebvre will compliment each other," said Garman. "They will be our two top pitchers. JoAnn Ferrieri will also pitch, but will be seeing action in the infield. We need to keep JoAnn's bat in the lineup. We'll be tough nationally. This will give us the depth we need to improve from last year." Last year the Titans were 56-15 and second in nation.

POODLE-BUDWEISER MASON CITY, IOWA (By Pat Rothamel) - Our Poodle-Budweiser team will be in its 14th season under the present sponsor. We feel that this is one of the longer running sponsors in Iowa. Last season we compiled a 54-22 record, most wins in history of club. Pitcher Bill Nelson, a Forest City native, had a 35-13 record, striking out 360 batters in 344 innings. Bill Stangler, veteran first baseman, paced the hitters with a .413 average, 63 RBIs and 16 homers. The club tied for first in the North Iowa Softball League with an 18-3 record. At present time, looks like all of the team will be back for 1984 and we are looking for an additional shortstop to compliment the present infield. The b'g news in Iowa is merger of Clear Lake Butt'r Topp with Cedar Rapids Modern Piping with Al Rausch (second team all-nationals) and Graig Bosche on the mound. With such hitters as Bob Sturges, Mike Palleson and Bruce Hotchkiss, it's sure going to be difficult to top that club this year. It looks like Cedar Rapids' Rod Scheller and Sioux City's Pete Band Man from Vigertone and Penn Corp respectively, will be the pitchers to beat in the state since Butt'r Topp will advance to the regionals automatically. Other contenders look like Cedar Rapids Collins, Sioux City Siouxland Sports, and Des Moines Lite Bombers...Keep up the good work with The Bulletin. - Pat Rothamel.

GIRLS TOURNAMENT AT FORT COLLINS, COLO. -The Buckaroos are to stage a girls tournament here July 6-7-8 for two divisions, 18 and under and 15 and under. Attractive lodging at CSU dorms have been arranged at \$6.50 per person per night for girls and \$10 for adults. Basic meal charge is \$10.50 for three meals. Athletic facilities at \$1 per day per person includes swimming pool, tennis courts, gymnasium and handball courts from 3 to 9 p.m. entry fee is \$125 with guarantee of three games, and consolation playoff. Contact Glen Stull, 2630 LaPorte Ave., Fort Collins, Colo. 80521 or call 1-303-482-8651.

Family Affair

OWATONNA, MINN. (By Mary Jane Phiefer) - Enclosed are highlights of the Kath Brothers team for league, district, state and regional tournaments. Would it be possible to put a little "Spiel" about the sponsors of that team along with the highlights? If so, this is what I would like: The Kath Brothers, Meriden, Minn., won the 1983 regional Class B tournament at Minot, N.D. This

KATH TEAM ONCE HAD SEVEN BROTHERS; WON CLASS B REGIONALS LAST YEAR AT MINOT, N.D.; ALSO BACKS WOMEN'S TEAM AS WELL AS VOLLEYBALL, BASKETBALL

team has a large following and the stands are usually full when they are playing - be it league games of tournaments. A chartered bus-load went to Minot. That's real dedication! Meriden has a population of 196 (including two dogs and one cat), and is located seven miles west of Owatonna on Highway #14. Eddie and Kay Kath, team sponsors, have been fastpitch sponsors for 19 years. Their players are mostly all farm boys and have played together as a team for several years. At one time there were seven Kath boys playing on the team! Eddie and Kay are well known throughout a wide area, as

WE TRY TO PLEASE!

"Mel was rather disappointed in not finding anything in The Bulletin (January) about Kath Bros. team. I typed up a resume of team, sponsors, etc., and team record through regional tourney, which they won. it was mailed around Thanksgiving. I didn't expect to find it in December issue but did expect in January. Mel was very ill last summer and I didn't get the article in as early as I should. We hope to see it in February edition," Mrs. Mel Phiefer. (The Phieifers ran the popular Owatonna, Minn., tourney for 25 years and turned it over to Kath Bros. last year. See Tournament Directory, June 15, 16, 17. The Phieifers were always very cooperative with The Bulletin in news coverage and we hope the Kath's will do as well. - The Editor.)

they own a feed store and a propane gas business in Meriden. The coffee pot is always on for friends and customers, and a good supply of sports talk available to all. For the past few years, Eddie and Kay have also sponsored a women's fastpitch team, and men's and women's volleyball team, and a bowling team - so it is for sure that they are extremely sports-minded people. -- "Thanks for putting this in The Bulletin for me," Mel Phiefer.... Now, to the team resume: After a disappointing start and a poor showing in most of the tournaments they entered this year (1983), Kath Bros. Class B men's team ended the season on a high note, winning the Minnesota and northern regional tournaments, after placing second in District I and II combined tournament. Kath Bros. poor start was due mostly to the poor attendance by its pitchers, and injuries to key players. Towards the end of season, they played better ball and had some good pitching. In the district, Aug. 14-15, in Mankato, Kath Bros. were runners-up to Blackowski Trucking of Fairmont. Kath Bros. opened meet with 9-4 win over Tinks of Holland; Lowell Berge was winning pitcher. Next they defeated Year A Pound Cab, Mankato, 6-5, with Third Baseman Dan Owen driving in winning run in bottom of seventh with two out. Jeff Kath was winning pitcher with Berge getting save. Sunday Kath Bros. beat J.B.'s of Edgerton, 4-1, with Berge going the distance for win. They then suffered their first loss of meet to Blackowski, 1-0, with Kath taking the loss, going into losers' bracket. The Kath defeated Lake Benton, 10-1, with Kath getting win. They were again defeated by Blackowski in

