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Minnesota brings home four championships from ASA National Tournaments



BBS/Excel Homes/Johnny Ringo's, Rochester
Men's Slow Pitch Class C Northern National Champions

Front row (L-R): Brad Brown, Jon Morrow, Brian Sommerfeldt, Tim Gerlesberger, and Dion Gowlland Back row (L-R): Corey Stark, Ben Barrone, Mickey Rowland, Mitch Hanson, Josh Fjerstad, Ray Jacobson, Bob Barrone



Steichen Real Estate, Austin
Men's Slow Pitch Class E Northern National Champions

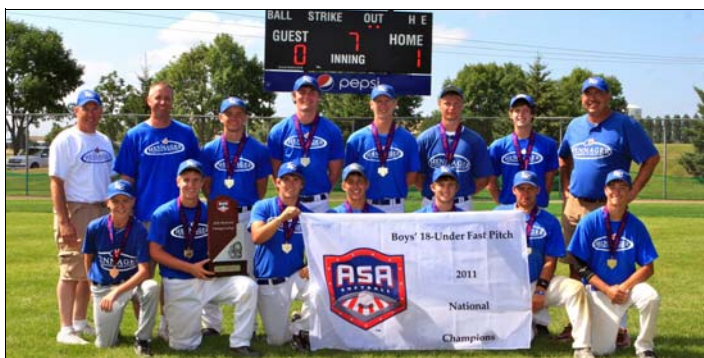
Front Row (L-R): Jake Ehret, Cory Hernandez, Peter Korfhage, Randy Rauen, Matt Perau, Joe Tabor, Mark Smith Back Row (L-R): Jordan Ferch, Joel Wilcox, Mike Grimley, Fred Husemoller, Jake Bruzinski, Jarrett Korfhage



Minnesota Merchants

Men's Slow Pitch Masters 45-Over National Champions

Front Row (L-R): Wayne Peterson, Dave Slack, Andy Wallis, Jessie Adamez, George Paterson, Tom Hechsel, Garrett Kramer Back Row (L-R): Dean Tlougan, Mark Malde, Bill Goetz, Jim Gess, Tim Stark, Jeff Swenson, Mike Reiling, Todd Leegard, Drake Lockman, Roy Ward, Brian Smith



Hennager Plumbing & Heating, Lake Crystal
Boys 18-Under Fast Pitch National Champions

Front Row (L-R): Jeff Lewis, Jeff Ennen, Jake Dalton, Brent Meshke, Spencer Yackel, Aaron Hutchens, Lewis Ulrich Back Row (L-R): Sponsor Steve Hennager, Assistant Coach Jon Lewis, Michael Lewis, Nate Meixell, Brandon Gilman, Josh Sonnabend, Bryson Yackel, coach Blake Meshke

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Softball reigns supreme

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The 2011 National Softball Championship season is proved to be one of the best for Minnesota in recent memory. Minnesota brought home four sets of championship hardware. Those champions include Minnesota Merchants (Men's Masters 45-Over Slow Pitch National Champions), BBS/Excel Homes/Johnny Ringo's, Rochester (Men's Class C Slow Pitch Northern National Champions), Steichen Real Estate, Austin (Men's Class E Slow Pitch Northern National Champions) and Hennager Plumbing & Heating, Lake Crystal (Boys 18-Under Fast Pitch National Champions).

Minnesota's participation at National Tournaments has always been at or near the top nationwide. Per capita or otherwise, no state has outdone Minnesota. While participating in a national tournament is an accomplishment itself, making a deep run, or even winning the whole thing makes the experience that much more memorable.

The Minnesota Merchants title this year in Ridge-land, MS was especially impressive because it was a back-to-back Men's Masters 45-Over Slow Pitch National Championship. Garrett Kramer and Mark Malde were awarded Co-Tournament Batting Champions. Kramer was named the Tournament MVP. The Merchants formed back in 1985 and have now won seven National Championships.

BBS/Excel Homes/Johnny Ringo's out Rochester won the Men's Class C Slow Pitch Northern Nationals in Bismarck, ND. They won their first 4 games putting them into the championship game. Sperle Masonry out of Fargo, ND gave BBS/Excel Homes/Johnny Ringo's their only loss by a score of 14-12 forcing the "if" game. BBS/Excel Homes/Johnny Ringo's went on to defeat Sperle 21-10 in the final game to win the C National. Corey Stark, Mickey Rowland, Brad Brown and Ben Barrone were all named the All-Tournament First Team. Barrone was also the Home Run Champion.

The Men's Class E Slow Pitch Northern National Championship game in Springfield, MO featured two teams from the North Star State. Steichen Real Estate, Austin took on The Other Bar & Grill, Gilman. The teams actually faced each other three times over about a five hour span on Sunday. The Other Bar & Grill defeated Steichen in their first

Steichen won the third place game to get back in to the championship where they would need to defeat The Other Bar & Grill twice, a feat they were able to accomplish. Steichen won by scores of 21-13 and 22-14 to earn the championship.

North Mankato played host to the Boys Fast Pitch Nationals the first weekend of August. Hennager Plumbing & Heating out of Lake Crystal was able to defend the home turf by going a perfect 4-0 to win the 18-under division. Hennager defeated County Materials out of Marathon, WI in a pitcher's duel 1-0 to win the Boys 18-Under Fast Pitch National Championship.

Giinthir and Norman, City of North Mankato honored



Brian Kelly, Co-Rec Fall State Tournament UIC (right), presents Mike Giinthir, tournament director a plaque recognizing his service on the ASA-MSF Board of Directors from 2009-2011. Mike also serves as league director for the Westonka Men's Slow Pitch League.

Davis Gilbertson, vice-chair of the ASA-MSF Men's and Boys' Fastpitch Committee (left), presents Jack Norman, tournament director for the ASA Boys Fastpitch National Tournament, the James Farrell Award for conducting one of the top four rated National Championship events. Jack also serves as the chair of the ASA-MSF Men's and Boy's Fastpitch Committee.



2012 Minnesota Sports Federation Adult Winter State Tournament Schedule



BROOMBALL

**Minnesota Winter Outdoor
Broomball State Championship/
State Indoor Qualifier**
January 21-22
St. Paul

Class A-B-C Co-Rec
March 3-4
Blaine Super Rink

Class A/B Women's
March 9-11
Augsburg

Class A Men's
March 9-11
Augsburg

Class B-C-D Men's
March 9-11
Blaine Super Rink

**USA Broomball Nationals
Women's/Men's & Co-Rec**
March 30 - April 1
Blaine Super Rink



VOLLEYBALL

Class B-C Women's
March 10-11
St. Cloud State University

Class AA/A Women's
March 11
St. Cloud State University

Class B-C Men's
March 17-18
Redwood Falls Comm Center

Class AA/A Men's
March 18
Redwood Falls Comm Center

Class B-C Co-Rec
March 24-25
Hutchinson Rec Center

Class AA/A Co-Rec
March 25
Hutchinson Rec Center

**Women's (32) & Men's (35)
Masters**
Sunday, April 15
St. Cloud State University



BASKETBALL

Class B-C-D Men's
March 17-18
Hutchinson



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All Work and No Play: Why Your Kids Are More Anxious, Depressed

ESTHER ENTIN, M.D.
OCTOBER 12, 2011

For more than fifty years, children's free play time has been continually declining, and it's keeping them from turning into confident adults

What are your memories of playing as a child? Some of us will remember hide and seek, house, tag, and red rover red rover. Others may recall arguing about rules in kickball or stick ball or taking turns at jump rope, or creating imaginary worlds with our dolls, building forts, putting on plays, or dressing-up. From long summer days to a few precious after-school hours, kid-organized play may have filled much of your free time. But what about your children? Are their opportunities for play the same as yours were? Most likely not.

Play time is in short supply for children these days and the lifelong consequences for developing children can be more serious than many people realize.

THE DECLINE OF PLAY

An article in the most recent issue of the *American Journal of Play* details not only how much children's play time has declined, but how this lack of play affects emotional development, leading to the rise of anxiety, depression, and problems of attention and self control.

"Since about 1955 ... children's free play has been continually declining, at least partly because adults have exerted ever-increasing control over children's activities," says the author Peter Gray, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology (emeritus) at Boston College. Gray defines "free play" as play a child undertakes him- or her-self and which is self-directed and an end in itself, rather than part of some organized activity.

Gray describes this kind of unstructured, freely-chosen play as a testing ground for life. It provides critical life experiences without which young children cannot develop into confident and competent adults. Gray's article is meant to serve as a wake-up call regarding the effects of lost play, and he believes that lack of childhood free play time is a huge loss that must be addressed for the sake of our children and society.

WHO AND WHAT IS INTERFERING WITH CHILDREN'S PLAY?

Parents who hover over and intrude on their children's play are a big part of the problem, according to Gray. "It is hard to find groups of children outdoors at all, and, if you do find them, they are likely to be wearing uniforms and following the directions of coaches while their parents dutifully watch and cheer." He cites a study which assessed the way 6- to 8-year-olds spent their time in 1981 and again in 1997.

The researchers found that compared to 1981, children in 1997 spent less time in play and had less free time. They spent 18 percent more time at school, 145 percent more time doing school work, and 168 percent more time shopping with parents. The researchers found that, including computer play, children in 1997 spent only about eleven hours per week at play.



In another study, mothers were asked to compare their own memories of their playtime, to their children's current schedules. Eighty-five percent noted that their children played outdoors less frequently and for shorter periods of time than they had. The mothers noted that they restricted their own children's outdoor play because of safety concerns, a fact echoed in other surveys where parents mentioned child predators, road traffic, and bullies as reasons for restricting their children's outdoor play.

Adding to the problem, Gray notes, is our increasing emphasis on schooling and on adult-directed activities. Preschools and kindergartens have become more academically-oriented and many schools have even eliminated recess. It is not that anyone set out to do away with free play time. But its value has not been recognized. As a result, kids' free play time has not been protected.

FIVE WAYS PLAY BENEFITS KIDS

When children are in charge of their own play, it provides a foundation for their future mental health as older children and adults. Gray mentions five main benefits:

1. Play gives children a chance to find and develop a connection to their own self-identified and self-guided interests.

As they choose the activities that make up free play, kids learn to direct themselves and pursue and elaborate on their interests in a way that can sustain them throughout life. Gray notes that: "...in school, children work for grades and praise and in adult-directed sports, they work for praise and trophies.... In free play, children do what they want to do, and the learning and psychological growth that results are byproducts, not conscious goals of the activity."

2. It is through play that children first learn how to make decisions, solve problems, exert self control, and follow rules.

As children direct their own free play and solve the problems that come up, they must exert control over themselves and must, at times, accept restrictions on their own behavior and follow the rules if they want to be accepted and successful in the game.

As children negotiate both their physical and social environments through play, they can gain a sense of mastery over their world, Gray contends. It is this aspect of play that offers enormous psychological benefits, helping to protect children from anxiety and depression.

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All Work and No Play (continued)

"Children who do not have the opportunity to control their own actions, to make and follow through on their own decisions, to solve their own problems, and to learn how to follow rules in the course of play grow up feeling that they are not in control of their own lives and fate. They grow up feeling that they are dependent on luck and on the goodwill and whims of others...."

Anxiety and depression often occur when an individual feels a lack of control over his or her own life. "Those who believe that they master their own fate are much less likely to become anxious or depressed than those who believe that they are victims of circumstances beyond their control." Gray believes that the loss of play-time lessons about one's ability to exert control over some life circumstances set the scene for anxiety and depression.

3. Children learn to handle their emotions, including anger and fear, during play.

In free play, children put themselves into both physically and socially challenging situations and learn to control the emotions that arise from these stressors. They role play, swing, slide, and climb trees ... and "such activities are fun to the degree that they are moderately frightening ... nobody but the child himself or herself knows the right dose."

Gray suggests that the reduced ability to regulate emotions may be a key factor in the development of some anxiety disorders.

"Individuals suffering from anxiety disorders describe losing emotional control as one of their greatest fears. They are afraid of their own fear, and therefore small degrees of fear generated by mildly threatening situations lead to high degrees of fear generated by the person's fear of losing control." Adults who did not have the opportunity to experience and cope with moderately challenging emotional situations during play are more at risk for feeling anxious and overwhelmed by emotion-provoking situations in adult life.

4. Play helps children make friends and learn to get along with each other as equals.

Social play is a natural means of making friends and learning to treat one another fairly. Since play is voluntary and playmates may abandon the game at any time if they feel uncomfortable, children learn to be aware of their playmates' needs and attempt to meet them in order to maintain the play.

Gray believes that "learning to get along and cooperate with others as equals may be the most crucial evolutionary function of human social play ... and that social play is nature's means of teaching young humans that they are not special. Even those who are more skilled at the game's actions ... must consider the needs and wishes of the others as equal to their own, or else the others will exclude them." Gray cites increasing social isolation as a potential precursor to psychopathology and notes that the decline in play may be "both a consequence and a cause of the increased social isolation and loneliness in the culture."

5. Most importantly, play is a source of happiness.

When children are asked about the activities that bring them happiness, they say they are happier when playing with friends than in any other situation. Perhaps you felt this way when remembering your own childhood play experiences at the beginning of this article.

Gray sees the loss of play time as a double whammy: we have not only taken away the joys of free play, we have replaced them with emotionally stressful activities. "[A]s a society, we have come to the conclusion that to protect children from danger and to educate them, we must deprive them of the very activity that makes them happiest and place them for ever more hours in settings where they are more or less continually directed and evaluated by adults, setting almost designed to produce anxiety and depression."

THE LOSS OF PLAY AND RISE OF ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION

There has been a significant increase in anxiety and depression from 1950 to present day in teens and young adults and Gray cites several studies documenting this rise. One showed that five to eight times as many children and college students reported clinically significant depression or anxiety than 50 years ago and another documented a similar trend in the fourteen- to sixteen-year-old age group between 1948 and 1989.

Suicide rates quadrupled from 1950 to 2005 for children less than fifteen years and for teens and young adults ages 15-25, they doubled. Gray believes that the loss of unstructured, free play for play's sake is at the core of this alarming observation and that as a society, we should reassess the role of free play and the factors that seem to have all but eliminated it from our children's lives.

When parents realize the major role that free play can take in the development of emotionally healthy children and adults, they may wish to reassess the priorities ruling their children's lives. The competing needs for childcare, academic and athletic success, and children's safety are compelling. But perhaps parents can begin to identify small changes -- such as openings in the schedule, backing off from quite so many supervised activities, and possibly slightly less hovering on the playground that would start the pendulum returning to the direction of free, imaginative, kid-directed play.

Play...
for the fun of it!

Minneapolis-St. Paul is Healthiest Metro Area

The American Fitness Index - October 5, 2011

For the first time, Minneapolis-St. Paul is the healthiest, fittest metropolitan area in the United States, according to the American College of Sports Medicine's (ACSM) annual American Fitness Index (AFI).

The 2011 AFI data report, "Health and Community Fitness Status of the 50 Largest Metropolitan Areas," evaluated the most populous city areas to identify the healthiest and fittest places in the United States. Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington edged out previous leader Washington, D.C., for the top spot with a score of 77.2 (out of a possible 100) points.

Minneapolis-St. Paul and Washington, D.C. (respectively ranked third and first in 2010) both improved their scores this year. However, the Twin Cities took the lead thanks to greater improvements in healthy behavior measures and a reduction in the percentage of smokers.

Several factors contributed to the Twin Cities' ranking, including a relatively low smoking rate, an above-average percentage of exercising residents and moderate-to-low rates of chronic health concerns such as obesity, asthma, cardiovascular disease and diabetes. While the area reduced park-related expenditures this year, its percentage of parkland is still above average, as is the percentage of recreation facilities (other than swimming pools). Farmers markets in the area also increased this year, indicating a trend in healthier eating.

