

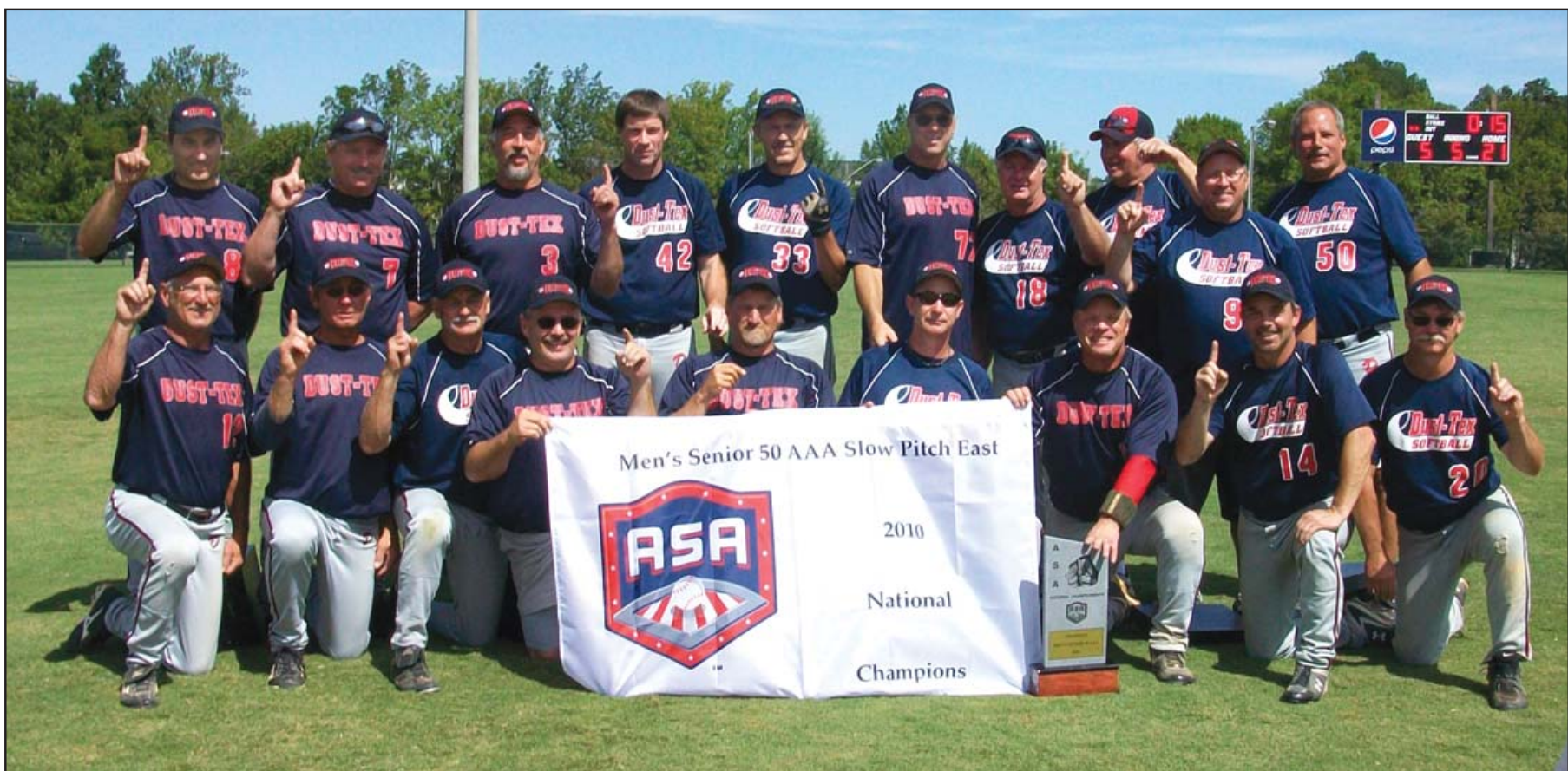


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The 2010 National Championship Over 50 team includes, front row, Gale Olsen, Kelly Krahler, Dennis Wolff, Wayne Becker, Steve Harrington, Tim Michelsen, Gordy Smith, Russ Nelson and Tim Krahler. Back row, Randy Olsen, Don Magstadt, Joe Fehrer, Rob McDonald, Wayne Bradley, Ron Geffre, Ron Hendrickson, Jack Jones, Jim Becker and Ron Askelson.

Dust-Tex captures 50 and over national Mandan team wins title for second time

Mandan Dust Tex won the 50 and Over AAA National Championship in Burlington, North Carolina over the Labor Day weekend. It was the second national title in the 50 and Over division in the past

two years.

Dust Tex won the same crown in 2008 and finished second in 2006 and 2009.

Dust Tex split two games in pool play leading into the bracket play

but sailed through the bracket division winning four straight games without a loss.

In their first game in bracket play, Dust Tex beat Milford, Connecticut 12 to 6 and then handled Cedar Lake, Indiana 23 to 10 before winning twice against Concord, North Carolina 26 to 9 and 21 to 5

to grab the National title.

Dust Tex choose to compete in the East Division of the 50 and Over group due to a small number of teams entered in the West Division held in Topeka, Kansas.

Six members of the Dust Tex team were named to the All American squad at the conclusion of the

tournament. They include pitcher Gordy Smith, Catcher Ron Geffre, infielder Steve Harrington, shortstop Tim Michelsen, and outfielders Tim Krahler and Dennis Wolff. Michelsen was named tournament Most Valuable Player and Wolff captured the batting championship.

Fargo Sperle Masonry claims second in 35 and over national tournament

North Dakota's Division I slow pitch state champion Fargo Sperle Masonry spent the weekend of September 9 and 10 in Decatur, Alabama where the team captured second place in 35 and Over National Tournament. The tournament featured teams and individuals from around the country who have played on the USA National Slow Pitch team for the ESPN Border Battle with Canada. Many of the players in this tourney are regarded as the best slow pitch players in the game today.

Sperle opened the tournament with a 14 to 10 win over a team

from Salem, Indiana and followed with a decisive win over a local team from Decatur 20 to 5. In their third game, they defeated a team from Smyhna, Georgia 13 to 6 before losing to the Homewood, Alabama Fence Brokers 19 to 6. Sperle came back to again beat the team from Georgia in a battle of big bats 29 to 25 before losing the final to Fence Brokers again 28 to 8.

Kelly Wrangham, Bob Piatz, and Perry Piatz were all named to the All Tournament Team and Wrangham was declared the batting champion with a hefty .850 average.

Fargo women win Northern National Agassiz Underground goes 4 and 0 for title

Fargo's Agassiz Underground followed up their state tournament title by dominating the eight team field to claim the Northern National Women's Class C championship. North Dakota placed teams in the first three spots of this national event played in Minot over the Labor Day weekend.

Agassiz won it's opener 10 to 2 over Learning Curve from Iowa and followed up with a 17 to 2 drubbing of Burnt Creek Club from Bismarck. In the unbeaten clash, Agassiz won a slugfest over Moritz Sports of Bismarck

21 to 16 to reach the championship game. Moritz came back through the loser's bracket to gain another shot at the Fargoans but to no avail as Agassiz put up 13 runs in the first half of the first inning and rolled to a 22 to 3 win for the title.

Moritz had advanced to the unbeaten game with wins over Dayle Veches of Monticello, Minnesota 14 to 4 and Saunder's of Minot 20 to 6. After their loss in the unbeaten game, Moritz came back against Tharaldson's of Fargo 12 to 3.

Agassiz placed five players on the All Tournament team including home run champion Kelsey Proel

and batting champion Nicole Nelson. Jesse White was named as an infielder along with Jill Devries while Sarah Brutlag earned honors as an outfielder.

Runner-up Moritz Sports placed three on the All Tournament team with Julie Yantzer, Angelena Mexicano and Andrea Brunsell earning the honors.

Tharaldson's of Fargo which finished in third place landed three players on the All Tournament team with Lindsey Spoonland, DaLee Wilkinson and Lynn Larson being named to the team.

President's Report

As we close out another softball season, I would like to thank all the people who make our program a success. We are very fortunate to have so many people willing to serve in such important roles as league reps, tournament coordinators, state and local board members, umpires, maintenance people and the endless volunteers in many different capacities. Thanks also to the Cities and Park & Recreation Departments who are our partners in providing a quality softball experience for all. Thank you all for your time and commitment to this great game of softball in North Dakota.

I would also like to thank the sponsors who make it possible for people to play the game of softball in North Dakota. Please patronize these great friends of softball whenever possible.

A special thank you to Gary & Connie Tharaldson and Tharaldson Enterprises for sponsoring trophies and banners for 32 adult and 12 JO State Tournaments, as well as 2 National Tournaments held in North Dakota in 2010. As you all may know by the numbers of events, this is a significant donation to the NDASA program. This donation allows us to keep our entry fees at an affordable level and maximize team participation. We extend our sincere appreciation to Gary & Connie for

their continued commitment to softball in North Dakota. Be sure to thank them when you have the chance.

I had the pleasure of being the ASA Rep at the E/Rec Men's Northern National Slow Pitch Tournament in Bismarck over Labor Day weekend. Bismarck hosted 55 teams in this event which is the largest participation in the country for the E/Rec since its inception. Congratulations to Tournament Director Tim Kuntz, his staff, and the many volunteers who worked very hard to make this National Tournament a tremendous success.

We had two teams crowned as National Champions from North Dakota in 2010. Dustex of Mandan won the Men's Senior 50 AAA Slow Pitch National Tournament in Burlington, North Carolina, and Fargo Agassiz Underground won the Women's C Northern National Slow Pitch Tournament held in Minot. Congratulations to both teams and sponsors for reaching this milestone.

North Dakota sent 45 teams to ASA National Tournaments in 2010. A large part of this participation was for the E/Rec MSP held in Bismarck. It is great to see teams take advantage of participating in these National Championships when they are so close to home.

The JO GFP State Tournament's had the largest participation ever this year in West Fargo. The plan is to rotate these tournaments east/west every other year. Bismarck will host these events in 2011. JO Commissioner Bill Butterfield and his assistants Pat Johnson of West Fargo and Brian Neuhardt of Bismarck worked very hard this past year to develop this program and are seeing great success. Great job guys and thanks for all your work. We look forward to a bright future in the GFP program in North Dakota.

The ASA Equipment Committee has been working the last couple of years on a potential new ball certification. The committee asked ball manufacturers for their input as to specifications for a prototype softball. Through field testing in game like conditions, as well as lab testing, the Equipment Committee found very positive results of this prototype ball and will propose an additional ball certification at the ASA National Council meeting this November. The proposed rule change to allow an additional certification for slow pitch effective 2011 will have the following specifications.

- COR to be a maximum of .52
- Compression to be a maximum of .300 lbs

- Weight to be a minimum of 6.250 oz
- Size to be minimum of 11.875 in.

The Equipment Committee has seen positive effects in testing this ball as to reduced batted ball speed (BBS) resulting in increased reaction time, the ball being less affected by extreme temperature conditions, as well as reduced impact force on the body from a batted or thrown ball. This proposal must be approved by 60% of the voting members at the annual council meeting to be approved for ASA play in 2011.

In early November I will be traveling to Shreveport for the annual ASA National Council Meeting. We will be discussing many issues regarding rules and legislation for all aspects of the game, as ASA is the National Governing Body of Softball in the United States. Mandan will be bidding on National Tournaments this year and we wish them much success.

Lastly I would like to recognize a friend of softball in North Dakota for many years. Kathy Stefonek, of Jamestown has been the NDASA Tournament Coordinator, Executive Board Member, Asst. JO Slow Pitch Commissioner, and a key member of the NDASA program for as long as I can remember. Kathy is



Dick Gulmon

retiring this year after many years of service to our program and I would like to sincerely thank her for her commitment, and dedication to her work for softball the last 20 plus years. We thank you Kathy and wish you well.

Have a safe and great holiday season with family and friends. I look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Sincerely,
Dick Gulmon
NDASA President

From Behind the Catcher

Hard to believe that another softball season has come and gone but as I write this the football season is half over and the colleges have started their basketball practices. I did some umpiring this season, one night a week and filled in a couple of times for people who couldn't make their assignments. I enjoyed it as I have for over 50 years but I have to confine myself to the Recreation Leagues since I can't move around like I would like to anymore.

The people who play for recreation have more fun anyway than the men and women who take it more seriously.

I did have the opportunity to be the Umpire in Chief at the Women's Northern National Class C and Class D tournaments in Minot over Labor Day and enjoyed some excellent play and watched some great North Dakota teams win the first three places in the Class C Division. We were disappointed at the low turnout of teams with only eight signed up for the Class C and eleven for the Class D but everything went very well and I think the teams had a good experience as did the eight umpires assigned

to the tournament.

I was glad to get the assignment in Minot as I was feeling a bit out of everything with no responsibilities except for my own games I worked each week. It's been a while since I didn't have to think about scheduling and evaluating umpires and while it's kind of a relief it's also a bit of a let down after all the years supervising umpires.

Next year I probably won't have the chance to do that since we don't have as many National tournaments in the Northern Region in 2011. This past season we had a Northern National in Bismarck the same weekend we had the tournament in Minot and we also had a Northern National in Rochester the same weekend so I got a shot at being a UIC.

2010 was a good year for North Dakota softball with the women's class C state champion Agassiz Underground of Fargo winning the Northern National Crown in Minot over two other North Dakota teams, Moritz Sports from Bismarck and Tharaldson Enterprises of Fargo. In addition, Dust Tex on Mandan captured the Men's 50 and Over AAA title in Burlington, North

Carolina. It was their second title in three years wrapped around two second place finishes.

West Fargo VFW was the runner up in the E/Rec Northern National in Bismarck where 55 teams competed for the title and Sperle Masonry of Fargo claimed second place in the 35 and Over National tournament held in Decatur, Alabama. Several North Dakota players, both men and women, were named to All American teams or All Tournament teams.

The national council meeting of the Amateur Softball Association will be held in Shreveport, Louisiana from November 6 thru

10. The North Dakota delegation will consist of state commissioner Jim Hanley of Grand Forks, state president Dick Gulmon of Valley City and state umpire in chief Mike Wolf. I will go along as an interested spectator and hopefully I can help Mandan land a national tournament bid for 2012. National tournaments are bid and awarded two years in advance to allow cities time to properly prepare for these popular events. Bismarck will host the Men's Class C Northern National in 2011.

Enjoy the off season and I hope to see many of you around the diamonds next season.



Walt Stack

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Commissioner's Column

The 2010 softball season is quickly coming to a close. I want to thank all who participated in NDASA and ASA softball in North Dakota this past season. I hope that you will consider participating again next year. The year went along quickly with a minimum of problems. Hopefully any problems that arose were taken care of to your satisfaction.

I wish to thank all of the people who spent much extra time to see that the season was so successful. I would have to go on and on in listing each so I thank you all who gave so much—players, officers, fans, etc. I do have a special thank you to Tharaldson Enterprises who have been so faithful each year in providing the state, regional, and national trophies for NDASA.

One special person, who is ending her time as JO Executive Board Member, Kathy Stefonek, is going to be missed in the future. Kathy has put in many hours working with

adult slow pitch and JO slow pitch tournament scheduling. Thank you so much for your dedicated service to softball in North Dakota.

