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Greetings everyone!

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and to review this excellent publication that is published for your information and benefit.

Congratulations to each athlete and coach who has been selected to one of our National Teams. These world class athletes have begun their preparation and training to represent the United States of America at upcoming summer international events. The teams are presently on their tour stops, participating in tournaments and training to represent us at the World Cup of Softball X in Irvine, California, a World Championship in Canada and another in Oklahoma City, the Pan American Games in Canada, the Border Battle and the Japan Cup. Please visit our national website at www.ASAUSASoftball.com for each team’s complete schedule and make plans to come out to support our great athletes in their quest to bring home Gold. Moreover, as the chances of baseball and softball being returned to the Olympic Program in 2020 appear to get stronger with time, we must continue to showcase our sport and exhibit the very strong fan base that exists throughout the world. This, I believe, is a task that must be led by Japan and the USA.

Speaking of championships, all our local associations should now be full speed ahead toward our many scheduled ASA/USA and ASA National Championships. We, as the National Governing Body of Softball in the USA, are the only softball organization that provides an avenue to participate in such an event to anyone who wishes to play our wonderful sport. Without exceptions we have a place for you to play. Qualifying tournaments are being held with many more scheduled, culminating in one of the most fantastic experiences in softball, winning a true amateur USA Softball National Championship. If you are part of a team that is not yet on the road to a National Championship and wish to do so, I encourage you to contact someone in your local association for information on how easy and very simple it is to get started.

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Lastly, a topic that I mention often and to which I continuously invite everyone to attend, Board of Directors Meetings. Your Board of Directors held its annual spring meeting in late April. The minutes of that meeting, which show policy enactment action taken by the Board, were provided via email to every council member soon after the meeting. It is incumbent upon each of you, especially commissioners, to review the minutes and that your representatives on the Board, Territory Vice Presidents, be contacted for answers and/or explanations of any item in the minutes. National Office personnel are not responsible for any action taken by the Board, their responsibility is to carry out the policy established by the Board. Please take the time to review the minutes of this most recent Board Meeting as they contain information dealing with Junior Olympic insurance fees, umpire insurance coverage and fees, background check information and other important items.

Be safe and good luck to each of you during our very busy summer championship season.

Thank you for playing ASA/USA Softball!

Phil Gutierrez, President
ASA/USA Softball
ASA/USA Softball and OG&E team up to make the ASA Hall of Fame and OGE Energy Field the first premier women’s athletic venue to commit to investing in 100 percent renewable electricity! Read more about this story on Page 51!
**THE LEAD OFF:**

Twenty-eight 18U teams will head to Chino Hills, Calif. to compete for a prize pool with the top finishers receiving a cash donation award back to their participating 501c3 program! Learn more about the USA Softball JO Cup on page 27.
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ALEXANDRA, 13
Olympia, Washington
TABU '01 - Anderson
Girls' 14-Under Fast Pitch
Pitcher/1B

HER START
I started playing fast pitch at eight years old and had a bad experience my first season. It was my Dad who talked me into giving it one more try and I am glad I did because ever since I have been extremely dedicated to the sport and absolutely love it!

BEST EXPERIENCE WHEN PLAYING
I pitched a great game against a very hard team at a tournament in my home town in front of all my friends and family to help my team win and play in the championship game!

WHY I LOVE SOFTBALL
I eat, sleep, and breathe fast pitch! I strive to be the best and love to compete! If I am not at school, doing homework, or at practice, I am at the ball field with my mom and dad working on footwork, hitting mechanics, pitching etc... I set high goals for myself and am aiming to get a scholarship to a big university somewhere.

GOAL
To continue to do my best and become the best pitcher ever to play the game!

TOUGHEST OBSTACLE
Ball control when pitching.
JULIA, 10
Lakeside, California
Gold Diggers
Girls’ 10-Under Fast Pitch
Shortstop

HER START
I started playing when I was seven years old after watching my Auntie Boo Boo at college.

BEST EXPERIENCE
I played 10U Silver All Stars. We lost almost every game but we got better and better. We had so much fun!

GOAL
To be the best player I can be.

TOUGHEST OBSTACLE
My size. Everyone I play with and against is bigger than me.
KRISTEN, 14
Buchanan, Georgia
Atlanta Vipers
Girls’ 14-Under Fast Pitch
Pitcher/Infield

HER START
My older sister played softball and my dad played baseball. My parents signed me up for t-ball when I was four and I was the only girl on the team. I have loved the game and been playing ever since.

FAVORITE PART ABOUT PLAYING
The feeling I get when I am on the field. In that moment nothing else matters.