championship game, 3-1, as Kath took the loss. The leading hitter for Kath Bros. was Catcher Rick Johnson, hitting .474.... Kath Bros. then advanced to the state meet in Hutchinson, Aug. 21-22. In a very tough first game, Kath Bros. defeated Hardees of Fergus Falls, 2-0, in nine innings, with Shortstop Dave Nehry hitting a home run in top of ninth. Lowell Berge pitched a masterful game, striking out nine. Kath Bros. then suffered what was to be their last defeat of the season, 5-4, to Hambo Bar of El River, with Jeff Kath taking the loss in relief of Berge. Dropping into the losers' bracket, they won a hard-fought 5-4 contest over Blackowski Trucking, which had beaten them twice in the district tournament. Jeff Kath was the winning pitcher, going 5 1/3 innings with pick-up player Dennis Dragstra getting the save. Sunday, Kath Bros. won six straight ball games, to take the championship. In their first game, they defeated Brills of Hoyt Lakes, 3-1, with Dragstra going all the way, throwing a 2-hitter and striking out seven. They then defeated Year A Pound Cab, Mankato, 9-5, with (On Page 30)

FAMILY AFFAIR (From Page 29) Berg getting the win in five innings of relief help from Dragstra. In the third game of the day Kath defeated Hardees again, this time 4-2 with Berge the winner with help from Dragstra. Playing for a trip to the regional, they then defeated Spike & Rail from Broaston, 7-2, with Dragstra going the distance, throwing a 5-hitter. Kath Bros. then received a little revenge, defeating Bamboo Bar Elk River twice for championship. In first game Bamboo Bar jumped off to 5-0 lead, only to see Kath Bros. come back and score three runs in top of seventh to win, 8-7. In second game, Kath Bros. were off to a 5-0 lead and won by that score. Dennis Dragstra was the winner in both games. Leading hitters for Kath Bros. in state meet were Centerfielder Tris Tollefson, hitting .552, and Rick Johnson, .433, and some key hits by First Baseman Tom Thiele, with Leftfielder Rob Tollefson making some game saving catches....In the northern regional tournament at Minot, N.D., Kath

Win Four Straight

To Win Regionals!

Bros. won four straight games to bring home the championship. On Saturday they played the North Dakota state champs, Midwest Bean of Gaylsville, 9-4, with Berge getting the win and Dragstra picking up the save. Kath Bros. then played the South Dakota state champs and beat them 5-3 with Jeff Kath picking up the win with pick-up player Marlin Johnson getting the save. Sunday, Kath Bros. came from behind to beat Bamboo Bar, Elk River, 6-5, with Chuck Kjos driving in the winning run in seventh with two outs. Marly Johnson collected the win in two innings of relief. Then in the championship game Kath Bros. defeated Kubys of St. Paul, 5-1, with Johnson getting the win, throwing a 5-hitter and striking out eight and hitting a 2-run homer. Leading hitters in the region were Leftfielder Rob Tollefson and Second Baseman Bruce Jensen, going 5-for-11 and .455 average. (Editor's note: Although late, both my fault and her's, we thank Mary Jane Phiefer for a very well written resume of the Kath Bros. final tournament action, and hope we have not offended too many fastpitch enthusiasts in the Owatonna area. Ironically, we received a very welcome constructive letter from Bill Kerschner (Printed on Page 16) in which he was critical of us using "old news." Considering all the circumstances, I wonder what he would have done had he been in my shoes on this story? I made a decision and I hope I am not wrong, but thanks, Bill.)

PLANGGER'S PLAN

TO REBUILD TEAM

BENTON HARBOR, MICH. (By Rick Plangger) - I'm staying in Benton Harbor for the 1984 season. My father, although 61 years old, still enjoys pitching and being around the game. (Editor's note: He's always been a great competitor and has done much to keep the game alive in his part of Michigan. And, on top of that he's a real nice guy.) Many of our players are returning and we're trying to build for the future with some youngsters. My brother, Scott, 17 years old, will help with the pitching. We feel like he has a very bright future. He's still growing and is 6-feet-4 tall and weighs 180 pounds. He pitched Plangger's to a fourth place finish in 1983 in Michigan ASA state tournament. We plan on touring the midwest and competing both in the ISC and ASA programs. My 1983 season in Sioux City, Iowa, was a memorable one. The people, the sponsor and the players treated my family very generously. I was very disappointed in my performance for the team. To teams: If ever given the opportunity to play at Penn Corp. park, don't pass it up as it is the finest facility I've ever played on and I feel very fortunate to have been associated with such a fine organization. Thanks again to Gale Kurtz and Sioux City, Iowa. To Bulletin: Please renew subscriptions for my father and me.

