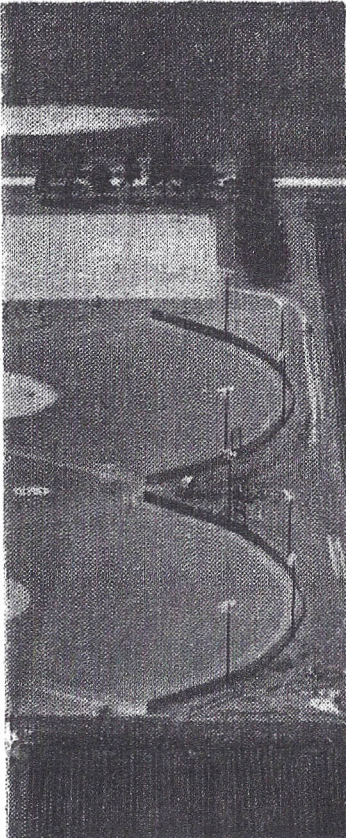


1971 Mid America Regional Tourney

Softball fans...have a ball!

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games will be played on the western (far) softball park. The other areas will be available for warmups. — Messenger Sportsphoto by Fred Larson.

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Sandy's 54-19 into meet

By **BOB BROWN**
Sports Editor

Sandy's Distributing of Fort Dodge makes its Mid-Central Regional softball tournament debut here tonight at Harlan Rogers park by facing L and L Lounge of St. Louis in the 9 p.m. contest.

In the first game tonight, at 7:30 p.m., Plantation Steakhouse of Topeka, Kan., the Kansas State champ, tangles with the Iowa State champion, Welty Way of Cedar Rapids.

Sandy's carries a record of 54-19 from a tough schedule into the tournament opener. They'll face a veteran hurler in Larry Sparks who has a 40-8 season's record. Sparks formerly pitched for Larry Lange Ford of Cedar Falls as he teamed with Richie Stephan to hurl the Iowa team to the Regional championship.

Dean Olson, who has healed from what could have been a tragic auto accident, will be doing the hurling for Sandy's. Olson has been easing back into form and last weekend he hurled five hitless innings in beating Substate winner Ackley.

Sandy's manager Dean Williams today announced his team's starting lineup. (Batting averages for the season are noted in parenthesis.)

Bob O'Leary, right field (.289); Daryl Hane, third base (.297); Bob Sturges, left field (.500); Roger Buddin, center field (.323); Phil Bretthauer, second base (.299); Nick Daniel, first base (.270); Denny Steffens, catcher, (.245); Jim Jansen, shortstop (.209); Dean Olson Pitcher (.232).

Olson and Andy Yates have carried the majority of the pitching load for Sandy's this season.

Olson has a 25-6 season's record. Among his victories are two no-hitters, 11 shutouts, eight one-hitters and seven two-hitters. Olson has a lowly 0.77 earned run average. He has given up 25 earned runs in his 210 1-3 innings of work. The veteran hurler has given up 85 hits, walked just 42 and whiffed 347 going into the tournament.

Yates has worked 191 innings and has a 1.26 ERA. He has one no-hitter this season and 10 shutouts along with four one-hitters and three two-hit jobs. Yates has fanned 196 and walked 20 in his 191 innings.

Other pitchers on the roster include Dean Olson's brother, Gene, and reactivated veteran Duke McCullough.

The team home run leader is Roger Buddin who has knocked 14 pitches out of the park this year. Daryl Hane has 12 four-ply jobs. Buddin

is the team leader in hits with 73 and tops the club in runs batted in with 54.

As a team Sandy's is hitting .256 and fielding .932.

