

1970 State Tournament at Des Moines - Birdland Park

1. Cedar Rapids Welty Way - Jerry Ralfs, Bob Moore,
2. Webster City Merchants - Dean Olson, Gene Olson,
3. Des Moines La Pizza House - Don Bailey, Dale Belcher,
4. Clear Lake Butt'r Topp - Dick Thenhaus,
5. Des Moines J & B Tap - Don Flisher, Diaz,
6. Sully Plumbing - Ken Steffen, Larry Hendricks,
7. Cherokee Hamm's Beer - Bob Brady,
8. Cedar Rapids Happitime - Jim Young, Leon Calkins, Mike Lamphier, Bob Mathews,
9. Dedham Southsiders - Elmer Hoffman, Glen Nelson,

Finals:

Season Records: Clear Lake 38-15 with Thenhaus 25-5; CR Welty 43-12;

DM LaPizza 52-12 and City Champ; Dean Olson 32-7; Brady 35-9; Flisher 20-3;

Cedar Falls Larry Lange Ford not playing in state tournament because of automatic spot in regional tournament as Defending Regional Champion;

1971 State Tournament at Ames - River Valley Park

1. Cedar Rapids Welty Way - Rich Stephen, Jerry Ralfs,
2. Ida Grove Gomaco - Gene Knop, Ron Peterson, Bruce Brock, Johnson,
3. Keokuk Daily Gate City - Dan Winking, Myer,
4. Ames Safari-Cave Inn - Gene Olson, Darrell Damman,
5. Sioux City Pittsburgh Paint - Leroy Carlson,
6. Cedar Rapids King's Concrete - Howard Sears, Bob Burns, Dave Crane,
7. Cherokee Hamm's Beer - Bob Brady,
8. Des Moines La Pizza House - Jesse Valdez, Dean Scheurs, Phil Diaz,
9. Davenport Parris Tap - Dick Hillebrand, Pete Lehmann,
10. Clear Lake Butt'r Topp - Dick Thenhaus, Dallas Slagle, Charlie Weiss,
11. Ackley Merchants - Dallas Diemer, Bob Murra,
12. Des Moines Metro Realty - Tom Poston, Dale Belcher,

Finals: CR Welty 7, Ida Grove 0 as Stephen threw a 2-hitter with 15 K;

Stephen was unscored upon in the tournament;

Ackley lost to Ames 4-0 on Gene Olson's no-hitter in 1st round; Ackley lost to DM LaPizza 2-0 on 1-hitter by Valdez.

*All-Tourney team listing*

1972 State Tournament at Des Moines - Bomber Park

1. Clear Lake Butt'r Topp - Dallas Slagle, Lance Dreesman, Charlie Weiss,
2. Webster City Merchants - Larry Cheyne, Andy Yates, Terry Wells,
3. Des Moines Bombers - Dean Olson, Gene Olson,
4. Des Moines La Pizza House - Jesse Valdez, Dean Schreurs, Taylor,
5. Ottumwa Local Pl - Schooley, Dodson, Davis,
6. Cedar Rapids East Side Maidrite - Dave Wegmann, Ron Findley, Mike Lamphier,  
Jack Larson,
7. Cherokee Hamm's Beer - Bob Brady, Leroy Carlson, Darwin DeVries,
8. Ida Grove Gomaco - Steve Palmer, Gene Knop,
9. Des Moines C & P Vending - Dick Thenhaus, Ron Fillman,
10. Des Moines Merchants - Tom Poston, Dale Belcher,

Finals: Clear Lake 6, Webster City 3 as Slagle threw a 7-hitter; Clear Lake forced the second championship game after beating Webster City 6-5 in first championship game as Dreesman, Weiss, and Slagle combined on an 8-hitter; Webster City knocked Clear Lake in loser's bracket with a 3-1 victory in the finals of the winner's bracket;

Clear Lake beat DM La Pizza 6-0 on Slagle 2-hitter; beat Ida Grove 8-2 on Slagle 3-hitter; beat CR Maidrite 10-0 on Dreesman 1-hitter before loss to Webster City. In finals of loser's bracket, Slagle beat DM Bombers 7-0 on no-hitter.

