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Editorially Speaking

Enough Is Enough

Over the Memorial Day weekend, Milwaukee hosted the fourth annual Wreck Room Classic. Teams from San Francisco, Toronto, New Haven, Atlanta, Chicago, Minneapolis, and New York converged on the city. It was a time for competitive sports, love affairs, friendships both rekindled and started. In short, it was the kind of event which makes the gay community proud to hold their heads high and invite the non-gay world to see what we really are all about.

Milwaukee is a city proud to say that their men's and women's community can work together to make everyone welcome. And the city welcomes its visitors in a matter as if to explain why it's citizens choose to live in the cream city.

An incredible amount of work went into the planning, setting up, housing, hosting, promoting and a multitude of other things necessary to pull off a weekend of this magnitude. It could not have been done by any person or group, but rather required the talents and efforts of the entire community. Gay owned businesses and bars pitched in, held fund raisers, secured housing, bussing, fields, umpires, nurses, parties, and great softball.

Unfortunately though, many businesses

also stood to gain from the increased business that weekend; so did those who make their money off the gay community on a part-time basis. These are the businesses that put nothing into the gay community, do not support a team, either softball or bowling, work for the building fund, VD clinic or least of all your gay rights. In actuality your gay rights have helped their businesses. They now feel comfortable competing for your dollars and bodies one night a week, a night which would otherwise be dark.

Your full-time gay establishments tried to appeal to everyone's sense of morality through subtle messages, enlightening everyone to these part-time gay business tactics, but alas, it did not work. The need to go to the newest place in town seeking the ultimate high, regardless of how they laugh at you behind your back, won out. So on a weekend when your community promotes a major event, brings in new faces, hot men and women, a time to reach out and join the gay community from coast to coast, we show them our part-time palace.

Well it backfired this time. People came and people left, not caring to wait in a line that only faggots had to

Lambda Political Caucus

The Lambda Political Caucus is Milwaukee's newest Gay/Lesbian organization. Its purpose is to promote united Gay/Lesbian political action aimed at gaining equal rights for our Gay and Lesbian community.

The prime focus of the Caucus will be its active involvement in the campaigns of candidates who support Gay/Lesbian rights. The Caucus intends to endorse candidates and help their campaigns by getting out the Gay/Lesbian vote, recruiting campaign volunteers, and giving money.

Just as the Gay/Lesbian Caucus in Houston, New York and San Francisco have had positive impacts we expect to have a positive impact on local and state races. We intend to send a message to our elected officials. That message is that Gays and Lesbians vote, work in campaigns and will be ignored no longer.

The Lambda Political Caucus can only be as successful as we all make it. We need your help and help of your friends. We need people to register voters, make phone calls, recruit volunteers, hand out flyers and leaflets, work in campaigns and raise money.

We have seen substantial progress in Wisconsin with the passage of the nation's first Gay/Lesbian Civil Rights law, but much more remains to be done on a local, state and federal level. Come on Gay/Lesbian Milwaukee, no one will help us if we don't help ourselves. Join the Lambda Political Caucus today!

Write: Lambda Political Caucus, P.O. Box 92872, Milwaukee, Wisc. 53202.