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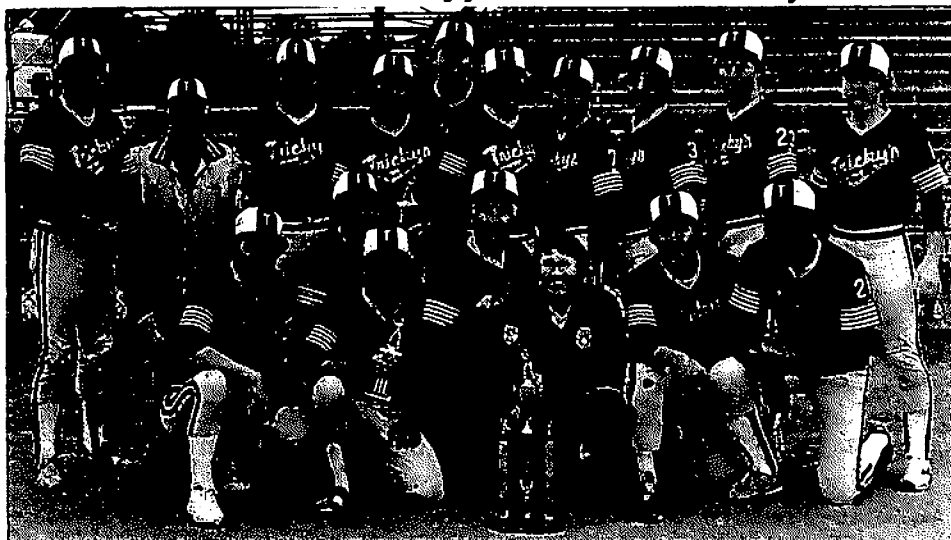
WARSAW, IND. (By Donald Grubbs) - Recently The Bulletin made a public appeal for ways and means to increase its income to offset the ever-increasing costs of printing and distribution of this monthly newsletter which is devoted exclusively to fastpitch softball. The replies have been gratifying in quality, I understand. I would suggest The Bulletin offer a column at an appropriate price to sponsors so they could write their own "column" about their respective teams, subject to editing, of course. If you have any such ideas, please submit same to Bulletin, 2113 E. Newton Place, Tulsa, Okla. 74110 or call 1-918-587-2977.

THEY WRITE: "Enclosed is my subscription donation for two years. Keep up the good work," Paul Flaherty, Salem, Mass.... "Please renew our subscription to The Bulletin," James Regan, Lombard, Ill.

The End?

DEAN PUCCINELLI, WHO WAS
MILWAUKEE'S LEADER, SAYS
'83 MARKED END OF CAREER

(Editor's note: For more than 30 years, Dean Puccinelli has kept the game alive in greater Milwaukee area. We hope his retirement will not be the end of game there. But thanks, Deano, for all You have done.)



MILWAUKEE CHAMPIONS — Dean Puccinelli's Milwaukee Fastpitch Club won the championship of the Booster Club League in 1983 as they generally do. Those in picture, from left to right, standing: Dave Walker, Wally Raguse, (statistician), Steve Krogh, Joe Puccinelli, Bruce Winchell, Jim Bell, Jerry Fangmann, Jim Moreland, Tim Bell, Tom Harnish. Kneeling: Donn Britten, Tom Whalen, Rick Whalen, Manager Dean Puccinelli, Kent Kroupa (P.A. announcer), Tim Granger and Harry Oden.

WAIWATOSA, WIS. (By Dean Puccinelli) — Our 1983 season came to an end at our regular annual banquet. We started out with a tavern sponsor, but it soon ended when a few of the checks bounced! From June on our team was known as Milwaukee Fastpitch Club. We had a fine season, compiling a 35-9 record. We took three firsts and second in tourney play. We won the Milwaukee Booster Club League title but forfeited the last two games because of a stag party we had for one our players, Dave Walker. He was married Aug. 24, and I was best man. The whole team was invited and we had great time. We had to play in Class A state this year as there is no more Milwaukee metro. We played well. We beat WTSO and Mark Taylor, 2-1, as our veteran (must be nearing 50) Jerry Fangmann pitched a great game. We lost to Livingston, 3-2, and LaCrosse Gus' Place, 10-9. We had some injuries and arm-weary pitchers, but we did well.... This will probably be my last report to you as I am retiring from the game. As you know, I have put a lot of time and effort into the game, which I truly love. There just comes a time when you must "hang 'em up!" I've had my ups and downs with good and poor teams. With the calibre of competition we've had to play I think we did pretty well. Without the BIG MONEY players,

namely pitchers, I guess you have to give credit to the likes of "Jerry Fangmann, pitcher, team man," and the rest for playing the game for the love of it and not for "the big bucks." I'll bet these money players of today would not stay in the game as long as some of our players have if they had to bear the expenses of travel themselves. I hope some day the ASA and ISC stop these players from competing as amateurs, when they are really pros. These so-called big time teams and managers with all their (On Page 35)