1971 state champion, Cedar Rapids Welty Way, not in state tournament field because of automatic spot in national tournament as Defending National Champion.

1973 State Tournament at Des Moines - Bomber Park

1. Des Moines Bombers - Dean Olson, Don Flisher,
2. Cedar Rapids Welty Way - Will Gaffner, Jack Larson, Jim Sovereign,
3. Ida Grove Gomaco - Gene Knop, Gene Olson,
4. Webster City Merchants - Andy Yates, Terry Wells,
5. Clear Lake Butt'r Topp - Dave Suby, Dallas Slagle,
6. Ottumwa Miller High Life Beer - Schooley, Dodson, David,
7. Ames Palmas Restaurant - Stan Oppedal, Dave Temple, Hanson,
8. Sioux City Soos - Leroy Carlson, Steve Brittain, Bob Brady,
9. Des Moines Merchants - Tom Poston, Dale Belcher, Don Bailey,
10. Des Moines C & P Vending - Jerry Sands,
11. Keokuk Daily Gate City - Dan Winking, Taylor,
12. Cedar Rapids Pilchers Auto - Dick Larson, Dick Burns, Dan Wegmann,
13. Mason City Poodle Club - Dennis Prohaski, Olson, Peterson,

Finals:

Pre-tournament records: Clear Lake 58-22; Ida Grove 53-14; CR Welty 62-15;  
Keokuk 49-8; Ottumwa 58-13; DM Bombers 74-18; MC 36-12; DM Merchants,  
city champs in 1972 & 1973, 36-11; SC 52-13;  
Carlson pitching in his 29th state tournament.

1974 State Tournament at Cedar Rapids - Ellis Park

1. Des Moines Bombers - Dean Olson, Don Flisher,
2. Cedar Rapids Welty Way - Al Rausch, Will Gaffner, Milo Gaffner,
3. Clear Lake Butt'r Topp - Dallas Slagle, Lance Dreesman,
4. Cedar Rapids Gohmann Realtors - Jack Larson, Dick Larson, Dick Klein,
5. Ames Merchants - Gene Knop, Gus Guydon, Dave Temple,
6. Des Moines Dragons - Harry Briscoe, Dick Johnson, Bud Collins,
7. Ames Palmas Restaurant - Gene Olson, Stan Oppedal,
8. Cedar Rapids East Side Maidrite - Denny Drahozal, Dave Wegmann,
9. Sioux City Wigmans - Phil Barschuk, Gary Gevik, Buskek,
10. Des Moines C & P Vending - Jerry Sands, Jesse Valdez,
11. Des Moines Reames - Ron Fillman, Don Bailey, Dale Belcher,
12. Keokuk Daily Gate City - Kent Wildrick, Dan Winking,
13. Sioux City Gene's Tavern - Ken VanderZwagg, Leroy Carlson,

Finals:

Dean Olson and Jack Larson named co-Most Valuable Pitchers; CR Welty's Steve Andrew named Most Valuable Player.

DM Bombers were 68-14 coming into tourney;

First time since 1948 state tournament played in Cedar Rapids.

1975 State Tournament at Cedar Rapids - Welty Way Park

1. Clear Lake Butt'r Topp - Dallas Slagle, Gene Knop,
2. Sioux City Gene's Tavern - Ken VanderZwagg, John Ege,
3. Des Moines C & P Vending - Jerry Sands, Gus Guydon, Jesse Valdez,
4. Des Moines Bombers - Dean Olson, Don Flisher,
5. Cedar Rapids Welty Way - Greg Bosch, Al Rausch, Denny Linderbaum,
6. Cedar Rapids Collins Radio - Jack Larson, Dick Larson,
7. Des Moines Reames Noodles - Gene Olson,
8. Ottumwa Miller High Life Beer - Terry Schooley, Larry Dodson,
9. Des Moines Merchants - Mike Clark, Dale Belcher, Jim Sovereign,
10. Keokuk Ozarks - Dan Winking, Ed Mc Millan,
11. Sioux City Northwetsern National Bank - Mark Millage, Leroy Carlson,
12. Ames Palmas Restaurant - Dave Temple,
13. Ames Hardees Restaurant - Gary Knutson, Larry Renshaw,

Finals:

Clear Lake beat CR Welty 7-4, CR Collins 4-2, DM C & P 9-3, & SC Gene's 5-1 before championship game. Vander Zwagg named Most Valuable Pitcher; Clear Lake shortstop Bob Sturges named Most Valuable Player.. Slagle pitched 3 wins and Knop beat DM C & P before finals.

