

**Central Athletic Association of the Deaf**  
66<sup>th</sup> Softball Tournament  
July 9 – 12, 2009

*Reported by Commissioner Bonnie R. Schwebke*

**2009 CAAD Championship**



Chicago Catholic Ephpheta - CCE



West Suburban Association of the Deaf - WSAD

The Central Athletic Association of the Deaf (CAAD) 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Softball Tournament was held at Normal, Illinois on the weekend of July 9 - 12, 2009. With temperatures topping over 80, the humidity moves in quickly and it actually makes the air feel hotter than it can feel like 90 degrees on Saturday, all teams in CAAD were in the dug out of things and played full schedule of games with about 2 hours of delay because of raining.

During the Championship game, it was an exciting game to watch CCE vs. WSAD. Persistently, WSAD was leading and managed to defend CCE with score of 7 - 4. According to CCE Scorekeeper, Terry DeBoer, CCE just choked with their batting at this game, but after CCE ignited the fire and it had energized their batting and won the Championship game with score of 27 to 3. The Most Valuable Player went to Kenneth LaVoy of CCE with 16 AB, 9 Hits, 9 RBI and 3 Homeruns. CCE Coach, Brian Fruits, coordinated CCE's games with only 1 loss and was awarded the Coach of the Tournament.

WSAD Women with brand new uniforms recaptured the Championship against Jacksonville. WSAD Women continued to have the power hitting and played well defensively. The Most Valuable Player went to Kara Gulyas of WSAD with 9 AB, 7 Hits and 7 RBI. The Coach of the Tournament was awarded Michelle Mendiola of WSAD with no loss and whipped all the games.

Pile on heat and humidity, and it gets worse, every single player contributes to a win, whether it's an amazing catch in the outfield, a sweet slide-by the plate, or a gap-shot double to bring in a couple runs, all players are a part of our to-date success with greatest Sportsmanship and all of those teams were battling fiercely to compete the best of their ability. There were a lot of exciting games to watch especially Jacksonville vs. GMAD (5 - 4), Chi-Town vs. Jacksonville (12 - 8), and WSAD vs. CCE (7 - 4), Jacksonville vs. Columbus (10 - 7) and Chi-Town vs. Jacksonville (7 - 3) that had our nailbitings. Here are the Awards results of CAAD.

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Men	CAAD	Women
CCE (Chicago)	Championship	WSAD (Chicago)
WSAD (Chicago)	Runner-Up	Jacksonville
Chi-Town (Chicago)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	GMAD (Milwaukee)
Jacksonville	4 <sup>th</sup> Place	
<b>Men 1<sup>st</sup> String All Stars</b>	<b>Men 2<sup>nd</sup> String All Stars</b>	<b>Women All Stars</b>
Nathan Jellison (CCE)	Joey Kutcha (CCE)	April Woods-Johnson (GMAD)
Darren Toman (CCE)	Bob Dramin (Jacksonville)	Becca Jansen (WSAD)
Ryan Gallagher (CCE)	Rush Beard (DAD)	Jill Bianco (WSAD)
Jonathan Veach (Chi-Town)	Mark Kijak (WSAD)	Meta Cucinotta (GMAD)
Steward Ferguson (Chi-Town)	Michael Morsoville (WSAD)	Sarah Faber (WSAD)
Chris Kuhn (Jacksonville)	John Cleary (Chi-Town)	Candance Sexton (Jacksonville)
Chris Barrett (WSAD)	Roger Reed III (Chi-Town)	MaryJean Shahem (GMAD)
Don Arocho - (CCE)	Joey Belford (Jacksonville)	Kaite Romano (WSAD)
Joe Putz (WSAD)	Ed Hoyt (Jacksonville)	Wendy Arendt (WSAD)
Albaro Cisneros (Chi-Town)	Rick Krakora (CCE)	Aleris Fraats - (WSAD)
Chi-Town (Chicago)	<b>Team Sportsmanship</b>	Jacksonville Deaf Recreation (JDR)
<b>MVP - Ken LaVoy</b>		<b>MVP - Kara Gulyas (WSAD)</b>
<b>Coach - Brian Fruits</b>		<b>Coach - Michelle Mendiola (WSAD)</b>

The results and scoreboard of CAAD Softball Tournament can be checked out at [www.caad.us](http://www.caad.us)

The highlighted of CAAD Meetings and Tournament are brief as follows:

- ❖ It was a sweet and short meeting of 2 hours and 40 minutes.
- ❖ A motion was moved and passed to have a flat rate to be referred to Law Committee.
- ❖ Deputy Commissioner, Jeff Cucinotta, promised that he and the Law Committees will clean up and to incorporate the motions into CAAD Bylaws from 2005 to present within 60 days.
- ❖ Three Law Committees appointed:
  - MaryJean Shahem of Pittsburgh
  - Johnny Parson of Ohio
  - Brandie Belford of Illinois
- ❖ CAAD discussed and voted on 3 proposals from NEAAD that will be moved at NSAD.
- ❖ An out of order motion was moved to have CAAD Softball Tournament to go back to Labor Day Weekend.
- ❖ One day or two days CAAD Softball Tournament was referred to Coach/Manager Meeting.
  - At Coach/Manager Meeting, it was voted to have 2 days tournament.
- ❖ The Champion Softball Field halted any of CAAD Teams to use USSSA Bats at this field after few games were played because of the Insurance specified and only allowed ASA Bats at this field.

Four teams of Chicago Catholic Ephpheta, West Suburban Association of the Deaf Men team and Women team and Chi-Town and possibly Jacksonville Women will have to keep swinging at National Softball Association of the Deaf this coming August 6 - 8, 2009 at Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

A round of high five slaps goes to Brandie Piper-Belford for her tireless efforts and put together to bring CAAD 66<sup>th</sup> Softball Tournament a great weekend.