With the departure of Kathy, the Executive Committee has decided to divide her position into a JO Slow Pitch Commissioner and a state tournament assignment director. NDASA is accepting applications for each of these positions. Greg Kaeding is in charge of receiving these applications. An advertisement explaining these positions is found in this newspaper.

I extend a special welcome to the new inductees to NDASA's Hall of Fame. They are Chris Assel, Doug Berg, Jack Jones, Mike Lyman, Kyle Magnuson and Rose Kreiting. It was a very special day for these people, shown by the number of people in attendance.

Congratulations to Bismarck and Minot who hosted national tournaments this fall. These tournaments were successfully run which was

reflected in the exit surveys.

Participation in NDASA activities were about the same as last year. About 1600 adult teams were registered with JO slow pitch teams at 440. JO fast pitch girls softball registered about 900 individuals this year an increase of about 250 girls.

The GFP program is constantly growing. All registration in GFP is done individually. This program has grown from zero registrations two years ago to where it is today. Anticipation is that this program will grow next year when registration of the GFP High School League will be available in late winter. Registrations of this league did not occur this year due to problems with the registration system which has now been repaired. Registration in 2011 will be the same for GFP. Three people have been very helpful in registering and getting this program off the ground—Bill Butterfield, new JO GFP Commissioner, Brian

Neuhardt and Pat Johnson. Without these three, our program would not have been so successful. In fact, the state tournament in West Fargo registered 31 teams with expectation of more involvement in 2011. The 2011 state tournament will be held in Bismarck. This includes all levels of play.

Many umpires had the opportunity to work national tournaments this past year. Lyle Rader of Wahpeton worked the Major MFP Tournament in South Bend, Indiana and Craig Hahn of Grand Forks worked the JO GFP Gold 18U Tournament in Oklahoma City. These are the top tournaments of ASA. Congratulations to each of you, but also to the many others who also worked nationals.

We will be holding our Mid-Winter meeting in January in Jamestown. This is the meeting in which any new ideas should be presented so they can be acted on when meeting in April. If you have any ideas,



Jim Hanley

please send them on to our state office in Jamestown or to one of our executive board members.

Have a wonderful fall and winter season and hope to see some of you over the winter.

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Ump Chat

As usual, the season went by way too quickly. Even though we go into October with Fall leagues, it is hard to believe that our season is over. We have to utilize the window of opportunity to play softball in ND and it seemed as though everyone enjoyed the season and we made it through without any major issues.

We recently finished hosting another successful national softball tournament in North Dakota. Bismarck was host to the Men's E Northern Territory National Tournament. Fifty-five teams competed in the tournament and a team from Iowa won the national championship over the West Fargo VFW team. North Dakota teams did very well competing against teams from Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota

I was very fortunate to serve as the Umpire-In-Chief for this national tournament. Terry O'Clair served as the Umpire Coordinator and Rich Skorheim from Huron, SD, was the assistant UIC. We had a great crew of eighteen umpires who worked this tournament. It was also a great learning experience for the umpires as twelve of the eighteen umpires were umpiring in their first national tournament.

I had worked out trade arrangements with other regions around the country and in addition to the umpires I selected from North Dakota, we had umpires from Nebraska, South Dakota, Montana, Michigan, and Idaho. Along with our selection of quality ND umpires, the UIC's from the other states did a great job in sending quality umpires to Bismarck. Dick Gulmon served as the ASA Representative and his knowledge and experience are always so valuable in helping make the tournament run smoothly. We are hoping Bismarck will receive an excellent rating on their tournament.

In order to effectively evaluate the abilities of a crew of eighteen umpires in addition to Rich Skorheim and myself heading the evaluation process, I decided to enlist the services of some experienced umpires to assist me in this process. I chose North Dakota Deputy UIC's Allan Ziemann and Elliott Gerhardt from Bismarck and Tim Watts and Tommy Borucki from Lincoln, NE

to assist me in the evaluation process. All of these individuals have earned their "Elite Umpire" status with ASA which lends a lot of credibility to the evaluation process.

These individuals did a great job! Tommy, Tim, Allan, and Elliott each donated all of their time and expenses to get to Bismarck and worked the entire weekend evaluating umpires, documenting their observations, and then met with the umpires to offer suggestions on ways to improve their umpiring skills and to reinforce them on what they were doing well. The umpires respected their observations and were very appreciative of the evaluation process we developed. When it came time to determine who would be working the final day, the evaluations proved to be invaluable.

Terry O'Clair did a tremendous job taking care of all the arrangements to make sure the umpires had anything and everything they needed. The Bismarck Umpires Association takes great pride in going the extra mile to make sure umpires are taken care of properly and Terry made sure that happened. Tim Kilber, Larry Erickson, and Gene Farstad, were also instrumental in helping out in various aspects during the tournament.

We received several positive comments on the quality of umpiring and it is a compliment of everyone's umpiring abilities and the great job the umpires did. The umpires should all be proud of the efforts they put forth on the field!

Our state tournaments are all finished and everything seemed to go very well. I base my assumption that things went well on the number of calls I get from around the state when we have our state tournaments going on. Once again, the calls were virtually non-existent. I have a great crew of Deputy Umpires in Chief around the state that do an excellent job of handling situations that arise during tournaments, not to mention the great job they do handling situations throughout the season. I would like to personally extend my thanks and gratitude to the great job my DUIC's do—thanks to Tom Harty—Jamestown, Rock Healey—Grand Forks, Al Ziemann—Bismarck, Mike Lein—Fargo, Elliott

Gerhardt—Bismarck/Dickinson, Naomi Erdahl—Western ND Fastpitch, Randy Olson—West Fargo, Don Daniel—Williston, Mike Nider—Bismarck, Ron Smith—Minot, and Lyle Rader—Eastern ND Fastpitch. I truly believe that the success of our umpiring program is based upon the people I have assisting me—so thank you everyone!!

In early November, I will be attending the ASA Council Meeting in Shreveport, LA. I am really looking forward to being able to see a lot of old friends and get to know many more people involved in ASA. I look forward to attending this council session as a voting member. Mandan will be in Shreveport bidding with the hopes of landing another national tournament for 2012.

I wanted to include an update on the Sam McQuade Sr. Budweiser Charity Softball Tournament. Once again I would like to extend a great big THANK YOU to all of the teams and umpires that participated in the tournament and all the fans who came out to watch. After all the expenses were paid, I am happy to announce that we had a record setting year and in September we distributed over \$78,000 to local charities and organizations. I wish each and every one of you could have the opportunity to attend the banquet where we hand out the money and hear all of the heartwarming stories about just how much the charities and organizations appreciate the funds they receive.

The winning teams are now posted on the McQuade website. Be sure and check out all the winners at www.mcquades.com Once again, thank you players, umpires, and fans for making this tournament the most successful one we've held! Watch for the registration form for the 2011 tournament that will be available shortly after the first of the year on the McQuade website. Tournament dates for 2011 are June 24, 25, & 26. Remember—enter early! Be sure and be one of the record setting 477 teams that participate in this year's tournament and don't be one of the 75+ teams that didn't make it into this year's tournament. We hope to see you there!

Another great season of softball in North Dakota is behind us. Thanks to all of the players and umpires who make this game so great. I certainly appreciate all of the emails, phone calls, and questions I receive from players, managers, and umpires throughout the year on rule interpretations or concerns they may have. I also get asked several questions at many of the tournaments that I attend throughout the summer. I think it is great that we can discuss plays and situations so that umpires and players can come to better understand the rules of the game.

As we end another season, I need leagues, players, and umpires around the state to assist us in recruiting more umpires. I challenge you to do whatever you can to recruit just one new umpire for next season. We are losing umpires across the country at an alarming rate and North Dakota is no different. By recruiting just one new umpire, you would be doing your part to make sure the great game of softball continues well into the future with a sufficient number of umpires. Players and umpires—if you know of someone you think might make a good umpire, encourage them to try it. All it takes is a little persuasion from an umpire or a player and someone just might give umpiring a try—you'll never know unless you ask!

I encourage you to continue



Mike Wolf

to contact me at any time with any questions or concerns you may have. For me, the softball season never really ends so don't hesitate to drop me an email at wolfden8993@yahoo.com or give me a call at 701-222-0478 or try my cell at 701-400-2100 with any questions or concerns you may have. I am available to help you in any way I can. Have a great off season. I look forward to seeing many of you again at a rules clinic next spring or on the diamonds next summer or even somewhere along the line this winter! Remember—PLAY ASA and UMPIRE ASA!

ND Teams attending the E/Rec National Tournament in Bismarck

Bismarck Bistro/RF Jewelry
Bismarck Captain Jack's
Bismarck Carpet World
Bismarck Challenger Industries
Bismarck City Air Mechanical
Bismarck Dakota Pharmacy
Bismarck Dakota Staffing/Caffeine Central
Bismarck E-Quality/Krumm
Bismarck Jerome's Dist./Paramount Builders
Bismarck K & L Homes
Bismarck LogosNSports/Sports Page
Bismarck Mariner Construction
Bismarck O'Brien's/Coors Light
Bismarck Rug Rat
Bismarck Shirt Shack/Bill Barth
Bismarck Solid Dakota
Bismarck Sundance Oil
Bismarck TOPS
Dickinson Simonson's/Budweiser/DCI
Dunseith Davis Sinclair
Fargo Budweiser
Fargo DMVW Railroad
Fargo McNelius – dropped before tournament
Gackle Dani's Place
Glen Ullin Merchants
Jamestown Buff Mix
Mandan (or New Salem) NoDak Mutual-Wolding Loomix
Mandan Cloverdale
Mandan T C Wolves
Mandan Vicky's Sports Bar/Coin Welding/Kitzan Assoc.
Minot Big Sky Buffalo
Minot Budweiser
Minot Carlson Well Service
Minot Nola's/Coors/AFLAC
Minot Space Aliens
New Salem Kautzman Trucking
Wahpeton Sportsman's Lounge
West Fargo VFW

2010 North Dakota State Champions

Men's Slow Pitch

Division I - Fargo Sperle Masonry
Division II - Bismarck Paramount
Division III - Fargo TFA/Fat Tire
Rec I - Bismarck Jerome's/Paramount/Just-in Glass
Rec II East - Wahpeton MDI
Rec West - Minot Taco John's
Rec III East - Mayville Mayport Insurance
Rec III West - Mandan Ameripride
Rec IV East - Hunter Insurance/Verwest Contracting
Rec IV West - Dickinson Bud Light
Masters 35, Division I - Fargo Bellerud
Masters 35, Division II - Minot Kruse/Coors Light
Masters 35, Division III - LaMoure Nogo's
Masters 40, Division I - Bismarck Stadium
Masters 40, Division II - Lidgerwood Corner Bar
Masters 50 - Fargo PCI
Masters 50 (Wood Bat) - Mandan Dust-Tex
Masters 60 - Fargo Tharaldson Enterprises

Women's Slow Pitch

C - Fargo Agassiz Under Ground
D - Beulah Let's Do It Again
Rec I - Fargo Sperle Masonry/Spitfire Bar & Grill
Rec II East - Harvey Gloves

Rec II West - Minot Paradison/Jerome's Collision Center
Rec III East - Grand Forks Diamond Lounge/Bud
Rec III West - Bismarck Edison's Construction
Masters, Division I - Bismarck Bistro
Masters, Division II - Jamestown Wildside Creations
Masters, Division III - Grand Forks LM #1

Coed Slow Pitch

Division I - West Fargo Dan's Service Center/Bordertown
Division II - Fargo Sperle Masonry
Division III - LaMoure Nogo's Tapper
Division IV - Vallye City Nubar/Kunze Contruction/CJ's

Girl's Junior Olympic

18 & Under Slow Pitch, Class A - Lidgerwood Express
16 & Under Slow Pitch, Class A - Hankinson Zukies
16 & Under Slow Pitch, Class B - Minot Starz
14 & Under Slow Pitch, Class A - Napoleon
14 & Under Slow Pitch, Class B - Lisbon VFW
12 & Under Slow Pitch - Valley City Dacotah Bank
18 & Under Fast Pitch - West Fargo Impact
14 & Under Fast Pitch - West Fargo
12 & Under Fast Pitch - Dickinson
10 & Under Fast Pitch - West Fargo



2010 ASA Annual Council Meeting

The Amateur Softball Association, the National Governing Body of Softball in the United States, will host its 79th National Council Meeting at the Hilton Shreveport in Shreveport-Bossier, La., November 6-12.

Council Members can go onto the ASA Portal to download the Proposed Code Change Form, Proposed Rule Change Form and the Proxy Request Form. Only Council Members can submit these forms.

The ASA National Council is comprised of about 300 voting members from all aspects of the sport. The National Council, which consists of ASA Commissioners or Commissioner Emeritus, Executive Director Emeritus, Council Member Emeritus, Regional Player Representatives, At-Large Player Representatives, Regional Junior Olympic Commissioners, Regional Umpires-In-Chief, Allied Members, Elite Athlete Reps, and Past Presidents, are charged with making decisions on legislative changes, rule changes and is solely responsible for awarding National

Championships to host cities across the country.

All changes to the ASA Code and/or Playing rules are made through a legislative process. The first step to enact code legislation is for a member of the ASA Council to submit proposed legislation to amend the ASA Code and/or Playing Rules. All code and playing rule amendments are then voted on by the ASA Council during the meeting.

More than 100 tournaments will be awarded on Tuesday, November 9th, cities across the country. More than 40 different cities will make their pitch to the National Council during its general session on Tuesday. More and more cities are realizing the value of hosting an ASA National Championship and are already preparing for the Shreveport and future meetings.

More than 1,000 people are expected to attend the Annual Trade Show of the 79th Annual Meeting of the Amateur Softball Association. The Trade Show will be held Saturday, November

6. Exhibit hours are 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Saturday (5-7 p.m. for council members only). The Trade Show will be held at the Convention Center connected to the Hilton Shreveport.

Booths will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis, with costs for a booth depending on which category the exhibitor is classified. Those interested in exhibiting should contact Jamie Blanchard, Coordinator of Marketing and Communications, either by phone (405) 425-3422 or e-mail jblanchard@softball.org.

Future Meetings

The 2011 ASA Annual Council Meeting, which was bid in 2009, was awarded to South Carolina ASA and will be held in Myrtle Beach. In 2010, the location will be decided for the 2012 meeting. Oklahoma City, Okla., which hosts the meeting every 5-years, will host in 2013. Cities interested in hosting the Annual Council Meeting are encouraged to contact their local ASA Association for details.

ASA announces upcoming National Umpire Schools

OKLAHOMA CITY- Fourteen National Umpire Schools will be held throughout the United States from December 2010 through June 2011, the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) of America announced. The schools will be held in 13 states: Alabama, California,

Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, New Mexico, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania and Texas. Oklahoma will also host the 22nd Biennial National Umpire-In-Chief (UIC) Clinic in February.

Each ASA National Umpire School is run by a team of National

Umpire staff members, who serve as the clinicians. With a ratio of at least one clinician per 25-30 students, each participant will receive hands-on personal instruction on both fast pitch and slow pitch umpiring, except at the fast pitch and slow pitch advanced camps.

