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TPS Bests The Box in Return of Class A Modified

ASHWAUBENON – The first Wisconsin ASA Men's Modified Pitch Class A state championship since 2004 had a mighty familiar look to it.

As pointed out by tournament director Rex Mehlberg, except for a few players and a sponsor change, the championship game July 24 at the Ashwaubenon Sports Complex was a virtual rematch of the 2006 Amateur Softball Association's national championship final here between Dillinger's of Fond du Lac and TPS of Green Bay.

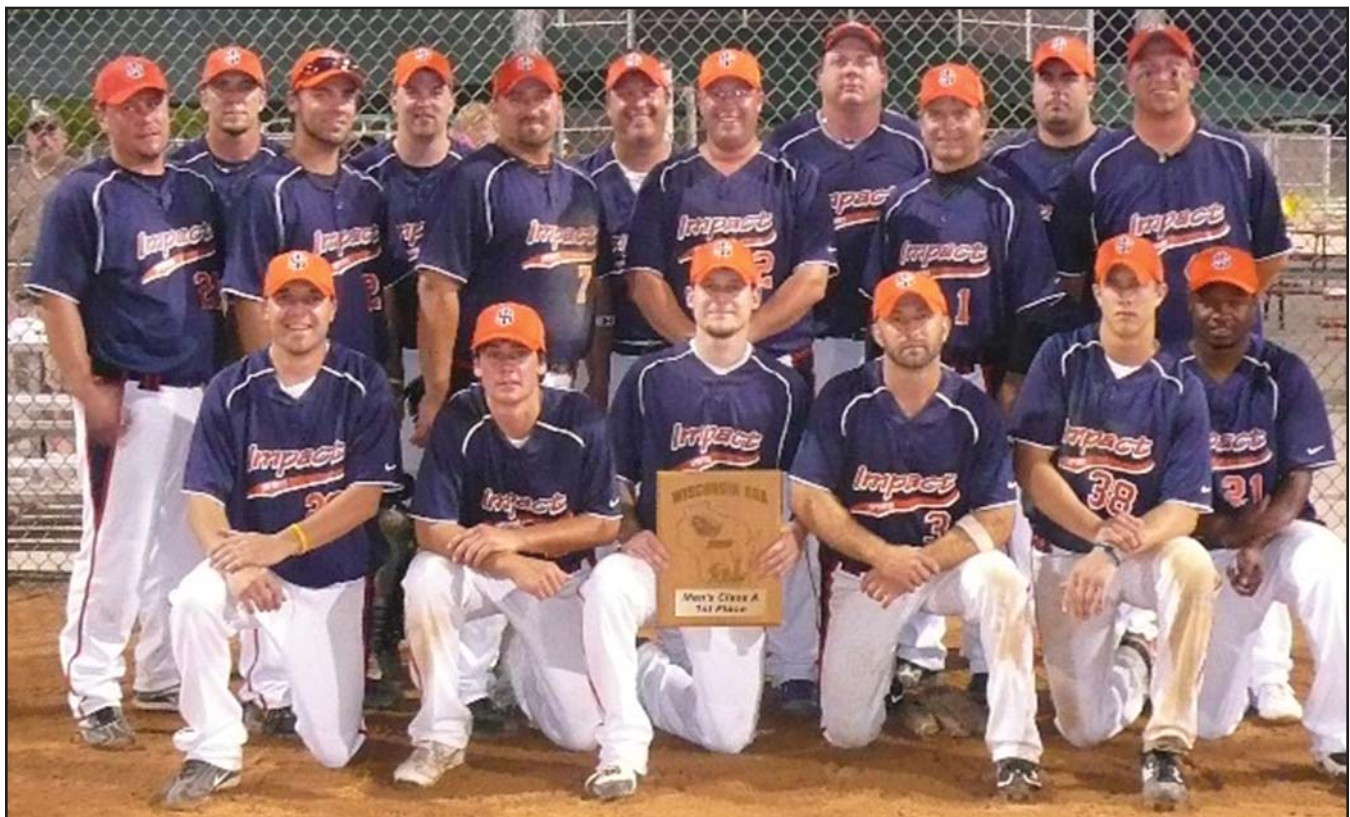
That 2006 contest went to Dillinger's 13-1 as the Fond

Men's Modified Pitch Class A

du Lac dynasty secured its third ASA national title in grand fashion.