1983 OVERALL STATISTICS

Batting	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SO	W	SH	SB	Avg.
Dave Walker	108	19	38	3	5	3	18	15	15	4	0	.352
Bruce Winchell	86	13	30	2	2	4	11	20	1	1	0	.349
Donn Britten	104	17	36	7	2	3	22	3	6	6	0	.346
Jim Moreland	97	15	32	6	3	2	14	12	12	3	0	.330
Steve Krogh	69	5	22	4	1	1	5	6	6	0	3	.319
Harry Oden	115	18	34	4	1	1	13	12	7	0	3	.296
Rick Whalen	20	9	5	1	0	0	9	2	3	5	1	.250
Tom Whalen	124	12	30	1	0	0	5	11	11	13	2	.242
Tim Bell	37	6	17	6	0	2	7	24	7	3	1	.221
Jerry Fangmann	23	6	5	1	0	0	0	3	2	6	1	.217
Jim Bell	29	6	6	2	0	0	2	6	2	1	0	.207
Joe Puccinelli	53	1	10	1	0	0	1	8	4	7	1	.189
Tim Granger	103	7	18	1	0	1	10	17	9	10	3	.175
Tom Harnish	63	6	10	1	1	1	3	1	6	4	1	.159
Gene Lepisto	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000

Pitching	IP	R	H	SO	BB	HB	ER	W	L	ERA.
Jerry Fangmann	145	45	108	142	18	0	33	17	3	1.61
Jim Bell	161	62	145	89	28	0	54	18	6	2.39

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORY:

TOURNAMENT MANAGERS: You are invited to use this Directory to advertise and promote your tournament! There is no charge! Send us the facts and we'll print it here each month. Send it to The Fastpitch Softball News Bulletin, 2113 E. Newton Place, Tulsa, Okla. 74110. All we ask: Brief resume so we can let our readers know who won tourney.

