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2006 Year In Review

Softball Is Life? Let's Keep The Game In Perspective

In so many ways softball mimics life. In so many ways softball is a part of life. For some it's a bigger part of life than for others. In the end, however, softball isn't life— not even close. Oh, if only life could be that simple. Softball is a game, a great game, but not much more than that.

There are a lot of different reasons people get suited up to play the game. To some softball is a welcomed relief from reality if only for an hour and a quarter. To others it's a social gathering where a softball game happens to break out. Still others view softball as recreation. Recreation by definition is a means of refreshment or diversion. Whether to revitalize, exercise, socialize, or to satisfy a need to demonstrate your athletic skills, a respect for the reasons others play the game is vital. Their reasons for playing the game may differ from yours, your teammates, or the dozen or so people on the other bench. If we could all just keep that in mind come 2007, some of the issues that strained a few friendships in 2006 will never come to be. It's all about respect. Give it out and you'll get it back.

Respecting the batter, league fees, and the intentional walk.

League fees are paid to play games of softball and walks are part of the game, intentional or otherwise. While the intentional walk is at times a sound defensive strategy and the ultimate form of respect to a good hitter, it becomes the ultimate form of disrespect when issued for no strategic defensive reason whatsoever. While I wouldn't think of attempting to regulate the use of the intention walk, I will make a personal appeal to all league members to use the intentional walk strictly as a realistic defensive strategy and not for vindictive or personal reasons toward a team or individual.

Respect for the 1-pitch tournaments, the managers, the lesser players, and the alternates.

The formation of manager tandems will remain unregulated until a proof-positive pattern emerges to warrant a change. Just because a tandem starts out with a little more talent does not guarantee them a tournament win. The rest of the team (13 players) needs to be formed and the games must be played on the field and not on paper. One needs to merely glance back at the 2006 New York Yankees and the greatest batting line-up in the history of the game to see the perfect "case in point". As things stand now, only a tiny percentage of 1-pitch tournaments have been won by the so-called 'stacked' manager tandem. I have yet to see proof of the need for regulation.

A player that enters a tournament, gets drafted, takes up a roster spot and fails to show up without warning is being highly disrespectful and extremely unfair to a lot of people. It's disrespectful and unfair to the no-

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Tie Goes To The Runner Urban Legend, Cliché or Truth?

'Bush league', 'can of corn', 'ducks on the pond'-- the game of baseball/softball sure has its clichés. 'Tie goes to the runner' is as baseball a cliché as there is. But is it true? Is there such a thing as a tie? Some say, "No, that's just an urban legend". Others insist there can be a tie and the runner should get the benefit of that tie. Well, I had to dig deep for the answer to this one. After painstaking research and exhaustive brain cell deployment (I know, I can't afford it), I've found the truth regarding 'tie goes to the runner'.



To see the truth, one needs to look at Rule 8, Section 2B of the ASA Official Rules of Softball. This rule reads, 'A batter-runner is out when after hitting a fair ball the batter-runner is legally put out before reaching first base'.

To see more of the truth, one needs to look at Rule 8, Section 7C which states, 'A runner is out when, on a force play, a fielder contacts the base while holding the ball or tags the runner before the runner reaches the base'. Notice that in both cases the liability on the defense to put the runner out BEFORE the runner reaches

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Statistics It's In The Game's Veins

Statistics are to baseball what blood is to the heart. It's what makes the game tick and what gives the game life. Year after year, statistical blood courses through the game's veins enticing us to climb statistical mountains and reach statistical plateaus. Along the way there are a slew of statistical firsts, bests, oddities, and one-of-a-kinds. Let's take a look back at 2006 and ahead to 2007.

For the first time in Softball America statistical history, a father and son won MVP in the same league in the same season. Ed Doyle, Jr. won the Wednesday Coed/Spring Male Eddie MVP while son Ed Doyle, III took the Wednesday Coed/Spring Core MVP. How about that?

There are numerous 500 Hit, 500 Run, and 500 RBI Club members— many of whom reached those milestones this year. Joining a 500 Club is certainly a great accomplishment. New for this year and even more exclusive than the 500 Club is the Triple Crown 500 and the Triple Crown 1,000. Any player that reaches a career plateau of 500 or 1,000 career runs, career hits and career rbi's shall earn a 500 or 1,000 Triple Crown award. A league plaque to commemorate the accomplishment will then be awarded to those players. There are currently 2 men's league players that have earned the Triple Crown 500. Andy Smallman (632/842/703) and Marc McKinney (592/678/703). Both will receive commemorative plaques at the start of the



Spring '07 season. Other men's league players with a realistic shot at the TC 500 are Rich Goin and Cal Bohannon. With another spectacular year, Frank Hackett has an outside opportunity at it this year.

As there are 4 coed leagues/week vs. 3 for the men's leagues, the coed leagues boast a few more 500 Triple Crowners and 2 that are knocking on the Triple Crown 1,000 door. John Razzi needs just 20 rbi's and Paul O'Connor just 60 runs scored to be the first-ever to earn the Triple

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Players Of the Year Regular & Post Season Standouts

Batting a shade under 600 and slugging to the tune of 1575 in 41 games and 134 at-bats, Jarred Gardner earns men's league Player of the Year honors. A first-time POTY winner in the men's league, Jarred bested 3-time winner Frank Hackett by a little less than 50 points. Jarred was a 'phenom' throughout the entire year hitting a home run better than once in every 4 trips to the plate and knocking in a run better than 80% of the time. A fielding % over 175 for an outfielder is pretty darn good. Jarred ended the year

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Most Valuable Players Spring, Summer, and Fall

To qualify as a candidate for offensive MVP a minimum of 18 plate appearances (at-bats + walks) is required by core and all-stars--15 for male and female eddies. Seasonal leaders throughout the year are formulated (for simplicity's sake) using batting average. While your name may be in the upper echelon in league leaders throughout a season, that does not necessarily mean you will be nominated as a candidate for MVP. For a complete list of MVP candidates and winners, please turn to pages 2, 8, and 10. MVP winners are highlighted in bold. MVP certificates will be awarded to winners upon request only.

Manager Meetings Monday & Tuesday, March 12th & 13th

For the 2007 softball year we will conduct 2 pre-season manager meetings— one for the men's and one for the coed leagues. Both meetings will be held at Gavin's Tavern on Horsham Road in Horsham, PA. Directions to Gavin's are located on the Softball America website.

The men's league meeting is slated for Monday, March 12, 2007. The coed league meeting will be held Tuesday, March 13, 2007. Each meeting will begin at 7:30 pm. Team managers and/or representatives are strongly

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Sunday Morning Men's

Thirsty's Beer, Muckdogs Garner A Titles. Ferraro's, Big Slick, Phurians, and Kenney's Madison B Champs.

So here we are, January 2007...looking back at yet another softball season. Nothing much has changed in regards to our motto...Softball America is not just great softball, but an event! But there were many changes in stats, faces, and league champions. The usual drama and excitement of our great league would also continue, and if the ending on 2006 was any indication, look out for 2007 as it shows TREMENDOUS promise of a much more dramatic and exciting EVENT. An event we here at Softball America call softball.

Ben Soler aka Latincontrol

Sunday Men's A Division

Let's get started with the Men's League. A Division action was intense this season. For starters, let's take a look at some numbers... NBI Muckdogs' Frank Murray continued to be a force to be reckoned with at the plate. He batted a league leading .667 batting average in 10 games. But along with his amazing average would be his 1548 slugging percentage, in which he led the league in doubles and triples, and let's not leave out his defensive numbers, as he was among the league leaders in both put outs and assists as well. 32 and 31 respectively. Overall a phenomenal season and one of the reasons he is feared as one of the best hitters in all of Softball America. While we're on the subject of numbers, let's also take a look at NBI Muckdogs' Brian Penecale. Brian was 6th in the league with a .587 batting average while leading a A Division hitters with 12 Home Runs. One game that comes to mind with Brian, was a 5-5 performance in which all five hits were Home Runs. But one of the real nice stories from the Men's A Division Spring/Summer season would be the 8-8 Thirsty's Beer. Looking at possible elimination from all post-season action, they got hot just when it counted. Offensively they began to score runs, and defensively made the big plays when needed. They finished their season at 8-8, and with their shot and opportunity at the title, the veteran leadership of this team really came to play. They went on to upset the Muckdogs and win the Spring/Summer Championship. Johnnie Muntz led the way for this club as he himself batted .527 and was also among the league leaders in put outs (40) and assists (37), all while committing just one error. In honor of John's great season and post season heroics, it doesn't go

Sunday Evening Coed

Creekside, Gavin's Take A Division Titles. The Well, SBA Comets, Ball Busters, & Superlative Owls B Champions.

A Division

6 teams made up the spring season this year and one of those was the Young Guns who were quoted to say "we're knocking the Creekside out". Well, be that as it may, Creekside finished 1st (again) 8-0 with only 34 runs given up. 2nd Young Guns, 3rd Workers Comp, 4th Sandlot, 5th 3rd and Walnut, and last but certainly not least Gavin's Tavern. Rob Welhaf from 3rd & Walnut finished on top of the league leader board with a .690 average with an impressive 20 rbis. John Muntz from Young Guns finished 2nd with a .680 average, 25-17, and 11 rbis. Male Eddie on top of the leader board was Charlie Gardner from The Young Guns with a .625 average, 24-15, and 3 rbis. Female Eddie on top of the leader board was none other than Christen Flaherty, no surprise here, she's just an outstanding talent! Average .560, 25-14, and 8 rbis, 21 PO's. Spring Championship came down to 1st seed Creekside Inn vs. 3rd seed Worker's Comp. The series would go 3 games and in the end Creekside holds on to win their 7th Championship in a row! Impressive series from Workers Comp Steve Bucher 2-3, John Tripetti 2-3, Rob Pfeiffer 5-7 and an rbi, Bill Gureard 4-6 and 2 rbis, Steve Campbell 2-3 and 4 rbis, Gregg Robinson 2-3, and Greg Thomas 3-3. Creekside Inn great series from Tim Frank 4-6 and 4 rbis, Kelly Neill 2-3 and 2 rbis, Keith Keppley 3-4, and Mike Reiser 3-4 with 2 rbis.

Summer season consisted of only 5 team with the injury-riddled and "mommies to be" Sandlot taking a season off for healing and babies. Congrats to the mommies and daddies! Gavin's Tavern took the number 1 seed 4-2, Creekside 2nd at 3-2-3, 3rd was Young Guns 4-4, 4th Workers Comp 4-4 with a higher runs given up average, 5th 3rd and Walnut, only the top 4 made the playoffs. A top the leader board was none other than Mark Ambolino with 3rd and Walnut with an impressive .720 average, 25-18 with 6 rbis. 2nd was male eddie Steve Campbell with Workers Comp .692 average, 26-18, and 12 rbis. 3rd Steph "Head Grounds Keeper" Garrett, .690 average, 29-20, 16 rbis, and 33 PO's. 4th Steve Bucher from Workers Comp .667 average, 21-14, and 10 rbis. 5th John Muntz from Young Guns, .633 average, 30-19, and 21 PO's. Championship came down to the 4-2 Gavin's Tavern and the 3-2-3 Creekside Inn. This series goes 2 games and Gavin's Tavern wins 22-7 and break the

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Most Valuable Players / Spring 2006

Offensive and Defensive MVP candidates/winners are chosen by statistical formula. The formula takes into account runs scored, runs batted in, total hits, singles, doubles, triples, home runs, bases on balls, batting average, put-outs, assists, and errors. MVP winners are highlighted in **bold**.

