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I Trust In God I Love My Country And Will Respect Its Laws



I Will Play Fair, And Strive To Win But Win Or Lose, I Will Always Do My Best

- Little League Pledge

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WSLL President Mike Warbel

Dear WSLL Families and Members,

Thank you for participating in another successful season for West Springfield Little League. After two tough, pandemic-limited seasons, it was great to have kids back in the dugouts together and fans back in the bleachers. This year, we consolidated into one league and it was a smashing success. Instead of an American and National League, we were a united West Springfield Little League. We saw better baseball played at every level and said goodbye to the old interleague rivalry that divided us at times. Each of our all-star teams played in the district finals, with both the 8-10 and 10-12 squads winning district titles. Our 8-10 "Danger Kitties" also brought home the district's Fun Tournament championship. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I hope you all enjoyed the season and want to thank you for everything you did to make it a success. Your support for our kids and our organization cannot be matched. As I step down as the WSLL president, I also want to personally thank you all for allowing me to lead this league

and everything you do to make WSLL the top-notch organization it is. We are a great sports league, but more importantly, a great community. I hope you and your families had fun this year and enjoy the memories captured in this book.

Best, Mike Warbel, WSLL President

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History of West Springfield Little League

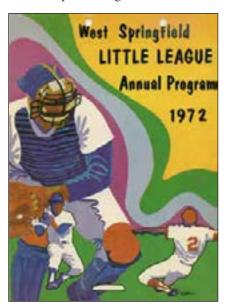
By John Monaco

When it All Started

Spirited by a group of civic-minded area residents, headed by Harry Wood, Vic Aldridge, Bill Abrams, Jim Owens, Kent Browning, Ray Ramsey, and Frank Walston, Little League Baseball was first introduced to the youth of Springfield in 1954, although it was not a franchised Little League organization at that time. Four teams consisting of 60 boys were organized and transported to Annandale to play in that league in 1954. Initial equipment was obtained from the then small number of community merchants and from the fathers themselves.

Franchised Little League came to Springfield a year later in 1955 with the granting of a charter to the local group by the National Little League Headquarters in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. The league's first president was Kent Browning. More than 150 boys were registered to play that year. The area franchised included all of what is now considered Springfield proper.

The popularity of the program, along with the area population, grew by leaps and bounds until it became necessary in 1962 to split up the groups, thus giving birth to the North Springfield Little League which received a franchise and became a separate league.



The program in the central part of Springfield continued to expand in numbers into the middle 1960's, with 16 Major League teams and 24 Minor League teams. In 1971, following a tremendous population explosion in the West Springfield area, and the growth of the league to more than 1,150 players, it was necessary to once again split the league.

The West Springfield Little League (WSLL) began its first season as an independent league in 1972 with over 730 boys scheduled to play 21 games and leaving 475 players in what is now the Central Springfield Little League.

Charlie Clark, the first WSLL president, the first WSLL Board



of Directors, and the support of the first Parents Auxiliary under President Danni Aloi can be credited for laying the foundation for what has become one of the best Little Leagues in Virginia. The initial officers in the League were: President Charlie Clark, Vice President Kim Chandler, Treasurer Ham Jenkins, Secretary Paul Manning, and Player Agent Steve Aloi.



Home of WSLL sign

Prior to the start of the initial season, the League became incorporated, adopted a Constitution and Local Rules, obtained a Little League Charter and prepared a calendar of events and game schedule. Additionally, numerous physical improvements were made including:

- (1) Construction of two new ball fields
- (2) Installation of dugouts for all 5 fields
- (3) Complete fencing on all fields
- (4) Construction of storage shed
- (5) Installation of 4 scoreboards
- (6) Anti-flood dike to prevent erosion



- (7) Contract installation of asphalt road
- (8) Concession stand
- (9) Sponsor construction of four fields at elementary schools
- (10) Sponsor improvement of two fields at elementary schools

In 1974, the Board established two major leagues instead of one and authorized the players to select the all-star teams. That same year in the District 9 all-star finals West American defeated West National 5-3. That league structure remained until 1977, when we only chartered one Major League due to a reduction in the number of players.

In 1979, the Accotink fields were purchased by the county and dedicated to the exclusive use of WSLL and the Spring-field Youth Club.

After more than 30 years of sharing Byron Avenue Park with the Springfield Youth Club football program, a historic event took place in 2009 – West Springfield Little League received notice that it would have year-round use of the complex. This announcement came after five years of work and negotiations with Fairfax County. We owe Keith Klindworth a huge thank-you for the countless number of hours he worked on this. Thanks also to Steve Gillingham, past President of WSLL, and Eddie Garretson, President of Springfield Challenger, who both have been a source of support and encouragement in this long process to gain year-round access to the Byron Avenue fields.

Editor's note: Prior to acquiring the fields year-round, at the end of each season we had to dismantle the baseball fields, including taking down of all fences and then in the Spring convert the fields from a football facility into baseball fields. This included reinstalling fences, building pitching mounds, reforming infields, and repairing/reseeding outfields from football wear and tear. Not only was this a large expense but also required hundreds of volunteer man-hours.

The league continued to grow over the years and in 1991 the league was divided into the American and National leagues when nearly 1,200 boys and girls played on 100 teams in the two leagues between 1993 through 1998.

Beginning in 1997, we changed our draft system by adopting the "Common Pool" method. This resulted in a better balance of candidates available to each league and offered a better chance of equal talent distribution between the 2 leagues. It alleviated problems caused by population shifts using a geographic boundary to determine the candidates for each league.

Also, in 1997 we introduced Little League baseball to 5-yearolds with our own 5T level of play. We had 6 teams in its initial season. That same year, with help and materials from Virginia Power, batting cages were installed at Byron. In 2013 West Springfield introduced 50/70' baseball as part of our Fall Baseball Program and in 2018 introduced Intermediate Baseball as part of our Spring program.

In 2016 the league introduced Byronfest, a fun filled family outing for all. It included a skills competition for the kids, an adult softball game, and other fun events. The most popular fun event was the dunk tank where parents and kids got a chance to dunk managers and coaches in the tank. The most popular to be dunked was the league president. Byronfest was suspended in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic.

Challenger Baseball Begins

In 1993, under the direction of Pat McCormick and Eddie Garretson, WSLL and Central Springfield Little League jointly fielded our first Challenger baseball team for children with physical and mental disabilities. At that time, we had only 9 ball players. Since then, we have grown to over 250 players and have been recognized by Little League Baseball as having the largest Challenger Baseball program in the world. In 2001, Springfield Challenger played T-Ball at the White House in front of President George Bush. Also, that year, Eddie Garretson was awarded the Little League Challenger Volunteer of the Year Award at the Little League World Series in Williamsport. Congratulations Eddie!!!

Springfield Challenger was honored again on August 29, 2009, when they were invited to play at the 2009 Little League World Series in Williamsport, PA before the U.S. Little League and International Little League Championship Games. They played a team from Lackawanna Little League in Scranton, PA. In 2010, Springfield Challenger was a news story on Good Morning America television program.

Field Enhancements



New Scoreboard at Yankee

During the 1988 season, PEPSI donated the league's first electronic scoreboard thanks to the efforts of Auxiliary President L.V. Clovis. Also, that year a press box building

was constructed. Mr. Skip Shankle, a WSLL Board member at the time and owner of Virginia Clay Products, generously donated the cinder block for the building, making its construction possible.

In 1995, realizing the need to accommodate a very large program, WSLL undertook its largest single season expenditure to date (\$60,000) by adding lights to Wrigley Field and Yankee Stadium, and began playing night games.

In 1996, we celebrated our 25th anniversary with over 1,200 ball players representing 97 teams. That same year we started the "John Monaco / George Pedersen Volunteer of the Year Award" and honored Tony Musco for over 48 years of Little League Service.

