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2007 Year In Review

It's Gonna Be Great In '08 Looking Ahead To The New Softball Year

Running Softball America is quite a unique experience. Dealing with a large group of ball players at one time can be challenging. Dealing with the same large group of ball players that are both passionate and competitive about the game can certainly test an individual's patience. I feel blessed and lucky to have been born with a lot of patience. Blessed because it gives me the ability to deal with most of the pettiness that arises from week to week. Lucky because without it I would probably be facing multiple counts of voluntary manslaughter.

As a league we made great strides in many areas during 2007. The timeliness of weekly standings, statistics, and game articles improved. In many instances statistics were posted within a couple days of the games and articles were consistently made available before each league's next game. But, just because we improved things does not mean we will be resting on our laurels. A new and improved system is already in the works for next year--one that promises to have statistics and articles available even sooner. And more people than ever will be on board working to make things happen.

Nancy and Christine Razzi will now be in charge of uploading all score sheets. Christine will also initiate a new administrative position known as Milestone Monitor. As Milestone Monitor, Christine will keep a real-time eye on all league member statistical milestones. No longer will a milestone like 100 home runs or 500 hits ever be missed again. League members will know well ahead of reaching any significant plateau. Then, when the big moment arrives, we can stop the game, award the ball and offer up some well deserved recognition.

With the help of **Carroll's Jewelers** in Doylestown, the Eureka Quarry ball field is now sporting a brand new backstop-- one that will reach upward almost 5 additional feet. This added height will give the fielders more protection from the setting sun. As is the case with all league sponsors that help improve Softball America, patronage in return is important. Owner Joel Robinson and league member Eliot Ridgeway (master jeweler) have made a

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Coed League Format Change New Eddie Requirement Adds Girls

In 2008, the coed leagues will see the first of what are sure to be multiple roster requirement changes in the years ahead. This first change, labeled 4-4-3, will require all coed teams to bat at least 4 eddies, have at least 4 eddies in the field of which at least 3 of the eddies in the field must be female. These changes are necessary to bring the coed leagues to more of a coed league format and ultimately on a relative par with the ASA.

Some feel the 4-4-3 format will eliminate some roster spots for the male eddies. Not true. The new format will merely require a team to add 1 female. Others feel the new requirements will make it difficult for established teams to conform, thus placing them in jeopardy of folding. I personally don't

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The History Of Softball

A Fine American Sports Innovation

The game of softball is one of the finest innovations in the history of American sports. Softball is a close relative of the popular sport baseball, but with slight and significant alterations. The very first version of softball was invented in Chicago in the year 1887 by a reporter from the Chicago Board of Trade. His name was George Hancock, and he tried to innovate a winter version of baseball. Instead of a specialized glove for the game, a boxing glove was tied to the hand. Instead of a specialized bat, a broom handle was used to hit the ball.

In 1895 came the first time softball was played as an outdoor game, in Minneapolis. Firefighters played it for exercise. The game of softball at that time was known as kitten ball. After years of development in the game, the first ever softball league outside the United States was organized in Toronto, Canada, in 1897. Softball's name had itself undergone a series of changes since 1926. Some of the names include indoor baseball, kitten ball, diamond ball,

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Statistics The Straw That Stirs The Game's Drink

There are lots of neat statistics to follow in the game of football. So too in basketball and hockey. Nowhere, however, are statistics more prevalent, more analyzed, or more pondered upon than in the great game of baseball (softball).

"During my 18 year career, I came to bat almost 10,000 times. I struck out about 1,700 times and walked maybe 1,800 times. You figure a ballplayer will average about 500 at-bats a season. That means I played seven years without ever hitting the ball."

Mickey Mantle

Men's League Milestones

Softball America's men's league has never seen a player reach the 1,000 hit plateau. That all changes this coming year. Steve Beagelman (954) and Andy Smallman (953) will vie to be the first to step on such hallowed ground.

In horse racing, the Triple Crown is a rare feat accomplished by only the most talented and durable. In Softball America, a player that reaches a career plateau of 500 or 1,000 career runs, career hits, AND career RBI's shall earn a Triple Crown - a feat also borne of great talent and durability. Perennial slugger, Frank Hackett (484/508/572), needs only to score 16 runs to earn the men's league TC 500 and a custom commemorative plaque. With a mere 27 runs and 17 ribbies, Cal Bohannon (473/668/473) will reach the same Promised Land. With a lot of hustle on the base paths, Rob Johnson (417/630/484) could make it as well. With a good year at the plate Steph Garret (413/681/408) has a legitimate shot, as does Bill Kofron (460/613/411).

The following players should reach the men's 500 run plateau in 2008; Frank Hackett, Rich Beck, Cal Bohannon, Rich Goin, Jim Weiss, Bill Kofron, Ryan Hankinson, George Dart, Rob Johnson, Steph Garrett. The following can make an assault on the 500 hit plateau; Brian Warner, Rick Gray, Brad Tracy, Mike Ambolino, Keith Keppley, Tom Strow-

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Players Of the Year Regular & Post Season Standouts

For the first time in league history, Player Of The Year honors were shared by 2 individuals. Jarred Gardner and John McCabe dazzled their respective men's leagues with some eye-popping production in 2007. John McCabe carved out a nifty 756 batting average while slugging almost 1800 in 82 at-bats in Hatfield's B Division to lead his Horsham Inn team to a 3-season sweep. John knocked in a run better than 80% of the time. Jarred, while sporting only a modest 549 batting average in 102 plate appearances, hammered the ball over the fence almost once in every 3 at-bats and pushed a run across the plate in almost

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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 given season, that does not necessarily mean you will be nominated as a candidate for MVP. For a complete list of MVP candidates and seasonal winners, please turn to pages 2, 8, and 10. MVP winners are highlighted in bold italicized. MVP certificates will be awarded to winners upon request only.

Les Greenstein

Manager Meetings Monday & Tuesday, March 10th & 11th

For the 2008 softball year we will conduct 2 pre-season manager meetings-- one each for men's and 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 10, 2008. The coed league meeting will be held Tuesday, March 11, 2008. Each meeting will begin at 7:30 pm. Team managers and/or representatives are strongly urged to at-

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Sunday Morning Men's

Muckdogs Garner A Titles. Thunder Dominates B American. Balls Out, Diamond Dogs Tops In B National

A Division

The Spring/Summer is a long 16 game season and at the end three teams stood in front of the pack. Rita's Water Ice, Thirsty's Beer, and the NBI Muckdogs were the only teams with winning records at the end of the meleé.

Rita's was 13 and 3 through the regular season thanks to the bats of Paul Knapp and Jamal Covington. Paul was eighth in the A Division in batting with a .543 average. He also knocked in and scored 20 runs each. Jamal was fifth in the A Division in batting with a .559 average, while knocking in 29 runs and scoring 23. More amazing than the stats, he managed to get up early enough to make all sixteen games!!

The 11 and 5 Thirsty's crew dominated the plate all season with five of the top eleven hitters in the division in their line up. Bill Yokobosky .714, Kent Smedley .606, Johnny Muntz .577 sat atop the division as one, two, three. Steve Mendenhall .544 and Rick Totans .524 filled out the lineup in seventh and eleventh. Yok not only topped the division in batting but also with his 1.393 slugging percentage. With a solid lineup and good gloves Thirsty's looked to repeat as the Spring/Summer season champs.

NBI Muckdogs came in third in the regular season with a 10 and 6 record. Chris Moore's .571 average was good enough for fourth, while Frank Murray's .553 average took sixth, and Mike Brown rounded out the top three for NBI with a .542 average and ninth in the division. NBI had taken the Fall Championship and looked to continue their winning ways.

#2 seed Thirsty's faced #3 seed NBI in the best of three series. In game one, NBI's Steph Garrett held Thirsty's to 10 hits and 2 runs scored. In game two Timmy O'Shea mirrored that performance giving up 2 runs and 10 hits. After splitting the first two games both teams were desperate for the "W" in the third game. NBI got out to an early 10-0 lead and never looked back. #1 seed Rita's and #4 seed Ferraro's Computer Services didn't need all three games in their semifinal match up. Rita's took two quickies and looked forward to playing against NBI for the championship. Rita's and NBI fought back and forth through all three games, but in the end NBI took the series.

Fall was here again and the A Division picked up three new teams and lost Ferraro's. Rolling Hills, Big Dogs and Balls Out all looked to make a splash in the division, but some were more successful than others.

Sunday Evening Coed

Protech Roofing, Fast Food Take A Division Titles. The Well, Heavy Hitters, SBA Comets B American Champs. Team Hangover, G-Boys, Irish Car Bombs B National Champs.

A Division

The spring session saw 6 competitive teams. Protech Roofing 1st, 2nd Thunderbird Lanes (formerly) Creekside Inn, 3rd Fast Food, 4th Workers Comp, 5th Gavin's Tavern and 6th Thumpers. Keith Villers from Thunderbird Lanes topped the leader board with a .708 average. Next was Tom Butts from Workers Comp with a .684 average. Third was Tim Frank from Thunderbird Lanes .667, 4th Bill Cashman Thumpers with an .667 average and rounding out the top 5 Rick Totans with .657 average and an impressive 27 RBIs. Topping the Male Eddies was Steve Campbell from Workers Comp with a .615 average, followed by Frank Taverno with a .559 average. Female eddies Mary Ann Wade, Kris Smedley, Christen Flaherty and Shanna Casey were impressive on offense. Protech Roofing finished in first place with an 8-0 record and they take the Spring Championship.

The summer session also had 6 competitive teams. Thunderbird Lanes finishes 1st, Workers Comp 2nd, Protech Roofing 3rd, The Well 4th, Fast Food 5th and 6th Gavin's Tavern. Chris Courduff from Fast Food topped the leader board with a .783 average, next was Tony Abbott also from Fast Food with a .650 average, 3rd Keith Keppley from Thunderbird Lanes with a .636, 4th Keith Villers also from Thunderbird with a .636, and 5th Rick Totans from Protech Roofing with a .633. Topping the Male Eddie board was again Steve Campbell from Workers Comp with a .708 and an impressive 15 RBIs, followed by Jim Perkins from Thunderbird Lanes with a .667 average. 5th place Fast Food wins the summer championship.

Fall session had only 5 teams. Thunderbird Lanes finishes 1st, Protech Roofing 2nd, Fast Food 3rd, Workers Comp 4th and Gavin's Tavern 5th. Jarred Gardner from Protech Roofing topped the leader board with a .720 average and 27 RBIs, then Matt McReynolds with a .667, Keith Villers from Thunderbird with a .654, Mark Bernacki from Protech Roofing with a .640, and John Trippetti from Workers Comp with a .639. All alone at the very top of the leader board Male Eddie Steve Campbell (again) from Workers Comp with a .774 average and 25 rbis. 3rd Place Fast Food wins their second consecutive championship.

