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Junior Olympic News

By Dale Ferron
WASA JO Commissioner

The 2012 softball season has once again shown an increase in registrations for the Wisconsin ASA's Junior Olympic program. We currently have over 12,070 individual registrations for 2012.

These numbers increase our 2012 youth team registrations to 2,777 teams. This is a slight increase over 2011. That means the WASA will have the same number of berths for the 2013 USA/ASA national tournaments as it did for 2012 if everything in the region remains the same. We should have five state berths and one regional berth.

We have also run another successful year of WASA State Championship Series tournaments. The SCS tourneys have provided the opportunity for our ASA teams to play in a tournament every weekend.

The Wisconsin ASA has added more youth teams to its program in the Seymour League, which includes numerous small towns in northwestern Wisconsin. We have also registered more teams in the north central area of the state. We will be looking



Players from the Jr. Phoenix and Wisconsin Bandits Black show off their plaques after a one-two finish in the 2012 ASA Junior Olympics Girls Fast Pitch Class A 16 & Under Northern National Championship July 30 - August 5 in North Platte, Nebraska.

to add more areas to the WASA family for 2013.

As usual, I want to take the time to thank my JO staff for all of its help during the 2012 season. I especially want to thank Dick Buskov, Dan Sonnenberg, John Peterson, Mike Mikalsen and Richard Damon for all of their help putting together packets for our teams and umpires.

I also need to thank Dick for his help with the ACE coaching schools. WASA has also increased the number of coaches attending ACE coaching schools, which include first-, second-, and third- year participants. This number does not include the number of coaches who took the ACE program online.

The number of ACE coaches has increased each year. Thanks, coaches, for your cooperation, and I hope the ACE program has helped you with some hints for coaching in the youth program.

I also need to thank Dick, Dan, Mike and John Roth for help at the SCS tournaments throughout the 2012 season. Between all of us we were able to attend all of the SCS tournaments.

I want to thank all the teams that've participated in our SCS and WASA state tournaments and the teams that advanced to play in the national tournaments. We have increased the number of teams playing in state tournaments. (See JO News page 19)

Wisconsin JO Team Finishes in ASA Nationals

Northern Nationals Class A

Age	Group	Team	City	Rec.	Place
12-U		Wisconsin Bandits Red	Fort Atkinson	2-2	4
12-U		Wisconsin Bandits Black	Mayville	0-2	5
14-U		Kaukauna Ghosts	Kaukauna	4-2	9
14-U		Junior Phoenix	Appleton	3-2	9
14-U		Kenosha Cyclones	Kenosha	2-2	13
14-U		Wisconsin Elite	Shiocton	0-2	33
16-U		Junior Phoenix	Appleton	6-0	1
16-U		Wisconsin Bandits Black	Horicon	7-2	2
16-U		Wisconsin Bandits White	Horicon	0-2	25
18-U		Badger Blitz	Baraboo	5-2	3
18-U		Seymour Flames	Eau Claire	2-2	13
18-U		Milwaukee Competitors	Milwaukee	2-2	13
18-U		Junior Phoenix	Appleton	2-2	17
18-U		Fastpitch United	Janesville	0-2	25
18-U		SW Wisconsin Storm	Dodgeville	0-2	25
18-U		Wisconsin Elite	Appleton	0-2	33

Eastern Nationals Class A

16-U		Wisconsin Elite	Appleton	0-2	33
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Northern Nationals Class B

10-U		Oshkosh Raiders	Oshkosh	3-0	1
12-U		Point Fastpitch	Stevens Point	9-2	2
12-U		Pride of Midwest	Jackson	3-2	5
12-U		Kenosha Cyclones	Kenosha	3-2	5
12-U		Kaukauna Ghosts	Kaukauna	2-2	9
12-U		Wisconsin Elite	Black Creek	2-2	9
12-U		Mosinee Extreme	Mosinee	2-2	13
14-U		Point Fastpitch	Stevens Point	1-2	13

