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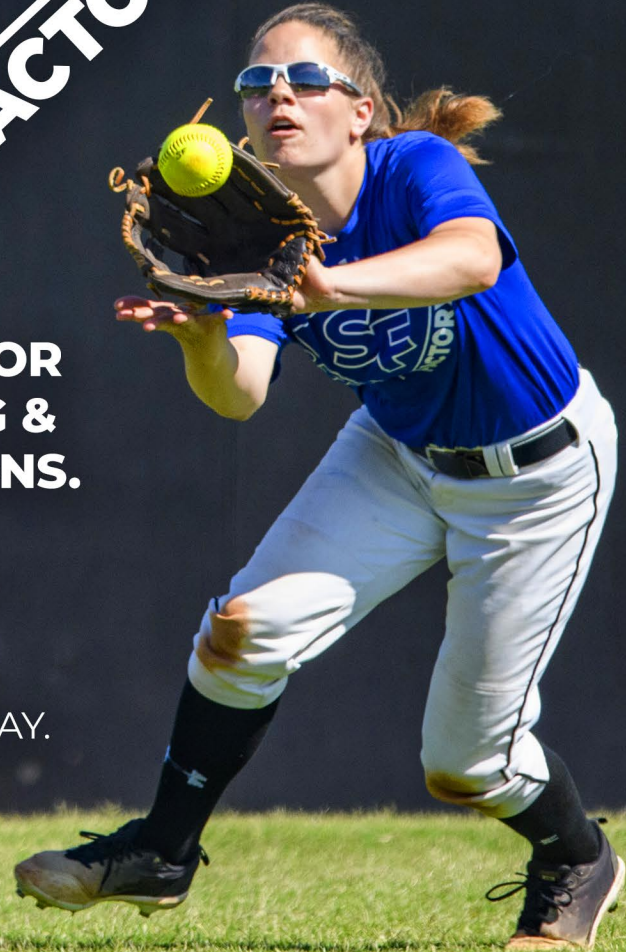


The U.S. Women's National Team has completed its pre-Olympic tour, which provided much-needed preparation for the highly anticipated Tokyo Olympic Games scheduled to take place July 21-Aug. 8, 2021. Read more about the #RoadToTokyo on page 18.



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NEWS & UPDATES

USA SOFTBALL ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH CROWN AWARDS



USA Softball announced Crown Awards as the official award provider for USA Softball National Championships. The partnership brings Crown Awards, a leading manufacturer and supplier of awards for youth sports, on board as a multi-year sponsor effective now through December 2024.

“We’re excited to name Crown Awards the official award provider for USA Softball National Championships,” said USA Softball Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Craig Cress. “By adding Crown Awards to our vendor list, our local associations will have access to the finest quality awards at exceptional prices for USA Softball National Championships and local tournaments. We look forward to working together with Crown Awards in providing high-quality hardware for our USA Softball National Champions.”

With over 40-years of experience, the New York-based company offers a variety of products including trophies, medals, plaques, crystals, ribbons, pins and more. Orders can be placed online by [clicking here](#) or by calling (855) 591-4871.

“Crown Awards has been recognizing great athletic accomplishments for over 40 Years,” said Vice President of Crown Awards, Scott Weisenfeld. “We are thrilled to partner with USA Softball on their national championship awards and are looking forward to recognizing USA Softball Players and Champions as they compete on the ball field.”

For more information on Crown Awards, [click here](#).

USA SOFTBALL ANNOUNCES DONATION CAMPAIGN WITH PITCH IN FOR BASEBALL & SOFTBALL



USA Softball launched a donation campaign in partnership with Pitch In For Baseball & Softball (PIFBS), a not-for-profit organization that contributes to positive youth development by providing new and gently used baseball and softball equipment to children around the world. Scheduled to run through the month of June, the donation campaign aims to raise funds that will go directly to the distribution of new and gently used equipment to athletes and teams in need across the U.S.

This campaign is one of the many co-branded initiatives the two organizations have planned and is centered around the common goal of growing the game of softball while providing opportunities for participation across the United States. Softball teaches vital life lessons, forges friendships, and brings communities together; yet, oftentimes, a simple lack of resources stands in the way of the sport being played. With the help and support of the softball community, USA Softball and PIFBS hope to provide resources to aspiring athletes by eliminating equipment as a barrier that prevents youth from enjoying all that our sport has to offer.

Donations can be made by [clicking here](#) or through Venmo at @PIFBS (Business). To donate on Venmo, visit @PIFBS (Business) and enter “USA Softball” in the comments.

To learn more about PIFBS, visit pifbs.org.

NEWS & UPDATES

DAVID JAMES ADDED TO USA SOFTBALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS



USA Softball announced that David James (Stroudsburg, Pa.) has replaced former independent director, Kim Ng, on the Board of Directors. Currently serving as the Vice President, Baseball & Softball Development for Major League Baseball (MLB), David's appointment comes following approval from the USA Softball Board of Directors.

"I am honored to be able to work with USA Softball and my fellow Board of Directors to continue to provide softball opportunities to anyone who wants to play," said David. "I am eager to help grow the sport in any way I can, and grateful for the opportunity to serve."

David is currently responsible for all grassroots programming administered by the MLB Commissioner's office, including the PLAY BALL initiative and the Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities (RBI) program as well as the two national youth skills competitions: Pitch, Hit & Run and the Jr. Home Run Derby.

Prior to joining MLB, David worked in his hometown of Williamsport, Pa. and Bristol, Ct. for Little League International from 1998 to 2008, starting as East Region Assistant Director, and then overseeing the Little League Urban Initiative and Challenger programs.



DAN OPPERMAN APPOINTED COMMISSIONER FOR USA SOFTBALL OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

USA Softball, a volunteer-driven, not-for-profit organization announced that Dan Opperman (Napa, Calif.) has been appointed Commissioner of USA Softball of Northern California. Opperman will assume the role on Sept. 1 following the retirement of former Commissioner John Gouevia.

"Softball has been a part of my life since I was a kid," said Opperman. "I am excited to continue to support USA Softball of Northern California, this time in the Commissioner role. I am looking forward to working with USA Softball staff, umpires, league administrators, coaches and players to grow our sport in Northern California. Introducing new players to the game and reducing barriers to make the sport more accessible and inclusive is an important goal that I would like to accomplish as Commissioner. However, the first big item to take care of will be supporting the return to play for all groups as we progress through the shutdown and restrictions of COVID-19."