B American Conference Recap

The 2007 spring coed "B" American Conference was dominated by The Well as

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Most Valuable Players / Spring 2007

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 Offense	Antonio Montalvo Bill Yokobosky Jamal Covington John Muntz Mike Bianco Paul Knapp Rick Totans	Jarred Gardner Keith Keppley Keith Villers Rick Totans Shawn Crawford	Curt Perry Dan Shaeffer Joe Burke Kevin Pritchard Marty Wetzal Nick Zernone	Brian Penecale Darrin Posavec Dave Berkowitz Frank Hackett Greg Ochs Joe Burke Keith Keppley Ron Bannister	Jarred Gardner Rick Totans Matt McReynolds Kevin Pritchard Alex Lilly Brett Lawhead Curt Perry Dan Shaeffer Greg Newlin Jesse Kuiper	Darrin Posavec Frank Hackett Jamie Pastor Rich Hosbach Warren Grant Jim Mundy Jim Plunket John McCabe Mike Sheerin	Bob McNamee Dan Shaeffer Jim Molloy Joe Burke Paul Micklos Tom Corey
	B	Chris Cusano Chris Peacher Dan Frey Matt Schaub Ray Bates Rob McKenna	Dan Shaeffer David Dancer James Mullen John McCabe Randy Helsman				
A Male Eddie		Charlie Gardner (me) Frank Taverno (me) Joe Buglak (me) Nelson Tobolsky (me) Steve Campbell (me)	Bill Roth (me) Frank Taverno (me) John Razzi (me) Mike McHale (me) Tom Weinman (me)		Steve Campbell (me) Bernie Marsh (me) Bill Roth (me) Bob Cusano (me) Charley Yuknus (me) Gene Hylinski (me) Mark Smith (me) Nelson Tobolsky Ray Cope (me) Tom Foy (me)		Bob Cusano (me) Ed Doyle Jr (me) John Razzi (me) Mike Muller (me) Paul Harvan (me) Steve Jerdan (me)
	B						
A Female Eddie		Christen Flaherty (fe) Kris Smedley (fe) Mary Ann Wade (fe) Shanna Lilly (fe) Jackie Fillipone (fe) Joanne Bechtel (fe) Linda Hartzell (fe) Trisha Marlin (fe)	Catherine Stimson Christen Flaherty (fe) Dawn Beeber (fe) Janice Tansits (fe) Kelly Neill (fe) Maria Cecere (fe)		Lora Hooven (fe) Christen Flaherty (fe) Shannon Guzman Nicole Blum (fe) Ann Marie McCabe Judy Nigro (fe) Karen Lund (fe) Linda Spier (fe)		Angie Axenroth (fe) Christen Flaherty (fe) Cindy Reed (fe) Dawn Doyle (fe) Karen Gordon (fe) Nicole Welhaf (fe)
	B						
Defense	Brett Lawhead Dave Driscoll Dave Porco Matt Eliason Mike Latch Ray Bates	Bill Nysse Bryan Hoch Dave McGuire Dave Noble Jim Miller John Kiefer Kevin Sandridge Tim O'Shea Sr.	Chris Hesdon Dave McDonald Don Rotanz Marty Wetzal	Bill Clark Dave Berkowitz Jeff Hess Jimmy Rosica Joe Sharp Mike DeGuida Ron Bannister	Brett Lawhead Dave McDonald John Muntz Steve Alber Steve Guzman	Dave McGuire Glen Hipple Mike Valentine Mike Zahradnick Ralph Pescatore Warren Grant	Bob Muller Kent Smedley Mike Ciepiela Tom Corey
Eddie		Herb Rose (me) John Seymour (me) Laura Capik (fe) Ron Kulp (me) Steve Campbell (me)	Christen Flaherty (fe) Eliot Ridgeway (me) Joan Glass (fe) Tom Weinman (me)		Bob Cusano (me) Christen Flaherty (fe) Ed Doyle Jr. (me) Lisa Silvestri (fe) Tom Foy (me)		Christen Flaherty Ed Doyle Jr (me) Eliot Ridgeway (me) Joe Sharpe (me) John Seymour (me) Mary Ann Wade (fe) Steve Jerdan (me)

Monday Evening Coed

Carroll's Jewelers Takes Spring Title. McMenamin's Captures Summer Honors. Carroll's, McMenamins Co-Champs In Fall.

As a young teenager in the 60's, I got a kick out of watching a TV show, Gomer Pyle U.S.M.C. Gomer's moronic antics, and his beloved Sgt. Carter were a classic. I have always had a deep admiration for our servicemen. So now in 2007 I would now like to take a moment of silence and thank all our heroic men and women who have fought so diligently to keep our great country safe. God Bless the United States of America.

SHAZAM! SHAZAM! Sgt. Carter, it's Monday Nite Football! Softball! Pyle!, Softball!." It is monday coed SBA softball at it's finest".

In the spring with the demise of the Sniper's, long-time SBAer Mike McHale rounded up a team, and they emerged as the Maverick's. The rest of the teams stayed intact. CJ's Keith Keppley is the Monday nite "gold glover", Steve Hagan broke the record with 8 triples in a season, Curt Perry 3 season, 59 RBI's.. Carroll's Jeweler's Bo Burris "broke loose" in his Monday debut with a fall season high, 23 RBI's.

McMenamin's Tavern. Manager Steph Garrett..Mike Tareila led the spring with .654, 3 hr's and 15 rbi's..SS, Chris Hesdon .536, 16 PO's and 21 "A"s. Tom Weinmann always superb on the mound with an 8.4 ERA and a .542.

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Tuesday Evening Men's

Muckdogs Capture 3-Season Championship Sweep In Championship Fashion.

Tuesday night's mens league was full of eight teams that on any night could beat anybody. If you didn't come to play, you were going down. Still, when all was said and done, the 2007 Tuesday year belonged to one team and one team only: the NBI Muckdogs. They were an unstoppable offensive juggernaut that could not be stopped, only contained for a certain time. Not a weak spot in the order. Bat after bat would come to the plate and eventually pound every team into submission.

The Spring regular season belonged to BP Environmental finishing in first place with a 7-1 record. But it was Salad Works (6-2) and the Muckdogs (4-4) squaring off in the finals. It was a three round heavy weight fight that saw the Muckdogs standing in the end. Frank Hackett's MVP performance helped the Muckdogs' going 6-10 with a homer and 10 RBI.

Brian Penecale was a force at the plate banging out four homers and 26 RBI. Greg Ochs, a big reason for the success of BP Environmental, clubbed 4 homeruns and 24 RBI himself. Joe "The Mouth" Burke of Mike's Bar and Grill took home the batting title with a remarkable .750. Mike "Guido" DeGuida was a wall of defense at second base collecting 17 putouts and 11 assists without a single error.

With the summer season came the heat which meant it was time for the Muckdogs and Mike's Bar and Grill to heat up. They finished first and second respectively and made it to the championship. On their way to the finals NBI and BP Environmental battled it out in a semifinal that saw 55 runs scored with the Muckdogs winning in the bottom of the seventh, 28-27. The Muckdogs dispatched MBG in only two games, scoring 42 runs along the way, to take the summer title. Once again it was Frank Hackett leading the way batting a crazy .857 with a homer, five runs scored, and 10 RBI.

Marc McKinney blasted 6 homeruns and 21 RBI to set the pace for Rita's Water Ice. Bill Yokobosky led the league in batting with an impressive .813. When it came to gold glove defense nobody did it better than NBI's all everything Frank Murray who picked up 17 putouts and 22 assists.

The fall season once again belonged to the Muckdogs. They finished second to Rita's Water Ice, who they met in the finals. Once again, the Muckdogs wasted little time capturing their third title and completing the sweep for the year. NBI's big man, Brian Penecale, was the hero batting 6-8 with a homerun, 6 runs scored, and 7 RBI.

Newcomer, Ryan Parfitt of McMenamin's Tavern, hit six homeruns to put on his resume for MVP nomination. Speedster Jamal Covington batted .733 to help his team reach the finals. The fall was indeed the season for defense with nine players nominated for defensive MVP. Why so many you ask? Well between all of them they tallied 183 putouts, 76 assists, and only 4 errors.

Yes, the 2007 Tuesday year belonged to the NBI Muckdogs. They swept the year winning three titles and looking to come back for more in the spring. Meanwhile, seven other teams are retooling and rebuilding looking to knock them off their throne. See you suckas in the spring...

Keith Keppley

Thursday Evening Men's

Penny Gardens Performs 3-Season A League Sweep. Horsham Inn Does Same In B League.

What is being Green? Being green is the guy who hit a ground ball to the right side getting as big a pat on the back as the player who hit a solo home run, it's noticing that the left fielder plays to shallow in a game in the spring and not taking advantage until you are down three runs in the bottom of the seventh in the summer finals. Being Green means winning championships. The Green Team, call it Penny Garden's, call it New Britain Inn, call it Maple Glen Tavern, it is the Green Team. After one player got to first, the first baseman asked, "How can you stand to play for him?" the response came "How can you show up and lose every week". It is neither warm nor friendly, when the team goes to the field it hears "Let's go to work". Penny Garden's Tavern swept Thursday nights for the second straight year and has been in nine straight finals since joining SBA, winning eight. Everybody has a role and the fall final was one with an average age of over 40 with 5 "bench" players making the contributions they prepare all year for. Oh a legend contributed mightily as Warren Grant dominated the finals with obscene numbers. Mr. Grant's fall finals was a testament to the saying "I'm not as good as I once was but I am as good once as I ever was". Warren and the subs carried Penny's to a 3 set victory as the "Young Guns" were unavailable and the heir to the throne did not have his A game. There are teams getting close and Green blood is seeping to other squads, Poole's Skyline Tavern made the spring and fall finals behind Greg Ochs and Brian Penecale. Ron Hopkins has a Green pedigree and Dick Moody has decades of experience in Green. Moon

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Wednesday Evening Coed

99 Restaurants Nails 3-Season A League Sweep. Gavin's Tavern, The Doc's Inn, Banes Roofing B Title Winners.

Wednesday Co-ed 2007 was full of great games, great plays, unique match-ups, and high quality softball play!

99 Restaurants had an incredible year and swept the A Division by winning all 3 championship titles. Carrying over their success from 2006 (then known as Team Queen), they've won the last 5 championships.

A huge part of their success was having seven players end up on the MVP candidate list. Christen Flaherty, Bob Cusano, Karol Ann Kinkelin, Karen Gordon, Matt McReynolds, and Chris Cusano all had great offensive years. Brian Steeber, Ron Bannister, Cal Bohannon, Bill Markward, and Barry Lewis all made huge contributions throughout the year as well. This team constantly pulled together, picked each other up when needed, and everyone took turns coming up with big hits in big spots. Now it's up to the rest of the A Division to dethrone them in 2008!!

Speaking of the rest of the A Division... After starting the year with 5 teams, the Summer season saw two teams realign to the B Division. With just four teams then in the A Division, 99 Restaurants, Protech Roofing, The Butcher, and the Re/Max Centre Red Balls became very familiar with each other. Facing each opponent two or three times, they learned everyone's tendencies and where everyone liked to hit. It came down to execution. Who could make the plays and get the hits?

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Friday Evening Coed

Misfits Capture Spring. Andy's Snack Bar Summer and Fall Champs.

Crazy games and crazy partying. Lots of runs and lots of beer. Hits and heckling. The promise of a good time and the promise of no work the next day. For the Friday league was like no other this year. Alcohol consumption leveled the playing field creating some upsets that could not be explained. Sometimes the greatest victory was staying sober for those damn 10:15 games. One thing was certain. At the end of the regular season, first place is not where you wanted your team to be. Why, you ask? Because, in the immortal words of Brian Steeber: "It's all about the playoffs." The first example of first place being bad came in the spring with Andy's Snack Bar tearing through the league finishing with a 7-1 record and the top spot in the playoffs. There they met the Misfits in the finals, the first of many playoff battles between these two teams in the 2007 year. It took three heart stopping games, but eventually the Misfits took home the title. The Misfits' Joe "The Mouth" Burke came up big on this night going 7-9 with a homer and 7 RBI.

Dan Schaeffer took the batting title with a .739. The peoples' champ, Joe Burke, led the way with 19 runs batted in. Representing for the male eddies were Mike Muller and John Razzi who batted .714 and .611 respectively. Angie Axenroth from newcomers Levittown Crush, batted .444 to top the ladies. Kent Smedley was a defensive stud in the infield combing for more than 50 putouts and assists. Christen Flaherty was once again the putout queen coming in at 37.

The summer season brought the offense with four teams scoring over 100 runs. It also brought an unprecedented SBA classic between the Misfits and Andy's Snack Bar in the playoffs. Two teams that combined to score 245 runs managed one lonely run with ASB coming out on top, 1-0. The reason was the most superb defense I have seen in the six years playing in Softball America. Andy's Snack Bar met Red Lion Diner in the championship. Three lopsided affairs later and Andy's Snack Bar took home the crown. Having a perfect night at the plate for ASB was MVP Tom Corey. He went 10-10 with 2 doubles, 2 triples, and 9 RBI.

Rick Totans, the ultimate leadoff hitter, batted an impressive .786. Also standing out was Bo "Paul Bunyan" Burris, hitting five homeruns and driving in 21 runs. This freak of nature punished the trees all season with his radio balls. You could hear them, you just couldn't see them. Coming up big for the wise men were Joe Sharpe, batting a crazy .765, and Frank Taverno knocking in 15 runs. Mary Ann Wade hit her way to a .500 average for the females. Lowell Snyder collected 31 putouts and 15 assists to earn a defensive MVP nomination. Meanwhile, the lady trio of Lisa Silvestri, Mary Ann Wade, and Tara Ax-

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houer, Joe Robinson, Ron Bannister, Pat Howieson, Steve Derrah, EW Warner, Mark Ambolino. In 2008, the following will flirt with the men's 500 RBI mark; Tom Strowhouer, Rob Johnson, Cal Bohannon, Jarred Gardner, Mike Bianco.

Tom Strowhouer (99) needs just 1 men's league home run to reach 100. With 15 and 24 dingers, Mike Bianco (85) and Warren Grant (76) will also nail the century 4-bagger mark.