"The scores and rankings from the report indicate which metro areas are more fit and which ones are less fit," said Walter Thompson, Ph.D., chair of the AFI Advisory Board. "Although Minneapolis ranked first, there is room for improvement. At the same time, even the lowest-ranked areas have healthy residents and community resources supporting health and fitness."

The AFI data report reflects a composite of preventative health behaviors, levels of chronic disease conditions, health care access, and community resources and policies that support physical activity.

"A regular, scientific evaluation of the infrastructure, community assets, policies and opportunities which encourage healthy and fit lifestyles is imperative for cities wishing to provide high-quality life for residents," Thompson said. "Community health leaders and advocates in each metro area can use the AFI data report to easily identify their strengths and areas of opportunity."



ACSM receives a \$171,880 grant from WellPoint Foundation to present the 2011 AFI data report and establish pilot programs to improve health. Now, by translating key data from the AFI report, ACSM will provide technical assistance to low-ranking metro areas to help them improve health and fitness in their communities.

In 2011, the grant will enable ACSM to work with community organizations in Indianapolis and Oklahoma City to pilot locally driven improvement efforts. Four additional cities will be added in 2012 and 2013, respectively.

The new programmatic effort will identify actionable areas with the best evidence for improving health, focus on doing the most good for the most residents—with a high priority on underserved populations—and work to make community-wide impact quickly.

The top 10 healthiest and fittest cities in the 2011 AFI report were: Minneapolis-St. Paul (77.2); Washington, D.C. (76.8); Boston (69.1); Portland, Ore. (67.7); Denver (67.6); San Francisco (66.8); Hartford, Conn. (66.8); Seattle (66.5); Virginia Beach, Va. (65.8) and Sacramento (65.3). The bottom-ranking five metro areas on the list were: Oklahoma City (24.6); Louisville, Ky. (29); Memphis, Tenn. (32.9); Birmingham, Ala. (33.6); and Detroit (33.8).

For more information, visit www.americanfitnessindex.org.

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Umpire case shows how sex offenders can evade checks

by D.S. Woodfill — Oct. 9, 2011
The Arizona Republic

Officials overseeing high-school sports are perplexed by how a convicted sex offender evaded a background screening and worked as an umpire for the group.

Security experts and representatives of youth-sports organizations said the oversight underscores the shakiness of information federal and state governments provide on sex offenders. The information is inconsistent and can be unreliable, say investigators, adding that the most effective background screenings are costly and time consuming.

Edward Lee Hartley, 67, who was arrested last month at his home in Surprise on suspicion of sexually abusing two runaway children, umpired at softball games for the Arizona Interscholastic Association. The group is the governing body over high-school sports in the state.

Hartley also officiated youth games for the state chapter of the Amateur Softball Association of America.

Authorities say Hartley's criminal history dates to at least 1973 and includes six sex-crime violations, including rape. They believe he has records in New York, Texas, Kentucky and Alabama.

Chuck Schmidt, Arizona Interscholastic Association's associate executive director, said Hartley passed his background check in 2009 and officiated up to 70 games. The group employs up to 3,300 officials a year.

The association's board will reconsider at its board meeting later this month whether to rescreen the thousands of officials. That would be expensive, with high schools having to cover the costs.

Mark Mignella, an attorney who represents the AIA, said there's still no guarantee the group will catch every criminal who wants to work around student athletes.

"Can we say with absolute certainty that every conviction of every person who ever may register as an Arizona Interscholastic Association official will always be discoverable? I think the investigative companies would say there is no absolute, complete certainty," he said.

Complicated process

Security experts and representatives of youth organizations such as Pop Warner and Little League said background checks aren't foolproof. Tracking down information to avoid hiring sex predators or other criminals is a costly, arduous and sometimes unreliable process.

Rudy Troisi, president and chief executive of Reliable Background Screening in Scottsdale, said sex offenders often target school or church sports leagues, which means those groups have to work harder than other organizations to scrutinize the backgrounds of their workers and volunteers.

Troisi said people assume a person's criminal history is accessible with a few button clicks on a computer.

"Unfortunately that's not the case," said Troisi, whose company did not conduct the background check on Hartley. "No criminal database exists that covers 100 percent of the country."

It can be costly, requiring investigators to mine for information such as aliases, alternative addresses and criminal records from

courts that don't provide them online. Simply entering a person's name and personal information in the private criminal database many companies use is not enough, Troisi said.

"Unfortunately, a lot of these associations are concerned about costs," he said. "It's that adage: 'penny-wise and pound-foolish.' You have a precious commodity - the youth. Organizations that have youth as their customer base, let's say, really need to do a good job . . . of protecting that precious commodity."

Josh Pruce, a national spokesman for Pop Warner, a youth-football league, said their screening process is "the best it possibly can be."

Pruce said the screenings depend on what a state makes accessible, and they're all different.

Many states don't store their data electronically, opting for paper files. That information cannot be queried by a computerized system that's designed to cull data automatically from a court's computer system.

"There's always a potential for things to slip through the cracks," he said.

Steve Barr, a spokesman for Little League baseball, said officials run names, birthdates, Social Security numbers and other personal information through LexisNexis on league officials. That includes everyone from coaches and officials to groundskeepers and concession workers.

"It's probably about as foolproof a system as we've been able to find," he said.

Evading the system

John Miller, assistant director of membership services for the Amateur Softball Association of America, said he does not know how Hartley evaded his organization's screening process.

He said the group screens up to 65,000 officials a year using an outside firm. That company checks sex-offender registries, court records and a national criminal database.

He said some states limit access to the information.

"That's the kind of the wall I'm up against," he said. "We're only as good as the information that's provided to us. We know that people are going to slip through the cracks from time to time, because the system isn't perfect."

C.J. Jones of Thin Man & Associates, the company that used to work for the Arizona Interscholastic Association and did the background check on Hartley, said the information investigators rely on is flawed. One reason: States don't report the same type of information on sex offenders.

Information included in the national sex-offender registry, which is operated by the U.S. Department of Justice, is based on how a state classifies sex crimes. The registry only includes the most serious sex crimes - Levels 2 and 3. Level 1 crimes are included only when they are committed against a minor.

However, what is considered a Level 2 crime in one state may be a Level 1 crime in another, which doesn't make the registry, he said.

Further complicating matters, Jones said, is that the registry doesn't include sex crimes committed before 1994, when federal law required states to establish sex-offender registries.



ASA♦USA-MSF Champions

ASA♦USA Softball - Minnesota Sports Federation 2011 State Results

DIVISION	CHAMPION	FINALIST	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
C Men's Slow	Viessman/Moseng/BBS, Albertville	Floyd's/B's/3, Shakopee	Alliance One/Absolut, Bloomington	Sioux Nation, Hastings
DD Men's Slow North	Motley Crew, Chisago Cty	Shockers, Sauk Rapids	Gampers, North Pine Cty	Patrick's Piranhas, Pierz
DD Men's Slow South	Right on Target, Chaska	Detox/TPS, Bloomington	Rollings Group, Andover	Tralo, Owatonna
D Men's Slow North	Hitmen, Wahpeton	A Rod's Bar & Grill, Perham	Noska Repair, Hewitt	State Farm/Diamond Dogs, Pine River
D Men's Slow South	Brass Monkeys, Cottage Grove	Sand Dune Spirits, Monticello	Keyguys, Bloomington	South St. Paul VFW
EE Men's Slow	O'Brien's/Preferred Concrete, Rice	Steichen Real Estate, Austin	Floyd's Rippin & Tearin, Westonka	Cedar View Farms, Hutchinson
E Men's Slow	Barker Insurance, Fergus Falls	Captain Ron's, Staples	MOFFATT, East Central	Budweiser, Perham
B Men's Fastpitch	Goring Lawn Care, West St. Paul	Jonny's Saloon, St. Charles	Odin, Mankato	Pub 500, Mankato
C Men's Fastpitch	Black Diamond Auctions, Freeport	Hollywood Sports Complex	Beaver Creek, Border League	Rahn's Oil
D Men's Fastpitch	Henderson, High Island	New Ulm Schell/KNJUJ, High Island	Hardwick, Border League	The Sizzlers, St. Paul
Men's Church Slow	Atonement Angels, Bloomington	SVEA Lutheran, Willmar	Joy Christian, St. Cloud	Buffalo Covenant
B Men's Masters (35)	BBS/Jonny's, Rochester	169 Roadhouse, Mankato	Spectrum, Little Falls	Reuters, Rice
C Men's Masters (35)	C&L, Rice	St. Michael's, Bloomington	TNT, Cambridge	B2 Sports, St. Paul
Men's Modified	TM Logistics, Hollywood	Down South, New Germany	Hayes & Sons, Delano	Home State Bank, Cosmos
C Women's Slow	Financial Consultants, Sauk Rapids	Lenzen/Burky's, Chaska	Gary's Pizza/Bubba's, Sauk Rapids	Zin Chiro/McPete's, Elk River
DD Women's Slow	Bessler Brothers/Tom Stop, Bemidji	Ultimate Package, Burnsville	Hanson Accounting/CJ's Bar, Chisago Cty	Jailbirds, Cambridge
D Women's Slow	Daydream Specialties, Elk River	Oaklawn Tavern, Brainerd	Thompson Ward Electric, Rochester	Creeks Bend Golf Course, New Prague
EE Women's Slow	Fine Line, Brainerd	Pine Manor, Park Rapids	Canteen, Little Falls	Cy's Team, Chaska
B Co-Rec Slow	Bada Bing, Brainerd	St. Matthias Bar & Grill, Brainerd	Lucky's 13/CA Gear, Bloomington	Minnehaha Liquor, West St. Paul
C Co-Rec Slow	Noska Repair/Sportsman's, Staples	Jersey's, South St. Paul	Steve's Meat, Sauk Rapids	Pizza Pub, Princeton
D Co-Rec Slow	Da Big "O", Princeton	North Attitude/Kingsley Construction, Princeton	Sherm's, Mound-Westonka	Pine Point, Park Rapids





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ASA♦USA Softball - Minnesota Sports Federation 2011 District Results

DIVISION	CHAMPION	FINALIST	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
EE District I-IV	Steichen Real Estate, Austin	Sunshine Depot, Elk River	B-town Bandits, Bloomington	Cottage Grove VFW
EE District V	The Others Bar & Grill, Gilman	Central MN Credit Union, Sauk Centre	Cedar View Farms, Hutchinson	O'Brien's/Preferred Concrete Construction, Rice
EE District VI	Ringers, North Pine Cty	Olesiau, Brookston/Floodwood	The Buzz, Cambridge-Isanti	Roberts Excavating, North Pine Cty
EE District VII	Pure Dentistry/Rhode Roofing, Crookston	Rolfson Farms, Bagley	Young Gunz, Fosston	Lindy's Plumbing, Walker

ASA♦USA Softball - Minnesota Sports Federation Men's Slowpitch Qualifier Results

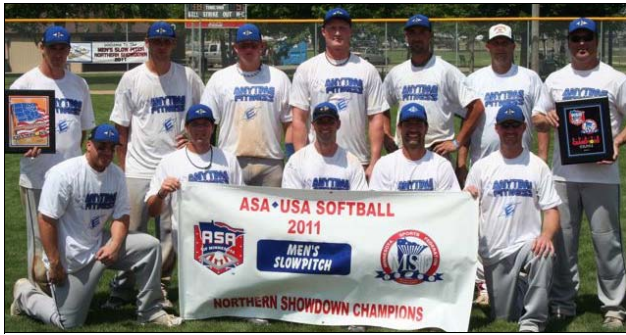
Tournament	DIVISION	CHAMPION	FINALIST
Mound	C	Viessman/Moseng/BBS, Albertville	SEG/Valley Sports/Grassworks, Shakopee
Mound	DD/D	Detox/TPS, Bloomington	Goodfellaz, Mankato
Mound	EE/E	Thompson/PIA, Elk River	Valley Wine & Spirits
Corky's	ASA 2K	Sonny's, WY	
Corky's	B	Pizza Ranch, IA	T's 13, NE
Corky's	C	Tryon Gym, SD	Bryan Rock, Burnsville
Corky's	DD/D	Infinity Plumbing, Northfield	Cruizin' Chubbys, Rochester
Corky's	EE/E	Cherry Creek, SD	Sundance Oil, ND
Spud Fest	C	Dave's Sport Shop	
Spud Fest	DD/D	Right on Target, Chaska	
Cambridge	DD/D	South St. Paul VFW	Long Ball Bat Co., Chisago Cty
Cambridge	EE/E	Triple T'z Pub & Grub, East Central	Floyd's Rippin 'n Tearin, Westonka

ASA♦USA Softball - Minnesota Sports Federation 2011 Fall State Results

DIVISION	CHAMPION	FINALIST	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
Co-Rec Slow Tier I	Swamp Donkeys, Sauk Rapids	Pontos Logging & Lumber/Tree Frogs, Sauk Rapids	Bubba's Bar, Sauk Rapids	Wilcox Chevrolet, Cambridge-Isanti
Co-Rec Slow Tier II	Pirates, Bloomington	JS Drywall, Hollywood	Watertown Food, Hollywood (T-3)	Lizards, Cambridge-Isanti (T-3)
Co-Rec Slow Tier III	D's & V's, Hastings	The Brick, Cambridge-Isanti	Express Employment Professionals/Agstar, Owatonna (T-3)	Sherm's, Westonka (T-3)
Men's Slow Tier I	Bashers, Faribault	Roadhouse 169, Mankato	Gratz Trucking, Willmar	Reichel Painting, Mankato
Men's Slow Tier II	Dirtballs/ODDS/Baker Drywall, Mpls	Albert Lea Eagles, Albert Lea	Plumbers, Willmar (T-3)	Border View Lodge, Bloomington (T-3)
Men's Slow Tier III	Golden Boyz, Bloomington	Monstars American Pie, Westonka	PT Mechanical/Mississippi Pub, SSP (T-3)	Hoehn Trucking, Owatonna (T-3)



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MEN'S OPEN SLOW PITCH STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION: Anytime Fitness, Minneapolis

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| 2) BBS/Excel Homes, Rochester | 3) S&R Metal/Rip City, IA | 4) Viessman Trucking/Miken, Northfield |
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MEN'S C SLOW PITCH STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION: Viessman/Moseng/BBS, Albertville

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| 2) Floyd's/B's/3, Shakopee | 3) Alliance One/Absolut, Bloomington | 4) Sioux Nation, Hastings |
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MEN'S DD SOUTH SLOW PITCH STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION: Right on Target, Chaska

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| 2) Detox/TPS, Bloomington | 3) Rollings Group, Andover | 4) Tralo, Owatonna |
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MEN'S DD NORTH SLOW PITCH STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION: Motley Crew, Chisago County

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| 2) Shockers, Sauk Rapids | 3) Gampers, North Pine County | 4) Patrick's Piranhas, Pierz |
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MEN'S D NORTH SLOW PITCH STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION: Hitmen, Wahpeton

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| 2) A Rod's Bar & Grill, Perham | 3) Noska Repair, Hewitt | 4) State Farn/Diamond Dogs, Pine River |
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MEN'S D SOUTH SLOW PITCH STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION: Brass Monkeys, Cottage Grove

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| 2) Sand Dune Spirits, Monticello | 3) Keyguys, Bloomington | 4) South St. Paul VFW |
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MEN'S EE SLOW PITCH STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION: O'Brien's Pub/Preferred Concrete, Rice
 2) Steichen Real Estate, Austin 3) Floyd's Rippin & Tearin, Westonka 4) Cedar View Farms, Hutchinson



MEN'S E SLOW PITCH STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION: Barker Insurance, Fergus Falls
 2) Captain Ron's, Staples 3) MOFFATT, East Central 4) Budweiser, Perham



MASTERS (35) B MEN'S SLOW STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION: BBS/Jonny's, Rochester
 2) 169 Roadhouse, Mankato 3) Spectrum, Little Falls 4) Reuters, Rice



MASTERS (35) C MEN'S SLOW STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION: C&L, Rice
 2) St. Michael's, Bloomington 3) TNT, Cambridge 4) B2 Sports, St. Paul



MEN'S CHURCH SLOW PITCH STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION: Atonement Angels, Bloomington
 2) SVEA Lutheran, Willmar 3) Joy Christian, St. Cloud 4) Buffalo Covenant



MEN'S B FASTPITCH STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION: Goring Lawn Care, West St. Paul
 2) Jonny's Saloon, St. Charles 3) Odin, Mankato 4) Pub 500, Mankato



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MEN'S C FASTPITCH STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION: Black Diamond Auctions, Freeport

2) Hollywood Sports Complex	3) Beaver Creek, Border League	4) Rahn's Oil, Freeport
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MEN'S MODIFIED PITCH STATE

CHAMPION: TM Logistics, Hollywood

2) Down South, New Germany	3) Hayes & Sons, Delano	4) Home State Bank, Cosmos
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MEN'S D FASTPITCH STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
Henderson, High Island	New Ulm Schell/ KNUJ, High Island	Hardwick, Border League	The Sizzlers, St. Paul

Henderson wins Class D Fastpitch State

Doug Thomas
Spence Westphal
Josh Lansing
Matt Dhaene
Bryce Eggert
Thomas Samora
Chase Boehne
Shawn Ziebarth

Connor Wigand
Sonny Wilson
Mitch Harrison
Adam Arnst
Troy Koester
Jason Anne
Eric Helgason

NORTH MANKATO — The Men's D Fastpitch State Tournament had great competition, especially in the championship games between Henderson and New Ulm Schell/KNUJ. Henderson scored 55 runs in their five games. The MVP was 21 year old, 135 pound pitcher Spencer Westphal, who also batted .470. Thomas Samora batted .500, Chase Boehne .466 and Bryce Eggert .461. Westphal recorded all

four wins. Henderson recorded four double plays in their first game Saturday and hit four home runs in their second game. It was the first tournament win for Henderson, the state's long running men's fastpitch team (since 1949).



