



2007 NAFA World Series August 16-26 West Des Moines and Des Moines

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Welcome to West Des Moines and Des Moines, Iowa for the 2007 NAFA World Series!

The 15th Annual NAFA World Series will be played at Racoon River Park in West Des Moines and the Des Moines Softball Complex in Des Moines.

As play begins today with 34 teams competing in Class A-Major at both Racoon River and Des Moines, 2007 marks the first time that a NAFA World Series event has been held in Iowa.

Four of the last five NAFA World Series have been in the Midwest. The 2003 event was in Wisconsin's Chippewa Valley of Chippewa Falls and Eau Claire. North Mankato and Mankato, Minnesota hosted in 2005 with Appleton and Kimberly, Wisconsin hosting last year.

NAFA annually hosts the largest Mens' Fastpitch softball tournament in the world. This year's World Series event will feature competition in six classes.

A-Major, AA and the newly created AA-Major division will play the first weekend with A, AAA and 23-and-Under taking over the second weekend of play.

This year's official restaurant sponsor is Legends. Six location in the Des Moines area will be providing great food and beer specials throughout the tournament in addition to hosting the Player Parties for participating teams.

While this year's event will raise the bar for years to come, NAFA has already enjoyed a banner year.

In July, NAFA held it's first "stand-alone" Open-level World Series in Middleton, Wisconsin. Merging with The Farm Tavern Tournament, the event took place at the Bowling Green Recreation Center and saw tournament host The Farm Tavern (Madison, Wisc) battle it's way through the Losers' Bracket to defeat Circle Tap (Denmark, Wisc).

2007 will also mark the first time NAFA will hold a Wood Bat World Series. This event will be held September 1-3 in Longmont, Colorado.

Also in 2007, NAFA will hold two Zones of play in Masters competition. The Eastern Zone Championships will be played September 8 and 9 in Rockford, Illinois with the Western Zone Championships heading to Carson City, Nevada for the third straight year on September 15 and 16.

Information on all these events can be found on the NAFA website at www.nafafastpitch.com.

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The Farm Wins 2007 NAFA Open

On July 27-29 NAFA held it's first "stand-alone" Open-level World Series by merging with Rod Peterson's The Farm Tavern Tournament in Middleton, Wisconsin.

After being dropped into the Losers' Bracket Saturday evening, tournament host The Farm Tavern (Madison, Wisc) won four games on Sunday to walk away with the title, defeating Circle Tap (Denmark, Wisc) in the one game, winner-take-all final.

Circle Tap's Kyle Magnusson was named the Most Valuable Player, hitting .455 on the weekend with 3 RBI, 2 runs scored and one home run.

Korrey Gareau of The Farm Tavern was named the Most Valuable Pitcher. Gareau had a record of 2-0 in 13 innings, striking out 18 and allowing 4 earned runs for a 2.15 ERA.

In 2003, 2005 and 2006 NAFA held Open-level events as part of it's traditional World Series event.

Did You Know?

That last year in Kimberly, Wisconsin, Chris Delarwelle joined Michael White as the only two player to have won a titles in the NAFA Open, the ASA Major and the ISC World Tournament?

White completed the trifecta in 2005 with the Imaging Solutions Knights (Fargo, ND) in North Mankato after winning numerous ISC and ASA World Titles.

Delarwelle helped lead Circle Tap (Denmark, Wisc) to a co-championship after having won ASA titles with The Farm Tavern and Circle and an ISC title with The Farm Tavern.

Following the Locals

Class AA-Starts Friday

RR=Racoon River Park

DM=Des Moines Softball Complex

Winterset A's (Winterset), 0-0

vs Scarletts Sox (SD) 7pm, RR #1

Class AA-Major-Starts Saturday

Reasnor RPMs (Monroe), 0-0

vs Wilkomm Mobil (Wisc) 9:45am, RR #2

Palazzo's Java House (Des Moines), 0-0

-vs Blackhawk AC (Ill) 9:45am, RR #3

2007 NAFA Events

Wood Bat World Series

Sept. 1-3, Longmont, Colorado

Masters Eastern Zone Championships

September 8 and 9, Rockford, Illinois

35-, 40-, 45- and 50-and-Over Divisions

Masters Eastern Zone Championships

September 15 and 16, Carson City, Nevada

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for more details!