2010-11 ASA National Umpire Schools

Date	Location	Region/Type	Coordinator
December 11-12, 2010	San Antonio, TX	Region 7	April Sparks
January 15-16, 2011	Las Cruces, NM	Region 13	Johnny Campbell
February 18-20, 2011	Coeur d'Alene, ID	Region 15	Robie Johnson
February 25-27, 2011	Stockton, CA	Region 14	Ron Adkins
March 4-6, 2011	Conyers, GA	Region 4	Jimmy Derrick
March 11-13, 2011	Montgomery, AL	Region 5	Natalie Norman
March 11-13, 2011	Moline, IL	Region 10	Dennis Mesick
March 25-27, 2011	Chambersburg, PA	Region 3	Jeff Rice
March 25-27, 2011	Topeka, KS	Region 12	Joe Sproul
April 15-17, 2011	Rochester, MN	Region 11	Ed Hruska
May 6-8, 2011	Honolulu, HI	Region 14	Roger Javillio
May 13-15, 2011	Cincinnati, OH	Region 9	Dee Fick
June 7-12, 2011	Keizer, OR	Fast Pitch	John Garrett
June 14-19, 2011	Fresno/Clovis, CA	Slow Pitch	Jack Mettier

Schedule is subject to change. To register for an upcoming National Umpire School, please contact the school coordinator.

Oklahoma City, Okla., will host the Biennial National UIC Clinic February 3-5, 2011. Additional details on the National UIC Clinic, which will feature a guest speaker as well as breakout sessions, will be posted at asasoftball.com/umpires/uic_clinic.asp.

Teams Challenged Up for State Tournaments

Women’s

From Rec III to Rec II:

- Bismarck Bistro
- Bismarck Denny & Sons

Men’s

From Rec II to Rec I:

- Valley City Merchants

From Rec III to Rec II:

- Minot Capri Bar/Coors Lt. Shaw
- Bismarck Comfort Inn/ Hangman Drywall
- MCS Appraisal-Becker
- Fargo Alumni
- Grand Forks El Roco/BKD

- Minot Printer Ag
- Minot Capri Bar/Coors Lt. Shaw
- West Fargo O’Leary’s #1

From Rec IV to Rec III:

- Bismarck Qdoba Mexican Grill/Dominoes Pizza
- Bismarck Dakota Farms
- Bismarck M&H Gas/Miller Insulation
- Bismarck G-4 Auto Sports
- Gackle
- Fargo Bordertown #2
- Grand Forks King’s Corner
- Mandan Dakota Farms
- Mandan Last Call/Miller Lite
- Turtle Lake Bryles Firearms
- Wing Lucky Spur Bar

Teams to Move Up in 2011

Women’s

From D to C:

- Beulah Let’s Do It Again

From Rec I to D:

- Fargo Sperle/Spitfire
- Fargo Rita’s

From Rec II to Rec I:

- Harvey Gloves
- Mayville J Strand/Woodard Financial
- Minot Paradiso
- Bismarck Best Western Doublewood Inn
- Grand Forks Diamond Lounge/Bud
- Grafton Extra End
- Bismarck Edsons Construction

Men’s

From Rec I to D:

- West Fargo VFW (2nd at E/Rec Nationals)
- Minot Carlson Well Service (3rd at E/Rec Nationals)
- Bismarck Challenger Industries (5th at E/Rec Nationals)
- Bismarck Jerome’s/ Paramount/Just-in Glass
- Fargo Chub’s Pub #1/ Tubs of Fun
- Wahpeton Driftwood
- Bismarck K&L Homes

From Rec II to Rec I:

- Minot Taco John’s
- Bismarck Mariner Construction
- Wahpeton MDI
- Fullerton
- Fargo Ultimate Transportation
- Valley City Merchants

From Rec III to Rec II:

- Mayport Insurance
- Fargo Doolittle’s/Bottle Bar

- Grand Forks Kelly’s Ruffnecks
- Fargo G&T Plumbing
- West Fargo Sport City
- Wahpeton Sportsman Lounge
- Mandan AmeriPride
- LaMoure Gentzkow Trucking
- Mandan Vicky’s/ Colin Welding
- Dickinson TC/ACC
- Bismarck Great Northern Energy
- Jamestown Tom’s Electric
- Flasher My Place Bar/ Bammers
- Bismarck Miller High Life/ Duffy’s
- Bismarck Comfort Inn/ Hangman Drywall
- Bismarck MCS Appraisal/ Becker

From Rec IV to Rec III:

- Dickinson Bud Light
- Beulah Dakota Westmoreland/Sports
- Turtle Lake Anderson Cabinets
- Dickinson Taylor Crane
- New Town Sveen’s Construction
- Hunter Insurance/Verwest Contracting
- Grand Forks Taco John’s
- Grand Forks Crosstown Shockers
- Fargo Striver Chiropractic
- West Fargo Cabinet Makers
- Lisbon Gordy’s Grill & Fill
- Oakes Nutec
- Fargo Loaf & Jug
- Wahpeton Red River Agency
- Petersburg Town Pump II
- West Fargo FM Mortgage
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Girl’s State Championship Highlights

Junior Olympic 12 and Under Slow Pitch

A team sponsored by Dakotah Bank of Valley City won the 12 and under Girl’s state slow pitch at Jamestown on July 17. All games were held in the McElroy Softball Complex in that city.

In Pool A, Dakotah Bank defeated Napoleon 9 top 2 in their opener before topping Horace 8 to 5.

Napoleon then defeated Horace in a tight contest 5 to 4.

In Pool B, Langdon won 5 to 4 over Oakes in their first game and followed up with a convincing 18 to 4 win over Jamestown “Orr”iginals.

Oakes then beat Jamestown “Orr”iginals 5 to 4.

In the championship round, Dakotah Bank won over Langdon in the final 7 to 5 to claim the title while Napoleon beat Oakes 15 to 3 for third place. In the consolation round, Jamestown “Orr”iginals defeated Horace 8 to 4.

Junior Olympic 14 and Under Slow Pitch

In the 14 and Under Division, a seeding round was played to deter-

mine which teams would play in the A Division and which would play in the B Division. The Hankinson Zukies won over Jamestown Pink Panthers 17 to 7 in this round. Milnor defeated Dakotah Bank of Valley City 15 to 6.

Napoleon beat Wahpeton VFW 11 to 4. Oakes Bulldogs were six runs better than Jamestown “Orr”iginals 13 to 7 and Horace won 17 to 14 over Lisbon VFW. Hankinson, Milnor, Napoleon, Oakes and Horace advanced to the A Division of play.

In the first round of Division play, Milnor won 12 to 4 over Napoleon but Napoleon came back to beat Oakes 24 to 8 and then overcame Milnor in the final game to win the Class A title. After an opening game bye, Hankinson lost to Napoleon and was eliminated while Horace won the consolation title.

In the B Division, Lisbon VFW claimed the championship edging Dakotah Bank of Valley City 10 to 8 in the final. Lisbon reached the final by destroying Jamestown “Orr”iginals 29 to 3. Dakotah Bank advanced by beating Wahpeton VFW 14 to 2 and Jamestown Pink Panthers 14 to 7.

Junior Olympic 16 and Under Slow Pitch

Twelve teams competed in the 16 and Under Division of the JO slow pitch state tournaments held in Jamestown July 10 at McElroy Park in that city.

In the seeding round, Hankinson Zukies, Wahpeton VFW, Jamestown “Orr”iginals, Milnor, Minot Starz, Lidgerwood Express, Napoleon, Aducci All Stars of Williston, Oakes, Colfax, Lisbon VFW and Burlington all won games which advanced them into the Class A portion of the tournament.

The Hankinson Zukies won the Class A Division by beating the Lidgerwood Express 11 to 10, Milnor 13 to 3 and Lisbon VFW 27 to 6. After their initial loss to Hankinson, the Lidgerwood Express won the consolation title over Oakes.

After losing their first game in the seeding round, the Minot Starz claimed the Class B portion of the 16 U tournament beating Jamestown “Orr”iginals, 13 to 0, Napoleon 16 to 7 and 8 to 0 over Burlington. Burlington was the runner-up while Williston Aducci All Stars claimed the consolation title.

Junior Olympic 18 and Under Slow Pitch

Nine teams met to decide the state title in the 18 and Under division of the JO Girl’s slow pitch tournament held in Jamestown on July 11 at the McElroy Softball Complex.

The Lidgerwood Express won the championship trophy winning four games while losing none on their march to the title. They opened the tournament with a well played 4 to 2 victory over Sport About of Williston and followed up with a convincing 13 to 2 win over Lisbon VFW. They then defeated their fierce rivals, the Hankinson Zukies 9 to 4 to reach the championship game. The Zukies won over Jamestown “Orr”iginals 16 to 14, the Harvey Gloves 16 to 9 and Fairmount 20 to 3 before losing to the Express. They bounced back to defeat the Harvey Gloves 20 to 16 before losing the final to the Express by the score of 2 to 0.

Junior Olympic 10 and Under Fast Pitch

Six teams competed in the Ten and Under Division of the Junior

Olympic Girl’s Fast pitch state tournament held in West Fargo on July 24 and 25. West Fargo claimed the state title over Bismarck while Dickinson ended in third place. No scores were available.

Additional teams from South Fargo, Grand Forks and Casselton also played in this tournament.

Junior Olympic 12 and Under Fast Pitch

An eight teams field was assembled for the Twelve and Under Division of the Junior Olympic Girl’s Fast pitch state tournament held in West Fargo on July 24 and 25. The team from Dickinson won with victories over Shanley, Bismarck and Fargo South.

South finished in second place with West Fargo ending up in third place. Other teams in the tournament included Valley City, Grand Forks and Kindred.

Junior Olympic 14 and Under Fast Pitch

In the most hotly contested Division of the Girl’s fast pitch tourna-

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Women’s Slow Pitch State Championship Highlights

Class C

Fargo Agassiz Underground captured the Women’s Class C slow pitch state championship held in Minot the weekend of July 31 and August 1. Only six teams answered the call and attended the state tournament .

Agassiz won their first game with a convincing 14 to 2 win over Bismarck Burnt Creek Club and then defeated the best of the Bismarck teams, Moritz Sport and Marine by a score of 12 to 5.

In their third game of the tournament, Agassiz won a slugfest over perennial power Tharaldson Enterprises 17 to 14 then sat back and waited for one of the teams with only one loss to come back through the tournament and challenge for the title. That team was Tharaldson’s again after they fought their way back through the loser’s bracket only to be tripped up again by Agassiz 11 to 1 in the final game of the tournament.

Tharaldson’s advanced in the tournament by beating Saunders of Minot in their first game 13 to 2 and then scored a ten run victory over Grand Forks Red Pepper/Red Wing Shoes before they lost their next game to Agassiz. Tharaldson’s bounced back with a win over Moritz Sport and Marine to gain another shot at Agassiz but failed in that effort.

Moritz claimed third place and all three of the top teams plus the Burnt Creek Club of Bismarck advanced to the Northern National Class C tournament in Minot over Labor Day.

Class D

A young defensive minded team from Beulah, “Let’s Do It Again” surprised many observers and captured the Women’s State Class D Championship over an eight team field in Minot the weekend of July 31 and August 1. Beulah allowed a total of only six runs in winning all four of their tournament games. In the opener, they shut out Bismarck O’Briens/Life Chiropractic 4 to 0 and followed that up with a 6 to 1 triumph over The Landing from Minot. In their third game, they beat Bismarck Big Boy by a score of 7 to 2 and in the championship game they prevailed over Bismarck Gold and Silver allowing only three runs

while scoring six.

Runner-up Gold and Silver took the long way to the final game after losing their opener 22 to 12 to Grand Forks Burger King. Gold and Silver then ran off a string of four wins to advance to the final game.. They beat Minot Square One/Barley Pop 6 to 5, Minot the Landing 8 to 5, Bismarck Great Plains 16 to 6 and Bismarck Big Boy before losing the championship game to Beulah 6 to 3.

Bismarck Big Boy won third place over Bismarck Great Plains/IGA

Rec. I

A Fargo team co-sponsored by Sperle Masonry and Spitfire Bar and Grill won the nineteen team Rec I Women’s Slow Pitch state tournament in Valley City the weekend of July 31 and August 1. Sperle/Spitfire won five straight games without a loss over the two day event to claim the championship. They opened their drive to the title with a ten run decision over Jamestown Wildside and earned another decisive ten run victory over Bismarck CJ Rigging in game number two. Their next three games were all of the ten run rule variety winning 16 to 6 over Bismarck Dust Tex, 13 to 0 over Rita’s of West Fargo and 16 to 0 again over Rita’s which came back through the loser’s bracket.

Runner-up Rita’s of West Fargo also had an impressive tournament losing only to the champion Sperle/Spitfire team. Rita’s opened with an 11 to 5 win over Bob’s of Valley City and then beat Bismarck Advanced Mechanical 14 to 6. In their third game, Rita’s won by the ten run rule over Bismarck Capital City Construction before losing their first game to Sperle/Spitfire 13 to 0. They came back to defeat Bismarck Dust Tex 17 to 10 to earn another shot at Sperle/Spitfire but were unsuccessful in knocking off the eventual champs.

Bismarck Dust Tex won third place while Bismarck Capital City Construction was fourth.

Rec. II East

The Harvey Gloves captured the Rec II East state tournament title in Devils Lake the weekend of August 7 and 8 besting a field of

fourteen teams. They started with a tight, well played opening game beating Hatton Sunset Lounge 8 to 7 before knocking off Devils Lake Proz/MGD64 by a score of 17 to 5. Their third game turned into a defensive game with the Gloves winning 8 to 5 over Hillsboro to gain the championship game.

In that final game, the Gloves again turned in a great defensive effort winning 6 to 1 over Mayville J Strand/Woodward Financial.

Mayville won their way into the championship game with wins over Ransom County Bombers 11 to 7 and 5 to 4 over West Fargo Work Zone #1.

Hillsboro Women won third place and West Fargo Work Zone #1 was fourth.

Consolation title was won by Devils Lake Proz II over Fargo Ness Floor Covering/Carousal.

Roughrider Division champion was the Ransom Sargent Bombers.

Rec. II West

A Minot team, Paradiso/Jerome/s Collision Center won the Women’s Rec II West division state tournament held in Mandan the weekend of August 7 and 8. A total of 26 teams assembled to contend for the championship. Minot won over Center Haag Trucking in their first game by the ten run rule 17 to 7 before besting Bismarck Pure Country/Mich Ultra 10 to 3. Their next two wins were decided by their defensive play rather than a display of offensive power as they won 8 to 7 over Bismarck FBS and in the championship game 5 to 4 over Best Western Doublewood of Bismarck.

Doublewood began the day with a close win over Mandan Branding Iron Bar 4 to 3 and then beat Bismarck Bistro 9 to 6 and Minot Kelly Chiropractic/Boot Legerz 5 to 1 before losing the championship game to Minot Paradiso/Jerome’s Collision Center.

Minot Kelly Chiropractic/Bootlegerz was third while Bismarck FBS finished fourth.

Consolation title was won by Dickinson Liquid Assets over runner-up Mandan Branding Iron Bar.

Roughrider Division as winner was Hazen Bronsons/Krause Super

Valu.

