

TEAM SPOTLIGHT

The Winning Ways of **TEAM 454/EMERALD CONSULTING/WORTH**

The season that began in Winter Haven, Florida ended in Orlando at the ESPN Wide World of Sports®. After a tough regular season conference schedule, it all came down to one game in the finals of the USSSA A Class World Series. Team 454 came in as the #1 seed and fought through some tough early games to make it to the Championship round on Sunday. Standing in their way was a team that kind of flew into town, under the radar screen in R&M Metals/Easton. R&M jumped on Team 454 early in the first game beating them in seven. That's when head coach and veteran Tim "Tiny" Taylor rallied his players and Team 454 captured the coveted Class A World Series 21-20 in a tightly contested final. Bill Rhew who manages several business enterprises based out of Winston-Salem, NC was a newcomer to the world of A Class softball. As a player and sponsor of Team East Coast Elite in 2010, Bill's team won the SSAA-A class Worlds and still sponsors a team in B class Called East Coast/Worth. What he did in 2011 was pretty remarkable as he not only played third base, but was also named the USSSA Class "A" MVP. It was quite a feat for Bill, but also for many of the players on the team who were named to the All Tournament team while capturing their first USSSA Class A title. As many of you know Worth launched a line of high performance bats with the 454 Titan technology. This newly designed bat delivers the largest sweet spot in softball and if you ask any of the players on the team they would tell you that it works! We still have two more tournaments left this season (Conference Championships and USSSA Major World Series) and the team is looking to close out the season with a strong finish. It's been a great season for Team 454/Emerald Consulting/Worth. I thank all the players and sponsors for their hard work and the time they spend away from their families. It's been a great ride this season and I look forward to competing next year in the Conference. This is Worth's third straight year as the bat sponsor for the USSSA Class A World Champs. It is a great testimony to bat technology that Worth continues to develop.



Here is the line-up for Team 454 that made it happen in 2011:

Bill Rhew (3B): Resides in Winston-Salem, NC. Played last season for East Coast softball competing in class B in North Carolina. His team won the SSAA Class B World in 2010. Bill had a great season and did something that was pretty impressive for a newcomer to the Conference. He may be the first playing sponsor to be picked as the USSSA A World Series MVP.

Mitch Mabe (1B): Resides in Mt. Airy, NC. Played last season for Doug Wood and Wood Law. Mitch also was a part of the 2009 T&R Stucco team that made a run to the Major World Series Finals finally losing to eventual champion Resmondo/Worth. This was Mitch's first A Class World and was also picked to the 2012 USSSA A Class All tournament team.

Kevin Bazat (SS): Resides in Columbia, MO. Played last year for Taylormade/Mizuno and anchored what was a pretty solid infield. This was KB's first A World title and he was also picked to the 2012 USSSA A Class All Tournament team.

Don Rogers (2B): Resides in St. Charles, MO. Played last year



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for the USSSA A World Champions GTL/Cartel/Worth. Don also played for Hubs Pub in 2009. Don is also a part time member of Worth's advisory staff. Don was also picked to the 2012 Class A All-Tournament team. This was Don's second USSSA class A World title.

Phillip White (MIF): Resides in Columbus, GA. Played for Logo early this year and came on board at the Music City tournament. "P-Dub" had an outstanding year for Team 454 and was picked as a member of this year's USSSA Class A World All-Tournament team.

Tyler "Noodle" Newill (MIF): Resides in King, NC. Played last year for East Coast softball in class B in North Carolina. This was Noodle's first Class A World title.

Kyle Moyer (C-DH): Resides in Tiffin, OH. Kyle played last season for The Scene/Worth. Kyle is a power hitting left hander that also works part time as a Worth advisory staff team member. This was "K-Mo's" first Class A World Title. He was also selected to the All tournament team for this year's USSSA Class A World.

Bubba Mack (OF): Resides in Milton, FL. Bubba is one of the hardest hitting young players in the conference. He played last year with GTL/Cartel/Worth as they made their run to a second consecutive A class world title. This is Bubba's second A World Title.

Brent Griffin (OF): Resides in St. Cloud, FL. Brent played last season for The Scene/Worth and was also a member of T&R Stucco in 2009. He had an outstanding year in 2011 and has one of the best arms in the conference.

Evan Gallmeier (OF): Resides in St. Louis, MO. Evan played last season for Midwest Swing and is one of the best up and coming center fielders in the conference. Evan had one heck of a tournament down at the "A" Worlds. He was also the picked as the Defensive MVP of the USSSA Class A World.

Kevin Johnson (P): Resides in Augusta, Ga. KJ is a veteran conference pitcher who played in 2010 for Logo Express. One of the most well liked guys in softball, KJ did the majority of the pitching for Team

454. This was KJ's first USSSA class A title and nobody deserved it more than him.

Cam Byars (P): Resides in Mechanicsville, VA. Cam pitched last season for East Coast softball and is also a solid left handed hitter. He shared the pitching duties this year with KJ and also had some big pinch hits for the team throughout the season.

Derrick Perkins (C-DH): Resides in Combine, TX. "Perks" played for Wood Law/Miken last season and is a solid Left Handed hitter with power.

Jess Maloney (1B-C): Resides in Clemmons, NC. Big Jess played for East Coast softball in 2010. He also played in 2009



for Johnny Blaze/Combat. Jess had two big pinch hit bombs in this year's USSSA Class A world series.

Tim "Tiny" Taylor (Coach): Resides in Glen Allen, VA. Tiny is a veteran coach that did an outstanding job leading T&R Stucco to the finals in the 2009 USSSA Major World Series. He also was a part of Dan Smith and Lighthouse staffs that won World Championships in USSSA, ISA and ASA. Tiny is one of the most well liked coaches in softball. He is a true "Players" coach and the players love him. This was his first USSSA Class "A" world title.

