

THE WSL NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

If you wanted more softball bang for your softball buck then the WSL North American Championships in beautiful Panama City Beach, Florida is where you should have been for the twin weekends of championship softball. That's right, WSL made it possible to play two championships with one plane ticket and have the softball vacation of a lifetime. The PCB Sports Marketing group and the PCB hoteliers proved that when it's West Coast Florida softball, Panama City Beach is a great town. The value of the hotel packages made it possible to bring the whole family along.

Over the weekend of September 11th through September 13th the WSL 98MPH division took the fields and teams were also treated to the often imitated but never duplicated Bat Wars Rollin' Road Show. Teams could swing the latest and greatest in bat technology for FREE all day long. The following weekend of September 18th through September 20th saw the 1.20BPF weekend which drew teams ready to fight for the cash prizes, trophies and bragging rights.

Week one saw some stiff softball com-

petition as one hundred twenty-two teams representing five divisions took the field and laid it all on the line.

In the Men's B, it was Rope Masters who took the championship finals game over Eagle Bonding 19-7 for the win. Rope Masters defeated Chain Gang, All Army and EWS/SNL/Boombah to get to the final game. Runners-up Eagle Bonding fought their way to make it to the 'ship by beating Deep South/The Scene and losing the next game to EWS/SNL/Boombah by one run 29-28 sending them to the losers' bracket. Eagle Bonding bowed up and took care of Chargers/Worth, Team Kongo/Navy, All



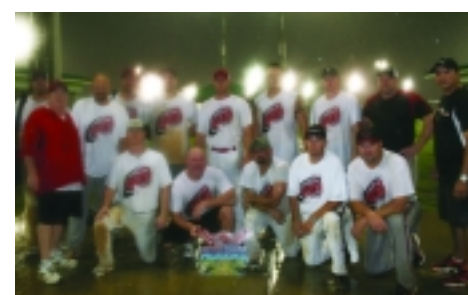
Just 1 More



Rope Masters



Off Regularly



Eagle Bonding



Tailgaters/Worth/Wampum Hardware



EWS/SNL/Boombah



Softball Times

Army, Deep South/The Scene and EWS/SNL/Boombah.

The final four for the Men's B were: 1. Rope Masters; 2. Eagle Bonding; 3. EWS/SNL/Boombah; 4. Deep South/The Scene.

All Tournament selections were: Ryan Robbins, Ryan Thiede, Kevin Bazat, Chad McLamb, Mike Rhines (MVP) - Rope Masters; Brad Barnowsky, Scott Hendrix, Jordan Reynolds - Eagle Bonding; Pat Hastings, Travis Clark - EWS/SNL/Boombah; Eric Johnson - Deep South/The Scene.

In the Men's C, Just 1 More were on a tear defeating Minneheha Liquor, EAP/B2Sports/Tiger/Easton, Cherokee, Frozen Ropes and on the first meeting with Off Regularly, defeated them 4-1. Off Regularly woke up the bats and came back the next game and defeated Just 1 More to force the if game. The if game would be a hard fought contest, but it was Just 1 More who would be the stronger team, taking home the win.

The final four for the Men's C were: 1. Just 1 More; 2. Off Regularly; 3. Tailgaters/Worth/Wampum Hardware; 4. Softball Times.

All Tournament selections were: Ryan Smith, Brandon Krown, Michael Noonan, Glen Shane, Todd Mazzier (MVP) - Just 1 More; Matt Bowling, Ken Scoby, Steven Lloyd - Off Regularly; Frank Renner, Chris Dedes - Tailgaters/Worth/Wampum Hardware; Josh Adams - Softball Times.

The Men's D saw a battle between VA Select and GK Properties for the win. The two teams played each other three times and in the end it would be VA Select who was the more solid team taking home the



VA Select



GK Properties

bragging rights for another year.

The final four for the Men's B were: VA Select; 2. GK Properties; 3. C-Town/Elite; 4. Pineapple Free Agents.

All Tournament selections were: Adam Foster, Brian Renner, Dwayne Hall, Tom Estep, Andy Shreve (MVP) - VA Select; Mike Magnum, Cason Mabre, Dustin Meeks - GK Properties; Chris Harris, Jason Pridgen - C-Town/Elite; Adam Shepherd - Pineapple Free Agents.

