2018

American Legion World Series Record Book

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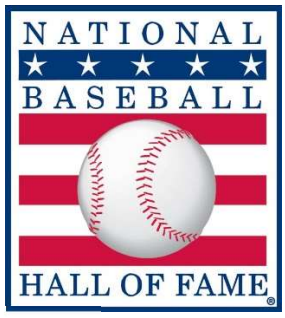


2018 ALWS schedule

THURSDAY – AUGUST 16
Senior Citizens Day
Game 1 – 10:00am – Mid-Atlantic vs. Central Plains
Game 2 – 1:00pm – Mid-South vs. Northeast
Game 3 – 4:00pm – Southeast vs. Great Lakes
Game 4 – 7:30pm – Northwest vs. Western

FRIDAY – AUGUST 17
Youth Academic Achievement Day
Game 5 – 4:00pm – Mid-Atlanta vs. Mid-South
Game 6 – 7:00pm – Central Plains vs. Northeast

SATURDAY – AUGUST 18
Military Appreciation Day presented by USAA
Special Salute to Women Veterans
Game 7 – 1:00pm – Great Lakes vs. Western
Game 8 – 4:00pm – Northwest vs. Southeast
Game 9 – 7:30pm – Mid-South vs. Central Plains

SUNDAY – AUGUST 19
Medical Community Day
Game 10 – 1:00pm – Northeast vs. Mid-Atlantic
Game 11 – 4:00pm – Great Lakes vs. Northwest
Game 12 – 7:30pm – Southeast vs. Western

MONDAY – AUGUST 20
American Legion Family Day
Game 13 – 4:00pm – Stars winner vs. Stripes runner-up
Game 14 – 7:00pm – Stripes winner vs. Stars runner-up

TUESDAY – AUGUST 21
Championship Tuesday
Game 15 – 7:00pm – winner game 13 vs. winner game 14

The American Legion Code of Sportsmanship

I will keep the rules
Keep faith with my teammates
Keep my temper
Keep myself fit
Keep a stout heart in defeat
Keep my pride under in victory
Keep a sound soul, a clean mind
And a healthy body.

ALWS matches Stars and Stripes

The 2018 American Legion World Series will salute the Stars and Stripes when playing its 92nd World Series (93rd year) tournament in Shelby NC.

The pool play tournament features the Stars Division (champions from Southeast, Great Lakes, Northwest and Western regional tournaments) and Stripes Division (champions of Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Mid-South and Central Plains regional tournaments).

The winner and runner-up of each division will square on Monday in semi-final play with the winners of the division playing the runner-ups of the opposite division.

Championship Tuesday will have the winners of the semifinals playing for the ALWS championship.

The current format is the sixth to be used by the American Legion to determine its champion since 1926.

On the cover

Top row: Jordan Patty of Midland MI; Shane Spencer of Henderson NV; Chris Powell of Lewiston ID; Jack Thomas Wold of Henderson NV.
Middle row: Henderson NV team celebrates championship; Shane Spencer, MVP.
Bottom row: Tom Steier, Omaha NE; Zac Luckey, Omaha NE; Logan Allen, Bryant AR; Will Hanafan Omaha NE.

2018 National Tournament Rules and Policies

Note: this is not a comprehensive document; this is just important information that may be of use to media. The tournament director has the full document

INTRODUCTION

1. All State, Regional and World Series games are seven (7) innings. 10-Run mercy rule after five innings of play or 4 ½ innings if the home team has the last at-bat.

2. Official Baseball Rules - Designated Hitter (DH) rule (pitcher only) will be used in tournament play as outlined in the Official Rules of Baseball.

3. The American Legion does **NOT** permit any type of re-entry rule or courtesy runner during tournament play.

4. The pitch count rule will be observed throughout all levels of tournament play (Department, Regional, and World Series). The winning team traveling to the next level of play must comply with the required rest days.

AGE	DAILY MAX	REQUIRED REST (PITCHES)				
		0 Days	1 Days	2 Days	3 Days	4 Days
Senior Program	105	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-80	81+

PITCH COUNT RULE – National Rule 1.R.

1. No Player may pitch more than a total of 105 pitches per day.
2. No Player may make more than two (2) appearances as a pitcher during any consecutive three (3) day period.
3. If a player returns as a pitcher in the game, he will be charged with another appearance.
4. No Player may enter the game as a pitcher unless having fulfilled the required rest days as mandated in the chart below.
5. Any pitcher may be removed from the pitching position and remain in the game at another position. However, a pitcher is automatically removed AS A PITCHER when a coach makes a second trip to the mound in the same inning, and that player cannot return as a pitcher in that game. Penalty for violating this rule by reinserting a pitcher: Forfeiture of the game if a protest is filed with the umpire in chief before the last out of the game.
6. American Legion Baseball does not follow Official Baseball Rule 5.10(m) – Limitation on the Number of Mound Visits per Game.
7. A day is defined as 8 a.m. to 8 a.m.

HOME/VISITORS DETERMINATION

To determine Home/Visitors for double elimination and pool play games 1 through 12:

1. A coin toss will determine Home/Visitors for all games. A daily coin flip will be conducted at the morning coaches meeting.

To determine Home/Visitors for double elimination games 13 and 14, and pool play semifinals:

1. The undefeated team in double elimination will have choice of Home/Visitors.
2. The divisional champion in each pool will have choice of Home/Visitors.

To determine Home/Visitors for double elimination and pool play championship game 15:

1. In double elimination play, a coin toss will determine the Home/Visitors.
2. If both semifinal winners are divisional champions, a coin toss will determine the Home/Visitors.
3. If both semifinal winners are divisional runner-ups, a coin toss will determine the Home/Visitors.
4. If teams are from the same division in semifinal games, the divisional champion will have the choice of Home/Visitors.

NATIONAL TOURNAMENT TIE BREAKER - Form #8

1. The American Legion is committed to giving each participating team an equal opportunity to win the tournament on the field. However, over the past nine decades we have experienced several game delays.
2. Rain, fog, hurricanes, power outages and other acts of God have required The American Legion and tournament personnel assigned to the tournament to take extraordinary measures to insure teams are given equal opportunity.
3. It must be understood that there are times in which a champion cannot be crowned on the field because of the weather. If rain or other acts of Mother Nature cause a serious delay in a game(s) or tournament. The Tournament Director is authorized to:
   a. Change the schedule and require teams to play games at a back-up facility.
   b. Move the tournament to another community (and ballpark) in order to complete the tournament.
4. If for unforeseen reasons we cannot crown a champion on the field of play or determine a "pool" winner, The American Legion will determine the winner by the following formula:

   If two teams remain:

   1. Head-to-head competition between teams
   2. Fewest runs allowed overall
   3. Most runs scored overall
   4. A coin flip

   If three or more teams remain:

   1. Fewest runs allowed overall
   2. Most runs scored overall
   3. Coin flip

Year-by-year attendance and title game results

Year	Site	Champion	Runnerup	Score	Final attendance	Total attendance
1926	Philadelphia PA	Yonkers NY Post 321	Pocatello ID	23-6	3000	6,600
1928	Chicago IL	Oakland CA Post 5	Worchester MA Post 5	12-2	3500	6,500
1929	Louisville KY	Buffalo NY Post 721	New Orleans LA	11-4	3085	7,569
1930	Memphis TN	Baltimore MD Post 81	New Orleans LA	10-4	3152	7,782
1931	Houston TX	South Chicago IL Post 493	Columbia SC Post 6	1-0 (14)	2100	9,100
1932	Manchester NH	New Orleans LA Post 132	Springfield MA	5-3 (10)	6550	31,555
1933	New Orleans LA	Chicago IL Post 467	Trenton NJ	7-6	5000	12,500
1934	Chicago IL	Cumberland MD Post 13	New Orleans LA	6-1	4500	17,500
1935	Gastonia NC	Gastonia NC Post 23	Sacramento CA	12-8	13000	28,900
1936	Spartanburg SC	Spartanburg SC Post 28	Los Angeles CA	8-1	20000	60,000
1937	New Orleans LA	East Lynn MA Post 291	New Orleans LA	13-5	8438	22,726
1938	Spartanburg SC	San Diego CA Post 6	Spartanburg SC Post 28	4-1	9000	48,500
1939	Omaha NE	Omaha NE Post 1	Berwyn IL	6-2	12800	34,600
1940	Albermarle NC	Albermarle NC Post 76	San Diego CA	9-8	13500	42,500
1941	San Diego CA	San Diego CA Post 6	Berwyn IL	5-3	3010	11,257
1942	Manchester NH	Los Angeles CA Post 357	Manchester NH Post 2	3-0	7100	17,595
1943	Miles City MT	Richfield MN Post 435	Springfield OH	3-2	4000	22,000
1944	Minneapolis MN	Cincinnati OH Post 50	Albermarle NC	3-2	7103	28,000
1945	Charlotte NC	Shelby NC Post 82	Trenton NJ	4-2	10250	41,250
1946	Charleston SC	New Orleans LA Post 125	Trenton NJ	3-1	4355	19,150
1947	Los Angeles CA	Cincinnati OH Post 50	Little Rock AR Post 1	3-2	5175	23,610
1948	Indianapolis IN	Trenton NJ Post 93	Jacksonville FL Post 9	4-1	5000	18,500
1949	Omaha NE	Oakland CA Post 337	Cincinnati OH Post 507	8-6	11168	45,727
1950	Omaha NE	Oakland CA Post 337	St. Louis MO Post 245	11-0	9162	34,775
1951	Detroit MI	Los Angeles CA Post 715	White Plains NY Post 135	11-7	4135	20,500
1952	Denver CO	Cincinnati OH Post 50	San Diego CA Post 364	5-2	4565	20,565
1953	Miami FL	Yakima WA Post 36	Winnetka IL Post 10	4-1	4044	19,650
1954	Yakima WA	San Diego CA Post 492	Gastonia NC Post 23	7-2	7142	40,269
1955	St. Paul MN	Cincinnati OH Post 216	Washington DC Post 31	10-4	2750	13,025
1956	Bismarck ND	St. Louis MO Post 245	New Orleans LA Post 345	8-3	3500	16,000
1957	Billings MT	Cincinnati OH Post 50	Portland OR Post 102	10-6	4963	21,950
1958	Colorado Springs CO	Cincinnati OH Post 50	Everett MA Post 176	12-1	1700	4,200
1959	Hastings NE	Detroit MI Post 187	Hampton VA Post 48	11-4	3700	23,615
1960	Hastings NE	New Orleans LA Post 125	Billings MT Post 4	9-3	3478	29,144
1961	Hastings NE	Phoenix AZ Post 1	Cincinnati OH Post 554	4-1	2036	26,140
1962	Bismarck ND	St. Louis MO Post 299	Honolulu HI Post 11	9-6	3614	20,200
1963	Keene NH	Long Beach CA Post 27	Memphis TN Post 1	5-4	3800	23,000
1964	Little Rock AR	Upland CA Post 73	Charlotte NC Post 9	3-1	2250	16,500
1965	Aberdeen SD	Charlotte NC Post 9	Omaha NE Post 1	2-1	3170	15,549
1966	Orangeburg SC	Oakland CA Post 337	Tuscaloosa AL Post 34	4-1	1800	19,248
1967	Memphis TN	Tuscaloosa AL Post 34	Northbrook IL Post 791	1-0	2769	22,821
1968	Manchester NH	Memphis TN Post 1	Klamath Falls OR Post 8	4-3	2350	17,743
1969	Hastings NE	Portland OR Post 105	Towson MD Post 22	4-0	2755	20,908
1970	Klamath Falls OR	West Covina CA Post 790	Levittown PA	10-0	3111	22,379
1971	Tucson AZ	West Covina CA Post 790	Cedar Rapids IA Post 5	16-1	2600	12,500
1972	Memphis TN	Ballwin MO Post 611	Memphis TN Post 1	4-3	3852	24,817
1973	Lewiston ID	Rio Piedras PR Post 146	Memphis TN Post 1	10-6 (10)	4437	23,677
1974	Roseburg OR	Rio Piedras PR Post 146	Lake Oswego OR Post 92	4-3	5194	30,182
1975	Rapid City SD	Yakima WA Post 36	Cedar Rapids IA Post 5	8-4	3649	27,054
1976	Manchester NH	Santa Monica CA Post 123	Des Plaines IL Post 36	7-6	3646	32,740
1977	Manchester NH	South Bend IN Post 50	Hattiesburg MS Post 78	3-1	3912	30,712
1978	Yakima WA	Hialeah FL Post 32	East Springfield MA Post 420	7-4	2352	24,605
1979	Greenville MS	Yakima WA Post 36	Barrington RI Post 8	13-6	2100	14,661
1980	Ely MN	Honolulu HI	Boyertown PA Post 471	5-4	1980	18,892
1981	Sumter SC	West Tampa FL Post 248	Richmond VA Post 361	6-5	2125	16,371
1982	Boyertown PA	Boyertown PA Post 471	Lafayette CA Post 517	14-8	6563	34,023
1983	Fargo ND	Edina MN Post 471	Boyertown PA Post 471	5-4	3761	27,433
1984	New Orleans LA	Guaynabo PR Post 134	Brooklawn NJ Post 72	7-6	524	7,765
1985	Kokomo IN	Midlothian VA Post 186	Sacramento CA	3-2	1695	15,328

1986	Rapid City SD	Jensen Beach FL Post 126	Las Vegas NV Post 8	8-2	1988	16,190
1987	Stevens Point WI	Boyertown PA Post 471	Vancouver WA Post 176	12-6	1344	11,268
1988	Middletown CT	Cincinnati OH Post 507	Boyertown PA Post 471	7-0	3759	19,423
1989	Millington TN	Woodland Hills CA Post 826	Guaynabo PR Post 134	11-5	561	6,585
1990	Corvallis OR	Mayo MD Post 226	Bayamon PR Post 48	7-6	3626	31,580
1991	Boyertown PA	Brooklawn NJ Post 72	Newark OH Post 85	5-3	3752	28,415
1992	Fargo ND	Newbury Park CA	Arlington Heights IL Post 208	10-0	2545	27,055
1993	Roseburg OR	Rapid City SD Post 22	Las Vegas NV Post 8	7-4	4790	34,306
1994	Boyertown PA	Miami FL Post 346	Chino CA Post 299	9-0	2639	21,466
1995	Fargo ND	Aiea HI	Bellevue WA	2-0	3546	24,403
1996	Roseburg OR	Yardley PA Post 317	Gonzales LA Post 81	6-3	4089	38,836
1997	Rapid City SD	Sanford FL Post 53	Medford OR Post 15	11-8 (7)	2651	24,525
1998	Las Vegas NV	Edwardsville IL Post 199	Cherryville NC Post 100	9-4	2562	22,015
1999	Middletown CT	New Brighton MN Post 513	Kennewick WA Post 34	11-5	2691	19,633
2000	Alton IL	Danville CA Post 246	Paducah KY Post 31	2-1	3225	13,731
2001	Yakima WA	Brooklawn NJ Post 72	Lewiston ID Post 13	5-2	2688	15,080
2002	Danville VA	West Point MS Post 212	Excelsior MN Post 259	4-0	1715	13,487
2003	Bartlesville OK	Rochester MN Post 92	Cherryville NC Post 100	5-2	2990	20,030
2004	Corvallis OR	Portland ME Nova	Kennewick WA Post 34	2-0	1339	11,905
2005	Rapid City SD	Enid OK Post 4	Pasco (Twin Cities) WA Post 34	7-6	3116	28,058
2006	Cedar Rapids IA	Metairie LA Post 175	Terre Haute IN Post 346	6-4	1988	18,082
2007	Bartlesville OK	Columbia TN Post 19	Eden Prairie MN	11-4	2951	23,220
2008	Shelby NC	Las Vegas NV Post 76	Pasco (Twin Cities) WA Post 34	5-1	3090	37,701
2009	Fargo ND	Midland MI Post 165	Medford OR Post 15	11-4	1867	15,579
2010	Spokane WA	Midwest City OK Outlaws	Eden Prairie MN	10-1	1200	13,000
2011	Shelby NC	Eden Prairie MN	Tupelo MS Post 49	5-4 (13)	5896	86,162
2012	Shelby NC	New Orleans LA Post 125	Brooklawn NP Post 72	4-0	5468	101,925
2013	Shelby NC	Brooklawn NJ Post 72	Petaluma CA	10-0 (7)	6836	104,726
2014	Shelby NC	Brooklawn NJ Post 72	Midland MI Post 165	18-0 (7)	7907	110,036
2015	Shelby NC	Chapin-Newbery SC Post 193/24	New Orleans LA Post 125	9-2	8826	117,072
2016	Shelby NC	Texarkana AR Post 58	Rowan County NC	8-6 (12)	8496	121,197
2017	Shelby NC	Henderson NV Post 40	Omaha NE Post 1	2-1	8324	120,924

Note: (# indicates innings of game)

2018 American Legion World Series Champions
Henderson NV

American Legion Baseball at the Baseball Hall of Fame

Five former American Legion baseball standouts stepped forward this past July 29 in Cooperstown NY and were inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. That brings the total to 77 now in the Hall with American Legion Baseball experience.

The fabulous five include third baseman Chipper Jones, first baseman Jim Thome, shortstop Alan Trammell and pitchers Jack Morris and Trevor Hoffman.

Hoffman played American Legion Baseball in his hometown of Anaheim, Calif. His totals after 18 major league seasons rank as some of the all-time best: 601 saves, a 1.06 walks and hits per inning ratio, 9.36 strikeouts per nine innings and a 2.87 career ERA.

Jones played American Legion Baseball for Post 6 in Deland, Fla., from 1986-1989. Jones's 19-year career with the Atlanta Braves featured eight All-Star Game appearances, a National League Most Valuable Player award in 1999 and a World Series title in 1995. The third baseman was named the 2000 American Legion Baseball Graduate of the Year.

Thome played Legion Baseball for Bartonville Limestone Post 979 in Illinois and became a fan favorite over his lengthy professional career. He was a five-time All-Star and earned the Roberto Clemente Award, given to the player "best exemplifies the game of baseball, sportsmanship, community involvement and the individual's contribution to his team."

Morris had the most wins of any pitcher in the 1980s, 216, and made five All-Star appearances in his career. He also won four World Series rings, including three straight from 1991-1993. The right-hander played Legion Baseball for St. Paul, Minn., Christie de Parcq, competing against fellow Hall of Famers Dave Winfield and Paul Molitor. Morris was the 1991 World Series Most Valuable Player for the Minnesota Twins.

Trammell spent his entire 20-year career as a member of the Detroit Tigers, amassing 2,365 hits, 185 home runs and 1,003 RBIs. A six-time All-Star, Trammell led the Tigers to the 1984 World Series title, earning the World Series MVP in the process. Known for his stellar defense, Trammell earned four Gold Gloves. He was named the 1989 American Legion Baseball Graduate of the Year and played Legion Baseball in San Diego.

Top left: Chipper Jones. Top middle: Trevor Hoffman. Top right: Jim Thome. Bottom left: Jack Morris. Bottom right: Alan Trammell

Legion alumni in the Hall of Fame

1962 – Bob Feller, pitcher

1966 – Ted Williams, outfielder

1968 – Joe Medwick, outfielder

1969 – Stan Musial, outfielder/first base
Roy Campanella, centerfield

1970 – Lou Boudreau, shortstop

1972 – Yogi Berra, catcher
Early Wynn, pitcher

1973 -- Warren Spahn, pitcher

1975 – Ralph Kiner, outfielder

1976 -- Robin Roberts, pitcher
Bob Lemon, pitcher

1978 – Eddie Mathews, third base

1980 -- Al Kaline, outfielder

1981 -- Bob Gibson, pitcher

1982 -- Frank Robinson, outfielder

1983 – George Kell, third base
Brooks Robinson, third base

1984 – Don Drysdale, pitcher
Harmon Killebrew, first/third base
Peewee Reese, shortstop

1985 – Hoyt Wilhelm, pitcher

1986 -- Bobby Doerr, second base

1987 – Jim 'Catfish' Hunter, pitcher

1988 -- Willie Stargell, outfielder

1989 – Johnny Bench, catcher
Carl Yastrzemski, outfielder/first base

1990 – Joe Morgan, second base
Jim Palmer, pitcher

1991 – Gaylord Perry, pitcher

1992 – Rollie Fingers, pitcher
Hal Newhouser, pitcher
Tom Seaver, pitcher

1993 – Reggie Jackson, outfielder

1994 – Steve Carlton, pitcher
1995 – Richie Ashburn, outfielder

1996 – Jim Bunning, pitcher
Earl Weaver, manager

1997 – Phil Niekro, pitcher
Nellie Fox, second base

1999 – George Brett, third base
Robin Yount, shortstop/outfield

2000 – Sparky Anderson, manager
Carlton Fisk, catcher

2001 – Dave Winfield, outfielder

2003 – Gary Carter, catcher
Eddie Murray, first base

2004 – Paul Molitor, shortstop

2005 – Ryne Sandberg, second base
Wade Boggs, third base

2006 – Bruce Sutter, pitcher

2007 – Tony Gwynn, outfielder

2008 – Dick Williams, manager

2009 – Joe Gordon, second base
Jim Rice, leftfield

2010 – Whitey Herzog, manager
Doug Harvey, umpire

2011 – Roberto Alomr, second base
Bert Blyleven, pitcher
Pat Gillick, administrator

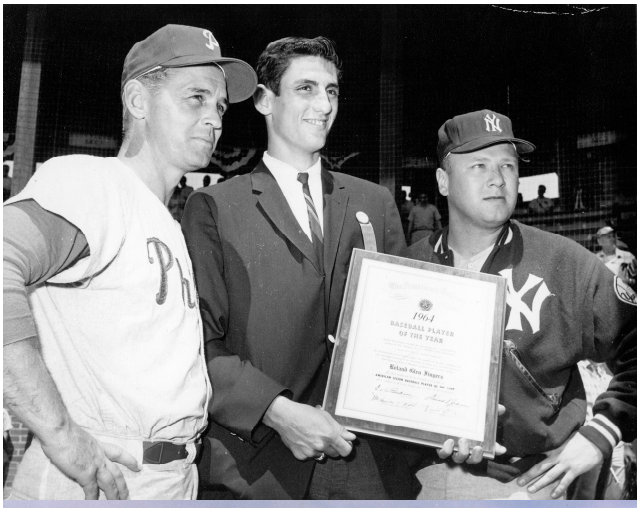
2012 – Ron Santo, third base
Barry Larkin, shortstop

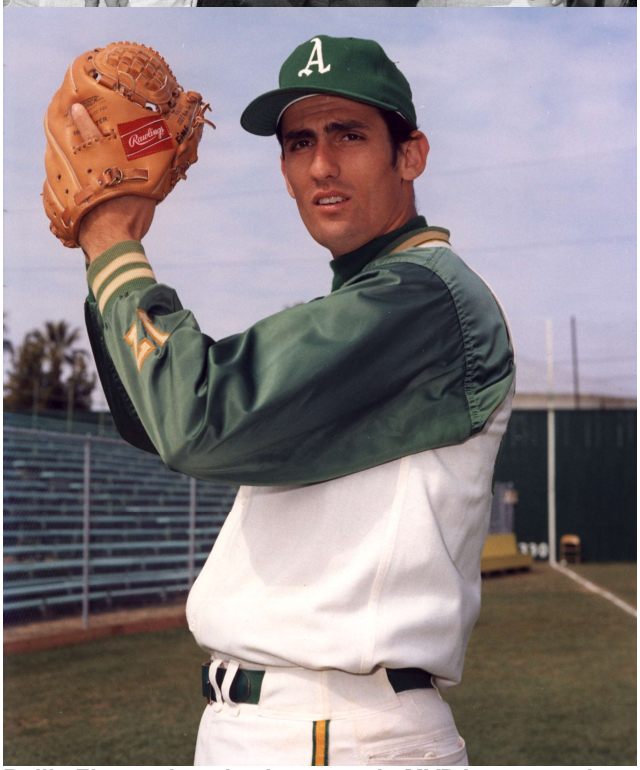
2013 – Bobby Cox, manager
Tom Glavine, pitcher
Tony LaRussa, manager
Greg Maddux, pitcher
Joe Torre, manager

2016 – Mike Piazza, catcher

2017 – Jeff Bagwell, first base
Tim Raines, outfielder
John Schuerholz, executive
Ivan Rodriguez, catcher

2018 – Chipper Jones, third base
Jack Morris, pitcher
Jim Thome, first base
Alan Trammell, shortstop
Trevor Hoffman, pitcher





Rollie Fingers is only player to win MVP honors at the American Legion World Series and the Major League World Series.

Left: Yogi Berra and above Bob Gibson were both Legion standouts.

Pitcher Brian Duensing is Legion Grad of Year

Former Omaha NE standout Brian Duensing is the 2018 American Legion Graduate of the Year.

The relief pitcher played for Omaha's Millard South and Post 374 and later played in the College World Series with the University of Nebraska.

Now in his tenth season, Duensing posted a 2.74 ERA over 68 games and pitched in the Cubs winning World Series season.

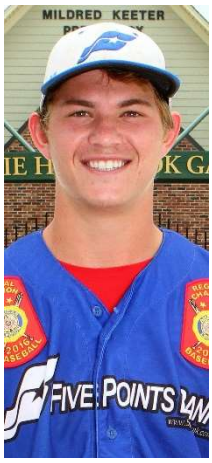
Off the field, he sponsored his former Millard South American Legion program and runs the Brian Duensing Foundation which supports families battling cancer or serious illness.

Previous award recipients:
1958 – Sherman Lollar, White Sox
1959 – no award
1960 – Ted Williams, Red Sox
1961 – Stan Musial, Cardinals
1962 – Bobby Richardson, Yankees
1963 – Warren Spahn, Braves
1964 – Brooks Robinson, Orioles
1965 – Gene Fisher, White Sox
1966 – Frank Robinson, Reds
1967 – Carl Yastrzemski, Red Sox
1968 – Mickey Lolich, Tigers
1969 – Harmon Killebrew, Twins
1970 – Dave McNally, Orioles
1971 – Steve Carlton, Cardinals
1972 – Al Kaline, Tigers
1973 – Johnny Bench, Reds
1974 – Wilburn Woods, White Sox
1975 – Carlton Fisk, Red Sox
1976 – Rick Monday, Cubs
1977 – Dave Winfield, Padres
1978 – Ron Guidry, Yankees
1979 – Mike Flanagan, Orioles
1980 – George Brett, Royals
1981 – Gary Carter, Expos
1982 – Jim Sunberg, Rangers
1983 – Andre Thornton, Indians
1984 – Ryne Sandberg, Cubs
1985 – Jeff Reardon, Expos
1986 – Dale Murphy, Braves
1987 – Don Mattingly, Yankees
1988 – Roger Clements, Red Sox
1989 – Alan Trammel, Tigers
1990 – Harold Reynolds, Mariners
1991 – Sid Bream, Braves
1992 – Terry Steinbach, A's
1993 – Bill Swift, Giants
1994 – Greg Maddux, Braves
1995 – Bob Tewksbury, Padres
1996 – Paul Molitor, Twins
1997 – Mo Vaughn, Red Sox
1998 – Tony Gwynn, Padres
1999 – Steve Finley, Padres
2000 – Chipper Jones, Braves
2001 – Todd Stottlemyre, Diamondbacks
2002 – Luis Gonzalez, Diamondbacks
2003 – Jeff Bagwell, Astros
2004 – Darin Erstad, Angels
2005 – Scott Rolen, Cardinals
2006 – Albert Pujols, Cardinals
2007 – Chris Carpenter, Cardinals
2008 – Justin Verlander, Tigers
2009 – Lyle Overbay, Blue Jays
2010 – Brandon Inge, Tigers
2011 – Corey Hart, Brewers
2012 – Mark Ellis, Dodgers
2013 – Chad Billingsley, Dodgers
2014 – Michael Cuddyer, Rockies
2015 – Alex Gordon, Royals
2016 – Cliff Lee, Phillies
2017 – Brian Dozier, Twins
2018 – Brian Duensing, Cubs

Above: the most recent American Legion Graduate of the Year Brian Duensing of Chicago Cubs, receiving his award from National Commander Denise Rohan

Below: Sherman Lollar of the Chicago White Sox. The first American Legion Graduate of the Year in 1958

2017 American Legion World Series all-tournament squad



Zac Luckey – NE

Jordan Patty – MI

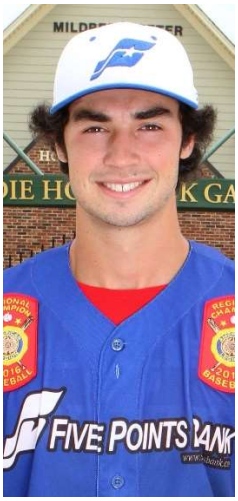
Roger Riley – NV

Jack Thomas Wold – NV

Peyton Williams – NC

Tommy Steier – NE

Will Karp – NJ



Will Hanafan – NE

Logan Allen – AR

A.J. Light – ID

Matt Stansky – MA

Josh Culliver – NE

Shane Spencer – NV

George W. Rulon American Legion Player of the Year

For over 25 years, George W. Rulon was the heart and soul of the American Legion baseball program. For his dedicated and loyal service to the legion program, the Legion's Player of the Year award has been named in his honor.

The announcement came from the legion's national commander Dale L. Renaud in a surprise presentation during the pre-tournament Banquet of Champions prior to the 1986 American Legion World Series in Rapid City, South Dakota. Rulon was very much surprised and somewhat emotional but not to those who follow youth baseball. It was a fitting tribute and honor to Rulon for a program he faithfully directed for a quarter century. Rulon died in January 1989, but his memory remains strong in the program he loved.

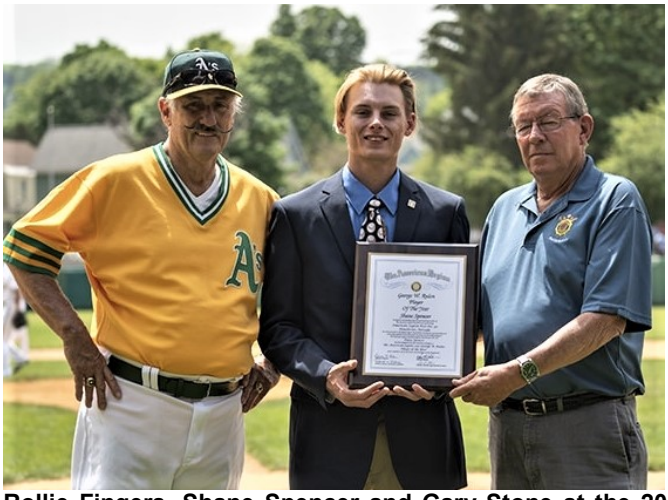
The yearly recipient of the George W. Rulon American Legion Player of the Year annually attends the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York. The player is honored in pre-game ceremonies at the Hall of Fame's Classic game at Cooperstown's Doubleday Field.

The selection of the Rulon award is made on the basis of playing ability, integrity, attitude, cooperation, citizenship, sportsmanship and general good conduct. The ALWS all-tournament committee selects the Rulon award from its all-tournament team members.

The 2017 recipient was Shane Spencer, pitcher from the championship Henderson, NV Post 40 team.

In his two starts at the ALWS, he went 2-0 with two complete games. He mastered Shrewsbury MA, 1-0 on a one-hit outing (only the twelfth in Series history). He followed that outing with another masterful performance in the championship game
. He shut down favored Omaha, 2-1 allowing just three hits and fanning six.

