

McLean County Museum of History

Softball Collection

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Collection Information

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Scope

The collection includes yearbooks, programs, scorebooks, schedules, and other items relating to men's, women's, and girls' softball—youth, adult recreation, amateur, and semi-professional.

Folder Inventory

A O'Neil Park

Folder A1 O'Neil Park Schedules

- A1.1 1975, Compliments of O'Neil Park Softball Association, booklet.
- A1.2 1975, 1 sheet.
- A1.3 1984, 4 pp.
- A1.4 1990, 1 sheet.
- A1.5 1991, 1 sheet.
- A1.6 1994, 1 sheet.

Folder A2 O'Neil Park Softball History

- A2.1 "O'Neil Park Softball Field," 1993, by Larry Carius, typed, 10 pp. with author's note,
- A2.2 Note from Lary Carius to Don Munson regarding typed history, February 24, 1994.

B Hearts

Folder B1 Hearts Yearbooks

- B1.1 "Heart of America," 1980, 8 pp.
- B1.2 1984, 36pp.
- B1.3 1985, 36pp.
- B1.4 1986, 32pp.
- B1.5 1987, 32pp.

Folder B2

- B2.1 "The Hearts Come Thru in '82," Don Munson, WJBC program on CD, narrated by Don Munson.
- B2.2 Gift agreement for CD, Don Munson, May 2, 2024.

C Men's Regional Tournaments

Folder C1 State

- C1.1 1969 Illinois State Men's Class A ASA Tournament, August 12-18, program.
- C1.2 1970 Illinois State Men's Class A ASA Tournament, August 18-24, program.
- C1.3 1977 Illinois AA State Fast Pitch Softball Tournament, August 23-28, program.
- C1.4 1996 Men's Major Fastpitch State Tournament, August 2-4, program.

Folder C2 Regionals

- C.2.1 1976 ASA Class A Regional Tournament, brackets and schedule, July 27-August 6, 2 pp.
- C.2.2 1978 Midwest Regional, AA Fastpitch Softball Tournament, September 1-4, program.
- C.2.3 1979 Midwest Regional, AA Fastpitch Softball Tournament, August 31-September 3, program (2 copies).
- C.2.4 1981 ASA Men's Midwest Fast Pitch Regionals, Class A, August 28-30, Class AA, September 4-7, program.
- C.2.5 1989 ASA Men's Major Fast Pitch Championships, September 1-4, program.

- C.2.6 1991 ASA Men's Class Fastpitch Midwest Regional Championship, August 16-18, program.

D Men's National Tournaments

Folder D1 1983

- D1.1 1983 National A Fastpitch Championship, September 7-11, program (2 copies).
D1.2 Brackets, 4 p. flyer.

Folder D2 1988

- D2.1 Letter, 1988 ASA Men's Major Fastpitch National Championship Tournament Director Randy Ralston, to "Council Member," September 22, 1988.
D2.2 List of games played, list of teams with tournament records, 2 pp.
D2.3 Bracket flyer, 4 pp. (2 copies).
D2.4 1988 ASA Men's Major Fastpitch National Championship. September 9-17, program.

Folder D3 1992

- D.3.1 1990 letters of support for 1992 Tournament—Illinois Gov. James R. Thompson; State Sen. John W. Maitland, and State Rep. Gordon L. Ropp.
D.3.2 ASA National Championship Tournament Bid, 8 pp.
D.3.3 Letter, Charles (Chuck McCord), Illinois ASA Commissioner, to "Council Member," October 24, 1990.
D.3.4 Tournament flyer with Official Ticket Form, booklet, 4 pp.
D.3.5 Bracket flyer, 4 pp. (2 copies).
D.3.6 Program, 1992 Men's ASA National Championship, September 11-19, 56 pp.

Folder D3 1992

- D3.1 Envelope containing correspondence between local officials in Bloomington and Illinois and members of the A.S.A about hosting the 1992 Men's championship in Bloomington as well as the bids for doing so, September-October 1990.
D3.2 "City of Bloomington invites you to 1992 Men's ASA National Championship Major Fastpitch," pamphlet advertising the 1992 Men's ASA National Championship with basic information on ticket sales, 1992, unpagged.
D3.3 "City of Bloomington invites you to 1992 Men's ASA National Championship Major Fastpitch," booklet containing the schedule and bracket for the 1992 National ASA Men's Softball Tournament, 1992, unpagged. (2 copies)
D3.4 "O'NEIL PARK BLOOMINGTON ILLINOIS Sept. 11-19 1992," booklet containing the tournament schedule and bracket as well as a letter from then president George Bush and several other more local governmental officials expressing well wishes, September 9 1988, 48pp.