But the story was much different in 2010.

TPS bested The Box of Fond du Lac, which featured
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TPS — Men's Modified Pitch Class A State Champions — (Front row, from left) Jeff Falk, Shawn Loch, Luke Mitchell, B.J. Eisch, Joe Mleviza, Ariel Durango, (middle row) Justin Haines, Jarod Jossart, Brad Wery, Mark Derozier, Roger Opperman, Jeremy Mengert, (back row) Travis Schultz, Jim Nighbor, Jess Senn, Jay Milward, Eric Anderson.

TPS

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many of Dillinger's old players and was skipped by WASA Hall of Famer Tom Rausch, twice on Saturday, 9-1 in the winner's bracket championship, and 6-4 in the clincher to take home their first WASA Class A crown.

TPS had won the WASA Class B event in 2003, also under the guidance of manager Jess Senn, while Dillinger's was piling up WASA Class A titles from 2000 through 2004, which was the last time this tournament had been contested.

The championship game was tight all the way with The Box getting off to a 2-0 edge after one only to have TPS respond with four in the third to acquire a tenuous 4-3 advantage.

Tourney MVP Eric Anderson then unloaded a two-run shot off WASA Hall of Famer Todd Albrecht in the fifth to boost the margin to 6-3, which was enough for winner Mark Derozier, who yielded a run to The Box in the seventh inning before closing out the 6-4 conquest.

The Box had slipped past Symba's of Green Bay 11-10 to secure their spot in the final game of the six-team event.

Symba's, which finished third at 3-2, had vanquished River's Bend of Green Bay, 5-3, and 2009 WASA Class B kings Press Box II of Fond du Lac 8-4 Saturday afternoon. Those victories followed a 10-6 setback to TPS in the morning in the eventual champions' opener.

Following the WASA Class A and B state tourneys, WASA modified pitch commissioner Paul Wagner revealed that the top three finishers in Class B, Jim Beam,

Goode's and Slugger's, would move up to Class A in 2011. That news should augur well for a larger field next summer in the state's elite level of modified pitch competition.

Meanwhile, as for now, in modified lingo, TPS stands for The Preeminent Squad.

2010 Wisconsin ASA Men's Modified Pitch Class A State Tournament

Final Standings

1.	TPS	Green Bay	3-0
2.	The Box	Fond du Lac	3-2
3.	Symba's	Green Bay	3-2
4.	Press Box II	Fond du Lac	1-2
5.	River's Bend	Green Bay	0-2
	Townline	Green Bay	0-2

All-Tournament Team

Position	Name	Team
1B	Eric Holder	Symba's
2B	Justin Haines	TPS
3B	Luke Loehr	Press Box II
SS	Charlie Bean	The Box
OF	Sam Flood	Press Box II
OF	Sean McCauley	The Box
OF	Mark Zimmerman	Symba's
OF	Joe Mleviza	TPS
Utility	Eric Anderson	TPS
Utility	Ariel Durango	TPS
Utility	Shawn Loch	TPS
C	Brad Dernbach	Symba's
P	Mark Derozier	TPS
P	Scott Hunkins	Symba's
P	Todd Albrecht	The Box

Most Valuable Player: Eric Anderson, TPS

Batting Champion: Art Adams, Symba's, .667



The Box - Men's Modified Pitch Class A State Runner-up

Jim Beam's 100 Proof in Modified B

ASHWAUBENON – Too much Jim Beam!

Such was the lament of 15 teams after the 2010 Wisconsin ASA Men's Modified Pitch Class B State Tournament at the Ashwaubenon Sports Complex July 23-25 ... and they weren't talking about the famous bourbon whiskey from Kentucky.

The Jim Beam in question here was the local ballclub from Ashwaubenon that poured across 74 runs in five games while going unbeaten on the way to their first WASA state title.

Manager Pat Wetzel's crew was definitely on the beam offensively as they outscored the opposition 74-49 and hit double figures in runs scored in every game other than their narrow 9-8 opening win Friday evening over Boehmer's of Green Bay.

Jim Beam followed that escape with two dominant triumphs on Saturday, 23-13 against Potter's from Hancock and 16-7 over Oneida's White Eagle.