14-U		Plover 14s	Plover	1-2	13
16-U		Point Fastpitch	Stevens Point	6-2	2
16-U		Wisconsin Renegades	La Crosse	4-2	3
16-U		Greenfield Ignitors	Greenfield	5-2	4
16-U		Xplozion 97s	Columbus	3-2	7
16-U		Green Bay Powerhouse	Green Bay	4-2	7
16-U		Monroe Lightning	Monroe	4-2	9
16-U		Mosinee Impact	Mosinee	4-2	9
16-U		Mada Fastpitch	Stevens Point	2-2	9
16-U		Xplozion Black	Columbus	3-2	13
16-U		Franklin Force	Franklin	3-2	13
16-U		Chippewa Valley Flash	Chippewa Falls	2-2	13
16-U		SW Wisconsin Storm	Platteville	1-2	17
16-U		Everest Fastpitch	Weston	1-2	25
16-U		Milwaukee Invaders	Franklin	1-2	25
16-U		Bordertown Bandits	Salem	0-2	33
16-U		Kaukauna Ghosts	Kaukauna	0-2	33
16-U		Seymour Flames Black	Eau Claire	0-2	33
16-U		Pride Midwest Blue	Jackson	0-2	33

Eastern Nationals Class B

14-U		Germantown Warhawks	Richmond	1-2	17
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USA/ASA Nationals

14-U		Oshkosh Raiders	Oshkosh	0-2	97
16-U		Wisconsin Firebirds	Oconomowoc	5-2	17
16-U		Kenosha Cyclones	Kenosha	0-2	97
18-U		Kenosha Cyclones	Kenosha	2-2	33
18-U		Wisconsin Lightning Black	Trevor	1-2	33

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ments and this year we had a total of 50 teams attend national tournaments.

Wisconsin teams once again are discovering that they can play with teams from across the nation.

I take my hat off to the players and coaches who dedicate this much time to the softball program. A great job was done by all of our Wisconsin teams and we hope to see an even better year in 2013.

Once again I was selected as the ASA rep for one of the ASA Northern National Tournaments. I was assigned to

Columbus at the Class B 16-U Northern National.

We expected to have around 30 teams but ended up with 47. A great job was done by the Xplozion Softball program and John Roth. They did an excellent job of handling the large number of teams. This was a great tournament!

Wisconsin had two teams that were ASA national champions: the Oshkosh Raiders in the 10-U Class B Northern Nationals and the Jr. Phoenix from Appleton in the 16-U Class A Northern Nationals. Congrats!

Also, we had numerous Wisconsin umpires work in these tournaments

and they did a great job.

The listing on this page shows how our Wisconsin JO Girls Fast Pitch teams finished in ASA Nationals for 2012.

I am currently working on the information for all of the SCS tournaments to be held during the 2013 season. I've posted the results for the 2012 WASA state tournaments and the information for the 2013 state tourneys will be on our web site at www.wisconsin-asa.org.

There is a change for 2013 as Wausau will host both the Class A and B state tourneys. Watertown will host the Class C state tournament.

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The Class A & B meets will be on opposite weekends for 2013. The extra day is only if needed.

The Class C events will be held the weekend of the national tournaments.

A team can only play in one of the state tournaments. Class B and Class C classification guidelines will be enforced.

I'm looking forward to these sites running great tournaments.

I want to thank Watertown, Wausau and Baraboo for the great job they did in hosting the 2012 state tournaments. The participation numbers were great this year and my hat is off to all three organizations for an outstanding job.

Watertown will also again be hosting the ASA National Qualifiers for the 10-U, 12-U and 14-U age groups.

The dates are June 14-16, 2013 and the information for these events and all of the ASA national tournaments will be placed on our Web site after I return from the ASA National Convention in Dallas around the middle of November.

There has been some interesting legislation proposed for the coming year and I will let you know of the changes when I return.

I will once again conduct ACE coaching schools around Wisconsin in 2013. The sites that have already been set are in the Salem area, De Pere and Lake Mills. These classes take about 1½ to 2 hours and feature extremely helpful videos. You can also take the test online at www.registerasa.com.

Please remember that if your team will be participating in ASA championship play tournaments, one coach must be ACE-certified (current year) and all other non-players in the dug-

out must have an ASA current year background check.

Please make sure you understand the following guidelines for your classifications. Class C is league teams with their league rosters. This means they cannot be league all-star teams and they will not be able to advance to any ASA national tournaments.

If teams dominate in Class B or Class C they can be moved up to Class A or B even though they meet Class B or C guidelines.

Also a player is eligible to play in only one state tournament per year.

Presently we are looking for more areas to become ASA affiliates. If you are interested in playing or officiating youth softball in Wisconsin please contact me by e-mail at: daleferron@charter.net

I hope everyone has a good winter, and we will see everyone in the spring of 2013.