PROUDEST MOMENT
Hitting a home run at 14U ASA Nationals in San Diego, CA and pitching a perfect game at the Hall of Fame tournament in 12U in Oklahoma City, OK!

TOUGHEST OBSTACLE
Leaving a team that I played on for several years and not being around them as much because they were like my family and overcoming a major injury.

ROLE MODELS
Jackie Traina. She is a great pitcher. I remember a few years ago when she had a home run hit off her by Oklahoma in the World Series she laughed it off and they won that game. That showed me she kept her head in the game.
SAMANTHA, 17
Niceville, Florida
West Florida Crush
Girls’ 18-Under Fast Pitch
Infield/Pitcher

HER START
I started playing when I was eight years old.

GOAL
To play in an ASA/USA National Championship and to play in college once I graduate.

PROUDEST MOMENT
Being selected as the High School Player of the Year in my area twice.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT SOFTBALL
I love the time I get to spend with my teammates.

ROLE MODELS
Jaclyn Traina, Pat Murphy, Anna Welsh and my parents.
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PAUL
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GOALS
My goals on the field have mostly been met although I believe I can still officiate at the highest levels, and now I wish to share my knowledge and experiences to new and upcoming umpires as a UIC.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT UMPIRING ASA/USA SOFTBALL
The fellowship and friendships developed through the 30+ years of ASA umpiring with fellow umpires/coaches/players and administrators.

Proudest Accomplishment
The proudest moment I have ever had in the ASA was the night prior to umpiring the Men’s Slow Pitch Border Battle. We had a warm up game with the US Wounded Warrior Team mixed together with the US Men’s team. I suggested the use of the red ASA “We Salute Veterans” shirt and they decided to use that idea and asked me if I would work home plate. It was the greatest honor I have ever had as an umpire and an American citizen, to shake each participant’s hands and tell them thank you.

ASA/USA UMPIRE AWARDS
I’m an ASA/USA Elite Umpire (2004), am a member of the ASA Medals Program (all levels) and am also a member of the National Indicator Fraternity (1993).

ASA/USA TOURNAMENT EXPERIENCE
In my 34 years of ASA umpiring I have been fortunate enough to umpire in 33 ASA National Tournaments and multiple International events.
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Watch USA Softball’s Lauren Gibson talk about showing respect for your opponents in this exclusive Liberty Mutual Insurance Play Positive™ video. Watch Now!

Play Positive Poll: What is the most important lesson in Respecting Opponents?

As a positive sport parent or coach, we want to teach kids good sportsmanship, including respecting opponents. What do you think is the most important lesson to teach kids about respecting opponents? Take the Poll

Visit PlayPositive.com for helpful advice, tools and resources you can use on and off the hill.
ACE PROGRAM REACHES 15,000 MILESTONE

Tina Dark (Tulsa, Okla.) was the 15,000th coach to register for the 2015 season for the ACE Coaching Certification Program. For a fourth-consecutive year, ASA/USA Softball has teamed up with Pocket Radar™ to provide coaches like Dark with a prize pack. At every odd-numbered 1,000th milestone, ASA/USA Softball will award that coach with a brand new Ball Coach Training Tool, courtesy of Pocket Radar™ ($300 value).

LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS SEE CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP

Two local associations have gone through a change in leadership over the past few months. James Ellis (Johnson City, Tenn.) has been appointed as Commissioner for the Tennessee ASA/USA Softball association while Alisa Durocher (North Woodstock, N.H.) has been appointed as Commissioner for the New Hampshire ASA/USA Softball association. Ellis assumed his responsibilities following the retirement of former Tennessee Commissioner Dave LeMarbre while Durocher took over following the passing of former New Hampshire Commissioner Bob Hopley.
Bianka Bell (Tampa, Fla.) was named to the 2015 USA Softball Women’s National Team roster following the retirement of Taylor Hoagland (Flower Mound, Texas), who recently announced her retirement. As a member of the 2015 Women’s National Team, Bell, a senior infielder at LSU, will compete in several exhibition games/tour stops throughout the U.S. in preparation for the World Cup of Softball X in Irvine, Calif. and the Japan Cup which will take place in Japan later this summer.

Zoe Conley (Berkeley, Calif.) was named to the 2015 USA Softball Junior Women’s National Team roster following the injury of alternate Chelsea Whitcomb (Chesterfield, Va.). As a member of the Junior Women’s National Team, Conley, a sophomore at Cal State Northridge, will compete in several exhibition games/tour stops throughout the U.S. in preparation for the World Cup of Softball X in Irvine, Calif.

