

Central Athletic Association of the Deaf
63rd Softball Tournament
Cleveland, Ohio
July 14 - 16, 2006

Reported by CAAD Commissioner Bonnie R. Schwebke

The history repeated the magic formula of Chicago Catholic Ephpheta (CCE) and West Suburban Association of the Deaf (WSAD) Men teams. The women teams continued to have winning streak at the CAAD Softball Tournament hosted by the Cleveland Association of the Deaf. With temperatures topping 90, the humidity moves in quickly and it actually makes the air feel hotter that it can feel like 100 degrees, all teams in CAAD were in the dug out of things and played full schedule of games in our 63rd year of CAAD Softball Tournament.

CCE Coach, Charles Bright, orchestrated CCE with an advantage to stay ahead in all of their games and whipped WSAD with the score of 22 to 7. The Most Valuable Player went to Nathan Jellison of CCE, who had made 16 hits at 18 AB, 15 RBI and 8 homeruns with his batting average of .889 in his 6 games.

WSAD Coach, Julia Anderson, coordinated WSAD with the benefit to stay ahead in all of their games and lashed GMAD with the score of 22 to 2. Rachel Hamilton, the Most Valuable Player, had made 3 hits at 4 AB with 1 triple and 6 RBI and was given 5 intentional walks with her batting average of .750 in her 2 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 GMAD vs. Pittsburgh (8 - 7), Cleveland vs. Columbus (9 - 8), and WSAD vs. DAD (11 - 9) that had our nailbitings. GMAD won by one run with an error made by Umpire, the rivalry of Cleveland and Columbus had battled fiercely with only 1 run to the end, and WSAD won with 2 runs with an error made by Detroit.

All the players took precaution in these dramatic changes in climate except for one Umpire that had passed out due to heat exhaustion and was taken to Hospital by ambulance for an overnight observation and was released next day. Here are the results of CAAD shown below:

Men	CAAD	Women
CCE (Chicago)	Championship	WSAD (Chicago)
WSAD (Chicago)	Runner-Up	GMAD (Milwaukee)
DAD (Detroit)	3 rd Place	Pittsburgh
Cleveland	4 th Place	
Men 1st String All Stars	Men 2nd String All Stars	Women All Stars
Tim O'Jack (DAD)	Joey Hager (CCE)	Meredith Kiss (WSAD)
Chris Furzland (CCE)	Wilfred Noncent (WSAD)	April Woods (GMAD)
Ken LaVoy (CCE)	Tyrone Wilkins (DAD)	Jennifer Kutcka (WSAD)
Michael Morsoville (WSAD)	John Little (CCE)	Marika Kovacs- Houlihan (GMAD)
Andy Sliker (DAD)	Clayton Lowe (DAD)	Jill Bianco (WSAD)
Rick Krakora (CCE)	Daniel Pataky (Cleveland)	Lea Marcouiller (Pitts)
Chad Gustwiller (DAD)	David Copen (Cleveland)	Kim Becker (GMAD)
Mark Kijak (WSAD)	Jason Karolak (Cleveland)	Aleris Fraats (WSAD)
Don Arocho (CCE)	Pat Kuehn (CCE)	Amanda Kovacs (Pitts)
Albaro Cisneros (WSAD)	Daniel Johnson (Cleveland)	Meta Cucinotta (GMAD)
Paul Langlois (CCE)	Jeremy Nichols (Cleveland)	
Cleveland Assoc. of the Deaf	Team Sportsmanship	Greater Milwaukee Assoc. of the Deaf
MVP - Nathan Jellison		MVP - Rachel Hamilton
Coach - Charles Bright		Coach - Julia Anderson (WSAD)

Here is some of the highlights of CAAD Board of Directors Meeting are brief as follows:

- A good length of reasonable debating in regarding of NSAD not doing for the best interests of players:
 - Lack of two ways communication,
 - Clearly seen of NSAD motions are doing for their best of interest, not for the best interest of the players,
 - And several teams have no motivations to attend NSAD and felt it was unnecessary to be ENFORCED to pay NSAD Players and Team Entry Fees.
- Pittsburgh is pleading CAAD to take the action against NSAD in regarding of realigning Pittsburgh from CAAD to ESAD.
- Two CAAD Players are on ineligible list:
 - One WSAD Men player has less than 55 db in both ears.
 - One CCE player resided in ESAD and can not be another Free Agent to this team that already had one Free Agent.

Three teams of Chicago Catholic Ephpheta, West Suburban Association of the Deaf Men team and West Suburban Association of the Deaf Women team will have to keep swinging at National Softball Association of the Deaf this coming August 2 - 5, 2006 at Ontario, California.

High five slaps goes to Cleveland Association of the Deaf for their tireless efforts and put together to bring CAAD 63rd Softball Tournament a great weekend.