

ISC Invites Two Champs

ANAHEIM HILLS, CALIF. (By Milt Stark, executive director, International Softball Congress) — The biggest and hottest news in men's fastpitch this month and possibly this year is that the International Softball Congress has formally extended an invitation to both the ASA national champions and the Canadian national champs to participate in the 1984 ISC world tournament in Allentown, Pa., Aug. 10-19. Letters were sent to George Franklin, sponsor of Franklin Cardinals (ASA champs), and Neil Leard, general manager of Victoria, B.C., Royals, the Canadian senior men champions. These invitations are not only for this year, but all future ASA and Canadian national (On Page 28)

New 8-Team League Organized in Ohio

PIQUA, OHIO (By Gordon Wise) — A brand new 8-team league, sanctioned by the International Softball Congress, is to begin play in Ohio next month and will be known as the Buckeye Major Fastpitch Conference. It will feature many of the strongest teams in Ohio, including the defending state champs, Ashland Merchants/E.S.S. Larry Fisher of Findlay, the ISC state commissioner, is founder. Fisher also will lead one of the two Findlay entries that will compete. Fisher's team (formerly Findlay Marlesta) will feature one and possibly two young hurlers from New Zealand. The second Findlay team will be the Jac & Do's, managed by Richard Heldman. The veteran Carl Maag will return for another season on the mound. The veteran Paul Seymore of Columbus will (On Page 20)

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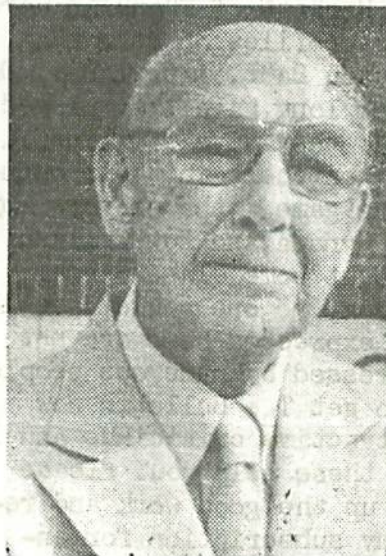
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Can-Am All-Stars Down New Zealand

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND (By Gary Elliott) — On Feb. 7, Butch Batt, the legendary catcher for Pay'n Pak, Seattle, Wash., and in the absence of Tom Wagner, who could not make the trip due to work commitments, took a Canadian-U.S. team of all-stars on an exhibition tour of New Zealand, playing



FRED HOFFMAN

Missouri Commissioner Dies
(See Page 16 for Story)

Colglazier Moves in; Reynolds Improving

ST. JOSEPH, MO. — Ed Christgen, manager of the Walnut/Woods team, which will host the men's ASA major national tournament here Sept. 7-15, reports that Alan Colglazier has moved to town and will join the team as its leading pitcher. The addition of Colglazier was necessary because their All-American Tim Reynolds, who pitched the St Joe team to fourth place in 1981, when the tournament was last held here, has battled cancer the last year and Manager Christgen knew he needed another top class hurler. But after (On Page 9)

the New Zealand training squad, whose members, under the direction of Mike Walsh, are trying to make the New Zealand national team that will represent that country in the International Softball Federation in the real world tournament to be held at Midland, Mich., July 6-14, which will include teams from all over the world. The Kiwis and Can-Am All-Stars, playing in various parts of New Zealand, took part in 11 games and the Can-Ams won 10! Pitchers for New Zealand, who are all nationally ranked in the United States and Canada as well as New Zealand, included Steve Jackson, Michael White, Paul Magan and Kevin Herlihu. But the Can-Am lineup of pitchers and players were just too good. (On page 12)

Japan Nationals to Play Home Savings

AURORA, ILL. (By Dan Murr, Sports Editor, Beacon-News) Home Savings and Loan added a pair of major double-headers to its schedule for 1984 against the Japan national team, Savers Business Manager Tom Kellett announces. The team, composed of the best fastpitch players in Japan, will play here the night of July 3 and July 4 afternoon, the week following Home's big Stars and (On Page 10)

More Advice OSHAWA, ONTARIO, CANADA (By Eric Legge) - As far as improving The Bulletin, I feel

CONCENTRATE totally the opposite to the opinion expressed by Steve Kath in the February Bulletin.. I say completely eliminate any

ON BIG TIME coverage below major AA and ISC teams with the exception of the last two pages of The Bulletin. Concentrate on the BIG TIME! Do you think someone in Toronto, Canada, Salt Lake City, Utah or Orlando, Fla., could care less about a Class B team tourney in Olympia, Wash.? Or Terry Meyers' Class B tourney in Olympia? When you buy a baseball magazine, you expect to read stories on teams and player profiles from the National and American leagues - the stars of the game - not the minor Florida State League! Ask Gary Elliott, public relations director of Seattle Pay'n Pak, Jim Nicol of ADM, Ed Kyner of Aurora Home Savings and Mickey Herbert of Franklin Cardinals, etc., to send you player profiles on star team players such as Jimmy Moore, Butch Batt, Dabryl Day, David Scott, John Anquillare - how long have they played the game...are they married...do they have families...who are the toughest hitters or pitchers in their opinions. Showcase the STARS of the game - the players any fan like myself in the U.S.A., Canada and New Zealand can identify with and forget about some Class B team that, outside of their local area, no one could care less about!...These opinions I have expressed here are not only mine. They have been expressed by numerous people in my area when I have tried to get The Bulletin new subscribers. These are my constructive criticisms and I hope these help you. Please keep up the good work and renew my subscription for another year.

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AND MORE: PIQUA, OHIO (By Gordon Wise) - As a suggestion to boost circulation, etc., if you don't send out any form to remind subscribers about expiration dates other than date written on address label, you might consider enclosing some notice on a flyer attached to the front page of The Bulletin. At any rate, please keep the good work!

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Cal State No. 1

FULLERTON, CALIF. (By Roland Sheldon) — This very well could be the year the California State Fullerton march through the door to the NCAA championship. After all, they have been knocking on the door since Judi Garman established the program in 1980. Cal State Fullerton

PRE-SEASON COACHES' NATIONAL UNIVERSITY POLL:

1. Cal State Fullerton
2. UCLA
3. South Carolina
4. Texas A&M
5. Oklahoma State
6. Louisiana Tech
7. University of Pacific
8. Indiana
9. Cal Poly Pomona
10. California
11. Utah State
12. Missouri
13. Utah
14. Arizona State
15. Nebraska

finished ninth in '80, second in 1981, third in 1982 and was runner-up last season with a 56-15 record. The Titans have seven starters returning, including their two starting pitchers, and returned two All-Americans who were suspended from the team at mid-season due to an off-field incident....And to bolster the 1984 squad, Garman did a standout recruiting job, landing the 1983 California Community College's MVP player, the power-hitting catcher-outfielder from Golden West

College, Donna McElrea, and Pitcher Debbie Mygind from Arizona Western College. It is then not surprising that a pre-season coaches' poll, compiled by Louisiana Tech University, has picked the Titan women the No. 1 team in the country....."In terms of depth and talent, this is my best team at Fullerton," Garman said. "We have 17 very talented players. We have players who can hit for power and players who can run. We're stronger than ever and the coaches' job will be figuring out where to play all the talent. If the coaches don't 'mess up,' we



DONNA McELREA

McElrea was the backbone of Golden West College for two years and now leads Cal State Fullerton with .800 average as No. 1 team wins first two, defeating Fresno State.

could be awesome!" Garman added.....Garman takes pride in the fact her rival coaches pick Fullerton as the favorite for the national title, but realizes winning games, not polls, is the only way to a championship. "It's exciting to see them rate our talent that high," Garman commented. "I will say this much: We finished second last year and we're a much stronger team now." Part of the reason is the return of All-Americans Outfielder Sue Lewis and Catcher Maridee Richards. Lewis is a switch hitter with lots of power. She was first team All-American as a freshman and sophomore and only playing just 33 games last year, she led the team in home runs, doubles and triples....It was Donna McElrea's home run last year that gave Golden West College the California State Community College championship. She not only hit with power, but threw out every runner attempting to steal second and picked off three runners at first base — these were all from a talented Sacramento City College team that had 155 success—(On Page 4)

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CAL STATE No. 1 (From Page 3) full steals in 172 attempts prior to the championship round play. McElrea is a definite candidate for All-American honors. Mygind, a 21-year-old junior, pitched New Zealand to the 1982 world championship. She is a transfer from Arizona Western Community College. Also returning is Susan LeFebvre, a sophomore, was 26-5 last season, allowing just eight earned runs in 241 2/3 innings. She had 17 shutouts and struck out 201. "LeFebvre and Mygind should be the best 1-2 punch in the nation," Garman concluded.

NEW ZEALAND WELLINGTON

WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND (Special to The Bulletin by Eugene Shepherd) - New Zealand softball - fastpitch - runs two major tournaments each year for both men and women's teams.

INTERPROVINCIAL CHAMPS

The interprovincials, which are held during the Christmas holidays and the interclub, which is held in March of each season. At this season's women's Interprovincials it was the host association, Wellington, which took out the honours behind the pitching of the glamour girl, Gina Weber. Eight teams, based on the previous year's standings, initially compete in a full round robin in order to find the top four, which then compete in a 2-life system. The top eight provinces were Wellington, Auckland, Hutt Valley, Canterbury, Southland, Hawkes Bay, Otago and North Shore. The first four named played off in the 2-life system with the final between Wellington, who had both lives intact and Canterbury (with Cheryl Kemp occupying the pitching and coaching duties.) Wellington took the game, 5-3, with errors dominating the game on both sides. Our reigning world series champion coach Ed Doleys named the following tournament team: Pitchers, Gina Weber, Kelly Barnes, Cheryl Kemp; catchers, Lorraine Van Dooren, Lesley Monk; (1b) Carol Moore; (2b) Natalie Hazelwood; (3rd) Naomi Shaw; (ss) Carol Pankhurst; outfield, Donna Pewhairang, Sav Faleato, Rita FatiaKofa; DH, Cindy Wiki; utility, Frances Farrow. Top batters were, Wiki, .429; Shaw, .419; Farrow .407; Hazelwood .406; Kemp .348.

JEFFERSON CITY WOMEN'S

JEFFERSON CITY, MO. (By Dave Whittier) - The 1983 season was a disappointment for Sitton Transportation women's team of this city. However, Manager J. Y. Davis is optimistic about 1984. "We fully expect to challenge perennial Missouri power

TEAM OPTIMISTIC IN '84

Hamilton, Mo., Bears for the state title," said Davis. The pitching staff will be headed by Becky Duffin of Vienna, who also pitches for Southwest Missouri State of Springfield, Mo. Others expected to handle the mound duties are Cindy Haman and Ruth Jones, who will be in her seventh year with the team. Catching will be shared by Tammy Holloway, Barb Churboneus and Margaret Davis, wife of Manager Davis. The infield looks like Holloway and Charboneus alternating at first with Joann Betts at second, Marsha Bisges at short, and Ronda Mantle at third. Betts was the MVP in the prestigious Wood River, Ill., tournament last Labor Day. The outfield will be patrolled by Pat Kinder, Lisa Castillo, Kathy Kunkler and Joyce Weber with Duffin and Jones also to perform in the outfield. The team will participate in tournaments in Jefferson City, Maroa and Wood River, Ill., Memphis, Tenn., and Ballwin, Columbia and Springfield in Missouri. Davis states, "This will be our best team in our 11-year history. We have pitching depth. In Duffin we believe we have the stopper we did not have in the past. We're better defensively and have overall hitting." Davis will be aided by Stan Sapp as assistant coach.

JUNIOR, SENIOR

ARVADA, COLO. - Bob Stremel is planning his large Firecracker invitational junior-senior girls tournament again this year June 30-July 2

GIRLS' TOURNEY

at Youth Memorial Park here. It will be co-sponsored by Arvada Girls' Softball Assn. and Nike. It will be a round robin/playoff meet with

each team guaranteed five games. It will be for Class A and junior girls' teams. The entry fee is \$85 and deadline is June 5. Only 24 senior girls teams and 16 junior girls teams will be accepted. As to the awards, the first three finishers in each division will receive team trophies. Individual awards will be, for seniors, first, Bike shoes; second, Nike shirts. For first junior individuals will receive travel bags and second place players will receive MacGregor shirts. Entries should be sent to Bob Stremel at 12707 W. 57th Drive, Arvada, Colo. 80002, or call 1-303-420-0203. Much interest has been shown already in this annual meet.

OPTIMISTIC!

CLEARWATER, FLA., BOMBERS WITH REVIVED

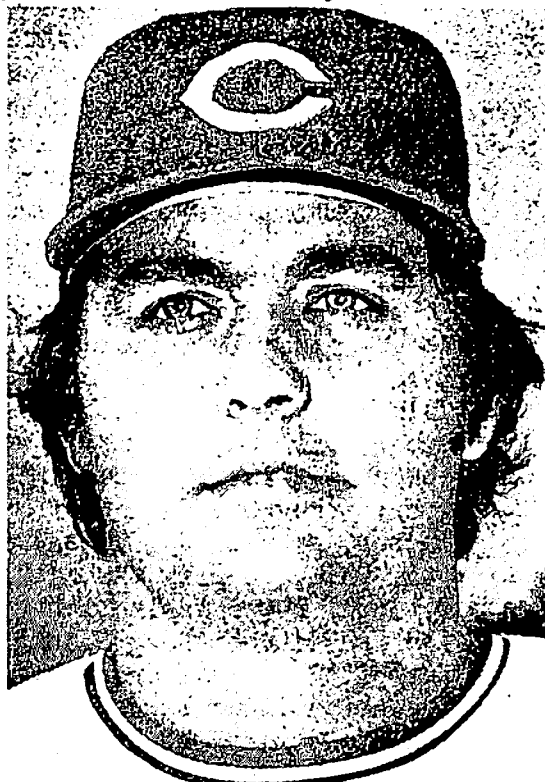
BOOSTER CLUB AND ITS OUTLOOK, PLUS NEW

MANAGER, LOOKING FORWARD TO '84 SEASON

CLEARWATER, FLA. (By Bob McCollough with valuable assists from Greg Nichols of Clearwater Times and Bill White of Clearwater Sun — pictures from the Times) — This year an atmosphere of confidence prevails throughout the Bomber organization because of the selection of Virgil Rice as president, Steve Samuels as business manager, plus an effective board of directors, working in close harmony with knowledgeable Field Manager Wayne Dees, Mike Hazel (MVP) as schedule manager, and a wealth of talented players, in spite of the toughest schedule in several years. No proof is needed to show the abilities of Manager Wayne Dees and his long-time associate, Richie Ryals. They are at this time (Feb. 6) conducting grueling try-outs three times a week to select the best team to represent the Bombers in a long time, who have won the ASA national championship 10 times....Dees, 39, is the 15th manager in the 45-

year Bomber history and fourth in past six years. His playing career covered five seasons, during which he was known for his long ball, left-handed hitting and steady play at first base. Dees is continuing a longtime association with Richie Ryals, who helped Dees organize and run the Dunedin Fastpitch Assn. six years ago.....But the changes in the team itself has spurred optimism and rekindled local interest in the Bombers. Dees has lured veteran pitchers Bobby Quinn and Sonny Hornbeck back to the team to replace Mitch Harter and Bob Thayer. The Bombers still hope to land Vaughn Alvey from Salt

Lake City, Utah. Dees has asked local hurler Dan Neimi to join team. He was a particular thorn in the Bombers' side last season when he pitched for St. Petersburg Patriots. He defeated the Bombers on three occasions, including two shutouts. The 32-year-old veteran pitched in Michigan before moving to Florida three years ago. Dees said that two vet infielders, Bing Tyus and Wayne Vigil are working out and plan coming back to Bombers. Also, Pensacola's Steve Merchant removed to Clearwater and will compete for the (On Page 6)



WAYNE DEES ... takes charge as the manager



SONNY HORNBECK
... a top pitcher who's been lured back



BOBBY QUINN
... once again with the Bombers.

