

# Softball America Magazine

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2023 Year In Review

## Opening Day - March 25, 2024

A Look Ahead to the Softball New Year. A Look Back Over the Previous Year

Leagues will be forming in the weeks ahead. I have yet to reach out to last year's managers to get an idea of the number of available team spots in each league, but I will



be doing so in the not-too-distant future. If you are interested in entering a new team in one of the 8 available leagues (5 men's and 3 coed), it couldn't hurt to fill out a full or partial team form located at the following links: [Full Team](#), [Partial Team](#). If you do not have an affiliation with a team, you can join the league by filling out a Free Agent Form located here: [Free Agent Form](#).

With help from the league Rules and Competition Committee, (Curt Hensman, Bill Shipe, Bill Shallcross, Bill Brancato, Gene Walczak, Tom Koelzer, Jr., and Jamie Richards), the rule changes below will be instituted for the 2024 softball season.

Allowing females to bunt was put in place last year and will remain in effect for this year and beyond. Eddies are allowed a 2nd foul ball with 2 strikes, but there was never a stipulation on how to handle a foul bunt attempt with 2 strikes. Moving forward, a foul ball with 2 strikes will not count as a strike out. The female eddie will receive the customary courtesy foul ball even on a bunt attempt.

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### What does the asterisk (\*) next to a team name mean?

The asterisk next to a team name in the league standing is nothing more than a reminder to the league statistician that the team was involved in a forfeit. The standard protocol scoring gives the team receiving the forfeit a 7-0 win (1 run for each of the 7 innings. Because runs-given-up is

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## Complaint Department

Is it better to complain or offer constructive ideas and suggestions in order to get things done? Below is a league member email. Below that email is my response.

Actually Les, I did consider sending you an e-mail about it, but I figured that you would just blow it off and file it under me being the "vocal minority". For years, I came to those league meetings with very good ideas and suggestions that would possibly make the league better, and every time I spoke up, those suggestions (not complaints) fell on deaf ears. It was your way or the highway, without any democracy whatsoever. So I stopped trying, and to

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## Statistics

The Fuel That Burns the Game's Fire

There are loads of statistics to follow in other sports. Nowhere, however, are statistics more prevalent, more analyzed, or more pondered upon than in the great game of baseball [softball].

*People will forget what you said. People will forget what you did. But people will never forget how you made them feel. - Maya Angelou*

### Men's League Career Milestones

The only constant in life is change. The same can be applied to baseball/softball records.

With long time league vet Rich Beck retiring to Florida, John Kiefer becomes the all-time men's league leader in games-played (1,059) and at-bats (3,600). Matt Schaub is on John's tail with 1,031 G and 3,576 ABs. However, both John and Matt have slowed down a bit in recent years. Frank Staber is next up for league iron man (4th



place) with 1,002 G and 3,304 ABs. Like the Energizer bunny, Frank keeps going and going, and going.

John Kiefer leads all with 1,291 singles. Frank is only 11

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## Players of the Year

Regular & Post-Season Standouts

Pat Kelley will take home his first-ever Player of the Year honors for 2023. Pat's numbers were impressive—batting 755 and slugging 1761 for the year. Ari Silverstein made a nice run at top honors with a 756 batting average and league-leading 1927 slugging percentage. He knocked in a run at a clip of 102%. Kyle Rossi, Shawn Hines and Brandon Birkhead rounded out the top 5.

Coed league Core Player of the Year honors goes to Brian Dart who batted a league leading 729 and slugged at a rate of 1589. Alex Freeman finished a close 2nd behind Brian. Alex batted 720 and slugged 1500. Brandon Birkhead, Bill Brancato, and Ryan Goodman completed the top 5.

Amanda Clark will take her first-ever women's POTY award. Amanda batted a league-leading 625 and slugged a league-leading 953. Last year's POTY Tess Frelick batted north of 500 and slugged 931. Lissa Tercha, Stephanie Farrar, and Sarah Yoos were among the top point-getters.

Male eddie stud Eric Schade was a hands-down male eddie Player of the Year batting 723 and slugging 1090—leading the league in both categories. His RBI percent of 103 meant he knocked in a run every time he came to the

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## Monday Evening Coed

Wackers Make it a 3-Season Sweep. Poco's Take Spring Title. Jive Turkeys Capture Summer Chip. Altek Grabs Fall Jewel.

Spring season kicks off and softball is back, air still little chilly but everyone happy to be out and about knocking off the winter rust. Carroll's Jewelers starts off break even at 4 -4 leading the way were Greg Leshner .690 12 rbis and Kevin Shinkunas 1 HR 8 RBI. Altek Hard Drive struggled to a 3-5 start for the spring, some bright spots for them were Chad Soloman 5 HR 11 RBIS and Chris Lento 1 HR 7 RBIS. Unusually below .500 for Dugout Demons who finish 2-6 Cody Runner lead the team with 4 HR and 13 RBI, L WOOD would lead the females with .375 avg. Ed dies in the Outfield cheated and got some young legs on

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## Tuesday Evening Men's

Philly Junk Spring and Fall Victors. Wire to Wire Sports Podcast Nails Summer Title.

The spring regular season belonged to Kings Corner. They finished undefeated at 8-0. Right behind them was Philly Junk at 7-1. Kings Corner's offense was practically unstoppable, putting up 187 for a 23.4 per game average. Philly Junk flashed the best leather when on defense, giving up less than 10 runs a game. That's pretty impressive for a mens league. Wire 2 Wire, the Dingers, and the Beers all ended up with 4-4 records.

Ari Silverstein of TBD captured the hitting title at .792. Right behind him were Justin Miller of Kings Corner at .765 and Scott Runzer of the Beers at .762. Ari's bat also brought the power, clubbing 8 homers. Evan Porter of Philly Junk also smashed 6 homers. Justin Miller helped lead the offensive juggernaut that was King Corner with 27 RBI. Matt Schaub of Kings Corner drove in 25 runs to go along with 5 homers of his own. Ari finished his all around offensive season with 24 runs driven in. Pat "PK" Kelley of Philly Junk smashed 5 homers and 23 RBI while Sean

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## Thursday Evening Men's

Mayhem Capture Spring and Summer A Titles. Bush Bumpers Grab Fall Jewel. Dirty Dozen Spring and Fall B Champs. Carnage Summer Kings

The spring season saw The Commission own the A division regular season. Finishing undefeated at 8-0, they scored an absurd 197 runs, or 24.6 a game. The 45 homers The Commission hit for the season were a big reason for this. Behind them in second place was the Silver Bullets at 6-2, and Outback in third place at 5-3. Mayhem was able to finish at 4-4 thanks to their impressive defense. Mayhem only yielded 79 runs for the season with an average of just under 10 a game.

It was no surprise that 5 of the top 6 batting averages came from The Commission. Rob Lyons captured the batting title, hitting .842. Right behind him was Edwin Padua (.824), Pat Kelley(.792), Jeremy Villano (.767), and Jason Ashworth (.739), all from The Commission. Also having a great hitting season was Jay Stein of the Ball Busters at .760. Pat Kelley also managed to blast 7 homers with 23 RBI. Evan Porter, also from The Commission, jacked 11 homers while driving in 30 runs. Kevin Roche, also from

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## Wednesday Evening Open

Wu Tang Forever Captures Two A Division Titles. Tap Daddy's Claim A Division Crown. The Gaba-gools, Muckdogs, and Mayhem Earn B Division Wins.

Softball America had established a Wednesday Evening Men's league beginning in the summer of 2022, which ran concurrently with the longtime Wednesday Evening Coed league at the School Road Hatfield and Eureka Quarry fields. When it became clear in March 2023 that interest in coed softball on Wednesdays was insufficient, a new Wednesday Evening Open format was implemented, creating an opportunity for more teams to play without most of the roster restrictions associated with a coed league. Women were welcomed to participate, but any eddie advantages that they might have in a coed league (except bat usage)

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## Friday Evening Coed

Monsters & Menthols Take Summer and Fall A Titles. Hagan's Heroes Grab Middle Jewel. ManBearPigs 3-Season B Champs.

Friday night coed spring kicks off, some teams hopeful, some teams out to get right to the business of collecting wins! Dollar Dog Nights entered the league and went 1-7, Austin Beck .579 8 RBIS and Catlin Hubmaria .375 4 RBIS were top players. Hagan's Hero was one of them business only teams and got off to a 6-2 start, Jay Payne 1 HR 10 RBI and Ron Pulli .632 1 HR 17 RBIS lead the way. Man-BearPigs were 2-6 Justin Glennon 2 HR 14 RBIS and Mike Raffery .529 6 RBIS were leading the way. Monster and Menthol were trying for that top spot at 6-2 as well, Jim lalley .679 16 RBIS and Eric Shade .773 13 RBIS powered this high powered offense. Reap what you Sew were at the top in the 3 way tie at 6-2, Brandon Birkhead blast 6 HRS 17 RBIS and Bob Louderback .611 8 RBIS pushed them to the top of the leader boards. Smoking Bunts were right in the middle of it at 4-3-1 Kevin Johnson 1 HR 8 RBIS and

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## Friday Evening Men's

Cannoneers aka American Legion Nail 3-Season Sweep

For the Friday spring season, the Cannoneers finished in first place with a 7-1 record. Right behind them was The Yard at 6-2 and Cobra Kai at 4-4. The Yard led the way offensively, scoring 137 runs. Defensively, it was the Cannoneers and Cobra Kai that let up the least amount of runs. They both let up 78 runs, or just under 10 a game. Chris Knechel had an incredible season for The Generals, capturing the elusive Triple Crown. Knechel hit .842 with 8 homers and 23 RBI. All of those stats led the Friday Mens league. Teammate Chris Forester also managed to hit .833. Shawn Hines of the Cannoneers hit .786 while smashing 7 homers and driving in 23 runs. Tom Koelzer of The Yard also jacked 6 homeruns. Overall, nine players managed to hit over .700.

In the playoffs, The Yard squeaked by Cobra Kai, 10-8, in the first semifinal. They used two run homers by Jon Poore, John Kiefer, and JB Jourdan to fuel their offense. Meanwhile, in the other semifinal The Cannoneers beat down Balls Deep, 20-4 in only 5 innings. The Cannoneers' offense was relentless with the top 5 batters in the lineup only making one out. The championship series was a classic

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## Sunday Morning Men's

Doom Cats, Demons, Philly Junk A Division Champs Dark Dogs, Wire to Wire, Purple Cobras B North Winners. Pitch Please, Swingers, Stiff Sox Take B East Titles. DePaul Brothers, Dugout Demons, Birds of War B West Victors. Muddogs, Stiff Sox, Bogey Boys Capture B South Crowns.

Sunday morning men's where guys wake up either hung over or ready to take over the world. We start with the "A" division for the spring Ball Busters couldn't win a game as they went 0-7-1 but Andrew Parker crushed the ball 3 HR 18 RBIS and Jay Stein 2 HR 11 RBIS had nice seasons. Birdgang was up to the test at 5-3 James McLaughlin 4 HR 14 RBIS and Joey Pittman 3 HR 10 RBIS get these birds flying. Demons were as mean as the name as they were off to a 6-2 start, leading the way were Pat Kelley 4 HR 15 RBIS and Mat Crowell .656 11 RBIS. Dirty Dozen had more than 12 but managed to get 4 wins going 4-4, Pete Abary 1 HR 10 RBIS and Blake Hildebradt .538 16 RBIS kept them competing. Doom Cats hat waking up and struggled to a 2-6 spring start, Jon Poore 1 HR 12 RBIS and Jay Payne .526 6 RBIS had nice seasons. Pigeon Boys were off and running at 8-0, Brandon Birkhead 6 HR 14 RBIS and K.C Ingram 3 HR 115 RBIS were ready to go when the season started. Silverbacks were ready to win as well 5-2-1 D.J Ellars 5 HR 23 RBIS and Ari Silverstein 3 HR 17 RBIS were looking fresh and ready to compete. Wolfpack struggled 1-7, Brendon McCoy 3 HR 15 RBIS and Anthony Perretti 1 HR 9 RBIS were leaders of the pack.

When it comes to playoff time though the Doom Cats woke up and were ready to go as they would chase down the Pigeon Boys. In a back and forth high scoring affair the regular season wouldn't matter as Doom Cats took down the undefeated Boys and ate up them birds!!!

Summer always seeing team changing as the competition gets ever more serious, players changing teams, teams changing teams, and we were ready for the blazing heat of the summer. Ball Busters got a little better as they went 2-6 Jay Stein 3 HR 17 RBIS and Justin Knapp .391 13 RBIS kept them in games. Birdgang went 4-4 Joey Pittman 1 HR 11 RBIS and Jason McLaughlin 2 HR 13 RBIS would try and keep these birds soaring. Demons would again be 6-2 leading this crew were Bill Brancato 2 HR 14 RBIS and Justin "NOT" Miller 1 HR 16 RBIS. Dirty Dozen would fall down in the standing getting little dirtier, Ross Anderson 2 HR 10 RBIS and Brian Dart 1 HR 9 RBIS would try and clean it up. Doom Cats defending champs of the world would have a even 4-4 record, Jon Poore 5 HR 15 RBIS and Brendon McCoy 6 HR 9 RBIS were some "Stupid Idiots" for this team. Philly Junk lost a few going 5-3 Brandon Birkhead 6 HR 19 RBIS and Shane Hanna 4 HR 17 RBIS showed off the dad power. Silver Backs would again be right in the middle of it all at 5-3, Ian Cuozzo 1 HR 12 RBIS (HE hit like 5 foul) and Jamal Covington .577 12 RBIS lead the way.

Summer saw the Pigeon Boyz right back in the championship this time taking on the Demons. Game one it looked like the Boyz were going to walk away with the title, but games 2-3 Demons dug deep and won back to back games taking the summer T-Shirts.

Fall is the last chance for Sunday greatness, for your chance to get into the history books for 2023 players moving around, teams giving it one last shot. Ball Busters

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## Sunday Afternoon Coed

Wackers Seize Spring, Summer, and Fall A Division titles. I'd Hit That, Slap a Pitch, and JT Bankers Each Grab a Piece of the B Division Pie.

The Sunday Afternoon Coed league of Softball America kicked off in 2023 with all of the 2022 championship winners returning with the goal of tasting glory once again, including Wackers, 3-time champions in the previous year, I'd Hit That, Hit & Run, and Hagan's Heroes. The league continued with the balanced American/National League format implemented in Summer 2021 wherein the top two teams from each league would vie for an "A-Flight" finals berth against the top team from the other league. Likewise, the 3rd through 5th place teams would battle it out for a spot in the "B-Flight" finals against the advancing team from the other league.

### SPRING

All 15 teams took the field on April 10th, representing a increase in enrollment compared to 2022, which saw 14 teams in the spring season and 13 teams in the summer and fall frames.

In the American League, the 3-time 2022 championship-winning Wackers (A Division in spring and summer, B Division in fall), rolled through the spring season with a perfect 8-0 record. Dirt Dogs secured the #2 seed and an A-flight playoff berth with a 6-2 record. I'd Hit That (5-3), Wu Tang Forever (3-5), and Alaskan Bullworms (3-5) made the B-flight cut, while Team Envi (2-6) and Gwynedd Manufacturing (0-8) fell short of the playoffs. Wackers boasted a potent offense fronted by triple crown winner Bill Brancato, who led the league with .885 AVG, 1.769 SLG, 20 R, 23 H, 9 2B, 4 HR, 26 RBI, and 46 TB. Sean Nonemacher (.708 AVG, 1.292 SLG, 13 R, 5 2B, 3 HR), Brandon Roman (.652 AVG, 1.217 SLG, 13 R, 4 2B, 3 HR, 11 RBI), Robert Akers (.600 AVG, 1.160 SLG, 15 R, 7 2B), Alex Freeman (.571 AVG, 1.190 SLG, 13 R, 3 3B, 11 RBI, 4 BB), female eddie Lissa Tercha (.652 AVG, .783 SLG, 10 R, 8 RBI), and male eddie Carman Brancato (.652 AVG, .739 SLG, 12 R, 8 RBI) were also instrumental to Wackers' success. Dirt Dogs also had a deep roster, getting strong contributions from Matt Abramson (.724 AVG, 1.172 SLG, 14 R, 4 3B, 10 RBI), Elijah Robinson (.722 AVG, 1.444 SLG, 5 2B, 12 RBI), Jaden Newman (.682 AVG, .955 SLG, 11 RBI), male eddie Mike van Fossen (.741 AVG, .815 SLG, 7 R), and female eddies Tess Frelick (.567 AVG, .967 SLG, 13 R, 3 HR, 18 RBI) and Kate Valesky (.478 AVG, .500 OBP, 11 H). Robert Garcia (.615 AVG, 1.269 SLG, 11 R, 5 2B, 10 RBI) of I'd Hit That led the league with 4 HR, and teammates John Chrichton (.615 AVG, 1.077 SLG, 3 HR, 14 RBI), Donovan Ramos (.600 AVG, .800 SLG, 11 R, 17 RBI), female eddie Selina Alicea (.560 AVG, .600 SLG, 10 R, 7 RBI), and male eddie Roger Sternfeld (.571 AVG, .619 OBP, .714 SLG, 2 2B, 10 RBI, 5 BB) rounded out the offense. Wu Tang Forever saw strong campaigns from Chris Hackney (.690 AVG, 1.241 SLG, 17 R, 6 2B, 14 RBI), Kenny Goodwin (.739 AVG, 1.304 SLG, 10 R, 3 HR, 15 RBI), Craig Richards (.615 AVG, .962 SLG, 3 3B, 16 RBI, 4 BB), and male eddie Rich Stead (.714 AVG, 1.071 SLG, 9 R, 4 2B, 3 3B, 9 RBI). Alaskan Bullworms got production from Evan Morris (.583 AVG, .917 SLG, 9 R), Calvin Starosta (.579 AVG, 1.053 SLG, 9 RBI), Sean Morris (.583 AVG, .875 SLG, 9 R), Tom Ciampoli (.615 AVG, 1.385 SLG, 13 RBI), and female eddie Victoria Roetman (.500 AVG, .682 OBP, 5 R), who easily led the league with 8 BB. Despite disappointing outcomes for the teams, Team Envi saw promise in male

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Player of the Year nominations are a result of formula based on the following categories: **R%, RBI%, Avg, Slg, BB%**. Core players are required to have a minimum of **72 ABs** (including BBs) to qualify. Eddie require **54 ABs**.