Previous recipients:
1949 – Ray Herrara, SS, Oakland CA Post 337
1950 – J.W. Porter, C, Oakland CA Post 337
1951 – Grover Jones Jr., C, White Plains NY Post 135
1952 – Russell Nixon, C, Cincinnati OH Post 50
1953 – Charles Lindstrom, P, Winnetka IL Post 10
1954 – Billy Capps, 3B, San Diego CA Post 492
1955 – Frank Birri, 3B, Cincinnati OH Post 216
1956 – Jim Harwell, P, New Orleans LA Post 345
1957 – Fred Fox, 3B, Cincinnati OH Post 50
1958 – Kiebler James, P/SS, Greenwood SC Post 20
1959 – Fred Bowen Jr., SS, Detroit MI Post 187
1960 – Dick Roniger, P, New Orleans LA Post 125
1961 – Jim Gerber, SS, Cincinnati OH Post 554
1962 – Bill Matan Jr., C, St. Louis MO Post 229
1963 – Dick Dash, 2B, Long Beach CA Post 27
1964 – Rollie Fingers, P/OF, Upland CA Post 73
1965 – Ken Fila, P, Omaha NE Post 1
1966 – Billy Parker Jr., OF, Tuscaloosa AL Post 34
1967 – Ray Larson, C, Northbrook IL Post 791
1968 – Donnie Castle, P/OF, Memphis TN Post 1
1969 – John Adeimy, SS, W. Palm Beach FL Post 12
1970 – Carroll Watts, SS, Tulsa OK Post 1
1971 – Randolph Haas, OF, West Covina CA Post 790
1972 – Michael Murphy, P/OF, Ballwin MO Post 611
1973 – Tucker Ashford, SS, Memphis TN Post 1
1974 – Edwin Lopez, OF, Rio Piedras PR Post 146
1975 – Dave Elder, P/OF, Yakima WA Post 36
1976 – Gus Malespin, OF, Metairie LA Post 175
1977 – Bill Schell, SS, South Bend IN Post 50
1978 – Ross Jones, 1B, Hialeah FL Post 32
1979 – Pat Allen, 2B, Yakima WA Post 36
1980 – Tom Gil, OF, Hialeah FL Post 32
1981 – David Magadan, 3B/P, W. Tampa FL Post 248
1982 – Ivan Snyder, OF/P, Boyertown PA Post 471
1983 – Mike Holloran, C, Edina MN Post 471
1984 – Jorge Robles, SS, Guaynabo PR Post 134
1985 – Tris Lipscomb, P/2B, Midlothian VA Post 186
1986 – Joe Grahe, P, Jensen Beach FL Post 126
1987 – Wilbur Stout, C, Boyertown PA Post 471
1988 – Mike Kessler, 1B/P, Cincinnati OH Post 507
1989 – Del Marine, C, Woodland Hills CA Post 826
1990 – Mark Foster, P/OF, May MD Post 226
1991 – Ryan Beeney, SS, Newark OH Post 85
1992 – David Lamb, SS, Newbury Park CA
1993 – Ben Thomas, 1B/P, Rapid City SD Post 22
1994 – Fernando Rodriguez, P, Miami FL Post 346
1995 – Jason Adaro, P/1B, Aiea HI
1996 – Christian Bourgeois, 1B, Gonzales LA Post 81
1997 – Nate Philo, CF, Medford OR Post 15
1998 – Chad Opel, SS, Edwardsville IL Post 199
1999 – Jeremy Roberts, OF, Rison AR Post 83
2000 – Josh Zender, P/OF, Blaine WA Post 86
2001 – Jay Threat, P/1B, Adrian MI Post 275
2002 – Ty Henkaline, P, Sidney OH Post 217
2003 – Jared Willis, 2B/SS, Logan WV Post 19
2004 – Nolan Gallagher, P, Red Lodge, MT
2005 – Fernando Irizarry, C, Cidra PR Post 76
2006 – Joseph Walsh, C, Weymouth MA Post 79
2007 – Blaine Drozd, P, Geona NE Post 263
2008 – Patrick Singletary, C, Henderson NC Post 77
2009 – Tyler Jacobson, IF/P, Pulaski WI Post 337
2010 – Charlie Drozd, C, Geona NE Post 263
2011 – Blake Schmit, SS, Eden Prairie MN
2012 – Emerson Gibbs, P, New Orleans LA Post 125
2013 – Anthony Harrold, 1B, Brooklawn NJ Post 72
2014 – Sean Breen, 2B, Brooklawn NJ Post 72
2015 – Justin Hawkins, SS, Chapin-Newberry SC Post 193/24
2016 – Will Smith, C/1B, Texarkana AR Post 58
2017 – Shane Spencer – P – Henderson, NV Post 40



Rollie Fingers, Shane Spencer and Gary Stone at the 2018 Baseball Hall of Fame ceremonies. Fingers was the ALWS Player of Year in 1964, Spencer, 2017 ALWS Player of Year and Stone is the American Legion national baseball chairman.

James F. Daniel Jr. Sportsmanship Award

This award was first presented at The American Legion World Series in 1956 and was named in honor of James F. Daniel in 1960. Daniel was the chairman of the Legion's Americanism Commission and was from Greenville, South Carolina.

Previous recipients:

1956 – Bill Oerdeing, Roseburg OR Post 16
1957 – Karl Haag, Portland OR Post 102
1958 – Scott Seger, Cincinnati OH Post 50
1960 – Robert Fry, Billings MT Post 4
1961 – Larry Staley, Phoenix AZ Post 1
1962 – John Matias, Honolulu HI Post 11
1963 – Oscar Brown, Long Beach CA Post 27
1964 – Joseph F. Moody III, Charlotte NC Post 9
1965 – William M. Oakley, Memphis TN Post 1
1966 – Buddy Plummer, Enid OK Post 4
1967 – Randall Ryan, Tuscaloosa AL Post 34
1968 – Lonnie Young, Timmonsville SC Post 47
1969 – William F. McCord III, Portland OR Post 105
1970 – Gil Stafford, Phoenix AZ Post 1
1971 – Michael L. Curran, Cedar Rapids IA Post 5
1972 – Mike Umfleet, Ballwin MO Post 611
1973 – Jose Ramon Lugo, Rio Piedras PR Post 146
1974 – Glenn Heard, Lake Oswego OR Post 92
1975 – Curtiss Becker, Cedar Rapids IA Post 5
1976 – Mike Boddicker, Cedar Rapids IA Post 5
1977 – Scott Benedict, West Palm Beach FL Post 12
1978 – John Maner, East Springfield MA Post 420
1979 – Steve Peterson, Barrington IL Post 158
1980 – Bob Melvin, Palo Alto CA Post 375
1981 – Keith Peterson, Bellevue WA
1982 – Mike Hufhand, Kokomo IN Post 6
1983 – John Ludy, Boyertown PA Post 471
1984 – John McGettigan, Brooklawn NJ Post 72
1985 – Bobby Jones, Sacramento CA
1986 – Tom Griffin, Las Vegas NV Post 8
1987 – Brett Blechschmidt, Vancouver WA Post 176
1988 – Pete Rose Jr., Cincinnati OH Post 507
1989 – Andy Sheets, Gonzales LA Post 81
1990 – Ricardo Otero, Bayamon PR Post 48
1991 – Jason Williams, Gonzales LA
1992 – John Klopp, Arlington Heights IL Post 208
1993 – Chad Stevenson, Las Vegas NV Post 8
1994 – Erick Gomez, Chino CA Post 299
1995 – Woody Health, Bellevue WA
1996 – Andy Hoffman, Midland MI Post 165
1997 – Andy Neufeld, Sanford FL Post 53
1998 – Ralph Roberts, Cherryville NC Post 100
1999 – Timothy A.Brusseau Jr.,Wood River Jct., RI Pt. 39
2000 – Julius Smith, Lewiston ID Post 13
2002 – Ronny Woods, Dothan AL Post 12
2003 – Michael Badger, Rochester MN Post 92
2004 – Ryan Reid, Portland ME Nova
2005 – Tyson Seng, Enid OK Post 4
2006 – Brady Shoemake, Terre Haute IN Post 346
2007 – Holden Killen, Columbia TN Post 19
2008 – Paul Sewald, Las Vegas NV Post 76
2009 – Garrett Yatch, Midland MI Post 165
2010 – Blake Schmit, Eden Prairie MN
2011 – Brandon Woodruff, Tupelo MS Post 49
2012 – Brett Tenuto, Brooklawn NJ Post 72
2013 – Robbie Prodrosky, Gonzales LA Post 81
2014 – Tanner Gross, Midland MI
2015 – Ben Hess, New Orleans, LA Post 125
2016 – Logan Vidrine, Texarkana AR Post 58
2017 – Will Hanafan, Omaha, NE Post 1

Bob Feller Pitching Award

The Bob Feller Pitching Award goes to the pitcher that records the highest number of strikeouts in national competition (national regional and World Series games). Feller was the first player inducted into the Baseball Hall Of Fame that played American Legion Baseball.

Previous award winners:

1978 Glen Roe, Caldwell NJ 15
1979 Brian Keith Reams, Norwalk CA 26
1980 Sid Fernandez, Honolulu HI 55
1981 Scott Anderson, Bellevue WA 44
1982 Rob Wassenaar, Edina MN 34
1983 John Ludy, Boyertown PA 52
1984 Lino Rivera, Guaynabo PR 35
1985 Gregg Olson, Omaha NE 44
1986 Joe Grahe, Jensen Beach FL 52
1987 Stan Spencer, Vancouver WA 40
1988 Scott Klingenbeck, Cincinnati OH 36
1989 Jeff Thelen, Janesville WI 34
1990 Clifton Foster, Texarkana AR 32
1991 Bob Pailthorpe, Union City CA 33
1992 Tighe Curran, Newbury Park CA 35
1993 Ben Thomas, Rapid City SD 27
1994 Lance Franks, Russellville AR 30
1995 Woody Heath, Bellevue WA 48
1996 Ben Sheets, Gonzales LA 37
1997 Steve Bechler, Medford OR 37
1998 Ralph Roberts, Cherryville NC 41
1999 Steve Grasley, New Brighton MN 43
2000 Ben Thurmond, Columbia SC 47
2001 Chad Billingsley, Napoleon OH 43
2002 (tie) Josh Johnson, West Point MS 34
(tie) Matt Skundrick, Medford OR 34
2003 Chris Mason, Cherryville NC 69
2004 Ryan Reid, Portland ME 29
2005 Tyler Cheney, Pasco WA 41
2006 Robby Broach, Metairie LA 30
2007 Aaron Davidson, Bryant AR 31
2008 Cade Lynch, Jonesboro AR 33
2009 Matt Stites, Festus MO 30
2010 Kevin Hill, Midwest City OK 35
2011 Colton Loomis, Midland MI 35
2012 Emerson Gibbs, New Orleans LA 26
2013 Mike Shawaryn, Brooklawn NJ 33
2014 Jake Meyers, Omaha NE 29
2015 Jordan Ragan, Medford OR 23
2016 Gerald Hein, Kennewick WA 24
2017 Jordan Patty, Midland MI 19

American Legion Baseball Slugger Award

The batting champion of the American Legion World Series annually receives the American Legion Baseball Slugger Award. The award is based on the player compiling the highest batting average in national competition (national regional and World Series games).

Previous award winners:

1926 Jack McCormick, Yonkers NY ..... .583
1927 no national tournament
1928 Elinor Sorenson, Oakland CA ..... .500
1929 Billy Joyce, Buffalo NY ..... .490
1930 Herbert Newburg, Baltimore MD ..... .375
1931 Wally Holem, South Chicago IL ..... .400
1932 Jimmie Frachie, New Orleans LA ..... .450
1933 Ted Swed, Chicago IL ..... .414
1934 Charley Clark, Cumberland MD ..... .433
1935 Jerry Bertolini, Sacramento CA ..... .365
1936 Pete Fowler, Spartanburg SC ..... .550
1937 Ray Bessom, East Lynn MA ..... .555
1938 Charles Cudd, Spartanburg SC ..... .444
1939 Eddie Goralski, Berwyn IL ..... .500
1940 Clyde Dick, Albemarle NC ..... .452
1941 Griff Hayes, San Diego CA ..... .500
1942 John Mauch, Los Angeles CA ..... .429
1943 Buzz Wheeler, Richfield MN ..... .375
1944 Ralph Kraus, Cincinnati OH ..... .412
1945 Lee Carrey, Tucson AZ ..... .400
1946 Victor Kauffman, Cincinnati OH ..... .467
1947 George Moeller, Cincinnati OH ..... .500
1948 Don Hunter, Omaha NE ..... .397
1949 J.W. Porter, Oakland CA ..... .551
1950 J.W. Porter, Oakland CA ..... .448
1951 Grover Jones Jr., White Plains NY ..... .408
1952 Horace Tucker Jr., San Diego CA ..... .452
1953 Charles Selinger, Winnetka IL ..... .457
1954 (tie) Jim Galasso, San Diego CA ..... .375
(tie) Jack Hopper, Gastonia NC ..... .375
1955 Richard Hergenrader, Lincoln NE ..... .389
1956 Lawrence Goudy, St. Louis MO ..... .449
1957 Fred Fox, Cincinnati OH ..... .412
1958 Kenneth Peters, Cincinnati OH ..... .420
1959 Louis Webb, Phoenix AZ ..... .478
1960 Robert Fry, Billings MT ..... .417
1961 Kenneth McEwen, Omaha NE ..... .548
1962 Fred Balmer, Hampton VA ..... .553
1963 Jerry Mattingly, Evansville IN ..... .413
1964 Rollie Fingers, Upland CA ..... .450
1965 Roland Goulet, Berlin NH ..... .542
1966 Ron Harris, Washington DC ..... .406
1967 Joseph Cherico, Wilmington Manor DE ..... .514
1968 M.A. Dominquez, San Antonio TX ..... .409
1969 John Adeimy, West Palm Beach FL ..... .513
1970 R.L. Brown, Phoenix AZ ..... .429
1971 R.D. Walton, Phoenix AZ ..... .548
1972 Keith Kaurez, Memphis TN ..... .583
1973 Carlos Rodriguez, Rio Piedras PR ..... .435
1974 Edwin Lopez, Rio Piedras, PR ..... .433
1975 Arnulfo Camacho, San Juan PR ..... .417
1976 David Stokes, Metairie LA ..... .402
1977 Bill Schell, South Bend IN ..... .441
1978 Doug Palmer, New Ulm MN ..... .679
1979 Steve Wolff, Rapid City SD ..... .423
1980 Cedric Gray, Palo Alto CA ..... .567
1981 Roger Hulse, Tulsa OK ..... .478
1982 Ivan Snyder, Boyertown PA ..... .600
1983 Chito Martinez, New Orleans LA ..... .566
1984 Jon Bradley, Millington TN ..... .461
1985 (tie) Bobby Jones, Sacramento CA ..... .500
(tie) Steve Nelson, Omaha NE ..... .500
(tie) Gregg Olson, Omaha NE ..... .500
1986 Mitch Hannahs, Maynard OH ..... .486
1987 Brad Dolejsi, Midwest City OK ..... .432
1988 Scott Hughes, Cincinnati OH ..... .465
1989 Del Marine, Woodland Hills CA ..... .459
1990 Brett O'Dea, Mayo MD ..... .514
1991 Bob Pailthorpe, Union City CA ..... .585
1992 (tie) Brannon Weigel, Fargo ND ..... .448
(tie) Ryan Kritscher, Newbury Park CA ..... .448
1993 Ryan Merritt, Rapid City SD ..... .490
1994 Bob Barth Jr., Brooklawn NJ ..... .438
1995 Jason Adaro, Aiea HI ..... .488
1996 Bryce Gehlen, Vancouver WA ..... .514
1997 Nate Philo, Medford OR ..... .520
1998 Chad Opel, Edwardsville IL ..... .632
1999 Kenny Judd, Edmond OK ..... .552
2000 Matt Ryan, Brooklawn NJ..... .541
2001 Richard Chinn, Danville CA ..... .538
2002 Josh Sowell, Dothan AL ..... .553
2003 Andy Console, Haddon Heights NJ ..... .514
2004 Tommy Cauley, DeLand FL ..... .500
2005 Mike Tamsin, Branford CT ..... .538
2006 Brady Shoemaker, Terre Haute IN ..... .523
2007 Kevin Hussey, Tucson AZ ..... .533
2008 Brandon Bass, Omaha NE ..... .586
2009 T.J. White, Las Vegas NV 559
2010 Jake Hager, Las Vegas NV 476
2011 Dylan Huskey, Gaffney SC 500
2012 Evan Ryan, Omaha NE ..... .571
2013 Anthony Harrold, Brooklawn NJ ..... .529
2014 Sean Breen, Brooklawn NJ 575
2015 Ben Hess, New Orleans, LA..... .488
2016 Tyler Villaroman, San Mateo CA 475
2017 Jordan Patty, Midland MI 529

Dr. Irvin L 'Click' Cowger RBI Award

The Dr. Irvin L 'Click' Cowger RBI Award goes to the player compiling the most RBI in national competition (World Series and national regional tournaments). The award is named in honor of Dr. Irvin L. Cowger at the request of and donated by the Department of Kansas. The award is presented during post-tournament ceremonies at the American Legion World Series.

Previous award winners:

1970 John Dalton, Wilmington NC 12
1971 Rod Walton, Phoenix AZ 20
1972 Michael Murphy, Ballwin MO 12
1973 Guillermon Bonilla, Rio Piedras PR 12
1974 Charles Johnson, Cheverly MD 10
1975 David Edler, Yakima WA 19
1976 Gus Malespin, Metairie LA 20
1977 Lee Wenzel Jr., Santa Monica CA 9
1978 Pete Kumiega III, East Springfield MA 20
1979 Juan Cruz, Yakima WA 30
1980 Howard Kapuniai, Honolulu HI 17
1981 Victor Garcia, West Tampa FL 21
1982 Ron DeLucchi, Lafayette CA 19
1983 Chito Martinez, New Orleans LA 17
1984 Will Vespe, Brooklawn NJ 18
1985 Mike Musolino, Sacramento CA 20
1986 (tie) Danny Opperman, Las Vegas NV 19
(tie) Mike Tonucci, New London CT 19
1987 Greg Blevins, Midwest City OK 14
1988 Scott Hughes, Cincinnati OH 17
1989 Carl McFadden, Woodland Hills CA 14
1990 Luis Rosario, Bayamon PR 16
1991 (tie) Bob Pailthorpe, Union City CA 16
(tie) Ryan Beeney, Newark OH 16
1992 Trent Martin, Newbury Park CA 17
1993 (tie) Allen Layman, Norman OK 16
(tie) Ben Thomas, Rapid City SD 16
1994 Frank Hinojosa, Chino CA 24
1995 (tie) Larry Lockridge, Columbia TN 15
(tie) Bobby Morgan, Columbia TN 15
(tie) Dom Crispo, Bellevue WA 15
1996 Christian Bourgeois, Gonzales LA 15
1997 Brian Fatchet, Medford OR 21
1998 Chris Wright, State College PA 25
1999 Brian Paone, New Brighton MN 26
2000 Al Smith, Omaha NE 22
2001 (tie) Josh Burton, Lewiston ID 16
(tie) Josh O'Dell, Midwest City OK 16
(tie) Steve Larson, Omaha NE 16
2002 Spencer Ingaldson, Rapid City SD 12
2003 (tie) Joey Briggs, Corvallis OR 17
(tie) Andy Console, Haddon Heights NJ 17
2004 Troy Peterson, Eden Prairie MN 20
2005 Zac Berg, Enid OK 21
2006 Brady Shoemake, Terre Haute IN 18
2007 Aaron Tapia, Tucson AZ 22
2008 Max Garrett, Pasco WA 17
2009 Kyle O'Boyle, Midland MI 19
2010 Vince Ampi, Roseburg OR 19
2011 Blake Schmt, Eden Prairie MN 18
2012 (tie) Matthieu Robert, New Orleans LA 16
(tie) Evan Ryan, Omaha NE 16
(tie) Taylor Elam, Omaha NE 16
2013 Robert Busse, Petaluma CA 14
2014 Jordan Mopas, Waipahu HI 13
2015 Justin Hawkins, Chapin-Newberry SC 12
2016 Angelo Bortolin, San Mateo CA 16
2017 Zack Luckey, Omana NE 13

American Legion Big Stick Award

The Rawlings Big Stick Award goes to the player compiling the most total bases in national competition (World Series and national regional tournaments). The award is presented at the World Series ceremonies.

Previous award winners:

1972 Keith Kaurez, Memphis TN 38
1973 Tucker Ashford, Memphis TN 34
1974 Greg Tooley, Rockport IN 22
1975 Bill Wilson, Cedar Rapids IA 42
1976 Gus Malespin, Metairie LA 41
1977 Doug Roberson, West Palm Beach FL 30
1978 Ivan Mesa, Hialeah FL 39
1979 Juan Cruz, Yakima WA 30
1980 Tomas Gil, Hialeah FL 27
1981 Kevin Sickinger, Richmond VA 32
1982 Ron DeLucchi, Lafayette CA 45
1983 Chito Martinez, New Orleans LA 44
1984 Jose Marzan, Guaynabo PR 32
1985 Mike Musolino, Sacramento CA 40
1986 Danny Opperman, Las Vegas NV 44
1987 (tie) Tad Thompson, Vancouver WA 26
(tie) Jeff Seymour, Boyertown PA 26
1988 Scott Hughes, Cincinnati OH 30
1989 Del Marine, Woodland Hills CA 24
1990 Ricardo Otero, Bayamon PR 37
1991 Bob Pailthorpe, Union City CA 36
1992 Mike Harris, Brooklawn NJ 29
1993 Allen Layman, Norman OK 34
1994 Esteban Barrios, Miami FL 35
1995 Jason Adaro, Aiea HI 29
1996 James Jarreau, Gonzales LA 34
1997 Nate Philo, Medford OR 44
1998 Ralph Roberts, Cherryville NC 34
1999 Brian Paone, New Brighton MN 48
2000 (tie) Al Smith, Omaha NE 31
(tie) Mark Michael, Brooklawn NJ 31
(tie) Ryan Lymangrover, Danville CA 31
2001 Nate Martin, Lewiston ID 34
2002 (tie) Josh Sowell, Dothan AL 31
(tie) Corey Carter, West Point MS 31
2003 Joey Briggs, Corvallis OR 41
2004 Steve Marquardt, Kennewick WA 29
2005 Zac Berg, Enid OK 40
2006 Brady Shoemaker, Terre Haute IN 39
2007 Marc Damon, Tucson AZ 46
2008 Max Garrett, Pasco WA 38
2009 Kyle O'Boyle, Midland MI 40
2010 Matt Halloran, Eden Prairie MN 34
2011 Tony Skjefte, Eden Prairie MN 45
2012 Evan Ryan, Omaha NE 36
2013 Anthony Bender, Petaluma CA 28
2014 Sean Breen, Brooklawn NJ 29
2015 Justin Hawkins, Chapin-Newberry SC 31
2016 Zach Luckey, Omaha NE 27
Angelo Bortolin, San Mateo CA 27
2017 Jack Thomas Wold, Henderson, NV 29

Jack Williams Memorial Leadership Award

The winning Manager and coaches of the American Legion World Series receive the Jack Williams Memorial Leadership Award. The award is named in honor of the former adjutant of the Department of North Dakota. Williams, whose service to the American Legion spanned 49 years, stressed the importance of adult leadership with youth activities. This award is presented annually at the conclusion of the American Legion World Series.

Previous recipients
1968 – Manager Tony Gagliano, coach John Camp, Memphis TN Post 1.
1969 – Manager Leo Wyans, coach Dick McClain, Portland OR Post 105.
1970 – Manager Don Sealy, coach Joe Opatkiewicz, West Covina CA Post 790.
1971 – Manager Don Sealy, coach William Kagy, West Covina Ca Post 790.
1972 – Manager Bill Bullock, coaches Don Loehr; Bob Umfleet, Ballwin MO P611.
1973 – Manager Rolando Bernacet, coach Alfredo Toro, Rio Piedras PR Post 146.
1974 – Manager Rolando Bernacet, coach Alfredo Toro, Rio Piedras PR Post 146.
1975 – Manager Robert A. Garretson, coach Dale Ehler, Yakima WA Post 36.
1976 – Manager Al Montanari, coach Tom McCaffrey, Santa Monica CA Post 123.
1977 – Manager Mel Machuca, coach Bill Barcome, South Bend IN Post 50.
1978 – Manager Louis Reilly, coach James Trout, Hialeah FL Post 32.
1979 – Manager Robert A. Garretson, coach Robert W. Garretson, Yakima WA P36
1980 – Manager Clyde Hayashida, coach Ronald Jacobs, Honolulu HI.
1981 – Manager Frank Permuy Sr., coach Frank Permuy Jr., W.Tampa FL P248
1983 – Manager Clifton M. Olsen, coach Bruce Barron, Edina MN Post 471.
1984 – Manager Jose Centeno, coach Javier Centeno, Guynabo PR Post 134.
1985 – Manager Maurice Beck, coach David Goger, Midlothian VA Post 186.
1986 – Manager Bob Shaw, coach Hondo Wilkes, Jensen Beach FL Post 126.
1987 – Manager Dave Specht, coach Rick Moatz, Boyertown PA Post 471.
1982 – Manager Dick Ludy, coach Dave Specht, Boyertown PA Post 471.
1988 – Manager John McMichen, coach Tom Kilgore, Cincinnati OH Post 507.
1989 – Manager Gary Gibson, coach Don Hornbeck, Woodlawn Hills CA Post 826.
1990 – Manager Bernie Walter Jr., coach Will Trinidad, Mayo MD Post 226.
1991 – Manager Joe Barth Sr., coach Joe Barth Jr., Brooklawn NJ Post 72.
1992 – Manager Chuck Fick, coach Wayne Smith, Newbury Park CA.
1993 – Manager Dave Ploof, coach Steve Wolff, Rapid City SD Post 22.
1994 – Manager Carlos Hernandez Sr., coach Carlos Hernandez Jr., Miami FL 346.
1995 – Manager Alan Higuchi, coaches Garrett Nago, Garrett Yukumoto, Aiea HI.
1996 – Head Coach Meade Tenaglia and coaches Joe Ferraro and Paul Zavorski, Yardley PA Post 317
1997 – Head Coach Rod Fergerson and coaches Jack Diemer and Kenne Brown, Sanford FL Post 53
1998 – Head Coach Ken Schaake and coaches Steve Haug, Keith Opel and Mike Schaake, Edwardsville IL Post 199
1999 – Head Coach Jeff Larson and coaches Mark Paone, Mike Naslowski, New Brighton MN Post 513
2000 -- Head Coach Don Johns and coaches John McGough, John Rodrigues, Pat Evans and Andy Faria, Danville CA Post 246
2001 – Manager Joe Barth Sr.; coaches Dennis Barth, Tim Gunn, Brooklawn P72
2002 – Manager Frank Portero;coach Tyler Bratton, W.Point MS Post 212
2003 – Keith Kangas and Tony Beck, Rochester MN Post 92
2004 – Manager Mike D'Andrea; coaches Daniel McDuffie and Chris Grant, Portland ME Nova
2005 – Manager Bill Mayberry; coaches Chris Jensen, Butch Lingenfelter, Enid OK Post 4
2006 – Manager David Baudry and coaches Brad Benoit and Anthony Longo, Metairie LA Post 175
2007 – Manager Mickey McKeel and coaches Eddie Allred, Joel Kercado and Chris Ivie, Columbia TN Post 15
2008 – Manager Chris Sheff and coaches Scott Baker and Gino Campagna, Las Vegas NV Post 76
2009 – Manager Steven Cronkright, coaches Daniel Cronkright and Patrick Dawson; student coach Max Yatch, Midland MI Post 165
2010 – Manager Doug Weese, coaches Shane Hawk, Jerry Long and Derek Snell, Midwest City OK
2011 – Head Coach Scott Hackett and assistant coaches Mike Halloran and John Buteyn
2012 – Manager Joe Latino and coaches Jeff Chappuis, Ken Goodlett and Joseph Licciardi
2013 – Head Coach Joe Barth Sr., Associate Head Coach Dennis Barth and coaches Michael Brown, Josh Capskey, Bill Gore, Steve Modile and Mike Rucci.
2014 – Head Coach Joe Barth Sr., Associate Head Coach Dennis Barth and coaches Michael Brown, Josh Copskey, Steve Modile and Mike Rucci.
2015 -- Manager Ken Minasian and coaches Daniel Gregory, David Coats, Marion Baker, Michael Robertson
2016 – Manager Dane Peavy and coaches Jonathan Butcher, Steve Goodheart, Jonathan Orr and Reid Peavy.
2017 – Manager Scott Baker and coaches Tyler Baker, Essex Burton, Shawn Dickson, Jerahmie Libke and Roberto Persona, Henderson NV

Shane Spencer
Player of the Year

Will Hanafan
Sportsmanship Award

Jordan Patty
Batting Award
Pitching Award

Zack Luckey
RBI Award

Jack Thomas Wold
Total Bases Award

American Legion World Series performances/ records

Note: game records (individual/team/two-team) include World Series games only. Tournament records, those that include (individual/team/tournament) come from national competition (national regional and World Series games) unless noted. Special note: We are updating this section to include top performances as well as records. In other words, this is a work in progress. Please excuse any omissions at this time.

Attention: new records coming after the 2018 ALWS. With national competition games reduced from nine-inning games to seven-inning games, new tournament records will reflect accordingly. Individual game records at the World Series will remain in place unless noted.

Game records
Individual, team, two-team
Offense

MOST AT BATS

INDIVIDUAL

7 by Dan Henning (Bellingham WA vs. Branford CT)—2007
7 by Rhett Fenton (Bellingham WA vs. Branford CT)—2007
7 by Taylor Schneck (Bellingham WA vs. Branford CT)—2007
7 by T.J. Fife (Bellingham WA vs. Branford CT)—2007
7 by Mike Olt (Branford CT vs. Bellingham WA)—2007
7 by James Balzano (Branford CT v. Bellingham WA)—2007
7 by Doug Papuga (Branford CT v. Bellingham WA)—2007
7 by Andrew Johnson (Branford CT v. Bellingham W)—2007
7 by Preston Young (Danville CA vs. Omaha NE)—2001
7 by Sean Yarbrough (Paducah KY vs. Omaha NE)—2000
7 by Eddie Hannan (Paducah KY vs. Omaha NE)—2000
7 by J.D. Merritt (Paducah KY vs. Omaha NE)—2000
7 by Al Smith (Omaha NE vs. Paducah KY)—2000
7 by Ryan Gilleland (Bedford VA vs. Brooklawn NJ)—1994
7 by Brandon Ingle (Bedford VA vs. Brooklawn NJ)—1994
7 by Glen Ambrosius (Brooklawn NJ) vs. Bedford VA)—1994
7 by Ryan Rasmussen (Chino CA vs. Miami FL)—1994
7 by Jerry DeSimone (DesPlaines IL vs. Warwick RI)—1976
7 by John Rabel (West Quincy MA vs. Cheverly MD)—1975
7 by Mike Depolo (West Quincy MA vs. Cheverly MD)—1975
7 by John Matias (Honolulu HI vs. West Allis WI)—1962
7 by Ron Radlowski (South Chicago IL vs. Colmbia SC)—1931

TEAM

56 by Branford CT vs. Bellingham WA (13 innings)—2007

TWO-TEAMS

111 – Branford CT (56) v. Bellingham W (55) (13inn)—2007

MOST RUNS

INDIVIDUAL

5 by Reid Akau (Waipahu HI vs. Wilmington NC)—2013
5 by Brian Kekee (Jefferson City MO vs. Brooklawn NJ)—1998
5 by Burke Eathorne (Bellevue WA vs. Columbia TN)—1995
5 by Dan Catlin (East Hartford CT vs. Medford OR)—1992
5 by Scott Hughes (Cincinnati OH vs. Kingston NY)—1988
5 by Mitch Hannahs (Maynard OH vs. Cedar Rapids IA)—1986
5 by Ron Ramie (Honolulu HI vs. West Allis WI)—1962

TEAM

25 by Jefferson City MO vs. Brooklawn NJ (7 innings)—1998
23 by Yonkers NY vs. Pocatello ID—1926
23 by Omaha NE vs. Roseburg OR—1963

TWO-TEAM

34 – Oakland CA (22) vs. Bristol RI (12)—1950

MOST HITS

INDIVIDUAL

6 by Joel Perez (Guaynabo PR vs. Woodland Hills CA)—1989
6 by Jorge Robles (Guaynabo PR vs. Roseburg OR)—1984

TEAM

22 by Milton MA vs. Lawrence KS—2006
22 by Corvallis OR vs. Whitehouse MN—2003
22 by Edina MN vs. Chino CA—1983
22 by Tulsa OK vs. Manchester NH—1970
22 by Oakland CA vs. Bristol RI—1950

TWO-TEAM

37 – Branford CT (19) vs. Bellingham WA (18)—2007
37 – Paducah KY (19) vs. Omaha NE (18)—2000
37 – Omaha NE (19) vs. Hamilton Square NJ (18)—2000

MOST TWO-BASE HITS

INDIVIDUAL

4 by Jason Williams (Gonzales LA vs. Brooklawn NJ)—1991
4 by Mike Maupin (Richmond VA vs. Kokomo IN)—1982
4 by Scott Gilbert (Boyertown PA vs. Lafayette CA)—1982

TEAM

9 by Sanford FL vs. Medford OR—1997

TWO-TEAM

13 – Omaha NE (8) vs. Brooklawn NJ (5)—2001
13 – Sanford FL (9) vs. Medford OR (4)—1997

MOST THREE-BASE HITS

INDIVIDUAL

2 by Nick Ciolli (Terre Haute IN vs.Metairie LA)—2006
2 by Josh Sowell (Dothan AL vs. Woodbury MN)—2005
2 by Chris Wright (State College PA vs. Cherryville NC)—1998
2 by Jason Funk (Saverna Park MD vs. Bristol CT)—1997
2 by Dominick Crispo (Bellevue WA vs. Columbia TN)—1995
2 by Will Vespe (Brooklawn NJ vs. Guaynabo PR)—1984
2 by Jorge Robles (Guaynabo PR vs. Roseburg OR)—1984

2 by Mike Halloran (Edina MN vs. Boyertown PA)—1983
2 by Steve Nepa (Wilmington DE vs. Manchester NH)—1967
2 by Bob Fry (Billings MT vs. Brooklawn NJ)—1960

TEAM

4 by Bellevue WA vs. Columbia TN—1995
4 by Brooklawn NJ vs. Las Vegas NV—1984

TWO-TEAM

4 – Rockport IN (2) vs. Las Vegas NV (2)—1984
4 – Bellevue WA (4) vs. Columbia TN (0)—1995
4 – Brooklawn NJ (4) vs. Las Vegas NV (0)—1984

MOST HOME RUNS

INDIVIDUAL

3 by Marc Damon (Tuscon AZ vs. Branford CT)—2007

TEAM

7 by Tucson AZ vs. Branford CT—2007
7 by Cherryville NC vs. Corvallis OR—2003

TWO-TEAM

11 – Tucson AZ (7) vs. Branford CT (4)—2007

MOST TOTAL BASES

INDIVIDUAL

12 by Marc Damon (Tucson AZ vs. Branford CT)—2007
12 by Ryan Lymangrover (Danville CA vs. Paducah KY)—2000

TEAM

44 by Tucson AZ vs. Branford CT—2007

TWO-TEAM

72 – Tucson AZ (44) vs. Branford CT (28)—2007

MOST RBI

INDIVIDUAL

8 by Chris Wright (State College PA vs. Cherryville NC)—1998
8 by Erick Gomez (Chino CA vs. Omaha NE)—1994
8 by Jeff Bajenaru (Chino CA vs. Miami FL)—1994

TEAM

22 by Jefferson City MO vs. Brooklawn NJ—1998
22 by Omaha NE vs. Roseburg OR—1963

TWO-TEAM

31 – Sacramento CA (17) vs. West Covina CA (14)—1985

MOST HIT BY PITCH

INDIVIDUAL

2 by Bryan Kloetzke (Woodbury MN vs. Dothan AL)—2005
2 by Brock Alexander (Cherryville NC vs. Corvallis OR)—2003
2 by Dan Lyons (Rochester MN vs. Corvallis OR)—2003
2 by Zach Marker (Corvallis OR vs. Whitehouse OH)—2003
2 by Matt Webb (Blue Springs MO vs. Northridge CA)—2003
2 by Jason Sparks (Whitehouse OH vs. Corvallis OR)—2003
2 by Lucas Ripa (Omaha NE vs. Kennewick WA)—2016
2 by Caleb Helms (Rockport IN vs. Kennewick WA)—2016
Also tied by 26 other players.