The Men's E bracket saw Sexton Construction defeating the Outlaws and the Jaycees before Exit 94 sent them to the losers' bracket to fight their way to the finals. Sexton Construction defeated



Works/Hooters, BCI, Driftwood, Freedom and Scott's Tire to meet and beat Triple Play/Transportation in the final game for the win

The final four for the Men's E were: 1. Sexton Construction; 2. Triple Play/Transportation; 3. Scott's Tire; 4. Freedom Softball.

All Tournament selections were: Justin Hash, Cameron Osborne, Caleb Byrd, Travis Tucker, Rick Tucker (MVP) - Sexton Construction; Alan Fugitt, David Toler, Earl Krill - Triple Play/Transportation; Scott Tidwell, Bronson Barber - Scott's Tire; Todd Couch - Freedom Softball.

The Women's bracket saw Team Arkansas defeat Doc's Lady Softball Softies in the championship finals, 12-7 for the win. Doc's Lady Softball Softies had a great run, defeating everyone they played until they met Team Arkansas who sent them to the losers' bracket, only to meet them in the 'ship.

The top results for the Women's were: 1. Team Arkansas; 2. Doc's Lady Softball Softies; 3. Lady Kongo/All Navy; 4. No Nada.

All Tournament selections were: Lauren Baker, Dara Tyler, Jamie Errington, Courtney Goodwin, Jaya Kirtley, Rhonda Vaughn, Tabitha Hulsey, Katie Scammerhorn (MVP) - Team Arkansas; Lindsey Ciullo, Toni Epps - Doc's Lady Softball Softies; Jene Heitzman, Sabra Gamel - Lady Kongo/All Navy; Bonnie Matthews, Gina Ruma - No Nada.

In the Men's C, Straceners/Printers Ink dominated the bracket by rolling over HLS Bonding, Ortho Associates, Russell's Paint & Body and Willow River Saloon/Village Inn/Fleet Feet, to meet the always tough Gutterworks/Tint on Wheels/3N2 Sports/Easton in the championship finals. Gutterworks/Tint on Wheels/3N2 Sports/Easton dropped their first game to LTB and then when on to beat Team Relapse, Tilton, Ortho Associates, McAlpines, Russell's



Paint & Body and Willow River Saloon/Village Inn/Fleet Feet to get to the finals. The championship game was all Straceners as they defeated Gutterworks/Tint on Wheels/3N2 Sports/Easton 11-2 for the trophy.

The final four for the Men's C were: 1. Straceners/Printer's Ink; 2. Gutterworks/Tint on Wheels/3N2 Sports/Easton; 3. Willow River Saloon/Village Inn/Fleet Feet; 4. Russell's Paint & Body.

All Tournament selections were: Matt Jones, Heath Hoard, Jay Smith, Jeff Roland - Straceners; Chad Helton, Bodie Shields, Chad Emberton - Gutterworks/Tint on Wheels/3N2 Sports/Easton;



Sexton Construction



Triple Play/Transportation



Scott's Tire



Freedom Softball



Jarod Evan, Jon Tolmage - Willow River Saloon/Village Inn/Fleet Feet; Adam Ferguson - Russell's Paint & Body.

In the Men's D Cross Seekers came through the losers' bracket defeating Get Some, LA Stokers, Riot Softball, SB Club and double dipped a very tough NC Softball/Worth to take the win home to Louisiana.

James Dudek of the Cross Seekers told us, "We are a team without a sponsor but we are currently looking for a company or organization to represent. We are a softball team built around Christian values. It was a hard fought tournament and without our entire team we would have never pulled this win off. We won by coming through the losers' bracket and having to beating a good NC team twice. Lukas Guidroz, Lucas Bychurch, Chad

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Team Arkansas



Straceners/Printer's Ink



Cross Seekers



Doc's Lady Softball Softies



Gutterworks/Tint on Wheels/3N2 Sports/Easton



NC Softball/Worth



No Nada



Willow River Saloon/Village Inn/Fleet Feet



NC Firefighters



Russell's Paint & Body



Softball Club

Zerigue and Trent Collinson all made the All Tournament team and James Dudek was granted the MVP. We enjoyed our experience in Panama City and look forward to coming back next year. We are proud and honored to have represented Louisiana the way we did."