Championship	Record
Henderson, High Island	10
New Ulm Schell/KNUJ, High Island	8
	21-7



WOMEN'S C SLOW PITCH STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION: Financial Consultants, Sauk Rapids

2) Lenzen/Burky's, Chaska	3) Gary's Pizza/Bubba's, Sauk Rapids	4) Zin Chiro/McPete's, Elk River
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WOMEN'S DD SLOW PITCH STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION: Bessler Brothers/Tom Stop, Bemidji

2) Ultimate Package, Burnsville	3) Hanson Accounting/CJ's, Chisago Cty	4) Jailbirds, Cambridge
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WOMEN'S D SLOW PITCH STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION: Daydream Specialties, Elk River

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| 2) Oaklawn Tavern, Brainerd | 3) Thompson Ward Electric, Rochester | 4) Creeks Bend Golf Course, New Prague |
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WOMEN'S EE SLOW PITCH STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION: Fine Line, Brainerd

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| 2) Pine Manor, Park Rapids | 3) Canteen, Little Falls | 4) Cy's Team, Chaska |
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CO-REC CLASS B STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION: Bada Bing, Brainerd

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| 2) St. Matthias Bar & Grill, Brainerd | 3) Lucky's 13/LA Gear, Bloomington | 4) Minnehaha Liquor, WSP |
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CO-REC CLASS C STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION: Noska Repair/Sportsman's, Staples

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| 2) Jersey's, South St. Paul | 3) Steve's Meat, Sauk Rapids | 4) Pizza Pub, Princeton |
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CO-REC CLASS D STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
Da Big "O", Princeton	North Attitude/Kingsley Construction, Princeton	Sherm's, Mound-Westonka	Pine Point, Park Rapids

Da Big "O" wins Co-Rec Class D State

Amber Carpenter
 Matt Kopernde
 Kathy Peterson
 Brian Peterson
 Danny Belsheim
 Teri Belsheim
 Erika Ripka
 Jordan Herges
 Jeffery Amann

Dianna Schultz
 Kathy Stromberg
 Christina Katke
 Samantha Anderson
 Bryan Belsheim
 Adam Halvorson
 Mandy Swanson
 Keisha Belsheim
 Mike Nelson

WINONA — Exceptional defense helped Da Big "O" win the Co-Rec Class D State Tournament. Everyone on the team made critical plays with very few errors all weekend. Da Big "O" allowed only 9 runs and scored 38 runs in 4 games. It was a great weekend for the team!



Championship	Record
Da Big "O", Princeton	9
Northern Attitude/Kingsley Construction, Princeton	0



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FALL CO-REC SLOW TIER I STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION: Swamp Monkeys, Sauk Rapids

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| 2) Pontos Logging & Lumber/Tree Frogs, Sauk Rapids | 3) Bubba's Bar, Sauk Rapids | 4) Wilcox Chevrolet, Cambridge-Isanti |
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FALL CO-REC SLOW TIER II STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION: Pirates, Bloomington

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| 2) JS Drywall, Hollywood | T-3rd) Watertown Food, Hollywood & Lizards, Cambridge-Isanti |
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FALL CO-REC SLOW TIER III STATE TOURNAMENT

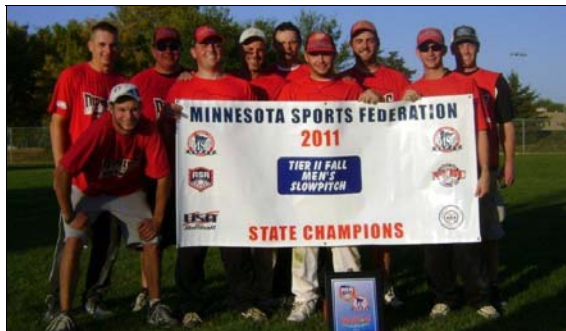
CHAMPION: D's & V's, Bloomington

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| 2) The Brick, Cambridge-Isanti | T-3rd) Express EmploymentAgstar, Owatonna & Sherm's, Westonka |
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FALL MEN'S SLOW TIER I STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION: Bashers, Faribault

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| 2) Roadhouse 169, Mankato | 3) Gratz Trucking, Willmar | 4) Reichel Painting, Mankato |
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FALL MEN'S SLOW TIER II STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION: Dirtballs/ODDS/Baker Drywall, Mpls

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| 2) Albert Lea Eagles, Albert Lea | T-3rd) Plumbers, Willmar & Border View Lodge, Bloomington |
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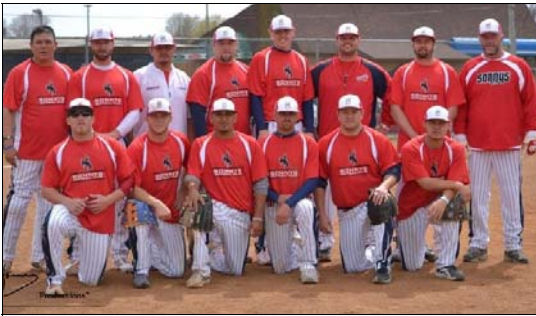
FALL MEN'S SLOW TIER II STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION: Golden Boyz, Bloomington

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| 2) Monstars American Pie, Westonka | T-3rd) PT Mechanical/Mississippi Pub, SSP & Hoehn Trucking, Owatonna |
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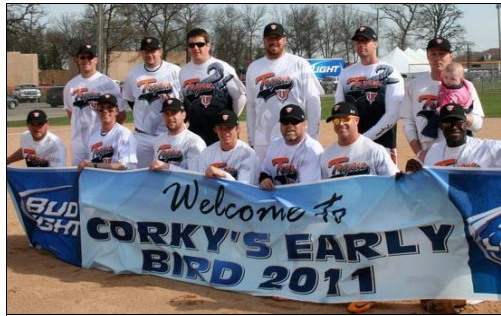


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CORKY'S ASA 2K SERIES CHAMPION

Sonny's, Wyoming



CORKY'S TIER II CHAMPION

Tryon Gym, South Dakota



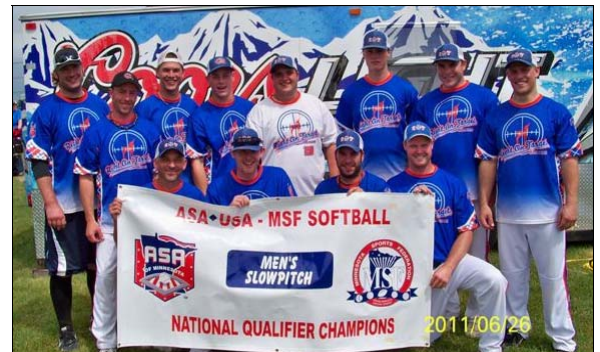
CORKY'S TIER III CHAMPION

Infinity Plumbing, Northfield



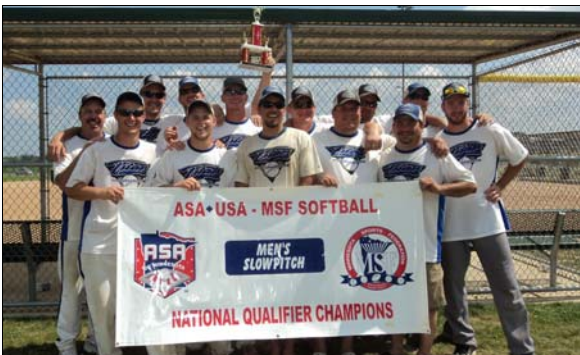
SPUD FEST CLASS C CHAMPION

Dave's Sport Shop



SPUD FEST CLASS DD/D CHAMPION

Right on Target, Chaska



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How Minnesota teams fared at Adult Nationals

CLASS A MEN'S SLOWPITCH NATIONALS - 12 TEAMS

<u>Team</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Runs Scored</u>	<u>Runs Allowed</u>
Long Haul Trucking	Albertville	3rd	3	2	139	94
Nordkap Construction/Tanel 360	Coon Rapids	5th	3	2	121	118
Anytime Fitness/Easton/Wicked Sports	Minneapolis	9th	1	2	51	40
Totals			7	6	311	252

CLASS B MEN'S SLOWPITCH NATIONALS - 22 TEAMS

BBS/All-American Restoration/Johnny Ringo's	Rochester	4th	3	2	101	86
Viessman/Miken/Promolink/TBI	Northfield	7th	3	2	88	77
MN Jazz	Bloomington	7th	3	2	93	73
BBS/TPS/Budweiser/Pearson/CA	Bloomington	17th	0	2	27	36
Totals			9	8	309	272

CLASS C MEN'S SLOWPITCH NORTHERN NATIONALS - 27 TEAMS

BBS/Excel Homes/Johnny Ringo's	Rochester	1st	5	1	110	71
SEG/Grassworks/Valley Sports	Shakopee	5th	3	2	88	101
Sioux Nation	Hastings	7th	2	2	65	74
Next Generation Softball/Isaacson Implant	Owatonna	9th	3	2	103	88
Bryan Rock	Burnsville	13th	1	2	43	54
McPete's	Big Lake	13th	2	2	73	51
Viessman/Moseng's/BBS	Albertville	17th	1	2	46	40
KJ Construction/CRC/Renas	Owatonna	17th	1	2	32	43
Distinctive Cabinet Design	Elk River	17th	0	2	11	50
Shady's	St. Martin	17th	0	2	9	39
Totals			18	19	580	611

CLASS D MEN'S SLOWPITCH NORTHERN NATIONALS - 51 TEAMS

Infinity Plumbing	Northfield	7th	5	2	78	76
Brass Monkeys	Cottage Grove	9th	2	2	27	51
Long Ball Bat Co.	Chisago County	13th	4	2	81	71
Goodfellaz	Mankato	17th	2	2	56	52
Detox/TPS	Bloomington	17th	2	2	53	62
CR Shockers	Sauk Rapids	17th	1	2	38	40
Right on Target	Chaska	25th	2	2	38	44
Michelob Golden Draft Light	Shakopee	33rd	0	2	8	20
Gratz Trucking	Willmar	33rd	1	2	48	39
Warriors	Bloomington	33rd	0	2	20	37
Gampers	Moose Lake	33rd	1	2	26	24
South St. Paul VFW	South St. Paul	33rd	1	2	30	27
Cruizin' Chubbys	Rochester	33rd	1	2	35	27
Motley Crew	Lindstrom	33rd	0	2	8	23
Hitmen	Wahpeton	33rd	0	2	10	37
Totals			21	30	556	630



How Minnesota teams fared at Adult Nationals

CLASS E MEN'S SLOWPITCH NORTHERN NATIONALS - 32 TEAMS

<u>Team</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Runs Scored</u>	<u>Runs Allowed</u>
Steichen Real Estate	Austin	1st	7	1	107	74
The Other Bar & Grill	Gilman	2nd	5	2	102	85
Triple T'z	Pine City	9th	3	2	66	51
Heroes	Litchfield	9th	2	2	47	53
TCT/Floyd's	Waconia	13th	2	2	42	44
Cedar View Farms	Hutchinson	17th	1	2	23	33
Eagles II	Fergus Falls	17th	1	2	36	36
Central MN Credit Union	Sauk Centre	25th	0	2	12	23
Harvey Anderson Funeral Home	Willmar	25th	0	2	17	21
Totals			21	17	452	420

MEN'S MASTERS (45) SLOWPITCH NATIONALS - 4 TEAMS

Minnesota Merchants	Minneapolis	1st	3	0		
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MEN'S 23-UNDER FAST PITCH NATIONALS - 8 TEAMS

Hollywood Sports	Hollywood	5th	2	2	13	21
Hennager Plumbing & Heating	Lake Crystal	7th	1	2	17	20
Stadium Lanes	Duluth	7th	0	3	11	27
Totals			3	7	41	68

MEN'S MAJOR FAST PITCH NATIONALS - 13 TEAMS

Minnesota Angels	West St. Paul	4th	2	2	18	18
Kegel Black Knights	LeSeuer	5th	2	2	13	9
Totals			4	4	31	27

MEN'S MODIFIED (10) PITCH NATIONALS - 23 TEAMS

TM Logistics	Hollywood	7th	2	2	33	42
Down South	New Germany	9th	2	2	43	40
Hayes & Sons	Delano	13th	1	2	33	43
Home State Bank	Cosmos	13th	1	2	35	45
Luce Line Lodge	Delano	13th	1	2	36	39
Cedar Crest Estates	Cosmos	17th	0	2	15	31
Corvuso Meats/Cosmos Lions	Cosmos	17th	0	2	12	22
Dawgs	Hollywood	17th	0	2	3	31
Mean Green	Hollywood	17th	0	2	5	36
Merchants	Hollywood	17th	0	2	5	28
Precision Builders	New Germany	17th	0	2	17	36
Snap Fitness	Hollywood	17th	0	2	13	27
Totals			7	24	250	420



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WOMEN'S C SLOWPITCH NORTHERN NATIONALS - 10 TEAMS

<u>Team</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Runs Scored</u>	<u>Runs Allowed</u>
Elsie's	Bloomington	2nd	3	2	48	50
Financial Consultants	Sauk Rapids	4th	2	2	30	35
Lenzen/Burky's	Chaska	5th	2	2	33	36
Saloon	Westonka	9th	0	3	9	42
Bashers	Faribault	9th	0	3	18	40
Totals			7	6	111	121

WOMEN'S D SLOWPITCH NORTHERN NATIONALS - 11 TEAMS

Creek's Bend Golf Course	New Prague	7th	2	3	26	64
Hanson's Accounting/CJ's Bar & Grill	Chisago County	9th	1	2	21	19
Thompson Ward Electric	Rochester	9th	0	3	31	44
Totals			3	8	78	127

MEN'S 23-UNDER FASTPITCH NATIONALS - 7 TEAMS

Hennager Plumbing & Heating	Lake Crystal	4th	2	2	29	31
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Minnesota High School Girls All-Star Series

June 12, North Mankato, MN Caswell Park

The 23rd Annual High School Girls Softball All-Star Series was held on Sunday, June 12th in North Mankato at Caswell Park. The Minnesota High School Fastpitch Softball Coaches Association and the Minnesota Sports Federation are proud to sponsor and promote this prestigious event for the past 23 years. This event features 72 of the state's best senior softball players. These 72 players are selected from over 15,000 girls from around the state in 1A, 2A and 3A and are then split into six teams. They are managed by High School coaches, who are selected by the Fastpitch Association. The All-Star Series is held at one of the top facilities in the state, Caswell Park.



