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NATIONWIDE NEWSLETTER TO COVER FASTPITCH

Here is the first issue of the new FASTPITCH CHRONICLE, a nationwide/worldwide monthly newsletter devoted strictly to fastpitch softball. It's been 2 full seasons now that the fastpitch fan has not had a regular source of information as to where the action is and who's winning and who's not.

In May when a few of us started putting it together we knew of no other publication where the fastpitch fan could read articles about fastpitch only. A mailing list has been worked on (we need many, many more) and articles have been submitted and written.

We think there is quite a bit of information packed into this first FREE ISSUE. We know that we are missing information about women's fastpitch, youth fastpitch, and a lot of Class A, B, and C men's action but we welcome any information that you, the readers would like to submit. We want to publish a directory of all the fastpitch events held in the country and we will if you send us that information. The only thing we ask is that you also send us a summary of the results of your tournament.

Many people claim that the sport of fastpitch is dying, and in some areas it has, but it doesn't have to be that way. We think that one way to keep it alive is through more publicity. You must get information to your area newspapers and we urge you to send information to us.

We have assembled a group of regular writers from various parts of the country but we are still short on contributors in certain areas. You could become a regular contributor just by sending the FASTPITCH CHRONICLE information on a regular basis.

The area we would like to cover is huge, we can't possibly get information without your help. If you would like people all across the North American Continent and in New Zealand etc. to know about the teams in your area and the fastpitch happenings in your area

you must submit information to a publication that sends a mailing across the continent and across the oceans. This is an example of that type of publication.

WELCOME

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We are issuing the first copy FREE throughout the world. We have addresses from across the country, Canada, and New Zealand. We do not have the funds to advertise this new publication nationwide/worldwide so we are going to depend on you, the fastpitch fans, to spread the word about the FASTPITCH CHRONICLE. Give the extra subscription blanks to your fastpitch friends that you know would like to get a monthly newsletter and feel free to make copies of the form and give it to all your fastpitch friends.

We will print news about mens, womens, youth, international fastpitch, any fastpitch action or news. Send it to us and let us get the news about your area out to the world.

The cost of the monthly FASTPITCH CHRONICLE will be \$15 for third class mailing and \$22.50 for first class

Some of the avid fastpitch fans that have been called on to help already are Wayne Fisher of Iowa City, Iowa, Irv Kawarsky of Des Moines, Iowa, Dennis Gilbertson of Madison, Wi., Denson Sexton of Alabama, Herb Dower of California, Roy and Betty Stout of California, Milt Stark of the ISC, Jack Addison of Tennessee and others. Add your name to the list by submitting information from your neck of the woods. We love to hear from you and the readers around the world would too. The more information we can put out the better the sport will be.

Much of the news in this issue comes from the Midwest, but the following issues do not have to be that way. We live in the Midwest and the information was easy to get.

We will print up to 36 pages per month if we receive enough information. We think its possible to get that much information if the tournament directors across the country submit information.

Fastpitch Softball is a great game and we feel it needs national/worldwide publicity. We want to do just that but we need your help. Subscribe today to THE FASTPITCH CHRONICLE and urge your fastpitch friends to do the same.

We hope you find the first FREE issue enjoyable (the ISC World Tournament bracket on page 11 should make it interesting if nothing else does) and that you send in your subscription today.

We look forward to hearing from you and we look forward to working with you.

Keep the rise ball risin' and the drop ball droppin'.

TELECONNECT TOURNEY

Cedar Rapids-Teleconnect of Cedar Rapids, the defending ISC World Champions, won their own round robin event on July 22-24 by beating the Farm Tavern of Madison 4-0 in the final. Teleconnect went 4-1 in the 3 day event while the Farm was 3-4 but won two in a row on Sunday after going 1-3 on Friday night and Saturday.

The New Zealand National team finished third (3-3) while Penn Corp and Decatur were both 2-3 on the weekend.

The Most Valuable pitcher in the event was Michael White of Teleconnect and the Most Valuable Player was Steve Kaiser of Teleconnect. The top hitter was Kerry Johanson of the New Zealand National team.

It was a great tournament for fastpitch softball fans as 5 or 6 of the top ranked pitchers were on hand.

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Dennis Yeskie: PROFILE OF A WINNER

by Roger Regez from
The Wisconsin ASA Messenger, May 1988

His big right arm would whirl around like a flywheel of a powerful engine and the softball would come flying in at the catcher at more than 100 MPH! That is the way the batters seen it over the career of one of Wisconsin's best ever softball pitchers, Dennis Yeskie. The Dennis Yeskie stories will never end in Wisconsin.

Pitchers are regarded as very good when they retire 70% of the batters they face. Very few Major League baseball pitchers top this figure. A state softball newsletter chanted Dennis Yeskie from 1971-76 in league play retiring 67.5, 70.7, 76.8, 80.9, 81.0, and finally an amazing 83.7% of the batters he faced! Once the 80% mark is reached you are marked as one of the best in the nation.

As a teenager he pitched a local Hixton team into the finals of a local tournament. He was the youngest pitcher in the area to hurl his team into the finals. He lost 5-4 to one of the top teams from the Western Wisconsin area. A few years later, pitching for Mindoro he won the Men Class B (now Class A) state championship. The next five years he would pitch Hixton Club 95 to consecutive Class A championships. His record is 6-0 in Class A state championship games.