The entire Sandy's roster for the tournament includes:

Dean Williams, manager-coach; Jack Manos, first base coach; Dean Olson, pitcher; Andy Yates, pitcher; Gene Olson, pitcher; Denny Steffens, catcher; Nick Daniel, first base; Phil Bretthauer, second base; Jim Jansen, shortstop; Daryl Hane, third base; Bob O'Leary, outfield; Roger Buddin, outfield-catcher; Bob Sturges, outfield-infield; Larry Johanson, outfield; Jim Georg, outfield; Mel Berryhill, infield; Jerry Kleigl, infield; Duke McCullough, pitcher-outfield.

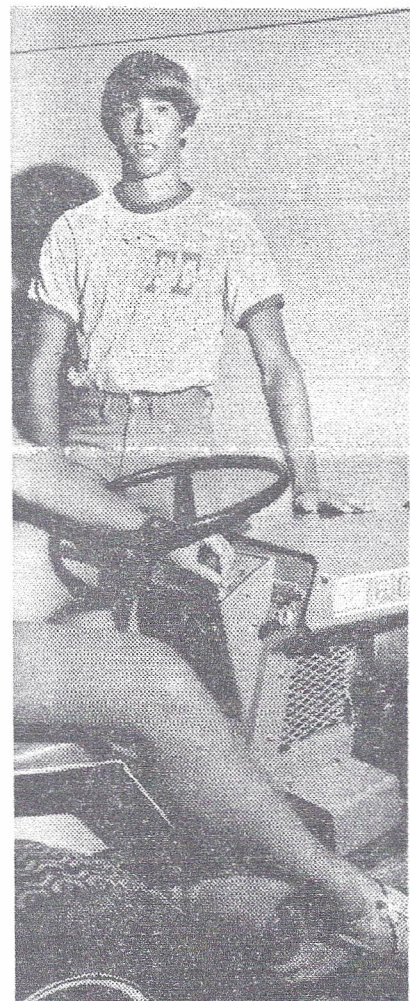
The winners of the Sandy's-L and L Lounge game advances into the quarterfinals to play the Kansas-Welty Way winner Sunday at 2 p.m. The loser goes into the losers' bracket and plays the Welty Way-Kansas loser in the 9 p.m. game Saturday.

In Saturday's action two first round games are slated for the afternoon with Gaslight Realty of Kansas City facing Roberts Skyline of Lincoln, Nebr., at 2 p.m. and Graham Buick of Omaha taking on Springfield News-Leader of Missouri in the 3:15 contest. The two losers bracket games take care of the night action Saturday.

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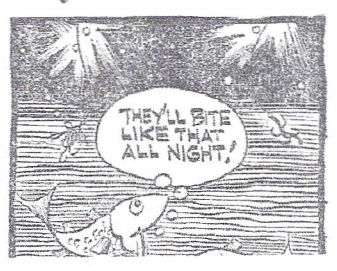
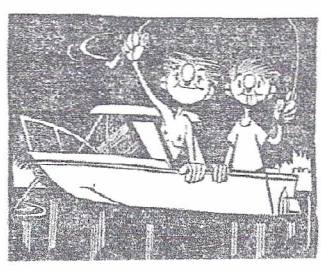
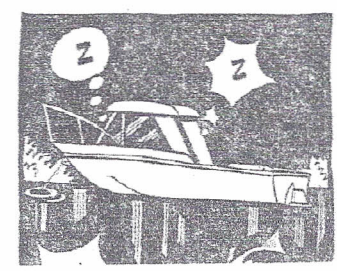


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facility. Seated in foreground is John Baldwin, a four-year veteran of the park's operation, and in the background John Harrell. — Messenger sportsphoto.

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By **Walt Ditzen**



On to the national

The Cedar Rapids Welty Way softball team poses with the championship Mid-Central Regional trophy. In front row, from left, are

Cliff Rice, John Muench, Dick Zuccato, Jerry Ralfs, manager Jim Caviness, Rich Stephen, Ed Williams, Doug Havlik, and Dale

Usher. In rear, from left, are Bob Timmons, Ray Sturm, Roger Aceto, Mike Palleon, sponsor Bob Welty, Gary Morrow, Dick

Tenhouse, Steve Andrew, Ed White and sponsor Roger Welty. — Messenger Sportsphoto.