OPTIMISTIC (from Page 5) shortstop position with Vigil. Following two weeks of rigorous training and tryouts, the Bombers will participate in the Fun and Sun Festival March 29, where the Bomber players will intermix with John Silvestro group, 3 Score and 70's, for an exhibition. The season opener will be April 27-28 at Jack Russell Stadium against an all-star team out of Rochester, N.Y., known as The Fiero's. This is a team made up of players out of the Rochester league, but on weekends they play tournaments and exhibition games. They have a fair pitching staff made up of John Duma, Chuck Smith and Chris Breetz....At present writing the Bombers' nucleus seems to include Bing Tyus, Wayne Vigil, Steve Merchant, Mark Perkins, Joe Westmoreland, Danny Boud, probable infielders. Bruce Westbrook and Tom Cavallaro are the catchers. Mike Hazel will anchor the outfield plus Andy Marston, Bob Nepote, Andy Nall and invited Jim Sever....Mike Hazel has put together the finest schedule in five years and the Bombers will be at home 14 weekends, compete in one tournament in Tampa and take a one week road trip. The road trip will consist of an 8-day tour through the upper midwest, where they have a lot of very good teams. The tour is scheduled to open June 16 at Poquoson, Va. (On the Chesapeake Bay near Newport News. The next night they will be in Piqua, Ohio, to play the Fastballers, who are making great plans for this game. This comparatively new organization (3 years old) under the direction of Business man Gordon Wise and Pitcher Doug Plank, have a large community organization backing the team in a fastpitch revival program. They are on the right track in their efforts to make Piqua a fastpitch center. The next night its over to Indiana to Shelbyville (Near Indianapolis, to play the Sting, Indiana champions. Here, too, there is an active community group headed by L. Rudy Thoman, who will give the Bombers a great reception. Then it's on to Indianapolis to play the A's, a veteran quality team. On the 19th the Bombers will be at Casey, Ill., to meet the Truckers, another veteran team that has been among the better clubs for years. The Bombers will get a real test on June 20 when they meet ADM at Decatur. Here they will face Dave Scott and Brent Stevenson, two of the best pitchers in the country. ADM was runner-up to the Franklin Cardinals of West Haven, Conn., last year when they won the ASA title. Then it's up the road a piece to Bloomington, Ill., to meet one of the top three teams in the state, Bloomington Hearts. Then, on June 21-22 the Bombers will run into one of the best teams in the country and a team that has been among the top 10 for years. We refer to the Aurora, Ill., Home Savings, who this year has added that great New Zealand pitcher, Chris Nicholas to their pitching staff and has Cliff Smith back as its manager. That's going to be quite a trip and if the Bombers break even they will be doing good!...Among other events planned at home will be the alumni game off July 17 at home, of

Alumni Game course, with past and present Bombers. Also, on June 8-9-10, the Bombers will stage their classic tournament that will include teams from Baltimore, Md., Jacksonville, Orlando and Tampa. The ASA champs, Franklin Cardinals will be here May 25-27. Also, Bloomington will be here May 18-19. Aurora will return our visit July 20-21. The ASA regionals will be held at Birmingham, Ala., this year and the Bombers expect to win this and go on to the ASA nationals at St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 7-15. Art Gillis is the recently appointed ISC commissioner in Florida, and who lives in Altamonte Springs, has not announced dates for his state ISC tournament as yet, but the Bombers plan to participate and win and go onto Allentown, Pa., for their World tournament, Aug. 10-19....A letter I received from the editor of The Bulletin, stated in essence, "the name of the game is exposure!" This paraphrase is the prime motivation of our board. We are striving for close association with all groups whose attendance would be of mutual benefit. For large groups we offer tickets at half price as we try to kindle and revive local interest and attendance. In closing, here is the Clearwater Bomber prayer: "Please grant us the opportunity to change the epithet of "the legendary once invincible Clearwater Bombers" to the new, atomic Bombers, with pitchers who throw guided missile balls that catch plate corners and drop at the exact spot, below opponents' bats and devastate their batting average to zero; fielders who intercept all ground and flying objects, and render them harmless outs; batters who boost all incoming balls into scoring orbits, and may we land at the precise selected spot for the national champion!" (Editor's note: You may have noticed that we print many stories about the Bombers, Aurora Home Savers, Decatur ADM and Seattle Pay'n Pak. That's because they have competent publicists who strive to keep our readers well informed.)

Could Be Tough

ROCHESTER, N. Y.
(By Chuck Smith)
Rochester's tour

nament team — The Fiero's — has signed all their players and has made up its schedule for the 1984 season. With our 3-man pitching staff, we expect to do very well this season. John Duma, Chuck Smith and Chris Breezt will be the team's pitchers. Chris is our new addition to our staff and he will help out in the hitting department, as he is a power hitter and will most likely be our clean-up hitter. Chris pitched for the Poughkeepsie Brewers in 1982, which team came in third in the major national tournament twice. This season our lineup will be Mike Nally, Ron Mendalara, Chris Walrath, Gary Burroughs, Skip Bailey and Allen Miles, infielders. Our outfielders will be Dennis Farrell, Lou Carona, Mike Wilkin, Bill Fedele and our team leader in hitting last season, John Sweeting. Sharing the catching chores will be Jim Volkmar and Jim Osterberg. Nine of



ALLEN MILES
Wins All-Star Awards

ROCHESTER, N. Y. (By Otto Steger) — In 12 seasons of play, Allen Miles has been named league all-star eight times. At 29, he's considered top third baseman in this area. He's a consistent .300 hitter and has won 10 MVP awards in tournaments. Last year Al played for two league (On Page 8)

National Experience

these players have had national tournament experience. We open up play in Ashland, Ohio, and then we are off to Clearwater, Fla., to face the nationally famous Bombers on April 28. We will be in two round robin tournaments in Hamton, Va., and Findlay, Ohio. We also play in many tournaments in Canada and New York. Our manager, Sam Ciappa, and Captain Gerry Sadler believe they have put together a winning team for this coming season and they are hoping that our team will make it to the ASA nationals and the ISC world. We owe a lot to our General Manager Otto Steger in helping put this team together. Also, he went out and raised more money than we ever had to help in our expenses for this season. We thank Otto for making this possible. Our team is holding a tournament June 8 weekend. Interested team managers should contact Otto Steger at 1-716-637-8652.



ROCHESTER TEAM: 'Chuck Smith, Sr.'s Patchen & Briggs club won league title in 1981, 1982 but finished second in 1983. Left to right, standing: Jim Smith, Tom Yaniszewski, Bob Steehler, Jim Orman, Chuck Smith, Jr., Manager Chuck Smith, Sr., Pat Meagher, Bob Johnson. Kneeling: Coach Dan Murphy, Joe Steehler, Kevin Benedict, Batboy Peter Liberti, Gary Smith, Bill Howard. Missing from picture: Coach Hank Smith and Brian Damuth.

PATCHEN & BRIGGS GET CHUCK SMITH AS PITCHER FOR ROCHESTER CITY LEAGUE PLAY

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Patchen & Briggs will get back Chuck Smith to pitch for them this season in city league play. Chuck pitched for them for 12 years before leaving last year to start a new team. Smith will team up with his brother Jim who has been hurling well the last few years. Catching is one of the best in this area, Jim Sandy. Power Hitter Tom Yaniszewski will share first base and DH with left-handed Bob Johnson. At second will be two veterans, Gary Smith and 43-year-old Bill Howard, who hit .350 last season. At short will be the youthful Brian Damuth, who will be one of the best hitters around in years to come. At third base will be Pat Meagher who is a real tough batter to strike out. He always makes contact. In the outfield will be Jim Orman, Kevin Benedict and Bob Steehler. Chuck Smith, Sr. and Dan Murphy will act as co-managers and Hank Smith will be the coach.

ALL-STAR 8 TIMES (Continued from Page 7) teams and a weekend tournament team. He was a member of Rochester A's on weekends. He carried a .340 batting average. He led team in stolen bases, RBI's and extra base hits. He played almost perfect defense with only three errors in 113 games and he didn't miss an inning. In league play, Al led his team, Ralph Pontiac of First Division, in hitting and came in fourth in the league with .353 average. He was also tops in doubles and runs scored. In the Second Division of league play in which Al played for Teaser's Lounge, he had the second highest average on the team with a .426 behind teammate Andy Oliva who hit .429. Al has acquired a couple of nicknames due to his excellent ability. He is known as "Brooks" and "Mr. Hustle." His career has led him the major nationals twice. He is hoping he can make it again this coming year and that's his goal.

REVIEWS A&B LEAGUE ROCHESTER, N.Y. (By Chuck Smith) - Herewith are brief descriptions of our A&B league: ZENITHS: General Manager Otto Steger, assisted by Gerry Sadler and Sam Ciappa will have John Duma and Curt Osterberg as pitchers. In tournaments they add Chris Breezy and Chuck Smith (see story on Page 7). PATCHEN & BRIGGS: Chuck Smith, Sr., Dan Marzhy, Hank Smith the leaders and will have Pat Meagher, Brian Damuth, Jim Orman and Jim Sandy. KITZEL'S: Last year's A champs lost three players. Pitching will be 25-year-old Sam Vallerale and lefty Han Romanowski. Top hitters are Kim Hofferre, Ron Case, Ed Street and Rick Case. ELMGROVE INN: Young team whose pitchers are Paul Allyn, Brian Hogan, Andy Oliva and Jim Palagona. Leading hitters are Jim MacArthur, Andy Oliva, Paul Wolke, Bob Borrell and Paul Allyn....In Class B division, they are: BAREFOOT MALLMAN: Fred Sanger and Jim Smith will pitch. This is a strong team and one of favorites to win it. FASTBALLERS: Chuck Smith, Jr., will manage. Curt Osterberg and Paul Allyn will hurl. Hitting stars are Brian Damuth, Allen Miles, Bill Fedele, Jim DeRose and Andy Oliva. SPORTSWEAR SPECIALTIES: Last year's B champions with Rod Perkins in charge and he has 1983 MVP Pat Clark pitching for him and veteran 59-year-old Art Held helping out. This team should be competitive. MY OFFICE: Gary Nyham is manager and has three fine pitchers in Brian Henry, Rick Houghcroft and Ron Bradley. Frank Radler, who topped league in hitting last year at over .500, will be back. Bob Cole is their standout left-handed catcher. DILON'S: Al Costa will manage. He has 18-year-old Mike Sadler pitching. Chuck Bollotti should be on of their best hitters. FEENEY'S: For last couple years this team ended on top because of their manager and pitcher, 23-year-old Brian Hogan. Bob Borrelli, Jerry O'Neal and Steve Wade is their key players. KODAK PARK: Manager Reggie Stewart has stepped down and Third Baseman Dan Haas has taken over. Reggie Stewart, Dan Haas, Lou Corona and Jim Cook will lead the offensive attack. CHRIST AS-PHALT: This team came up to Class B ball last year from a Class C league, where they always dominated, and did well in Class B. Their pitching staff is Christ Olan and vet Kenny Guyett. They have one of the best shortstops in the league, Danny Miller, and Third Baseman Jim Smith is a powerful long-ball hitter. MARSIN HEATING: A new team of which I am not familiar. They played Class C ball last year and moved up. BOB HERMAN: Is running this team and they have no sponsor and will go it alone. This is another Class C team that has moved up to B. MIKE KNIGHT'S USED CARS: Another Class C team that is moving up this year with Catcher Ken Mancini as manager. It was Class C champs last three years. The main reason, their 23-year-old pitcher Jack Jennings who can throw quite hard. FIREBIRDS: This team will be managed by Steve St. Marie and is a new club in the league. Personnel has not been revealed as yet and has many prospects trying out....We're all looking forward to another competitive, fun season.

NEW JERSEY TEAM IS ROCHESTER, N.Y. (By Chuck Smith) - My informants tell me that the BUILDING FOR TITLE Graff Garphics from New Jersey, which was runner-up in 1983 regional to Pechans from New York, is building a winner. They went out and secured the services of ace pitcher Dennis Green, formerly with Hershey Auto Parts from Maryland. This 30-year-old Dennis is a workhorse and is improving each year. Last season he was 62-18 for Hershey. He will make it tough on Pechans this year as he has shutout this team both times they met. Ray Russomono, the manager, has picked up a couple of key players to strengthen their offense attack. Graff should have no trouble in winning their state tournament with these new players and will be the team to beat in the Class A regionals come tournament time/

Colglazier Moves

(From Page 1) Recent surgery,, Reynolds has looked good in team workouts and his health continues to im-

prove. His long health battle has been exceedingly expensive and local groups have gone all out to raise funds. Recently the Kansas City Kings of the National Basketball League staged a benefit for him in a league game. If the big 6-foot-7 left-hander can come back to somewhere near his effectiveness in 1981, the host team, Walnut/Woods, will be a competitive team in the men's ASA nationals here Sept. 7-15. Despite his handicaps last year, Reynolds managed to win 30 games. Manager Christgen reports that Colglazier will not commute back and forth between here and Pueblo, Colo., his home, but will move to St. Joseph. "You've got to see Al (Colglazier) pitch to realize why I'm so excited about getting him," Christgen said. "He's simply super! I feel he's among the top five in the country, but Charlie Pusateri says he's the best there is." Colglazier returned to his native Pueblo, Colo., last year after stints with Aurora, Ill., Home Savings and Decatur, Ill., ADM (Two of the best in the country). "You wouldn't believe it," Christgen continued, "he took a team in Pueblo, which couldn't have finished fifth in our league and pitched it to fifth place in the ISC world!"...Walnut/Woods won the ISC state title last year after a dismal showing in the Tri-State Travel league. However, the local team had to cancel its ticket to the ISC world at Bakersfield, Calif., because it conflicted with the ASA state tournament dates in St. Joseph.

Reynolds Ails: Walnut/Woods won the ASA state and made it to the regionals in Topeka, Kan., before bowing out. "Reynolds developed hepatitis just before the tournament and had to struggle through the mound work as a pickup failed to show. Outside of Colglazier, the return to play of Doc Miller is the No. 1 change for Walnut/Woods. Miller retired after

playing for Walnut Products in 1982 ASA nationals at Midland, Mich., partially because of a sore ankle and because the veterinarian from Savannah was swamped with his practice. "Both (ailment and work load) have been healed and Doc is back. He'll be a big help to us whether pitching or batting," Christgen observed. "I'm confident this is the best team ever to represent Missouri in national competition and I feel we can with the ISC travel league and come on to win the ASA championship right here in St. Joseph in September," concluded Christgen....Save for one weekend from early May through middle of September, Walnut/Woods will be playing tournaments here or on the road against top talent. Winning the ISC travel league seems to be the team's objective. "They are so dedicated to winning the league they voted to play Kansas City league dates June 16-17 rather than compete in the Pikes Peak tourney at Colorado Springs which we have played in for five years. I can't believe

Tickets on Sale it. We were already entered in the tourney but the players did not want to juggle the schedule. That's how dedicated to winning the travel league."...Tickets are on sale for the 1984 ASA men's major tournament to be held here Sept. 7-15, at Phil Welch stadium. In 1981 the tournament drew more than 90,000 as the host Walnut team finished fourth. The National Tournament Committee, headed by the late Fred Hoffman, ASA commissioner, recently set ticket guidelines. Now headed by Bill France, Missouri player representative, said the tournament will make a fitting dedication to the late commissioner, who passed away Feb. 11. Ellary Bennett, in charge of ticket sales, reports a few box seats (box of four seats for \$200) remain. A number of grandstand seats (\$30 each good for all 21 sessions) are available. Write National Softball Committee, P.O. Box 521, St. Joseph, Mo. 64506 or call Ellary Bennett at 1-816-279-6805 or Bill France, 1-816-232-2311.

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JAPAN NATIONALS (From Page 1) Stripes Classic at Stephens-Adamson field, Aurora. "They have become very competitive," said Kellett. "Their pitching is not on a par with that of the United States, but it has improved quite a bit." The team will stop over enroute to the sixth All-World tournament at Midland, Mich., July 6-14, the same event the old Aurora Sealmasters won on two previous occasions. Kellett began working on the project last fall when he contacted Don Porter, executive director of the ASA and secretary of the International Softball Federation, which is in charge of the world tournament, to get permission for the team to play here. "In January, he had contacted the Japan Softball Assn. to formally extend the invitation," Kellett said. "Then Porter sent the final approval on Feb. 23." The Savers made a 10-day trip to Japan three years ago to put on several clinics in different cities and were well received. Japan, meanwhile, is rated as one of four favorites in this year's world tournament at Midland. The other teams regarded as contenders include the U.S. team (Franklin Cardinals of West Haven, Conn.), Canada and New Zealand. "The difference between playing in Japan and here," Kellett said, "is fences. They don't have fences over there. You hit a ball there and they run and catch it. Here, you can hit it over the fence. (Not all U.S. parks.) "We do not know when they will arrive in the United States," Kellett said, "but some of the other foreign teams, like New Zealand, are arriving early. New Zealand will have a month of spring training in California before the world tournament." (It is reported the Kiwis will be guests of Tom Morris, owner of the ISC champs, Chameleons of Lancaster, Calif.) "They treated us very nicely when we were in Japan," Kellett said, "and we would like to do the same for them." The Savers will open the season May 5-6 against Terre Haute, Ind., and will play all their games during May at their home field, Stephens-Adamson field, their home park.

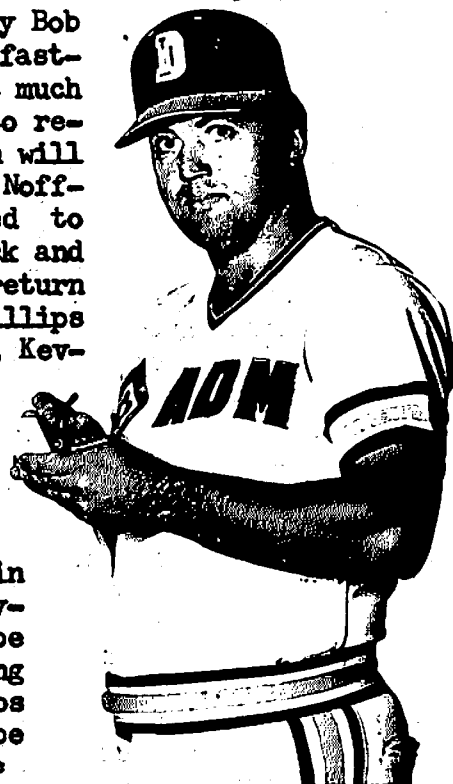
QUALITY FASTPITCH IS AVAILABLE IN ONTARIO NEWMARKET, ONTARIO, CANADA (By Rick Sisler) - Fastpitch news here in Ontario seems to be a question whether the Ontario Fastball League will operate in 1984. In 1983 the league had six teams. Rumors have four or five teams folded, but the players will probably regroup and play in topflight local leagues (i.e. Oshawa City and District League, Dieppe Park League located in Toronto.) This would cut down expenses and travel. On weekend the top senior teams would still meet in tournaments across the province just the way they formerly did before the formation of the O.F.L. in 1973. Top quality fastball will still be available in Ontario, just a little different form. The major tournaments in Ontario for 1984 are as follows: (1) Senior elimination for Ontario men, Aug. 3 through 6 in Agincourt (suburb located in metro Toronto). Winner advances to national championships that will have approximately 26 teams in a double-knockout. (2) Junior men's elimination for Ontario, July 6-8. Winner to nationals, at Grimsby, Ontario (about 30 miles northwest of Buffalo, N.Y.). This is showcase of top junior players (under 21) in province, especially pitchers. Approximately 26 teams in a double-knockout. (3) Junior men's national championships, Aug. 15-19 at St. Catharines, Ontario. St. Catharines is also located in the Niagara peninsula, approximately 10 miles east of Grimsby. (4) Junior ladies at Moncton, New Brunswick, Aug. 15-19. (5) Senior ladies at Vancouver, B.C., Aug. 21-26. (6) Senior men, Fredericton, New Brunswick, Aug. 28-Sept. 2.... In 1983 the Ontario junior men's was won by Binbrook, Ontario, and then finished second at nationals. Nova Scotia won its third straight title. The Ontario junior ladies was won by Kitchener Waterloo Civitons over strong Chinguacousy. Kitchener Waterloo went on to win the national championship.... Ontario senior ladies the Mil-Dor Twins came out of losers' bracket to win the Ontario title, then finished third in the nationals behind champions, B.C. Alpha Sports and Saskatoon, Sask., Harmony Centres.... The Ontario senior men's was won by Agincourt, who came out of the losers' bracket to defeat Mt. Hope in the finals. Agincourt had 8-1 record at tournament. Victoria, B.C., won the men's nationals, Saskatoon was second, and Camrose, Alberta, was third. Official attendance for the men's nationals in Victoria, B.C., was 100,846 for the week-long tournament.

