

On Deck

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Chaps stalls

After winning the Pittsburgh Invitational Turnpike Tourney in May and the Beantown Softball League Championship in August, the Chaps team proceeded to Chicago in hopes of adding the third and most precious jewel to their crown for the 1983 season. But the Gay World Series Championship was a slippery gem, and the team (and Boston) had to go without yet another year.

John Bowes' troop got off to a bad start in the double elimination tourney losing their first game to Milwaukee by a score of 9-2. This game was marked by mistakes all around the diamond and on the basepaths. Probably the best thing about the early loss was that it gave the team an extra day off.

Chaps took the field Thursday well rested but with their backs to the wall. One more loss would end their hopes of winning the Series. The first opponent was Pittsburgh, a team that had roster problems as well as injuries. Pittsburgh showed a lot of drive but was no match for Chaps. The game ended 10-1.

With only an hour and a half rest, the team played their second game that day against the team which had beaten them earlier in the week, Milwaukee. This game was played much better than the first by Chaps but the bottom line was pretty much the same: an 8-4 loss.

In all, sixteen teams from across the country participated in the 7th Annual Gay World Series. This year's winner was the host city's representative, the Sidetrack team from Chicago (last year's winner was from the host city of San Francisco--maybe we should try harder to get a World Series here ASAP). The Atlanta team gave Chicago a real rough go of it, first beating the previously unbeaten Chicagoans before finally dropping the final game by a close score.

All of the Chaps players and other Boston representatives would like to thank our Chicago host bar BJ's and the owner, Cesar. BJ's and Cesar (not to mention those "Slammers") really helped everyone enjoy our stay out there.