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## OPENING DAY '84

The BSL Opening Day 1984 is dedicated in memory of Bob White. Not only for his contribution to area bars, but for his effort to bring together and bring dignity to area gays. During his years managing Sporters (1957-1970) and The 1270 (1970-mid '70s), Bob was very active establishing for the community a positive relationship with the mayor and police (before the office of gay liason existed). Politically, he supported Elaine Noble (the first openly gay candidate) and worked to bring out the gay vote.

A close friend described him as "a witty, funny man," but added that Bob became "very serious" where the growth of the gay community was involved. His generosity to people in need clearly illustrated his concern for the Boston gay community.

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| 12:30 | RAMROD<br>vs BUDDIES         |
| 2:00  | THE BOLTS vs<br>COPLEY FLAIR |
| 3:30  | OPENING CEREM.               |
| 3:35  | 1270 WOMEN vs<br>MAILBOX     |
|       | DAVE'S BAKERY<br>vs RIFLEMAN |
| 5:00  | 40 EAST vs<br>RANDOLPH CC    |

## Women warm-up

Facing elimination, the 1270 Women's team staged a classic ninth inning rally to qualify for the final day of play in a women's softball tournament sponsored by Trainers in Quincy. With one loss already against the team and trailing 2-1, 1270 had the bases loaded with two outs. Mo

(Mighty Casey) singled to right, driving in two runs for the victory.

The following day the team wasn't as fortunate, but did well enough to finish 5th out of 12 teams.

"We didn't expect to win," said team manager Leslie, "but that doesn't mean we couldn't have."

Leslie noted that the tournament was a chance to "get the team together

a trial run" before the BSL season.

For their strong finish in the tournament, the 1270 team earned a "B" ranking which allows them to compete in any tournament played with 11 inch diameter balls (which fly further than the 12" balls used by the BSL).