TEAM (batting)

7 by Rowan County NC vs. San Mateo CA—2016

TWO-TEAM (batting)

7 – Rowan County NC (7) vs. San Mateo CA (0)—2016

MOST BASE ON BALLS

INDIVIDUAL

4 by Ryan Walsh (Petaluma WA vs. Brooklawn NJ)—2013
4 by Tyler Kipke (Woodbury MN vs. Branford CT)—2005
4 by Todd Haug (Edwardsville IL vs. Las Vegas NV)—1998
4 by Chris Streeter (Midland MI vs. Rockland CO NY)—1996
4 by Andrew Hoffman (Midland MI v. Rockland CO NY)—1996
4 by Brian Ogle (Rapid City SD vs. Rockland CO NY)—1993
4 by Clyde Keller (Sacramento CA vs. Omaha NE)—1985
4 by Tim Gallagher (Brooklawn NJ vs. Rockport IN)—1984
4 by Herb Dubler (Brooklawn NJ vs. Rockport IN)—1984
4 by Keith Ayers (Rockport IN vs. Millington TN)—1984
4 by Darren Bren (Rapid City SD vs. Roseburg OR)—1984
4 by Keith Komeiju (Honolulu HI vs. New Orleans LA)—1980

TEAM

17 by Petaluma WA vs. Brooklawn NJ—2013
17 by Maynard OH vs. Cedar Rapids IA—1986

TWO-TEAM

26 – Maplewood MN (14) vs. San Diego CA (12)—1954

MOST STRIKEOUTS

INDIVIDUAL

4 by Andrew Smith (Kernersville NC vs. Midwest City OK—2010
4 by Garrett Robinson (Kernersville NC vs. Branford CT--2010
4 by Chris Moon (Tucson AZ vs. Branford CT)—2007
4 by Bryan Barth (Brooklawn NJ vs. Enid OK)—2005
4 by Greg Laughlin (Eden Prairie MN v. Kennewick WA)—2004
4 by Brett Brunner (Corvallis OR vs. Cherryville NC)—2003
4 by Brian Smith (Rockland Co. NY vs. West Point MS)—2002
4 by Randy Causey (Columbia SC vs. Danville CA)—2000
4 by Jared Kelly (Columbia SC vs. Texas City TX)—2000

TEAM

21 by Columbia SC vs. Danville CA—2000 (13 innings)
21 by Manchester NH vs. West Covina CA—1970 (14 innings)

TWO-TEAM

30 – Columbia SC (21) vs. Danville CA (9)—2000 (13 innings)

MOST TOTAL SACRIFICES

INDIVIDUAL

3 by Daryl Moore (Yakima WA vs. Moorhead MN)—1988
Note: Moore collected 2 sac flies and 1 sac bunt

MOST SACRIFICE HITS

INDIVIDUAL

2 by Trent Hulse (Enid OK vs. Brooklawn NJ)—2005
2 by Kenny Thorpe (Boyertown PA vs. Eden Prairie MN)—2004
Also tied by 34 other players.

TEAM

6 by Lake Oswego OR vs. Rockport IN—1974
6 by Rio Piedras PR vs. Metairie LA—1974
6 by Memphis TN vs. Klamath Falls OR—1968

TWO-TEAM

7 –Sacramento CA (4) vs. Bellevue WA (3)—1981
7 – Lake Oswego OR (6) vs. Rockport IN (1)—1974
7 –Rio Piedras PR (6) vs. Metairie LA (1)—1974

MOST SACRIFICE FLIES

INDIVIDUAL

2 by Juan Garcia (Rowan County NC vs. San Mateo CA)—2016
2 by Alex Rapanos (Midland MI vs. Eden Prairie MN)—2011
2 by Scott Brown (Portland ME vs. Boulder CO)—2004
2 by Kurt Wells (Whitehouse OH vs. West Deptford NJ)—2003
2 by Daryl Moore (Yakima WA vs. Moorhead MN)—1988
2 by David Virga (Sacramento CA vs. Owensboro KY)—1981
2 by Tony Andrea (Trumbull CT vs. W. Palm Beach FL)—1977
2 by Doug Hopper (Wilmington DE vs. Manchester NH)—1967

TEAM
4 by Midland MI vs. Eden Prairie MN--2011
TWO-TEAM
4 by Omaha NE (2) vs. Brooklawn NJ (2)—2001

MOST STOLEN BASES
INDIVIDUAL
6 by Tomas Gil (Hialeah FL vs. Allen Park MI)—1978
6 by Edward Heydash (West Hartford CT vs. Detroit MI)—1959
TEAM
19 by West Hartford CT vs. Detroit MI—1959
TWO-TEAM
25 – West Hartford CT (19) vs. Detroit MI (6)—1959

INDIVIDUAL (stolen bases in inning)
3 by Robbie Podrosky (Gonzales LA vs. Petaluma CA)—2013. Note: Podorsky is only player to steal second, third and home in same inning)
TRIPLE STEAL
1 by Metairie LA (sixth inning: Kevin Weidenbacher stole second, Tyler Koelling stole third and Brett Accardo stole home) vs. Midlothian VA—2007

Pitching

NO-HIT (complete) GAMES
- Richard Schroeder (Santa Monica CA vs. Cedar Rapids IA)—1976 (Game went ten innings. Santa Monica won 1-0)
- Gene Guerriero (Staten Island NY vs. Springfield MA)—1968. Staten Island won 2-0

ONE-HIT (complete) GAMES
- Chris Moon (Tucson AZ vs. Bryant AR)—2007. Tucson won 6-1.
- Bradley Tercero (Bellevue WA vs. Portland ME)—1995. Game went 7 innings. Bellevue won 11-1.
- Kevin Eberwein (Las Vegas NV vs. Rockland CO NY)—1993. Las Vegas won 12-0.
- Clyde Keller (Sacramento CA vs. MidlothianVA)—1985. Sacramento won 1-0.
- Luis Sanchez (Hialeah FL vs. East Springfield MA)—1978. Hialeah won 6-1.
- Mike Innes (Tuscaloosa AL vs. Oakland CA)—1966. Tuscaloosa won 6-2.
- Steve Chamberlain (Portland OR vs. Berlin NH)—1965. Portland won 3-0.
- Bob Boyd (Charlotte NC vs. Upland CA)—1964. Charlotte won 2-0.
- Jim Harwell (New Orleans LA vs. Yonkers NY)—1956. New Orleans won 2-0.
- Boots Kent (Shelby NC vs. Oak Park IL)—1945. Shelby won 2-1 in 10 innings. Kent pitched nine innings of no-hit ball allowing a hit and run in tenth inning.
- Wes Kennerly (San Diego CA vs. Berwyn IL)—1941. San Diego won 1-0.
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MOST INNINGS PITCHED
INDIVIDUAL
14 by Al Lawler (South Chicago IL vs. Columbia SC)—1931
14 by Kirby Higbe (Columbia SC vs. South Chicago IL)—1931
TEAM
14 by Brooklawn NJ vs. Bedford VA—1994
14 West Covina CA vs. Manchester NH—1970
14 Springfield OH vs. Omaha NE—1968
14 Manchester NH vs. Nashville TN—1966
14 Spartanburg SC vs. San Diego CA—1938
14 South Chicago IL vs. Columbia SC—1931

MOST RUNS ALLOWED
INDIVIDUAL
14 by Jonathan Kuetz (Excelsior MN vs. Las Vegas NV)—1998

TEAM
25 by Brooklawn NJ vs. Jefferson City MO—1998
TWO-TEAM
34 – Bristol RI (12) vs. Oakland CA (22)—1950

MOST EARNED RUNS ALLOWED
INDIVIDUAL
13 by Jonathon Kuetz (Excelsior MN vs. Las Vegas NV)—1998
TEAM
18 by Bristol RI vs. Oakland CA—1950
TWO-TEAM
28 – Bristol RI (18) vs. Oakland CA (10)—1950

MOST HITS ALLOWED
INDIVIDUAL
17 by Mark Pedeersen (New Brighton MN vs. Sanford FL)—1997
TEAM
22 by Whitehouse OH vs. Corvallis OR—2003
22 by Chino CA vs. Edina MN—1983
22 by Manchester NH vs. Tulsa OK—1970
22 by Bristol RI vs. Oakland CA—1950
TWO-TEAM
34 – Bristol RI (12) vs. Oakland CA (22)—1950

MOST STRIKEOUTS
INDIVIDUAL
19 by Dave Lemonds (Charlotte NC vs. Omaha NE)—1965
19 by Garry Hill (Charlotte NC vs. Omaha NE)—1965
19 by Dave McNally (Billings MT vs. Brooklawn NJ)—1960
SEVEN-INNING GAME STRIKEOUT
15 by Kevin Hill (Midwest City OK vs. Chesapeake VA)--2010
TEAM
21 by Danville CA vs. Columbia SC—2000 (13 innings)
21 by West Covina CA vs. Manchester NH—1970 (14 innings)
TWO-TEAM
30 – Danville CA (21) vs. Columbia SC (9)—2000 (13 innings)

MOST HOME RUNS ALLOWED
INDIVIDUAL
3 by Brian Monack (Branford CT vs. Tucson AZ)--2007
3 by Brett Brunner (Corvallis OR vs. Cherryville NC)—2003
3 by Alex DeAngelis (Corvallis OR vs. Cherryville NC)—2003
3 by Peter Nemeth (Midland MI vs. Rockland Co. NY)—1996
Note: Monack gave up three HRs in just one inning (4) pitched
TEAM
7 by Branford CT vs. Tucson AZ—2007
7 by Corvallis OR vs. Cherryville NC—2003
TWO-TEAM
9 by Guaynabo PR (3) vs. Midlothian VA (6)—1985

MOST BASE ON BALLS ALLOWED
INDIVIDUAL

12 by Mike Pstragowski (Manchester NH vs. Memphis TN)—1967

TEAM

17 by Brooklawn NJ vs. Brooklawn NJ vs. Petaluma CA—2013
17 by Cedar Rapids IA vs. Maynard OH—1986

TWO-TEAM

26 – San Diego CA (12) vs. Maplewood MN (14)—1954

MOST WILD PITCHES

INDIVIDUAL

5 by Madison Boer (Eden Prairie MN vs. Boyertown PA)—2007

TEAM

8 by Texarkana AR vs Rowan County NC)—2016 (12 innings)

TWO-TEAM

10 by Danville CA (7) vs. Lewiston ID (3)—2001

MOST HIT BATTERS

INDIVIDUAL

4 by Chad Billingsley (Napoleon OH vs. Lewiston ID)—2001
4 by J.P. George (Bloomington MN vs. Kennewick WA)—1999
4 by Pat Muncher (Bedford VA vs. Salem OR)—1994

TEAM

7 by Texarkana AR vs. Rowan County NC—2016

TWO-TEAM

8 – by Rowan County NC (2) vs. Kennewick WA (6)—2016

Fielding

TOTAL PUTOUTS

INDIVIDUAL (first base)

19 by Travis Goins (Rowan County NC vs. Rapid City SD)—1996 (10inn)
19 by Mike Barnard (Des Plaines IL vs. Warwick RI)—1976 (13 innings)

NINE INNING (regular game)

17 by Weston Bryan (Petaluma CA vs. Waipahu HI)—2013
17 by Colin Dolan (Wilmington NC vs. Branford CT)--2013

INDIVIDUAL (infielder)

8 by Mike Ramseth (Edina MN vs. Grand Junction CO)—1982

INDIVIDUAL (catcher)

20 by Tim Gilhooly (Danville CA vs. Columbia SC)—2000 (13 innings)

INDIVIDUAL (outfielder)

8 by Pat Desimone (Des Plaines vs. Metairie LA)—1976

TEAM

52 by Brooklawn NJ and Bedford VA—1994
52 by West Covina CA and Manchester NH—1970
52 by Springfield OH and Omaha NE—1968
52 by Spartanburg SC and San Diego CA—1938
52 by South Chicago IL and Columbia SC—1931
Note: all games above went 14 innings

TWO-TEAM

104 – Spartanburg SC (52) vs. San Diego Ca (52)—1938
Game ended in 8-8 tie after 14 innings.
104 by Brooklawn NJ and Bedford VA—1994
104 by West Covina CA and Manchester NH—1970
104 by Spartanburg SC and San Diego CA—1938
104 by South Chicago IL and Columbia SC—1931

TOTAL ASSISTS

INDIVIDUAL (infielder)

10 by Ronny Woods (ss) (Dothan AL vs. Excelsior MN)—2002

INDIVIDUAL (outfielder)

3 by Mike Sinclair (Detroit MI vs. Hampton VA)—1959

INDIVIDUAL (catcher)

3 by Jerry Vaughn (Tulsa OK vs. Yakima WA)—1979
3 by Fred Combs (Phoenix AZ vs. Cincinnati OH)—1961

INDIVIDUAL (pitcher)

6 by Shane Robinson (Russellville AR vs. Blessfield MI)—1994
6 by Darryl Schoenly (Boyertown PA vs.Hamlet NC)—1983
6 by Dave Magadan (West Tampa FL vs. Omaha NE)—1981
6 by Mike Boddicker (Cedar Rapids IA vs. Santa Monica CA)—1976
6 by Scott Simonds (Cincinnati OH vs. Phoeniz AZ)—1961
6 by Harry Amato (Springfield OH vs. Minneapolia MN)—1943
6 by Bob Danielson (Minneapolis MN vs. Springfield OH)—1943
6 by Wes Kennerly (San Diego CA vs. Beryn IL)--1941

TEAM

26 by DesPlaines IL vs. Warwick RI—1976 (13 innings)

TWO-TEAM

47 – DesPlaines IL (26) vs. Warwick RI (21)—1976 (13 innings)

PASSED BALLS

INDIVIDUAL

3 by Colin Gilbert (Napoleon OH vs. Danville CA)—2000

TOTAL ERRORS

INDIVIDUAL (infielder)

4 by Casey Garven (2b) (Bloomington MN vs. Portland ME)—1999
4 by Harry Rivera (ss) (East Hartford CT vs. Brooklawn NJ—1992
4 by Tony Aquino (ss) (Las Vegas NV vs. Brooklawn NJ)—1984
4 by Steve Routos (ss) (Bellevue WA vs. Richmond VA)—1981

INDIVIDUAL (outfielder)

2 by John Ivie (Columbia TN vs. Eden Prairie MN)—2007
2 by Matt Webb (Blue Springs MO vs. Haddon Heights NJ)--2003

INDIVIDUAL (catcher)

3 by Mike Pratt (El Dorado KN vs. Yonkers NY)--1926

INDIVIDUAL (pitcher)

2 by Tom Taylor (Los Angeles CA vs. Manchester NH)--1942

TEAM

14 by Roseburg OR vs. Omaha NE—1963

TWO-TEAM

16 – Northbrook IL (12) vs. Oakland CA (4)—1966
16 – Roseburn OR (14) vs. Omaha NE (2)—1966

TOTAL DOUBLE PLAYS (turned)

TEAM

4 by Burnsville MN vs. Brooklawn NJ—2013
4 by Las Vegas NV vs. Midland MI—2011
4 by Las Vegas NV vs. Moline IL—2010
4 by Corvallis OR vs. Rochester MN—2003
4 by State College PA vs. Jefferson City MO—1998
4 by Rapid City SD vs. Rockland CO NY—1993
4 by Los Angeles CA vs. Manchester NH—1942

TWO-TEAM

6 by Las Vegas NV (4) vs. Midland MI (2)—2011
6 by Pasco Twin Cities WA (3) vs. Brooklawn NJ (3)—2005
6 by Medford OR (3) vs. Rapid City SD (3)—2002

TRIPLE PLAYS

TEAM

1 by Deland FL vs. Portland ME—2004 (fifth inning)
1 by Rockland CO NY vs. Rapid City SD—1996 (third inning)
1 by Wilmington Manor DE vs. Manchester NH—1967 (1 inning)

1 by Enid OK vs. Oakland CA—1966 (seventh inning)
1 by Cincinnati OH vs. Portland OR—1957 (fifth inning)
1 by Oakland CA vs. Cincinnati OH—1949 (third inning)

LEFT ON BASE

TEAM
20 by Danville CA vs. Omaha NE—2001
TWO-TEAM
32 – Warwick RI (17) vs. DesPlaines IL (15)—1976 (13 innings)

Individual, team, two-team Tournament records (national competiton games*) Offense

MOST AT BATS

INDIVIDUAL
60 by Tom Proutt, Cincinnati OH—1955
TEAM
438 by Pasco Twin Cities WA—2005

MOST RUNS

INDIVIDUAL
23 by David Ward, New Orleans LA—1983
TEAM
133 by New Brighton MN—1999

MOST HITS

INDIVIDUAL
30 by Chito Martinez, New Orleans LA—1983
TEAM
161 by Medford OR—1997

MOST TWO-BASE HITS

INDIVIDUAL
11 by Nate Philo, Medford OR—1997
TEAM
41 by Chino CA—1994

MOST THREE-BASE HITS

INDIVIDUAL
5 by Bill Wilson, Cedar Rapids IA—1975
5 by Horace Tucker, San Diego CA—1952
TEAM
12 by San Diego CA—1954

MOST HOME RUNS

INDIVIDUAL
9 by Marc Damon, Tucson AZ—2007
TEAM
36 by Tucson AZ--2007

MOST EXTRA BASE HITS

INDIVIDUAL
14 by Nate Philo, Medford OR—1997
Note: 11 doubles, 2 triples, 1 home run
TEAM
57 by Medford OR—1997 (35—2B, 4—3B, 18—HR)

MOST RBI

INDIVIDUAL
30 by John Cruz, Yakima WA—1979
TEAM
120 by Tucson AZ--2007

MOST BASE ON BALLS

INDIVIDUAL
14 by Matt Sinatro, Bellevue WA—2012
TEAM
95 by Brooklawn NJ—1984

MOST STRIKEOUTS (by hitter)

INDIVIDUAL
15 by John Engers, Danville CA—2000
15 by Clyde Williams, Sanford FL—1997
TEAM
95 by Lewiston ID—2001

MOST STOLEN BASES

INDIVIDUAL
14 by TJ White, Las Vegas NV—2011
14 by Brian Musselman, Boyertown PA—1986
14 by Tomas Gil, Hialeah FL—1978
14 by Rene White, Memphis TN—1973

TEAM
56 by Midwest City OK—2010
56 by Boyertown PA—2004

MOST SACRIFICES

INDIVIDUAL
10 by Kyle Geason, Eden Prairie MN (7F/3H)—2007
TEAM
24 by Eden Prairie MN—2007

HIGHEST BATTING AVERAGE

INDIVIDUAL
.679 by Doug Palmer, New Ulm MN—1978
TEAM
.396 by Edwardsville IL—1998 (147—371)

Pitching

MOST APPEARANCES (starter/reliever)

INDIVIDUAL
9 by Tris Lipscomb, Midlothian VA—1985

MOST APPEARENCES (reliever)

INDIVIDUAL
8 by Michael Badger, Rochester MN—2003

MOST INNINGS PITCHED

INDIVIDUAL
51.0 by Butch Vargas, Oakland CA—1966

MOST STRIKEOUTS (1960 and 8-team format)

INDIVIDUAL

69 by Chris Mason, Cherryville NC—2003

Note: current format includes national regional and World Series tournaments.

TEAM

106 by Sacramento CA—1985

MOST STRIKEOUTS (including sectionals)

INDIVIDUAL

84 by Wayne Thompson, Maplewood MN—1954
Note: including sectionals, national regionals and World Series tournaments.

MOST BASE ON BALLS

INDIVIDUAL

32 by Pete Torgenson, Rapid City SD—1984

TEAM

69 by Yardley PA—1996

MOST WILD PITCHES

INDIVIDUAL

7 by Madison Boer, Eden Prairie MN—2007

TEAM

19 by Chino CA—1994

MOST VICTORIES (national competition)

INDIVIDUAL

6 by Butch Vargas (6-0), Oakland CA—1966
6 by Bob Miller (6-0), St. Louis MO—1956
6 by Bill Joyce (6-0), Buffalo NY—1929
6 by Charles Hardt (6-0), Oakland CA—1928

MOST VICTORIES (ALWS only)

INDIVIDUAL

3 by Scott Beasley, Columbia TN—2007
3 by Tris Lipscomb, Midlothian VA—1985
3 by John Babel, Boyertown PA—1980
3 by Butch Vargas, Oakland CA—1966
3 by Jim Harwell, New Orleans LA—1956
3 by Bob Miller, St. Louis MO—1956

MOST SAVES

INDIVIDUAL

5 by Jeff Malm, Las Vegas NV--2008

TEAM

6 by Enid OK—2005
6 by Rockport IN--2016

MOST COMBINED WINS/SAVES

INDIVIDUAL

7 by Tris Lipscomb (5-0 with 2 saves), Midlothian VA—1985

LOWEST ERA (min. 20 innings)

INDIVIDUAL

0.00 by Matt Brown, Danville CA—2000
0.00 by Fernando Rodriguez, Miami FL—1994
0.00 by Ken Fila, Omaha NE—1965

TEAM

1.05 by Danville CA—2000

Fielding

MOST PUTOUTS

INDIVIDUAL

122 by Geoffrey Kirksey (1B), Paducah KY—2000

TEAM

318 by Enid OK—2005

MOST ASSISTS

INDIVIDUAL

41 by Andy Neufeld (SS), Sanford FL—1997
41 by Brandon Sullivan, Boyertown PA—2007

TEAM

144 by Gonzales LA—1996

MOST ERRORS

INDIVIDUAL

13 by Todd Bramble (SS), Salem OR—1994

TEAM

38 by Bellevue WA—1995

FEWEST ERRORS

TEAM (current format)

6 by Chapin Newberry SC—2015
6 by New Orleans LA—2012

MOST DOUBLE PLAYS

TEAM

18 by Texarkana AR—2016

MOST TRIPLE PLAYS

TEAM – 1

Deland FL—2004
Rockland County NY—1996
Wilmington Manor DE—1967
Enid OK—1966
Cincinnati OH—1957
Oakland CA—1949

HIGHEST FIELDING PCT.

INDIVIDUAL (min. 100 chances)

1.000 by John Brue (1B), Brooklawn NJ—2012
1.000 by Russell Bourland (1B), West Point MS—2002

TEAM

.978 by New Orleans LA—2012
.978 by Cherryville NC—2003

Sundry records

MOST RUNS (inning)

TEAM

13 by Cincinnati OH vs. Kingston NY—1988 (third inning)

TWO-TEAM

15 by Las Vegas NV (8) vs. Excelsior MN (7)—1998 (fourth inning)

MOST HITS (inning)

TEAM

10 by Sanford FL vs. Medford OR—1997 (sixth inning)
10 by Cincinnati OH vs. Kingston NY—1988 (third inning)

TWO-TEAM

13 by Sanford FL (10) vs. Medford OR (3)—1997 (sixth inning)

LONGEST GAME (innings)

14 by Brooklawn NJ beat Bedford MA, 5-4 in 1994
14 by West Covina CA beat Manchester NH, 1-0 in 1970
14 by Springfield OH beat Omaha NE, 3-1 in 1968
14 by Manchester NH beat Nashville TN, 9-8 in 1966
14 by Spartanburg SC and San Diego CA tied 8-8 in 1938
14 by South Chicago IL beat Columbia SC, 1-0 in 1931
13 by Eden Prairie MN beat Tupelo MS, 5-4 in 2011

SHORTEST GAME (inning)

5 by Yonkers NY beat El Dorado KN, 18-1 in 1926

LONGEST GAME (time)

4:40 – Spartanburg SC vs. San Diego CA—1938 (14 innings)

SHORTEST GAME (time)

1:29 – Cincinnati OH vs. West Hartford CT—1973

MOST APPEARANCES (team)

17 by Omaha NE
1939-1948-1961-1963-1965-1968-1970-1981-1985
1994-2000-2001-2008-2012-2014-2015-2016
Note: Omaha entries are multiple teams

MOST APPEARANCES (individual)

4 by Mike Rucci, Brooklawn NJ (1998-1999-2000-2001)

CONSECUTIVE APPEARANCES

5 by Brooklawn NJ in 2011-2012-2013-2014-2015

MOST TIMES IN FINALS

9 by Cincinnati OH
1944-1947-1949-1952-1955-1957-1958-1961-1988
Note: if you include Metairie (suburban New Orleans metro), the total is 10

MOST CHAMPIONSHIPS

7 by Cincinnati OH
1944-1947-1952-1955-1957-1958-1988

CONSECUTIVE CHAMPIONSHIPS

2 by Brooklawn NJ in 2013-2014
2 by Rio Piedras PR in 1973-1974
2 by West Covina CA in 1970-1971
2 by Cincinnati OH in 1957-1958
2 by Oakland CA in 1949-1950

MOST TOURNAMENT GAMES

69 by Brooklawn NJ in 14 tournament appearances
Note: if you include suburban Metairie (metro New Orleans) the total jumps to 75 games played in 18 tournament appearances

MOST TOURNAMENT GAMES WON

44 by Brooklawn NJ (44-25) in 16 tournament appearances

MOST TOURNAMENT GAMES LOST

26 by New Orleans LA (34-26-1) in 15 tournament appearances

MOST WINS BY CHAMPIONSHIP CLUB

71 by Mayo MD (71-7) in 1990

MOST LOSSES BY CHAMPIONSHIP CLUB

22 by Yakima WA (52-22) in 1975

FEWEST WINS BY CHAMPIONSHIP CLUB

19 by Oakland CA (19-0) in1928

FEWEST LOSSES BY CHAMPIONSHIP CLUB

0 by Oakland CA (19-0) in 1928
0 by Yonkers NY in 1925

HIGHEST WIN PCT. CHAMPIONSHIP CLUB

by Oakland CA (19-0) in 1928 at 1.000
by Yonkers NY in 1926 at 1.000

LOWEST WIN PCT. CHAMPIONSHIP CLUB

.698 by Upland CA (37-16) in 1964

MOST RUNS SCORED (alws only)

282 in Las Vegas NV—1998 (15 games)

FEWEST RUNS SCORED (alws only)

79 in Memphis TN—1967 (15 games)

MOST TWO-BASE HITS (alws only)

187 in Rapid City SD—1997 (15 games)

MOST TRIPLES (alws only)

25 in Fargo ND—1995 (15 games)

MOST HOME RUNS (alws only)

46 in 2007 in Bartlesville OK (15 games)

MOST ONE-RUN GAMES (alws only)

10 in Shelby NC—2015 (15 games)

MOST SHUTOUTS (alws only)

5 in Memphis TN—1967 (15 games)
5 in Little Rock AR—1964 (15 games)
5 in Hastings NE—1960 (15 games)

FEWEST SHUTOUTS (alws only)

0 in Shelby NC—2015 (15 games)
0 in Spokane WA—2010 (15 games)
0 in Bartlesville OK—2007 (15 games)
0 in Bartlesville OK—2003 (15 games)
0 in Middletown CT—1999 (15 games)
0 in Las Vegas NV—1998 (15 games)
0 in New Orleans LA—1984 (15 games)
0 in Ely MN—1980 (15 games)
0 in Yakima WA—1978 (14 games)
0 in Billings MT—1957 (6 games)
0 in Yakima WA—1954 (7 games)
0 in Los Angeles CA—1947 (6 games)
0 in Charlotte NC—1945 (6 games)
0 in Minneapolis MN—1944 (7 games)
0 in Miles City MT—1943 (9 games)
0 in Albermarle NC—1940 (5 games)
0 in Omaha NE—1939 (4 games)
0 in Spartanburg SC—1938 (5 games)
0 in Spartanburg SC—1936 (5 games)

0 in Gastonia NC—1935 (3 games)
0 in Chicago IL—1934 (3 games)
0 in New Orleans LA—1933 (2 games)
0 in Manchester NH—1932 (4 games)
0 in Memphis TN—1930 (2 games)
0 in Louisville KY—1929 (3 games)
0 in Philadelphia PA—1926 (5 games)

MOST EXTRA INNING GAMES (alws only)

4 in Bartlesville OK—2007 (15 games)

MOST SACRIFICES IN ONE INNING INDIVIDUAL

2 by Brett Casey (Corvallis OR vs. Rochester MN)—2003
Note: one sac bunt and one sac fly in third inning)

In 2013, Robbie Podrosky of Gonzales LA set a ALWS record stealing second, third and home all in the same inning. The all-star second baseman was also selected at the recipient of the James F. Daniel Sportsmanship Award.

2017 rain delay at the ALWS in Shelby.

Cooper Lund of Lewiston ID pitches against Hopewell NJ in 2017 ALWS

Last year (2017) Allyson Coryell, assistant coach for Hopewell NJ became the first female coach in ALWS history.