THEY WRITE: "I enjoyed reading someone else's copy of Bulletin, so I decided to subscribe myself. We thoroughly enjoy the Home Savings games," Charles Lohr, Oswego, Ill.... "Here's my fee for another year. Enjoy reading about national fastpitch. Keep up the good work," Leo Oberlin, Inland Empire Umpire, Highland, Calif.

ADM All Set

DECATUR, ILL. (By Bob Ryan, manager ADM fastpitch team) - Not much

fastpitch news from Decatur (Feb. 22). Look for our team to remain basically the same. Dave Scott and Brent Stevenson will carry the pitching load. Mark Crawford and newcomer James Noffke will handle the catching duties. Noffke has been added to replace retiring Bob Quinn. Denny Place, Brian Rothrock and Buster Chumbley, our 1983 starting outfield, will all return this year. Look for youngsters Rick Minton and Steve Phillips to press hard for a starting job. Ted Hicks, Steve Kerian, Kevin Knop and Darryl Day will all return in the infield and Dave Jackson will handle most of the DH duties....We have our schedule about complete and we are looking forward to another banner year. We are tired if finishing second, however....We look for competition from some familiar names. We expect Seattle, Wash., Pay'n Pak to be extremely tough again. Tom Wagner, manager, is the best in the game today and seems to get the most out of his players. Reading, Pa., Bank of Pennsylvania Sunners could be strong again. Indications are that they have some pitching help for aging and legendary Ty Stofflet. When the chips are down, the creek rises. We look for Ty and company to be



BOB RYAN

Pitcher/Manager

Bob's dynamic qualities as a manager are beginning to overshadow his outstanding pitching ability. He's 2-time All American, has pitched in 11 straight national meets.

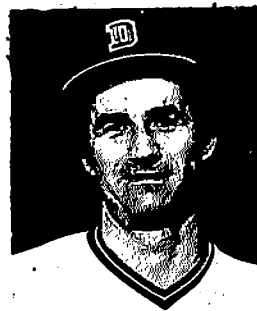
there. Their strong organization is due largely to Rocco Santilli. What a job he has done over the years holding that club together. Speaking of holding a team together, we look for another strong year from the Franklin Cardinals. John Anguillare has done a yeoman's job of pulling that team together. They have won the 1983 national title, will represent the U.S. in the World Tournament and should be a contender again in 1984 in St. Joe. The Merced, Calif., Kings have definitely helped themselves with the addition of Peter Finn. But don't look for Peter to make the difference. As well don't look for Mike Nevin or Mike Parnow or the Dallas brothers to make the difference. The key to their team will rest with Bob Dallas, Sr. He has put together a group of free spirits who play "California Softball" and they play it well. If he can mold them together as a unit, as he has in the past, they may be unstoppable....All of the aforementioned figure to be in St. Joe and figure to be top contenders. We will also be there and hope to be there on the last day!....I see it's time to renew my subscription to The Bulletin (date on address label). Please find enclosed my check. I assume by now you have also received a contribution from ADM as a corporation. I hope it helps. We are very pleased with your publication and hope it continues.



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Pitcher



BRENT STEVENSON
Pitcher



DARRYL DAY
First Baseman



DENNY PLACE
Outfielder



TED HICKS
Third Baseman



BRIAN ROTHROCK
Outfielder



KEVIN KNOP
Infielder

CAN-AM ALL-STARS (From Page 1) The pitchers for Can-Am were Jimmy Moore of Pay'n Pak, Mark Smith now of Calgary, Canada, who in 1981 and '82 pitched Camarillo, Calif., Kings to two straight ISC championships, and Rob Scheller of Ontario Canada, who last summer pitched the Vigortone team of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to national prominence. Infielders included Bruce Beard of Seattle, Matt Dijak of Midland, Mich., Mickey Brusco of Seattle, Chad Corcoran of Santa Barbara, Calif., and Gordy Fadden of Victoria, B.C. The outfielders were Randy Burnside of Seattle, Brian Rothrock of Decatur, Ill., ADM, and Dennis Eckert of Victoria. The catchers were Rocky Vitale of Madison, Wis., Farm; A.V. Stibbington of Calgary and Manager Butch Batt. Of course, I am not taking anything away from Butch's managing, but the likes of George Steinbrenner could have been successful with a star-studded lineup like that....In the final series at Auckland, Mark Smith, Calgary's outstanding portsider, threw a nifty 2-0 shutout against the Kiwis, 2-0. Pay'n Pak's Jim Moore came right back in the second game and shut out the nationals 3-0. In the third game, won by the Kiwi nationals, 2-1, their only win, Kevin Herlihy, who pitched for Lancaster, Calif., Chameleons last year, was the winner and Rob Scheller was the loser. In the fourth game of this 4-game series, the All-Stars won, 4-1, with Mark Smith throwing the first four and Moore the last three. The last two games were televised....Manager Butch Batt also received an outstanding performance from Jim Moore at Waikato. Jim had 16 strikeouts and hit the game-winning home run. Batt inserted himself into the lineup to catch his teammate. Brian Rothrock, Dennis Eckert and Chad Corcoran all turned in sterling defensive plays throughout the tour. There were 13 home runs hit by the All-Stars in the 11 games with ADM's Brian Rothrock and Victoria Royals Dennis Eckert having two each....At Papakura the All-Stars won two shutouts, 2-0 and 3-0. Coach Mike Walsh of the Kiwis was disappointed. "They outplayed us, both in pitching and batting," he said. Pitching the first game for Kiwis, Steve Jackson, was off to a poor start. In the second game for New Zealand, Chub Tangaroa, notoriously a slow starter, began well but gave up three runs. Jimmy Cotter and Mike Nichols both had two hits for the Kiwis. Coach Walsh of New Zealand had a 29-man squad to select his lineup from. After the series he indicated he was not satisfied and there probably will be some changes before selecting his squad,

SLOW START IN FLORIDA. TAMPA, FLA. (By Steve Candileri) - I don't know what happened to men's fastpitch in Florida this year. It was looking good, but I've learned that there will only be half the amount of teams operating this year. In Pinellas county it looked like Clearwater Bombers is the only team. St. Petersburg Patriots have folded. AIM Insurance and K,M,I. of Clearwater are not playing either. Tampa has a league of only four teams that are of metro caliber. The majority of the Patriots will be playing in Tampa under the name of Arlington Electric Co. They and the Crackers from Dade City have combined to form a super team. The Cowboys have formed a team with ex-Bomber Wayne Spanton and Max Johnson, former Tampa metro ace, coming out of retirement to do the pitching. Then we have Griffen Dry Wall, who I hear will be playing under the Tampa Merchants, with Carl Packwood pitching for them. The fourth team played in the City League under Spoto's Dairy. They have a very good ball club, but they have to come up with some pitching. Orlando still has the Miller Highlifters with young ace Dave Gillis pitching. Haven't heard anything about the Orlando Greyhounds. Jacksonville's Parker-Mick, last year's regional champs, are back just as tough as last year. Terry Stewart in Kissimmee still has a good league and rumor has it that a team with some super pitching should come out of there. Louis Tyson from Bradenton has had to drop out this year because of his work commitments. As result, Bradenton will not have its yearly invitational tournament this year, the first time in about 10 years....I'll be putting on a round robin May 4 and 5 in Tampa called Florida Top Five. Entered at present are the Clearwater Bombers, Arlington Electric, Tampa, and Orlando's High Lifters. I am looking for Parker-Mick of Jacksonville and Kissimmee's top team to make the five teams. This would give us five of Florida's top teams....Also I'm to stage the Candileri Memorial Men's invitational May 25-26-27 at Tampa. It's a double elimination with entry fee \$95. I'm arranging reasonable motel rates. Contact Steve Candileri, P.O. Box 7044, Tampa, Fla. 33673 or call 1-813-238-6291....Also, I am working on a women's fastpitch league to start the first week in June. Will let your readers know more about that later....We are all grieved by the fatal accident of Carol Kennedy, brilliant, young girl player.

Turning Back Pages

DETROIT, MICH., Sept. 15, 1941 (By Jack Leden and researched and submitted by Earl Mishler of the

SOUTH BEND BENDIX BRAKES WIN 1941 ASA

MEN'S TITLE, DEFEAT ROANOKE, N.C., 9-0;

IKE BIERWAGEN, STAN CORGAN STAND OUTS

South Bend Tribune news staff) - The Bendix Brakes, world's champions of softball, will return to South Bend, Ind., tonight, bringing with them a \$1,000 trophy acquired before 15,000 spectators in the University of Detroit stadium Sunday Afternoon. Title to the trophy

was acquired by defeating Roanoke Rapids, N.C., 9-0, in championship game of the Amateur Softball Association's eighth annual tournament. Big Ike Bierwagen, who received credit for winning the championship game, has a season hurling record of 28 victories

and only one defeat. Stan Corgan, hurled three games in this tournament and season record was 27-2....By winning the Brakes realized a goal of seven years' standing. A year ago they reached the finals only to be defeated by Kodak Park of Rochester, N.Y., 1-0. Four years ago the Brakes advanced to the semi-finals in Chicago before losing to Briggs. Only twice during this tournament did the Brakes display signs of pressure. In game with Peoria, Ill., Caterpillars, Bierwagen hurled no-hit ball, but had to go extra innings to win because of two costly errors which allowed the Caterpillars to score two runs. In the Pontiac, Mich., game Len Murray and Bierwagen went 12 innings to win because of errors once more allowed opponents to score unearned runs....The man who kept the Brakes on road to victory was Vince Piotrowski. Practically through because of injuries to legs, Piotrowski found his hitting eye in final two games, clicking off five safe blows, one a home run, to drive in four counters.... Balanced pitching also figured in the Bendix success. Bierwagen and Corgan each worked three games while Len Murray of Fort Wayne Zollners started two contests and finished one. Pontiac was the only team to hit the Brake hurlers consistently....The victory over North Carolina was the most decisive ever scored in national tournament play (up to now). The Dixie team had not been scored by five previous opponents, but their ace pitcher, Bob DeBarry, was no puzzle to the Bendix batters. They knocked him off the mound in the fourth frame. Saine, his successor, didn't fare much better....The Brakes scored first, getting two runs in second when Piotrowski homered with Mangano on base. Heavy blasting really began in fourth. Espelage opened with single and to third when Cieslik dropped a safe hit into left. Mangano's single through shortstop scored Espelage. Piotrowski's double to left-center scored Cieslik and Mangano. DeBarry was removed from the box at this juncture. McGrath greeted Saine, his successor, with a double to right which scored Piotrowski. Goldberg sacrificed McGrath to third but Saine settled down and struck out Bierwagen and Fitzgerald. Bendix scored two more unneeded runs in the fifth. Corgan and Nelson formed the Bendix battery in

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME:

Roanoke Rapids (0)	AB	R	H	C
Simms, 2b.....	3	00	00	11
Brown, rf.....	3	0	1	1
Lee, sf.....	3	0	0	1
Hudson, 3b.....	3	0	0	1
Everett, lb.....	3	0	0	7
Waters, cf.....	3	0	0	0
Rigan, ss.....	2	0	1	1
Stewart, c.....	2	0	1	5
Stacia, lf.....	2	0	1	1
DeBarry, p.....	2	0	0	0
Saine, p.....	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	26	0	4	18

BENDIX BRAKES (9)	AB	R	H	C
Fitzgerald, cf.....	3	0	1	0
Wozniak, lf.....	0	0	0	0
Ciesielski, sf.....	4	1	1	0
Bartus, sf.....	2	1	1	0
Espelage, lf-cf.....	3	1	1	1
Cieslik, 3b.....	3	1	1	0
Mangano, ss.....	2	2	2	0
Piotrowski, 2b.....	3	2	2	1
Pawelski, 2b.....	0	0	0	0
McGrath, lb.....	2	1	2	10
Goldberg, c.....	2	0	1	7
Nelson, c.....	0	0	0	1
Bierwagen, p.....	2	0	1	0
xMurray.....	1	0	0	0
Corgan, p.....	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	28	9	13	21

xBatted for Bierwagen in sixth
Roanoke Rapids.. 000 000 0 - 0

South Bend, Ind.. 020 520 x - 9

Errors: Bartus, Mangano, Rigan. 2B: Bierwagen, Piotrowski, McGrath. 3B: Bartus. HR: Piotrowski. Sac.: Goldberg. SO: by Bierwagen 8, Corgan 2, DeBarry 2, Saine 3. BB: DeBarry 2. WP: DeBarry.

the final stanza. As Corgan fired the third strike past Waters or Roanoke Rapids, the crowd rushed onto the field to congratulate the 1941 world's champions. President W.E. Landis of the ASA presented the championship trophy to Manager Andrews. Each player received an individual desk pen set in addition to solid gold-plated medals. (OVER)

TRUENING BACK PAGES. (Continued from Page 13). Notes from the report on the preceeding page by Earl Mishler: Star Pitcher Ervin J. (Ike) Bierwagen is still working as chief of security at the South Bend, Ind., Tribune. I retyped this story and two others from his scrapbooks, believing that you and your readers as part of The Bulletin's series of great teams of the past. Also, Ted Andrews, the manager of the great Bendix Brakes team, retired from the Tribune a few years ago and still is active in community affairs here....A footnote about fastpitch in South Bend. The Detroit story on the preceeding page says there were 344 teams in South Bend in 1941! Today there is exactly one! (Editor's note: Does that tell you fastpitch enthusiasts anything? We thank Earl Mishler for his research and interesting historical research and for the many other favors he has accorded The Bulletin and its readers. For those who have such interesting historical stories, please send these to Irv Kawarsky of 3101 Meadow Lane, West Des Moines, Iowa 50265, who handles this feature.)

CEDAR RAPIDS VIGORTONE IOWA CITY, IOWA (By Wayne Fisher) - I just wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed the February issue of The Bulletin.

ANOTHER PROMISING TEAM Our Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Vigortone team is eagerly awaiting the 1984 season, which will begin about May 1. Leading the returnees is ace pitcher Rob Scheller, a 20-year-old Canadian. Rob is coming off an excellent campaign in New Zealand this winter. Other returnees include Mike Kaliban (centerfielder who claimed rookie of the year honors in the Cedar Rapids Major Open loop last year), Mike Delaney, Kerry Bolt and Kurt Packingham, outfielders; Steve Kaiser, Merle Whitcher, Dave Bakey, Kevin Hartwig, infielders; Jeff Findley, catcher; Bill Greer, utility, and Mike Tinkham, outfielder-DH. Newcomers include Hartwig, shortstop, Terry Feye and Catcher Shawn O'Brien....We are very enthused about another very important addition to our pitching addition to our ball club in 21-year-old Doug Cormier from Halifax (correction) New Glasgow, Nova Scotia. Doug and his team from Halifax (N.S.) defeated Binbrook (Ont.) 1-0 in the Canadian junior men's national championships last August in Summerside (P.E.I.). Doug and Rob Scheller will make Vigortone a team to be reckoned with this coming season. As of this writing (2-22-84) we are also still in the running for another topnotch ball player who could top off a very good recruiting year for this third year club. Viggie also hopes to add a third pitcher soon....The schedule will be quite competitive, including participation in the ISC Midwest Softball Congress Travel League, the always strong Cedar Rapids Major Open League, as well as playing in tournaments in Sioux City, Cedar Rapids (2), Clear Lake, Mankato (Minn.), St. Joseph, (Mo.), Madison (Wis.), Kimberly (Wis.) and Bloomington (Ill.)....Either Joe Hruska or yours truly will send you a report on personnel for the Major Open League teams when it becomes available. (Editor's note: We thank Wayne Fisher for this story and the many others he has written for our readers. Wayne has been with The Bulletin almost from its inception back in 1973. Keep on helping us Wayne. We need you!) P.S. The ASA major men's fastpitch state tourney has been awarded to Cedar Rapids as it was bid by Kirkwood Community College. Next year both the ASA regional and state meets will be played in Iowa. Naturally Vigortone would hope to be awarded one of these tournaments. Because of the eligibility ban on foreign players, it is doubtful that we will be able to play ASA ball this year. - Wayne Fisher.