	Sunday Men	Sunday Coed	Monday Coed	Tuesday Men	Wednesday Coed	Thursday Men	Friday Coed
A	Brian Penecale Frank Murray Jamal Covington Mike Bianco	John Muntz Paul Loveland* Rob Welhaf Rich Welhaf	Bill Markward* Chris Rocato Don Rotanz Mike Cianfichi* Paul Loveland*	Dave Boice Gary Valentine Jarred Gardner Paul Loveland	Frank Hackett* Jarred Gardner* Jeff Overberger* Kevin Pritchard Paul Loveland*	EW Werner Frank Hackett Josh Worman Sean Hollenbach Shawn Goodwin	Bob Foreaker* Brian Ricci* Brian Steeber* Kent Smedley* Kevin Pritchard Rob Johnson
Offense	Scott Castnor Ed Doyle III Kevin Noble Matt Schaub Steve Rosengren Tom King	BJ Spigelmyer Ed Glass* Jon King Mark Golling* Scott Kingsley			Ed Doyle, III Ed Schultz Keith Keppley* Paul Reiser Tom Corey*	Gary Valentine Greg Moylan John Kiefer Lonnie Westerman Tim Frank	
B							
A		Charlie Gardner (me) Jim Perkins (me) Joe Lynd (me) Steve Campbell (me)	Bill Roth (me) Frank Taverno (me) Joe Lynd (me) Keith Bellinger (me)		Bill Roth (me) Bob Cusano (me) Charlie Gardner (me) Doug Speir (me) John Razzi (me)		Bob Cusano (me) Frank Taverno (me) Joe Buglak (me) Joe Lynd (me) John Razzi (me) Mike Muller (me) Steve Campbell (me)
Male Eddie							
B		D. Gumkowski (me) Ed McGuire (me) Ron Spillman (me) Steve Jerdan (me)	Rick Block (me)		Charles Yuknus (me) Ed Doyle Jr. (me) Joe Gross (me) Nelson Tobolsky (me)		
A		Becky Foley (fe) Christen Flaherty(fe) Jess Morak (fe) Nicole Welhaf (fe)	Catherine Stimson(fe) Christen Flaherty(fe) Maria Cecere (fe) Tina Hesdon (fe)		Christen Flaherty (fe) Kelly Neill (fe) Lora Hooven (fe) Mary Ann Wade (fe)		Christen Flaherty (fe) Jess Morak (fe) Kris Smedley (fe) Lisa Silvestri (fe) Sharon Scassero(fe)
Female Eddie							
B		Joanne Bechtel (fe) Linda Hartzell (fe) Pam O'Connor (fe) Vicki Ponente (fe)			Anna Welsh (fe) Becky Foley (fe) Carolyn Connolly (fe) Kathy Fehr (fe)		
A	Adam Roman Dave Driscoll Dom Brown John Muntz Tim O'Connor	Dave McDonald Frank Murray* John Muntz Lonnie Westerman Matt McReynolds* Mike Hagan	Ben Soler Dave McDonald Mike Cianfichi* Mike Hagan Paul Loveland*	Bill Clark Dan Gaumer Dan Scott Dave Berkowitz John Muntz Mike Valentine Steph Garrett	Adam Roman Dave Buonomo* Dave Moll* Paul O'Connor Steve Albor	Bill Hose Bobby Rossi Jr. Chris Clark Dom Brown Ron Bannister	Bob Foreaker* Kent Smedley* Mike Ciepiela Phil Purchase
Defense							
B		D. Gumkowski (me) Jim Seeton (me) John Seymour (me) Steve Jerdan (me)	Eliot Ridgeway (me) Jack Eiser (me) Joe Lynd (me) Linda Dart (fe) Tom Weinman (me)		Bernie Marsh (me) Christen Flaherty (fe) Ed Doyle Jr. (me) Lora Hooven (fe) Mary Ann Wade (fe)		Bob Cusano (me) Bernie Marsh (me) Christen Flaherty(fe) Jess Morak (fe) Sharon Scassero(fe) Steve Campbell (me)
Eddie							

Monday Evening Coed

Holler At Yer Dor Spring Champs. McMenamini's Captures Summer Honors. Team Garrett Nails Fall Title.

Good ole' Monday..The Mama's and Papa's sang about it, we definitely have our Monday morning quarterbacks and then there is Monday night coed softball at SBA...Each week we have 8 teams battling it out..... Monday's, gotta love it!.....

Team Garrett, formerly known as Holla at yer Dog, and McMenamini's Tavern won the triple crown. They galloped their way through 3 seasons with their powerful offense...Steve Walton, Paul Loveland, and Mike Tareila were the dominators. Steve had a .619 average with 14 homers, Paul .633, 20 RBI's and Mike 3 HR 17 RBI's in the summer. Female eddie Tina Hesdon had a great spring with her .522, 37 PO's. In the fall it was Chris Corduff with a .581 average and 20 RBI's, and once again Mike Tareila with .567, 21 RBI's and 8 homeruns.

The Bamberger Group, also known as Team M and Blue Dog Tavern was led in the spring by Bob Baginski with a .650 average and 12 RBI's. The manager, Maria Cecere, showed her leadership with a .538 average. Bob Baginski's stick got hotter in the summer with a .773, 11 RBI's and 3 Homeruns. Now "that's hot"! Chris Van Luvanee, always the player who

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Tuesday Evening Men's

Rita's Water Ice Takes Spring Title. County Line Fence Captures Summer Crown. McMenamini's Tavern Fall Champs.

2006 was another year that witnessed three different seasonal champs. **Rita's Water Ice** finished first in the regular season and breezed through the playoffs, knocking off Progressive Graphics in the semi finals before quieting the white hot McMenamini's Tavern in finals, 2 games to none. Shawn Rush set the table while Bill Clark knocked them in. Joe Sharp's mound presence stabilized a tight defense. **McMenamini's Tavern** finished the regular season in sixth place but unloaded in the playoffs. They swept through County Line Fence and Dickey Moe's in the playoffs belting 9 long balls in the process. Rita's Water Ice silenced their bats in the finals though. Jarred Gardner and Paul Loveland led the way blasting a combined 17 dingers between them. **Dickey Moe's** finished the regular season in second place. A potent offense led by the big bats Gary Valentine, Dave Boice, Jay Tomlinson and Scott Vogel only dropped one game during the season. **County Line Fence** finished the regular season in third place. The addition of line drive machine, Ron Hopkins along with Mr. Hackett, Mark Bernacki and Jimmy Waltman stoked a fiery offense. **Progressive Graphics** finished in fourth with Scott Holloway and Dan Gaumer leading the way. **Mike's Bar and Grill** finished fifth as Keith Keppley, Mike Leavy and Cal Bohannon were key offensive contributors. **Robert Herold Builder's** changed their name but not their results as they missed the playoffs. Rich Goin and Rob Herold had solid seasons. The **NBI Muckdogs** move to nighttime was a little rough as they failed to end up on the correct side of the scoreboard. Frank Murray and Mike Brown paced the offense.

The summer season saw a classic final as **County Line Fence** gutted their way past Rita's Water Ice. County Line picked up pitcher Ricky MacLeod and cruised their way through the regular season with only one hiccup. Hackett and MacLeod paced the offense and their other big pickup, Joe Horchuck, solidified the defense. After a tough semi-final win over Mike's Bar and Grill, the finals against Rita's featured a one run defeat in game one where the game ended on a deflection to get the final out, a game tying 2 out seventh inning home run by Greg Ochs and a seventh inning scamper around the bases for the championship run. Rita's Water Ice finished second in the regular season and pounded the NBI Muckdogs to reach the finals. Brian Pugh, Shawn Rush and Marc McKinney supplied the offense. The **NBI Muckdogs** rebounded from a 0 win spring and started strong, they faltered down the stretch but held on to sixth place. Playing with only nine, they overwhelmed Progressive Graphics including a payback grand slam from Frank Murray and a monstrous blast from Brian Penecale. Glen McGrath set the table and Penecale and Mike Brown cleaned up. The other semi-final team was **Mike's Bar and Grill** who finished the regular season in fourth place. They knocked off Dickey Moe's in the first playoff game before losing a close game to CLF. Ron Pulli, EW Werner and Chris Courduff were key offensive contributors. **Progressive Graphics** finished the season in third place and were paced by Mike Zahradnick and Russ Freed. **Dickey Moe's** was the other playoff team. They were led by the potent bats of Gary Valentine and Mike Balotti. For the second straight season **Robert Herold Builder's** failed to make the playoffs. Brad Tracy was the lone bright spot with a bat. **McMenamini's** scored as many runs in their spring playoff run as they did in the summer season. Paul Loveland had good numbers.

Team yo-yo, **McMenamini's Tavern**, rose from a terrible summer season to knock off County Line Fence and take the fall championship. They knocked off Dickey Moe's and Progressive Graphics before sweeping County Line. The Power Twins, Loveland and Gardner paced the offense as they hit a total of 38 regular season bombs during the year. **County Line Fence** finished the regular season in first behind the bats of Hackett, MacLeod, and Hopkins. They crushed Rita's Water Ice in the semi finals before falling to McMenamini's. **Progressive Graphics** finished the regular season in second place and gave McMenamini's a good run in the semi finals. Rich Server, Scott Holloway and Rob Spencer supplied the offense. **Rita's Water Ice** finished the regular season in fourth place and whooped the NBI Muckdogs in the first quarter final. Bill Clark, Jim Weiss and Bill Hofron were solid offensive contributors. The **NBI Muckdogs** finished in fifth as Brian Penecale and Mike Brown had big seasons. **Dickey Moe's** had a disappointing fall as they finished sixth. Scott Vogel, Dan Scott and Jimmy Rosica paced the attack. Robert Herold Builder's made wholesale changes but failed to make the playoffs. Steve Campbell, Rich Beck and Scott Leshak give them a solid nucleus for 2007. Mike's Bar and Grill added the big bat of Darrin Posavec but still did not make the playoffs.

Overall it was a very competitive year that saw the continued hitting exploits of Frank Hackett and Jarred Gardner and the emergence of Paul Loveland as a continuing force.

Rich Goin

Wednesday Evening Coed

Maple Glen Tavern, Team Queen A Champs. The Doc's Inn, Gavin's Tavern B Title Winners.

Wednesday Coed saw some terrific battles throughout 2006. Most notably were those between Team Queen and Maple Glen Tavern who dominated the A-Division and faced each other in all 3 season finales. MGT captured the spring title with 6 players making the spring offensive MVP candidate list (Charlie Gardner, Jarred Gardner, Lora Hooven, Paul Loveland, Kelly Neill, & Kevin Pritchard.) Team Queen then claimed back-to-back titles in the summer and fall. Bob Cusano, Christen Flaherty, and Frank Hackett each received MVP nods for all 3 seasons, and Mark Ambolino chipped in even more offense in the fall. Other key contributors to the Team Queen title runs were Cal Bohannon, Barry Lewis, Ron Hopkins, Bill Markward, Rich Edmundson, & Chris Cusano.

The B Division had a little more variety in the finales. Gavin's Tavern, aided by the offense of Joe Gross and the defense of Adam Roman, came all the way from the 6th seed to win the spring title. They defeat 3-time finalist Doc's Inn. Disabled List locked horns with Doc's Inn in both the summer and fall title rounds. Disabled List rode the offense of Paul Harvan, Jesse Kuiper, Mike Patterson, Curt Perry, Ron Spillman, Janice Tansits, & Nelson Tobolsky. But it was Doc's Inn that captured back-to-back titles in the summer and fall on the offense of Judy Nigro, Vito Nigro, Greg Ochs, & Charles Yuknus. Dave Buonomo also contributed with solid defense.

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Thursday Evening Men's

Q.E.D Spring A Champs. Penny Gardens Sweeps 3-Season A Crown. Dickey Moe's, Country Tavern, Horsham Inn take B Titles.

Thursday Men's A Division

Once again we witnessed another awesome year at Softball America. The division stayed small for the spring and summer, but the fall saw the addition of 2 teams. Some old rivalries were renewed and a couple of new ones formed. The usual suspects were around; Warren, Frank, and Darren continued to assault the ball, with newcomers Jarred and Paul adding to the mix. Tim, Ron and Cal perfected the art of pushing the 14-foot ceiling. Johnny, Spidey, Mike and Joe showed their golden gloves off. And Leo continued his coaching mastery of the division.

The spring saw **Protech** 7-1 record dominate the division behind Josh Worman's league leading MVP nominating .778 avg. Ron Bannister drove in 18 runs, with Paul Loveland and Steve Mendenhall adding 14 RBI's. **Bones Grille** finished at 5-3; Matt Martin and Greg Ochs were the anchors for them with their .778 and .700 avg. Mike Ambolino powered them with his 19 RBI's. **New Britain Inn** finished 4-4, MVP nominated Frank Hackett and Leo Fitzpatrick led the team with a .714 avg and Frank also added 20 RBI's. Warren and Hoppie added 13 and 12 RBI's. **QED** also finished at 4-4, Shawn Goodwin paced the team with his MVP nominating .767 avg, while Tom Pagel kept pace with his .720. The big story was Darren Posavec's league leading 25 RBI's. **Iron Hill Brewery** finished 2-6, Scott Van Dyke led with a .632 and Andy Smallman powered them with 13 ribbies. **Zappe's Accounting Services** finished 2-6, MVP nominated Sean Hollenbach nailed 12 RBI's along with his .741 average, and Mike Merschbach finished with a .625. The regular season usually gives you an idea about the playoffs, this year it wasn't the case. **QED** and **NBI** squared off in the championship game. After several rainouts and scheduling conflicts, it was ruled that both teams would share in the spring title.

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Friday Evening Coed

Nino's Pizzarama Captures Spring. DePaul Realty Summer Champs. Finn McCool's Captures Fall Crown.

The Friday Coed league was full of eight competitive teams that on any night could beat any other team. There were dramatic wins and heartbreaking losses. There were many one run games and many beat downs. There were offensive clinics and offensive duds. Spectacular defense and spectacular errors. Basically, on Friday night when you showed up to the field you had no idea what was going to happen or what to expect.

The Spring season saw Webbies Pizza(7-1) breeze through most of the regular season to earn the top spot in the playoffs. They faced Cinderella story Nino's Pizzarama(3-5), who managed to squeak in as the sixth seed, in the championship. Nino's completed their unlikely quest defeating Webbies in just two games. Ed Doyle, III and Steve Campbell were the heroes of this series with each one banging out five hits and seven RBI between them.

