

Going to the Xtreme for Two Decades:

Xtreme Impact Softball of Virginia

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Xtreme Impact Softball was formed over 20 years ago in Northern Virginia by Alan and Dale Hickerson. The team has enjoyed many years of success in league play and also on the tournament circuit. Over time there have been numerous changes in personnel, but the management of the team has remained constant. Recently Alan retired and left the management of the team to Dale. Upon Alan's retirement the decision was made to operate the team solely as a league team, competing in the highest division of play offered in Prince William County.

large portion of the current roster. Working around the infield we have Tim Love and Steve Sharbaugh as one of the most experienced and versatile pitching duos in Virginia. Both of them not only provide quality pitching, but consistency at the plate. First base will be manned by one of the best young players in the area offensively and defensively, Ricky Moyers. The new second baseman is Linwood Johnson, a talented player who is more than capable of playing any position on the field. Once again, Justin Viar will be the shortstop. He is one of the most experienced players in the area and provides great leadership and a hard working, positive attitude to the team. The



Last season, Xtreme Impact enjoyed one of its best seasons in recent memory capturing the Division 1 Championship in Manassas before falling in a closely contested battle with Shannon Auto Sales (the Division 1 Champion from Woodbridge) in the Prince William County Championships. Major contributors to the success of the team last season are as follows: MVP- Justin Viar; HR Leader- Frankie Hogan; Silver Slugger award winners – Ricky Hoffman and Gary Brown. Other players who played a large part in last season's success are: Dion Smith, Sean Smith, Mike Ragan, Josh Little, Tim Love and Ricky Moyers.

The success of last season, along with the accomplishments of several players on the Coed tournament scene, has prompted a decision to play men's tournaments on a full time basis again. The core of the team has captured several state championships while playing Coed over the last few seasons and an NSA Coed World Series Championship in 2009.

The roster for the 2010 season is shaping up to be a very strong group of experienced players. Managing the team will be Dale Hickerson, one of the original founders of Xtreme Impact, and Willard Viar. Willard has managed men's, women's, and coed tournament teams in the Northern Virginia area for over 25 years enjoying success in all three, including the NSA Coed World Series Championship with a

outfield will be anchored by Frankie Hogan, Ricky Hoffman and Josh Little. Frankie is one of the most complete players in Virginia with a strong arm and great range in the field along with the ability to hit for average and power. Ricky is a great all around player who is solid in the field and at the plate, bringing an intense desire to win every time he steps on the diamond. Josh is the consummate team player, a consistent hitter and defensive player that will do whatever it takes to help the team win.

The team is enjoying relationships with two new sponsors this season, Buffalo Wild Wings and All Star Sports. Buffalo Wild Wings has recently opened a new location in Gainesville, Virginia and with their General Manager Rick Armstrong has graciously agreed to a partial sponsorship of our team. Based in Woodbridge, Virginia, All Star Sports has been a provider of uniforms and sports equipment to the Northern Virginia area for many years. Owner Brian Dull is one of the most dedicated supporters of adult softball in the area and we are Xtremely lucky to be associated with them this season.

We are looking forward to continued success in the 2010 season which will hopefully lead to great results in the USSSA Nationals and NSA World Series.