Coed League Milestones
A big-time congrats goes out to iron man John Razzi (1155/1600/1057) for going where no man has gone before him-- 1,000 SBA coed league runs, hits, and RBI's. John acquired the coed Triple Crown 1000 back in May of 2007.

Not far behind John sits Paul O'Connor who needs to score just 16 runs to reach the TC 1000 mark. Depending on amount of play and quality of production, Tom Corey and Bill Markward each have a shot at a TC 1000 of their own.

During the fall season of 2007, Bob Cusano eclipsed the 500 RBI mark (509). With 656 runs and 823 hits, Bob is the newest member of the coed league Triple Crown 500 club. A TC 500 plaque will be awarded to Bob this year. A number of other coed league players have a legit shot at the TC 500 in 2008. Chief among them are Eliot Ridgeway (487/859/487), Joe DeSousa (482/791/528) and Rich Edmundson (543/754/486). Others include Curt Perry (459/596/549) and ageless wonders, Frank Taverno (529/706/442) and

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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.

Player Of The Year / Men's League 2007

	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
John McCabe	21	82	49	60	62	22	27	17	21	2	2	21	26	69	84	756	1780	8	9	51	2.4	2	0.1	4	186	1062
Jarred Gardner	29	102	56	55	56	11	11	9	9	3	3	33	32	96	94	549	1667	7	6	73	2.5	5	0.2	2	259	939
Bill Yokobosky	43	136	65	48	96	46	34	23	17	11	8	16	12	89	65	706	1390	11	7	55	1.3	3	0.1	2	123	906
Frank Hackett	37	130	79	61	88	46	35	18	14	14	11	10	8	85	65	677	1262	12	8	83	2.2	2	0.1	1	224	902
Darrin Posavec	43	141	77	55	91	55	39	13	9	12	9	11	8	82	58	645	1142	16	10	124	2.9	3	0.1	8	228	843
Bill Clark	24	87	52	60	53	20	23	23	26	7	8	3	3	44	51	609	1138	8	8	41	1.7	55	2.3	11	446	824
Chris Peacher	20	74	33	45	44	19	26	9	12	4	5	12	16	43	58	595	1311	7	9	69	3.5	16	0.8	6	385	823
Mike Trachtenberg	21	75	40	53	50	36	48	7	9	5	7	2	3	49	65	667	973	2	3	80	3.8	3	0.1	1	390	814
Ray Bates	19	66	35	53	38	15	23	9	14	5	8	9	14	28	42	576	1273	2	3	59	3.1	61	3.2	10	742	813
Warren Grant	22	79	47	59	51	29	37	17	22	3	4	2	3	36	46	646	1013	6	7	103	4.7	3	0.1	0	495	810

Player Of The Year / Coed League 2007

	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*	35	133	83	62	97	37	28	14	11	5	4	41	31	139	105	729	1835	5	4	82	2.3	6	0.2	5	211	802
Mike Brown*	23	73	46	63	53	20	27	18	25	5	7	10	14	51	70	726	1521	4	5	78	3.4	66	2.9	16	635	752
Curt Perry*	47	157	100	64	114	58	37	12	8	22	14	22	14	111	71	726	1503	7	4	40	0.9	12	0.3	9	60	726
Bo Burris	26	85	52	61	58	17	20	14	16	14	16	13	15	72	85	682	1635	3	3	24	0.9	1	0.0	4	38	714
Darrin Posavec*	18	58	32	55	36	10	17	10	17	6	10	10	17	44	76	621	1517	8	12	43	2.4	16	0.9	0	417	696
Marty Wetzel*	22	75	41	55	53	27	36	12	16	8	11	6	8	45	60	707	1320	5	6	74	3.4	4	0.2	4	300	675
Randy Helsman	15	57	37	65	40	19	33	13	23	3	5	5	9	35	61	702	1298	1	2	33	2.2	0	0.0	2	167	665
John McCabe	14	53	26	49	37	15	28	14	26	0	0	8	15	30	57	698	1415	2	4	30	2.1	4	0.3	0	271	657
Joe Burke*	40	129	78	60	84	46	36	17	13	10	8	11	9	75	58	651	1194	8	6	78	2.0	27	0.7	9	240	649
Jim Kennedy	38	132	65	49	80	35	27	22	17	9	7	14	11	86	65	606	1227	5	4	77	2.0	66	1.7	24	297	620

Female Eddie Player Of The Year / 2007

	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)	85	249	99	40	111	86	35	11	4	13	5	1	0	60	24	446	606	27	10	378	4.4	10	0.1	19	379	463
Karen Gordon (fe)	27	85	25	29	34	27	32	3	4	4	5	0	0	19	22	400	529	3	3	57	2.1	30	1.1	11	270	358
Sue Migliore (fe)	21	73	17	23	33	29	40	4	5	0	0	0	0	15	21	452	507	3	4	33	1.6	9	0.4	6	129	355
Mary Ann Wade (fe)	53	190	38	20	67	52	27	4	2	6	3	5	3	33	17	353	516	4	2	143	2.7	80	1.5	16	451	344
Becky Foley (fe)	35	91	20	22	35	30	33	3	3	1	1	1	1	25	27	385	473	5	5	43	1.2	22	0.6	5	191	337
Catherine Stimson	20	73	30	41	28	26	36	1	1	0	0	1	1	15	21	384	438	0	0	32	1.6	19	1.0	11	130	337
Trisha Marlin (fe)	30	92	21	23	38	37	40	1	1	0	0	0	0	13	14	413	424	8	8	31	1.0	20	0.7	9	117	334
Missey Schad (fe)	21	63	15	24	26	24	38	2	3	0	0	0	0	10	16	413	444	3	5	38	1.8	21	1.0	10	190	330
Ann Marie McDonald	31	99	22	22	39	37	37	1	1	1	1	0	0	14	14	394	424	6	6	50	1.6	16	0.5	5	200	326
Dawn Bieber (fe)	17	54	15	28	21	18	33	2	4	1	2	0	0	7	13	389	463	3	5	25	1.5	17	1.0	9	135	322

Male Eddie Player Of The Year / 2007

	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)	38	133	81	61	87	53	40	12	9	14	11	8	6	71	53	654	1135	12	8	87	2.3	65	1.7	7	497	665
Gene Hylinski (me)	30	95	39	41	51	37	39	7	7	1	1	6	6	41	43	537	821	11	10	53	1.8	44	1.5	16	257	512
Doug Spier (me)	18	66	31	47	37	21	32	10	15	3	5	3	5	18	27	561	939	3	4	32	1.8	5	0.3	2	189	505
Ray Cope (me)	22	65	17	26	41	38	58	3	5	0	0	0	0	25	38	631	677	6	8	75	3.4	5	0.2	5	295	499
Frank Taverno (me)	52	193	70	36	102	74	38	11	6	10	5	7	4	68	35	528	798	3	2	167	3.2	3	0.1	10	256	487
Charley Yuknus (me)	22	74	30	41	43	35	47	3	4	5	7	0	0	24	32	581	757	3	4	26	1.2	6	0.3	4	100	481
Mark I. Smith (me)	17	52	22	42	27	15	29	11	21	0	0	1	2	18	35	519	788	4	7	26	1.5	2	0.1	2	129	468
Nelson Tobolsky	47	150	43	29	81	68	45	5	3	8	5	0	0	45	30	540	680	10	6	77	1.6	42	0.9	7	283	465
Dave Gumkowski	35	98	42	43	48	41	42	5	5	1	1	1	1	29	30	490	592	15	13	46	1.3	37	1.1	7	263	462
Joe Lynd, Sr. (me)	24	75	30	40	37	30	40	3	4	3	4	1	1	28	37	493	653	2	3	61	2.5	9	0.4	3	279	443

Monday Evening Coed (Continued from page 3)

Summer, Steph., .656 and 17 rbi's and Steve Hagan, .500 and 14 rbi's. In the fall, Bill D'Amico came up big with a .696. Steve Hagan's bro, Mike joined the team in the fall. Mike was impressive with a .619. Lora Hooven led the female eddies, .438.

Carroll's Jeweler's..CJ's pretty much re-grouped in the spring. Manager John Razzi signed on Kevin Pritchard, .762, Joe Burke, .739, Mike Brown, .643 and Matt Refice, .593. Rich Edmundson had a picture perfect spring with a .609. Christen Flaherty led the females with her .417. In the summer the eddies were hot! Christen, .611, Lisa Silvestri, .571, Becky Foley, .438, Christine Razzi, .278..eddie, John Razzi, .500..Bob Burris a .769, 4 hr's, 23 rbi's With Eliot "legged up" in the fall, Bob Cusano took over the mound..Bob had a 7.64 era.

Bamberger Group, with a 3 year hiatus, all-star Marty Wetzel rejoined the team in the spring. Marty had a .704, 16 rbi's, 4 hr's and 50 po's. Wellll-come back, Marty! SS, Dave McDonald, .625, and an impressive, 21 PO's and 26 A's. Maria Cecere led the ladies with a .444, male eddie Bill Roth .556 and 17 rbi's. The only 2, playing a full season, Sean McNamara, .440 and Sheila March, .308. Kelly Neill had an awesome 7 game series, .500. fall season, Marty, .710, Dave and his bride, AnnMarie McDonald, .533, and .400. Chris Van Luvanee, .517, and .688.

BSOD, managed by Curt Perry. A very good offensive team. Curt led the team in the spring, .710, trailing closely behind was Jesse Kupier, with a .667. Catherine Stimson led the females with a .429. F/A Steve Kerrigan was a welcome addition in the summer. Steve batted a .667 with 4 homers. Lance Henik really heated up in the summer with a .458 and didnt fall back..he had a .640!!..After a longg hiatus, Drew Minko was back in the summer..Drew's averages, .571 and .556. Also back to the team is Chris Roccato who brought along eddie, Chris, Sr!..ChrisSR, came on strong in the 2nd half of the fall season with a .304 and 2 doubles.

LA Pool's, managed by Rich Reinheimer! Rich is always a great sportsman, who never makes "waves". His team is always in the thick of things. There were a few roster changes. He brought on F/A, Christine Kerrigan. Christine had a fine year at SBA. Spring, Eric Touni lead the team with a .630. Bro's Marc and Greg Webb, .625 and .444 were hot in the summer. In the fall, male eddie Ron Arrighy with a .524, and core, Mike Cianfici lead the team with a .600.

New Age, were 0-7 in the spring, 2-6 in the summer. In the Fall manager, Rich Petersen tweaked his roster and brought on Wed. coed players, eddie, Gene Hylinski, cores, Mitch and Cliff Kulp, and Brian Hostetler. New Age held their own all season and came close to upsetting the defending champs, McMemani's, in the fall playoffs. They came up 2 runs short. What a great team effort! Jim Kennedy had a great 3 seasons .560, .600, and a .808. Irv Derstine led the team in the spring .667. Tara Murphy had an awesome year, defensively and offensively. Tara had a .429 spring. Sue Migliore a .519 fall season.

Warrington Pizza..GOL'LY, it's farmer Bob Garges and his pizza crew. Warrington Pizza's wins are like a needle in the haystack, but they sure do have a lot of fun. Steve Worthington led the spring with a .579. Their eddies did a great job at the plate. Ron Spillman, .533, Janice Tansits, .476 and Dawn 'grunt' Beiber with a .471. core, Ben Soler joined the team in the summer. Ben hit .556 with 3 hr's. In the fall, Mike Richardson came on with a .667 and Dawn Beiber stayed hot with the stick, .409. The Lily's, Shanna and Alex, .368 and .389.

Maverick's. In their Monday Evening Coed debut in the spring, managed by Mike McHale, they went 5-3. Dan Schaefer led the team with a with a .800, 4 doubles and 5 triples. F/A. Nick Zerrone, .760. KarolAnn Kinkelin, .357, Ron Zaberer, was hot in the summer, .684, the always consistent, Kevin Shinknus, .667, .643. After 8 years, and 200 plus games on Warrington Pizza, Vicki made a tough decision, and joined her long-time SBA buddies, Mike McHale and Joe Gross....Thank You, Bob, it was great!...)

Vicki Ponente

Thursday Evening Men's (Continued from page 3)

Tavern put together an awesome summer squad and would have probably won had it not been for seven double plays over the two games. The steady pitching of Joe Sharp and the clutch hitting of Joe Burke as well as the monster year that Bill Yok put up will keep them close for the upcoming year.

