



QUESTIONS

1. Bases loaded, two out. Batter hits a ball into the gap in left field clearing the bases. The runner from 1st base misses 2nd base. The team in the field appeals the runner from 1st missing 2nd base.

WHAT IS THE CALL?

2. Same situation as above (bases loaded two outs). Batter hits an inside the park home run. The runner from 1st base misses 3rd base. The team in the field appeals the runner missing 3rd base.

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3. Runners on 1st and 3rd with one out. The batter hits a fly ball deep to the outfield which is caught. The runner from 3rd tags and scores but the runner from 1st base was running on the hit and is doubled off 1st base. The runner from 3rd scored before the runner is doubled off 1st base.

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4. A ground ball is hit to 3rd. The throw pulls the 1st basemen into foul territory and the basemen touches the orange portion of 1st base for the out.

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THESE QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ARE BASED ON ASA RULES.

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RICH PALMER INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME

Polk County, Florida



Rich Accepting HOF Award

Rich Palmer, long time softball advocate, was installed into the Polk County, Florida Hall of Fame. Based on his outstanding contributions towards the betterment of Senior Softball, he was officially installed on March 16, 2011 at a dinner honoring his election. Besides his Florida service, Rich was instrumental in New Jersey's senior softball programs.

In 1984 he co-founded the North Jersey Senior Softball Conference and was its first Commissioner, ran the league, and is still on the board "Emeritus." The program then merged with other Leagues and Counties into the present New Jersey Senior Softball Association. He has been grandfathered into the New Jersey Senior Olympics teams and has participated for New Jersey nationwide for the past 15 years. His teams have won gold and silver medals in the 65, 70 and 75 age brackets. Since moving to Florida and becoming a full time resident, Rich has been

involved in many senior softball programs, the Florida Half Century and many travel team events. Throughout his many years of involvement in both NJ and Florida, he has attended the World Senior Games in St. George, Utah playing in the 65 and 70 brackets winning gold, silver, and bronze medals. He has been playing softball for over 60 years, as a pitcher and at first base. Injuries and surgeries have interrupted his playing time, but his heart will always be in the game.

"Softball has been an important and wonderful part of my life," Rich said.



One of Rich's prize possessions is a quilt made by his wife Linda. It is made of some of the shirts he wore covering over 20 years of playing softball

"Fast Eddie" BASILE



Fast Eddie

I hope this doesn't sound like bragging, I am merely trying to give the story of my senior softball career which isn't over yet. My name is "Fast Eddie Basile." I have been playing senior softball since 1990. John Londress with the help of Mike Cristy started it all in Ocean County. At that time we had only a 50 League. I was sixty when it started. I was the runner for every league I played in, no matter what age the league was. In 1991 we started a 60

League. I am still playing in that league and I am the only one from the original start still playing in the league. I am on the Buccaneers who have won the last three years in a row.

In 1990 I joined the Manchester Adult Community League while I was still working. I volunteered to be laid off and went on unemployment so I could play the whole summer mornings. I did this for the two years till I retired in 1993 from work. Berkeley Township started their Adult Community and I joined them. We played two games a week. So now I am in my sixties and playing two games each league a week. That was eight games a week. I was asked to play on our traveling team - Sixty and Over. Adelphia was our sponsor they gave us a shirt. Nothing else. We had to pay for the tournament, travel and food.

In 1993 we qualified for the National Championship in Arizona. I was asked to play on the Car Center Road Runners out of Maryland. During the National Championships I earned nine rings, two watches and a little knife in Delaware. Meanwhile as of 1993 I played in Florida for the winter, one weekend a month in the Florida Half Century. We played mostly four games a weekend. On the Florida Travel 60 Team we qualified for the World Championship in Palm Springs in 1999. On the Sunshine Seniors in Florida we won many championships. Back in New Jersey in the 50, 60 and two adult community leagues I was on won many championships. I then retired from the Berkeley League and qualified as an ASA umpire and am umpiring that league now. I am a sanctioned NSA umpire and do that at night in Florida. I also do USSSA leagues.

In 2005 I was inducted into the Senior National Hall of Fame the third in the state after Joe Tilelli and Pete Smith my teammate in the Sixty League. In 2007 I was inducted into the Pompano Beach City Wall of Fame. I play in the Deerfield Over Fifty Club. In New Jersey in the State Championships I have been on Winners in the 60's with Ray Murphy, on Gateway Toyota when they won, on a 50 B Division a few years ago and as a coach in 1995 with the Ocean Thunder. In the 70's we won as an Ocean County Team the last two years.

As I said, "it's not over yet!"

TLC WINS UCSSL PLAYOFFS

On September 1, TLC defeated Kilkenny House to win the Union County Senior Softball League (UCSSL) 60+ Division playoffs. After falling to Kilkenny in the series opener 9-6, TLC won the second game by a score of 18-7 behind a dominant offense, and with their defense in the 8-2 final game victory at Tremley Field in Linden.

TLC finished second this year in the New Jersey Senior Softball Association (NJSSA) 60+ "A" Division state tournament, bowing to the Buccaneers of Ocean County in the tournament finals even though they gave the Bucs their only two losses of the entire season during the tournament. Sponsored then by Commerce Bank, the TLC team won both the 2007 and 2008 NJSSA 60+ "A" Division tournament (the 2009 tournament was cancelled due to rain).



Standing L-R: Bobby Lorincz, Rich Grossberg, Rich Polonitza, Richie Traub, Carlo Melia, Wayne Michael, Bruce Symon, Tom Colandro, Pete Osborn, Ray Meigs, Bobby Bierman, Oscar Harrison, and Neil Granstrand.