Prior to the 1998 season, local merchant Ron Devine, in conjunction with Coca Cola, donated new electronic score-boards on both Wrigley Field and Yankee Stadium. That same year WSLL hosted the 9/10-year-old District 9 Tournament. Several years later the Leach Family donated a new scoreboard for Yankee Stadium

In the winter of 1998-99, in preparation to host the 1999 9/10-year-old State all-star Tournament, WSLL and Fairfax County undertook a major renovation of the Byron Avenue complex including field and backstop replacement, new fencing, and provisions for additional parking in the area behind Forbes and Three Rivers stadiums. That same year we introduced our first web site and in 2018 we did on-line registration for the first time.

In the spring of 2000, WSLL participated in a "matching funds" program with Fairfax County and together built a new ball field at the old Burke Elementary School site. The development of Fenway Park at Burke School has occurred through the combined efforts of a number of groups and individuals who foresaw the possibility for a new field at the school and acted upon that idea and made real that possibility. Their foresight, and the dedication of the individuals who oversaw and performed many of the improvements at the field, has resulted in a youth baseball field that will be enjoyed by the youth of Burke, Springfield, and Fairfax Station for many years to come. Many thanks to Rick Muehleib and George Pederson for spearheading its development. (See history of Fenway Park at Burke below,)



Opening day with the football scoreboard



The old equipment storage

Prior to the 2003 season we upgraded the equipment storage trailers with connex shipping containers with the assistance of Dave Frazier, WSLL Board member.

With the year-round use at Byron, the league, in cooperation with Fairfax County, undertook another major renovation of Yankee Stadium prior to the 2010 season. Improvements included relocating home plate, professional re-grading of the infield, new backstops, and more. The renovation efforts with the county continued for the 2011 season. Wrigley field was completely overhauled as once again improvements included relocating home plate, professional re-grading of the infield, new backstops, and moving the fences back to 210 feet and configuring the field for travel baseball teams to play at Byron.



Reconstruction at Wrigley

Prior to the 2017 season, under the direction of Board member Shawn James, WSLL with the help of a Fairfax County Grant, invested nearly \$80,000 in capital improvement to the fields at the Byron Avenue complex and Fenway Park. Improvements included re-grading all of the infields and replacing all of the infield grass on Yankee, Wrigley, Ebbets, Forbes, and Fenway. Additionally, a new backstop was installed along with new dugouts on Yankee. New scoreboards were installed on Yankee, Wrigley and Ebbets. Thanks to the Leach Family for donating the new scoreboard on Yankee.



For the 2022 season, 3-Rivers Field (renamed Phillips Field) was re-opened thanks to the help of Fairfax County in refurbishing the field. This allowed more games to be played at Byron Park. In 2020, new backstops and fencing were installed along with tons of new infield dirt. The field was also renamed Phillips Field after Charlie Phillips who passed away that year. For 41 years, Charlie managed and coached WSLL teams, leaving an indelible impression on our community and multiple generations of players. The field was commemorated in his name on opening day of the 2021 season.



Phillips Field - Commemorative Plaque

Prior to the 2022 season, WSLL upgraded the equipment storage containers with connex shipping containers thanks to a grant from the Davis Elkins Foundation through the efforts of Dave Frazier, a former WSLL Board member.



Accotink Creek floods Byron Avenue

The Byron Avenue complex sits on the shores of Accotink Creek. The creek has played an unfriendly role in the history of WSLL. Hurricane Agnes caused extensive damage to our facilities as the water level rose to four feet inside the concession stand. The community rallied to support WSLL as hundreds of volunteers assisted to repair the flood damage.

The 1989 season was a season of irony. WSLL installed an underground sprinkler system in a cooperative agreement with the Springfield Youth Club. Before the system was needed, flash flooding caused Accotink Creek to rise and overflow its banks. Water levels reached eight feet on Three Rivers Stadium and nearly three feet in the concession stand. Damage was extensive to the concession stand inventory. Fences, bleachers and infield dirt were washed away. A tremendous outpouring of unsolicited volunteers working long hours put the devastated fields back together in a single weekend to save the season for the youngsters. The creek rose again on June 26, 2006, at the time WSLL was hosting the District 9 Tournament. There were thoughts of moving the tournament to another site but thanks to a huge turnout of volunteers the fields were recovered, and only opening round games had to be played at neighboring Central Springfield. Opening Day April 7, 2007, was cancelled due to SNOW (yes snow!!)



Snow Day for Little League

The following year, on May 13, 2008, the creek rose one more time as a result of Hurricane Hanna, causing the cancellation of many games, but once again the impact was minimal, as hundreds of volunteers restored the fields where the creek rose to the top of the roofs of the Wrigley field dugouts. We all remember the great snow of 2010 that caused a 2-week delay in the 2010 season. In September 2011 (on the eve of the Fall Baseball season) Tropical Storm Lee invaded Byron Park when the creek rose and left the fields under 10 feet of water that reached the top of the Wrigley Field dugouts and was 6 feet high in the concession stand. The entire contents of the concession stand, including freezers, refrigerators, and grills were damaged and had to be replaced. All infield dirt was washed away and fencing and dugouts on 4 fields were destroyed. Over 4 tons of dirt was added to the infield on 3-Rivers Field (appropriately named). Together with the help of our friends at Fairfax County, who replaced the damaged perimeter fencing and dugouts and all the infield dirt, the season impact was minimized as our neighboring leagues absorbed most of the game schedule.

The COVID-19 Pandemic of 2020



Coaching during the pandemic

In mid-March 2020, two weeks after practices started, WSLL was required to suspend all activity as Fairfax County Park and school properties closed, and state law limited the maximum size of groups gathering. As one group of the league's board helped secure our financial position, a group of about 20 coaches and parents worked through how the league would resume play. The return to play committee prepared the initial set of COVID protocols that outlined how Little League baseball could be played in a global pandemic. By late May the Commonwealth of Virginia outlined rules for outdoor youth athletics, and in early June the league's field permits were reinstated.

With return to play rules in hand, and field permits available, the WSLL board approved to resume the 2020 Majors season to allow LA12 players to get one last season. The board also approved a "Sandlot" season for AAA, AA and 1A baseball. Although a majority of Majors players returned for the "Covid Season," some families chose to sit out for a multitude of reasons. The result of this meant that some LA11 and LA10 players not on a majors roster were promoted to be a full season call up. Even with the call ups, the National League Dodgers and Pirates each lost enough players that the teams temporarily merged to be the Podgers. The "Covid Season" lasted about 6 months, with every team playing 10 games, followed by an end of season tournament, with a championship game broadcasted on Facebook Live. The sandlot season consisted of more than 60 games with more than 200 players playing at least one game.

WSLL continued to adjust the return to play rules in the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 seasons as state and local laws also changed.

All-Stars

The WSLL all-star teams have played an important part in the history of West Springfield Little League.

Prior to the 2022 season, we were granted permission by Little League, Inc. to consolidate our American League and National Leagues into a single league, West Springfield Little League. Previously, we operated in a 2-league format from 1991-2021. This change resulted in a more balanced and competitive level of play, not only at the Majors division but also at both the AAA and AA league minors divisions.

That same year WSLL completed its 50th year of Virginia Little League Baseball. At the opening ceremonies of the Virginia State tournament the Commonwealth of Virginia presented WSLL with a proclamation commending West Springfield Little league for 50 years of service to the greater West Springfield area.

In 2022, we hosted the Virginia State 9/11 Baseball Tournament. This makes the third time we have hosted a state tournament. In 1999 we hosted the 9/10 tournament and in 2013 we hosted the 9/11 tournament.

Together our teams have won 7 Virginia state championships, 13 second place State tournaments and 48 District 9 championships.