ANOTHER ONE! LA CRESCENT, MINN. -We recently received an inaugural copy of another new softball magazine and titled "Softball." For about 10 years now our good friend Doug Gardner has been toying with the idea of publishing a softball magazine. It's been on and off for some time. When we first started The Bulletin in 1973 back in West Allis, Wis., Doug was a great help to us with news, subscribers and even supplies, so we wish him the very best. It's a dandy "Madison Avenue" slick paper magazine and very well printed. It's our understanding the Bill Plummer, communications director of the ASA, has been a great help and wrote two features for the inaugural edition. I was mystified in that it carried no advertising, although it appealed for same. A magazine like that will need much advertising to exist. That will come later, I hope. Anyone wanting copies should write Softball Magazine, 1525 Valley Lane, LaCrescent, Minn. 55947. It's to be a bimonthly publication and no subscription price was quoted in original copy. - Ray Anderson, Publisher of The Bulletin.

Arizona All Set

SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ. (By Hank Pyhel, ISC Arizona Commissioner) — The ISC Travel League will have eight teams this year and will start play April

STATE TRAVEL LEAGUE TO HAVE EIGHT
MEMBERS; WILL START PLAY APRIL 13
AT CHANDLER; BIG WEEKEND SCHEDULE

13 at Chandler. The league will use the "big weekend" type of schedule whereby all the teams gather in one city and play a complete round robin. In this type of league where the teams separated with distance and not accumulated in one area, is proving very popular in this age of inflation and high

prices. It cuts away down on travel and motel bills and at the same time gets in a complete schedule of games. It's a little tough on teams with small pitching staffs, however, as teams have to play more than two games a day and sometimes as many as four.

1984 SCHEDULE:

ISC ARIZONA TRAVEL LEAGUE

Chandler, Ariz. April 13-14-15
Phoenix, Ariz.... May 11-12-13
Nogales, Ariz... June 15-16-17
Willcox, Ariz... July 13-14-15

But the advantages far outweigh the disadvantages, and it saves a whole lot of money. Also, it creates much more Comradery among the players as they have time to sit around and visit during the blank times between games instead of playing one or two games and depart for home....At a meeting of the league directors the schedule was drawn up and dates set for the ISC state tournament, which will be July 27-28-29

and will be staged at Nogales. The winner will advance to the ISC World Tournament at Allentown, Pa., Aug. 10-19... The league winner also will be eligible to attend the ISC world tournament, too, so Arizona will have two representatives....Brief resume of the league teams: Seventh Ave. Auto of Phoenix will be headed by John Dutton and its more prominent players are Jim Turner, Steve McCoy, Tom Shackelford and Tracy Stilwell. The Jonvoy Trucking is headed by Ron James, Sr., his better-known players are Mike Strausser, Chuck Seymore, Steve Betts, Larry Eubanks and Ron James, Jr. Don Kelland and his Yuma, Ariz., team is one of the favorites and he will have among others John White, Steve Roberts, Dennis Christofferson, and Lonnie Brooks. The Sierra Vista team is headed by Joe Rivera and includes Mark Blair, George Munsey, Dave Rubin and Don Zimmerman. Dave Harris heads the Willcox team of youngsters like Tim Harris, Kirk Harris, Eddie Clement and Greg Hodgeson. Southern Truck has revived (remember when they once were one of the best in the southwest?) and Joe Higgins is the manager, who has assembled a new, young team with the oldest player only 25 years old. It'll be interesting to watch them improve. Could be a sleeper... Danny Oriero of Tucson Boondocks has Jack Stoker, Eric Brown and Tracy Richardson. The other team is Tucson Finily Lite with Gary Clifford as their leader. This is another young team that came in fourth in last year's 12-team tough ISC state tournament....I will keep your readers informed as to the winners after each big weekend and any other interesting news that occurs in Arizona — Hank Pyhel.

UNUSUAL AWARD ATASCADERO, CALIF. — Dick Grove, district ASA commissioner for this area, plans a men's Class A double elimination meet at Paso Robles, Calif., May 25-28. One of the awards is most unusual. Winner's next tourney entry fee will be paid, but not to exceed \$175. Other awards include sponsor trophies to first three finishers, 15 individual awards to champion and MVP pitcher and player. Entry fee is \$160. Contact Dick Grove, 6155 Conejo Road, Atascadero, Calif. 93422 or call 1-805-466-8505.

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FRED HOFFMAN, PIONEER ST. JOSEPH, MO.: - Fred Hoffman, one of the pioneers of the Amateur Softball Assn., passed away Feb. 11, at a local hospital. Mr. Hoffman, known as Mr. YMCA...Mr. Softball...Mr. Kiwanis...Mr. St. Joseph, had been involved with the ASA since its founding in 1933. Mr. Hoffman served as the Missouri ASA commissioner all those 50 years and was the only commissioner the state ever had, and was one of the first inducted into the ASA's Hall of Honor. Mr. Hoffmanserved as national ASA president from 1962-1963 and was chairman of the appointments committee and a former member of the International Joint Rules Committee. He also was the national YMCA's representative on the ASA national council. He was a past president of the Kiwanis Club of St. Joseph, held the position of club secretary 1939-1974 and was honored for his 35-year tenure when he resigned in 1974 and was awarded with life membership. An executive director of St. Joseph YMCA, he was instrumental in helping to raise \$3.1 million for the new Family YMCA. He was named membership secretary in 1927 and served in many positions until he was named executive director in 1949, and retired in 1980. He was very active in the Masonic lodge and honored with 33 degree, and a member and deacon of First Baptist church. Survivors include his wife, Juanita, two sisters, Mildred Letovsky of Omaha, Neb., and Margaret Guyer of Glendale, Calif. "I don't know of anybody in the United States who had more of an impact on softball at the national, state and local level," said Dennis Christgen, treasurer of the committee which is coordinating this summer's national fastpitch tournament for major men's teams here in St. Joseph. Mr. Christgen sponsors the Walnut/Woods team here that will host that national tournament. "Fred was a great person," states Carl P. Kelley of Omaha, Neb., metro ASA commissioner of that area and one of the top promoters of the sport in that area and the country. "He would do anything for softball, for those he served as director of the St. Joseph YMCA, and those Masonic friends he served as potentate," Kelly recalled. "Fred appointed me to the ASA membership committee as chairman when he was elected ASA national president. I accepted the appointment with the understanding it would be a working committee. Fred agreed, and as the records indicate, the ASA has grown every year since - and Fred lived to enjoy much of that growth - each year that followed. It was an honor to me to work with such a great man. Both Lola and I will miss Fred very much," concluded Kelley in a statement to The Bulletin.

INDIANA TEAM GROWS SHELBYVILLE, IND. (By L. Rudy Thoman) - Having just organized just two years ago (1892) our team, Shelbyville Sting, was fortunate enough to win our state ASA championship last August. As a result, we have booked a healthy schedule for 1984 (complete schedule later). As of this writing we are fully booked including the likes of Canton, N.C., Clearwater, Fla., Bombers, and Decatur, Ill. ADM. Also, we again will sponsor a farm team to help supply the Sting with quality players and management. Last November we had our annual awards banquet, and had special guests, Wayne Myers, ASA state commissioner, and Orie Chandler, Indianapolis metro ASA commissioner. Also at our banquet we honored two of fastpitch's greatest fans in Lewis Browning, 51 years in ASA, and Joe Bradley, over 40 years in association with the ASA. We have our team almost set but are still negotiating with some....When I read your December edition, I immediately sat down and sent out thirty (30) subscription blanks to fastpitch people I thought would appreciate The Bulletin. Here's hoping you carry on with The Bulletin.

HARSTAD, NORWEST MVP LAKE OSWEGO, ORE. (By Mickey Newell) - Virg Harstad, the great Norwest League's most valuable pitcher the past two seasons, has joined our Ray Bristow Laker Ball club, which will be called the "LOCC Lakers" in 1984 (Lake Oswego Credit Corporation). In 1983 Harstad was the standout hurler for Gay's Crane of Portland, which has folded. I will send your readers more news from this area when things settle down. Please list our tournaments in your Directory: July 6-7-8, the eighth annual Ray Bristow 12-team double elimination at Erv Lind stadium in Portland with entre fee \$125. Managers may contact me at P.O. Box 1518, Lake Oswego, Ore. 97034 or call 1-503-636-7641. Then on Aug. 3-4-5 we'll have the Rose Cup open dbl.elim. at Erv Lind with entry \$125 and limited to 12 teams. For this one contact Mike Addis, 1120 S.W. 5th, Room 502, Portland, Ore. 97204. His phone number is 1-503-796-5126.

Umpiring

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I care less in my personal appearance? Am I just under the wire in my arrival at the games? Am I forgetting to review the rules? Am I "hard-headed" regarding interpretations? Am I using my opinion as the one and only? Am I disrespectful when asked questions? Am I continually controlling my temper? Am I assuming a "dictator attitude"? Am I beyond being convinced I may be wrong? Am I attending interpretation clinics? Am I cooperating with my fellow umpires? Am I always alert to cover all situations? Am I keeping in good physical condition? Am I always prepared with the necessary equipment? Am I satisfied to let the game lag? Am I mentally equipped to accept the responsibility expected of me? Am I firm in my decisions? Am I provoking antagonism when enforcing the rules?....Not all umpires improve. A good number keep their faults, resent constructive criticism, are unwilling to learn and have been lax in studying the rules. Many umpires assume they are infallible in their judgments and regard their opinions as final, not alone in softball, but various other subjects. When asked questions, they sometimes treat the questioner with contempt. They often lose their temper and assume dictatorial attitudes. They are never convinced that perhaps they may be wrong. A lack of cooperation among umpires is prevalent in too many instances. Not being alert in many cases is the underlying cause of this lack of cooperation. Use the off-season to take inventory. Make your corrections and adjustments now! Eliminate your faults before the season starts. You will find umpiring can be a sport and not a chore.

....Read the following once in awhile; it is important to the game as well as yourselves....An Ideal umpire notices everything, but seldom is noticed themselves! They have resourcefulness and initiative. They have dignity of voice and manner, but no suggestion of pompousness! They are considerate and courteous without sacrificing firmness. They can control the players effectively and understandingly. They have constant concern for the welfare of the players. They cooperate fully with fellow umpires. They are physically able to be, and is, in the right place at the right time. They know what the rules say and what the rules mean....One additional tip: Younger umpires look to the veterans for advice. Be fair in your observations, your advice will influence a rookie umpire's attitude toward the game. Help them along. Remember, you, too, were assisted at one time during your career....After the ASA commissioners council concluded in Albuquerque last month (January) I had a chance to take a short side trip to El Paso, Texas, and Juarez, Mexico. While in El Paso, I had a chance to talk to Frank Porth, ISC treasurer and umpire-in-chief about fastpitch and the new 1985 pitching rule concerning one foot on the rubber. Mr. Porth feels as I do, that the new rule will aid the umpire and perhaps encourage some young players to try pitching. It certainly won't hurt the game. If you have an opinion, please write me about your thoughts about the rule this year. We'll see if they match up with the opinions after the rule goes into effect in 1985. That's it for this month. Once again I would like to hear from all of you play- (On Page 18)

GOLDEN VALLEY, MINN. (By Les Novak, Minnesota Umpire-in-Chief) - As the season approaches and during the questions that are always asked of umpires, some of the answers are merely quotes from the rule book. However, of major importance are the questions that we as umpires can ask of ourselves: Am I improving as an umpire, compared to other seasons? Am I correcting faults? Am I exerting every effort to perform the job expected? Am I taking a "let's-get-it-over" attitude? Am I the "big boss" on the field? Am

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UMPIRING (From Page 17) ers, managers and fans as well as all you umpires. This month I will be working in the eighth annual Carson, Calif., invitational (one of the best tournaments in southern California) and hope to see many of you there. On March 25 I will be conducting an umpires' clinic in Wisconsin Rapids, for the Wisconsin ASA. I can be reached at 7020 Olson Highway, Golden Valley, Minn. 55427. See you next month! (Editor's note: We feel that Les Novak each month presents a very interesting and informative column for the good of fastpitch softball. If and when you see him at a tournament or a clinic, please approach him and tell him how much you appreciate his efforts for the game. Also, write him to answer your questions and urge him to continue his great work through The Bulletin.)

WARNS WATCH OUT FOR SIOUX CITY, IOWA (By Gary Gevik) — I am the coach of Morningside College fastpitch team and I pitch for the Siouxland Merchants.

SIOUXLAND MERCHANTS The Morningside women have been co-champions of the Io-Kota conference the past two seasons and hope to win the conference crown outright in 1984. The team also has its sights set on a return trip to the NAIA national tournament again this year as we did in 1982....The Siouxland Merchants return the nucleus of a team that was 64-32 in 1983, won four tournaments, was runner-up in four and finished fifth in the Iowa open tournament held at beautiful Penn Corp Park. Our goals in 1984 are to play a strong 100-game schedule and finish in top three on major open tournament. We return Mike Codina (rf, .357), Rick Aadland (2nd, .305), Mick Everett (cf, .285), Ken Vergith (3rd, .285), Kirk Aadland (ss, .267) and Paul DeBey (lf, .252). Tom Prince and Denny Blankenburg have retired after outstanding careers. But we have commitments from Jim McBride, an outstanding hitter, and first baseman who formerly played for Penn Corp, and Brad Dodge, who has been Spencer Budweisers dynamite shortstop recently. Dennis Quade (28-15 in 1983) has left the Merchants and returned to Penn Corp where he pitched in 1982, where he will team up with Peter Sandman, to form a formidable pitching staff. His spot in our pitching rotation will be taken by the outstanding newcomer from Merrill, Iowa, named Rick Lang. He is a 6-foot, 5-inch, 190-lb. Westminster College freshman, where he is also a fine basketball player. Rick pitched for the Penn Corp last year, where he had a fine year. I hate to let the rest of the country know about Rick, but they will hear about him soon enough. He is a very hard thrower with great movement and command of his pitches. Our team is a young one and we are looking forward of high hopes of gaining national prominence in near future. Will keep your readers posted....I am one of the many Sioux City fastpitch enthusiasts who enjoy reading The Bulletin. Keep up the good work and keep your eye on the Siouxland Merchants. Our program here is not only alive and well, but is growing in quality and quantity — Gary Gevik.

NEEDS ONE TERRE HAUTE, IND. — Indiana ASA commissioner Wayne Myers (who, in our opinion, is one of the hardest working commissioners in the entire ASA program)

MORE TEAM tells The Bulletin he needs one more team for each of his well-known and established tournaments that he has run for years at his own park, Terre Haute Stadium. These are the Helen Taylor women's open to be staged June 1-2-3, and the men's open Ora Cronk meet to be staged July 6-7-8. (It was at this tournament back in 1974 is where we had the pleasure of first meeting Mr. Myers.) Entry fee in each is only \$75. These are two fine tournaments and well directed. Wayne will have Charlie Vicars assisting and he can be reached at 1-812-232-3530. The Helen Taylor tournament, in honor of the late Helen Taylor, who was a standout leader of girls fastpitch before her death, will have Jim Davis and his Springfield team back to defend its title. Only 11 teams will be accepted in each meet so all games can be played at the Terre Haute Stadium on one weekend. Wayne Myers can be reached at 3300 S. 5th St., Terre Haute, Ind. 47802 or call 1-812-234-0339.

THEY WRITE: "Hope you can keep up the ever expansion of your fine publication. Like the suggestion to divide the subjects into sections," William Simpson, Fairfield, Conn...."Please renew my subscription to The Bulletin. I would like to thank you for the many hours of enjoyment derived from your publication, and being able to keep up with softball happenings around the country and advance information on teams participating in tournaments," Norm Chase, Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

Boost Old-Timers

PIQUA, OHIO (By Doug Plank)—Larry Honeycutt, promotions director of "Piqua Fastballers," recently announced

PIQUA, OHIO, PLANS THIRD ANNUAL EVENT

JUNE 17; TO STAGE TOURNEY JULY 14-15;

FASTBALLERS PLANNING FOR OWN FACILITY

plans for second annual Miami County Old-Timers game to be held June 17 at Lower Mote Park here in Piqua. Last year's first ever Old Timers game was a huge success and the 1984 version promises to be even greater. Approximately sixty former outstanding players of the

1940's, '50's and '60's will participate. Last year old-timers returned home from Florida, California, and all parts of the country in order to participate. This year's game will again be recorded for a delayed video broadcast on local cable TV. The day's events will start off with a potluck dinner at 12:30. Prior to the game there will be a group picture session and introduction of players. But the old-timers' game is only the beginning! A Miami County Fastpitch Hall of Fame has been established and 10 members are to be inducted for 1984, the Hall's initial season. Two additional members are to be inducted each succeeding year and these ceremonies will follow the old-timers' game. Owen Putnam again will chair the reunion committee. Owen was a former Piqua fastpitch "great" himself, and has been instrumental in coordinating the old-timers' affair. A feature of the celebration will be when the Fastballers play host in a double-header to the 10-time national ASA champions, Clearwater, Fla., Bombers. "We are very honored to host the Bombers," said Honeycutt. There is no other team in the nation whose history offers more to the day's activities and we are expecting a large crowd to attend this fastpitch festival. "Fastpitch fever" is spreading rapidly again in this area and hosting the Bombers is a real promotional boost! (Editor's note: This revival is due to the activities of the Fastballers Club, which has a fine major team which is backed up by a very energetic club and many of the more progressive businesses in the area. They put out a dandy newsletter each month that is crammed full of information and the club, at its monthly meetings awards attractive raffle prizes.) The

annual Fastballers round robin tourney will be held July 14-15 and will be a tournament of champions. In addition to the hosting Fastballers of Piqua, competing teams will include both the defending Ohio state champs, Ashland E.S.S. and the defending Indiana state champs, the Skelbyville Sting. Also, the Columbus Capitols, last year known as Scioto Mobbers, the

defending champs of '83 will return with powerful Ed Cable on the mound. In addition, Walton, Ky., take the state champs of the Bluegrass and Hamilton, a former Ohio state champ. Shelbyville features Pitcher Chuck Asher. Ashland Merchants feature reknowned Pitchers Jim Doyle and Tony Hunhoff, who Manager Paul Seymore thinks is going to be a key in their drive to national prominence. It's hard to imagine a stronger slate of teams competing on the same field at the same time in Miami county fastpitch annals!..

