



Baseball Trivia

QUESTIONS

1. What batting honor did Babe Ruth, Willie Mays, Stan Musial and Joe DiMaggio fail to achieve.
2. What rookie pitcher won the most games?
3. Who holds the record for the most strikeouts?
4. Who was given credit for getting the umpires to signal balls and strikes?
5. Who was the midget who pinch hit for the St. Louis Browns in 1951?
6. Who was the last Major League Pitcher to win 30 games in a season?
7. Who was the first player to end a world series with a home run?
8. Which Hall of Famer was drafted by four pro teams after college?
9. Who was the only pitcher to win MVP, Rookie of the Year, and Cy Young awards?
10. What pitcher won his 300th game at Yankee Stadium in 1985.



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TOURNAMENT TROPHIES HONOR PAST NJSSA LEADERS

50+ & 60+ Division Championships



The 2012 NJSSA Championship trophies for both the 50 and the 60 Divisions were named to honor some of the past leaders of the New Jersey Senior Softball Association. Dom Deo, Bob Rowland, Al Mills, Lou Vespasiano, Don Slocum and Tony Muccio were so honored last year. These men were the backbone of senior softball as we know it today. As pioneers in those early days, they helped

organize teams, leagues, obtain playing fields, secure sponsors and started playoffs and tournaments. They remained active for many years lending their expertise and knowledge wherever needed. As the years took its toll, their love of the game never waned, and they were dedicated to the very end. We hope to keep their spirit alive each year with this token of appreciation for what they did for senior softball.

Notable Quotables

"Bob Gibson is the luckiest pitcher I ever saw. He always pitches when the other team doesn't score any runs" -Tim McCarver

UNION COUNTY HOSTS SENIOR SOFTBALL TOURNAMENTS



L-R: Pete Osborn, Rich Grossberg & Norm Stumpf.

Memorial Park, Linden NJ, home of the 2013 NJSSA 50's and NJSSA 60's Tournaments. Prior to selecting Memorial, the NJSSA Tournaments were held in various locations, Freehold, Old Bridge, New Egypt, Manalapan and Middlesex to name a few. While the places I have mentioned had the fields, conditions varied.

Usually the fields were OK on Saturday morning, having been played on the previous evening. But as the day wore on the fields became chopped up. By Sunday, when conditions should be excellent, the fields were in poor condition and play suffered. The parks we were playing at were either County or Town parks and the maintenance workers were not available on weekends. We, NJSSA, were not satisfied with the conditions and felt that a State Championship should be played on the best fields available.

The Union County Softball League (UCSSL) played their games throughout Union County and Memorial Park was one of the complex's used. Bob Rowland,

a Union County League and NJSSA official contacted the Linden Recreation Department about using Memorial Park and their three fields (Memorial 2, Memorial 3 and Tremley) for league games. At first only Tremley was available as other softball leagues were playing on the others. Bob formed a friendship with Ed Kushner (a UCSSL player) of the Linden Rec. and asked if it would be possible to get permits to play our State Tournaments at Linden since Memorial Park met our requirements of multiple fields (3) at one location, good rest rooms at each field, central location, convenient to highways for teams traveling to games, eating facilities nearby but and lastly, but most importantly, the fields would be in great shape at the start of play on Saturday and Sunday.

Unfortunately, Bob Rowland passed away two years ago but the relationship between NJSSA and the Linden Recreation has been kept. Ed Kushner has worked with Tournament Director, Norm Stumpf and his committee, Art Kopacz, Charlie Dilkes and Howie Marlin to see that the fields are ready for our Tournament and the players throughout the state can continue to look forward to excellent field condition for their Tournament. The Union County Senior Softball League has been headed by Pete Osborn, who assumed the duties of Commissioner since the passing of Dom Deo in 2009. He is ably assisted by Rich Grossberg, Director of Operations, and Norm Stumpf Division Coordinator. They have hosted the tournaments since 2008.

Thank you Ed and the Linden Recreation Department for providing these great facilities for our Tournament.

EDITORS NOTE: If you would like to share some of your life experiences or stories with us, send a brief outline to: howiemarlin@live.com for next years newsletter.