Opperman steps into the Commissioner role with more than 23 years of experience in developing and promoting recreational programs, having most recently served as District Junior Olympic (JO) Commissioner of USA Softball of Northern California. In that position, Opperman focused on growing the game in underserved communities while assisting with local leagues, tournaments and training events for USA Softball umpires. Opperman has been involved in the sport from a young age, serving as a batboy, scorekeeper and field prep worker before joining the USA Softball umpire program in 1999.

Opperman demonstrates a true passion for the sport of softball and is dedicated to growing the game across all levels. His ambition and experience in various roles has allowed him to gain knowledge in budget oversight, recreational research, and program development, which he is anxious to utilize in his new role as Commissioner. Opperman is a graduate of Pacific Union College where he obtained a Bachelor of Sciences in Psychology and Culture. Outside of USA Softball, he has most recently served as a Recreation Coordinator for the City of Napa Parks & Recreation Services Department.

For more information on USA Softball of Northern California, please contact Opperman at dopperman@cityofnapa.org, or by phone at (707) 257-9210.



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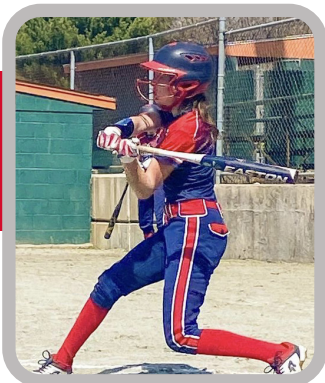


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HER START

I began playing recreational softball when I was about seven. My friend wanted me to sign up with her in first grade. Our moms became friends, and her mom convinced my mom to let me sign up. We joined the same recreational team and have played together since then.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT PLAYING SOFTBALL

I love everything about softball. I love putting in the work outside of practice. The feeling of being up to bat and hitting the ball is amazing. My teammates are also one of my favorite parts of softball. They're one big group of great people, and I am forever grateful that I am on a team with every single one of them.

HER GOALS

I created a list of multiple goals I want to reach before the end of 2021. One goal is to become and earn fourth batter, which is where I was placed in the lineup this past weekend. Another goal of mine is to pitch 60 mph. My highest is 58.8 mph and reaching 60 would be amazing.

BEST EXPERIENCE

My best experience in softball is this season. Everyone gets along, we stay pumped the entire game, and we win more often than not!

PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENT

My biggest accomplishment was when I first pitched 50 mph in 12-U after getting used to the new ball and the different distance from home plate. I was proud of myself that I was able to conquer a goal.

TOUGHEST OBSTACLE

I faced adversity in 10-U when I was one of the youngest girls on the team. I worked extra hard to earn my playing time! I didn't play almost the entire season, but I never gave up. The next year was amazing. The second year 10-U team created amazing bonds and I left that team as a great softball player.

ROLE MODEL IN THE GAME

My role models are Jenny Finch and Odicci Alexander. Both women are my role models because both of them never gave up. Odicci threw over 1,000 pitches in a tournament which is extremely impressive. She made great defensive plays and even though the team lost, they played awesome and made it very far!

MORE FROM AVA

I think that I should be profiled in the magazine because it would be a great experience for me to be out there and encourage young players to never give up when it gets tough. You never know, next year, you could play on a team filled with great people, which is why you should never give up and always put work into the sport. Also, I want to thank USA softball for giving us a great chance for a cool experience!



FACES ON THE FIELD



MAYA HAYS, 14

Monticello, Arkansas
American Knockouts
USA Softball of Arkansas

HER START

I began playing t-ball when I was about three or four-years-old and I have played softball ever since then. It's always been a huge part of my life.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT PLAYING SOFTBALL

My favorite thing about playing softball is watching people grow as people and as athletes. Softball is one of those sports that impacts your whole life. You meet people who will be lifelong friends and it's about way more than just winning.

HER GOALS

My goals in softball are to play in high school and college. I want to continue to grow and improve in new places.

BEST EXPERIENCE

The best experience I have had so far would be our state tournament this season. We got second place, but we fought really hard. We may not have won but we were always encouraging each other and never gave up. We supported each other all weekend and had fun while doing it!

PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENT

Not only am I proud of the rings we have won, but I am proud of how far I have come over the years.

TOUGHEST OBSTACLE

The toughest obstacle that I have overcome is people thinking I cannot do things because I am younger than them. I have always played on older teams in softball, and I always get judged because I am younger. But a good coach once told me that it doesn't matter your age but it's about how well you play. Once you overcome your obstacles you will blossom.

ROLE MODEL IN THE GAME

My role models aren't famous, but they are my aunt and my mother. They were both very talented players and were always very nice and kept their heads up no matter what.

MORE FROM MAYA

You should profile me in this magazine because I see softball as more than just a sport. I see it as a home that I can always come to and a safe place where you can make family and friends that last a lifetime.

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"STAND BESIDE HER" TOUR

The "Stand Beside Her" tour, presented by Major League Baseball (MLB) resumed in January 2021 with a series of competitions and training opportunities for the 2020-21 USA Softball Women's National Team (WNT) as they prepare for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.

The pre-Olympic tour concluded with an Oklahoma tour stop and two Texas tour stops in the month of June, where the Red, White and Blue swept the USSSA Pride in a four-game series before posting a 7-1 record against Team Alliance in four days of doubleheaders.

Throughout the "Stand Beside Her" tour, presented by MLB, Team USA boasted a 23-1 record with the offense combining for a .308 team batting average, 39 home runs and 143 RBIs while the pitching staff collected 224 strikeouts in 159 innings pitched.

Thank you to all of our opponents who played a key role in our training and preparation for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games!

The 2020-21 WNT competed against nine opponents during the 2021 season.

NEXT STOP: TOKYO 2020 OLYMPIC GAMES

Date	Opponent	Japan Time	Central Time	Location
July 21	USA vs. Italy	12 p.m.	10 p.m.	Fukushima Azuma Baseball Stadium
July 22	USA vs. Canada	9 a.m.	7 p.m.	Fukushima Azuma Baseball Stadium
July 24	USA vs. Mexico	2:30 p.m.	12:30 a.m.	Yokohama Baseball Stadium
July 25	USA vs. Australia	10 a.m.	8 p.m.	Yokohama Baseball Stadium
July 26	USA vs. Japan	10 a.m.	8 p.m.	Yokohama Baseball Stadium
July 27	Medal Round	TBD	TBD	Yokohama Baseball Stadium



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USA SOFTBALL™ ANNOUNCES 2021 MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM ATHLETE POOL

USA Softball announced a list of athletes who have been identified by the Men's National Team Selection Committee (MNTSC) for the Men's National Team athlete pool. A total of 22 athletes will compete during the 2021 season and will be considered for selection to the 2021 USA Softball Men's National Team who will compete at the Continental Qualifier, a qualifying tournament for the 2022 World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) Men's Softball World Cup.