10/12 Year-Olds Highlights



The 1984 11/12 Year-Old All-Star Team

The 1984 11/12-year-old all-star team, managed by Bob Barthle, became the first WSLL team ever to advance to the Southern Region Tournament, in St. Petersburg Florida. That team defeated North Carolina in the opening round before being defeated by Tennessee in the second round. The games were broadcast over WEEL radio, marking the first (and probably only) broadcast of a WSLL baseball game.

In 1986 we returned to the Southern Region Tournament, managed by Charlie Phillips, and were defeated by Louisiana 1-0.



In 2003, the West American 11/12-year-old all-star team (managed by Jerry Park) advanced to the semi-finals of the Southern Regional Tournament and was eliminated by a team from Buckhead, Georgia 7–3. This was the farthest any WSLL team had ever advanced in tournament play.

In 2005, the West American 11/12-year-old team (managed by Gary Engle) was eliminated from the Southern Regional Tournament. However, this team defeated a team from Florida that eventually won the Regional championship and advanced to Williamsport to play in the World Series.

9/11 Year-Olds Highlights

In 2004 Little League started the first tournament for 11-year-olds. (This was subsequently changed to 10/11 in 2006.) The West National 11-year-old team (managed by Mike Fountain) captured the first ever Virginia State championship.

In 2007 the American 10/11 team (managed by Gary Engle) won District 9 Championship and the Virginia State Championship.

The 2012 team, (coached by Greg McIntyre) won the Virginia State Championship and finish second in the Regional Tournament of State Champions.



8/10 Year-Olds Highlights

In 1997 Little League introduced the 9/10 tournament. WSLL began participation in 1999 and West National won the District 9 championship that year and again in 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2009. In 2002 and 2003 they finished second in the state. West American won the District titles in 2006, 2007, 2011 and 2012 where they finished second in the state.

Of special note: WSLL all-star teams have won all 3 District titles in 2007, 2009, 2013, 2014 and 2016. No other league in District 9 has won all three titles in a single year.

For a complete list of all WSLL all-star Championships see the back cover of our most recent yearbook.

Fun Tournament

I would be amiss if I did not recognize the success of our Fun Tournament teams. Beginning in 1990 District 9 has held a Fun Tournament in addition to conducting all-star tournaments. Two separate tournaments are conducted: one for players ages 9-11 and the other for players 10-12. WSLL teams have had great success in these tournaments fielding numerous teams each year at each level and winning numerous championships.

Honorary Volunteers

Beginning in 2017 District 9 created the Tony Musco Award for "Significant Volunteer Service to Little League Baseball and District 9." Tony retired from umpiring after 70 years behind the plate. Also, in 2017 he was recognized by Little League Baseball and threw out the first pitch at the Little League World Series that year.

West Springfield Little League Musco Award winners are: Tony Musco in 2017, Eddie Garretson in 2017, John Monaco in 2018 and Mike Olsavsky in 2019. Congratulations to each of these outstanding volunteers.

There are not many times in Little League when parents that volunteer to manage our teams stay in WSLL for a long time. We have been very fortunate to have had 2 individuals that have dedicated many years to WSLL. Charlie Phillips, who passed away in 2020, was a manager in WSLL for 40 years and similarly Joe Rozmeski, who retired after the 2021 season, managed teams for 25 years. We owe both of these men a great deal of gratitude for their baseball teaching skills that have influenced the way LL baseball is played today in West Springfield Little League.



Conclusion

As you have read, WSLL started with support and dedication of a handful of individuals and has grown into one of the largest and best-organized sports programs in the area. We can all be proud of this organization and our association



with it. It is still entirely a volunteer organization, and it is still run by individuals who believe in the youth of our community. There are many that have worked long and hard for the WSLL without publicity or "thanks." These are dedicated people who seek no reward other than to help young people play baseball and grow mentally and physically. Perhaps that is their reward, to see a child make a first catch or get their first base hit. As you turn the pages of this yearbook, please take time to silently thank those who through the years helped to make it all possible.

So, to the managers, coaches, umpires, concession stand workers, team parents, Board members, parents, and fans.... THANKS. And thanks also to the players, for without them, there would be no WSLL! If you ever doubt the reason for the existence of organized sports, just look around and you will no doubt see why a handful of people in 1972, led by Charlie Clark, thought the effort would be worthwhile.



History of Fenway Park

Children have played sports on Burke School property at least since 1937, when the main building to Burke School was built. For most of that time, however, no formal athletic facilities were present on Burke School property and the place where baseball was played was a very poor state of affairs. The original baseball field at Burke School was located basically where the present Fenway Park is, with home plate in the same general area. A too-small wire mesh backstop surrounded the plate, with overgrown bushes and small trees immediately behind the backstop. The field itself was severely sloped downward towards the school, and as a result, topsoil from the field was frequently washed away and large rocks revealed. These field conditions meant that the baseball field at Burke School could only be used by West Springfield Little League as a practice field, and not a very good one at that.

The Executive Vice-President of West Springfield Little League (WSLL) in the late 1990's was Rick Muehleib, who was keenly aware of the need for WSLL to develop permanent fields and of the potential for developing such a field at Burke School. He also was familiar with the various matching funds programs to upgrade athletic fields through the Fairfax County Government, and in 1999, he met with the Principal of Burke School, Susan Knecht, and Facilities Coordinator, Andy Muir, to discuss the possibility of working together to build a new baseball field meeting Little League specifications at Burke School. After that meeting, Mr. Muehleib wrote a matching grant proposal with the Fairfax County Recreation Department that included leveling and grading the field, fencing the field, and installing an in-ground irrigation system.

In late 1999, work started with heavy construction equipment and several days were spent moving dirt and leveling the field. The field was first built to have a 150 ft fence; which Andy Muir identified as a clerical error, but then the problem was that there was a lack of soil to complete the job. Mr. Muir quickly negotiated for the donation of a large pile of excavated soil by D & A Construction, which had resulted from a building renovation at Burke School, and this fill soil provided the foundation on which the field could be developed.

In 2000-2001, the fence and irrigation systems were installed. This provided an environment in which the grass could be nurtured, and field use limited. It was quickly becoming apparent that the drainage of the field provided a playable field even after considerable rain, as some slope was built into the field to allow rainwater to easily drain off through the outfield. Casey Haines of the Fairfax County Government, Department of Community and Recreational Services, made available the resources for the installation of concrete pads, aluminum seats and benches in the spectator and dugout areas that provided both players and spectators with excellent conditions from which to watch the games.

In 2001, George Pedersen along with Dave Frazier of West Springfield Little League became involved in the development of the Burke field. He designed and supervised the installation of a batting cage, which was installed along the third base line, and the construction of new dugouts at the field. Mr. Pedersen personally supervised all of this work, most of which was completed during the months of January and February 2003 when temperatures were often at or below freezing. In 2003, Colbert Roofing, Inc. generously donated the roofing for the dugouts.



Fenway Park at Burke





John Polcari, WSLL President 2003, places sign at Fenway

The first West Springfield games were played on the newly refurbished Burke School field in 2003, and the field was later named Fenway Park in a dedication ceremony led by WSLL President John Polcari. Later in 2003 and in early 2004, improvements continued, again under the supervision of Mr. Pedersen and Mr. Muir. A problem had developed in the baseball infield because a settling of the original excavation sections of the infield was causing balls to hop dangerously. The Fairfax County Public Schools Grounds Department removed and leveled the entire infield. This work was completed to the highest possible standards providing a surface on which thousands of square feet of sod were subsequently laid.



Work continued on Fenway Park in 2004, with the addition of bat and helmet racks that were constructed and donated by David Frazier of WSLL. At this time additional safety fencing was also added to the first and third base foul lines to protect spectators from fly balls and overthrows. Prior to the 2005 season additional improvements were made including the addition of a storage shed with space allocated for a concession stand. In 2006 the electronic scoreboard was installed and in 2007 the concessions stand opened, and a score booth was erected. Much of the improvements at Fenway are the result of hard work by WSLL Board member George Pedersen. Thanks George!

