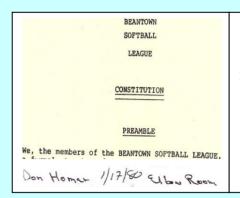
DON HOMER — Hall of Fame



BSL Founder

Don was a BSL Founder who helped frame the first BSL Constitution and By-Laws (left). He began his decade plus of reporting/photographing the BSL with his 1st article announcing the formation of the BSL (right) for Tommy's Magazine in 1980.



Temmy's New England Magazine

Beantown Softball League

This year the gay athletes of the Greater Boston area will be represented by the newly created "BEANTOWN SOFTBALL LEAGUE", formerly called the "Esplanade Softball League". The main purpose of the league is to show the active support and organization of gays in competitive sports. To do so, open tryouts were held throughout April by each of the bars being represented by the League, thus giving any gay athlete a chance to prove their

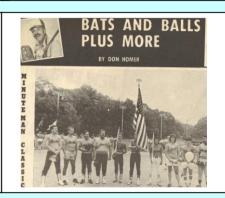
Softball column by DON HOMER



BSL Promoter

In his own words: Don "dedicated my 'Bats and Balls' columns to the advancement and growth of the BSL." Whether it was promoting opening day (left) or the 1st Minuteman Tournament (right), he captured and advanced BSL excitement!

BE A JOCK SUPPORTER!
SUPPORT THE BEANTOWN SOFTBALL LEAGUE AND YOUR FAVORITE TEAM



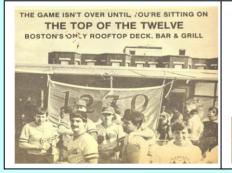


BSL Passion

The passion and pride Don captured was clear and contagious. It wasn't just "opening day" (left), it was a day to "Be Proud" about! He also heralded the hard work and pride of special BSL members with his periodic personal interview articles (right).







BSL Fun

Don covered and participated in all the happenings away from the field too! Socializing after games (left), traveling to tournaments (right), BSL fundraisers, banquets, etc. were all part of the fun!

HIP HIP HOORAY!!!





BSL Legacy

No one before or since has captured or conveyed the pride and passion of the BSL like Don. His work lives on not only as a legacy of wonderful memories but, more importantly, as an extremely valuable heritage he leaves for future generations!



Dear Readers,

For the past two years I've primarily dedicated "Bats and Balls Plus More" to the advancement and growth of the Beantown Softball League and other gay and lesbian sports organizations. It saddens me to inform you that this is the last issue of NEXT.

Thank you all for your help and support over the years. I look forward to serving you again, soon.

Sincerely,



P.S. Goodnight All! P.P.S. Goodnight Billy!