Rec. III East

Wahpeton was the site of the Rec III East women’s state slow pitch tournament with Grand Forks Diamond Lounge/Bud claiming the title over a field of 24 teams the weekend of August 7 and 8. In their first two games, the Grand Forks team relied on the power of their bats as they defeated Fargo Burger King 22 to 9 and Jamestown Stokkelands/Shady’s 18 to 8. In their third game, they survived a scare and played exceptional defense in fending off the West Fargo Silver Dollar/MFI 5 to 4 to gain the title game. In the championship game, they traded runs with Grafton Extra End and finally won out in an exciting contest 13 to 11 to grab the crown.

Grafton opened play in their first game tossing a shutout at the Carrington Triple Play team 11 to 0. They won their second game in a nail biter 8 to 7 over Grand Forks Team LMI and then beat Fargo Automation to advance to the championship game where they lost to the Grand Forks team .

West Fargo Silver Dollar?MFI was the third place winner while Fargo Automation finished in fourth place.

Carrington Triple Play was the Consolation champ and West Fargo Silver Dollar/Sexy Pigs was fourth.

The Roughrider Division was won by Wahpeton Dean’s Digging and the Lidgerwood Merchants were the champs in the Tumbleweed Division.

Rec. III West

Edson’s Construction of Bismarck captured the state championship trophy in the Women’s Rec III West Division the weekend of August 7 and 8. The tournament was hosted by Dickinson and drew thirteen teams to vie for the title.

Edson’s opened with a bye before beating Beulah’s Alibi’s 15 to 0. Their next win was over Williston Nabors/Sax Electric 13 to 3 and in the title game Edson’s edged Fanta Farms of Dawson 8 to 7 to win the tournament.

Fanta Farms won their first game 5 to 2 over Garrison Cenex and then bested Beulah Nite Owl 8 to 2

before beating Dean Bender Chevrolet of Dickinson in the semi-final round. In the title game, they lost to Edson’s Construction of Bismarck to finish in second place.

Williston Nabor’s/Sax Electric was third and Dickinson Dean Bender Chevrolet was fourth.

In the Consolation game, Harvey Old Pros beat Bismarck Trans Trash and in the Roughrider Division Garrison Cenex was named the winner.

Masters Division I

Only four teams qualified for play in the Women’s Master’s Division I Round Robin state tournament held in Bismarck July 24 and 25.

Bismarck Bistro was declared the Champion after three teams finished with identical records of two wins and one loss. The winner was determined by comparing the run difference after reviewing head to head results..

Minot All American Trophies was the runner-up with Bismarck Burnt Creek in third place. Casey’s Bar/Grippers Sports finished last.

Masters Division II

Jamestown’s Wildside Creations won the Division II crown at the Women’s Master’s state tournament held in Bismarck, July 24 and 25. Five teams competed in the round robin format with the Jamestown teams winning all four of their games to claim the title.

Advanced Mechanical of Bismarck was the runner-up while another Bismarck team, Capital City Construction was third.

Rudy’s Bar and Vaaler Insurance also competed.

Masters Division III

A five team round robin tournament was held to determine the Division III champion in Women’s Master’s play with LM#1 team out of Grand Forks declared the champion on the basis of a head to head win over the East River Gals.

LM#1 beat the Streeter Merchants in their first game before winning over the East River Gals by a score of 17 to 9.

Back Crackers of Braddock won second place with East River Gals and Carrington Triple Play tying for third place.

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Women's Slow Pitch, Class C, Fargo Paradigm: Front row, left to right: Lashalle Leingang, Kari Tuton, Nicole Nelson, Brittany Marohl, Kelsey Proell and Tracy Marback. Back row, left to right: Jill De Vries, Jack McLean, Jean White, Sarah Brotlag and Whitney Mayer.



Women's Slow Pitch, Class D, Beulah Let's Do It Again: Front row, left to right: Kelsie Schmidt and Meghan Battest. Back row, left to right: Roberta Ford, Jordan Holter, Jessie Battest, Rosey Miller, Kayla Schmidt, Jacey Pulver, Alyssa Dschaak, Emmie Miller, Kari Link, Heidi Zimmerman and Jess Hruby.



Women's Slow Pitch, Division I, Bismarck The Bistro: Front row, left to right: Cassie Smith, Therese Schmidt, Holly Watts, Danielle Murphy, Stacie Yantzer and DJ Saragosa. Back row, left to right: Val Gustavsson, Julie Yantzer, Myste Hutton, Sherrice Roness, Jen Heck and Kim Luptak.



Women's Slow Pitch, Division II, Jamestown Wildside Creations: Front row, left to right: Leslie Hage, Trisha DuVall, Gail Hogan, Tiffany Hillstrom, Rachel Krieger, and Stacy Ruff. Back row, left to right: Barb Schmidt, Sammie Triplett, Beck Sad, Connie Lillejord, Daysha Conway, Jill Dewald, and Coach Marchel Krieger.



Women's Slow Pitch, Division III, Grand Forks LM #1: Front row, left to right: Mary Moser, Jenny Adsem, Nancy Breakey, Jessica Johnson, Coach Ed Greenland, Karen Siracosa and Laurie Greenland. Back row, left to right: Sheila Morris, Rachel Bridgeford, Twyla Tunseth, Jodi Buchmann, Jenny Karas and Karen Arvin.



Women's Slow Pitch, Rec I, Fargo Sperle Masonry/Spitfire Bar & Grill: Front row, left to right: Ali Horsager, Stacie Olson, Brittany Stargardt, Sharon Horsager, Bridget Piatz and Jackson Piatz. Back row, left to right: Jodi Buchholz, Caitlin Piatz, Alison Sluke, Jen Sunram, Megan Stocker, Michelle Carpenter, Junell Krabbenhoft and Theresa Neigum. Not pictured: Shannon Buckmier, Wanda Simonson, Jonna Bischof, Megan Smelser and Kayla Frappier.



Women's Slow Pitch, Rec II-East, Harvey Gloves: Front row, left to right: Mary Kennedy, Nira Hirtz, Becca Kourajian, Sarah Keller and Corbin Zerr. Back row, left to right: Coach Mary Hager, Emily Hertz, Jessica Meland, Rachel Nyhus, Maggie Lorenz, Chessa Baumgardner, Kari Wolfe, Caitlin Arnold and Coach Colleen Zerr.



Women's Slow Pitch, Rec II-West, Minot Paradiso, Jerome's Collision Center: Front row, left to right: Bonnie Carrera, Michaela Schwan and Jessica Hruby. Middle row, left to right: Coach Jane Grunenwald, Annie Smith, Michaela Larson, Lacie Bjertness, Cassie Felber, Jessica Kilichowski and Christie Grunenwald. Back row, left to right: Samantha Wickman, Elise Roberts and Heather Grunenwald.

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Women's Slow Pitch, Rec III-East, Grand Forks Diamond Lounge/Bud: Front row, left to right: Lillie Loken, Jackie Landvik, Ann Dahl, Jenny Milling, Lindsey Londis, Katie Brooks, Larissa Knutson and Mike Gibbins. Back row, left to right: Jennie Milling, Jessi Milling, Jason Gilbertson, Darcy Schmidt, Tracy Anderson, Todd Keitzman and Polly Roach.



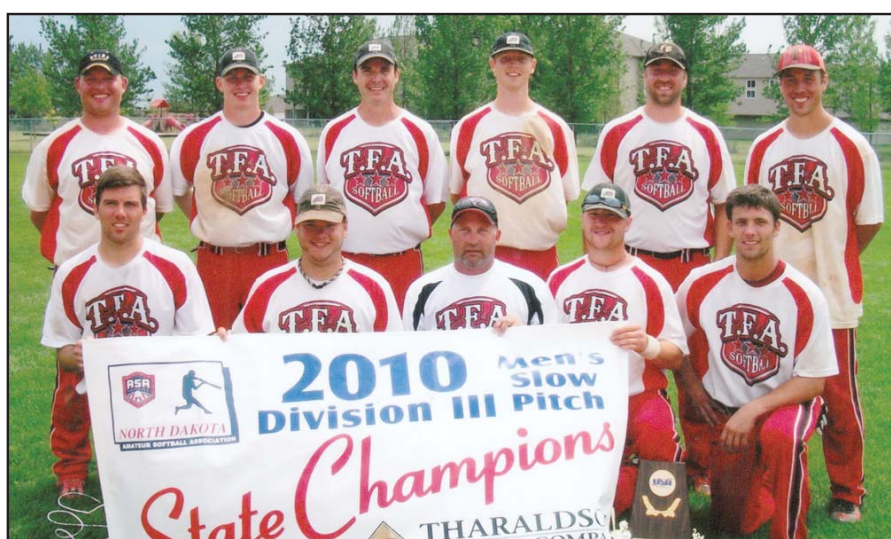
Women's Slow Pitch, Rec III-West, Bismarck Edson's Construction: Front row, left to right: Rachel Krug, Robin Nein, Michelle Nelson, Kristin Faris, Gina Solemsaas, Wendy Hafner and Kristin Johnson. Back row, left to right: Jen Faris, Lynette Johnson, Stacy Carufel and Laura Forde.



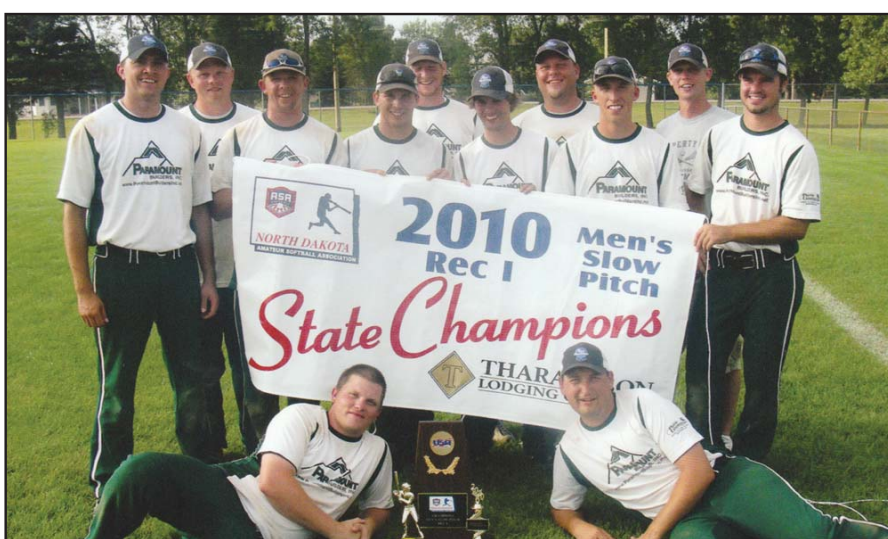
Men's Slow Pitch, Division I, Fargo Sperle Masonry: Front row, left to right: Ignacio Mata, Jr., Jason Salz, Kelly Wrangham, Brandon Oster, Brian Sperle, Shane Piaz, Shawn Sperle and John Dehaan. Back row, left to right: Brad Jaeger, Andrew Babinchak, Jon Horner, Dave Cummins, Bill Short, Mike Swanson and Josh McMenamy.



Men's Slow Pitch, Division II, Bismarck Paramount Builders: Front row, left to right: Silas Standing Elk, Josh Standing Elk, Scott Kinnischtcke and Rob Bird Horse. Back row, left to right: Justin Stanley, Tyler Merkel, Brandon Solemsaas, Jeremy Seeklander, Jason Jensen, Jordan Engelhardt and Jason Meidinger.



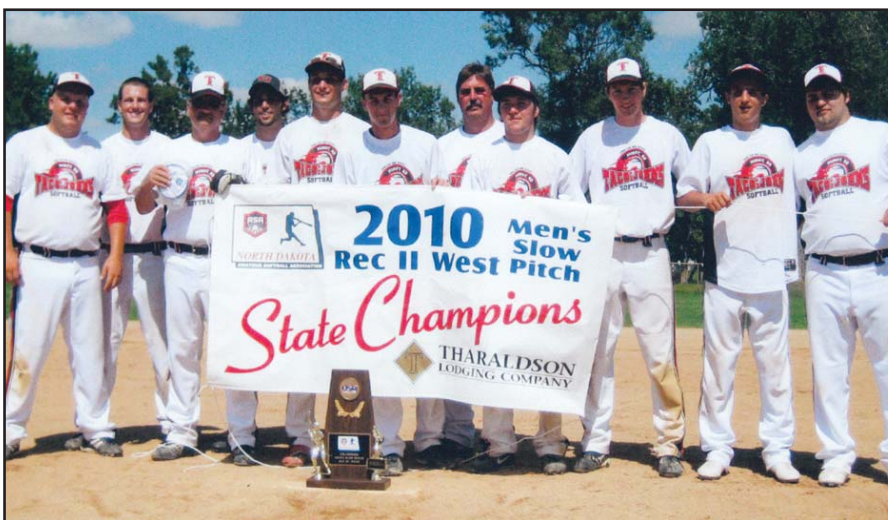
Men's Slow Pitch, Division III, Fargo TFA Softball: Front row, left to right: Darin Ziemer, John Blattenbauer, Dean Wixo, Josh Allmaras and Todd Sattler. Back row, left to right: Joe Tollefson, Matt Watson, Les Backer, Joel Mitchell, Chris Torkleldson and Nick Torklidson. Not pictured: Drew LeClair.



Men's Slow Pitch, Rec I, Bismarck Jerome's Paramount/Just-in-Glass: Front row, left to right: Matt Butz and Jesse Klaudt. Middle row, left to right: Matt Ihnels, Brent Opdahl, Ben Skoglund, Robby Skoglund, Mike Bohrer and Alan Jechort. Back row, left to right: Jim Nelson, Tyler Karel, Derek Olson and Travis Opdahl.



Men's Slow Pitch, Rec II-East, Wahpeton MDI: Front row, left to right: Joel Prachnow, Luke Kavanagh, Brian Peterson, Nate Moran, Luke Glarum and Mark McElvaney. Back row, left to right: Tommy Hann, Paul Vig, Brian Jenio, Mark Andel, Jake Iwens, Nick Carpenter, Travis Owens, Andy Whaylan and Anthony Olson.



Men's Slow Pitch, Rec II-West, Minot Taco John's: Left to right: Ben Kramer, Clay Kallias, Jim Burckhard, Brooks Backes, Chris Keys, Matt Burckhard, Jody Luck, Jerid Elm, Cole Krueger, Adam Burckhard and Ethan Filipek.

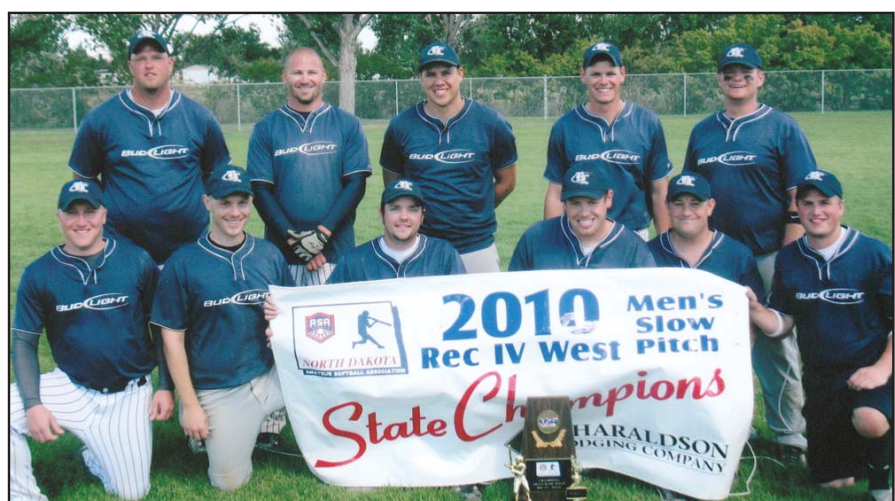
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Men's Slow Pitch, Rec III-East, Mayport Insurance: Kneeling front row, left to right: Heath Horpedahl, Bat boy Cody Ostlie, Bat boy Seth Germundson, Nathan Chin. Second row, left to right: Doug LaPalm, Bryan Sander, Al Heyt and Jay Ostlie. Back row, left to right: Ernie Eyre, Rick Torgeson, Matt Cordell, Brian Aune, Eric Knudsvig, Jay O'Connor and Ron Germundson.