..The Fastballers have announced intentions to build a new playing facility by 1986. "The Fastballers will provide all segments of our community with programs and facilities than can really be a source of community pride and involvement," according to Gordon Wise, general manager of the Fastballers organization. "We want our community to have all the benefits and advantages; the ability to attract top-flight personnel, and to host the throngs of people who annually patronize major tournaments." Persons interested in the Fastballers' program may contact Gordon Wise, 1115 Broadway, Piqua, Ohio 45356 or call 1-513-773-1084.

FASTBALLERS ADD

PIQUA, OHIO (By Gordon Wise) - The Piqua Fastballers announce the signing of two topflight players for 1984. One is Pitcher Brian Helwig of Cass City, Mich., who has compiled a 1.05 earned run average over last three years and regarded as one of the best young prospects

TWO TOP PLAYERS

in this area. He's 24 years old and a right-hander. The other newcomer is Stan King, a 22-year-old first baseman who was named to the 1983 all-star team of Ohio. The 6-foot-1, 170-pound left-handed hitter of West Liberty hit .340 last season with the Merchants as they came in third in the major division. He is an excellent addition to our team and a fine pitcher with a great drop ball and a quality individual. Brian is a serious student of pitching, and I know he and Doug Plank (pitcher) will (On Page 20)

FASTBALLERS ADD TWO (From Page 19) be a great asset to each other. Helwig will swing into action with the Fastballers on Saturday, April 21, when they begin their third season. During the past two seasons Plank has carried the major burden of pitching and compiled a 54-37 record as the Fastballers were 96 wins and 37 losses. This year the competition will be much tougher as they compete in the ISC Buckeye Major Fastpitch Conference. King will add another strong lefthanded hitter to the batting order. Dave Hepner, veteran Fastballer first sacker, offers the best description of the talented newcomer, "Stan is one of the two men in the whole state whom I most feared to see come to bat. If I play him tight, he will rip line drives past me, and if I play back just a step, he will drop a bunt, and he's too fast to throw out!" The presence of the hard-hitting and slick-fielding King into the Fastballers lineup will move Hepner to the putfield or the DH spot.

FORM NEW ISC LOOP (Continued from Page 1) be in charge of powerful Ashland Merchants/E.S.S. team which has added pitching strength in Tony Hunoff, last year with the Battermen from Massachusetts. They also have signed an outstanding hitter new to Ohio in Bruce Miller from Michigan. The living legend Jimmy Doyle (50 this season) will anchor the mound staff....The Perennial powerhouse from Kidron will add an extra touch of class to the league. With the addition of Hank Miller, former ASA All-American, Kidron will sport a fine 1-2 punch with Ray Nussbaum returning for '84 action, under the direction of Harley Gerber....West Liberty Mac-o-chee will represent the small community that sent the Cavemen to four straight nationals. Under leadership of Reno Stapleton and Galen Harris, Mac-o-chee will throw Stapleton and Keith Jackson....The Moulton Merchants will be led by hard-hitting Field Manager Steve Trout. Veteran Willie Vettters and young Craig Bowers will pick up much of the pitching action for the team which promises to have an extremely strong offensive lineup....Marion WATCO will be led by Manager Max Lowe. As of this writing, the pitching staff is not settled, but Marion has produced strong teams in Ohio circles for many years....The Piqua Fastballers will round out the membership of the league under the guidance of newly-appointed Field Manager Dave Hapner. As of this date, the pitching will be shared by Doug Plank and newly-acquired Brian Helwig, but one additional hurler may yet be added. The offense will be centered around power-hitting Gary Burns....The commissioner of this new league will be Gordon Wise, the general manager of the Piqua Fastballers. The league champion, like in all sanctioned ISC loops, will get an automatic bid to the ISC's world tournament, this year in nearby Allentown, Pa., Aug. 10-19....To recap a little, during the 1983 season, Kent Wise was the top hitter

Wise Batting Leader with a .333 average, .488 slugging average and a .415 on base percentage. Gary Burns had the next best batting average with .328 and Mike Fair was third with .314 and Dave Crumbler next with .310. A total of 12 records were broken during 1983. Six of those marks belong to Kent Wise, who broke earlier marks for most appearances (309), most at bats (252), runs scored (59), hits (84), doubles (10), and times hit by pitcher (5). Dave Crumbler broke the mark for most stolen bases with 28. Mike Fair established a new mark as "toughest to strike out" fanning just five per cent. The team set new highs for most wins (53), most games played (91), and longest winning streak (10)....One of the brightest developments in brief history of the Fastballers took place recently with the completion of a partnership arrangement between the Fastballers and a pair of major Business organizations in Piqua/Miami county area. The Piqua East Mall and Jackson Tube Services have become "franchise partners" with the Fastballers, and this additional support represents a most significant step in establishing the resource base which will enable the Fastballers to be able to compete at the highest levels of fastpitch softball. They join our continuing prime sponsors Ulbrich's IGA Supermarkets, Poly-Flex Sports Surfaces, Athletic Locker Room, and Nick's Plating Co. Sam Jackson, Jr., and Scott Miller will be joining the Fastballers board of directors, which now numbers 24....A note to The Bulletin: As for suggestions to boost circulation: If you don't send subscription reminders other than the date on the address label, you might consider enclosing some form of "your subscription will be expiring with next (or this) month's issue" flyer attached to the front page of The Bulletin. Accordingly, I am enclosing three new subscriptions with this news release about our Fastballers team. Also, please keep up the good work with The Bulletin.)

15 Teams

RECORD NUMBER COUNTRIES IN WORLD

CHAMPIONSHIPS AT MIDLAND, MICH.,

JULY 6-14; CALLED CULTURAL EVENT

will be represented by the Franklin Cardinals of West Haven, Conn., the 1983 ASA champions and managed by John Anquillarre. The Cardinals' top pitcher, Owen Walford, is a familiar name to people in Midland area. Walford was a standout hurler for the McArdles squad in 1980. In fact, Walford holds the record for most world tournament victories, setting the mark with six wins in 1976 while pitching for his native New Zealand, and then tying the mark with McArdles in 1980. Another name familiar to fastpitch fans, especially in the mid-Michigan area is Kevin Herlihy, who is expected to hurl for New Zealand, his home country. Herlihy formerly pitched for Saginaw, Mich., Bolters and hurled that team to the ISC national title in 1979 and he pitched in each previous world tournament for New Zealand....The 15 teams which will be competing in

Teams Entered Midland in this year's world championships are: United States, Zimbabwe, Guam, Botswana, Japan, Dominican Republic, New Zealand, Bermuda, Mexico, Canada, Bahamas, Argentina, Chinese Taipei, Panama and Netherlands Antilles. There are 54 member countries in the International Softball Federation, which are eligible for the world tournament. Three teams, New Guinea, South Africa and the U.S. Virgin Islands competed in 1980, but won't this year. The four new teams which will be competing this year are Bermuda, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Netherlands Antilles....The tournament will be a cultural event in the Midland area, and many people are working to make the event successful, according to Tournament Director Marty McGuire of the sponsoring Midland Redcoats. "We are going to try and tie in some cultural events," said McGuire, "like parades or something with the arts. We will try to pull together the cultural aspect. But we also respect the importance of the tournament itself. We want to make the event something special for Midland and mid-Michigan. It's going to be an international experience."...Because this is the world tournament, the

Will Provide language barrier, and other things associated with such have been worked out.

Interpreters "Each team will have two host couples from the Midland area," McGuire added.

"One of the couples will be oriented with Midland fastpitch, and the other will be a couple from the team's native country. We will have interpreters working on the tournament staff, and each team is required to bring an interpreter."...Accommodations in the Midland area are nearly filled for the week of the tournament, although McGuire thinks that there might be a few rooms available. The best bet would be to check the availability of accommodations in Bay City, Saginaw and Mt. Pleasant. All three towns are within a half-hour drive to Emerson Park. If absolutely necessary Marty McGuire can be contacted at 1-517-835-9071 or 832-8438.

THEY WRITE: "Were shown articles on California Kings and as fans, looking forward to more, so do enter a subscription for us," Mr. and Mrs. Neal Sears, San Andreas, Calif...."Without your Bulletin Reno, Nev., would be the Antarctica of fastpitch softball. Keep up fine work," Jim McDonald, Reno, Nev.

MIDLAND, MICH. (By Chad Roberts, Midland Daily News Sports Writer) - A tournament record of 15 teams will journey into Midland this summer to take part in the sixth men's World Tournament Championships, July 6-14 at the Emerson Park Currie Stadium. The tournament promises to showcase some of the top fastpitch talent in the world. The United States is the reigning champion, with McArdles Pontiac/Cadillac of Midland taking the world championship in 1980 at Tacoma, Wash. The 1984 United States squad

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RESULTS OF THE GAMES:

A.S.P. Hawks 2, R.H. Outlaws 1
Magna Plating 3, N.E.Eagles 1
Savala Painters 3, Phillies 1
Riverside 6, Burbank Min.Men 1
Santa Ana 5, So.Calif.Dons 1
Manchester Outlaws 6, A.S.P. 3
Phillies 3, Burbank Min.Men 1
Magna Plating 1, Culver City 6
Riverside Angels 7, Savala 0
So.Calif.Dons 7, Culver City 1
Santa Ana 7, L.A.Devastators 0
Savala 3, Rolling Hills Outlaws 2
Manchester Outlaws 2, Magna 1
Phillies 1, A.S.P.Hawks 0
Santa Ana Orange 8, Riverside 6
N.E.Eagles 3, L.A.Devastators 1
So. Calif. Dons 4, Phillies 0
Savala Painters 9, N.E.Eagles 2
Riverside Angels 3, So.Cal.Dons 2
Savala Painters 3, Magna Plat'g 0
Santa Ana 6, Manchester outlaws 2
Riverside Angels 3, Savala 0
Riverside 4, Manchester Outlaws 0
Santa Ana 6, Riverside Angels 4

to get to the finals. Combined with the bats of the Bega brothers, Fred, Ray and Johnny, and their second baseman, Paul Iverson, they are going to be awesome in the PCSL! Iverson hit both Santa Ana pitchers, Sam Turner and Dan Woods, like he owned them! But the Santa Ana team has a powerhouse group of hitters and fine fielders. Their batters include Larry Nolan and Floyd "Blue" LaVergne, who have been All-American selections a couple of times. Other top quality players on this team include Harry and Rick Munoz, Darryl McNealy and Randy Henry, who a few years back set an WSC record with a slugging average of .018. LaVergne, McNealy and Henry hit long, long home runs on the open fields (no fences). The San Gabriel Eagles, a Class A team from the Southern California Softball Assn. League, showed up with a new pitcher, Herb Lucas, who, last year was with Walnut/Woods of St. Joseph, Mo. (attention Ed Christgen, Manager of Walnut/Woods). The Eagles also have Vic Gamboa and Butch Duerdin from the Lakewood Jets and Warren Pemberton from the Conejo Valley Seahawks playing on their team this year and they're bound to be tough....Magna Plating of the PCSL looks strong again this year. Young Tracy Satterfield looks like he's throwing well for the beginning of the season. They have two good batters in left-handed Steve Chase and Steve Cates, both outfielders....The Manchester Outlaws and veteran Harry Reese and David Blackburn pitching with Ron Strawberry and Chuck Thompson playing outfield and catching respectively. All these players are reported will be with the San Fernando Rogers Raiders in the PCSL during the up-coming season. Looks like some of these Class A teams are nearly good enough to play with the major open teams in the Western Softball Congress!

THEY WRITE: "Please renew my subscription and accept the extra to help defray your costs," G.D.Foster, DeKalb, Ill...."Would you please renew my subscription for another year. Enjoy it very much," John D. Jamerson, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. "Please renew my subscription for another year," Melvin Quinton, Trona, Calif.

ROSEMEAD, CALIF. (By Greeko Fregozo) -Thought I'd better get this report into you or you would be "blowing the horn" on me (standing joke between Greeko and the editor). This is the Washington birthday tournaments sponsored by the Los Angeles

Ana Orange Eagles, assembled by Al Olivos, won the whole thing without losing a game. They have one heck of a team and we'll be hearing more from them this year! They have veterans Sam Turner and Dan Woods pitching for them and they proved to be too tough for the rest of the teams....Relative to the tournament help, I would like to thank all the ladies who worked in the concession stand. They did a heck of a job, starting with my wife Barbara and the rest including Cookie Amaya, Grace Quesada, Carmen Rubio, Marta Gielles, Frances Molina, Terry Rios, Erlene Perez and Natie. Also a special thanks to those who made donations to us. It wouldn't have been much of a tournament without their help.

COMMENTS BY

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. (By Betty Stout)-

BETTY STOUT

It was beautiful weather here in mid-February as 13 teams battled to an exciting finish with the Manchester Eagles (to be the Santa Ana Orange Eagles in the Western Softball Congress this summer) going nine innings before defeating the Riverside Angels, 6-4, to take the trophy. The Riverside Angels showed what a strong Class A team they will be in the Pacific Coast Softball League this summer. Their two pitchers, Ernie Yarbrough (known in many parts of the country) and Ray Auganado, threw three shutouts

A.P.O. News:

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NAMED IN HIS HONOR; CAMPAIGN TO OPEN IN APRIL

copy of The Bulletin, then he'll subscribe....I finally made contact with Bill Jeffers, coach of the Eschborn Travelers (Frankfurt). One of the issues goes to Bill and I have no doubt from there he'll get 20 additional subscriptions. He's a tremendous supporter of fastpitch softball, so much so, he's had a softball field in Holland named after him. In the near future I'll be sending in an article about his accomplishments and his work with the Dutch teams (written by none other than Boo Odem in the European Stars and Stripes)....Most of the teams in Europe are currently working put in the gyms and throwing indoors. We still get some snow in March, and April is windy and cool, but normally the first games start by first weekend in April....I've received some nice letters from state-side ball players, telling how they enjoy reading A.P.O. News. Have also had some inquiries about the four pitchers who shipped back to the states. I just received word our big lefthander Wendell Parsons (unbeaten in '83) is being reassigned in July to Patrick AFB, Florida. He's working on an extension through August, but

things don't look good about staying. He'll have no problem getting with a team when he reports to Florida....I've been out recruiting again and hope I've convinced a few veterans and some new arrivals to try out with our team. I have to compete with the slowpitch and baseball teams for a lot of newly assigned people. Have to admit I don't try to talk to many slowpitch players into a man's game. (Never did like that game.) ...I'm still about two issues away from being able to report the results of any European tournaments. The Frankfurt invitational will start these going. Both the Eschborn Travelers (Army European champions) and our team, Ramstein Rams (Air Force European champions) will be at the tourney. It should be another good one. We've been trying for three years to

play the Army champs at season's end, but we just haven't been able to get together. We're defending champs from last year's Frankfurt tourney. Giesen ('82 Army champs) didn't finish in top three last year, but we didn't get to play them. Frankfurt will be our first opportunity for a playoff....Until next issue, "auf wiedersehen!"

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL TO ALHAMBRA, CALIF. (By Betty Stout) - International Softball Federation has approved the first Women's International Cup fastpitch tournament for Los Angeles, Calif., June 29

BE STAGED AT LOS ANGELES to July 4, prior to Olympic Games. Seven countries have accepted invitations: Canada, Puerto Rico, Holland, Japan, Mexico, China and Taiwan. The United States will be the eighth team and will be the 1983 ASA women's national champions, Raybestos Brakettes of Stratford, Conn. "We are looking forward to this International Cup," said Don Porter, who is secretary general of the ISF as well as executive director of the ASA. "We will have the best women's fastpitch teams in the world competing in this event." The tournament director will be Bobbie Jordan, women and youth commissioner for the ASA in southern California. She can be reached at 17200 Raymer St., Northridge, Calif. 91324 or call 1-213-349-8399. Norbert Arriola, ASA commissioner for southern California, is heading the large committee formed to plan the details. The Cup includes two of the top four finishers from the women's world championships - Taiwan and the U.S.A., and the 1983 Pan-American gold medalist. Canada. This tournament is expected to draw large crowds of fastpitch lovers.

THEY WRITE: "Sorry about being late with my renewal; about as slow as I am accused of in pitching. Have included a little extra," Pete Kulenkamp, Gillespie, Ill.