Kent Smedley earned the batting title for the Friday season with an impressive .808. Run producing machine Rob "Hatfield" Johnson led the way with 21 RBI. Both were nominated for core MVP. Stepping up for the male eddies were Bob Cusano and Frank Taverno, who batted .667 and .619 respectively. Representing an outstanding talent pool of females was Jess Morak who knocked 13 base hits along with a .542 average.

The Summer season belonged to Andy's Snack Bar as they racked up a perfect record going 8-0. Unfortunately, they found out that the playoffs are a different kind of monster falling to Finn McCool in the semifinals. Finn took on DePaul Realty in the championship, who upset Webbies Pizza for the right to play for the title. It was a three round heavyweight fight with DePaul standing in the end. DePaul's Brad Milnes led the way going 8-10 with two triples, a homer, 9 runs, and 5 RBI.

Bruiser Brian Penecale batted .813 with an amazing 2.000 slugging percentage to lead the way for the core MVP candidates. Ed Doyle, III did it on

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Players Of The Year

To qualify for consideration in any of the 4 POTY categories, a core/all-star player must have a minimum of 54 at-bats for the year while male/female eddies are required to have not less than 45. Bases on balls are considered at-bats. Games played as subs are not considered in the calculations. All candidates have been determined objectively by statistical formula employing 6 offensive and 3 defensive categories.

Offensive Categories: AB (at-bats), R% (runs scored per at-bat), RBI% (runs batted in per at-bat), Avg (batting average), Slg (slugging %)*, BB (bases on balls) *slugging % is the total of singles (1 pt), doubles (2 pts), triples (3 pts), and home runs (4 pts) divided by total at-bats x 1000. A player with 1 single, 1 double, 1 triple, and 1 home run in 8 at-bats earns a slugging % of 1250 (1+2+3+4=10), divided by total at-bats [8] = 1.25 x 1000 = 1250.

Defensive Categories: POg (put-outs per game), Ag (assists per game), Err (errors per game). These 3 categories are used to formulate F% (fielding percentage).

Formula Calculations: Percentages are used instead of raw numbers because the number of games played among members varies greatly. A greater number of ABs will, however, reward a player for his/her ability to maintain good production over an extended period of time. F% is the measure of a player's production on a per game basis. Points in this category awarded toward POTY are scaled down as they tend to be position specific. F% and BB% are considered to a lesser degree than R% and RBI%. Avg and Slg carry the most weight in the formula while the total number of ABs the least weight. Points awarded in every category have been calculated against players in their own peer group. Male Eddie candidates are formulated against other male eddies and not against core/all-star players. The same holds true for female eddies. Congratulations to the winners. Trophies will be awarded to all winners at some point after the 2007 season commences.

Player Of The Year / Men's League 2006

	G	AB	R	R%	H	1B	1B%	2B	2B%	3B	3B%	HR	HR%	RBI	RBI%	Avg	Slg	BB	BB%	PO	POg	A	Ag	Err	F%	Pts
Jarred Gardner	41	134	80	60	80	24	18	16	12	5	4	35	26	109	81	597	1575	22	16	121	3.0	3	0.1	5	261	962
Frank Hackett	42	142	90	63	92	44	31	19	13	11	8	18	13	91	64	648	1317	22	15	96	2.3	3	0.1	5	195	915
Darrin Posavec	26	83	48	58	48	17	20	11	13	4	5	16	19	56	67	578	1386	15	18	76	2.9	1	0.0	7	192	877
Paul Loveland	46	162	86	53	103	54	33	19	12	6	4	24	15	101	62	636	1272	12	7	118	2.6	26	0.6	17	222	865
Gary Valentine	25	96	54	56	65	31	32	19	20	5	5	10	10	47	49	677	1292	1	1	57	2.3	6	0.2	3	228	852
Greg Moylan	20	73	27	37	50	29	40	8	11	4	5	9	12	45	62	685	1274	3	4	67	3.4	12	0.6	6	335	840
Frank Murray	24	87	41	47	51	23	26	11	13	11	13	6	7	50	57	586	1172	5	6	60	2.5	74	3.1	11	683	815
Ricky MacLeod	14	51	27	53	34	20	39	8	16	5	10	1	2	12	24	667	1078	3	6	32	2.3	20	1.4	2	457	775
Warren Grant	22	71	38	54	40	21	30	10	14	1	1	8	11	37	52	563	1070	11	15	61	2.8	1	0.0	2	250	771
Larry Walsh	20	71	40	56	47	36	50.7	5	7	4	6	2	3	22	31	662	930	8	11	23	1.2	5	0.3	2	125	752

Player Of The Year / Coed League 2006

	G	AB	R	R%	H	1B	1B%	2B	2B%	3B	3B%	HR	HR%	RBI	RBI%	Avg	Slg	BB	BB%	PO	POg	A	Ag	Err	F%	Pts
Frank Hackett*	21	66	40	61	50	20	30	16	24	4	6	10	15	63	95	758	1576	13	20	36	1.7	7	0.3	3	181	797
Jarred Gardner*	36	128	78	61	88	30	23	15	12	2	2	41	32	115	90	688	1797	9	7	100	2.8	3	0.1	6	228	771
Paul Loveland*	67	239	122	51	150	78	33	27	11	11	5	34	14	141	59	628	1259	18	8	193	2.9	101	1.5	34	387	668
Greg Ochs*	18	58	30	52	37	17	29	12	21	3	5	5	9	41	71	638	1207	3	5	36	2.0	43	2.4	6	544	648
Bob Baginski*	18	57	34	60	36	21	37	7	12	2	4	6	11	27	47	632	1140	10	18	39	2.2	1	0.1	6	94	626
BJ Spigelmyer	16	56	33	59	36	19	34	7	13	3	5	7	13	33	59	643	1250	2	4	36	2.3	1	0.1	3	163	624
Curt Perry*	72	255	122	48	153	79	31	28	11	17	7	30	12	162	64	600	1200	15	6	87	1.2	7	0.1	19	35	622
David Dancer	22	76	44	58	45	12	16	15	20	3	4	15	20	46	61	592	1461	0	0	41	1.9	6	0.3	8	95	617
Keith Keppley*	37	129	74	57	77	43	33	15	12	2	2	17	13	78	60	597	1140	8	6	88	2.4	10	0.3	6	227	616
Mike Tareila*	22	77	46	60	43	19	25	9	12	3	4	12	16	49	64	558	1221	8	10	41	1.9	7	0.3	2	214	614

Female Eddie Player Of The Year / 2006

	G	AB	R	R%	H	1B	1B%	2B	2B%	3B	3B%	HR	HR%	RBI	RBI%	Avg	Slg	BB	BB%	PO	POg	A	Ag	Err	F%	Pts
Christen Flaherty (fe)	94	290	98	34	128	113	39	8	3	7	2	0	0	79	27	441	517	32	11	425	4.5	16	0.2	11	439	459
Catherine Stimson	15	59	20	34	27	23	39	0	0	4	7	0	0	16	27	458	593	1	2	21	1.4	6	0.4	8	7	375
Jess Morak (fe)	92	273	42	15	111	102	37	9	3	0	0	0	0	45	16	407	440	14	5	223	2.4	3	0.0	9	210	358
Joan Glass (fe)	41	130	32	25	49	48	37	1	1	0	0	0	0	23	18	377	385	14	11	47	1.1	48	1.2	1	339	350
Karen Gordon (fe)	29	97	27	28	36	29	30	6	6	1	1	0	0	23	24	371	454	7	7	28	1.0	24	0.8	4	207	342
Becky Foley (fe)	27	85	39	46	25	23	27	1	1	1	1	0	0	14	16	294	329	16	19	28	1.0	34	1.3	11	193	342
Linda Dart (fe)	37	115	39	34	40	38	33	2	2	0	0	0	0	17	15	348	365	9	8	101	2.7	37	1.0	12	343	337
Joanne Bechtel (fe)	15	46	11	24	17	13	28	4	9	0	0	0	0	8	17	370	457	3	7	67	4.5	3	0.2	4	380	329
Pam O'Connor (fe)	22	50	7	14	17	17	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	10	340	340	12	24	114	5.2	0	0.0	4	445	327
Lora Hooven (fe)	63	219	54	25	75	70	32	4	2	1	0	0	0	26	12	342	370	7	3	126	2.0	83	1.3	21	330	325

Male Eddie Player Of The Year / 2006

	G	AB	R	R%	H	1B	1B%	2B	2B%	3B	3B%	HR	HR%	RBI	RBI%	Avg	Slg	BB	BB%	PO	POg	A	Ag	Err	F%	Pts
Charles Yuknus (me)	20	60	34	57	46	38	63	8	13	0	0	0	0	15	25	767	900	7	12	26	1.3	11	0.6	9	60	615
Steve Campbell (me)	48	168	69	41	90	62	37	17	10	8	5	3	2	56	33	536	786	14	8	76	1.6	65	1.4	2	413	518
Bob Cusano (me)	47	172	67	39	94	80	47	8	5	6	3	0	0	43	25	547	663	4	2	60	1.3	97	2.1	4	506	489
Joe Lynd, Sr. (me)	80	279	111	40	142	113	41	12	4	14	5	3	1	74	27	509	685	7	3	160	2.0	100	1.3	26	320	486
Doug Speir (me)	22	63	26	41	31	20	32	5	8	4	6	2	3	23	37	492	794	7	11	32	1.5	5	0.2	1	173	472
John Razzi (me)	78	236	76	32	124	101	43	13	6	9	4	1	0	73	31	525	669	20	8	55	0.7	10	0.1	7	60	471
Bill Roth (me)	42	148	42	28	73	53	36	11	7	8	5	1	1	63	43	493	696	3	2	52	1.2	44	1.0	13	210	442
Dave Gumkowski	22	62	26	42	27	23	37	3	5	1	2	0	0	13	21	435	516	10	16	38	1.7	37	1.7	1	491	434
Mike Muller (me)	15	43	10	23	25	23	53	2	5	0	0	0	0	15	35	581	628	3	7	19	1.3	1	0.1	5	7	434
Steve Jerdan (me)	57	152	38	25	71	65	43	5	3	0	0	1	1	40	26	467	520	18	12	85	1.5	77	1.4	7	370	424

Monday Evening Coed (Continued from page 3)

gives his all had a .515 with 16 RBI's summer and a .542 fall average. Newcomer to the team, John Keifer had an awesome fall for Bamberger group with his .652 average and 10 RBI's..

The Springtime Crusader's Billy Markward led the way with an impressive .680 average and 19 RBI's. The "Queen" Christen Flaherty dominated the female eddies hitting .560 with 8 RBI's and 39 PO's. In the summer The Crusader's, now known as Carroll's Jeweler's saw Billy Markward at it again with his .667. Matt McReynold's worked the stick and glove with a .704, 19 RBI's and 27 "A"'s. Christen tied her spring PO's at 39. Team G's Paul Loveland jumped the gate in the fall and joined his twin, Jarred Gardner. The "Smash Brother's" dominated. Paul had 7 homers and Jared 11...They had a combined total of 53 RBI's. Eddie Christen Flaherty 3 season total PO's is 115. Eddie John Razzi with a .545 fall season.

LA Pool's led by manager Rich Reinheimer went to the spring and summer championship finals. Always a force to be reckoned with, this team never let's down. Scott Piro always solid at the plate had a .586 spring and a .615, 15 RBI summer. Mike Cianfici, always a driving force had a .680, 14 PO's and 21 "A"'s spring. Eddie's Joan Glass, .464 spring and Jess Morak's .500 average in the summer always keeps LA Pool's afloat. Eric Touni led the way in the fall with his .545 average..

Iron Hill Brewery team is led by none other than Mr Zero, Curt Perry..In the springtime Curt brought on board, newcomer to the area, Michigan import, Jesse Kupier who found his way to SBA. F/A Jesse had an awesome 3 seasons for Iron Hill. with his 632, 552, and 714 average. Eddie Catherine Stimson contributed with a .500 spring.Lance Heinik came on strong in the summer with his .600 average. Curt Perry was a RBI King in the fall, right behind CJ's Jared with 29. Monday Coed newcomer Jeff Boyda was a welcome addition to the team, in the fall with his .686..Female eddies, Karen Gordon, .464, and Linda "Gold Glove" Dart had an impressive .480, 8 RBI's...

New Age Team... here is a team that has been in the league for years, a team that comes out week after week who gives it their all, and always a good sportsman. Todd "Spaz" Black led New Age in the spring with his .615, and 3 homeruns. Rich Petersen, the team's pitcher, also showed his stuff at the plate. Rich had a .611 spring and a .706 summer average. The Kennedy guy's, Pat and Jim powered up in the summer and fall. Pat had a .500 summer average, and Jim's 5 homers, 18 RBI's 16 PO's and 20 "A"'s led the way in the fall. Sue Miglore always consistent at the plate. Her 3 season average's, .300, 475 and .375, 563 slugging average.

The Snipers are a team that just show's face in the spring and summer. Mike Hagan led the way in the spring with his .542, 15 PO's. Ben Soler whipped it up with a .500. Eddie Julie Morris had a fine spring season with her .375 average. The summer was hot for male eddie Rick Block who had a .583 season. Core player Brendan Cooney led the summer Sniper's with a .556 average and 10 RBI's.