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San Francisco
Wins Wreck

Room Classic 90

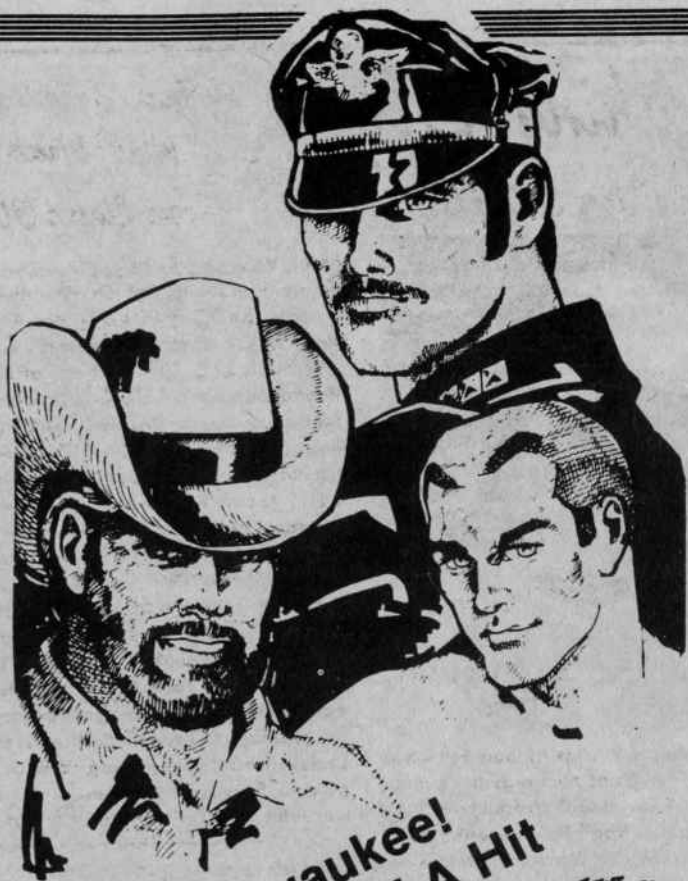


The Pendulum Pirates of San Francisco defeated Gay 90's of Minneapolis-St. Paul to capture the 4th annual Wreck Room Classic Invitational Softball Tournament held in Milwaukee over the Memorial Day weekend. The victory by the Pendulum team was the first time the traveling trophy has left Milwaukee since the Eagles of New York won the first Classic. Participating in the tournament were 22 teams—Armory of Atlanta; 5 teams from Chicago—Annex, Gold Coast, Paradise Island, Redoubt, and Touche; 4 teams from Twin Cities—Alternates, Gallery V, Gay 90's, and Saloon; Partners of New Haven; Spike of New York; Pendulum of San Francisco; Cabbagetown Group of Toronto; and 8 teams from Milwaukee's Saturday Softball Beer League—Beer Garden, Factory, Finale, First Street, M&M, Wreck Room Chaps, Wreck Room Spurs; and Your Place.

In the championship bracket, first round action which began on Friday saw Alter-

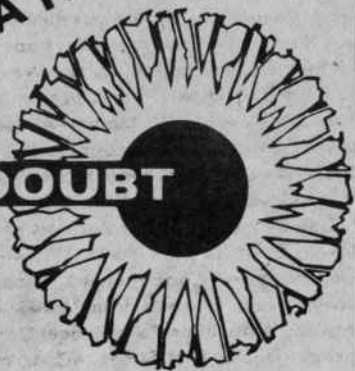
nates, Wreck Room Chaps, Partners, Spike, Finale, Pendulum, Saloon, Paradise Island, Toronto, and Gay 90's advance. On Saturday, Wreck Room Chaps easily defeated Alternates 29-5, Spike edged Partners, 3-1, Pendulum beat Finale 8-1; Saloon routed Paradise Island 17-1, while Toronto squeaked by a 6-5 victory over Gay 90's. It was then time for the official Opening Ceremonies as all 22 teams with their banners were led onto the field by the Silver Star color guard. The Canadian and American National Anthems were then played. Play then resumed as the Wreck Room Chaps held on to defeat Spike 5-3, Pendulum's big bats were too much for Redoubt as they won 11-2, and Saloon held off Toronto 5-4. Pendulum then easily defeated defending champion Wreck Room Chaps 9-3 to join Saloon as the only undefeated teams going into Sunday's games. Seven other teams with one loss were still alive for the title after Saturday's action. On Sunday, Annex scored early and often as they defeated Toronto 15-6 to eliminate Toronto. Gay 90's scored 2 in the 7th inning to knock Redoubt out of the tournament 4-3, while Spike edged Atlanta 8-7. The Wreck Room Chaps held off a late flurry to defeat Annex 12-10 eliminating the last Chicago team from the tournament. The Gay 90's then held off a last inning rally by the Wreck Room Chaps, winning 8-7, and insuring a new champion for the tournament. The loss earned the Milwaukee team a gorgeous 4th place trophy. It was then time for an all Twin Cities battle, as Gay 90's and Saloon met. A 5 run sixth inning explosion carried the 90's past Saloon, giving Saloon 3rd place in the tournament. Playing their 5th game of the day and 9th of the

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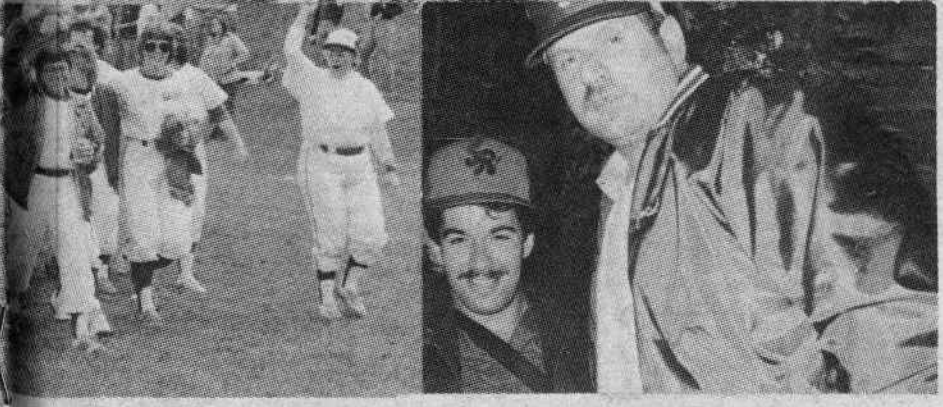
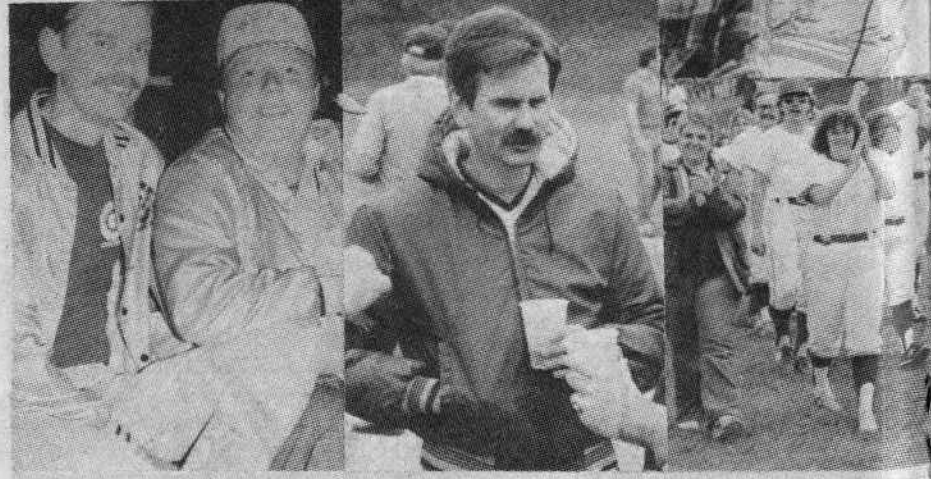