### Men's Player Of The Year / 2023

	G	AB	R	R%	H	1B	1B%	2B	2B%	3B	3B%	HR	HR%	RBI	RBI%	Avg	Slg	BB	BB%	Pts
Pat Kelley	50	188	110	56	142	40	21	55	29	7	4	40	21	140	74	755	1761	8	4	1136
Ari Silverstein	20	82	52	60	62	21	26	12	15	3	4	26	32	84	102	756	1927	4	5	1099
Kyle Rossi	20	64	47	64	46	14	22	19	30	5	8	8	13	45	70	719	1547	9	12	1070
Shawn Hines	27	103	63	57	75	40	39	12	12	2	2	21	20	73	71	728	1495	8	7	1046
Brandon Birkhead	43	152	90	58	94	35	23	17	11	5	3	37	24	129	85	618	1526	4	3	1015
Tom Jacob	22	80	44	54	61	29	36	7	9	5	6	20	25	65	81	763	1725	2	2	1010
Scott Runzer	35	132	79	57	97	51	39	25	19	12	9	9	7	79	60	735	1311	7	5	992
Jason Ashworth	50	184	114	59	117	30	16	48	26	14	8	25	14	108	59	636	1457	10	5	980
Matt Schaub	22	77	44	53	52	23	30	17	22	2	3	10	13	47	61	675	1338	6	7	949
Kevin Hott	25	101	51	48	71	34	34	15	15	3	3	19	19	89	88	703	1475	5	5	936

### Core Player Of The Year / 2023

	G	AB	R	R%	H	1B	1B%	2B	2B%	3B	3B%	HR	HR%	RBI	RBI%	Avg	Slg	BB	BB%	Pts
Brian Dart	35	107	73	63	78	33	31	17	16	9	8	19	18	80	75	729	1589	9	8	735
Alex Freeman	49	150	101	63	108	43	29	30	20	18	12	17	11	103	69	720	1500	11	7	720
Brandon Birkhead	23	71	37	50	50	20	28	10	14	2	3	18	25	63	89	704	1662	3	4	708
Bill Brancato	70	237	139	58	168	78	33	49	21	18	8	23	10	174	73	709	1359	4	2	699
Ryan Goodman	22	79	42	53	55	32	41	6	8	3	4	14	18	66	84	696	1380	1	1	665
Jon Motts	21	82	55	64	57	30	37	15	18	8	10	4	5	44	54	695	1220	4	5	644
Sean Nonemacher	67	242	135	56	170	73	30	73	30	14	6	10	4	90	37	702	1244	0	0	640
Roc Akers	54	192	117	59	125	51	27	41	21	13	7	20	10	89	46	651	1313	7	4	638
Matt Korn	21	78	44	55	54	25	32	20	26	2	3	7	9	41	53	692	1269	2	3	626
Chase Luxton	31	115	69	58	82	60	52	13	11	3	3	6	5	58	50	713	1035	3	3	619

### Female Eddie Player Of The Year / 2023

	G	AB	R	R%	H	1B	1B%	2B	2B%	3B	3B%	HR	HR%	RBI	RBI%	Avg	Slg	BB	BB%	Pts
Amanda Clark (fe)	21	64	39	56	40	29	45	4	6	4	6	3	5	27	42	625	953	6	9	841
Tess Frelick (fe)	42	144	59	38	75	44	31	10	7	14	10	7	5	69	48	521	931	11	7	790
Lissa Tercha (fe)	43	128	49	36	72	52	41	8	6	12	9	0	0	34	27	563	813	8	6	688
Stephanie Farrar (fe)	18	60	30	47	31	23	38	5	8	2	3	1	2	22	37	517	717	4	6	681
Sarah Yoos (fe)	20	74	36	45	41	33	45	5	7	3	4	0	0	15	20	554	703	6	8	638
Rebecca Brennan (fe)	16	56	20	33	34	32	57	1	2	1	2	0	0	5	9	607	661	4	7	583
Brittany Ullman (fe)	52	177	63	33	78	70	40	5	3	2	1	1	1	40	23	441	508	14	7	538
Carly Files (fe)	23	85	26	30	44	41	48	2	2	1	1	0	0	13	15	518	565	3	3	529
Katie Cherba (fe)	60	188	47	24	75	59	31	11	6	4	2	1	1	58	31	399	516	7	4	528
Jamie Richards (fe)	51	168	60	34	74	69	41	3	2	2	1	0	0	27	16	440	482	11	6	503

### Male Eddie Player Of The Year / 2023

	G	AB	R	R%	H	1B	1B%	2B	2B%	3B	3B%	HR	HR%	RBI	RBI%	Avg	Slg	BB	BB%	Pts
Eric Schade (me)	51	177	72	39	128	88	50	21	12	13	7	6	3	103	58	723	1090	6	3	620
Carl Motts, Jr. (me)	14	54	25	45	37	24	44	6	11	7	13	0	0	24	44	685	1056	2	4	570
Dan Vescovi (me)	21	69	23	33	49	31	45	14	20	2	3	2	3	33	48	710	1058	0	0	560
Ron Pulli (me)	32	106	46	41	66	55	52	6	6	3	3	2	2	56	53	623	792	6	5	528
Tom Egitto (me)	32	103	41	38	67	51	50	11	11	5	5	0	0	38	37	650	854	5	5	524
Bob Louderback (me)	44	124	38	29	76	58	47	10	8	8	6	0	0	55	44	613	823	9	7	505
Kevin Shinkunas (me)	17	59	24	38	36	29	49	5	8	1	2	1	2	18	31	610	780	5	8	489
Neal Hebert (me)	24	73	26	32	45	41	56	2	3	2	3	0	0	25	34	616	699	8	10	485
John Schofield (me)	20	67	13	18	43	38	57	5	7	0	0	0	0	23	34	642	716	5	7	467
Richard Stead (me)	27	90	34	36	52	39	43	8	9	5	6	0	0	24	27	578	778	4	4	466

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The outfield eddie markers will be moved back 10 paces from 30 to 40. This will give the eddies a much larger area with which to drop a base hit. The suggestion to make a called illegal pitch a dead ball was shot down. The sub rule which allows for teams to use an all-star sub if they take a batting out has been reworded to read as follows: A batting out will be taken if a team uses an all-star as a sub. In any instance, a team using any kind of sub can play with not more than a total of 9 players. Men's, Open, and coed league teams may not use more than 1 all-star as a sub.

The men's and coed league all-star lists will be finalized and posted soon. The all-star lists are used to determine which players will be added to the all-star restricted lists. The all-star lists work in conjunction with league rules to restrict how powerful a team can get by limiting the number of all-stars allowed on a team. The men's leagues allow for 7 all-stars per team. Open leagues (men's league where women are permitted to play) permit a maximum of 5 all-stars. Coed teams must abide by the all-star eddie rule which states a team must have in the line-up the same number of eddies as all-stars (1 male eddie and the balance female eddies) at all times.

As League Director, my job is to keep all leagues running smoothly, maintain fairness across the board, and make the game as much fun as it can be for as many league members as possible. One of the biggest buzz-kills year after year are forfeits. To me, being on the receiving end of a forfeit is worse than having your game postponed. While both are hard to accept, the forfeit is the tougher pill to swallow because it is completely avoidable and never rescheduled. League rules for using non-roster subs in the regular season are very generous and put in place to help short-handed teams play the game. Sub rules allow for up to 4 subs. In reality, a short-handed team needs only 4 roster players to play the game. Too many managers either don't know about league sub rules or are just too darn lazy put for the effort.

The league fee to join Softball America back in 1995 was \$68.00 per player. Quite a bit has happened to the cost of doing business since then. In fact, the cost of living has risen by a whopping 92% over the past 29 years. The last league fee increase (\$5.00) was back in 2015. Since then, inflation has risen at a 29.86% clip. Softball America has been absorbing the increased cost to run the league for the past 9 years, but that cannot continue. I am sorry to announce league fees will be going up by 7% (\$5.00) to \$80.00 per player in 2024. The additional \$5.00 will barely cover the increased cost of doing business which includes insurance, team registration, ball field rentals, trash collection, port-a-potties, grass cutting, Natural Lawn, utilities, softballs, field maintenance and so much more. Umpires, scorekeepers, journalists, statisticians, league fee collectors, and groundskeepers will all be earning more money. I wish there was a way around it, but unfortunately there is not. If you can no longer afford to play, there may be positions in the league where you can earn league fee credits, i.e. grounds keeping/field maintenance, scorekeeping, journalism, and umpiring.

Championship shirts for all 2023 winning teams that submitted their request by the January 20 deadline will be delivered to the winning managers at some point after the 2024 season begins. Curt Hensman, [Cutting Edge Sports Apparel](#) (CSA) will be handling the champ shirt production and delivery. Curt will also be conducting a league manager meeting this year at some point before the season begins. When the time and place is determined, announcements will be made on the SBA website, Facebook, and Twitter. Curt, along with other league umpires will be happy to answer any and all manager questions with regard to new rules as well as existing rules.

Plan your softball year in advance armed with the knowledge that league games will NOT be played on Easter Sunday, Memorial Day and Labor Day Sundays and Mondays. Games in 2024 will also NOT be played on Thursday, July 4th. Games **WILL** be played on Mother's and Father's Day Sundays as well as Halloween Thursday. However, and I make no promises, if the Thursday schedule allows, we may only play the 9:00 and 10:15 games in an attempt to accommodate the trick-or-treaters.

The scheduling format for the Sunday Men's league will stay pretty much the same as in years past with 5 separate divisions of play. Much like last year, single leagues such as Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday Men's will run as one division. Schedules in leagues that have a wide disparity of talent from top to bottom much like the Sunday, Monday, Wednesday Open and Friday Coed leagues will either be run in 2 divisions (A and B) or be divided into 2 equal leagues (American and National). With equally divided leagues (American and National), there will be no A or B division for the regular season. There will only be an American League and a National League. Teams will play each team in their own league and a couple of teams in the other league. Once the regular season is complete, the top finishers in each league will play for the A title. The remaining eligible seeds in each league will play for the B title.

In the heat of competition, obscenities are bound to happen. I realize that. The game umps realize that as well. What I would like ask at this point is for ball players to keep the obscenities to a small minimum, especially when women and children are in attendance and/or when the game is played in a park setting. I've had numerous complaints in years past from league members who like to bring their kids to the game, but because of the unabashed use of blatant obscenities, they have now become reluctant to do so. I've also had complaints via the townships from passersby who've been offended by obscenities while visiting the park. The next time you feel the need to blow off steam with an obscenity, please, out of respect for others, exhibit a little self control.

I will try my absolute best to avoid Saturday make-up games. Just know that when a league falls too far behind schedule, playing on a Saturday may be the only option. League policy regarding postponements is very simple. If the ball field is playable at game time, the games are on save for extenuating circumstances. Some league members don't care about less than perfect field conditions and just want to play. Some don't want to play if a dog should so much as lift his leg near by. Others travel a distance to get to the field and don't want to make the trip for nothing. I can't favor one or the other. The best way to handle it is to have the ball field make the call. If playable, we play.

The consumption of alcohol at certain ball fields is strictly prohibited. All school district ball fields prohibit alcohol on school grounds. Hatfield prohibits alcohol on park grounds. Umpires will warn then eject any player(s) that fail to comply.

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Playoff Player of the Year nominations are a result of formula based on the following categories: **R%**, **RBI%**, **Avg**, **Sig**, **BB%**. Core players require a minimum of **27 ABs** (including BBs) to qualify. Eddie's require **24 ABs**. The league's top 10 players are listed below.

### Men's Playoff Player Of The Year / 2023

	G	AB	R	R%	H	1B	1B%	2B	2B%	3B	3B%	HR	HR%	RBI	RBI%	Avg	Sig	BB	BB%	Pts
Pat Kelley	13	47	31	66	35	12	26	4	9	3	6	16	34	44	94	745	1979	3	6	1206
Jason Ashworth	18	67	47	70	46	14	21	8	12	6	9	18	27	39	58	687	1791	7	9	1093
Brian Dart	12	40	23	58	29	11	28	9	23	3	8	6	15	27	68	725	1550	2	5	939
Shane Hanna	31	116	69	59	67	31	27	14	12	4	3	18	16	66	57	578	1233	9	7	886
Shawn Hines	17	63	30	48	37	18	29	6	10	1	2	12	19	47	75	587	1286	2	3	885
Tom Jacob	10	32	11	34	23	13	41	3	9	2	6	5	16	27	84	719	1406	0	0	873
Brandon Birkhead	27	103	50	49	60	31	30	7	7	3	3	19	18	59	57	583	1262	4	4	860
Brian Wrigley	9	26	14	54	20	15	58	1	4	1	4	3	12	9	35	769	1231	3	10	848
Jarrett Kerns	8	27	16	59	19	12	44	6	22	1	4	0	0	9	33	704	1000	2	7	848
Joe Pittman	9	32	13	41	21	11	34	2	6	5	16	3	9	13	41	656	1313	0	0	843

### Core Playoff Player Of The Year / 2023

	G	AB	R	R%	H	1B	1B%	2B	2B%	3B	3B%	HR	HR%	RBI	RBI%	Avg	Sig	BB	BB%	Pts
Alex Freeman	16	49	29	59	35	19	39	8	16	5	10	3	6	30	61	714	1265	4	8	658
Ryan Goodman	8	27	14	52	19	9	33	2	7	2	7	6	22	16	59	704	1593	1	4	651
Nick Cordisco	6	21	12	57	17	12	57	4	19	1	5	0	0	7	33	810	1095	1	5	636
CJ Motts, III	6	21	13	62	14	5	24	5	24	2	10	2	10	10	48	667	1381	1	5	628
Kevin Cwikla	7	24	12	50	17	12	50	3	13	0	0	2	8	16	67	708	1083	0	0	600
Adam Volpe	7	20	9	45	14	10	50	2	10	0	0	2	10	12	60	700	1100	1	5	594
Brian Dart	10	36	17	47	24	13	36	7	19	2	6	2	6	22	61	667	1139	2	5	593
Sean Nonemacher	26	101	63	62	65	28	28	28	28	5	5	4	4	32	32	644	1139	1	1	581
Bill Brancato	26	94	42	45	59	29	31	19	20	7	7	4	4	66	70	628	1106	1	1	578
Scott Flaherty	7	25	12	48	17	10	40	5	20	2	8	0	0	7	28	680	1040	0	0	540

### Female Eddie Playoff Player Of The Year / 2023

	G	AB	R	R%	H	1B	1B%	2B	2B%	3B	3B%	HR	HR%	RBI	RBI%	Avg	Sig	BB	BB%	Pts
Sarah Yoos (fe)	8	26	13	50	15	9	35	3	12	2	8	1	4	8	31	577	962	0	0	742
Lynn Hand (fe)	8	27	6	22	17	16	59	1	4	0	0	0	0	5	19	630	667	2	7	605
Katie Cherba (fe)	10	32	7	22	14	9	28	2	6	3	9	0	0	9	28	438	688	1	3	550
Amanda Clark (fe)	5	19	7	37	10	8	42	1	5	1	5	0	0	2	11	526	684	0	0	541
Jackie Heim (fe)	6	19	7	37	9	7	37	1	5	1	5	0	0	4	21	474	632	0	0	540
Tess Frelick (fe)	9	25	13	52	10	8	32	1	4	1	4	0	0	5	20	400	520	4	14	531
Lissa Tercha (fe)	15	48	9	19	20	15	31	5	10	0	0	0	0	19	40	417	521	0	0	523
Holly Gleisberg (fe)	8	17	5	29	7	7	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	18	412	412	6	26	487
Jamie Richards (fe)	20	70	19	27	32	29	41	3	4	0	0	0	0	10	14	457	500	2	3	470
Selina Alicea (fe)	6	20	6	30	8	8	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	20	400	400	2	9	446

### Male Eddie Playoff Player Of The Year / 2023

	G	AB	R	R%	H	1B	1B%	2B	2B%	3B	3B%	HR	HR%	RBI	RBI%	Avg	Sig	BB	BB%	Pts
Paul O'Connor (de)	7	20	9	45	15	15	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	25	750	750	2	9	551
Chris Lento (me)	6	17	4	24	12	9	53	2	12	0	0	1	6	6	35	706	1000	1	6	525
Eric Schade (me)	16	50	15	30	31	26	52	4	8	1	2	0	0	18	36	620	740	2	4	470
Rich Cordisco (me)	6	21	6	29	12	10	48	2	10	0	0	0	0	12	57	571	667	2	9	465
Richard Stead (me)	7	21	5	24	13	11	52	2	10	0	0	0	0	10	48	619	714	1	5	464
Brian Finger (me)	5	17	7	41	9	7	41	1	6	1	6	0	0	9	53	529	706	1	6	459
Ron Pulli (me)	10	31	10	32	16	14	45	0	0	0	0	2	6	13	42	516	710	5	14	451
Steve DiGiovanni	7	19	5	26	10	7	37	3	16	0	0	0	0	3	16	526	684	0	0	380
Kevin Shinkunas (me)	8	27	7	26	12	9	33	2	7	1	4	0	0	9	33	444	593	1	4	360
Carman Brancato	17	54	14	26	21	19	35	0	0	2	4	0	0	24	44	389	463	2	4	336



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Additionally, Hatfield has a strict **'no dogs allowed'** on park grounds' policy. I strongly urge you to abide by these rules and regulations. Not doing so could result in our league losing its ball field permit and that is the last thing any of us want to see happen.

If you head over to the league message board and click on the uppermost forum labeled Important Announcements, you will see a topic entitled Conduct Unbecoming. Players that have been ejected or otherwise exhibited unsportsmanlike behavior are listed there. When a player is ejected from a game, a mandatory 1-game suspension (and at times more) will ensue. This is non-negotiable. The best way to avoid game suspensions is to not get ejected in the first place.

For reasons that escape me, the Memorial and Labor Day coed 1-pitch tournaments are ending up with fewer and fewer female entrants. Everyone has an opinion as to why, but few have any kind of solution. Listen, I have been a proponent of female softball since Day 1. I've done everything in my power to help the females be more productive and get more enjoyment out of the game. Eddie markers, courtesy foul balls, and bunting are just a few rules instituted to help the girls compete. For the 1-pitch tournaments I forced managers to draft girls before the 7th round and bat 2 girls in the first 4 line-up spots so they wouldn't feel like second-rate ball players. As the old adage suggests, "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him/her drink". The coed 1-pitch tournaments this year will start out as coed tournaments. If we don't get enough girls, the tournament will shift from a coed affair to an open affair. Open simply means the tournament will be classified as a men's tourney where women are eligible to play. To those of you that gave me a hard time last fall when I attempted to shift the tourney from Coed to Open, my suggestion is to step up and make a difference to help keep it coed when the time comes. I cannot do it alone.

Softball America has always been like one giant family. When one in the family is in need, the rest of the family steps up and helps. This was once again evidenced this past year when a league member's girlfriend needed seriously expensive medical treatment that the couple could not afford. League members didn't hesitate and raised in excess of \$17,000. That's what family and friends do.

I very much look forward to another great softball year. I will do everything in my power to ensure the league brings as much enjoyment to as many league members as possible. I am not naïve enough to think I can make all of the league members happy all of the time, but that won't stop me from trying. I will continue to be unwavering with respect to rules and regulations even though it may cost me friendships and generate heartache. I will continue to make the tough decisions for the greater good of the league. I will place fairness at the forefront of each and every decision I make, just as I have always done. Do I profess to know it all? Oh no. Far from it. Do I have a perfect track record with respect to making the right decisions all of the time? Not by a long shot. However, the one thing I can promise you is if/when I do make a mistake, I will be the first to own up to it and do my best to right any wrong.

Have a great softball year! Don't push yourself too far, too fast, too soon. Most of us have been on the physically inactive shelf for months. The weather will be cold and the muscles still in idle mode. Ease your way into it.

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going 3 long games. The Yard squeaked out the first game, 14-11. The Cannoneers bounced back to win the second game, 13-8 thanks to Shawn Hines' 2 homers and 8 RBI. The Cannoneers took the third and final game, 16-12, thanks to a 7 run fourth inning. Congrats to The Cannoneers on the spring chip.

The summer season belonged to American Legion. They finished in first place at 7-1. They scored the most runs at 139. Their 69 runs given up were by far the least. That was an average of less than 9 runs a game. Finishing in second place at 6-2 was The Yard. Right behind at 5-3 was Cobra Kai. It was Shawn Hines of American Legion who owned the summer season. He had a dominant line of .857, 8 homers, and 22 RBI. Teammate Dan Powell hit .810. Robert Lillo of Cobra Kai also batted .800. Super stud lefty Jake Haber of Cobra Kai smashed 5 homers with 17 RBI. Run producing machine Jon Poore of The Yard jacked 9 homers while driving in 25 runs.

