JUNIORS TAKE THE GOLD
USA wins second-consecutive Gold Medal at the 2011 ISF Junior Women's World Championship

The United States claimed the 2011 International Softball Federation (ISF) Junior Women's World Championship today in Cape Town, South Africa, with a 4-1 defeat of Japan in the Gold Medal Game. After a semifinal loss to Japan on Friday, the Americans topped Chinese Taipei 12-3 in the six inning Bronze Medal Game and then topped Japan to secure the Gold Medal.

"This is one of the greatest days of my life," designated player Cheyenne Tarango (Anaheim Hills, Calif.) said.

Tarango provided all the offense the Americans needed to claim the title. With bases loaded in the bottom of the fourth, she hit the first home run of her USA Softball career, a grand slam home run over the left field fence.

"Honestly in my head, I was just thinking about a base hit," said Tarango, who appeared in six games in the tournament. "I thought that if I could just get the first RBI, Lauren Haeger would be able to take care of the rest."

Pitcher Haeger (Phoenix, Ariz.) did her part in the circle, allowing only five hits to a Japanese team that pounded three U.S. pitchers for 11 hits and nine runs Friday. The sole run crossed the plate in the sixth when a Kylee Lahners (Laguna Hills, Calif.) fielding error allowed third baseman Mina Yamashiro to cross the plate.

"I felt really honored that my team had faith in me," Haeger said. "I was so excited. To get to pitch against Japan in any game is awesome, let alone the Gold Medal Game. I feel honored to have had the chance to pitch a game like this for my country."

Haeger struck out eight batters including the last two.

"I was really excited to just get in the Gold Medal Game and play," she said. "I was hitting my spots and doing everything right today. I was throwing hard. Everything, every pitch worked out."

The United States finishes the tournament..."GOLD FEVER" CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

A note from Amateur Softball Association President E.T. Colvin

I hope that everyone had a safe and joyful holiday season. What a great year we have planned for ASA Softball! With a tournament or event going on almost every weekend at the ASA Hall of Fame Complex, it is sure to be an eventful 2012.

Hopefully by now all our JO Commissioner’s have their preparations for the upcoming workshop that will be held on February 2-5 in Oklahoma City, Okla. For those of you who will be first year attendees, you have a lot to look forward to. With over 76 of our local associations attending, there is no doubt that our JO Commissioners will come out of the workshop with some great information.

As we are nearing the start of our playing season, please ensure that you get your teams and umpires registered. Also, use your local association websites and social media outlets to get your tournaments and all our ASA National Championships posted. It certainly makes it easier on our coaches, players and fans if that information is readily available for them.

Please make sure you also get feedback from teams, umpires, and coaches. Their opinions can help us improve our organization.

Thank you all for everything you do. ASA continues to be the best because of all your hard work!
A note from The Inside Pitch editor
Codi Warren

Happy New Year and welcome to the January 2012 edition of The Inside Pitch, the official newsletter of the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) of America.

As we move forward into the new year, what goals did you set for yourself and what steps are you taking to achieve them? We asked our Facebook and Twitter fans what they wanted to accomplish in the 2012 year and learned that our fans are striving to win games, stay injury free and play the game that they love. This would not be possible without our wonderful associations and all that you do to keep ASA the No. 1 softball organization in the country. As we continue to provide high quality tournaments and Responsible Sports programs, I am positive we can help these young athletes achieve their goals.

So what are some ways that we can grow and develop our organization to make 2012 an even greater success than 2011? Why not update your association website or join the social media scene? With so many different options to promote success, the possibilities are endless!

Just a reminder, if you would like to have a news item or photo included in The Inside Pitch, please send me an electronic copy by the 15th of every month at cwarren@softball.org. Any items not submitted by the deadline may not be included, so please plan accordingly. Also, if you have any questions or concerns regarding our department or organization, please feel free to contact me. I always appreciate any feedback and help!

Here’s to a great 2012 season! Stay safe and have fun!

NATIONAL SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME AND GIFT SHOP CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS

Renovations to the National Softball Hall of Fame and Museum and Gift Shop are underway at the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) of America headquarters in Oklahoma City. In an effort to upgrade our visitors’ experience, the museum and gift shop will be temporarily closed through the spring with plans to reopen before the 2012 NCAA Women’s College World Series.

Current renovations began in December 2011, and plans include a new entrance for the museum and gift shop, the installation of an elevator in the museum and an expansion to the gift shop that will display umpire clothing and accessories from OfficialGear.com. The remodel will also feature additional Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Act accommodations with new bathrooms and front doors to allow easier access for visitors. The redesigned Olympic Room, will feature digital media and text panels that summarize the 1996-2008 Olympic Games.