The tall right hander pitched a total of seven games in one day in the 1975 Class A state tournament never allowing more than three hits. The ironman performance earned Club 95 the state title and its first national tournament berth. Club 95 finished fourth of 37 teams going 5-2 in the national tournament in Hamilton, OH. Yeskie and his teammates would go on to appear four times for a total of 13 wins. The thirteen wins is the most by a Wisconsin pitcher at the national tournament level. Twice he earned ASA All-American honors.

Getting up for the big game was never a problem for Yeskie. He fired a perfect game against Portage Sarbackers in the 1977 Class A state meet enroute to a MVP honor. Two years later he no-hit the Michigan state champion in the Great Lakes Regionals and was named Best Pitcher of the meet. Through 1987 he had posted 8 no-hitters in league play alone which made up only about 10% of the Club 95 schedule. He had 40 shutouts and the next highest mark by any pitcher in West Central Wisconsin was 19!

He beat down every "label" thrown at him by his critics. A typical year would be like 1975. He hurled Club 95 to the longest consecutive winning streak in the Dairyland League's history 52 games! The team won four of six tournaments entered, were runnerup in the nationals, Yeskie fanned 571 in 467 innings with a 1.00 ERA, and 22 shutouts. The critics were saying he would be really good if he had a changeup! He was better than "really good." The year before Yeskie's club finished 60-8, he fired 29 shutouts including seven in a row. He tallied 726 strikeouts in 445 innings.

While pitching at the Class A level the average batter batted only about .130 facing the "heat" Yeskie threw. More than three times as many batters struck out compared to getting a hit.

He joined Antigo All-Car and pitched at the Major level in 1981, two years later he hooked up with Mankato, MN Happy Chef, pitching two years for them. He went undefeated in the Minnesota ISC Travel league. He won 80 games in two years for All-Car and was 33-9 and 27-7 respectively for Happy Chef. In 1985 he hurled for Pogy's Pizza of La Crosse, WI before moving to Nevada. That year he fired a no-hitter in the Eau Claire Classic against his former team, Antigo All-Car. At the major class level Yeskie made appearances in the

MIDDLETON, WI

Middleton, Wi.-LaPizza Henry J's of Des Moines, Iowa claimed first place at the Class A fastpitch tournament held at the Bowling Green softball complex in Middleton, Wi. over the Memorial Day weekend.

In June it was the Kimberly Merchants taking first place in a Class A tournament held at Bowling Green.

DENNIS YESKIE:

PROFILE OF A WINNER

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ISC World Tour naments. He was 2-0 in 1984 with Mankato with 19 strikeouts in 14.2 innings.

A few other accomplishments are worth noting. Known as "Barney" to his teammates, Yeskie once fanned five batters in one inning and nine in two innings. The balls went by the catcher as well as the batter!. He once hurled back to back perfect games in 1973. Also, Club 95 was one of the few teams to carry more players on its catching staff than on its pitching staff. Catchers suffered sore hands and broken fingers catching the pitches thrown by Yeskie.

Now living in Carson City, Nevada Dennis Yeskie says his career is over. He suffered a shoulder separation in a car accident making it a bad risk to pitch again. He has expressed a desire to sponsor pitching clinics.

"The pitcher who did not have a changeup, the pitcher who would throw his arm out in two years, and the pitcher who would not do well at the major level," finishes with 650 career wins, beating down all the labels put on him. Besides earning the admired respect and friendship of both his teammates and his opponents, many more people in the US now know where Hixton, Wis., population 375, is. One word that best describes the 21 year career of Dennis Yeskie is "Class".

LAWTON-SMITH

PORTAGE, WI

TRAINOR GRAIN WINS

Trainor Grain of Forest, Ill. won the 1988 Kaki Lawton-Dick Smith Class A Invitational held in Portage, Wisconsin on July 8, 9, 10.

Trainor Grain went through the tournament unbeaten and beat Elgin Boulevard Tap 4-3 in the final game.

The champions beat Pitches Lounge of Milwaukee to open the tournament and then beat Service Drugs (Cecil Pittack) 2-1. They then went on to beat Wilber Lime of Galesville in extra innings 2-1 (Wilber played 4 games, 2-2, and all were extra innings). Trainor then beat The Rice Lake Orangemen before beating Elgin in the championship round. They took home the \$1000 first place check. They had taken 4th the year before.

Elgin battled back through the loser's bracket after losing their opener in 12 innings to Wilber Lime. They beat ERS 10-0, Martin Security 6-4, Avenue Bar, Wilber Lime again, Chief Auto Parts and then Rice Lake before losing to Trainor Grain. Elgin received \$500 for second place.

Rice Lake took third place (\$300) in the tourney and was led by the pitching and hitting of Dave Podmolik and the hitting of Mike Ashlin. They both had 2 homers in the tourney.

Chief Auto parts lost their first game to Martin Security but battled backbattled back to take fourth place in the tournament (\$100). They played 6 games in the tournament.

Denny Rich won all the games for Trainor Grain.

For information on this excellent Class A fastpitch tournament contact Tom Raimer in Portage, Wi. at 608-742-2990. The host, Martin Security of Portage pays out a total of \$1,900 in prize money at this tournament. Past winners have been Scandia, Minnesota, Wilber Lime, TPC of Muscatine, Iowa, Tommy's Angels, Kelly's of Milwaukee, and Service Drugs of Portage.

A LOOK BACK IN TIME

BY IRV KAWARSKY, DES MOINES, IOWA
FASTPITCH CHRONICLE HISTORIAN

KE-NASH-A WINS CHICAGO 1934

Kenosha's Ke-Nash-A softball (kittenball) team beat the Crimson Coach Tobaccos of Toledo, Ohio, 2-0 for the National (International) championship on Monday afternoon, September 11, 1934 before 35,000 fans at Chicago's Lincoln Park.