The 2011 All-Star Series also included a Hall of Fame Banquet where three Minnesota Coaches were inducted, Ben Miller of Sauk Rapids/Rice, Charlie Gross of Delano and Pam Hennen of Park Center. At the banquet there were also three Minnesota players inducted, Heather Bennett Swenney of Hermantown, Heather Pennie of Minnewaska Area, and Kali Olstad of Plainview-Elgin-Millville. Congratulations to all inductees on your accomplishments!

After the conclusion of the Hall of Fame Banquet Sunday morning the 72 All-Stars gathered at Caswell for opening ceremonies and played three round robin games with a lunch break in between. All-Star players are treated to a hotel stay, a pizza party, an All-Star bag, uniforms and a softball.

Congratulations to all of our All-Star players and coaches on a fun-filled day. Best of luck in the future years!





Junior Olympic Fastpitch Regional National Qualifier

**June 17-19, 2011
Regional National Qualifier
Veteran's Park Hastings, MN**

On June 17-19 Veteran's Park hosted the 2011 Regional National Qualifier which hosted teams from Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota, Illinois, and Wisconsin. There was a 14-Under division, a 16-Under division and 18-Under division where teams competed for the ASA/USA National berth.

Saturday morning started with heavy rain which delayed games well into the afternoon. The rain did not let up until around 2pm with one game completed and two others were started. The rain started to pour again and games were canceled for the day as the fields were unable to recuperate. On Sunday the games were cut fifteen minutes to 1:15 time limit to ensure play. In the 14-Under division River Falls, SD Fusion, MN Magic, Spark Black (IL), Renegades 97, MN Sting, MN Impact, MN Renegades 96, and Sparks Red (IL) all competed for a trip to Midland, TX. In the 16-Under division the Northern Blast, MN Blizzard, MN Sting 94, Hastings, MN Renegades (MG), Lemont Rockers (IL), Owatonna Crush, Snocatz 95, MN Sting 95, MN Renegades (JT) MN Rebels, and the New Lenox Lightning (IL) were all looking for their ticket to Chattanooga, TN for the ASA/USA Nationals. Finally in the 18-Under division the MN Sting Elite, TC Twisters, MN Renegades, St Paul Rookies, Sparks (IL), SD Fusion and the MN Blizzard were all seeking the berth to Normal, IL.

In the 14-Under division the Renegades 97 came through the undefeated bracket to face the South Dakota Fusion in the final game. The Renegades had beat them 1-0 when they faced off earlier. It was once again a close game and the Renegades 97 won 2-1. In the 16-Under division it was a battle of the MN Sting teams. The MN Sting 94 team went undefeated to the championship where they faced the MN Sting 95 in the finals. Sting 94 won 5-4 to take the title. In the 18-Under division the MN Blizzard cruised through the undefeated bracket to face the MN Sting Elite in the finals. The Blizzard held the Sting scoreless, winning by a score of 2-0. Congratulations to all winners and participants!

Thank you for supporting the ASA of MN program!



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So Cal Choppers Black - Valencia, CA
Coach: Cory Kessinger



16-Under Regional NQ Champ
MN Sting 94
Coach: Sean Hall

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14-Under Regional NQ Champ
Renegades 97
Coach: Nat Wagner



18-Under MN Only Qualifier Champ
MN Blizzard
Coach: Britt Bruzek



Junior Olympic Fastpitch MN Only Qualifier

July 8-10 MN Only National Qualifier Eagan, MN

The 2011 MN Only National Qualifier hosted the top 16-Under Class A & Class B and 18-Under Girls Fastpitch teams in the state. The City of Eagan, Northview Fields, hosted this two-day event, which was a hot weekend in Minnesota. Participating teams in the 16-Under Class A division were the MN Renegades (MG), MN Vortex, MN Stars 95, MN Irish Char, MN Irish Rohr, MN Ice, MN Renegades (JT), MN Rebels, MN Blizzard, Lakeville Invasion, MN Stars 94, Snocatz 95, MN Impact, Mankato Peppers, MN Irish Gold, and Northern Blast making up 16 teams total. In the 16-Under Class B division Northview hosted New Ulm Red, Agassiz Valley of Thief River Falls, MN Blast, and the Rochester Lightning.

In the 16-Under Class A division the MN Irish Gold went 5-0 in the tournament and won 5-3 in the championship game against the MN Renegades (MG). The MN Irish Gold secured a berth to the ASA/USA Nationals in Chattanooga, TN. In the 16-Under Class B division the New Ulm Red went undefeated in the tournament beating Rochester Lightning in the final game, 3-0. New Ulm Red won a berth to the 16B Northern Nationals in Bloomington, IN.

In the 18-Under division the six teams that competed were tough competitors. The Rookies of St Paul won their first game against the MN Impact of Bloomington. In their second game the Rookies faced the tough Peppers of Mankato and lost 5-3. Climbing their way back through the loss bracket they faced the Peppers again in the finals where the championship was taken to the if--necessary game where the Rookies won 6-1 securing a berth to Normal, IL for the ASA/USA Nationals.

Congratulations to all the MN teams that competed in ASA of MN tournaments and also in ASA National and Northern National tournaments, you represented MN well.

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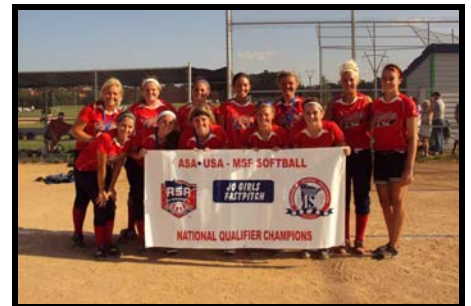
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16-Under Class B
MN Only Qualifier Champ
New Ulm Aces
Coach: Abby Bartels



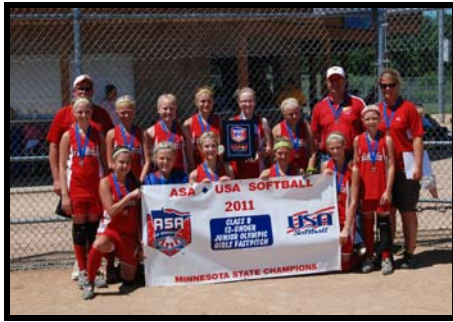
16-Under Class A
MN Only Qualifier Champ
MN Irish Gold
Coach: Tim Johnson



18-Under MN Only Qualifier Champ
St Paul Rookies
Coach: Jim Rubbelke



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Championship	Coach	Record
KM 13	Tara Bigelow	4-0
Hutchinson 5		

CLASS B 12-UNDER GIRLS FASTPITCH

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
KASSON MANTORVILLE	HUTCHINSON BLIZZARD	ROCHESTER CUBS	HIGHLAND PARK

Kasson Mantorville, Southern Minny

MOUND— Although the 12B ASA of MN State Tournament was only five teams, the competition was tough and the games were close. Kasson Mantorville played a tough Highland Park team from St Paul in their first game. They scored 12 runs and only allowed Highland Park 5 runs. In their second game they played Herman-town from the Lake Superior League. This game was closer but KM managed to pull off the win with a score of 7-4. In the semifinal game Kasson Mantorville faced the Rochester Cubs. Kasson Mantorville was able to keep the lead in the end and won a close game 7-6. In the finals Kasson faced the Hutchinson Blizzard, winning 13-5.

Madison Bigelow
Madison Rendler
Mikayla Grant
Laura Kosberg
Stephanie Meyer
Abigail Folkert
Jessi Riker
Kendra Powers
Katie Kirsme
Kennedy Ellinghuysen
Alejandra Brekker-Diaz

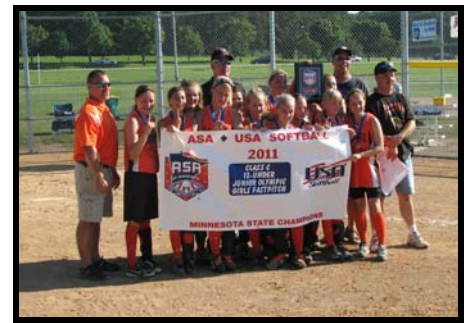
CLASS C 12-UNDER GIRLS FASTPITCH

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
GRAND RAPIDS	DELANO	MAPLE LAKE	SLEEPY EYE

Kaylee Grabarkewitz
Heaven Hamling
Joelyn Hanson
Carli Haynes
Savanna Holum
Bailey Kinnunen
Kaija Kinnunen
Mariah Linder
Madi Patrow
Brooke Pehrson
Marissa Rossi
Savanna Stoltz
Jocelyn Rohloff

Grand Rapids, Arrowhead

ROCHESTER — Three pitchers combined for a two hitter as Grand Rapids beat Annandale White 7-3 in the first game of the tournament. Bailey Kinnunen threw a four hit, two run game as Grand Rapids beat a strong Delano team. Bailey Kinnunen threw a one hitter and Grand Rapids knocked out 10 hits and had zero errors in a 7-0 semi-final win over Maple Lake. In the Championship game Bailey Kinnunen threw a one hitter as Grand Rapids won 12-4 in 5 innings.



Championship	Coach	Record
Grand Rapids 12	Scott Patrow	26-5
Delano 4		



Championship	Coach	Record
Rebels 1	Stacie Drechsel	22-4
Warriors 0		

REG 12-UNDER GIRLS FASTPITCH

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
DG-F REBELS	BAXTER WARRIORS	SPUNKY STEALERS	WILLMAR

Dilworth Glyndon-Felton Rebels, Western

BECKER— The girls showed incredible heart and tenacity by going six consecutive games in 90 degree weather on Sunday. The girls played well the whole weekend, especially pitching and hitting. Throughout the eight games they collected 75 hits and outscored their opponents 71-24. Natalie Steichen pitched a seven inning shutout to win the final championship game. Faith Anderson pitched two shutouts during the tournament.

Ally Reno
Keasha Molstre
Allyson Brenna
Anna Smith
Erin Pake
Shania Geiser
Faith Anderson
Shelby Mullikin
Lexi Stebleton
Megan Meyer
Jasman Hanson
Matty Fischer
Natalie Steichen



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CLASS A 14-UNDER GIRLS FASTPITCH

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
MN STING 96	MN RENEGADES 96	MN WILDFIRE 96	ROCHESTER ROYALS

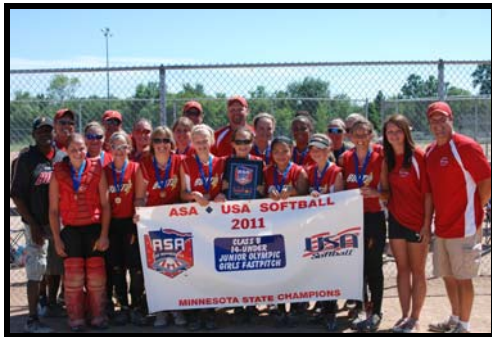
MN Sting 96, MFL

Michaela Mills
Maddison Damon
Abby Klopp
Izzy Gates
Brooke Craig
Jordan Mauch
Kaylea Shorr
Sandra Liebgott
Sam Kuhlow
Emilie Antony
Janelle Mackie

AUSTIN—The Sting 96 came into the tournament as the number one seed so they had a bye in the first round. They faced the Renegades 97 in the first game on Saturday. The Sting 96 scored two runs in the 3rd inning and two more in the 4th and put the finishing touches on in the fifth scoring five more to win 9-0. The next game against the Wildfire 96 was a good battle, with very good pitching from both sides with the Sting winning 3-0. Sunday's play was the championship game against the 96 Renegades, going into the 4th inning 0-0 the Renegades 96 scored first and the Sting matched scoring three in the fourth. The Renegades would score one more but the Sting's great defense would hold to win 3-2.



Championship	Coach	Record
Sting 94	3	Steve Snedeker
Renegades 96	2	3-0



CLASS B 14-UNDER GIRLS FASTPITCH

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
MN THUNDERBOLTZ	HUTCHINSON	MANKATO	AUSTIN MOOSE

MN Thunderboltz, MFL

Championship	Coach	Record
Thunderboltz	8	Bobby Crumpton
Hutchinson	3	4-0

MOUND— Eight teams participated at WRA Park in Mound for the 14B State Championships. The MN Thunderboltz were the only team from the Minnesota Fastpitch League and were a team filled with girls that were 12U eligible. Playing against tough 14-Under teams all year this 12U team was excited to see how they faired at a state tournament. In their first game they faced St Peter and won 9-3. They were off and running from there. In their second game they won 8-0 over Watertown. On Sunday the Thunderboltz faced Hutchinson where they won 11-3 sending them into the finals where they played Hutchinson again. They were able to hold on to win the championship 8-3. Congratulations!

Abigail Geurkink
Allyson Wirfs
Brianna Goodchild
Brenna McElroy
Elle Hagstrom
Hannah Carlson
Alexandra Lasso
Mackenzie Otterson
Marie Deaton
Michaela Thielen
Phoebe Crumpton
Shayla Steinley
Kennedy McCutcheon
Serena Singleton

CLASS C 14-UNDER GIRLS FASTPITCH

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
DELANO	APOLLO ST CLOUD	SLEEPY EYE	PINE ISLAND

Delano, Crow River

Abby Halluska
Anna Schleper
Ashley Sinkel
Brooke Lemke
Emily Ylitalo
Greta Halonen
Hanna Olstad
Kalley Koch
MaKenna Giese
Mathia Drews
Nikki Carroll
Roni Stevens

STEWARTVILLE— The Delano Tigers achieved their goal by sweeping their way to the 14U Class C State Championship. The girls played fantastic ball all weekend combining great pitching, defense and hitting. The Tigers opened the tournament with a 5-1 win over Sleepy Eye and then beat a tough Rochester team 2-1. In the winner's bracket final they beat Apollo St Cloud 10-7 and then faced them again in the championship winning 8-5. Congratulations Delano, what a way to end the season!



Championship	Coach	Record
Delano	8	Michelle & Dave Krenik
Apollo St Cloud	5	29-9-1



Junior Olympic Fastpitch Summer State Championships

CLASS D 14-UNDER GIRLS FASTPITCH

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
PROCTOR STORM	FERGUS FALLS OTC	MINNESOTA DYNAMITE	HAWLEY

Ramsey Vanvaikemborg
 Hannah Johnson
 Kelly Kruger
 Shaina Rapp
 Krista Mottonen
 Taylor Larson
 Holly Stanaway
 Shayna Prouty
 Chelsea Swanson
 Reilly Fawett
 Kylla Merrill

Proctor Storm, Lake Superior

AUSTIN— The Proctor Storm along with 16 other teams competed in the 14D State Championships at North Todd Park in Austin. In their first game they played Browerville who had just come off a win. Proctor scored 16 runs to Browerville's two runs. In their second game the Storm faced the Maniacs from the Northern Lights League. Once again the Storm scored double-digit runs winning 11-2 over the Maniacs. In their third game they faced the Dynamite from the Lake Superior League. The Dynamite were no match for the Storm who won easily 14-0. In the semifinal game the Storm faced Fergus Falls OTC where the Storm finished strong winning 16-2 over the tough Fergus Falls team.