Warrington Pizza...The Hee-Haw gang. A team that has been together for years, who is managed by Bob Garges. The team that gives it their all and has a lot of fun doing it. Keith "I didnt know I was an eddie" Bellinger had an outstanding spring season. He led the team with a .760 average. Steve Worthington always valuable at the plate had a .579, 11 RBI. Big Ol' farmer Bob Garges, .524 summer. The Pizza crew female eddies had an awesome summer season... Karen Gordon, .440, Glenna Fortier, .435 and Janice Tansits .391. The gang went to pasture for the fall season.

Dick's Finest. Matt Davis had an awesome dickie-doo summer with his .667, 15 RBI's..Always hot with the stick is Mike Zahradnick. He had a .667 summer season. Female eddies Tara Murphy and Karol Ann Kinkelin each with a .364. Mike Z. still hot from the summer led the Dick's Finest with a .667. Tom Hess, .567 and Karol Ann Kinkelin with her impressive .458 and 30 PO's.

Vicki Ponente

Thursday Evening Men's (Continued from page 3)

The summer would be different, **Penny Gardens Tavern** finished at 6-2, and potential MVP's Steve Derrah and Jared Gardner led the team with their .667 averages. Jared also nailed 16 RBI's with 6 homeruns. **Protech** slipped a little, finishing at 6-2 behind MVP nominated Paul Loveland's .708, 17 RBI performance. Ron Bannister and EW provided run support with their 13 and 12 RBI's. **Zappe's** moved up and finished at 4-4, Dan Wasser led with a .529 average, Joe Sharp chipped in with his .476 and Dan Kusters had 7 RBI's. **QED** slumped to 3-5; Darrin once again powered the team, 4 HR's and 13 RBI's. Steve Moloney added 11 RBI's to help the cause. **Bones Grille** dropped to 3-5, Dave Zejac drove in 12 runs and hit .654 to earn an MVP nomination, Jeff Overberger had 9 RBI's and Mark Ambolino had 8. **Iron Hill Brewery** grabbed 2 wins behind Andy Smallman's .462 average, and Frank Stabers 8 RBI's. The playoffs saw the top two teams battle it out. When the dust settled, Leo's **Penny Gardens Tavern** defeated **Protech Roofing** in 3 games.

The fall would be even more exciting; it appeared that all the teams were evenly matched up. **Dickey Moe's** would finish at 6-2; Dave Michael and Dave Boice led the team. Dave Michael batted .609, but Boicey batted .600 15 RBI's and 2 HR's. **Penny's** once again finished 6-2, Frank Hackett pushed across 24 runs, Joe Dempsey led with a .682 10 RBI season. Warren Grant and MVP hopeful Jarred Gardner both hit .615, but Jarred drove in 19 behind 7 HR's. **Protech** slipped another spot to 5-3; Dom Brown paved the way with his .625 average. Tim O'Shea hit .607 with 10 RBI's and MVP wanabe Paul Loveland also chipped in, batting .606 with 26 RBI's and 6 HR's. Newcomer **Country Tavern** finished 4-4, MVP nominated Dave Bishop led the way with a .733 and 14 RBI season, along with Greg Moylan's .611 14 RBI 2 HR season. **QED** also finished 4-4, Shawn Goodwin once again paved the way, and earned another MVP nomination, with his .692, 10 RBI performance. Bob Depietro batted .650 11 RBI's, Shawn Remish's .632 15 RBI's and Steve Molloney's .619 11 RBI seasons. **Bones Grille** finished 4-4; MVP potential Ron Pulli paced this team with his .679 average. Andy Runk hit .625 and Ron Hopkins chipped in with his .593 performance. **Zappe's** came out at 3-5, Mike Merschbach led with his .632 average and

Dan Kusters powered the team with his 10 RBI 3 HR performance. **Iron Hill Brewery** finished winless despite Mike Brown's 17 RBI's and 3 HR's and Frank Stabers .545 9 RBI season. Just like the summer, the fall would pit both top seeded teams against each other. Once again, Leo's **Penny Gardens Tavern** would walk away with a victory. It would be **Penny's/NBI's** 5th victory in 6 seasons.

Well folks, like I said, another great year. Congrats to our contenders and champions, and best of luck to all the MVP nominations. Hope all of you enjoy your winter off and be safe. Before you know it, the sound of softball will be in the air and that one word we really hate.....ssstrike!!!!

The Spoon

Thursday Men's B Division

Country Tavern (7-1) and Dickey Moe's (7-1), both destined for the A Division in 2006, went toe to toe in the spring regular season B division. Dickey Moe's would advance to the championship finals and beat out Horsham Inn for spring honors. Moe's Gary Valentine, Dan Scott, Scott Pataki, and Mark Hiller, Sr. led the regular season way. Leadoff Damien Covelens' 3 home runs and 5 RBI's paced the team in the 2-game finals. POTY candidate Greg Moylan and manager Paul Holloway paced Country Tavern in the regular season. Winding Brook Farm finished in 3rd place led by Rob Welhaf. MVP candidate, John Keifer carried the Snipers (4-4). Horsham Inn's (3-5) Nick Mullen had a fine season as did Willow Grove Blues' (3-5) Ralph Pescatore. Master Baiters (2-5-1) and The Bounty (0-7-1) failed to

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Become An Umpire

Umpiring is a great way to enjoy the game of softball from a completely different and very rewarding perspective. Umpiring is also a great way to give a little something back to the game and at the same time earn from \$18.00 to \$22.00 per hour. Becoming an ASA certified umpire is easy. A \$30.00 registration fee gets you started and on your way to working games in Softball America as well as in other area leagues and tournaments.

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Les Greenstein

Wednesday Evening Coed (Continued from page 3)

Maple Glen Tavern's Bash Brothers attacked the record books in the spring! Jarred Gardner and Paul Loveland each set a new coed single season hits record with 30. Gardner also stamped his name on the record book for single season HR's with 12, and RBI with 40.

Meanwhile, those that were not able to capture the highly coveted championship crown or break any records, braved the frigid temperatures of the early spring and late fall. They sweated through the soaking July heat and were granted the occasional week off thanks to Mother Nature. They battled through nagging injuries and stepped on the field each week all for the love of the game! Let's take a look at the rest of the league...

The Red Balls, led by Jesse Garrison, blew away the B Division in the spring, going 8-0, but fell short in the playoffs. After moving up to the A-Div. for the summer and fall, they showed they could hang tough with the big boys and girls. The offense of Keith Keppley, Becky Foley, Tim Frank, Mike DeGuida, Dave Ward's summer .750, fall offensive MVP nom's Bernie Marsh and Chrissy Caraselli, and Rob McKenna's defense all contributed to the cause.

The Ball Busters, with a 7-1 B Division record in the spring also earned the call up to the A-Div. for the summer and fall. MVP eddies Anna Welsh, Kathy Fehr, and Ashley Watt came up big, as did the gloves of Dave Moll, Dave Fehr, and the power of Darrin Posavec. Tom Corey also chipped in with offense before calling it a season due to injury.

The Butcher, while narrowly missing the finals in the spring and fall, fought hard against their A-Div. foes. They had their own pair of brothers leading the charge in Jeff and Tom Overberger. And were aided offensively by MVP nominees Steve Campbell, Jess Morak, Bill Roth, Lisa Silvestri, & Mary Ann Wade.

Hackert Auto Body came out swinging each week and was able to get on the scoreboard in the first inning in almost every game they played. And that was thanks to the bats of Ed Doyle Jr., Ed Doyle III, Gary Ottenbriet, Paul Reiser, Ed Schultz, and Dave Taxter. Greg Newlin chipped in with defense worthy of an MVP nod.

Iron Hill Brewery struggled in the A Div. in the spring and moved to the B Div. for the summer and fall where they saw solid success. Their big offensive contributors were Kim Morgan, Doug Speir, Linda Speir, and Jeff Werrell, with Ray Cope and John Schnabel adding the defensive cause.

Pootie Tang/Winding Brook Farm was better known for their colorful jerseys than their offense. But Ed Doyle III in the spring, Carolyn Connolly, Chris Harrison, and Bob Garges helped carry the load.

The Superlative Owls joined the Wednesday night festivities in the summer and discovered the A Div. ain't no joke. Unable to notch a win, they moved to the B Div. for the fall where they had better suc-

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Playoff Players Of The Year

To qualify for consideration in any of the 4 PPOTY categories, a core/all-star player must have a minimum of 24 at-bats for the year while male/female eddies are required to have not less than 21. Bases on balls are considered at-bats. Games played as subs are not considered in the calculations. All candidates have been determined objectively by statistical formula employing 6 offensive and 3 defensive categories.

Offensive Categories: AB (at-bats), R% (runs scored per at-bat), RBI% (runs batted in per at-bat), Avg (batting average), Slg (slugging %)*, BB (bases on balls) *slugging % is the total of singles (1 pt), doubles (2 pts), triples (3 pts), and home runs (4 pts) divided by total at-bats x 1000. A player with 1 single, 1 double, 1 triple, and 1 home run in 8 at-bats earns a slugging % of 1250 (1+2+3+4=10), divided by total at-bats [8] = 1.25 x 1000 = 1250.

Defensive Categories: POg (put-outs per game), Ag (assists per game), Err (errors per game). These 3 categories are used to formulate F% (fielding percentage).

Formula Calculations: Percentages are used instead of raw numbers because the number of games played among members varies greatly. A greater number of ABs will, however, reward a player for his/her ability to maintain good production over an extended period of time. F% is the measure of a player's production on a per game basis. Points in this category awarded toward PPOTY are scaled down as they tend to be position specific. F% and BB% are considered to a lesser degree than R% and RBI%. Avg and Slg carry the most weight in the formula while the total number of ABs the least weight. Points awarded in every category have been calculated against players in their own peer group. Male Eddie candidates are formulated against other male eddies and not against core/all-star players. The same holds true for female eddies. Congratulations to the winners. Trophies will be awarded to all winners at some point after the 2007 season commences.

Playoff Player Of The Year / Men's League 2006

	G	AB	R	R%	H	1B	1B%	2B	2B%	3B	3B%	HR	HR%	RBI	RBI%	Avg	Slg	BB	BB%	PO	POg	A	Ag	Err	F%	Pts
Jarred Gardner	17	56	34	61	31	10	18	6	11	1	2	14	25	37	66	554	1446	14	25	43	2.5	0	0.0	1	229	891
Frank Hackett	14	44	25	57	25	11	25	3	7	3	7	8	18	35	80	568	1318	10	23	4	0.3	0	0.0	0	29	864
Brian Penecale	8	31	20	65	20	11	35	5	16	0	0	4	13	15	48	645	1194	4	13	30	3.8	1	0.1	4	200	840
Mike Brown	8	33	18	55	19	9	27	3	9	1	3	6	18	22	67	576	1273	2	6	25	3.1	12	1.5	4	413	829
Paul Loveland	14	47	22	47	29	17	36	4	9	2	4	6	13	35	74	617	1170	7	15	24	1.7	5	0.4	2	186	829
Warren Grant	8	30	14	47	21	14	47	3	10	1	3	3	10	19	63	700	1167	1	3	10	1.3	0	0.0	0	125	825
Greg Ochs	12	39	16	41	24	13	33	2	5	0	0	9	23	25	64	615	1359	1	3	17	1.4	8	0.7	1	242	816
Mark Nevins	8	26	14	54	16	10	38	2	8	1	4	3	12	11	42	615	1115	4	15	15	1.9	0	0.0	0	188	779
Gary Valentine	9	30	15	50	18	7	23	6	20	3	10	2	7	12	40	600	1200	1	3	15	1.7	0	0.0	1	122	749
Dave McGuire	10	35	13	37	20	11	31	1	3	2	6	6	17	17	49	571	1229	2	6	21	2.1	1	0.1	0	230	738

Playoff Player Of The Year / Coed League 2006

	G	AB	R	R%	H	1B	1B%	2B	2B%	3B	3B%	HR	HR%	RBI	RBI%	Avg	Slg	BB	BB%	PO	POg	A	Ag	Err	F%	Pts
Frank Hackett*	9	25	21	84	21	3	12	7	28	4	16	7	28	28	112	840	2280	9	36	29	3.2	6	0.7	2	367	1014
Greg Ochs*	13	40	27	68	30	13	33	6	15	0	0	11	28	34	85	750	1725	4	10	21	1.6	30	2.3	4	500	798
Jarred Gardner*	15	52	31	60	39	19	37	4	8	4	8	12	23	43	83	750	1673	3	6	29	1.9	1	0.1	2	153	741
Paul Loveland*	23	76	49	64	47	19	25	5	7	5	7	18	24	50	66	618	1526	4	5	51	2.2	27	1.2	8	317	666
Brian Roth*	9	30	18	60	21	14	47	2	7	1	3	4	13	17	57	700	1233	2	7	17	1.9	5	0.6	1	256	651
Matt Laird	8	29	18	62	19	10	34	5	17	2	7	2	7	14	48	655	1172	3	10	3	0.4	1	0.1	1	13	611
Dave Buonomo*	10	32	21	66	23	21	66	2	6	0	0	0	0	12	38	719	781	1	3	43	4.3	3	0.3	1	450	601
Rick Totans	11	41	24	59	29	22	54	5	12	1	2	1	2	19	46	707	951	0	0	17	1.5	0	0.0	0	155	584
Mike Tareila*	10	31	15	48	17	6	19	3	10	5	16	3	10	22	71	548	1258	2	6	16	1.6	7	0.7	2	220	577
David Dancer	8	25	13	52	16	7	28	6	24	0	0	3	12	12	48	640	1240	0	0	9	1.1	1	0.1	0	138	577