Also added to the JWNT roster was Paige Lowary (Dallas Center, Iowa), who will join the team at the World Cup of Softball X in Irvine, Calif. Lowary just completed her freshman campaign at Missouri where she finished the season with an 18-7 record. She was also named to the All-SEC Freshman Team.

Single session tickets for the 2015 WBSC Junior Women’s World Championship (JWWC), which will be held August 9-15 in Oklahoma City, Okla., are available for purchase online. The Junior World Championship, a World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) sanctioned event, will include 18 of the top teams in the world!
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You Said It, We Read It!

If there’s one thing we love at ASA/USA Softball, it’s interacting with softball fans from around the world! With a strong following on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, here’s a collection of some of our favorite comments we have received from our followers!

And the #chaos99 have their bid to 16u ASA/USA @asausasoftball nationals!

–@stlchaos99

On Tokyo opening the bidding for sports to be added to 2020 Games: Please please have softball part of the Summer Olympics again!

–Terrence Harshbarger

On how beautiful OGE Energy Field at the ASA Hall of Fame Stadium is: @usasoftball what a beautiful site, it’s awesome to watch it on TV but what I wouldn’t give to see it in person.....go Bama!!

–@mistyadams5

On members of the JWNT and WNT arriving in OKC for training: Good Luck to each one of you living the dream, and having the chance to representing “Team USA“!!!!!!!

–@cws258

Great job by @ASAUSASoftball Hall of Fame Stadium Field Crew at #NCAAD2 Softball Championship.

–@NCAADII

On softball season being right around the corner: Love it!!! Can wait for the season to start... Go Yasi#25

–Idel Llavore

@ASAUSASoftball #CysticFibrosis softball tournament 2015!!!! HUGE THANKS TO ASA for making this tourney possible!

–@StaciaLyn3

On what their favorite softball quote is: "Don’t aspire to be the best on the team, aspire to be the best for the team"

–@fl_grown_21

Be sure to "Like" our pages or tweet at us for a chance to see your posts in the next issue!
The ASA Stadium Power Tour is set and ready to roll for the 2015 season as members of the ASA Long Haul Bombers gear up to showcase their titles of the best home run hitters in the world. Staging one-of-a-kind home run derbies at eight Major League Baseball (MLB) ballparks, the ASA Long Haul Bombers will compete all season long before battling it out for the Manufactures Cup and individual title in the finals.

2015 ASA Long Haul Bombers Stadium Tour

May 1 - Arlington, Texas (Global Life Park) **Miken led with 10 points**
May 29 - Houston, Texas (Minute Maid Park) **Easton wins with 15 points**
June 9 - Pittsburgh, Penn. (PNC Park) **Miken takes the night with 11 points**
July 20 - Cincinnati, Ohio (Great American Ballpark)
July 24 - San Diego, Calif. (Petco Park)
July 26 - Tampa, Fla. (Tropicana Field)
July 30 - Minneapolis, Minn. (Target Field)
August 12 - St. Louis, Mo. (Busch Stadium)
September 12 - Miami, Fla. (Marlins Park) - Bombers Tour Finals

For results from the ASA Stadium Power Tour, visit Softball360.com
By Michele Latimer

Any given day in the softball world, whether it be practice or competition, it is without doubt that we are told to “go warm up”. So we gather as a team and stretch a little, maybe even jog a bit, and then ultimately begin to throw and start team drills. So then we go out there on that field and make the magic happen, and when it’s all over...we grab our gear and head home sometimes after playing multiple games in a day and weekend. What if there was a better way to prepare to play and what if there was a better way to recover our bodies so that we not only optimized our performance on the field, but also reduced the likelihood of injury? I think any competitive athlete would opt for that. Growing trends in the sports medicine and sports performance worlds have gravitated toward a more efficient way of preparing to play and recovering our systems, including muscle activation exercises, dynamic movements, and various techniques to recover the body.

So what does that all mean? When we talk about muscle activation we are engaging certain muscles in a systematic format that helps “jumpstart” the muscles in order to function with maximum efficiency. In essence we are preparing the body to move. Rather than just jumping into sport specific movements such as throwing, hitting, and base running, we are firing up the muscles responsible for those movements to tell them to respond. These movements should address muscles and groups of muscles that will be used to facilitate a sports specific movement. For example, double leg hip extensions activate the gluteal and hamstring musculature and prepare them to contract while running and sprinting (base running, chasing fly balls).