Class A at Watertown

18 & Under

1.	Kaukauna Ghosts	Sherwood	6 - 1
2.	Kenosha Cyclones	Pleasant Prairie	5 - 2
3.	Wisconsin Bandits Black	Horicon	4 - 2
4.	Jr Phoenix	Appleton	3 - 2
5.	Badger Blitz	Baraboo	3 - 2
	Wisconsin Lightning Black	Trevor	3 - 2
7.	Wisconsin Twisters	Franksville	2 - 2
	Southwest Wisconsin Storm	Mineral Point	2 - 2
9.	Racine Belles	Racine	2 - 2
	Franklin Force	Franklin	1 - 2
	Wisconsin Elite	Appleton	2 - 2
	Pride Of The Midwest White	Hales Corners	2 - 2
13.	Milwaukee Competitors	So. Milwaukee	0 - 2
	New Berlin Magic	New Berlin	1 - 2
	Seymour Flames Black	Eau Claire	0 - 2
	Toxic Fastpitch	Janesville	1 - 2
17.	Fastpitch United	Janesville	0 - 2
	Waukesha Hurricanes	Waukesha	0 - 2
	Wisconsin Firebirds	Mukwonago	0 - 2

16 & Under

1.	Wisconsin Firebirds	Oconomowoc	5 - 0
2.	Jr Phoenix	Appleton	6 - 2
3.	Wisconsin Bandits Black	Horicon	3 - 2
4.	Wisconsin Lightning Silver	Union Grove	3 - 2
5.	Kenosha Cyclones	Pleasant Prairie	3 - 2
	Wisconsin Bandits Red	Jackson	2 - 2
7.	Wisconsin Lightning Black	Salem	3 - 2
	Wisconsin Elite	Appleton	3 - 2
9.	Sussex Sun Devils	Pewaukee	1 - 2
	Menomonee Falls Angels	Menom. Falls	1 - 2
	Racine Belles	Racine	2 - 2
	Wisconsin Bandits White	Waupun	1 - 2
13.	Wisconsin Twisters	Oak Creek	1 - 2
	Fondy Fusion Silver	Mt Calvary	1 - 2
	Wisconsin Skilz	New Berlin	0 - 2
	Fondy Fusion Black	Fond Du Lac	1 - 2
17.	Screamers	Beloit	0 - 2
	Wisconsin Wildfire	Green Bay	0 - 2
	Watertown Thunder	Watertown	0 - 2

14 & Under

1.	Kenosha Cyclones	Bristol	5 - 0
2.	Kaukauna Ghosts	Sherwood	6 - 2
3.	Oshkosh Raiders Black	Oshkosh	3 - 2
4.	Junior Phoenix	Appleton	3 - 2
5.	Wisconsin Lightning	Burlington	2 - 2
	Watertown Thunder	Watertown	3 - 2
7.	Wisconsin Elite	Kimberly	2 - 2
	Fondy Fusion	Fond Du Lac	2 - 2
9.	Falls Angels 98	Menom. Falls	1 - 2
	New Berlin Magic	Greenfield	1 - 2
	Wisconsin Bandits Black	Horicon	1 - 2
	Wisconsin Bandits Red	Oshkosh	1 - 2
13.	Firebirds 97	Muskego	0 - 2
	Waukesha Blazers White	Waukesha	0 - 2
	Jefferson Rippers	Jefferson	0 - 2
	Wisconsin Twisters	Franksville	0 - 2

12 & Under

1.	Xplozion Orange	Columbus	7 - 1
2.	Wisconsin Bandits Red	Fort Atkinson	3 - 2
3.	Wisconsin Bandits Black	Mayville	2 - 2
4.	Queen Of Diamonds Cb	Oak Creek	3 - 2
5.	Watertown Thunder	Watertown	2 - 2
	Queen Of Diamonds Ro	Oak Creek	1 - 2
7.	Wisconsin Lightning	Twin Lakes	1 - 2
	De Forest Sting	De Forest	0 - 2
9.	Merton Fillies	Hartland	0 - 2
	Wisconsin Twisters	Franksville	0 - 2

10 & Under

1.	Queen Of Diamonds	Milwaukee	4 - 1
2.	Wisconsin Lightning	Silver Lake	2 - 2
3.	Watertown Thunder	Watertown	2 - 2
4.	Screamers	Beloit	1 - 2
5.	Wisconsin Bandits	Cross Plains	0 - 2

Class B at Wausau**18 & Under**

1.	Plover 17s	Plover	3 - 0
2.	Everest Fastpitch	Schofield	2 - 2
3.	Chippewa Valley Inferno	Chippewa Falls	1 - 2
4.	Wausau Intensity	Wausau	0 - 2