Championship	Coach	Record
Proctor Storm 16	Kevin Fawcett	5-0
Fergus Falls OTC 2		



REC 14-UNDER GIRLS FASTPITCH

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
HUTCHINSON EAGLES	KIMBALL	BAXTER WARRIORS BLUE	WINSTED

Hutchinson Eagles, Crow River

HUTCHINSON— The Eagles of Hutchinson and seven other 14REC teams competed in the state tournament. The Eagles came out in full force in their first game, winning 21-2 over Fergus Falls. In their second game the Eagles faced Waconia where they won easily 13-5. In the semifinal game the Baxter Warriors from the Northern Lights League gave the Eagles a close game. The Eagles were able to hold off the Warriors, winning 8-7 advancing to the finals where they faced Kimball. The Eagles defeated Kimball, 11-3 in the finals to win the 14REC State Tournament. Congratulations!

Arianna Damlow
 Jennifer Ebert
 Carlie Goranowski
 Baylee Holtz
 Tori Kern
 McKenzie Ketcher
 Rachel Kruse
 Meagan Schwarzrock
 Hannah Max
 Cora Zackrisson
 Molly Zackrisson
 Emily Aalts

Championship	Coaches	Record
Eagles 11	Sammy Trick	4-0
Kimball 3		

CLASS A 16-UNDER GIRLS FASTPITCH

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
MN RENEGADES 95	MN STING 95	MN IRISH GOLD	RENEGADES 94

MN Renegades 95, MFL

Marissa Boser
 Taylor Bratten
 Karmann Carroll
 Jenny Grahek
 Samantha Hartmann
 Navarae Honoroff
 Andrea Mogren
 Dana Mogren
 Morgan Nybo
 Sabrina Rasmussen
 Jill Vieau
 Julia Hathaway

COON RAPIDS — At the state tournament the Renegades along with 15 other teams competed for the top spot. In their first game the Renegades 95 faced the MN Irish Rohr and swept them 10-0. In their second game they played the Northern Blast out of Becker. Once again, they kept their opponent from crossing home plate, winning 8-0. Taking them into Sunday they faced the MN Impact in their first game. Continuing their streak from Saturday the Renegades won 3-0 sending them into the semifinal game. In their closest game of the tournament the Renegades beat the MN Irish Gold 5-4 to advance to the finals. There they competed against a tough MN Sting 95 team. True to form, the Renegades 95 won 7-0.



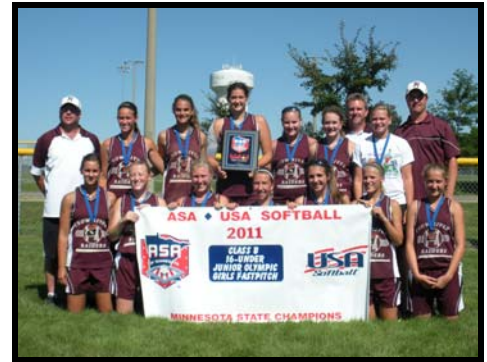
Championship	Coach	Record
MN Renegades 7	Mike Gallagher	5-0
MN Sting 95 0		



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CLASS B 16-UNDER GIRLS FASTPITCH

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
CROW RIVER RAIDERS	ROCHESTER HURRICANES	MN VENOM	OWATONNA CRUSH



Championship	Coach	Record
Raiders 5	Rick Stockman	5-0
Hurricanes 2		

Brianna Latzke
 Natalie Stockman
 Rachel Heuer
 Emily Varner
 Lexi Majeski
 Josie Peters
 Morgan Roush
 Shannon Nix
 Brooke Willemson
 Afton Wolter
 Brianna Calder
 Kaylee Brazil
 Ashley Dick
 Madison Demarais
 Megan Westrup
 Bria Majeski

Crow River Raiders, MFL

HASTINGS —Nine teams participated at Veteran’s Park in Hastings for the 16B State Tournament. In their first game Saturday they faced the Rochester Lightning and won convincingly 14-2. In the quarterfinals they faced a tough Owatonna Crush team. The game was won by defense that kept the score close and the Raiders kept the Crush at their heels. In their closest game of the tournament the Raiders won 4-3 to advance. On Sunday morning they faced the MN Venom and the Raiders were able to continue their streak, winning 5-1. In the finals the Raiders competed against the Rochester Hurricanes. They won 5-2 to win the 16B State Championships and advance to the ASA Northern Nationals.



Championship	Coach	Record
Renegades 5	Brittany Black	20-2-3
MN Blast 0		

CLASS C 16-UNDER GIRLS FASTPITCH

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
BEMIDJI RENEGADES	MN BLAST	STAPLES/MOTLEY	SAUK RAPIDS

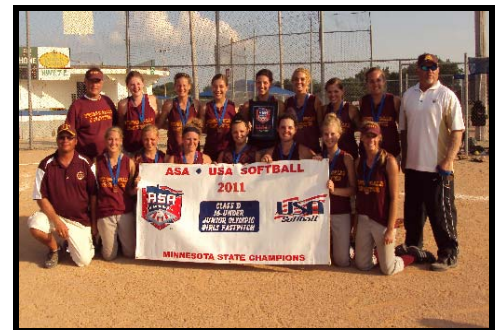
Bemidji Renegades, Northern Lights

SAUK RAPIDS — The 19 team field at the 16C state tournament in Sauk Rapids began with a 2.5 hours rain delay. When play got underway the Bemidji Renegades faced the host team, Sauk Rapids #2, in their first game. Bemidji picked up their first win with a 11-1 victory. The Renegades then faced Brainerd in their second game, and after an 11 inning marathon game Bemidji won 7-6. Sunday morning the Renegades sent the Duluth White Caps home with a 10-0 shut out. Bemidji then sent the MN Blast to the one loss bracket with a 7-1 win. The Blast came through the one loss bracket to meet the Renegades for another game and Bemidji got a 5-0 shutout to take the title.

Courtney Black
 Jess Yost
 Abby Hinrichs
 Brianna Neumann
 Jasmin Yerbich
 Kellie Morehouse
 Sydney Hinrichs
 Hannah Neeland
 Hanna Olson
 Jessa Lusby
 Mackenzie Slough
 Heather Olson

CLASS D 16-UNDER GIRLS FASTPITCH

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
FERGUS FALLS	PEQUOT LAKES	MOORHEAD CRUSH	WILLMAR



Championship	Coach	Record
Fergus Falls 7	Monte Frederickson	6-1
Pequot Lakes 6		

Devonie Smith
 Abigail Fronning
 Jordan Harworth
 Kaci Walvatne
 Nadia Fischer-Danxisen
 Mary Sanders
 Gabby Stocks
 Amber Blondeau
 May Swiontek
 Taylor Johnson
 Sadie Knudson
 Kayla Evavold
 Sydney Schulz
 Laura Gaustad

Fergus Falls, Fergus Falls

HUTCHINSON — Eleven teams competed in the 16D State Championships at Roberts Park. Fergus Falls didn’t seem like the likely winner after losing their first game to Moorhead 4-6. In the one-loss bracket Fergus Falls had their work cut out for them. On a mission Fergus Falls rolled past Worthington, winning 11-3. Next they faced Proctor winning 13-1, then St Peter winning again by double-digits 19-0. Continuing on they defeated Triton 17-6 then Willmar 14-1. All was looking good until they faced the team that sent them to the loss bracket, Moorhead. This time Fergus Falls was able to defeat Moorhead 14-6 sending them into the finals where they played Pequot Lakes from the Northern Lights League. In their closest game of the tournament they were able to win 7-6 to come back from their one loss!



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CLASS A 18-UNDER GIRLS FASTPITCH

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
ST PAUL ROOKIES	MANKATO PEPPERS	MN RENEGADES	MN CHILL



St. Paul Rookies, MFL

Jamie Rubbelke
 Kelly McKenzie
 Abbie Morris
 Alex Benedict
 Jamie Fieschhauer
 Stephanie Borndale
 Toona Zipda
 Kelsey Klatt
 Stephanie Kappes
 Lonnica Johnson
 Cassie Bertelsen
 Kasey Eichten

BUFFALO—Seven teams competed in the 18A State Tournament. The St Paul Rookies played well the whole tournament and represented MN ASA well in Normal, IL. In the state tournament they played the MN Impact in their first game and won 8-0. Next they faced the tough MN Sting Elite and were able to score more runs, winning 10-8. Next they faced the Mankato Peppers. The Rookies were able to win 4-0 but their next two games would also be against the Peppers. The Peppers would beat them in the finals 2-0 sending it to the if-necessary game where the Rookies won 6-0. In Normal, IL at the ASA/USA Nationals the Rookies went 4-2 and placed tied for 24th out of 104 teams, an impressive showing.

Championship	Coach	Record	
Rookies	6	Jim Rubbelke	4-1
Peppers	0		

CLASS B 18-UNDER GIRLS FASTPITCH

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
REDWOOD VFW	SLEEPY EYE	HOLLYWOOD	HOLDINGFORD



Redwood VFW, Southern Star

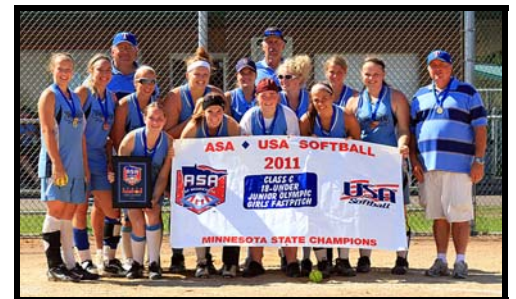
HASTINGS — The Redwood VFW team finished the season with a 10-9-2 record. The girls went 5 and 1 to win the Class B 18-Under state tournament. The Championship game was very close with Redwood defeating Sleepy Eye 4-3 in 8 innings. They also defeated Hutchinson Gold (7-0), Jackson (4-2), MN Fierce (14-2), Sleepy Eye (quarterfinals 4-0). Congratulations to Redwood VFW on a great state tournament!

Carlee Heiling
 Jessica Fischer
 Julia Busiahn
 Steph Jensen
 Tara Sandgren
 Sam Felt
 Alonna Baune
 Victoria Quast
 Leah Penske
 Anna Ludwig
 Kayla Pohlen
 Bailey Bunting

Championship	Coach	Record	
Redwood VFW	4	Jim Penske	10-9-2
Sleepy Eye	3		

CLASS C 18-UNDER GIRLS FASTPITCH

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
DULUTH THUNDER	BGMR GATORS	MAPLE LAKE	SUPERIOR



Duluth Thunder, Lake Superior

Nikki Logergren
 Kayla Dammann
 McKenzie Klaas
 Ashley Taipale
 Ciarra Taipale
 Haylee Johnson
 Mya Peterson
 Kara Warren
 Shelby Nosan
 Lindsay Reasy
 Morgan Davis
 Katherine Andrelko

CLOQUET — Thirteen teams competed in the 18C State Championships at Braun Park. Rain delayed play on Saturday morning but all games were played. The Duluth Thunder received a bye in the first round playing their first game against the hot Hawley team. The bats of the Thunder were hot as well and they defeated Hawley 12-4. In their second game they faced Maple Lake where they kept them scoreless, defeating them 3-0. In the semi-final game the Thunder scored in double-digits again, winning 18-8 over the BGMR Gators. In the finals they faced the BGMR Gators again who worked themselves up through the one-loss bracket. The Gators were no match for the Thunder and they won 18-1 in the final to take home the championships!

Championship	Coach	Record	
Thunder	18	Dick Swanson	4-0
BGMR Gators	1		



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12-UNDER GIRLS SLOWPITCH

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE
BLOOMINGTON COUGARS	RICHFIELD PETER'S BILLARDS	BURNSVILLE BLAZERS

Courtney Pawek
Allison Rebel
Audrey Rebel
Alyssa Richards
Madeline Nee
Maya Gatz
Anne Weatherhead
Brianna Vierling
Ally Vierling
Cristin Vierling
Dana Haupt
Maddie Meier

Bloomington Cougars, River Valley

BURNSVILLE — The bats of the Cougars were definitely making contact in the 12U GSP State Tournament at Lac Lavon Park. The Cougars beat the Storm 27-4 in their first game, in their second game they played Richfield Peter's Billards and won 15-10. In their third pool play game they beat the Aftershock of Bloomington 19-3 and in the final game they beat the Burnsville Blazers 21-5. That is a combined 82 runs scored in four games! In the Tier I bracket play the Cougars played Richfield Peter's Billards once again and won 14-11. Congratulations on 93 runs scored and a great state tournament!



Championship	Coach	Record
Cougars 14	Todd Pawek	5-0
Peter's Billards 11		



14-UNDER GIRLS SLOWPITCH

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE
RICHFIELD FIRESIDE PIZZA	IDEAL ADVERTISING	BURNSVILLE BRAVES

Richfield Fireside Pizza, River Valley

BURNSVILLE — After a 16-2 loss to Ideal Advertising on Saturday, it was nice to come back on Sunday and beat them in the finals. Good defense, only three errors and a 12 run 3rd inning was the big difference in the game. Congratulations to Richfield Fireside Pizza on a great state tournament and for competing at nationals as well!

Corrina Burga
Alyson Wendland
Mariah Wendland
Eryn Miles
Erin O'Connor
Ellie Stok
Samantha Cannavo
Rachel Youngquist
Cori Benson
April Hartke
Tori Johnson
Raeme Cheatham

Championship	Coach	Record
Fireside Pizza 19	Scott Freeman	30-15
Ideal Advertising 5		

16-UNDER GIRLS SLOWPITCH

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE
BLOOMINGTON FUSION	RB CREDIT UNION	NSPAA EXTREME

Ashley Aubitz
Hannah Crook
Amanda Dusing
Emily Broomfield
Kelsey Foulise
Taylor Kochie
Elizabeth Kylo
Taylor Olson
Abby Rinowski
Emily Schriener
Sarah Tester
Kayla Tinchler
Kensie Wehr
Naomi Wellumson

Bloomington Fusion, River Valley

BURNSVILLE — The Bloomington Fusion had two strong pool play games. One was against the North St Paul Extreme where they won 7-2 and the other was against the Renegades of Burnsville who they defeated 17-12. These two wins sent them to the Tier I championship bracket where they faced the Andover Red Hawks where the Fusion won in a close one-run game 10-9. In the finals the Fusion faced the number one seed from the other pool, RB Credit Union. The Fusion were able to go 4-0 in the state tournament and were crowned 16U GSP State Championships!



Championship	Coach	Record
Fusion 10	Dan Olson	4-0
RB Credit Union 6		



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18-UNDER GIRLS SLOWPITCH

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE
ELM CREEK	ANDOVER PHOENIX	BURNSVILLE BLAZE

Christa Kloep
 Kelli Thiel
 Alicia Hughes
 Samantha Ubl
 Hannah Schiller
 Heather Schiller
 Tonya Lamont
 Jackie McLain
 Rachel Koehlen
 Steph Larson
 Hannah Martholer
 Taya Yarco
 Elexa Lukes
 Megan Noard

Elm Creek, Champlin

BURNSVILLE — Elm Creek scored double-digit runs in every single one of their games in the 18U GSP State Tournament at Lac Lavon. Elm Creek went onto the ASA GSP Nationals in Watertown, SD and wrote about their time there. In our first game of the double elimination national tournament we won by a score of 14-2. In the quarterfinals we won by a score of 14-8. In the semifinals we met up with the tournament favorites, NE Ortho, who had not lost a game all year. We won the game 7-3 playing our best defensive game ever. That put us in the finals of the winners bracket against Lidgerwood. We won that game 13-6. Our semifinal opponent, NE Ortho came through the loser's bracket and met up with us in the finals. We battled hard, however, we lost the first game 10-2. In a defensive battle we lost the championship game 5-3. That gave us the second place finish for the second time in three years. We are very proud of our dedicated team members for a job well done.