Since its grand opening in 1973 at the ASA Hall of Fame Complex, the National Softball Hall of Fame and Museum has served as the national institution for the study, interpretation and appreciation of the impact of softball on society as well as honoring those individuals who have made contributions to the sport. Two initial renovations added additional square footage at the museum and gift shop, and in 2010, the museum received a face lift which included new carpeting and additional exhibit space in the bottom floor of the building.

During the temporary closure, guests can still experience the National Softball Hall of Fame and Museum by taking a virtual tour at ASASoftball.com. Biographies of all National Softball Hall of Fame members are also accessible through the website. To purchase softball merchandise normally sold in the gift shop, visit SoftballOutlet.com.

The public can receive updates and images of the renovation process by visiting the ASA Facebook and Twitter pages.

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**Junior Women's National Team**

Defeated Puerto Rico 6-1. In the semi-final, the Americans defeated Canada 3-0. In the championship game, Team USA defeated Canada and another against Puerto Rico. In the 16U and 14U divisions. The primary focus of the partnership will be the National Identification Program, powered by Softball Factory. Players who attend the National Identification Program will be entered into an identification pool for the USA Softball Junior Women's National Team selection committee to review for possible selection. Currently the USA Softball Junior Women's National Team is en route to Cape Town, South Africa to compete in the IX ISF Junior Women's World Championships where they are defending gold medals.

"We are proud to partner with ASA/USA Softball and create new opportunities for fast pitch softball players across the country," Steve Sclafani, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Softball Factory, said. "The National I.D. Program we are launching is designed to open doors for softball players giving them the best possible chance to reach their full potential both on and off the field. It's a great day for amateur softball."

The events will be held at select ASA regional facilities across the entire country. All participating players will also be considered for Softball Factory player development events and will receive guidance on the college recruiting process.

"Our sport needs Softball Factory," said Karen Johns, USA Softball Junior Women's National Team head coach. "This organization is revolutionizing the sport of softball and providing much needed opportunities in player development and college recruiting for players across the U.S. They have a proven system that simply gets results for players. Training at a young age is critical to success in high school softball. Our sport was really lacking in player development before Softball Factory came along."
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Artifact of the Month!

Since softball has such a rich and vast history, we want to share with you some of the amazing artifacts we have deep within our collections. Stay tuned every month for a glimpse into our archives!

In 1971 construction began on the ASA National Headquarters. As you can see, much was changed since the groundbreaking ceremony that was held the previous December.
New York ASA inducts seven into local Hall of Fame

New York State held its 2011 Francis Mott New York State Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on Saturday, October 8 at the Holiday Inn in Utica, NY. Over 180 people attended the ceremony to honor the new inductees.

Inducted this year in the Player Category were: George Boyer, Lou Plagese & Ted Rorick. Also inducted were: Walter “Gil” Bastian, George Burgin, Pat Mineo & Andy Yazwinski in the Meritorious Service Category. Inductees were chosen by a committee consisting of Chairman Bill Doxsey, Truman Daignault, Steve Foland, Ray Houck & Jose’ Lopez. Vince Caserto was the guest speaker.

The new inductees bring the total of individuals honored to an even 100.

Among the many people attending were 21 former inductees including Vince Caserto, a member of the ASA National Softball Hall of Fame and Ron Kist, a member of the New Jersey Hall of Fame.

The New York State Hall of Fame holds its Inductee Dinner every two years and is always on the look out for new inductees.

Inductees in the Player Category must have competed in New York State Softball for a minimum of ten years and maintained a high level of ability to be considered.

Also honored at the dinner were members of the NYS Umpires Association. Jose Lopez was the recipient of the Bernie Berman UIC Award and Jose Lopez, Truman Daignault, Dale Everson and Lee Prong were inducted into the National Indictaor Fraternity. Dan Prong was also inducted into the New York State Indicator Fraternity. Two other officials Sharon Constable & Dale Pearson were unable to attend for their induction into the National Fraternity.

Commissioners catch up on the court

Softball is known for creating lasting relationships and so is the case for two of our ASA Commissioners, Mick Renneisen of Indiana and Tom O’Neill of Chicago. Mick first met Tom at an ASA Annual Council Meeting, and since then the two have risen to the role of Commissioner of their respective associations and maintained a friendship which has spanned over the course of 15 years. Not only do the two share a love of softball, they also have another common interest: NCAA basketball. Aside from his Commissioner duties, Mick serves as the NCAA statistician for the Indiana University men’s basketball team, a duty which he has fulfilled since 1983. Not only does Mick get front row action to NCAA basketball, he also gets to travel every year to the Maui Invitational Tournament, a preseason event held just before Thanksgiving. While Mick handles the stats, Tom has been an NCAA official for 35 years and often serves as the referee at the Indiana’s games. He has officiated four NCAA Final Four games and 25 NCAA Tournaments. The two see each other about two to three times a year at Hoosier basketball games, and will often talk a few minutes before each game.