JJ Guinozzo (in red) and Joanne McClellan (in black) have been the ALWS official scorers since Series moved to Shelby NC

World Series recaps

1926 - Yonkers NY Post 321

PHILADELPHIA PA – Champion Yonkers NY Post 321 exploded for a record 23 runs against runner-up Pocatello ID in capturing the first American Legion Junior World Series baseball championship.

The tournament was held in conjunction with the Legion's national convention in Philadelphia, Oct. 11-13.

Opening the three-day competition in Sesquicentennial Stadium was Pocatello and El Dorado KN. The western entry prevailed 7-5 with the winning runs being scored in the top of the ninth inning. Tim and Charlie Wilson led the winners with two hits each.

Yonkers battled Springfield OH in the nightcap with the New Yorkers winning 8-2. Each club collected five hits but Yonkers took advantage of wild Springfield pitching that gave up 13 walks. 1,100 attended opening day games.

In semifinal action, Pocatello edged Springfield, 8-7 and Yonkers pounded El Dorado, 18-1. Springfield committed eight errors in the loss. First baseman Mike McGaugh banged out three hits as Tim Wilson scored the winning run in the seventh inning on a double, walk and infield out. The second game lasted only five innings as Jack 'Babe' McCormick belted a pair of home runs while scoring four runs himself. John Fitzgerald fanned five and limited El Dorado to three hits as 2,500 attended day two of the tourney.

The final day of the tournament matched the two undefeated teams for the championship. 3,000 fans showed up including the commissioner of baseball, Judge K. M. Landis.

Yonkers wasted little time in showing everyone who the best team was. McCormick collected three hits including his third home run of the tournament as New York won 23-6. The winners picked up 17 hits and scored in every inning except the third. McCormick was the top hitter going 7-for-12 (.583) during the three-day event.

52,000 boys participated in the Legion's first year of competition.

Yonkers NY Post 321 – American Legion's first champions

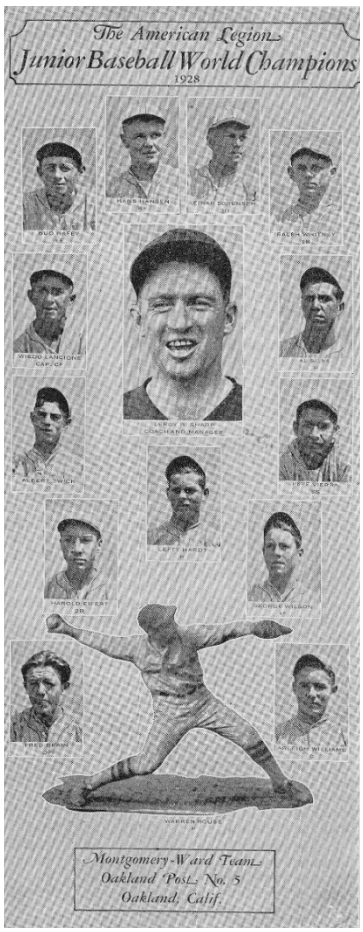
1926 early American Legion Junior baseball action

1927

There was no national tournament in 1927 although Legion Baseball continued on local level.

1928 - Oakland CA Post 5

CHICAGO IL – Powerful Oakland CA Post 5 capped an undefeated season here as the Golden State nine swept Worchester MA, 2 games to 0 to win the American Legion World Series championship.



Coach Leroy Sharpe's awesome club dominated rivals all season, outscoring opponents, 186-6, including 14 shutouts.

The stars were plentiful both on the mound and in hitting.

Charles Hardt and Al Silva teamed up to give the Californians a strong 1-2 punch on the hill. Hardt, a hard throwing southpaw, won a record six games in national competition and allowed only three runs in 77 innings pitched. Silva gave up two runs in 67 innings.

The hitting was supplied by third baseman Einar Sorensen. He hit .422 during the season and .500 at the Series including a 3-for-4 performance in the championship game.

Oakland finished the season with a perfect 19-0 record.

Oakland CA Post 5 – 1928 American Legion World Series Champions

1929 - Buffalo NY Post 721

LOUISVILLE KY – Credit team captain Bill Joyce for winning the 1929 American Legion World Series for Buffalo NY Post 721.

The multi-talented athlete led the Bisons to a 2 games to 1 series triumph over the New Orleans White Sox. He pitched a complete game victory on opening day and then came back in the third and deciding game to secure the title for the Bisons.

He posted an unbeaten 14-0 record on the season and a record tying 6-0 mark in national competition. He was a big hit offensively going 2-for-5 in the championship game.

New Orleans avoided a series sweep with a record setting 20-hit, 16-9 victory in game two.

Buffalo ended the season with a near perfect 25-1 record as baseball commissioner Judge Kenesaw Landis praised the play of the Bisons.

1930 - Baltimore MD Post 81

MEMPHIS TN – Baltimore MD Post 81 out hit, outplayed and outscored New Orleans LA to win the American Legion World Series championship, 2 games to 0. It was another disappointing runner-up finish for New Orleans. The Crescent City entry finished second for the second straight season.

Baltimore won the opener, 5-4 in 10 innings pushing across the winning run on a squeeze bunt by Bill Stiner. He laid down a perfect bunt scoring Andy Bolognese.

In the finale, Herbert Newberg and Norman Weiner went to work for Baltimore. Each picked up three RBI and two hits.

Baltimore broke open a 3-3 tie with a big five run fourth inning to give Clarence Koslowski the victory on the mound.

President Herbert Hoover throws out first pitch before American Legion Eastern Sectional finals in Washington DC

National Champion Baltimore attending Major League World Series

1930 American Legion tournament action

1931 - South Chicago IL Post 493

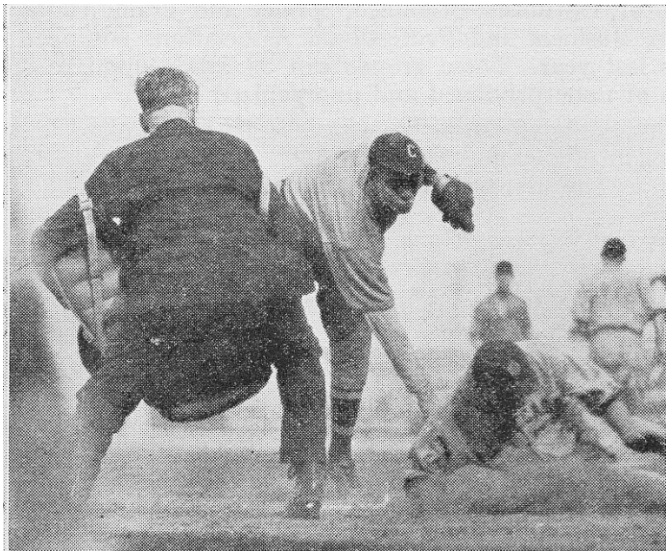
HOUSTON TX – The championship game of the American Legion Baseball will always go down in the books as "the classic game" with South Chicago IL Post 493 defeating Columbia SC. The series was a 2 game to 0 sweep for South Chicago.

The "classic game" in the championship finale pitted South Chicago's Al Lawler and Columbia's Kirby Higbe.

The old fashion pitching duel went 14 innings and when the dust settled South Chicago prevailed 1-0. Lawler fanned a tournament record 17 batters while his counterpart, Higbe struck out 10.

The titanic struggle almost ended in the 11th inning when Lawler encountered some wildness. The game continued when catcher Wally Holem picked off a runner at third base.

Hoelm then scored the game's lone run in the top of the 14th to give South Chicago the American Legion World Series championship.



Columbia pitcher Kirby Higbe tags South Chicago runner at plate in American Legion World Series greatest game. South Chicago won 1-0 in 14 innings

1932 - New Orleans LA Post 132

MANCHESTER NH – New Orleans, twice a bridesmaid but never the bride, finally broke into the winners circle by capturing the 1932 American Legion World Series championship.

The Zatarain Papooses of Post 132 rallied twice in edging Springfield MA, 2 games to 1. One game ended in a tie.

It was first or nothing for New Orleans captain Jimmy Fraiche. The spunky little shortstop played flawless on defense and was a big hit at the plate to earn instant hero status in New Orleans.

In the championship game, he singled home the winning RBI with two outs in the ninth inning. In the opener, he started a New Orleans rally with a single in the eighth inning to rally the Papooses from a 2-0 deficit to a 3-2 victory. He hit .450 in national competition.

The entire series was marked with close games including game two that ended in a 5-5 deadlock after 12 innings. The game was called due to darkness and was replayed the following day.

1933 - Chicago IL Post 467

NEW ORLEANS LA – Future Major Leaguer Phil Cavarretta led Chicago IL Post 467 to the American Legion World Series championship with a 2 games to 0 sweep of Trenton NJ. Cavarretta won both games of the series winning the opener 14-5 as a starter and came back in relief to win the championship game, 7-6.

In the finale, he was simply spectacular. He entered the game in the sixth inning with the score tied at 6-6. He set down the visitors the remainder of the game giving up just one hit and striking out five.

His triple earlier in the game (second inning) with the bases loaded keyed a big six run inning for Chicago.

The winning run was scored in the bottom of the ninth when Dan Krause scored from first on Ted Swed's two-out single off the right field wall. Krause had opened the inning with a single. Losing pitcher Jim Zoltis then retired two batters and had a 0-2 count on Swed before Swed's game winning blast.

Team captains with Baseball Commissioner and American Legion national commander

1934 - Cumberland MD Post 13

CHICAGO IL – Cumberland MD rallied twice during the 1934 American Legion World Series against New Orleans LA to win a spirited championship series, 2 games to 1.

New Orleans, a three-time national finalist, won the series opener at Comiskey Park, 5-4. The victory was secured with a big four run seventh inning outburst.

Cumberland rebounded at Wrigley Field in game two with a 13-inning, 4-3 victory. Phil Hoewalt's single with the bases loaded won the game for Cumberland.

The series switched back to Comiskey for the deciding game. Roland Triplett went the distance and handcuffed New Orleans winning 6-1. He fanned nine and limited New Orleans to three hits.

Team captain Charley Clark, the tourney's top hitter had two hits including a triple and scored twice in the championship game.

1935 - Gastonia NC Post 23

GASTONIA NC – Gastonia Post 23 gave its hometown fans something to cheer about as they became the first American Legion team to win the junior American Legion World Series while playing at home.

Gastonia whipped Sacramento CA, 3 games to 0 to become the first team to win three games in the series. The ALWS format changed from 1934 (best-of-three series) to a best-of-five series in 1935. 13,000 fans showed up for the clincher as Gastonia responded with a wild 16-hit, 12-8 victory.

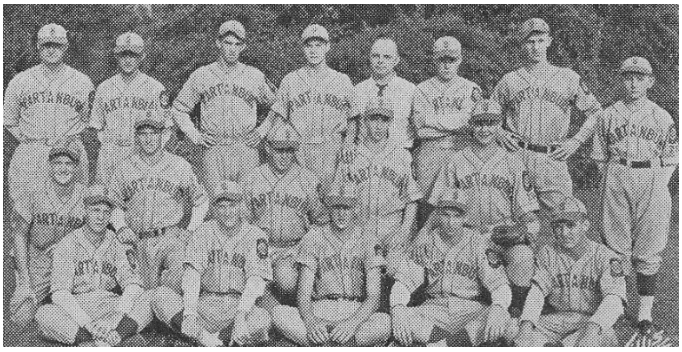
The winners led 8-3 early but Sacramento battled back with a big five-run eighth inning to tie the score. Gastonia rebounded in the bottom of the eighth with a four run rally aided by three Sacramento errors to capture the title and series sweep as 28,900 fans attended the three game series.

1936
Spartanburg SC Post 28

SPARTANBURG SC – An all-time record crowd of 60,000 turned out in this tiny South Carolina hamlet to witness the 1936 American Legion World Series and for the first time, the series went the limit as home standing Spartanburg Post 28 won an exciting 3 games to 2 series triumph over visiting Los Angeles, CA.

Spartanburg won games 1-3-5 while California won games 2-4. The championship game at Duncan Park was played before a record crowd of 20,000 partisan fans. Pepper Martin's three hits and Pete Fowler's three RBI sparked the winners.

Four Spartans hit over .500 in national competition. Fowler hit .550 while Martin, Pedro Mahaffey and Roy Prince each hit .500. As a team, Spartanburg blistered opponents pitching with a .317 average.



Spartanburg SC Post 28 – 1936 American Legion World Series Champions

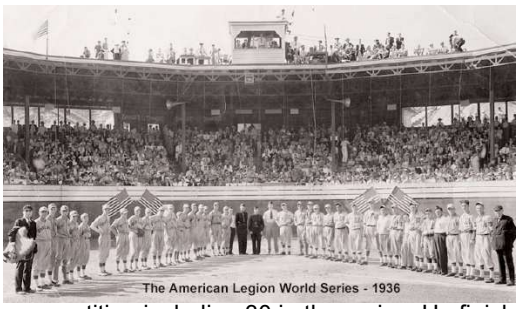
1937
East Lynn MA Post 291

NEW ORLEANS LA – In one of the most lopsided American Legion World Series ever, East Lynn, MA Post 291 whipped host New Orleans, LA, 3 games to 0.

The eastern champion made it simple by easily outscoring the western winner, 30-6.

The series clincher was a 13-5 victory in which East Lynn collected 17 hits as 8,438 mostly home town fans watched in disbelief.

Ray Bessom was the hitting and pitching star for the winners. He went 4-for-4 in game two including three RBI and finished the tournament with a .555 average.



On the mound, he picked up victories in games one and two and came back in the championship game to register a save. He fanned 55 in national competition including 30 in the series. He finished the season at 28-0 while East Lynn ended at 38-1.

For New Orleans, it was their fourth runner-up finish since 1929 (1929, 1930, 1934 and 1937).

1938 - San Diego CA Post 6

SPARTANBURG SC – San Diego CA Post 6 returned the American Legion World Series championship to California for the first time since 1928 as the Golden State team slipped past host Spartanburg SC.

The series was 3 games to 2 (with 1 tie) and was the most evenly played series in Legion history.

The opener went 14 innings and settled absolutely nothing as the teams battled to an 8-8 tie. The game was called due to darkness.

The championship game featured a pitching duel between San Diego's Chet Kehn (10 strikeouts, 4 hits and 2 walks) and Spartanburg's Charlie Cudd (7 strikeouts, 7 hits and no walks).

Fernando Paredes' two RBI single in the fourth inning gave San Diego the offensive edge Kehn needed as the lanky right-hander retired the final eight batters for the championship.

1939 - Omaha NE Post 1

OMAHA NE – Omaha NE Post 1 became the third team since 1935 to win the American Legion World Series while playing at home. The Nebraskans methodically rolled over visiting Berwyn IL 3 games to 1 as 13,000 fans packed Fontenelle Park for the finals.

Bud Blessie and Bill Wachtler teamed up for the victory. Blessie went the distance limiting the visitors to six hits while Wachtler went 3-for-4 at the plate.

Blessie won two victories in the series and posted a 5-0 mark in national competition while Berwyn's Eddie Goralski led the series in hitting with a nifty 8-for-16 .500 average.

1940 - Albemarle NC Post 76

ALBEMARLE NC – Down 2 games to 0, Albemarle NC Post 76 staged one of the greatest comebacks in amateur baseball in winning the American Legion World Series championship, 3 games to 2 over long-time California power and 1938 national champion San Diego.

The fifth and deciding game was typical of the excitement generated by the competing teams as Albemarle had to squelch a ninth inning rally to preserve the victory.

The final out was made on an attempted squeeze play. Albemarle catcher Hoyle Boger called for a pitchout. The call was right as a surprised San Diego runner was nailed down at the plate.

J.W. 'Lefty' Lisk picked up his 22nd victory of the season in the championship game. Teammate Clyde Dick hit .452 in the national competition as Albemarle ended its year at 31-7.

Early American Legion World Series championship trophy

1941 -San Diego CA Post 6

SAN DIEGO CA – Bouncing back from the disaster of 1940, San Diego CA Post 6 shutdown Berwyn IL, 3 games to 0 to win the American Legion World Series championship.

By erasing the pain of 1940, San Diego's victory marked the first time a team has won two ALWS crowns. San Diego also won the 1938 championship.

Leading Berwyn 2 games to 0, the Californians were not about to let the game slip away like the year before. San Diego jumped off to a first inning 3-0 lead en route to claiming the title, 5-3.

The San Diego success was mainly attributed to the pitching and fielding of Bob Usher.

Usher picked up the victory in game one limiting the visitors to three hits via an 8-0 shutout. He came back with his defensive skills during game two with a diving game ending (and game saving) catch in the ninth inning with the bases loaded to preserve a 1-0 victory.

In the championship game, he combined his pitching and hitting to lead San Diego. He went 3-for-3 at the plate and picked up a save in relief with a three strikeout no-hit performance while pitching the final two innings.

The series marked the first time that a team has won two ALWS titles and the first time a team won the championship after finishing second the year before.

1942 -Los Angeles CA Post 357

MANCHESTER NH – California laid claim to baseball supremacy in amateur baseball ranks during 1942 as Los Angeles CA Post 357 won the American Legion World Series, 3 games to 0 over host Manchester NH.

It was California's second straight national title and fourth in Legion in history.

Bob Moore, a 6-0 hard throwing pitcher mastered the eastern champions on four hits in the championship game. He fanned seven and walked only one.

Pitching was Los Angeles' strongpoint as Dan Brown and Tom Radcliff joined Moore with complete game victories in the series.

1943 - Richfield MN Post 435

MILES CITY MT – A new format and a new champion was introduced to American Legion Baseball fans during the 1943 season.

Gone was the traditional east-west best-of-five series format and gone was defending champion Los Angeles.

Under the new arrangement, a double-elimination tournament was installed to determine the American Legion champion.

In the inauguration event, Richfield MN outlasted four opponents to win the title. The championship game saw Richfield beat Springfield OH, 3-2 before 4,000.

Roger Brown's double off the right field wall scored Paul Otness with the game winning run in the sixth inning. The Richfield victory overshadowed a fine pitching performance by Springfield's Harry Amato. He fanned 11 and walked two in the losing effort.

It was the first state championship for a Minnesota entry in the ALWS.

1944 - Cincinnati OH Post 50

MINNEAPOLIS MN – A third baseman by trade, Ralph Kraus stepped into the pitching spotlight to hurl his Cincinnati OH Post 50 to the American Legion World Series championship.

The versatile youngster scattered nine hits and fanned four on the mound and went 2-for-4 at the plate in leading Cincinnati over Albemarle NC, 3-2 in the championship game.

Kraus' performance was necessary because Albemarle upended Cincinnati in a 6-2 semifinal game.

It was the first of seven national championships Cincinnati has won in American Legion World Series play.

Photo of the 1944 World Series banquet

1945 - Shelby NC Post 82

CHARLOTTE NC – Playing in front of a partisan home state crown, upstart Shelby NC Post 82 upset pre-tourney favorite Trenton NJ, 4-2 in the finals of the American Legion World Series. Shelby posted a perfect 3-0 record in the ALWS and became the first team to win four games in series play and the first team to advance through the double-elimination tournament unbeaten.

The winners capitalized on five Trenton errors in the championship game in the come-from-behind victory.

Harry McKee, the ace of the Shelby staff, picked up the win in the game while limiting Trenton on four hits.

Earlier in the tourney, Shelby's Boots Kent pitched nine innings of no-hit ball against Oak Park IL only to lose the gem and shutout in the 10th inning. Kent settled for a 2-1 extra inning victory. 10,250 attended the finals and 41,500 turned out for the entire tournament.

1946 - New Orleans LA Post 125

CHARLESTON SC – New Orleans LA Post 125 used a brilliant pitching performance from Gus Riordan to capture the 1946 American Legion World Series title.

The victory extended the misery of Trenton NJ and the Garden State entry had to settle for a second straight second place finish for the two-time pre-tourney favorite.

The Blue Jays looked like anything but champions on opening day as Los Angeles shutout the eventual champions, 6-0.

Facing an early exit from the double-elimination tournament, New Orleans got on track and won four straight including a pair of victories over Trenton.

In the finals, Riordan mastered the easterners on two hits. He had six strikeouts. It was New Orleans' second national title. They won the 1932 title after finishing second in four earlier series.

New Orleans LA Post 125 – 1946 American Legion World Series Champions

1947 - Cincinnati OH Post 50

LOS ANGELES CA – Cincinnati OH Post 50 joined an elite club by capturing the 1947 American Legion World Series.

With the victory, Cincinnati joined New Orleans and San Diego as the only two-time ALWS champions. Cincinnati also won the 1944 title.

Coach Joe Hawk's club went undefeated in the tourney and clinched the title with a 3-2 victory over Little Rock AR.

Cincinnati's George Moeller, a centerfielder/pitcher combo, won the batting championship with a 20-for-40 .500 average during national competition.

Babe Ruth was spokesman for American Legion Baseball prior to his death in 1948. In 1947, at left he speaks to the crowd in Los Angeles during opening day and at right presents Cincinnati team captain Bob Andres with championship plaque

1948 National Champion Trenton NJ at MLB World Series at Braves Field in Boston

1948 - Trenton NJ Post 93

INDIANAPOLIS IN – For 17 seasons, Trenton NJ Post 93's had one goal -- the American Legion World Series championship.

Finally, after three runner-up finishes and a bunch of heartaches, Trenton broke into the winner's circle by winning the 1948 championship. The eastern regional and sectional champions were led by Don Minnick, a lanky slingshot pitcher, who mastered runner-up Jacksonville FL, 4-1 in the championship game.

Minnick was matched with teammate Leon Millington to give Trenton a big 1-2 punch on the mound. Between the two, opponents were limited to four runs and just 18 hits during the double-elimination tournament. Don Hunter, the Omaha NE slugger, claimed top hitting honors with a .397 average in national competition.

1949 -Oakland CA Post 337

OMAHA NE – Oakland CA Post 337 presented the city of Oakland its second national American Legion championship since 1928 in winning the 1949 ALWS title.

45,358 turned out in newly constructed Municipal Stadium in Omaha to watch the double-elimination tournament as 11,168 saw Oakland knock off Cincinnati OH in the finals, 8-6.

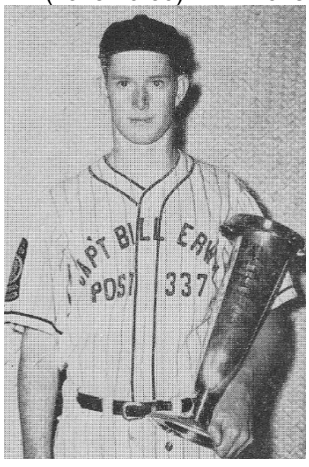
Captain and shortstop Ray Herrera was selected as the first recipient of the American Legion Player of the Year award. Teammate J.W. Porter won the batting title with a .551 clip going 27-for-49 in national play.

During the championship game, Herrera started a triple play that ignited the Oakland drive toward the crown.

1950 - Oakland CA Post 337

OMAHA NE – Powerful Oakland CA Post 337 steamrolled over all opposition to capture its second straight American Legion World Series championship.

It marked the first time in Legion history that a team had won back-to-back national crowns. It also gave Oakland a record third national title (1928-49-50) since 1928.



Oakland's all-star catcher J.W. Porter also set some national standards. He retained the Louisville Slugger award for producing the highest batting average in national competition and was chosen the American Legion Player of the Year. With his second straight batting title Porter became the only player to win two ALWS batting titles.

His three-hit outburst in the finals led Oakland to an 11-0 rout of St. Louis. Teammate Vern Killburg limited St. Louis to four hits while picking up the shutout.

J.W. Porter won back-to-back Louisville Slugger Batting Awards and led Oakland to consecutive national championships

Omaha Municipal Stadium – site of the 1949 and 1950 World Series was built primary for the American Legion World Series

1951 - Los Angeles CA Post 715

DETROIT MI – Los Angeles CA Post 715 kept the American Legion World Series championship in California for the third straight year with an 11-7 victory over White Plaines NY.

Detroit's Tiger Stadium was the site of the tourney that saw a spunky California player named Sparky Anderson in the lineup.

Anderson would return many years later to lead the Tigers to a Major League World Series as manager. He also won a World Series crown while leading the Cincinnati Red during the mid-1970s.

Individual honors during the ALWS went to White Plaines' Grover Jones. He was picked as the American Legion Player of the Year while hitting .408.

1951 National Champion Los Angeles at MLB World Series at the Polo Grounds

1952 - Cincinnati OH Post 50

DENVER CO – Cincinnati OH Post 50 won a record 53 games in 1952 and joined Oakland CA in the American Legion record book by winning its third ALWS championship.

Crafty coach Joe Haw's troops nipped San Diego CA, 5-2 in the championship game on a night that was more suited for football or ice hockey. Game time temperature hovered at the 42 degree level and got lower as the game progressed.

Cincinnati's Russell Nixon claimed top honors as the American Legion Player OF The Year recipient. San Diego's centerfielder Horace Tucker won the batting honors with a .452 clip in national competition.

Howie Whitson, ace of the Cincinnati staff picked up the tourney opener on a 3-0 shutout and then came back to win the finals.

1953 - Yakima WA 36

MIAMI FL – Yakima WA Post 36 gave the American northwest region its first ever national championship with a 4-1 victory over Winnetka IL.

Tom Gibson fired a three-hitter in the finals as well as picking up three RBI on two hits as a hitter. It was Gibson's second victory in three days against runner-up Winnetka. He tossed a five-hit complete game victory over the Illinois champions earlier in the tourney.

Versatile Chuck Linstrom of Winnetka was selected as the American Legion Player of the Year. Linstrom won a pair of games as a pitcher and played well defensively at second base.

Chuck Lindstrom receives congratulations from Baseball Hall of Fame director Sid Keener for winning American Legion Player of the Year award

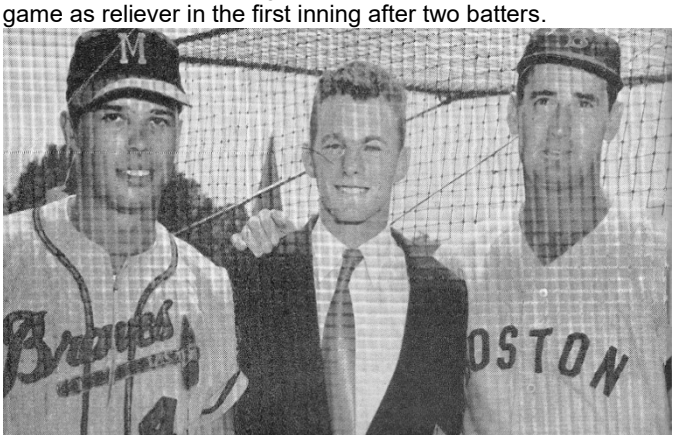
1954 - San Diego CA Post 492

YAKIMA WA – Call them the "Cinderella team" or "a team of destiny" but whatever you call them, please include the following: 1954 American Legion World Series champions.

San Diego CA Post 492 rallied from an opening day setback to roar through the elimination bracket to win the national championship.

The Southern California champions clipped Gastonia NC twice to win the crown. The first match up lasted 11 innings with San Diego prevailing 3-2. In the finals, San Diego scored seven runs over the first three innings en route to a 7-2 championship victory.

Lawrence Elliott's two RBI single with the bases loaded was all Ron Wilkins needed as the big lefthander fanned 11. Wilkins entered the game as reliever in the first inning after two batters.



1954 Player of the Year Billy Capps with Eddie Mathews of Milwaukee Braves and Ted Williams of Boston Red Sox at Hall of Fame game. Capps received award for being selected as the American Legion Player of the Year

1955 - Cincinnati OH Post 216

ST. PAUL MN – The city of Cincinnati won its fourth American Legion World Series as Post 216 downed Washington DC, 10-4 in the finals. With the win, Cincinnati moved ahead of San Diego CA and Oakland CA for the most ALWS titles.

Bill Beck's victory over Washington in the finals was sweet revenge. Beck was beaten by that same team on opening day. In the championship game, he fanned 15 and limited Washington to five hits. Third baseman Frank Birri was picked as the American Legion Player of the Year as Cincinnati closed its record setting championship season at 36-4.

1956 - St. Louis MO 245

BISMARCK ND – Hard throwing Bob Miller picked up six victories in national competition including three at the World Series as St. Louis MO Post 245 battled opponents and Mother Nature en route to the national championship.

The double-elimination tournament was a grueling affair for all teams but the two days of postponement and near freezing playing conditions didn't stop the Missourians.

Miller opened the tourney with a 10-0 shutout of Roseburg OR and then handed powerful New Orleans LA a pair of setbacks (winning 7-3 and 8-3). In the championship game against New Orleans he fanned six to raise his national record at 6-0 with 40 strikeouts.

Teammate Lawrence Goudy led all hitters with a .449 average.

New Orleans star Jim Harwell receives Player of the Year award from Hall of Fame director Sid Keener

1957 - Cincinnati OH Post 50

BILLINGS MT – Cincinnati OH picked up its fifth American Legion World Series championship in 1957 as Post 50 overcame a stubborn Portland OR club, 10-6 in the finals.

Cincinnati, undefeated in the double-elimination tournament, edged Portland twice to win the title as Coach Joe Hawk's charges added another national title to Cincinnati's record number of Legion crowns.

Pitching was the key as Hawk used three complete game victories by Scott Seger, Jerry Drew and Tom Tiettmeyer to lead the way.

Tom Weber, who got a key three-run double in the eighth inning of the championship game, led the tourney in hitting with a .412 average.

Fred Fox, the American Legion Player of the Year excelled on defense throughout the tournament as he assisted on a triple play. It was the ALWS' second triple play in tournament history.

1958 -Cincinnati OH Post 50

COLORADO SPRINGS CO – For 21 seasons, Joe Hawk coached Cincinnati OH Post 50 to many championships but the one team, the one season he might remember the most was the 1958 club that produced a second straight ALWS.

For starters, the championship was the first back-to-back national titles in the ALWS since Oakland turned the trick in 1949-50.

And secondly, Hawk had to rebuild his club from the ground up. Only five players returned for action from his 1957 national championship club.

Southpaw Scott Seger tossed two complete game victories including the 12-1 rout of Everett MA in the championship.

1959 - Detroit MI Post 187

HASTINGS NE – Sparked by the all-around play of 5-6 shortstop Fred Bowen, Detroit MI Post 187 won the American Legion World Series championship.

Post 187 had to overcome an opening day setback to advance through the elimination round to win the title. It was a remake of regional and sectional playoffs as Detroit rebounded in both of those tournaments after early round losses to come back and win.

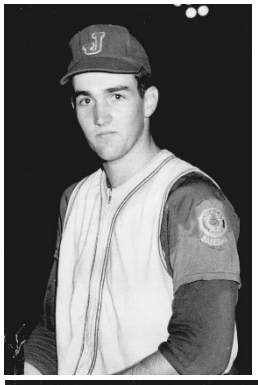
Detroit won the title with a pair of victories over previously unbeaten Hampton VA winning 5-3 and 11-4.

Detroit managed only five hits in the championship game but Hampton committed a record 10 errors. Two of the Detroit hits came from catcher John Hansen.

Bowen was chosen the American Legion Player of the Year while Phoenix's Louis Webb had the highest average at .478

1960 - New Orleans LA Post 125

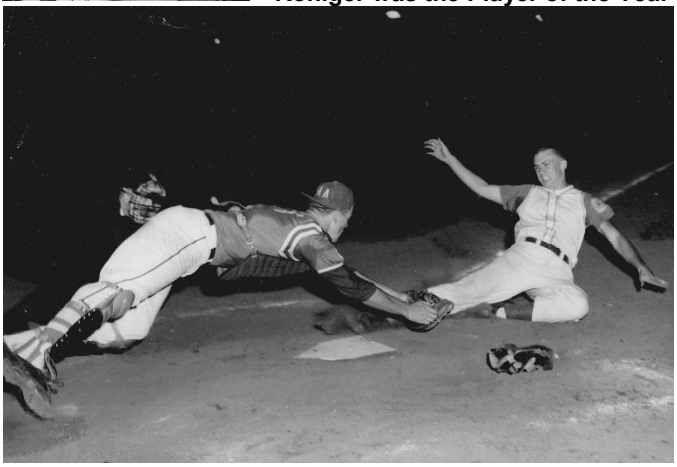
HASTINGS NE – Increasing the tournament field from four to eight regional champions did little to hamper New Orleans LA Post 125 in its quest for the American Legion World Series



The Crescent City entry whipped pre-tournament favorite Billings MT in the finals, 9-3. The ALWS title was New Orleans' third since 1932.