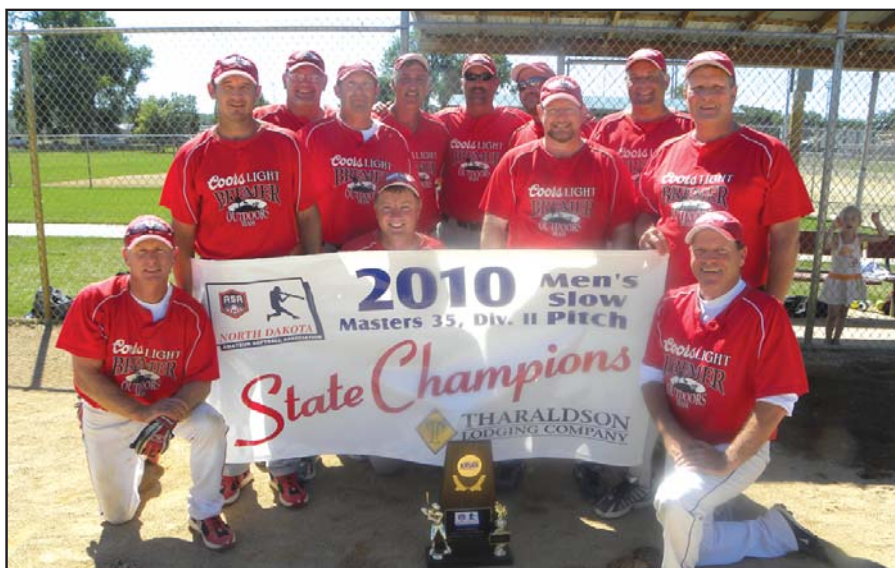
Men's Slow Pitch, Rec IV-East, Hunter Insurance/Verwest Contracting: Front row, left to right: Bryan Strommen, Scott Verwest, Darin Eller, Casey Zieske, Austen Leraas, Randall Moen and Lucas Bush. Back row, left to right: Doug Rensvold, Dustin Moen, Scott Zieske, Jeff Springer, Eric Rensvold, Justin Dunn, Nathan Bush, Tom Klapp and Ron Leraas.



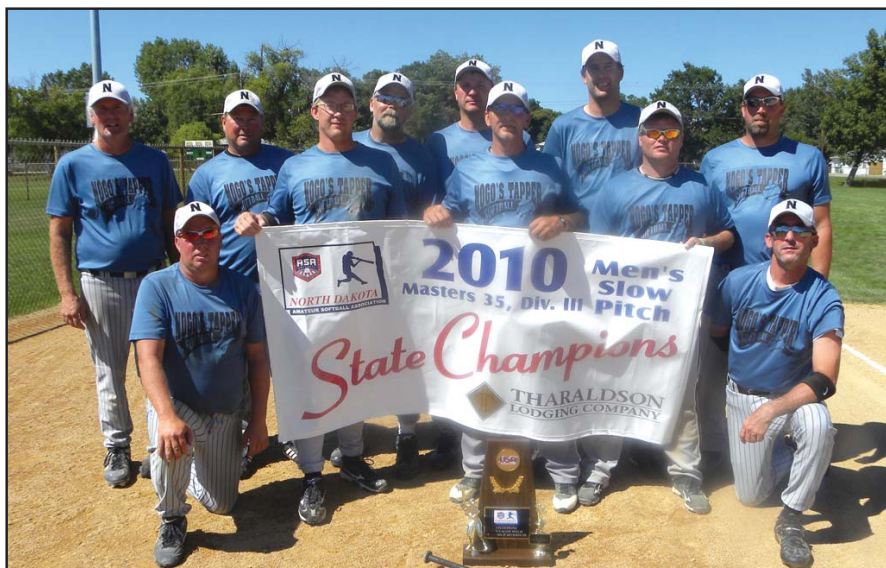
Men's Slow Pitch, Rec IV-West, Dickinson Bud Light/Town & Country: Front row, left to right: Kelly Buresh, Paul Tibor, Todd Eckert, Ian Spencer, Dan Upgren and Cody Clark. Back row, left to right: Jon Schardin, Brandon Dalajak, Ben Knight, Michael Steier and Travis Czapiewski.



Men's Slow Pitch, Masters 35, Division I, Fargo Bellerud: Front row, left to right: Larry Bellerud, Bob Piatz, Shane Piatz and Shawn Sperle. Back row, left to right: Brian Sperle, Kelly Wrangham, Mike Swanson, Mike Peterson, Bill Short, Jim Kesler, Chris Roberts and Tim Houser.



Men's Slow Pitch, Masters 35, Division II, Minot Kruse/Coors Light: Front row, left to right: Dale Back, Dave Burgess, Larry Eidsness and Eric Esterby. Back row, left to right: Mark Munday, Scott Snyder, Kent Fredrickson, Todd Hoffman, Terry Feigtsch and Ron Able. Not pictured: Jerry Gooch.



Men's Slow Pitch, Masters 35, Division III, LaMoure Nogo's: Kneeling, left to right: Todd Holub and Billy Dunn. Front row, left to right: Chris Warcken, Tod Nogosek and Mike Gentzkow. Back row, left to right: Paul Potts, Jeff Long, Ed Boos, Mitch Carlson, Kevin Strobel and Sam Exner.

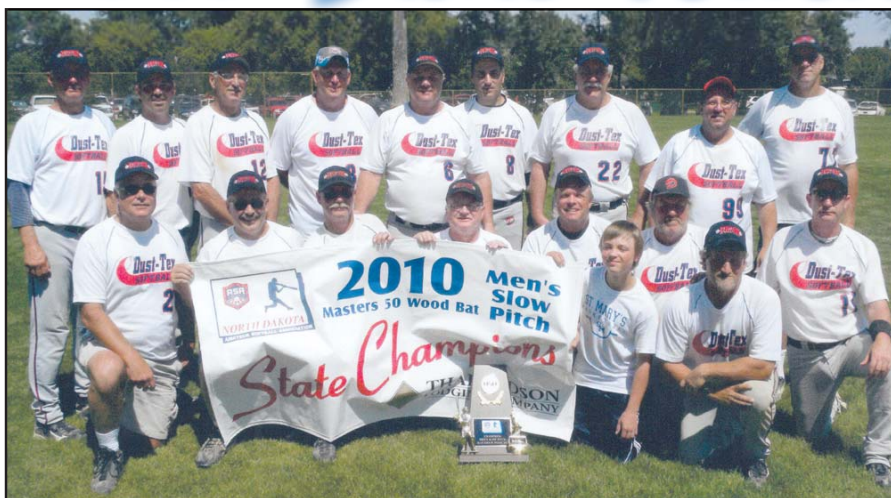


Men's Slow Pitch, Masters 40, Division I, Bismarck Stadium: Front row, left to right: Lance Lanson, Todd Winkler, Stacy Keller, Gordie Smith, Jon Gums and Tom Schmit. Back row, left to right: Jeff Delzer, Steve Harrington, Marc Menge, Mark Bohrer, Dennis Wrense, Kyle Christensen, Brad Mann, Mike Heitkamp.

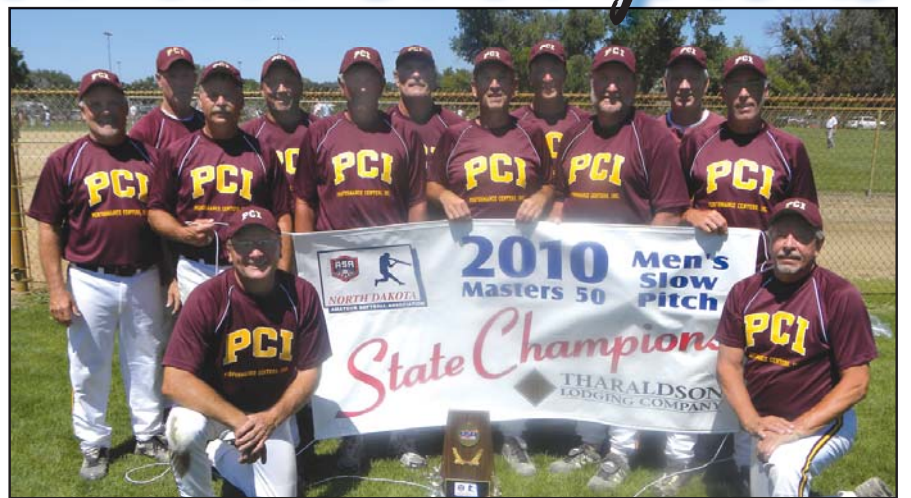


Men's Slow Pitch, Masters 40, Division II, Lidgerwood Corner Bar: Front row, left to right: Brian Lesner, Ron Kahl, Bill Gaukler, Mike Gaukler, Keith Saunders and Jesse Frolek. Back row, left to right: Wayne Robey, Mike Larson, Kevin Crandall, Tim Bohnenstingl and Jeff Lauth.

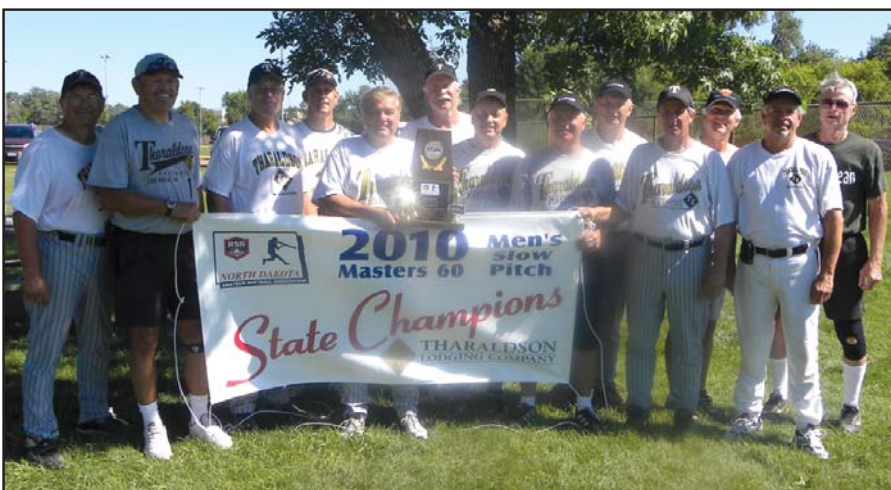
2010 State Tournament Champions



Men's Slow Pitch, Masters 50 Wood Bat, Mandan Dust-Tex: Front row, left to right: Blair Mitzel, Wayne Becker, Tim Krahler, Norlyn Schmidt, Gordy Smith, David Smith, Bumper Baumgartner, Steve Harrington and Tom Michelson. Back row, left to right: Kelly Krahler, Russ Nelson, Gale Olsen, Jack Jones, Mike Nider, Randy Olsen, Tom Jensen, Jim Becker and Ron Geffre.



Men's Slow Pitch, Masters 50, Fargo PCI: Kneeling, left to right: Al Bahm and Jerry Maley. Front row, left to right: Tim Betsch, Ken Knudsen, John Rygg, Terry Porter, Red hubka and Jon Hinrichs. Back row, left to right: Tim Johnson, Mark Lewis, Mike Jastram, Terry Stargardt and Gale Skolten.



Men's Slow Pitch, Masters 60, Fargo Tharaldson Enterprises: Left to right: Danny Gleave, Russ Curtis, Doug Peterson, Tim Johnson, Gary Tharaldson, Roy Simmons, Art Knudson, Ed Laxdal, Dale Johnson, Elgin McDaneil, Jerry Gary Maley, Kent Yohe and Jim Hann.



Coed Slow Pitch, Division I, West Fargo Dan's Service Center/Bordertown: Front row, left to right: Dori Amundson, Kristen Boyes, Anita Heier, Emily Peterson and Amy Anderson. Back row, left to right: Chuck Dahl, Ryan Rustad, Jeremy Smith, Brock Engstrom, Brian Smith and Chris Dahl. Not pictured: DaLee Wilkinson, Andrea Charlebois and Mariah Prussia.



Coed Slow Pitch, Division II, Fargo Sperle Masonry: Front row, left to right: Cole Horsager, Ross Olson, Ryan Sunram, Chris Gross and Mitch Goehring. Back row, left to right: Austin Horsager, Kevin Horsager, Jen Sunram, Jodi Buchholz, Megan Stocker, Stacie Olson, Brittany Olson and Sharon Horsager.



Coed Slow Pitch, Division III, LaMoure Nogo's Tapper: Front row: Cade Gentzkow. Second row, left to right: Shaulee Iverson, Becky Leier, Nicky Finck, Dustin Ulmer, Mike Gentzkow, Amy Larson, Janelle Nogosek and Barb Schmidt. Back row, left to right: Brett Berr, Michelle Entzminger, Heath Schaffer, Kory Nogosek, Billy Dunn and Tod Nogosek. Not pictured: Ashlee Williams.



Coed Slow Pitch, Division IV, Valley City Nubar/Kunze Construction/CJ's: Front row, left to right: Joe Everson, Katie Oehlke, Briana Schlosser, Kasey Mack, Dana Faber, Brandie Zimprich and Anita Kunze. Back row, left to right: Paul Kunke, Mike Schulz, Greg Schulz, Sherie Horsager, Justin Horsager, Travis Kunze and Jay Schlotfeldt.



Junior Olympic Girls Slow Pitch, 12 & Under, Valley City Dacotah Bank: Front row, left to right: Haley Schraidt, Rachel Meyer, Cassidy Fulton, Tarryn Justeson, Sydney Franklin and Hunder Sayler. Second row, left to right: Amanda Bjork, Cacie Lloyd, Autumn Meyer, Maya Kjelland and Paige Gould. Third Row, left to right: Coach L.C. Kjelland, Katie Pautz, Heather Knutson, Haley Sayler, Erin Roswick, Brenna Dieterle and Coach Kelly Utt. Back: Zach Ramsey.

Men’s Slow Pitch State Championship Highlights

Division I

Fargo Sperle Masonry won the Division I title in Men’s Slow pitch state championship play the weekend of July 31 and August 1 at the Anderson Softball Complex in Fargo.

Sperle completed a four game sweep of the nine team tournament to win the title. They opened with a convincing 24 to 9 win over Minot Ackerman Surveying and beat another Minot team, the Homesteaders 22 to 12. A ten run victory over Bismarck Dust-Tex followed by a score of 18 to 8 and in the championship game, Sperle put away Fargo Sun Opta in their only close game 12 to 9.