Willie Medlin of NC Firefighters said, "Great tournament and it was run well at a beautiful complex in a beautiful city and the weather was great. We played hard but ran out of gas. We only had ten starters with one sub that was recovering from knee surgery. Finishing third was not bad after losing the second game winning six on Sunday before losing out. I would like to thank Gene White with White's Lawn Care for all the support he gave NC Firefighters. Travis Holloman and Jon Moore made the All-World team. All the guys played their hearts out throughout the weekend. Chris Brock and Andrew Goodwin played good enough to get All-World selections (we could only give two).

Danny Cloud of Softball Club had this to say, "Well as always, this is a great tournament and the time in Panama Beach was excellent. Our team, Softball Club of Memphis, had players there all week to

enjoy the beach, but the weather didn't cooperate too well early in the week. I arrived on Thursday and the weather was great the balance of the week. Softball Club finished fourth, even though we didn't play our best ball, we were finding ways to win. We finished five and two with very close losses to Cross Seekers and NC Fire, who finished first and third. There are a few things that could have been better. Overall, this is one of the best tournaments every year with WSL and the 1.20 version will continue to grow. I would like to thank WSL, Nathan and all of the people who helped put this tournament on. Great job and we will see you again next year."

The final four for the Men's D were: 1. Cross Seekers; 2. NC Softball/Worth; 3. NC Firefighters; 4. Softball Club.

All Tournament selections were: Lukas Guidroz, Trent Collinson, Chad Zeringue, Lucas Bychurch - Cross Seekers; Pete Graham, Jeremy Garner, Willis James - NC Softball/Worth; Jon Moore, Travis Holloman - NC Firefighters; Ryan Martin - Softball Club; MVP: James Dudek - Cross Seekers.

The Men's E bracket was decided by an if game between Team Arroyo and Scott's Tire. Team Arroyo came out of the box and beat Hitmen, So What/Miken, All Cargo, and Southern Chaos to meet Scott's Tire in the championship. Meanwhile, Scott's Tire

were undefeated coming into the final game by knocking out Team TP, Midnight Express, J&M Softball, and Doc's Softball to meet Team Arroyo. In the first meeting, Team Arroyo took the win 8-5 and in the championship game, it was Scott's Tire that took the trophy and forced the if game. The if was a great contest with each team battling for the win but after the last out it was Team Arroyo that was still standing. Third place was awarded to Hit & Run while fourth place was awarded to Southern Chaos.

Scott Smith of Team Arroyo told us, "We had a great defensive tournament. Our pitcher, David Daniels, was a major factor in this and was awarded MVP. We only gave up an average of five runs a game. Brent Lynch, Anson Blackburn, Jeff Brayko and Brad Clements made the All World Team. We have a group of guys that love the game of softball and have a great chemistry together. We would like to thank Bronson Arroyo of the Cincinnati Reds and our families for their support. Our experience at the WSL Worlds is one we will never forget."

Coach Mike Robinson from Hit and Run told us, "I would like to thank





God for allowing our team to play nine games without any serious injuries and allowing our players to get home safely. I would like to also thank Nathan Kendrick and WSL for a great tournament, Softball Magazine for the great coverage and the Crossfire Ministry Softball Team who shared a few minutes with us after the game. After losing our first game of the tournament our team had a choice to make: give up and go to the beach or get serious and play ball. I never had a doubt what the answer would be because of the quality of players we have. From the first pitch of our second game until the last at bat of the ninth game in which we lost 8-7 in extra innings. Our team battled giving up thirty-two runs in eight games. Our pitching and defense was unbelievable. I couldn't be any more proud of this team if we had won the tournament. The top three teams in the tournament looked evenly matched. I would like to congratulate Team Arroyo and Scott's Tire for playing a great tournament."

All Tournament selections were:
Brent Lynch, Anson Blackburn, Jeff Brayko and Brad Clements - Team Arroyo; John Harbin, Jeff Nolan, Zack Stevens - Scott's Tire; Johnathan Raspberry, Stormy Weathers, Bob Dorough - Hit & Run; Lance Henley.



Team Arroyo



Hit & Run



Scott's Tire



Southern Chaos