**Example of Muscle Activation Exercises**

- Double leg Hip Extensions
- Quadruped Hip Extensions
- Plank Holds
- Shoulder External Rotation
- Single Leg Hip Extensions
- Quadruped Hip Abduction
- Half Kneeling Hip Flexor
- Shoulder Internal Rotation
- Butterfly Hip Extensions
- Quadruped Alt Arm/Leg
- Shoulder YTl's (no weight)
- Shoulder Flexion/Extension
Once the muscles have been activated, it is then ideal to put the system through dynamic movements that will begin to mimic the demands placed on the body during participation. Dynamic warm-ups should start with broad based movements and then gradually taper down into sport specific activities. A routine alternating a dynamic movement and a jog is ideal.

**Examples of Dynamic Movements**

- Hip Rotations Outward --> Jog --> Hip Rotations Inward --> Jog
- Straight leg kick ups --> Jog --> RDL Reaches --> Jog
- Walking Quad Stretch --> Jog --> Ankle Grabs --> Jog
- High Knees --> Jog --> Butt Kicks --> Jog
- Jog 10 --> Stride out 20
- Stride out 30
- Side Shuffle Walk --> Side Shuffle --> Turn sprint 10 (each side)

Sprint 20 --> Decel 10

In combination, a muscle activation routine and dynamic movement compromises a full and efficient warm-up that reduces the likelihood of injury (such as muscular strains) by engaging the muscles in the ways in which they will be utilized in actual on-field participation. When practiced and done correctly, the entire process can take a short amount of time and yield large health benefits.

Post-participation activities can be just as crucial as the warm-up itself. The rest and recovery period allows our bodies to rid itself of waste build up produced by natural muscular activities. This can include aiding the lymph system in flushing waste and the body's removal of lactic acid. Upon completion of a workout the athlete should perform a "cool down" which can consist of similar dynamic movements to a slower pace as mentioned above as well as utilizing a foam roll to target areas of soreness and large muscle groups. Static stretching would be appropriate at this time as you are not preparing the body to move but are aiding it in moving waste products. Compression garments produced by various athletic clothing companies are also a valuable resource again to aid in recovery and can be used for strictly lower extremity, upper extremity, or even both simultaneously.

The days of "show and go" athletic performance should be eliminated. Growing trends and research show that implementing a proper warm-up that focuses on muscle activation and dynamic movements in combination with proper recovery techniques helps to optimize performance and decrease injury rates. The body is a machine that needs proper care to run efficiently and when cared for properly will continue to run to allow an athlete to perform at their best.

*Michele Latimer has served as the athletic trainer for the Women's National Team since 2011. She has been on the athletic training staff at South Florida since 2007.*
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For the second year in a row, the ASA/USA Softball Junior Olympic (JO) Player of the Week award, presented by WORTH Sports and FloSoftball.com, will honor JO players under the age of 18 for their performance in ASA/USA play! Players, male or female, 18 year and young are eligible to be nominated for the weekly award. Athletes must be registered with their local ASA/USA Softball association and must have participated in an ASA/USA Softball sanctioned event or tournament during the week nominated.

So far, three athletes have been selected as the ASA/USA Softball JO Player of the Week. Each winner received a new bat, courtesy of Worth Sports!

Nominate your youth softball star for ASA/USA Softball JO Player of the Week!
Nominations are accepted at FloSoftball.com until noon ET every Tuesday.
When most people think about Caterpillar -- they likely think about giant earth moving equipment. There’s an entirely different story of the people behind the iron, like a group of women – now in their 70s and 80s – who are a living, breathing version of “A League of their Own.”

The story begins in the shadows of Caterpillar’s East Peoria, Illinois, factories in 1936.

In order to pay for uniforms, the softball team auctioned off a case of a Peoria-based Gipps Beer on the shop floor. Over the next several decades, the team would be home to several National Softball Hall of Fame players, including the late Carolyn Thome-Hart. She’s the aunt of Jim Thome, who hit 612 home runs during his time in the major leagues. Two of the Dieselettes played for the All American Girls Professional Baseball League. Thousands of people would turn out for Dieselettes home games, rivaling attendance at some Major League Baseball games.

The Caterpillar Dieselettes: The Girls of Summer exhibit, now on display at the Caterpillar Visitors Center in Peoria, Illinois, showcases the history of Caterpillar’s softball team from 1936-1955. While Caterpillar no longer sponsors the softball team, the team is today known as the Pekin Lettes. We have more than 100 artifacts on display, hundreds of digitized pictures and even game footage. More than a dozen of the former players are still in the area...and meet monthly for dinner.

We sat down with some athletes, managers and current employees from the Dieselettes to reminisce about their playing days and how the game has changed.

