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## Milwaukee Stripped of Gay World Series Crown

by Bob Melig and Bill Meunier

Atlanta — After 20 years of Gay World Series competition, a Milwaukee team finally won a championship. The South Water Street Docks Pride Team captured the Class C crown at the North American Gay Athletic Alliance (NAGAAA) Gay World Series.

Milwaukee came from behind in the late innings of the final game to beat a strong Boston team by a score of 14 to 5. Milwaukee, a charter member of NAGAAA, had never before won a World Series Championship. What could have been a source of pride for the City and its league, the Saturday

Softball League (SSBL), soon turned into a source of anger and frustration.

Within hours of its victory, the Pride had its title taken away as a result of a highly controversial decision made by NAGAAA officials. NAGAAA claimed the Docks team had underrated itself and should have been playing in a higher bracket. Docks' coach, players and other observers hotly dispute the ruling.

Under NAGAAA rules, every player in a NAGAAA affiliated league, including Milwaukee's SSBL, must fill out ratings forms. The forms ask specific questions about each player's abil-

ity. The more able the player, the higher his or her point total. The rating points for each team's top ten players are added up to determine in what bracket the team should play.

Based on the NAGAAA forms, Docks was rated a C Division team. The World Series has A, B and C brackets.

On Friday, the third day of the tournament, NAGAAA Secretary Jeff Chase filed a protest against Milwaukee. Chase said that the Docks team was underrated and should not have been allowed into the C Division. The protest was filed late in the game

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## Gay Games in Amsterdam



Part of the festivities of the Games included a celebratory canal parade.

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