The winners used a big seven run sixth inning to rout Billings pitching ace Dave McNally, who walked 10 batters in the game. He had 68 strikeouts in national competition. Outdueling McNally in the finale was Dick Roniger, who was the recipient of the American Legion Player of the Year award. He limited Billings to six hits and he fanned 8.

Roniger was the Player of the Year



1960 American Legion World Series action

1961 - Phoenix AZ Post 1

HASTINGS NE – Phoenix AZ, a newcomer to the American Legion World Series, taught tourney veteran Cincinnati OH a lesson in baseball en route to winning the 1961 ALWS title.

Coming out of the elimination round, Phoenix Post 1 edged Cincinnati twice, 2-0 and 4-1 in claiming the crown.

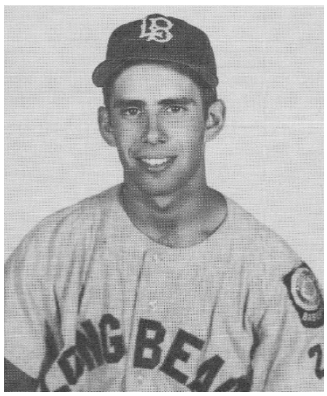
Back-to-back triples in the eighth inning by Gary Wolf and Larry Martin broke open a tight championship showdown and lifted the Westerners to the title.

Phoenix pitcher Dan Dwingle struggled early against Cincinnati with seven walks but came on strong and finished with a pair of strikeouts to end the game with 10.

Cincinnati's James Gruber was selected as the American Legion Player of the Year.

Also, during the 1961 tourney, George W. Rulon began his leadership role as head of the American Legion national baseball program. He would hold that position with the Legion until his retirement at the close of 1986.

1962 - St. Louis MO Post 299



BISMARCK ND – St. Louis MO Post 299 handed Honolulu HI its only losses of the season in winning the American Legion World Series. It was a return to glory for St. Louis as the Missourians and the Legion tournament returned to Bismarck. It was in Bismarck at the 1956 ALWS that St. Louis won its first Legion championship.

In the finals, St. Louis exploded for seven runs in a wild seventh inning. Jerry Mueller limited Hawaii to four hits.

Offensively, Dennis Horton hit a home run and a single while teammate Harold Wetich added a pair of doubles and a single.

Dick Dash of Long Beach CA won the 1963 American Legion Player of the Year award

1963 - Long Beach CA Post 27

KEENE NH – Long Beach CA Post 27 returned the American Legion World Series championship to California for the first time since 1954 as the Southern California representative sailed through the tournament unbeaten.

Long Beach upset unbeaten and tournament favorite Memphis TN Post 1 twice to claim the title. Dick Dash, Long Beach's hustling second baseman, who played an error-free tournament and hit .343, was chosen as the American Legion Player of the Year.

Coach Gale Taylor's club ended the season at 37-4 including a perfect 5-0 mark in the tourney while Coach Tony Gagliano's Memphis club finished at 38-2.

Jerry Mattingly of Evansville was the top hitter at .413

1964 - Upland CA Post 73

LITTLE ROCK AR – Upland CA Post 73 rode the hitting and pitching of Rollie Fingers to win the American Legion World Series.

Fingers, who later was a standout in the Major League World Series, won a pair of victories in the double-elimination tourney and hit a blistering .450 against some pretty tough national competition.

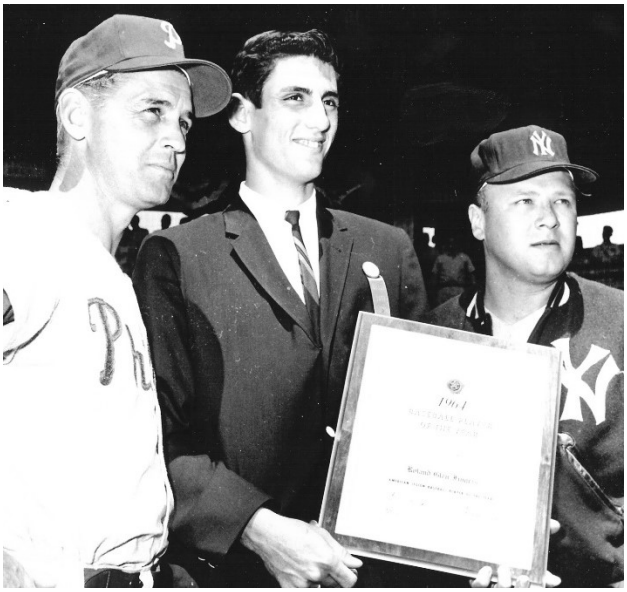
He was selected as the American Legion Player of the Year.

Upland and runner-up Charlotte NC staged a donnybrook mini-series within the Legion tournament as the formidable foes met three times with Upland winning two of three.

Fingers fired a three-hitter in the first meeting as Upland won 3-1.

Charlotte countered with a 2-0 shutout by Bob Boyd. Fingers broke up Boyd's bid for a no-hitter with a single.

In the finale, Fingers pitched a masterful 3-1 two-hitter to claim the championship.



Rollie Fingers (center) receives Player of the Year award in Cooperstown during annual Hall of Fame game

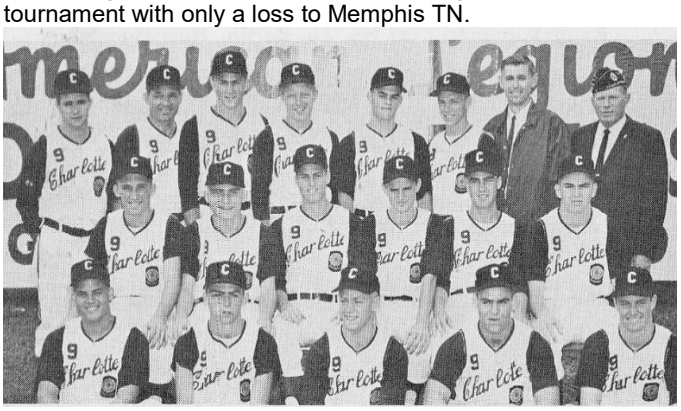
1965 - Charlotte NC Post 9

ABERDEEN SD – Charlotte NC Post 9 didn't let a light shower or cold weather dampen their party as the Tar Hills won the American Legion World Series with a 2-1 victory over Omaha NE.

The championship game was played on a cool drizzling evening.

It was a step up from the previous season when Charlotte finished second to Upland CA.

The Region Three champion went through the double-elimination tournament with only a loss to Memphis TN.



Charlotte NC Post 9 -- 1965 ALWS champions

1966 - Oakland CA Post 337

ORANGEBURG SC – Not since the glory days of 1949-50 has Oakland CA enjoyed success on the American Legion national baseball scene. Then came 1966 and Post 337 lifted Oakland to its fourth American Legion World Series title.

The winners clipped Tuscaloosa AL in the finals 4-1.

Butch Vargas was the star of the series as he tossed a four-hitter against Tuscaloosa in the championship game.

He picked up three wins at the series and posted a perfect 6-0 in national competition. Both marks are records.

Supporting Vargas in the national finals was Albert Strane. He connected with a home run and triple.

1967 - Tuscaloosa AL Post 34

MEMPHIS TN – Opening and closing the American Legion World Series with the same opponent, Tuscaloosa AL Post 34 won the championship with a nail-biting 1-0 win over Northbrook IL.

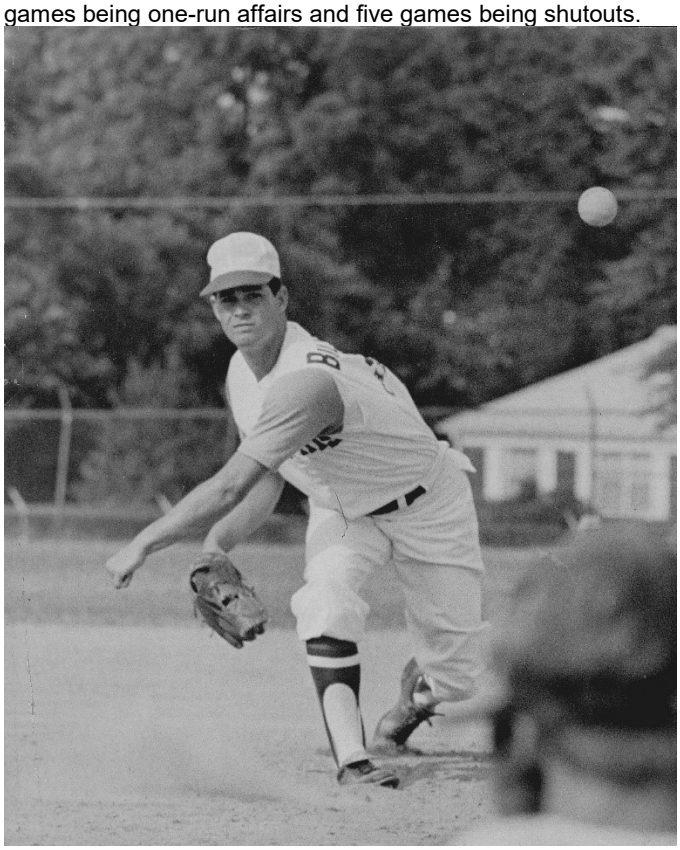
Tuscaloosa also won the tourney opener against Northbrook winning 3-0. Northbrook did manage to squeeze one win away from Tuscaloosa when Paul Brubaker pitched a two-hit 5-0 game. He fanned 14.

Tuscaloosa countered when it counted -- the championship game -- when John Rushing tossed a three-hit 1-0 win. He registered eight strikeouts.

The lone run in the finale came in the seventh inning when Bo Baughman doubled, advanced to third on a wild pitch and scored on Woody Sexton's infield single.

The winners completed the season at 40-5.

The tournament was noted for tight pitching and defense with three games being one-run affairs and five games being shutouts.



Memphis TN Post 1-star pitcher Don Castle won the Player of the Year award

1968 - Memphis TN Post 1

MANCHESTER NH – Coach Tony Gagliano's Memphis TN Post 1 swept through this happy New England community en route to winning Tennessee's first ever national championship. The finale, a 4-3 victory over Klamath Falls OR saw Memphis win with pitching, running and bunting. It was "text book" Memphis baseball.

With the game knotted at 3-3 and heading into the ninth inning, Memphian Charlie Blanchard led off with a line drive single. Winning pitcher Ross Grimsley then bunted to third. The throw by Mike Keck in an attempt to force Blanchard was late. Al Andre followed with another perfect bunt as losing pitcher Mike Allred mishandled the ball for an error.

With the bases loaded, Klamath Falls and most of the 2,350 in attendance were expecting Terry Dan to bunt. He was but he fouled out a pair of pitches. The defense on the 0-2 count went back to normal playing depth. On the next pitch, Dan came through with another perfect bunt that caught Klamath Falls napping as Blanchard raced home with the leading and eventual winning run.

Donnie Castle, the hitting and pitching hero for Memphis was selected as the American Legion Player of the Year.

Memphis finished strong, winning 38 straight games and ended the season at 52-5.

Another highlight during the 1968 ALWS came when Gene Guerriero of Staten Island NY no-hit Springfield MA, 3-0. It was the first complete no-hit game in ALWS history.

1969 - Portland OR Post 105

HASTINGS NE – Don Oja and Tim Wise combined for a two-hit shutout to give Portland OR Post 105 the American Legion World Series title beating Towson MD, 4-0.

The championship game was the third meeting between the clubs during the double-elimination tournament.

Oja worked 5.2 innings and gave up two hits while fanning 11. He turned the pitching over to Wise who shut down the visitors with no hits and four strikeouts. Wise was also productive at the plate with a pair of hits.

West Palm Beach's John Adeimy was picked as the American Legion Player of the Year while winning the batting title with a loft .583 average in national competition.

Mother Nature played havoc with the series with a record 6.5 inches of rain falling on the tournament.

1970 - West Covina CA Post 790

KLAMATH FALLS OR – West Covina CA Post 790 unloaded its heavy hitters on a shell-shocked Levittown PA team in winning the American Legion World Series, 10-0.

The Californians had earlier pounded the Pennsylvanians, 7-0 in the double-elimination tournament.

In the title mismatch, Doug Lyons blasted a three-run homer to highlight a six-run third inning. Teammate Mike McManus collected four hits while winning pitcher Coley Smith only gave up four hits.

1971 - West Covina CA Post 790

TUCSON AZ – West Covina CA Post 790 joined a select circle of winners by repeating as American Legion World Series champions.

With the 1971 and 1970 titles in tow, West Covina joins Oakland CA (1949-50) and Cincinnati OH (1957-58) as repeat champions.

It almost didn't happen. The Westerners lost on opening day by one run, a 3-2 decision to Lincoln Park MI.

Facing the uphill battle and unbeaten Cedar Rapids on the final day, West Covina needed a pair of victories. The results were resounding to the tune of a 16-4 and 16-1 beat downs.

Memphis long time manager Tony Gagliano with American Legion national baseball director George Rulon

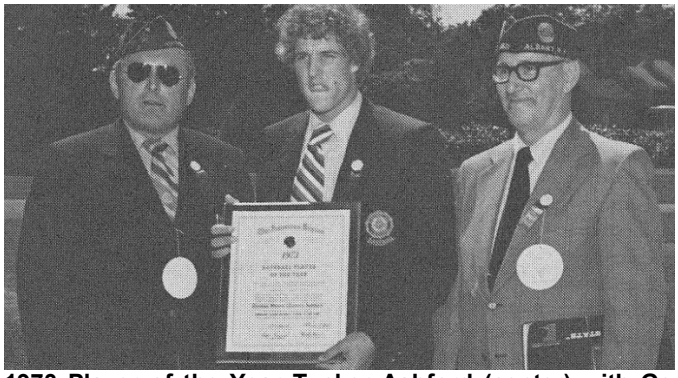
1972 - Ballwin MO Post 611

MEMPHIS TN – With a little luck and an assist from Mother Nature, Ballwin MO Post 611 stormed out of the elimination bracket to stop home standing Memphis TN for the American Legion World Series championship.

Gaining an extra day of rest due to heavy storms that washed out one day of activity, Ballwin pitchers' shutdown Memphis winning 7-4 and 3-2 in the finals.

Ballwin won the title on a suicide squeeze bunt with two outs in the eighth inning as pitcher Dave Tuttle overcame early inning jitters (tied 2-2 after four innings) to limit Memphis to four hits. He fanned nine.

Ballwin's Charles Murphy, a pitcher/outfielder was selected as the American Legion Player of the Year as the Missourians ended a successful season at 44-8.



1973 Player of the Year Tucker Ashford (center) with George Rulon and Richard Connors during Hall of Fame ceremonies in Cooperstown

1973 - Rio Piedras PR Post 146

LEWISTON ID – It took one extra inning to do it but for Rio Piedras PR Post 146, it was worth the wait.

The Islanders stopped Memphis TN in the championship game of the American Legion World Series, 10-6 in 10 innings.

It was Memphis' second straight runner-up finish.

Luis Ferrer capped the extra inning with a three-run inside-the-park home run. Oscar Negron picked up the victory before a packed crowd of 4,437 at Lewiston's Bengal Field.

Led by Carlos Rodriguez, who hit .435 in national competition, Rio Piedras went through the tournament unbeaten. The team dedicated the season to Pittsburgh Pirate Hall of Famer Roberto Clemente.

The winners traveled over 6,600 miles to get to Lewiston.

1974 - Rio Piedras PR Post 146

ROSEBURG OR – On a misty cool Oregon evening, Rio Piedras PR Post 146 won its second straight American Legion World Series championship. The Islanders edged home state favorite Lake Oswego OR, 4-3 in the finals before 5,194 screaming fans.

It marked the fourth time in Legion history that a team has repeated as champions. Rio Piedras joins West Covina CA (1970-71), Cincinnati OH (1957-58) and Oakland CA (1949-50) as repeat champs.

Edwin Lopez, the Rio Piedras sharp hitting outfielder was selected the American Legion Player of the Year. He also won the Louisville Slugger batting award with a .433 average.

In the championship game, Lake Oswego jumped out to an early 3-0 first inning lead but Rio Piedras battled back.

The game clincher came in the eighth inning as Hector Cruz scored on a fielding error.

Winning southpaw Arnulto Comacho overcame that shaky first inning and limited Lake Oswego to one hit after the first inning.

30,102 fans witnessed the tournament as Rio Piedras ended the season with a 34-8 mark.

1975 - Yakima WA Post 36

RAPID CITY SD – Yakima WA Post 36 claimed its second national championship since 1954 by winning the 50th anniversary American Legion World Series.

The championship game victory, an 8-4 decision over Cedar Rapids, capped an uphill effort by Yakima. The eventual champions lost on opening day before bouncing back through the elimination bracket.

David Elder, the American Legion Player of the Year, was the winning pitcher in the finals. He fanned 11 and also hit a home run. He also won the RBI award and tied for the total bases award.

The tournament, under perfect weather conditions, attracted over 27,000 fans. Yakima ended the season with a 52-22 record.

1976 - Santa Monica CA Post 123

MANCHESTER NH – Santa Monica CA Post 123 stole the spotlight from Cedar Rapids IA in winning the 1976 American Legion World Series championship.

The Californians upset pre-tournament favorite Cedar Rapids on the way to the title.

One of the most exciting moments in ALWS history came in the second round when Santa Monica's Rick Schroeder no-hit Cedar Rapids, 1-0 in 10 innings. Losing pitcher Mike Boddicker only gave up two hits.

The championship game featured Santa Monica and Des Plaines IL. Schroeder came back from his no-hit performance to scatter seven hits in a 7-6 victory. He fanned eight.

Gus Malespin of Metairie LA was chosen the American Legion Player of the Year while Boddicker, a three-year participant in ALWS play, was picked for the James F. Daniel Sportsmanship award.

Manchester NH historic Gill Stadium hosted back to back American Legion World Series in 1976 and 1977

1977 - South Bend IN Post 50

MANCHESTER NH – Bill Schell's hitting and Gregg Heyde's pitching was all South Bend IN Post 50 needed to win the American Legion World Series.

South Bend beat a scrappy Hattiesburg MS club, 3-1 in the finals.

Schell, the American Legion Player of the Year, was the series top hitter with a .441 average. He went 2-for-4 including a triple in the championship game while Heyde gave up seven hits and fanned three for the victors.

Defending champion Santa Monica CA failed to repeat losing out with four clubs remaining.

Coach Mel Machuca's championship club finished the season with a 41-6 record.

1978 - Hialeah FL Post 32

YAKIMA WA – Running Hialeah FL Post 32 raced through the American Legion World Series in capturing Florida's first national championship.

The Floridians posted an unbeaten slate in the double-elimination tourney by outscoring its opponents, 49-15. The team had 20 stolen bases in the series.

First baseman/pitcher Ross Jones was tabbed as the American Legion Player of the Year while third baseman Ivan Mesa picked up the award for total bases.

In the championship game, Hialeah jumped to an early 6-0 lead over East Springfield MA en route to winning 7-4. Hialeah raced around the bases with a nine stolen base outing. Also, Mesa went 3-for-5 including a home run while Jones got three hits and three RBI for the winners.

In an offensive outburst, Doug Palmer of New Ulm MN set an ALWS record with a blistering .679 (19-of-28) batting average in national competition.

Yakima WA Post 36 – 1979 ALWS Champions

1979 - Yakima WA Post 36

GREENVILLE MS – Yakima WA Post 36 won its second national title in four years and its third in history on a hot humid day in the dusty Mississippi delta.

The winners unloaded a five-run outburst in the first inning and never looked back in thumping Barrington RI, 13-6.

The game was played in nearly 100 degree heat and thick humidity. Yakima's uniforms were right for the occasion. The team played in short pants.

Pitcher Bruce Dunn gave up 10 hits but teammates Juan Cruz and Doug Geefe gave ample offensive power to overcome Rhode Island.

Cruz popped a three-run home run while Geefe scored four runs and went 4-for-4.

Throughout the entire tournament, teams, fans and game officials were hampered by the intense heat and humidity. During some of the mid-afternoon games, two sets of umpires were used to prevent heat fatigue.

Honolulu HI – 1980 American Legion World Series Champions

1980 - Honolulu HI

ELY MN – Long shot Honolulu HI upended Boyertown PA, 5-4 to claim the 1980 American Legion World Series in this outdoor sports town of Ely. Sid Fernandez won a pair of games and fanned 55 in national competition as the Islanders posted a 24-5 record.

The championship game was a see-saw affair until Lance Belen sent a 1-2 pitch well over the left field that sent the Islanders to a 5-4 championship victory. The shot measured 390 feet. Thomas Gil of Hialeah FL was selected as the American Legion Player of the Year.

1981- West Tampa FL Post 248

SUMTER SC – Sparked by the all-around play of David Magadan, West Tampa FL Post 248 captured the American Legion World Series.

Madagan, the Player of the Year connected on a pair of hits including a double and three RBI in the championship game to rally the Floridians from a 4-0 deficit to a 6-5 victory over Richmond VA.

Noel Alfonso picked up the win in relief as he fanned six. Magadan got the save pitching the final 2/3 inning.

Tulsa's Roger Hulse, a rugged hard hitting first baseman picked up the Louisville Slugger award with a .478 average. Scott Anderson of Bellevue WA won the Bob Feller pitching award with 44 strikeouts. West Tampa ended its most successful season with a 38-5 record.

1982 - Boyertown PA Post 471

BOYERTOWN PA – The home-standing Boyertown Post 471 Bears became the first team in 41 years to win the American Legion World Series championship while playing at home.

The highly spirited Bears whipped Lafayette CA in the finals, 14-8 in front of 6,563 delirious cheering rabid fans. With the victory, it marked the first time since San Diego won at home in 1941.

The 34,023 in attendance was the highest since the Legion went to its current 8-team double-elimination tournament format.

The heroes were plentiful for the home town folks to cheer for. Ivan Snyder, the American Legion Player of the Year became the second player in ALWS history to hit over .600 in national competition. He hit an even .600. He went 4-for-6 in the title game. He also recorded a complete game shutout earlier in the tourney.

Other standouts included John Ludy (18-0 with 180 strikeouts on the season), Durrell Schoenly (a crafty southpaw pitcher who went 7-0) and Scott Gilbert. Gilbert tied an ALWS tournament record with 19 runs scored in national competition. Boyertown finished the season with a 54-3 record and a storybook championship.

1983 - Edina MN Post 471

FARGO ND – In the most exciting finish ever (!), Edina MN Post 471 won the 1983 American Legion World Series in a "see it to believe" ninth inning rally over defending champion Boyertown PA.

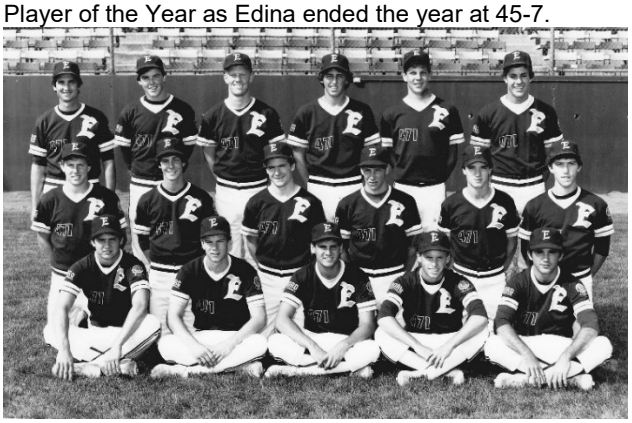
The Mid-Westerners shared the spotlight with New Orleans' Chito Martinez. The all-around athlete claimed the batting champion (.566), RBI (17) and total bases (44) awards en route to shattering several tournament records.

In the classic championship game, Boyertown defended its title gamely with an early 4-0 lead and looked as though a repeat title was in reach. The on-charging Edina team cut the lead to 4-3 with a three run outburst in the eighth inning. Then came the unexpected.

Edina scored two runs in the top of the ninth when Boyertown outfielders collided on a routine fly ball.

Unbeaten Rob Wassenaar (12-0) came on in the ninth and fanned the final batter to give Edina the national championship.

Edina's catcher Mike Halloran was picked as the American Legion Player of the Year as Edina ended the year at 45-7.



Edina MN Post 471—1983 ALWS Champions

1984 - Guaynabo PR Post 134

NEW ORLEANS LA – It was a rockin' time in ol' New Orleans as Guaynabo PR Post 134 won the American Legion World Series with

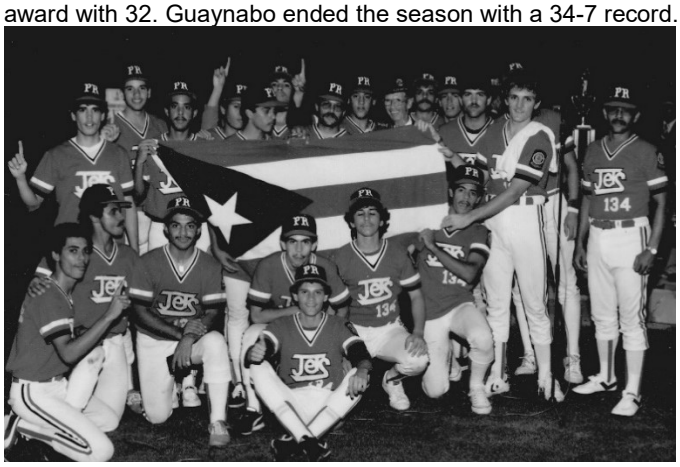
a two-run two-out rally in the bottom of the ninth inning against Brooklawn NJ.

The stunning victory over Brooklawn, 7-6 capped a doubleheader sweep by the Jets that they had to produce on the final day of the double-elimination tournament. Guaynabo won the earlier game 5-2. Brooklawn was unbeaten going into the final day of activity.

In the ninth inning, Jose Marzan tied the game when he scored by a single from Junior Gonzales.

At 6-6, Jorge delToro was intentionally walked to setup a force at any base. The strategy backfired as Jorge Hernandez then worked Brooklawn pitcher Steve Mondile to a full count before taking ball four and the walk. Pinch runner Teofilo Serra came home with the winning run and Guaynabo capped off a brilliant comeback.

Jorge Robles earned the American Legion Player of the Year award. He set an ALWS record with a 6-for-6 outing against Roseburg OR. Teammate Lino Rivera won the Bob Feller pitching award with 35 strikeouts while Marzan picked up the total bases award with 32. Guaynabo ended the season with a 34-7 record.



Guaynabo PR Post 134 – 1984 ALWS Champs

1985 - Midlothian VA Post 186

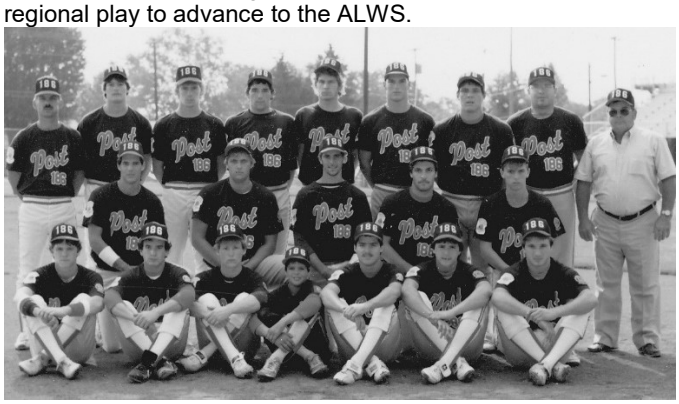
KOKOMO IN – If you enjoy baseball, you would have loved the 1985 American Legion World Series.

The 60th anniversary tournament staged in Kokomo's Highland Park Stadium had great hitting, pitching, fielding, disappointment and happiness. For the record, upstart Midlothian VA Post 186 claimed the national championship in dramatic fashion.

First year coach Dave George's troops with MVP Tris Lipscomb at the throttle rallied past Sacramento CA with a pair of victories on the final day of play. Lipscomb went 5-0 including a pair of saves in national competition. In the finale, Midlothian held 2-0 and 3-1 leads before stopping the Californians ninth inning rally.

Rick Jarvis scattered six hits in relief and picked up the victory while Lipscomb (who could not pitch due to Legion pitching regulations) contributed at the plate going 1-for-3 including a sacrifice fly.

The comeback by Midlothian was the second in national competition as the Virginians was forced to come from behind in regional play to advance to the ALWS.



Midlothian VA Post 186 – 1985 ALWS Champions

1986 - Jensen Beach FL Post 126

RAPID CITY SD – Jensen Beach FL Post 126 formula was simple in winning the 1996 American Legion World Series.

Manager Bob Shaw, a former Major Leaguer and World Series participant, mixed solid pitching with fundamental defense and a surprising offense to roll over all opposition en route to the title.

The Floridians went unbeaten in the tournament and became the first team to do that since 1978. Downstate rival Hialeah turned the trick in winning the 1978 title.

As expected, Jensen Beach set an ALWS record in team ERA with a near perfect 1.50 mark. The pitching performance and the tight defense were expected but the big surprise came when Jensen Beach broke a 36-year old hitting record set by Oakland during the 1950 series.

The Floridians blistered opponents pitching to the tune of a .347 team batting average.

Pitcher Joe Grahe set the tone early with an 18-strikeout performance against New London CT. The strikeout mark was one off the national record of 19.

He finished the tourney with 52 strikeouts in 35.2 innings pitched. He also went 4-0 and 1 save plus hitting .436 while at the plate. He received the George Rulon American Legion Player of the Year award.

Four Floridians were ranked among the top 10 in hitting. Chris Hirsch (4-for-4 in the finale) hit .457 followed by Grahe (.436), Jon Anderson (.375) and Brian Reimsnyder (.372).

Jensen Beach stopped a very good Las Vegas NV club, 8-2 with Grahe picking up the victory.

Las Vegas was led by Danny Opperman. He led the tourney in total bases with 44 and shared the top spot in the RBI with 19.

The 1986 tourney marked the end of a quarter-century career by American Legion Baseball director George W. Rulon. As a tribute to the man that guided the nation's largest youth baseball program, the Legion renamed the player of the year award to the George W. Rulon American Legion Player of the Year award.

Jensen Beach FL Post 126 – 1986 ALWS Champions

1987 - Boyertown PA Post 471

STEVENS POINT WI – In the most balanced tournament in recent years, Boyertown PA Post 471 captured the American Legion World Series.

Simply put, the tournament was an ideal affair and with the exception of a late afternoon shower on the final day, the weather was picture perfect.

Boyertown -- the 1982 ALWS champion -- stumbled early in the double-elimination tournament with an opening day setback.

The Pennsylvanians regrouped and roared back from distinction to floor Vancouver WA in the finals, 12-6.

The Bears were led by catcher Willie Stout. He earned American Legion Player of the Year honors. In the finals, Boyertown scored five runs in the fourth inning to put the game on ice for the champions. The Bears ended the year at 60-13.

1988 - Cincinnati OH Post 507

MIDDLETOWN CT – Move over Boyertown, Cincinnati is back. It was the newcomer on the block against the old guard. The 1988 American Legion World Series matched long time Legion kingpin

Cincinnati (the ALWS leader in games played, games won, World Series appearances and most championships) against Boyertown PA, a dominant newcomer to Legion Baseball (six ALWS appearances and two national titles in the 1980s).

When the dust had settled in Middletown, Cincinnati had prevailed in winning a record seventh ALWS championship. The score was 7-0 as a crowd of 3,759 and a national ESPN-TV audience looked on.

The performance by the Region Five champions propelled four youngsters to center stage.

Mike Kessler was selected as the George W. Rulon American Legion Player of the Year winner. The combination first baseman/pitcher was a key in the Cincinnati success.

He hit .361 (13-for-36), played errorless ball on defense and posted a 2-0 mark at the ALWS.

Another standout was Pete Rose Jr., son of all-time Major League hit leader Pete Rose Sr. The young Rose was named as the James Daniel Sportsmanship award recipient.

Scott Hughes picked up three statistical awards during the tournament. He won the batting award (.465), RBI award (17) and total bases award (36). He also stole 13 bases.

Pitcher Scott Klingenbeck won the Bob Feller pitching award with 34 strikeouts. He posted a 4-0 mark including a 1.12 ERA. He was also the winning pitcher in the championship game.