1. How did you first get involved with the Dieselettes?
   - Eleanor “Rudy” Rudolph (former player) – I was playing on a Springfield team and we were pretty good. In Springfield and every state tournament we wound up in the finals playing the Caterpillar Dieselettes and I immediately became acquainted with Pepper (Kerwin), and I would get picked up to go to Regional tournaments but I didn’t go...Pepper kept calling me and she talked me into coming (to play for the Dieselettes).
   - Bonnie Swanson (former player) – When I was a teenager, Carolyn Thome-Hart moved into the neighborhood and I know that she had seen us playing in the open lot, throwing the ball back and forth. She took me to my first practice, and on the way home from practice she said “You know, I think this is my last practice. You’ll probably have many more. I’m going to spend more time with my child.”
   - Kathryn Spitznagle (Caterpillar Visitors Center Manager) – Many players were recruited by other players but Caterpillar also recruited players for its men’s and women’s sports. Caterpillar would place these athletes in jobs and give them the opportunity to pursue their passion in sports. Some players, like Amy Applegren, were even recruited in their late teens and given jobs in the mail room or other similar tasks. Others left to pursue professional sports and wound up coming back to Caterpillar to finish their professional careers and in the end several players had mutli-decade careers at Caterpillar.
2. What memories do you have of playing during the rise of softball?
• Irene “Pepper” Kerwin (former player) – I went over to vote in the election and a couple guys said “Oh you look familiar, Kerwin? Did you play ball at Caterpillar?” That happened hundreds of times all over, where somebody would come up and say “I saw you play” or “My folks used to take me to the games.”
• Kathryn Spitznagle (Caterpillar Visitors Center Manager) – The Dieselettes, originally the Caterpillar Girls, began in 1936 even before the war began, so it’s not so much the war that drove women’s sports. Caterpillar was very progressive in that it offered women’s sports in addition to men’s sports even in the company’s earliest years. The company was barely 10 years old at the time the team began. Then over the years and as the team proved its abilities on the field, the team became more organized and Caterpillar took great pride in supporting the team, sending it to tournaments across the country.

3. Any funny stories that you’d like to share?
• Madeline Dotta on Coach Chuck McCord’s “rules” (former player) – I was sitting with Pepper (Kerwin) in a restaurant and she ordered apple pie so I thought “Well I’m going to order a piece of apple pie”. So, they brought the pie and Chuck (McCord) walked in and he put his hand on my shoulder and he said “Don’t eat that pie!” Well Pepper was eating her pie so I said “Don’t eat it?” “No,” he said, “because if you are you’re going to be benched.” So I said “Well I’m benched anyway!” With that, Pepper kept eating her pie and they took mine away and I was benched!
• Kathryn Spitznagle (Caterpillar Visitors Center Manager) – One of our greatest joys in developing this exhibit and documentary was hearing the stories and memories from these ladies. They truly admired their coach, Chuck McCord. They joke about his many rules but at the end of the day they respected him and felt he was their greatest champion. For a man who said he only wanted to coach the team for a year and stayed 25…well, that’s pretty telling. Chuck did so much to promote the sport and his players.

4. What was it like going from work at Caterpillar during the day to playing a double header or even more at night?
• Eleanor “Rudy” Rudolph (former player) – You got off work and you could just hop down the road a ways and there was Tom Connor Field. That’s where we practiced and had our clubhouse. Since many of us weren’t from here, after practice we always managed to eat somewhere together.

5. What was your favorite team to play against and who would you say was your toughest opponent?
• Irene “Pepper” Kerwin (former player) – Locally, the team loved playing against the Farrow Chix but many of the player’s favorite games were the ones in 1962 against the Takashimaya Department Store team of Osaka, Japan team. They were the Japanese Women’s National Softball Champion.

6. How much have you seen the game change since your playing days?
• Barbara “Bobbie” Fuller (former player) - Many players from our era stayed with the same team for many years, some of them 10, 20, 30 years. Today, players may stay with a team for a couple years and move on.
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**Championship Finals**

*Best 2-of-3*

- June 1 Gm 1 - 3-2 Florida
- June 2 Gm 2 - 1-0 Michigan
- June 3 Gm 3 - 4-1 Florida

*Florida Back-to-Back Champion*
Lauren Haeger (Peoria, Ariz.) was selected as the 2015 USA Softball National Collegiate Player of the Year earlier in the month. Haeger, a Florida pitcher/infielder, recently helped the Gators win their second straight NCAA National Championship at the 2015 NCAA Women’s College World Series (WCWS). Haeger helped Florida get back to the WCWS this season and was rewarded individually, as this marks the first time an athlete from Florida has won the prestigious award.