16 & Under

1.	Wisconsin Renegades	La Crosse	6 - 0
2.	Kaukauna Ghosts	Kaukauna	7 - 2
3.	Point Fastpitch	Stevens Point	3 - 2
4.	Chippewa Valley Flash Gold	Chippewa Falls	3 - 2

5.	Whitnall Falcons	Whitnall	3 - 2
	Monroe Lightning	New Glarus	3 - 2
7.	Milwaukee Invaders Black	Milwaukee	4 - 2
	Mosinee Impact	Schofield	4 - 2
9.	Rapids Rage	Wis. Rapids	2 - 2
	Xplozion Black	Columbus	2 - 2
	Pride Of The Midwest Red	Brookfield	2 - 2
	Mada Fastpitch	Stevens Point	2 - 2
13.	Oshkosh Raiders	Oshkosh	2 - 2
	Southwest Wisconsin Storm	Mineral Point	1 - 2
	Greenfield Ignitors	Greenfield	1 - 2
	Chippewa Valley Flash Black	Chippewa Falls	1 - 2
17.	Powerhouse Fastpitch	Green Bay	1 - 2
	Pride Of The Midwest Blue	Brookfield	1 - 2
	Plover 15s	Plover	1 - 2
	Kenosha Cyclones Green	Kenosha	0 - 2
	Milwaukee Invaders (GLM)	Milwaukee	0 - 2
	Seymour Flames Black	Eau Claire	0 - 2
	Franklin Force	Franklin	0 - 2
	Milton Wildcats	Milton	0 - 2
25.	Green Bay Express	Green Bay	0 - 2
	Muskego Hornets	Muskego	0 - 2

14 & Under

1.	Point Fastpitch	Stevens Point	6 - 0
2.	Greenville	Greenville	4 - 2
3.	Xplozion 97	Columbus	4 - 2
4.	Plover 14s	Plover	4 - 2
5.	Greenfield White	Greenfield	4 - 2
	Kenosha Cyclones	Kenosha	3 - 2
7.	Pride Of The Midwest	Brookfield	3 - 2
	Freedom Irish	Freedom	4 - 2
9.	Mad City Crush	Madison	2 - 2
	Plover 13s	Plover	2 - 2
	Verona Cougars	Verona	2 - 2
	Shelby - W A Roosevelt	La Crosse	2 - 2
13.	Seymour Flames	Eau Claire	2 - 2
	Germantown Warhawks	Germantown	1 - 2
	Muskego Hornets	Muskego	1 - 2
	Eau Claire Fury	Eau Claire	1 - 2
17.	Wausau Intensity	Wausau	1 - 2
	Whitnall Falcons	Whitnall	1 - 2
	Everest Fastpitch	Schofield	1 - 2
	Hurley - Bell Chalet	Hurley	0 - 2
	Greenfield Ignitors Orange	Greenfield	0 - 2
	Tri - County Force	Chetek	0 - 2
	G'town Warhawks Fierst	Germantown	0 - 2
	Rapids Rage	Wis. Rapids	0 - 2
25.	Bay Port Lady Pirates	Bay Port	0 - 2

12 & Under

1.	Pride Of The Midwest Red	Brookfield	5 - 0
2.	Falls Angels Black	Menom. Falls	4 - 2
3.	Point Fastpitch	Stevens Point	4 - 2
4.	Greenfield Ingnitors	Greenfield	4 - 2
5.	Oshkosh Raiders Black	Oshkosh	4 - 2
	Plover 12s	Plover	3 - 2
7.	Luxemburg - Casco Spartans	Luxemburg	2 - 2
	Oshkosh Raiders White	Oshkosh	2 - 2
9.	Everest Fastpitch	Schofield	3 - 2
	Whitnall Falcons White	Whitnall	2 - 2
	Mosinee Xtreme	Mosinee	2 - 2
	Seymour Flames Black	Eau Claire	3 - 2
13.	Rapids Rage	Wis. Rapids	2 - 2
	Fox River Rush	Wrightstown	2 - 2
	Whitnall Falcons Gold	Whitnall	1 - 2
	Kenosha Cyclones	Kenosha	1 - 2
17.	Wisconsin Elite	Black Creek	1 - 2
	Kaukauna Ghosts	Kaukauna	1 - 2
	Mad City Crush	Madison	0 - 2
	Plover 11s	Plover	0 - 2
	Franklin Force White	Franklin	0 - 2
	Powerhouse Fastpitch	Green Bay	0 - 2
	Germantown Warhawks	Germantown	0 - 2
	Wausau Intensity	Wausau	0 - 2
25.	Pride Of The Midwest Blue	Brookfield	0 - 2