- Feb. 25-26 - Sonny Smith Memorial men's open dbl.elim.at Manchester Park. \$150.14 teams.
Odis Maynard, 1412 1/2 W. 9th Place, Los Angeles, Calif. 90047. 1-213-754-4967.
- Mar. 2-3-4 - Mgana Flating's men's Class A dbl.elim. at Burbank, Calif. \$150.16 teams.
Ray Chase, 1040 E. San Jose Ave., Burbank, Calif. 91501. 1-213-843-8152, 243-1101.
- Mar. 9-10-11 - Nitehawks Pre-season men's open dbl.elim. at Joe Rodgers Field. \$140.
Red Meairs, 1365 Bennett Ave., Long Beach, Calif. 90804. 1-213-498-0221.
- Mar. 16-17-18 - 8th Carson men's open/A dbl.elim.at Dolphin, Scott Parks. \$160.24 teams
Mike Pino, Parks & Rec., 701 E. Carson, Carson, Calif. 90749. 1-213-830-7600 ex 259.
- Mar. 23-24-25 - 2nd Slick Davis Memorial men's open dbl.elim.at Vista, Calif. \$170. 14
Cory Davis, P.O. Box 154, Vista, Calif. 92083. 1-619-726-5129 after 5 p.m. teams,
- Mar. 24-25 - Lake Elsinore men's spring Class B dbl.elim.at Lake Elsinore, Calif. \$130+
Chuck Vranich, 15885 Brenda Lane, Riverside, Calif. 92506. 1-714-780-2506. ball.
- Apr. 7-8 - Sunrise Cedars 3rd men's open/A rnd.rbn.at Cheynne complex. \$185+ball game.
Bubba Luke, 2627 S. Lamb #207, Las Vegas, Nev. 89121. 1-702-457-2643, Limit 20 teams.
- Apr. 13-14-15 - Angels 3rd men's Class B dbl.elim.at Corona City Park. \$140 + ball.
Bill Ramirez, 16065 Porter Ave., Riverside, Calif. 92504. 1-714-780-9488. Trophies.
- Apr. 28-29 - Coca-Cola men's Class B dbl.elim.at Millpond complex, Bishop, Calif. \$150.
Ron Hubbard, P.O. box 697, Bishop, Calif. 93414. 1-619-387-2341 or 872-1184.
- May 11-12-13 - Lowder Electric men's open dbl.elim.at Bakersfield, Calif. 14 teams.
Les Bazemore, 2205 Earlene Court, Bakersfield, Calif. 93304. 1-805-833-8535.
- Apr. 27-28-29 - Royals men's Class B dbl.elim.at Nunez Park, San Bernardino. \$150 ent.
Jimmy Quiroz, 7938 Juniper Ave., Fontana, Calif. 92335. 1-714-823-3529. Many awards.
- May 4-5-6 - San Bernardino Stars men's open dbl.elim.at Nunez Park, San Bernardino.
Joe Baca, 1850 N. Magnolia Ave., Rialto, Calif. 92376. 1-714-875-4940. \$160 entry.
- May 11-12-13 - El Charro Hombres men's Class B dbl.elim.at China Lake Naval Weapons.
Tom Fortney, 401 Stroop Ave., Ridgecrest, Calif. 93555. 1-619-446-4471. \$150 entry.
- May 12-13 - Budweiser men's open/A rnd.rbn./playoff at Las Vegas. \$150. Trophies.
Don Benton, 4325 Via Vaquero, Las Vegas, Nev. 89102. 1-702-871-0383. Many trophies.
- May 18-19-20 - Penn Corp. men's open rnd.rbn for 12 teams. \$200 + ball. Apr. 15 dead'n.
Gale Kurtz, 335 Davidson Bldg., Sioux City, Iowa 51104. 1-712-255-5021, 239-3802.
- May 18-19-20 - Elkton men's open dbl.elim.at Pine Grove Sta., Elkton, Md. \$150. Trophies.
Jack Cooke, 2205 Oldfield Point Rd., Elkton, Md. 21921. Gene Schaen, 1-302-731-5519.
- May 19-20 - Budweiser men's Class B rnd.rbn. at Las Vegas. Entry \$150. Many trophies.
Don Benton, 4325 Via Vaquero, Las Vegas, Nev. 89102. 1-702-871-0383.
- May 25-26-27 - 11th Elsie Snyder-Dick Oliver women's/girls' rnd.rbn (3 classes females).
John Straussberger, P.O. box 1082, Chattanooga, Tenn. 37401. 1-615-892-8446.
- May 25-26-27-28 - Art Miguel memorial men's Class B dbl.elim.at City Park. \$115+ball.
Jim (Chap) Rodriguez, 804 W. 8th St., Corona, Calif. 91720. 1-714-737-7629. Trophies.
- May 25-26-27-28 - ADM Memorial Classic for men open rnd.rbn.at Borg Warner, Decatur.
Jim Nicol, 840 Sarah Drive, Decatur, Ill. 62526. 1-217-877-2121. (7 teams filled).
- May 25-26-27-28 - Tournament of Champions men's open rnd.rbn./playoff (top 4 teams)
Bill Paul, 77 S. Broadway, Aurora, Ill. 60507. (Filled). At Aurora S-A Field.
- May 25-26-27-28 - Patriots' spring men's open dbl.elim. \$125. \$500 travel expense.
Don Hunsicker, 2409 S. 10th St., Allentown, Pa. 18103. Limit 16-20 teams. Apr. 20 dead'n.
- May 25-26-27-28 - Lakewood Jets Memorial men's open dbl.elim.at Mayfair Park. \$160.
John (Howie) Juarez, 10359 Capistrano Ave., South Gate, Calif. 90280. 213-569-3830.
- May 25-26-27-28 - Gold Coast 5th men's Class A dbl.elim.at Paso Robles, Calif. \$160+
Dick Grove, 6155 Conejo Road, Atascadero, Calif. 93422. 1-805-466-8505. Spe. awards.
- May 26-27-28 - Ashland Memorial men's open rnd.rbn.at Ashland, Brookside Parks. \$110.
Paul Seymour, 68 N. Sylvan Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43204. 1-614-279-6934. (6 teams).
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- May 26-27-28 - 9th Miller Hill life men's open rnd.rbn.at Kirkwood complex. \$200,6 teams.
Jim Caviness, 1745 Hillside Dr., N.W., Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52405. 1-319-396-6082.
- May 26-27-28 - Prescott Memorial Day men's rnd.rbn./playoffs. Limit 12 teams. \$125.