Welty Way to Nationals

TOURNEY FACTS

Sunday's Games
(Winner's Bracket)
Kansas City Gaslight 6, Lincoln, Neb., Roberts Skyline 2
Springfield, Mo., News-Leader 6, Omaha Graham Buick 5
Springfield, Mo., News-Leader 3, Kansas City Gaslight 2
Cedar Rapids Welty Way 7, St. Louis L and L Lounge 3
Cedar Rapids Welty Way 3, Springfield, Mo., News-Leader 1
(Losers' Bracket)
Fort Dodge, Ia., Sandy's 7, Topeka Plantation 1
Omaha Graham Buick 7, Lincoln Roberts Skyline 2
St. Louis L and L Lounge 6, Omaha Graham Buick 1
Kansas City Gaslight 7, Fort Dodge Sandy's 5

Monday's Games
(Losers' Bracket)
St. Louis L and L Lounge 3, Kansas City Gaslight Realty 2
Springfield, Mo., News-Leader 4, St. Louis L and L Lounge 3 (10 Innings)
Championship Game
Cedar Rapids Welty Way 2, Springfield News-Leader 0

By DAVE STOCKDALE Ass't Sports Editor

Did it bother Welty Way pitcher Jerry Ralfs to have teammate Richie Stephen warming up in the seventh inning at Rogers Park last night?

"No, in fact I told him to warm up. It gives me confidence to know that Richie's ready to come in if I get in trouble," Ralfs said.

Ralfs' Welty Way teammates had just given him a 2-0 lead with a pair of runs in the bottom of the sixth

Welty Way, which had won the Iowa state championship in August, sailed through the tournament with an unbeaten 4-0 record. The Cedar Rapids team beat News-Leader for the second time, having stopped them 3-1 Sunday behind the pitching of Stephen.

The margin of victory came when Dick Zuccato hit a soft single over second base with Mike Palleon on second and Roger Aceto on third with both easily scoring on the hit. Zuccato, like Stephen a former all-world choice, had no balls and two strikes on him when he stroked the winning hit, one of four Welty Way got off the slants of losing pitcher Ken Williams.

"It was a breaking pitch of some kind," Zuccato said. "I was just trying to guard the plate with two strikes on me and I didn't swing hard."

Aceto had reached on second baseman Jim Maggi's error and Palleon was then hit on the foot by a pitch. They moved up a base on Steve Andrew's sacrifice bunt preceding Zuccato's game-winning hit.

Ralfs, 34, earlier in his career pitched Fleck's

most of the time," Ralfs said. "My ball was doing things tonight. I just used the rise for a strikeout."

Stephen got the other three Welty Way victories, one of them in relief. Ralfs started against L and L Lounge of St. Louis and gave up three runs in the first two frames before Stephen came in.

"I had my good stuff this time," Ralfs said, "the other night I couldn't get the drop working."

Springfield gained the championship game by beating St. Louis 4-3 in the afternoon on Don Marr's two-out homer in the 10th inning. St. Louis had eliminated Kansas City Gaslight Realty 3-2 in the first afternoon game.

Sandy's Distributing Co. of Fort Dodge bounced back from a 10-2 first round loss at the hands of St. Louis to beat Plantation Steak House of Topeka 7-1 behind the seven-hit pitching of Dean Olson. Roger Buddin homered for Sandy's in that one.

Gaslight Realty then withstood five Sandy's runs in the last two innings to eliminate the Fort Dodge team 7-5 later Sunday.

washed out the entire Saturday slate.

Attendance was good throughout the meet, officials reported. A near capacity crowd of 1,300 watched the final.

Welty Way now advances to the national tournament at Springfield, Mo., Sept. 10-17. Eighteen teams will qualify for that gigantic Amateur Softball Association meet.