Thanks Milwaukee!
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REDOUBT



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WRECK ROOM CLASSIC IV -photos by Erin Criss, Chuck Harrington, Ron Geiman

Speaking Sports continued

tournament proved too big a hurdle for the 90's against the powerful Pendulum Pirates of San Francisco. The Pirates led 6-0, when the 90's made their only threat of the game in the 4th inning by scoring 2 runs. Five runs

in the 6th inning put the game away for Pendulum, as they went on to a 13-2 victory. The beautiful weather on Sunday brought out over 1,000 spectators to watch the final games. The tournament concluded with a cook-out and awards ceremonies on Sunday evening on the street behind the Wreck Room.

WRECK ROOM CLASSIC IV GAME SCORES

CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET

Alternates 28	Beer Garden 8
Wreck Room Chaps 5	Annex 0
Partners 4	Wreck Room Spurs 3
Spike 16	Factory 1
Redoubt 23	M&M 1
Finale 19	First Street 13
Pendulum 7	Your Place 5
Saloon 16	Touche 5
Paradise Island 26	Gallery 17
Cabbagetown 9	Gold Coast 8
Gay 90's 16	Armory 6
Wreck Room Chaps 29	Alternates 5
Spike 3	Partners 1
Pendulum 8	Finale 1
Saloon 17	Paradise Island 1
Cabbagetown 8	Gay 90's 5
Wreck Room Chaps 5	Spike 3
Pendulum 11	Redoubt 2
Saloon 5	Cabbagetown 4
Pendulum 9	Wreck Room Chaps 3
Pendulum 15	Saloon 5
Pendulum 13	Gay 90's 2

LOSER'S BRACKET

Annex 19	Beer Garden 0
Factory 15	Wreck Room Spurs 5
Gallery V 8	Touche 3
Your Place 12	First Street 4
Armory 13	Gold Coast 10
Annex 7	Partners 6 (9 Innings)
Finale 23	M&M 1
Factory 17	Alternates 5
Gay 90's 9	Gallery V 2
Armory 13	Paradise Island 1
Annex 6	Finale 0
Gay 90's 4	Factory 1
Armory 25	Your Place 11
Annex 15	Cabbagetown 6
Gay 90's 4	Redoubt 3
Spike 8	Armory 7
Wreck Room Chaps 12	Annex 10
Gay 90's 5	Spike 4
Gay 90's 8	Wreck Room Chaps 7
Gay 90's 8	Saloon 3

Saturday Softball Beer League

SCHEDULE June 5

Diamond 1

11:30 Factory-First St.
12:45 First St.-C'est La Vie
02:00 W.R. Chaps-Finale
03:15 Finale-W.R. Spurs
04:30 Chickletts-M&M Play'n
05:45 M&M Play'n-M&M Peanuts

Diamond 2

02:00 W.R. Spurs-YP
03:15 YP-W.R. Chaps
04:30 M&M Peanuts-Beer Garden
05:45 Beer Garden-Chickletts

SCHEDULE June 12

Diamond 1

11:30 C'est La Vie-W.R. Spurs
12:45 W.R. Chaps-C'est La Vie
02:00
03:15 M&M Peanuts-Chickletts
04:30 Beer Garden-YP
05:45 Finale-Beer Garden

Diamond 2

11:30 Factory-W.R. Chaps
12:45 W.R. Spurs-Factory
02:30 Chickletts-M&M Peanuts
03:15
04:30 M&M Play'n-Finale
05:45 YP-M&M Play'n

Little Think Pieces

Wreck Room Classic 82: The trophy travels, as the Pendulum swings.

"How do you remember the Bistro?"

"The Bistro was the church of the night life, a place where you could go and boogie all night in your Sunday best."

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There are not two ways, just one-way opposites.

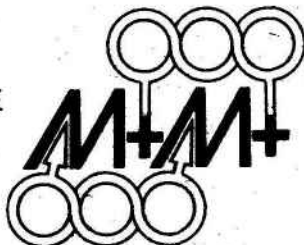
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