A.C.Williams, P.O. Box 1850, Prescott, Ariz. 86302. 1-602-445-5286, 445-5725.
- June 1-2-3 - Pete Zamarron Memorial men's Class B dbl.elim.at China Lake. \$125.Awards.
Steve Zamarron, P.O.Box 557, Ridgecrest, Calif. 93555. 1-619-377-5316, 372-4311x2364.
- June 2-3 - Clear Lake men's open rnd.rbn./playoffs. Guaranteed 4 games. \$200.
Paul Espinosa, 1001 n. 24th, D nison, Iowa 51442. 1-712-263-5716, 263 5073 work.
- June 7-8-9-10 - Pikes Peak men's open dbl.elim.at Sports Festival fields, 24 teams. \$150.
Nick Lave, 1315 E. Pikes Peak Ave., Colorado Springs, Colo. 80909. 1-303-578-6981.
- June 8-9-10 - Philadelphia Metro men's Class A invitational. Committee selcts 10 teams.
Walt Lucas, 102 Village Drive, Feasterville, Pa. 19047. 1-215-355-8245. Trophies.
- June 8-9-10 - Mid-American men's open rnd.rbn. at fabulous Penn Corp. Park. Entry \$200.
Gale Kurtz, 335 Davidson Bldg., Sioux City, Iowa 51104. 1-712-255-5021, 239-3802.
- June 8-9-10 - Penhall 4th men's Class B dbl.elim.at Chino, Calif. \$150. 16 teams.
Al Lewis, 17012 E. Royal View Road, Hacienda Heights, Calif. 91745. 1-213-912-1479.
- June 8-9-10 - Bill Nutt Memorial men's Class A dbl.elim.at Olympia, Wash. \$135. 16 teams.
Rick Meyer, 1703 Oxbow N.E. Olympia, Olympia, Wash. 98506. 1-206-459-1980, 491-9321.
- June 8-9-10 - 31st Blue-G. ay men's open dbl.elim.at 5-field Lagoon Park. \$100. 40 teams.
Lewis Golson, 3059 Barksdale, Montgomery, Ala. 36110. 1-205-265-2575, 1-205-263-0993.
- June 8-9-10 - Rochester's International rnd.rbn.men's open/A. \$250. Limit 30 teams.
Otto Steger, 40 Linwood Drive, Brockport, N.Y. 14420. 1-716-637-8652. Exp.allowance.
- June 9-10 - Men's Capitol City Classic. Limited to 12 teams. Entry \$110. Guar. 5 games.
Stan Ochsner, 320 E. McCarty, Jefferson City, Mo. 65101. 1-314-634-6482.
- June 15-16-17 - Rice Lake Boys League men's Class A dbl.elim. Limit 20 teams. \$85+balls.
Loren Lathrop, P.O. Box 202, Rice Lake, Wis. 54868. 1-715-234-9235.
- June 15-16-17 - 27th Owatonna women's open dbl.elim. Limit 16 teams. \$75+ball. June 8.
Steve Kath, Route #1, Box 172, Owatonna, Minn. 55060. 1-507-451-0752 or 451-1075.
- June 15-16-17 - Philadelphia Metro men's open invitational. Committee selects 10 teams.
Walt Lucas, 102 Village Drive, Feasterville, Pa. 19047. 1-215-355-8245.
- June 15-16-17 - Penn Corp. 1st women's open rnd.rbn.at fabulous Penn Park. \$125. 16 tms.
Gale Kurtz, 335 Davidson Bldg., Sioux City, Iowa 51101. 1-712-255-5021, 239-3802.
- June 15-16-17 - 27th Owatonna men's Class B dbl.elim. Limit 24 teams. \$100+ball, game.
Steve Kath, Route #1, Box 172, Owatonna, Minn. 55060. 1-507-451-0752, 451-1075.
- June 15-16-17 - Wasatch Bank men's Class A dbl.elim.at Pleasant Grove, Utah. \$125.
Earl Green, 701 E. 400 N., Linden, Utah 84062. 1-801-785-6238.
- June 15-16-17 - Albuquerque's men's open/A rnd.rbn./playoff at USS Bullhead Fk., \$150.
Bob Day, 1621 Eubank N.E., Albuquerque, N.M. 87112. 1-505-292-2264.
- June 15-16-17 - 27th Owatonna men's open dbl.elim. Limit 16 teams. \$100+ball per game.
Steve Kath, Route #1, Box 172, Owatonna, Minn. 55060. 1-507-451-0752, 451-1075.
- June 15-16-17 - "It's the Water" men's open dbl.elim. 12-16 teams. Entry \$135.
Terry Meyer, 1314 E. 4th Ave., Olympia, Wash. 98506. 1-206-753-8380, 206-943-5079 home.
- June 15-16-17 - 12th Southern men's open dbl.elim. Many features. Entry \$85+ball. 24 tms.
Yates Mitchem, P.O.Box 777, Shelby, N.C. 28150. 1-704-472-1716 or 482-3333.
- June 16-17 - Geo. Dryden Memorial men's open dbl.elim. Limit 16 teams. Entry \$100. \$600
Gary McCarty, R.R.#1, Hannibal, Mo. 63401. 1-314-221-8854. travel allowance.
- June 16-17 - Happy Chef's men's Class A dbl.elim.at Sibley Park, Mankato. \$200+balls.
Craid Lloyd, P.O.Box 451, Elmore, Minn. 56027. 1-507-943-3225. Expense allowance.
- June 22-23-24 - Risk Fugate Memorial men's open dbl.elim. Ashland Merchants/ESS. \$100.
Paul Seymour, 68 N. Sylvan Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43204. 1-614-279-6934. 16 teams.
- June 22-23-24 - Eau Claire Men's open classic dbl.elim.at Carson Park. Entry \$125+ball.
Ken Van Es, 1300 1st Ave., Eau Claire, Wis. 54703. 1-715-839-6032. Travel exp.
- June 22-23-24 - 19th Bishop-Brewer men's open classic dbl.elim. \$175. Limit outside teams.
Ken Baker, 307 Wildrose, Bishop, Calif. 93514. 1-609-873-6281. Travel expenses.
- June 23-24 - Women's Capitol City Classic at Duensing Park. Entry \$85. 12-team limit.
Stan Ochsner, 320 E. McCarty, Jefferson City, Mo. 65101. 1-314-634-6482.
- June 23-24 - Northeastern ISC regional for men's open teams, winner to ISC world.
Otto Steger, 3902 Brick School House Road, Hamlin, N.Y. 14464. 1-716-968-8621.