LINE SCORES

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Lincoln	000 000 2-2 4 3
Kansas City	301 101 x-6 10 1
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Omaha	022 001 0-5 4 3
Sp'field	300 002 1-6 5 4
Bob Hoyt and Jerry Sempeck; Ken Williams and Ron Crosswait. HR - Woodridge (O).	
Sandy's	000 040 3-7 7 0
Topeka	000 010 0-1 7 5
Dean Olson and Denny Steffens; Charley Rappard and R. Chadd, Dean Farrell (7). HR - Buddin (S).	
Lincoln	000 020 0-2 4 2
Omaha	300 121 x-7 9 0
John Jackson and Dennis Flachman; Monte Haney and Jerry Sempeck. HR - Woolridge (O), Ohnoutka (L).	
Welty Way	020 050 0-7 5 1
St. Louis	210 000 0-3 3 2
Terry Rolfs, Rich Stephen (2) and Dick Zucato; Charles Lowrey, Larry Sparks (5) and Charlie Miller; HR	

Welty Way Cops National Softb.

Pallesen's 3-Run Homer Sparks C.R.

Special to The Gazette

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — Cedar Rapids Welty Way won't play another softball game for about 5½ months, but the newly-crowned ASA fast-pitch champions must be eagerly awaiting the contest already.

Welty Way, after two days of postponements, finally got to play Stratford, Conn., for the ASA title Sunday and whipped the Connecticut club for the national championship, 4-3.

The victory meant a trip for Welty to Manila next March for the World Softball Tournament the 4th through 12th.

Welty Way picked the right year to win the national ASA tourney. The World Tourney is held only once every four years, so the last tourney (held in Oklahoma City) was in 1968 and the next one wouldn't be until 1976.

An eight-hour bus ride back to Cedar Rapids provided the champions with ample time for celebration Monday morning. The team didn't arrive until 2:30 a.m.

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—Gazette Photo by Duane Crock

And Welty Way Went all the Way

Shown with their national ASA softball championship trophy after arriving home at 3 a.m. Monday are members of the Welty Way team that won the title Sunday at Springfield, Mo. From left: Front—Edward White, Cliff Rice, Manager Jim Caviness, Ed Williams, Doug Havlik, Gary Morrow; back—Bob Welty, Mike Pallesen, Roger Aceto, Dick Zucatto, Ray Sturm, Bob Timmons, Steve Andrews, Jon Muench, Roger Welty. The smaller trophy was awarded to Welty Way for

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Welty then scored what proved to be the winning run on a walk to Steve Andrew, John Muench's single and another infield hit by Gary Morrow.

The champs needed all four of the runs when winning pitcher Jerry Ralfs' defense deserted him in the sixth. Two errors by Morrow, one by Muench and two singles accounted for three unearned Stratford runs.

Ralfs, who picked up his third victory of the tourney, allowed Stratford five hits and one base on balls while fanning six.

Stratford, seeking its third consecutive ASA championship, had beaten Reading, Pa., and Anixter Bros. of Chicago Thursday to gain the finals. Stratford would have had to beat Welty ace Rich Stephen in a second game Sunday even if it had been able to win the first game.

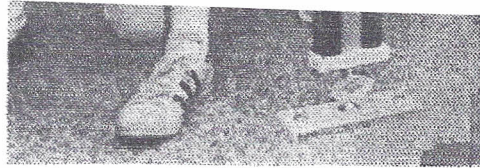
Ralfs, Pallesen and catcher Dick Zuccato all made the ASA all-American first team. Zuccato, who had broken a finger Tuesday, was forced to miss the final game when he stretched some knee ligaments in Thursday's game.

Stephen, Muench and Cliff Rice were second squad all-America selections for Welty, which also brought home the sportsmanship trophy.

Reading's Ty Stafflet won the most valuable player award.