Pre-tourney records: CR Welty 62-10; Dm Reames 56-16; DM Bombers 62-21; Ames Hardees 39-19; Clear Lake 63-18;

Vander Zwagg beat Bombers twice in tourney by scores of 1-0 & 4-2.

Temple allowed only 7 hits in 4 substate games to win championship. DM Merchants substate champs; CR Collins defeated CR Welty twice in Major Open League season.

1976 State Tournament at Des Moines - Birdland Park

1. Cedar Rapids Collins - Jack Larson Denny Linderbaum, Dick Larson,
2. Des Moines Bombers - Dean Olson, Gene Olson, Bud Little,
3. Sioux City Siouxland Sports - Ken VanderZwagg, Bob Hoyt, Bob Brady,
4. Cedar Rapids Welty Way - Greg Bosch, Al Rausch,
5. Des Moines Reames Noodles - Jerry Sands, Gene Knop,
6. Clear Lake Butt'r Topp. - Craig Brown, Dallas Slagle,
7. Des Moines C & P Vending - Sy Forrester, Gus Guydon, Don Flisher,
8. Exira - Denteicher, Billmeyer, Nelson,
9. Ottumwa Local 74 - Bucher, Taylor,
10. Ames Palmas Restaurant - Dave Temple, Larry Renshaw,
11. Webster City Merchants - Andy Yates, Terry Wells,
12. Ottumwa Miller Beer - Terry Schooley, Larry Dodson,

Finals: CR 3, DM 1 as Linderbaum threw 3-hitter and hit solo home run.  
Before finals, Collins beat DM C & P 1-0 on Jack Larson 2-hitter; beat  
DM Bombers 4-2 on Linderbaum 4-hitter; beat DM Reames 2-1 on Dick Larson  
2-hitter; and beat SC Siouxland 4-3 on Jack Larson 6-hitter.

1977 State Tournament at Des Moines - Bomber Park

1. Cedar Rapids Modern Piping - Al Rausch, Greg Bosch,
2. Des Moines Bombers - Dean Olson, Gene Olson,
3. Clear Lake Butt'r Topp - Dale Root, Bob Moore,
4. Sioux City Sooland Sports - Steve Palmer, Bob Brady, Bob Hoyt,
5. Elkhart Truckers Insurance - Wayne Taylor, Gayln Johnson,
6. Cedar Rapids Collins - Denny Linderbaum, Dave Wegmann, Dick Larson,
7. Cedar Rapids Dain, Kahlman, & Quail - John Monroe, Pike,
8. Clear Lake Touristville Boats - Dave Schloemer, Roger Dickson,
9. Cresco Sovereign Grain - Jim Sovereign,
10. Cedar Rapids Kirby - Glen Fletcher, Dick Klein, Dick Thenhaus,
11. Des Moines GiGi's - Mike Clarke, Buddy Forrett, Don Flisher,
12. Sioux City Northwestern National Bank - Dennis Quade, Gene Knop,
13. Des Moines Reames - Dale Belcher, Jerry Sands, Tom Poston,
14. Ottumwa Miller High Life - Don Bailey,

Finals: CR , DM as Bosch threw 2-hitter with 11 K;

Bosch named Most Valuable Pitcher, throwing 16 innings with 29 K, allowing only 4 hits and winning 3 of the 4 CR victories.

Taylor threw a no-hitter vs. CR Kirby in 1st round, winning 3-0. Sovereign threw a no-hitter vs. CR Dain in 1st round, winning 1-0.

Tournament was delayed 3 times by rain and took nearly a week and a half to play.