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- June 29-30-July 1 - 20th Firecracker 400 men's open dbl.elim.at Kissimmee, Fla. \$130.
Terry Stewart, P.O.Box 1608, Kissimmee, Fla. 32741. 1-305-847-2388, 305-847-4844.
- June 29-30-July 1 - Stars & Stripes Classic men's open rnd.rbn.Home&Savings&Loan.
Bill Paull, 77 S. Broadway, Aurora, Ill. 60507. (Filled)
- June 29-30-July 1 - Patriots 19th July 4 men's open rnd.rbn./playoff. \$150.Guar.3games.
Don Hunsicker, 2409 S. 10th St., Allentown, Pa. 18103. 1-215-437-3402.Travel expense.
- June 29-30-July 1 - Queen City men's Class A dbl.elim.at Buffalo. 16 teams. \$165.
David Florko, 43 N. Park Ave., Buffalo, N.Y. 14216. 1-716-835-3960.
- June 29-30-July 1-2 - Women's open dbl.elim. at Omaha, Neb. One of oldest and best meets.
Carl P. Kelley, 3712 N. 53rd St., Omaha, Neb. 68104. 1-402-451-7795.
- June 30-July 1-2 - Girls Firecracker invitational. Guarantee 5 games. Entry \$85.Jr.-Sr. teams.
Bob Stremmel, 12707 W. 57th Drive, Arvada, Colo. 80002. 1-303-420-0203.
- June 30-July 1-2-3 - Western Holidays July 4 men's rnd.rbn./playoffs \$125 & expense.
A.C.Williams, P.O.Box 1850, Prescott, Ariz. 86302. 1-602-445-5286, 602-445-5725.
- July 6-7-8 - Ohio ISC regional men's open at Findlay. Winner to ISC World, Allentown, Pa.
Larry Fisher, 615 Central Ave., Apt. B, Findlay, Ohio 45840. 1-419-423-3002.
- July 6-7-8 - Nitehawks' 16th Joe Rodgers-Chcuk Medick men's open dbl.elim. \$150. 12 teams only
Red Meairs, 1365 Bennett Ave., Long Beach, Calif. 90804. 1-213-498-0221.
- July 6-7-8 - Fastball Blasters men's open rnd.rbn. at Nogales, Ariz. \$100. Spe. awards.
Herb Wisdom, Box 25, Tumacacori, Ariz. 85697. 1-602-398-2397.
- July 6-7-8 - Buckaroos Girls 18 and 15-under dbl.elim./consolation, 16 teams each div.
Glen Stull, 2630 LaPorte Ave., Fort Collins, Colo. 80521. 1-303-482-8651. \$125 entry.
- July 6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14 - World Championship Games at Midland. See local ASA comm.
Marty McGuire, 515 E. Collins, Midland, Mich. 48640. 1-517-835-9071, 832-8438.
- July 13-14-15 - All-Car men's open dbl.elim.at ISC park, Kimberly, Wis. Call early.
James Melville, 21205 Mary Lynn Drive, Waukesha, Wis. 53186. 1-414-786-4101.
- July 13-14-15 - Southern ISC regional at Newark, Del. Pince Grove. See local ISC comm.
Wayne Knerr, 609 Elizabeth Road, Glen Burnie, Md. 21061. 1-301-768-4205.
- July 13-14-15 - Pennsylvania ISC regional men's open. Winner to ISC world, Allentown.
Bob Walsh, 1255 Kistler Ave., Bethlehem, Pa. 18015. 1-215-867-7642.
- July 13-14-15 - Washington northwest ISC area qualifying, men's open dbl.elim.at Linden.
Mike Dodd, P.O.Box "U", Blaine, Wash. 98230. 1-206-332-8721 home, 1-206-345-4254 wk.
- July 13-14-15 - Bomber's men's open rnd.rbn./playoff at Ed Moore complex. \$100.
Mike Hazel, 2029 MacArthur Court, Dunedin, Fla. 33528. 1-813-734-3447. June 15.
- July 14-15 - Fastballers men's open 6-team rnd.rbn. at Piqua, Ohio. \$100. First come.
Gordon L. Wise, 1115 Broadway, Piqua, Ohio 45356. 1-513-773-1084. Apr. 1 deadline.
- July 20-21-22 - West Virginia ISC regional at Fairmont, W.Va. See ISC commissioner or
Lew Mott, 816 Johnson St., New Martinsville, W.Va. 26155. 1-304-455-2255.
- July 20-21-22 - Pioneer Days men's open dbl.elim.at Salt Lake City complex. \$150.
Ken Hackmeister, 429 W. 500 S., Bountiful, Utah 84010. 1-801-205-9465, 295-8588.
- July 21-22 - Bud Lite's men's open dbl.elim. at Hannibal, Mo. O'Connell's team sponsor.
Gary McCarty, R.R.#1, Hannibal, Mo. 63401. 1-314-221-8854.
- July 21-22 - Santa Barbara Class B/C men's rnd.rbn.at City parks. \$150. Limit 16 teams.
Clyde Bennett, 6600 Stagecoach Road, Santa Barbara, Calif. 93105. 1-805-964-2114.
- July 21-22 - Ben's Broasted A/B men's dbl.elim. at Bishop, Calif. \$150. Trophies.
Ron Hubbard, P.O.Box 698, Bishop, Calif. 93514. 1-619-872-1184.
- July 27-28-29 - Wisconsin ASA Class A men's state dbl.elim.by Boys Softball League.
Ronn Kopp, P.O.Box 202, Rice Lake, Wis. 54868. 1-715-234-9235. \$462.50 expense allow.
- July 27-28-29 - Colorado ISC men's qualifying tourney open dbl.elim.Winner ISC World.
Russ Callahan, 1825 N.Yuma St., Colorado Springs, Colo. 80909. 1-303-633-3550, 636-5753.
- July 27-28-29 - Missouri area ISC men's open qualifying dbl.elim.at St.Charles, Mo. \$120.
Bob Welby, #8 Edgestone Court, Florissant, Mo. 63033. 1-314-831-8432, 314-383-5700.
- July 27-28-29 - ISC Chicago metro men's open dbl.elim.qualifier at Aurora, Ill. Winner
Ed Kerner, 31 Briarcliff Road, Montgomery, Ill. 60538. 1-312-896-1080. to ISC World.
- July 27-28-29 - Olympia men's invitational Class B dbl.elim.Limit 16 teams. \$135.
Mike Garruth, 1314 E. 4th Ave., Olympia, Wash. 98506. 1-206-753-8389.
- Aug. 3-4-5 - Bob Caravan Memorial girls under 18. Entry \$90. Deadline July 15. Awards
Brian Neffe, 2409 S. 10th St., Allentown, Pa. 18103. 1-215-868-9137. trophies.