In the playoffs, The Yard destroyed Cobra Kai by scoring 26 runs in only 4 innings. The offense was led by three runs homers from John Kiefer and Dan Benner. A grand slam by Jake Haber was the highlight for Cobra Kai. In the other semifinal, American Legion used a keen eye to draw a lot of walks in route to a convincing win over Only Fans. The finals saw more of what had happened during the season. Domination by American Legion. A huge three run homer by Shawn Hines helped American Legion take the first game, 9-4. The second game was more of the same as American Legion was just too much, winning 11-10, along with the summer title.

The fall season was a 10 week battle between The Yard and American Legion. Both teams finished at 7-1. Their offenses were incredibly similar as they scored 127 and 123 runs, respectively. Balls Deep finished behind them at 6-2. Only Fans finished in fourth at 5-3. They rode their stellar defense to victory, giving up only 51 runs. That's an average of 6.4 per game which is incredibly impressive. Donnie Squartino of Cobra Kai captured the batting title with a .765 average. Right behind him was Shawn Hines of American Legion at .762. Brian Wrigley of American Legion had a great season, smashing 7 homers with 32 RBI. Jon Poore also launched 6 homers.

In the playoffs, the first semifinal saw American Legion took care of Balls Deep, 17-4. Shawn Hines put the team on his back, hitting 3 homers(1 grand slam) and TEN RBI. The Yard also scored 17 runs in their semifinal game, winning easily

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Nonemacher of Kings Corner also put up 23 RBI.

In the playoffs, the Beers pulled off the massive upset beating undefeated Kings Corner, 18-13, in the semifinals. The Beers played small ball, using nothing but walks and singles to score all of their runs. In the other semifinal, Philly Junk outlasted Wire 2 Wire in an extra inning classis, 22-21. Philly Junk rallied for six runs in the bottom of the eighth to punch their ticket to the final. The rally included a Shane Hanna three run homer and a walk off single by Evan Porter. In the first game of the finals, Philly Junk dominated their way to an 18-1 win which included back to back homers by Pat Kelley and Brandon Birkhead. The Beers came to life to win the second game, 17-16. Scott Gerhart played hero walking it off for the Beers with the game winning hit. Philly Junk turned up the offense to take the third game, 24-6, and the spring title. Philly Junk blasted 7 homers as a team.

The summer season saw the same two teams dominating the regular season again. King Corner and Philly Junk both finished with 6-1-1 records. Newcomers, The Commission dba Silly Boys, led by Phil "Puma" Black finished right behind at 6-2. After that it was a log jam with Wire 2 Wire, the Beers, Team Marella, and the Dingers all ending up at 4-4. With the summer season brought the heat, and the offenses came alive. Six of the nine teams scored 100+ runs. With its plethora of sluggers, Philly Junk put up 177 runs. Collectively, Philly Junk hit 32 homeruns as a team. Defensively, there was The Commission and then everyone else. They only gave up 69 runs, or less than 9 a game. Ridiculous. With the names on their roster it was no surprise.

The summer season was Pat Kelley's. We were all just witnesses. He did everything for Philly Junk. His stat line of .853, 9 HR, and 27 RBI looked like video game numbers. He captured the batting title. Right behind him were teammates Brandon Birkhead and Jason Ashworth, both hitting .750. Tony Rossi of the Dingers jacked 7 homers. Bayley Jamanis of the Dingers, was a run producing machine, driving in 30. Shane Hanna of Philly Junk put up 23 RBI.

The playoffs brought two huge upsets. First, the Beers took out Kings Corner, 11-3. Next, Wire 2 Wire squeaked out a win over Philly Junk, 15-13. A 3 and 5 seed meeting in the finals. The championship series was a grueling three games. Wire 2 Wire rallied for 8 runs in the top of the seventh to take the first game, 15-11. The Beers won the second game, 18-14, with another Wire 2 Wire seventh inning rally coming up just short. The winner take all game 3 brough much of the same as both teams used big innings to score. When the dust settled, it was Wire 2 Wire that had captured the third game, 19-14, and the summer title.

In the fall season it was the same familiar faces at the top of the standings. Philly Junk finished in first with a 7-1 record. In second were the defending champs, Wire 2 Wire, at 6-2. The Commission and Kings Corner tied for third, both at 5-3. Philly Junk managed to score 177 runs again, the same exact number they had in the summer season. Wire 2 Wire and The Commission both yielded 71 runs.

Pat Kelley of Philly Junk had another solid season, capturing the hitting title at .800. Teammates Jason Ashworth and Jeremy Villano hit .727 and .714, respectively. Shane Hanna rounded out the top 4 Philly Junk hitters with a .688 batting average. Shane Hanna also blasted 8 homers with 34 RBI. Pat Kelley managed to jack 6 homers while driving in 20 runs. In the playoffs, Philly Junk continued their dominating ways. They smashed their way to a 24-9 win, and the finals. In the other semifinal, The Commission took out defending champ Wire 2 Wire, 11-8. In the championship series, Philly Junk used two Pat Kelley homers to take the first game, 13-11. The second game was a full display of Philly Junk's power. The team needed only six innings to score 34 runs while launching TWELVE homers into the trees. A 34-14 trouncing in game two gave Philly Junk the fall title.

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over Dirty Dozen. Jon Poore was the MVP for The Yard, going 3 for 4 with 2 homers and 6 RBI. Once again, the finals series went three games. The Yard took game one, 8-4, thanks to a big 3 run homer by Jon Poore. American Legion battled back to take game two, 11-3, as Shawn Hines hit two homers for 5 RBI. The third and final game became a team effort as American Legion downed The Yard, 12-2, to take the fall title.

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# Sunday Morning Men's

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would again go 2-6 Andrew Parker 1 HR 12 RBIS and Justin Knapp .565 12 RBIS would have good end of the seasons. Birdgang would be 4-4, Jason McLaughlin 4 HR 17 RBIS and Pat McKay 3 HR 10 RBIS gave these birds wings. Demons coming off the championship high would go 7-1, Chris Beatty was lifting things up and putting them down 3 HR 15 RBIS and Ryan Hensman added .640 14 RBIS. Dirty Dozen was 2-6 Todd Gibson 2 HR 11 RBIS and Kevin Hott 2 HR 13 RBIS played well. Doom Cats just continued to improve as they went 6-2, Troy Wasserleben 2 HR 13 RBIS and Brendon McCoy 3 HR 11 RBIS powered this team. Philly Junk 5-3 just keep smashing as Shane Hanna 2 HR 10 RBIS and K.C Ingram 3 HR 14 RBIS always have them winning. Silverbacks the veteran bunch may have been losing steam as they dropped to 2-6 Jamal Covington 2 HR 13 RBIS and Rob McKenna .481 12 RBIS showed they still have some left in the tank .

Fall saw the Birdgang take on Philly Junk. Could 3rd time be the charm? It definitely was as Philly Junk would not let another opportunity slip away and they send the Birdgang home in 2 games to take the fall championship of the world.

Congrats to all the players and teams on a crazy water logged Sunday season. SEE YOU AT THE FIELD!!

## B North

We kick off the spring season in the always uber competitive B North, Dark Dogs off to a decent start at 5-3, Mike Suda 1 HR 21 RBIS and Paul Ferruzzi Jr 2 HR 11 RBIS help them to winning ways. Doc's Irish Pub had a rough start at 2-6, Dylan Brooks 2 HR 15 RBIS and Josh Keszcyk 1 HR 10 RBIS pushed majority of their runs across the plate. One Hit Wonders were 2-6 as well, not the greatest start but Colby Schoeller 2 HR 8 RBIS and Andy Spinger 3 HR 9 RBIS crushed it. Palz tap house went 6-1-1, helping them to the top of the division were Alex "Flash" Freeman 1 HR 13 RBIS and Tom Jacob 4 RH 11 RBIS. Purple Cobra struck to a 6-2 start, Ty "I retired" Allen 3 HR 16 RBIS and Josh Persing 2 HR 12 RBIS slithered to a winning record. W Tavern went 2-6 had some bright spots as Matt Landro 2 HR 7 RBIS and Pat McKay 2 HR 10 RBIS were leaders of the team. Wire2Wire were 3-4-1 this team doesn't struggle often but did in the spring, top guys were Bill Capper 3 HR 11 RBIS and Jacob McDevitt (who stayed off the IR) 3 HR 12 RBIS.

Spring Championship saw Dark Dogs take on Palz Tap House, this was a back and forth series as both team battled 3 games, Dark Dogs would take the spring title.

Summer saw some different teams and players in the division. Crum Bums would enter the north and go 1-7, Joey Sulivan 1 HR and 7 RBIS and Chris Bean 1 HR 6 RBIS were bright spots. Doc's Irish Pub would go 2-6 again, Austin Kooker 2 HR 9 RBIS and Dylan Brooks 1 HR 19 RBIS kept the runs crossing the plate. One Hit Wonders had a bounce back season 7-1 right to the top, Dan Cripps 11 RBIS and Rob Gisordi also had 11 RBIS to sore to the top of the division. Palz went 2-6 coming off the championship let down, Tom Jacob 6 HR 24 RBIS and Pete Herbert .714 4 RBIS were top players. Purple Cobras 5-3 were winning again, Nate Roman 5 HR 11 RBIS and Josh Persing 1 HR 7 RBIS were the long snakes on the team. Wire2Wire bounces right back and on top where they usually are 7-1, Tom Signore 2 HR 21 RBIS owes a extra league fee for harassing umpires!! Bill Capper 2 HR 16 RBIS took this right to top.

Wire2Wire would take on the Purple Cobras for the summer title, Wire2Wire would show why they have been one of the bright spots over and over again in the B North division, they would beat the Cobras in back to back games and take the summer title.

Fall last chance to get that t-shirt and claim the top spot. Dark Dogs would go 3-5 Nick Marina 1 HR 11 RBIS and Mike Suda .647 12 RBIS would have the most bite on the team. Doc's would improve to 3-5 as well as Josh Keszcyk 2 HR 17 RBIS and Paul Elliot 1 HR 11 RBIS would help them better the team by a game. One Hit Wonders would go 4-4 in the middle of the division, Andy Springer 4 HR 13 RBIS and Jimmy Cooker 3 HR 10 RBIS kept them in contention. Purple Cobras would again win 5 games at 5-3 Bill Brancato on his 13th team just for fall 5 HR 18 RBIS and Steve Gardner 1 HR 7 RBIS kept them slithering around. Wire2Wire again were at the top 6-2, Coach Genius Gene Walczak 2 HR 11 RBIS and Derrick Anker 2 HR 12 RBIS kept the winning ways for the champs. Wolfpack came down a division and went 3-5 Kris karaba 3 HR 12 RBIS and Kenny Goodwin 1 HR 8 RBIS would keep them in playoff reach.

Fall championship saw the Purple Cobras return to the title game, this time against the Dark Dogs. This time the cobras wouldn't be denied and win back to back games 21-4 and 11-4 and take home the GOLD for the fall. Congrats to all players and team on a wonder long Sunday morning men's season, see you all at the field.

## B West

Another Sunday morning men's division as we take a look at b West. Starting us off for the spring were Bogey Boys, Leading them to a 5-3 record was John Prociopio 4 HR 19 RBIS and Coach Pat Smith 2 HR 15 RBIS. Dave and Confused look like the winter was a rough one as they were off to a slow start at 2-6, Veteran Mark McKinney still has it 3 HR 16 RBIS and Jake Pederzani .520 10 RBIS were bright spots. DePaul Brothers had a winning record at 5-3 leading this team were Bill Schubert 4 HR 16 RBIS and Rich Houser 1 HR 10 RBIS. Grim Rippers were a new team and struggled outta the gate at 0-8, Andrew Markowitz .615 avg and Jeff Chang 4 RBIS were Ripping the ball. Hattrick's Sports Bar went 6-2 bashing his way through the season was Josh Graef 3 HR 14 RBIS and Christian Vogler 1 HR 8 RBIS. Hitmen were 4-4 helping to take out their opponents were Dennis D'Angelo 1 HR 11 RBIS and Miek Jaurigue .548 12 RBIS. Sprouse Electric were cooking early as they went 7-1, Neiko Conti 2 HR 15 RBIS and Damian Scott 2 HR 18 RBIS were electrifying. Just making the cut were the Naturals at 3-5, Partha Patel .667 11 RBIS and Ryan Hamilton 1 HR 10 RBIS looked natural out there.

Spring finals would see the DePaul Brothers take on Hatricks Sports Bar, this would be back to back wins by 2 runs and take home the spring chip.

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eddie Kevin Ryan (.600 AVG, .880 SLG, 9 R), Jon Williams (.609 AVG, .870 SLG, 9 R, 15 RBI), and female eddie Emily Polcino (.435 AVG, .440 OBP, 10 H, 7 RBI), and Gwynedd Manufacturing were able to rely on Caleb Weldon (.647 AVG, .941 SLG) and Jake Hendricks (.706 AVG, .737 OBP). In the A-flight playoffs, #1 seed Wackers advanced past #2 seed Dirt Dogs by forfeit to secure a berth in the A-flight championship series. #4 seed Wu Tang Forever edged out #5 seed Alaskan Bullworms (8-7), but fell to #3 seed I'd Hit That in the semifinals (12-1), who thus advanced to the B-flight title series.

Aiming to repeat their Fall 2022 A Division title-winning performance, Hagan's Heroes trampled the National League, finishing with a perfect 8-0 record. No Shows (6-2) earned the #2 seed and a spot in the A-flight playoff bracket on the basis of a head-to-head win over #3 seed JT Bankers Saloon & Eatery (6-2) in the regular season. Rounding out the B-flight playoff picture were Hit & Run (5-3) and Ump Yours (4-4). Out were Downey But Not Out (2-6), Breaking Bat (1-7), and Slap a Pitch (1-7). Hagan's Heroes saw massively productive seasons from Keith Keppley (.818 OBP, 1.281 SLG, 18 R, 20 RBI), who led the league with .844 AVG, 27 H, and 11 2B, and Ryan Goodman (.735 AVG, 1.353 SLG), league leader with 22 R, 5 HR, 31 RBI, and 46 TB. The team also benefited from the contributions of Gary Thompson (.818 AVG, 1.409 SLG, 13 R, 9 2B, 19 RBI), Jay Pane (.645 AVG, 1.032 SLG, 19 R, 3 HR, 18 RBI), male eddie Ron Pulli (.697 AVG, .909 SLG, 17 R, 15 RBI), and female eddies Brittany Ullman (.469 AVG, .531 SLG, 13 R, 7 RBI), Mandi Pane (.407 AVG, .485 OBP, 16 R, 5 BB), and Lauren Wood (.500 AVG, .526 OBP, 9 H). Jay Murphy (.815 AVG, 1.148 SLG, 12 R, 3 3B, 15 RBI) stood out for No Shows, leading the league with .828 OBP, while teammates CJ Koysani (.552 AVG, 1.000 SLG, 13 R, 5 2B, 4 3B, 11 RBI) and male eddie Glen Strattis (.632 AVG, .684 SLG, 12 RBI) posted strong showings. JT Bankers Saloon & Eatery were boosted by the performances of male eddie Eric Shade (.680 AVG, 1.040 SLG, 9 R, 5 2B, 2 3B, 13 RBI), Jeff Hess (.640 AVG, .800 SLG, 10 R, 8 RBI), and female eddie Lynn Hand (.520 AVG, .560 SLG, 13 R, 9 RBI). Gene Schwendeman (.810 AVG, 1.381 SLG, 9 R, 3 3B, 15 RBI) and Shane Mulvihill (.533 AVG, 1.167 SLG, 20 R, 5 3B, 3 HR, 23 RBI) had big seasons for Hit & Run, while male eddie Neal Hebert (.731 AVG, .808 SLG, 10 R, 9 RBI) and female eddies Carley Files (.625 AVG, .656 SLG, 9 R, 6 RBI) and Vicki Haigh (.440 AVG, .481 OBP, 11 R) bolstered the lineup. Additionally, female eddie Brittany Harrison (.125 AVG, .481 OBP, 9 R) drew 11 BB, an impressive feat over 7 games. Ump Yours! witnessed solid campaigns from male eddie Bob Louderback (.722 AVG, .833 SLG, 5 RBI, 3 BB), Joe Berry (.714 AVG, 1.036 SLG, 19 R, 4 2B), Christian Butrica (.577 AVG, 1.038 SLG, 13 R, 20 RBI), and Nic Pataki (.500 AVG, .769 SLG, 20 RBI). Though Downey But Not Out didn't qualify for the playoffs, Mike Downey (.706 AVG, 1.294 SLG, 11 R, 4 2B, 3 3B) and Kevin Ladden (.556 AVG, .889 SLG) provided some highlights. Breaking Bat got a monster season from Chris Lloyd (.826 AVG, 10 R, 3 3B, 24 RBI, 41 TB), league leader with 5 HR and 1.783 SLG, and Isaiah Larry (.842 AVG, 1.158 SLG, 13 R, 6 2B, 9 RBI) and Brad Milnes (.680 AVG, 1.040 SLG, 10 R, 12 RBI) also shone, yet the team managed only one regular season win. Similarly, Slap a Pitch struggled, but Harrison Miller (.708 AVG, 1.167 SLG, 10 R, 3 3B, 13 RBI) still managed an excellent showing. The A-flight playoffs saw #1 seed Hagan's Heroes easily topple #2 seed No Shows (21-10) to move to the championship series. Meanwhile, #4 seed Hit & Run obliterated #5 seed Ump Yours! (22-5) to advance to the semis, but there they met their match in #3 seed JT Bankers Saloon & Eatery, succumbing in a 16-10 loss. With that, JT Bankers Saloon & Eatery moved on to play for the B-flight title.

In the A-flight championship, Wackers came ready to play, convincingly besting an impressive Hagan's Heroes team in a two-game sweep (23-8, 7-3), almost exactly replicating the outcome when these two teams met in the finals in Spring 2022. The playoff performers for Wackers were Bill Brancato (.857 AVG, 1.143 SLG, 3 R, 2 2B, 4 RBI), Jim Donahue (.571 AVG, 1.429 SLG, 4 R, 3 extra-base hits, 3 RBI), and Alex Freeman (.800 AVG, 5 RBI). Jay Pane (.727 AVG, 1.000 SLG, 4 R, 3 2B, 6 RBI), male eddie Ron Pulli (.500 AVG, 1.250 SLG, 4 R, 2 HR, 7 RBI), and Keith Keppley (.700 AVG, .800 SLG, 3 R, 3 RBI) made valiant efforts for Hagan's Heroes. The B-flight finals proceeded with I'd Hit That coming out on top of JT Bankers Saloon & Eatery, also in a two-game sweep (10-9, 14-7), earning them their second title in two years. Top playoff hitters for I'd Hit That were Robert Garcia (.600 AVG, 1.200 SLG, 5 R, 2 HR, 6 RBI), Matt Jacobsen (.667 AVG, 1.111 SLG, 5 R, 1 HR, 4 RBI), and John Chrichton (.500 AVG, 1.400 SLG, 5 R, 3 HR, 8 RBI). The efforts of Nick Cordisco (.900 AVG, 1.100 SLG, 5 R, 2 2B), Tom DiFrancesco (.750 AVG, 1.750 SLG, 6 R, 2 2B, 2 HR, 7 RBI), and female eddie Karlene Smith (.778 AVG, 7 H) kept JT Bankers Saloon & Eatery close. Congratulations to I'd Hit That for their spring season title win, and to Wackers for securing a title in 5 consecutive seasons dating back to Fall 2021!