Championship	Coach	Record
Elm Creek 12	Bernie Kloep	5-0
Andover Phoenix 2		

Thank you to all the participants including players, coaches, parents, tournament directors, staff, volunteers, umpires and fans that helped make the 2011 ASA of MN State Championships fun and successful!

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How Minnesota teams fared at Junior Olympic Nationals

CLASS B JUNIOR OLYMPIC GIRLS FASTPITCH 10-UNDER NORTHERN NATIONALS—10 TEAMS

<u>Team</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Runs Scored</u>	<u>Runs Allowed</u>
Rochester Diamonds	Rochester	T9	0	2	4	23
St Peter Diamondators	St Peter	T9	0	2	7	32

CLASS A JUNIOR OLYMPIC GIRLS FASTPITCH 12-UNDER NORTHERN NATIONALS—14 TEAMS

<u>Team</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Runs Scored</u>	<u>Runs Allowed</u>
MN Thunderboltz	Apple Valley	T9	1	2	11	24

CLASS B JUNIOR OLYMPIC GIRLS FASTPITCH 12-UNDER NORTHERN NATIONALS—33 TEAMS

<u>Team</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Runs Scored</u>	<u>Runs Allowed</u>
Hutchinson Blizzard	Hutchinson	T25	2	2	13	26

CLASS B JUNIOR OLYMPIC GIRLS FASTPITCH 14-UNDER NORTHERN NATIONALS—30 TEAMS

<u>Team</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Runs Scored</u>	<u>Runs Allowed</u>
Hutchinson Gators	Hutchinson	T25	0	2	0	23

CLASS A JUNIOR OLYMPIC GIRLS FASTPITCH 16-UNDER NORTHERN NATIONALS—55 TEAMS

<u>Team</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Runs Scored</u>	<u>Runs Allowed</u>
MN Stars	Eagan	T13	4	2	36	14

CLASS B JUNIOR OLYMPIC GIRLS FASTPITCH 16-UNDER NORTHERN NATIONALS—27 TEAMS

<u>Team</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Runs Scored</u>	<u>Runs Allowed</u>
Crow River Raiders	Hutchinson	T9	2	2	20	9
Maple River Blue	Mapleton	T13	2	2	16	36
New Ulm Red Pyromaniacs	New Ulm	T13	1	2	19	26
Owatonna Crush	Owatonna	T25	0	2	7	17

CLASS A JUNIOR OLYMPIC GIRLS FASTPITCH 18-UNDER NORTHERN NATIONALS—27 TEAMS

<u>Team</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Runs Scored</u>	<u>Runs Allowed</u>
MN Chill	Winsted	T5	2	2	10	26
Mankato Peppers	Mankato	T9	1	2	14	9





How Minnesota teams fared at Junior Olympic Nationals

CLASS B JUNIOR OLYMPIC GIRLS FASTPITCH 18-UNDER NORTHERN NATIONALS- 20 TEAMS

<u>Team</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Runs Scored</u>	<u>Runs Allowed</u>
Sleepy Eye	Sleepy Eye	4th	5	2	35	23
MN Xplosion	Cloquet	T5	4	2	38	22
Red Corvettes	Duluth	T7	2	2	15	16
Redwood VFW	Redwood	T9	2	2	15	14
Rochester Hurricanes	Rochester	T9	2	2	21	12
Norwood Young America	NYA	T9	1	2	12	21
MN Fierce	Roseville	T13	1	2	6	25
Hutchinson 18's Gold	Hutchinson	T17	0	2	12	22
St Cloud Rox	St Cloud	T17	0	2	0	21
Holdingford	Holdingford	T17	0	2	6	10
Jackson Huskies	Jackson	T17	0	2	2	16

ASA/USA JUNIOR OLYMPIC GIRLS FASTPITCH 14-UNDER NATIONALS- 144 TEAMS

<u>Team</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Runs Scored</u>	<u>Runs Allowed</u>
MN Renegades 96	Plymouth	T17	2	2		
MN Renegades 97	St Louis Park	T25	2	2	10	11
MN Sting 96	Hastings	T33	2	2	26	21

ASA/USA JUNIOR OLYMPIC GIRLS FASTPITCH 16-UNDER NATIONALS- 172 TEAMS

<u>Team</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Runs Scored</u>	<u>Runs Allowed</u>
MN Sting 94	North St Paul	T17	4	2	35	10
MN Renegades Gallagher	Hopkins	T65	1	2	5	14
MN Irish Gold	Rosemount	T65	3	2	29	20
MN Renegades 94	Minnetonka	T97	2	2	11	23
MN Sting 95	Shakopee	T129	0	2	8	15

ASA/USA JUNIOR OLYMPIC GIRLS FASTPITCH 18-UNDER NATIONALS- 140 TEAMS

<u>Team</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Runs Scored</u>	<u>Runs Allowed</u>
St Paul Rookies Red	St Paul	T25	4	2	16	6

ASA/USA JUNIOR OLYMPIC GIRLS GOLD FASTPITCH NATIONALS- 64 TEAMS

<u>Team</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Runs Scored</u>	<u>Runs Allowed</u>
MN Irish Gold	Rosemount	T49	0	2	2	17



How Minnesota teams fared at Junior Olympic Nationals

ASA/USA JUNIOR OLYMPIC GIRLS SLOWPITCH 18-UNDER NATIONALS-- 14 TEAMS

<u>Team</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Runs Scored</u>	<u>Runs Allowed</u>
Elm Creek	Champlin	2nd	4	2	53	36
Andover Phoenix	Andover	T5	3	2	55	68

ASA/USA JUNIOR OLYMPIC GIRLS SLOWPITCH 16-UNDER NATIONALS-- 12 TEAMS

<u>Team</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Runs Scored</u>	<u>Runs Allowed</u>
Richfield/Bloomington Credit Union	Richfield	T5	2	2	21	30
Redhawks	Andover	T9	1	2	30	44
NSPAA	N. St Paul	T9	0	2	9	19
Burnsville Blaze	Burnsville	T9	0	2	19	26

ASA/USA JUNIOR OLYMPIC GIRLS SLOWPITCH 14-UNDER NATIONALS-- 17 TEAMS

<u>Team</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Runs Scored</u>	<u>Runs Allowed</u>
Burnsville Inferno	Burnsville	2nd	4	2	99	43
Richfield Fireside Pizza	Richfield	T5	4	2	69	45
Ideal Advertising	Andover	T7	2	2	46	26
Bloomington Blast	Bloomington	T9	1	2	39	37

ASA/USA JUNIOR OLYMPIC GIRLS SLOWPITCH 12-UNDER NATIONALS-- 9 TEAMS

<u>Team</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Runs Scored</u>	<u>Runs Allowed</u>
Bloomington Cougars	Bloomington	2nd	3	2	57	50
Richfield Peter's Billiards	Richfield	T5	1	2	18	26

ASA/USA JUNIOR OLYMPIC BOYS FASTPITCH 10-UNDER NATIONALS-- 3 TEAMS

<u>Team</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Runs Scored</u>	<u>Runs Allowed</u>
Key City Jr's	Garden City	2nd	1	2	17	27
Fairmont	Fairmont	3rd	1	2	16	20

ASA/USA JUNIOR OLYMPIC BOYS FASTPITCH 18-UNDER NATIONALS-- 8 TEAMS

<u>Team</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Runs Scored</u>	<u>Runs Allowed</u>
Hennager Plumbing & Heating	Lake Crystal	1st	4	0	27	15

ASA/USA JUNIOR OLYMPIC BOYS FASTPITCH 23-UNDER NATIONALS-- 8 TEAMS

<u>Team</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Runs Scored</u>	<u>Runs Allowed</u>
Hollywood Sports	Hollywood	T5	2	2	13	21
Hennager	Lake Crystal	T7	1	2	17	20
Stadium Lanes	Duluth	T7	0	3	7	12



Junior Olympic Fastpitch Fall State Championships

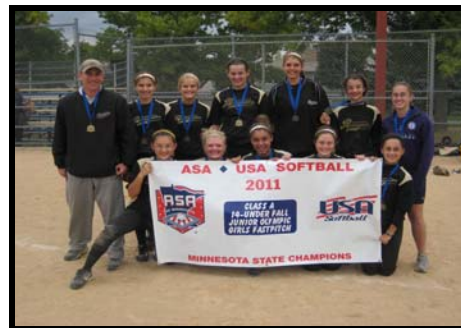
CLASS A 14-UNDER GIRLS FASTPITCH

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
MN RENEGADES 97	MN IRISH	MN MAGIC	MN RENEGADES 98

Sydney Smith
Ashley Ryding
Sydney Monsour
Justus Perry
Macy Vosbeek
Ellie Rod
Shannon Peterson
Olivia Thielen
Malorie Giere
Emma Hylen

MN Renegades 97

BLOOMINGTON — Eight teams participated in the ASA of MN Fall State Tournament held at Dred Scott Fields. The winner received a 2012 ASA/USA National berth to Sioux Falls, SD. The MN Renegades 97 were the number one overall seed. They played the Wolves first and won 9-0. In their second game they played the Renegades 98 and won 8-5. In the finals they played the MN Irish and scored 10 runs to the Irish's three runs. Congratulations to the MN Renegades 97, you are headed to Sioux Falls!



Championship	Coach
Renegades 10	Nat Wagner
Irish 3	



Championship	Coach
Renegades 1	Robert Ferguson
MN Sting 96 0	

CLASS A 16-UNDER GIRLS FASTPITCH

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	THIRD
MN RENEGADES	STING 96	MN STARS	MN IRISH

MN Renegades

ROSEMOUNT— Seven teams participated in the 16-Under Class A Fall State Tournament at Erickson Park. All seven teams played two pool play games before heading into bracket play. The MN Renegades were seeded number three overall and played the Sting in their first pool play game, winning 6-4. In their second game against the Clutch Hitters they won again 5-3. In their next three games they kept their opponents scoreless, winning 8-0 against the Wolves, 1-0 against the Irish and 1-0 against the Sting in the finals. Congratulations to the MN Renegades you are headed to Montgomery, Alabama!

Madison Arends
Taylor Bratten
Alexa Dalton
Shelby Earley
Abigail Eckland
McKenzie Hanegraaf
Samantha Hartmann
Julia Hathaway
Megan Huggett
Becky Smith
Lizzy Swenson
Reagan Williams
Mackenzie Thielen
Dana Morgren

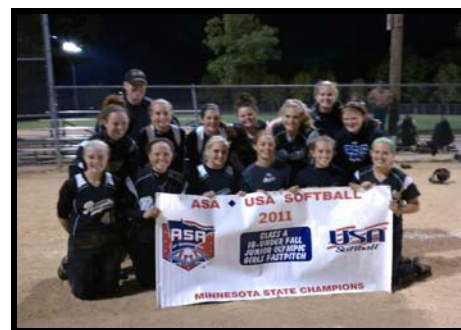
CLASS A 18-UNDER GIRLS FASTPITCH

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	THIRD PLACE
MN RENEGADES 94	ARTIC BLAST	IRISH GOLD	IRISH ELITE

Kasey Gale
Hailey Lundquist
Morgan Nybo
Jenny Graher
Katie Wheeler
Debbie Evans
Abby Whritenour
Nikki Anderson
Hannah Borgeson
Karmann Carroll
Britini Athey
Andrea Morgan
Megan Boser
Jordan Novak

MN Renegades 94

ROSEMOUNT — Seven 18-Under Class A teams all sought the 2012 ASA/USA berth to Johnson City, TN at the ASA of MN Fall State Tournament. The MN Renegades were seeded number two overall playing the Artic Blast in their first pool play game and lost 4-1. In their second pool play game they played the Irish and won 3-1. Slotted into bracket play the Renegades 94 played the Ice in their first game and won easily 6-0. In their second game the Irish Gold kept it close but the Renegades won 4-3. In the finals the Renegades faced the Artic Blast once again and this time scored double-digit runs winning 13-7. Congratulations on a great Fall State Tournament!



Championship	Coach
Renegades 13	Carl Yancy
Artic Blast 7	



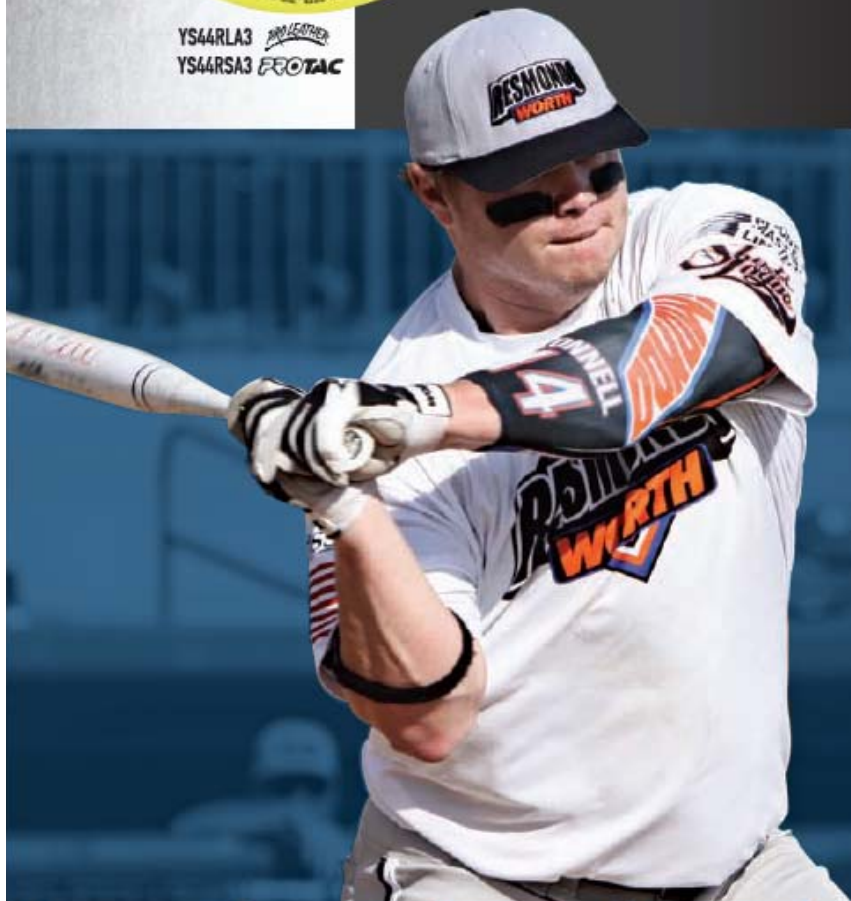
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Youth Baseball State Championships

Youth Baseball Wrap-up

By Steve Ketter, Program Administrator

2011 marked the 23rd Annual MSF Youth Baseball State Championships and it was another successful year. It all took place over the weekend of July 22-24.

Thousands of participants from teams across the state were able to see how they measured up against a competitive field. Congratulations and thank you to all players, coaches, and parents.

A special thanks to the tournament hosts who made it all possible. State Tournament hosts included: Rosemount Traveling Baseball, Buffalo Baseball Association, New Ulm Junior Baseball Association, Owatonna Husky Bullpen, St. Cloud Travel Baseball, Marshall Youth Baseball Association, Austin Youth Baseball, and Burnsville Baseball Boosters. Another thanks to our umpires in chief who provided our tournaments with qualified umpires: Tom Lattery, Dan Feigum, John Brueske, Mark Arjes, Tim Pratt, Jeff Moberg, Josh Kunze, and Gary Gibson.

Enjoy your fall and winter seasons and we will see you next year! Check the web site this December for qualifier and state tournament host applications.