10 & Under

1.	Oshkosh Raiders	Oshkosh	4 - 0
2.	Tornados	Beaver Dam	4 - 2
3.	Plover 10	Plover	3 - 2
4.	Kaukauna Ghosts	Kaukauna	3 - 2
5.	Point Fastpitch	Stevens Point	1 - 2
	Seymour Flames	Eau Claire	1 - 2
7.	Germantown Warhawks	Germantown	1 - 2
	Everest Fastpitch	Schofield	1 - 2
9.	Falls Angels	Menom. Falls	0 - 2
	Whitnall Falcons	Whitnall	0 - 2

Class C at Baraboo**16 & Under**

1.	Superior Cougars	Superior	4 - 0
2.	Mad City Kaos	Madison	2 - 2
3.	Middleton White	Middleton	2 - 2
4.	Fort Fastpitch	Fort Atkinson	1 - 2
5.	Beaver Dam Tornados	Beaver Dam	0 - 2

14 & Under

1.	Darien Fuzion	Darien	5 - 1
2.	Waukesha Blazers Blue	Waukesha	3 - 2
3.	Greendale Panthers	Greendale	3 - 2
4.	Middleton	Middleton	2 - 2
5.	De Forest Sting	De Forest	1 - 2
	Superior Menace	Superior	1 - 2
7.	Stoughton Youth Softball	Stoughton	0 - 2
	Baraboo Thunder	Baraboo	0 - 2

12 & Under

1.	Mad City Kaos	Madison	4 - 0
2.	Edgerton Rip Tide	Edgerton	3 - 2
3.	Waupun Eclipse	Waupun	3 - 2
4.	Middleton Cardinals	Middleton	2 - 2
5.	Beaver Dam Tornados	Beaver Dam	1 - 2
	Green Bay	Green Bay	1 - 2
7.	Milton Diamond Hawks	Milton	0 - 2
	Baraboo Thunder	Baraboo	0 - 2

10 & Under

1.	Waupun Eclipse	Waupun	3 - 0
2.	Greywolf All - Stars	Sun Prairie	1 - 2
3.	Windsor Heat	Windsor	0 - 2



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On The Go



Sweet 16s: Point Takes 2nd at Northern National

By John Kempter
The Portage County Gazette

STEVENS POINT – The Point Fastpitch 16-U team finished as the runner-up at the 2012 ASA Girls Fast Pitch Class B 16 & Under Northern National Tournament in Columbus, Wis., August 1-5.

The team, made up of players solely from the Stevens Point league, started off 7-1 at the tournament, and then avenged its only loss with a 4-1 win over the Wisconsin Renegades of La Crosse to advance to the championship game on Sunday.

There, Point faced the Lady Irish, based in Adrian, Mich., and comprised of players from Michigan, Ohio and Indiana, and dropped a 4-0 decision to finish second out of 47 teams.

“It’s a credit to the league, and the community and the work ethic of these girls, (who) all play in a league in one town,” said Point 16-U Coach Tim Lange. “And when you go to these national events like this, you don’t play other teams that work under the same situation.

“And yet, we can go down to these venues and compete with the highest competition. It’s a great reflection of the league and the coaching, and the girls themselves.”

After going 2-0 in pool play, Point played its first bracket game on Thursday and used Leah Soik’s three-run triple and Gabby Strojny’s RBI double to highlight a five-run fifth inning as it went on to a 5-2 triumph behind Angela Lange.

Point then took on the Chippewa Valley Flash of Chippewa Falls on Friday, and its offense totaled 12 hits to lead the team to a 9-1 win in five innings.

Abby Rottier, Molly Williams, Soik, Strojny and Atlanta Gassman, who coach Lange refers to as the “Fab Five” after each hit between .415 and .475 during the travel season, combined to account for five of the nine runs, while Hannah O’Brien had three RBIs and two stolen bases and Angela Lange tossed a two-hitter for the win.

With a 4-0 record (counting pool play), the team returned to action on Saturday against Mada, also of Stevens Point, as they faced teammates and friends from high school.

Mada scored a run in the top of the
(See Point 16-U page 25)



Stevens Point Fastpitch – ASA JO Class B 16-U Northern National Runners-up: (Front row, from left) Molly Williams, Leah Soik, Angela Lange, Abby Rottier, (middle row) Atlanta Gassman, Hannah O'Brien, Gabby Strojny, Brianna Fluguar, Payton Hintz, Maggie Gruber, Janelle Nelson, (back row) Coaches: Justin Gassman, Kurt Strojny, Tim Lange and Frank O'Brien.