Then	Now
Wood bats	Aluminum/alloy bats
Share Byron with SYC football	Exclusive use
Heavy polyester uniforms	Dri-fit uniforms
Standings at all levels	Only AA, AAA, Majors
Groomer	Pull drag
Outdoor tryouts	Indoor tryouts
Team Mom	Team parents
1,250 kids	650 Kids
Pants worn at knees	Pants worn to ankles
Bull horns	PA system
Paper scorebook	Game Changer
No burgers	Byron Burgers
Healthy air	COVID
One size fits all hats	Fitted hats
One league	2 leagues
One all-star team	7 all-star teams
Kids carry bat and glove	Kids pull bag full of gear
n person registration	Online registration
Drink tickets	Credit cards
Phone calls	Text & emails
Game schedule on wall calendar	Game schedule on phone
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Electronic scoreboards

February tryouts then were cold and breezy

No scoreboards



1975 Tryouts





Dunk Tank - 2017 Byron Fest



1975 Tryouts



Field Prep 1977







COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 761

Commending West Springfield Little League

Agreed to by the House of Delegales, June 17, 2022

WHEREAS, for 50 years, West Springfield Little League has supported young people in the Fairfax County community by providing opportunities for athletic development and personal achievement; and

WHEREAS, West Springfield Little League was founded by Charlie Clark and a group of local parents and community leaders in 1972, and more than 41,000 children have learned teamwork, cultivated good sportsmanship, and honed their skills in the history of the league; and

WHEREAS, West Springfield Little League serves children between the ages of five and 13 in multiple levels, including 5T, T-Ball, 1A, AA, AAA, Majors, and Intermediate; and

WHEREAS, West Springfield lättle League has organized individual seasons with more than 1,200 children playing baseball on 100 teams at various age levels, and the league remains one of the largest and most well-organized youth baseball organizations in the region; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, West Springfield Little League formed a Challenger Division for children, teenagers, and adults with physical and intellectual challenges that earned national accolades and has grown into one of the largest such programs in the world; and

WHEREAS, West Springfield Little League previously renovated and now plays at the fields at the Burke School Byron Avenue Park; the league has maintained its fields through the support of parents and volunteers, Fairfax County agencies, and organizations like the Dayls Elkins Foundation; and

WHEREAS, West Springfield Little League annually hosts Byronfest, a popular festival and cookout that brings the community and family members together to support players as they participate in fun activities and skills competitions, such as a home run derby; and

WHEREAS, West Springfield Little League makes an extraordinary effort to collaborate with local businesses, building support by engaging with them in many sponsorship partnerships, and supporting those businesses through spirit days and other opportunities; and

WHEREAS, West Springfield Little League teams have consistently achieved success over the years, winning 45 District 9 championships and six state titles in 17 state championship appearances; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, West Springfield Little League has fulfilled its mission through the hard work and generosity of volunteer managers, coaches, umpires, concession stand workers, and board members, as well as the dedicated support of parents, fans, and local businesses; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That West Springfield Little League hereby be commended on the occasion of its 50th anniversary, and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to West Springfield Little League as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the organization's contributions to young people in Fairfax County.

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Clerk of the House of Delegates.



"You always get a special kick on Opening Day, no matter how many you go through.
You look forward to it like a birthday party when you're a kid.
You think something wonderful is going to happen."

- Joe DiMaggio

The crack of the bat, the smell of a newly-oiled glove, shouts and laughter, hot dogs and popcorn. Opening Day is a rite of Spring, close to the heart of every child who at ten just knew he would grow up to play in the big leagues, every child whose father showed him how to break in his first glove.

Opening Day at Byron Park is special; for Byron Park is the great secret of West Springfield Little League. In the spring a legion of volunteers, you and your neighbors, descend and lovingly restore Byron to the condition that makes our young children, when they first see it, stare wide-eyed and yearn to play one day under the lights.

Why do we work so hard for Byron? It is not just for baseball. Byron is our community. It is our respite in the impersonal world. Those of you who have spent time at Byron understand. For the uninitiated, those new to the league or who have played only offsite, you will under stand soon. Byron is where your children want to watch games all Saturday and usually root for both sides because they have friends on both teams. Byron is where we find our friends and neighbors, delighting in their families, taking the time to have the fun that is so hard to find these days. Byron is where we find adults who have left work early to teach children. Byron is where we find the best parts of ourselves.

Opening Day is here and Byron is back with us. Spring is here and childhood is back. We welcome you back.

We will open up a season of hope, of victory, of triumph and of joy. We are the defenders of green fields, eternal youth and endless imagination. We stand together as a team, true to our quest and loyal to our fans. We understand victory and defeat both as lessons that embrace the game. We pledge to play our best until the final out is called.

- Robert Harrison

WSLL thanks former WSLL manager Jeff Moeller for this special message



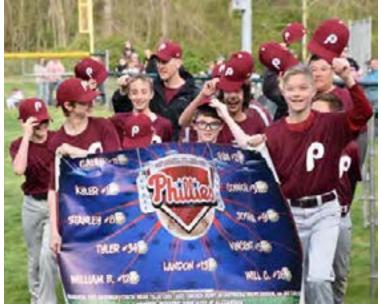




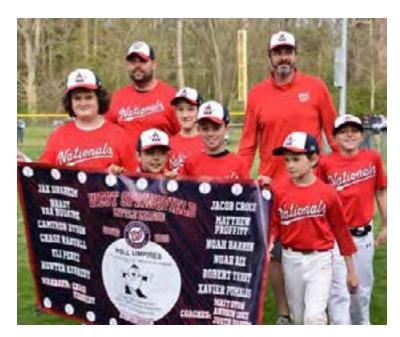


























Around the Park



















Manager - James Cucinelli, Coaches - Mark Halfhill, Mike Brenholt



Sidney Barlow
Franklin Brenholt
Owen Clarke
David Cucinelli
Jacob Ferreira
Luke Halfhill
William MacKenzie
Ethan Roche
Jackson Ruffner
Diego Smothers
Carter Spooner





Manager - Nate Williams, Coach - Kevin Steinhilber



Jackston Aplanalp
Shane Dunn
Alex Fila
Daniel Foley
Jacob Mellin
Anders Olsen
Xavier Raybon
Matthew Schneider
Marcus Steinhilber
Mason Steinhilber
Kohen Williams





Josef Alstatt
Patrick Carroll-Rogaczewski
Tyler Collins
Ryan Dunham
Zachary Dyson
Ethan Fussell
Donovan Kennedy
Tyler Levine
Declan Mortelmans
Tyler Paffett Jr.
Nathaniel Painter





Manager - Matt Dyson, Coaches - Billy Collins, Craig Kennedy



Avedis Brown
Gresham Davis
Austin Jordan
Deven Landau
Lorelai Low
Colton Mitchell
Daniel O'Connor
William Paul
Hudson Royster
Jack Spitzer
Griffin Wagner





Manager - Keith Jordan, Coaches - Brandon Davis, Matthew Spitzer







Asa Cohen
Tristen Cygan
Joseph Daubert
Patrick Griffin
John Heberer
Brian Jalbert
Jonathan King
Thomas Klapmust
Luke Marposon
Logan Waggoner





Manager – Eric Hardman, Coaches – Benny Sayasithsena, Brian Taliaferro



William Bulson
Caleb Carlson
William Carlson
Stanley Carroll
Evan Chambers
Kyler Gabrano
Connor Graham
Tyler Hardman
Joshua Melendez
Vincent Sayasithsena
Landon Taliaferro



№ Majors



Hunter Benson
William Eastin
Jack Foote
James Grass
Christopher Gulbranson
Hunter Hackbarth
Isaac Kim
Ryan McDermott
Gavin Novitske
Ashton Saunders
Cole Schumacher