Penny Garden's took the spring regular season followed by Poole's Skyline Tavern and QED. Penny's almost did not make the finals as Country Tavern had the down double digits half way through the semi final, Penny's stormed back in devastating fashion to reach the finals. Poole's easily advanced to meet Penny's. Penny's won in two straight close games. Offensive stars in the spring were Frank Hackett, Brian Machinski and Warren Grant for Penny's, Rich Hosbach and Greg Moylan for Country Tavern, Joe Burke for Dominick's Pizza, Rick McLeod and Brian Penecale for Poole's, Dave Michaels and Damien Covelens for Dickey Moe's, Darren Posevac and Jamie Pastor for QED, Eric Drossner and Frank Stabber for Team Nobody and Steve Mendenhall and Shawn Crawford for Protech Roofing.

In the summer season, Dominick's Pizza became Moon Tavern and added Mike Brown, Bill Yokobosky and Dan Kusters made his summer appearance. Led by this trio, Moon Tavern took first place in the regular season by having defeated Penny Garden's in the regular season. Poole's Skyline Tavern finished in third. Moon Tavern advanced to the finals in a 9-inning pulse pounder over Protech Roofing. Penny's knocked out old rivals Poole's Skyline Tavern to move on. In the finals Penny's won two close games to take it including a game two bottom of the seventh comeback highlighted by a Mike Bruton game tying bases loaded triple and where the winning run scored on a ball that got away by 5 feet. Penny's regular season offense was paced by Hackett, Joe Mayer and the power of Jarred Gardner. Other regular season bashers were Ron Hopkins and Greg Ochs of Poole's, Greg Moylan of Country Tavern, Pastor and Posavac of QED, and John Kitchler and Brandon Clancy of Protech Roofing.

Penny Garden's finished the fall regular season in first place followed by QED and Poole's Skyline Tavern. Penny's crushed Moon to advance and Poole's used a 15 run top of the seventh to take out QED. On a Saturday, Penny Garden's old heads and the thunder from Warren Grant's bat took the title in 3 games. Fall offensive stars included Jarred Gardner and amazing home run pace, Jamal Covington, Brian Penecale and Greg Ochs of Poole's, Yok, Joe Burke and Dave Matz of Moon Tavern, Steve Molloney and Darren Posevac of QED, Marc McKinney and Rob Johnson of Protech Roofing, Scott Pataki of Dickey Moe's, Rich Hosbach and Greg Moylan of Country Tavern and Rob Spencer and the feel good story of the year, the return to prominence of Tom Strowhauer.

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For The Love...

by Tom Strowhauer

We each have many things in our lives that are important to us. Children, family, friends, a significant other, a job perhaps, sports. It does not matter what that something is, because whatever it may be it holds a very special place to us. It is something that we always want to have, to hold, to cherish or to do. In some cases it is something that we just cannot do without. In relation to SBA, most of us feel that we could not live without getting to the field each week to play our games. That 1 hour away from the grind of daily life is our safe zone. Make no doubt it's not just about playing the game, it's also about the people that make up each individual team. The people we get together with each week to form a team and band together to get to a common ground, a win. It's the people we hang

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Spotlight On...

Elder Statesmen Nelson Tobolsky & Frank Taverno

As one of the league's elder statesman, Nelson Tobolsky still considers himself a 'softballaholic'. Through the eyes and as described by his good friend, Frank Taverno, Nelson's baseball/softball life can be traced back to 1951.

Nelson grew up in Haddon Heights, NJ and then NE Philly. He played LL & Babe Ruth baseball from 1951- 1957. He did not play adult baseball, too small. Picked up on modified fastpitch in 1971. Played until 1980 in the Fairmont Park League. Helped start the over-50 senior slowpitch softball (SS) in the Cherry Hill area in 1991. Actually wore Sergio Valente designer jeans in those days to play softball. Later, Nelson turned to a garanimals concept. His whole Senior Softball (SS) outfit consisted of matched hat, pants, shirt, socks, and compression shorts. In 1993 Nelson had a vision for the local SS players. He

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However, this did pose the problem of limited variety in opponents. But after some friendly message board debate and some creativity from the league office, a solution was found for the Fall season. Three of the more successful B Division teams, which were Doc's Inn, Banes Roofing, and Gavin's Tavern, stepped up to the plate and took on the challenge of playing half their games against the "juggernauts" of the A Division. The playoff field was also expanded from six to eight teams for the B Division.

The Butcher, led by Joe DeSousa, battled their way to the A Division Finals in the Spring and Fall seasons thanks to some big sticks and quality pitching. Rob Johnson, Jeff Overberger, Chris VanLuvanee, Jeff Boyda, Lora Hooven, and Rick Sturgis all had solid years. Seeing either Steve Campbell or Joe Sharp on the mound made it very difficult on the opposition. And Bill Roth and Lisa Silvestri each continued to show up on the MVP candidate list for both offense and defense.

Protech Roofing reached the A Division Finals in the Summer season thanks to 6 players having an MVP season. In all, a whopping nine different players made the MVP candidate list throughout 2007. Jarred Gardner continued to bash bombs at will, while Mary Ann Wade, Rick Totans, John Muntz, Joe Horchuk, Frank Taverno, Joe Buglak, Shawn Crawford, and Kevin Pritchard just kept busting out the hits. Muntz, Horchuk, and Wade all continued to make big defensive plays.

Re/Max Centre Red Balls came on strongest in the Fall and held opponents to just 7.1 runs per game. Keith Keppley, Tim Frank, Bernie Marsh, Joe Lynd, Keith Villers, Kelly Neil, Dave Ward, Mike DeGuida, Jesse Garrison, Sarah Klepic, Erin Heydt, Katie Coyle, Steve Saulino, Rob McKenna and Dave Matz all contributed throughout the year.

The B Division had 3 separate champions in 2007... Banes Roofing made the Finals twice and captured the crown in the Fall. Darin Posavec, Megan Humphrey, Shannon Guzman, and Trish Marlin each received MVP nods. But Magdiel Rivera, Mike Banes, Tom Banes, Josh Mercedes, and Dave Moll showed their power and speed week in and week out.

Gavin's Tavern led the year off as the Spring champions. Dan Shaeffer, Dawn Wanner, Matt Refice, Mike McHale, Missey Schad, and Tom Foy all had big years offensively.

Doc's Inn went 18-6 on the year and took the Summer crown thanks to the bats of Charles Yuknus, Dave Buonomo, Judy Nigro, Mark Smith, and Tim Ford. The defense of Buonomo, Ford, and Steve Albor's pitching also added to their success.

Hackett Auto Body reached the Finals in the Fall season. And although they did not claim a title in 2007, they went 18-5-1 for the best overall regular season record. Ed Doyle Jr., Greg Newlin, Trish Traub, Ed Schultz, Gary Ottenbreit, Paul Resier, Pete Kutchner, Dan McGlynn, and John Strobel took turns coming up with big hits and contributing to the team's great year.

The Outcasts made the Finals in the Spring season and received solid offensive output from Alex Lilly, Curt Perry, Jesse Kuiper, Katrina Rivera, Kevin Rosini, Lance Henik, Sean McNamara, and Mike Hagan. And they were helped defensively by Shanna Lilly and Steve Guzman.

Casey's Saloon and Eatery had a strong year with Doug Spier, Gene Hylinski, Karen Lund, Linda Spier, and Ray Cope having MVP candidate seasons. Jim Kennedy, Tom Creachen, Mitch Kulp, and Doug Spier all had solid seasons as well. Dave Grice also made the MVP candidate list for defense in the Fall.

Disabled List had MVP candidate contributions from Mike Richardson, Nelson Tobolsky, Ron Spillman, and Wayne Jerdan. Defensive contribu-

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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.

Playoff Player Of The Year / Men's League 2007

	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
Warren Grant	9	36	28	78	27	9	25	9	25	2	6	7	19	24	67	750	1694	4	10	49	5.4	0	0.0	1	500	1070
Jarred Gardner	12	30	22	73	20	9	30	2	7	2	7	7	23	28	93	667	1567	14	32	33	2.8	2	0.2	1	275	1056
Bill Yokobosky	13	38	21	55	26	15	39	5	13	1	3	5	13	28	74	684	1263	8	17	11	0.8	1	0.1	0	100	896
Brian Penecale	31	99	60	61	63	33	33	11	11	8	8	11	11	72	73	636	1242	19	16	54	1.7	4	0.1	1	187	893
Greg Ochs	14	49	23	47	32	14	29	8	16	3	6	7	14	41	84	653	1367	6	11	4	0.3	9	0.6	4	43	883
Frank Hackett	18	72	38	53	46	17	24	13	18	8	11	8	11	47	65	639	1375	2	3	45	2.5	1	0.1	2	217	863
Dave McGuire	7	27	12	44	18	9	33	4	15	0	0	5	19	19	70	667	1370	0	0	6	0.9	15	2.1	3	343	862
Dave Porco	9	29	19	66	18	10	34	3	10	4	14	1	3	14	48	621	1103	4	12	20	2.2	27	3.0	4	644	843
John McCabe	7	22	13	59	11	4	18	0	0	0	0	7	32	15	68	500	1455	3	12	8	1.1	1	0.1	0	143	825
Ricky MacLeod	14	53	30	57	35	19	36	11	21	4	8	1	2	22	42	660	1075	6	10	5	0.4	10	0.7	0	179	795

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	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*	12	37	28	76	29	9	24	5	14	3	8	12	32	37	100	784	2054	7	19	27	2.3	0	0.0	0	225	890
Tom Strowhouer*	14	40	21	53	26	14	35	7	18	2	5	3	8	29	73	650	1150	5	13	26	1.9	16	1.1	5	271	645
Brian Roth*	7	22	13	59	17	15	68	1	5	0	0	1	5	7	32	773	955	2	9	8	1.1	3	0.4	1	143	626
Darrin Posavec*	9	25	15	60	12	5	20	1	4	1	4	5	20	17	68	480	1200	7	28	9	1.0	3	0.3	0	167	612
Keith Keppley*	27	82	49	60	47	20	24	13	16	7	9	7	9	27	33	573	1159	13	16	70	2.6	1	0.0	8	148	593
Jake Loux	11	38	18	47	27	19	50	6	16	1	3	1	3	13	34	711	1000	1	3	25	2.3	1	0.1	0	245	581
Mike Richardson	9	33	16	48	22	15	45	4	12	0	0	3	9	20	61	667	1061	0	0	15	1.7	0	0.0	1	122	580
Don McAnalty	8	28	8	29	17	12	43	1	4	1	4	3	11	19	68	607	1036	2	7	20	2.5	17	2.1	5	425	563
Mike Banas	9	26	8	31	16	8	31	5	19	0	0	3	12	18	69	615	1154	2	8	2	0.2	0	0.0	1	-22	555
Chris Courduff*	18	54	27	50	31	17	31	7	13	5	9	2	4	25	46	574	1000	4	7	36	2.0	4	0.2	2	200	548

Female Eddie Playoff Player Of The Year / 2007

	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
Becky Foley (fe)	13	33	14	42	16	12	36	2	6	2	6	0	0	5	15	485	667	4	11	10	0.8	9	0.7	2	154	426
Christen Flaherty (fe)	30	89	29	33	36	31	35	1	1	4	4	0	0	23	26	404	506	5	5	100	3.3	5	0.2	5	300	373
Lora Hooven (fe)	18	51	9	18	21	19	37	0	0	1	2	1	2	10	20	412	510	2	4	31	1.7	26	1.4	4	372	339
Joan Glass (fe)	10	29	9	31	12	12	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	17	414	414	1	3	22	2.2	6	0.6	3	220	333
Nicole Welhaf (fe)	18	56	11	20	24	22	39	0	0	2	4	0	0	8	14	429	500	1	2	25	1.4	17	0.9	3	261	332
Donna Finlayson (fe)	8	24	6	25	8	8	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	17	333	333	2	8	16	2.0	0	0.0	0	200	285
Julie Ann Krick (fe)	8	26	6	23	8	7	27	1	4	0	0	0	0	3	12	308	346	4	13	8	1.0	2	0.3	0	150	278
Kelly Neill (fe)	16	46	9	20	16	15	33	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	7	348	370	3	6	30	1.9	0	0.0	1	163	274
Stephanie Hynes (fe)	8	27	3	11	10	7	26	3	11	0	0	0	0	3	11	370	481	1	4	3	0.4	1	0.1	0	63	271
Lisa Silvestri (fe)	23	63	4	6	23	20	32	1	2	2	3	0	0	15	24	365	444	0	0	18	0.8	4	0.2	3	61	267

Male Eddie Playoff Player Of The Year / 2007

	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
Wayne Jerdan (me)	8	25	4	16	18	17	68	1	4	0	0	0	0	9	36	720	760	2	7	3	0.4	3	0.4	1	63	502
John Razzi (me)	33	89	30	34	48	37	42	7	8	3	3	1	1	25	28	539	719	6	6	18	0.5	4	0.1	3	42	447
Dave Gumkowski	9	29	13	45	15	14	48	1	3	0	0	0	0	7	24	517	552	2	6	18	2.0	6	0.7	2	244	435
Bob Cusano (me)	27	89	28	31	43	35	39	5	6	2	2	1	1	26	29	483	618	6	6	22	0.8	42	1.6	2	363	430
Steve Campbell (me)	15	52	18	35	21	9	17	5	10	4	8	3	6	25	48	404	827	1	2	18	1.2	22	1.5	3	333	423
Charlie Gardner (me)	8	28	5	18	15	15	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	36	536	536	2	7	35	4.4	0	0.0	0	438	421
Steve Pavlik (me)	8	27	8	30	15	15	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	15	556	556	0	0	12	1.5	4	0.5	2	150	394
Ron Spillman (me)	10	35	11	31	20	20	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	571	571	0	0	12	1.2	0	0.0	1	80	391
Ron Kulp (me)	11	33	7	21	16	15	45	1	3	0	0	0	0	5	15	485	515	3	8	24	2.2	15	1.4	0	491	390
Steve Jerdan (me)	6	20	3	15	10	9	45	1	5	0	0	0	0	4	20	500	550	2	9	10	1.7	5	0.8	0	333	384

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tions came from John Seymour and Tara Murphy. And Jake Seymour, Paul O'Connor, Ben Soler, Vicki Ponente, Janice Tansits, Paul Harvan, and Ron Spillman all put together another successful year.