Sun Opta took the longer route to the final game with an open ing game win 18 to 3 over another team co-sponsored by Sperle Masonry along with M and M Drywall. Sun Opta then dropped a tight contest to Bismarck Dust Tex 11 to 10 to drop into the loser’s bracket where they put together wins over Minot Homesteaders 14 to 10, Bismarck Gateway Pharmacy/Stadium 21 to 7 and Dust Tex 18 to 17 before losing the title match to Fargo Sperle Masonry 12 to 9.

Bismarck Dust Tex finished third and Gateway Pharmacy/Stadium was fourth.

Division II

Bismarck Paramount Builders won the Division II championship in the Men’s Slow pitch state tournament held at the Anderson Softball Complex in Fargo the weekend of July 31 and August 1. While Paramount went unbeaten in five games they were pushed in virtually every game, winning only one by the ten run rule.

Paramount Builders opened the tournament with a well played victory over Grotberg Electric/ Dacotah Bank of Valley City 14 to 10. In their next game they beat Fargo Sun Seeds/Vic’s Bar 10 to 3 before beating the Jamestown Businessmen 13 to 5. In the next game, they finally managed a ten run victory 15 to 3 over Bismarck ETI 15 to 3 which turned out to be an ironic win since ETI came back to face Paramount again in the final game. In that final game, Paramount Builders squeezed out a 14 to 13 win in an exciting finish to the tournament.

Bismarck ETI beat four opponents on their way to the title game but could not get past

Paramount Builders. ETI won over Mandan Great Plains Tech/ Zander Body Shop in their first game in the best game of the tournament 4 to 3 before meeting and beating Bismarck Applebees/ Sykes/Berger 10 to 6, Minot Burger King 5 to 1. They lost a ten run game to Paramount 15 to 3 but bounced back with a win over Fargo Sun Seeds 16 to 11 before losing the final 14 to 13.

Fargo Sun Seeds won third place and Mandan Dust Tex was fourth.

Division III

Fargo TFA Softball was the Men’s Division III slow pitch state champion as they bested eleven other teams in the tournament held in Fargo the weekend of July 31 and August 1.

To do so they had to come through the loser’s bracket after dropping their second game of the tournament. In their opener, TFA won over Minot AFB by a score of 13 to 7 but then lost to another Minot team, Buffalo Wild Wings/ Keystone Light 15 to 7 to drop into the loser’s bracket where they won five straight games to advance to the championship.

Their first victim in the loser’s

bracket was The Box/Wrigley Mech. 7 to 3 followed by a win over Fargo The Box 9 to 2. In the next game, they ten-runned West Fargo Gate City Bank 16 to 6 and did the same to Williston American Casing/Car Tunz 18 to 6. They then beat Oswald Brothers Repair of Bismarck 26 to 9 to gain a shot at the undefeated Bitz Communications of Minot whom they beat 5 to 0 in the first championship game and put the cap on a thrilling tournament by beating Bitz again 11 to 1 for the title.

Bitz won four games on their way to the title clash, three of them close battles. In their opener, they won 5 to 4 over Fargo The Box/ Wrigley Mech. They squeezed out another tight win 3 to 2 over Williston American Casing/Car Tunz and won a third one-run game outlasting West Fargo Gate City Bank 6 to 5. In the only easy game of their day, they won by ten runs over Oswald Brothers of Bismarck 12 to 2.

Oswald Brothers Repair of Bismarck claimed third place while Williston American Casing/Car Tunz was fourth.

Rec I

Bismarck Jerome’s/Paramount Builders/Just-In Glass won the Men’s Rec I state title by outlasting forty three other teams in the state tournament held in Jamestown over the weekend of July 31-August 1, 2010.

The winners won five games on their way to the championship game where they lost the first game of a double elimination tournament but rallied to win the second and deciding game to claim the title.

The winners opened with a close 10 to 9 victory over the Valley City Merchants then beat West Fargo Schmitz Insurance 10 to 2. They weathered another close game in the third game of their tournament, beating Bismarck Starion Financial 8 to 7. Their bats started working again in game four as they ten-runned the eventual runner-up Chub’s Pub of Fargo 12 to 2. In game number five, they again won by ten runs outlasting Driftwood of Wahpeton 11 to 1. In the first championship game, Chub’s Pub #1 won 12 to 8 to force another and deciding game. In this game, the Bismarck team held on to win 12 to 11 and win the championship trophy.

Chub’s Pub #1 was runner-up beating Minot Precision Plus by a score of 13 to 8 in their first game. Chub’s then beat Bismarck Logos 8 to 6 and Fargo Road Wolf 19 to 10 before losing to Jerome’s/ 12 to 2. In the loser’s bracket Chub’s won a close decision 3 to 2 over Ken Kraft of Fargo before beating Bismarck K and L Homes 15 to 13 and

Wahpeton Driftwood 14 to 9 earning their shot into the championship games.

Wahpeton Driftwood was the third place finisher while Bismarck K and L Homes was fourth.

Rec II-East

Wahpeton MDI won the thirty three team Rec II East tournament in Fargo the weekend of July 31-August 1. The tournament was held in two sites, the Anderson Softball Complex on 45th street south and the Southwest Diamonds at 18th. St and 17th. Avenue south.

MDI won five straight games to go undefeated in the tournament starting with an opening game win of 15 to 5 over Grand Forks XL Rock N Jox. They followed with a victory over Fargo Town and Country Credit Union 12 to 3 and won their third game over Grand Forks LM Glasfiber 13 to 11. In the

semi-final, they bested Fargo Ultimate Transportation 8 to 4 before beating Fullerton in the title game by a score of 12 to 9.

Fullerton won four games on their way to the title clash, beating Fargo Zim’s Entertainment 11 to 5, Fargo Aadland Law Firm 14 to 5, Grand Forks Tom and Jerry’s Dugout 6 to 5 and West Fargo VFW13 to 12 before losing the final to MDI.

Fargo Ultimate Transportation was third and West Fargo VFW claimed fourth.

Consolation title was won by Grand Fork’s Happy Joe’s which beat another Grand Forks team, El Roco#2 by a score of 10 to 5.

Roughrider Division was captured by Fargo Big D and Tumbleweed Division was won by Munich.

Rec II-West

Minot Taco John’s won the 23 team Rec II West state slow pitch championship in Mandan the weekend of July 31 and August 1. The Minoters went undefeated, winning five straight games to win the championship.

Taco John’s won their first game over TC Wolves of Mandan 12 to 6 and then beat Rugrats of Bismarck 6 to 3 before beating another Bismarck team,MCS Appraisals/ Becker 11 to 3. In their fourth game they doubled up another Minot team winning 14 to 7 over Sports on Tap. In the championship game, Taco Johns bested Mariner Construction 17 to 6 to take home the winner’s trophy.

Mariner has a successful tournament too with wins over Mandan Charvat Construction 10 to 9, Minot Big Sky Buffalo 18 to 11, Bismarck Dakota Staffing Solutions 14 to 10 and a close fought 9 to 8 victory over Rugby to gain the finals.

Minot Sports on Tap won third place and Rugby Lee’s Bar claimed fourth.

In the consolation round, Mandan TC Wolves bested Mandan Charvat Construction while the RoughRider Division was won by Bismarck Comfort Inn.

Rec III-East

Grand Forks was the host city for the Men’s Rec III East state slow pitch tournament the weekend of August 7 and 8. A total of 56 teams made the trek to Grand Forks and the team sponsored by the Mayport Insurance was the champion.

Mayport opened it’s quest for the title with a 10 to 7 win over West Fargo Sports City and then proceeded to ten run Devils Lake Proz/End of the line/Jacks by the score of 20 to 10. Mayport then threw a shutout at Fargo Space Aliens 11 to 0 and got a win over Grizzleys of Jamestown. In the semi final game Mayport beat up on G and T Plumbing of Fargo 18 to 6 and in the championship game managed a tight 5 to 4 win over Fargo Doolittles/Bottle Bar for the title.

Runner-up Doolittles opened with an impressive 16 to 1 win over Grand Forks Space Aliens but had to sweat out a 6 to 5 win in their second game over Devils Lake Gerrells/Thirstys. In their third game they won over Grand Forks O’Reillys and then won another one run game 9 to 8 over Belcourt before losing the championship game.

Kelly’s Ruffnecks from Grand Forks won the third place trophy while Fargo G and T Plumbing took fourth.

Consolation winner was West Fargo Sports City which won over Sportsman’s Lounge of Wahpe-

ton.

Roughrider Division winner was Fargo Precision Cutting.

Pioneer Division was won by Fargo Northport

Tumbleweed Division was captured by Jamestown IDK Bar and Grill.

Cactus Division winner was Grand Forks Dust Diamonds.

Rec III-West

The Men’s Rec III state championship tournament was held in Bismarck the weekend of August 7 and 8 and a record number of teams showed up to compete for the title. Mandan Ameripride won the 92 team event winning six straight games over the two day tournament.

In their first game, Ameripride took a ten run victory over Jamestown Quality Chiropractic winning 14 to 4. They continued their fancy hitting in their second game besting Community Builders of Bismarck 15 to 1. They nearly met their match in game number three as they managed to hang on for a tough 13 to 12 win over Mandan Wahus Construction. Ameripride bounced back with a vengeance with a ten run victory over the Bismarck Elks 12 to 2 before downing Norris Lounge of Drake 15 to 4 in the semi-final. In the championship game, Ameripride broke loose with 23 runs in destroying Gentzkow of LaMoure 23 to 2 to claim the championship trophy.

Gentzkow of LaMoure had a good tournament advancing to the final game with five wins before dropping the championship tilt. Their first game produced a 15 to 9 win over the Center Merchants and in their second game they had a real scrap on their hands before beating the Wimbledon Merchants 8 to 7. Eight runs was also enough to give them another victory in their third game 8 to 4 over Mandan Coors Light. Two impressive wins took them to the title game, a 12 to 4 win over Bismarck Business Systems/ Tops and a 15 to 1 triumph over Minot Capri Bar/Keystone Light.

Mandan Vicky’s/Colin Welding was the third place winner and Dickinson TC/Ace ended the tournament in fourth place.

Consolation final was won by Bismarck Great Northern Energy over Jamestown Tom’s Electric.

Roughrider Division winner was Flasher My Place/Bammers.

Pioneer Division was won by Bismarck Miller High Life/Duffys

Tumbleweed Division winner was Beulah Alibis/Union Bank .

Cactus Division was won by Mandan Corral Sales.

Rec IV-East

TheRec IV state tournament continues to lead all divisions of play in the number of teams which play in the division. 2010 was certainly no exception to that rule as 113 teams rolled into Grand Forks the weekend of August 14 and 15 to compete for the title in the Rec. IV Division. A team sponsored by Hunter Insurance/Verwest Contracting of Hunter, North Dakota won the tournament after going undefeated in the Upper Bracket #3 and outlasting the other Bracket winners.

Within their bracket, Hunter defeated Waiand Chiropractic of Grand Forks in their first game and then won over the Fargo Police Association/Blue Sox. The also beat Grand ForksLessard/North State Telecom and James River Grain of LaMoure before taking on the other bracket winners where they emerged champion of the tournament. Results and scores from this portion of the tournament are

unavailable.

Wahpeton Red River Agency won the Consolation title beating Peterson Town Pump II.

In the Roughrider Division, West Fargo FM Mortgage was the winner.

The Pioneer Division as captured by Fargo JSPK Child Care/ Playmakers.

Portland Floyds won the Tumbleweed Division while Grand Forks Southgate/Deeks won the Cactus Division.

Rec IV-West

Forty two teams showed up at the Gress Softball Complex in Dickinson the weekend of August 14 and 15 to compete for the state title in the Rec IV West Division. One of the home teams, Dickinson Bud Light won the championship with five straight wins over the two day tournament. Bud Light opened their quest for the title with a win over Minot Original Bar and then won over another Dickinson team, Logomagic/Band K Electric. In their third game, the Bud Light boys beat Turtle Lake Anderson Cabinets and in the title game they won over Beulah Dakota. Scores of these games were not made available.

Runner-up Beulah Dakota won their first game over Mandan E-Quality and then beat another Dickinson team, Forsness Trucking. In their third game, Beulah beat the Rolette Bar and in the semi-final game the beat Taylor Crane of Dickinson before losing the title game to Dickinson Bug Light.

Turtle Lake Anderson Cabinets captured third place over Dickinson Taylor Crane while Newtown’s Sveen’s Construction was the Consolation winner over Mandan Anderson Cabinets. Roughrider Division champion was Bowman GlineB’s Electric/Scranton Elevator and the Tumbleweed Division was won by Bismarck Big Boy.

Masters 35, Division I

Fargo Bellerud won the eight team Division I of the Men’s Masters 35 tournament held in Mandan the weekend of July 24 and 25. Bellerud won it’s two games in Pool play, then won four games in a row to win the Championship.

Their first win in the bracket portion of the tournament was a convincing 16 to 1 win over

Fargo Sanfords, then beat Bismarck Broken Oar 31 to 9; Dust Tex was their third victim falling 22 to 1 and Bellerud’s polished off their march to the title with a ten run victory over Broken Oar,again 27 to 17.

Bismarck Broken Oar was the tournament runner-up after winning two games in Pool play. The opened the bracket portion of the tournament with a walloping of Capt. Jacks Liquor 32 to 8. In game two, they lost to eventual champ Bellerud 21 to 9 before winning three in a row to gain another chance to play Bellerud. Broken Oar beat Oswald Brothers Repair of Bismarck 22 to 7, Kensal 26 to 9 and Dust Tex for the second time 17 to 4 before losing the championship game to Fargo Bellerud.

Mandan Dust Tex won third place with a win over Oswald’s Repair of Bismarck.

Masters 35, Division II

A nine team field met in Mandan the weekend of July 24 and 25 to decide the state champion in the Men’s Masters 35, Division II. Minot Kruse captured the title with a win over Marv’s Bar of Turtle Lake after Marv’s had beaten them in the first of two championship games.

COED Slow Pitch State Championship Highlights

Division I

With a total of eight teams entered, Division I of the Co-State Championship began with pool play with four teams in each pool. Pool results were then used to seed two teams from each pool into the bracket portion of the tournament. Dan's Service Center/Bordertown of Fargo won the overall state championship for Division I teams.

Dan's went three and zero in pool play and played the second place team from the other pool in their first bracket division game. In that game, Dan's beat Johnson's Hardwood Floors of West Fargo 19 to 8 to advance to the final game. In the final Dan's beat Luxury Builders of Fargo by ten runs 13 to 3 to claim the championship trophy.

Fargo Luxury Builders claimed second place after winning three games in pool play against no losses. They then beat Captain's Pub of Valley City in their first game of bracket play before losing the final to Dan's Service Center/Bordertown of Fargo.

Valley City Captain's Pub won third place over West Fargo Johnson Hardwood Floors.

Division II

With a total of eight teams entered in the Division II Co-Ed state championship tournament held at the Anderson Softball Complex in Fargo the weekend of September 11 and 12 pool play was used to determine the four teams which would meet to decide the state champion. Sperle Masonry of Fargo captured the championship after going three and zero in pool play before winning both their games in the bracket tournament.

In their first game of bracket play, they managed a one run victory over a tough team from Dickinson sponsored by Coke 7 to 6 before defeating Lights Out of Fargo in the championship game. No score

was available.