Point 16-U

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first but Payton Hintz drove in Gassman with an RBI single in the bottom of the frame to tie the score at 1-1.

Mada regained the lead with a two-out, two-run single in the third to go up 3-1, which it remained until the bottom of the fifth, when Brianna Flugaur had an RBI double to score O'Brien and Janelle Nelson followed with an RBI single to even the score at 3-3.

Point rallied again in the sixth as Gassman drove in Williams with a single to give the team a 4-3 lead and Lange set Mada down in order in the seventh to close out the victory. That left Point as one of only four remaining unbeatens.

"(It was) tight between good teams," said Tim Lange of the Mada game. "Games that involve teams from the same town, high school teammates and friends are always tough games. The girls from both teams really played with great intensity."

Later on Saturday, Point looked to avenge a loss from earlier in the season when it faced the WASA state champion Renegades, who handed Point its first loss at the state tournament in Wausau.

At the Northern National, the Renegades took a 1-0 lead into the bottom of the fifth when they scored twice to build a 3-0 advantage.

Point came back with a pair of runs in the top of the sixth on Gassman's two-run double, but couldn't get any closer and fell 3-2 to drop into the losers' bracket for Sunday.

There, Point met the Wyoming state champion Torrington Twisters and fell behind 2-0 in the top of the first

2012 ASA JO Girls Fast Pitch Class B 16-U Northern National			
August 1-5 - Columbus, WI			
Top 16 Finishers			
Place	Team	City	Record
1.	Lady Irish	Adrian, MI	5-0
2.	Point Fastpitch	Stevens Point, WI	6-2
3.	Wisconsin Renegades	La Crosse, WI	4-2
4.	Greenfield Ignitors	Greenfield, WI	5-2
5.	Torrington Twisters	Torrington, WY	4-2
	Saginaw Bay Lady River Dawgs	Auburn, MI	3-2
7.	Powerhouse	Green Bay, WI	4-2
	Xplozion 97's	Columbus, WI	3-2
9.	Monroe Lightning	Monroe, WI	4-2
	Mosinee Impact	Mosinee, WI	4-2
	Rochester Hurricanes	Rochester, MN	4-2
	Mada	Stevens Point, WI	2-2
13.	Northwest Illusions	Grand Island, NE	2-2
	Franklin Force	Franklin, WI	3-2
	Xplozion Black	Columbus, WI	2-2
	Chippewa Valley Flash	Chippewa Falls, WI	2-2
Other Wisconsin ASA finishers:			
17.	Southwest Wisconsin Storm	Platteville, WI	1-2
25.	Everest Fast Pitch	Weston, WI	1-2
	Milwaukee Invaders Black	Milwaukee, WI	1-2
33.	Bordertown Bandits	Salem, WI	0-2
	Seymour Flames Black	Eau Claire, WI	0-2
	Pride of the Midwest Blue	Jackson, WI	0-2
	Kaukauna Ghosts	Kaukauna, WI	0-2

before they exploded with eight runs on seven hits in the bottom half of the frame to go up 8-2.

That propelled the girls to a 10-2 victory as Gassman was 2-for-3 with two runs scored and three RBIs, Rottier went 2-for-2 with two runs scored, and Lange recorded the win in the circle.

Point then took on another Wisconsin ASA foe, the Greenfield Ignitors, immediately after and trailed 2-0 when it scored four runs in the bottom of the third highlighted by Soik's two-run double.

Greenfield scored a pair of runs in the top of the fifth to tie the game at 4-4, which it remained heading into

the bottom of the sixth.

With the time limit expired, Point's Nelson, Rottier and Williams each drew a walk to load the bases, and Soik followed with a walk-off single to lift the team to a 5-4 win.

Lange tossed a three-hitter and Rottier was 2-for-3 in the thriller.

That set up a rematch with the Wisconsin Renegades with a berth in the championship game at stake.

Point jumped out to an early lead, as it scored two runs in the top of the first to build a 2-0 advantage.

After the Renegades cut their deficit to 2-1, Point added single runs in the

(See Point 16-U page 28)

In the Long Run: Point 12s Rock in Rochester

By John Kemmeter
The Portage County Gazette

ROCHESTER, MINN. – After 13 games in four days, including nine in the final two, the Stevens Point Fastpitch 12-U softball team finished as the runner-up at the 2012 ASA Girls Fast Pitch Class B 12 & Under Northern National Championship in Rochester on Thursday through Sunday, Aug. 2-5.