Manager – Scott Benson, Coaches – Christian Saunders, Curt Schumacher



Bryce Bettini
Cameron Bettini
Max Gray
Noah Johnston
Matthew Kockler
Andrew Logan
Alastair Norris
Ian Norris
Blake Price
Zayden Speranza
Talay Uhing





Manager - Christopher Bettini, Coach - Jim Kockler



Manager - Ryan Sheehan, Coaches - A.J. Guenther, Howard Arp, Shawn Niemi



Isaac Achoki
Everette Arp
Erik Bohn
Riley Guenther
Aidan Keim
Jakob Kemp
Jack Mahoney
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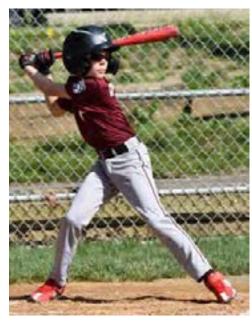
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David Allcroft
Jason Antisdel
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Kaleb Wisner





























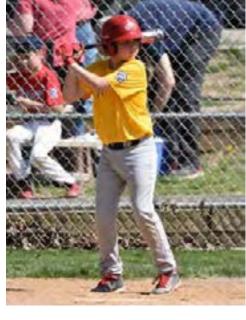


















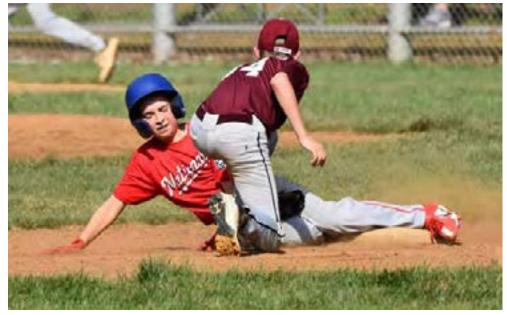
















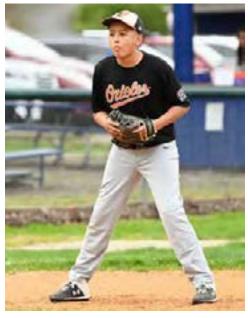
























Around the Park



















For Triple A







Logan Belitsky
Luke Benyo
Matthew Jones
Jack Jung
Colton Kim
Grayson Nozik
Spencer Perez
Paxton Ray
Connor Ridge
Cody Smith
Cole Smith
Parker Walters



Manager – Jeffrey Snow, Coach – Paul Fugere



Dominick Balaoing
Gabriella Ball
Benjamin Berona
Joshua Berona
Alexander Bohn
Andrew Bourkland
Anthony Fugere
Mason Kim
Jonah Lanthier
Noah Polutta
Alexander Snow
Cooper Way

₽ Triple A ₽



Liam Bridon
Asher Broderick
Hayden Darwin
Jaithin Landau
Joseph Mickalonis
Nolan Pollack
William Queen
William Ramos
Alexander Rees
Cal Turner
Barrett Walker
Noah Warschaw



Manager - David Pollack, Coaches - David Queen, Matthew Newhard



Noah Barron
Jacob Croce
Jax Draheim
Cameron Dyson
Hunter Kennedy
Eli Perez
Xavier Pomales
Matthew Proffitt
Chase Randall
Noah Rix
Robert Terry
Brady Van Buskirk



Manager - Craig Kennedy, Coaches - Andrew Croce, Matt Dyson

Po Triple A Po





Elias Benner
Evan Clark
Thomas M Feige
Michael Ferreira
Grayson Gantt
Ryan Goodman
Jack Harding
Kyle Hemmerdinger
Luke Nobles
Brendan Sherman
Parker Williams
Simeon Woo





Manager – Jerry Brumbaugh, Coaches – Nhan Ho, Steven Brown, Tim Palmer



Zachary Brown
Landon Brumbaugh
Colton Campbell
Edwin Gentry
Ethan Ho
James Navarro
Gabriel Christopher Neely
Ian Palmer
Blake Pleva
Nicholas Riekse
Drew Stickel
Cole Tinsley

Po Triple A Po



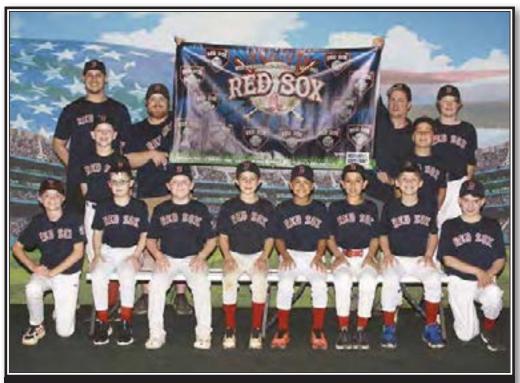
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Bennett Collins
Nolan Erwin
Ryan Gallagher
Sawyer Gibas
Sebastian Morris-Fernandez
Lucas Roche
Lucas Roth
Tyler Rottkamp
Alex Shogren
Garrett Tolboe
Lukas Uryga



Manager - Billy Collins, Coaches - Geoff Roche, Mark Erwin



Owen Alba
Wyatt Balzotti
Graham Barlow
Lucas Chetelat
Ryan Cosgrove
Zakareeya El-Yacoubi
Alexander Harris
Liam Harris
Brandon Moore
Wesley Phillips
Tucker Prohaska
William VandenDries



Manager - Vincent Balzotti, Coach - Jeremy Prohaska

Po Triple A Po



Manager - Brian Formagus, Coaches - Erez Rotem, Michael Nye



Joseph Adamo
Alexander Davila
Nathan Formagus
Evan Gill
Andrew Krehnbrink
William Lynch
Grayson Nye
Noah Rotem
Harrison Slinkard
Connor Stroup
Maximus Watson
Adrian Wilson



Manager - Tyler Paffett Sr, Coach - Gregory Moon



Zachary Bell
Benjamin Bradford
Rexton Edlefsen
Harrison Kelsch
Jackson Occhiogrosso
Lucas Paffett
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Crusoe Paschel
Teague Schneider
David Shriber
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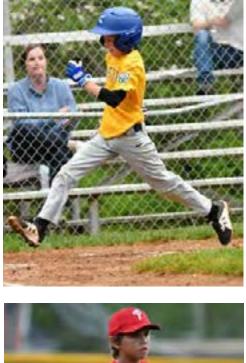




















★ ★ 2022 District 9 Champions ★ ★





2022 10-12 All Star Team



Sidney Barlow Bryce Bettini Avedis Brown Evan Chambers Shane Dunn Alex Fila Luke Halfhill



Tyler Hardman Austin Jordan Deven Landau Daniel O'Connor Ethan Roche Cole Schumacher

Manager: Keith Jordan

Coaches: Doug Dunn, Mark Halfhill



* * * * * 2022 All Stars * * * *

2022 District Nine & Va State Tournament



District 9 Tournament Hosted by Woodbridge Little League

Game 1: WSLL defeated DTQ 7-1

Game 2: WSLL defeated Fort Hunt 6-3

Game 3: WSLL defeated South County 8-1

West Springfield Advances to Championship Bracket

Game 4: WSLL defeated Dale City 12-2

Game 5: WSLL defeated Fort Hunt 7-0

WEST SPRINGFIELD WINS DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

Virginia State Tournament Hosted by District 7, Poquoson Little League

Game 6: WSLL defeated Bennett's Creek (D6) 15-0

Game 7: WSLL defeated Bridgewater (D13) 11-0

Game 8: WSLL defeated Bedford (D2) 15-8

West Springfield Advances to Championship Bracket

Game 9: WSLL defeated Fleet Park (D8) 15-1

Game 10: WSLL lost to Loudoun South (D16) 3-2

CONGRATULATIONS TO WEST SPRINGFIELD VIRGINA STATE TOURNAMENT SEMI-FINALISTS















































2022 9-11 All Star Team



Everette Arp
Ryan Dunham
Zachary Dyson
Ethan Fussell
Brian Jalbert
Donovan Kennedy