E Schedules

Folder E1 Schedules

- E1.1 1934, Industrial A; Commercial; and Industrial B—games played at State Farm, Beich's, and Oil-O-Matic fields.
E1.2 1935, YMCA—games played on Oil-O-Matic and Beich's fields.

- E1.3 1939, Corn Belt Soft Ball League.
- E1.4 1992, Beer Nuts.

F Women's / Girls' Softball

Folder F1 Blue Sox

- F1.1 Bloomington Girls Sports Association, Bloomington Blue Sox 1976 yearbook, unpagged.

Folder F2 Programs

- F2.1 1982 A.S.A. Women's Midwest Major Slow Pitch Regionals, August 21., 21 & 22, 16 pp.
- F2.2 1989 A.S.A. Major Fast Pitch Championships, Women's Major Fastpitch State Tournament, Normal, July 20-23, 1989, 16 pp.
- F2.3 1991 A.S.A. Women's Major Fast Pitch Championships, State Tournament, Normal, July 19-21, 1991, unpagged.
- F2.4 1990 I.S.F. Women's World Championships, Maxwell Park, Normal, July 13-21, 1990, 48 pp.

Folder F3 All-Star Game

- F3.1 1995, program / flyer, 2nd Annual Pantagraph High School All-Star Softball Game, 4 pp. (2 copies).

Folder F4 Bloomington-Normal Girls Softball Association

- F4.1 1994 registration notice, BNGSA Board.
- F4.2 1995 registration notice, BNGSA Board.
- F4.3 1996 registration notice, BNGSA Board.
- F4.4 1997 registration notice, BNGSA Board.
- F4.5 Official Registration Form (triplicate), no year.
- F4.6 Notice, BNGSA Clinic, June 7-8, 1996.
- F4.7 BNGSA Apparel Catalog, by Flatlander Industries, 4 pp. w/ envelope.

Folder F5 BNGSA Diamond Notes

- F5.1 February 1994.
- F5.2 February 1995.
- F5.3 February 1996.
- F5.4 February 1997.

Folder F6 High School Softball

- F6.1 Newspaper photo and caption, Saybrook-Arrowsmith High School girls' spring softball team, *Saybrook Gazette*, April 29, 1976.

Folder F7 Lady Hearts

- F7.1 Letter recapping 1989 season by Thomas F. Trumpy, includes Booster Club flyer, no date.
- F7.2 Letter from Lyle regarding December 27 get-together, November 18, 1989, 1 p.
- F7.3 Newsletter / mailer, 1990 season, 4 pp.
- F7.4 Two *Pantagraph* articles on Hearts and Martha Wendy, 1991.
- F7.5 Copy of Museum Gift Agreement for Lady Hearts items, Jeanie Wendt, October 2025.

G 4-H Softball

Folder G1 Kickapoo Rangers 1942

- G1.1 Scorebook, 1952, Kickapoo Rangers, green cloth cover, 8½ by 5 inches.
- G1.2 Note on same, by donor Shannon E. Perry, 2024.
- G1.3 Arrowsmith 4-H girls' softball team photo and caption (winners of the county title), *Saybrook Gazette*, July 31, 1975.

H Oral Histories / Recollections

Folder H1 Collins, Jeff

- H1.1 Jeff Collins interview questions (and typed answers), 6 pp.

I Men's / Boys' Softball

Folder I1 Laesch Dairy

- I1.1 Scorebook, 1959-1960, Laesch Dairy, red board cover, Official Baseball Score Book, Wilson, 13 by 8 inches.

J Miscellany

Folder J1 Miscellaneous I

- J1.1 "Members of Illinois ASA Hall of Fame (Who Resided and/or Worked In McLean County," by Larry Carius, typed, no date, 3 pp.
- J1.2 Flyer, Softball League (slow pitch), coed, (Illinois State University?), 2025.