The Chicago American Newspaper and the Amateur Softball Association sponsored the tournament. The first place trophy, bearing William Randolph Hearst's name was valued at \$600. Thirty-two teams played, including the Canadian Champs. The stands were filled, and fans stood eight to 10 deep around the field.

Eddie McKenna (Kenosha News Sports Editor until his death in 1951) wrote the newspaper stories used as sources for this article and these words for the Kenosha News about the championship game, "Bill Pecnick, stocky southpaw sharpshooting slants made the touted Matt Ruppert look like Rube Appleberry in some county farm league with his two hit pitching..."

Pecnick struckout 13 in the game, struckout the side in the 5th, and registered a strikeout in every inning but the 6th.

Ke-Nash-A scored in the first inning when Pete Bucko reached first on the first baseman's error and then crossed the plate on Norm Derringer's double. The team scored again in the 7th on Jim Dwyer's walk (he was forced at second by George Hansen's infield out), Hansen got to second on an error, to third on Len Baas's infield hit and scored on Pete Bucko's single.

Ke-Nash-A had won five games in three days.

--Al Linde pitched the opening game victory, a 3-1 affair with Cincinnati.

--Then Harry Kraft struck out 38 batters and allowed only six hits in a 19 inning game with Red Top Beer of

Newport, Kentucky. In the last inning (there was talk of calling the game because of darkness) Len Baas led off with a drag bunt hit, got to third on an error and scored on a fly ball.

--In the third game Pecnick beat Orlando, Florida, 12-1, scoring six runs in the seventh.

--Al Linde struckout 16 to beat Kansas City 1-0 in the semifinal game.

McKenna tells us to note that Soc Wainright (McKenna often made up first names if he didn't know them), Toledo's 43 year-old pitcher, had shutout Phoenix, Arizona, 2-0, in the 14 inning semifinal game that was held on the morning of the championship game. He then returned in the afternoon to pitch against Ke-Nash-A.

Ke-Nash-A had won the state tournament two weeks earlier at Madison, Wisconsin. All of the players, who wore blue and white uniforms, were either from Kenosha or Racine with the exception of Linde, who was an 18 year-old pitcher from Wauwatosa, Wisconsin and apparently, legally picked up for the tournament in Chicago.

The team returned home to play Western Printers of Racine in an exhibition game two days later and lost 1-0. They finished the season with a 61-8 record.

The Ke-Nash-A Club, sponsors of the team, was a goodwill organization for the employees at American Motors (called Nash Motors in 1934).

During the 1934 season lights were installed at Nash Stadium in Kenosha.

The year before, the same bunch of players, called then the Kenosha Miller Beers, finished second in the Nationals at Milwaukee. But that tournament seemed to be mostly made up of Wisconsin teams, plus a couple from nearby states.

In 1935, Ke-Nash-A returned to the tournament to defend its title, but lost in its first two outings to Cincinnati and St. Joseph (Michigan).

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BLUE-GRAY TOURNEY

Information for the following article was submitted by Denson Sexton of Millbrook, Alabama.

The Clearwater Bombers captured their third Blue-Gray Fastpitch title in 8 years earlier this season as Vaughn Grey pitched the Florida team to the title. The Bombers beat Vorco of Stone Mountain, Georgia. The score of the final game was 4-0.

Grey was named the Most Valuable pitcher. He teamed up with Mitch Gray to give the Florida team the title. Mitch Gray tossed three shutouts in the tournament. We had Mitch Gray last year. We added Vaughn and that has made us a much more competitive team, stated Mike Hazel.

In their first 6 games the Bombers scored 22 runs and won two of the games by 1-0 scores. In both of those games the Bombers scored their winning run in their final at bat. In the championship game the first four Bombers reached base on singles and the team scored 3 runs in the first inning. Grey and Gray allowed only 3 runs in the entire tournament so a 3-0 lead after one inning was all Vaughn Grey needed to lay claim to the title for the Bombers. Those consecutive singles were by Boomer Brush, Ken Eriksen, David Grimes and Bruce Turner. Chris Haley added a single later in the inning that accounted for the third run.

"They were getting lucky breaks," said losing pitcher Tom Buckley.

"The balls were bouncing high enough so that we were unable to record an out. They were putting the ball down hard."

Mike Hazel singled and scored an insurance run in the fourth inning but Grey didn't need it as he shutout Vorco.

Clearwater's victory earlier on Sunday in the single elimination affair was very dramatic as they trailed 2-0 going to the bottom of the seventh. The Tampa Merchants held the lead with 2 outs and 2 strikes on Eriksen. he connected, however, for a two-run inside the park homer to force extra innings.

"I found a gap and with these large fields you can run forever," stated Eriksen.

(Editor's note) Denson Sexton tied up with Peter Meredith in a game in that tournament that saw both of them toss 1 hitters.

Trans-Aire won the game in the bottom of the seventh on a mental error. With 2 outs and runners on

2 and 3 a grounder was hit to shortstop. The fielder tagged the runner going to third out but the plate umpire ruled that the runner from third had scored prior to the tag. What a way to lose a close game!!!

Sexton tosses for Poe Timber Fastpitch out of Tusaloosa, Alabama. Thanks for the information Denson.