Tonelli's Pizza, led by Mike Gosciniak, had big offensive contributions from Nicole Blum, Amy Muller, Brett Lawhead, and Matt Schaub. Muller and Lawhead had quality defensive years as well.

One Click Wireless, led by Bob Garges, saw Ann Marie McCabe make the MVP candidate list twice for offense. And Dave McDonald was the only player to make the defensive candidate list for all three seasons. Chris Harrison, Mike Penrose, Tom Kline, and Christine Razzi also helped the team in 2007.

The Punks continued to prove that the love of the game goes a long way! You wouldn't expect to see a team going 0-24 enjoy themselves as much as The Punks do. But they go out each week and certainly seem to have as much fun as anyone else out there. Manager Fran Quinn, John Cavet, Patrick Burton, Keith Erickson, Eddie Miele, Barb Block, Lynn Petruskewich, Dani Pannepecker, and Will Devlin all contribute each and every week.

And with another fine year in the books for Wednesday Co-ed, all eyes once again turn to the countdown to Opening Day 2008! Until then, Stay Hot!

Rob McKenna

Sunday Morning Men's *(Continued from page 2)*

Bill Yok continued his year-long tear at the plate, but this time on another team. He made the leap to the NBI Muckdogs and batted .727, which was good enough for second in the division. The only person in front of him was Goodfellas' Steve Ryder with his .857 average. Other familiar names sat in the top ten for batting. Chris Azzarito at .647, Steve Mendenhall at .645, Frank Murray at .636, Steph Garrett at .625, and Rick Totans at .600. At the end of the regular season the playoff standings were as follows: NBI at 7 and 1, Goodfellas at 6 and 2, Thirsty's also at 6 and 2, Rita's at 5 and 3, Big Dogs at 4 and 4, and Rolling Hills at 3 and 5. Hitched and Balls Out found themselves out of the playoff hunt this time around.

While NBI and Goodfellas had byes for the first round of the playoffs, the rest of the teams squared off. Rita's and Thirsty's were able to take their first round games and found themselves facing off against NBI and Goodfellas. NBI needed their big bats against Rita's to get to the finals. Bill Yok hit a Grand Slam and Brian Penecale's walk off homerun sent them to the finals. Thirsty's took their game over Goodfellas and met NBI for the finals. In the finals, NBI was down one game and just a few outs away from losing. They rallied in the second game and took the third game for the Sunday A Division sweep.

Steve Hagan

B American

The Thunder took both titles in 2007, but not without a fight from BALCO in the spring/summer and the Snipers in the fall. BALCO and Thunder tied in the spring/summer regular season with records of 11-5. And fittingly, one run was the margin of victory in Game 3 vs. BALCO. What a series between very well matched teams. Dan Frey, Kevin Ralston, and Brian Murphy were the lightning for Thunder. Dave Porco batted down the Thunder defensive hatch with 63 assists. Joe Mazza and Chris Cusano were tops on the BALCO list— playing like 'roidsters. Tom Lydon carried the defensive torch with 49 BALCO assists. Skidmarks and Rolling Hills finished 3rd and 4th with Marty Lipa and Bob Gray leading their respective teams. Rolling Hills would move up to the A division and hold their own in the fall. If not for some tough luck in the fall playoffs, Rolling Hills would/could have advanced to the finals. The Snipers finished at 7-9. Tony Inscore and Mike Zahradnick were the Sniper marksmen. Rounding out the spring/summer standings, the Bulldogs struggling in at 3-13. Jay Mathews and Rob Deem were the Bulldog top dogs.

13 was the Thunder (6-2) lucky number in the fall as that's what they scored in each of their games vs. the Snipers (5-2-1) and it was all they needed. Once again, Dan Frey and Kevin Ralston made the noise for Thunder. Helping Dan Porco out defensively was Ed O'Neill. Veterans Mike Gemberling and Mark Nevins helped bring the Snipers to the big dance. BALCO finished tied in 3rd with the Skidmarks. Tom Lydon led the BALCO way on both sides of the chalk. Rob McKenna and Ed Orrison each had fine fall seasons of their own. The Skidmarks were paced by newcomer Mike Rex and veteran Scott Masulis. Rounding out the fall field were Rosengren Builders, Buttermakers, and Philly Ball Busters. Skip Schwanbeck led the Rosengren charge. Tim O'Connor and Dan Vollrath were the Buttermaker cream. Ray Bates was the main buster for the BallBusters.

Congrats to Kevin Ralston and the rest of the Thunder squad on a fine sweep of the Sunday Men's B American league.

Les Greenstein

B National

Now in the midst of another off-season we take a moment to look back and reflect on what was another season of Softball America's Sunday Morning Men's Season. We take a look back of some of the headlines that made news, players who stood on the fields of SBA and achieved amazing heights and teams who over and under achieved. Looking back we will take a look at what was the 2007 Sunday Men's National Conference.

A conference made of 9 teams, a conference in which only 4 teams would make the playoffs. From the onset of the season, we knew the competition would be intense and we knew the rally for those playoff spots would be incredible week in and week out.

Sitting atop of the division at season's end would be Bob Quigley's Balls Out boys. Many statistical leaders to talk about on this team. Offensively, Paul Rottkamp led the way with a .552 batting average. Matt Eliason drove in 21 runs in 14 games and had 8 Home Runs in route to a .926 slugging percentage. Tom Weinman was the leader on the mound posting a 10-2 record with a nice ERA of 5.11

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believe this to be the case. There are dozens of female ball players on the Free Agent Wire dying to get into the league. More sign up weekly. All a team in need has to do is seek and they shall find.

The current state of the coed league represents more of a men's league with a few eddies sprinkled in here and there. For the overall long-term betterment of the coed leagues, the need to get more coed is imperative. And if in the process we lose a team or 2, so be it. It's a small price to pay for the long-term good it will produce coed league-wide.

Les Greenstein

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

every at-bat (96%). His 1667 slugging led all in the Quarry A Division giving him his 2nd consecutive POTY honor. A 259 fielding percentage (5 assists) is pretty darn good for an outfielder. I don't think anyone hit the ball harder in 2007 than Bill Yokobosky who took the A league batting title with a 706. His 1390 slugging was also impressive. 3-time POTY Frank Hackett produced a very respectable 667/1262. Darrin Posavec 645/1142, Bill Clark 609/1138, Chris Peacher 595/1311, Mike Trachtenberg 667/973, Ray Bates 576/1273, and Warren Grant 646/1013 rounded out the men's league top 10.

Much like the men's league, the coed league couldn't avoid the offensive wrath of Jarred Gardner. With a league-leading 729 batting average and awe-inspiring slugging (1835) and RBI% (105), Jarred led all coed core players in POTY points, garnering him his first coed league Player Of The Year award. Not far behind was Mike Brown who was impressive in his own right. Mike Batted 726 and slugged at a rate of 1521. A player that improves with every passing year, Curt Perry was right there. Curt batted 726 and slugged a shade better than 1500 in 157 at-bats. Newcomer Bo Burreis is and will be a force to be reckoned with. Bo's 682/1635 can get him far if he can find a way to bolster his defensive production. Darrin Posavec (621/1517), Marty Wetzell (707/1320), Randy Helman (702/1298), John McCabe (698/1415), Joe Burke (651/1194), and Jim Kennedy (606/1227) round out the coed league top 10.

For the 4th straight year, Christen Flaherty led all females in the yearly point rankings and takes Female Eddie Player of the Year -- her 5th such honor in 8 years. Over the course of 85 games and 249 at-bats, nobody can say Christen backed into anything. Her 446 batting and 606 slugging was tops for all girls. She knocked in a run in almost 1 in 4, scored almost 1/2 the time and worked a base on balls 10% of the time. A 379 fielding % at 1B ain't too shabby either. Karen Gordon topped the rest with a 400 batting and 529 slugging in 85 at-bats. Just 13 player ranking points back, Sue Migliore carved out a 452 average and slugged 507. Another 11 points back was Mary Ann Wade. Her fielding % of 451 at 2B was impressive. This girl can handle the leather. With just a few more hits throughout the course of the year, legitimate contention for top honors would be inevitable. Becky Foley (385/473), Catherine Stimson (384/438), Trisha Martin (413/424), Missy Schad (413/444), Ann Marie McDonald (394/424), and Dawn Bieber (389/463) rounded out the female eddie top 10.

As difficult as it may be to believe, Steve Campbell has never won Player Of The Year... until now. Steve walloped the male eddie field by more than 150 player ranking points. His 654 took the batting title. His 1135 slugging was head over heels better than the rest. Steve scored almost 2/3 of the time and knocked in a run in better than 1/2 his trips to the plate. He will take the walk if you give it to him and his defensive ability on the mound and elsewhere is more than impressive. Steve is the consummate 5-tool player. Gene Hylin's, a perennial Wednesday Coed player, added Monday to his softball repertoire and amassed 95 at-bats in 30 games to lead the rest in point totals. Gene batted 537 and slugged 821. His RBI% of 43 was among the league leaders. A base on balls 10% of the time shows Gene is a team player. Not far back, Doug Spiers impressed with a 561 batting average. His 939 slugging was second only to Steve Campbell. Iron man Ray Cope finished 4th in the point totals with the help of a 631 batting average. If it means diving into 1B head first or working a base on balls (8% of the time), Ray does what needs to be done to help his team to victory. Frank Taverno, Charley Yuknus, Mark Smith, Nelson Tobolsky, Dave Gumkowski, and Joe Lynd, Sr. round out the male eddie top 10.

The post season is a time when great players have a chance to shine when it matters most. Through the course of the 2007 season, nobody shined more in the men's league than perennial great Warren Grant. In softball circles, his first name precedes his reputation. When you hear the name Warren, you know exactly who it is and how it's synonymous with softball greatness. In 36 at-bats through 3 seasons, Warren batted a whopping 750 and slugged almost 1700. No small feat when you consider it's against the best of the league best. Warren did it all. He crossed the plate in almost 8 out of 10 times in base. He knocked in a run in 2/3 of his plate appearances. He took the walk (10%) if given to him and played 1B like a gold glove (500 fielding %). Not far back, Jarred Gardner was also impressive in the limelight of the playoffs. He batted 667 and slugged almost 1600. Jarred produced an RBI in almost every trip to the plate. Bill Yokobosky and Brian Penecale were 3 points apart in 3rd and 4th place playoff rankings. Both knocked runs at an impressive 3 in 4 clip. Greg Ochs (653/1367), Frank Hackett (63/1375), Dave McGuire (667/1370), Dave Porco (621/1103),

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tend. Topics of discussion will be league rules, league policy, and league protocol. If you are not satisfied in playing the year with the league rules as they are or will be written, make it your business to be heard BEFORE the softball year 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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commitment to help league members get the absolute most for their jewelry dollar.

All Horsham and Hatfield Township ball fields are slated for infield resurfacing. Hatfield will also be sporting break-away bases.