Female Eddie Playoff Player Of The Year / 2006

	G	AB	R	R%	H	1B	1B%	2B	2B%	3B	3B%	HR	HR%	RBI	RBI%	Avg	Slg	BB	BB%	PO	POg	A	Ag	Err	F%	Pts
Christen Flaherty (fe)	28	87	31	36	38	35	40	2	2	1	1	0	0	21	24	437	483	10	11	116	4.1	3	0.1	2	407	411
Becky Foley (fe)	9	20	9	45	8	8	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	20	400	400	6	30	8	0.9	3	0.3	1	111	409
Joan Glass (fe)	16	48	10	21	20	20	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	10	417	417	2	4	15	0.9	12	0.8	0	244	318
Dawn Wanner (fe)	7	23	5	22	7	6	26	1	4	0	0	0	0	3	13	304	348	4	17	27	3.9	3	0.4	0	471	308
Karol Ann Kinkelin	20	51	11	22	19	19	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	25	373	373	2	4	18	0.9	10	0.5	1	170	304
Jess Morak (fe)	22	64	8	13	24	23	36	1	2	0	0	0	0	5	8	375	391	1	2	43	2.0	1	0.0	2	168	271
Vicki Ponente (fe)	16	34	7	21	8	8	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	235	235	12	35	3	0.2	0	0.0	0	19	264
Kim Cusano (fe)	9	21	7	33	6	6	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	10	286	286	2	10	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0	255
Lisa Silvestri (fe)	17	59	9	15	19	17	29	2	3	0	0	0	0	6	10	322	356	1	2	17	1.0	16	0.9	3	218	253
Kelly Neill (fe)	31	85	16	19	23	22	26	0	0	1	1	0	0	8	9	271	294	6	7	77	2.5	0	0.0	5	184	244

Male Eddie Playoff Player Of The Year / 2006

	G	AB	R	R%	H	1B	1B%	2B	2B%	3B	3B%	HR	HR%	RBI	RBI%	Avg	Slg	BB	BB%	PO	POg	A	Ag	Err	F%	Pts
Steve Campbell (me)	10	34	18	53	18	6	18	6	18	3	9	3	9	15	44	529	1147	1	3	9	0.9	7	0.7	0	230	536
Charles Yuknus (me)	13	41	16	39	25	23	56	2	5	0	0	0	0	9	22	610	659	1	2	17	1.3	6	0.5	3	131	461
Nelson Tobolsky	12	34	8	24	17	12	35	5	15	0	0	0	0	8	24	500	647	4	12	18	1.5	12	1.0	0	350	424
Joe Lynd, Sr. (me)	28	87	29	33	41	33	38	4	5	4	5	0	0	18	21	471	609	4	5	45	1.6	24	0.9	8	218	403
Mike McHale (me)	13	41	9	22	20	17	41	2	5	1	2	0	0	13	32	488	585	2	5	17	1.3	8	0.6	0	254	394
Ed Doyle, Jr. (me)	11	33	9	27	16	14	42	2	6	0	0	0	0	11	33	485	545	1	3	14	1.3	11	1.0	2	255	392
Ron Spillman (me)	16	51	12	24	27	25	49	1	2	1	2	0	0	11	22	529	588	1	2	21	1.3	0	0.0	0	131	391
Steve Jerdan (me)	8	22	7	32	9	6	27	1	5	2	9	0	0	4	18	409	636	2	9	12	1.5	5	0.6	0	275	376
Tom Weinman (me)	10	31	4	13	15	14	45	1	3	0	0	0	0	9	29	484	516	0	0	10	1.0	20	2.0	0	500	369
Bob Cusano (me)	15	51	14	27	23	21	41	0	0	2	4	0	0	6	12	451	529	0	0	21	1.4	26	1.7	4	380	359

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cess and just barely missed the playoffs. They were powered by the offense of Brett Lawhead, Rob Sides, Kevin Wolverton, Diane Urban and the defense of Nicole Blum.

The PUNKS, while not able to mount much offense, showed everyone it's not always about the W's, but about how much fun you have out on the field! They get the nod for most enthusiastic squad! Mgr. Fran Quinn led the team with his bat and his weekly web-gem grabs in centerfield.

Staneco made a brief appearance in the summer season where Brian Monhan, Mike Moore, Nick Cordisco, and Karen Lund led the way offensively.

The Outcasts, led by Shanna Lilly, made their first appearance in the fall. And while not finding the win column very often, they fell just shy of the playoffs. Alex Lilly and Kevin "K-Ro" Rosini each had solid seasons at the plate.

The MVP Candidate Lists in 2006 were full of usual suspects and some new comers. Eight players scored a hat trick and made the offensive MVP candidate list for all 3 seasons. Bob Cusano, Ed Doyle Jr., Christen Flaherty, Frank Hackett, Lora Hooven, Keith Keppley, Bill Roth, & Charles Yuknus. They were all a huge part of their team's success.

The gloves of Christen Flaherty and Adam Roman helped them earn their spots on all 3 defensive MVP candidate lists. And Dave Buonomo was the only player to hit the list twice.

Congratulations to everyone on an incredible year of softball! And with that, all eyes turn toward the calendar and the countdown to March 21, 2007...Opening Day! Can't wait to hear those two magic words...Play Ball!!

Rob McKenna

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without mentioning that he now holds the assist record for an entire season. A great record, a great season, a great ballplayer.

Moving on to the Men's Fall A Division, we look at a similar story to the previous season. Another NBI Muckdog, this time Zane Moore would again lead the league in hitting. A .750 batting average in 6 games will give Zane some very carefully considered Fall Season Offensive MVP considerations. A 1417 slugging percentage should help his cause to receiving this honor as well. Zane's Muckdogs would fare better in the Fall in their quest for the title, as this time they tended off the league leading defensive looks of Rita's Water Ice to win the Fall Championship. Rita's held opponents to an average of 7.1 runs a game, but Zane Moore and NBI would have nothing of it as they scored 15 runs in each game and held Rita's to just 8 runs in each. A story of two seasons, and a story of two sides...but NBI has displayed a slew of hitting stars this season that will be hard to duplicate in 2007.

But folks, as we have seen time and time again in Softball America, while it looks impossible, sit back and take a close look...this event we call softball promises some more records to established, and more records to be broken. My 2nd year writing, my 2nd year observing...if my 3rd year stays consistent.....I guarantee you...you want to be a part of this family in '07.

Ben Soler aka Latincontrol

Sunday Men's B Division American Conference

Welcome all to the 2006 season B Division wrap-up. The B division was broken down into 2 sub-divisions; containing a National and American conference. We had some new faces tag along this year in the league, adding to the spice of the league, including some new players and teams. As we all now, the men's league is split into 2 seasons (summer & fall) unlike the other days/nights that are split into 3. For this article I will be wrapping up the American "B" division play from this past year.

The Spring/Summer league this season brought in a couple new teams to take on the old familiars of the league. This year The Cobras managed by Paul O' Connor and Ferraro Computer Services headed by Bob and Peter Ferraro took the spring/summer by storm. FCS finished in 1st place after going an astonishing 13-3 over 16 games. The Cobras finished in 2nd with a 9-6-1. Not bad for a new team with people playing together for the first time. The rest of the division was comprised of teams we all know and love from past seasons. Grays Contracting and BALCO rounded out in a close 3rd, right behind the Cobras going 9-7, while the Thunder and Big Slicks finished up the division with a 6-9 record. The playoff schedule was set up in a best of 3 series, having the winner advancing to final. The 2nd and 3rd seeds fought it out first, allowing the 1st and 4th seed battling for that final spot in the championship game. All of the playoff games were played at Lukens Park for the American league championship. The first set of playoff games were played by Grays Contracting (3rd place) and Cobras (2nd place). Grays upset the Cobras in the first game by a score of 15-7, but the Cobras fought right back and took the second game of the morning 8-6. The final game was taken by the Cobras advancing them to the Finals. The second round of the spring league playoffs showcased BALCO (4th place) and Ferraro Computer Services (1st place). The FCS dominance proved to be true in the playoffs as well as they took the first 2 games of 3 sending BALCO packing early which advanced them to the Finals. Naturally, the Finals were displayed both top seeded teams in the American Conference. The Cobras and FCS battled it out in another best of 3 series. Ultimately the Cobras would be unable to withstand the offensive onslaught of FCS, as FCS took the series in a quick 2 games and were crowned American Conference Champs for the 2006 Spring/Summer season. Not too shabby!

With the conclusion of the spring season, an additional fall season is

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base is made very clear. Many times the ball and the runner reach first base at the same time. That being the case, one must conclude the put-out was NOT made BEFORE the runner reached the base. Therefore, by the letter of the written rule, the runner must be safe. Moral of the story-- tie goes to the runner.

What about other clichés like 'pick me up'? Can they be as easily explained? Yes they can. 'Pick me up' is usually blurted out by a batter that just popped out to the pitcher with the bases loaded. Basically it means, "I suck and I need someone else to do what I couldn't do so I don't get blamed for the loss and feel like crap for 3 days."

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Players Of The Year *(Continued from page 1)*

with a 261. Congratulations on a fine year, Jarred. Second in the point totals for 2006 was Frank Hackett. Big #9 was his usual awesome self at the plate averaging 648 and slugging 1317. Frank's 195 outfield fielding % shows the man can also handle the leather. Darrin Posavec was not far behind slugging 1386 and batting 578. Paul Loveland made his presence felt batting at a 636 clip and Gary Valentine doubled in 1 of every 5 at-bats enroute to a 677 batting average. Greg Moylan led the league in hitting, finishing the season with a gaudy 685 average. Frank Murray, Ricky MacLeod, Warren Grant, and Larry Walsh rounded out the top 10.

The tables were turned in the coed leagues as Frank Hackett takes Core Player Of The Year honors, beating out Jarred Gardner by almost 30 points. Frank led the league batting a whopping 758, slugging 1576, walking 20% of the time, doubling almost 1 in every 4 at-bats and knocking in a run almost every single time he swung the bat. Great job, Frank! Jarred was nearly as impressive batting 688 while ripping the cover off the ball with 1797 slugging %. Paul Loveland was 3rd best in the coed leagues this year carving out a 628/1259. Only 12 points separated Greg Ochs, Bob Baginsky, BJ Spigelmyer, Curt Perry, David Dancer, Keith Keppley, and Mike Tareila for the remaining 7 'top 10' places.

For the 3rd straight year, Christen Flaherty led all females in the yearly point rankings and takes Female Eddie Player of the Year -- her 4th such honor in 7 years. Christen batted 441 and slugged 517 in just under 100 games. Her RBI% of 27 is impressive and a fielding % of 439 at 1B shows the girl can sure handle the glove. Way to go, Christen. Congrats! Newcomer Catherine Stimson ended her inaugural year in Softball America in fine fashion. She matched the top one with a 27 RBI% while batting 458 and slugging almost 600 over the course of 15 games. Hitting a 3 bagger 7% of the time is notable. If Catherine can repeat her 2006 performance over the course of more games and bolster her defense a bit, she will most certainly contend for top honors in years to come. Jess Morak (407/440) finished in 3rd while Joan Glass (377/385) took 4th place honors. Karen Gordon, Becky Foley, Linda Dart, Joanne Bechtel, Pam O'Connor, and Lora Hooven rounded out the top 10. Pam O'Connor's 445 fielding and 24% walk ratio is impressive.

You have to admire the older gents that can still get it done. With one of the better seasons on record by a male eddie, Charles Yuknus earned Male Eddie Player of the Year honors by a landslide. The league leader in batting and slugging at 767 and 900 respectively, Charles' numbers rival those of many a men's leaguer. Taking extra bases is not always easy for the older guys, but Charles made it look that way stretching singles to doubles 13% of the time. A big-time congrats to you, Charles. Last year POTY Steve Campbell finished the year in 2nd place batting 536 and slugging 786 over the course of 48 games. League veteran and future SBA 'hall of famer', Bob Cusano rounded out the triumvirate at 547/663. Joe Lynd Sr. (509/685), Doug Speir (492/754) and all-time great and certain 'hall of famer', John Razzi (525/669), were single digit points apart for 4th, 5th, and 6th. Bill Roth, Dave Gumkowski, Mike Muller and Steve Jerdan rounded out the top 10. Steve Campbell, Bob Cusano, and Dave Gumkowski all fielded their positions on the mound with grace and skill.