## SUMMER

The summer saw a steep drop in team enrollment with 7 teams leaving the league, including B-flight champs I'd Hit That. However, a couple of new teams joined, ultimately resulting in a 10-team Sunday Afternoon Coed slate. For this season, all teams were placed into a single division and the playoffs were structured with the top 4 teams playing for an "A-Flight" championship and the next 4 vying in a "B-Flight".

Regular Season Wackers continued their dominance of the Sunday Coed scene posting another perfect 8-0 campaign. A game and a half back were Dirt Dogs (6-1-1), followed by Hit & Run (6-2), and No Shows (4-3-1), filling out the A-flight playoff bracket. Slap a Pitch grabbed pole position for the B-flight playoffs with a 4-4 record, and were joined by Phanatics (3-4-1), Ump Yours! (2-5-1). Wu Tang Forever (2-6) edged out Envi (2-6) for the final playoff berth based on a head-to-head regular season win. Dollar Dog Knights (1-7) got two weeks off. Bill Brancato (.792 AVG, 6 2B) continued his banner year for Wackers with another monster season, posting league bests with 21 R, 5 HR, 23 RBI, and 1.833 SLG. Teammates Robert Akers (.741, 1.704 SLG, 18 R, 8 2B, 3 3B, 4 HR, 17 RBI) led with 46 TB, and Sean Nonemacher (.778 AVG, 1.444 SLG, 15 R, 14 RBI) led with 11 2B. Dirt Dogs' strong performance was driven by Matt Boyd (12 H, 5 2B, 17 RBI in 4 games), Andrew Werkheiser (.556 AVG, .815 SLG, 12 R), and female eddie Tess Frelick (.526 AVG, 1.000 SLG, 11 R, 13

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RBI). Hit & Run got solid contributions from many players, including Matt Korn (.759 AVG, 1.448 SLG, 16 R, 9 2B, 3 HR, 19 RBI, 42 TB), Shane Mulvihill (.607 AVG, 1.286 SLG, 17 R, 5 2B, 4 HR, 12 RBI), Adam Hebert (.621 AVG, .931 SLG, 12 R), Gene Schwendeman (.577 AVG, 1.000 SLG, 14 R, 7 2B, 11 RBI), male eddie Neal Hebert (.619 AVG, .810 SLG, 7 R, 13 RBI, 5 BB), and female eddie Carley Files (.478 AVG, .522 SLG, 10 R). Despite playing in only 5 games for No Shows, Joe Sulpizio (15-for-16, 9 R, 4 HR, 13 RBI) piled up some impressive numbers, and teammate Tim Groves (.591 AVG, 1.000 SLG, 13 R, 6 2B, 11 RBI) also fared well. Andrew Bravo (.786 OBP, 1.091 SLG, 10 R, 11 RBI) of Slap a Pitch claimed the batting title with .818 AVG, while JR Hilsee (.700 AVG, .800 SLG, 12 RBI) also helped the cause. Brad Milnes (.800 AVG, 1.240 SLG, 15 R, 5 2B) of Phanatics led the league with .821 OBP, and male eddie Mike van Fossen (.690 AVG, .862 SLG, 9 R, 3 2B, 15 RBI) also made his mark. Ump Yours! saw its best performances from male eddies Scott Pataki (.792 AVG, 1.417 SLG, 15 R, 9 2B, 3 3B, 18 RBI) and Bob Louderback (.667 AVG, 1.042 SLG, 12 R, 3 3B, 16 RBI), with Nic Pataki (.560 AVG, .720 SLG, 13 R, 4 2B, 12 RBI) also posting a solid campaign. Wu Tang Forever was kept afloat by Kenny Goodwin (.750 AVG, 1.083 SLG, 15 R), female eddie Katie Cherba (.545 AVG, .667 SLG, 2 2B 11 R, 14 RBI), and male eddie Tom Egitto (.667 AVG, .778 ALG, 2 2B, 11 RBI). Envi saw good things from Kyle Weller (.762 AVG, .905 SLG, 3 2B, 9 RBI) and Greg Delgado (.600 AVG, 1.050 SLG, 9 R, 4 2B, 9 RBI) despite missing the playoff cut. Highlights for Dollar Dog Knights were provided by Austin Beck (.688 AVG, 1.313 SLG, 10 RBI) and Matt Cauto (.667 AVG, .769 OBP, 11 R), who led the league with 8 BB.

The A-flight playoffs got underway with #1 seed Wackers edging out #4 seed No Shows (9-4) to gain a finals berth. Meanwhile, #2 seed Dirt Dogs got a free pass to the finals courtesy of a forfeit from #3 seed Hit & Run. The championship series ended in a 2-game sweep for Wackers (21-1, 18-9) against the overmatched Dirt Dogs. Wackers rode the hot playoff bats of Robert Akers (.800 AVG, 2.100 SLG, 8 R, 4 2B, 3 HR, 10 RBI), Bill Brancato (.667 AVG, 1.889 SLG, 6 R, 2 2B, 3 HR, 8 RBI), and Sean Nonemacher (.700 AVG, 1.100 SLG, 6 R, 4 2B, 3 RBI), while Matt Blankenstein (.625 AVG, 1.375 SLG, 3 R, 2 HR, 6 RBI) and Matt Abramson (.600 AVG, .700 SLG, 3 R, 4 RBI) made strong showings for Dirt Dogs. In the B-flight, #5 seed Slap a Pitch was victorious over #8 seed Wu Tang Forever by the slimmest of margins (14-13), and #6 seed Phanatics took care of Ump Yours! (16-12) to set the finals pairing. There, Slap a Pitch executed a 2-game sweep as well in a relatively low-scoring series (8-7, 6-3). Playoff performers were JR Hilsee (.909 AVG, 10 H, 6 RBI) and Harrison Miller (.700 AVG, 1.100 SLG, 5 R, 2 2B, 4 RBI) for the champions Slap a Pitch and male eddie Paul O'Connor (.889 AVG, 2 R, 8 H) and Brad Milnes (.700 AVG, 1.000 SLG, 4 R, 4 RBI) for the runners-up Phanatics. Congratulations to Slap a Pitch for their 3rd title in franchise history, and first since Fall 2017! Wackers now had their 2nd A-flight title in 2023 (and a title for the 6th season in a row for Sunday Coed) and had compiled a record of 22-0 thus far in the calendar year – would they be able to complete a 3-title sweep in the fall season?

### FALL

All 9 teams from the summer season stayed on for the fall. I'd Hit That returned to the league, and two new teams joined as well to bring enrollment to 12 teams. Accordingly, the league reverted to the American/National League format and tiered playoff structure. To say the least, the weather was challenging in 2023, but the final games of the year were played on November 12th in advance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

While Wackers did not manage to pull off a 3rd undefeated season in 2023, they still finished at the top of the American League standings with a 6-2 record. Hit & Run (5-3) were also bound for the A-flight playoffs. No Shows (4-4), Phanatics (2-6), and Slap a Pitch (2-6) made the B-flight cut, while Mad Batters (0-8) packed it in for the year. Wackers' lineup depth showed again, with Alex Freeman (.800 AVG, 1.720 SLG, 19 R, 5 2B, 3 3B, 4 HR, 20 RBI, 43 TB), batting crown winner Sean Nonemacher (.852 AVG, 1.444 SLG, 16 R, 7 2B, 3 3B, 9 RBI), Robert Akers (.645 AVG, 1.484 SLG, 16 R, 5 2B, 7 HR, 23 RBI, 46 TB), Bill Brancato (.609 AVG, 1.217 SLG, 14 R, 6 2B, 12 RBI), female eddies Lissa Tercha (.708 AVG, 1.125 SLG, 12 R, 4 3B, 9 RBI) and Jamie Richards (.611 AVG, .632 OBP, 11 H, 7 RBI), and male eddie Carman Brancato (.381 AVG, .714 SLG, 4 extra-base hits, 10 RBI) all posting excellent campaigns. Hit & Run got a monster season from Shane Mulvihill (.778 AVG, 15 R), who led the league with 1.926 SLG, 7 2B, 8 HR, 30 RBI, and 52 TB. Teammates Brian Randazzo (.741 AVG, 1.296 SLG, 15 R, 4 2B, 3 HR, 16 RBI), Matt Pinnell (.643 AVG, 1.071 SLG, 3 3B, 11 RBI), Matt Korn (.682 AVG, 1.227 SLG, 14 R, 4 2B, 9 RBI), male eddie Neal Hebert (.500 AVG, .519 OBP, 9 R), and female eddie Carley Files (.433 AVG, .500 SLG, 7 R, 5 RBI) all provided a big boost. Derek Strowhouer (.762 AVG, 1.667 SLG, 11 R, 5 HR, 23 RBI) powered No Shows to a solid finish, while Sean Flannery (.731 AVG, .750 OBP, 10 R, 10 RBI), male eddie Larry Kirschner (.680 AVG, .760 SLG, 2 2B, 11 RBI), and female eddies Kayleigh Bluntgen (.435 AVG, .552 OBP, 7 R, 7 RBI, 6 BB) and Jenn Flannery (.435 AVG, .522 SLG, 4 R, 4 RBI) made strong contributions. Despite appearing in only 5 games for Phanatics, Ian Cuozzo (.722 AVG, 2.056 SLG, 14 R, 3 2B, 7 HR, 22 RBI) accomplished a lot, while female eddie Liz Trace (.389 AVG, .542 OBP, .556 SLG, 9 R, 3 2B, 6 BB) and male eddie Chris Harrison (.600 AVG, .625 SLG, 8 RBI) helped the team reach the postseason. For Slap a Pitch, Harrison Miller (.545 AVG, 1.045 SLG, 10 R, 3 2B) had a noteworthy season, and the basement-dwelling Mad Batters got strong efforts from male eddie Mike van Fossen (.556 AVG, .611 SLG, 10 H, 5 RBI). In the A-flight playoffs, #1 seed Wackers set the tone early, comfortably knocking off #2 seed Hit & Run (16-6), stamping their own ticket to the finals. In the B-flight, #4 seed Phanatics faced off against #5 seed Slap a Pitch in a 1-game rematch of the previous season's B-flight finals. This time, Phanatics were victorious (13-11), and they carried their momentum into the semifinals against #3 seed No Shows, winning another close game (17-13), claiming a spot in the B-flight championship.

After an 8-0 spring regular season followed by a summer season hiatus, Hagan's Heroes showed that they were ready to get back to business, compiling a perfect 8-0 record again. I'd Hit That (5-2-1) finished in second and would face them

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## MVP's / Spring 2023

21 ABs (18 Eddies) To Qualify For Offensive Awards

Sunday Men's	G	AB	APP	R	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG	OBP	SLG	3AVG	BB	SACF	RUNC	TB
A Division																		
Andrew Parker	6	24	27	13	18	10	2	3	3	18	750	704	1458	818	1	2	25.54	35
Pat Kelly	6	24	25	14	18	7	7	0	4	15	750	720	1542	818	0	1	27.01	37
B North																		
Mike Suda	7	25	27	13	19	14	3	1	1	21	760	741	1080	667	1	1	20.58	27
B East																		
Joe Kindt	8	31	34	19	21	8	5	5	3	21	677	647	1452	778	1	2	29.96	45
Mike Oravitz	5	23	24	14	19	15	1	2	1	12	826	833	1174	800	1	0	22.72	27
B West																		
Bill Schubert	8	31	37	19	23	16	2	1	4	16	742	784	1258	846	6	0	31.79	39
B South																		
Jay Cowan	8	34	36	20	24	11	8	1	4	26	706	694	1353	750	1	1	32.49	46
Sunday Coed	G	AB	APP	R	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG	OBP	SLG	3AVG	BB	SACF	RUNC	TB
American Conference																		
Bill Brancato*	8	26	26	20	23	9	9	1	4	26	885	885	1769	800	0	0	40.69	46
Rich Stead (me)	8	28	29	9	20	13	4	3	0	9	714	724	1071	750	1	0	21.91	30
Tess Frelick (fe)	8	30	31	13	17	12	1	1	3	18	567	581	967	500	1	0	16.99	29
National Conference																		
Keith Keppley*	8	32	33	18	27	15	11	0	1	20	844	818	1281	833	0	1	33.97	41
Ron Pulli (me)	8	33	36	17	23	19	2	1	1	15	697	694	909	615	2	1	21.56	30
Carly Files (fe)	8	32	33	9	20	19	1	0	0	6	625	636	656	455	1	0	13.53	21
Monday Coed	G	AB	APP	R	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG	OBP	SLG	3AVG	BB	SACF	RUNC	TB
American Conference																		
Bill Brancato*	8	32	32	21	26	11	7	3	5	24	813	813	1688	1000	0	0	43.88	54
Bob Kolecki (me)	8	20	23	6	13	13	0	0	0	4	650	696	650	667	3	0	9.59	13
Sarah Yoos (fe)	7	26	27	12	13	11	1	1	0	5	500	519	615	250	1	0	8.43	16
National Conference																		
Brian Dart	8	21	24	14	17	9	1	2	5	19	810	833	1762	727	3	0	31.48	37
Carl Motts, Jr. (me)	8	29	32	18	22	15	3	4	0	14	759	719	1138	700	1	2	24.65	33
Stephanie Farrar (fe)	8	29	33	13	15	11	2	1	1	10	517	515	759	400	2	2	12.14	22
Tuesday Men's	G	AB	APP	R	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG	OBP	SLG	3AVG	BB	SACF	RUNC	TB
Sean Nonemacher*	8	39	40	26	29	10	14	1	4	23	744	750	1462	750	1	0	42.95	57
Wednesday Open	G	AB	APP	R	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG	OBP	SLG	3AVG	BB	SACF	RUNC	TB
American Conference																		
Evan Porter*	8	36	38	28	28	17	5	1	5	27	778	737	1389	857	0	2	37.61	50
National Conference																		
Ari Silverstein*	8	36	37	24	29	9	4	1	15	43	806	811	2222	750	1	0	65.08	80
Thursday Men's	G	AB	APP	R	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG	OBP	SLG	3AVG	BB	SACF	RUNC	TB
A Division																		
Jeremy Villano*	8	30	32	20	23	6	10	2	5	17	767	750	1733	800	1	1	39.59	52
Pat Kelley*	7	24	27	17	19	6	5	1	7	23	792	741	1958	778	1	2	35.78	47
B Division																		
Matt Needleman	8	33	34	16	24	12	2	0	10	32	727	706	1697	846	0	1	39.9	56
Friday Coed	G	AB	APP	R	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG	OBP	SLG	3AVG	BB	SACF	RUNC	TB
Sean Nonemacher*	8	31	33	16	20	10	7	2	1	16	645	606	1097	545	0	2	21.24	34
Brandon Birkhead*	8	21	23	12	14	3	4	1	6	17	667	609	1810	667	0	2	23.76	38
Eric Shade (me)	6	22	24	9	17	13	1	3	0	13	773	708	1091	800	0	2	17.74	24
Brittany Ullman (fe)	8	26	27	12	16	15	1	0	0	7	615	630	654	444	1	0	10.87	17
Friday Men's	G	AB	APP	R	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG	OBP	SLG	3AVG	BB	SACF	RUNC	TB
Shawn Hines	7	28	30	23	22	11	4	0	7	23	786	800	1679	917	2	0	38.02	47

## MVP's / Summer 2023

21 ABs (18 Eddies) To Qualify For Offensive Awards

Sunday Men's	G	AB	APP	R	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG	OBP	SLG	3AVG	BB	SACF	RUNC	TB
A Division																		
Bill Brancato	6	27	27	12	20	15	3	0	2	14	741	741	1074	846	0	0	21.48	29
B North																		
Tom Jacob	6	28	28	15	22	13	1	2	6	24	786	786	1607	867	0	0	35.36	45
B East																		
Brian Close	6	24	25	15	21	13	7	1	0	12	875	840	1250	727	0	1	25.64	30
B West																		
Nick Lang	6	21	28	19	16	5	8	2	1	13	762	750	1476	909	5	2	25.01	31
B South																		
Derek Strowhouer	8	31	33	13	20	7	6	4	3	29	645	636	1387	800	1	1	27.86	43
Sunday Coed	G	AB	APP	R	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG	OBP	SLG	3AVG	BB	SACF	RUNC	TB
Bill Brancato*	8	24	27	21	19	6	6	2	5	23	792	778	1833	667	2	1	35.03	44
Scott Pataki (me)	8	24	27	15	19	7	9	3	0	18	792	778	1417	727	2	1	27.25	34
Katie Cherba (fe)	8	33	33	11	18	15	2	1	0	14	545	545	667	688	0	0	12	22
Monday Coed	G	AB	APP	R	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG	OBP	SLG	3AVG	BB	SACF	RUNC	TB
American Conference																		
Luke Hendricks	7	23	24	16	22	10	2	2	8	34	957	958	2261	1000	1	0	50.08	52
Lee Anderson (me)	8	24	26	9	16	15	1	0	0	8	667	654	708	714	1	1	11.63	17
Maddie Beiber (fe)	7	18	21	6	14	14	0	0	0	6	778	714	778	875	1	2	10.93	14
National Conference																		
Sean Nonemacher*	7	24	25	15	17	3	11	2	1	11	708	680	1458	875	0	1	24.15	35
Eric Schade (me)	6	25	26	6	20	16	3	0	1	14	800	808	769	1040	1	0	21.21	26
Lissa Tercha (fe)	6	15	18	5	10	7	1	2	0	3	667	667	1000	833	2	1	10.69	15
Tuesday Men's	G	AB	APP	R	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG	OBP	SLG	3AVG	BB	SACF	RUNC	TB
Pat Kelley*	8	34	35	21	29	9	10	1	9	27	853	829	2000	846	0	1	56.77	68
Wednesday Coed	G	AB	APP	R	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG	OBP	SLG	3AVG	BB	SACF	RUNC	TB
A Division																		
Andrew Gerhart	7	29	30	21	23	9	7	5	2	21	793	767	1586	818	0	1	35.67	46
B Division																		
Evan Grzymkowski	8	35	39	22	29	22	4	2	1	15	829	846	1143	714	4	0	34.73	40
Thursday Men's	G	AB	APP	R	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG	OBP	SLG	3AVG	BB	SACF	RUNC	TB
A Division																		
Scott Runzer	8	28	32	20	25	11	8	3	3	15	893	844	1714	900	2	2	41.82	48
B Division																		
Jay Sechowicz	7	28	28	16	24	12	5	2	5	26	857	857	1714	917	0	0	41.14	48
Friday Coed	G	AB	APP	R	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG	OBP	SLG	3AVG	BB	SACF	RUNC	TB
Jason McLaughlin*	6	24	25	19	20	10	4	4	2	14	833	800	1583	909	0	1	30.82	38
Eric Schade (me)	8	25	27	9	17	10	2	4	1	14	680	704	1200	625	2	0	21.48	30
Amanda Clark (fe)	6	18	18	12	13	7	1	3	2	8	722	722	1444	800	0	0	18.78	26
Friday Men's	G	AB	APP	R	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG	OBP	SLG	3AVG	BB	SACF	RUNC	TB
Shawn Hines	7	28	30	17	24	13	3	0	8	22	857	867	1821	833	2	0	44.65	51