RAMSTEIN, GERMANY (By the T-Bird) — Much thanks for the kind words in the last issue of The Bulletin. We try to spread the word about this fine publication. I have sent money for three additional subscriptions. I've asked my ball players to carry their copies of The Bulletin to our tournaments. I'm convinced the only encouragement a fastpitch player needs is to see a

SANTA ANA ORANGE EAGLES

TAKE TWO FEBRUARY MEETS

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. (By Betty Stout) - The Santa Ana Orange Eagles won their second tournament in February by defeating San Fernando Rogers Raiders, 6-0, in championship game of Sonny Smith Memorial at Manchester Park, Feb. 25-26. Santa Ana is definitely looking like a winner as they conquered East L.A. Eagles, 7-0, in five innings, Raymax of Burbank, 4-2, and the San Gabriel Eagles, 8-1, to gain the finals. The great All-American Larry Nolan is definitely the leader of the team, helping to

HOW THEY FINISHED:	W	L
Santa Ana Orange Eagles	4	0
Rogers Raiders.....	4	2
San Gabriel Eagles.....	3	2
Burbank Raymax.....	3	2
L.A. Phillies.....	2	2
Lakewood Jets.....	1	2
East L.A. Hawks.....	1	2
Manchester Outlaws.....	1	2
Bold Bulls.....	1	2
Hawthorne Elks.....	1	2
S. Calif. Dons.....	1	2
Manchester Gents.....	0	2
Los Angeles Stars.....	0	2
L.A. Devastators.....	0	2

keep the youngsters in the game and encourage all the players by his will to win. He went 7-for-8 at bat in last two games (one of greatest hitters in fastpitch) of the tournament and won the MVP award. Sam Turner and Dan Woods did the pitching and Turner won the MVP pitching award. The Lakewood Jets came to surface with their new team, as promised by Howie Jarez. They have Jerry Leavitt, Marty Rubinoff and Jerry Hendrix of the late Camarillo Kings. Their pitching is still weak, but they are hoping to augment their staff with a couple Canadians....The San Gabriel Eagles of Southern California Softball Assn. league won their first three games, taking the San Fernando Rogers Raiders, 3-2; the Hawthorne Elks, 3-2, and then outlasting the Jets, 11-9, in eight innings. But the Santa Ana pitcher, Dan Woods, stilled their bats and put them in the losers' bracket. There they lost to Rogers Raiders, 2-1. The San Gabriel Eagles have a new pitcher in Herb Lucas. Last year he

was with St. Joseph, Mo., Walnut/Woods, which this year will host the men's major ASA nationals in St. Joseph....San Fernando Rogers Raiders have a fine catcher in Bob Adams. He's a power at bat, too. He played baseball with the Detroit Tiger organization. The Raiders have picked up a new pitcher in Mark Becker. He was a baseball pitcher at Arizona State until he hurt his arm. Says throwing underhand don't hurt and he's learning. Looks promising. Burbank Raymax have two fine young pitchers in Bob Vandenberg and Pat Hoverstrydt. Also on the team is Kevin Anderson, veteran infielder. He played with Lancaster Chameleons (ISC champs) until he was injured in a head-on collision halfway through the 1982 season and was batting over .360 and made the all-star team of the Western Softball Congress. He's making a comeback and hasn't lost his eye at bat. He's now playing first base instead of second and still moves well in either direction. Look for him to be starring with some open team one of these days!

TOM MASON IN

FINAL CLINIC

CAMP PENDLETON, CALIF. (By Betty Stout) - Recently, Tom Mason, the ASA rules interpreter and clinician, presented his last clinic before more than 300 umpires here. Mason has resigned after a long reign as umpire leader and teacher, because of pressing commitments to his job. (Editors

note: We have attended several of his clinics and he is the best interpreter of the rules we ever have listened to. He made his clinics interesting as well as educational. He could explain the rules so that everybody could understand these. "He will be missed," said Norbert Arriola, ASA southern California commissioner, "especially by our umpires out here. He has come to give clinics a y time it was possible and our umpires look upon him as a real friend," said Arriola. "The softball world will feel the loss of one of the most knowledgeable umpire clinicians and a great backer of fastpitch softball. I am very sorry to see him leave," concluded Arriola sadly.

SIGN BRUCE FOWLER

WAUKESHA, WIS. (By Jim Melville) - Not much activity right now and waiting for weather to break. Most of the scheduling, tournament

arrangements and players have been signed. Former New Z alander Bruce Fowler has signed with our All*Car team, which will play out of Green Bay. He has been inactive because of work and injury, but is throwing the ball real good. So far we have not come to terms with and of the Canadian pitchers, as reported in recent Bulletin. Whoever reported that had better check his sources and not embarrass us or the players. Will have someone associated with our team report on the activities of the All*car team as the season progresses.

Carry On...

SAN CLEMENTE, CALIF., GROUP TO REPEAT
CLASS B MEN'S '83 TOURNAMENTS; REPORT
ON LAST YEAR'S NARROW LOOP TITLE RACE

fight with Northwind Radiator again winning the city title after a 1-game playoff win over Roundtable Pizza. This marked Northwind's 10th city title in last 12 years. The Corona Umpires Assn. will supply the men in blue for this year's tournaments and hoop

SUPER-GREAT IDEA!

About The Bulletin's subscription problems: I like The Bulletin just the way it is! I don't think you should change a thing! If you need more subscriptions to keep The Bulletin going, we, the readers, are the ones who have to do something about it! I received my first subscription to The Bulletin as a gift from a friend and I've been with it ever since. If every reader would recruit one subscription or donate one gift subscription, we would double The Bulletin's circulation. Let's do it, readers! I challenge every reader to get at least one new subscription before July 4 -- Enclosed is my subscription renewal and 10 third class gift subscriptions: Frank Rizzo, Bob Weed, Jim Baker, Mark Christensen, Ruben Gomez, Ron Oetgen, Jess Ruiz, Paul Manola, Mal Cruickshank and Mike Otto. -- Pete Koshay of San Clemente, Calif.

Tom Davis blasted a triple, scoring loaded the bases again, but veteran Pitcher Ken Finley wiggled out without further damage. In bottom of fifth, Northwind's hurler Mark Christensen gave up first hit to Pizzamen when Jim Linnert lashed a single to center with two outs. On a hit-and-run play, the next batter, First Baseman Terry Brennan, hit a shot up the middle, but the Northwind shortstop was moving to cover second and caught what would have been a sure hit to end the inning. Northwind scored its second and final run in top of sixth. A walk, error, a sacrifice bunt and Northwind's George Estrada hit a sacrifice fly to score the run. In bottom of sixth with two out, Roundtable's centerfielder Kirt Finley lined a single to right, but was thrown out trying to stretch it (with two out?). In top of seventh the radiator men placed their first two batters on base but Ken Finley worked out of it with a K and two pop-ups. In bottom of seventh with two out, Mark Christensen ap- (On Page 26)

SAN CLEMENTE, CALIF. (By Pete Koshay) - Please list the following two men's Class B tournaments in your Tournament Directory. One will be May 12-13 and the other Aug. 25-26. Frank Rizzo, 25642 Via Solis, San Juan Capistrano, Calif. 92675, will be in charge. We held two similar tournaments last year. The May tourney was won by Hardy Boys from Santa Ana, and the August tourney was won by San Clemente Wildcats. Our 1983 summer league was a real dog-

games. Also, we have received unofficial word that the top two teams from our May tourney will qualify for berths in the state Class B championships....(Now, with apologies to Bill Kerschner of Louisville, Ky., who, in February edition, stated "articles that are over two months old should not be printed." However, I submit the following about our tight league race we had last summer, which required a 1-game playoff to settle. I hope that Kerschner and others who agree with him, will bear with me, as I think this story needs publishing.): Northwind Radiator and Roundtable Pizza had a 1-game playoff to determine our league champ. The two teams ended regular season tied, 10-5 each, King's Kids took third place with 7-8 record and three teams were tied for fourth with 6-9 records. First hit of game came in top of third when Dennis singled to right for Northwind. Dennis Overman singled to right and walk loaded the bases, but Aciano Avila ended threat, lining out to second baseman. In top of fourth with one out, Rightfielder Rick Collins walked. Northwind's third baseman, Collins. Roundtable

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CARRY ON... (Continued from Page 25) peared to have game in hand. He then walked Dave Ott gave up double to Gary Benson. With runners on second and third, he walked Piazza's hard-hitting Second Baseman Jim Linnert. With bases loaded and winning run on first, Christehseh settled down and struck out the last batter of the game. Mark's last pitch was hñs best pitch of the game. With a 2-2 count on Roundtable's first baseman, Terry Brennan, Mark threw a beautiful knee-high drop on the inside corner, which the batter took for a called third strike. It was a perfect pitch at the perfect time and the umpire had the "guts" to call it! Final score: Northwind, 2; Roundtable, 0....The umpires were furnished by the Corona Umpires Assn. and they did an outstanding job. Bob Turner called home plate and Bill Arnold had the field in this game....In an informal ceremony after the game, League President Frank Rizzo handed out the trophies. Mark Christensen was awarded the league MVP trophy. Northwind's Radiator long time manager-sponsor Bob "Steamy" Weed, was last seen in the parking lot trying to drink a "cold one," while wearing a smile he couldn't stifle. This was Northwind's 10th city championship out of last 12 years. - Pete Koshay.

HE HAS NO SYMPATHY LONE PINE, CALIF. (By Jesse L. McCollum) - In response to Con Brown's article in the January edition of The Bulletin, I totally agree with the ideas expressed by him. As a sponsor of a Class B-C ball club, I would feel even better about your publication if I felt it was more directed at our level of play. Con's article and the comments of Chris Nicholas in the same Bulletin struck home. The Hubbard Construction team with Chris Nicholas pitching, has assisted in the changing of a fastpitch community (Bishop, Calif.) to a slowpitch community. It is speculated that Bishop will have no fastpitch league this summer. I feel situations such as this and created by teams such as Hubbard attempting to dominate leagues and leaving no room for growth of the younger pitchers....Thank you for your publication and I hope you keep up the good work as well as grow with some of the ideas expressed by your many readers. - Jesse L. McCollum of the Lone Pine Athletics.

HANDICAPPED OLYMPICS RAMONA, CALIF. - Eddie Feigner and His Court, the original 4-man exhibition fastpitch team that has toured the world several times and puts on a great show playing and defeating all-star teams all over the country and world, will be featured in the opening game of the 1984 Handicapped Olympics June 19 in East Meadow, Long Island, N.Y. A total of 61 countries will participate and compete in 22 events. This is the big Olympics for handicapped adults. Feigner reported to The Bulletin recently that he has his 1984 tour completed with the exception of a few open dates between stops, which are easy to fill because of the show's popularity with all sports fans. Feigner may be contacted at P.O.Box 279, Ramona, Calif. 92065 or call 1-619-789-4100.

GRAYS FOLD MIDWAY CITY, CALIF. (By Larry Eads) - You might find a spot in the next issue of The Bulletin to make readers aware that Gray's Crane of Canby, Ore., has folded as Manager Norm Taylor has transferred his job and residence to Los Angeles. Gray's won the really tough N rwest league title last year and finished ninth in the ISC world tournament. Also (as per phone conversation direct) Jimmy Moore has received many offers, but fully intends on staying in Seattle, Wash., to help Pay'n Pak regain their national ASA title in 1984 at St. Joseph, Mo., Sept.7-15.

"CHUCK" TO STAY ROCHESTER, N.Y. (By Chuck Smith) - I'm happy to report that I will be staying here in Rochester and happy to say I finally found a job after searching for about six months. It's not the greatest in pay, but I am with my family and friends (and with many close fastpitch buddies). (Chuck is a t'pflight pitcher, outstanding fastpitch organizer and a great help to The Bulletin - Editor.) In my opinion The Bulletin is the best softball magazine going. You and your wife do so much for the game of fastpitch and you don't think of yourself when it comes to making money, like most all other publishers. I am very happy to help you and The Bulletin and expect nothing back in return. Another of your writers from this area, Otto Steeger, has moved. Please change is mailing address to 40 Linwood Drive, Brockport, N.Y. 14420. Will be sending other news in near future.

All Excited!

FARGO-MOORHEAD ENTHUSED ABOUT PROGRAM

IN '84: IN ADDITION TO REGULAR EVENTS

WILL HOST ASA MEN'S CLASS A NATIONALS

through the 15th. Our local association and all of the people of the Fargo-Moorhead area are very excited about these two tournaments and fastpitch softball in general! As plans for our leagues and tournaments and national and international tournaments are finalized, I will keep the Bulletin's readers informed....It appears that we will have more men's fastpitch teams in our leagues than in 1983. We had 18 teams in our association and eight more in our youth program. It appears that we will have 20 to

"We hope to see you in 1984 at Mickelson Park, Fargo-Moorhead, capital of fastpitch softball in northern plains!"—Lyle Hokanson, Bulletin writer.

24 men's teams and about eight in the youth. We were very excited last fall when 40 teams turned out for our fall league. That was a jump from about 15 teams the previous year!....We are also planning on putting a lot of money and work into our already very beautiful Mickelson Park complex. We feel that our 8-diamond facility is one of the most attractive in the country....We have had contact with a number of the top teams throughout the upper midwest and Canada about coming to Fargo in 1984 and we encourage others to come as well. We hope to

see you in 1984 and 1985 at Mickelson Field here in Fargo-Moorhead, the capital of northern plains fastpitch softball!...Some of our regular tournaments planned are as follows: June 24, Fargo-Moorhead eye-openers, 16-team Class A and 16-team Class B at Mickelson Field with entry only \$65 per team. Paul Lybeck is in charge, 2317 DeMores Drive, Fargo, N.D. 58103, or call him at 1-701-293-0011 (work) or 237-0755 at home.... Then there is the ever-popular Fargo-Moorhead Eugene Holm men's class for major open teams on July 21-22. This will be a 24-team double elimination at Mickelson Field with entry fee at \$130. From quality standpoint, this is our top tournament each year. Paul Lybeck is the person to contact for this tourney, too....Then on July 22 we stage the "grandaddy" of them all, the Red River Valley tournament, the world's oldest and largest 1-day men's tournament. This is for Class A and below men's teams. The entry fee is \$65 and will be staged at Mickelson Field, Southwest complex and Lindenwood parks. It's a single elimination with a consolation bracket. This tournament really creates a lot of interest, especially when it gets near the end and the town is filled with fastpitch players. Paul Lybeck will handle this one, too, and his address is listed above. (Editor's note: I think this small area can rightfully claim to be the fastpitch softball capital of the world! We thank Lyle Hokanson for keeping us posted.)

ASA UMPIRE SCHOOLS

STAGED NATION-WIDE

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA. (By Merle Butler, ASA National Director of Umpires) — The ASA's National Umpire Schools are staged in every part of the country in order to facilitate those who wish to attend. (Editor's note: These sessions are very instructive and in-

teresting and the nine instructors are highly qualified and present the rules so they are easily understood. Seems to me every umpire "worth his salt" should attend at least one session.) The schools started in January at Albuquerque, N.M., during the commissioners' annual conference. The next was staged in Dallas, Texas. In March (17-18) it was scheduled for Tuscaloosa, Ala. Stockton, Calif., was to have staged one in March, too, 24th and 25th. The rest will be staged in April before the regular season starts in most areas, as follows: April 13-14, Salt Lake City, Utah; April 14-15, Little Rock, Ark.; April 7-8 at Cleveland, Ohio; April 28-29, Boston, Mass., and also April 28-29 at Kalamazoo, Mich. These sessions last two cram-filled days of instruction, starting at 8 a.m. Each participant pays his own registration fee of \$45 and is responsible for his or her own transportation and housing during the sessions. Tom Mason, rules interpreter, and the writer are co-directors of the school. For information write Merle Butler, 2801 N.E. 50th St., Oklahoma City, Okla. 73111.

ISC INVITES CHAMPS (From Page 1) championship teams. The thinking behind the invitations is that those teams are worthy of a berth in the ISC world tournament because they have won a legitimate and recognized national championship. The ISC recognizes the two teams that win these championships as two of the best men's fastpitch teams in the world....The ISC, in conjunction with the Allentown Patriots and under the sponsorship of the Stroh Brewery Co., will conduct its 38th annual tournament this August in Allentown. The tournament will bring together over 40 of the best teams in the world, including defending champion Lancaster, Calif., Chameleons, the winner last year at Bakersfield, Calif. The Chameleons, and the host team, Allentown Patriots, along with the Canadian and ASA champs have been extended invitations to participate. All other teams must qualify by winning an ISC area tournament or one of the 14 ISC-affiliated travel leagues in U.S. (12) and Canada (2). One of the highlights of the tournament could be the appearance of home-town favorite Ty Stofflet, whom many fastpitch observers believe to be the best left-handed pitcher in history of game. There is only one catch - Stofflet must pitch his Reading, Pa., Bank of Pennsylvania Sunners to the championship of Vice President Bob Walsh's Pennsylvania area tourney. (Note: Stofflet's team, plus several other staunch ASA teams, like Decatur, Ill., ADM, and Clearwater, Fla., Bombers, will be trying for the first time to participate in the ISC program, which should make this the very best ever staged by the ISC.) It's a good bet Stofflet will give it his best shot, for he, who started as a youngster in a uniform of the Allentown Patriots under the management of Earl Hunsicker (this year's tournament director), will be inducted into the ISC Hall of Fame, along with former Aurora, Ill., Home Savings pitcher Dick Brubaker and ISC administrator Royce Heath of Arlington, Texas, during opening ceremonies. Hunsicker and his sons Glen and Don, are striving to make this the best tournament ever staged by the ISC. Their organization, the Patriots, is dedicated to the youth of Allentown. The Hunsickers and Patriots conducted a very successful ASA men's national tournament at Bicentennial Park in 1976. (That opened the Bicentennial park, built for the youth of Allentown through funds raised primarily by Earl Hunsicker.) Bob Walsh, ISC eastern vice president and the organization's senior umpire, has also been an instrumental influence in bringing the ISC tournament to Pennsylvania, the easternmost state to host the meet. The ISC meet has been held in Illinois 13 times, California, nine; Arizona, four and Wisconsin, four. It was first ventured east of the Mississippi as recently as 1981 under the direction of Art Gillis (now Florida commissioner) at Saginaw, Mich. Appleton/Kimberly will host it in 1985. The International Softball Congress evolved from two organizations, the National Softball Congress (formed by Larry Walker of Phoenix, Ariz.) and the International Softball League. Carrol Forbes, who served as the chief executive officer until his death in 1982, helped form the NSC in 1947 to promote men's fastpitch to its highest competitive level (and because he and Larry Walker did not agree with the direction of the ASA at that time.) Forbes broke away from the NSC in 1950 and founded the International Fastball League, which became the ISC in 1958 (when Walker and the NSC faded out of the picture.) Following Forbes' death, Milt Stark, a former ISC World all-star catcher with the 10-time world champion Long Beach, Calif., Nitehawks and secretary under Forbes, was elected executive director. Under Stark's leadership, the ISC continues to grow and prosper. Stark, who works out of the ISC headquarters office in Anaheim Hills, Calif., is highly optimistic in his forecast for the Allentown tournament. "Due to the generous sponsorship of the Stroh Brewery Co., and the softball tournament expertise of the Allentown Patriot organization, this should be the biggest and most competitive fastpitch softball tournament ever staged. (Stroh beer is the official beer of the 1984 ISC world tournament. Stroh also owns Schlitz and Schaefer brewing companies.)

