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

What a great time to be a part of ASA Softball!
With preparations for Championship play beginning and teams already qualifying, by now everyone should be in full swing!

We at ASA are proud of the quality of our tournament programs. We continue to have a great tournament program because of you; our players, Commissioners and Junior Olympic Commissioners who take the time to manage it correctly.

Some of you may notice that softball has taken over ESPN as the USA Softball Women's National Team has begun their season. Please do all you can to help support those athletes, whether it’s attending the games or watching from home. This year, we will have three teams on television, the Women’s National Team, our Men's Slow Pitch National Team, and our first-year Men’s Future's Slow Pitch National Team. What a great opportunity for our young athletes who aspire to be on the USA Softball National Teams to see their idols! Be sure you spread the word to your teams and leagues. The Women's National Team will have six games on ESPN/ESPN2 and our Men’s Slow Pitch Teams will be on air twice on ESPN2. Click here to see a schedule for the World Cup and Border Battle IV.

Also a reminder that if you are hosting a tournament and haven’t submitted your information to the national office for the website this needs to be done ASAP, including the fact sheets.

Once again, thank you all for what you do for ASA! We are the nation’s best softball organization because of you!
A note from The Inside Pitch editor Codi Warren

Welcome to the June 2012 edition of The Inside Pitch, the official newsletter of the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) of America.

Can you believe the 2012 college softball season is already over? This year’s NCAA Women’s College World Series (WCWS) was definitely one to remember. Almost every team competing this year was represented in the USA Softball program, whether as a coach or a player. We also recently announced the five athletes who were added to the 2012 Women’s National Team, and the team has already competed in several exhibition games before they make their debut at the World Cup. What an exciting time to be a part of USA Softball! While the faces are still new, the winning attitude and the legacy of USA Softball remains the same. I encourage you all to help show your support by watching our National Teams compete during the World Cup, June 27 - July 2. For those of you who will not be able to join us here, we hope that you will support the World Cup by watching the action live on ESPN/ESPN2.

Thank you all for everything you do! Talk to you next month!

ASA HOSTS JIM THORPE NATIVE AMERICAN GAMES

June 10-17 witnessed a series of exciting events as the 2012 Jim Thorpe Native American Games, hosted at different venues throughout Oklahoma City, took over the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) Hall of Fame Complex.

The Games were comprised of 11 competitive sports, sporting exhibitions, an art show and traditional entertainment. The competitive sports included: baseball, softball, basketball, tennis, stickball, golf, track and field, cross country, wrestling, beach volleyball and martial arts. At the ASA Hall of Fame Complex, five 12-Under, four 14-Under and six 18-Under squads took the field to compete for the Championship title. The following is a list of winners:

- 12-Under: Dream Keepers
- 14-Under: Oklahoma Red Race
- 18-Under: Oklahoma Intertribal

Oklahoma Intertribal (pictured above) won the 18-Under division at the 2012 Jim Thorpe Native American Games.

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The mobile website is intended to keep up with the increase in mobile surfing and meet the public's growing preference for receiving information. The content is targeted to users who are at the softball field and will target relevant material that users may need. M.ASASoftball.com provides capabilities for users to:

- **Search ASA Tournaments:** Users can search for and locate current, future, and past ASA National Championships and Qualifiers
- **View ASA Certified Equipment:** This quick-use option allows users to view and search for ASA approved and non-approved bats and balls
- **Shop:** Users can have quick access to specific items they wish to purchase, ranging from hats to ASA Hall of Fame Complex event tickets

The mobile website’s content is organized under seven main tabs: ASA Tournaments, ASA Certified Equipment, ASA Code, Headlines, Shop, Partners and Contact Us. The Tournaments tab allows users to browse all ASA National Championship Finals, National and Regional Qualifiers and GOLD National Championships and Qualifiers. Users will be able to browse through different divisions of play and access prior and future tournament information if that information is available. Additionally, the tournament Fact Sheets will provide users who are already in transit to a tournament useful information such as local sponsoring hotels, playing field locations as well as contact information for the tournament directors and other coordinators. The ASA Certified Equipment tab will take users to lists of ASA approved and non-approved equipment. The non-approved sections provide a list and photo (if available) of all of the non-approved equipment, while the approved equipment is broken down by manufacturer and bat-type. The ASA Code provides browsers with an online version of the ASA Code, while the Headlines tab displays the most recent 20 news stories from ASASoftball.com. Upon choosing the Shop tab, users can select which online store they would like to visit. Within each section is a breakdown of the type of merchandise available so users can quickly have access to a specific item they wish to purchase. The Partners section lists all of ASA's business partners and sponsors, while the Contact Us tab has a breakdown of the 76 local ASA associations. Within each association, browsers can view the contact information for their local association.