"We are extremely excited to announce the athletes to be evaluated as we go through the summer leading up to the Continental Qualifier in Argentina this November," said Men's National Team Head Coach, Ron Hackett. "We feel like we are prepared to challenge for gold with this group and look forward to seeing them compete over the summer as we narrow the roster in August."



Tyler Albert	<i>Pennsylvania</i>
Tyler Bouley	<i>Minnesota</i>
Joel Cooley	<i>Minnesota</i>
Yusef Davis	<i>California</i>
Jon Gwizdala	<i>Michigan</i>
Chris Heinlein	<i>Missouri</i>
Tyler Johnson	<i>Florida</i>
Brad Kilpatrick	<i>Florida</i>
Mike Lewis	<i>Minnesota</i>
Jonathan Lynch	<i>Missouri</i>
Tony Mancha	<i>New Mexico</i>
Blaine Milheim	<i>Michigan</i>
Nick Mullins	<i>New Jersey</i>
Erick Ochoa	<i>California</i>
Matt Palazzo	<i>Iowa</i>
Matt Ratliff	<i>Utah</i>
Dusten Rutt	<i>Pennsylvania</i>
Brandon Rutt	<i>Pennsylvania</i>
Grant Sailors	<i>Indiana</i>
Cameron Schiller	<i>Arizona</i>
Zac Shaw	<i>Missouri</i>
Duane Weiler	<i>Pennsylvania</i>

Members of the USA Softball Men's National Team Selection Committee (MNTSC) are responsible of selecting rosters that represent the United States in a variety of international competitions, including the Pan American Games and World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) World Cups. Athletes wishing to get identified by members of the MNTSC are encouraged to participate in Men's Fast Pitch events and compete at a USA Softball National Championship.



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NATIONAL TEAMS UPDATE: JUNIOR WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM

ROSTER ANNOUNCED FOR 2021 U-18 JUNIOR WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM

The opportunity to represent the United States as a member of the 2021 USA Softball U-18 Junior Women's National Team (JWNT) became real for 18 athletes following a two-day selection trial process held at the USA Softball Hall of Fame Complex in Oklahoma City, Okla. June 22-25. Selected by members of the Junior Women's National Team Selection Committee (JWNTSC), the 16-player roster and two replacement players will compete at the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) U-18 World Cup in Lima, Peru August 28 – September 5 and the Junior Pan American Games in Barranquilla, Columbia November 25 – December 5.

"I am enthused for this team to display their athleticism and talent," said 2021 JWNT Head Coach Kyla Holas (Pasadena, Texas). "This will be most of the team's first international experience and opportunity to represent the United States of America; however, I feel their attributes balance out well and I look forward to returning back to action after over a year hiatus."

Led by Head Coach Kyla Holas and Assistant Coaches Suzy Brazney (Huntington Beach, Calif.) and Lisa Navas (Tarpon Springs, Fla.), the Red, White and Blue will look to claim a fourth-consecutive WBSC Junior Women's World Championship title, having won the previous three World Championships in 2015, 2017 and 2019. Additionally, the 2021 U-18 JWNT roster will compete for the gold medal at the Junior Pan American Games.



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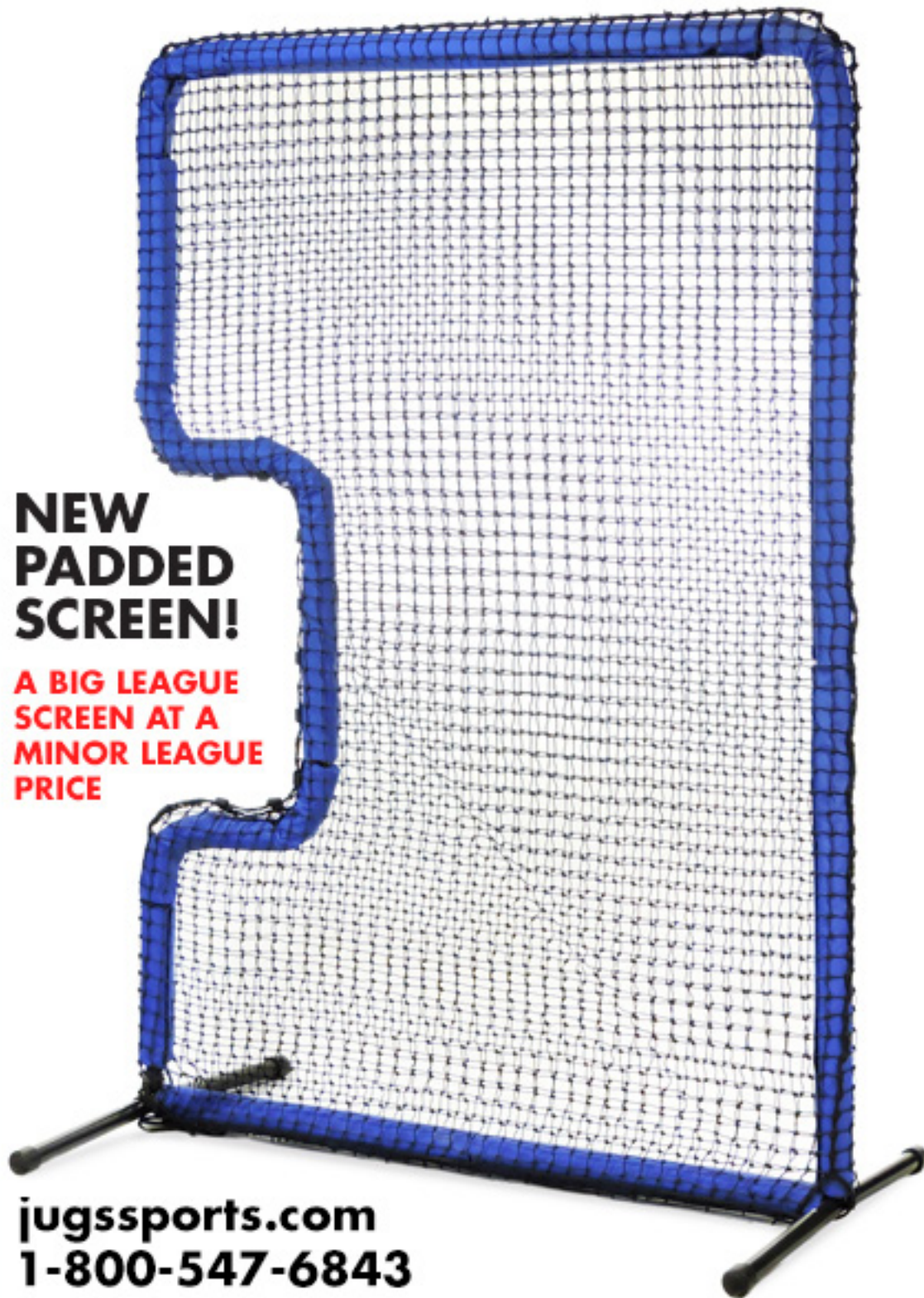
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JOCELYN ALO