Their most recent encounter occurred on December 4th at a game against Stetson University.

While the two spend a lot of time traveling, they love what they do and they enjoy being able to see ASA leaders outside of our organization’s events.

(L to R) Tom and Mick at a December 4 Hoosiers basketball game.
ASA releases 2012 Men’s Slow Pitch Restricted Player List

The Amateur Softball Association (ASA) of America, the National Governing Body of Softball in the United States, announced the 2012 Men’s Slow Pitch Restricted Player list (RPL). Players on the ASA RPL may only play Class A and any team that participates in ASA may not have more than five (5) players from the ASA RPL.

For the Men’s Masters 35-Over, 40-Over, and 45-Over Slow Pitch competitive division the teams will be allowed up to three (3) players from the ASA RPL. The Recreation division will be allowed up to three (3) Class C rated players and no players rated A+, A, B+, B, C+ or from the ASA RPL.

Per the ASA Code, the players on the Men’s Restricted Player List were determined by the ASA Slow Pitch Restricted Player Committee. Any appeals regarding this list can be made to the players local commissioner who will forward it to the ASA National Office for further review by the ASA Slow Pitch Restricted Player Committee. Please do this in writing and be sure to include statistics, teams played against, and a reason why you feel you should be removed from the RPL in any appeal.

The 2012 PRL list is located on the ASA website at the link below and will remain posted through 2012. [http://www.asasoftball.com/adult/restrictedplayers.asp](http://www.asasoftball.com/adult/restrictedplayers.asp)

USA Softball donates equipment to South Africa softball program

In an effort to help Softball South Africa grow its program, USA Softball donated its training equipment from the International Softball Federation (ISF) Junior Women’s World Championship including ISF certified balls, ball buckets and screens, to the organization. The hand over from USA Softball National Teams Coordinator Polly McCormick and Junior Women’s National Team Head Coach Karen Johns to Softball South Africa officials took place just prior to the medal games on Dec. 17 in Cape Town, South Africa.

Prior to the start of the International Softball Federation (ISF) Junior Women’s World Championship in Cape Town, six members of the USA Softball Junior Women’s National Team (Erin Gabriel, Jessica Damico, Chelsea Zgrabik, Chelsea Goodacre, Cheyenne Coyle and Lauren Haeger) and members of the coaching staff made two appearances in Cape Town to help the community learn about softball and the event.
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DETERMINATION RINGS WITH EVERY HIT
In 1996 the world watched as the USA won softball’s first Gold Medal in the Olympic Games. Shelly Stokes, now Shelly Van Houwelingen, started her USA Softball days when she appeared in the 1995 Pan American Games in Argentina. In 1996 Stokes, along with 14 other women, made the journey to Atlanta, Georgia to represent the United States in the Olympics. This team faced the world’s toughest competitors, yet overcame the adversity to become the 1996 Olympic Gold Medalists. Shelly recently took time out of her busy schedule to chat with ASA/USA Softball to discuss how she has spent her time since hanging up her cleats.

First of all, thank you so much for taking the time to talk to us! What have you been up to since your days of playing for the Red, White and Blue?

Right after the Olympics I was working as a personal trainer in Fresno where I still reside. I worked with all populations of people. I did a lot of speaking engagements at churches, schools and organizations like Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Athletes in Action (AIA), and kid camp programs. I was also involved with giving softball lessons to some of the local softball athletes. I then got into the sales world. I used my tenacity and determination to start the long interview process with pharmaceutical companies because I wanted a career where there was more flexibility in a daily schedule. After seven long months of interviews, I was finally able to lock down a position with Ross Pediatrics/Abbott Laboratories selling Similac infant baby formula to hospitals, pediatric and obstetric physicians.

I still work with Abbott Laboratories under the Nutrition division and I love working for this company! At this point in time I am not directly involved with softball other than working with the FCA. At times I will help out at some of the local high schools softball programs when invited, but I don’t have as much free time on my hands any more. I am married to a wonderful man named Tim and we have two beautiful children, Bryn (five) and Tyson (three). They keep me on the run while still holding down a full time job! The kids have just started getting involved with sports and they both played soccer this past fall. As busy as the days are I would not change it for anything!