League scheduling is getting more robust. In the Wednesday Coed fall league of last year, inter-league play was introduced. 'A' Division teams got some scheduling variety while 'B' Division teams had a chance to test the A league water-- all while staying in their respective leagues. If all goes according to plan, inter-league play will work its way into other league schedules.

League use of ASA approved 'hot' bats for all females and males 65+ will continue into 2008 and beyond. Frank Taverno will now be in charge of producing and maintaining a **legal** bat list for each league group - men, male eddies, and female/65+ male. Tom Corey will continue to produce and maintain an **illegal** bat list for each group.

As always, a number of league rules and regulations will be added, amended and clarified with each and every one of them gone over at length during our manager winter meetings in early March. The amendment having the largest impact for next year will undoubtedly be the new coed league line-up requirement. We are moving from a 4-3-2 coed system to a 4-4-3 coed system (more on this in another article). Ground rules for each ball field will now be spelled out in the league rules. Courtesy runners, tie-breakers, leaving base early, the catcher position, and illegal bat-use penalties are other areas where amendments and clarifications will take place.

Four teams managed the very difficult to perform 3-season championship sweep. The Muckdogs did it by taking spring, summer and fall titles in the Tuesday Men's league. 99 Restaurants did it in Wednesday Coed and the Thursday Men's A and B leagues were dominated by Penny Gardens Tavern and Horsham Inn respectively. Any of the aforementioned championship teams now has the choice of receiving 3 sets of custom championship t-shirts or one set of custom championship sweatshirts. This choice will now be the norm for any team that sweeps 3 seasons.

Les Greenstein

History Of Softball *(Continued from page 1)*

mush ball, and pumpkin ball. Standard and international rules were first agreed upon only after the formation of the Amateur Softball Association in 1933.

The first women's softball team was formed in 1895 at Chicago's West Division High School. They did not obtain a coach for competitive play until 1899 and it was difficult to create interest among fans. However, only five years later, the women's game was given much more attention when the Spalding Indoor Baseball Guide 1904 issue fueled the fire by devoting a large section of the guide to the game of women's softball.

The Chicago National Tournament of 1933 helped advance women in this sport by honoring males and females equally. International Softball World Championships in 1965 developed women's softball by making it an international game, a step towards the Pan-American Games and the Olympics. Eleven years later, women softball players were given the closest equivalent to Major League Baseball with the 1976 formation of the International Women's Professional Softball League. Unfortunately the league disbanded in 1980 because of financial ruin.

Since the professional league's end in 1980, the popularity of softball has grown steadily with no end in sight.

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On a personal note I would like to thank Les Greenstein for giving me the forum to write as well as pay my league fees. I will be retiring from any official SBA positions, as I no longer have the time to put in the effort the league deserves. I hope you enjoyed my comments as I enjoyed the opportunity to serve. Thank you all.

Rich Goin

The **Thursday B Division** league belonged to the Horsham Inn in 2007. Assembling a team that is perfect for the friendly confines of Hatfield, the Ho Inn ripped through the league on their way to three titles and a ridiculous record of 30-2-1. When you thought of the Horsham Inn only one word came to mind: domination.

The Horsham Inn and the Master Baiters finished first and second respectively during the spring season and met each other in the finals. The Ho Inn easily defeated the Baiters and claimed the spring title. John McCabe definitely helped the Ho Inn cause batting 4-8 with four homeruns and 8 RBI. The defense of the Horsham

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Most Valuable Players / Summer 2007

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	Chris Courduff Jim Flowers Keith Keppley Keith Villers Rick Totans	Curt Perry Kevin Shinkunas Marty Wetzal Mike Brown Steph Garrett Steve Kerrigan	Bill Clark Bill Yokobosky Brian Penecale Marc McKinney Mike Trachtenberg	Jarred Gardner Joe Horchuck John Muntz Kevin Pritchard Rob Johnson Tim Frank	Dan Kusters Darrin Posavec Frank Hackett Greg Moylan	Bo Burris Chris Courduff Ed Doyle III John Muntz Matt McReynolds Mike Patterson Rick Totans
B	Dave McGuire Jim Rose John McCabe Randy Helsman Vince Lehr			Curt Perry Darin Posavec Greg Newlin Matt Refice Matt Schaub	Brian Myers Dave McGuire John McCabe Sean Blair Steve Campbell	
A Male Eddie	Charlie Gardner (me) Ed Youmans (me) Jim Perkins (me) Joe Lynd (me) Steve Campbell (me)	Male Eddie Elliot Ridgeway (me) Joe Gross (me) John Razzi (me) Nelson Tobolsky (me) Tom Weinman (me)		Bernie Marsh (me) Joe Buglak (me) Joe Spieker (me) Steve Campbell (me) Charley Yuknus (me) Doug Spier (me) Ed Doyle Jr. (me) Gene Hylinski (me) Ray Cope (me)		Frank Taverno (me) Joe Sharpe (me) John Seymour (me) Tom Foy (me)
B	Don Mayer Sr. (me) John Razzi (me) Rick Winters (me) Steve Jerdan (me)					
A Female Eddie	Beth Pfeifer (fe) Lora Hooven (fe) Nicole Welhaf (fe) Steph Downey (fe)	Female Eddie Becky Foley (fe) Christen Flaherty (fe) Kelly Neill (fe) Lisa Silvestri (fe) Sue Migliore (fe)		Christen Flaherty (fe) Karol Ann Kinkelin (fe) Lisa Silvestri (fe) Mary Ann Wade (fe)		Chanelle Lyons (fe) Christen Flaherty (fe) Donna Finlayson (fe) Mary Ann Wade (fe) Stephanie Pellish (fe) Tara Murphy (fe)
B	Abby Doberstein (fe) Aubrey Peranteau (fe) Brooke Barden (fe) Kristen Cupo (fe)			Dawn Wanner (fe) Katrina Rivera (fe) Missey Schad (fe) Ann Marie McCabe		
Defense	Alex Lilly Andrew McConnell Dave Noble Matt McReynolds	Chris Heckler Dan Shaeffer Dave McDonald Eric Pelletier Mike Brown Sean Fisher Steph Garrett	Bob McClintock Dave Berkowitz Frank Murray John Lembeck Mike Bianco	Brett Lawhead Dave McDonald Joe Horchuck Patrick Burton Tim Ford	Matt Hutcheson Mike Zahradnick Steve Campbell	Chris Schaefer John Muntz Lowel Snyder Pat Saab
Eddie	Ed McGuire (me) John Seymour (me) Laura Capik (fe) Ron Kulp (me) Steve Campbell (me)	Christen Flaherty (fe) Elliot Ridgeway (me) Joe Lynd (me) Mike McHale (me) Nelson Tobolsky (me) Newt Miles (me)		Christen Flaherty (fe) Ed Doyle Jr. (me) John Seymour (me)		Bob Cusano (me) Joe Sharpe (me) Lisa Silvestri (fe) Mary Ann Wade (fe) Tara Axenroth (fe)

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they swept thru the regular season with a perfect 8-0 record and continued its success in the postseason with three straight wins to earn its third straight "B" Division coed title dating back to the previous year.

The Well posted an 8-0 mark in the regular season out-scoring opponents, 132-68, to earn the top seed. Heavy Hitters finished second with a 6-2 record to earn a bye into the semifinal round. The Shamrocks were the #3 seed with a 5-3 mark and SBA Comets took home the fourth spot with a 3-3-2 mark. Tonelli's Pizza (#5 seed) and The Crackers (#6 seed) rounded out the teams making the playoffs in the spring season.

In the quarterfinals the two higher seeded teams recorded upsets as #6 The Crackers defeated #3 Shamrocks, 11-10, while #5 Tonelli's Pizza took care of #4 SBA Comets, 12-7 to advance into the semifinals. In the semi's the higher seeded teams took care of business as #2 Heavy Hitters scratched out a 10-7 win over the Crackers, while #1 seed The Well took care of #5 Tonelli's Pizza, 12-7, to set-up a championship game between the top two seeds.

The Well wasted no time in earning its third straight title topping the Heavy Hitters, 21-6 and 20-9, in the best 2-of-3 championship series. In the championship series opener BJ Spigelmyer led the way going 3-for-3 with six RBI's, Ryan Kelly had three runs scored out of the leadoff hole. In the second game, Jeff Boyda had two hits and three RBI's and Todd Hiestand collected two hits and two RBI's in the win.

Individually several players had strong seasons include John McCabe of The Shamrocks with a .714 average including three home runs and 17 RBI's. Mike Richardson had a strong season for the Comets batting .600 with 13 RBI's and Brett Bauz was the top hitter during the regular season for The Well batting .583 with a home run and 12 RBI's.

The summer season saw some new blood enter the league as The Well departed for the "A" league after winning three straight titles and Team Hangover moved up from the "B" National Conference after posting a perfect 8-0 regular season record during the Spring.

The Shamrocks posted the best regular season record with a 6-1-1 mark to earn the playoffs top seed, while the Heavy Hitters continued to play well earning a bye into the semifinals for the second straight season with a 5-2-1 regular season mark.

The SBA Comets also went 5-2-1 to earn the #3 seed, newcomer Team Hangover finished 4-3-1 to take home the fourth spot and The Crackers and Longshots finalized the playoff picture with 3-5 regular season records and the #5 and #6 seeds in the post-season.

In the quarterfinals #6 seed the Long Shots proved they were in fact no such a long shot after all upsetting the third seeded, SBA Comets, 19-14, in a slugfest, while #4 Team Hangover advanced into the semifinals with some solid defense defeating The Crackers, 6-2.

In the semifinals the #2 seed Heavy Hitters used some playoff experience to defeat the upset minded Long Shots, 7-5, the newcomer, Team Hangover, made some noise upsetting the #1 seed, The Shamrocks, 8-5, in a hard fought game.

The best 2-of-3 championships series saw a balanced showdown between the Heavy Hitters and Team Hangover. After Team Hangover took game one, 15-7, the Heavy Hitters used some championship series experience in the spring to take the final two games, 10-7 in game two and 7-6 in game three to earn its first-ever Coed "B" title.

Individually several players had terrific statistical seasons including John McCabe once again for the Shamrocks hitting .680 with five home runs and 13 RBI's. Sal Guzman hit .640 with 13 RBI's for the Long Shots, Eric Freed of the Heavy Hitters hit .643 with 12 runs scored, Matt Schaub hit .615 with three home runs and 11 RBI's and Randy Helsman of Team Hangover hit .613 with three homers and 15 runs batted in.

BJ Spigelmyer

The Fall B Division offense was led by American MVPs like Rob Weston batting (.654). Rob was also the only player in this Division to hit for the cycle. John Coxhead had a stellar season with a (.621) batting average and 18 runs batted in. Paul O'Conner batted an impressive (.833) including 4 triples. Rich Beck got the job done with a (.630) batting average and a compact performance all around. Tom Banes batted (.700) helping the Longshots to an unbeaten regular season. Finally, Alex Lilly (ALiI), batted (.613), not bad for a pitcher.

The fall session belonged to the Longshots who dominated the league with a 7-0-1 record only to be knocked off by a vicious Heavy Hitters team who snuck by the Longshots in game 1 of the playoffs taking the Heavy Hitters back to the finals for a chance to defend their title.

The biggest surprise of the year was that Glenn Hipple managed to take his team from a 0-2 start, only to win the remainder of his games with a skeleton crew and ALiI help. The Crackers, however, failed to make the finals when the SBA Comets scorched the Hipple gang of Crackers in game 2 of the playoffs.

For a league that only consisted of 5 teams, this league proved to be more of a chess match than a softball league. Teams that showed too much during the regular season had nothing to surprise teams with in the playoffs. The 2 teams that emerged from the playoff ashes had less than stellar records during the regular season. The SBA Comets entered the playoffs with only 3 wins and so did the defending league Champions, the Heavy Hitters.

So the stage was set for a best of 3 series featuring the Heavy Hitters and the SBA Comets. The SBA Comets, led by the steady hand of Ron Spillman, never stopped believing and together they managed to topple a very good Heavy Hitters team, led by Kyle Walsh. When all the smoke cleared only 1 team was left standing - The SBA Comets!