NAMED 2021 USA SOFTBALL COLLEGIATE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

USA Softball named University of Oklahoma's Jocelyn Alo the 2021 USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year following a stellar 2021 season. The award, which is considered the most prestigious honor in Division I women's softball, is designed to recognize outstanding athletic achievement by female collegiate softball players across the country.

The Oklahoma senior utility player paced the potent Oklahoma offense during the 2021 season, holding the nation's lead in home runs (34) and slugging percentage (1.109) while ranking second in RBIs (89) and third in hits (87).

Alo broke the single-season home run record, set by herself in 2018 and Lauren Chamberlain in 2012 and 2013, by adding four to her count during the Women's College World Series, hitting 34 home runs during the 2021 season. She ended her career at Oklahoma with a total of 88 home runs, landing her in fourth place for all-time home run leaders in college softball.

"I am so grateful and honored to be named the USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year," said Alo. "Thank you to my parents for being with me every step of the way and to Coach Gasso and the rest of the Oklahoma coaching staff for taking a chance on a kid from Hawaii. I'd also like to thank all the coaches before them that helped me get to this moment. I am truly speechless and feel so grateful to be honored with this award."

The Big 12 Player of the Year and First Team All-Big 12 and All-Region selection registered a hit in 54 of OU's 60 games while sending a home

run out of the park in 32 contests during the 2021 season. Additionally, Alo set a program-record 40-game consecutive hit streak from Feb. 21, 2020 to April 3, 2021, which put her just three games shy of the all-time NCAA record.

The other finalists for the 2021 award were 2021 Pac-12 Player of the Year Rachel Garcia from UCLA and 2021 Pac-12 Pitcher of the Year Gabbie Plain from Washington.

Previous recipients of the USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year award are Stacey Nuveman (UCLA, 2002), Cat Osterman (Texas, 2003, 2005 and 2006), Jessica Van der Linden (Florida State, 2004), Monica Abbott (Tennessee, 2007), Angela Tinchler (Virginia Tech, 2008), Danielle Lawrie (Washington, 2009 and 2010), Ashley Hansen (Stanford, 2011), Keilani Ricketts (Oklahoma, 2012 and 2013), Lacey Waldrop (Florida State, 2014), Lauren Haeger (Florida, 2015), Sierra Romero (Michigan, 2016), Kelly Barnhill (Florida, 2017) and Rachel Garcia (UCLA, 2018 and 2019). A 2020 USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year award was not given out due to the COVID-19 pandemic and season cancellation.

The USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year is voted on by coaching representatives of 10 Division I Conferences in the 10 USA Softball Regions, members of the media who consistently cover Division I Softball across the country as well as past winners of the award.



2021 WCWS RECAP



THIS IS THE FIRST YEAR IN WCWS HISTORY THAT ALL 17 GAMES WERE PLAYED.



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JUNE 8 - GAME ONE:
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JUNE 9 - GAME TWO:
OKLAHOMA 6, FLORIDA ST. 2

JUNE 10 - GAME 3:
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2021 BORDER BATTLE XII



WHO: USA SOFTBALL AND CANADA SLOW PITCH NATIONAL TEAMS
WHAT: BORDER BATTLE XII
WHEN: SEPTEMBER 10-12 2021
WHERE: USA SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME COMPLEX IN OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

The three-day event will begin a series of exhibition games followed by the Slow Pitch Showdown, pitting the U.S. Slow Pitch National Teams (Men's and Women's) against their respective U.S. Futures Teams (Men's and Women's). Capping off the weekend will be the annual Border Battle contest between Team USA and Team Canada, set for Sunday, Sept. 12 at the Softball Capital of the World®.

For more information on Border Battle XII, please visit USASoftball.com.



FAST FACTS

- 12th annual Border Battle between the Men's Slow Pitch National Teams
- The U.S. MSPNT boasts a 9-2 record against Team Canada
- The U.S. MSPNT has scored 296 runs in 11 total Border Battle matchups.
- The U.S. MSPNT has scored 30 or more runs in the past three Border Battle contests.
- 3rd annual Border Battle between the Women's Slow Pitch National Teams
- U.S. WSPNT is 2-1 against Canada's Women's Slow Pitch National Team

USA SOFTBALL™ ANNOUNCES 2021 MEN'S SLOW PITCH NATIONAL TEAM, FUTURES ROSTERS

Twenty-eight athletes will put on the Red, White and Blue this summer as a member of the 2021 USA Softball Men's Slow Pitch National Teams program, USA Softball announced. The two 14-athlete rosters will represent the U.S. as part of the 2021 USA Softball Men's Slow Pitch National Team (MSPNT) and Futures Team that will compete in the annual Border Battle XII and Slow Pitch Showdown.

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[Click here to view the 2021 USA Softball Men's Slow Pitch and Futures Team rosters](#)

The MSPNT roster includes athletes from 12 different states who have earned numerous USA Softball National Championship and individual tournament accolades. With ten veterans returning to the MSPNT, the U.S. packs plenty of experience heading into Border Battle XII while welcoming four rookies including Jeff Flood (Sandy, Ore.), Josh Riley (London, Ky.) and Shannon Smith (Norman, Okla.) who join the MSPNT roster after competing for the Men's Futures in previous years. Brett Helmer will once again serve as Head Coach for the MSPNT while Todd Ankney and Tim Barnes return to the coaching staff as assistant coaches for the third-straight year.