You’ve competed in numerous International events, including the Pan American Games, World Championships, and the Olympic Games; What would you say is your favorite memory?

The Pan American Games have a special place in my heart since that was the first International team that I made. It was even more special because of all my friends who also made the team. Obviously, the Olympics are hard to beat out because being the first of its kind makes it irreplaceable. Another one of my favorite memories about the Olympics was the Medal presentation and receiving the first ever softball Olympic Gold Medal with the rest of my teammates. But even more important was when I was able to place that medal around my best friend’s neck. She was an alternate for the Olympic Team and I wanted to let her know how much she and the other alternates deserved a medal as well. All 20 of the 1996 USA Softball athletes worked so very hard and deserved a medal; unfortunately the International Olympic Committee only provides medals to the 15 players.

As you are a very successful athlete, inquiring minds want to know: Where do you keep all of your awards/medals you’ve won?

Yes, I do keep in contact with a few of my former teammates. I wish it would be easier to stay in touch with everyone but busy lives seem to get in the way. It would be great if USA Softball would be able to get some type of USA players’ reunion started.

With such a busy life, do you still keep in touch with any of your former USA Softball teammates?

The Van Houwelingen family (L to R) Tim, Tyson, Shelly and Bryn.
ASA/USA Softball announces 2011 USA Softball Athletes of the Year

Stacy May-Johnson has been named the 2011 USA Softball Female Athlete of the Year while Greg Connell was selected as the Male Athlete of the Year, the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) of America announced today. Cheyenne Cordes has also been selected as the Athlete of the Year from the Junior Women's National Team program.

Rookie infielder May-Johnson (Reno, Nev./Iowa assistant coach), who saw time at shortstop and third base, came out of retirement in 2011 to make her first USA Softball Women's National Team at 27-years-old. She started 27 of 28 games the United States played at the Canadian Open Fast Pitch International Championship in Surrey, B.C., Canada, the World Cup of Softball in Oklahoma City and the Pan American Games in Guadalajara, Mexico. While the Red, White and Blue finished second in Canada, where May-Johnson earned the Defensive Most Valuable Player award, the team won a fifth straight World Cup title and seventh consecutive Pan American Games Gold Medal.

“When you play on a really good team like the USA Softball Women's National Team, it is easier to play well,” May-Johnson said. “It's easier to play defense when you are behind a good pitcher who strikes everyone out. It's easy to hit well when the people before you are on base and when the batters behind you are dangerous. Sometimes when you're on a really good team, you win these neat awards like the USA Softball Female Athlete of the Year, but I know this award is not all for me. It's the people around me that I have to thank for helping me perform at this level.”

At the plate, May-Johnson went 33-for-79 for .418 overall, ranking her first on the people around me that I have to thank for helping me perform at this level.”

Connell (Moultrie, Ga.), a rookie on the Men’s Slow Pitch National Team to success this year. Greg Connell helped lead the USA Softball Men's Slow Pitch National Team to success this year.

His best performance came in the team’s opening game of the season against the Gene Were All-Stars, a squad of top players from the Dakotas, at the McQuade tournament. He led the offensive effort going 4-for-4 with five RBI on two doubles and two home runs. In the second game of the tournament, Connell continued his hot streak in going a perfect 6-for-6. During the exhibition games in Cincinnati, he went 8-for-10 with seven runs scored and six RBI.

When the team came to Oklahoma City in July to prepare for Border Battle III, the only internationally televised men’s slow pitch game, Connell once again was an outstanding performer, going 9-for-11 with seven runs scored and 11 RBI in the exhibition action. He was 2-for-3 with two runs scored and three RBI in Team USAs 25-3 Border Battle victory over the Canadian National Team.

Cordes (Fairfield, Calif./Cal freshman) helped lead the United States to the Gold Medal at the International Softball Federation (ISF) Junior Women’s World Championship, Dec. 6-17, in Cape Town, South Africa. She was the only member of the team to start in all 11 games in Cape Town and one of two athletes to play in all 11 games. While seeing time at shortstop and primarily at third base, she also led Team USA in hits (15), extra base hits (seven), RBI (12) and stolen bases (three).

“It is such a tremendous honor to be named the Athlete of the Year for the USA Softball Junior Women’s National Team,” Cordes said. “Words cannot describe how it feels to receive this award. It was a wonderful opportunity to wear USA across my chest the past two years and win two Gold Medals with such an awesome group of girls, who I love playing with. To be named the Athlete of the Year, it is a complete surprise. Everyone on the team is amazing, they’re so good, and everyone did their part to help us win the ISF Junior Women’s World Championship. I’m really honored. Thank you to USA Softball for this award and the experience of playing for my country.”