RETIREE GIVING TAKANINI, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND (By Eugene Shepherd) -I love fastpitch too. And, because I received so much out of it when I was playing, I have a strong commitment to give a little back, hence my news dispatches to The Bulletin from here. (Too bad more retirees don't adopt that attitude.) The Bulletin is most enjoyable sports reading here, because there are so many Kiwis playing in the U.S.A. and there are so many newsworthy points covered for us to take special interest. I will send you names of those on national team.

Enthusiastic!

FRANK LOWDER PLEASED TO LAND '85 ASA MEN'S
CLASS A NATIONALS FOR BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.;
WILL PROVIDE FREE ROOMS, LAUNDRY FOR TEAMS

Paul Crissman conducts that great men's open Ed Smith memorial tourney here, which always attracts the best teams in western U.S. and Canada. So, this year Mr. Lowder decided to go after an ASA national tournament. Lowder's team finished third in the Class A nationals at Albuquerque in 1982 and that's really when Mr. Lowder decided he wanted the tourney in Bakersfield. He took quite a delegation to Albuquerque to make the bid, including members of the Kern County Parks and Recreation Dept., county supervisors, most of the city council of Bakersfield, and members of the chamber of commerce and a representative of the Red Lions Inns. Apparently Lowder made an impression for he was awarded the tournament. "I knew how great the ASA people in Albuquerque were in 1982, but now I can tell you how wonderful ASA members are from all over the country," said Mr. Lowder....Les Bazemore, manager of the Lowder Electric team, and Stan Moe, the tournament manager, said they were so impressed by the friendliness of their competitors in the bidding. "People kept coming by and saying that if they didn't get the tournament, they hoped we would," Bazemore said. "And after it was awarded to us everyone came up and said they were happy for us," added Stan Moe.

To Be the Best! Lowder says he wants to give this tournament the prestigious treatment people always feel only belongs to a major tournament. "Having an A team myself, I feel winning the national Class A championship is every bit as important as the major division, and I want the players and their fans and the ASA people, who come to Bakersfield to go home knowing how important we feel they are!" Lowder backed this by giving free rooms to the teams as long as they are in the tournament (as is awarded teams in the major tournaments), and free uniform cleaning for the teams and the umpires, and a free barbecue for all the players, sponsors, commissioners, player representatives, Junior Olympic council members and umpires....Lowder added this impressive comment: "I could have taken this money and BOUGHT an open pitcher and had an open team. But I've enjoyed my Class A team and I'd rather do this to say thanks to all the Class A teams who struggle to get here. I can't wait until 1985 and this tournament!" And this reporter adds her thanks to a team sponsor like Frank Lowder, who is helping to keep fastpitch alive!

LAS VEGAS JOINS WSC HOLLYWOOD, CALIF. (By Betty Stout) — With the Camarillo Kings folding, the Western Softball Congress was down to five teams. Needing six teams to earn a berth for the league to the ISC world tournament, President Ned Shaheen secured a worthy replacement with a team out of Las Vegas, Nev. Las Vegas is managed by Bubba Luke, one of the better known leaders in this area. Luke has two has two veteran and well-known pitchers in Jim Sperry and Barry Roberts as his pitchers. With the New Zealand hurlers just now drifting back to this country after the season closed "down under," no one for sure knows who is playing with what team. The WSC put in a new rule this year that teams must release all foreign players at the end of each season and re-sign them the following season. This was to keep the teams from holding a player on their roster even if they were not going to sign them the next year. Yes, Kevin Herlihy is returning to the Lancaster Chameleons. Also, Chub Tangora is joining the world champions. (Tangora is well known in the WSC, having been a member of the league in two previous years and is very good) (and that gives Lancaster a great pitching staff — Herlihy, Tangora and Jimmy Smith, also good — which should make this team an odds-on favorite to win all championships....) The Nitehawks are going with their same pitching staff — Cary Weiler, Jim Sander, Alan Wishart and Bob Todd (not bad). Todd (who has been one of the country's best in past years) spends a lot of his time coaching the younger pitchers (which all former greats should do!). This is what we need more of — the teams picking up U.S. pitchers and the (On Page 30)

BAKERSFIELD, CALIF. (By Betty Stout) — Frank Lowder, sponsor of Lowder Electric Class A team of this city, bid on and won the right to stage the Men's ASA Class A national tournament here in '85. He made the pitch for the tournament at the ASA annual meeting in Albuquerque, N.M., last January. Bakersfield is a well known tournament city, having hosted two ISC world tournaments and each year,

ENTHUSIASTIC! (From Page 29) older pitchers coaching them....The San Bernardino Stars have signed a Canadian pitcher from Toronto, Kevin Bentley. Manager Joe Baca has signed some new players from among the "A" players....The Santa Ana Brewers are now the Santa Ana Orange Eagles with Al Olivas taking on a partner, Sonny Jones. Jones formerly had a team in the WSC, the Los Angeles Eagles. Jones picked up Larry Nolan and Flypd "Blue" LaVergne, two of the best hitters in this part of the country, and who became familiar as members of Jones' L.A.Eagles. They head a long list of veteran and well-known players on the Sanata Ana team....Rumor has it that the King's Corky Corcoran has joined up with Rod Peterson's The Farm in Madison, WAs. If so, the Wisconsin team will be getting a very valuable player....Lakewood Jets have added Marty Rubinoff and several other Camarillo players....Las Vegas has signed Ray Perry from last year's Kelland's team of Yuma, Ariz., and has Barry Roberts' two boys, Butch and Russ, playing with their dad....The WSC should be very competitive again this year as usual and the winner has a good chance of winning the ISC World at Allentown, Pa.

RAYMAX WINS "IF" TITLE AT BURBANK BURBANK, CALIF. (By Betty Stout) - Looking good this early, Raymax of Burbank had to play the Los Angeles Eagles twice to capture the Rogers' Raiders Class A tournament here Feb. 5 at Valley and Pacific parks. Raymax started by winning over a surprising Los Angeles Police Dept., 4-0. The L.A.P.D. pitcher was Larry Sua, who played on teams around here before he went to the police department. He's still a good pitcher....Next it took eight innings for Raymax to win over L.A.Eagles, 6-5,. Then they took on host Raiders and came away with a 3-1 win, which put them in championship game. In the meantime the L.A.Eagles (formerly Santa Ana Brewers and now Santa Ana Orange Eagles of WSC) were clawing their way back to title game. Entering this tournament with borrowed Class A pitchers, had a great lineup of Lloyd Nolan, "Blue" LaVergne, Harry and Rick Munoz, Greg Spulveda and Randy Henry in the infield, all Class AAA players. In the outfield were Darryl McNealy (One of the hottest A players last year), Carl Jones and Larry Lindsay. McNealy will be playing rightfield for the Eagles in the WSC this year. Winning games in the sixth and seventh innings, the Eagles came back to face Raymax. Already winner of two games Sunday morning, the Eagles' !A! pitcher, Bobby Maddox (and he's good, too) looked good and won the first championship game, coming from behind, 5-3, to go into the "if" game. Nolan hit a homer in first to give Eagles 1-0 lead. They scored again in sixth to go ahead 2-0. Then Maddox began to show the effects of four games in one day and Raymax came up with three runs in top of seventh and Bob Vandenberg came in relief to shut down the Eagles and give Raymax the trophy....The weather was perfect (Feb, 5), and brought out fastpitch fans from all over this area. The fan that was missing was Dirk Hoverstrydt.

Great Fan Missing! On Saturday morning, we learned Dirk had passed away. His son, Pete Hoverstrydt pitched the Raymax team to a 6-3 win over Savala Painters. "Dad would have told me to be here and pitch my best," Pete said. And we would have! He went to every fastpitch game and tournament he could get to. We will miss Dirk this season!... The Las Vegas Aces have reorganized and are now called the Las Vegas Cedars with Barry Roberts and Jim Sperry pitching. They'll be in the WSC this year, replacing Camarillo. Also seen in this tourney were Eric Maiden, Rudy Valdivia and Bill Gaylor from Lancaster Chameleons playing on a pickup team wearing the uniforms of El Monte Giants...Randy Henry hit a grand slam for the Eagles against host Raiders...Doug Rooney of Raymax hit two home runs and Randy Graham one. On two of the open fields it was almost impossible to hit a home run with the outfielders playing so far out....The umpires for this tournament found their first games of the season brought aches and pains. And the ones who stayed the whole meet had to love the game. Ending the tournament together were the "young" and the "old." The young being The Bulletin's star reporter Larry Eads, who can umpire as well as write interesting copy for The Bulletin. The "old" was my husband Roy Stout. With Roy it was a matter of love and pride - love of the game and pride that he didn't complain until after Larry did about his aches and pains. With Larry it was a matter of pride and love - pride because he's a good umpire and love for this game of fastpitch. When ball players see this dedication they take more pride in their play. It's great to have umpires so dedicated to this game of fastpitch - umpires who sell this game of fastpitch will never let it die! (Editor's note: ditto for the said umpires and thanks to you, Betty, for a great report!)

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. Newron Place, Tulsa, Okla. 74110. All we ask: BRIEF RESUME so we can let our readers know who won tourney.

- Apr. 6-7-8 - Palm Springs ASA men's Class A dbl.elim.at Palm Springs. Entry \$150+ball.
John Courtney, P.O.Box 565, Cathedral City, Calif. 92234. 1-619-328-3726.
- Apr. 7-8 - Sunrise Cedars men's a/open rnd.rbn. at Cheyenne complex, Las Vegas. \$185+ball.
Bubba Luke, 2627 S. Lamb #207, Las Vegas, Nev. 89121. 1-702-457-2643.
- Apr. 13-14-15 - Angels 3rd men's Class B dbl.elim.at City Park, Corona. \$140+ball.
Bill Ramirez, 16065 Porter Ave., Riverside, Calif. 92504. 1-714-780-9488.
- Apr. 13-14-15 - Entertainers 2nd men's Class B dbl.elim.at China Lake Naval. \$135.
Mike Leming, 269 S. China Lake Blvd., Ridgecrest, Calif. 93555. 1-619-375-7314.
- Apr. 27-28-29 - Royals' men's Class B dbl.elim.at Nunez, San Bernardino, Calif. \$150.
Jimmy Quiroz, 7938 Juniper Ave., Fontana, Calif. 92335. 1-714-823-3529.
- Apr. 27-28-29 - 5th Little Ax men's open dbl.elim.at Community Center, Little Ax. \$80+
Jim Little Jim, 1141 168th Ave. N.E., Norman, Okla. 73071. 1-405-321-7899 or 275-4030.
- Apr. 28-29 - Coca-Cola men's Class B dbl.elim.at Millpond complex, Bishop. \$150 entry.
Ron Hubbard, P.O.Box 697, Bishop, Calif. 93344. 1-619-387-2341 or 872-1184.
- May 4-5-6 - San Bernardino Stars men's open dbl.elim.at San Bernardino. \$160+ball.
Joe Baca, 1850 N. Magnolia Ave., Rialto, Calif. 92376. 1-714-875-4940.
- May 4-5-6 - St. Joseph pre-season men's open at St. Joseph, Mo.
Ed Christgen, 2801 W. Inut Drive, St. Joseph, Mo. 64503. 1-816-279-8020.
- May 4-5-6 - Men's Class C qualifier dbl.elim.at Gomer and Cebtehhial Fields. \$175.
Phil Denencourt, Rec. Dept., 1609 "E" St., Hayward, Calif. 94541. 1-415-881-6700.
- May 11-12-13 - Lowder Electric men's open dbl.elim.at Bakersfield. Limit 14 teams.
Les Bazemore, 2205 E. rlene Court, Bakersfield, Calif. 93304. 1-805-833-8535.
- May 11-12-13 - El Charro Hombres men's Class B dbl.elim.at China Lake C nter. \$150.
Tom Fortney, 401 Stroop Ave., Ridgecrest, Calif. 93555. 1-619-446-4471.
- May 12-13 - Budweiser men's open/A rnd.rbn./playoff. Trophies. Entry fee \$150. (Yhecks
Don Benton, 4325 Via Vaquero, Las Vegas, Nev. 89102. 1-702-871-0383. to Budweiser)
- May 12-13 - Yakima men's open rnd.rbn.at Larspn Park, Yakima. \$150. Limit 8 teams.
Cress Bradford, P.O.Box 1122, Yakima, Wash. 98907-1122. 1-509-248-5655.
- May 12-13 - Men's Class B dbl.elim. at San Clemente. Entry fee \$125+ball. May 1.
Frank Rizzo, 25642 Via Solis, San Juan Capistrano, Calif. 92675. 1-714-493-2002.
- May 18-19-20 - Penn Corp men's open rnd.rbn.for 12 teams at Penn Park. \$200+ball.
Gale Kurtz, 335 Davidson Bldg., Sioux City, Iowa 51104. 1-712-255-5021, 239-3802.
- May 19-20 - Tasty Freeze men's Class B dbl.elim.at Miami, Okla. \$80+ 2 balls. 16 teams.
Earnest Patterson, 301 11th Ave. N.E., Miami, Okla. 74354. 1-918-542-8736.
- May 18-19-20 - Elkton men's open dbl.elim.at Pine Grove, Md. \$150. Limited to 16 teams.
Jack Cooke, 2205 Oldfield Point Rd., Elkton, Md. 21921. 1-301-398-2379, 429-3805.
- May 19-20 - Budweiser men's Class B rnd./rbn.at Las Vegas. Entry fee: \$150. Trophies.
Don Benton, 4325 Via Vaquero, Las Vegas, Nev. 89102. 1-702-871-0383.
- May 25-26-27 - 11th Snyder & Oliver women's/girls' rnd.rbn.at Warner Park. \$85, \$60, \$50.
John Straussberger, P.O.Box 1082, Chattanooga, Tenn. 37401. 1-615-892-8446.
- May 25-26-27 - Candileri men's dbl.elim.at Tampa, Fla. Entry fee \$95. Awards trophies.
Steve Candileri, P.O. Box 7044, Tampa, Fla. 33673. 1-813-238-6291.
- May 25-26-27-28 - Art Miguel men's Class B dbl.elim.at City Park. 14 teams. \$115+ball.
Jim (Chayo) Rodriguez, 804 W. 8th S., Corona, Calif. 91720. 1-714-737-7629.
- May 26-26-27-28 O ADM Memorial Classic men's open rnd.rbn.at Borg Warner. Free entry.
Jim Nicol, 840 Sarah Drive, D catur, Ill. 62526. 1-217-877-2121. (entries filled)
- May 25-26-27-28 - Tournament of Champions men's open rnd.rbn./playoff top 4 teams.
Bill Paull, 77 S. Broadway, Aurora, Ill. 60507. (entries filled).
- May 25-26-27-28 - Patriots' men's open dbl.elim. \$125. \$500 travel allowance. Trophies.
Don Hunsicker, 2409 S. 10th St., Allentown, Pa. 18103. 1-315-797-6039.