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1. Clear Lake Butt'r Topp - Dale Root, Dallas Slagle,
2. Des Moines Bombers - Gene Knop, Don Keene, Mike Clarke, Bud Little,
3. Cedar Rapids Collins - Kyle Gaddie, Dick Larson, Jerry Ralfs,
4. Des Moines Gigi's - Dean Olson, Gene Olson,
5. Iowa City Halverson Construction - Dick Klein, Ron Schroeder,
6. Des Moines Reames Noodles - Phil Wilkinson, Denny Linderbaum,
7. Woolstock L & L Boosters - Andy Yates,
8. Cresco Sovereign Grain - Jim Sovereign,
9. Elkhart Truckers Insurance - Wayne Taylor, Terry Cory,
10. Sioux City Sooland Sports - Bob Brady,
11. Cedar Rapids Fosters - Dick Maahs, Bob Hoyt,
12. Winterset Merchants - Steve Corkerean,
13. Emmetsburg Stadium Lounge - Steve Nissen,
14. Bussey Merchants - Joe Ford,
15. Des Moines Henry J's - Don Flisher, Buddy Forrett,
16. Ackley Merchants - Bob Murra, Jerry Eberline,

Finals:

Root, with a record of 37-15, was named Most Valuable Pitcher.

Defending state champ, CR Modern Piping, was not in tournament field as they were the host team for the Regional tournament.

1979 State Tournament at Cedar Rapids - Ellis Park

1. Des Moines Bombers - Tony Hunhoff, Dean Olson, (Co-Champ)
- Cedar Rapids Modern Piping - Greg Bosch, Al Rausch, (Co-Champ)
3. Sully Plumbing & Heating - Abie Davis, Larry Hendricks,
4. Cresco Sovereign Grain - Jim Sovereign, Joe Wedeking,
5. Cedar Rapids Collins - Jerry Ralfs,
6. Des Moines Reames Noodles - Phil Wilkinson,
7. Kingsley Merchants - Darwin Devries,
8. Ames Palmas Restaurant -
9. Reasoner Merchants - Gary Beyer,
10. Cedar Rapids Stadium Lounge - George Steinke, Darrell Davis,
11. Des Moines Vitalis Truck Lines - Russ Hutchinson,
12. Cedar Rapids Foster's Heating -
13. Sioux City Gene's Tavern -
14. Eagle Grove Merchants - Joe Henderson, Wayne Eimers,
15. Elkhart Truckers Insurance - Wayne Taylor,
16. Bussey Merchants - Joe Ford,

Finals: Championship game cancelled because of tornado warnings in area.

Bosch named Most Valuable Pitcher; he threw a no-hitter with 14 K in a 2-0 win over Elkhart in 1st round;

1978 state champ, Clear Lake Butt'r Topp, not in tourney field with an automatic spot in regionals as defending regional champ.

Championship game was not rescheduled as tournament had been rain delayed by one weekend already. Since both teams advanced to the regional tourney at Omaha, a championship game was not necessary. CR won the coin flip as top-seede Iowa team for regionals.

Tom Peterson of DM Bombers named MV Player with .429 batting average.

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1. Clear Lake Butt'r Topp - Dale Root, Gene Olson, Dallas Slagle,
2. Cedar Rapids Modern Piping - Al Rausch, Greg Bosch,
3. Cedar Rapids Midwest Galleries - Gary Hutchins, Jim Koob,
4. Cresco Sovereign Grain - Jim Sovereign,
5. Des Moines Reames Noodles - Phil Wilkinson,
6. Sioux City Bavarian Haus - Pete Sandman,
7. Cedar Rapids Collins - Jerry Ralfs,
8. Orange City Pantry Cafe - Verlyn Fedders,
9. Marion Metros - Dick Maahs,
10. Des Moines Hamilton Funeral Home - Jerry Sands, Bob Santee,
11. Ankeny Classic - Gayln Johnson,
12. Sully Plumbing & Heating - Abie Davis, Larry Hendricks,
13. Bussey Merchants - Joe Ford,
14. Pella Cleats & Spikes - Darrell Bartling,
15. Altoona Moulton Painting - Graber, Carlson,
16. Mason City Budweiser-Poodle - Paul Nelson,

Finals:

Root named Most Valuable Pitcher; Steve Calvert, CR Modern catcher, named Most Valuable Player.

Rausch threw no-hitter vs. Clear Lake in quarterfinals, losing 1-0.

Bosch threw a 6-inning no-hitter vs. Ankeny