“Credit to the selection committee for the job well done in selecting this team,” said Helmer. “We have all facets of the game covered with this group regardless of field size or conditions. I can’t wait for the chance to get this team on the field and to have the opportunity to play in the newly renovated USA Softball Hall of Fame Stadium!”

“It’s been an amazing experience being a part of the USA Futures team,” said MSPNT rookie, Josh Riley. “I am absolutely honored to be selected to the Men’s National Team and to be a part of the country’s best.

The Futures Team, now in its tenth year, is a mixture of seven veterans and seven rookies from nine different states that will look to carry on the competitive tradition from previous rosters. Rob Humphrey will remain at the helm of the squad, serving as the Head Coach of the Futures Team for the sixth-straight year. Denny Crine (Henderson, Nev.) begins his fourth season as an Assistant Coach for the team.

“I want to thank USA Softball and Brett Helmer for the honor of being a part of the Border Battle again,” said Humphrey. “The Futures will have a lot of new faces this year but will continue to play hard and with passion. I am excited to be back in Oklahoma City.”



“My brother chose the path of joining the army after high school,” said Futures Team rookie, Tanner Unkel. “Next Tuesday, he will be coming home from across seas in Qatar after being gone for about 10-11 months. So, when you ask me what it means to be picked, to me it is such an honor not only to represent myself and Cedar Rapids, Iowa but also to have the opportunity to put on the Red, White and Blue because of all the fine young men and women like my brother that make things like this possible for us. It means the world to me.”

Athletes are selected to represent the United States as a member of a Slow Pitch National Team based on their grassroots participation at their respective USA Softball Slow Pitch National Championship. Athletes wishing to make the 2022 WSPNT, Women’s Futures, MSPNT and Men’s Futures will need to participate in the following events: The Women’s Open Slow Pitch National Championship in Hendersonville, TN (August 20-22), the Men’s Super and AA Slow Pitch National Championship in Hendersonville, TN (August 19-22), the Men’s Class B Slow Pitch National Championship in Oklahoma City, Okla. (Sept. 3-4) or the Men’s Class A Slow Pitch National Championship in Oklahoma City, Okla. (Sept. 5-6).



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ANNOUNCES 2021 WOMEN'S SLOW PITCH NATIONAL TEAM, FUTURES ROSTERS

USA Softball announced the rosters selected to represent the U.S. as part of the 2021 USA Softball Women's Slow Pitch National Teams (WSPNT) and Futures Team. Both squads will compete against Canada at the annual Border Battle event and go head-to-head in the Women's Slow Pitch Showdown. Individuals on the two rosters were evaluated and selected based off previous Team USA experience in addition to their performance at the 2020 USA Softball Women's Open Slow Pitch National Championship in Hendersonville, Tenn.

The 2021 edition of the annual international slow pitch event is set to take place Sept. 10-12, 2021 at the USA Softball Hall of Fame Complex. The three-day event will begin with a series of exhibition games followed by the Slow Pitch Showdown, pitting the U.S. Slow Pitch National Teams (Men's and Women's) against their respective U.S. Futures Teams (Men's and Women's). Capping off the weekend will be the annual Border Battle contests (Men's and Women's) between

Team USA and Team Canada, set for Sunday, Sept. 12 at the Softball Capital of the World®. For more information on Border Battle XII, [click here](#).

Click here to view the 2021 USA Softball Women's Slow Pitch and Futures Team rosters

The 14-athlete WSPNT roster includes athletes from ten different states who have earned numerous USA Softball National Championships and individual tournament accolades. Eight veterans return to the 2021 WSPNT roster while Stephanie Call (Lake Worth, Fla.), Amber Parrish (Wilson, N.C.) and Wendi Reed (Little Rock, Ark.) join the squad after competing for the Women's Futures Team in previous years. Also joining the WSPNT roster as rookies are Megan Baltzell (Stafford, Va.) and Jessica Ford (Phoenix, Ariz.). Don Cooper will lead the Women's Slow Pitch National Team for the fifth-straight





year while Shannon Cooper and Tammy Higginbotham return as assistant coaches.

“We are so excited about this year’s team and cannot wait to return to Oklahoma City,” said Cooper. “For many of our athletes, the USA Softball Hall of Fame Stadium has been their field of dreams since they played their first game at 6 or 7 years old and it’s just an awesome opportunity for them to be able to experience the facility while representing their country.”

The Women’s Futures roster includes 14 athletes from ten different states, including six veterans in Shayna Finley (Spartanburg, S.C.), Megan Higginbotham (Minneapolis, Minn.), Melanie Pfeiffer (Vancouver, Wash.), Annie Rardin (Lexington, Ky.), Kylee Studio (Edmonds, Wash.) and Dani Wayt (Orange City, Fla.). Cara Coughenour will serve as Head Coach of the Women’s Futures squad while Ted Carter will join the coaching staff as an assistant coach.

“This year’s Border Battle is heading back “home” to Oklahoma City and the Hall of Fame Stadium,” said Coughenour. “I’m so excited to see the new renovations and for these athletes to represent the USA Futures and National Teams at a top-notch facility. Each year the talent of these teams continues to grow and get stronger. The Futures will be a very exciting group to watch with a lot of new faces. If you can’t make it to OKC to watch this event, make sure you catch all the action and excitement on the live stream. Thank you, Rich Cress and all of

USA softball for giving us such an amazing opportunity.”

“I am beyond blessed to be chosen out of so many talented women to play for the USA Softball Women’s Slow Pitch Futures Team,” said Futures Team rookie, Angelia Jones. “To be able to represent the country playing the game I love is amazing. I only hope to go out there, play to my best ability with confidence, and make myself along with my family and friends proud!”

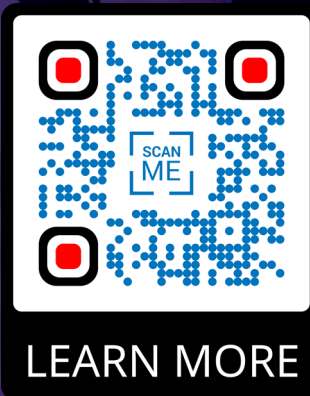
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USA Softball joins the entire softball community in mourning the loss of WSPNT player, Christan Dowling, who passed away in April 2021. Dowling was previously named to the 2021 WSPNT roster after being a part of the team since 2017. Dowling garnered many accolades, including being named the inaugural USA Softball Female Slow Pitch Athlete of the Year in 2018. A true ambassador for our sport, Dowling’s presence on and off the field was monumental in the game of Slow Pitch and she will be missed dearly.