The new mobile-optimized website is a different version of ASA Softball’s original website, developed to suit the hardware of smart phones. Users will still be able to access ASASoftball.com on their phones and desktop computers in order to view information that is not available on M.ASASoftball.com. The mobile technologies fit well into ASA's history of continually developing the sport of softball. In addition to being one of the first national softball organization's to launch a mobile site, ASA was the first to accept and introduce a universal set of rules.
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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!

Taken in 1995, this photo taken outside of the ASA National Office in Oklahoma City helps to remind today’s generation of softball’s first appearance in the Summer Olympic Games. Although the world’s best in softball will not be making the trip to the 2012 Olympic Games in London, the USA Softball Women’s National Team still has an opportunity to claim a Gold Medal at the World Championships in Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) will decide on the sports for the Games in 2020 at the 125th IOC Session in Argentina in September of 2013. The city selected for the 2020 Olympic Games will also be decided during this session.

The sports up for possible instatement for the 2020 Games are: baseball, karate, roller sports, softball, sports climbing, squash, wakeboard and wushu. Only one sport will be added.
Olympic Gold Medalist and former NBA athlete Charles Barkley isn’t afraid to take on a challenge, and recently he took on an offer he couldn’t refuse. The task: Hit a softball pitched by one of the best pitcher’s in the World, two-time Olympic Gold Medalist and Hall of Fame member Michele Smith. Originally scheduled to take place at the ASA Hall of Fame Complex, due to inclement weather, the location of the “Softball Showdown” moved to Edmond Memorial’s indoor batting facility. During the telecast for Game six of the Western Conference Finals, TNT aired Barkley’s softball challenge, so what was the outcome? Click here to watch the action!

Charles Barkley presented with USA Softball jersey

Michele Smith hands Charles an official USA Softball batting jersey, which was customized with his name.

ASA Director of Membership Services and HOF umpire Craig Cress officiated the game. Pictured above is (L to R) Cress, Michele Smith, Charles Barkley, Ernie Johnson and Karen Johns.

Michele Smith and Charles Barkley discuss some strategy before the “Softball Showdown” begins. Photo courtesy of The Oklahoman.

Charles managed to get one good hit off of Michele, though it was a grapefruit rather than a softball. Photo courtesy of The Oklahoman.
Can a sports-lighting system provide funding through cost savings and earn incentives?

If sports lighting is in the plan for your field, consider operating cost in addition to capital cost to maximize your savings up front and long-term. ASA clubs can cut operating cost by half by choosing an energy-efficient system. Warranties and technologies vary, but investing a little extra time during the purchase process can make a big difference in the long run.

Those cost savings can turn into real funding opportunities when paired with incentives like performance contracting, grants, low-interest loans, cooperatives, and buy boards. Rebates and reduced energy rates can also increase your savings.

**Real-life examples – Performance Contracting capitalizes on energy savings**

One way to leverage savings is to use an energy savings performance contract (ESPC). The ESPC is funded by an ESCO – Energy Service Company, utility, or other consulting firm. They’ll do an audit of the proposed improvements, evaluate the savings, and give their recommendations. Then the ESCO will purchase the energy-efficient improvements and use the cost savings to make the loan payments. The school district in Vermilion, OH, took advantage of this incentive by using their proposed cost savings to pay for their project. The district began by implementing a school-wide initiative to lower energy use and operating costs. They also wanted to modernize their outdated sports-lighting system at the high school. Vermilion used an ESPC with Bruner Corporation who reviewed the entire district and found savings by updating inefficient or energy-wasting facilities. According to Bruner’s Eric Kuns, “We made over $4 million in recommendations to the district, and lights were a major part of that. We have worked with Musco before and knew the savings they could bring.”