These romps propelled them into the pivotal Sunday morning winner's bracket championship versus Slugger's of Wild Rose, who had rolled up 53 runs of their own in impressive conquests of Wagon Burners (23-4), Dogger's (14-8) and Doug's Sports Pub (16-9).

As expected (semi-credible sources allege the "outlaw" over/under number for the game was 25 1/2 runs), the offensive fireworks continued with Jim Beam emerging on top, 14-12, to secure a championship game berth.

Men's Modified Pitch Class B

The loss deflated Slugger's, who were subsequently handcuffed 5-1 by Goode's Tom Jewell, which sent the red-hot West Bloomfield bunch into the final against Jim Beam.

Goode's had lost at noon Saturday to White Eagle, 8-5, but worked their way through the loser's bracket with five consecutive wins.

They jumped off to a quick start in the championship duel with four runs in the top of the first but the Bourbon Boys caught up at 5-5 thanks to a three-spot in the bottom of the fifth.

Goode's regained the lead with a run in the sixth off winner Brett Wetzel which Jim Beam more than compensated for with seven runs in their half of the frame that salted away the eventual 12-9 decision.

The new champions, who went 0-2 here in last year's WASA Class C event, placed four men on the all-tournament team led by shortstop A.J. Phillips who was named tournament MVP.

He was joined on the honor squad by teammates Jake Mellen, who homered in the finale, Brett Krueger and Brett Wetzel.



Jim Beam — Men's Modified Pitch Class B State Champions — (Front row, from left) Brett Krueger, Chuck Ackley, Pat Wetzel, A.J. Phillips, Craig Brock, (back row) Kevin Hudak, Tyler Steenbock, Jeremy Gezella, Kevin Penza, Brett Wetzel, Ross Kinat, Tony Magestro, Jake Mellen, Austin Mannering.