Completing the men's league Player of the Year sweep, Jarred Gardner topped all in the post-season batting 554 and slugging 1446. Combine that with a gaudy 25% HR and 25% BB clip over the course of 17 games, it was more than enough to take top Playoff POTY honors. Congrats, Jarred. Frank Hackett was post-season runner-up batting 568 and slugging 1318. Franks 80% RBI ratio was a league playoff best. Brian Penecale was next followed by teammate Mike Brown. Paul Loveland, Warren Grant, Greg Ochs, Mark Nevins, Gary Valentine and Dave McGuire rounded out the post-season top 10.

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urged to attend. Topics of discussion will be league rules, league policy, and league protocol. If you are not prepared to play the year with the league rules as they are written, make it your business to be heard before the season begins. Too often a manager will take issue with a league rule only when the rule negatively impacts them. Subsequent cries of 'it's not fair' are heard county-wide. Please don't be a 'result manager'.

Our league commissioner and league umpires will be on hand to answer any questions you may have pertaining to ASA rules.

Les Greenstein

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show player's team. It's disrespectful and unfair to the opposing teams in the tournament. It's disrespectful and unfair to the alternate that gets shut out of the opportunity to play. It's disrespectful and unfair to the league itself. The penalty for a without-warning no-show is a 1-pitch tournament ban. Please, if you are going to sign up for a 1-pitch tournament, be relatively certain you will be able to attend. If the unforeseen should occur and you cannot attend the tournament, please step aside, give notice, and let an alternate have a chance.

Respecting the lesser player.

A lack of reasonable playing time in the field for players that are viewed as lesser by the 1-pitch manager has become an issue in recent tournaments. Everyone that participates in a tournament does so of their own free will and with their own money-- not to mention sacrificing a holiday weekend Sunday in the process. As managers we need to remember to be sensitive to the needs of each and every member on our squads. Just so we don't forget, beginning in 2007 all drafted 1-pitch players will be required to be in the batting line-up at all times except in the case of legitimate injury. While the following will not be regulated, I will make a personal appeal to all future 1-pitch managers to play every member on their roster in the field for an average of at least 3 innings per game. Playing a player 2 innings in one game and 4 innings in another (average 3) would work as well. Once again, it's all about respect. Everybody wants it. Everyone needs it. Ya gotta give it in order to get it.

The issues we saw in 2006 pale in comparison to the issues of other leagues. Softball America will continue to thrive as long as the people in it care enough about it to continue to work at it. It's been my experience the only constant in life is change. As things change we need to adapt by bending and not breaking. I look forward to another great year and another tremendous event we've come to know as Softball America.

A happy and healthy New Year to all.

Les Greenstein

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"Shake it off". This is usually blurted out by a teammate to a batter that just popped out to the pitcher with the bases loaded. Basically it means, "You suck! You can't hit a ball as big as a grapefruit moving slower than a wounded butterfly so the least you can do is get out in the field and not make any errors."

A batter will adjust to an outside pitch and hit it 50 feet foul. 'Good idea' is a usual teammate response. That doesn't mean it's a good idea to hit a foul ball. It means nice try going the other way with the pitch, but if you had any eye/hand coordination to begin with you would have hit the ball fair, gotten a base hit, and helped the team a little.

How about 'It's a line drive in the book'. You hear the 50 year-old say this to the young buck after the 25 year-old proceeds to reach base cleanly on a blast that dribbles off the bat and couldn't reach the pitching rubber if it had gale force winds behind it traveling downhill. If and when you hear one of these cliches at the ball park, you'll now know exactly what the meaning behind it is.

Here are a few classic quotes to close this thing out...

"You see, you spend a good piece of your life gripping a [softball], and in the end it turns out it was the other way around all the time." ~Jim Bouton, *Ball Four*, 1970

"There are three things in my life which I really love: God, my family, and [softball]. The only problem - once [softball] season starts, I change the order around a bit." ~Al Gallagher, 1971

"Well, boys, it's a round ball and a round bat and you got to hit the ball square." ~Joe Schultz, 1969

Confucius say: "Softball wrong - man with four balls cannot walk."

Les Greenstein

Most Valuable Players / Summer 2006

Offensive and Defensive MVP candidates/winners are chosen by statistical formula. The formula takes into account runs scored, runs batted in, total hits, singles, doubles, triples, home runs, bases on balls, batting average, put-outs, assists, and errors. MVP winners are highlighted in **bold**.

	Sunday Coed	Monday Coed	Tuesday Men	Wednesday Coed	Thursday Men	Friday Coed
A Offense	Curt Perry* Joe Budaj Lonnie Westerman Mark Ambolino* Steph Garrett BJ Spigelmyer Brett Lawhead David Dancer John McCabe Randy Helsman	Bob Baginski* Ed Kelly Matt Davis Matt McReynolds*	Brian Pugh Chris Courduff EW Werner Frank Hackett Marc McKinney Ricky McLeod Ron Pulli	Frank Hackett* Jeff Overberger* Keith Keppley* Paul Loveland* Brett Cohen Chris Harrison Dave Ward Ed Doyle III* Greg Ochs* Jeff Werrell Jesse Kuiper Vito Nigro*	Dave Zejac Jarred Gardner Joe Mayer Paul Loveland Steve Derrah Chris Schenk Bill Stone Greg Moylan John Kiefer Larry Walsh	Brian Penecale Dave Wheeler Ed Doyle III* Kevin Pritchard Matt McReynolds* Steve Mendenhall*
A Male Eddie B	Charlie Gardner (me) Jim Perkins (me) Steve Campbell (me) John Seymour (me) Rick Block (me) Steve Jerdan (me) Wayne Jerdan (me)	Eliot Ridgeway (me) Joe Lynd (me) John Razzi (me) Mike McHale (me) Rick Block (me)		Andy Suder (me) Bill Roth (me) Bob Cusano (me) Joe Lynd (me) Steve Campbell (me) Charles Yuknus (me) Ed Doyle Jr. (me) Nelson Tobolsky (me) Paul Harvan (me) Ron Spillman (me)		Bob Cusano (me) Frank Taverno (me) Joe Buglak (me) Joe Lynd (me) Joe Sharp (me) Mike Muller (me)
A Female Eddie B	Christen Flaherty (fe) Clorece Kulp (fe) Lora Hooven (fe) Nicole Welhaf (fe) Chrissy Malone (fe) Katie McGoldrick (fe) Nicole Blum (fe) Pam O'Connor (fe)	Dawn Bieber (fe) Jess Morak (fe) Karen Gordon (fe) Sue Miglore (fe)		Becky Foley (fe) Christen Flaherty (fe) Jess Morak (fe) Lora Hooven (fe) Ashley Watt (fe) <i>Janice Tansits (fe)</i> Judy Nigro (fe) Karen Lund (fe) Linda Speir (fe)		Christen Flaherty (fe) Dale Giddeon (fe) Jess Morak (fe) Karol Kinkelin (fe) Kelly Neill (fe)
Defense	Dave McGuire Dave Noble John Muntz Matt McReynolds* Matt Sombrat Mike Holderman	David Primm Larry Wagner Matt McReynolds* Mike Holderman Mike Zahradnick* Sean Fisher	Brian Emery Dave Berkowitz Frank Murray Jimmy Rosica John Muntz Ricky McLeod Scott Holloway Steph Garrett	Adam Roman Dave Porco Greg Newlin Greg Ochs* Paul Loveland* Rob McKenna	Adam Roman Dan Kusters Greg Trimmer Jim Plunket Rich Hosbach Ron Bannister Sean Hollenbach	Bill Hahl* Bob Muller Ed Doyle III* Matt McReynolds* Mike Ciepiela
Eddie	Dave Gumkowski (me) Joe Lynd (me) John Seymour (me) Steve Jerdan (me)	Bill Roth (me) Christen Flaherty (fe) Christi Ragan (fe) Lora Hooven (fe) Tom Weinman (me)		Bob Cusano (me) Christen Flaherty (fe) Dawn Wanner (fe) Missey Schad (fe) Nelson Tobolsky (me) Steve Campbell (me)		Bob Cusano (me) Chanelle Lyons (fe) Eliot Ridgeway (me) Jess Morak (fe) Joe Lynd (me) Joe Sharp (me)

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run of 7 from Creekside. Way to go Gavin's!! Impressive series from Creekside Inn's Jeff Overberger 5-5 and an rbi, Joe DOM Lynd 3-3 and 2 rbis, and Mike Reiser 2-2. From Gavin's outstanding series from Kevin Pritchard 2-3 and an rbi, Bill Markward 3-3 and an rbi, Mike Patterson 4-6 and 7 rbis, Corey Sheppard 4-5 and an rbi, Jess Morak 3-3, Cal Bohannon 5-6 and 7 rbis, Lonnie Westerman 3-4 and an rbi, Christen Flaherty 2-2 and an rbi, Matt McReynolds 4-4, Brian Steeber 4-4 and 2 rbis.

Fall Season welcomed back Sandlot and we're back to 6 teams. Worker's Comp took the top seed with a 7-0 record, 2nd Fast Food (formerly 3rd & Walnut) 6-0-2, Gavin's Tavern 3rd 3-5, 4th Creekside Inn 3-5 with a higher runs against average, 5th Young Guns 2-5-1, and last but certainly not least 6th seed Sandlot 1-7. Finishing 1st on the league leader board was Mike DeGuida from Creekside Inn, impressive .737 average, 19-14. From Workers Comp finishing 2,3,4. 2nd John Trippetti .727 average, 33-24, 3rd Ron Pfeifer .692 average, 26-18, and 16 rbis, 4th Steve Bucher .667 average, 21-14, and 11 rbis, and in 5th atop the leader board was Jarred Gardner from Young Guns .615 average, 26-16, 18 rbis, and 8 homeruns. Nelson Tobolsky male eddie was the #1 eddie from the a division with Fast Food .560 average, 25-14. This championship came down to the 3-5 Gavin's Tavern and the 2-5-1 Young Guns. Gavin's win their 2nd Championship in a row starting a new run, they win in 2 games. Congrats Gavin's!!! Excellent series from Young Guns Joe Buglak 2-3, Jared Gardener 4-4 and an rbi, Rob Johnson 6-7. Unbelievable series from Gavin's Tavern's Eric Touni 2-3 and an rbi, Corey Sheppard 2-3 and an rbi, Brian Steeber 5-8 and 2 rbis, Bill Markward 4-5 and 3 rbis, Cal Bohannon 4-4 and 2 rbis, and Joe Drelling 4-4 and 2 rbis.

Congrats to Gavin's and everyone have a happy and healthy new year!!

Kelly tumbles' Neill

Spring Sunday Coed B Division American Conference

The 2006 Sunday Co-ed "B" division was a very competitive season with three teams finishing the regular season with identical 6-2 records. Tsunami, The Well and The Snipers all finished 6-2 with Tsunami earning the #1 seed and The Well earning the #2 seed by virtue of tiebreakers. Heading into the playoffs these were not the only three teams that had the talent to win the spring title as each of the six playoff teams had shown glimpses of championship dreams during the regular season and were hoping to get hot at the right time.

The third seeded Snipers and fifth seeded Bulldogs started things off with playoff wins in the opening round. In the semifinals second seeded The Well took care of business earning a spot in the finals with a 10-6 win over The Snipers. The #1 seed was unable to do the same as the Bulldogs became that sleeper team upsetting Tsunami in the opening round and continuing its strong play with a 10-4 win to earn its ticket to the championship series with The Well. Game one of the championship series went to the Bulldogs, 8-4, but The Well turned to their strength, defense, in games two and three coming from behind to take the Spring title with a 6-4 game two win and a 5-3 game three win.

During the regular season Ed Glass of Tsunami and BJ Spigelmyer of The Well were the top offensive players. Glass finished the regular season with an .840 batting average including three home runs and 13 RBI's, while Spigelmyer batted .640 with six home runs and 24 RBI's. Rob Deem of the Bulldogs (.591 with 4 home runs), Ryan Kelly of The Well (.618 with 19 runs scored) and Curt Perry of the SBA Comets (.440 with 4 home runs) also had solid regular seasons. In the playoffs Jared Heim of The Well carried them on the offensive end with an .875 batting average but The Well's defense was the story allowing just 21 runs thru the four playoff games.

Summer Sunday Coed B Division American Conference

The summer season started with The Well looking to repeat as champions and five other teams hungry to earn the ever-popular championship t-shirt. Just like in the spring, another competitive regular season finished with two teams tied for first place with a 6-2 record and another posting a 5-3 mark to earn the third spot. The Bulldogs, by virtue of its regular season wins over The Well, earned the #1 spot and The Well settled for the #2 seed once again. The Shamrocks were perhaps the best story as they went from the #6 seed in the spring to the #3 seed in the summer.

The playoffs got underway with the #3 seed, Shamrocks, and the #4 seed, Tsunami winning handily to set up the final four teams. In the first semifinal, The Well needed some late inning heroics from BJ Spigelmyer as they trailed 4-3 entering the bottom of the seventh. After Ryan Kelly doubled to lead off the inning and Jared Heim moved him over to third base with a groundout, Spigelmyer came up to the plate and ripped a two-run walk-off home run to dead centerfield to push The Well into the championship round. In the other semifinal the #4 seed Tsunami had revenge on its mind vs. the #1 seeded Bulldogs. The Bulldogs had upset them in the spring season when Tsunami was the #1 seed and revenge is exactly what they got, beating the Bulldogs 12-8 to move into the 2/3 finals with the defending champs, The Well.