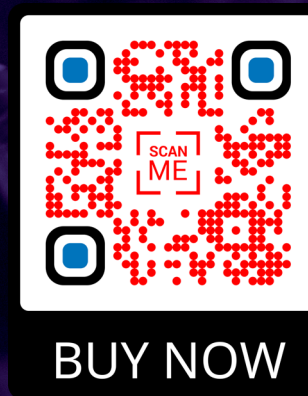
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SALEM, VIRGINIA SET TO HOST 2021 GOLD NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



USA Softball officially announced details for the 2021 USA Softball 16-Under and 18-Under GOLD National Championships, the pinnacle of Junior Olympic (JO) Championship Play. Hosted by USA Softball of Virginia, elite teams from across the United States will once again have the opportunity to compete for a coveted USA Softball GOLD National Championship title in their respective division. Slated for July 18-24, games will be played across three locations

in Salem, Virginia: Botetourt Sports Complex, Burton Softball Field and James Moyer Sports Complex.

The 2021 GOLD National Championships will include 48 berths for each competing division with each team earning a berth through a network of regional qualifying tournaments and through allocated berths.

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2021 USA SOFTBALL JUNIOR OLYMPIC CUP

USA Softball welcomed athletes, coaches, umpires and fans to Columbus, Georgia for the 2021 USA Softball Junior Olympic (JO) Cup held at South Commons Complex June 19-25. Sixty-three teams battled throughout the week-long tournament before a Champion was crowned in each respective age division.

In the 14-Under division, Atlanta Vipers 14U Harris claimed a 3-0 win over Impact Gold Ladd 06 to earn the Championship title while Hotshots Premier 2022 Alabama recorded a come-from-behind 5-3 victory over Ohio Hawks 16U National to be named Champions in the 16-Under division. Also claiming a come-from-behind win in the 2021 JO Cup Championship contest was LLG DPS Corn, who rallied late in the sixth inning to secure a 6-5 win over the Atlanta Vipers 18U – Holbrook, earning their second consecutive JO Cup Championship title.

14-UNDER: ATLANTA VIPERS 14U HARRIS VS. IMPACT GOLD LADD 06

Atlanta Vipers 14U Gold Harris struck first and never looked back. After a dropped third strike, Jordan Williams (Atlanta Vipers 14U Gold Harris) took off and reached first base before advancing to second on a sacrifice bunt from Avery Callaway (Atlanta Vipers 14U Gold Harris). Williams scored the first run of the game on a single from Desiree Trudel (Atlanta Vipers 14U Gold Harris).

Both teams were quiet in the second inning as solid defense retired each side in order. Kaitlyn Everson (Florida Impact Gold Ladd 06) singled in the top of the third, but Hannah Cole (Atlanta Vipers 14U Gold Harris) took care of business in the circle and worked out of the inning without allowing a run. Izzy Carlyle (Atlanta Vipers 14U Gold Harris) drew a walk to start off the bottom of the frame for Atlanta Vipers and advanced on a sacrifice bunt from Williams. A single from Trudel plated Carlyle, extending the Vipers lead to 2-0.

Florida Impact got on base after Neveah Hayes (Florida Impact Gold Ladd 06) singled to left field to start the fourth. A sacrifice bunt and a single moved Hayes to third before Makenna Sturgis (Florida Impact Gold Ladd 06) was hit by a pitch, loading the bases. Once again, Cole took back control and found a way out of the jam, leaving the inning unscathed.

The Vipers put two on with no outs in the bottom of the fifth after a single from Carlyle and Williams reaching on an error. In the circle for Florida Impact, Reese Gill (Florida Impact Gold Ladd 06) fired back with a strikeout and a fly out to end the inning.

A no-doubt, leadoff home run from Cadence Alberty (Atlanta Vipers 14U Gold Harris) gave the Vipers a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the sixth inning. Cole retired Florida Impact in order to secure the Vipers 3-0 victory and the coveted title of 2021 USA Softball JO Cup 14-Under Champion.





16-UNDER: OHIO HAWKS 16U NATIONAL VS. HOTSHOTS PREMIER 2022 ALABAMA

Ohio Hawks 16U National started the game hot, getting an early 2-0 lead on Hotshots Premier 2022 Alabama in the second inning.

Hotshots Premier fired back in the third with a rally that was sparked by back-to-back base knocks. Emmorie Burke (Hotshots Premier) crushed a double that one-hopped the left field fence, resulting in two runs to tie the contest. Hotshots Premier continued to chip away at the Ohio Hawks defense, tacking on two more runs in the fourth when Tenly Grisham (Hotshots Premier) laced a double to the outfield.

The Ohio Hawks put up a run in the bottom of the sixth to bring the score to 5-3, but were unable to produce anything else. Hotshots Premier's defense once again shut down Ohio Hawks in the seventh to win the game and the title of the 2021 USA Softball JO Cup 16-Under Champion.



18-UNDER: ATLANTA VIPERS 18U - HOLBROOK VS. LLG DPS CORN 18U

Tyesha Williams (LLG DPS Corn) drew a walk to start the game for LLG before advancing to third on a ground ball hit by Malaka Lanette (LLG DPS Corn) followed by an error. A single from Elisa Smith (LLG DPS Corn) brought both Williams and Lanette in to score, putting LLG up early, 2-0.

Jaydyn Goodwin (Atlanta Vipers 18U-Holbrook) knocked a single in her first at-bat for Atlanta Vipers 18U-Holbrook as did Makenna Segal (Atlanta Vipers 18U-Holbrook), but Lauren Wills (LLG DPS Corn) ended their rally by forcing a groundout to get out of the inning without a run scored.

LLG posted another run in the top of the second when Reagan Hartley (LLG DPS Corn) scored on a passed ball, extending their lead to 3-0. The Vipers answered back in a hurry, forcing two LLG errors in the bottom of the fifth that led to one run. The Vipers continued their tear, tying things up two plays later when Goodwin reached on an error to score two more runs. The rally was ended by a groundout, but not before the Vipers took the lead 5-3.