Ryan Mcallister Nicholas Niemi Ashton Saunders Wade Sheehan Jack Spitzer Landon Taliaferro

Manager: Matt Dyson

Coaches: Craig Kennedy, Brian Taliaferro























★ ★ 2022 District 9 Champions ★ ★





2022 8-10 All Star Team



Isaac Achoki Cameron Bettini Ryan Gallagher Evan Gill Jaithin Landau Joseph Mielcarek



James Navarro
Blake Price
Alexander Rees
Connor Ridge
Cole Smith
Kohen Williams

Manager: John Mielcarek

Coaches: Corey Price, Chris Bettini





* * * * * 2022 All Stars * * * *

2022 District Nine & Va State Tournament



District 9 Tournament Hosted by DTQ Little League

Game 1: WSLL defeated DTQ 15-7

Game 2: WSLL defeated Central Springfield 12-1

Game 3: WSLL defeated Fort Hunt 6-1

Game 4: WSLL defeated Fort Hunt 10-0

WEST SPRINGFIELD
WINS DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

Virginia State Tournament Hosted by District 2, Lynchburg Little League

Game 5: WSLL lost to Vienna (D4) 6-5

Game 6: WSLL defeated Abington (D1) 19-3

West Springfield Advances to Championship Bracket

Game 7: WSLL defeated York County (D7) 6-0

Game 8: WSLL defeated Broadway (D3) 3-2

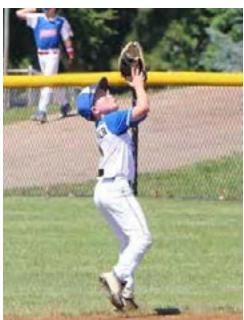
Game 9: WSLL lost to Tuckahoe (D5) 9-3

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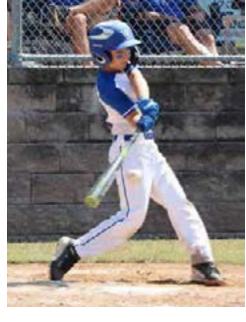










































2022 Intermediate All Star Team



Mason Beaver
Calvin Benson
Cooper Benyo
James Burch
Abdelhaleem El-Yacoubi
James Fuller
Liam McConachy



Manager: Adam Melis Coaches: Mike Benyo, Jeff Burch Micah Melis Zachary Norris Brady Novitske Dylan Schettenhelm Matthew Sjurset Scott Warlick

















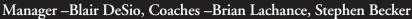






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Kyle Becker
James DeSio
Colin Heim
Eli Horrigan
Jonah Howard
Bowen Lachance
Daniel Leahy
Robert Lent
Luke O'Connor
Blake Phillips
Knox Wester





Manager - Ken Anderson, Coaches - Chris Alba, Santiago Navarro



Ethan Alba
Elijah Anderson
Jase Garrett
Camryn Jordan
Felix Liu
Keller Lyboldt
Gabriel McDonald
Lucas Navarro
Charles Olivieri
Daniel N Olivieri
Luca Pardo
Luke Schmitt



Blaine Alsbaugh
Roshan Desai
Ryan Fournier
Robert Miles Grass
Jackson Herring
Max McMahon
David StClair
William Tobin
Ryker Wessmiller
Leo Yarmolovich
Devin Zamfino









Curtiss Berry
Liam Bevan
Nathaniel Chittim
Zachary Clark
Guillermo Monterrosa
George Mulligan
Charles Murphy
Jonah Perry
Daniel Rubinstein
Joseph Scaman
Luke Sinclair
Bryson Turner



Manager - Daniel Murphy, Coach - Christopher Mulligan



Manager – Jay Carlson, Coaches – Michael Brownfield, Shelley Pleva



Ryan Barcklow
Tanner Bennett
Lucas Brownfield
Micah Carlson
Nicholas Fussell
John Keim
Noah Lopez
Graham Meixner
Paxton Metz
John Niemi
Luke Pleva





Manager - William Rees, Coaches - Daniel Purkey, Kyle Murdock



Edward Connelly
Mason Herbert
Owen Herbert
Chase Karow
Owen Murdock
Gideon Nichols
Edwin Purkey
Jacob Rees
William Walter
Grant Weber
Ian Williams





Evan Assaraf
Joseph Bartholomew
Reid Bartholomew
Jasper Benner
Summer Benson
Travis Chen
Fionn Garrigan
William Hanni
Kristopher Howard
Tyler Sherman
Joshua Vtipil
Zachary Woo



Manager – Aaron Woo, Coaches – Andy Sherman, Barbara Benson



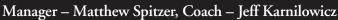
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Michael Bostwick
Ryan Bury
Daniel Esposito
Grayson Fank
Samuel Flores
Matthew Greenberg
Joshua Lopez Lopez
John Mulcahy
Niccolo Spataro
William Young





Manager - Marco Flores, Coaches - Jordan Greenberg, Richard Spataro







Asher Cameron
Carmella Dorazio
Robert Falconi
Callen Harris
Jameson Horner
Anna Karnilowicz
Benjamin Petouvis
Declan Richards
Reagan Spitzer
Drew Thibeault
Samuel Warbel





Manager - Carlos Marroquin, Coaches - Evan Thaler, Leland Waldrup, Ryan Wheeler



William Barlow
Henry Butler
Bodhi Calland
Reve Charon
Noah Jones
David Lee
Charles Marroquin
Alexander Mellin
Samuel Strawn
Wesley Thaler
Leland Waldrup





Joseph Jackson Balskus
Ethan Benson
Aiden Brown
Peter Cater Caporale
Abel Edlefsen
Sebastian Myers-Ward
Oliver Rodriguez
Grant Rooney
Alexander Senatore
Jacob Sisler
Jonah Stewart
John Wiley



Manager –Tim Stewart



Hunter Bradley
Jake Conques
Nathaniel DeAngelis
William Hersh
Brady Nguyen
Curtis Petersen
Sofia Petersen
Quinn Tran-Reisman
Calen Trupo
Fletcher Whitaker
Ansel Withrow





Manager - Mark Bradley, Coaches - Bryan DeAngelis, Tony Conques























































WSLL @ Nat's Park '22





























₽ Single A ₽



Manager - John Ellison, Coaches - Dusty Turner, Robert James



Nico Block
Harrison Collmus
Henry Ellison
Joseph Gonzalez
Brett Herron
Liam James
Levi Mecklenburger
Jack Miller
Eli Perez
Zachary Schumacher
Nicholas Smith
Reese Turner



Manager - Justin Draheim, Coach - Ryan Key



Jacob Barlow
Luke Barron
Jay Colleli
Royce Draheim
Josh Fila
Leighton Hollingshead
Jeremy Key
Nathan Key
Robert George Kovack
Nathan Mahoney
William Strawn
Henry Wille

Po Single A Po



Jackson Dowdle
Phillip Hughes
Theodore Huh
Samuel Jarratt
Adrian Jordan
Everett Kim
Gabriel Myers-Ward
Theodore Oh
Calder ORourke
Connor Parsons
Jonah Shpall
Kaden Wentzel



Manager - Addam Jordan, Coaches - Christopher Jarratt, Rachael Myers-Ward



William Castan
Casey Damich
Mark Freeman
Edmund Giambastiani
Alexander Gogats
Victor Lescovitz
Noah Malik
Emmett Meixner
Hunter Ridge
Vincent Rodrigo
Henry Urso





Manager - Victor Lescovitz, Coach - Joseph Rodrigo

R Single A R







Abram Barker
Owen Black
Owen Erickson
Harrison Graves
Evan Hernandez
Adam Hirsch
Elias Issa
Avery Occhiogrosso
Sebastian Occhiogrosso
Theodore Prout
Adalynn Walter
Michael Wooten