Dan Shaeffer

B National Conference Recap

Our 2007 Spring kicked off with 8 teams (Team Hangover, Acute Medical Transport, Rockets, G-Boys, Deuces Wild, Irish Car Bombs, Fallout Crew, and Big Heads.) all vying for their shot at the top spot and a Championship shirt. Competition was steady all season, but it was Team Hangover who ran the table and ran the table in a convincing manner. Averaging 15.9 runs scored a game, and giving up just an impressive 3.8 runs a game... Team Hangover ran the table with a perfect 8-0 season while dominating the competition. Randy Helsman had a career year at the plate as he finished with an amazing .808 batting average racking up 21 hits in 26 at-bats. Two Home Runs and 20 rbi's were also very impressive over the 7 games he played that season. Male Eddie John Seymour entered the season pitching very well earning himself a whopping 2.57 ERA en route to his 8-0 record. He also made 21 put-outs

and assisted in 22 others. Great Season for this team as they would undoubtedly go on to play in the Championship Series and ultimately win the title.

The Summer season would reduce the amount of teams to just six. (Rockets, Absolute Graphics, G-Boys, Irish Car Bombs, Fallout Crew, and Big Heads). As we saw in the Spring Season with Team Hangover, we now see in the Summer with the Rockets team. They too went on to a perfect season with an 8-0 record while averaging 12.5 runs a game and holding opponents to an average of 4.8 runs a game. Mike Griffin led the offensive barrage with his team leading .654 batting average. David Dancer provided all the power they would need this season as he belted a very impressive SIX Home Runs in just 7 games played. Almost a home run a game. He drove in 14 runs while hitting an ok .435 and a whopping .1435 slugging percentage. Don Mayer Jr. provided their defensive highlights as he amassed 15 put outs and a very nice 32 assists in 8 games. Nearly 4 assists a game!!

But with all these impressive numbers, the title did not belong to the Rockets. Although the Rockets went on to the title game, it was the 4-4 G-Boys who displayed

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For The Love... (Continued from page 5)

out with, and have fun with. The ones we sit around with and laugh with. We come together to share in something that we all have in common, Softball America. We come together for the love of a simple game that helps us to forget about how life really is. "Our safe haven"!! But the one thing that we should be cherishing the most is the same one thing that we take for granted the most each day. With the exception of a few members in the league, each one of us takes our lives for granted each and every day!! Please let me explain....

One example may be going off on an umpire for the wrong call. It's ok to get upset, but it's another thing to keep going on to the point where you're tossed out of the game. It's one thing to want to win, it's another thing to walk around all night pissed off cause your team lost. Or jumping down a team mate's throat because they made an error, or errors. Sometimes we take for granted the simple fact that we are ALLOWED to play a game, which might happen to be fun too. I say allowed, because at anytime that game can be pulled away from us at anytime and for any reason. I've been in this league for about 6 years now. Although out of those 6 years I missed a full year with an injury. It was roughly 2 weeks into the spring season that I was hit in the ankle (KEYWORD ANKLE) with a ground ball, and it was not even a full hit, the ball glanced off the ankle. It's all happened to us, a simple play, a bad hop and the ball hits you. 1 week later I lay in the intensive care unit of the local hospital with a DVT. In medical corners it is known as a Deep Vein Thrombosis or a blood clot to you and me. The clot was not localized to one area, my entire leg was clotted from ankle to groin, SOLID. I was on major intravenous blood thinners for 3 weeks. I would look at a sharp object and just start bleeding. Another 12 months of oral thinners, along with self injected blood thinners as well. I suffered 6 rapid fire pulmonary embolisms before undergoing surgery to place a tulip filter into my chest to catch the clots as they broke free. A pulmonary embolism is when a blood clot breaks free and travels to your lungs. A single embolism can kill and has killed. Jimmy Stewart died from an embolism. I had suffered 6 embolisms and had a major case of pneumonia, in one lung that was thick with clotting blood. I now belong to a very elite club known as the 2% club. I am one of a dozen people in the world who has survived 6 or more embolisms and lived to talk about it. During the next 14 months I would have more blood thinners and therapy for my leg. To this day the vein in my leg is damaged and there is still some blood flow restriction coming out of the leg. For the rest of my life the leg will be slightly swollen and larger than the other. I will be susceptible to blood clots for the rest of my life now. My chances of returning to play ball from this were less than 20%, but I made it anyway. I don't tell you this to brag or to blow my own horn, but I do tell my story with pride. I say this so you can realize how a simple ground ball can have a life altering effect. A simple ground ball!! How it can change your entire outlook about what is important and what matters most to you. So I say it again, I say it as many of my friends in this league have also said it. I say it with the Nigel's, and the Bernacki's, and the Queen's and the Bohannon's and with the funny looking owner of this place as well as with a few others.....for the love of the game!!

Tom Strowhouer

Friday Evening Coed (Continued from page 3)

enroth were phenomenal, racking up 84 putouts, 12 assists, and a miniscule 3 errors between them.

The fall season standings were almost an exact replica of the summer. The Misfits cruised to first with another 7-1 record. They met Andy's Snack Bar for the third time in the playoffs. Another classic showdown and another ASB upset. They met Big Heads in the finals. This one lasted three games with Andy's Snack Bar successfully defending their title. One out from elimination in game 2 they rallied and fought back. Dan Shaeffer was the hero for ASB going 8-11 with 2 triples and 7 runs scored. Not to be overlooked was Warren Grant's impressive night for Big Heads going 7-7 with three home runs and 8 RBI.

The fall season became Warren Grant's world, and we were lucky enough to watch it. He batted an absurd .857 with five homeruns and 23 runs knocked in. For the male eddies Frank Taverno, Ed Youmans, and Joe Sharpe all batted over .500. Karen Gordon was a hard out all season hitting .409. This was truly the defensive season for male and female eddies alike. The seven MVP nominees tallied 114 putouts, 75 assists, and a measly 4 errors. Incredible.

Yes, coming to the field Friday nights was entertaining and it probably always will be. Anytime you mix softball, beer, and a bunch of great people it's a good time. Who knows what 2008 will bring? Only time will tell. As Joe Burke likes to scream for the entire ball field to hear, "It's a whole new season!"

Keith Keppley

Thursday Evening Men's (Continued from page 5)

Inn also helped the cause taking away at least 7 hits from the Baiters on this night. Jim Plunket was the big bopper in the B Division hitting 9 homeruns and knocking in 27 on his way to an MVP nomination. John McCabe led the way with a .741 average. Glen Hipple was the minister of defense tallying 24 putouts, 8 assists, and no errors.

The summer season was like a case of déjà vu with the Horsham Inn ripping through the competition on their way to the championship. There they met the Snipers. Different team. Same result. The Ho Inn won in two games to secure the summer title. The MVP for this series went to Horsham Inn's Matt Kulp. He went 5-7 with a homerun and five RBI.

The offense belonged to the Horsham Inn with three of its players being nominated for offensive MVP. John McCabe led the way once again exploding for 11 homeruns, 28 RBI, batting .857, and slugging at a mind boggling 2.571. Defensive MVP nominees included Matt Hutcheson, Mike Zahradnick, and Steve Campbell. The three combined to produce 39 putouts, 60 assists, and a measly 2 errors on the season.

The fall season become like a broken record for the rest of the B Division. The Horsham Inn saved their best ball for the fall producing a perfect record (11-0) and swiping their third title and the sweep for the year. They steamrolled over everyone scoring 120 runs while giving up just 44. The Master Baiters would face them in the finals, but had to forfeit due to a lack of players.

Once again John McCabe set the tone batting .706 with five homeruns and 22 RBI. Bruiser John Kiefer was also a force racking up 6 dingers and 17 RBI. Steve Campbell led the way defensively for the Horsham Inn playing a flawless pitching position on the mound while getting 14 putouts and 14 assists.

Over the course of the year the short fences at Hatfield saw the Horsham Inn dominate the B Division. Five other teams will be looking for a title while the Ho Inn will be looking to build on its dynasty. See you suckas in the spring...

Keith Keppley

Players Of The Year (Continued from page 7)

John McCabe (500/1455), and Ricky MacLeod (660/1075) round out the men's league playoff top 10.

To go along with his men's and coed POTY, Jarred Gardner can now add coed league Playoff POTY to his 2007 resume. In the playoffs Jarred batted a shade under 800 and hammered out a whopping 2054 slugging % in 37 at-bats. If he wasn't forcing as run to score (100%), he was scoring one himself (78%). The bat was taken out of his hands in almost 1 in 5 trips to the plate. Based on his 2007 post-season production, I can't say I blame the opposition. Coming off a year layoff as a result of medical issues, Tom Strowhouer is starting to re-emerge as a superstar. 2nd in playoff player rankings, Tom's power production (1150) came on toward the latter months of the softball year. His batting (650) and RBI production (73%) was among the league best. Brian Roth led all in batting with a 773 in 22 at-bats. Getting a free pass almost 1/3 of the time, Darrin Posavec finished 4th according to the numbers. His run and RBI production (60%/68%) were high on the list. His 1200 slugging was excellent when you consider he was walked almost 1/3 of the time. Keith Keppley (573/1159), Jake Loux (711/1000), Mike Richardson (667/1061), Don McAnalty (607/1036), and Mike Banes (615/1154) round out the coed league playoff top 10.

First-time winner Becky Foley was relentless throughout the post season. It mattered not what season it was, Becky consistently stepped up to the plate and delivered for her teams, at-bat after at-bat. Her 485 batting and 667 power led all females. Working a walk in almost 1 in 10, Becky scored a run nearly half the time she got on base. Over the course of 89 at-bats, Christen Flaherty was an impressive runner-up. Batting 404 and slugging 506, Christen drove in a run in better than 1 in 4 trips to the plate. Separated by only 6 points, Lora Hooven (412/510) and Joan Glass (414/414) finished in 3rd and 4th respectively. Lora's fielding % (373) at 2B and Joan's run scoring ability (31%) were equally impressive. Nicole Welhaf (429/500), Donna Finlayson (333/333), Julie Ann Krick (308/346), Kelly

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Most Valuable Players / Fall 2007

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 Offense	Bill Yokobosky Frank Murray Rick Totans Steve Mendenhall Steve Ryder	Jarred Gardner John Trippetti Keith Villers Mark Bernacki Matt McReynolds	Bo Burris Curt Perry Jim Kennedy Mike Brown Steph Garrett	Bill Clark Bill Yokobosky Jamal Covington Mike Trachtenberg Ryan Parfitt Scott Holloway	Chris Cusano Keith Keppley Keith Villers Rick Totans Shawn Crawford	Bill Yokobosky Brian Penecale Darrin Posavec Jamal Covington Jarred Gardner Rob Spencer Steve Molloney	Chris Courduff Ed Doyle III Joe Burke Paul Micklos Warren Grant
B	Bob Tumelty Dave Herbert Mike Strum Scott Masulis Tony Fischetti	Alex Lilly John Coxhead Paul O'Connor Rich Beck Rob Weston Tom Banes			Curt Perry Dave Buonomo Matt Schaub Mike Richardson Tim Ford	John Kiefer John McCabe Matt Schaub Mike Sheerin Rob McKenna Steve Campbell	
A Male Eddie		Bill Guerard (me) Frank Taverno (me) Jim Perkins (me) Steve Campbell	Bill Roth (me) Gene Hylinski (me) Jack Eiser (me) Joe Lynd (me) Ron Arrighy (me)		Bob Cusano (me) Frank Taverno (me) Joe Lynd, Sr. (me) Steve Campbell (me)		Bob Cusano (me) Ed Youmans (me) Frank Taverno Joe Sharpe (me) Steve Jerdan (me)
B		Dave Gumkowski John Seymour (me) Paul Harvan (me) Rich Cordisco (me) Ron Spillman (me) Tim Jenkins (me)			Charles Yuknus (me) Gene Hylinski (me) Mike McHale (me) Ray Cope (me) Ron Spillman (me) Tom Foy (me) Wayne Jerdan (me)		
A Female Eddie		Christen Flaherty (fe) Karol Ann Kinkelin Kathy Dillion (fe) Mary Ann Wade (fe) Nicole Welhaf (fe)	Ann Marie McDonald Christen Flaherty (fe) Dawn Bieber (fe) Joan Glass (fe) Lora Hooven (fe) Sue Migliore (fe)		Christen Flaherty (fe) Karen Gordon (fe) Karol Ann Kinkelin (fe) Kelly Neill (fe) Mary Ann Wade (fe)		Ange Axenroth (fe) Karen Gordon (fe) Kelly Neil (fe) Nicole Welhaf (fe) Tara Murphy (fe)
B		Aubrey Peranteau (fe) Carissa Marlin (fe) Carol Mahoney (fe) Chrissy Malone (fe) Tara Murphy (fe) Trisha Marlin (fe)			Amy Muller (fe) Karen Lund (fe) Megan Humphrey (fe) Trish Marlin (fe) Trish Traub (fe)		
Defense	Brian O'Neill Charlie Raschiatore Jeff Guilian Mike Zahradnick Orlando Berrios Ryan Kraft	Bryan Hoch John Muntz Nick Cordisco Scott Grabus Vince Lehr Wayne Wiley	Dave McDonald Chris Hesdon Mike Brown	Bo Burris Dan Scott Jeff Hess Jim Rosica Keith Server Ron Hopkins Ryan Parfitt Scott Holloway Steve Campbell	Dave Buonomo Dave Grice Dave McDonald John Muntz Steve Guzman Tim Ford	Chris Jones Dave McGuire Joe Burke Rob McKenna Shawn Goodwin Steve Campbell	Joe Burke John Muntz Kent Smedley Lowel Snyder Paulo Vitoria
Eddie		Joanne Bechtal (fe) John Seymour (me) Mary Ann Wade (fe) Nicole Welhaf (fe) Rich Cordisco (me) Ron Kulp (me) Steve Campbell (me)	Bob Cusano (me) Chris Roccato Sr. Joan Glass (fe) Linda Dart (fe) Tara Murphy (fe) Tom Weinman (me)		Amy Muller (fe) Bill Roth (me) John Seymour (me) Shanna Lilly (fe) Tara Murphy (fe) Trish Traub (fe)		Bob Cusano (me) Christen Flaherty Ed Doyle Jr (me) Frank Taverno (me) Joe Sharpe (me) John Seymour (me) Steve Jerdan (me)

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Then we mention the Philly Ball Busters. Ray Bates put together an all around season with a .542 batting average and 1.146 slugging percentage. He also had 49 put outs, and 57 assists. Let's mention their mound ace Rob Gaffney who posted a 9-3 record with a 5.01 ERA in 88 innings pitched. Brian Hughes is to be mentioned as he racked up 85 put outs.