In the finals, Cincinnati jumped off to an early 4-0 margin in the second inning to quite the large amount of Boyertown fans that made the trip to Middletown. It was the first shutout in an ALWS championship game since 1970 when another Pennsylvania team (Levittown) got shutout.

1989 - Woodland Hills CA Post 826

MILLINGTON TN – While the American Legion World Series concluded a decade of success, California's entry Woodland Hills erased more than a decade of drought by winning the 1989 championship. Woodland Hills Post 826 beat Guaynabo PR, 11-5 in the finals to become the first California team to win the ALWS since Santa Monica won it in 1976.

Heading up the Woodland Hill attack was a nifty catcher named Del Marine. The 6-0, 185 pounder was chosen as the George W. Rulon American Legion Player of the Year. He hit .459 in national play (17-for-37), had 24 total bases and scored 16 runs.

Teammates Lance Gibson and Pat Treend posted impressive wins on the mound. Treend opened and closed the ALWS with strong performances against Guaynabo as he finished national play at 3-0 and 1.77 ERA. Gibson, son of team manager Gary Gibson was also 3-0 during national competition. His ERA was 1.62.

The championship game was played on a hot and humid evening that was more suited for misquotes. With the score knotted at 5-5, Woodland Hills exploded for six runs in the sixth inning en route to the 11-5 victory. Treend came on in relief to pick up the win as he shut down the Islanders with a six strikeout, one hit outing. Woodland Hills completed the season at 39-7.

Woodland Hills CA Post 826 – 1989 ALWS Champions

1990 - Mayo MD Post 226

CORVALLIS OR – On paper, the Mayo MD Post 226 club looked impressive.

The Region Three and three-time Maryland state champion entered the American Legion World Series in Corvallis with a remarkable 66-6 overall record and had outscored its regional tournament opponents, 68-13.

With those stats, no one argued that Mayo was the pre-tourney favorite.

The Wildcats proved everyone correct and won the 1990 championship but it wasn't easy. It took Mayo three come-from-behind victories and a group of young heroes to do it.

The final comeback came on championship day as Mayo overcame a 5-3 Bayamon PR lead with run producing innings in the seventh, eighth and ninth to win to the title, 7-6.

Mark Foster picked up the victory against Bayamon on the mound as well as being productive at the plate going 2-for-4 and 3 RBI.

He won the player of the year honors for his outstanding play throughout the tournament.

Mayo completed its most successful season ever with a 71-7 ledger. The 71-victory mark is an ALWS record for victories by a winning team.

Brooklawn NJ Post 72 – 1991 American Legion World Series Champions

1991 - Brooklawn NJ Post 72

BOYERTOWN PA – For 72-year-old Joe Barth Sr., the dream of winning the American Legion World Series became reality in 1991.

The 40-year career coaching legend finally picked up top honors as his Brooklawn NJ Post 72 club overcame a sluggish start to upend Newark OH 5-3 in the championship game.

3,752 fans watched Brooklawn finally reward Barth with the national crown as the victory erased three previous and painful ALWS appearances.

The Garden State champions won the title with pitching as Brooklawn posted a 1.82 team ERA. It was third best ERA in ALWS history.

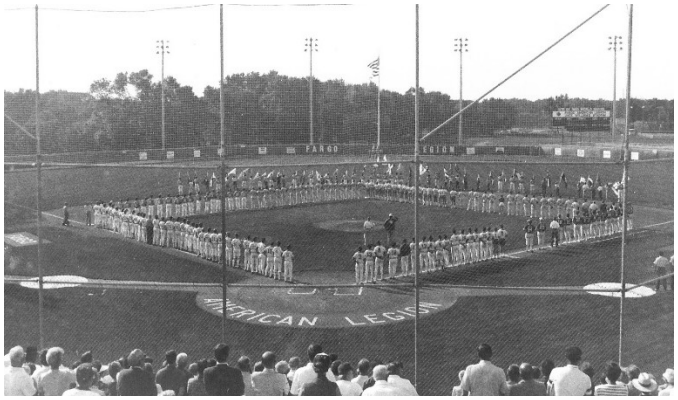
Scott Lavender (2-0, 1.81 ERA) and Brent Laxton (3-0, 1.84) led the attack followed by Brian McGettigan (2-1, 0.84 ERA) and Bryan Wilson (1-0, 1 save and 1.58 ERA).

Newark's Ryan Beeney was selected as the George W. Rulon American Legion Player of the Year. The slick fielding shortstop led Newark in hitting at .444 and was co-winner of the RBI award with 16.

Bob Pailthorpe won or shared all four ALWS statistical awards. He blitzed opposing pitchers for a .585 batting average (24-for-41). He got 36 total bases and 16 RBI. On the mound, he registered 33 strikeouts.

In the championship game, Brooklawn overcame a 3-0 Newark lead with a big four run rally in the sixth inning. Brooklawn added an insurance run in the seventh to make it 5-3.

Lavender, who shutdown Newark earlier in the tournament, came on in relief and retired the side in order in the ninth inning to give Barth the championship he richly deserved.



Opening Ceremonies of 1992 World Series in Fargo ND

1992 - Newbury Park CA

FARGO ND – Call them bold, call them brash and call them Champs! That's the best way to describe the 1992 American Legion World Series champion Newbury Park CA.

Coach Chuck Fick's troops stormed back from an opening day loss to capture the championship with a pair of shutouts over defending champion Brooklawn NJ and against Arlington Heights IL in the championship game.

Heading into championship day play, the Oaks need a pair of wins to claim their first national title and California's 16th since 1928.

They got it with spectacular pitching performances from Adam West and Jim Naster.

The southpaw West nailed Brooklawn, 3-0 limiting the defending champs to five hits.

In the finals, Naster held Arlington Heights to five hits. He fanned six as Ryan Kritscher, Robert Fick, David Lamb and Jim Chergey each got three hits for the victors exploding for a 17-hit win.

It was the most hits by a winning club in a championship game since Yonkers' 17-hit outburst during the first ALWS in 1926.

Newbury Park finished the year at 40-3.

1993 - Rapid City SD Post 22

ROSEBURG OR – Rapid City SD Post 22 had all the qualifications of a champion.

Their stats were impressive. The record entering the American Legion World Series stood at 66-4. They won the state and regional titles and produced a lineup that would be the envy of any coach anywhere.

But they were not "pre-tournament favorites" according to media, scouts and college coaches covering the tournament. The favorites were Las Vegas NV and Fairfield CA.

In the end, however, it was Rapid City standing alone atop the standings as 1993 American Legion World Series champions.

Manager Dave Ploof and Coach Steve Wolff relied on a balanced team effort that had a fine mixture of both offense and defense.

Ben Thomas, a first baseman/pitcher led the way.

He hit .435 in national play as well as posting a 3-0 record and 0.33 ERA. He registered 27 strikeouts won him the Bob Feller pitching award. He tied for the RBI award with 16.

For his play, he was chosen the George W. Rulon American Legion Player of the Year award recipient.

Joining Thomas in the spotlight was Ryan Merritt, who won the batting crown with a .490 average (24-for-49).

The championship game saw Rapid City edge Las Vegas, 7-4. Thomas put Rapid out front early with a two-out two RBI double. Brian Ogle added some insurance with a two RBI double in the eighth as Bill Freytag went the distance to pick up his third victory in national play. The tournament drew 34,306 fans to set a modern ALWS attendance record (since the current 8-team format began in 1960).

1994 - Miami FL Post 346

BOYERTOWN PA – Miami FL Post 346 rode the perfect pitching of Fernando Rodriguez to capture the 1994 American Legion World Series.

Rodriguez, the George W. Rulon American Legion Player of the Year winner masterfully shutdown Chino CA with a 9-0 championship game victory.

He completed national competition with a perfect 4-0 record and 0.00 ERA in 32.1 innings pitched. In the finals he walked one and fanned six.

Roy Muro (3-for-4 and 2 RBI) led the parade of hitters for Miami. Jose Zabala, Luis Cabral and Rodriguez each picked up a pair of hits against Chino in the finals.

Chino had earlier embarrassed Miami, 19-9 and the championship victory was sweet revenge for the Floridians (36-7 on the season).

It was a matchup between the top regions in American Legion Baseball. Miami, the Region Three champion gave the Southeast region a 9-4 record in championship games since 1960. Region 8's (Western region) in the Legion championship games fell to 9-4. As a consolation, Chino set ALWS tournament records for most hits (148) and doubles (41) and finished third in all-time team average (.347).

1995 - Aiea HI

FARGO ND – Jason Adaro of Aiea HI knew what he had to do. So did everyone else including Bellevue WA team, the fans, media and others attending the American Legion World Series.

An ailing, less than 100 percent healthy Adaro did just what was expected and the result was the national championship for Aiea.

Adaro, hampered by a nagging hamstring injury he sustained when he scored the tying run in an earlier come-from-behind victory, fired a four-hit, 2-0 shutout victory against Bellevue WA in the championship game that was seen by 3,546 at Fargo's Jack Williams Stadium and a national ESPN-TV audience.

The masterful performance by Adaro was his second shutout in series play. He earlier bounced 1993 ALWS champion Rapid City, 3-0 on a two-hit outing. His pitching (4-0, 0.90 ERA) and hitting (.488 highest in national competition) earned him the George W. Rulon American Legion Player of the Year award. When not pitching, he played first base for Aiea, the Hawaiian state and Western regional champions. The Islanders finished the season at 34-5. Other heroes supporting Adaro were pitcher Delane Bartley (3-0) and shortstop Lon Yamaguchi (.395 at the plate and .983 on the field at shortstop).

Other tournament highlights included the first ever appearance in the ALWS by a team from Maine. Portland Post 17 won the Region One title en route to posting a 1-2 mark in the series. Joining Portland as first-time entries at the ALWS were Columbia TN, Waldorf MD and national champion Aiea.

1996 Yardley PA Post 317

ROSEBURG OR -- No one predicted Yardley PA Post 317 to win but when the

final out was made at the 1996 American Legion World Series, Yardley celebrated in the winner's circle as champion.

After all, the Pennsylvanians only finished second in their own state tournament and the team entered the ALWS as Region One champs. Up until this Series, no Region One champion had ever won the American Legion World Series.

So, what did Yardley do? They played a brand of baseball combining key hits, sturdy defense and crafty pitching to upset the field and claim the American Legion 1996 World Series championship.

Yardley bounced Gonzales LA, 6-3 before 4,089 in the championship game.

The title game was a replay of Yardley's series opener against Gonzales. Both teams were matched on opening day with Yardley coming from behind to win. The championship game was a repeat as Yardley used a two-out three run rally to erase a Gonzales lead and propel the Pennsylvanians to the national title. Edward Soley was peppered with 10 hits but pitched well enough to win the game. He had four complete games in five starts in national competition.

Fellow pitcher Robert Krout picked up two victories and posted a 0.87 ERA in national play while John Wakely hit .429 and collected 10 RBI. Brian Moyer (.341 and 20 total bases) and Joe Ferraro (12 RBI) were big contributors also.

Christian Bourgeois of Gonzales LA was selected the George W. Rulon American Legion Player of the Year while Andy Hoffman of Midland MI earned the James F. Daniel Jr. Memorial Sportsmanship Award. Yardley finished its championship season with a 48-11 record.

In other interesting notes, Sandy UT won the Region 8 title and became the first team from Utah to appear in the ALWS and Kip Harris of Midland MI got the first hit as a designated hitter in ALWS history when he got a double in the ninth inning in his game against Rowan County NC that tied the game for Midland.

The attendance of 38,836 set a tournament record under the current 8-team tournament format that started in 1960. Roseburg fans set the record in 1993 with 34,306.

Capacity crowds filled Fitzgerald Stadium in Rapid City SD for 1997 ALWS

1997 - Sanford FL Post 53

RAPID CITY SD – A Hollywood writer could not have written a better script for the 1998 American Legion World Series staged at Fitzgerald Stadium. It was a scene right out of an old western shoot'em up movie.

There were fireworks galore. There was even a stampede on the record book.

When the dust had settled, Sanford FL Post 53 had claimed top honors behind the stellar performances of Tim Raines Jr. (2b) and Andy Neufeld (ss) as well as a supporting cast. Included in that group and showing outstanding play were Clyde Williams (1b), Paulo Silva (of) and Jeff Monaco (p). All earned a spot on Baseball America's all-tournament team.

Sanford survived an afternoon storm system and a pesky Medford OR club to win.

Nate Philo and Brian Fachet propelled Medford into a championship showdown with Sanford with a must-win game fourteen to force a deciding and final match up.

Due to the sultry weather conditions, Legion officials authorized a seven-inning championship game. Normal Legion tournament games go nine innings.

In the finale, Raines, son of Major League standout Tim Raines Sr., sparked a rally that saw Sanford erase a 8-2 deficit with a seven-run sixth inning explosion. Raines, junior that is, belted a pair of home runs to tie the ALWS record in leading Sanford to the come-from-behind 11-8 victory. Sanford ended the season at 48-13.

Neufeld was picked as the recipient of the James F. Daniel Memorial Sportsmanship award for his efforts during the tournament, while Philo, the offensive standout for Medford was tabbed as the George W. Rulon American Legion Player of the Year recipient. Both received scholarships from Legion corporate sponsors, the Buick Motor Division and Gatorade.

The tournament was a wild one from start to finish as 19 records were broken or tied. Among the most notable were runs scored in the series (273) and fewest shutouts (0)? The offensive record surpassed the old record of 222 that was also set in Rapid City. The no-shutout figure tied the record set in 1978, 1980 and 1984.

Although the tournament will always be known as the shootout out west, one notable defensive play was made by Bristol's Mike Rose. Rose made an excellent diving catch while crashing into the right field wall to preserve Bristol's 3-2 victory over Tulsa OK. The attendance was 24,525.

Edwardsville IL Post 199 – 1998 American Legion World Series Champions

1998 - Edwardsville IL Post 199

LAS VEGAS NV – Beating the odds is very difficult. Especially in a city like Las Vegas. But Edwardsville IL Post 199 did it and the reward was the 1998 American Legion World Series championship.

In an all-new, Olympic-type tournament format, Edwardsville overcame a scrappy Cherryville NC Post 100 club, 9-4 in the finals.

Four players including the Legion's player of the year Chad Opel earned Baseball America's all-tournament honors.

Opel, the recipient of the George W. Rulon American Legion Player of the Year, led the parade of stars. Opel became only the third player in ALWS history to hit over .600 in national competition. He hit .632 (second only to Doug Palmer of New Ulm MN in 1978) and played brilliantly at shortstop. Joining Opel on the all-tournament squad included teammates outfielder David Crouthers and pitchers (and brothers) James and Ben Hutton. Other standouts on the national champion Edwardsville club included Nick Seibert, Tim Hansel and Todd Haug.

The 22,000 plus fans in Las Vegas' Cashman Field (home of the Class AAA Pacific Coast League Las Vegas Stars) saw the

tournament switch from the conventional 15-game double elimination tournament to a two division 15-game affair. The top two clubs in each division would square off in semifinal action after three days of round-robin divisional play. The winners of the semifinal game then played in a one-game national title game.

In the nationally televised (ESPN) championship game, Edwardsville spotted Cherryville an early 2-0 advantage before rallying sixth inning to take the lead for good. The game tying run was scored by Haug on a RBI single by Seibert. Seibert then scored what was the eventual winning run on a single by Bubba Turner.

The Hutton brothers did the pitching with James going 7.1 innings picking up the win and Ben going 1.2 to earn the save.

Edwardsville entered the tournament as one of the least favorites to win but when the dust had settled on the field, Post 199 was victorious. The five opponents Edwardsville faced produced 265 victories during the American Legion season.

The American Legion World Series championship was the icing on the cake for Edwardsville. The high school which was the same group that won the ALWS went undefeated during the spring and was nationally ranked.

1999 - New Brighton MN Post 513

MIDDLETOWN CT – About the only thing that could slow down New Brighton, Minnesota Post 513's march to the American Legion World Series was a day of rain.

Other than the rain, the Minnesota state champion had the upper hand in capturing its first American Legion World Series championship. The two-time regional winner also gave the state of Minnesota its third ALWS title in history. Richfield won the national crown in 1943 followed by Edina in 1983.

Although finishing second in divisional play, New Brighton advanced to the final four. In semifinal action, the Minnesota team bounced Gallatin, Tenn., 9-6 before capturing the national crown over Kennewick, Washington, 11-5.

The championship game was played before 2,691 fans in Middletown and before an ESPN-TV tape-delayed national broadcast.

The championship game with Kennewick was tight through seven innings with the eventual winners holding on to a slim 4-3 margin. In the eighth, the big bats went to work with a seven run outburst that sealed the victory.

Third baseman Brad Baglien became the first player to go 5-for-5 in an American Legion World Series championship game. Six players held the previous record.

Erick Lodgaard went the distance to pick up the victory. He scattered six hits and fanned six.

The talent for manager Jeff Larson's club was loaded with both hitting and pitching. Four of his players earned all-tournament honors at the conclusion of the tournament.

At the plate, New Brighton produced three of the top 11 hitters in the tournament including leaders in six hitting categories and in pitching, the club had the tournament leader in strikeouts.

Leading the big guns were Peter Wiedewitsch and Brian Paone. Wiedewitsch hit .511 (third in the ALWS hitting) going 23-for-45. The 23-hit total was tops in the series. Paone set an ALWS record with home runs (10) and total bases (48) and was on the all-time list for RBI (26). Other top guns for New Brighton included Baglien (.478) and Chris Weber (.450).

On the mound, New Brighton's Steve Grasley led the ALWS in strikeouts with 43 in 33 innings pitched. Lodgaard, the winner in the championship game posted a 2-0 mark in ALWS play and 2.20 ERA.

For his outstanding play in the ALWS, Wiedewitsch was selected as the MVP on the tournament.

New Brighton finished the season with an outstanding 64-5 record.

Danville CA Post 246 – 2000 American Legion World Series Champions

2000 - Danville CA Post 246

ALTON IL – Behind the record setting pitching of Matt Brown, Mateo Miramontes and a host of other outstanding pitchers, Danville, California Post 246 won the 2000 American Legion World Series championship.

The championship victory, a 2-1 thriller over Paducah, Kentucky gave California its 17th overall ALWS title since 1928 for retiring ALWS tournament staffer and California baseball director Harold Hall, the victory was a sweet retirement gift.

The tournament was held at Lloyd Hopkins Field at Gordon Moore Park in Alton, Illinois. Alton is in the metro St. Louis area.

Pitching was the key to Danville's success.

Check these stats:

- Brown tossed three complete game victories in national competition and did not allow an earned run in 27 innings. He posted a 3-0 record and 0.00 ERA. He pitched the ALWS' first shutout in series play since 1996. He was the winning pitcher in the championship game against Paducah and was selected as the MVP of the series.
- Miramontes also went 3-0 in national tournament play while posting a 1.59 ERA. He masterfully pitched Danville to a semifinal victory over Columbia, South Carolina. He entered the game in the seventh inning with Danville trailing 1-0. He shutdown Columbia over the next 6 and 2/3 innings striking out 11 in Danville's 3-1, 13 inning victory.
- Three other Danville pitchers (Justin Allred, Dane Dobrinich and Brian Roberson) all posted 0.00 ERA marks while John Williams (1-0) and Colin Stock (1-0) rounded out the stellar Danville pitching staff.

Danville also used a record-setting hitting performance during the Series as Ryan Mymangrover tied the ALWS mark with home runs (2) in a game and set the total base record with 12.

Six players off Danville's championship club picked up all-tournament recognition as the Hooters closed their record setting year with a 53-12 record.

In a category normally reserved for California teams, New Jersey sent two representatives to the American Legion World Series. Coach Joe Barth's Brooklawn team made its record-tying third straight appearance in the 2000 tourney while Hamilton Square, New Jersey played in its first ALWS. Brooklawn represented Region Two while Hamilton Square represented Region One. California and Minnesota are the only other states to send two teams to the ALWS in the same year.

Brooklawn NJ Post 72 – 2001 ALWS Champions

2001 - Brooklawn NJ Post 72

YAKIMA WA – Played under ideal weather in this beautiful northwest Washington community, the 2001 American Legion World Series will go down in the books as a tournament filled with anniversaries, awards, record-setting performances and patience.

For starters, the 2001 tournament was the 75th anniversary of the American Legion World Series (76th year of American Legion Baseball). Then, Brooklawn's Joe Barth celebrated his 50th season in Legion Baseball with a national championship celebration. The Bulldogs of Post 72 captured the national crown over Lewiston ID, 5-2. It was Brooklawn's 10th anniversary of its last national ALWS title in 1991.

Thirteen records were broken or tied during the five-day run including Brooklawn's string of four consecutive trips to the ALWS and team captain Mike Rucci's fourth straight appearance in ALWS by an individual player.

Patience was the key factor in Brooklawn's successful march to the championship as Barth's troops posted an amazing five come-from-behind victories in which the most dramatic was a four-run ninth inning rally in the semifinals.

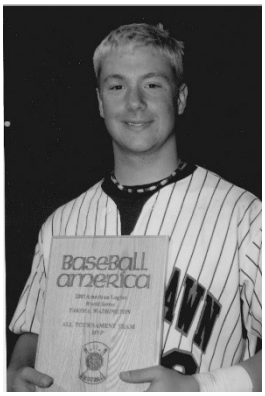
The comeback trail started early for Brooklawn. A seven-run eighth inning rally on opening day sent the Region Two champion past Midwest City OK. On day two, the New Jersey nine rallied with a four-run eighth inning comeback over Milford MA. In the final game of pool play, Brooklawn used another four-run rally to bounce Albany, GA.

The semifinal rally was a classic. Or at least it was for the Brooklawn faithful as Barth's chargers erased an 8-5 Omaha NE lead with four runs with two outs in the ninth inning.

In the championship finale against Lewiston ID, Rucci capped a brilliant four year Legion career with a two-run sixth inning home run to break a 2-all tie to propel Brooklawn to the championship before 2,688 fans at historic Parker Field.

Four Brooklawn standouts earned positions on *Baseball America's* all-tournament team. Rucci was picked as the World Series Most Valuable Player award and was nabbed as the tournament's top catcher. Joe Lamb at shortstop, Nate Schill as a utility player and pitcher Andrew Noe were also picked as all-tournament choices.

Rucci hit .410 in national competition going 16-for-39. He picked up 12 RBI and 25 total bases. Lamb hit .471 and played near flawless defense while Schill hit .409. Noe was 2-0 in national competition with a 2.84 ERA. He went the distance against Lewiston in the finals giving up two early runs and striking out 10. While Brooklawn was stealing the spotlight with its championship play and record-setting achievements other standout performances were also recorded.



Lewiston became the first team to make it to the ALWS finals in 75 seasons. The main reason was the play of Julius Smith, Allen Balmer, Nate Martin and Jake Rogers.

The total paid attendance for the five-day run in Yakima with its perfect weather was 15,080.

Mike Rucci of Brooklawn NJ Post 72 is the only player to have played in four consecutive American Legion World Series. Rucci was also Player of the Year

2002 - West Point MS Post 212

DANVILLE VA – The heat was intense and the rain was annoying but in the end, West Point, Miss. Post 212 survived both and a host of worthy rivals to win the 2002 American Legion World Series. It was Mississippi's first national championship in Legion Baseball.

The five-day tourney was overshadowed by the weather. The three days of pool play saw scorching heat and high humidity while the semifinals and championship was plagued by rain. In fact, Legion officials were searching as far west as West Virginia and far south as South Carolina for a possible alternate site the morning of the championship game.

The Series opening ceremonies was very hot and humid day as several players were overcome due to the somewhat harsh conditions but for West Point, it was a typical day on the ball field. Mississippi like southern Virginia has the same summer-type hot, humid weather.

While the weather wasn't its best, West Point's Josh Johnson was. In the championship game, against Excelsior, MN, Johnson scattered seven hits, walked two and fanned 11 en route to picking up the victory. He also contributed offensively with an RBI sac fly.

Teammate Brandon McGarity started the offense early with a RBI double in the fifth. Two insurance runs were picked up in the seventh on a fielding error and another run scored in the seventh. The remainder of the game was left to Johnson and his pitching.

Johnson, a pitcher-third baseman played near perfect baseball throughout the tournament and was picked as the recipient of Most Valuable Player award. He was flawless on defense as a third baseman during the Series and hit .469 in national competition (fourth best in individual batting). As a pitcher he stumbled once (against Dothan AL giving up three unearned runs in a 6-5 setback). He finished 3-1 in national play and ranked first in national play with a 1.15 ERA.

The usual on-the-field post-championship game awards ceremony was moved indoors due to the intensifying rain to the local American Legion Post home.

Corey Carter (of), Dustin Snider (DH) and Jeff Shafer (p) joined Johnson on the all-tourney team. Another key standout for Mississippi was shortstop David Nanney. Coach Frank Portero's club finished its championship season with a 47-13 record.

The attendance for the tourney was 13,487. The championship game (in the rain) drew 1,715.

2003 - Rochester MN Post 92

BARTLESVILLE OK – Rochester MN Post 92 withstood a scorching Oklahoma heat wave and then fought off rival competitors to capture the 2003 ALWS.

Temperatures in Bartlesville reached 100 or more during each day of the five-day tournament equaling a record for heat set in Las Vegas during 1998.

Rochester's national championship game victory over Cherryville NC Post 100, 5-2 before 2,990 at Bill Doenges Memorial Stadium capped a banner season for Coach Keith Kangas and his team.

Rochester won the Minnesota state high school championship in the spring followed by a summer title run that included the Minnesota state American Legion crown, the Region Six (Central Plains) title and the American Legion World Series championship. The club finished at 52-5.

The 2003 ALWS had everything from record setting outburst of home run power, defensive gems and outstanding record breaking pitching.

Twenty-four records were either broken or tied.

Cherryville's all-purpose athlete Chris Mason set one record and tied another. As a hitter, he belted a pair of home runs in one game tying a record but his expertise was pitching and pitching he did. He established an ALWS record with 69 strikeouts. At the ALWS, he had 10-or-more strikeouts in the two starts and one relief appearance. He was 5-0 in national competition and was tabbed as the MVP of the Series.

National champion Rochester also had a record-setting performer in ace reliever Michael Badger. He set ALWS records in saves (4) and appearances (8) in national tournament play. Joining Badger on the all-tournament team were third baseman Justin Grant, outfielders Nathan Bowers and Ted Garry and pitcher Aaron Craig.

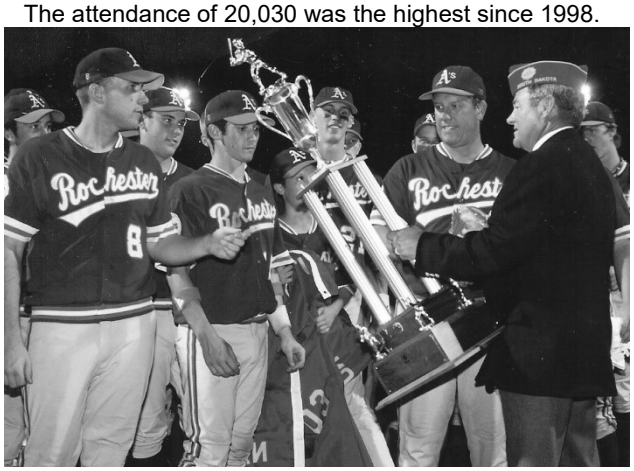
Grant, at the hot corner turned in a flawless defensive effort while Bowers (.500) and Garry (.354) supplied the offense. Craig posted a 3-0 record in national play including the championship game victory.

Rochester's march to the ALWS title included pool play wins over Whitehouse OH (6-2) and West Deptford NJ (8-6). The lone setback in came in pool play at the hands of Corvallis OR (9-4).

Haddon Heights NJ was beaten (8-4) in semifinal action prior to the national title showdown with Cherryville.

In the title game, Rochester fell behind early, 2-0 in the first inning before rallying for three runs in the third on a two RBI single by Lee Anderson and a RBI single by Chris Collins. That's all the runs starting pitcher Garry needed. He gave up only four hits in eight innings worked in picking up the win. The winners added insurance runs in the fourth and eighth before sending in Badger in the ninth to pick up the save.

The attendance of 20,030 was the highest since 1998.

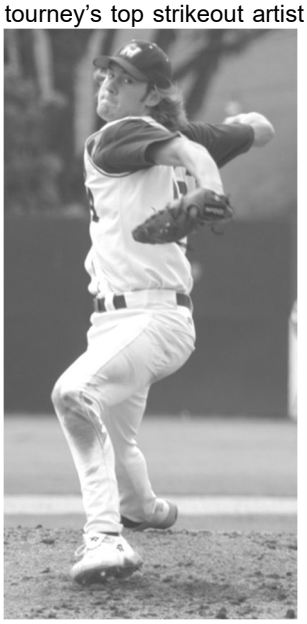


Champion Rochester MN receives national trophy from Larry Price, chairman of the baseball committee of The American Legion

2004 - Portland ME

CORVALLIS OR – Tabbed as the "most likely" team *NOT* to win the American Legion World Series, Portland (Nova Seafood) Maine used timely hitting , defense and nearly perfect pitching to capture the 2004 championship. The championship was Maine's first and the first time for New England since East Lynn MA turned the trick way back in 1937.

Portland's championship game was a masterful job in pitching as starter Mike Powers shut down a powerful Kennewick WA club, 2-0. He allowed only one hit and fanned seven in eight innings worked. He walked one. The lone hit came in the fifth inning. Ryan Reid, the tourney's top strikeout artist entered the game pitching in the ninth striking out the sides after surrendering back-to-back singles.



Ryan Flaherty picked up two doubles and an RBI while Reid and Andrew Dvilnsky had a pair of hits each. Neil Esposito picked up the other RBI

Portland's Scott Brown was the Series MVP. He hit .417 going 20-for-48 with 10 runs scored and 14 RBI. He was also 1-0 with 1 save in national competition.

Reid went 5-0 and 1 save in national play with a 1.27 ERA and 29 strikeouts.

Portland entered the tournament with the least amount of wins of any of the eighth competing teams. On paper they were ranked seventh in batting and sixth in pitching but games and championships are not won on paper. They are won on the field and that's where the New Englanders won it.

Mike Powers throws one-hit shutout victory in championship game to give Portland ME Nova Seafood the 2004 American Legion National Championship

Game One for Nova was a 10-9 squeaker over Niwot-Boulder CO. Edmond OK was beaten in Day Two, 9-5 followed by an 8-2 victory over Deland FL.

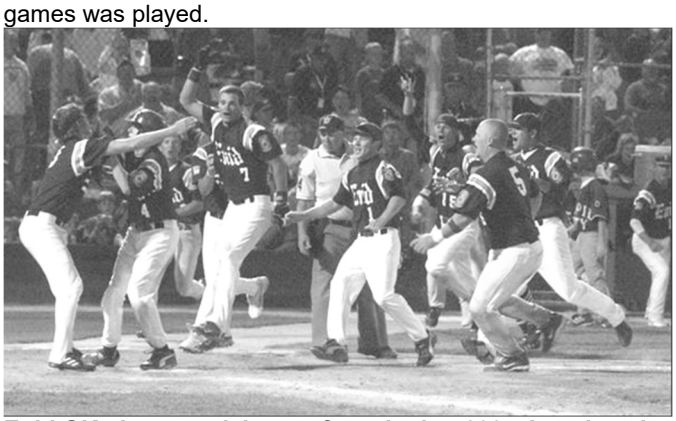
With three teams remaining, Nova won an exciting 4-3, 10-inning victory over Boyertown eliminating the Legion powerhouse from Pennsylvania. Ryan Piacentini scored on Brown's RBI single in the bottom of the tenth. Brown also picked up the victory in relief striking out two in two innings pitched.

Portland ended the tournament in just 14 games by going undefeated. Heading into the championship day showdown, Kennewick WA needed to beat Portland twice but Powers and company took care of business in game 14 thus avoiding a finale in game 15.

Four Nova players earned all-tournaments headed by Brown, who was the tourney MVP. Others included Reid, the strikeout champion and Powers (winning pitcher in championship game) and the designated hitter Piacentini.

The winners finished the year at 37-4

The attendance was 11,905 as most of the tournament was hampered by rain or threatening weather and the fact that only 14 games was played.



Enid OK players celebrate after winning 2005 American Legion World Series

2005 - Enid OK Post 4

RAPID CITY SD – In a bizarre ending to an extraordinary tournament, Enid, Oklahoma Post 4 captured the 2005 American Legion World Series.