Gabriel Castonguay
Gabriel Chan
Robert Collins
Paisley Evans
Maddox Fossum
Emmett Hood
Benjamin Hopkins
Casey Howell
Luke Martin
Luke Pasquino
Nicholas Telleria
Garrett White

Single A



Declan Bell
Landon Clark
Aidan Cyre
Matthew Denaro
Bradley Ketchum
Ross Klingensmith
David Rhea
Jackson Roth
Paul Giuseppe Sanchez
Beckett Siraguse
Clemente Smothers





Manager - Brett Ketchum, Coach - Anthony Sanchez



Calvin Bruzek
Aidan Burke
Caleb Clark
Micah Clark
Sean Groves
Connor Haynes
Kyle Hulen
Peter Isaac
Alexander Jones
Mateo Pardo
Joseph Woytcke





Manager - Joel Clark, Coaches - Anthony Hulen, Brett Groves, Lisa Jones

Po Single A Po







Odai Abu Shariah
Liam Clancy
Zachary Duos
Rhys Karns
Jacob Kelly
Theodore McKenzie
Winston Morgan
Maxwell Pera
Aiden Pierce
Jack Stone
Miles Suber
Altay Uhing



Manager – David Lee, Coaches – Davis Hackenberg, Dedric Mortelmans, Joe Nielsen



Jacob Beard
Cash Cain
Tyson Cullen
Tobias Gahm
Emmett Hackenberg
Calvin Henry
Aiden Kofman
Amy Lee
Connor Martinez
Gavin Mortelmans
Richard Nielsen
Weston Ramos

Po Single A Po



Ronald Ball III
Jack Bristol
Lucas Campbell
Jonathan Dorazio
William Guthrie
Collin Miller
Toby Miller
Edward Norris
Rhys Spitzer
Riley Ward
Aiden Yi





Manager - Jacob Norris, Coaches - David Dorazio, Matthew Spitzer



Tiegan Anthony
Wilson Brideau
Andy Ferrufino
Avi Hall
Freddy Hall
Lilee Mason
Olwam Mason
James McCullough
Claudia Mulkerrin
Rory O'Connor
Ted Ohba
Liam Taylor



Manager - Seamus O'Connor, Coach - JP Ohba



















































































Behind the Plate

















Par Tee Ball Par







Grant Amsterdam
Brody Bechtel
Angel Garces Jr.
William Mulcahy
Johnny Mulkerrin
Joshua Schulman
Kyle von Kattengell
Jackson Williams
Roger York





Manager -Luke Owen



Luca Bly
Ethan Heim
Neylah Malik
Harrison Owen
Henry Scarborough
Greyson Singer
Matthew Tarwacki
Michael Tarwacki
Wyatt Willoughby



₽ Tee Ball ₽



Jackson Brueggen
Henry Busch
Adam Caprio
Owen Dalecki
Maxwell Hagemeier
Colby Harris
Nathaniel Jessup
Hannah Paffett
Asa Withrow









August Borkenhagen
Dominic Fusaro
Kinsman Herring
Silas Marposon
James Marsh
William Parsons
Vincent Salzano
Jacob Smith
Benjamin Suter
Breyer Young



Manager –Daniel Marposon



₽ Tee Ball ₽







Luke Gonzalez
Henry Grogan
Jacob Harrington
Zack Jeran
Ava Karow
Colin Kelso
Hannah Mecklenburger
Mason Shim
Bridge Smith
Mateo Tamez
T. Aodhan Toomey





Manager - Michael Chunn, Coach - Spencer Joyner



Lucas Aparicio
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David Sisler
Jackson Smith
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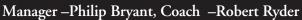


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Daniel Bowers
Thaddeus Bryant
Elijah Ferrin
Miles Landry
Jaden Lopez
Ian Pousinho
Calen Pryber
Robert Ross
Max Ryder









Rose Carlon
Joseph Croce
Ryan Denardo
Connor Farrell
Levi Fryman
Liam Herbert
Lincoln Kemp
Cameron Maydak
Xavier Perez



Manager - Mark Maydak, Coach - Stephen Carlon

























































Just a Little Boy

He stands at the plate with heart pounding fast.

The bases are loaded; the die has been cast.

Mom and Dad cannot help him, he stands all alone.

A hit at this moment would send the team home.

The ball meets the plate; he swings and he misses.

There's a groan from the crowd,

With some boos and some hisses.

A thoughtless voice cries: "Strike out the bum."

Tears fill his eyes; game's no longer fun.

So open your heart and give him a break.

For it's moments like this, a man you can make.

Keep this in mind when you hear someone forget.

He's just a little boy and not a man yet.





























































WSLL Standings 2022

2022 WSLL Spring Season

AA					
Team	GP	\mathbf{W}	${f L}$	T	PCT
Pirates	11	10	0	1	0.955
Orioles	10	8	1	1	0.850
Royals	11	7	3	1	0.682
Nationals	10	7	3	0	0.700
Rockies	12	6	6	0	0.500
Angels	10	4	5	1	0.450
Mets	10	4	6	0	0.400
A's	10	4	6	0	0.400
Dodgers	12	4	8	0	0.333
Yankees	12	3	8	1	0.292
Phillies	10	2	7	1	0.250
Red Sox	10	2	8	0	0.200
AAA					
Team	GP	W	L	T	PCT
Nationals	13	11	2	0	0.846
Royals	14	10	4	0	0.714
Red Sox	12	9	1	2	0.833
Mets	15	7	6	2	0.533
Dodgers	13	6	6	1	0.500
Orioles	13	6	7	0	0.462
Angels	13	5	6	2	0.462
Yankees	13	3	7	3	0.346
Phillies	13	3	10	0	0.231
Pirates	13	1	12	0	0.077
Majors					
Team	GP	\mathbf{W}	L	T	PCT
Nationals	12	11	1	0	0.917
Phillies	13	10	3	0	0.769
Royals	13	9	4	0	0.692
Dodgers	12	8	4	0	0.667
Angels	12	7	5	0	0.583
Red Sox	12	6	6	0	0.500
Mets	12	5	7	0	0.417
Pirates	12	4	8	0	0.333
Yankees	12	1	11	0	0.083
Orioles	12	0	12	0	0.000



WSLL Presidents and Outstanding Volunteers

WSLL Presidents
1972Charlie Clark
1973 – 1974Fran Greehan
1975 - 1978Vince Coppola
1979 – 1980John Bashore
1981Lou Davis
1982 - 1983John Kittelberger
1984 - 1987Jerry Stephens
1988 – 1989Frank McGann
1990 – 1991Bob Hafer
1992 – 1995Mike Olsavsky
1996 - 1997Tom Harper
1998 - 2000Eddie Garretson
2001 – 2002John Polcari
2003 - 2009Steve Gillingham
2010 - 2013Greg Adams
2014 - 2015Craig Stine
2016 – 2018Ron Zabko



2019 - 2022Mike Warbel

John Monaco – George Pedersen WSLL Volunteers of the Year

****	EE VOIDINGOIS OF THE TOUR
1996	Tony Musco
1997	Sharon Sneed
1998	John Monaco
1999	Rick Muehleib, Sharon Deplitch
2000	Bill Snyder
2001	Carrie Greg, Mitch Evans
2002	John Burns , Debi & Norm Kisendaffer George Pedersen
2003	George Pedersen, Dave Frazier
2004	Mike Fountain, Nancee Driscoll Mike Perez, Jerry Park
2005	Doug Wooddell, Ric Herrmann Keith Klindworth
2006	(none)
2007	Leon Debolt
2008	Craig Copeland
2009	Ron Myers, Craig Copeland Mark Winslow
2010	Mark Winslow
2011	Mark Winslow
2012	Amie Adams and Mike Zerbo
2013	Kevin Kurland & Scott Dias
2014	Allen Judkiewicz
2015	Shawn James
2016	Amie & Greg Adams Beau Rennert, Shannon Matheny
2017	Shawn James, Ralph Yates
2018	Ed Cotto, Heather Crocetto Rob Pelletier
2019	Todd Harding, John Mielcarek Al Beyer
2020	Adam Melis
2021	Mike Williams, Dave Pollack, Shelley & Todd Haley
2022	Craig Kennedy, Tom O'Connor