Point lost its second game in bracket play in the double-elimination tournament, but came all the way back through the losers' bracket to advance to the championship on Sunday, where it had to win twice.

The girls knocked off the previously unbeaten Fairfield (Iowa) Crush 1-0 in the first championship game, but then suffered a 6-2 loss to Fairfield to finish as the Northern National runner-up.

"It was a marathon playing that many games over that last day-and-a-half," said Point Coach Dan Fink. "The girls were tremendous. They picked each other up and did an incredible job.

"Our pitching was very sound this weekend, and our bats really came alive throughout the tournament. And based on good defense and sound offense, we were able to be successful."

After splitting a pair of pool play games, Point opened bracket play on Friday by beating the Hutchinson (Minnesota) Blizzard 10-0 in five innings.

Point then dropped a 4-2 decision to Wisconsin ASA rivals, the Kaukauna Ghosts, and fell into the losers' bracket.

The girls responded with a 17-0 win over Zumbrota Mazeppa (Minn.) lat-

er in the day as Brittney Flugaur had three hits and Halle Pavelski, Maddie Fink, Paige Siclovan, Maggie Negaard, Claire Rogers and Sadie Adamski each added two hits while Fink struck out three in a no-hitter.

Fink then threw her second consecutive no-hitter in a 5-0 win over the Bloomington Blue Devils (Minn.) as Flugaur had two hits to lead the offense.

Flugaur and Megan Donahue then each collected two hits in a 4-0 win over Buffalo Hansen (Minn.) as Fink allowed three hits in the complete-game shutout.

In its fifth game on Saturday, Point remained alive with a 4-1 win over the Explosion of Hannibal, Missouri behind two hits from Flugaur, Donahue, Adamski and Emily Gruber while

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Stevens Point Fastpitch – ASA JO 12-U Northern National Runners-up: (Front row, from left) Haillee Godin, Maddie Fink, Paige Siclovan, Sadie Adamski, Maggie Negaard, Brittney Flugaur, (back row) Coach Chad Godin, Carly Fix, Megan Donahue, Halle Pavelski, Coach Dan Fink, Claire Rogers, Emily Gruber and Coach John Donahue. Not pictured: Jaden Duffin.

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Donahue struck out five and allowed three hits to earn the win.

In an 8 a.m. game on Sunday, Point scored three runs in the third inning and five more in the fourth on the way to a 9-4 win over the Kenosha Cyclones.

Donahue went 4-for-4, Gruber was 2-for-4 with an inside-the-park home run, and Fink and Siclovan each went 2-for-3 as Fink went the distance, striking out seven while yielding four hits.

Point then found itself trailing Venom from Salina, Kansas 3-2 heading into the bottom of the fourth when Rogers, Negaard and Adamski each had an RBI to lead a four-run rally as the team took a 6-3 lead en route to a 7-3 victory.

Donahue struck out six in a complete game victory, while Fink was 3-for-4 and Flugaur, Pavelski and Rogers each added two hits.

That left Point one win away from playing for the championship as it faced the LGSA Jets of Bartonville, Illinois for the second time after a 5-4 loss in pool play two days earlier.

Point was down 2-0 in the top of the third inning when Gruber, Negaard and Donahue each had two RBIs to pace a six-run rally as the team took a 6-2 lead and went on to win 10-3.

Siclovan and Fink both went 3-for-4 and Donahue, Flugaur, Negaard and Adamski each had two hits while Fink struck out six Jets in going the distance.

That sent Point to the championship game at 4 p.m. where it would have to beat Fairfield twice to win the

2012 ASA JO Girls Fast Pitch Class B 12-U Northern National

August 2-5 - Rochester, MN

Top 13 Finishers

Place	Team	City	Record
1.	Fairfield Crush	Fairfield, IA	5-1
2.	Point Fastpitch	Stevens Point, WI	9-2
3.	LGSA Jets	Bartonville, IL	3-2
4.	Venom	Salina, KS	4-2
5.	Kenosha Cyclones	Kenosha, WI	3-2
	Pride of the Midwest	Jackson, WI	3-2
7.	Warren Wave Silver	Gurnee, IL	4-2
	Explosion	Hannibal, MO	4-2
9.	Wisconsin Elite	Black Creek, WI	2-2
	Buffalo Hansen	Buffalo, MN	2-2
	Kaukauna Ghosts	Kaukauna, WI	2-2
	Missouri Fury 99	Foristell, MO	3-2
13.	Mosinee Extreme	Mosinee, WI	2-2

Northern National title.