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THE END? (From Page 31) money do not know what it is to struggle for a sponsor, to buy uniforms or to sell raffle tickets, stage a spaghetti dinner every year so we could keep on playing. These players think they're so super and all they have to worry about is who will get the most money. I would have liked to manage a team with one BIG pitcher and we could have competed with any team. There's a guy in this state hustles ball players for money and still cannot win "all the marbles."...George Kelepouris, our great sponsor for years, lost his cocktail lounge because of domestic and marital problems. I would like to thank George and Ed Ratz for their support. They were great! I will let you and Bulletin readers know what happens Here in Milwaukee.

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- Aug. 3-4-5 - E.O.R./Lemons' Olympia men's Class A rnd.rbn.at Stevens Field. Entry \$135. Terry Meyer, 1314 E. 4th Ave., Olympia, Wash. 98506. 1-206-753-8380, 943-5079.
- Aug. 3-4-5 - 3rd Shelbyville Sting Classic men's open dbl.elim.at Blue River Park.\$100. L.Rudy Thoman, 406 S. Harrison, Shelbyville, Ind. 46176. 1-317-835-7062, 398-4663.
- Aug. 3-4-5 - Tri-I open invitational rnd.rbn.at Bloomington, Ill. Limited to 6 teams. Phil Reimer, 1301 Baugh Drive, Norman, Ill. 61761. 1-309-452-7551 or 766-3233.
- Aug. 4-5 - Miller's women's open dbl.elim.at Millpond complex, Bishop, Calif. \$150. Patricia Corwin, P.O.Box 697, Bishop, Calif. 93514. 1-619-872-1184.
- Aug. 9-10-11-12 - Girls under 15 ASA nationals at Salt Lake City, Utah. See ASA comm.or Ken Hackmeister, 428 W. 500 S., Bountiful, Utah 84010. 1-801-295-9465, 295-8588.
- Aug. 9-1-11-12 - Girls under-12 ASA national tournament at Las Cruces, N.M. See your local ASA commissioner for details.
- Aug. 10-11-12 - Missouri State ASA Class A tournament at Springfield, Mo. See your local ASA commissioner for details.
- Aug. 10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19 - ISC World tournament at Allentown. See ISC comm.or Earl Hunsicker, 844 S. 11th St., Allentown, Pa. 18103. 1-215-437-3402.
- Aug. 16-17-18-19 - Girls under-18 ASA national tournament at Lodi, Calif. See your local ASA commissioner for details.
- Aug. 16-17-18-19 - Men's ASA Major state tournament at Jefferson City, Mo. For info.: Bill Byrd, 320 E. McCarty, Jefferson City, Mo. 65101. 1-314-634-6482.
- Aug. 17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24 - Women's major ASA national tournament at Buffalo, N.Y. See your local ASA commissioner.
- Aug. 23-24-25-26 - Women's ASA Class A national tournament at Albuquerque, N.M. See your local ASA commissioner for details.
- Aug. 24 - Sept. 3 - Patriots Class B men's rnd.rbn./3 divisions. 12-16 teams. \$100. Bob Krupa, 2409 S. 10th St., Allentown, Pa. 18103. 1-215-965-9493. Travel expense.
- Aug. 29-Sept. 2 - A new world tournament men's major dbl.elim. Must be top 3 in league. Herb Wisdom, P.O.Box 25, Tumacacori, Ariz. 85640. 1-602-398-2397. or tournament.
- Aug. 30-Sept. 3 - Men's ASA class A national tournament at Fargo, N.D. See your local ASA commissioner.
- Aug. 31 -Sept. 1-2 - 4th world tournament at Kissimmee, Fla., men's combination. \$130+ball. Terry Stewart, P.O.Box 1608, Kissimmee, Fla. 32741. 1-305-847-2388, 847-4844.
- Aug. 31-Sept. 3 - Chicano's 7th men's Class B dbl.elim.at City Park. \$115+ball. 14 tms. Jim (Chayo) Rodriguez, 804 W. 8th St., Corona, Calif. 91720. 1-714-737-7629.
- Sep. 7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15 - Men's Major ASA national tournament at St. Joseph, Mo. See your local ASA commissioner for details.
- Sep. 15-16 and 22-23 - Rick Ruiz men's Class A rnd.rbn./playoff at Lake Elsinore, \$135 Chuck Vanich, 15885 Brenda Lane, Riverside, Calif. 92506. 1-714-780-2506. +balls.

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