The Well dropped game one for the second consecutive season, surrendering a 9-2 lead to fall 14-11 in the first game. Having relied on its defense during the spring season, The Well turned up the defensive dial in games two and three and earned a repeat championship with a 9-0 game two win and a 7-2 game three win.

Spigelmyer of The Well and John McCabe of the Shamrocks were each nominated as MVP candidates for the summer season as Spigelmyer followed up his spring performance by batting .652 with one home run and 15 runs scored, while McCabe finished with a .630 batting average to go along with five home runs and 20 RBI's. Also performing well during the regular season was Mike Moosebrugger of the Bulldogs (.542 - 3 home runs), Curt Perry of the SBA Comets (.567 - 17 RBI's), Dave McGuire of the Shamrocks (.556 - 5 home runs) and Brett Bauz of The Well (.526 - 11 RBI's). Spigelmyer shook of a poor spring playoff performance by batting .643 with two home runs and eight RBI's in the four summer playoff games. Ryan Kelly supported him in the postseason by batting .563 with six runs scored in four games.

BJ Spigelmyer

Fall Sunday Coed B Division American Conference

Ahhhhhh, so the 2006 Sunday Co-Ed B Division season has drawn to a close. As I like to say many times...we've had many new faces, many new results to games, and many changes. But, you know, sometimes many things don't change either. Sunday Co-Ed Fall Season was no exception.

Eight teams, one title, and one goal. What goal is that...one of these eight teams to win that darn title.

Fall Season was one of which consisted of a team named...SBA Comets. And boy did they ever come out smoking and causing havoc and delight that comets bring. They brought firepower and heat every game, and went on looking at their opponents digging out of massive graves. Graves that included sometimes anywhere between 15 and 20 runs ahead..... consistently. The SBA Comets averaged an AMAZING 16.5 runs a game and gave up just 4.1 runs a game. They were a dominant force on every level. Vicky Ponente, their veteran manager, got the right players, for the right positions, at the right time. One not to be left unmentioned is Curt Perry. Look at these numbers...

25 hits in 27 at bats, 2 doubles, 4 triples, a whopping 7 Home Runs and a breathtaking 34 rbi's. A season batting average of .926 with a slugging percentage of 2074...Those numbers say it all.

I mean, don't get me wrong, we had the Snipers who always manage to play winning ball and were 6-2 on the season. And let's not forget my beloved Long Shots who also were 6-2 on the season. But boy, these Comets were the truth.

G-Boys were a rookie team, who at one point held a 4-1 record... making some noise with a new team. Rob Kaufman lead the way for the new Boys as he batted an impressive .619 batting average. Jim Rose had a nice season as well. He batted .593 with 5 Home Runs and 20 RBI's. Productive to say the least. But as I had mentioned early on...some things would not change. One of those being my Long Shots. Another great season, another great disappointment. While going 6-2, we had the play of Male Eddie Paul Harvan. He took on the pitching duties for the Long Shots and played very well. Especially in the playoffs where his bat really showed up and produced well. Jeff Werrell would be the most productive at the plate. He had an average of .571 with 3 Home Runs and 11 rbi's. My Long Shots would once again make it to the Finals, but the Final result would not be good.

My Long Shots had to take on the undefeated SBA Comets, and what a task they had. Earlier in the season, SBA Comets tortured the Long Shots...and in game one the result was the same, as the Long Shots took a 17-2 beating. Game two would be different, Long Shots battled and fought and pulled out a 13-7 win handing the Comets their first loss of the season. With game three on the line, the SBA Comets fared better. Although the Comets would be up 13-4 in the last inning, my Long Shots scored 7 in the last frame, and lost the Championship in 3 games by just 2 runs.

The SBA Comets were just a great team at a great time. Hats off to them. An impressive season, ended the right way...with a Title. Great job to Vicky Ponente and the SBA Comets.

But, greater than game results and stats...is the relationships that are constantly built in Softball America. There is always a new experience, a new face, a new memory, a new record, and a new season to look forward to. It's another testament and chapter to the many accomplishments by many people. As I always say...the end of a good season is prone to produce the beginning of another good one. 2007 is just a few months away and carries much promise of a good one. Don't forget... Softball America...Not just great softball... But an Event!

Ben Soler aka Latincontrol

Spring Sunday Co-ed "B" Division National Conference

The Superlative Owls took top seed in the spring season with a 7-1 record. Brian Rinnier led the team in batting while Matt Schaub knocked in 17 runs. New to the league, The A-Team, made their presence felt by finishing at 6-2. Scott Kingsley and Joe King were the straws that stirred the A-Team drink. Don McAnalty led the way for the Ball Busters at 5-3.

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Friday Evening Coed (Continued from page 3)

offense and defense, driving in 18 runs and racking up 23 putouts and 14 assists. Joe Sharp and Mike Muller were the all stars for the male eddies, batting .611 and .565 respectively. Jess Morak once again led the way for the women with hitting .538 with 14 base knocks. She was also a rock at first base collecting 42 putouts.

The Fall season was all about offense, and nobody did it better than the unstoppable offensive juggernaut known as Finn McCool. They tied for first place while going 7-1 and racking up 151 runs for the season, or just under 20 a game. You could not stop this machine, you could only hope to contain it. They took on the veteran team of Andy's Snack Bar, who though only finishing 5-3, had turned it on in the playoffs when it mattered the most. Finn knocked off Andy's in just two games while displaying their offense and scoring 37 runs. Finn's Warren Grant led the way with six hits, a homer, and 4 RBI.

Teammates Brian Rishel and Joe Burke, both of DePaul Reality were nominated for core MVP for their outstanding seasons. Brian led the league with a .818 batting average while Joe knocked in 25 runs. Joe "Dirty Old Man" Lynd represented the male eddies very well hitting .647 and earning a nomination for male eddie MVP. Linda Dart and Lisa Silvestri led the way for the women as they each batted over .400.

Overall, the Friday Coed league was full of fun had by all, heavy drinking, late night partying at the field, and the assurance that hardly anyone had to work the next day. Congrats to the three championship teams, the MVPs, and all the players who made Friday nights a whole lot more interesting. See you suckas in the spring.

Keith Keppley

Thursday Evening Men's (Continued from page 5)

make the playoffs, but Tim Frank and Dave Lynch excelled just the same.

Country Tavern (7-1) once again led the way in the summer regular season only this time they advanced to the championship finals and bested runner-up and 2-time bridesmaid, Horsham Inn (5-3). POTY candidates Larry Walsh and Greg Moylan paced Country Tavern in the regular season. In the playoffs, Country Tavern's Greg Trimbur knocked in 3 of the 5 runs needed to win in Game 1 and Dave Bishop's 4/5 and 5 rbi's led the way in Game 2. Horsham Inn's provided the team muscle during the regular season. Master Baiters and Winding Brook Farm ended the season knotted at 5-3. The Snipers ended at 4-4 once again while The A-Team sneaked into the post season with a 2-6 mark. Master Baiters' Chris Shenck (.773) led the league in hitting. Winding Brook's Brian Steeber and Snipers' John Kiefer excelled for their respective teams. Nate DeStefano and Brian Meyers had fine seasons in losing efforts by The A-Team and Acteon Networks.

The Horsham Inn, under the guidance of rookie manager Matt Kulp, finished the fall season as 2nd seed with a 6-2 mark. The 3rd time was the charm for the boys from Horsham Inn as they topped Master Baiters Tackle Shop (6-1-1) for the fall championship crown. Dave McGuire and Matt Kulp were the Horsham Inn regular season studs. The Baiters' meat and potatoes came from Rick Garrison and Dave Ward. Winding Brook Farm finished in 3rd at 5-3 while Acteon Networks (3-3-2) and the Snipers (1-5-2) rounded out the post-season field. Ryan Worthington and Rich Bergamesco led WBF. Ryan Hankinson and John Kiefer were best for the Snipers. Pat Stasio and Brian Meyers had fine seasons for Acteon Networks. Even though the post season was not in the cards for Matt's Landscaping, Dave Lynch posted fine numbers.

Les Greenstein

Players Of the Year (Continued from page 7)

Completing the coed league Player of the Year sweep, Frank Hackett crushed all core players with a whopping 1,014 points to garner Core Playoff Player of the Year honors. A batting average of 840 and a slugging % of 2280 was league best by far. Frank's RBI ratio buried the needle at 112%. Greg Ochs checked in at 2nd with a batting average of 750 and 1725 slugging %. Jarred Gardner (750/1673), Paul Loveland (618/1526), Brian Roth (700/1233) rounded out the top 5. Matt Laird, Dave Buonomo, Rick Totans, Mike Tareila, and David Dancer completed the top 10. Greg Ochs (middle infield/500) and Dave Buonomo (1B/450) fielding percentages were impressive.

Completing the coed league Player of the Year sweep, Christen Flaherty edged past Becky Foley for Female Eddie Playoff Player of the Year honors. Over the course of 28 playoff games Christen averaged 437 and slugged close to 500. On the other side of the chalk she posted a respectable fielding % of 411 at 1B and right field (at times). Becky Foley was a close 2nd while Joan Glass (417/417), Dawn Wanner (304/348), and Karol Ann Kinkelin (373/373) were single digits apart for 3rd, 4th, and 5th. Rounding out the post season top 10 are Jess Morak, Vicki Ponente, Kim Cusano, Lisa Silvestri, and Kelly Neill. Dawn Wanner's 471 fielding percentage at 1B is impressive. Congrats, Christen.

Steve Campbell took Male Eddie Playoff Player of the Year honors for the 2nd year in a row with a batting average of 529 and a powerhouse 1147 slugging %. Steve knocked in runs almost 1/2 the time and scored runs more than once in every 2 times on base. Congrats, Steve. Charles Yuknus (610/659) finished a clear 2nd in the point standings. Nelson Tobolsky was 3rd at 500/659 while boasting a respectable 350 fielding percentage on the mound. Joe Lynd, Sr., Mike McHale, Ed Doyle, Jr., Ron Spillman, Steve Jerdan, Tom Weinmann, and Bob Cusano rounded out the top 10 post-season leaders. Tom Weinmann's glove work on the mound earned him an impressive 500 fielding %.

Les Greenstein

Most Valuable Players / Fall 2006

Offensive and Defensive MVP candidates/winners are chosen by statistical formula. The formula takes into account runs scored, runs batted in, total hits, singles, doubles, triples, home runs, bases on balls, batting average, put-outs, assists, and errors. MVP winners are highlighted in **bold**.

	Sunday Men	Sunday Coed	Monday Coed	Tuesday Men	Wednesday Coed	Thursday Men	Friday Coed
A	Antonio Montalvo Jamal Covington Josh Ganz Zane Moore	Jarred Gardner* John Trippetti* Mike DeGuida Rob Pfeifer* Steve Bucher Steve Schroller	Curt Perry* Jarred Gardner* Jeff Boyda* Jesse Kuiper John Rossiter Mike Tareila *	Bill Clark Brian Penacale Frank Hackett Mike Brown Ricky MacLeod	Frank Hackett* Keith Keppley* Mark Ambolino Matt Refice Brett Cohen Curt Perry* Dave Taxter Gary Ottenbriet* Jeff Werrell Mike Patterson* Vito Nigro*	Dave Bishop Jarred Gardner Paul Loveland Ron Pulli Shawn Goodwin Dave McGuire Dave Ward John Kiefer Rob McKenna Ryan Hankinson	Brian Rishel Ed Doyle III* Jeff Overberger* Joe Burke Warren Grant*
B	Ben Scholl DJ Bleam Jason Hill Ray Bates Rob McKenna Scott Masulis	Adam Rice Curt Perry* David Dancer Jeff Boyda* Jim Rose Mike Richardson					
A		Frank Taverno (me) Joe Buglak (me) Joe Lynd (me) Nelson Tobolsky (me) Steve Campbell (me)	Andy Suder (me) Bill Roth (me) Joe Lynd (me) John Razzi (me) Tom Weinman (me)		Bernie Marsh (me) Bill Roth (me) Bob Cusano (me) Joe Lynd (me) Charles Yuknus (me) Doug Speir (me) Ed Doyle Jr. (me) John Razzi (me)		Bernie Marsh (me) Bob Cusano (me) Ed Doyle Jr (me) Joe Buglak (me) Joe Lynd (me) John Razzi (me)
B		Wayne Jerdan (me) Ed Hayes (me) Ron Spillman (me) Steve Jerdan (me)					
A		Chanelle Lyons (fe) Christen Flaherty (fe) Dale Giddeon (fe) Kelly Neill (fe) Nicole Welhaf (fe)	Catherine Stimson (fe) Christen Flaherty (fe) Jess Morak (fe) Karen Gordon (fe) Karol Ann Kinkelin (fe) Linda Dart (fe)		Chrissy Caraselli (fe) Christen Flaherty (fe) Joan Glass (fe) Lora Hooven (fe) Lisa Silvestri (fe) Diane Urban (fe) Judy Nigro (fe) Katie McGoldrick (fe) Kim Morgan (fe) Sandy Beebe (fe)		Christen Flaherty (fe) Kelly Neill (fe) Linda Dart (fe) Lisa Silvestri (fe) Toni Tommassello (fe)
B		Colleen Tyler (fe) Dale Bagby (fe) Heather Kaufman (fe) Joanne Bechtel (fe) Karen Gordon (fe)					
Defense	Andrew Kane DJ Bleam Jeff Crosson John Muntz Mark Hughes Ralph Bruno Ray Bates	Corey Sheppard John Muntz Mike Boyle Rich Strapple* Steve Gotschall	Chris Hesdon Jim Kennedy Mark White Paul Loveland* Sean Fisher	Bill Clark Bob McClintock Chris Hesdon Dave Berkowitz Joe Horchuck Scott Holloway Todd Huber	Adam Roman Dave Buonomo* Dave Fehr* Dave Ward John Schnabel	Brad Ziegler Dave McGuire Kevin Carroll Lonnie Westerman Ralph Pescatore Tim Kulp	Kent Smedley* Matt McReynolds* Mike Ciepiela Tim Enge Warren Grant*
Eddie		Christen Flaherty (fe) Joanne Bechtel (fe) Pam O'Connor (fe) Steve Campbell (me) Steve Jerdan (me)	Christen Flaherty (fe) Kelly Neill (fe) Linda Dart (fe) Lora Hooven (fe) Newt Miles (me) Tara Murphy (fe)		Bob Cusano (me) Chrissy Caraselli (fe) Christen Flaherty (fe) Nicole Blum (fe) Ray Cope (me)		Bernie Marsh (me) Bob Cusano (me) Christen Flaherty (fe) Dawn Andres (fe) Joe Sharpe (me)