A LOOK BACK IN TIME (Cont. from Page 5)

Box scores from the 1934 tourney

QUARTER FINALS (ab r h)	
<u>Kenosha</u> (12)	<u>Orlando</u> (1)
Baas, lf 4 2 2	Rattertree lf 3 0 0
Bucko, rf 4 2 3	Byrd, cf 3 0 1
Derriger, ss 3 2 2	Peel, lb 3 0 0
Wendorf, 2b 4 2 3	Dressen, mf 3 0 0
Lindstrom, 3b 3 1 1	Young, rf 3 0 1
Rom'flinger, mf 4 1 1	Parker, p 1 0 0
Pecnick, p 4 1 3	Sanders, p 2 0 0
Maccari, lb 4 0 0	Williams, 2b 2 1 1

SEMIFINALS (the Kenosha News didn't carry the boxscore)

FINALS	
<u>Kenosha</u> (2)	<u>Toledo</u> (0)
Baas, lf 4 0 1	Hill, c 2 0 0
Bucko, rf 4 1 1	Tesch, rf 3 0 0
Derriger, ss 4 0 1	Sosko, lf 3 0 0
Wendorf, 2b 4 2 3	W. LaMount 3 0 0
Lindstrom, 3b 3 0 1	Langel, mf 3 0 1
Rom'flinger, mf 3 0 1	Ousky, 2b 3 0 0
Maccari, lb 3 0 1	R. LaMount, lb 2 0 0
Dwyer, cf 2 0 0	Wesiberg, 3b 2 0 1
Hansen, c 1 1 0	Cherry, ss 1 0 0
Pecnick, p 3 0 1	Wainwright, p 2 0 0

THE FARM REPORT



by: Dennis Gilbertson, Staff Writer

It is not because of the drought that the Farm Tavern softball team stayed close to home for the first 2 1/2 months of the season. Aside from a trip to Las Vegas where they finished second to Seattle Pay n' Pak, the Farm hasn't ventured much outside the state of Wisconsin. In fact, count only two trips across the less than mighty Mississippi River to the Twin Cities so far on the schedule of one of the top teams in the country. Surprisingly, no appearance anywhere on either the Memorial Day or Independence Day 3-day weekends.

Is it a reluctance on the part of other teams to come to Madison in return for the Farm's appearance in their park? Is anyone purposely avoiding the team that placed third in the ISC last year? Is Rod Peterson trying to keep this year's team a secret and sneak up on a few people? Or is he just easing into the heavier competition with the hope of peaking at Decatur?

Whatever, by the time August 12 rolls around, the Farm will have faced some of the best in Sioux City, Cedar Rapids, and at home in Madison. And that will be after some pretty impressive results on the slightly abbreviated schedule so far.

The Farm opened in Wausau with one loss, Greg Newton had control problems against Green Bay Tradewinds Pizza. He evened the score the next weekend in the Wisconsin Classic League (ISC), and the Farm went 5-0. The third weekend in May saw the Farm in the Twin Cities (Nirico Construction Tourney), where Rick Paully got the call against Mankato because both Mike Piechnik and Greg Newton reportedly overslept. Mankato beat the Farm 7-5

but the Madison 9 came back to win the tournament.

After a weekend off, Peterson's charges avenged last year's poor (0-2) showing in Las Vegas by beating Seattle in the winner's bracket final, only to drop two straight to the same team and finish second in the tourney. Shortstop Dave Johnson had an outstanding tournament.

Another 5-0 Classic League weekend followed, and then an early Sunday exit in the Twin Cities at the hands of All-Car and John Charles. Another Eau Claire Championship followed and the tables were reversed on All-Car (both in the winner's bracket final where the Farm won 7-0 in 5 innings and in the championship game where the Farm won in extra innings against Glen Davis. (editor's note: It took the Farm 10 innings to beat Martin Security of Portage, WI. in their first game of the tourney)

Another weekend off maybe wasn't the best thing to have scheduled. Following the July 4th rest, Charles again bested the Farm in the Classic League forcing a playoff for the automatic berth to the ISC World Tourney in Decatur. The Farm won the first round of the Classic League and All-Car claimed round two. Rising the occasion the Farm beat All-Car on consecutive nights and Madison returns to the ISC World Tourney for another shot at the title.

Results in the City of Madison on Tuesday and Thursday nights haven't been quite what they could be expected to be. Three losses are on the record, 2 by Wilson's Bar. One of them was accomplished almost singlehandedly by Joe Williams (who dons a Farm uniform on weekends), he hit for a double and an inside the park home run. A surprising 7-0 loss with Kevin Herlihy being shelled by Avenue Bar as recorded. It has been observed that Mike Piechnik is probably the team's leading hitter in city league play.

Personnel wise, the team is the same as last year except for pitching and the somewhat miraculous return of the fleet Mike Paulsrud, who missed all of last year with a severe knee injury. Piechnik and Newton have been very sharp at times, while it's appeared that Herlihy needs more time

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and work to reach maximum effectiveness. Outfielder and DH Jim Soehnlein suffered a broken finger but has returned to punch out some more hits to contribute to the Farm's attack. John Becker and Gary Backus are behind the plate, Jim Seymour and Tom Kneebone at first, Rick Rada at second, Dave Johnson at shortstop, and Rick Paully at third. Williams and Paulsrud at the top of the batting order and in the outfield provide the speed. Scott Norris, Mickey Sabelmo, Neil Bertrum (also at short) and Jerry Welling round out the roster. Rod Peterson seems to be seeing the ball better, both at bat and at first during the week.

Now that the ISC berth is locked up, the most important thing for the Farm is qualifying for the ASA. That slipped by them last year after 5 straight strips, mainly due to an injured wrist Mike Piechnik suffered in the ISC at northerly Saskatoon. It certainly won't get that cold in Decatur. Many will find it hard to believe it's the same tournament, only one year later. Let's hope no one has to go through that again.

