

NJSSA 70's STATE TOURNAMENT

The NJSSA 70's One Day Tournament was played under sunny skies with teams from Middlesex/Somerset, Monmouth, North Jersey, South Jersey and Union participating. A team from Ocean was scheduled to play but conflict with a local league prevented them from playing.

The format was for each team to play three games. Due to odd number of teams Middlesex had to play a 4th game, with one of their games being labeled a no contest.

North Jersey finished 1st with a 3-0 record. South Jersey and Middlesex tied for 2nd with 2 and 1 records.

Each year the number of 70-year-old players increases with 67 participating this year.

Hopefully by 2010 at the latest, we will be able to start an over 70 State League, playing one day/evening per week.

A highly competitive day was had by all and we are looking forward to a bigger turn out next.

Special thanks to Howie Marlin, Tom Jackson, Norm Stumpf, and Charlie Dilkes for organizing and running the tournament.



Standing (Left-right) Tom Jackson, Demo Cervelli, Jim Hudson, Al Zach, Stan Kornblum and Chet Kanal.

Kneeling (Left-right) Herb Slovis, Ed McLaughlin, Dick Raymond, Jerry Yaros, and Bob Hutcheon.

History of...

PAUL OLIVER

Paul Oliver was inducted into the National Senior Softball Hall of Fame in Plano, Texas in 2006. Paul began playing competitive Senior Softball with the Jersey Jaguars in the mid 1990's and also played for Allstate of Florida, Desert Storm of Arizona and Tremont Hotel of Baltimore, Maryland for ten years. To qualify for nomination to the Senior Softball Hall of Fame a player must be selected with a combination of a minimum of ten All Tournament, All American or Most Valuable Player awards. A player must also be nominated by a minimum of three managers, players or coaches and Paul was fortunate to play with some great teams, winning eighteen championship rings. Paul believes his success is a combination of self accomplishment and total team effort.

National Senior Softball is comprised of five tournaments that are played all over the United States. The five tournaments are: World Series, Softball Players Association, World Championship,

LVSSA (Las Vegas Senior Softball Association) and Senior Softball Tournament of Champions.

Paul was born and raised in St. Louis, MO and grew up with Yogi Berra and Joe Garagiola. Paul played American Legion baseball with Yogi, who lived 6 blocks away from him and he still keeps in touch with Yogi. Paul was signed by the St. Louis Cardinals and assigned to the Johnson City, Tennessee team, but his father wouldn't let him go, because he thought baseball was not worthwhile.

Paul is now 82 years old and still has tremendous enthusiasm for the game of softball. He's usually the first one to the fields, raking the infield or doing whatever it takes to make the fields playable. Paul is deeply religious man and he knows he is truly blessed to still be playing softball at the age of 82—may we all be alive and still playing softball in our 80's and playing as well as Paul Oliver.

— Written by Tony Ciavatta.

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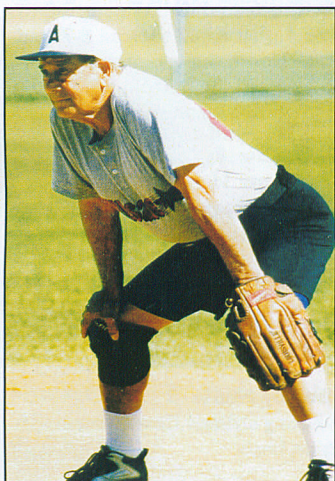
*“Wall
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The New Jersey Senior Softball Association will begin to accept nominations to its newly created “Wall Of Fame.”

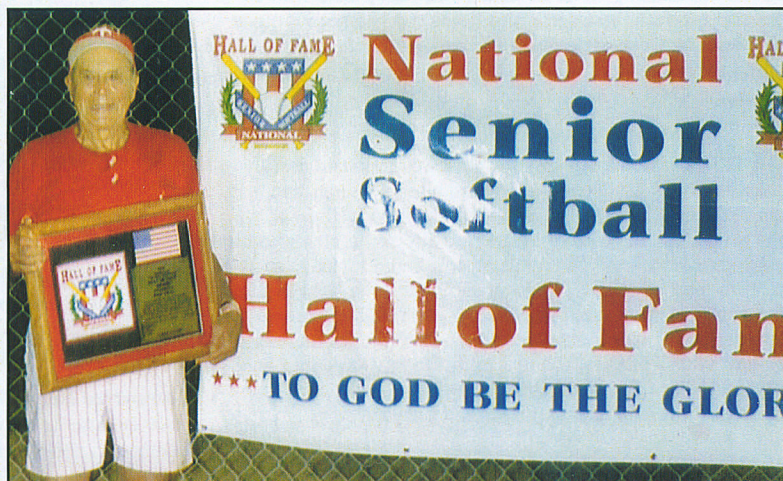
The association will begin to honor those members who have shown “outstanding leadership and dedication to the senior softball program throughout the years.”

Nominations and resumes should be sent to:

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Paul Oliver — Still playing at age 82



Paul Oliver—Accepting The National Senior Softball Hall of Fame Award.