## MVP's / Fall 2023

21 ABs (18 Eddies) To Qualify For Offensive Awards

Sunday Men's	G	AB	APP	R	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG	OBP	SLG	3AVG	BB	SACF	RUNC	TB
3																		
Jamal Covington	8	27	31	12	21	13	6	1	1	13	778	806	1185	889	4	0	26.65	32
B North																		
Ben Vitelli	7	28	30	15	21	15	5	1	0	14	750	767	1000	727	2	0	21.87	28
Nick Marina	8	24	31	16	18	13	3	1	1	11	750	806	1083	857	7	0	22.44	26
B East																		
Ray Rocks	8	24	29	13	17	13	0	2	2	24	708	690	1125	700	3	2	19.88	27
Matt Close	7	27	28	19	18	6	8	0	4	17	667	643	1407	786	0	1	24.76	38
Anthony Amendolia	7	19	22	8	15	8	2	3	2	12	789	727	1526	778	1	2	22.04	29
B West																		
Nick Pigott	8	28	30	15	23	13	4	2	4	21	821	833	1536	818	2	0	36.27	43
B South																		
John Procopio	7	29	32	15	24	14	3	1	6	23	828	781	1621	700	1	2	37.73	47
Sunday Coed	G	AB	APP	R	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG	OBP	SLG	3AVG	BB	SACF	RUNC	TB
American Conference																		
Shane Mulvihill	7	27	27	15	21	6	7	0	8	30	778	778	1926	750	0	0	40.44	52
Larry Kirschner (me)	8	25	25	4	17	15	2	0	0	11	680	680	760	778	0	0	12.92	19
Lissa Tercha (fe)	8	24	28	12	17	11	2	4	0	9	708	714	1125	778	3	1	20.21	27
National Conference																		
Chase Luxton	6	22	24	18	18	11	3	1	3	16	818	792	1455	818	1	1	25.95	32
Matt Boyd	5	22	22	12	18	6	7	2	3	16	818	818	1727	846	0	0	31.09	38
Bob Louderback (me)	7	21	23	10	14	13	1	0	0	13	667	696	714	714	2	0	10.8	15
Brian Finger (me)	5	18	20	6	13	8	4	1	0	3	722	750	1056	778	2	0	14.64	19
Tess Frelick (fe)	7	31	34	18	20	8	3	7	2	15	645	676	1387	750	3	0	29.62	43
Monday Coed	G	AB	APP	R	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG	OBP	SLG	3AVG	BB	SACF	RUNC	TB
American Conference																		
Bill Brancato*	8	28	29	19	21	7	10	3	1	23	750	724	1429	583	0	1	29.34	40
Eric Schade (fe)	7	28	29	14	22	15	5	1	1	18	786	759	1143	846	0	1	24.67	32
Rebecca Brennan (fe)	8	33	35	11	19	18	0	1	0	1	576	571	636	615	1	1	12.45	21
National Conference																		
Jon Poore*	8	26	30	16	21	14	3	0	4	27	808	733	1385	1000	1	3	27.73	36
Tom Egitto (me)	6	20	21	9	16	13	2	1	0	5	800	810	1000	909	1	0	16.4	20
Sarah Yoos (fe)	6	22	25	15	15	10	3	2	0	2	682	720	1000	692	3	0	16.4	22
Tuesday Men's	G	AB	APP	R	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG	OBP	SLG	3AVG	BB	SACF	RUNC	TB
Pat Kelley*	7	30	31	19	24	8	8	2	6	20	800	806	1800	733	1	0	43.76	54
Wednesday Open	G	AB	APP	R	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG	OBP	SLG	3AVG	BB	SACF	RUNC	TB
A Division																		
KC Ingram	7	23	25	18	18	3	6	1	8	24	783	800	2174	857	2	0	40.42	50
B Division																		
Tom Hays	6	28	29	18	24	11	9	0	4	21	857	862	1607	941	1	0	39.02	45
RJ Grant	8	34	35	21	26	16	4	1	5	27	765	771	1382	769	1	0	36.46	47
Thursday Men's	G	AB	APP	R	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG	OBP	SLG	3AVG	BB	SACF	RUNC	TB
A Division																		
Brendan Parker	8	25	26	19	17	11	2	4	0	20	680	692	1080	750	1	0	18.87	27
Jarrett Kerns	7	23	24	12	18	15	2	1	0	7	783	750	957	778	0	1	16.89	22
B Division																		
Jim Lelli	5	18	22	13	18	16	2	0	0	5	1000	1000	1111	1000	4	0	21.04	20
Friday Coed	G	AB	APP	R	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG	OBP	SLG	3AVG	BB	SACF	RUNC	TB
James McLaughlin*	7	25	27	19	19	5	5	4	5	19	760	704	1880	778	0	2	33.81	47
Joe Pittman Sr. (me)	8	27	32	11	18	17	1	0	0	12	667	688	704	750	4	1	14.14	19
Amanda Clark (fe)	7	22	29	18	15	12	3	0	0	8	682	724	818	857	6	1	14.54	18
Friday Men's	G	AB	APP	R	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG	OBP	SLG	3AVG	BB	SACF	RUNC	TB
Brian Wrigley	8	34	36	13	22	12	3	0	7	32	647	667	1353	846	2	0	31.01	46



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Summer kicks off after one of the rainiest starts to a season, Birds of War enter the division and break even at 4-4, Tom Bush 1 HR 8 RBI and Jay Cowen 4 HR 18 RBI were ready to fight. Bogey Boys went backwards and go 0-8, Alex Hoxsey .519 10 RBI and John Procopio 2 HR 8 RBI. Dave and Confused added a couple wins at 4-4, Kyle Pederzani 1 HR 13 RBI and Jake Pederzani 1 HR 11 RBI added the run support. Dugout Demons were new to the division as well and went 5-3, Dominic Natale 5 HR 12 RBI and John Wagner 6 HR 18 RBI were blasting their way in the new division. Hitmen were still taking out teams at 5-3, Nick Lang 1 HR 13 RBI and Pat Feliciani 2 HR 18 RBI had teams in their scope. Muddogs were another new team and off to a good start at 6-2, Dan Clark 1 HR 12 RBI and Mike Losse 15 RBI looked like they needed no waterboy. Sprouse Electric was charging too much and only went .500 for the summer at 4-4, Damian Scott 2 HR and 11 RBI and Drake Sprouse 10 RBI were on point. The Naturals went a even 4-4 Colin Kennedy 3 HR 7 RBIS and Ed Doyle III 1 HR 9 RBI.

Summer championship saw the Dugout Demons take on the Birds of War. It was too hot to go three games as Dugout Demons sent Birds flying and take the summer championship in 2 games.

Fall last shot to take all the fun or being the top team, last time finding the next big player or that new team to win it all with. Birds of War fresh off of a championship loss come out 7-0-1 and don't look back, Matt Jacobson 1HR 25 RBI and Jay Cowen 3 HR 10 RBI were flying high. Crum Bums were new and 0-8, Jay Jabbs 4 HR 10 RBI and Pat McGinley 2 HR 9 RBI weren't bums. Dave and Confused looked lost as they went 1-7, Kyle Pederzani 1 HR 8 RBI and Marc McKinney 1 HR 17 RBI played well. Do Work 3-5 forgot to clock in, Nick Pigott 4 HR 21 RBI and Scott Chmura 3 HR 12 RBI were there for overtime. Hatrick's Sports Bar were 6-2, Christian Vogler 3 HR 23 RBI and Josh Graef 1 HR 15 RBI. Hitmen were taking teams out still at 5-3, Mark Bond 1 HR 11 RBI and Kevin Cruz 1 HR 10 RBI were in charge for this team. Sprouse Electric, 5-2-1 Drake Sprouse 1 hr 20 RBI and Damian Scott 5 HR 25 RBI were dominant for them. The Naturals were 4-4 again in the middle of the pack, Tom Finn .621 12 RBI and Partha Patel 1 HR 18 RBI were bright spots.

Fall saw Hatrick's take on the Birds of war, Birds of War would take a one run game the first. Hatricks would come back and take them out by 15 showing this might be there morning, but in game 3 Birds of War would fly to a victory and take home the gold for the fall. Congrats to all teams and players look forward to seeing you at the field.

### **B South**

Our final men's division for the Sunday morning year is B South, Birds of war flew north to get back to softball, starting 7-1 and taking off were Jay Cowan 4 HR 26 RBI and Tom Bush 4 HR 24 RBI. Christian Clout Chasers were even 4-4 to start, keeping the faith were Evan Zehran 2 HR 10 RBI and Sean Thomas 2 HR 10 RBI. Do Work were employed early to a 5-3

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## Wednesday Evening Open

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did not apply in the new Wednesday Evening Open league. The experiment seemed to be largely successful, providing an inclusive setting for teams of various experienced levels to play their softball.

### **SPRING**

Play commenced at Eureka Quarry field on March 29<sup>th</sup>, with the School Road Hatfield filed opening three weeks later on April 19<sup>th</sup>. The 13 teams enrolled were placed into a balanced American/National League format wherein the top two teams from each league would vie for an "A-Flight" finals berth against the top team from the other league. Likewise, the 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place teams would contend for a spot in the "B-Flight" finals against the advancing team from the other league.

### **American League**

Wu Tang Forever made a statement right out of the gate, executing a perfect 8-0 season and averaging over 27 runs per game to claim the top seed by 3 games over the #2 seed Did We Win (5-3), whom they would face in the A-flight playoffs. The #3-#5 seeds were decided by head-to-head play, as The Gabagools, Tap Daddy's, and Mayhem all finished with 4-4 records. As The Gabagools had beaten both of the other 4-4 teams in the regular season, they got the nod for the #3 seed. Tap Daddy split in head-to-head games, earning the #4 seed, while Mayhem lost to both opponents, landing the #5 seed. Wolverines (0-8) seemed to be out of their depth, allowing 189 runs over the course of the 8-game season. A host of players fueled Wu Tang Forever's spring surge, including Evan Porter (.778 AVG, 1.389 SLG, 28 R, 5 2B, 27 RBI, 50 TB), league leader with 5 HR, batting crown winner and RBI leader Tom Koelzer, Jr. (.806 AVG, 1.355 SLG, 23 R, 8 2B, 3 HR, 31 RBI, 42 TB), Ron Pulli (.781 AVG, .811 OBP, 1.188 SLG, 15 R, 5 2B, 4 3B, 25 RBI), Keith Keppley (.769 AVG, 1.051 SLG, 17 RBI), who led with 29 R, 30 H, and 9 2B, Jay Pane (.719 AVG, 1.000 SLG, 17 R, 7 2B, 15 RBI), and Rob McKenna (.704 AVG, 1.037 SLG, 13 R, 5 2B, 12 RBI, 5 BB). Did We Win were led offensively by Andrew Burgher (.625 AVG, 1.000 SLG, 13 R, 5 2B, 15 RBI) and Pete Mastapietro (.633 AVG, .767 SLG, 13 R, 4 2B, 4 BB). In only 5 games, Conner Burke (.579 AVG, 13 R, 5 2B, 11 RBI) smashed 4 HR for The Gabagools, while teammates Nick Geraghty (.606 AVG, .848 SLG, 14 R, 4 2B, 15 RBI), Jon Dobyan (.576 AVG, .879 SLG, 13 R, 6 2B, 8 RBI), and Ajay Houston (.567 AVG, .867 SLG, 14 R, 11 RBI) provided some lineup depth. Tap Daddy's had won the league championship in its inaugural season in Summer 2022 (when it existed as Wednesday Evening Men's), and the bats of Andrew Gernert (.767 AVG, 20 R, 5 2B, 12 RBI), league leader with 1.667 SLG, 8 3B, and 50 TB, John Scott (.765 AVG, 1.441 SLG, 19 R, 7 2B, 4 HR, 27 RBI, 49 TB), and Mike Divona (.792 AVG, 1.375 SLG, 15 R, 3 HR, 17 RBI) demonstrated that winning potential remained. Mayhem benefited from solid campaigns from Tom Hayes (.708 AVG, 1.167 SLG, 13 R, 5 2B, 3 3B, 15 RBI, 3 BB) and Derek Strowhouer (.625 AVG, 1.000 SLG, 9 R, 15 RBI). Wolverines missed the playoff cut and actually had no qualified players (minimum of

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## Wednesday Evening Coed

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21 plate appearances), but Alex Ramos (.500 AVG, 8 H, 3 R, 3 RBI) was statistically their best offensive player. The A-flight American League semifinals was a brief affair, with #1 seed Wu Tang Forever stomping #2 seed Did We Win (22-2) to earn a finals berth. The B-flight playoffs featured all three teams who finished with a 4-4 record, and the postseason games were just about as closely fought as the regular season was. #4 seed Tap Daddy's narrowly edged #5 seed Mayhem (9-8), but then fell to #3 seed The Gabagools in the semis (14-13). With that, The Gabagools were bound for the B-flight championship series.

### National League

Wackers set the pace in the National League, posting a 7-1 record for the #1 seed. Seasonal runs allowed decided whom they would face in the A-flight playoffs, and there Red Stallion (6-2, 79 RGU) had the edge, picking up the #2 seed. Accordingly, Team Wasted Talent (6-2, 82 RGU) earned the #3 seed, tops in the B-flight playoff bracket. They were followed by Muckdogs (5-3) and Doc's Irish Pub (2-6) to round out the playoff picture. Dingalingers (1-7, 159 RGU) and The Clinchers (0-8, 192 RGU) missed the playoff cut, and again defense seemed to be an issue. For Wackers, much of the damage was done by Alex Freeman (.733 AVG, 1.400 SLG, 20 R, 3 HR, 14 RBI, 42 TB), league leader with 9 2B and 7 BB, and John Erb (.789 AVG, 1.474 SLG, 12 R, 5 2B, 16 RBI). Red Stallion were the defending champions from Fall 2022, and Tom Jacob (.750 AVG, 1.700 SLG, 11 R, 4 2B, 5 HR, 17 RBI), Pete Herbert (.714 AVG, 1.143 SLG, 13 R, 8 2B, 10 RBI), and Colin Kennedy (.750 AVG, 1.250 SLG, 9 R, 3 2B, 12 RBI) did all they could to get the team back to the winner's circle. Team Wasted Talent got strong contributions from Nick Smalley (.667 AVG, 1.571 SLG, 11 R, 4 2B, 5 HR, 14 RBI), James Gillespie (.609 AVG, 1.652 SLG, 11 R, 3 3B, 5 HR, 23 RBI), and Ryan Logan (11-for-15, 11 R, 4 2B, 9 RBI in 5 games). Muckdogs got a monstrous campaign from Ari Silverstein that pretty much dwarfed that of all other players – Ari led the league with .806 AVG, .811 OBP, 2.222 SLG, 24 R, 29 H, 15 HR, 43 RBI, and a ridiculous 80 TB. Teammates Evan Grzymkowski (.731 AVG, 1.115 SLG, 16 R, 7 2B, 9 RBI) and Eric Shade (.613 AVG, 1.000 SLG, 14 R, 3 3B, 10 RBI) must have enjoyed the ride, but they also did pretty well in their own right. Doc's Irish Pub starred Dylan Brooks (.767 AVG, 1.400 SLG, 12 R, 4 2B, 5 HR, 26 RBI) and Josh Keszczuk (.667 AVG, .939 SLG, 14 R, 4 2B, 15 RBI). Keegan Lynch (.630 AVG, .852 SLG, 10 R) was a bright spot for Dingalingers, while Alex Moore (9-for-15, 2 HR, 7 RBI) did well with the opportunities he had with The Clinchers. #2 seed Red Stallion was looking to repeat as champs and knocked off #1 seed Wackers in a defensive battle (7-6) to earn that opportunity. Meanwhile, #5 seed Doc's Irish Pub upset #4 seed Muckdogs in convincing fashion (22-9), then parlayed that win into another similarly impressive effort, toppling #3 seed Team Wasted Talent (27-4), garnering a pass to the B-flight title series.

### A-Flight and B-Flight Championships

The A-flight finals saw Red Stallion attempting to repeat as the Wednesday champs, but they ran into a buzzsaw in Wu Tang Forever. Though Wu Tang Forever did manage the 2-game sweep, the games were fairly close (18-12, 20-14). Ryan Goodman (.900 AVG, 2.200 SLG, 8 R, 3 HR, 9 RBI), Tom Koelzer, Jr. (.778 AVG, 2.333 SLG, 9 R, 4 HR, 12 RBI), and Evan Porter (.727 AVG, 1.273 SLG, 8 R, 3 2B, 7 RBI) powered Wu Tang Forever through the playoffs, while Red Stallion got solid postseason efforts from Tom Jacob (.778 AVG, 1.444 SLG, 3 R, 9 RBI) and Casey Long (.600 AVG, 1.100 SLG, 4 R, 2 3B). The B-flight championship was also a 2-game sweep, with The Gabagools emerging victorious over Doc's Irish Pub (16-13, 15-7), despite the impressive playoff run of the latter following a mediocre regular season. Connor Burke (.857 AVG, 1.714 SLG, 5 R, 2 HR, 9 RBI) and Jon Dobyan (.667 AVG, 1.111 SLG, 5 R, 1 HR) swung the hot playoff bats for the champs, while Dylan Brooks (.765 AVG, 1.706 SLG, 10 R, 5 HR, 17 RBI), Josh Keszczuk (.769 AVG, 1.692 SLG, 7 R, 3 2B, 3 HR, 7 RBI), and AJ Bagushinski (.733 AVG, .800 SLG, 8 R, 4 RBI) were instrumental in the playoff run of the runners-up. Congratulations to Wu Tang Forever and The Gabagools for their respective A-flight and B-flight titles!

### SUMMER

League enrollment grew to a capacity 14 teams for the summer season, while the American/National League format and tiered playoff structure were abandoned in favor of an A and B Division format with separate playoffs.

### A Division

Wu Tang Forever, the defending champions, were looking to repeat, and they put themselves in a good position to do so, earning the #1 seed with a 5-2-1 regular season record. Three teams finished with a 5-3 record, so the runs allowed tie-break decided playoff seeding; The Gabagools (101 RGU) claimed the #2 seed, Tap Daddy's (115 RGU) earned the #3 seed, and Wackers (138 RGU) landed at the #4 seed. Red Stallion (3-4-1) grabbed the 5<sup>th</sup> and final playoff spot, edging out Team Wasted Talent (3-5) by half a game in this hotly contested division. Team Glowcharge (1-7) was in a building phase as a team new to this league. For Wu Tang Forever, the usual suspects were back at it; Evan Porter (.724 AVG, 1.621 SLG, 13 R), posted some power numbers, leading the division with 1.621 SLG, 8 HR, 33 RBI, and 47 TB, and Keith Keppley (.667 AVG, 1.028 SLG, 8 2B, 13 RBI) was tops with 21 R and 24 H, while Tom Koelzer, Jr. (.704 AVG, 1.481 SLG, 19 R, 6 2B, 5 HR, 18 RBI, 4 BB) also enjoyed a successful summer campaign. Jake Steinberg (.682 AVG), Tom Salami (.560 AVG, .800 SLG, 10 R, 3 2B, 11 RBI), and Connor Burke (9-for-13, 8 R, 3 HR, 12 RBI in 4 games) made the push for The Gabagools. Andrew Gernert (.767 OBP, 1.586 SLG, 7 2B, 5 3B, 21 RBI, 46 TB) came up big again for Tap Daddy's, winning the batting crown with .793 AVG and leading with 21 R. Teammates John Gambone (.630 AVG, .926 SLG, 13 R, 3 2B, 15 RBI) and Mike DiVona (.548 AVG, .903 SLG, 14 R, 3 2B, 4 3B, 11 RBI) also factored into the offense. For Wackers, Alex Freeman (.733 AVG, 1.200 SLG, 20 R, 11 RBI, 4 BB) led the division with 9 2B, and Bill Brancato (.762 AVG, 1.238 SLG, 10 R, 5 2B, 16 RBI) and Dennis D'Angelo (.613 AVG, .839 SLG, 16 R, 3 2B, 13 RBI) also posted good numbers. Colin Kennedy (.633 AVG, 1.400 SLG, 19 R, 5 2B, 19 RBI, 42 TB) of Red Stallion led the division with 6 3B, while teammate Tom Jacob (13-for-16, 11 R, 5 HR in 5 games) also provided a boost. Though it wasn't enough to qualify for postseason play, Matt

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# Statistics

## The Fuel That Burns the Game's Fire

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behind. Matt Schaub has the most career doubles (454) although his slowdown combined with Sean Nonemacher's assault on the 2-bagger records make Matt's mark very susceptible. Matt also controls the all time triples league lead with 149 for now, but Marc McKinney (137), Mat Crowell (133), Keith Keppley (123), and Sean Nonemacher (122) are right on Matt's bumper. Brian Penecale (retired) still owns the home run lead with 503. Matt Schaub (457) is in 2nd place only 46 behind. The only active member in the top 5 is John Kiefer and he has 233 dingers behind. If Matt can't overcome Brian, that record will stand for quite some time.