Dickinson Coke finished in third place while Lidgerwood came in fourth.

Division III

Anderson Softball Complex was the scene of the Division III Co-Ed state championship tournament the weekend of September 11 and 12. A total of twenty teams met at the Fargo complex to compete for the title which was won by LaMoure Nogo's Tapper over Fargo Plains Medical in the final game.

Nogo's won five games to claim the title beginning with a 7 to 2 win over R and R of Fargo. In game two they beat Certified Auto Repair of Fargo 19 to 7 before defeating Joe Blacks #1 of Grand Forks 13 to 5. In the semi-final game, Nogo's had a real tussle on their hands before winning 6 to 5 over Devils Lake Proz.

In the final Nogo's scored 19 runs to triumph over Plains Medical of Fargo which could only tally 8 runs.

Plains Medical won their first game 10 to 7 over Cheeks and Johns of Valley City and then beat Kelly's Bar of Grand Forks. In their third game, they defeated JVC/

McMenamy's Redskins of Grand Forks 11 to 7 before losing the championship game.

Devils Lake Proz captured third place over JVC/McMenamy's Redskins.

Consolation champs were Valley City Cheeks and Johns while runner-up for the consolation title was Fargo R and R.

Roughrider Division was won by Kelly's Bar of Grand Forks.

Division IV

Sixteen teams met at the Anderson Softball Complex in Fargo the weekend of September 11 and 12 to decide the Division IV state Co-Ed champion. A team from Valley City sponsored by NuBar/Kunze Contruction/CJ's was the eventual champion winning four games without a loss and beating the Tappen Roadhouse in the final.

Valley City opened with a win over Rumors of Grand Forks. No score available.

In their second game, the scored a 13 to 1 win over Off in the Corner from Lidgerwood before beating Pace Painting of East Grand Forks in the semi-final 12 to 2 to earn the championship game where

they won a squeaker over Tappen Roadhouse by a score of 9 to 7 to win the Division IV title.

Tappen had a tight first game, outlasting Schafers/Shady's of Jamestown 7 to 5 before ten running Jill Henning Insurance from Wahpeton 13 to 3. In the semi-final game, Tappen defeated Rosies/Lopez Trucking of Grafton 12 to 7 before losing the championship

game to Valley City.

Third place was won by Pace Painting of East Grand Forks over Grafton Rosies/Lopez Trucking.

Consolation title was won by Grand Forks Rumors over another Grand Forks team, Gehertz Concrete/Gios

Roughrider Division was captured by Grafton Bud Light/Last Chance.



Umpires Ron Horner and Elliott Gerhardt of Bismarck relax between innings during West Region girl's fast pitch action this Spring.

Hall of Fame Update

In the Summer issue of this newspaper, we reported that some updating and rearranging would be done to the space reserved for the softball Hall of Fame housed in the Jamestown Civic Center.

New signage has been ordered and will be mounted to identify the displays on the North and the South walls of the lobby in the Civic Center. Some of the photos of Hall of Fame members will be moved from the North side to the South side where more room will be available for future Hall of Fame inductees. Since there are now over 200 mem-

bers of the shrine, more room must be created for display of their photographs. In addition, some sort of index will be created so that visitors can locate and identify individual members. The Hall of Fame Committee asks that anyone who has a thought about how that index ought to be created and arranged should contact Walt Stack at 105 Country Club Drive in Bismarck, 58501 or email stackwalt@AOL.com.

Several members of the Hall of Fame have contributed to a fund to help pay for these improvements to the existing display.

Plays and Clarifications

As the ASA Championship Season ends, It is a good time to update you on rules and mechanics as they apply to ASA Softball. It is time for all umpires to review the umpire rule book and umpire manual. If you are chosen to umpire a National Championship remember to stay focused, stay hydrated, and have a great time. You should appreciate the opportunity to represent your Local Association, your region, your territory and all of ASA. Remember, you are one of the best trained and prepared umpires in the country. This is one of the reasons why you have been selected to represent ASA in your National Championship. Good Luck and Good Umpiring.

This month's Plays and Clarifications address several items having to do with rules and mechanics. They are as follows:

Rule 3

Equipment.

A question was raised about uniform numbers. 'Is 0 and 00 the same uniform number and would they be allowed as legal numbers on the same team?' Rule 3 Section 6D states that 'an Arabic whole number (0-99) of contrasting color or outlined in contrasting, at least six inches high must be worn and visible on the back of all uniform shirts. No players on the team may wear identical numbers' This rule was changed in 2006 and the wording that I and 01 and 3 and 03 were examples of the same number was removed. This allows for more numbers for players to wear. How-

ever 1 and 01, as well as 3 and 03 are examples of different numbers, and can be worn by members of the same team during the game. This should clarify what numbers are not considered to be the same.

Rule 6

The ASA Council has passed an emergency playing rule change as per the ASA code. Playing Rule 6 Section 3 H (Slow Pitch): The ball must be delivered with perceptible arc and reach a height of at least 6 feet from the ground, while not exceeding a maximum height of 10 feet from the ground. This rule will now have an exception that Senior Slow pitch will play by the old rule of reach a height of at least 6 feet from the ground, while not exceeding a maximum height of 12 feet from the ground.

Rule 7

Batting Fast Pitch.

Play: B2 a slap hitter, is hit by a pitched ball while out in front of the batter's box. In a) that B 1 ducks to try to avoid being hit but is still struck in the head and b) B2 is hit before having the time to avoid being hit by the pitch.

Ruling: In a) If in the umpire's judgment the batter made an attempt to get out of the way, the umpire should award the batter 1B. In b) since the batter made no attempt to get out of the way of the pitch this would be a dead ball and keep the batter up to bat.

ASA rules apply to a hit batter in three ways. Rule 7 Section 4H and M applies if the batter swung

or prevented the ball from entering the strike zone. This would be a dead ball strike, Rule 8 Section IF: When a pitched ball not swung at nor called a strike touches any part of the batter's person including the hands or clothing. EFFECT: Dead Ball the batter Is entitled to first base without liability to be put out. EXCEPTION: If no attempt is made to avoid being hit, the batter will not be awarded 1B unless it is ball four.

ASA has always said that a pitch can fool a batter and they may not have time to get out of the way. Umpires should use the thought process of the ball does not belong in the box and the benefit of doubt is given to the batter. When the batter is in front of the batter's box the reaction time is decreased and they could be hit with the ball before they have time to react and get out of the way. In this case the umpire should use a similar thought process that the batter does not belong in front of the box and if the reaction time is reduced, the benefit of the doubt should be given to the pitcher.

So apply the rule and use common sense when determining when a batter makes an attempt to keep from getting hit while in the box does not have time to make an attempt or while in the front of the box makes no attempt to keep from being hit. Keep in mind, It will always be a dead ball and a batter will either be awarded 111 or stay at bat with a ball added to the count.

Rule-8 Section 4F

Des Moines wins Men's Class E/Rec Northern National Crown

Stranded/Swift Auto of Des Moines, Iowa won twice in the final games to capture the Championship of the Men's Class E/Rec National tournament held in Bismarck over the Labor Day weekend.

West Fargo VFW went into the final games as the only unbeaten team in the 55 team field which began the tournament but lost twice to the Iowans, scoring only two runs total in the two final games. It was the first national championship win for the team which had played in six tournaments this season and won them all, losing only two tournament games all year.

In the first championship game, Des Moines used a four run fifth inning to break a 1 to 1 tie. That five run margin held up and forced another championship game which was all Iowa as they put up six runs

in the second inning after sending 12 men to the plate and strung together seven straight hits after two were out.

They added four more in the bottom of the fourth and West Fargo went out 1-2-3 in the top of the fifth to end the game on the ten run rule.

Carlson Well Service nabbed third place after a spirited run through the loser's bracket while South St. Paul VFW ended in fourth place.

The E/Rec Division National tournament was created in 2009 to provide ASA National tournament play to Recreation ball players. The ASA Board recognized the value of the Recreation leagues in creating this tournament.

The first of these Nationals was held in Kansas in 2009.

Close but no cigar

West Fargo VFW takes second In E/Rec tourney

Headed into the championship game of the 55 team Northern National E/Rec tournament in Bismarck over the Labor Day weekend, the team from the West Fargo VFW was the only unbeaten team left.

They had beaten the team they had to defeat one more time to claim the national title. But it was not to be. A team from Des Moines, Iowa came back to win both championship games in the double elimination event to win the crown.

The West Fargo team opened up their march to the final with a close win over the Rug Rats from Bismarck 12 to 11 before beating Creative Concepts from Long

Prairie, Minnesota 15 to 11. In their next two games, VFW beat the Sportsman's Lounge from Wahpeton 10 to 6 and TC Wolves from Mandan 14 to 3. In their fifth game they won over Carlson Well Services of Minot and in the sixth game they defeated the eventual champions Stranded/Swift Auto of Des Moines 8 to 7.

In the final two games the bats absolutely quit working for the VFW team as the managed only two runs, one in each game, in losing 5 to 1 and 12 to 1 to Stranded/Swift Auto.

Carlson Well Services of Minot claimed third place and So. St. Paul VFW won fourth place.

Mens Highlights

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Kruse began with a 16 to 12 win over Bismarck Kautzman Trucking and then shut out Grand Forks A and R Bar by a score of 10 to 0. In their third game they ran into a determined team from Bismarck Great Northern Energy finally emerging with a 13 to 12 win in a classic battle. They then beat Marv's Bar of Turtle Lake in the semi-final game 12 to 0 before losing to the same team in the first championship game in this double elimination tournament. Like true champions, Kruse came back in the second championship game winning 9 to 6 over Marv's.

Marv's Bar began the day with a bye then beat the Bismarck Moose 25 to 7 and Mandan Red Tide 13 to 6 before losing to Kruse 12 to 0. Marv's came back with a 12 to 8 win over Jamestown Tom's 12 to 8 and then beat Kruse 12 to 4 in the first title game before losing the final 9 to 6.

Jamestown Tom's Electric won third place over Grand Forks A and R Bar.

Masters 35, Division III

Mandan played host to sixteen teams in the Men's Master's 35, Division III the weekend of July 24 and 25 with LaMoure Nogo's claiming the title after winning four games, losing the first championship game to the Center Merchants before coming back to claim the championship in the second championship game.

Nogo's won their opener with a ten run win over Jamestown IDK 12 to 2 before blowing out Mandan Cloverdale also by ten runs 11 to 1. Two more ten run wins followed with victories over the Lisbon Merchants 14 to 4 and the Center Merchants 16 to 6. Center fought

it's way back into championship contention and won the first championship game 7 to 5 but finally succumbed to Nogo's 10 to 3 in the second title game.

Center's Merchants won 10 to 1 over Rudy's Bar of Oakes in their first game then won a tight contest 10 to 9 over Mandan Action Sports. In their third game they ten-runned Bimarck Mike's Electric before losing their first meeting with eventual champ Nogos of Lamoure. Center came back with a win of Elliott Farms of Valley City before losing the second championship game 10 to 3.

Valley City Elliott Farms won third place with Wahpeton Interstate Engineering finishing in fourth place.

Masters 40 Division I

Bismarck Stadium won the Men's Master's 40 Division I state tournament in Mandan the weekend of July 24 and 25, winning four games in a row to claim the title. Stadium opened with a win over West Fargo Genesis 18 to 13 and then claimed a win over Marv's Bar 16 to 7 and a shutout win over Rumors of Grand Forks 22 to 0 before beating Dust Tex in the championship 15 to 3.

Dust Tex won their first game of the tournament 20 to 5 over the Moose Club, then lost to Rumors of Grand Forks 12 to 7 to drop into the losers bracket. Dust Tex bounced back with a lop sided 20 to 4 victory over Shirt Shack and then shutout Marv's Bar 13 to 0. In the semi-final, Dust Tex gained some revenge for their first loss by defeating Rumors in the close game 9 to 7. In the final, Dust Tex lost to Bismarck Stadium 15 to 3.

Grand Forks Rumors won third

place.

Masters 40 Division II

Lidgerwood Corner Bar claimed the title in the Men's Master's 40 Division II in Mandan the weekend of July 24 and 25 winning four straight games without a loss. Corner Bar won their first game of the day winning over Nogo's of Lamoure 23 to 16 and then won a low scoring game against Mayport Insurance 5 to 2. They continued their march to the title with a 12 to 8 victory over Mooreton Sports Bar and in the final won a nail-biter 14 to 13 over Mayport Insurance.

Runner-up Mayport Insurance had a tough time in their first game finally getting by Grand Forks McMenamys 14 to 13 and then lost it's next game to eventual champ Lidgerwood Corner bar 5 to 2. Three straight wins put them back into the championship game as they won 14 to 6 over Moorhead D.Q.: 9 to 8 over Valley City and 20 to 8 over the Sports Bar of Mooreton. That put them into the final where they were nosed out by Lidgerwood 14 to 13.

Mooreton Sports Bar claimed third place.

Masters 50

Seven teams vied for the state title in the Men's Master's 50 Division. The tournament was held in Mandan the weekend of July 24 and 25 and Fargo PCI claimed the title winning three games after sweeping two opponents in pool play.

PCI beat Mandan Maring and Williams 17 to 4 in a game shortened by the ten run rule and then did the same to Magi Touch 16 to 4 before meeting and beating Dust Tex in the final game 7 to 6 in a well

played finish.

Dust Tex had beaten Wahpeton 14 to 4. Consolation title was won by Fargo Liberty Business Systems over Fargo Enviro-Clean 22 to 9.

Masters 50 Wood Bat

Eight teams met in Mandan the weekend of August 7 and 8 to determine the champion of the Master's 50 Wood Bat Division. Saturday was devoted to pool play with teams then seeded into a single elimination bracket on Sunday. Dust Tex of Mandan went 3 and 0 in pool play and was seeded number one out of Pool A. They continued their fine play on Sunday claiming three wins and the Division championship.

In their first game on Sunday, Dust Tex won by ten run rule 13 to 1 over Mandan Capital City Construction, then shut out Mandan Maring and Williams 13 to 0. Dust

Tex won their third and toughest game winning 4 to 3 over Mandan Magi Touch.

Magi Touch finished second with wins over Mandan Kelly Insurance 12 to 1 and Walton Chiropractic of Fargo 8 to 6 before losing the championship game to Dust Tex.

Mandan Capital City Construction won the Consolation Title.

Masters 60

Fargo Tharaldson won the three team double round robin state tournament to claim the state championship in the Master's 60 and over held in Fargo. They beat Mandan Capital City Construction by the ten run rule 17 to 7 before subduing Wahpeton SunOpta 9 to 6 in the first game and 13 to 10 in the second game. Sun Opta had beaten Capital City Construction to earn a second shot at Tharaldson.

Girls Highlights

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ment, pre-tournament favorite West Fargo emerged as the champion in a tournament which featured eleven teams .The West Fargo team opened with a bye and then beat Kindred, Devils Lake and Dickinson to claim the title. Dickinson advanced to the title game with wins over Grand Forks #1, Grand Forks #2 and Bismarck before losing the final game. Bismarck finished in third place.

Other teams entered included Northern Cass, Fargo North, Hankinson, Casselton and Valley City. No scores were available.