“There are so many amazing players in this country,” said Haeger. “And to think I am standing here just feels awesome. At the beginning of the season, I did not have my expectations this high. I cannot thank my coaches and teammates enough for telling me that they thought I had the potential. I have worked harder this season than I ever have and it is cool that it paid off. It is very humbling and cool and can’t thank enough people for supporting me.”

The 2015 SEC Pitcher of the Year, Haeger has established a 28-1 record this season and ranks sixth in the country with a 1.24 earned run average (ERA). In just 186.1 innings of work in the circle, Haeger has amassed 194 strikeouts while giving up just 33 earned runs on the season and holding opposing batters to a .183 batting average. If that wasn’t enough, the senior also produces at the plate for her squad, producing 64 RBI while totaling for a .329 batting average this season.

Haeger played a major role in the post-season success for the Gators, picking up four shutout wins through 29 innings of work while giving up just 10 hits while retiring 24 batters via strikeout.

In her four seasons as a Florida Gator, Haeger has compiled an 69-11 record with 511 strikeouts ranking her sixth all-time in Florida history. Additionally, Haeger is the all-time leader in home runs with 67, also an SEC record, and RBI. She also ranks among the all-time leaders in ERA and wins.

“I think her season was a tremendous season as an individual,” said Florida head coach Tim Walton. “But just like we preach to our players all the time, without a great team, typically individuals don’t get great awards. She has meant so much to our team and our team has meant so much to her. This is just a tremendous accomplishment for our whole program and thanks to ASA/USA Softball for recognizing Lauren’s achievements.”

The other two finalists for the 2015 award were back-to-back Pac-12 Pitcher of the Year, Oregon’s Cheridan Hawkins (Anderson, Calif.) and two-time Big Ten Player of the Year, Michigan’s Sierra Romero (Murrieta, Calif.).

Haeger now joins the ranks of past winner of the award, which include UCLA’s Stacey Nuveman, Florida State’s Jessica Van der Linden, three-time winner from Texas Cat Osterman, Tennessee’s Monica Abbott, Virginia Tech’s Angela Tincher, two-time winner Washington’s Danielle Lawrie, Stanford’s Ashley Hansen, back-to-back winner Oklahoma’s Keilani Ricketts and 2014 winner Lacey Waldrop from Florida State.
The NCAA Division II Softball Championship came to Oklahoma City, Okla., for the first time. The event was hosted by the Oklahoma City All Sports Association and the University of Central Oklahoma athletics department. Teams participating in the championship included eight teams from all across the nation: Adelphi, California (Pa.), Central Missouri, Dixie State, Indianapolis, North Georgia, Shorter, and St. Mary’s (Texas). The championship was an eight-team, double-elimination tournament.

As play began on May 21, skies were blue and the field was green, as each of the eight teams played their first game on OGE Energy Field at the ASA Hall of Fame Stadium. The first day alone had a perfect game, three shutout performances and even a triple play. Eyes were wide open as each team entered the field and praises were shown in the press conferences after each game from players and coaches.

Days 2 and 3 of the championship saw games played at the ASA Hall of Fame Complex on Field 3 and Integris Field. Unfortunately after record breaking amounts of rain in Oklahoma City, the ASA Hall of Fame Complex was not able to finish out the championship, as weather continued to wreak havoc. The semi-finals and National Championship game was moved to nearby Oklahoma Christian University’s Tom Heath Field at Lawson Plaza. The facility has an artificial playing surface that drained almost instantly. With the venue change, Oklahoma Christian Athletic Director, Curtis Janz, called this the biggest sporting event to ever be played on campus.

The University of North Georgia team dropped their first game to Indianapolis, yet rebounded and came out of the consolation bracket to secure their place in the championship game. North Georgia’s bats were alive throughout the entire tournament after opening day and it continued into the title game, where they defeated Dixie State 5-0. This was the Nighthawks’ first NCAA Division II Softball Championship in program history.

“I want to commend Oklahoma City, the staff at ASA/USA, and Oklahoma Christian for the opportunities that they gave these young ladies here this week,” said North Georgia head coach Mike Davenport. “There’s no better place to win a national championship than in Oklahoma City.”

For more details on the 2015 NCAA Division II National Championship click here. For pictures, click here.
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A one-of-a-kind youth fast pitch invitational tournament will launch this July with the creation of the USA Softball Junior Olympic (JO) Cup. Held July 26-August 1 at Big League Dreams in Chino Hills, Calif, over 60 of the top youth fast pitch teams received an invitation for the inaugural event to field a tournament of the top 28 teams.

Those 28 teams will then compete for a prize pool with the top finishers receiving a cash donation award back to their participating 501c3 program.