**Real-life example – Grants pay off**

ASA clubs and the Baseball Tomorrow Fund (BTF) both want to grow opportunities, making BTF a go-to for funding assistance. Established in 1999, they award an average of 40 grants each year. “Field lighting is an important catalyst to the overall growth of youth baseball and softball, and it addresses the increasing lack of field space and availability experienced in many communities, allowing more teams to utilize fewer fields,” said Cathy Bradley, Baseball Tomorrow Fund executive director. In 2005, BTF formed its first corporate partnership with Musco Lighting. BTF grant recipients are provided with free consultation services and a discount on Musco’s Light-Structure Green™ technology.

The Dunmore Little League in Scranton, Pa, used their BTF grant to help build two fields and install the Musco Light-Structure Green system. Since installing the lights, they have hosted All-Star tournaments, district competitions, and are a part of the annual city-county tournaments. They’ve seen an increase in youth participation and there’s greater opportunity to play.

**Cooperatives and Buy Boards**

Buy boards and cooperatives are typically used by municipalities and schools to help streamline the bidding process and achieve discounted pricing on capital items like sports-field lighting. ASA clubs can take advantage of this by creating a formal agreement with the school or municipality and complete some additional paperwork, but you can save up to 30 percent off the regular price.

**Rebates and Reduced Energy Rates**

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Featuring USA Softball Two-time Olympic head coach Mike Candrea, Two-Time Olympian Cat Osterman and 2008 Olympians Andrea Duran and Caitlin Lowe, and former National Team member Amy Hillenbrand.
USA Softball names 2012 Women’s National Team

The Amateur Softball Association (ASA) of America announced the final roster for the 2012 USA Softball Women’s National Team. In January, 12 athletes were named to the National Team and twenty additional players attended the USA Softball Women’s National Team selection camp in Ashland, Ohio to compete for the five final spots on the roster.

The five additional athletes selected to represent Team USA are:

- **Amanda Chidester** (Allen Park, Mich./Michigan 2012)
- **Sam Fischer** (Simi Valley, Calif./Loyola Marymount 2012)
- **Christi Orgeron** (New Orleans, La./Louisiana Lafayette 2012)
- **Jessica Shults** (Valencia, Calif./Oklahoma senior)
- **Jackie Traina** (Naples, Fla./Alabama junior)

The 12 athletes who were named to the 2012 USA Softball Women’s National Team in January are:

- **Valerie Arioto** (Pleasanton, Calif./California 2012)
- **Kaitlin Cochran** (Yorba Linda, Calif./Arizona State 2009)
- **Lauren Gibson** (Pasadena, Md./Tennessee senior)
- **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)
- **Keilani Ricketts** (San Jose, Calif./Oklahoma senior)
- **Jordan Taylor** (Valencia, Calif./Michigan 2011)
- **Rhea Taylor** (Buford, Ga./Missouri 2011)
- **Chelsea Thomas** (Pleasantville, Iowa/Missouri senior)

The following athletes made up the USA Elite team who competed against the Women’s National Team in a series of exhibition games in Summersville, W.Va. (June 14) and Ashland, Ohio (June 18):

- **Katelyn Boyd** (Phoenix, Ariz./Arizona State 2012)
- **Elizabeth Caporuscio** (Lake Arrowhead, Calif./Arizona State sophomore)
- **Lauren Chamberlain** (Trabuco Canyon, Calif./Oklahoma sophomore)
- **Dallas Escobedo** (Glendale, Calif./Arizona State junior)
- **Rebecca Gamby** (Mount Victory, Ohio/Ohio State 2012)
- **Jolene Henderson** (Elk Grove, Calif./California senior)
- **Taylor Hoagland** (Flower Mound, Texas/Texas senior)
- **Destinee Martinez** (Corona, Calif./Oklahoma junior)
- **Meagan May** (Spring, Texas/Texas A&M senior)
- **Sara Nevins** (Pinellas Park, Fla./South Florida junior)
- **Ellen Renfroe** (Jackson, Tenn./Tennessee junior)
- **Janine Richardson** (Auburndale, Fla./South Florida 2012)
- **Madison Shipman** (Valencia, Calif./Tennessee junior)
- **Lindsey Ziegenhirt** (Elk Grove, Calif./California senior)