We had a new all-time batting champ last year in Kevin Roche. Well, move over Kevin, Pat Kelley is now the all-time league leader in the men's league batting average department (over 500 ABs). Pat is crushing the ball at a whopping 685 clip in 564 plate appearance.

Kevin Roche maintains his all-time league leading run scoring percentage— scoring at a clip of 58%. Kevin is till the best all-time RBI% leader— knocking in a run 78% of the time. As far as the frequency with which a HR is hit, Shawn Hines stays atop the list. Shawn hammers one out in better than 1 in every 5 times to the plate (22%). As far as slugging percentage is concerned, Kevin is still the slugging leader with at 1528. Pat Kelley is a mere 29 points behind in that department. Matt Schaub is still the base on balls leader, getting a free pass 399 times in his career, but Rob McKenna is only 28 free passes behind. Nobody has a better base on balls average than Mike Sauler who earns a free pass better than 1 in 4 trips to the plate (28%).

### Coed League Career Milestones

To give you an idea how much softball John Razzi played, he's been retired from the game for about 5 years and still remains the coed leader in games-played (1,668) and at-bats (4,932). His closest pursuer is Keith Keppley who is about 400 games and 700 at-bats behind. Keith the all-time hits leader (2,796). In doing so, he crossed the plate more than any player in coed history (2,502). Keith also has the most doubles by a mile (861) and triples (308) along with the most RBIs (2,320). Nobody scores a coed league run at a better clip (60%) than Jarrett Kerns and Mike Chwieroth (retired). When it comes to coed slugging, Jarred Gardner is king. Jarred has hit more than 500 dingers in his coed career. Axel Alicea is the closest with 341. CJ Motts is still the all-time batting average leader (733). In the base on balls department, Kris Pulli is the undisputed, all-time base on balls leader 487. Rhiannon Keppley still has the keenest eye at the plate with a walk in 1 out of 5 trips.

### Triple Crowns

Any player that reaches a career plateau of 500 or 1,000 career runs, career hits, and career RBIs shall earn a 500 or 1,000 Triple Crown award. Before last year, 56 men's league players had reached the Triple Crown 500 plateau. 7 have reached the Triple Crown 1,000 mark. 72 coed league players have made it to the Triple Crown 500 level while 9 have gotten to the coed Triple Crown 1,000 milestone. In 27 years of SBA existence, 8 league members have managed the incredible feat of acquiring what I call the Double Triple Crown— 500 or more RUNS, HITS and RBIs in both the men's and coed leagues. Those seven players are, in order of acquisition, Rob Johnson, Keith Keppley, Steph Garrett, Jarred Gardner, Tim O'Shea, Jr., Warren Grant, Gene Walczak, and John Erb. Move over fellas and make room for Jason Pane who made the grade in 2023.

In the men's league, Frank Staber has just surpassed the 1,000 mark in Runs, Hits and RBIs. Tom Koelzer, Jr. Brandon Birkhead, Tom Rider, Chris Knechel, Jeff Hess, Ryan Maley, and Jason Pane made the Triple Crown 500 grade this past year. Each will receive a commemorative plaque.

A number of men's league players are currently on the Triple Crown doorstep. Shawn Rush needs 19 RBIs. With 2 Runs Scored and 18 RBIs, Bill Brancato will get there this year. Glen Hipple, KC Ingram, and Jose Rodriguez need only

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record, Scott Chmura 1 HR 8 RBI and Derek Strowhouer 1 HR 14 RBI got paid. Flour Power cooked slow 3-5, Jared Said 1 HR 12 RBI and Chris Lento 1 HR 9 RBI supplied the toppings. Isotopes were cold to start and didn't win a game at 0-8 but Dan Poore 1 HR 11 RBI and Paul Mizvitowicz 3 HR 12 RBI played well. Muddogs 6-2 were running through teams, Ben Dainels 5 HR 19 RBI and Brian Figueroa 2 HR 11 RBI were the power at the plate. Stiff Sox were standing tall at 5-3 Marino Alberto Sanchez 3 HR 13 RBI and Jim Kullman 2 HR 9 RBI. Van Fossen Vikings ship may have a hole as they were 1-7 to start, Jake Gladish 2 HR 6 RBI and Zach Walsh 1 HR 10 RBI were ready for the fight.

Muddogs would take on the Birds of war for all the bragging rights in the spring. Muddogs would prove to be too strong and take the series in 2 games to capture spring title.

Summer we see some changes to the division as new team Bats All Folks enters and it was a tough task as 0-8 to start, Kyle Mason .478 9 RBI and Joel Rodriguez .450 5 RBIS brought their bats. Dead Ringers looked good and played ok at 3-5, Matt Lewis 3 HR 19 RBI and Jose Pittman 2 HR 15 RBI looked like ringers for this team. Do Work continued to clock in at 6-2, Rich "RICHEL" Zupkusky 3 HR 11 RBI and Derek Strowhouer 3 HR 29 RBI blasted the little yellow ball. Isotopes were little better winning a game at 1-7, Zac Warren 10 RBI and Sean Mitchell 2 HR 13 RBI had good seasons. Palmetto Street checked in and went 4-4, Walt Trezell 1 HR 15 RBI and Zac Piccorello 1 HR 13 RBI knew their direction. Stiff Sox were perfect at 8-0, Nick Purshock 1 HR 12 RBI and Kurt Krout 1 HR 8 RBI kept these sox standing on their own. Rolling Rocks were new and came in ready to compete at 6-2, Randy Worthington 1 HR 12 RBI and Harry Steglich

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used as a tie-breaker in the final standings, that number needs to be adjusted upward for the team that receives the forfeit in the forfeited game.

## **My team can't attend the post season. Can we give that spot to the team that just missed the playoffs?**

The answer to this question is a resounding no. If we were to allow a team that didn't make the playoffs to take the place of a team that can't make the playoffs and that team wins in the first round, the team they beat would cry foul and for good reason because in essence we took the forfeit win away from them and now they don't get the chance to move on.

## **Why are we forced to take a batting out even if the opposing team is willing to waive it?**

The answer here runs along the same lines as the previous question. Let's say a shorthanded Team A is playing Team B with a faulty roster which dictates the team should take a batting out. Team B is willing to waive Team A's batting out and both the umpire and scorekeeper allow it. Let's also say Team B has already clinched a playoff spot, but Team A is on the bubble. If Team A loses, Team C makes the playoffs. Team A wins and Team C gets bumped from the post season. Because Team A was allowed to play without taking a batting out, affording them a better chance to win, Team C will cry foul and have every right to do so. In the name of fairness across the board, rules must be adhered to regardless of how innocuous bending one may seem.

## **A player has 6 games with another team, but wants to quit that team and play on my team. Can his games with the other team help him qualify for the post season with my team?**

Absolutely not. First of all, a player that wants to quit a team in the middle of a season must have good reason to do so and present his case for doing so to the league office. Secondly, and I know this may be hard for you to believe (sarcasm) there are unscrupulous managers in the league that would do anything to win. Stealing good players from other teams as they head into the post season is not beyond the realm of possibility. To prevent this from happening, players not only need good reason to leave their existing squad, but they would need to qualify with enough games-played with their new team.

## **Why does a player have to pay a full league fee if there are only 3 games left in the season?**

This league protocol is not about money. It's about maintaining roster control. If a team is merely adding to their roster, the new player must pay the full league fee regardless of how many games remain. This is to guard against teams trying to improve their rosters at discounted prices heading into the playoffs. Players can be added for a prorated amount if and only if they will be replacing another roster player on the team. Before these restriction, unscrupulous managers would

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# Thursday Evening Men's

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The Commission (surprise, surprise) put up 9 homers and 27 RBI. Kyle Rossi of the Bush Bumpers managed to hit 4 homers with 20 RBI.

In the playoffs, the Silver Bullets used an 11 run fourth inning to knock off Outback, 18-4. In the other semifinal, in a huge upset Mayhem kept The Commission's offense in check, winning, 13-6. The finals were an intense three game series. In the first game, Mayhem outslugged the Silver Bullets, 29-18, thanks to 11 homers. The Silver Bullets took the second game, 11-6. The Silver Bullets ran out of gas, Mayhem took the third game, and the spring A title, 17-5, smashing 6 more homers in the process.

In the B division, Dirty Dozen finished in first at 6-2. They only gave up 55 runs, or just under 8 a game. Incredible defense. The Sex Panther and Carnage finished tied for second with a record of 5-3. Gary Konefel of Airborne Elite captured the hitting crown at .857. Frank Delgado of Garges Gang batted .810. Sex Panthers teammates Kevin Hott and Steve Zajac each blasted 5 homers and drove in 22 and 26 runs, respectively. Matt Needleman of Therapy Dogs had himself a season. He hit .727 with 10 homers and 32 RBI. Jay Sechowicz jacked 7 homers with 26 RBI.

In the playoffs, the first semifinal was a pitcher's duel with Sex Panther dowing Carnage, 6-2. In the other semifinal, Dirty Dozen used two run homers by Brian Dart and Todd Gibson to squeeze past DaVanzo Shift, 8-7. The championship series went three games. In the first game, Sex Panther out slugged Dirty Dozen, 21-14. Kevin Hott of Sex Panther went 4-5 with 3 homers and 10 RBI. In the second game, Dirty Dozen dominated to win, 21-5. Homers by Mike Delissa and Tim Gluck help Sex Panther's cause. Dirty Dozen downed Sex Panther in the third game, 19-13, to take the B title. Brian Dart was huge for Dirty Dozen, going 4-4 with 2 homers and 5 RBI.

In the summer season, the A division was all about Hooligans and The Commission. Both teams finished with 6-2 records. Hooligans dominated, scoring the most runs(136) and giving up the least(90). Finishing behind them were Outback and Bush Bumpers, both at 4-4. Kyle Rossi of Bush Bumpers batted and impressive .895. Right behind him was Scott Runzer of Outback at .893. Kevin "Manny" Roche of The Commission managed to hit .833. Roche also smashed 7 homers with 19 RBI. Bryan Rossi of Bush Bumpers jacked 4 homers while driving in 22 runs. Shane Hanna of Hooligans put up 5 homers and 23 RBI.

In the playoffs, The Commission continued their offensive ways. They won 21-5 while blast 6 homers in the process. In the other semifinal, Hooligans outlasted Bush Bumpers, 13-12, to punch their ticket to the finals. In the championship series, Hooligans won the first game, 12-9. The big blasts came from a Brandon Birkhead three un homer in the first, and a KC Ingram solo homer in the seventh. The second game was more of a slugfest, but the result was the same. Hooligans took the second game, 24-16, and the summer A title in only two games.

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## Wednesday Evening Open

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Cummisky (.633 AVG, 1.167 SLG, 10 R, 5 2B, 3 HR, 23 RBI) and Andrew Kelly (.607 AVG, .893 SLG, 14 R, 3 2B, 10 RBI) performed well for Team Wasted Talent. Though their season was disappointing, KC Ingram (.588 AVG, 1.176 SLG, 7 R, 5 2B, 3 BB) was a bright spot for Team Glowcharge. The playoffs commenced with a quarterfinal matchup in which #4 seed Wackers squeaked by #5 seed Red Stallion (8-7). However, they fell in the semis to #1 seed Wu Tang Forever (13-7). #2 seed The Gabagools got a free pass to the finals when #3 seed Tap Daddy's forfeited. The finals were a straight-forward affair, with Wu Tang Forever executing a 2-game sweep of The Gabagools (16-3, 15-5) to claim another A-level title. The playoff success of Wu Tang Forever was fueled by the bats of Evan Porter (.800 AVG, 1.800 SLG, 5 R, 3 HR, 11 RBI), Ryan Goodman (.714 AVG, 1.714 SLG, 5 R, 2 HR, 8 RBI), and Tom Koelzer, Jr. (.583 AVG, 1.167 SLG, 5 R, 2 HR, 7 RBI). For the runner-up Gabagools, John Lacorte (1.000 AVG, 1.250 SLG, 4 H, 2 RBI) and Drew Stoney (1.000 AVG, 3 H) made the most of the opportunities they had. Congratulations to Wu Tang Forever for the repeat!

### B Division

Muckdogs stormed the B Division, compiling a perfect 8-0 record to claim the #1 playoff seed. Two games back were Doc's Irish Pub (6-2), followed by Mayhem (5-3, 71 RGU), Did We Win (5-3, 73 RGU), and Mashed Taters (3-5). The Clinchers (1-7) improved on their spring season performance by one game, but still fell shy of a playoff berth. Big Mac Attack (0-8) went winless, also missing the playoff cut. Muckdogs were without Ari Silverstein this season, but Evan Grzymkowski (.829 AVG, 1.143 SLG, 4 2B, 15 RBI, 4 BB, 40 TB), division leader with 22 R and 29 H, Brett Anker (.871 OBP, 1.071 SLG, 14 R, 3 2B, 18 RBI), batting title winner with .893 AVG, Ryan Hamilton (.667 AVG, 1.042 SLG, 12 R, 5 2B, 11 RBI), Eric Shade (.586 AVG, .897 SLG, 8 R, 5 2B, 19 RBI), and Bill Stone (.667 AVG, .714 OBP, 13 R, 8 RBI, 5 BB) filled the gap left by his absence. Doc's Irish Pub owed their strong showing to the performances of Josh Keszczyk (.857 AVG, 1.476 SLG, 17 R, 13 RBI), division leader with 8 2B, Dylan Brooks (.538 AVG, 1.308 SLG, 10 R, 3 2B, 19 RBI), and Matt Fronheiser (.625 AVG, .781 SLG, 17 R, 3 2B, 16 RBI). For Mayhem, Casey Condron (.645 AVG, 1.323 SLG, 15 R, 3 HR, 15 RBI) also posted a league-leading 8 2B, and teammate Zach Lyall (.615 AVG, .962 SLG, 13 R, 5 2B, 9 RBI) fared well too. Steve Kodluk (.720 AVG, 12 R, 3 2B) put up big power numbers for Did We Win, including a division-leading 1.880 SLG, 8 HR, 29 RBI, and 47 TB. Paul Grant (.652 AVG, 1.174 SLG, 14 R, 4 2B, 2 HR, 10 RBI) of Mashed Taters led with 6 BB, and RJ Grant (.536 AVG, 1.036 SLG, 10 R, 2 3B, 3 HR, 4 BB) also provided some offense. In only 3 games for The Clinchers, Alex Moore (7-for-7, 4 R, 4 HR, 4 RBI) was individually very productive. Despite a tough season, Josh Taylor (.650 AVG, .800 SLG, 6 R, 3 2B, 6 RBI) and Brett Naile (.627 AVG, .941 SLG, 2 3B, 6 RBI) did their best for Big Mac Attack. In the playoffs, #5 seed Mashed Taters scored a narrow victory over #4 seed Did We Win (7-6) before falling to #1 seed Muckdogs in the semifinals (9-4). #2 seed Doc's Irish Pub handled #3 seed Mayhem with apparent ease (12-3), and carried that momentum into the next week in the championship series with a Game 1 win against Muckdogs (14-10). However, the tides shifted with Muckdogs claiming a Game 2 victory (15-5), and then the title in the decisive Game 3 (17-12). Evan Grzymkowski (.750 AVG, 1.167 SLG, 4 R, 3 2B, 4 RBI), Eric Shade (.643 AVG, 1.000 SLG, 6 R, 1 HR, 7 RBI), Ryan Hamilton (.500 AVG, 1.071 SLG, 9 R, 2 2B, 2 HR, 7 RBI), and Jeff Hess (.615 AVG, .643 OBP, 5 R, 5 RBI) propelled Muckdogs to the title with their playoff bats, while Chase Luxton (.533 AVG, 1.133 SLG, 3 R, 3 2B, 2 HR, 6 RBI), Dylan Brooks (.533 AVG, 1.133 SLG, 5 R, 3 HR, 5 RBI), AJ Bagushinski (.615 AVG, .846 SLG, 4 R, 3 RBI), and Joe Stankovics (.583 AVG, .833 SLG, 3 R, 3 RBI, 2 BB) kept Doc's Irish Pub competitive. Congratulations to Muckdogs on their summer title!

### FALL

Enrollment held steady at 14 teams for the fall season, and the A/B Division format and playoff structure remained the same. The weather cooperated nicely and play concluded on November 1<sup>st</sup>, well in advance of colder temperatures.

### A Division

In the fall season, the A Division of the Wednesday Evening Open league was closely contested, with a logjam between #1 seed Tap Daddy's (6-2, 73 RGU), #2 seed Muckdogs (6-2, 75 RGU), and #3 seed Team Glowcharge (6-2, 81 RGU) needing to be resolved by considering seasonal runs-against. The 5-game improvement for Team Glowcharge was impressive, and Muckdogs confirmed that they belonged in the A Division on the heels of a summer title run. Wu Tang Forever (5-3) was looking for a "three-peat" and made the playoff cut to put that on the table. Wackers (3-5) snatched up the 5<sup>th</sup> and final playoff berth. Meanwhile, The Gabagools (2-6) and Red Stallion (0-8), both league champions within the last year, saw an early exit. For Tap Daddy's, Andrew Gernert (.742 AVG, 1.161 SLG, 16 R, 3 2B, 2 HR, 15 RBI) and Mike DiVona (.741 AVG, 1.185 SLG, 15 R, 2 HR, 14 RBI) again led the way. The attack from Muckdogs was pretty balanced, but Tony Cabot (.650 AVG, 1.150 SLG, 9 R, 3 2B, 10 RBI) and Jeff Hess (11-for-15, 4 2B, 9 RBI in 6 games) made some noise. KC Ingram (6 2B, 24 RBI) took the helm for Team Glowcharge, leading the division with .783 AVG, .800 OBP, 2.174 SLG, 18 R, 8 HR, and 50 TB, while teammate Dillon Lamb (.609 AVG, 1.130 SLG, 12 R, 5 2B) provided support. Wu Tang Forever's roster still appeared very strong, though somewhat diminished in the fall season; nevertheless, Evan Porter (.741 AVG, 1.481 SLG, 17 R, 5 2B, 5 HR, 20 RBI, 3 BB, 40 TB) and Tom Koelzer, Jr. (.545 AVG, 1.364 SLG, 16 R, 7 HR, 45 TB), who led with 26 RBI, had huge seasons at the plate. Alex Freeman (.552 AVG, 1.034 SLG, 13 R, 2 HR, 13 RBI) of Wackers led the division with 8 2B, and Matt Boyd (9-for-14, 8 R, 4 HR, 14 RBI, 24 TB in 4 games) was productive despite missing half of the games. The Gabagools got some highlights from Nick Geraghty (.613 AVG, .871 SLG, 15 R, 3 2B, 15 RBI) and Connor Burke (9-for-13, 6 R, 3 2B, 3 HR, 12 RBI, 21 TB in 3 games) despite falling short of qualification for postseason play. Red Stallion seemed disengaged in the fall season, with no player making more than 5 games; the strongest offensive player, albeit with limited exposure, was probably Ryan Nakonieczny (9-for-15, 7 R, 2 2B, 6 RBI in 4 games). In the playoffs, #4 seed Wu Tang Forever kept their triple-title aspirations alive with a 9-7 win over #5 seed

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Wackers, but those were quickly doused by a semifinals loss to #1 seed Tap Daddy's (19-13). #2 seed Muckdogs exploded in their semifinal matchup against #3 Team Glowcharge (26-10) to set the finals pairing. In the finals, Muckdogs grabbed an early series lead with a 12-7 win. But in an offense-filled Game 2 (29-20), Tap Daddy's evened the series at one game apiece, and they never stopped hitting throughout the decisive Game 3, claiming the fall A Division title with a convincing 24-9 win. Andrew Gernert (.842 AVG, 1.737 SLG, 12 R, 8 2B, 3 3B, 1 HR, 12 RBI, 33 TB), Cooper Rosiak (.600 AVG, 1.200 SLG, 12 R, 7 2B, 1 HR, 12 RBI), and Dean Kenniff (.667 AVG, .889 SLG, 10 R, 2 2B, 10 RBI) came up big for Tap Daddy's throughout the playoffs, while the runner-up Muckdogs made their move with great performance from Brett Anker (.722 AVG, .944 SLG, 8 R, 4 2B, 5 RBI), Rick Smith (.667 AVG, .833 SLG, 6 R, 9 RBI), and Jeff Hess (.625 AVG, .688 SLG, 8 R). Congratulations to the Tap Daddy's franchise, who joined Wu Tang Forever as 2-time Wednesday Evening Open/Men's champions!