In the top of the sixth, LLG found their stride and put runners on base. LLG put even more pressure on the defense when Karlee Mae (LLG DPS Corn) stole home to bring her team within one run. A walk and a wild pitch to follow would put LLG up 6-5 going into the final inning.

The Vipers wouldn't go down without a fight as Lauren Flanders (Atlanta Vipers 18U-Holbrook) singled in the bottom of the seventh to put a runner on base. However, Lauren Wiles (LLG DPS Corn) remained calm under pressure and forced a fly out to end the game and secure LLG's second consecutive USA Softball JO Cup title.



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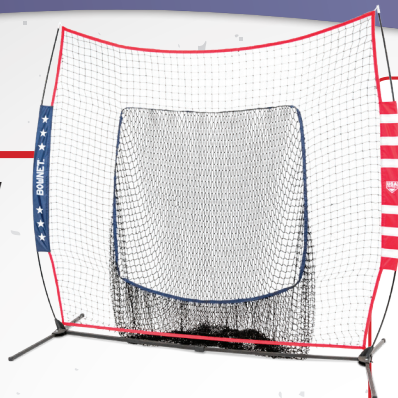


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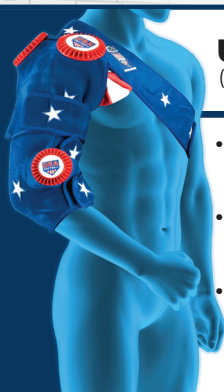
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USA SOFTBALL NATIONAL OFFICE UPDATES



USA Softball welcomed the internship class for the summer of 2021, bringing in young and enthusiastic talent from across the country to assist the organization during its busiest season and an even busier Olympic year. Each intern is spending the summer based at USA Softball's headquarters in Oklahoma City while traveling with the organization to help administer and cover elite tournaments around the country. Joining the National Office as an all-departments intern is Jadyn Potts (Stillwater, Okla.), while the Membership Department staff has welcomed Abbey Parks (Broken Arrow, Okla.) and Sophie Rallis (Novi, Mich.). Also joining the 2021 intern class in the Marketing and Communications department is Billi Derleth (Huntington Beach, Cal.), Stormi Leonard (Decatur, Tex.), and Chelsea Alexander (Ada, Okla.).

"I am so thankful for the opportunity I have here at USA Softball," said Parks. "I want to become a college coach, and this position will allow me to view the full picture as I get to see how much work goes into making a tournament happen and what a college coach's role is outside of coaching their players."

"I am so excited to be part of this amazing organization and to help make this summer's events successful!" said Rallis. "I cannot wait to combine my passions for softball and the Olympic Movement by helping grow the sport of softball at the grassroots level."

"Being an intern for USA softball is a dream come true," said Derleth. "I feel so fortunate to be here this summer and get the opportunity to learn from so many great people!"

"I am so excited to be a part of this awesome organization where I will get to see every level of softball the country has to offer," said Leonard. "I hope my work this summer gets people excited about softball from grassroots to the national team and helps USA Softball continue to grow."

"I'm very excited for this opportunity to come back to the USA Softball National Office staff as the marketing intern," said Alexander. "I'm looking forward to helping continue to grow this incredible sport that we all love."

"I'm excited to learn the 'behind the scenes' of what makes this organization what it is," said Potts. "I have always dreamed of working with a successful sports organization and I am happy to be here with USA Softball!"

ABBEY PARKS:



USA SOFTBALL NATIONAL OFFICE UPDATES

USA SOFTBALL NATIONAL OFFICE ENHANCES SPORT DEVELOPMENT WITH RECENT STAFF CHANGES



USA Softball, the National Governing Body of Softball in the United States, has announced recent additions to the National Office Staff. Ashlea Nash (Gas City, Ind.), Emily Moore (Parker, Co.) and Morgan Palmer (Meeker, Okla.) join the Marketing and Communications department as Marketing Manager, Marketing/Communications Coordinator and Communications Manager, respectively, while the Events department welcomes Molly Greene (Kingston, N.Y.) as an Event Coordinator.

ASHLEA NASH:

"I am thrilled to have the opportunity to showcase my passion for the game of softball through marketing, promotions, events and grassroots efforts throughout the United States," said Nash. "I am looking forward to building relationships with our local and national sponsors to promote and execute the brand and integrity of USA Softball."

EMILY MOORE:

"I fell in love with the game when I was a kid, and I am so excited and honored to be a part of it at the highest level," said Moore. "I'm looking forward to learning more about the operational side of the sport, and I can't wait to share my voice and perspective with people who love this game as much as I do."

MORGAN PALMER:

"Softball has been a passion of mine since I was a little girl, and I feel incredibly fortunate to be a part of an organization that promotes the sport and provides opportunities for participation across the United States," said Palmer. "I am looking forward to being a part of USA Softball's growth while telling the stories of the softball community from the grassroots to National Teams level."

MOLLY GREENE:

"I am so excited to be a part of USA Softball and all that it represents," said Greene. "I have such a huge passion for both softball and event planning, so it's amazing that I have been able to combine the two for my career."

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USA Softball, the National Governing Body of Softball in the United States, has announced recent changes to the National Office Staff. With a concentrated effort on growing the sport and creating additional opportunities for all participants, Chris Sebren has been promoted to Chief Sport Development/Performance Officer, with Destinee Martinez now serving as the Managing Director of Sport Development. In the Membership Services/Events department, Rich Cress will take on additional responsibilities as the Director of Membership Services, overseeing USA Softball Hall of Fame Complex events and USA Softball local associations. Additionally, Dre McKee will step into the role of Director of Marketing and Communications while Allison Fanning will take on additional responsibilities in her promotion as National Team Manager.

CHRIS SEBREN:

“I relish the opportunity to connect our National Teams Programs to the grassroots level of our sport, growing the game and enhancing opportunities for athletes across the United States,” said Sebren. “I look forward to playing a role in USA Softball’s strategic plan and prioritizing growth while connecting with other organizations to promote our sport.”

DESTINEE MARTINEZ:

“I am extremely honored to get this department started and really dive into creating more opportunities for our youth to play this great sport,” said Martinez. “Softball has given me so many great memories and opportunities, and I am excited to give back to the next generation of athletes so they too can have those opportunities to experience everything that our sport has to offer.”

RICH CRESS:

“I am grateful for the opportunity to grow my role within USA Softball,” said Cress. “I look forward to continuing to promote our sport while working closely with our local associations across the United States to create the best possible experience for all of our members and participants.”