At the plate, Cordes went 15-for-26 (.577) with one of her hits, a fifth inning double, breaking open Japan’s no hitter on 2011 USA Softball Athletes of the Year continue on page 14
The Real Value of Sports Lighting
Provided by Musco Lighting

One of the most important facility decisions a municipality or sports organizations will make is determining whether to add lighting. Quality sports lighting can provide multiple benefits that will add value to a venue decades after the initial investment. Administrators and volunteer-based organizations across the country have benefitted from strategic lighting initiatives that can make a significant impact on a program’s participation, revenues and scheduling availability.

Why not light?
Sports lighting discussions regarding outdoor facilities limited to daytime usage typically start with a fundamental question, “Why should we light our field?” The answer consists of reasons ranging from convenience to expansion to improved finances.

One of the most critical factors in the analysis of lighting a facility is the ability to increase practice times and competition, which can directly impact a program’s expansion goals. More practices and more games often equals more players. Plus, the popularity of youth athletics and adult recreational sports, combined with adult work schedules, leave many communities struggling to supply enough playing surfaces.

Lighting is the cost-effective solution that provides room for everyone. It lends scheduling flexibility to not only spur participation but service growing demand.

This trend is illustrated in southern states where daytime heat and expansion have led to the development of all-night leagues and midnight practices—concepts gaining momentum.

Convenience generates revenue
From another convenience standpoint, lighted fields and evening games afford working parents—many who are coaches and volunteers—more opportunities to attend games and be involved. It also helps organizations schedule games and events to accommodate families with members playing at different levels and different sites.

Additionally, for athletes and the greater community, few experiences match the sense of pride and excitement that comes from competing ‘under the lights’.

Enhancing a field with quality sports lighting increases gate receipts, and also generates additional revenue from increased concession stand sales, paid parking and additional tournaments. New Musco lighting and monitoring systems have allowed the Novi Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Department in Michigan to expand play to more than 180 baseball and softball teams, rebuild community programming and continue winning bids to host national ASA tournaments.

Efficient alternative to new construction
From a capital standpoint, illuminating an existing field can double its use for about half the cost of new considering the rising cost of materials and land acquisition, plus the grading, drainage and sod necessary to properly prep a field site.

Upon completion of the playing surface and adjacent areas, facility amenities such as fencing, bleachers, bathrooms, dugouts, parking lots, concession stands and press boxes must be built and maintained to accommodate participants and visitors.

Timing is another key factor. Lighting installations are faster than building new fields, and can create a playable field within six to eight weeks compared to the lengthy timeframe involved in new field construction which may take several seasons to accomplish from concept to completion.

With ever-tightening operational budgets and a growing emphasis on sports and fitness, the decision to add sports lighting makes good financial sense and deepens community pride.

For more information on how to get your lighting project started click here.

USA Softball Athletes of the Year
Dec. 16. She had a team-high 12 RBI, only six less RBI then all of Team USA’s opponents combined, and 10 runs scored, third most on the team. Cordes hit three doubles, a team-high two triples and a team-high two home runs. Both home runs, a solo blast and a three-run bomb, came in the second inning of Team USA’s Dec. 14 game against Puerto Rico. Her tournament slugging percentage of 1.077 was the highest on the team. She was walked five times, third most on the team, and struck out only one time in the entire tournament. On the base paths, she was 3-for-4, also making her the team leader in stolen bases.

Cordes was also a member of the 2010 USA Softball Junior Women's National Team. In 2010, the team qualified for the Junior Women's World Championship by winning III Pan American Championships (18-Under) in Bogota, Colombia.
By Bill Plummer III

There wasn’t any doubt after you saw David Stanley (Stan) Harvey play slow pitch softball. He had one of the smoothest swings the game has ever known. On January 5, the 69-year-old Harvey, who helped put Howard's Furniture and Howard's Western Steer on the softball map nationally, passed away at his Alexis home in Gaston County, NC.

Harvey, who was born August 19, 1942 in Tennessee and was the son of the late Obie and Goldie Herd Harvey, started playing softball at age 14 for teams in Tennessee, including Eclipse Lookout Boiler Shop, VFW Rebels, Kobax, Thurman-Bryant and Golden Gallon. It wasn’t until 1973, however, when Harvey joined Howard’s Furniture of Denver, NC, and became one of the greatest players in the history of the sport. He helped Howard's win championship after championship including five ASA National titles: 1973-74, 1981 and 1983-84.

The 6-foot-5 Harvey, who played first base and the outfield, earned his first of nine All-America selections in 1970 playing for Golden Gallon. He batted .587 in the ASA Men's Major Slow Pitch National Championship, driving in 19 runs to lead his team to a fourth place finish.