### B Division

After falling just short of a championship in the summer frame, Doc's Irish Pub put themselves in a great position for another title shot, posting a 7-1 record to grab the #1 seed. Mayhem (5-3) claimed the #2 seed on the basis of a head-to-head win against #3 seed Tailspinz / Mixed Nutz (5-3). Similarly, Did We Win (4-4) got the preferred #4 playoff seeding over Mashed Taters (4-4). Just one game back, Warriors (3-5) were out, as were The Clinchers (0-8), who suffered through another win-free campaign. Chase Luxton (.559 AVG, 1.353 SLG, 16 R, 4 2B, 18 RBI, 46 TB) of Doc's Irish Pub powered his team to the top spot, blasting 7 HR, and teammate Dylan Brooks (.615 AVG, 1.192 SLG, 10 R, 4 HR, 24 RBI) also impressed. For Mayhem, Tom Hayes (.862 OBP, 18 R, 4 HR, 21 RBI, 45 TB) claimed the batting crown with .857 AVG, also leading with 1.607 SLG and 9 2B, while Derek Strowhouer (.517 AVG, 1.103 SLG, 13 R, 4 2B, 3 HR, 17 RBI) and Casey Condrón (.643 AVG, 1.143 SLG, 15 R, 6 2B, 10 RBI) also had strong seasons. Tailspinz / Mixed Nutz saw great production from Jarrett Kerns (.852 AVG, 1.481 SLG, 15 R, 3 2B, 4 3B, 22 RBI), Axel Alicea (.714 AVG, 1.286 SLG, 13 R, 3 2B, 3 HR, 16 RBI), and Ryan Hensman (.630 AVG, 1.000 SLG, 14 R, 3 2B, 11 RBI). Keith Halili (.682 AVG, 1.500 SLG, 3 2B, 5 HR, 16 RBI), Joe Bisceglie (.633 AVG, 1.000 SLG, 14 R, 6 2B, 12 RBI), and Andrew Burgher (.615 AVG, 1.038 SLG, 15 R, 4 2B, 15 RBI) kept Did We Win in the mix, while RJ Grant (.765 AVG, 1.382 SLG, 21 R, 4 2B, 5 HR), division leader with 26 H, 27 RBI, and 47 TB, Paul Grant (.629 AVG, 1.029 SLG, 21 R, 4 HR, 15 RBI), and Jim Mann (.600 AVG, .857 SLG, 12 R, 6 2B, 14 RBI) did the same for Mashed Taters. Steve Massey (.679 AVG, .929 SLG, 16 R, 3 3B, 11 RBI) and Nick Jokiel (12-for-17, 15 R, 4 2B, 4 HR, 13 RBI in 5 games) hit solidly for Warriors, and Jon Sotcliffe (12-for-16, 8 R, 5 RBI) and Casey Kelly (11-for-18, 5 RBI) were bright spots for The Clinchers. The playoffs kicked off with #4 seed Did We Win taking out #5 seed Mashed Taters (19-13), and from there they went on to upset #1 seed Doc's Irish Pub (11-7) to secure a spot in the championship series. #2 seed Mayhem edged out #3 seed Tailspinz / Mixed Nutz (17-13) to set the final pairing. The finals were rather one-sided, with Mayhem carrying out a 2-game sweep of Did We Win (24-9, 17-7). Playoff performers for the champion Mayhem were Derek Strowhouer (.692 AVG, 1.462 SLG, 8 R, 5 2B, 1 HR, 11 RBI), Tom Hayes (.600 AVG, 1.000 SLG, 8 R, 1 HR, 10 RBI), and Shawn Arbogast (.700 AVG, 1.100 SLG, 5 R, 4 2B, 6 RBI), while Did We Win saw good postseason efforts from Andrew Burgher (.563 AVG, 1.313 SLG, 5 R, 4 2B, 2 HR, 4 RBI), Sean Pena (.571 AVG, 1.357 SLG, 6 R, 2 3B, 2 HR, 6 RBI), Steve Kodluk (.615 AVG, 1.077 SLG, 6 R, 2 HR, 10 RBI), and Keith Halili (.583 AVG, .917 SLG, 4 R, 1 HR, 4 RBI). Congratulations to Mayhem for their fall championship!

BILL SHIPE



## Frequently Asked Questions

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bring in stud players in week 6 and bolster for the post season at discounted league fees. I put a stop to that about 20 years ago.

**A non-roster sub that does not play in any league gets ejected from a game. Who serves the 1-game suspension?**

Prior to last year this had happened only one time in the history of the league. In that instance, the player did not play in another SBA league so the manager of the team he was subbing for was forced to serve the 1-game suspension. Any sub that plays in another league and gets ejected from a league he/she does not play in will serve his/her suspension in their next league game.

**Why are league member names posted under Conduct Unbecoming when a player is ejected and/or suspended?**

Contrary to what some think, player names are not posted to embarrass anyone. As a matter of fact, when a player is ejected in the first game of a double-header and the player serves his/her suspension in the 2nd game, no posting is made. When a player must serve a suspension at some point in the future, postings are made to give advance notice to scorekeepers, umpires, and team managers so they can be on the lookout in the event a suspended player tries to circumvent the suspension.

**I called for time in a game last year and the umpire let the play continue. Why is that?**

Calling time while a play is in progress is somewhat of a misnomer. A player, coach, or manager cannot call time, they can only request that they be granted time. The only person in the game that can call time is the umpire. The next time you holler out, "TIME", remember you are only asking for time. You will get time only when it is granted to you by the umpire. The umpire can/will grant time if and only if in his/her judgment play has ceased. Until such time, the ball is live and game action can continue.

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In the B division, Carnage finished in first place at 6-2. Right behind them were Sex Panthers and Dirty Dozen at 5-3. Sex Panthers scored the most runs with 117 while Carnage gave up the least at 67. Jay Sechowicz of Carnage had a great season, hitting .857 with 5 homers and 26 RBI. Sam Batty of Therapy Dogs finished with an .813 average. Kevin Hott of Sex Panthers launched 6 homers with 25 RBI. Brian Dart of Dirty Dozen blasted 7 homers. Alex Freeman of Dirty Dozen finished with 6 homers and 23 runs driven in.

In the first semifinal, Sex Panthers got a free ride to the chip thanks to a forfeit win. In the other semifinal, Carnage downed Therapy Dogs, 16-10, thanks to 2 homers and 5 RBI from Jay Sechowicz. The finals turned out to be a three game war. Carnage squeaked out the first game, 8-7. The second game was full of drama right down to the last batter. Down a run in the bottom of the seventh, Jim Lelii stepped to the plate and blasted a game winning three run homer for the Sex Panthers. In the third game, Carnage got the hitting going, winning 16-7, to take the summer B title.

In the fall season, defending champs Hooligans continued their winning ways. They finished the regular season in first place and undefeated at 8-0. They scored the most runs at 115 and gave up the least at 71. Finishing tied for second at 5-3 were the Bush Bumpers and Silver Bullets. Scott Runzer of Outback and Brock Veit of Ball Busters both hit .692. Paul Feruzzi of Outback finished with a .667 average. Pat Kelley of The Commission jacked 6 homers and 13 RBI. Brendan Parker of Ball Busters drove in 20 runs.

The first semifinal saw Vertex and Hooligans trade blows as the score teetered back and forth. Finally, in the top of the seventh Vertex rallied for 6 runs to take the lead. Hooligans tied it with a run in the bottom of the inning and we were headed to extra innings. In the bottom of the eighth it was Mike Bitterlich walking it off for Hooligans, 17-16. In the other semifinal, it was an even match between the Bush Bumpers and Silver Bullets. In the top of the seventh the Bush Bumpers batted around to get eight runs and put the game away. The Bush Bumpers come out on top, 21-12. In the first game of the finals, the Bush Bumpers came to play dominating to a 20-1 win. The second game was more of the same for the Bush Bumpers. They hit eight homers en route to scoring 30 runs. Bryan Rossi went 5-5 with 4 homers and 10 RBI. A 30-10 win in game 2 got the Bush Bumpers the summer A title.

In the B division, it was the Therapy Dogs who finished at 6-1-1. In second place it was Dirty Dozen at 6-2. Sex Panthers finished in third with a record of 5-2-1. Dirty Dozen and Sex Panthers both scored the most runs at 124. Dirty Dozen also gave up the least amount of runs with 69. Alex Freeman of Dirty Dozen captured the hitting title at .737. Right behind him was Manny de Oca of ECA at .733. Kevin Hott of Sex Panthers blasted 6 homers with 29 RBI. Brian Dart of Dirty Dozen launched 6 homers and 16 RBI. Tim Frei of Dirty Dozen smashed 7 homers.

In the first semifinal, Dirty Dozen took out Sex Panthers, 11-8. 2 homers from Brian Dart helped Dirty Dozen's cause. In the other semifinal, Carnage just got by Therapy Dogs, 7-5. The huge blow came by way of a Julian Manes two run homer. In the championship series, Dirty Dozen beat the brakes off Carnage, 17-1 in only five innings. Dirty Dozen used nine runs in the bottom of the fourth to put the game out of reach. The second game was much closer. With the game tied at 12 after seven innings, Dirty Dozen scored four runs in the top of the eighth. Carnage rallied for three runs but it wasn't quite enough. Dirty Dozen took the second game and the fall B title.

KEITH KEPPELY

# Statistics

## The Fuel That Burns the Game's Fire

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a handful of RBIs to arrive at the TC500 Promised Land.

On the coed side of things, Jason Pane reached the coveted TC1000. Glenn Strattis and Dan Vescovi each made the TC500 mark. Brittany Ullman became the 3rd female in league history to garner 500, Runs, 500 Hits, and 500 RBIs. Tom Egitto needs a mere 5 RBIs to breather the rarified TC500 air.

Congrats on this year's Triple Crown inductees. Good luck to those on the doorstep.

### Odds & Ends

In the record setting department, 2 seasonal records were broken, and 1 yearly mark was surpassed.

In the Thursday Men's summer season of 2023, Sean Nonemacher demolished the 23 year-old seasonal doubles record set by John Proietto back in 2000. Sean hit 17 2-baggers in 8 games playing for Mayhem. The last time that record was set, the world was bracing for the Y2K demise, Destiny's Child conquered the charts, gas was 88 cents per gallon, there was no social media (MySpace was still six years away), and the first MP3 had just been launched and we were all using a website called Napster to download music.

In the newly established Wednesday Open league, Keith Keppley scored 29 runs in one season. While it doesn't break a men's or coed seasonal record, it is a record nonetheless and will stand on its own.

In the yearly record department, Sean obliterated his own men's yearly doubles mark of 54, reaching 2nd base a whopping 83 times. Either he was so fast he stretched singles into doubles or he was so slow he stretched triples into doubles. Either way, that is a record that should stand for quite some time.

LES GREENSTEIN

## Players Of the Year

### Regular & Post-Season Standouts

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plate. Carl Motts, Jr., Dan Vescovi and Ron Pulli finished 3rd, 4th, and 5th in the point totals.

Pat Kelley isn't just a one-trick pony. He didn't rest on his regular season laurels. When it came to the post season, Pat was 'The Man' once again. Pat easily took home men's league Post Season Player of the Year honors batting 745 and slugging 1979— leading the men's league in both categories. Almost every time he stepped to the plate, he knocked in a run. Jason Ashworth batted 687 and slugged 1791 to finish as runner-up. Brian Dart, Shane Hanna, and Shawn Hines deserve honorable mention.

Alex Freeman takes home 2023 coed core Playoff Player of the Year honors by batting 714 and slugging 1265. Ryan Goodman batted 704 and slugged 1593 for runner-up honors while Nick Cordisco, CJ Motts, and Kevin Cwikla round out the top 5.

Sarah Yoos was the female straw that stirred the coed post season drink and will add PPOTY honors to her softball resume. Sarah batted 577 and slugged a whopping 962. Lynn Hand batted 630 and slugged 667 in the post season. Katie Cherba finished 3rd in the point totals. Amanda Clark and Jackie Heim rounded out the top 5.

Paul O'Connor led all older gents in the post season and will take home male eddie post season POTY honors. Paul batted and slugged 750. Chris Lento had a fine post season as he batted 706 and slugged a league leading 1000. Eric Schade, Rich Cordisco, and Richard Stead each had nice seasons and as a result finished in the top 5.

Only 4 players in men's league history have won POTY honors in both the regular and post season in the same year. The last time it happened was 9 years ago. It's not an easy feat in any league and over the past 25 years has only happened twice for core players, twice for female eddies, and twice for male eddies in the coed league. Move over people and make room for Pat Kelley.

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## Friday Evening Coed

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Alexis Roscioli .389 2 RBIS. Swingers held their own 2-5-1 were lead by Nick Cammarota 1 HR 3 RBIS and Dan Miksitz .500 2 RBIS kept them in the swing of things.

The "B" division saw the ManBearPigs vs Smoking Bunts, MBP were just too much for the bunts and take the B title in 2 games. The "A" division Saw Monsters take on Hagan's and this series was a good one back and forth all 3 games with the monsters taking the win for the summer season.

Summer saw couple new teams enter the league as Above All Fellowship went 1-7, James Standish .706 7 RBIS and Christina Godio .286 kept this team in games. Blue Ballers were another new team that battled to 3-4-1 Thomas Deschaine .588 11 RBIS and Rebecca Brennan .652 4 RBIS were ballers for this team. Hagan's again went 6-2 Jason McLaughlin 2 HRS 14 RBIS and Ron Pulli .688 12 RBIS kept this team scoring. ManBearPigs again were right in the middle of it all at 3-4-1 Justin Glennon .800 15 RBIS and Sophia Spuno .571 3 RBIS. Monsters and Menthol bettered their spring record going 8-0, adding Ed Decker 2 HR 15 RBIS and Jackie Heim .696 9 RBIS made this offense go scoring 133 runs. Reap what you sew struggled compared to spring only winning 4-4, Brandon Birkhead continued to demolish the little yellow ball 7 HR 25 RBIS and Bob Louderback .500 7 RBIS helped along the way. Smoking Bunts went 2-6 Slap hitter Jarrett Kerns 4 HR 12 RBIS had a good 3 games before they folded the season.

Summer "A" saw a rematch of Monsters vs Hagan's, and this series didn't disappoint as again these teams would battle back and forth to a game 3 with Hagan's coming out on top taking that undefeated season away from the monsters. "B" would be uneventful as ManBearPigs get a championship forfeit from Blueballers.

Fall is the last chance for these coed teams to dominate and take the shirt that everyone is always looking for. More movement on Friday nights as Boomsticks 2-6 entered the league, Larry Kirschner .857 7 RBIS and Jeff Cheng .682 6 RBIS. Hagan's again went 6-2 and right into the mix as always, Jay Muir 1 HR 12 RBIS and Brit Ullman .560 7 RBIS were leaders for the team. Lady Birds were new and went right to the top at 6-2 James McLaughlin 5 HR 19 RBIS and Joe Pittman SR .667 12 RBIS shot this team right into the mix for the title. ManBearPigs had a off season only managing 2-6 but some nice ball playing from Joe Farrell 2 HR 13 RBIS and Steve Gottesman .478. Monsters and Menthol were 6-2 again Alex Freeman 2 HR 16 RBIS and Mary Kate Smith .583 3 RBIS were leaders on the squad. No Shows were new and couldn't win a game, 0-8 but Derek Strowhouer 3 HR 8 RBIS and Glenn Strattis .643 5 RBIS were great for the year. Reap What you Sew were 6-2 and powered by Brandon Birkhead 5 HR 21 RBIS and Amanda Clark .682 8 RBIS.

"B" division again saw ManBearPigs win yet another championship via the forfeit as they sweep the "B" title on the year. "A" would see the Monsters back into the championship against Reap What you Sew. On this cold Friday night the Monsters would get back into the winning ways and take the fall title winning 2/3 for the year.

Congrats to all players and teams on great seasons and fun softball, see you all at the ball field.

CURTIS HENSMAN

## Monday Evening Coed

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the team!! 5-3 start for them lead by Brian Dart 5 HR 19 RBIS and Vito Nigro 5 RBIS .667 avg. Hattricks Sports Bar always enjoy a couple brews after the game but had a rough spring at a 1-7 start, Zac Talmadge 2 Hr 8 RBI and DR. BOB .650 4RBIS lead the way. Knuckleheads were a smooth 6-2 to start, Bob Hartzell .714 4 RBI and always crazy Mike Koelzer 4 HR 14 RBIS lead this team. Mott-ley Crew practice together all off season at every holiday together and it showed as they were 7-1, Brad Megel 3 HR 20 RBI and Carl Motts 14 RBI .759 avg were ready to go when the season started. Poco's New look, new name were right in the middle of everything, 4-4 start lead by Eric Shade 3 HR 13 RBIS and Jeff Kulp 4 HR 18 RBIS. Quality Land Scape were 1-7 Phil McCusker 3 RBI and Molly Rice .378 avg were bright spots. Maize were 2-6, Farmer Bob found couple players in Tom Egitto .667 5 RBI and Aaron Worthington 1 HR 8 RBIS. Wackers were like they never left the field and NONNY and BILLY prob didn't, 8-0 start as you made my list Dan Vescovi 1 HR 10 RBIs and Bill Brancato 5 HR 24 RBIS powered the runs. Wehrung's Lumber was laying the wood as they went 5-3, Luke Hendricks 9 HR 30 RBIS and Stephanie Hines 6 RBIs were the players pushing the run across the plate.

Monday Coed saw top two teams battle it out for bragging rights as Wackers took on Mott-Ley Crew, This was a 2 game final was Wackers walked away with the victory 13-9 and 21-8. At Hatfield Poco's would challenge Carroll's. This was a close series as Poco's would pull off the victory by 4 runs in both games.