DRE MCKEE:

“I am excited to dig into the communications side of our sport while gaining the knowledge and skills needed to make an impact in my role,” said McKee. “The MarComm Team is dedicated to the growth of our organization, and I look forward to continuing to build together.”

ALLISON FANNING:

“I have truly enjoyed the past year and a half with the National Teams program,” said Fanning. “I’ve seen myself grow personally and professionally within USA Softball and I look forward to continuing that growth in this new role and new responsibilities.”

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NORTH AMERICAN GIRLS OF SUMMER

USA Softball Hall of Fame member, Pat Harrison, captures a very special time in the sport of softball in her self-published book, *North American Girls of Summer*. The book features 40 Elite women softball players from the 1950's, 1960's and 1970's, including Dot Wilkinson, Billie Harris, Shirley Topley, Carol Spanks, and Lorene Ramsey who each share their own personal story about their journey through this period of time.



Harrison garners a 20-year playing career and was inducted into the USA Softball Hall of Fame in 1976. A graduate of Connecticut State College, she earned All-America honors four times in her playing career, including first-team choice in 1966, 1968, and 1970 and a second team selection in 1963. Harrison played for the Raybestos Brakettes from 1964-1972 and was also a member of five national championship teams. She batted .225 in the first ISF World Championship in 1965 in Melbourne, Australia where the Brakettes, representing the USA, finished second. During her time with the Brakettes, Harrison batted .303 with 430 hits in 1,421 at-bats including 66 doubles, 42 triples and 18 homers. The greatest moment of her career came in 1972 during her final game when she hit a two-run home run in the bottom of the seventh inning.

To purchase a copy of Harrison's historical and captivating book, contact path70@telus.net.

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Shining a light on the unique journeys of the most recognized living women softball players in North American sports' history is essential. These softball pioneers in the 1950's, 60's and 70's had unique sport experiences that were unmatched in any other decade in women's softball. Without formal National Team structures in place, Title IX, or university softball scholarships, it was the true love of the game that led many of us to places and experiences beyond our imaginations. These memories will be treasured all of our lives.

We all have our share of awards and accomplishments. Most of our history has been well documented, but the personal stories of these softball pioneers from Canada and the USA have yet to be recorded. As a Canadian who spent most of my playing career in the USA, it was important for me to include both American and Canadian players, thus the title, *North American Girls of Summer*.

We have already lost so many. I believe before we lose too many more, it is imperative that we collectively capture the uniqueness of our shared experiences through a personal Softball Lens. Our stories demonstrate the fullness of our lives, our transformations first as human beings and second as athletes. The commitment to our careers was second to none. Our softball communities coast to coast opened doors of self-discovery and a desire for "Athletic Excellence" which could only be described as an "EPIC JOURNEY".

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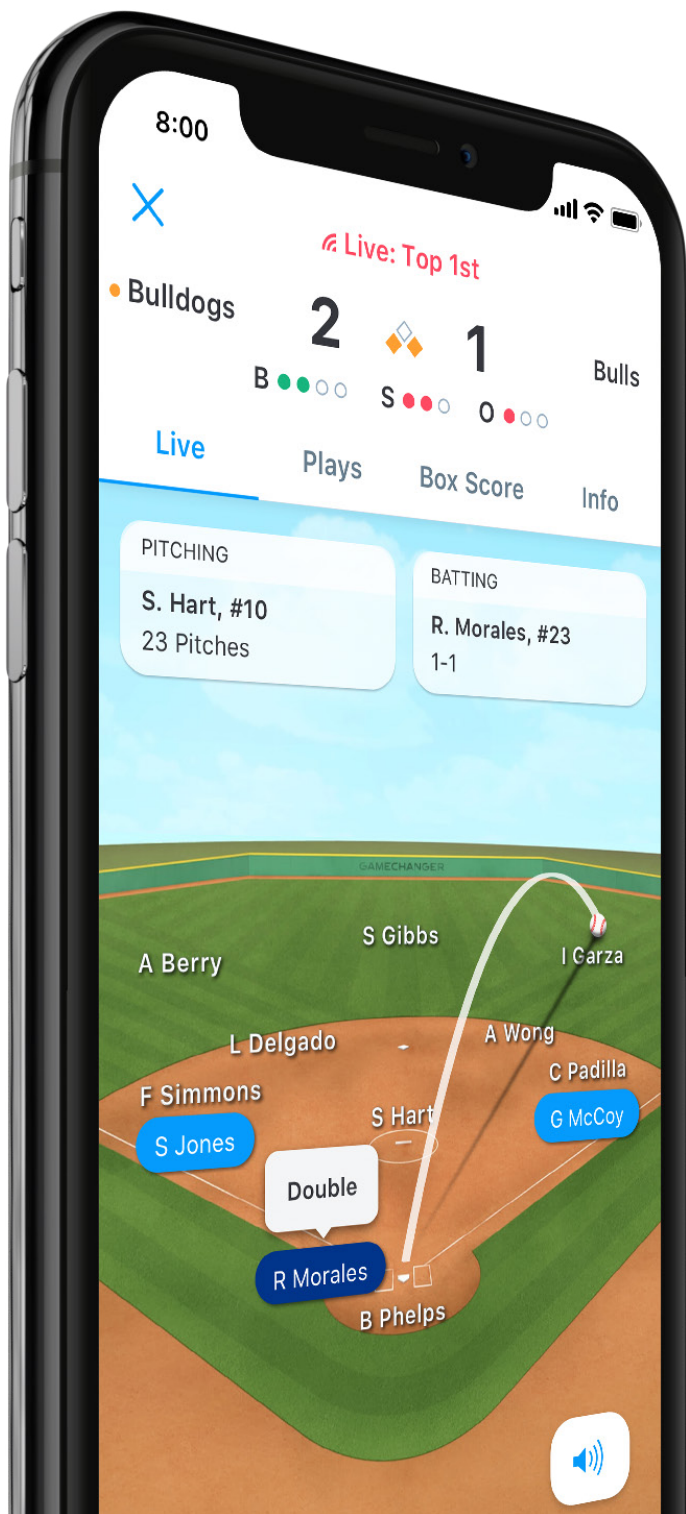


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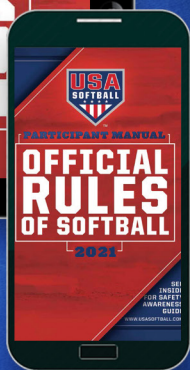
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