2011 MSF STATE CHAMPIONS	
Age/Class	Team
10 AAA	Wayzata
10 AA	STMA
11 AAA	STMA
11 AA	St. Cloud Blue Sox
12 AAA	Burnsville
12 AA	Alexandria
13 AAA	Prior Lake
13 AA	Wayzata Gold
14 AAA	Osseo-Maple Grove
14 AA	Shoreview Red
15 AAA	Lakeville North
15 AA	Union Hill

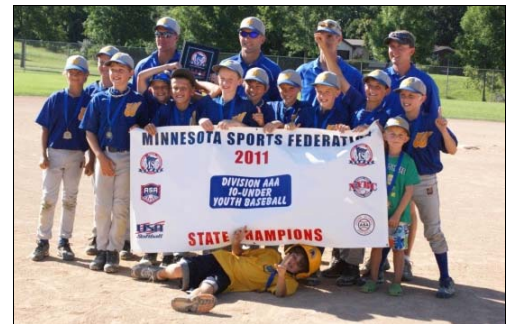
10-UNDER DIVISION AAA STATE TOURNAMENT			
CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
WAYZATA	CHAMPLIN REBELS	MENDOTA HEIGHTS	LAKEVILLE SOUTH

- Brennan Albert 14
- Joseph Badalucco 20
- Jacob Beeninga 19
- Thomas Bergsland 15
- Connor Hale 11
- Luke Hamlin 16
- Keaton Helde 13
- Nicholas Jancikla 29
- Ben Mirviss 33
- Keegan Nickel 18
- Luke Paulson 6
- Grant Price 21

Wayzata powers their way to title



ROSEMOUNT — The Wayzata 10AAA baseball team won the MSF State Tournament thanks in large part to a potent offense. Wayzata averaged a tournament high 12.4 runs per game including an impressive 21 runs in the semifinals. Wayzata put together a complete game both offensively and defensively in the championship game where they defeated Champlin by a final score of 9-0.



Championship	Coach	Record
Wayzata 9	Dana Paulson	5-0
Champlin 0		



10-UNDER DIVISION AA STATE TOURNAMENT			
CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
STMA	ALBERT LEA	ALEXANDRIA	WILLMAR

STMA runs table at state



ROSEMOUNT — STMA played a great weekend of baseball in Rosemount en route to winning the 10AA MSF State Tournament. STMA got off to a fast start winning their opening game 12-0. They didn't look back as they went undefeated on the weekend going a perfect 6-0. STMA pulled out a couple of close games in bracket play including a 4-3 win in the quarterfinals over Wayzata and a thrilling 2-1 victory in the championship game over Albert Lea.

- Will Anderson 4
- Cody Kelly 12
- Zach Jans 3
- Andrew Elsner 8
- Kolby Gartner 5
- Ben Fielder 10
- Kale Hoselton 13
- Luc Laylin 2
- Leo Peterson 11
- Jack Sander 1
- Nick Olson 7
- Clayton Krystosek 9

Championship	Coach	Record
STMA 2	Mark Anderson	6-0
Albert Lea 1		



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CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
STMA	EASTVIEW	EDEN PRAIRIE	FARMINGTON

- Alex Wilde 1
- Blake Spetz 2
- Tyler Malerich 3
- Marcus Krupke 4
- Shane Morris 5
- Garret Barthel 7
- Michael Asbury 8
- Mitchell Kartes 9
- Thomas Pelant 10
- Ethan Krehbiel-Valoaga 11
- Paxton Thompson 12
- Jack Fiedler 13

STMA wins state title



BUFFALO — The 11AAA STMA boys baseball team won the MSF State Tournament in Buffalo. STMA played a number of closely contested games. They started off their weekend with a one-run victory over Farmington. They also ended their weekend with a one-run victory when they edged Eastview by a final score of 3-2 to win the state title.



Championship	Coach	Record
STMA	Lance Krupke	4-0
Farmington		



11-UNDER DIVISION AA STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
ST. CLOUD BLUE SOX	EDINA GREEN	BLOOMINGTON	EDINA GOLD

Blue Sox take state championship

NEW ULM — The St. Cloud Blue Sox powered their way to a state championship in New Ulm. The Blue Sox averaged a tournament high 13.2 runs per game. They went a perfect 6-0 on the weekend. After beating Edina Gold in the semifinals, the Blue Sox defeated Edina Green in the championship game by a final score of 8-2.



- Matt Buhr 8
- Brandon Hartung 24
- Phil Daniels 15
- Ben Krippner 26
- Tyler Bautch 28
- Cody Landwehr 14
- Michael Schaefer 33
- Nick Schaefer 11
- Brevyn Spann-Ford 25
- Clayton Teff 55
- Thomas Friesen 16

Championship	Coach	Record
St. Cloud Blue Sox	Mark Buhr	6-0
Edina Green		

12-UNDER DIVISION AAA STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
BURNSVILLE BLACK	WAITE PARK	FARMINGTON	FOREST LAKE

- Matt Baisch 13
- William Bean 20
- Ryan Brunner 9
- Sam Carlson 33
- Andrew Hanson 4
- Max Hanson 10
- Josh Kenney 18
- Jackson Martens 48
- Henry Ristvedt 82
- Tyler Smith 19

Burnsville Black claims championship



BUFFALO — The Burnsville Black 12AAA baseball team went a perfect 4-0 at the MSF State Tournament to claim the championship. Burnsville came into the tournament hot and continued to play well throughout the weekend. They defeated Waite Park in the championship game capping off a very successful season.



Championship	Coach	Record
Burnsville vs. Waite Park	Scott Brunner	4-0



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Championship	Coach	Record
Alexandria Black 10	Tom Anderson	5-1
Central Raiders NYA 0		

12-UNDER DIVISION AA STATE TOURNAMENT			
CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
ALEXANDRIA BLACK	CENTRAL RAIDERS NYA	BURNSVILLE SILVER	FARMINGTON

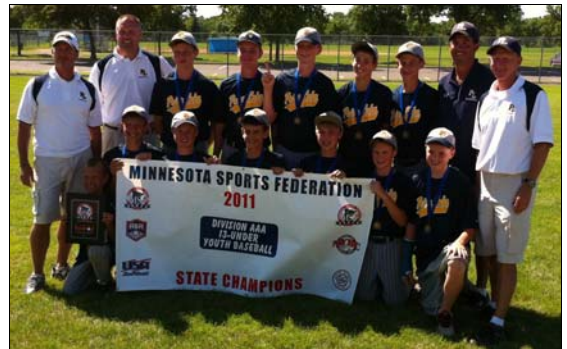
Alexandria Black impressive at state



OWATONNA — Despite taking an early defeat, the Alexandria Black team remained confident as they headed into bracket play. They were able to reel off four straight wins en route to the 12AA MSF State Championship. Alexandria Black's explosive offense was capable of putting up a big number of runs at any time, including ten runs in the championship game.

- Brock Anderson 14
- Jack Anderson 10
- Tryg Burgau 8
- Brady Burgau 6
- Jacob Drew 9
- Conner Hammerback 7
- Chase McLaughlin 11
- Josh Molden 4
- Toby Novotny 3
- Jaren Roste 13
- Mack Strong 2

13-UNDER DIVISION AAA STATE TOURNAMENT			
CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
PRIOR LAKE	SHOREVIEW	ROBBINSDALE	WACONIA

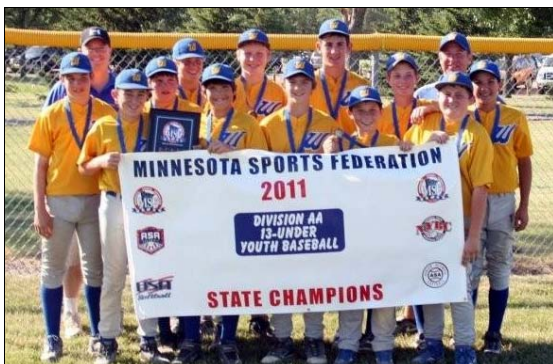


Championship	Coach	Record
Prior Lake vs. Shoreview	Tom Kelly	5-0

Prior Lake claims state championship



ST. CLOUD — The 13AAA boys baseball team from Prior Lake went to the MSF State Tournament in St. Cloud playing well. They continued their winning ways as they marched their way to a state championship. After going 2-0 in pool play, Prior Lake had the top seed in the championship bracket. Thanks to solid pitching and defense, paired with timely hitting, they were able to reel off three straight victories to claim the state championship Sunday evening.



Championship	Coach	Record
Wayzata Gold 11	John Barbella	43-11-2
Hutchinson 10		

13-UNDER DIVISION AA STATE TOURNAMENT			
CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
WAYZATA GOLD	HUTCHINSON	MINNEWASKA	ALEXANDRIA REDBIRDS

Wayzata Gold emerges as champ

MARSHALL — The Wayzata Gold 13AA team emerged from a very strong field to win the MSF State championship in Marshall. After battling Fairmont in a hard-fought 3-2 victory in the first game of bracket play, Wayzata Gold had to face its hometown rival, Wayzata Blue. The team pieced together a few runs and pitched exceptionally well to preserve a 4-0 win to move on to face Alexandria in the semis. After a strong start, the team held on for a 4-3 win. In the championship game against Hutchinson, the team won a back and forth affair 11-10 in the bottom of the 7th on a walk-off triple by Jamison Schuh. Tom Skoro picked up the win after gutty pitching performances by Brendan Broady, Jack Barbella, and Jamison Schuh.



- Bill Arndt 18
- Jack Barbella 7
- Jared Bennett 9
- Brendan Broady 3
- Trevor Cammack 14
- Cole Jacob 20
- Dylan Ott 32
- Donny Schroeder 19
- Jamison Schuh 21
- Tom Skoro 47
- Luke Westermeyer 12
- Richard Zejdlik 10

championship game against Hutchinson, the team won a back and forth affair 11-10 in the bottom of the 7th on a walk-off triple by Jamison Schuh. Tom Skoro picked up the win after gutty pitching performances by Brendan Broady, Jack Barbella, and Jamison Schuh.

Highlights: Trevor Cammack - .700 average; Jared Bennett - .500 average/9 RBI; Luke Westermeyer - 3 triples/8 RBI; Brendan Broady - 10.33 IP/0.84 ERA/19 K's; Tom Skoro - 10 IP/2.70 ERA; Jack Barbella - 6 IP/0.00 ERA



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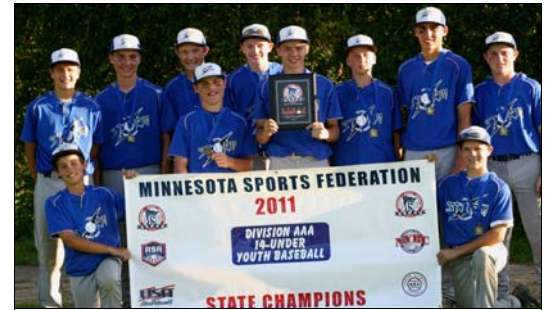
CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
OSSEO-MAPLE GROVE	ELK RIVER	WAITE PARK	MINNETONKA BLACK

Ben Christofferson	11
Rudy Alexander	9
Matt Vogl	10
Adam Brant	29
Austin Mathison	34
Ethan Hendricks	8
Charlie Hohenstein	30
Jack Battaglia	32
Steven Fisher	6
Mason McMahon	7
Michael Villafana	31
Kyle Anderson	33

Osseo-Maple Grove takes state



ST. CLOUD — The Osseo-Maple Grove 14AAA baseball team won the MSF State Tournament in St. Cloud the weekend of July 22-24. The Storm put together a great week-end of baseball. They defeated some very good baseball teams en route to their title including Waite Park in the semifinals and Elk River in the championship.



Championship	Coach	Record
Osseo-Maple Grove vs. Elk River	Brett Christofferson	5-0



Championship	Coach	Record
Shoreview Red	Jeff Rholl	45-9-1
Marshall		8

14-UNDER DIVISION AA STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
SHOREVIEW RED	MARSHALL	CLOQUET	GLENCOE-SILVER LAKE-PLATO

Shoreview Red stays hot at state

AUSTIN — Shoreview Red didn't lose in its last 14 games, yet faced some tough competition at the MSF State Tournament. Four of the 5 games involved comebacks by both teams resulting in big momentum shifts. In each game, Shoreview Red was able to rise to the challenge. The players really enjoyed their weekend and thought it was the best run state tournament they participated in.



Ben Bookey	10
Jacob Byron	7
Ben Danielson	13
Aidan Gaertner	11
Mike Gaines	3
Adam Karel	2
Jake Petersen	5
Jacob Reisdorfer	8
Kellen Rholl	4
Henry Tapp	9
Elliot Jang	12
Aleks Westlund	1

15-UNDER DIVISION AAA STATE TOURNAMENT

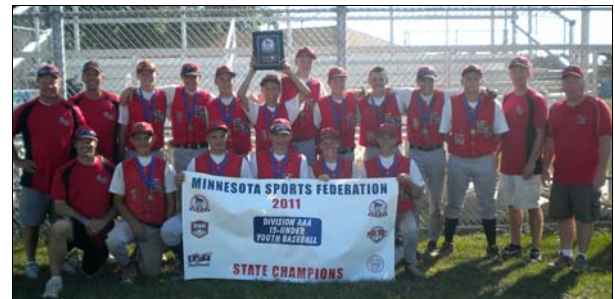
CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
LAKEVILLE NORTH	EASTVIEW	SHAKOPEE	TOTINO GRACE

Nick Oblak	9
Dalton Lehnord	24
Alex Zeiland	12
Kyle Sitcha	16
Ben Jensen	3
Reed Ziehr	00
Joe Honicker	18
Matt Arnold	4
Ryan Grayson	36
Bronson Bruneau	8
A.J. Sayer	23
Nick Dorfman	4
Zach Beier	2
Tanner Jacobs	25

Lakeville North wins state



BURNSVILLE — Lakeville North came out on top at the 15AAA MSF State Tournament in Burnsville. North lost one of their pool play games when they were edged 1-0 by Eastview. They were able to get another chance against Eastview in the championship game. This game featured a few more runs as Lakeville North held on for a 8-4 victory and state title.



Championship	Coach	Record
Lakeville North	Glenn Sayer	4-1
Eastview		8

15-UNDER DIVISION AA STATE TOURNAMENT

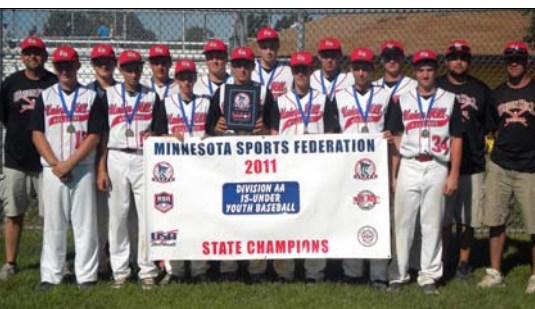
CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
UNION HILL	BURNSVILLE GOLD	NEW PRAGUE	ROCHESTER J.M.

Union Hill claims state

BURNSVILLE — The Union Hill baseball team won the 15AA MSF State Tournament on the weekend of July 22-24 in Burnsville. They were powered by a strong offense through much of the tourney and got strong pitching performances down the stretch as well. Union Hill allowed only two runs in both the semifinals and the championship game.