FASTPITCH NOTES

The Bailey productions team of Redding is going under the name of the Redding Reds. They had Mike Ash only for a couple of games before he left suddenly and returned to the Northwest.

The Sacramento Spurs are much the same team that has been competing at the A level for years, but they picked up a good pitcher in Dick Acton from the Louisville, Colorado Lasers (editor's note-Acton beat my Martin Security team in Minot, N.D. in 1986 at the ASA A National)

CEDAR RAPIDS SPECTACULAR

Cedar Rapids-Teleconnect of Cedar Rapids won its third consecutive Cedar Rapids Spectacular by beating Happy Chef of Mankato, Minn. 2-0 behind Michael White's pitching. White tossed a two-hitter and struck out 10. Terry Feye's run scoring double in the fifth inning was the margin of difference for Teleconnect.

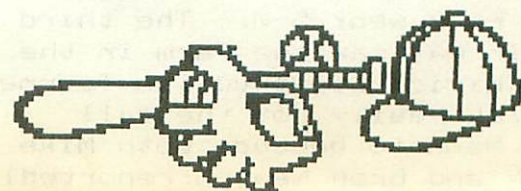
The tournament is now three years old and White has now earned 2 Most Valuable Pitcher Awards. He was 4-0 in the tourney with an ERA of 1.16. Brian Meyer, also of Teleconnect hit .538 with 6 RBI and an inside the park homer against Fleck's-Miller to earn the MVP award.

Teleconnect fell to Happy Chef on Sunday morning by a 2-0 score. Teleconnect's Al Rebling and Mankato's Al Rausch each tossed 5 hitters but Happy Chef put their hits together and scored the two runs.

Teleconnect then trailed Fleck's-Miller 4-3 but a bases loaded blooper got past both the left and center fielder and Meyer raced home with his inside the park homer.

In the tournament finale, White and Greg Bosch of Happy Chef were both perfect through the first three innings. Teleconnect got on the board in the fifth inning when Andrew rapped out a two-out single and Feye followed with his double.

Fleck's-Miller was third for the third year in a row. They beat Waterloo for that honor 1-0 behind the four hit pitching of Jerry Schleim through 5 innings and Warren Gichard's two perfect innings of relief.



22ND ANNUAL EAU CLAIRE CLASSIC

Eau Claire-The Farm Tavern captured its 7th consecutive Eau Claire Classic Championship and their 9th in the last 11 years. The Farm went through the tournament unbeaten but did not have an easy time of it in every game. Martin Security of Portage beat Rustic Bar of Duluth and then took on the Farm in Madison's first game. Dan DuCharme of Martin Security held the Farm in check through the first nine innings before Rick Rada walked and Mike Paulsrud doubled in the top of the tenth inning. Jim Seymour then singled home Paulsrud and the Farm won 2-0 in 10 innings. Kevin Herlihy started the game for the Farm and was relieved by Mike Piechnik in the sixth inning.

The Farm then beat Dave Wilson Sports of Thunder Bay 9-2, Happy Chef of Mankato 2-1, All Car of Green Bay 7-0 and then beat All Car in the final 4-3.

All Car was second with a 4-2 record while the Kimberly Merchants were third at 5-2 and Wilber Lime of Galesville was fourth at 5-2. The top three teams are all members of the Wisconsin Classic League (ISC).

No hitters were tossed by Jeff Moore (Bob's son) of Wilber Lime, Brian Wood of the Kimberly Merchants, Keith Schmidt of Scandia, Mike Piechnik of The Farm, and Glen Davis of All Car.

The Most Valuable player in the 22nd Annual event went to Jeff Moore of Wilber Lime. He went 10x27 at the plate, scored 4 runs, had 4 doubles, one RBI, and tossed a no hitter for the Limers of Galesville, WI. Mike Wirz had an ERA of .000 in 25+ innings of work where he allowed just 14 hits, 6 walks, and fanned 32 batters.

Mike Piechnik was the Most Valuable Pitcher as he went 4-0 in 22 innings, allowing just 3 hits, 2 earned runs, 3 walks, and fanned 50 and had 1 no hitter.

Once again the tournament drew

PENN CORP TOURNEY SIOUX CITY

Sioux City-Teleconnect of Cedar Rapids, the defending ISC World champion, avenged an early loss in the Sioux City Penn Corp Tournament to win the 1988 event.

The Cedar Rapids team finished with a 3-1 record in the round-robin format and then beat St. Louis United Van Lines 3-1 in the semi-final of the sudden death title playoff.

Al Rebling was named the tournament's most valuable pitcher. he tossed a four hitter against United Van Lines and then beat Penn Corp with relief help from Jody Hennigar.

Hennigar, the designated player, gave Teleconnect an early 4-0 lead with a grand slam. In the fifth Teleconnect got 3 more runs on Kevin Hartwig's thrtwo run double and an error.

Against Truck Haven, a four hitter was recorded by Shawn O'Brien. Steve Kaiser and Dave Bakey each singles, doubled and drove in 2 runs. Tim Carson belted a solo homer in that game as well.

Bakey and Kaiser each had a pair of hits against United Van Lines and Rebling fanned seven.

Rebling worked a total of 30 2/3 innings and allowed 28 hits, 10 runs, walked 6 and fanned 20.

