

# Penn Corp wins ASA State Major title

DES MOINES — After 20 years of frustration, Penn Corp has brought the Iowa Amateur Softball Association men's fast-pitch softball championship to Sioux City for the third time in six years.

Sunday, Penn Corp whipped Kent Feeds of Waterloo twice to claim the 1989 ASA State Major title at

## Fast-pitch softball

Birdland Park here.

PC defeated Kent Feeds in the winners bracket final, 5-3, then blanked the Waterloo club in the title game, 6-0.

Penn Corp pitchers Jimmy Seaman and Pete Sandman were named to the all-tournament team, along with Marty Kernaghan and Randy Burnside.

Seaman, who struck out 17 batters in a 5-0 one-hitter against Sully Saturday, fanned 12 more batters and allowed just two hits in Sunday's

championship game and was named the tournament's most valuable pitcher.

ASA officials did not select a most valuable player, although Kernaghan, Burnside and Steve Kerian

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of Penn Corp would have been the three hands-down finalists for the award.

Kernaghan had seven hits in four tourney games, Kerian six and Burnside five, including his 24th homer of the season, a grand slam against Des Moines General Construction Friday night.

The triumph gave Penn Corp an automatic berth in the ASA national tournament in Midland, Mich., Sept. 8-17.

Penn Corp finished eighth in the ASA national tournament last year and consecutive runner-up finishes in the national competition in 1986 and 1987.

The championship was Penn Corp's third in three tries since 1984 when it defeated the Des Moines Bombers in the final, 4-3. The '84 crown was the

first by a Sioux City team since Gibson Appliance reigned in 1964.

Penn Corp also won the State Major in 1986. The insurancemen did not play in the 1985-87-88 state tournaments because of automatic qualification to either regional and national tournaments.

Sandman was the winning pitcher in the 5-3 win over Kent Feeds, striking out three in five innings. He allowed two runs and four hits before being relieved by Seaman in the sixth. Seaman allowed a hit and a run and also struck out three.

Kerian had three hits, including a three-run home run in the third. Kernaghan doubled twice and drove in a run, while Roland Maier laced a double and single.

Kerian's homer was his 14th of the season, while Kernaghan has 23, including one against Sully. Trent Rubley now has 16 home runs this season.

The championship romp was

highlighted by Brad Dodge's first home run of the season, a three-run shot off Dan Wakefield in the fourth inning.

Dodge's home run was the 100th round-tripper of the season for Penn Corp.

Rubley and Kerian each rifled RBI doubles in the victory that raised Penn Corp's record to 76-22.

Gary Hutchins, who pitched a no-hitter for third-place Harrelson Motors of Moline, Ill., in the 1966 International Softball Congress (ISC) World Tournament, was the losing pitcher in the first game Sunday for Kent Feeds.

Kent Feeds, Mason City Poodle/Budweiser and Fleck's/Miller of Cedar Rapids finished second, third and fourth and qualified for the ASA Mid-America regional tournament in St. Joseph, Mo., Labor Day weekend.

In the biggest upset of the tournament, Fleck's/Miller defeated second-seeded Des Moines Metros 5-4 in

a losers bracket game Sunday when Steve Calvert socked a grand slam home run in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Penn Corp, the reigning ISC world champion, opens defense of its title in Kimberly, Wis., Saturday night at 8 o'clock against the winner of a Friday game in Kimberly matching the Denmark (Wis.) Dukes and the Stittsville, Ontario, Canadians.

Sioux City's other entry in the ASA State Major, Business Insurors, of Iowa, plays American Scrap Metal of Tucson, Ariz., in its first ISC World Tournament game Saturday at 1:15 p.m.

The Des Moines Metros, winners of the Ne-Ia-Kota ISC travel league in which BII plays, faces the Tulsa Firebirds in their first game in Kimberly Friday night.

The other Iowa team in the ISC, Cedar Rapids Teleconnect, the 1987 champ, plays its first game next Sunday afternoon.