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Class B State Tournament**

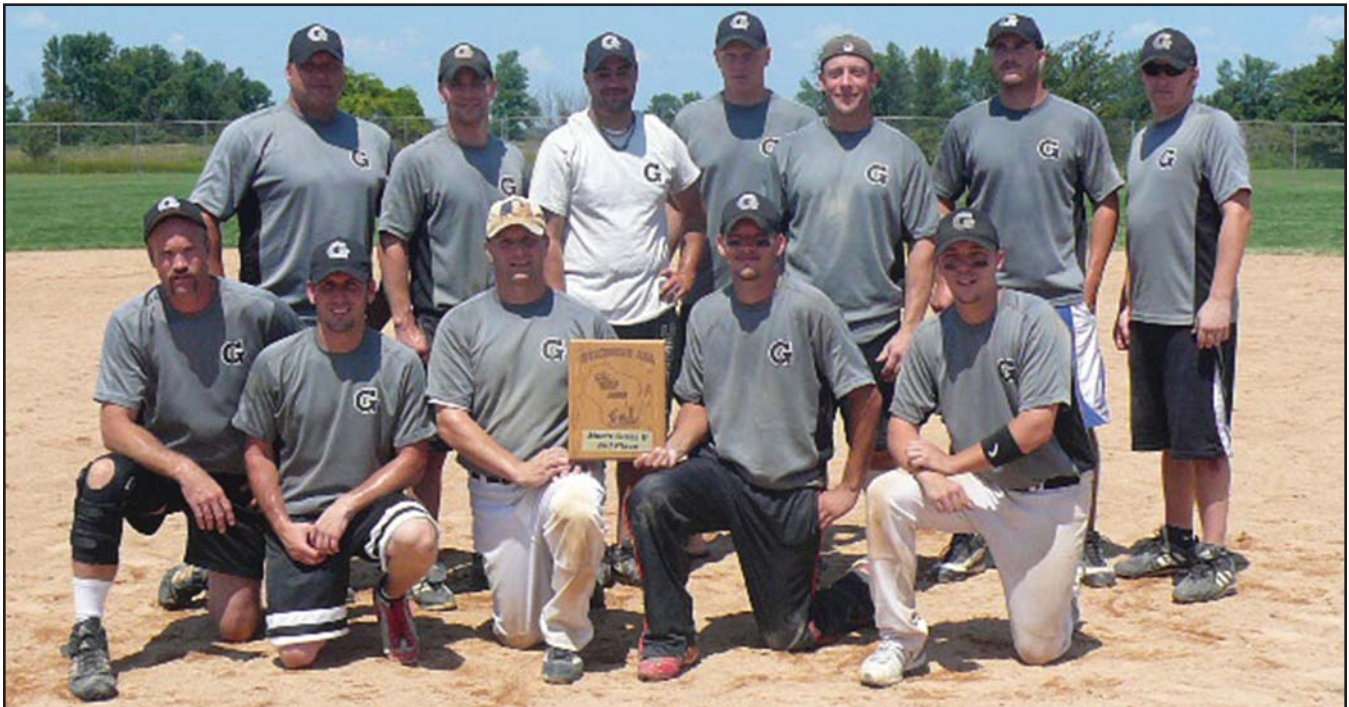
Final Standings

1.	Jim Beam	Ashwaubenon	5-0
2.	Goode's	West Bloomfield	6-2
3.	Slugger's	Wild Rose	3-2
4.	Johnson Concrete	Oneida	4-2
5.	Doug's Sports Pub	Plover	2-2
	White Eagle	Oneida	2-2
7.	Anduzzi's	Ashwaubenon	2-2
	Potter's	Hancock	2-2
9.	Sports Corner	Green Bay	1-2
	Sidekicks	De Pere	1-2
	Dogger's	Wautoma	1-2
	The Boneyard	Lena	1-2
13.	Fleet's	Oneida	0-2
	Boehmer's	Green Bay	0-2
	Wagon Burners	Oneida	0-2
	Shoot's	Little Suamico	0-2

All-Tournament Team

Pos.	Player	Team
1B	Jake Mellen	Jim Beam
2B	Brett Krueger	Jim Beam
3B	Dean Schoenhofen	Goode's
SS	A.J. Phillips	Jim Beam
OF	Adam Zahn	Johnson Concrete
OF	Jason Reetz	Potter's
OF	Rob Jezwinski	Slugger's
OF	Mike King	White Eagle
Utility	Ryan Blohm	Johnson Concrete
Utility	Andy Dilling	Slugger's
Utility	Scott Schuester	Slugger's
C	Jake Scriven	Anduzzi's
P	Tom Jewell	Goode's
P	Brett Wetzell	Jim Beam
P	Jesse Timm	Johnson Concrete

Most Valuable Player: A.J. Phillips, Jim Beam
Batting Champion: Scott Schuester, Slugger's, .768



Goode's - Men's Modified Pitch Class B State Runner-up

Milwaukee Softball Club Bites Venom Twice

STEVENS POINT – Four of a kind ... all wins!

That's what Milwaukee Softball Club/Dunn's Sporting Goods came up with Sunday, July 25 at Zenoff Park to win the 2010 Wisconsin ASA Men's Slow Pitch Class C State Tournament.

Following a 14-12 setback Saturday evening to Subway/Sheisty/Easton from Fond du Lac, the Milwaukeeans, then 1-1, came back 60 minutes later to shred Not Just a Café of New Richmond 11-2 to lay the groundwork for the next day's heroics.

After a morning deluge delayed Sunday's action a few hours, MSC/Dunn stayed alive with "must" wins against Multistack of Sparta, 15-8, and Subway/Sheisty/Easton, 16-15, to earn a crack at unbeaten Venom/Corners Inn of Janesville in the finals.

Venom went 3-0 on Saturday and was appearing in its second straight WASA state tournament final as the lone unbeaten.

In 2009, Venom lost twice to Cubby's of Downsville in the Class D finals at Lakeside Park in Fond du Lac and, sadly for them, 2010 turned into a case of, as Yogi Berra famously stated, "déjà vu all over again."

Men's Slow Pitch Class C

During the first championship match MSC/Dunn's eased out to a 9-5 edge after three, then pushed four more across in the fourth and ended it, 17-7, with a pair of tallies in the bottom of the fifth.

In the "if" game, Corey Kleeba hit three homers out of Cops Field, his only circuit shots of the weekend, good for five RBIs and veteran righthander Ron Vogedes stymied a defanged Venom on seven safeties as MSC/Dunn's waltzed to the title, 11-3.