Sunday Men's (Continued from page 7)

played. It's a much shorter season which is compromised of 8 games instead of the longer 16 game season which allows for the other teams to jump right into the playoff hunt. As for the fall 2006 season, FCS the reigning spring champs dropped out, which only left 5 teams to battle for a playoff spot. With FCS gone, Big Slick stepped up in a huge way after the spring. Slick finished in 1st place with a record of 5-3. Grays Contracting, BALCO and Thunder all grabbed the remaining playoff spots, all finishing with a 4-4 record. The fall season went back to the traditional playoff setup which is composed of a solo game playoff all played at Lukens Park once again. The first game was played between the 3rd place BALCO and the 2nd place Grays Contracting. When the dust settled, Grays Contracting took the victory by a slim margin of 11-10, which advanced them to the Finals. The 4th place Thunder and 1st place Big Slick would duke it out in the game immediately after to decide who would play Grays in the championship games. Slick's offense seemed to be too much for the Thunder to handle as Slick advanced. Once again for the Finals both the 1st and 2nd seed would play a best of 3 series to determine who would be crowned the fall 2006 champs between Big Slick and Grays Contracting. The series would eventually go the full 3 games as Slick took the first game and Grays would force game 3. Slick would be crowned fall champs to put a nice end on a great season.

It was a great year for softball and I'm sure you're all anticipating the cold bitter mornings in March, the humid warm mornings of August and the dreary cold morning in October next year. If you weren't you would not be a "true" SBA player. I look forward to seeing you all in action in next season. Have a great winter and I'll see you in when the ground thaws.

Mike DeGuida

Sunday Men's B Division National Conference

As being the "new guy" on the block, I tried in my articles to be complete and thorough as possible. Some people call it "wordy". Some even, I heard, put a "hit" on me for my lengthy articles. All I have to say to that is, "Oh well, you all know where to find me, I'm not hard to miss." Anyway, enough of the comedy routine, I am here today to talk about the "B" Division National Conference. We had 5 teams fighting it out in the combined Spring/Summer season. The Philly Ball Busters finished in 1st place in the regular season with a record of 10-5-1. Kenny's in 2nd place at 8-7-1. The Phurians finished 3rd with a .500 record at 8-8, right behind them, The Bulldogs at 6-9-1, and bringing up the rear at 1-15, Corporate Restructure. The Playoffs come and upsets a plenty happened. The 3rd seeded Phurians upset the 2nd seeded Kenny's 2 games to none winning 9-6 & 8-2. Upset number 2 happens when the 4 seed, Bulldogs beat the 1 seed, Philly Ball Busters, 2 games to one, winning games 13-5 and 13-12 (last game). The Spring/Summer final goes the full 3 games as the Bulldogs win game 1, 11-5, but the eventual Champs, The Phurians come roaring back to take games 2 & 3: 9-8 & 14-1. MVP for the finals is Steve Rosenberg. In the Phurians' 2 wins, he goes 6-8 with 4 doubles, 6 RBIs, and 3 runs scored. Congrats to The Phurians for winning the long grueling Spring/Summer session.

In the Fall Season, we had 4 Returning teams (Bulldogs, Kenny's, Philly Ball Busters, and the defending champs, Phurians) and 2 new teams (Mixed Nutz, and The Broad Street Bombers). In the regular season, The Bulldogs and Kenny's finished at 6-2, with the Bulldogs taking top seed because of their head-to-head record. The Philly Ball Busters right behind them at 5-2-1, Mixed Nutz at 3-5, the defending champs, Phurians at 2-5-1, and the Broad Street Bombers bringing up the rear at 1-7. The playoffs see the Phurians and Mixed Nutz having to play a play-in playoff game for the opportunity to play the top seeded Bulldogs. The Phurians live to play another game with a semi-upset winning 12-10. The second game of the playoffs has the 3rd seeded Philly Ball Busters losing to 2nd seeded Kenny's by a score of 18-11. Kenny's advances to the final to play the winner of the next semi-final game. The final semi-final game has the lower seeded Phurians playing the top seeded Bulldogs for the right to play Kenny's in the finals. The Bulldogs do what they couldn't do against the Phurians in the previous season and defeat them by a score of 20-9. The finals has the Bulldogs playing in their second straight final versus Kenny's. If you are a lover of offensive and a pitching duel, you were not disappointed by either of these games. Kenny's wins in 2 straight games by the scores of 12-7, and 2-1. Congrats to Kenny's for winning the Fall season. I want to congratulate everyone that played in the "B" division this year. Everyone have a great off-season, and I will see everyone back in March.

Mike Hagan

Statistics (Continued from page 1)

Crown 1,000. Wow... 1,000 runs-scored, 1,000 hits, and 1,000 runs batted in. That is one helluva milestone. Who will get there first? With a very good year, Tom Corey has an outside shot at making it in 2007. Tom needs 99 rbi's. 2 decent years for Bill Markward should turn the hat trick Bill needs only 22 runs-scored, but a hefty 170 rbi's. Coed players that have already won the Triple Crown 500 are, Tom Corey, Christen Flaherty, Rob Johnson, Keith Keppley, Bill Markward, Steve Mendenhall, Jeff Overberger, Paul O'Connor, John Razzi, Andy Suder, and Wes Tommasello. All will receive commemorative plaques at the start of the Spring '07 season. Other coed league players with a realistic shot at the TC 500 are Joe DeSousa, Bob Cusano, Eliot Ridgeway, and Rich Edmundsen. No player has yet to earn Triple Crown recognition in both the men's and coed leagues. My guess is it will be between Cal Bohannon, Rob Johnson, and maybe Johnny Muntz as to whom will be the first to set foot on that virgin soil. Muntz needs 224 rbi's which is gonna take at least 2 good years. RJ needs 123 runs and only 73 rbi's. Cal needs 62 and 65 runs and rbi's respectively. Cal's rbi's will come. The runs scored? That

will all depends on the integrity of Cal's wheels.

In 2006, Jarred Gardner became the first and only player in SBA history to reach the 100 homerun plateau in both the men's and coed leagues. Christen Flaherty broke her own coed league yearly put-out mark of 352 by 73 to 425. Johnny Muntz broke the men's league yearly assist mark of 153. The pervious mark of 149 was held by Matt McReynolds. A few seasonal records were eclipsed in 2006 as well. Dave Buonomo (61 put-outs) eclipsed the 10-year-old coed league single season put-out mark record of 54 set by Michael Rinkus in 1996. Paul Loveland and Jarred Gardner went toe to toe in the Wednesday Summer coed league to finish tied for the single season coed league hit mark of 30, topping Bob Foreaker's mark of 29 from last year. Jarred went on to shatter the home run (12), runs batted in (40) and slugging % (2,360) single season coed league records.

Many league championship titles have been won since the inception of Softball America back in the fall of 1995. However, there are only 3 players (1 female and 2 males) to win coed league titles in that inaugural year (1995) that are still playing in the league today. Sharon Scassero (Lawn) won a title with Somar International in the Wednesday Coed fall season of 1995. Rich Goin and Mike McHale won titles in the same season with William L. McKernan, CPA in the Friday Coed league. One of the first men's league titles ever won was in the summer of 1996 by Dyson/State Farm. On that roster were Andy Smallman and Matt Hutcheson— both still active in the league today.

The most successful team sponsor in the history of the league is Gavin's Tavern. Since 1996, teams backed by the Clowning Around pub have won 16 championship titles. Andy's Snack Bar is a distant 2nd with 10 league titles. Protech Roofing is right there with 9. The one-time powerhouse Village Tavern has 7 league crowns. County Line Fence, Creek Side Inn, Moon Tavern, and The Baker are all tied with 6 championship wins. Rita's Water Ice, JCL Systems, and Surplus Asset Sales have captured 5 titles each.

The most prolific individual title winner in 2006 was Frank Hackett who took home championship honors 6 times. Steph Garrett and Jarred Gardner took it to the house 5 times each. Andy Suder, Bill Markward, Cal Bohannon, Chris Hesdon, Christen Flaherty, Lora Hooven, Paul Loveland, Ron Hopkins, Steve Hagan, and Warren Grant all were a part of 4 championship wins in 2006.

The championship sweep happens when a team with the same name takes the championship title for all 3 seasons in a calendar year. It has been accomplished only 6 times since 1995. Of the 6 times it's occurred, it has happened in a different league each time and never in the Wednesday Evening Coed league. The first team to do it was Dyson State Farm, Sunday Men's 1996 although this was only a 2 season sweep. The first to perform the 3-season magic was the Moon Tavern, Monday Coed 1998. Andy's Snack Bar followed in the Friday Coed league of 2000. County Line Fence was the first to make it in the men's league, Tuesday Men's 2003. Protech Roofing followed in 2004 with a Thursday Men's sweep. The last team to maintain the name and sweep the year was Creek Side Inn. The Creek Side machine performed that magic in the Sunday Coed league of 2005.

Les Greenstein

Sunday Evening Coed (Continued from page 9)

Brother Dave and Kevin Noble helped the much-improved Irish Car Bombs to the post season while David Dancer helped the Rockets garner the 5th and final playoff spot.

In the end it was the Ball Busters taking the title over upstart rival Red Rockets. John Seymour, Rick Otto, and Don McAnalty led the way for the Ball Busters. David Dancer and Don Mayer, Sr. starred for the Red Rockets in the losing effort.

Summer Sunday Co-ed "B" Division National Conference

The Summer Co-ed "B" Division National Conference was a crazy season that saw two teams dominate thru the regular season only to see one of them get upset in the opening round of the playoffs spoiling a perfect regular season. Team Hangover posted an 8-0 regular season record and entered the playoffs as the #1 seed. The Superlative Owls had just one blemish on its regular season, a loss to Team Hangover, earning the #2 seed and the Long Shots posted a 5-3 record to earn the #3 spot.

In the playoffs, the #3 seed Long Shots took care of first round business posting a 7-0 win over Acute Care Medical Transports, while the #5 seed, The Rockets, recorded an upset 8-0 win over the Irish Car Bombs. In the semifinals, one of the biggest upsets in the 2006 Softball America season saw the fifth seeded Rockets ride their opening round win to a shocking 8-6 win over the undefeated and #1 seeded Team Hangover to earn a spot in the finals. Joining the Rockets was the #2 seed, The Superlative Owls, who learned its lesson from watching Team Hangover get upset and took care of its business with a 9-3 win over the Long Shots. The Rockets entered the best of three championship series looking to earn some respect and finish off its playoff run, but the Superlative Owls were just too much besting the Rockets in two games, 10-8 and 13-12.

Some of the top players during the regular season included MVP candidates Brett Lawhead, David Dancer and Randy Helsman. Helsman of Team Hangover batted .633 with 11 RBIs and 13 runs scored, Lawhead of the champion Superlative Owls batted .633 with 16 runs scored and seven RBIs and Dancer of the Rockets who batted .632 with four home runs and 11 RBIs. Steve Jerdan, a male eddie MVP candidate, also had an outstanding regular season batting .682 with 10 RBIs, Kevin Wolverton of the Superlative Owls batted .647 with four home runs, Kevin Noble of the Irish Car Bombs finished with a .556 average and three home runs and Matt Sombrat of Team Hangover had three home runs and 12 RBIs to round out the offensive leaders.

In the playoffs, Tony Jacoby caught fire batting .823 with six RBIs to lead the Rockets to the championship series. Wolverton led the Owls with an .800 average, two home runs and seven RBIs.

BJ Spigelmyer

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