₽ 5 Tee ₽







Janssiel Alburquerque
Campbell Conley
James Fox
Luke Groves
Benjamin Lewis
Lori Miller
Matthew Page
Bradley Rossi





Manager – Matt Schettenhelm



Everett Cantone
Benjamin Eason
Lucas Freeman
Baxter Jacobs
Owen Jones
Rhys ORourke
Will Schettenhelm



₽ 5 Tee ₽



Leandre Anthony Jr
Luke Horrigan
Samuel Lescovitz
James Miles
Owen Myers
Reece Smith
Elise Tran-Reisman









Brantley Clark
Graham Evans
Braden Horner
Taylor Roth
Teddy Ruocco
Jordan Schulman
Lachlan Yang



Manager - Adam Evans, Coach - Justin Roth



₽ 5 Tee ₽





Axel Anderson Addison Bettini Griffin Forbes Wesley Fowler Gregory Malejko Oliver Moeller Matthew Roark







Manager – Kyle Graumann, Coach – Nick Carr



Julian Bragg Niall Brideau Theodore Cafferky Hannah Carr John Grambow Davis Graumann Michael Rodman





















































Special Thanks to Our WSLL Umpires!

This year 73 individuals umpired this season, 50 of whom were youth umpires, easily the largest league-based umpire association in this area. They covered approximately 340 games, the vast majority of which were staffed by two or more umpires.

Our out of league assignments also reflected the respect our umpires have earned, as we were tasked with umpiring by far the most D-9 district and fun tournament games. To top it off, five W. Springfield umpires were selected for the Virginia 9-11 state tournament, joining umpires from throughout the area, by far the most from any league.





























Fun Tournament '22 10 - 12's





Manager - Nhan Ho, Coaches - Bruce Terry, Benny Sayasithsena

Blue Devils

David Allcroft
Jason Antisdel
Samuel Chiappetta
Stanley Carroll
Kyle Hemmerdinger
Ethan Ho
Drew Logan
William Paul
Xavier Pomales
Vincent Sayasithsena
Drew Stickel
Robert Terry
Griffin Wagner



Boltz

Josef Alstatt
Benjamin Bradford
Rexton Edlefsen
Jack Foote
Noah Johnston
Declan Mortelmans
Jackson Occhiogrosso
Lucas Paffett
Tyler Paffett, Jr.
Drew Page
Teague Schneider
Benjamin Shumann





Manager - Tyler Paffett, Coaches - KC Bradford, Bryan Schneider





Fun Tournament '22 10 – 12's

Brave

Elias Benner **Gabriel Neely Evan Clark Alastair Norris** Thomas Feige Ian Norris **Patrick Griffin Matthew Jones** Jacob Kemp Matthew Kockler Kaleb Wisner



Gavin Novitske Logan Waggoner Maximus Watson Luke Marposon

Manager - Dan Marposon, Coaches - Jim Kockler, Ralph Neely, Brandon "Griff" Griffin

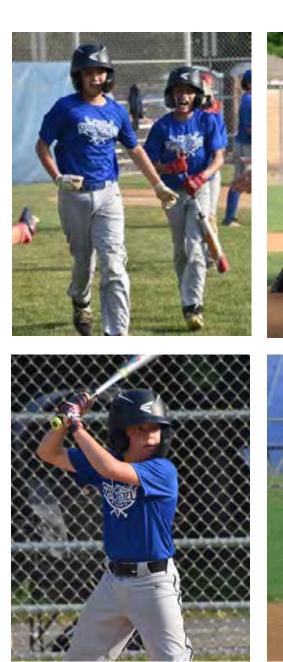
Hydrators

Hunter Benson Franklin Brenholt Caleb Carlson William Carlson Jacob Ferreira Michael Ferreira Ryan Goodman **Connor Graham Riley Guenther Hunter Hackbarth** Joshua Melendez **Grayson Nye Diego Smothers**





Manager – Mike Brenholt, Coaches – Scott Benson, Mike Nye, Jay Ferreira, Myron Goodman, Jay Carlson

































Fun Tournament '22 8-10 's





Manager - Craig Kennedy, Coaches - Andrew Croce, Jeremy Prohaska, Luke Smith

2022 8-10 District 9 Fun Tournament Champions

Manager - Vinnie Balzotti, Coaches - Jerry Brumbaugh, Joey Tinsley

Byron Bros 2.0

Jacob Croce
Hayden Darwin
Cameron Dyson
Jack Harding
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Hunter Kennedy
Brandon Moore
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Wyatt Balzotti
Benjamin Berona
Joshua Berona
Zachary Brown
Landon Brumbaugh
Ryan Cosgrove
Zakareeya El-Yacoubi
Jack Jung
Blake Phillips
Wesley Phillips
David StClair
Cole Tinsley





Fun Tournament '22 8 – 10's

Fireballs

William Barlow Alex Davila William Hanni **Alex Harris Callen Harris Drew Krehnbrink Paxton Ray** Sam Shumann Lucas Roche Sam Warbel Ian Williams





Fire Knights

Jasper Benner **Asher Cameron** Nathaniel DeAngelis **Sean Groves** Jonah Howard David Lee Sebastian Occhiogrosso William Ramos Luke Schmitt **Drew Thibeault Grant Weber** Devin Zamfino





Manager - Mike Warbel, Coaches -Allen Harris, Brent Harris, Geoff Roche



Manager - Jay Occhiogrosso, Coaches -Brian DeAngelis, Brett Groves, David Lee

Fun Tournament '22 8 – 10's





Manager - Jeffrey Snow, Coaches - John Barclow, Jay Carlson

Manager- Cesar Rodriguez, Coach - Rick Spataro

Raptors

Ryan Barcklow
Micah Carlson
Grayson Frank
Jase Garrett
Robbie Lent
Joshua Lopez
Gabe McDonald
Guillermo Monterrosa
Jonah Perry
Alex Snow
Parker Williams



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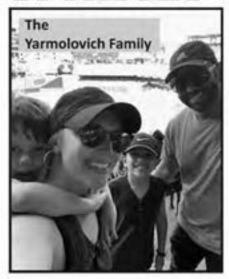
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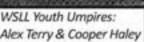




Delegate Kathy Tran with the 1A Athletics



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Steve Jones, with his sponsored teams the AAA Angels (left) and the Majors Royals (bottom right)











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Samuel Figueroa
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James Fuller
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Sebastian Spring
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INTERMEDIATE BLUE

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Jo Encinia
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Intermediate Division



INTERMEDIATE GRAY

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Calvin Benson
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Abdelhaleem El-Yacoubi
Kenshin Martyak
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Brady Novitske
Dylan Schettenhelm
Daven Tran-Reisman
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Collin Wilder



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Regular Season Champions

Majors Regular Season Champion: Nationals 2nd Place: Phillies 3rd Place: Royals AAA Regular Season Champion: Nationals 2nd Place: Red Sox 3rd Place: Royals

AA Regular Season Champion: Pirates 2nd Place: Orioles 3rd Place: Royals Intermediate Division Champion: Blue

Post Season Champions

Majors Post Season Tournament Champion: Phillies Runner-up: Dodgers

AAA Post Season Tournament A Champion: Royals Runner-up: Mets AA Post Season Tournament A Champion: Pirates Runner-up: Rockies A Post Season Tournament A Champion: Angels Runner-up: Yankees Intermediate Division Tournament Champion: Black Runner-up: Gray

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I will respect the decisions of the umpires

I will praise a good effort despite the outcome of the game

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