The watershed win for MSC/Dunn's was the revenge game versus Subway in the loser's bracket final.

Subway carried a 15-11 lead into the bottom of the seventh in that clash but a determined MSC/Dunn's got off the canvas with five runs on seven hits to stave off elimination.

A lead-off tater by burly Adam Bobber ignited the rally and was followed by consecutive singles from Kleeba,

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Courageous Kyser Leads Carom Room to Class D Crown

STEVENS POINT – In athletics, champions quite often have to overcome the proverbial, and sometimes literal, punch in the mouth.

In Tim Kyser's case it wasn't a punch, it was a Worth Super Gold Dot softball.

Kyser, the sturdy pitcher for The Carom Room of Beloit, put on a jaw-dropping and jaw-breaking performance while leading his team to the championship of the 2010 Wisconsin ASA Men's Slow Pitch Class D State Tournament July 23-25 at Zenoff Park.

Kyser was struck in the face by a throw from the outfield while going into second base with a lead-off double in the second inning of Carom Room's semifinal battle with Carbo's Junction Bar from Amherst Junction on Saturday night.

The throw fractured his jaw and loosened some teeth but he fought through the pain and hurled Carom Room to a 9-4 victory.

The resilient Kyser was back toeing the rubber again on Sunday as Carom Room bounced Flipside Pub/Cargill of La Crosse 12-10 and 15-5 to capture the state title with a pristine 6-0 slate.

Men's Slow Pitch Class D

"Having Tim come back after the injury was huge because he was our pitcher and we only had 11 players," commented Carom Room's manager Jeff Lemmerhirt. "He was an inspiration for us."

Conversely, Flipside probably wasn't so thrilled to see Kyser. They roughed him up for eight runs in the top of the second during the winner's bracket championship to take a brief 10-7 lead but Kyser recovered to shut them out on two hits the rest of the way, retiring 10 in a row at one point.

Shaugh Evans' three-run blast tied it at 10-10 in the second and Carom Room scored the deciding runs in the last of the third on singles by Mark Wendtland, Ricky Turner and Joshua Ward followed by a bases-loaded walk to Mike Axon and Vinny Day's sacrifice fly.

Both offenses then took a siesta.

After the 12-10 defeat, Flipside/Cargill snapped Great

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Mike Schmid, Ron Reed and Juice Foster.

After a fly out, Rob Whitehouse singled to tie it at 15-15 and Ralph Hohndorf then singled in Foster with the game-winner to cap the dramatic uprising.

MSC/Dunn's sterling third baseman Larry Carleton was named Most Valuable Player after going 17-for-23, .739, with a home run and nine runs batted in while excelling at the hot corner.

"Larry was there every game for us," stated victorious manager James Moran. "He was our most consistent guy all tourney."

Bobber also had a huge weekend for the victors, hitting .667 and bashing out 8 homers while driving in 23, both tournament bests,

Even though MSC/Dunn's scored between 11 and 17 runs in each of their seven outings, Moran also commended his defense which surrendered only 8.4 runs per game, the sole defensive average below 10 in the powerful 10-team field.

What made Sunday's sweep even sweeter was that many of the new champions were members of the 2008 Bigalke's/Damage Control outfit that finished as Class C runners-up to Fleet Feet of Menomonie, dropping the final 9-8 in eight excruciating innings at Marshfield.

And, as a twice-bitten Venom can readily attest, finishing second isn't very much fun.



2010 Wisconsin ASA Men's Slow Pitch Class C State Tournament

Final Standings

1.	Milwaukee Softball Club/Dunn's	Milwaukee	6-1
2.	Venom/Corners Inn	Janesville	3-2
3.	Subway/Sheisty/ Easton	Fond du Lac	3-2
4.	Multistack	Sparta	2-2
5.	Cubby's Not Just a Café	Downsville New Richmond	2-2
7.	The Pump-Budweiser Buffalo Wild Wings	Solon Springs Chippewa Falls	1-2 0-2
9.	Top Hat/Barsness Ins. /Belt's Just Wanna Play	Stevens Point New Richmond	0-2 0-2