Brooks Prochaska	26
Dan Beckius	5
Ben Miller	32
Jake Ryan	34
Nathan Olson	36
Dan Feneis	21
Greg Vogel	55
Nick Skaja	22
Jake Gakness	18
Austin Kilian	27
Ryan Drazen	17
Cully Smith	19
Michael Haggie	4



Championship	Coach	Record
Union Hill	John Beckius	5-1
Burnsville Gold		3
		2

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Twins Community Fund Youth Baseball & Softball Programs

- Fields for Kids Grant Program
- Play Ball! Minnesota Youth Clinics
- Play Ball! Minnesota (www.playballmn.com)
- Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities (RBI)
- RBI Academy
- RBI Central Regional Tournament
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- Competitive Youth Baseball and Softball Grants
- Youth Coaching Grants
- Baseball and Softball Camp Scholarship
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Touch Football State Tournament



MSF TOUCH FOOTBALL CLASS A STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE (TIED)
Innovative Graphics, Bloomington	SMS, Minneapolis	Players Miller Lite, Duluth & Gallagher's, St. Paul

- | | | |
|---------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Jason Cordes | Sean Giesen | Brent Krack |
| Gary Schleper | Josh Otto | Drew Sinke |
| Jared Louzer | Brian Jacobson | Derrick Sichmeller |
| Joseph Heller | Don West | John Myren |

Championship Game	
Innovative Graphics, Bloomington	19
SMS, Minneapolis	13

MSF TOUCH FOOTBALL CLASS B STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE (TIED)
Westside/Winner's, St. Paul	Calcutta Clippers, Bloomington	Team Jovi, Bloomington & Fumblerski, Bloomington

- | | | | |
|----------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Arnulfo Flores | Devon Young | Kyle Johnson | Joe Ruiz |
| Adam Arroyo | Frank Arroyo | Sean Brown | Anthony Rousch |
| Adam Kinsel | Rick Ruiz | Art Minus | Ryan Kelly |
| Tim Isaacson | Adam Zuniga | Derrick Delpino | Marcus Varella |



Championship Game	
Westside/Winner's, St. Paul	14
Calcutta Clippers, Bloomington	6



MSF TOUCH FOOTBALL CLASS C STATE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE (TIED)
Fat Lorenzo's/Muddjets, Minneapolis	Lost Tavern, Duluth	Green Blazers, St. Paul & Slap Hands, Bloomington

- | | | |
|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Matt Stickney | Andrew Peterson | Tom Piersma |
| Ross Forman | Jeff Allen | CJ Schertzer |
| Stephen Cloke | Dan Lane | Joe Homan |
| Henry Polsfuss | Joe Beckman | Jordan Beckman |
| Lee Moua | Sam Moseley | Patrick Anderson |

Championship Game	
Fat Lorenzo's/Muddjets, Minneapolis	21
Lost Tavern, Duluth	15

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2012 Youth Volleyball State Championships Preview

Get Ready For the 24th Season of MSF Youth Volleyball!

The 2012 season is almost here and the Minnesota Sports Federation continues to provide quality tournaments at a reasonable price. Austin, Rochester, Hutchinson, Becker, and St. Cloud will once again host events at their volleyball facilities. For a complete list of dates and sites please see below. Deadlines to join are 10 days prior to the tournament date.

The 2012 Youth Volleyball guidebook will be available in December and all roster forms, entry forms, tournament information, and tournament maps are and will be available online at www.msf1.org under volleyball/youth. Last year many tournament age groups filled up quickly so enter early to ensure your place at state! Over 150 teams competed in four state championships throughout the Winter/Spring season and we are excited to host another fun season of youth volleyball. Please note that all USAV teams are welcome to participate! For further information please contact Tami Morrison at tami@msf1.org or 763-263-9993.

Get ready for some **Pass, Set, Spike Fun** this season!

Event	Date	Site	Entry Deadline
March I 12-, 13- & 14U	March 10	Austin	Tuesday, February 28
March I 15-, 16-, 17- & 18U	March 11	Austin	Tuesday, February 28
March II 12-, 13- & 14U	March 17	St Cloud	Tuesday, March 6
March II 15-, 16-, 17- & 18U	March 18	St Cloud	Tuesday, March 6
April I 12-, 13- & 14U	April 14	Rochester	Tuesday, April 3
April I 15-, 16-, 17- & 18U	April 15	Rochester	Tuesday, April 3
April II 12-, 13- & 14U	April 21	Hutchinson	Tuesday, April 10
April II 15-, 16-, 17- & 18U	April 22	Hutchinson	Tuesday, April 10
May 12-, 13- & 14U	May 5	Becker	Tuesday, April 24
May 15-, 16-, 17- & 18U	May 6	Becker	Tuesday, April 24

Minnesota Sports Federation 2012 Youth Volleyball State Championships



COMPETE WITH TEAMS FROM ALL OVER THE STATE

ALL USAV TEAMS ARE WELCOME AND ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN MSF SANCTIONED EVENTS AND MAY NOT BE PENALIZED FOR DOING SO.

DIVISIONS OFFERED:

12's-18's-Under (12's-14's play on Saturday and 15's-18's play on Sunday). If insufficient numbers exist to conduct a specific age division we reserve the right to combine two age divisions for pool play and then reparate for bracket play (Note: This is rarely necessary).

STRUCTURE:

MSF Sanctioned eight game minimum guarantee. Teams advance to upper or lower levels after pool play. Pools of four, five, six, or seven teams.

ENTRY FEE:

\$140 per tournament, discount available if more than one tournament is entered (see reverse for details). Game referees are provided. Coaches and Players DO NOT keep score or line judge or officiate. You spend all your time just having fun coaching/playing volleyball or just plain relaxing!

ENTRY DEADLINE:

Entry Deadline is the Tuesday 10 days prior to the tournament — 5:00pm

GAME OFFICIALS:

USAV or MSHSL referees will be provided. Players/coaches do not officiate, line judge, or keep score.

TOURNEY SCHEDULES:

Pre-Tournament info will be emailed and mailed upon request once entry is received. Schedules will be posted at www.msfl.org under youth volleyball by Wednesday noon preceding the event.

AWARDS:

Awards presented are based on the number of pools and are more generous and more distinctive than the average weekend tournament. A championship banner will also be awarded to the first place team in each age division.



2012 Boys Basketball State Championships Preview

2012 MSF BASKETBALL

The Minnesota Sports Federation Boys Basketball program is preparing for another exciting season. The effort and teamwork put into a full season will once again culminate with the MSF Boys State Tournaments held on March 2-4, 2012. MSF Grade Basketball State Tournaments feature a more liberal format featuring a higher number of games played than other state tournaments for a lesser entry fee.

To see the results from last year, visit our web site at www.msf1.org and click on the youth basketball section.

Click ahead two pages and print out the state tournament entry form. Entry deadline is February 3rd. Roster forms, maps to sites, and tournament information will also be available on the web site.

Grade	Site
5th	Hastings
6th	Buffalo
7th	Monticello
8th	Roseville
9th	TBD



If you have any questions about boys basketball, feel free to contact Steve at steve@msf1.org or 952-405-6936.

Thank you and we are looking forward to the 2012 Boys State Championships!



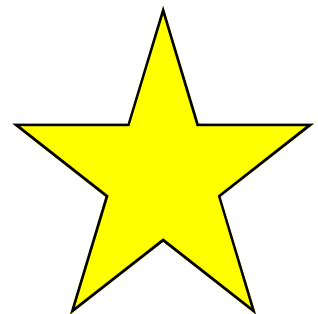
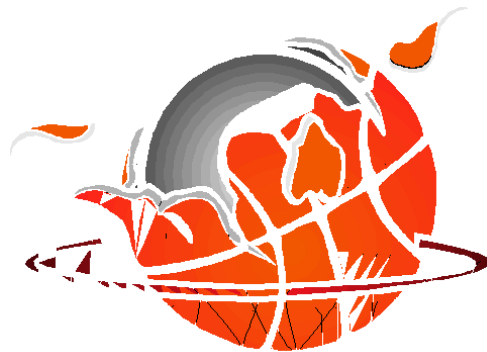
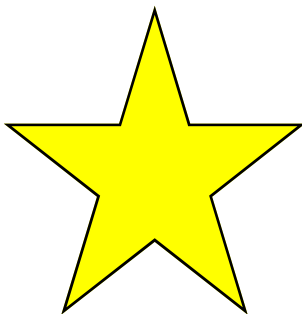
2012 Girls Basketball State Championships Preview



The 24th Championship Season of MSF Girls Basketball is Almost Here!!

Basketball regular season play is here! Coaches, for many of you practice has started and that means you are getting your team ready for the state championships! Mark your calendars for February 24-26 and sign up today to ensure your team's spot at the 2012 championships! Deadline for entry is February 3rd.

This past year the Minnesota Sports Federation provided thousands of players an opportunity to show what they have worked all year to perfect. Each age group will have their own host community. The 5th grade tournament site will be Columbia Heights. The 6th grade tournament will be at Rockford Community Center. The 7th grade tournament will be at Becker High School and the 8th and 9th Grade tournament will be at Monticello High School. For further information and entry form please see this review and also visit the Minnesota Sports Federation website at www.msfc1.org under basketball/youth. MSF Grade Basketball State Tournaments feature a more liberal format featuring a higher number of games played than other state tournaments for a lesser entry fee. We look forward to hosting your team in 2012! Good luck with the season!



If you have any questions about boys basketball, feel free to contact Steve at steve@msfc1.org or 952-405-6936 or Tami at tami@msfc1.org or 763-263-9993.



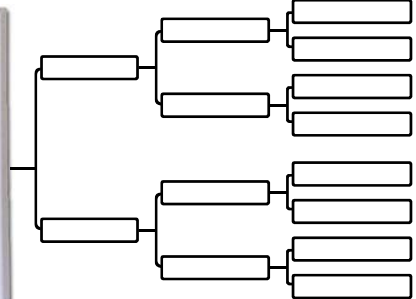
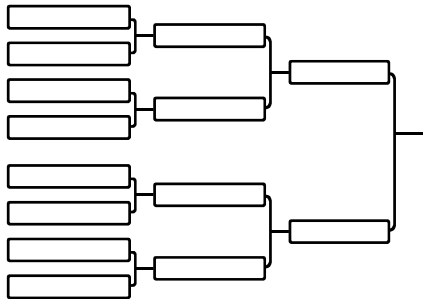
2012 Youth Basketball State Flyer/Entry Form



GIRLS TOURNAMENTS

www.msfc1.org

BOYS TOURNAMENTS



Girls State	Dates	Site
5th Grade	February 24-26	Columbia Heights
6th Grade	February 24-26	Rockford
7th Grade	February 24-26	Becker
8th Grade	February 24-26	Monticello
9th Grade	February 24-26	Monticello

Boys State	Dates	Site
5th Grade	March 2-4	Hastings
6th Grade	March 2-4	Buffalo
7th Grade	March 2-4	Monticello
8th Grade	March 2-4	Roseville
9th Grade	March 3-4	TBD

2012 MINNESOTA SPORTS FEDERATION YOUTH BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

DIVISIONS OFFERED

- Boys & Girls
- 5th - 9th Grade
- A, B, C and as needed

FORMAT

- 3 games guaranteed
- Majority of teams will play at least 4 games

ENTRY FEE & DEADLINE

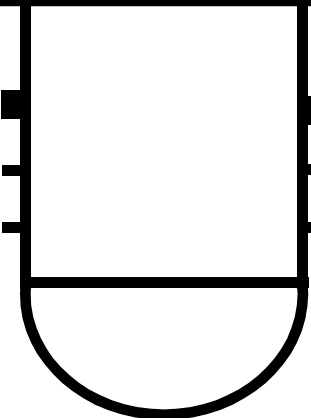
- Entry fee is \$255
- Entries due February 3rd

GAME OFFICIALS

- MSHSL Certified Referees
- Trained scorekeepers

AWARDS

- 8+ teams in division, top 4
- 4-7 teams, 1st and 2nd place



TOURNAMENT CONTACT Steve Ketter steve@msf1.org 952-405-6936 or Tami Morrison tami@msf1.org 763-263-9993



2012 Youth Basketball State Flyer/Entry Form

**2012
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24th Annual Youth Basketball State Championships**

Seeding Meeting

Seeding meetings are held to make sure that the MSF tournaments have the best competition within a division and 24 teams or less. To have a voice in the process, you must attend the meeting. Dates and times will be posted on www.msf1.org website and noted in your confirmation letter.

Directions/Hotel Accommodations

Directions/addresses to the playing sites and hotel options will be posted at www.msf1.org.



Tournament Schedules

Tournament schedules will be posted on our web site 7-9 days prior to the tournament at www.msf1.org.

Declination Policy

The MSF reserves the right to decline entry to any team that has not exhibited good conduct throughout the season. This includes, but not limited to: tournaments, league play and the 2011 MSF Basketball State Championships.

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2012 MSF Youth Basketball State Championship Entry Form

(Important - One Team Per Form)

Team Name _____ Community _____

Team Coach _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone H (_____) _____ W / C (_____) _____

Email Address _____

Association President _____

Address _____

Circle Boys or Girls: Boys Girls Circle Grade: 5 6 7 8 9

Please circle the division you are applying for: A B C

Designate ability within division: Above Average Average Below Average

2011-2012 Team Record _____

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Kwame McDonald, 'Godfather' of Twin Cities sports community, passes away

By Ray Richardson

Kwame McDonald was involved in the Twin Cities sports community for more than 50 years as a mentor, adviser, teacher, journalist and organizer of youth programs.

Of all the sports moments he spearheaded or witnessed in St. Paul or Minneapolis, the one he cherished most was seeing Johnson boys basketball coach Vernon Simmons lead his team to the 2010 Class AAA state championship. McDonald had a special connection to that team.

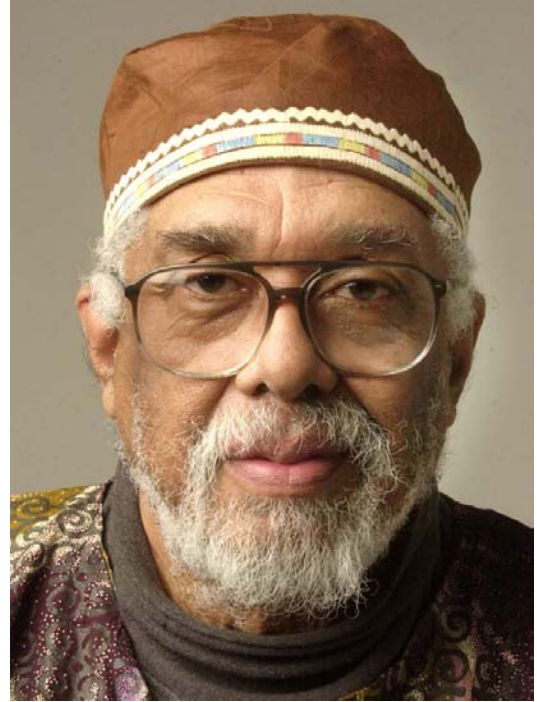
"I taught some of those kids," McDonald said to a gathering of friends and family two weeks ago as he lay in a hospice room at the Sholom Care Center in St. Paul.

McDonald died early Wednesday morning after a two-year battle with bladder cancer and other ailments. He was 80.

McDonald was dubbed the "Godfather" of the Twin Cities sports community because of his influence and activism for minority progress in local athletics. University of Minnesota men's basketball coach Tubby Smith was among a crowd of more than 300 that attended a tribute for McDonald on Oct. 7 at St. Paul Central High School. The tribute was organized when news spread that McDonald had been given only a few weeks to live.

McDonald, who grew up in Madison, Wis., often wrote about unheralded high school and college athletes in his sports columns for the Insight News and Minnesota Spokesman-Recorder, two weekly African-American newspapers distributed primarily in St. Paul and Minneapolis.

One of McDonald's crowning achievements was his role in the development of the annual Inner-City All-Star Classic in 1994, a showcase for high school boys basketball players in the Twin Cities metro area.



Kwame McDonald (Chris Polydoroff)

McDonald helped organize the debut game after St. Agnes (Class A) and Minneapolis Washburn (Class AA) - two schools with predominantly African-American rosters - won their respective boys basketball state titles in 1994 but had no players selected to all-star games after the season.

"That's what did it for 'Pops'...the fact that two teams can win a state title but not have any players worthy of all-star consideration," Mitch McDonald, McDonald's son, said of his father's motivation to start the classic. "My father was always looking out for the kids in our community that didn't get their share of notoriety."

Mitch McDonald, a teacher at Johnson High School, also writes for the Spokesman-Recorder and takes photographs at games for the paper. McDonald and his father often sat side by side at press tables to cover sporting events in the Twin Cities.

"That's one thing that's really going to be tough for me...not seeing him there anymore," Mitch said.

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