Kevin Hartwig was 8x17 and Steve Kaiser was 7x16 as each drove in 5 runs and each scored 7 runs.

huge crowds and the right field foul pole gang once again sold out of their collector's T-shirts. The bus in the right field area of Galein Field really has added a bit of interest to the tournament over the last few years. (Editor's note: I now have a full collection of right-field foul pole shirts.

FROM THE ISC

THE 1988 ISC WORLD TOURNAMENT

DECATUR, IL.

AUGUST 12-20

Anaheim Hills, Ca.—Heading into its 42nd year of fostering fastpitch softball, the International Softball Congress is coming off the most financially and competitively successful tournament in the history of the game—the ISC World Tournament in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada last August.

Teleconnect, sixth place finisher in 1986, used the strong right arm of Micheal White, some clutch hitting, and solid team play to storm through the tourney with 6 straight victories. Thus, the two-year hold on the ISC Championship by Pay 'n Pak of Seattle, Washington was broken. The Pak slipped to sixth place, dropping a heartbreaker 1-0 before being eliminated by Decatur 2-1.

With a break from the weatherman and another strong performance from the host Pride, the 42nd edition of the ISC World Tournament could top the Saskatoon affair. Decatur is well equipped for ISC type of competition with outstanding facilities at Borg-Warner Field.

On the tournament bracket sheet are the New Zealand national champions. Marist is paced by the pitching of Chubb Tangaroa and Steve Jackson.

While the ISC continues to grow internationally, the seat of fastpitch power remains in the midwest. Fans from an 8 state area are expected to converge on Decatur come August 12. Those 8 states are Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Missouri, Michigan and Ohio. Many strong contenders practice their skills in these states. For instance, six of the first seven teams in last year's tourney were from those 8 states. A wider picture shows that 13 of the top 20 teams were products of the USA's midsection.

This strength is reflected in the numerous Midwestern cities showing a substantial interest in hosting the ISC World Tournament in the future. The ISC will return to Kimberly, Wi. for the sixth time in August of 1989. This small

village just outside Appleton and only 25 miles from Green Bay has become the adopted home of the ISC and proudly maintains the ISC Hall of Fame which is housed in the Kimberly Recreation Association building.

The ISC continues to be the forerunner in the promotion and preservation of fastpitch softball, the original and still most challenging and competitive game in the wide realm of softball.

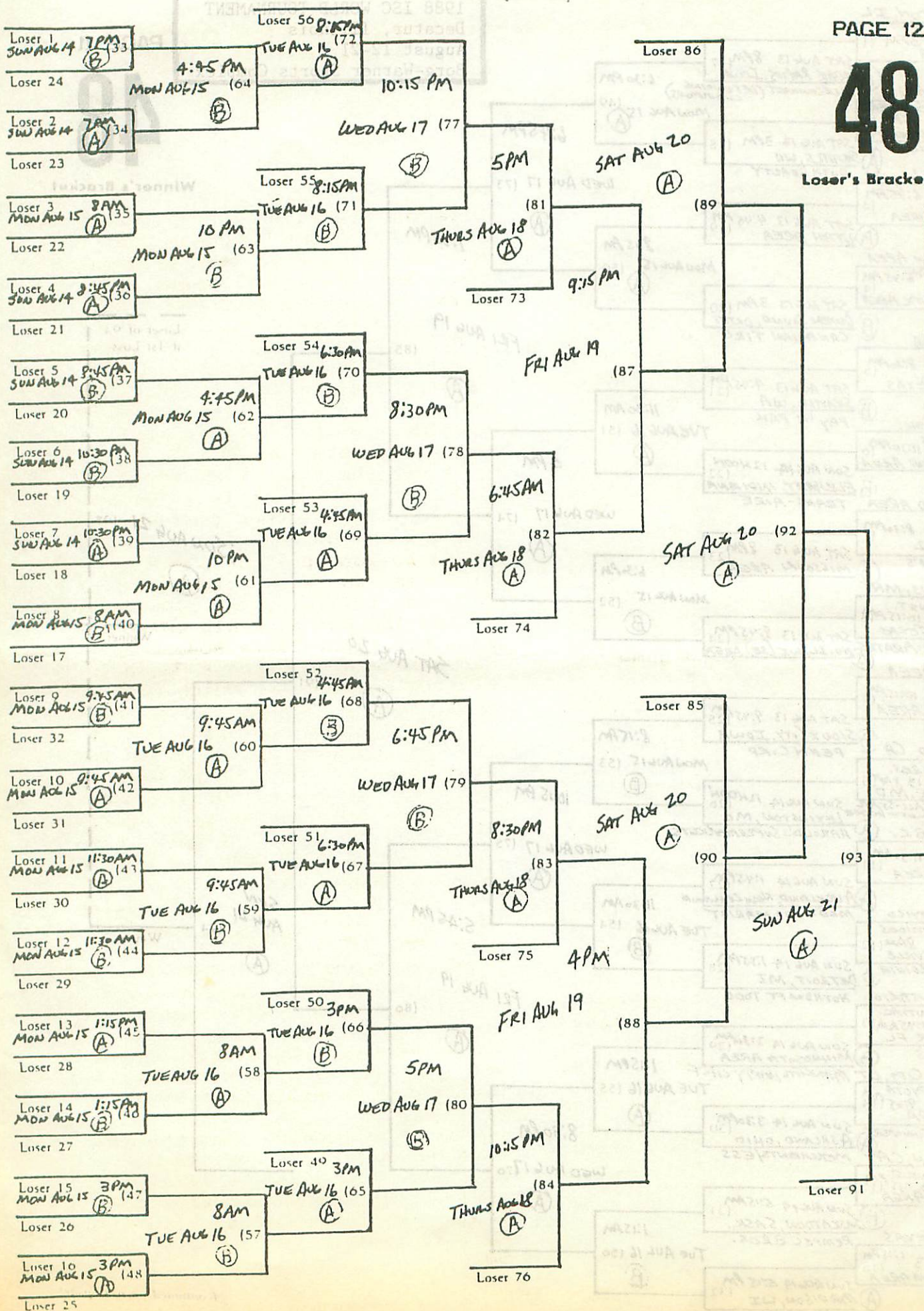
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the ISC