Harvey smashed more than 3,000 homers and drove in more than 4,000 runs between 1973-1989 for Howard's with 1985 his best season with 320 homers and a .721 batting average.

Randy Gorrell, one of Howard’s former managers, said, “Stan had the smoothest swing the game has ever known. The quietest, gentlest giant until it’s time to win a ball game. I used to call him Clutch because in a game-winning situation he batted 1.000. Nicest man off the field. I wish there could be ten of him.”

Harvey was inducted into the ASA Hall of Fame in 1996 and is one of nine former Howard’s players enshrined.

Harvey was from a by-gone era of slow pitch. Unlike some of today’s players who need steroids (or the juice) to play softball, Harvey relied on his ability. There was nothing fake about him and his ability, and that ability was considerable. Years of batting practice honed his skills so he was one of the best for more than twenty years. At 6-foot-5 and 240-plus pounds, Harvey was a giant in the game of men’s slow pitch for more than two decades helping Howard’s become a household name among the softball world.

Harvey was quiet, led by example and when the chips were down he was one of the players Richard Howard could count on to deliver, delivering more often than not. He also had a respect and reverence for his sport and fellow players. When players were jumping to other teams at the drop of a hat, Harvey stayed with Howard’s throughout his career. He was loyal to the end, not only to his sport but to his many friends and family members. Harvey was one of a kind and those who knew him or played against him knew that well.

Harvey was preceded in death by two sisters, Dianne Harvey and Betty Smith... He is survived by his wife, Janet Watts Harvey; children, Bryan Harvey and wife Lisa, Dwayne Harvey and wife Patsy, Darla Street and husband Jody, all of Catawba, N.C., Chad Watts and his wife Annette of Mount Holly, Becky Kuhn and husband Danny of Iron Station, Sandi Bradley and husband Scott of Mount Holly, and Brandon Harvey of the home; one sister, Linda Harvey of Bakewell, Tenn.; three brothers, Osbon Harvey of Arkansas, Leslie Harvey of Bakewell, Tenn. and Ken Harvey of Spencer, Tenn.; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.
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OU, OSU, LSU and Iowa to play at ASA Hall of Fame Complex

Another year of action kicks off at the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) Hall of Fame Complex on Saturday, March 3, in Oklahoma City with The Preview presented by Jersey Mikes college showcase featuring two teams from the 2011 NCAA Women's College World Series, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State. The University of Iowa and Louisiana State University are also participating in the four-team showcase.

"We are looking forward to once again competing at the ASA Hall of Fame Stadium in Oklahoma City," Oklahoma State Head Coach Rich Wieligman said. "It was an absolute thrill for our team to end last year's season in Oklahoma City at the NCAA Women's College World Series. It's a great opportunity for us to once again play on the same field that we'll hopefully play on to end the 2012 season."

The Sooners and the Cowgirls will return to the ASA Hall of Fame Complex after a successful 2011 post-season where the two rivals competed for the first time with each other in the Women's College World Series. The Cowgirls will face off against LSU and Iowa at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., respectfully, while the Sooners will take the field against LSU at 4 p.m. The final game of the day will feature three 2011 USA Softball Women’s National Team members as OU’s Keilani Ricketts and Jessica Shults take the field against the Hawkeye's and assistant coach Stacy May-Johnson at 6:30 p.m. The Sooners roster also includes Lauren Chamberlain and Destinee Martinez, who helped lead the 2011 USA Softball Junior Women’s National Team to the program's second-consecutive Gold Medal at the 2011 International Softball Federation (ISF) Junior Women’s World Championship in Cape Town, South Africa.

"We're extremely excited for the opportunity to play in this prestigious tournament and compete against nationally elite programs like Iowa, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State,” LSU Head Coach Beth Torina said. “I know our players are looking forward to playing in the ASA Hall of Fame Stadium, the home of so many memorable moments in college softball.”

In conjunction with the Preview, the ASA and the Oklahoman will be running a PENCIL DRIVE to benefit North Highland Elementary School in Oklahoma City. Fans are encouraged to bring a new pack of pencils and in exchange they will receive a FREE ASA Complex Souvenir Drink. * Limit one per person.

General admission all-day tickets are on sale now through the ASA for $10. To purchase tickets, call 1-800-654-8337 or visit SoftballOutlet.com. Tickets will also be on sale at the ASA Hall of Fame Stadium on March 3.

In addition to Saturday, both OU and OSU will host Iowa and LSU in Norman and Stillwater in match-ups on Friday and Sunday. For tickets and schedule please visit SoonerSports.com and OKState.com.