Stratford (3)		Welty Way (4)	
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Bellmore, 3b	4 0 0	Rice, c	2 0 0
Johnson, cf	4 1 0	Aceto, cf	2 1 0
Anquillare, ss	4 0 0	White, lf	2 1 0
Walker, rf	3 0 0	Pallesen, rf	3 1 3
Yeager, lf	3 1 0	Andrew, 3b	2 0 0
Adam, 1b	3 1 1	Muench, ss	3 1 0
Benedict, c	2 1 0	Morrow, 2b	3 1 1
McNally, c	1 0 0	Sturm, 1b	3 0 0
Goodchild, 2b	3 1 0	Ralfs, p	2 0 0
Szeryk, p	1 0 0		
Norenburg, p	1 0 0		
Totals	29 5 1	Totals	22 5 4
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Welty Way	000 400 x-4		
E—Morrow 3, Muench, DP—Welty Way.			
LOB—Stratford 6, Welty Way 4. 2B—			
White. HR—Pallesen 5, Aceto.			
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Szeryk	3	3 3 3	1 4
Norenburg (L)	3	2 1 1	2 6
Ralfs (W)	7	5 3 0	1 6

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Shown with their national ASA softball c the Welty Way team that won the title Sur Jim Caviness, Ed Williams, Doug Havlik, Ga Ray Sturm, Bob Timmons, Steve Andrews, Je best sportsmanship in the national tourney.

WELTY WAY STILL NO. 1 TO SOFTBALL FANS ---

Cedar Rapids Greet Its 'Champs'

By William Simbro
(Register Staff Writer)

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA. — The Welty Way softball team may be the world's second best, but it got a reception befitting the champions as the squad arrived here from The Philippines Tuesday evening.

Three city council members, some 250 fans and the El Kahir Shrine band welcomed the team as Manager Jim Caviness, 15 players and 10 wives stepped off the plane and onto a red carpet.

"We came back losers," said a sad-faced Caviness as he shook hands with Roger Welty, president of Welty Way Products, Inc.

Team of Winners

Welty assured the person-

able softball veteran that so far as he and all of Cedar Rapids were concerned, it was a team of winners.

Welty Way dropped the championship game Sunday in the World softball tourney in Manila to Canada, 1-0.

The frustrations of that game, in which Welty Way outhit the winners, 12-6, were much on Caviness' mind as he shook hands with well-wishers.

"We did everything but score in that game. We packed the bases but we just couldn't get a run."

It was the third game of the day under a hot Manila

sun for Welty Way, and only the second for Canada.

But Caviness refused to accept that as an alibi. It was simply a game the team should have won but couldn't.

Rich Stephen, the durable, 41-year-old pitcher who went 4-1 in the tourney, said he, too, was disappointed but promised Welty Way would come back with a good team next year.

Keep in Shape

The team won the U.S. championship at Springfield, Mo., last September. The players kept in shape over the winter by practicing in the University of Iowa Fieldhouse.

Welty Way won seven of

nine games in the round-robin section of the 10-team world tournament and won its first two championship-bracket games before the heartbreaker with Canada.

Mike Pallesen, the slugging rightfielder, won the tourney's runs-batted-in trophy after driving in eight runs during the 12-game, week-long tournament.

Caviness said upwards of 20,000 fans watched some of the games in Manila in sunny weather.

After a chance to rest up from the 12-game grind and the long flight home, the team will be honored at a party here Friday night.



PHOTO FROM THE REGISTER'S IOWA NEWS SERVICE

Welty Way: World Runner-Up

Welty Way of Cedar Rapids, runner-up to Canada in the World softball tournament which ended Sunday in Manila, The Philippines, returned home Tuesday. The squad members, front row, from left: Manager Jim Caviness, Ed White, Joe Swanson, Mike

Pallesen, Ray Sturm, Dale Usher and Steve Andrew. Back row: Ed Williams, Cliff Rice, Rich Stephen, Dick Thenhaus, Gary Morrow, John Muench, Bob Timmons and Doug Havlik. Not in picture is pitcher Dick Rumbaker.