ISC NORTHERN CALIFORNIA TRAVEL LEAGUE

Team	W	L
Guanella Bros. (Santa Rosa)	15	1
Nava Construction (Hayward)	14	2
Redding Reds	10	6
Modesto Oilers	8	8
CSE Insurance (Roseville)	7	8
Bay Area Merchants (Hayward)	6	10
Sacramento Spurs	6	10
RKT (Fresno)	6	10
Storer Coachways (Modesto)	4	12
Santa Cruz Merchants	4	13

Loser's Bracket



WISCONSIN ISC STATE TOURNEY

Denmark, Wi.-All-Car Automotive of Green Bay won their second consecutive Wisconsin Area ISC state tournament on July 15-16-17 by beating Martin Security of Portage, Wi. 4-2 in the final game.

All-Car went through the tournament unbeaten and beat Martin Security in the winner's bracket final 10-2 thanks to 6 runs in the top of the seventh inning.

Martin Security made it to the winner's bracket final by beating Shaboos of Green Bay 8-0 behind the 1 hit pitching of Dan DuCharme. the 21 year old hurler allowed a lead-off single in the first inning and then retired Shaboos in order until the fifth inning when he walked one batter. The game was called after 5 because of the 7 run rule. In their second game Martin Security recorded a come from behind victory with 7 runs in the top of the seventh inning to claim a 9-5 victory over Jolly Siding of Green Bay. Rick Lobenstein had a Grand Slam Home Run in that big seventh inning. DuCharme came on in relief and got the victory as he allowed no baserunners in the final three innings. Martin Security then beat the host team, Denmark 5-1 to advance to the winner's bracket final.

After losing to All-Car the Portage based team beat Tradewinds Pizza of Green Bay, who had battled back through the loser's bracket (they lost their first game). In a tight game Martin Security scored a 3-2 victory to advance to the finals vs All-Car.

Martin Security scored the first two runs of the game but All-Car countered with 3 in the fourth and 1 in the fifth to score a 4-2 victory. John Charles was the winning pitcher in the final game.

Tradewinds Pizza finished third in the event while Denmark was fourth.

GUANELLA BROS. WIN

Santa

Rosa-The Guanella Bros. Floormen had to do it the hard way again, but the Santa Rosa mens's fastpitch power won the annual Santa Rosa Memorial Weekend Tournament for the 12th time in 17 tries.

Guanella's (27-4), after being beaten 7-3 by Nava Bros. in the first championship game, won the championship with a 1-0 decision over Nava Bros. as Steve Padilla outdueled Peter Brown.

It was the ninth time the Floormen won the title after being forced into a second game showdown for the championship.

New Zealand pitcher Chris Nicholas, who will join the floormen following the completion of the ISC Championship season, made his first Santa Rosa appearance with Burbank Magna Plating Chameleons, which was eliminated in 3 games.

Magna Plating was upset 5-2 in its opening game by the North Bay Condors and pitcher Chuck Caldera, and after defeating the Bay Area Merchants 3-0, the Burbank team was eliminated by I.E.T. of Salt Lake City, 2-0 as Neil Chadwick got the win over Nicholas.

In his tourney opener, Chadwick pitched a no-hitter and also hit a solo shot to lead IET to a 3-0 win over Tubbs and Son of Manteca, the 1986 Class A National champions.

After being knocked into the loser's bracket by Guanella's 2-1, IET eliminated Magna Plating 2-0 and then beat the Redding Reds 3-1 as Richard Connolly beat Kevin Trost.

Nava Bros., which beat the Bay Area Merchants 7-0 and the North Bay Condors 6-0 in its first 2 games, lost 2-0 to Guanella's in the winner's bracket finals, with Padilla getting the win over Hayden Smith.

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GILBERTSON'S PROGNOSTICATIONS

Staff Writer Dennis

Gilbertson (The Farm Report) makes the following predictions for the ISC World Tourney in Decatur:

Gilbertson's Select Seven
(alphabetical order)

Cedar Rapids
Decatur
Elkhart
Madison
Santa Rosa
Seattle
Sioux City

Gilbertson's Possible Surprises

Burbank
Long Beach
Mankato
Midland
Salt Lake Miller
Salt Lake Page

Gilbertson's Capables

Ashland ESS
Aurora
Bloomington Hearts and Beer

Nuts

Canadian Teams
Clearwater
St. Louis
Tulsa

Gilbertson's Others

Lexington, RLO

Gilbertson's Fastpitch Chronicle

NOTES:

There shouldn't be any surprise top ten teams this year. The surprise will be if Penn Corp hasn't finally bought itself a championship. But who's to say Seattle might not win everything again. Only Cedar Rapids Teleconnect had their number last year, and don't forget they were missing top players, Jeff Borner and Dave Newell in Saskatoon. If they make it 4 ASA's in a row, it will be time to 'Break up the Pak.' The thought was that this had been accomplished last year by Nothdurft Fool, but.....Seattle has every right to act supremely confident. They certainly play that way.