The Preview is just the start of an exciting line-up of events at the ASA Hall of Fame Complex featuring all levels of the sport, including high school fast pitch and slow pitch, the Jim Thorpe Native American Games, the 2012 Women's College World Series and the ASA/USA Softball Girls’ GOLD 18-Under Fast Pitch National Championship. The 2012 USA Softball Women’s National Team and Men's Slow Pitch National Team will also return to the stadium June 28-July 2 for the World Cup of Softball VII and Border Battle IV.

Michigan inducts nine into Hall of Fame

The Michigan ASA inducted nine members into MASA Hall of Fame on January 21. The following individuals were honored at the annual banquet ceremony:

Paul Dyer, Sr. (Grand Ledge)- Player
Bill Elbers (Reese) - Player
Keith Frank (East Tawas) - Commissioner
Randy Melvin (Dowagiac) - Umpire
Kevin Renno (Port Huron) - Umpire
Alan Rodammer (Frankenmuth) - Meritorious Service
Greg Shea (Saline) - Manager

James “Pie” Vetter (Muskegon) - Player
Jim Wallace (Midland) - Manager

The 2012 MASA Hall of Fame inductees (L to R): Dyer Sr., Renno, Rodammer, Melvin, Frank, Elbers, Vetter, Shea, Wallace
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Oklahoma City’s ASA Hall of Fame Complex to host 88 days of softball action in 2012

The Amateur Softball Association (ASA) of America announced today that 28 events including the NCAA Women’s College World Series, the World Cup of Softball VII and Border Battle IV will be hosted this year at the ASA Hall of Fame Complex in Oklahoma City. From March through October, the country’s premier softball facility will host 88 days of fast and slow pitch events for both youth and adults as well as postseason events for high school, junior college and Division I college ball. The ASA/USA Softball Girls’ GOLD 18-Under Fast Pitch National Championship will also return to Oklahoma City this year for the first time since 2009.

For the complete 2012 schedule of events for ASA Hall of Fame Complex, please click here.

“The schedule for the ASA Hall of Fame Complex has never been more jam-packed than it is for 2012,” said Chris Sebren, ASA Assistant Director of Membership. “In addition to our staple events like the NCAA Women’s College World Series, the World Cup of Softball, the Border Battle and various ASA National Championships, we are also happy to bring events like the Jim Thorpe Native American Games and the Special Olympics National Invitational to Oklahoma City. No matter what day fans chose to come out to experience the ASA Hall of Fame Complex, it will be a great day of action. We’re excited to offer only the best of the best in fast and slow pitch.”

The action packed schedule kicks off March 2-4. The Preview presented by Jersey Mikes college showcase featuring Iowa, LSU and 2011 NCAA Women’s College World Series participants Oklahoma and Oklahoma State is March 3 with a 12-Under and 14-Under youth tournament spanning the three days. The 2012 action concludes Oct. 11-14 with the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association (OSSSA) 5A and 6A Fast Pitch State Championship.

The ASA Hall of Fame Complex schedule is highlighted by the NCAA Women’s College World Series, May 31-June 6, which features the top eight teams in Division I softball playing for a National Championship. While the Arizona State Sun Devils prevailed as 2011 NCAA Division I Softball Champions, Alabama, Baylor, California, Florida, Missouri, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State also participated.

“It’s a great honor to be able to play in such a great venue for softball,” said Keilani Ricketts, a two-time USA Softball Women’s National Team member who pitches for Oklahoma. “I first played at the ASA Hall of Fame when I was 12 for ASA travel ball and never in my dreams thought I would see myself back there on Team USA. The atmosphere gives me the goose bumps every time I step on the field because there is so many memories from winning GOLD Nationals, being at the NCAA Women’s College World Series and winning the World Cup at the stadium. I can’t wait to get back out there soon to make even more memories with our team this year.”

In 2011, Ricketts appeared in two tournaments at the stadium with Oklahoma before pitching the 2011 USA Softball Women’s National Team to the World Cup of Softball VI title. She also led her travel ball team, Sorcerer-Phil, to the 2009 ASA/USA Softball Girls’ GOLD 18-Under Fast Pitch National Championship.

From June 28-July 2, the complex plays host to the top athletes in international softball with the World Cup, which features the 2012 USA Softball Women’s National Team playing teams from around the globe. In conjunction with the World Cup, the 2012 USA Softball Men’s Slow Pitch National Team will play Canada in Border Battle IV on June 30. After suffering a 30-29 loss to Canada in 2010, the Red, White and Blue rose to the occasion last year, run-ruling the Canadians 25-3 in four innings live on ESPN.