The USA Women’s National team will compete in six different events in the United States and Canada. Fans in the United States will get two opportunities to see the Red, White and Blue compete with the Title IX 40th Anniversary Celebration Game against Canada on June 23 and the World Cup of Softball VII presented by Lumber Liquidators, June 27- July 2, in Oklahoma City. For ticket information on the Title IX Game and World Cup VII, [click here](#).

Following the World Cup, the Women’s National Team is slated to compete July 4-9 at the Canadian Open Fast Pitch International Championship in Surrey, B.C., Canada, and July 13-22 at the International Softball Federation (ISF) Women’s World Championship in Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada.
The Alabama softball team claimed its first national championship in program history as it downed Oklahoma, 5-4, June 6 at the ASA Hall of Fame Stadium.

"First, I just want to say thank you to everybody involved with the tournament," Alabama head coach Patrick Murphy said. "It was a heck of a run for us, a dream-come true for everybody at Alabama, and I've got to congratulate Oklahoma on a heck of a year. I definitely think they'll be back."

With the win, Alabama won the best-of-three series against the Sooners, 2-1, and finished the season, 60-8. The Crimson Tide became the first school from the Southeastern Conference to ever win a national title in softball. Oklahoma ended their season with a 54-10 record.

"For us, I don't think it's sunk in yet," Murphy added. "It's been a long time coming. It's just been an incredible nine or ten days here in Oklahoma City, and each game just got better and better and better. I'm just thrilled with the championship."

All-American sophomore pitcher Jackie Traina earned the win and finished 42-3 on the season. Traina, who was named the WCWS Most Outstanding Player, threw a complete game four-hitter, giving up four runs and striking out six batters. The 42 wins for Traina are a school record and are tops in the nation. She also broke the single season school record, posting 361 punchouts on the year.

The Tide overcame two rain delays, including a three hour delay to start the game and a three-run deficit to earn the win. UA tallied three of its four runs in the fourth inning after the second delay. Oklahoma used two home runs to race out to an early three run lead after three innings but the Tide plated four in the fourth. Sophomore Kaila Hunt scored the first run for Alabama on a wild pitch and then the Tide scored three more, all with two outs.

Senior Amanda Locke ripped a single through the left side to score senior Kendall Dawson. Junior Courtney Conley then hit a double off the wall to score Locke. Conley finished off the scoring by racing to the plate on a throwing error on a Jazlyn Lunceford at bat.

UA scored its fifth and final run when Traina hit a liner into right to score senior Jennifer Fenton, who started the inning with a bunt single.

Oklahoma hit a seventh inning home run to pull within one, but Traina fanned USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year Keilani Ricketts for the final out of the game.

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USA Softball Men’s Slow Pitch National Team program hits the road this summer

The 2012 USA Softball Men’s Slow Pitch National Team program begins preparations for the Slow Pitch Showdown and Border Battle IV by competing in a series of exhibition games. The competition kicks off a series of three appearances the Red, White and Blue will make this summer with games scheduled for North Dakota, South Dakota and Oklahoma City.

The athletes will kicked off the 2012 season at the Sam McQuade Sr. Budweiser Charity Softball Tournament in Bismarck, N.D. on June 22 as the new USA Softball Future Men’s Slow Pitch Team took on the North Dakota National Guard All-Stars team. Later that day, the USA Men’s Slow Pitch National Team faced off against the Scheels Sports/Gene Were All-Stars, a team which was composed of participating players from the upper divisions of the McQuade Tournament. National Team members also participated in a softball clinic for local Special Olympic athletes.

“The Sam McQuade Sr./Budweiser Charity Tournament was proud to host Team USA and the USA Futures Team at our 37th annual event,” said co-tournament director Jack Jones. “We had several thousand fans at Clem Kelley Complex as our country’s best players helped kickoff the world’s largest charity softball tournament, which featured a field of 458 teams playing 15 divisions of men’s and women’s softball.”