The Majors won America's premier youth baseball championship in a very unusual way. It wasn't a walk-off home run or bases loaded walk or even by a miscued error. Enid won the title with a two-out bases loaded balk in the bottom of the ninth inning over Twin Cities of Pasco, Washington.

The score was 7-6 and was played before a packed house of 3,116 in Rapid City's Fitzgerald Stadium.

Leading the Enid attack were Tyler Fleming (.500) and Zac Berg (.413). On the mound, the Majors picked up two ALWS victories each by pitchers Fleming and Matt Peck. All-around play on offense, defense and pitching came from Tyson Seng.

Seng also became the first player in the ALWS in more than a dozen years to steal home.

Berg was selected as the MVP of the Series while Seng was selected as the James F. Daniel Sportsmanship Award recipient.

Heading into the championship day, Enid needed just one victory (in a possible two-game set) to capture the title. It didn't happen.

Twin Cities came out of the lower bracket after losing earlier in the Series to Enid to beat the Majors, 10-5 forcing a final game 15.

The loss snapped Enid's nine game win streak dating back to the opening round of the Region Four (Mid-South) regional.

In the finale, Enid jumped off to an early lead by scoring six runs in the third inning including five runs scored after two outs. Enid sent ten batters to the plate in that frame.

Pasco then launched a come-from-behind effort unmatched in ALWS championship game history by scoring once in the fourth, twice in the eighth and tied the game with three runs in the top half of the ninth.

Then came the unexpected.

Fleming opened the ninth with a single through the left side. Kurt Elliott advanced Fleming to second with a sacrifice bunt. Thomas Wilson was intentionally walked to setup a possible inning ending double play but Berg beat out a grounder to third as Wilson was forced at second. With runners at the corners, Schyler Burns was intentionally walked to setup a force at any base.

With Austin Box at the plate, Pasco pitcher Jeremy Stumetz made a false attempt at first and all six umpires called balk. Fleming skipped home with the winning run and national championship.

Enid ended their successful season with the Oklahoma, Region Four (Mid-South) and national championships and a 61-11 record.

Manager Mike D'Andrea and coaches Chris Jensen and Butch Lingenfelter of Enid were recipients of the Jack Williams Memorial Leadership Award.

Attendance was a sparkling 28,058 in Rapid City. It was most since 1996 in Roseburg, Oregon.

The tourney experienced home town flare with the appearance of Rapid City Post 22 playing in its home park.

Coach Dave Ploof's Region Six champions made the tourney enjoyable for the 100+ volunteers at Fitzgerald Stadium mostly of which were parents of Post 22 players.

It marked only the eighth time under the current format that a host city had its own team in the Series. The last time that happened was in Las Vegas in 1998.

2006 - Metairie LA Post 175

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA – Pre-tournament favorite Metairie LA Post 175 sparked by tourney MVP Mike Liberto, all-star pitcher Robby Broach and a host of other standouts captured the 2006 American Legion World Series with a multiple come-from-behind effort.

Champion Metairie and runner-up Terre Haute played three times in the Series with Terre Haute winning on opening day and Metairie bouncing back to win a "must win or go home" game and the all-important championship finale.

Losing on opening day put Metairie in the position of coming from behind from the get-go. Only a handful of teams (four to be exact – Ballwin MO in 1972, Yakima WA in 1975, Boyertown PA in 1987 and Newbury Park CA in 1992) has ever come back to win the championship (under the current 8-team double-elimination format) And thanks to Mike Liberto, Broach and company you can now include Metairie as one of them.

By virtue of being unbeaten through eleven games in Series play, Terre Haute earned a spot in the finals. While Coach John Hayes club watched from the grandstands, Metairie won out to reach the finals.

During the three come-from-behind wins en route to the championship, Metairie set an American Legion World Series record by executing a triple play against Midlothian VA. It came in the sixth inning when Kevin Weidenbacher stole second, Tyler Koelling stole third and Brett Accardo stole home.

In the championship showdown between Metairie and Terre Haute and with each team owning a victory over the other, the game was tight from the opening pitch.

Terre Haute's big guns (Brady Shoemaker .571, Nick Ciolli .422, Josh Phegley .362 and Cole Vicars .304) went to work early building a 2-0 and 3-1 advantages.

The Terre Haute downfall – at least in the finale – was inability to hold the lead. Starting and losing pitcher Phegley lasted 7.1 innings. He surrendered 10 hits and gave up all six runs and held the lead (4-3) going into the eighth.

On the other side, a dependable Matt Brown scattered nine hits in nine complete innings of work. He fanned 11 and gave up four runs with one being earned for the winners.

The big rally for the come-back kids from Metairie came in the home half of the eighth inning. That's when the winners put together a string of consecutive singles by Kevin Weidenbacher, Dane Maxwell and Brett Palermo that each resulted in an RBI.

The go-ahead RBI was registered Maxwell followed by an insurance RBI hit from Palermo.

In the ninth and with the tying run at the plate, Indiana's Vicars hit into a 3-6-3 game ending double play to preserve Metairie's 6-4 victory.

Heroes for Metairie were plenty. Liberto, a sleek fielding shortstop earned tournament MVP honors while Broach picked up all-star honors as a pitcher. Joining Liberto and Broach on the all-tournament team was designated hitter Kirk Cunningham.

Despite finishing runner-up Terre Haute's standout performers picked up honors also.

Shoemaker captured the Louisville Slugger Batting award for having the highest average in national competition (national regional and World Series games) and he led the ALWS in RBI and total bases. He was tabbed as an all-star outfielder as was teammate catcher Josh Phegley and pitcher Cole Vicars.

Nick Ciolli's two triples against Metairie earlier in the tournament tied a record for most triples in a game and Phegley's two home runs against Midlothian VA also tied a record for most home runs in a game at the World Series.

Metairie's Broach won the Bob Feller Pitching award with 30 strikeouts in national competition.

Coach Dave Baudry's club finished the season at 45-7 while Terre Haute ended at 38-7.

With Metairie's (a suburb of greater New Orleans) championship, the New Orleans metro area now sports four American Legion World Series titles. Other titles came in 1932, 1946 and 1960.

2007 - Columbia TN Post 19

BARTLESVILLE, OK – While the focus was on the home runs flying out of Doenges Memorial Stadium in record numbers, Columbia TN Post 19 went about its business of winning – winning the American Legion World Series championship.

The Region Three champions brought home to Tennessee the national championship for the first time since Memphis captured the 1968 crown.

Some called them a team of destiny, some called them lucky but all called them champions.

Columbia's first two outings in the Series resulted in walk-off home runs for victories. The first was three-run shot in the bottom of the ninth inning by Chris Lovett to give Columbia a 7-4 win over Rockport IN. In Columbia's second outing, Cody Pomeroy's solo home run in the bottom of the 11th inning propelled the winners to a 9-8 victory over Branford CT.

With momentum in Columbia's dugout, Columbia wasted little time in knocking off national power and pre-tournament favorite Boyertown, PA, 16-5 in a quick seven-inning game in a matchup of the final two teams in the tourney without a loss.

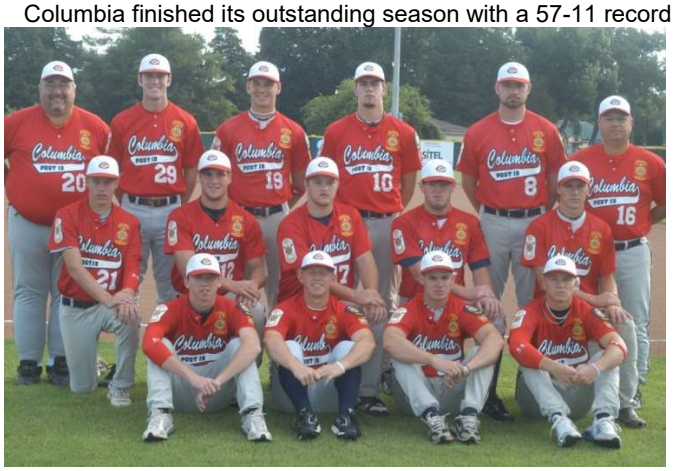
In the driver's seat to the finals, Columbia lost to Eden Prairie before meeting the Minnesota entry again in the championship finale.

Scott Beasley entered the championship game in relief and shutdown Eden Prairie to pick up a record-tying three victories in ALWS play. The final result was an 11-4 victory and the national championship. Beasley earned all-tournament honors as did third baseman Chris Lovett, catcher Cody Pomeroy and outfielder Holden Killen. Killen was also the recipient of the James F. Daniel Jr. Sportsmanship Award.

For the home runs, Tucson AZ set or tied home runs in national competition and home runs in a game while designated hitter Marc Damon broke an 81-year-old record with three home runs in one game. And for the record, the ALWS saw a record 46 round-trippers fly out of the Bartlesville ballpark. And, the Series saw at each one home run hit in 14-of-15 games played.

Pitching had its moment in the Series too. Although the Series produced no shutouts, fans did witness the Series' 11th all-time one-hit complete game pitching performance. And it came from Tucson's Chris Moon. He fanned 10 and walked two in beating Bryant AR, 6-1. The lone hit came in the form of a pinch-hit solo home run by Kaleb Jobe in the sixth inning.

Columbia finished its outstanding season with a 57-11 record.



Columbia TN Post 19 – 2007 American Legion World Series Champions

2008 - Las Vegas NV (Gorman) Post 76

SHELBY, NC – Las Vegas NV Post 76 (Bishop Gorman) won a record 75 games during the 2008 season with victory number 75 coming in the championship game of the 2008 American Legion World Series. One of but not the only reason was Pitcher/first baseman Jeff Malm.

Malm was perfect en route to earning the tourney's MVP award. He was perfect on the mound logging a 0.00 ERA in national competition and posted a 1-0 record with five saves. The ERA mark tied an ALWS record and the five saves set an ALWS record. He also tied the record for fielding with a 1.000 mark in 98 chances at first base. Offensively he hit a solid .300 and scored 14 runs, second highest in the tourney.

Other standout performers for Gorman included pitcher Matt Hall, third baseman Scott Dysinger and outfielder Paul Sewald. Sewald was chosen as the James F. Daniel Jr. Sportsmanship award. He hit a team high .459 in tourney action. He was 2-0 as a pitcher. Hall and Dysinger earned spots on the all-tourney team with Malm. Dysinger hit .444 in tourney play while Hall hit .388 and was 1-0 and a save.

The tournament's finale was set back a day due to severe storms (and tornado warnings in the area). It was the first setback of a championship game since 1972 in Memphis.

Regardless of the one day delay, Las Vegas claimed the title beating Pasco WA, 5-1.

Pitcher Stephen Manthei had a complete game five-hit victory and a shutout until the ninth inning. Sewald (three hits) and Dysinger (two hits) supplied the offense.

It was Las Vegas' first national championship after finishing runner-up in 1986 and 1993.

Manager Chris Sheff's club ended the season by winning its final 21 games and posted a 75-7 record.

Attendance was the second highest under the present 8-team double-elimination format with 37,701.

Neil Lawhorn makes game winning catch during 2008 American Legion World Series. Las Vegas went on to win the national championship.

2009 - Midland MI Post 165

FARGO, ND – On a sun-splashed afternoon that felt more like an autumn college football Saturday, Midland, Michigan Post 165 won the 2009 American Legion World Series championship.

It was a perfect ending to an otherwise imperfect tournament due to inclement weather. In fact, seven of the tourney's 14 games were seven inning affairs instead of the normal nine-inning games.

In the end it was Midland, Michigan claiming the national championship beating Medford, Oregon Post 15, 11-4 in front of 1,867 at Newman Outdoor Stadium on the campus of North Dakota State University in Fargo.

Defending champion Las Vegas returned to defend its title and was the pre-tourney choice to repeat but just prior to the start of the Series, Jeff Malm, and the MVP in '08 signed a Big League contract. Midland, the only other returning team from 2008 field was then installed a slight favorite to claim the crown. Midland did not disappoint its fans by sweeping through the tourney 5-0.

The mainstay was tourney MVP Jordan Dean and Sportsmanship winner Garrett Yatch and all-tourney Kyle O'Boyle.

Dean anchored a defense that ranked second in national competition and hit .360. As shortstop he was a participant in 12 double plays. Yatch hit .390. Both Dean and Yatch contributed 30 total bases while Yatch's 59 at bats in national play ranks second in all-time at bats in ALWS play. Midland opened and closed the tourney against Medford OR. In the opener, Midland won 4-2.

Defending champion Las Vegas was Midland's next victim as the Michiganders scored five in the seventh (in a seven inning game) to

win 11-8. Freshman Alex Rapanos (a standout quarterback on the football team) won the game in relief.

In a matchup of tourney unbeaten teams, Midland beat Texarkana TX, 3-2 holding off a late last inning Texas rally. Michigan had a 3-0 lead going into the final frame. Matt Crewsswell came on with one out to pick up the save.

Perhaps one of the wildest games in American Legion history saw Midland eliminate Rowan County NC, 15-14.

Midland was cruising with a 12-0 margin going into the sixth inning when North Carolina exploded for eight runs. Midland countered with three runs in the seventh before North Carolina scored five in the seventh. In the bottom of the ninth, North Carolina scored again to cut the margin to one and the game ended that way.

Medford, with strong pitching from Braden Shipley, Matt Maurer and Jordan Lewis came back with a pair of shutouts to meet Midland in the finals.

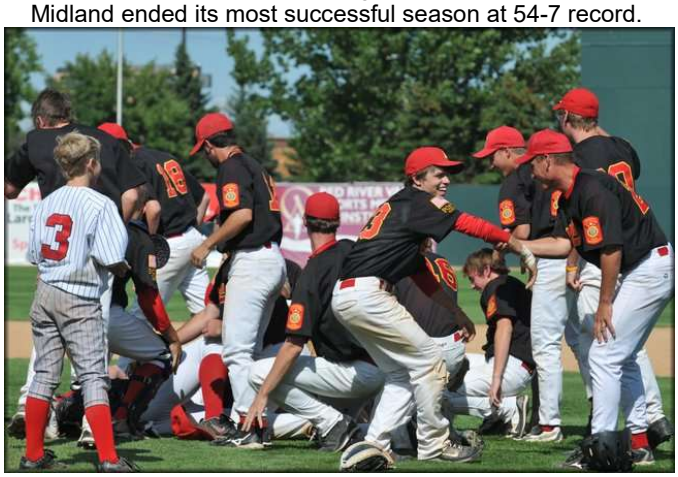
Midland jumped on Medford early scoring runs in each of the first four innings to lead 8-0. Medford scored three in the sixth before Midland scored three again in the eighth to win its 54th game of the season and the national championship.

Kyle O'Boyle picked up the victory and also went 3-for-4 hitting. He won the Cowger RBI award and the Rawlings Big Stick award for total bases in national play.

The tournament staged seven one-run decision games and sported four "first-ever" teams in the tourney field.

The attendance for the rain-plagued event was 15,579.

Midland ended its most successful season at 54-7 record.



Midland Post 165 celebrates after winning national title

2010 -Midwest City OK Outlaws

SPOKANE WA – Facing elimination after one day of World Series tournament play, Midwest City OK Outlaws regrouped and reloaded en route to capturing the 2009 American Legion World Series. On championship day, Manager Doug Weese's club used its strong hitting to knock off previously tourney unbeaten Eden Prairie MN, 11-6 and 10-1. Eden Prairie had beaten Midwest on day two, 9-6.

The number one team was led by the tourney's #1 player in MVP Dalton Bernardi. (uniform #1) In the championship game he went 3-for-5 and 3 RBI and a pair of stolen bases. To squelch any rally by Eden Prairie, he finished the game pitching striking out three in two and third innings worked.

In tournament competition, Bernardi, an outfielder-pitcher, he hit .420 including 21 hits, 14 runs scored and 15 RBI. He was a perfect 12-for-12 stealing bases and as a pitcher, he finished with a 3-0 record in 21 and 2/3 pitched. He struck out 20 and produced a 0.83 ERA. Strong points on the winning Oklahoma entry include a team batting average of .346 with 142 hits and 102 runs scored and 28 two-base hits. Adding to the arsenal of offensive weapons for Midwest City include 56 stolen bases. The 56 stolen bases ties the all-time American Legion World Series tournament record.

Midwest scored 10-or-more hits in each of its World Series games.

Joining Bernardi in the spotlight included Turner Coon (.400), Greg Nelson (.388), Josh Halbert (.327) and Kevin Hill (3-1, above). Hill set an all-time World Series record with 15 strikeouts in a seven-inning game. All five Outlaws were picked to the all-tournament team.

And, not all the talent was on the championship ball club. Runner-up Eden Prairie MN was also full of talented stars.

Sportsmanship Award winner Blake Schmit led the field of players in national competition in hits (22) and runs scored (18) and was third in total bases (30). He hit .431 (fifth ranked).

Schmit (shortstop) teamed up with Tony Skjefte (second base) for nine double plays in the tourney. Skjefte hit a solid .373. Tim Miller hit .346 and joined Schmit and Skjefte on the all-tournament team.

Midwest City, the Region Four and National champions finished the successful season at 66-10. It was Oklahoma's second national championship in the 2000s. Enid won the 2005 ALWS in a what-is-now a classic championship game from Pasco WA

Twin Cities on a bases loaded balk in the bottom of ninth inning. And for Eden Prairie, it was the second time in four years that the Minnesota club finished in the runner-up spot in the ALWS. In 2007, Columbia TN beat Eden Prairie in the finals played in Bartlesville OK.

Las Vegas' Jake Hager hit a blistering .476 to win the national batting crown. He went 20-for-42. Midwest City's Hill took national pitching honors with 35 strike outs in 33 and 1/3 innings pitched.

The top two players in the 2010 ALWS were Blake Schmidt (#2) and Dalton Bernardi (#1).

2011 - Eden Prairie MN

SHELBY NC – In 2010, Eden Prairie was one victory away from a national championship. The Minnesota champion lost twice on championship day and finished with a runner-up trophy.

In 2011, Eden Prairie entered the Series as the favorite to win it all but in game one of the opening day, Midland MI (the 2009 ALWS champion) thumped Eden Prairie in a 14-3 10-run rule victory. What happened next is amazing. "Unbelievable" said Blake Schmit, the American Legion George W. Rulon Player of the Year.

With a solid infield consisting of Schmit, Tony Skjefte and Tyler Peterson along with outfielder David Belusky, Eden Prairie took one step at a time and picked up three straight victories marching out of the elimination bracket to reach championship day. This time around, Eden Prairie did the winning on championship day with a pair of hard fought victories to claim the national crown.

With Tupelo MS awaiting the winner for all the marbles, Eden Prairie and Las Vegas NV (the 2008 national champion) squared off in an afternoon game that would send the winner into the finals. Eden Prairie beat Las Vegas, 2-1 in one of the most exciting games in the tournament.

In the championship game, Tupelo scored four in the first inning and Eden Prairie's chances of winning seemed remote at best. Eden Prairie then chipped away with two runs in the second, one in the fifth

on a Schmit home run and one in the eighth when Skjefte raced home on a RBI double by Peterson.

With the score tied after nine, neither team managed to score in the 10-11-12th innings. Tupelo came the closest, leaving runners on base in each of the first three extra frames.

Eden Prairie scored in the 13th inning when Peterson led off the inning with a walk on four consecutive pitches. He advanced to third on a ball hit by reliever Lance Thonvold that Tupelo second baseman Kirk Roberts misplayed. Peterson scored the eventual winning run on a fielder's choice hit by Jordan Smith. Thonvold was out at second. The throw to first for the inning ending double play was late as Smith picked up the RBI.

Tupelo didn't go down quietly much to the delight of the 5,896 fans in the park. With one out, back-to-back singles by Cody Shrewsbury and Tyler Moore put Tupelo in position to tie and maybe win the championship. Schmit then called for a pickoff attempt at second and it was a text book play as winning pitcher Tonvold turned and made a perfect throw to the Schmit, who made the tag picking Shrewsbury off of second. On a 0-2 pitch, Tornvold got Kirk Roberts to bounce to third. And at 11:31 p.m. in the cool evening of Shelby, Eden Prairie began a victory celebration that lasted into the early morning hours of Tuesday.

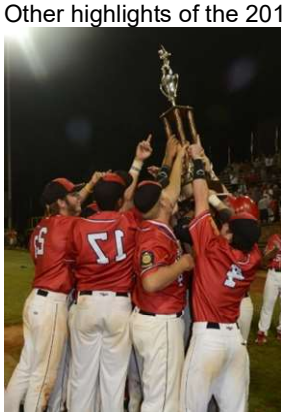
It was a most successful tournament for Shelby, which became the home of American World Series. A record 86,162 fans cheered every pitch. The previous record was 60,000 at the 1936 Series played just south of Shelby in Spartanburg, SC.

Several records were broken in the tournament.

Blake Schmit (right) became the first player in American Legion Baseball history to win two major awards. In 2010, he was the recipient of the James F. Daniel Jr. Sportsmanship and in post-game ceremonies in this tournament, he was the picked as the George W. Rulon American Legion Player of the Year. He recently was honored during the 2012 Hall Of Fame Classic weekend in Cooperstown, New York, June 15-17.

Four Eden Prairie players earned All-Tournament honors and some observers thought it should have been more. Joining Schmit with all-tourney medals included Tony Skjefte, Tyler Peterson and David Belusky. Schmit hit .383 in national tournament play and won the Cowger RBI award with 18. Skjefte hit .400 in national competition and won the Rawlings Total Bases award with 45. Peterson hit .367 and Belusky hit .292. Schmit, Skjefte and Peterson teamed up to turn 10 double plays.

Other highlights of the 2011 ALWS include:



- Six of the teams entering the ALWS in Shelby went undefeated in regional tournament play.
- Erik VanMeetren of Las Vegas joined an elite group of Legion players to have played in three World Series tournaments. He played in 2008, 2009 and 2011.
- Eden Prairie became the third team in ALWS history to finish runner-up one year and then return to win the national championship the following year.

Skjefte said "winning the ALWS was a baseball moment everyone involved with our team will remember. It was one of the best moments in my life when that last out was recorded. I was so excited to represent Eden Prairie and Minnesota." He also added, "It was an amazing crowd to play in front of. Shelby was an amazing town and I hope it stays there for good. They supported us like crazy'.

2012 - New Orleans LA Post 125

SHELBY NC – "An experience like no other" and "something I have dreamed about" were just a few comments made by tradition-rich New Orleans Post 125 (Jesuit High School) after capturing the club's third American Legion World Series national championship at Shelby's Veterans Field-Keeter Stadium. Other titles came in 1946 and 1960.

Powered by the strong arm of pitcher Emerson Gibbs, the 2012 recipient of the George W. Rulon Player of the Year and the stellar play from the entire lineup, New Orleans won with defense (led the tournament in team fielding), tough pitching and timely hitting.

In the quirky tournament format, New Orleans lost to Bellevue WA, 10-6 but by virtue of winning game 11 (matchup of remaining unbeaten teams), New Orleans moved into the finals.

Brooklawn starved off elimination on championship day eliminating Bellevue to set the stage for a rematch with New Orleans.

Prior to the start of the championship matchup, the rains came forcing the game to start at 10:54 p.m. (the latest start for any ALWS title game). It was a 2½ delay.

Coach Joe Latino picked Gibbs to pitch. It was the third championship game during the American Legion season (others were Louisiana Legion state championship and the other was the Legion's Region Four championship for Gibbs to pitch. He was the winning pitcher in both those games), The Tulane Green Wave signee was magnificent against Brooklawn. He tossed a 4-0, three-hit complete game shutout victory. He retired the first 13 batters until Brett Tenuto of Brooklawn broke-up the no-hit game with a hard single to short. Gibbs retired the sides in seven of the nine innings. Matthieu Robert supplied the offense going 1-for-3 and three RBI including two RBI double and a sac fly. Mitch Alexander went 2-for-4.

New Orleans ended the year at 41-7 and pre-tourney favorite Brooklawn finished at 59-5.

Gibbs added that the ALWS "was an experience like no other. It was absolutely surreal. As soon as I saw the ball hit my catcher's mitt for the final strike, it was this overwhelming feeling that everything we worked for I had paid off."

On being picked as the MVP – Rulon Player of the year, Gibbs was stunned. "When my name was called, I was surprised and extremely honored".

Brooklawn's first baseman John Brue set the highest fielding percentage record at 1.000. He did not commit an error in 123 chances. Matt Sinatro of Bellevue WA set the record for walks in the tournament with 14.

And for the third time in three series, host Shelby shattered the ALWS attendance record. Over 100,000 fans turned out to see ALWS action despite the inclement weather.

Mitch Alexander makes excellent catch in right field

2013 - Brooklawn NJ Post 72

SHELBY NC – Notre Dame has it's "win one for the Gipper" so it is fitting that Brooklawn has it's "win for the Skipper". The skipper was long-time Legion coach Joe Barth Sr.

It worked to near perfection as Brooklawn NJ Post 72 won the national championship in quick fashion beating Petaluma CA, 10-0 in a game shorten from nine innings to seven due to the "mercy" rule. Filling in for ailing Bart Sr. was his son and coach, Dennis Barth.

The tourney in its final year of a double-elimination format and played in Shelby NC for the third successive year was a hit for the beginning. For starters, 104,726 filled Keeter Stadium at Veterans Field breaking the all-time attendance record set the previous year.

On opening day, fans enjoyed an inside-the-park home run by Petaluma's catcher Ryan Haug, a record steal of second, third and home in the same inning by Gonzales second baseman Robbie Podrosky and an upside-down jubilation of an unusual play with an extra inning game heroics. And that was just on day one.

Inclement weather which has hampered previous World Series in Shelby (in 2008, 2011 and 2012) was again trying to play havoc during the '13 Series but without too much success.

Rain hampered play during six games with moderate showers throughout the opening rounds that made playing conditions soggy.

Opening the Series against crowd favorite Waipahu HI, Barth's charges won in dramatic fashion. Waipahu erased a 2-1 deficit with a two run rally with two outs in the ninth inning.

Brooklawn tied the game in the bottom of the ninth and won it on a wild pitch in the eleventh inning.

Following a victory over Burnsville MN, Brooklawn moved into the all-important game eleven. The winner automatically advances to the championship game. Anthony Harrold went 3-for-3 and Tyler Modile picked up the win as Brooklawn trimmed Gonzales LA.

With its 2012 championship loss still fresh, Brooklawn entertained Petaluma in the championship. Petaluma eliminated Waipahu earlier in the day to gain a rematch with Brooklawn.

2013 would be different however. Brooklawn scored early and often en route to a 10-0 seven inning rout of Petaluma.

Pitcher Mike Shawarn was masterful limiting California to just four hits. He fanned eight and did not walk a batter.

It marked the first time in ALWS history that the championship game ended with the 10-run mercy rule.

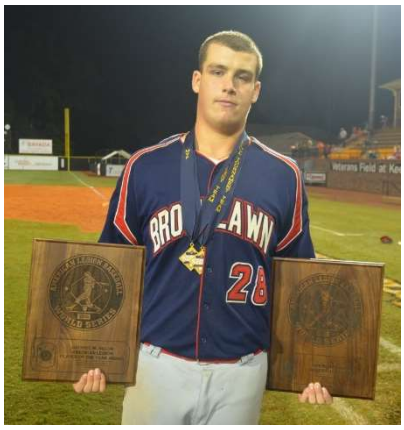
Brooklawn banged out 17 hits (one shy of the championship game record of 18) as every position player collecting a hit. Four players picked up two hits each while Nick Cieri and John Theckston picked up three hits each.

With the victory, the winners picked up a ton of awards. Anthony Harrold was selected as the George Rulon American Legion Player of the Year award and Most Valuable award. He was also tabbed on the all-tournament team and was the recipient Louisville Slugger Award as the top hitting in national competition. He hit .529 (18-for-34) in national play. Teammate Mike Shawaryn won the Bob Feller pitching award with 33 strikeouts in 24 innings pitched in national play. He was also named to the all-tournament team.

Third baseman Nik Cieri hit .486 to finish runner-up in batting and was also a member of the all-tournament team.

Brooklawn finished the year at 47-8 to cap a two-year run 106-13 record that included two regional championships, a national championship and national runner-up.

Brooklawn became the fifth team to win a national championship after finishing runner-up the year before. Eden Prairie was the last club to accomplish that feat finishing second in 2011-12. Others were San Diego (1940-41), Charlotte (1964-65) and Tuscaloosa (1966-67).



Anthony Harrold with the hardware – all-tourney and championship medals with MVP and batting award plaques

The 6,836 fans during the championship game was the largest for a title game since 1954 (7,142 in Yakima).

Mike Rucci, the only player to have played in four consecutive World Series (1998-2001) returned to the Series as a coach for Brooklawn.

2014 - Brooklawn NJ Post 72

SHELBY NC – In one of the most dominating performances in American Legion World Series championship game history, Brooklawn New Jersey Post 72 won its second straight national championship trouncing Midland MI, 18-0 in a seven inning affair. It was Brooklawn's second consecutive 10-run victory in championship games having defeated Petaluma, California in the 2012 title matchup. The 18-run decision was the most lopsided victory in the finals and the largest shutout in championship play. Only Yonkers NY scored more runs in an ALWS championship and that was way back during the Legion's first tournament in 1926 in Philadelphia (23-6).

The victory was bittersweet for Brooklawn. Its long time skipper and founder Joe Barth Sr. passed away prior to the start of the season. His son Dennis Barth stepped in as top man continued his dad's success with the championship.

Brooklawn, playing in a record tying fourth Series did have several close calls before winning it all. In the final game of pool play, New Jersey in a matchup with Midland MI. Michigan built a second inning 5-0 lead before Brooklawn bats exploded six unanswered runs. Midland regained the lead until the eighth when Brooklawn scored once in the eighth and the winning run on a wild pitch in bottom of ninth.

The other close encounter came in the Series semifinals against upstart and crowd favorite Waipahu, Hawaii. This it was Brooklawn that built a big lead. It was 6-0 going into the sixth. Hawaii scored in the sixth, seventh and eighth to make it 7-6 Brooklawn. Kevin Terifay saved the game with a 1 1/3 inning relief gem shut down Hawaii on no hits and three stakeouts.

The title matchup pitted Brooklawn and Midland in a rematch. Brooklawn wasted little time scoring four in the first, one in the second and five in the third for a 10-0 advantage. As if that wasn't enough, the champions score eight more runs in the sixth before ending the game ended after seven innings. Tyler Mondile struck out five to pick up the win. Five players in the Brooklawn lineup collected two hits or more. John Malatesta and Tre Todd picked up three hits and three RBI each while ALWS batting champion and MVP of the tourney Sean Breen (left) went 2-for-4.

The championship game attendance set a modern record of 7,907. Brooklawn ended its second straight championship with a 54-7 record. Midland finished at 50-8.

2015 - Chapin-Newberry SC Post 193/24

SHELBY NC - Chapin-Newberry (S.C.) Post 193/24, which had rallied to win three games in the eighth inning or later before Championship Tuesday, took the lead early and used two big innings to push past Retif Oil (New Orleans), 9-2, and win the 2015 American Legion World Series (ALWS) championship at Keeter Stadium in Shelby, N.C.

Post 193/24 (32-1) led 2-1 after the first inning and used a three-run sixth and four-run eighth to break open the game in an ALWS that featured a record 11 one-run games. Peyton Spangler, Justin Hawkins and Kevin Burton each had two RBIs for Chapin-Newberry, while eight different players scored for the winners. Post 193 also totaled 12 hits from nine different players.

"That's the way we normally hit the ball," said Post 193 center fielder Danton Hyman, who scored twice, drove in a run and played flawless defense in the outfield. "We've been talking about how we've got to come out sometime sooner or later hitting the ball like we did. When we were hitting the ball in that first inning, I knew it was going to be a good day for us."

Chapin-Newberry, South Carolina's first ALWS champ since 1936, was led by Hawkins, who hit his third home run in as many games in

the title game. He was voted the American Legion George W. Rulon Player of the Year.

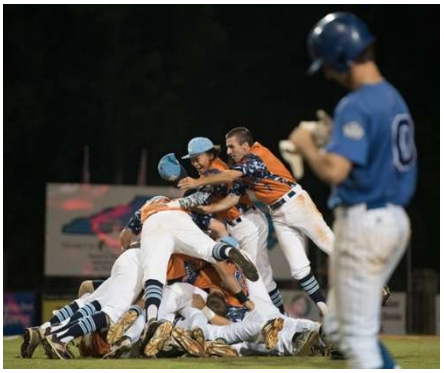
Chapin-Newberry and New Orleans was a rematch of a pool play game, in which New Orleans was victorious.