“Getting the opportunity to represent your country and wear the Red, White, and Blue is an incredible feeling; three-time USA Softball Men’s Slow Pitch National Team member Brett Helmer. “Knowing that you are getting the chance to play live on ESPN and have over a million people tune in to watch and cheer us on is truly humbling. Then add in the fact that you are playing that game at one of the best venues, the ASA Hall of Fame Complex, on one of the nicest fields in the world, just puts the finishing touches on an all around incredible experience.”

Tickets to The Preview are now on sale online through SoftballOutlet.com or by calling 800-654-8337 while World Cup/Border Battle tickets will go on sale next month. To purchase tickets to the NCAA Women’s College World Series, go to NCAA.com or call Oklahoma City All Sports Association at 405-236-5000.

Other events being held at the complex include the Combat Capital City Classic (April 20-22), Region 2 Junior College Championship (May 4-6), the Jim Thorpe Native American Games (June 11-14), the Special Olympics National Invitational Tournament (Sept. 21-25) and the ASA Men’s A and Women’s Open Slow Pitch National Championship (Sept. 30-28).

For more information on the ASA Hall of Fame Complex events, visit ASASoftball.com.
ASA/USA Softball names athletes to the 2012 USA Softball Women’s National Team

Twelve athletes have been named to the 2012 USA Softball Women’s National Team, the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) of America announced today. An additional five athletes will be named to the squad, which will compete at the International Softball Federation (ISF) Women’s World Championship, following a 2012 USA Softball Women’s National Team and USA Softball Women’s Elite National Team Selection Camp in June.

The 12 athletes who were named to the roster by the USA Softball Women’s National Team Selection Committee (WNTSC) are Valerie Arioto (Pleasanton, Calif./Cal senior), Kaitlin Cochran (Yorba Linda, Calif./Arizona State 2009), Lauren Gibson (Pasadena, Md./Tennessee junior), Ashley Holcombe (Fayetteville, Ga./Alabama 2009), Molly Johnson (Tucson, Ariz./Kentucky 2010), Stacy May-Johnson (Reno, Nev./Iowa 2006), Jenae Leles (Sacramento, Calif./Arizona 2009), Michelle Moultrie (Jacksonville, Fla./Florida senior), Keilani Ricketts (San Jose, Calif./Oklahoma junior), Jordan Taylor (Valencia, Calif./Michigan 2011), Rhea Taylor (Buford, Ga./Missouri 2011) and Chelsea Thomas (Pleasantville, Iowa/Missouri junior). All athletes who have been named to the 2012 USA Softball Women’s National Team helped Team USA to the Gold Medal at the 2011 World Cup of Softball in July in Oklahoma City and the 2011 Pan American Games in October in Guadalajara, Mexico.

Athletes who have accepted an invitation to try-out for one of the five remaining spots on the team and the 2012 USA Softball Women’s Elite National Team are Lauren Chamberlain (Trabuco Canyon, Calif./Oklahoma freshman), Whitney Canion (Aledo, Texas/Baylor junior), Raven Chavanne (Thousand Oaks, Calif./Tennessee junior), Dallas Escobedo (Glendale, Ariz./Arizona State sophomore), Kenzie Fowler (Tucson, Ariz./Arizona junior), Taylor Hoagland (Flower Mound, Texas/Texas junior), Meagan May (Spring, Texas/Texas A&M junior), Megan Langenfeld (Bakersfield, Calif./UCLA 2010), Christi Orgeron (New Orleans, La./ULL senior), Ellen Renfroe (Jackson, Tenn./Tennessee sophomore) and Jessica Shults (Valencia, Calif./Oklahoma junior). With the exception of Renfroe, all athletes have played USA Softball previously on a Women’s National Team, Women’s Futures National Team or Junior Women’s National Team.

Throughout the spring, additional athletes will be invited to the June Selection Camp, where the five remaining members of the 2012 USA Softball Women’s National Team and the 17-athlete roster for the 2012 USA Softball Women’s Elite National Team will be decided. Following the Selection Camp, members of both teams will play each other in exhibition games before beginning competition.

The Women’s National Team will compete at the World Cup of Softball in Oklahoma City, the Canadian Open Fast Pitch International Championship in Surrey, B.C., Canada, and the World Championship in Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada. The Women’s Elite National Team will compete at the World University Games in Colorado Springs, Colo. Additional events may be added to the team schedules at a later date.
Join Mike Candrea, Head Coach of the USA Softball Women’s National Team, along with some of the all-time great players as they show you the tips and techniques they use to perform among the world’s best.

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