Kenney's Madison Tavern sure knew how to produce runs. Chris Peacher and Matt Schaub combined for an impressive 70 RBI's. Chris (40), Matt (30). Chris had a season to remember as he collected 35 hits in 14 games producing a .700 batting average in 50 at bats. He also smashed 11 Home Runs while raising his slugging percentage to 1.640 average.

For the Broad Street Bombers while they did not reach the post-season, Jeff Thurston surely was not the reason they did not make it. Holding his own during the regular season he produced a nice .537 batting average in 13 games while driving in 12. Eric Pellitier also drove in 12 while batting .525

Chris Palma's first year as a manager was a long one. Despite posting a 0-16 record, there were some nice happenings for this team. Ben Soler finished the season with a .425 average and Jeff Bush really displayed some defensive talent during the season by posting 26 put outs, 26 assists in 15 games.

High Stakes was a new team that displayed many new team errors from its managerial staff. Including a roster of 23 players, it was very hard to display any type of consistency at any level. Bill Yeager was a long bright spot batting .477 with 10 RBI's.

The Mixed Nutz finished the season with a .500 record going 8-8. Dave Herbert led the way for the Nutz collecting 27 hits in 45 at bats. (.600BA). He had 3 Home Runs and 14 RBI's. Rich Paolone had 18 hits in 33 at bats...posting a .545 average in 10 games.

Now let's not forget the always exciting and outspoken Phurians. The mighty Phurians walked into the playoffs with a 10-6 record while being led by the Tulino brothers. Anthony Tulino had 24 hits in 46 at-bats on way to a .522 average and Joey Tulino had 26 hits in 51 at-bats en route to a .510 average. John Tulaba smacked 6 Home Runs and drove in 23 to lead his team in those categories.

Brian Gourley led the 6-9-1 'Roos with his personal .510 batting average, 3 Home Runs, and 13 RBI's. 26 hits in 51 at-bats to go along with 58 put outs and 3 assists.

But when it was all said and done, it was Balls Out who stood on top with a 3 game series against the Philly Ball Busters and taking the Spring/Summer title. Balls Out would move on to bigger and better things in the Men's A Division...but more on that will come to you in later articles.

Gentleman, as always we have our ups and downs, good plays, bad plays, injuries, new faces, and new end of season outcomes. But while many outcomes are always to surface in this great sport, there is one thing that remains consistent...Softball America is home to not just great softball...but an unforgettable and enjoyable event.

Men, until 2008, Latin out.

Ben Soler

Spotlight On... (Continued from page 5)

foresaw a trip to the Fort Lauderdale area to play local Florida softballers in double headers/tournaments. This became a reality in 1994. It was usually for 10 days and for guys in their 50's & 60's. It involved 30 players. Thus, Nelson set up games for two different age groups. He also made arrangements for travel and hotel accommodations. This lasted until 2001 when Nelson, due to other commitments, yielded this operation to others. Thanks to Nelson and all his hard work, this trip is still done today. It occurs in early to mid-march for about 10 days. Nelson participates in a lot of SS. He enjoys tournaments and will travel almost anywhere. I introduced Nelson to SBA in 2002. Nelson loves SBA-- travels 1 1/2 hours each way. He enjoys the competition, camaraderie, the nice people, and the organized structure of SBA. He really enjoys playing with & against the young bucks of in the league.

Nelson is an ambassador for the game and of life. A hitting guru, he loves giving batting advice. He has a tee and net in his basement and practices several times a week.

Frank Taverno

As another league elder statesman, Frank Taverno plays the game for the love of the game. While some admire and respect the game, Frank considers it an absolute work of art. Through the eyes of and as described by his good friend, Nelson Tobolsky, Frank's baseball/softball life can be traced back to local area playgrounds in the early 50's.

A 1961 Ambler High graduate, with pure determination and perseverance, having received his Bachelors degree in Business management from Temple University in 1985, Frank Taverno was first introduced to the world of softball by his uncle at the age of five years. From then on he was hooked, and started his career at playgrounds in the 1950's.

As a senior in high school he joined an adult men's fast pitch league. Even though he was slight of stature, he developed great upper body strength by swinging a sledgehammer during a summer job, and surprised his elder peers, with his power and competitiveness. His prowess and ability continued to grow as he began playing four to five nights a week during the 80's and 90's. In 1994 he became a charter member in the old original SBA league when he started playing in Montgomery County for Razzi Radiator, managed by John Razzi, and alongside fellow teammate Paul O'Connor, at a field then known as "The Pit".

The "batman" as he is known by many, because of his huge bat collection, as well as his expertise of these bats is presently a member of the SBA 500 club for hits and runs.

Frank's work ethic in overcoming various health adversities remains a benchmark for those who love the game of softball. His dedication to the game is only surpassed by his loyalty to friends and acquaintances, and his willingness to give of himself quietly when people are in need. Still playing in many leagues plus national tournament teams, with rarely a miss, and being the recipient of numerous MVP awards definitely qualifies Frank as "Mr. Softball".

Nelson Tobolsky

Statistics (Continued from page 3)

Joe Lynd, Sr. (485/688/433).

Christen Flaherty (937/1099/606) is poised to crack the 1,000 run plateau. With 1099 hits under her belt, she is sure to become the first-ever female TC 1000 winner in the years to come. Christen is not just a pretty face with a good bat. This girl can also handle the leather... glove, that is. Her 2,810 put-outs is better than twice as many as her nearest rival. Her nickname as the Put-Out Queen (on the field, that is) is well deserved. Johnny Muntz (871/1040/439) has an outside shot at reaching 1000 runs scored, but will need to put together a real fine year in order to get it.

Others not previously mentioned that should reach 500 coed runs scored include Brian Steeber (497), Paul Harvan (458), Chris Van Luvanee (450), John Trippetti (448), Eric Touni (444), and Mike McHale (439). Chris Cusano, Tim O'Shea, Sr., and Ed Doyle, III have outside shots.

The 1,000 coed hit mark could see some action from Rob Johnson (919) and Andy Suder (914). Jim Flowers needs 3 coed league base hits for 500. Ron Pulli needs only 9 and Jess Morak only 11. Others include Joan Glass (470), Luke Lawlor (469), Bernie Marsh (455), Steve Bucher (447), Glen Hipple (440), and Mike DeGuida (427). Bob Stintsman (423) and Lisa Silvestri (420) each have an outside shot.

The 500 coed RBI mark should be greeted by Eliot Ridgeway, Rich Edmundson, Jarred Gardner, Frank Taverno, and Johnny Muntz in 2008.

Odds & Ends

League member Shawn Rush emailed me the following question. "I believe I ended the Tuesday Men's summer season with 20 hits- all singles. Has anyone ever had more hits in a regular season without slugging even one measly extra base hit?" The answer to Shawn's 2007 power outage question did not come easy. After researching the archives I discovered Jeff Lofton (JCL Systems) also had 20 hits in the Tuesday Men's summer season of 1997 - all of them singles. Pete Chichillitti (Nail or Never) did the same thing during the Thursday Men's spring season of 2003. In the summer of 2003, Rich Goin (Herold Builders) banged out 24 hits - all but 1 of them singles. In answer to Shawn's question, the biggest seasonal power outage in Softball America history came in the Sunday Men's spring/summer season of 2004 when John Markowski (BALCO) carved out 28 base hits - each and every one of them a single.

At the end of the 2006, female eddie batting averages plummeted to an anemic 249 while slugging fared just as poorly at 269. Approving the use of the hotter bats for the girls in 2007 was just what the doctor ordered. Female eddie averages soared by almost 10% to 273. Slugging % rose by more than 10% to 300. I'm sure as more girls invest in the hot bat technology, the numbers will continue to rise. As an aside, the batting averages of men's league, coed core, and male eddie players remained virtually unchanged (give or take 1/2 of 1 percent) from 2006-2007.

A number of seasonal bests were either tied or set last year. Steve Hagan (Monday summer) and Curt Perry (Monday fall) each hammered out 8 triples to break the 6 yr. old single season coed mark of 7 held by 5 players. John McCabe (Thursday summer) and Jarred Gardner (Thursday fall) each tied the 7 yr. old men's league single season HR record of 11. In the Sunday Men's fall season, Jeff Gullian set a new seasonal mark of 36 assists. On the yearly front, John Kiefer tied the record for most men's games played (71) and John McCabe tied the yearly men's league batting average mark of .756.

As a league we've now amassed a total of 258,886 base hits since 1995. The way I see it, someone will nail our 1 millionth hit in the late summer of 2029.

Les Greenstein

Sunday Coed (Continued from page 9)

the better game on Championship game as they upset the Rockets in 3 games to win the title, and had to do so by winning the final 2 games after being down one game to none. The Boys of G brought a stout offense and aggressive defense on this Championship Sunday to overwhelm the Rockets and win their first title at Softball America.

Well, the off-season is upon us and the ice is falling, but it is not time to forget our Spring and Summer Champions and look forward to future champions here at Softball America. Will it be the Rockets or G-Boys? Who knows, but we do know that Spring 2008 is upon us and if you're like me and many others, we can't wait to see who will be our Next Champion!!!

Congrats to Team Hangover and G-Boys, and in a few months...PLAY BALL!!!!
Ben Soler

The Irish Car Bombs were the team to beat in the fall. They had an impressive turn around from a 2-6 spring record and a 3-5 summer record, to go 7-1 in the fall and easily take first place. The rest of the division was tight as the final playoff spot wasn't determined until the final day of the season. The Horse Tavern and Grille was the only team to defeat the Irish Car Bombs during the season and they met up in the finals. The Horse gave them a run but the Irish Car Bombs pulled it out in 3 games. Pitcher Wayne Wiley had a great season, posting a stellar 4.55 ERA and helping himself with 31 assists. Scott Grabus flashed some big time leather garnering 25 assists of his own. Their gold glove efforts got them both nominated for Defensive MVP of the fall campaign. Scott Grabus also led the B National Division with 3 HRs.

Matt Refice

Players Of The Year (Continued from page 10)

Neill (348/370), Stephanie Hynes (370/481), and Lisa Silvestri (365/444) round out the female eddie playoff top 10.

When the pressure was on, so too was Wayne Jerdan. Batting 720 and slugging 760, Wayne's playoff production over the course of 25 at-bats was more than enough to garner male eddie Playoff Player Of The Year. Wayne's ability to drive in a run in better than 1 in 3 at-bats shows he stepped up when needed. Perennial superstar and POTY runner-up, John Razzi finished the playoff year batting 539 and slugging 719. Dave Gumkowski (517/552) and Bob Cusano (483/618) finished 5 points apart in 3rd and 4th respectively. Bob's glove work on the mound (363) is not too shabby for the pitcher position. Steve Campbell (404/827), Charlie Gardner (536/536), Steve Pavlik (556/556), Ron Spillman 571/571), and Ron Kulp (485/515) round out the male eddie top 10.

Les Greenstein

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