After playing the two games in Bismarck, the men headed to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where the Men’s Slow Pitch National Team played the Future Men’s Slow Pitch Team on June 25 at Sioux Falls Baseball Stadium. Following the game, the Men’s National Team took on the local celebrities team. Prior to the games, members from both Men’s National Teams made an appearance at Sanford Children’s Hospital and Avera Children’s Hospital.

Following the action in South Dakota, both teams left for Oklahoma City, where they will compete in the inaugural Slow Pitch Showdown at the ASA Hall of Fame Complex at 7 p.m. CT on June 27. On Saturday, June 30, Team USA will take on the Canadian Men’s Slow Pitch Team at 2 p.m. CT for Border Battle IV. Both games will be aired live on ESPN2. Autograph sessions will also follow both games.

Tickets for the Slow Pitch Showdown and Border Battle IV are now available in a variety of packages. All-session tickets, which are $275 for the Ultimate Fan Zone seating in the first three rows of the stadium, $80 for other reserved seating and $45 for general admission seating, are on sale now and include tickets to the Slow Pitch Showdown and Border Battle IV. The Ultimate Fan Zone package also includes a private autograph session and dinner with the 2012 USA Softball Women's National Team, only open to Ultimate Fan Zone ticket holders, as well as free parking and a replica USA Softball jersey. Reserved single session tickets are $25 and general admission are $10 for each of the six days of the World Cup and Border Battle.

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DETERMINATION RINGS WITH EVERY HIT
The 2012 Advanced Slow Pitch Camp was held by Region 12 in Lincoln, Neb. and was a big success. Nebraska Softball worked tirelessly to make sure the camp was successful for all students that attended. The facilities used were second to none. There were 26 attendees from all over the country. They were treated to excellent Neb. hospitality by camp coordinators, Tom Borucki and Tim Watts and to outstanding instructions from Southern Territory Deputy Larry Montgomery, Region 12 Umpire-in-Chief (UIC) Dave Epperson and Region 11 UIC Steve Riswold. The students put in hours of training Thursday night, highlighted by a presentation on today’s equipment by Director of Memberships Services, Craig Cress. The day was full on Friday with lectures starting at 8 a.m. and field drills from noon until 8 p.m. The students then were able to umpire games and were evaluated by the instructors. The drills along with the games we filmed so each student could see their game skills in action. The camp ended Sunday after the tournament was over and all the students left as a better umpire than when they arrived. Again thanks to Nebraska ASA for hosting this Advanced Slow Pitch Camp and especially the work done by Tim and Tom.
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USA Softball holds camp in Summersville, W. Va.

The USA Softball Women’s National Team hosted a youth camp during their exhibition stop in Summersville, W. Va. Over 160 girls attended the camp, where they received lessons of the game by the top players in the U.S. Pictured above are some camp attendees with USA Softball team members Jenae Leles and Sam Fischer.

12-Under Champions Crowned at ASA Hall of Fame Stadium

The ASA Hall of Fame Complex hosted 24 teams who competed for eight berths to the ASA/USA Girls’ 12-U National Championship in Moline, Ill. The Atlanta Vipers - Vallery from Alpharetta, Ga. won the tournament after a 5-0 performance. Congratulations!
USA Softball downs Canada 9-1 in five innings in Title IX Celebration Game

In its first television debut for the 2012 season, the USA Softball Women’s National Team defeated Canada 9-1 in five innings during the Title IX Celebration Game at the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) Hall of Fame Stadium in Oklahoma City.

Click here for box score

“It was nice getting some competition under our belts tonight after playing our USA Elite team and scrimmaging ourselves,” said USA head coach Ken Eriksen. “Anytime you go against someone in a different uniform and get that camaraderie going it lends itself to more success. We have some things to work on this week, like some execution plays and defensive and offensive situations but by and large I am pretty excited about the enthusiasm and pitching tonight and just overall performance.”