The first game was scoreless in the fifth when Pavelski singled and stole second base. Gruber followed with a line-drive double to the gap in left-center to score Pavelski and give Point a 1-0 lead.

That proved to be all the offense Donahue would need, as she struck out eight and walked none in a complete-game, two-hit, 1-0 shutout.

Siclovan went 3-for-3 at the plate as Point forced the "if necessary" game for the Northern National title.

In its ninth game in 28 hours, Point took a 1-0 lead into the third inning where Fairfield scored three runs to go up 3-1.

The Crush added two more in the fifth and one in the seventh as it went on to a 6-2 victory and claimed the national championship.

"We may have just ran out of gas, as we could not bunch our hits together as we had in earlier games," said Dan Fink.

For the season, Point finished 33-10 overall, as it followed up a third-place finish at the Wisconsin ASA state tournament with its second place in Rochester out of 30 teams from eight states.

Along the way, Point outscored its opponents by a 77-28 margin in Rochester and won eight straight games to tie this year's Point 16-U squad for the highest finish ever by a Point Fastpitch team at the national level.

"We had a rough start at the beginning of the summer," said Dan Fink, "and I'm not sure we were quite a 'team.' And over three months, they really built themselves, became a family, finished each game, and really believed in each other and what we were trying to accomplish.

"We had 12 girls on the team, and each one plays a role very well. From the girls that were on the mound, to the outfielders, to the people that didn't get to bat a lot, we were a 'team' in the end. And I think that's what led to our success down the stretch."

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third and fifth innings, and went on to a 4-1 win to advance to the championship as Lange tossed a two-hitter in her third game of the day.

Point then had to play its fourth game in a row as it took on the undefeated (4-0) Lady Irish.

The Lady Irish used a pair of errors in the fourth inning to score two runs off Gassman and grab a 2-0 lead.

Meanwhile, the Point offense struggled to get anything going, as it was limited to two hits and fell 4-0 to finish as the Northern National runner-up.

“It was a really good effort,” said Tim Lange, whose team finished 8-2 overall in the tournament. “It’s always exciting to feel like you’re the under-

dog and have such a good tournament and surprise some teams.

“We had some teams that played us and thought it was going to be a cakewalk, until they got too deep in the game and they couldn’t climb back out again.”

The tournament was the last time a number of the girls will play together in the summer.

Due to age groups, most of them were on the same team every other year, and together they played in three ASA nationals, won an ASA state title and tied the current Point 12-U team for highest finish for a Point team in a national tournament, as this year’s second place surpassed the mark they set in 2010 when they placed fourth at the ASA Northern Nationals in Terre Haute, Ind.

Lange said that he and fellow coaches

Frank O’Brien, Kurt Strojny and Justin Gassman couldn’t be prouder of the effort the team put forth in Columbus and through the years.

“I think the biggest thing we’ll always remember is that we’ve known these girls since they were nine years old, and they have either placed first, second, third or fourth at state. And they’ve now placed second, fourth and fifth at nationals.

“I would say that with that whole culmination of success that we’ve had, my hat’s off to the girls, my fellow coaches, and then to the league.

“And I think that with the 12-U team doing the same thing we did, it just shows you that we’ve got another wave coming right behind us.”

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Plover – WASA JO 18-U Class B State Champions: (Front row, from left) Carly Lass, Lauren Jurgella, Nicki Henrichs, Morgan LaRosa, (second row) Laura Rafflik, Dani Brzezinski, Jenna Wasieleski, (third row) Anna Lensmire, Morgan Oppor, Heather Woyak, Taylor Smola, (back row) Coaches Kevin Rafflik, Mike Woyak, Jeff Oppor, Jim Smola. Not pictured: Nicki Hauser.



Stevens Point Fastpitch – WASA JO 14-U Class B State Champions: (Front row, from left) Regan Duffin, Sydney Alery, Jada Jaworski, Jordan Kaminski, Christonna Shafranski, Hanna Rottier, Carly Gruber, (back row) Coach John Gaber, Mallory Buetow, Payton Gaber, Shaylee Kluck, Sami Kay Shafranski, Haley Williams, Jordan Kawlewski, Daphne Sebree, Coach Mike Rottier and Head Coach Mike Duffin. Not pictured: Team Manager David Alery.