Summer softball expands in 1980

By Paul Lagace

The MIT Community Summer Softball (MITCSS) League recently closed its 1980 season with championship playoffs and a trophy awards ceremony. The league expanded to a record size of 75 teams composing four leagues: Serious Fast, Semi-Serious Fast, Serious Slow (comprising 2 sections), and Kentuck Fry. Except for the Serious Fast League, where there were no playoffs, the top three teams in each division of the leagues qualified for the single-elimination playoffs after a ten game schedule.

In the Serious Fast League, Saul Levine, led by pitcher Joe Edwards '73, won the division with an 11-1 record, just edging out the 10-2 record of last year's champion Belocona.

The Semi-Serious Fast League saw an upset in the championship match-up resulting in an exciting thriller, pitting AEPi against the Non-Resident Students' Association (NRSA). NRSA easily qualified for the final by beating two opponents by large scores. However, AEPi squeaked out wins in the qualifying rounds to reach the championship round. The final game was close throughout, with AEPi holding a 6-5 edge going into the bottom of the seventh. However, NRSA scored two runs and had the tying run in scoring position before AEPi squeaked out the 8-6 victory.

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