"This type of event has been talked about for years and ASA/USA Softball listened and made it happen."

– Mark Griggs, Head Coach of the Wichita Mustangs

Hosted by the Southern California ASA/USA, invitations for the USA Softball JO Cup were sent out based on prominent ranking systems. Scheduled to take place following the 2015 ASA/USA GOLD National Championships, the USA Softball JO Cup will be a five-game guarantee National Invitational Tournament that will follow standard ASA/USA play. Teams will participate in three pool play games to be followed by a double-elimination bracket. Teams will be seeded into both pool and bracket play through a blind-draw. Once teams complete pool play, they will enter into bracket play to compete for a prize pool of over $70,000 with the Top 12 finishers receiving a cash donation award back to their respective 501c3 program (see NCAA Bylaw 12.1.2.1.5 for information on payment based on performance).

Twenty-eight of the nation’s top teams have accepted their invitation to participate in the inaugural event. The list of participating teams can be found by visiting the tournament website as USAJOCup.com.
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Both the Men’s and Women’s National Teams will head north to Toronto this July for the 2015 Pan American Games. The Men, who are making their first appearance at the Pan American Games since 2003, will compete July 12-18 while the Women will take the field July 19-26.

USA Softball’s Josh Johnson will play a major role in Team USA’s quest for Pan American gold.

Lauren Gibson competed in the 2011 Pan American Games for Team USA, where the Red, White and Blue captured the gold.

**MEN’S NATIONAL TEAM SCHEDULE**

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Open Tryout Opportunity for Junior Men’s National Team

Athletes hoping to make the 2015 USA Softball Junior Men’s National Team (JMNT) Player Pool will have an opportunity July 25 as ASA/USA Softball will hold an open tryout. Held at Emerson Park in Midland, Mich., eligible athletes have from now through July 2 to sign up through ASAUSASoftball.com for the open tryout.

The open tryout is open to any male U.S. citizen born in 1997, 1998, 1999 or 2000 who can commit to a July 25-29, 2015 time period. There is a $50, non-refundable registration fee for any ASA/USA Softball registered athlete that includes a participant t-shirt and training from some of the top coaches in fast pitch softball. There is a $15, non-refundable registration fee for athletes who are not registered through ASA/USA Softball.

The top athletes from the open tryout will be selected to participate at the USA Softball JMNT Selection Camp July 25-29, where they will compete for a spot in the 2015 JMNT Player Pool that will participate in the 2015 ASA Jr. Men’s National Tournament in Midland, MI July 30-August 2. In addition those athletes selected to the 2015 JMNT Player Pool will be considered for selection to the 2016 USA Softball JMNT that will compete at the 2016 World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) Junior Men’s World Championship in Midland, Mich.

**Pitchers**
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- Run (home to first) - 2.95 seconds maximum
- Run (home to home) - 12.5 seconds maximum
- Throwing Speed - 55 mph minimum
- Pushups - 30 minimum

**Catchers**
(must meet each of the following)
- Throw (home to second) - 2 second maximum
- Throwing Speed - 55 mph minimum
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ASA/USA UMPIRES EARN CHANCE TO REPRESENT THEIR COUNTRY

The complete umpiring staff for the XI WBSC Junior Women’s World Championship (JWWC) this August in Oklahoma City at the ASA Hall of Fame Complex has been announced. Twenty-four umpires have been appointed to the umpiring staff, with five umpires to represent ASA/USA Softball. Getting the chance to represent the U.S. are Tim Ellis (Grand Prairie, Texas), Lee Folsom (Adel, Ga.), Laura Head (Sinal Hill, Calif.), Katrina Kershaw (Lakewood, Calif.) and Geri Magwire (Tempe, Ariz.).

In addition, nine umpires from four countries will partake in the 2015 World Cup of Softball X this June-July in Irvine, Calif. Of the nine umpires selected, five umpires will represent the United States based on their performances as umpires with ASA/USA Softball.

Click here to see the complete umpiring staff for the XI WBSC JWWC

Complete list of World Cup of Softball X Umpires

Masao OTA (Japan)
Daisaku SAIKA (Japan)
Jesús Rodrigo Lugo López (Mexico)
Sal Gara (Canada)
Laura Head (USA)
Katrina Kershaw (USA)
Linda Hoover (USA)
Bobby Shelton (USA)
Chris Drumm (USA)
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GAME SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED FOR JUNIOR WOMEN’S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The official competition schedule is set for the 2015 WBSC Junior Women’s World Championship (JWWC), which will be held August 9-15 in Oklahoma City, Okla. Held at the ASA Hall of Fame Complex, the JWWC will include 18 of the top teams in the world, including Team USA who will look to reclaim the Gold Medal after falling 4-0 to Japan at the 2013 WBSC JWWC in Brampton, Ontario, Canada. This also marks the first time since 1987 that the WBSC JWWC has been held in Oklahoma City.