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- May 25-26-27-28 - Lakewood Jets Memorial men's open dbl.elim.at Mayfair Park. \$160.
Howie Juarez, 10359 Capistrano Ave., South Gate, Calif. 90280. 1-213-569-3830.
- May 25-26-27-28 - 5th Gold Coast men's Class A dbl.elim.at Paso Robles. \$160+ball.
Dick Grove, 6155 Conejo Road, Atascadero, Calif. 93422. 1-805-466-8505.
- May 26-27-28 - 9th Miller Hilife men's open rnd.rbn.at Kirkwood complex. \$200.6 teams.
Jim Caviness, 1745 Hillside Dr., N.W., Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52405. 1-319-376-6082.
- May 26-27-28 - Prescott Memorial men's rnd.rbn./playoff. \$125. 12 teams. Trophies, and
A.C. Williams, P.O. Box 1850, Prescott, Ariz. 86302. 1-602-445-5286 travel expense.
- May 26-27-28 - Ashland Memorial men's open rnd.rbn.at Ashland. \$100. Six team limit.
Paul Seymour, 68 N. Sylvan Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43204. 1-614-279-6934.
- May 26-27-28 - Stazio Memorial for girls 15-under, 18-under in rnd.rbn./playoff. \$100.
Jim Peterson, 2730 Juillard, Boulder, Colo. 80303. 1-303-494-2259.
- June 1-2-3 - Pete Zamarron Memorial men's Class B dbl.elim.at China Lake fields. \$125.
Steve Zamarron, P.O. Box 557, Ridgecrest, Calif. 93555. 1619-377-5316, 372-4311 ex 236
- June 2-3 - Helen Taylor Memorial women's 11-team open/A at Terre Haute Stadium. \$75.
Wayne Myers, 3300 S. 5th St., Terre Haute, Ind. 47802. 1-812-234-0339.
- June 2-3 - Clear Lake men's open rnd.rbn./playoff at Clear Lake, Iowa. \$200.4 games guar
Paul Espinosa, 1001 N. 24, D nison, Iowa 51442. 1-712-263-5716, 263-5073 (work).
- June 2-3 - Girls under 15 BVGSA/Longmont rnd.rbn./playoff. \$70. 10 teams, 4 games guar.
Terry Herbert, 700 Long's Peak, Longmont, Colo. 80501. 1-303-776-4633. Trophies.
- June 7-8-9-10 - Pikes Peak men's open dbl.elim.at Sports Festival fields. \$150.24 teams
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 selects entries.
Walt Lucas, 102 Village Drive, Feasterville, Pa. 19047. 1-215-355-8245.
- June 8-9-10 - Mid-America men's open rnd.rbn.at Penn Corp. Park. \$200+ball. Apr. 1 deadlin.
Gale Kurtz, 335 Davidson Bldg., Sioux City, Iowa 51104. 1-712-255-5021, 239-3802.
- June 8-9-10 - Penhall Const. 4th men's Class B dbl.elim.at Chino complex. \$150+ball.
Al Lewis, 17012 E. Royal View Road, Hacienda Heights, Cal. 91745. 1-213-912-1479.
- June 8-9-10 - Bill Nutt Memorial men's Class A dbl.elim.at Stevens Field. \$135. Trophie
Rick Meyer, 1703 Oxbow N.E. Olympia, Olympia, Wash. 98506. 1-206-459-1980, 491-9321.
- June 8-9-10 - 31st Blue & Gray men's open dbl.elim.at Famed Lagoon Park. \$100.40 teams.
Lewis Golson, 3059 Barksdale, Montgomer, Ala. 36110. 1-205-265-2575, 263-0993.
- June 8-9-10 - Rochester's International rnd.rbn. men's open/A, at Gears, Ridgeway. \$250.
Otto Steger, 40 Linwood Drive, Brockport, N.Y. 14420. 1-716-637-8652.
- June 8-9-10 - Ed Smith Memorial men's open dbl.elim.at Bakersfield, Calif. 12 teams.
Paul Crissman, 1909 Marci Lynn Court, Bakersfield, Calif. 93308. 1-805-589-2889.
- June 8-9-10 - Men's Class B regional qualifier dbl.elim. \$175. Limit 16 teams.
Philip Denoncourt, 1099 "E" St., Hayward, Calif. 94541. 1-415-881-6700.
- June 9 - BVGSA girls 12-under rnd.rbn. \$65+ball. Limit 8 teams. 3-4 games per team.
Jim Peterson, 2730 Juillard, Boulder, Colo. 80303. 1-303-494-2259.
- June 9-10 - Men's Capital City Classic. \$110. Limited to 12 teams. 5 games guaranteed.
Stan Oshner, 320 E. McCarty, Jefferson City, Mo. 65101. 1-314-634-6482.
- June 9-10 - Fruit Bowl men's open combination. \$150. Limit 8 teams. Travel exp. nego.
Jim Williamson, P.O. Box 1122, Yakima, Wash. 98907-1122. 1-509-248-5846.
- June 15-16-17 - Rice Lake Boys League men's Class A dbl.elim. \$85+2 Dudleys. \$900 trav.
Loran Lathrop, P.O. Box 202, Rice Lake, Wis. 54868. 1-715-234-9235.
- June 15-16-17 - 27th Owatonna Women's dbl.elim. \$75+ball per game. Limit 16 teams.
Steve Kath, R#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 entries.
Walt Lucas, 102 Village Drive, Feasterville, Pa. 19047. 1-215-355-8245. Trophies.
- June 15-16-17 - Penn Corp. 1st women's open rnd.rbn.at Penn Park. \$125+ball. 16 Teams.
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. \$100+ball per game. Limit 24 teams
Steve Kath, R#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 fee.
Earl Green, 701 E. 400 N., Lindon, Utah 84062. 1-801-785-6238.
- June 15-16-17 - Albuquerque men's major/Class A rnd.rbn./playoff at A nat'l park. \$150
Bob Day, 1621 Eubank N.E., Albuquerque, N.M. 87112. 1-505-292-2264.

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- June 15-16-17 - 27th Owatonna men's open dbl.elim. \$100+ball per game. Limit 16 teams. Steve Kath, R#1, Box 172, Owatonna, Minn. 55060. 1-507-451-0752 or 451-1075.
- June 15-16-17 - "It's the Water" Men's open dbl.elim. \$135. 12-16 teams at Stevens Fld. Terry Meyer, 1314 E. 4th Ave., Olympia, Wash. 98506. 1-206-753-8380, 943-5079 home.
- June 15-16-17 - 12th Southern men's dbl.elim. open. \$85+ball. Limit 24 teams. Many expts. Yates Mitchem, P.O.Box 777, Shelby, N.C. 28150. 1-704-472-1716 or 482-3333.
- June 15-16-17 - Mt. Whitney men's Class B dbl.elim. at Lone Pine, Calif. \$150. 16 teams. Jesse McCollum, P.O.Box 496, Lone Pine, Calif. 93545. 1-619-876-4567.
- June 15-16-17 - E.L. Crawford men's open dbl.elim. at Savannah Park. \$85. Limited 10 team. Darrel Gray, 1103 S. 7th, Savannah, Mo. 64485. 1-816-324-3600.
- June 16-17 - Geo. Dryden Memorial men's open dbl.elim. at Larry Hanes complex. \$100. Gary McCarty, R.R.#1, Hannibal, Mo. 63401. 1-314-221-8854.
- June 16-17 - Happy Chef men's Class A dbl.elim. at Sibley Park, Mankato. \$200+balls. Craig Lloyd, P.O.Box 451, Elmore, Minn. 56027. 1-507-943-3225.
- June 16-17 - Highland Youth Softball Assn. boys 12-, 15-, 18-under at Highland, Ind. \$55. Mark Reichmuth, P.O.Box 1706, Highland, Ind. 46322. 1-219-924-5254.
- June 22-23-24 - Rick Fugate memorial men's open dbl.elim. at Ashland. \$100. 16 teams. Paul Seymour, 68 N. Sylvan Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43204. 1-614-279-6934.
- June 22-23-24 - Eau Claire men's Classic dbl.elim. \$125+ball. Trophies+travel expense. Kan Van Es, 1300-1st Ave., Eau Claire, Wis. 54703. 1-715-839-6032.
- June 22-23-24 - 19th Bishop-Brewer men's open dbl.elim. \$175. Trophies and travel exp. Ken Baker, 307 Wildrose, Bishop, Calif. 93514. 1-619-873-6281. Many awards.
- June 22-23-24 - Women's open/Class A dbl.elim. at Gomer and Centennial Fields. \$150. Phil Denoncourt, 1099 "E" St., Hayward, Calif. 94541. 1-415-881-6700.
- June 23-24 - Women's Capitol City Classic. \$85. 12-team rnd.rbn. Guaranteed 4 games. Stan Ochsner, 320 E. McCarty, Jefferson City, Mo. 65101. 1-314-634-6482.
- June 23-24 - Northeast ISC regional for men's open teams at Rochester, N.Y. Otto Steger, ~~XXXX~~ 40 Linnwood Drive, Brockport, N.Y. 14420. 1-716-637-8652.
- June 24 - Fargo-Moorhead Eye-Opener men's A & B sing.elim./consolation. \$65. 16 teams. Paul Lybeck, 2317 DeMores Drive, Fargo, N.D. 58103. 1-701-293-0011, 237-0755. ea.div.
- June 29-30-July 1 - 20th Firecracker ~~XXX~~ men's open dbl.elim. \$130. limit 16 teams. Terry Stewart, P.O.Box 1608, Kissimmee, Fla. 32741. 1-305-847-2388 or 847-4844.
- June 29-30-July 1 - Stars & Stripes Classic men's open rnd.rbn. at Stephens-Agson field. Bill Paull, 77 S. Broadway, Aurora, Ill. 60507. (all entries taken.)
- June 29-30-July 1 - Patriots 19th July 4 men's rnd.rbn./playoff. \$150. Deadline May 1. Don Hunsicker, 2409 S. 10th St., Allentown, Pa. 18103. 1-215-437-3402.
- June 29-30-July 1 - Queen City men's Class A dbl.elim. \$165. Limit 16 teams. David Florko, 43 N. Park Ave., Buffalo, N.Y. 14216. 1-716-835-3960.
- June 29-30-July 1 and 4 - Beaumont Coyotes 8th men's Class B dbl.elim. \$120+ball. David Valdivia, 455 Egan St., Beaumont, Calif. 92223. 1-714-845-6271 after 5 p.m.
- June 20 thru July 4 - Women's International Federation Cup at Los Angeles. 8 teams. Bobbie Jordan, 17200 Raymer St., Northridge, Calif. 91324. 1-213-349-8399.
- June 30-July 1 - 6th Donna Schwenk women's open rnd.rbn. \$100. M-K Peppers sponsor. Maxine Thayer, 1234 E. Perry St., Indianapolis, Ind. 46227. 1-317-787-6127.
- June 30-July 1 - Highland Youth Assn. girls 12-, 15-, 18-under at Highland, Ind. \$55. Bill Cameon, 3433 Martha, Highland, Ind. 46322. 1-219-924-8082.
- June 30-July 1 - Girls Firecracker for senior and junior girls. \$85. Entries limited. Bob Stremmel, 12707 W. 57th Drive, A vada, Colo. 80002. 1-303-420-0203.
- June 30-July 1-2-3 - Western Holidays men's open rnd.rbn./playoffs. \$125. 12 teams. A.C. Williams, P.O.Box 1850, Prescott, Ariz. 86302. 1-602-445-5286 or 445-5725.
- July 6-7-8 - 21st Jack Wright women's open dbl.elim. Entry \$40. One of oldest women's. Carl P. Kelley, 3712 N. 53rd St., Omaha, Neb. 68104. 1-402-451-7795.
- July 6-7-8 - Ohio ISC regional mem's major tournament at Findlay, Ohio. Larry Fisher, 615 Central Ave., Apt. B, Findlay, Ohio 45840. 1-419-423-3002.
- July 6-7-8 - Nitehawks 16th Joe Rodgers-Chuck Medick men's dbl.elim. at Rodgers Field. Irvin "Red" Meairs, 1365 Bennett Ave., Long Beach, Calif. 90804. 1-213-498-0221. \$150.
- July 6-7-8 - Fastball Blasters men's open rnd.rbn. at Nogales, Ariz. \$100. Spcial awards. Herb Wisdom, Box 25, Tumacacori, Ariz. 85697. 1-602-398-2397. Deadline June 22.

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- July 6-7-8 - Buckaroos girls 18- and 15-under dbl.elim./consolation. \$125. 16 ea. div.
Glen Stull, 2630 LaPorte Ave., Ft. Collins, Colo. 80521. 1-308-482-8651.
- July 6-7-8 - 8th Ray Bristow 12-team men's dbl.elim.at. Erv Lind Stadium, Portland. \$125.
Mickey Newell, P.O.Box 1518, Lake Oswego, Ore. 97034. 1-503-636-7641.
- July 6-7-8 - Ora Cronk men's 11-team open/A dbl.elim.at Terre Haute Stadium. \$75.
Wayne Myers, 3300 S. 5th St., Terre Haute, Ind. 47802. 1-812-234-0339. Trophies.
- July 6-7-8 - PCSL July 4 men's Class A dbl.elim.at Wilson Park, Carson. \$150. Trophies.
Ray Chase, 1080 E. San Jose Ave., Burbank, Calif. 91501. 1-213-843-8152, 243-1101.
- July 6-7-8 - Men's open/Class A dbl.elim.at Gomer and Centennial Fields. \$175. 16 teams.
Phil Denoncourt, 1099 "E" St., Hayward, Calif. 94541. 1-415-881-6700.
- July 6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14 - World Championship Games at Midland, Mich. For info.:
Marty McGuire, 515 E. Collins, Midland, Mich. 48640. 1-517-835-9071 or 832-8438.
- July 12-13-14-15 - Illinois ISC tourney for men's open teams by Decatur ADM. Contact.
Jim Nicol, 840 Sarah Drive, Decatur, Ill. 62526. 1-217-877-2121.
- July 13-14-15 - All-Car men's open dbl.elim.at ISC Park, Kimberly, Wis.
James Melville, 21205 Marylynn Drive, Waukesha, Wis. 53186. 1-414-786-4101.
- July 13-14-15 - Southern ISC regional at Newark, Del. (Pine Grove). See ISC commissioner
Wayne Knerr, 609 Elizabeth Road, Glen Burnie, Md. 21061. 1-301-768-4205.
- July 13-14-15 - Pennsylvania ISC regional men's open at Allentown, Pa. See ISC comm. or
Bob Walsh, 1255 Kistler Ave., Bethlehem, Pa. 18105. 1-215-867-7642.
- July 13-14-15 - Washington-N.W. area ISC qualifying tournament at Linden, Wash. \$150.
Mike Dodd, P.O.Box "U", Blaine, Wash. 98230. 1-206-332-8721 or 345-4254.
- July 13-14-15 - Bombers' men's open rnd.rbn./playoff at Ed Moore complex. \$100. Dead-
Mike Hazel, 2029 MacArthur Court, Dunedin, Fla. 33528. 1-813-734-3447. line June 1
- July 13-14-15 - Indiana State ISC men's open at Riverview Park, Elkhart. Winner to Nat'l
Dale Van Houten, R.R.#9, Columbia City, Ind. 46725. 1-219-244-5471.
- July 13-14-15 - Combination for men and women at Albert Lea, Minn. Women \$80, Men \$100.
Mel Phiefer, 646 E. Rose St., Owatonna, Minn. 55060. 1-507-451-4978 or 684-3636.
- July 14 - BVGSA girls 18-under rnd.rbn.at Boulder, Colo. \$85+ball. Limit 8 teams. No
Jim Peterson, 2730 Juilliard, Boulder, Colo. 80303. 1-303-494-2259. trophies.
- July 14-15 - Fastballers men's open 6-team rnd.rbn. \$100. At Mote Park, Piqua, Ohio.
Gordon L. Wise, 1115 Broadway, Piqua, Ohio 45356. 1-513-773-1084.
- July 14-15 - Nike-Lubys women's Class a and girls 18-under rnd.rbn. \$90.at Eugene, Ore.
Bob Hammitt, 155 E. Howard St., Eugene, Ore. 97404. 1-503-688-6084.
- July 17-18-19-20-21-22 - Women's Illinois ASA state at Borg-Warner Field, Decatur, Ill.
Chcuk McCord, 218 W. Elm, Chillicothe, Ill. 61523. 1-209-274-3936.
- July 20-21-22 - Pioneer Days men's open dbl.elim.at Salt Lake Cottonwood complex. \$150.
Ken Hackmeister, 429 W. 500 South, Bountiful, Utah 84010. 1-801-295-9465, 295-8588.
- July 20-21-22 - West Virginia ISC regional for men's open at Fairmont, W.Va.
Lew Mott, 816 Johnson St., New Martinsville, W.Va. 26155. 1-304-455-2255.
- July 20-21-22 - Tournament of Champions men's open dbl.elim.at St. Joseph, Mo.
Ed Christgen, 2801 Walnut Drive, St. Joseph, Mo. 64503. 1-916-279-8020.
- July 20-21-22 - St. Jude's men's open/Class A rnd.rbn.at Rodney Baber Park. \$125+ball.
Tony Walsh, 3966 Waldwind Cove, Memphis, Tenn. 38115. 1-901-362-0672, 365-6530.
- July 21-22 - Bud Lite's men's open dbl.elim. Sponsored by O'Connell's team at Hannibal.
Gary McCarty, R.R. #1, Hannibal, Mo. 63401. 1-314-221-8854.
- July 21-22 * Fargo-Moorhead Eugene Holm Classic men's open dbl.elim. \$130. 24 teams.
Paul Lybeck, 2317 DeMores Drive, Fargo, N.D. 58103. 1-701-293-0011, 237-0755.
- July 22 - Fargo-Moorhead men's Red River Valley Class A and below i-day single elim.
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- July 27-28-29 - Wisconsin ASA Class A men's state dbl.elim.at Rice Lake. Travel exp.
Ronn Kopp, P.O. Box 202, Rice Lake, Wis. 54868. 1-715-234-9235. to two top fin.
- July 27-28-29 - Colorado ISC state men's open dbl.elim.at Colorado Springs. Qualifier.
Russ Callahan, 1825 N. Yuma St., Colorado Springs, Colo. 80909. 1-303-636-5753.
- July 27-28-29 - Missouri area ISC men's open dbl.elim. \$120. Wigner to ISC nationals.
Bob Welby, #8 Eggestone Court, Florissant, Mo. 63033. 1-314-831-8432 or 383-5700.
- July 27-28-29 - ISC Chicago Metro qualifier men's open at Stephens-Aganson, Aurora.
Ed Kirner, 31 Briarcliff Road, Montgomery, Ill. 60538. 1-312-896-1080.

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RATE TEAMS

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, those 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., Budweisers have added a great pitcher, Graham Arnold. The two powers 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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