Scoring in three of the five innings, it was a team effort as eight players inked hits in the contest with Lauren Gibson (Pasadena, Md.) leading the way going 2-for-3 with two singles and one RBI. Collecting 10 hits throughout the game, the Americans set the tone early in the bottom of the first as R. Taylor scored the game’s first run. Valerie Arioto (Pleasanton, Calif.) continued the U.S. offense with a single to right field. Arioto moved to second on a Jenae Leles (Sacramento, Calif.) walk and advanced to third on a fielder’s choice. That brought Gibson to the plate, who singled to right field to score Arioto.

The U.S. would score three more runs in the bottom of the second before Canada answered in the top of the third with a run scored by Victoria Hayward. The U.S. threatened to score again in the third and fourth inning but were unable to collect as five runners were left on base. The U.S. offense exploded again in the bottom of the fifth as Team USA rookie Samantha Fischer (Simi Valley, Calif.) started the inning with her second home run of the season, which put the U.S. one run away from a run-rule win.

“Well when I walked up there and saw my picture on the big screen I was like ‘well Sam this is real, this is USA Softball,” smiled USA rookie Samantha Fischer. “And then of course I had to calm myself down because it was so big and huge. Then I saw some pitches and found one I could drive and it was very cool and a great moment.”

Jessica Shults (Valencia, Calif.), who entered the game in the top of the fourth inning, walked to continue the U.S. rally. Moultrie laid down a single, advancing Shults to second, bringing up Orgeron to the plate. With a 2-2 count, Orgeron sent a rocket to right field, scoring Shults and Moultrie and ending the game.

From the circle, Jordan Taylor (Valencia, Calif.) collected the win allowing three hits with six strikeouts in three innings of work. Chelsea Thomas (Pleasantville, Iowa) entered in the fourth inning for the USA and collected two strikeouts in seven batters faced.

Next up for the USA Softball Women’s National Team is the World Cup of Softball VII presented by Lumber Liquidators, June 27- July 2, also in Oklahoma City. Following the World Cup, the USA Women’s National Team is slated to compete July 4-9 at the Canadian Open Fast Pitch International Championship in Surrey, B.C., Canada, and July 13-22 at the International Softball Federation (ISF) Women’s World Championship in Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada.
Athletes arrive for USA Junior Men’s Fast Pitch National Team selection camp

Twenty-four of the country’s best junior men’s fast pitch softball players arrived in Salt Lake City, Utah on Friday, June 23 for the USA Junior Men’s Fast Pitch National Team selection camp.

The athletes, representing 10 states, competed in a tournament at Cottonwood Park, June 23 and 24. The team also played exhibition games on June 25, giving the players ample opportunity to audition for one of the final 17 roster spots on the National Team. Salt Lake City is the first of two stops in the team’s selection process. The athletes will also meet in Midland, Mich., July 13-23 for another round of evaluations prior to the announcement of the final roster July 25.

The 17 athletes selected to the USA Junior Men’s Fast Pitch roster will represent their country at the ISF IX Jr. Men’s World Championships, November 1-10, in Parana, Argentina. The 24 athletes who accepted an invitation to tryout are:

Faron Apauty (Anadarko, Okla.)
Anthony Aresco (Stoneham, Mass.)
Ryan Barnes (Lehi, Utah)
Addison Beutler (West Valley, Utah)
Danial Centeno (Salem, Utah)
Dylan Elmer (Machesney Park, Ill.)
Miles Froese (Heyworth, Ill.)
Collin Hopkins (Decatur, Ill.)
Tyler Johnson (Union, Mo.)
Zachery Lach (Frankenmuth, Mich.)
Michael Lewis (Amboy, Minn.)
Jonathan Lynch (Cape Girardeau, Mo.)
Lorenzo Melendez (El Paso, Tex.)
Jordan Mellen (Payson, Utah)
Mauro Olivarria (San Diego, Calif.)
Brent Royce (Lake Crystal, Minn.)
Jerlin Rutt (Bernville Pa.)
Jake Rutt (Ephrata, Pa.)
Nicholas Serrato (Corona, Calif.)
Austin Tuttle (Payson, Utah)
Gabriel Valdivia (Beaumont, Calif.)
Dakota Wells (San Luis Obispo, Calif.)
Parker Wood (West Valley City, Utah)
Justin Wurtz (New Haven, Mo.)
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