Summer kicks off and were back in the flow rust knocked off players looking for championship fever. Altek struggled dropping down a little in the standings as they went 2-6, Scott Flaherty lead his team batting .652 8 RBIS and OLD MAN Budddyyyy Schwarz .625 4 RBIs. Carroll's still reeling from the lost in the chip went 3-5, Bob McClinton .619 6 RBI and Steve DiGiovanni .636 4 RBI lead the way. Eddies in the outfield lead by the only not eddie on the team at 6-1-1 Brian Dart 7 HR 21 RBIS and Maddie Beiber .778 6 RBIS powered them to a top spot. Hattrick's Bar went 2-6 Zac Talmadge 3 HR 18 RBIS and Steph Green .571 had great seasons. Jive Turkeys were back at it, Brian Stella 3 HR 14 RBIS and Anthony Stella .545 8 RBIs were a DUO to be dealt with. KnuckleHeads were 5-3 Steph Farrar .636 3 RBI and Mike Koelzer 2 Hr 12 RBI kept them winning. Mott-Ley Crew were 6-2 Cj Motts crushed the ball smacking 5 HR 23 RBI and Carl Motts .600 10 RBIS. Poco's must have lost all their mojo after that chip as they went 1-6-1, Eric Shade 1 HR 14 RBIS and Bill Hamill 1HR 11RBIS had nice seasons. The Maize were 2-6 again, Gary Kleinschmidt 2 HR 14 RBIS and Tom Egitto .667 11 RBI were stars. THE RUNS were 3-5 Jason Exner 3 HR 6 RBI and Jade Hughes .417 were good players. Wackers were 8-0 again, after winning Bill just picked up more stars, Nonny 1 HR 11 RBIS and Dan Vescovi 1 hr RBI kept them undefeated. Wehrung's were in the middle at 4-4, Luke Hendricks 8 HR 34 RBIS and Jill Moninghoff .346 6 RBI were powering the offense!

Summer Championships, at the Quarry Wackers would take on the Mott-ley crew again, Wackers provide too much power and offense as they take the summer CHIP in 2 games. Hatfield saw Jive Turkeys vs Carroll's, Carrolls again would battle all the way to the Chip only to lose in 2 games to the Turkeys, as Turkeys come back and grab some gold.

Fall ball last chance to capture the T- SHIRT championship of the wooorrrldd! Or for the Wackers going for the hoodie. Blue Devils for enter Mondays and go 1-7 struggling a little bit, but Greg Rosato 2 HR 11 RBI and Gabby Rosaoto .600 5 RBIS would be bright spots. Altek 3-5 were a game better then the summer, Brandon Smith 4 HR 16 RBIS and Brittany Lautenslager .556 3 RBIS would get them to the playoffs. Carroll's burst into the fall 6-2 and determined, John Zeits .741 14 RBIS and Sarah Yoos .682 2 RBIS were pushing the team to W's. Eddies in the outfield struggled a little but went 4-4 Emily Eilberman .733 9 RBIS and Brain Dart 3 HR 18 RBIS crushed the softball. Hattricks Bar went 3-4-1 having a better season then the summer, Erik Stalford 2 HR 14 RBIS and Paul Hensler .571 4 RBIS. Knuckleheads were top spot 7-1 powered by pitcher Jon Poore 4 HR 27 RBIS and John Schofield .696 6 RBIS. Mean Machine would enter the league and not to bad at 3-5 Pierre Girin 2 Hr 7 RBIS and returning vet Amy Potts .471 3 RBIS would keep them competitive. Mott-Ley Crew had a lot of injuries for the fall and it showed as they went 4-3-1, Alex Lilly .762 7 RBIS and Jon Motts 1 HR 11 RBIS were still on their "A" game. Pancake Batters were new and 1-7, couple player had nice little seasons though as Jimmy Weigers 2 HR 18 RBIS and Sophie Revere .385 2 RBIS. Poco's came out swinging blasting their way to 7-1, Tony Cabot 4 Hr 12 RBIS and Eric Shade 1 HR 18 RBIS were top players. Maize went 2-6 again they were consistent, Christian Hazlett 4 HR 17 RBIS and Tom Egitto .800 5 RBIs were gooder! The Runs would be 5-3, Matt Kovaleski 1 HR 11 RBIS and Rebecca Brennan .576 2 RBIS would show up nicely. Wackers were again cream of the crop and completed their 24-0 regular season, Nonny .857 13 RBIS and Tess Frelick .500 6 RBIS were just a couple of bright spots on a team with a lot of stars, Wehrung's 3-5 were in the middle of the race Wyatt Schilling 2 HR 11 RBIS and Emily Grim .333 1 RBI.

Quarry Championship was one of the colder chips in memory, Wackers would play Knuckleheads and won back to back games 13-8 and 15-8 to complete the clean sweep of the Monday divison. Congrats to Wackers on a fine year of Monday coed softball. Hatfield saw 2 new teams competing for a title as Altek took on Wehrung's, this was a battle back and forth as Altek won game one by 1 run, Wehrung's would win game 2 also by 1 run, best of 3 and Altek exploded and won 18-2 to win their first championship in SBA. Congrats to all the teams and players on a fine Monday night year!! See you all at the ball field.

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in the A-flight playoffs. One game back were Dirt Dogs (4-3-1), who garnered the #3 seed over Aces of Bases (4-3-1) on the basis of seasonal RGU (96 vs. 100). Rounding out the playoff picture were JT Bankers Saloon & Eatery (3-4-1), while Ump Yours! (3-5) saw and early end to their 2023 softball year despite a decent record. The strong performance of Hagan's Heroes was driven by batting title winner Chase Luxton (.818 AVG, 1.455 SLG, 18 R, 3 HR, 16 RBI), Keith Keppley (.708 AVG, 1.125 SLG, 12 R, 4 2B, 14 RBI), Jay Pane (.677 AVG, .903 SLG, 16 R, 5 2B, 19 RBI), Gary Thompson (.733 AVG, 1.400 SLG, 11 R, 3 3B, 10 RBI), male eddie Ron Pulli (.591 AVG, .773 SLG, 12 R, 4 2B, 11 RBI), and female eddies Kaelyn Motts (.625 AVG, .688 SLG, 7 R) and Lauren Wood (.450 AVG, .500 SLG, 8 RBI). I'd Hit That's successful season was driven by the bats of Chip Taylor (.708 AVG, 1.542 SLG, 12 R, 4 3B, 3 HR, 18 RBI), Donovan Ramos (.600 AVG, 1.067 SLG, 19 R, 5 2B, 3 HR, 10 RBI), John Chrichton (.706 AVG, 1.353 SLG, 10 R, 6 2B), and female eddies Shannon Alsop (.500 AVG, .700 SLG, 3 extra-base hits) and Holly Gleisberg (.474 AVG, .583 OBP, 9 H, 5 BB). For Dirt Dogs, female eddie Tess Frelick (.645 AVG, 1.387 SLG, 18 R, 3 2B, 2 HR, 15 RBI, 43 TB) was unstoppable, leading the league with 7 3B and 43 TB. Teammates Matt Boyd (.818 AVG, 1.727 SLG, 12 R, 7 2B, 3 HR, 16 RBI), also a batting crown winner, Nick Pigott (.643 AVG, 1.107 SLG, 13 R, 6 2B, 18 RBI), and female eddie Kate Valesky (.481 AVG, .563 OBP, 8 R, 8 RBI, 5 BB) also picked up some slack. Aces of Bases were in the mix with help from Chris Lloyd (.750 AVG, 1.250 SLG, 11 R, 3 3B, 19 RBI), Sam Petro (.667 AVG, .889 SLG, 14 R), Joe Chung (.621 AVG, .828 SLG, 14 R, 10 RBI), Shawn Puskar (.625 AVG, 1.083 SLG, 6 2B, 15 RBI), and male eddie Glen Strattis (.591 AVG, .727 SLG, 3 2B). For JT Bankers Saloon & Eatery, male eddies Brian Finger (.722 AVG, 1.056 SLG, 6 R, 4 2B) and Rich Cordisco (.560 AVG, .600 SLG, 99 RBI) kept the team competitive, while teammates Nick Cordisco (.600 AVG, .800

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## Complaint Department

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be honest, stopped caring. That--coupled with the fact that guys on our team would constantly call an hour before the game to say they couldn't make it, or not show up at all--were the main reasons I turned the reigns over to [manager name]. It just became too frustrating for someone as competitive as I am to deal with.

I listen to **EVERYONE** that comes to me with ideas and suggestions to improve the league. You would be no exception, but for the fact that you complain incessantly to anyone within earshot. Complainers get tuned out and whining falls on deaf ears. You may not want to hear this [player name], but among league scorekeepers, umpires, and your own teammates, you are known as a chronic complainer and malcontent.

So many of the current league perks are a direct result of league member suggestions. I'd be happy to list them for you and give you the league member's name that made suggestion if you do not believe. You, however, never came to me with suggestions, EVER! I know it sounds good for the sake of making your case in the email, but it's just not true and you know it.

Straight democracy all the time simply does not work in running the league. I've taken many votes on things, but not everything. There are many times I must do what is best for the greater good in spite of it not being a popular decision by the vocal minority. The bats and balls we use are a perfect example. If league members had their way, the game would be a very dangerous (and boring to most) HR derby instead of good, safe, and competitive softball. The 'slide or surrender' rule is rule I take a lot of heat for. If I didn't give a rat's butt, I would just take the easy way out and let league members kill themselves. The truth is, I have the 'nads to make the tough decisions for the greater good of the league and I live with the consequences every day.

You are the first person to ever complain about not having portable scoreboards. As long as the scorekeepers call out the score every ½ inning, I'm fine with it and so is everyone else. Anyway, if you're in the game, you should have an idea as to the score of the game. If, in a crucial situation, you need to know score or outs, all you have to do is ask. I've played this game for more years than I care to think about, all without the luxury of a scoreboard. I always knew the score and how many outs there were in the game.

You are referring to a new field and a work in progress. When I found out the outfield wasn't cut, I called the township and let them know about it. I was the one that put the bases in and it was my intent to do so on an angle. I shifted everything to the right a little so the left field line stayed in play. If my groundskeeper used the wrong anchor for third base, it was by accident. If someone moved the pitching rubber, I can only fix it if I know about it. The other ball field you are alluding to is either an off-limit baseball field or the small girl's field with 200' fences. I spoke to the umpire about it and he agreed something was amiss. He is going to be more careful about how the bases are set up. Gee, there's port-a-potty right next to that ball field. I wonder who's paying for that? Do you think anyone knows it's me at the rate of \$150.00/month? Of course not. But I did it so ball players wouldn't have to walk a ½ mile to take a dump. This will go completely unnoticed by everyone, but I don't care. I did what had to be done.

People came to me last year about Unami being wet all the time. We no longer use that field. People came to me about CB West's infield turning to concrete in the summer. We are now using the varsity field. The difference between their way and yours is they came to me as an ally instead of an adversary – an ally to make the league better, not an adversary that complains all the time. We have a scorekeeper and umpire meeting every March. We go over everything in detail. No scorekeeper is perfect. Some are beginners. What you just did about a scorekeeper not knowing what a sac

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SLG, 10 R, 4 2B, 9 RBI) and Brad Arcade (.682 AVG, .909 SLG, 10 R, 14 RBI) also chipped in. Ump Yours! got solid efforts from Joe Berry (.727 AVG, 1.136 SLG, 14 R, 5 2B, 9 RBI), Nic Pataki (.600 AVG, 1.100 SLG, 14 R, 15 RBI), and male eddies Bob Louderback (.667 AVG, .714 SLG, 10 R, 13 RBI) and Brad Fink (.609 AVG, .654 OBP, 10 R, 3 BB), though the season didn't turn out as they'd hoped. Surprisingly, the #1 seed Hagan's Heroes forfeited their A-flight semi-finals game, handing the finals berth to #2 seed I'd Hit That. In the B-flight bracket, #5 seed JT Bankers Saloon & Eatery toppled #4 seed Aces of Bases (19-10), and got a free ride to the finals thanks to a forfeit by #3 seed Dirt Dogs.

Wackers aimed to continue their postseason A-flight dominance, and that they did, completing a 2-game sweep of I'd Hit That (22-19, 25-0), which included an absolute shelling in the second game. For the champs, Bill Brancato (.917 AVG, 1.750 SLG, 10 R, 3 2B, 2 3B, 1 HR, 13 RBI) and Sean Nonemacher (.750 AVG, 1.500 SLG, 8 R, 2 2B, 2 3B, 1 HR, 7 RBI) wielded the hot playoff bats, while John Chrichton (.714 AVG, 1.143 SLG, 3 RBI) and Gary Ehly (.571 AVG, 1.000 SLG, 1 HR, 3 RBI) represented for I'd Hit That. In the B-flight, JT Bankers Saloon & Eatery also executed a 2-game sweep against the Phanatics (25-12, 8-6) – not too shabby for the #5 seed out of the National League. Male eddie Rich Cordisco (.769 AVG, .923 SLG, 5 R, 2 2B, 9 RBI, 2 BB), Jason Genua (.667 AVG, .933 SLG, 7 R, 2 2B, 7 RBI), Nick Cordisco (.727 AVG, 1.091 SLG, 7 R, 2 2B, 5 RBI), and female eddie Lynn Hand (.714 AVG, .786 SLG, 3 R) were instrumental in the team's postseason success. For the runner-up Phanatics, Ian Cuzzo (.750 AVG, 1.333 SLG, 6 R, 2 2B, 1 HR, 8 RBI) and Jeff Cheng (.727 AVG, 1.091 SLG, 7 R, 2 2B, 5 RBI) did their best to stay competitive. Congratulations to JT Bankers Saloon & Eatery for capturing the fall season B-flight title, and to Wackers for their amazing accomplishment of winning 3 A-flight championships in 2023!

BILL SHIPE

## Sunday Morning Men's

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1 HR 10 RBI lead this team. Van Fossen's Vikings 4-4, found some warriors Brad Milnes .583 11 RBI and Mike Michini .517 10 RBI were leaders.

Summer finals saw Do Work take on the Stiff Sox. Stiff Sox would out work Do Work in the best of 3 series in just two games to take home the Sunday south title this summer.

Fall last shot at the elusive B South title. It would get cold for the fall cause of terrible weather all year. Bats All Folks would do much better going 3-5 Greg Terruso 2 HR 9 RBI and Jeff Cheng .645 13 RBI would help turn team around. Bogey Boys would get a new look and get some wins, 6-2 for the fall lead by John Procopio 6 HR 23 RBI and Criag Altomare 2 HR 12 RBI. Christian Clout Chasers would go 2-6, trying to continue their upward climb, Rahmire Jackson 1 HR 6 RBI and Sean Thomas 1 HR 13 RBI were tops. Dead Ringers continue finding the players, 5-3 Jose Pittman 3 HR 16 RBI and Chris Shaffer 5 HR 22 RBI powered the offense. Holding Hands With Hookers 2-6 need to find little more pimp juice, but Nick Caruso 7 RBI and Kevin McNamara 8 RBI lead the way. Isotopes were 0-8 this fall, Paul Mizvitowicz 1 HR 8 RBI was a bright spot. Only Fans jumped into the division and instantly had some viewers, 5-3 Andrew Wekheiser .609 12 RBI and Shawn McCaul 11 RBI did some cool things for viewers. Pigeon Boyz 5-3, showed to be bigger birds as Mike Gilbert 3 HR 17 RBI and Vinnie Vescio 3 HR 20 RBI were flying. Rolling Rock 7-1 were rolling to victories Bob Worthington .609 13 RBI and Ryan Thomas 2 HR 12 RBI kept them in the driver's seat. Van Fossen's Vikings just continued to get better as they would go 5-3, Mike Michini .645 12 RBI and Sean McHale 11 RBI helped battle to wins.

Fall finals would see the Bogey Boys take that climb to the top as they would battle Rolling Rocks in the Chip. Bogey Boys with their new look (provided by CSA) win the fall title and take home the victory in 2 games. Thank you all for a wonderful season, congrats to all the teams and players and thank you for helping with all the scheduling craziness. See you guys at the field.

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# Complaint Department

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fly is or the difference between a hit and an error was to complain about a scorekeeper and then generalize that they are all horrible. Sorry, but I don't buy that they are all bad. If you let me know about an obvious scorekeeper error (an instance I can actually address), I will question the scorekeeper and correct their wrongdoings. Instead, you just took that issue, filed it away, and came to the conclusion ALL scorekeepers don't know what they're doing. More ammo to use in your arsenal of complaints. If you really wanted to make the league better, obviously that is not the way.

Have you ever been given a hit when you know in your heart it was an error? Of course you have. Why do I NEVER hear from league members in that instance? If they, as you, are so concerned with the scoring being done correctly, why don't they make it their business to get that hit changed to an error? I think you know the answer to that. The knife cuts both ways.

Maybe, just maybe, if you asked me why I implemented [a certain rule] and gave me a chance to explain the true underlying reason, you would understand. But that's just not your style. You would rather use the complaint department to anyone and everyone that would listen. That does not and never will work with me.

I've been around this game for more than 50 years. I've run this league for more years than I care to think about. I've dealt with all kinds of personalities. I've seen it all. You are far more the exception than the rule.

I, as well, tried to stay positive with you. At the same time, I'm going to be candid here, [player name]. I have not the patience nor the desire to deal with nonsense. We will either learn how to co-exist or one of us is going to have to leave. If you want to become an ally for the greater good of the league, I welcome you with open arms.

## It's Not All Bad

Over the years I've received some very nice emails about the league. I'd like to share a couple of them with you.

**06/16/2012**

For what it's worth, I've played in a couple of C/D level softball leagues and a Sunday morning "over 30" baseball league in Lower Bucks County and, putting aside the level of competition, I have to tell you that Softball America is, by far, one of the most fun, well organized and well run leagues I've ever played in. I think the Thursday night A/B level competition might be a little too serious for me but, once I get the knee checked out, I will definitely consider coming back to one of the less competitive leagues in the fall and there's no doubt that I'd recommend you to friends, too. Thanks again,

**10/25/2015**

Just a quick note of thanks for affording me the opportunity to participate in SBA over the last 14 years. It has created many new friendships and memories that I will cherish forever. You have done an excellent job creating and growing the league into what it is today. You should be proud.

With my kids now in high school, they are very involved in sports. As a dad, I don't want to miss a single game, or the opportunity to coach them. As you blink, they are off to college and say goodbye. I want to be sure I am there for every moment. All of that said, I will be hanging up the spikes after the conclusion of this season. I really appreciated the opportunity to write the articles, but will also need to vacate that position.

Finally, I really appreciated the opportunity to get to know you. I've enjoyed our conversations regarding softball philosophy, and the way you approached as a player and league director.

My personal best to you, yours, and the SBA family.

**06/10/2018**

I also want to take a minute to thank you for running this league. I've played for i guess about 8 years now and some of the most important moments of my life have involved Softball America. I proposed to my wife on the field at the beginning of a game 7 years ago. Three years ago I left the hospital after the birth of my daughter and went straight to the field just in time to win the 2nd and 3rd games of the fall championship. That was the only one we won during my time managing, but I'll never forget it.

My wife and I have been driving about an hour to each field for the last 6 years, but now with a second child being born in a few weeks that just doesn't seem feasible. Hopefully [player name] can keep the [team name] going and we can re-join when the kids get a little older.

Anyway, long winded, but just wanted to take a minute to thank you. I'm sure running the league is a large amount of work and time, but I appreciate it.

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