Look for Decatur to be at the peak of their game at home for the ISC. They've been somewhat of a disappointment with the talent they've had and aquired over the past number of year's. Only a 1981 ASA title and a 1984 ISC crown. Plenty of second places though!

Micheal White was as good a pitcher as there was last August in Saskatoon. That won't happen again, however. And those Teleconnect uniforms just aren't as sharp as the red, white, and blue Vigortone ones were, but team unity is so much better.

Rumblings of dissatisfaction of Peter Meredith in Elkhart. This was an unhappy team last year and Pete got less hitting support than he had in Madison.

The Farm has been off and on with hitting so far. It takes more than one year to shake the weak hitting rap. It should when part of your history is striking out 64 times in 1 game. Now that Rod Peterson has ptching he ran short of last year, this could be the team to watch.

Not much has been heard about Santa Rosa. Hopefully Walt Guanella stays around for all 7 or more innings of each game. he handed out congratuatlions one inning early (after only 6) last fall in Springfield. Lots of fans would like to see Walt's team win it all again. It's been 14 years.

GUANELLA BROS.

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Nava then eliminated 1ET 1-0 behind the pitching of Peter Brown, who go the decison over Chadwick. In the first championship game, Nava pounded out 12 hits off Guanell's Chuck D'Arcy to give Smith a 7-3 victory, but in the second championship game, Padilla bested Brown 1-0.

Padilla, who threw 3 shutouts in the tournament, was selected as the Most Valuable Pitcher, and Nava's Billy Newell was MVP.

WILBER'S WINS AT RICE LAKE

Rice Lake, Wi.-- Wilber Lime of Galesville, Wi. won its third straight title in Rice Lake, Wi., going undefeated in the Rice Lake Invitational Class A Fastpitch tournament in June.

The winners swept through the 20 team field with 5 straight wins, including a 7-0 championship game win over Stewart-Taylor Printing of Duluth, Minn.

Stewart-Taylor reached the finals by downing third place Scandia, Minn. 7-5, and fourth place Croix Valley Glass of Stillwater, Minn. 15-2.

Rice Lake's two entries, The Orangemen and Big Smitty's Oredockers were both eliminated in two games. The Orangemen were beaten by Nirico Construction of Minneapolis and by Morelli's-Mancini's of St. Paul. Bib Smitty's was given an early exit by the Eau Claire Merchants and then by the Kookoo Club of Marathon, Wi.

Enroute to the championship game, Wilber Lime beat Nirico 4-1, Lausua Marksmen 2-1, Croix Valley Glass 4-1 and Scandia 5-2.

In the 7-0 title game, Dan Stuhr hit a grand slam homer in the first inning and Mark Patterson led off the second inning with a solo shot. Al Lundberg was the winning pitcher, scattering 6 hits.

On the All-Tournament team were pitcher Mike Wirz of Wilber Lime, catcher Pat Reed of the Eau Claire Merchants, first baseman Mike Thomas of Stewart-Taylor Printing, second baseman Mike Patrick of the Rice Street Merchants, shortstop Mike Morrissey of Stewart-Taylor Printing, third baseman Jerry Olson of Rustic Bar in Duluth, outfielders Mike Sands of Wilber Lime, Tom Sekorski of the Kookoo Club, and Randy Hill of Stewart-Taylor, and utility player Clayton Kerr of Stewart-Taylor.

CLASS A NATIONAL QUALIFIERS

Fargo-Wilber Lime of Galesville, Wi. won the ASA Class A national qualifier held in Fargo on July 23-24 by going unbeaten in the 22 team event. The Limers beat Croix Valley Glass of Stillwater, Minn. 7-0, Knights of Columbus of Fargo 7-1, Sportland of Fargo 5-2, Fronteer Yellow Pages of Bismark, N.D. 5-1 and then beat Drake Orthodontics of Sioux Falls, S.D. 2-0 in the final.

Drake Orthodontics earned a trip to the A National in Fargo as well as the top 2 teams from that qualifier both earned a berth. Third place went to Fronteer Yellow Pages of Bismark and the fourth place finisher was Leinenkugles of St. Paul, Minn.

It will be the third trip to an A National for Manager Sporty Salzman's Wilber Lime team. They were in Oswego, N.Y. in 1980 and in Albuquerque, N.M. in 1982.

Grand Island, Nebraska-Tulagi's of Boulder, Colorado earned a trip to the Class A ASA National in Fargo by winning the qualifier held here. They beat Scandia, Minn. in the title game. Only the first place team from the Grand Island qualifier earned the direct berth to the Class National.

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TOP FINISHERS

The top finishers in some of the events around the country this summer are printed here. Thanks to Wayne Fisher for supplying this information.

Decatur Memorial Day Tourney

1. Decatur 6-0
2. Bloomington Hearts 4-2
3. Teleconnect 3-3
- St. Louis United Van Lines
- Green Bay All-Car
- Midland Explorers
- Ashland Faultless/Garber

Sioux City Memorial

1. Penn Corp
2. Lexington
3. Elkhart Trans Aire

Aurora Memorial

1. Shelbyville Sting
2. Aurora All Steel
- Las Vegas
1. Pay 'n Pak-Seattle
2. The Farm Tavern - Madison

Springfield, Mo. (Heart of the Ozarks)

1. Tulsa Firebirds
2. Lexington Harold's

Mankato Tourney

1. Penn Corp
2. Mankato Happy Chef

Elmira New York Memorial Tourney

1. Ashland ESS
2. Allentown/Reading Sunners

Dubuque Invitational

1. All Car
2. Teleconnect

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