Junior Olympic 18 and Under Fast Pitch

As expected a veteran team from

West Fargo claimed the Division title in the 18 and Under Division of the Girl's Junior Olympic Fast pitch state tournament. West Fargo opened with a bye before beating Casselton and Fargo North to gain the final game where they met and bested the Casselton team again for the Championship.

After dropping their first game, Casselton rebounded and won over Grand Forks, Fargo South and Fargo North before losing the Championship game.

Fargo North finished in third place. Also competing in the tournament was a team from Valley City. No game scores were available.

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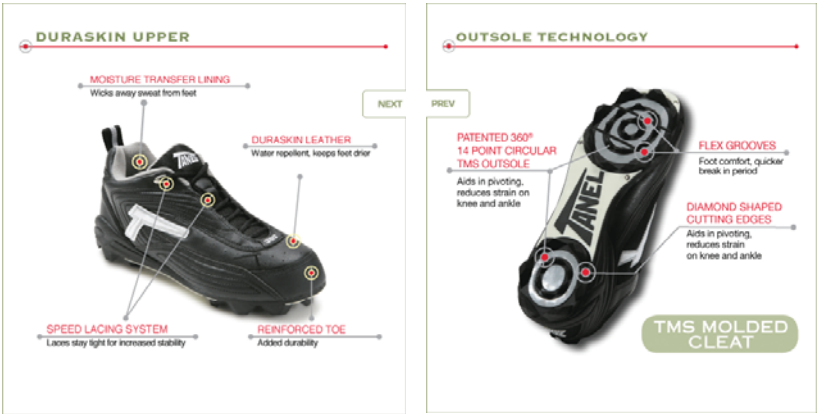
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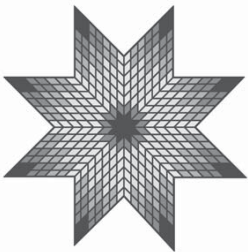
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2010 State Tournament Results

Men's Slow Pitch Division I

Champion: Fargo Sperle Masonry, Runnerup: Fargo SunOpta, Third: Bismarck Dust-Tex, Fourth: Bismarck Gateway

Men's Slow Pitch Division II

Champion: Bismarck Paramount, Runnerup: Bismarck EFI, Third: Fargo Sun-Seed, Fourth: Mandan Dust-Tex

Men's Slow Pitch Rec I

Champion: Bismarck Jerome's/Paramount/Just-in Glass, Runnerup: Fargo Chub's Pub #1/ Tubs of Fun, Third: Wahpeton K&L Homes, Fourth: Bismarck K&L Homes

Men's Slow Pitch Rec II-East

Champion: Wahpeton MDI, Runnerup: Fullerton, Third: Fargo Ultimate Trasportation, Fourth: West Fargo VFW, Consolation: Grand Forks El Roco #2, Consolation Runnerup: Grand Forks Happy Joe's, Roughrider: Fargo Big D, Tumbleweed: Munich

Men's Slow Pitch Rec II-West

Champion: Minot Taco John's, Runnerup: Bismarck Mariner Construction, Third: Minot Sports on Tap, Fourth: Rugby Lee's Bar, Consolation: Mandan TC Wolves, Consolation Runnerup: Mandan Charvat Construction, Roughrider: Bismarck Comfort Inn

Men's Slow Pitch Rec III-East

Champion: Mayport Insurance, Runnerup: Fargo Doolittle's, Third: Grand Forks Kelly's Ruffnecks, Fourth: Fargo G & T Plumbing, Consolation: West Fargo Sport City, Consolation Runnerup: Wahpeton Sportsman Lounge, Roughrider: Fargo Precision Cutting, Pioneer: Fargo Northport, Tumbleweed: Jamestown IDK Bar & Grill, Cactus: Grand Forks Dust Diamonds

Men's Slow Pitch Rec III-West

Champion: Mandan Ameripride, Runnerup: LaMoure Gentzkow, Third: Mandan Vicky's/Colin Welding, Fourth: Dickinson TC/ACC, Consolation: Bismarck Great Northern Energy, Consolation Runnerup: Jamestown Tom's Electric, Roughrider: Flasher My Place Bar/Bammers, Pioneer: Bismarck Miller High Life/Duffy's, Tumbleweed: Beulah Alibis/Union Bank, Cactus: Mandan Corral Sales

Men's Slow Pitch Rec IV-East

Champion: Hunter Insurance/Verwest Contracting, Runnerup: Grand Forks Taco John's, Third: Grand Forks Crosstown Shockers, Fourth: Fargo Striver Chiropractic, Consolation: Wahpeton Red River Agency, Consolation Runnerup: Petersburg Town Pump II, Roughrider: West Fargo FM Mortgage, Pioneer: Fargo JSPK Child Care/Playmakers, Tumbleweed: Portland Floyd's, Cactus: Grand Forks Southgate Deeks

Men's Slow Pitch Rec IV-West

Champion: Dickinson Bud Light, Runnerup: Beulah Dakota Westmoreland/Sports, Third: Turtle Lake Anderson Cabinets, Fourth: Dickinson Taylor Crane, Consolation: New town Sveen's Construction, Consolation Runnerup: Mandan Anderson Cabinets, Roughrider: Bowman GlineBs Electric/Scranton Elevator, Tumbleweed: Bismarck Big Boy

Men's Slow Pitch Masters 35, Division I

Champion: Fargo Bellerud, Runnerup: Bismarck Broken Oar, Third: Mandan Dust-Tex, Fourth: Bismarck Oswald's

Men's Slow Pitch Masters 35, Division II

Champion: Minot Kruse/Coors Light, Runnerup: Turtle Lake Marv's Bar, Third: Jamestown Tom's Electric, Fourth: Grand Forks A&R

Men's Slow Pitch Masters 35, Division III

Champion: LaMoure Nogo's, Runnerup: Center Merchants, Third: Valley City Elliot Farms, Fourth: Wahpeton Interstate Engineering

Men's Slow Pitch Masters 40, Division I

Champion: Bismarck Stadium, Runnerup: Mandan Dust-Tex, Third: Grand Forks Rumors

Men's Slow Pitch Masters 40, Division II

Champion: Lidgerwood Corner Bar, Runnerup: Mayville Mayport Insurance, Third: Mooreton Sports Bar

Men's Slow Pitch Masters 50

Champion: Fargo PCI, Runnerup: Mandan Dust-Tex, Consolation: Fargo Liberty Business Systems, Consolation Runnerup: Fargo EnviroClean

Men's Slow Pitch Masters 50, Wood Bat

Champion: Mandan Dust-Tex, Runnerup: Mandan Magi-Touch, Third: Mandan Capitol Center Construction

Men's Slow Pitch Masters 60

Champion: Fargo Tharaldson Enterprises, Runnerup: Mandan Dust-Tex, Third: Mandan Capitol City Construction

Women's Slow Pitch Class C

Champion: Fargo Agassiz, Runnerup: Fargo Tharaldsons, Third: Bismarck Moritz, Fourth: Grand Forks Red Pepper/Red Wing Shoes

Women's Slow Pitch Class D

Champion: Beulah Let's Do It Again, Runnerup: Bismarck Gold & Silver, Third: Bismarck Big Boy, Fourth: Bismarck Great Plains/IGA

Women's Slow Pitch Rec I

Champion: Fargo Sperle Masonry/Spitfire Bar & Grill, Runnerup: West Fargo Rita's Hometown Team, Third: Bismarck Dust-Tex, Fourth: Bismarck Capitol City Construction

Women's Slow Pitch Rec II-East

Champion: Harvey Gloves, Runnerup: Mayville J Strand/Woodard Financial, Third: Hillsboro Women, Fourth: West Fargo Work Zone #1, Consolation: Devils Lake Proz II, Consolation Runnerup: Fargo Ness Floor Covering/Carousel, Roughrider: Ransom Sargent Bombers

Women's Slow Pitch Rec II-West

Champion: Minot Paradison/Jerome's Collision Center, Runnerup: Bismarck Best Western Doublewood Inn, Third: Minot Kelly Chiropractic/Bootleggerz, Fourth: Bismarck FBS, Consolation: Dickinson Liquid Assets, Consolation Runnerup: Mandan Branding Iron Bar, Roughrider: Hazen Bronson's/Krause SuperValu

Women's Slow Pitch Rec III-East

Champion: Grand Forks Diamond Lounge/Bud, Runnerup: Grafton Extra End, Third: West Fargo Silver Dollar/MFI, Fourth: Fargo Automation, Consolation: Carrington Triple Play, Consolation Runnerup: West Fargo Silver Dollar/Sexy Pigs, Roughrider: Wahpeton Dean's Digging, Tumbleweed: Lidgerwood Merchants

Women's Slow Pitch Rec III-West

Champion: Bismarck Edson's Construction, Runnerup: Dawson Fanta Farms, Third: Williston Nabors/Sax Electric, Fourth: Dickinson Dean Bender Chevrolet, Consolation: Harvey Old Pros, Consolation Runnerup: Bismarck Trans Trash, Roughrider: Garrison Cenex

Women's Slow Pitch Division I

Champion: Bismarck Bistro, Runnerup: Minot All American Trophies

Women's Slow Pitch Division II

Champion: Jamestown Wildside Creations, Runnerup: Bismarck advanced Mechanical

Women's Slow Pitch Division III

Champion: Grand Forks LM #1, Runnerup: Braddock Back Crackers

Coed Slow Pitch Division I

Champion: West Fargo Dan's Service Center/Bordertown, Runnerup: Fargo Luxury Builders, Third: Valley City Captain's Pub, Third: West Fargo Johnson Hardwood Floors

Coed Slow Pitch Division II

Champion: Fargo Sperle Ma-

sonry, Runnerup: Fargo Lights Out, Third: Dickinson Coke, Third: Lidgerwood.

Coed Slow Pitch Division III

Champion: LaMoure Nogo's Tappers, Runnerup: Fargo Plains Medical, Third: Devils Lake Proz, Fourth: Grand Forks JUC/McMenamy's Redskins, Consolation: Valley City Cheeks & Johns, Consolation Runnerup: Fargo R & R, Roughrider: Grand Forks Kelly's Bar

Coed Slow Pitch Division IV

Champion: Valley City Nubar/Kunze Construction/CJ's, Runnerup: Tappen Roadhouse, Third: East Grand Forks Pace Printing, Fourth: Grafton Rosies/Lopez Trucking, Consolation: Grand Forks Rumors, Consolation Runnerup: Grand Forks Gehertz Concrete/Gios, Roughrider: Grafton Bud Light/ Last Chance

Junior Olympic Slow Pitch 12 & Under

Champion: Valley City Dacotah Bank, Runnerup: Langdon, Third: Napoleon, Fourth: Oakes, Consolation: Jamestown "Orr"igionals, Consolation Runnerup: Horace

Junior Olympic Slow Pitch 14 & Under Class A

Champion: Napoleon, Runnerup: Oakes Bulldogs, Third: Hankinson Zukies, Consolation: Horace, Consolation Runnerup: Milnor

Junior Olympic Slow Pitch 14 & Under Class B

Champion: Lisbon VFW, Runnerup: Valley City Dacotah Bank, Third: Jamestown Pink Panthers,

Consolation: Wahpeton VFW, Consolation Runnerup: Jamestown "Orr"igionals

Junior Olympic Slow Pitch - 16 & Under Class A

Champion: Hankinson Zukies, Runnerup: Lisbon VFW, Third: Milnor, Consolation: Lidgerwood Express, Consolation Runnerup: Oakes

Junior Olympic Slow Pitch - 16 & Under Class B

Champion: Minot Starz, Runnerup: Burlington Rec, Third: Napoleon Braun's Crop Dusters, Consolation: Williston Aducci All Stars, Consolation Runnerup: Colfax Classics

Junior Olympic Slow Pitch - 18 & Under

Champion: Lidgerwood Express, Runnerup: Hankinson Zukies, Third: Harvey Gloves, Fourth: Gwinner

Junior Olympic Fast Pitch - 10 & Under

Champion: West Fargo, Runnerup: Bismarck, Third: Dickinson, Fourth: Grand Forks

Junior Olympic Fast Pitch - 12 & Under

Champion: Dickinson, Runnerup: South Fargo, Third: West Fargo Impact, Fourth: Bismarck

Junior Olympic Fast Pitch - 14 & Under

Champion: West Fargo, Runnerup: Dickinson, Third: Bismarck, Fourth: Casselton

Junior Olympic Fast Pitch - 18 & Under

Champion: West Fargo Impact, Runnerup: Casselton, Third: Fargo North, Fourth: South Fargo

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Junior Olympic Girls Slow Pitch, 14 & Under, Class B, Lisbon VFW: Front row, left to right: Nicole Willprecht, Chelsey Kraemer, Kyndra Schmudt, Peyton Frolek, Marley Foertsch, Jordan Adams and Lorrar Nieves. Back Row, left to right: Bethany Oster, Kaylie Schell, Sam Reinke, Jayden Rittenour, Madison Kaehler, Taylor Oster and Coach Pat Rostock.



Junior Olympic Girls Slow Pitch, 16 & Under, Class A, Hankinson Zukies: Front row, left to right: Carmen Titus, Tana Westphal, Amber Bilben and Kelsey Gauckler. Second row, left to right: Lindsey Stein, Vanessa Mauch, Taylor Mederwald, Sarah Vellenga, Brenna Stein, Aunderea Janikowski, Taylor Herdin, Sheila Pankow and Coach Jaimie Krump. Back row, left to right: Sarah Fenski, Amanda Stenverg and Shannon Thompson.



Junior Olympic Girls Slow Pitch, 16 & Under, Class B, Minot Starz: Front row, left to right: Ashley Christ and Jessie Kongelf. Second row, left to right: Corbyn Holter, Megan Druse, Emma Weisberg, Hannah Gefroh, Katlee Schell and Hunter Betsch. Third row, left to right: Coach Duane Helms, Mavis Druse, Bailey Oberchain and Kelsey Helms. Back row, left to right: Miranda Fenner, Morgan Milbrath and Coach Bryan Oberchain.



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12 & Under Girls Fast Pitch Dickinson: Front Row: Emilie Sickler, Jenna Ehliis, Paige Aman, Abby Jones, Kennedy Keator, Kendall Ohara and Katie Laford; Back Row: Coach Shannon Sickler, Coach Nikkie Youngblood, Katie Dockter, Madison Jahner, Taylor Privratsky, Alanna Sickler, Marissa Schroeder, Coach Mike Schroeder and Coach Larry Dockter.



14 & Under Girls Fast Pitch, West Fargo: Back Row: Coach Mark Woodbury, Jolene Woodbury, Lexi Lennon, Katie Savage, Jordyn Johnson, Jocelyn Hegge and Coach Tim Rheault; Front Row: Michaela Liebl, Justine Sandoval, Anna Soderholm, Jamie Martin, Brittany Rheault, Morgan McDougall and Morgan Sterling.



18 & Under Girls Fast Pitch, West Fargo: Back Row: Coach Pat Johnson, Kelsey Daul, Monique Hill-Ramirez, Bri Keller, Dani Nelson, Nikki Eisenzimmer, Amy Clark, Harle Andel and Coach Terry Greenlund; Front Row Sydney Greenlund, Kacie Johnson, Brook Rheault, Ashley Sather, Katie Woodbury and Shannah Plehal.



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