Click here to view the schedule for the 2015 WBSC JWWC.

For updates, including the future announcement of participating countries, check the tournament website 2015JWWC.com.

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<td>Dear John, When the Game Stands Tall, The Pursuit of Happiness</td>
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IT’S A “WIND-WIN” FOR ASA HALL OF FAME AND OG&E ENERGY

The future is looking bright for the ASA Hall of Fame Museum and four-field complex as they become the first softball venue and predominately women’s athletic venue in the country to earn the EPA Green Power Partnership. With a commitment to offset 100 percent of the electricity consumption with renewable wind power, the ASA Hall of Fame and OGE Energy Field tackle that initiative following a recent agreement with Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company (OG&E).

ASA/USA Softball and OG&E have partnered to create a state-of-the-art electric technology venue, an outcome of the 20-year agreement formed last year between OGE Energy Corp. and Oklahoma City All Sports Association to support the venue improvements required to retain the NCAA WCWS. Other elements of the partnership include the stadium field name, now called OGE Energy Field, as well as adding a platform to educate fans and OG&E customers on wise energy use for residential and commercial application.

The 10-year agreement between ASA/USA Softball and OG&E provides the ASA Hall of Fame complex with renewable energy credits for its OGE Energy Field, ancillary fields, museum and administrative offices. This encompasses the new improvements with the completion of the first phase of its multi-million dollar renovation.

OG&E Vice President Jesse Langston presented Craig Cress, executive director of the ASA/USA Softball with the company’s Positive Energy Partnership Award during the evening session of the NCAA Women’s College World Series (WCWS) on Thursday, May 28.

A subsidiary of OGE Energy Corp., OG&E serves more than 800,000 customers in a service territory spanning 30,000 square miles in Oklahoma and Western Arkansas. The company is a leading provider of renewable energy in Oklahoma, accounting for 850 MW of renewable energy, representing approximately 10 percent of the company’s total generation capability.

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MEN’S NATIONAL TEAM SETS THEIR SIGHTS ON THE GOLD

Members of the 2015 USA Softball Men’s National Team recently competed at the Rodney Fox Memorial Tournament in Lancaster, Pa., where the Team went 4-0. The team gathered together for the weekend tournament in preparation for the 2015 season, in which the Red, White and Blue will compete at the WBSC Men’s World Championship and the Pan American Games.

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INTEGRIS Health, Oklahoma’s largest Oklahoma-owned health care corporation, has stepped up to the plate becoming an official community partner of the ASA Hall of Fame Softball Complex.

A 10-year partnership that will rename the existing Field 4 to INTEGRIS Field at the complex, the commitment and partnership demonstrates the continued active role INTEGRIS plays in the OKC community and promise of all parties to continue the growth of ASA/USA Softball.

INTEGRIS Health is the state’s largest Oklahoma-owned health care corporation and one of the state’s largest private employers (about 9,000 employees statewide), with hospitals, rehabilitation centers, physician clinics, mental health facilities, fitness centers, independent living centers and home health agencies throughout much of the state.

INTEGRIS Health operates five hospitals in the Oklahoma City metropolitan area, led by INTEGRIS Baptist Medical Center and INTEGRIS Southwest Medical Center. INTEGRIS Health also maintains three regional hospitals across the state. Approximately six out of every 10 Oklahomans live within 30 miles of a facility or physician included in the INTEGRIS Health organization.
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FROM THE VAULT

A member of the GE Men's Industrial team batting at the 1982 Men's Major Industrial National

Bonnie Roberts and Frances Wallace have a quick laugh. Circa 1954.

Harvey Holcomb runs out a hit during a game.

Things have come a long way since the ASA Hall of Fame Complex was built! Check out the entrance of the ASA/USA National Office in 1989 during the Olympic Festival.

Safe! An athlete on the SealMasters softball club dives into third safely.
How well did you pay attention to this edition of Balls and Strikes? Submit your answers to these five questions to promotions@softball.org with the subject “Balls and Strikes Trivia” and you could win a Softball Prize Pack from ASA/USA Softball.

1. Name one of the stops on the ASA Stadium Power Tour.

2. Who won the 2015 USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year?

3. Where will the ASA/USA 16U GOLD National Championship be played?

4. Who does the Women’s National Team play on July 1 at the World Cup of Softball?

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