All-Tournament Team

Pos.	Player	Team
1B	Dan Sielaff	Milwaukee SC/Dunn's
2B	Jeremiah Salzman	Subway/Sheisty
3B	Larry Carleton	Milwaukee SC/Dunn's
SS	Dru Mickelson	Multistack
OF	Justin Foster	Milwaukee SC/Dunn's
OF	Robert Martinez	Subway/Sheisty
OF	Jeff Heberer	Subway/Sheisty
OF	Chad Morrow	Cubby's
Utility	Jason Ramsdell	Venom/Corners Inn
Utility	Travis Carothers	Venom/Corners Inn
Utility	Kris Beaumont	Venom/Corners Inn
Utility	Corey Kleeba	Milwaukee SC/Dunn's
Utility	Adam Bobber	Milwaukee SC/Dunn's
Utility	Jim Dreikosen	Subway/Sheisty
Utility	Dan Nading	Multistack
Utility	Jesse Lien	Multistack
Utility	John Hansen	Multistack
Utility	Justin Pettitt	Venom/Corners Inn
C	Wes Gaedtke	Subway/Sheisty
P	Justin Shramek	Multistack

Most Valuable Player: Larry Carleton, Milwaukee SC/Dunn's

Batting Champion: Jason Ramsdell, Venom/Corners Inn, .778 (14-18)

Home Run Champion: Adam Bobber, Milwaukee SC/Dunn's, 8

Class D

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River Harbor of Alma's five-game winning streak 21-14 to earn a rematch with Carom Room in the championship game as Dylan Pedretti drove in seven runs.

The title affair turned in the bottom of the third when Evans crunched a grand slam that gave Kyser a 9-3 cushion which was more than enough as all he gave up afterward was only a harmless solo shot to Pedretti in the sixth.

Carom Room put the game away with five runs in the bottom of the sixth that invoked the 10-run rule, 15-5.

Tanner Hendricks led Carom's 13-hit attack with three hits while Scott Klicko, Day and Ward added two apiece to augment Evans' bomb.

Todd Happel went 3-for-3 in the losing effort for Flipside and was the tournament's leading hitter with 16 hits in 21 at-bats, a gleaming .762 performance.

But, the Most Valuable Player, not to mention the talk of the tournament, was Kyser, who wasn't talking too much himself ... for obvious reasons.

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2010 Wisconsin ASA Men's Slow Pitch Class D State Tournament

Final Standings

1.	The Carom Room	Beloit	6-0
2.	Flipside Pub/Cargill	La Crosse	4-2
3.	Great River Harbor/ Big Tony's	Alma	5-2
4.	Cold Beer Softball	River Falls	4-2
5.	Carbo's Junction Bar	Amherst Junction	2-2
	Crow Bar	Tomah	2-2
7.	Goodwood	Beloit	3-2
	Johnnie's/Clyde's	River Falls	2-2
9.	Kim's Barrel Inn/ Disher Insurance	Stevens Point	1-2
	Impulse/Angelini's	La Crosse	1-2
	Caledonia Feed	Racine	1-2
	Bullpen Cantina/ J. Haas	Hudson	1-2
13.	BWW/Kozy Korner	Hudson	1-2
	Long Ball Bat Co./ Willow River	Hudson	1-2
	Holmen Legion/ FMB	Holmen	0-2
	Mike's Bay Town/ John Hall's Alaska	River Falls	0-2
17.	Menomonie CC/ Benson Electrical	Menomonie	0-2
	Mainstreeter/ Pedersen Tile	River Falls	0-2

All-Tournament Team

Pos.	Player	Team
1B	Brian Jung	Goodwood
2B	Dylan Pedretti	Flipside
3B	Josh Klein	Great River Harbor
SS	Bob Dana	Carbo's
OF	Todd Happel	Flipside
OF	Ben Vazquez	Great River Harbor
OF	Mike Axon	The Carom Room
OF	Brett Christopher	Goodwood
Utility	Shaughn Evans	The Carom Room
Utility	Ricky Turner	The Carom Room
Utility	Joshua Wood	The Carom Room
Utility	Shawn Pope	Great River Harbor
Utility	Jared Nemish	Flipside
Utility	Adam Snegosky	Cold Beer
C	Justin Podella	Flipside
P	Tim Kyser	The Carom Room

Most Valuable Player: Tim Kyser, The Carom Room
Batting Champion: Todd Happel, Flipside Pub,
.762 (16-21)