Chapin-Newberry rallied from a 3-1 eighth-inning deficit to knock off Medford, Ore., Post 15 4-3 in one semifinal. In the other, Retif Oil of New Orleans came back from a 3-2 deficit in the bottom of the 10th to stun two-time defending champ Brooklawn (N.J.) Post 72 by the same score.

Both semi-final games were decided by one run, marking the 10th and 11th of the incredibly close World Series, smashing the previous record (8).

Attendance record smashed: A single-session crowd of more than 8,800 fans Tuesday night broke the previous record, while 117,072 fans witnessed the entire tournament - breaking the previous mark by more than 7,000.

After great success on ESPN3 and ESPNU in previous years, American Legion Baseball and ESPN agreed to broadcast expand television coverage on ESPNU from just Championship Tuesday to both Monday and Tuesday. With great ratings for the close World Series in 2015, coverage expanded even more to include the Military Appreciation Day games on Sunday, as well in 2016.



Chapin-Newberry (S.C.) Post 193 players celebrate their American Legion World Series title.

2016 - Texarkana AR Post 58

SHELBY NC – Texarkana AR endured a hostile North Carolina state entry and overcame a record tying deficit to win the 2016 American Legion World Series championship.

It also took extra innings and extra time in doing so. The championship matchup with Rowan County, North Carolina was a matchup made in heaven for Legion officials and a national television audience and the loyal fans of Shelby, North Carolina and Cleveland County. Keeter Stadium/Veterans Field is 82.4 miles from the Rowan County courthouse so thousands of Rowan fans flooded the ballpark on Championship Tuesday. It was definitely a home crowd environment for the North Carolina champion.

A crowd of 8,496 packed the rafters in the title game with Rowan County jumping off to a 4-0 lead against Texarkana after four innings.

Texarkana rebounded in the fifth tying the game and that was all the scoring for the remaining regulation nine-inning game.

In extra innings, Texarkana exploded for four runs in the twelfth and seemingly had the game won.

Backed by the largely dominant North Carolina fans, Rowan rallied with two in the bottom of the twelfth and had the bases loaded when the final out was made.

Score it: Texarkana AR—8, Rowan County NC—6.

The twelve innings was the third longest in championship game history and the time of 3:25 was the second longest behind the epic 13-inning championship in 2011 between Eden Prairie MN and Tupelo MS. That game went 3:31

It was Texarkana (42-5) and the state of Arkansas's first Legion World Series championship and denied North Carolina's quest for a fifth national title.

Both champion and runner-up had to fight back in pool play as both teams lost their opening games.

In ALWS, pool play winners and runner-ups advance to a national semi-final round. Texarkana beat previously tourney unbeaten Rockport IN while Rowan County bounced San Mateo CA from the unbeaten ranks.

Texarkana's all-purpose athlete (catcher/first base) Will Smith was chosen as the recipient of the American Legion George Rulon Player of the Year. He hit .361 in 10 national playoff games including a pair of key hits in the championship game.

Teammate Logan Vidrine (pitcher/infielder) was the recipient of the James Daniel Sportsmanship Award. Vidrine put Arkansas in the championship game with a pitching gem in the semifinals beating Rockport, 3-1 scattering three hits.

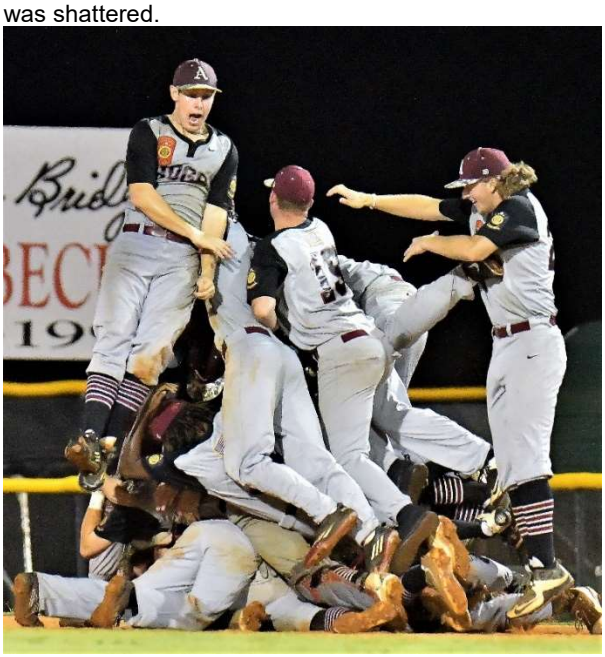
Other standouts for Arkansas included Blake Hall and Austin Cross. Both along with Smith earned all-tournament honors.

Rowan County produced its share of stars too.

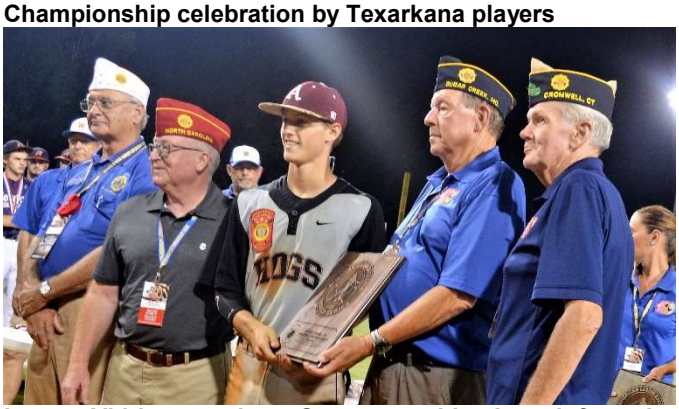
Five players earned all-tourney recognition They were Lee Poteat, Tanner File, Juan Garcia, Hunter Shepherd and Sawyer Strickland.

Other highlights of the tournament included the first appearance since 1980 that a Rhode Island (Cumberland) team made it to the ALWS. San Mateo CA increased that state's record number of appearances at the ALWS and number of victories (122). Felix Aberouette, Angelo Bortolin and Tyler Villaroman were mainstays for the Golden State entry.

And for the sixth straight year (all in Shelby), the attendance record was shattered.



Championship celebration by Texarkana players



Logan Vidrine receives Sportsmanship Award from Legion officials in post-game ceremonies

2017
Henderson NV Post 40

SHELBY NC – Surrendering a near record number of hits (21, the record is 22) on opening day and getting drilled 9-1, Henderson NV looked nothing like a national champion.

ALWS MVP Shane Spencer changed all that leading Henderson to the 2018 American Legion World Series championship with his stellar pitching performances. After that disastrous opening day loss, Spencer got Henderson in the win column with a one-hit 1-0 victory.

Teammate Ryne Nelson came back in Henderson's next outing with a one-hit outing but Henderson bats fell quiet and the team lost 1-0.

Due to the tiebreaker procedure in tournament pool play, Henderson advanced to the semifinals despite its 1-2 record.

Surviving pool play with a second-place finish, Henderson moved into the championship game with a 7-3 extra inning victory over Bryant AR (the other pool play's divisional winner).

In a rematch with Omaha for the championship, Henderson went to Spencer for the win.

In a reversal of the earlier meeting on opening day where Henderson gave up 21 hits, Spencer shut down the Omaha bats giving up just three hits and striking out six as Henderson (a suburb of Las Vegas) captured the national crown.

The score was 2-1 with winning run coming in the sixth inning on Nick Thompson's RBI sacrifice fly scoring JJ Smith.

Henderson (56-10 on the season) became only the eighth team since the current 8-team ALWS format to lose on opening day and come back and win it all. Texarkanna did it last year..

Joining Spencer on the all-tournament squad was catcher Roger Riley and first baseman Jack Thomas Wold.

Midland MI dual threat performer Jordan Patty won the pitching award (most strikeouts in national competition) with 19 and batting (highest competition in national competition) at .529. It was only the third time in ALWS history that a player won both pitching and batting honors.

If a Spirit award had been presented, Lewiston's Chris Powell certainly would have walked away with the award. The talented outfielder made a diving catch in Lewiston's opening game against Bryant AR. The result was a separated shoulder and he went on the DL for remainder of the Series. An upbeat youngster, he vowed to return to play later in the tournament but doctors and family over-ruled that possibility.

After six straight years of recorded increased attendance, only 120,924 attended the 2018 Series. The main reason – as always – inclement weather conditions, as the Series battled storms all week, forcing the tournament to switch to a seven-inning format to conclude the event on time.

Shane Spencer was nearly un-hittable in two complete game victories for ALWS champion Henderson NV

Omaha's all-tourney selection Tommy Steir slides home safely in ALWS action.

Lewiston ID player Chris Powell and mom. Powell went on the DL after a spectacular play on opening day.

All in the family: Head Coach Scott Baker with assistant coach (and son) Tyler and wife Kristin

World Series appearances

	App	1-2-3	W-L	cities
Alabama	4	1-1-1	12-6	2 cities
Alaska	none			
Arizona	8	1-0-1	11-15	2 cities
Arkansas	7	1-1-0	11-13	6 cities
California	53	17-8-6	122-85-1	30 cities
Colorado	6	0-0-1	3-12	4 cities
Connecticut	23	0-0-3	18-46	12 cities
Delaware	3	0-0-0	2-6	2 cities
DC	4	0-1-0	3-8	1 city
Florida	17	5-1-5	45-27	9 cities
Georgia	3	0-0-0	1-7	3 cities
Hawaii	8	2-1-3	21-14	4 cities
Idaho	7	0-2-0	9-12	2 cities
Illinois	19	3-6-4	35-37	14 cities
Indiana	9	1-1-2	17-15	5 cities
Iowa	6	0-2-0	9-12	2 cities
Kansas	4	0-0-0	1-8	4 cities
Kentucky	4	0-1-0	3-8	3 cities
Louisiana	25	5-7-4	55-45-1	4 cities
Maine	3	1-0-0	7-4	1 city
Maryland	10	3-1-1	17-14	8 cities
Massachusetts	19	1-4-2	18-36-1	15 cities
Michigan	14	2-1-3	29-25	6 cities
Minnesota	21	5-3-2	43-38	12 cities
Mississippi	8	1-2-0	11-15	6 cities
Missouri	9	3-1-0	21-12	7 cities
Montana	4	0-1-0	5-8	1 city
Nebraska	21	1-2-4	29-41	4 cities
Nevada	11	2-2-2	24-20	2 cities
New Hampshire	10	0-1-2	3-22	3 cities
New Jersey	27	5-5-6	59-46	8 cities
New Mexico	none			
New York	12	2-1-0	14-21	6 cities
North Carolina	20	4-6-2	41-35	12 cities
North Dakota	4	0-0-0	3-8	2 cities
Ohio	24	7-4-2	51-37	8 cities
Oklahoma	13	1-0-3	28-26	7 cities
Oregon	20	1-5-6	40-37	7 cities
Pennsylvania	13	3-4-2	34-22	5 cities
Puerto Rico	10	3-2-0	25-17	5 cities
Rhode Island	6	0-1-2	8-12	4 cities
South Carolina	13	2-2-5	21-27-1	10 cities
South Dakota	8	1-0-2	11-15	1 city
Tennessee	12	2-3-2	28-21	5 cities
Texas	4	0-0-2	3-6	4 cities
Utah	2	0-0-0	1-4	2 cities
Vermont	none			
Virginia	13	1-2-2	19-29	9 cities
Washington	17	3-6-3	41-30	5 cities
West Virginia	1	0-0-1	1-2	1 city
Wisconsin	2	0-0-1	4-4	2 cities
Wyoming		none		

Most Appearances by state in ALWS

California 53
New Jersey 27
Louisiana 25
Ohio 24
Connecticut 23
Minnesota 21
Nebraska 21
North Carolina 21
Oregon 20

Most cities in ALWS by state

California 30
Massachusetts 15
Illinois 14
Minnesota 12
Connecticut 12
North Carolina 12
South Carolina 10

Most ALWS championships

California 17
Ohio 7
Louisiana 5
Minnesota 5
Florida 5
New Jersey 5
North Carolina 4
PA, WA, IL, MD, MO, PR 3

Most ALWS runner-ups

California 8
Louisiana 7
Washington 6
Illinois 6
North Carolina 6
Oregon 5
New Jersey 5
MA, OH, PA 4

Most victories in ALWS play

California 122
New Jersey 59
Louisiana 55
Ohio 51
Florida 45
Minnesota 43
Washington 41
North Carolina 41
Oregon 40

Most defeats in ALWS play

California 85
Connecticut 46
New Jersey 46
Louisiana 45
Nebraska 41
Minnesota 38
Ohio 37
Illinois 37

Most games played in ALWS

California ..... 208 (1 tie)
New Jersey 105
Louisiana ..... 101 (1 tie)
Ohio 88
Minnesota 81
Oregon 77
North Carolina 76
Illinois 72
Washington 71

ALWS appearances

ALABAMA

Team	App	1-2-3	W-L	Years
Dothan	2	0-0-1	3-3	02-05
Tuscaloosa	2	1-1-0	9-3	66-67

ALASKA

No team from Alaska has appeared in the ALWS

ARKANSAS	App	1-2-3	W-L	Years
Bryant	2	0-0-0	2-4	07,17
Jonesboro	1	0-0-0	1-2	08
Little Rock	1	0-1-0	2-2	47
Russellville	1	0-0-0	0-2	94
Texarkana	2	1-0-0	6-3	90-16

ARIZONA	App	1-2-3	W-L	Years
Phoenix	4	1-0-0	8-7	59-61-70-71
Tucson	4	0-0-1	3-8	44-45-68-07

CALIFORNIA	App	1-2-3	W-L	Years
Campbell	1	0-0-0	1-2	74
Chatsworth	1	0-0-0	0-3	99
Chico	2	0-0-0	1-25	83-14
Chino	1	0-1-0	3-2	94
Danville	3	1-0-1	9-3	98-00-01
El Cerrito	1	0-0-1	2-2	72
El Segundo	1	0-0-0	2-2	86
Escondido	1	0-0-0	1-2	91
Fairfield	2	0-0-0	2-4	93-97
Fullerton	2	0-0-1	4-4	75-89
Lafayette	1	0-1-0	4-2	82
Lakewood	1	0-0-0	1-2	12
Los Angeles	4	2-1-1	9-6	36-42-46-51
Long Beach	1	1-0-0	5-0	63
Newbury Park	1	1-0-0	5-1	92
Northridge	1	0-0-0	1-2	03
Norwalk	1	0-0-0	2-2	79
Oakland	4	4-0-0	13-2	28-49-50-66
Ontario	1	0-0-0	2-2	65
Palo Alto	1	0-0-0	1-2	80
Petaluma	1	0-1-0	4-2	13
Sacramento	3	0-2-0	5-7	35-81-85
San Diego	6	3-2-0	14-9	38-40-41-47-52-54
San Fernando	1	0-0-0	1-2	73
San Mateo	2	0-0-1	4-3	83-16
Santa Monica	3	1-0-0	5-5	76-77-78
Union City	1	0-0-0	1-2	91
Upland	1	1-0-0	4-1	64
West Covina	3	2-0-1	12-3	70-71-85
Woodland Hills	1	1-0-0	4-1	89

COLORADO	App	1-2-3	W-L	Years
Boulder	3	0-0-0	0-6	87-88-04
Colo.Springs	1	0-0-0	0-2	69
Denver	1	0-0-0	0-2	67
Grand Junction	1	0-0-1	3-2	82

CONNECTICUT	App	1-2-3	W-L	Years
Berlin	1	0-0-0	0-2	09
Branford	4	0-0-1	3-8	05-07-10-13
Bristol	4	0-0-1	2-8	74-84-97-08
Cromwell	2	0-0-0	0-6	14-15
East Hartford	2	0-0-0	4-4	91-92
Meriden	1	0-0-0	2-2	81
Milford	1	0-0-0	0-2	12
Naugatuck	1	0-0-0	1-2	69
New London	2	0-0-0	1-4	85-86
North Haven	1	0-0-0	1-2	72
Trumbull	1	0-0-0	2-2	77
West Hartford	3	0-0-1	2-6	59-61-73

DELAWARE	App	1-2-3	W-L	Years
New Castle	1	0-0-0	0-2	70
Wilmington Manor	2	0-0-0	2-4	67-76

DC	App	1-2-3	W-L	Years
Washington	4	0-1-0	3-8	55-57-63-66

FLORIDA	App	1-2-3	W-L	Years
DeLand	1	0-0-1	2-2	04
Hialeah	2	1-0-1	8-2	78-80
Jacksonville	3	0-1-0	3-6	48-51-14
Jensen Beach	1	1-0-0	5-0	86
Miami	3	1-0-0	8-5	60-93-94
Sanford	1	1-0-0	5-1	97
Sarasota	1	0-0-0	0-2	91
West Palm Beach	3	0-0-2	7-6	69-77-88
West Tampa	2	1-0-1	7-3	81-87

GEORGIA	App	1-2-3	W-L	Years
Albany	1	0-0-0	0-3	01
Atlanta	1	0-0-0	0-2	49
Gainesville	1	0-0-0	1-2	79

HAWAII	App	1-2-3	W-L	Years
Aiea	1	1-0-0	4-1	95
Honolulu	2	1-1-0	8-3	62-80
Kailua	1	0-0-1	3-2	90
Waipahu	4	0-0-2	6-8	11-13-14-15

IDAHO	App	1-2-3	W-L	Years
Lewiston	6	0-1-0	7-11	64-66-72-77-01-17
Pocatello	1	0-1-0	2-1	26

ILLINOIS	App	1-2-3	W-L	Years
Arlington Heights	2	0-1-0	4-4	65-92
Barrington	1	0-0-1	3-2	79
Belleville	1	0-0-1	1-2	48
Berwyn	3	0-2-0	1-8	39-41-60
Chicago	1	1-0-0	2-0	33
Des Plaines	1	0-1-0	5-2	76
Edwardsville	1	1-0-0	4-1	98
Moline	2	0-0-0	1-4	10-12
Northbrook	2	0-1-0	5-4	66-67
Oak Park	1	0-0-1	1-2	45
Quincy	1	0-0-0	1-2	87
Rock Island	1	0-0-1	2-2	97
South Chicago	1	1-0-0	2-0	31
Waukegan	1	0-0-0	0-2	80
Winnetka	1	0-1-0	3-2	53

INDIANA	App	1-2-3	W-L	Years
Evansville	1	0-0-1	2-2	63
Kokomo	1	0-0-0	2-2	82
Rockport	4	0-0-1	5-7	74-84-07-16
South Bend	2	1-0-0	5-2	68-77
Terre Haute	1	0-1-0	3-2	06

IOWA	App	1-2-3	W-L	Years
Cedar Rapids	5	0-2-0	8-10	71-74-75-76-86
Waterloo	1	0-0-0	1-2	64

KANSAS	App	1-2-3	W-L	Years
El Dorado	1	0-0-0	0-2	26
Kansas City	1	0-0-0	0-2	91
Lawrence	1	0-0-0	1-2	06
Olathe	1	0-0-0	0-2	90

KENTUCKY	App	1-2-3	W-L	Years
Owensboro	1	0-0-0	0-2	81
Paducah	2	0-1-0	3-4	00-04
Richmond	1	0-0-0	0-2	82

LOUISIANA	App	1-2-3	W-L	Years
Gonzales	6	0-1-1	12-12	88-89-91-92-96-13

Lake Charles	1	0-0-0	0-2	86
Metairie	3	1-0-0	9-5	74-76-06
New Orleans	15	4-6-3	34-26	29-30-32-34-37-43-46-56-60-62-64-80-83-12-15

MAINE	**App**	**1-2-3**	**W-L**	**Years**
Portland	3	1-0-0	7-4	95-99-04

MARYLAND	**App**	**1-2-3**	**W-L**	**Years**
Baltimore	2	1-0-0	2-2	30-54
Cheverly	2	0-0-1	4-4	74-75
Cumberland	1	1-0-0	2-1	34
Mayo	1	1-0-0	5-1	90
Mt. Airy	1	0-0-0	0-2	09
Severna Park	1	0-0-0	0-2	97
Towson	1	0-1-0	4-2	69
Waldorf	1	0-0-0	0-2	95

MASSACHUSETTS	**App**	**1-2-3**	**W-L**	**Years**
Braintree	1	0-0-0	0-2	89
East Lynn	1	1-0-0	3-0	37
East Springfield	1	0-1-0	3-2	78
Everett	1	0-1-0	2-2	58
Milford	3	0-0-1	2-6	52-53-01
Milton	1	0-0-0	1-2	06
Natick	1	0-0-0	0-2	83
New Bedford	1	0-0-0	0-2	93
Norwood	1	0-0-0	0-2	87
Pittsfield	1	0-0-1	3-2	60
Shrewsbury	1	0-0-0	1-2	17
Somerville	2	0-0-0	1-4	62-63
Springfield	2	0-1-0	2-4	32-68
West Quincy	1	0-0-0	0-2	75
Worchester	1	0-1-0	0-2	28

MICHIGAN	**App**	**1-2-3**	**W-L**	**Years**
Allen Park	1	0-0-0	1-2	78
Blissfield	1	0-0-0	2-2	94
Detroit	2	1-0-1	7-3	59-64
Flint	1	0-0-0	0-2	43
Lincoln Park	1	0-0-1	2-2	71
Midland	7	1-1-1	16-12	90-96-08-09-11-14-17

MINNESOTA	**App**	**1-2-3**	**W-L**	**Years**
Bloomington	1	0-0-0	1-2	99
Burnsville	1	0-0-0	1-2	13
Eden Prairie	4	1-2-0	14-7	04-07-10-11
Edina	2	1-0-0	5-3	82-83
Excelsior	2	0-1-0	3-5	98-02
Moorhead	1	0-0-1	2-2	88
New Brighton	2	1-0-0	4-3	97-99
New Ulm	2	0-0-0	1-4	78-85
Osseo	2	0-0-1	3-4	93-95
Richfield	2	1-0-0	4-3	43-73
Rochester	1	1-0-0	4-1	03
Woodbury	1	0-0-0	1-2	05

MISSISSIPPI	**App**	**1-2-3**	**W-L**	**Years**
Greenville	1	0-0-0	0-2	71
Hattiesburg	1	0-1-0	3-2	77
Jackson	2	0-0-0	0-4	61-75
Starkville	2	0-0-0	1-4	82-95
Tupelo	1	0-1-0	3-2	11
West Point	1	1-0-0	4-1	02

MISSOURI	**App**	**1-2-3**	**W-L**	**Years**
Ballwin	1	1-0-0	6-1	72
Blue Springs	1	0-0-0	1-2	03
Crestwood	1	0-0-0	1-2	80
Festus	1	0-0-0	1-2	09
Jefferson City	1	0-0-0	1-2	98
Maplewood	1	0-0-0	1-2	54
St. Louis	3	2-1-0	10-3	50-56-62

MONTANA	**App**	**1-2-3**	**W-L**	**Years**
Billings	4	0-1-0	5-8	58-60-61-62

NEBRASKA	**App**	**1-2-3**	**W-L**	**Years**
Hastings	1	0-0-0	1-2	60
Lincoln	2	0-0-0	0-4	55-06
Omaha	18	1-2-4	28-35	39-48-61-63-65-68-70-81-85-94-00-01-08-12-14-15-16-17

NEVADA	**App**	**1-2-3**	**W-L**	**Years**
Henderson	1	1-0-0	3-2	17
Las Vegas	11	1-2-3	23-20	84-86-93-98-02-05-06-08-09-10-11

NEW HAMPSHIRE	**App**	**1-2-3**	**W-L**	**Years**
Bedford	1	0-0-0	0-2	11
Berlin	1	0-0-0	0-2	65
Manchester	8	0-1-2	3-18	42-47-64-66-67-70-82-02

NEW JERSEY	**App**	**1-2-3**	**W-L**	**Years**
Brooklawn	16	4-2-5	44-25	60-61-84-91-92-94-98-99-00-01-05-11-12-13-14-15
Caldwell	1	0-0-1	2-2	78
Haddon Heights	1	0-0-1	2-2	03
Hamilton Square	1	0-0-0	1-2	00
Hopewell	1	0-0-0	1-2	17
Lyndhurst	2	0-0-0	2-4	65-71
Trenton	4	1-3-0	7-6	33-45-46-48
West Deptford	1	0-0-0	0-3	03

NEW MEXICO

No team from New Mexico has appeared in the ALWS

NEW YORK	**App**	**1-2-3**	**W-L**	**Years**
Buffalo	2	1-0-0	2-3	29-62
Kingston	1	0-0-0	1-2	88
Rockland County	4	0-0-0	3-8	90-93-96-02
Staten Island	2	0-0-0	2-4	64-68
White Plains	1	0-1-0	3-2	51
Yonkers	2	1-0-0	3-2	26-56

NORTH CAROLINA	**App**	**1-2-3**	**W-L**	**Years**
Albemarle	2	1-1-0	6-4	40-44
Charlotte	2	1-1-0	8-3	64-65
Cherryville	3	0-2-0	6-6	53-98-03
Gastonia	2	1-1-0	5-2	35-54
Greensboro	1	0-0-0	1-2	63
Hamlet	1	0-0-0	0-2	83
Kernersville	1	0-0-0	1-2	10
Randolph County	1	0-0-1	2-2	17
Rowan County	3	0-1-1	7-6	96-09-16
Salisbury	1	0-0-1	1-2	55
Shelby	1	1-0-0	3-0	45
Whiteville	1	0-0-0	0-2	43
Wilmington	2	0-0-0	2-4	70-13

NORTH DAKOTA	**App**	**1-2-3**	**W-L**	**Years**
Fargo	3	0-0-0	2-6	69-89-92
Grand Forks	1	0-0-0	1-2	67

OHIO	**App**	**1-2-3**	**W-L**	**Years**
Cincinnati	14	7-2-1	36-16	44-46-47-49-51-52-55-57-58-61-69-73-87-88
Findley	1	0-0-0	2-2	72
Maynard	1	0-0-1	2-2	86

Napoleon	2	0-0-0	0-5	01-13
Newark	1	0-1-0	4-2	91
Springfield	2	0-1-0	3-4	26-43
Whitehouse	1	0-0-0	1-2	03
Worthington	2	0-0-0	3-4	75-83

OKLAHOMA	**App**	**1-2-3**	**W-L**	**Years**
Bartlesville	1	0-0-0	2-2	69
Edmond	2	0-0-0	2-4	99-04
Enid	2	1-0-0	7-3	66-05
Midwest City	3	1-0-1	9-5	87-01-10
Norman	1	0-0-1	3-2	93
Tulsa	4	0-0-1	5-8	70-79-81-97
Woodward	1	0-0-0	0-2	85

OREGON	**App**	**1-2-3**	**W-L**	**Years**
Corvallis	3	0-0-2	6-5	78-90-03
Klamath Falls	3	0-1-0	5-6	60-67-68
Lake Oswego	1	0-1-0	4-2	74
Medford	5	0-2-1	11-9	92-97-02-09-15
Portland	4	1-1-1	9-7	57-65-69-73
Roseburg	4	0-0-2	4-8	56-63-84-10
Salem	1	0-0-1	3-2	94

PENNSYLVANIA	**App**	**1-2-3**	**W-L**	**Years**
Boyertown	9	2-3-2	24-16	77-80-82-83-86 87-88-04-07
Levittown	1	0-1-0	3-2	70
Shaler	1	0-0-0	0-2	79
State College	1	0-0-1	3-1	98
Yardley	1	1-0-0	4-1	96

PUETRO RICO	**App**	**1-2-3**	**W-L**	**Years**
Bayamon	1	0-1-0	3-2	90
Guaynabo	4	1-1-0	10-7	84-85-89-92
Manati	1	0-0-0	1-2	76
Rio Piedras	3	2-0-0	9-3	72-73-74
San Juan	1	0-0-0	2-2	75

RHODE ISLAND	**App**	**1-2-3**	**W-L**	**Years**
Barrington	1	0-1-0	4-2	79
Bristol	1	0-0-1	1-2	50
Cumberland	1	0-0-0	1-2	16
Warwick	3	0-0-1	2-6	71-76-80

SOUTH CAROLINA	**App**	**1-2-3**	**W-L**	**Years**
Chapin-Newberry	1	1-0-0	4-1	15
Columbia	2	0-1-1	1-5	31-00
Conagree	1	0-0-0	1-2	71
Florence	1	0-0-0	1-2	12
Gaffney	1	0-0-0	1-2	11
Greer	1	0-0-1	1-2	57
Greenwood	1	0-0-1	1-2	58
Spartanburg	2	1-1-0	5-5	36-38
Sumter	2	0-0-1	4-4	06-08
Timmonsville	1	0-0-1	2-2	68

SOUTH DAKOTA	**App**	**1-2-3**	**W-L**	**Years**
Rapid City	8	1-0-2	11-15	77-79-84-93 95-96-02-05

TENNESSEE	**App**	**1-2-3**	**W-L**	**Years**
Columbia	3	1-0-0	7-5	95-07 -14
Gallatin	1	0-0-1	2-2	99
Memphis	6	1-3-1	19-10	63-65-67-68-72-73
Millington	1	0-0-0	0-2	84
Nashville	1	0-0-0	0-2	66

TEXAS	**App**	**1-2-3**	**W-L**	**Years**
Austin	1	0-0-1	1-2	52
South Houston	1	0-0-0	1-2	78
Texarkana	1	0-0-1	2-2	09
Texas City	1	0-0-0	1-2	00

UTAH	**App**	**1-2-3**	**W-L**	**Years**
Sandy	1	0-0-0	0-2	96
Taylorsville	1	0-0-0	1-2	00

VERMONT

No team from Vermont has appeared in the ALWS

VIRGINIA	**App**	**1-2-3**	**W-L**	**Years**
Bedford	1	0-0-0	0-2	94
Chesapeake	1	0-0-0	0-2	10
Colonial Heights	1	0-0-0	1-2	61
Glen Allen	1	0-0-0	0-2	89
Hampton	2	0-1-0	4-4	59-62
Virginia (cont.)	**App**	**1-2-3**	**W-L**	**Years**
Leesburg	1	0-0-0	0-3	16
Midlothian	2	1-0-1	8-3	85-06
Norfolk	1	0-0-0	0-2	72
Richmond	3	0-1-0	4-6	50-73-81
South Richmond	1	0-0-1	2-2	08

WASHINGTON	**App**	**1-2-3**	**W-L**	**Years**
Bellevue	3	0-1-2	10-6	81-95-12
Bellingham	1	0-0-0	1-2	07
Kennewick	3	0-2-0	6-7	99-04-16
Pasco	2	0-2-0	7-4	05-08
Vancouver	2	0-1-0	4-4	87-96
Yakima	5	3-0-1	13-7	53-75-76-79-88

WEST VIRGINIA	**App**	**1-2-3**	**W-L**	**Years**
Wheeling	1	0-0-1	1-2	49

WISCONSIN	**App**	**1-2-3**	**W-L**	**Years**
Janesville	1	0-0-1	3-2	89
West Allis	1	0-0-0	1-2	62

WYOMING

No team from Wyoming has appeared in the ALWS

LEFT: Capacity crowd during 2015 Series in Shelby NC.

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JJ Guinozzo III: scoring czar

The date was June 1, 1964 and John 'JJ' Guinozzo started keeping score for American Legion Baseball. He was the scorer for Whitehaven Boosters and the Tigers won that first game against rival South Side. From that point, JJ has scored too many games to count and now holds the title of the ALWS scoring czar. His first assignment with the World Series came in his home town of Memphis, TN in 1972 and with a blessing from Mother Nature (rain delays), JJ launched a career with the national legion program that now spans nearly five decades.

Whatever the reason, long time Legion Baseball director George Rulon was impressed with Guinozzo and from 1973 to present, JJ has been on the scene scoring World Series games and compiling official records.

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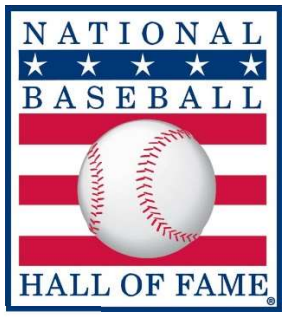

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