

WISCONSIN'S 2008 STATE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS



MENS CHAMPION

Randy Rein
Mosinee



LADIES CHAMPION

Gert Wilcziek
Whitehall



ELDERS CHAMPION

Vince Jakel
Spencer



**BOYS
CHAMPION**

Beau Davison
Centuria



**BOYS CADET
CHAMPION**

Gunnar David
Marshfield



**GIRLS
CHAMPION**

Aleena Cook
Stratford



**GIRLS CADET
CHAMPION**

Christina Heinritz
Pewaukee

CHAMPIONSHIP MENS



1.. Randy Rein.....	7-0	66.44
2.. Jim Larson.....	5-2	60.06
3.. Mark Mauthe	5-2	55.06
4.. John Udelhofen.....	4-3	54.40
5.. Ken Heinritz	3-4	56.67
6.. John Molling.....	3-4	52.32
7.. Mark Stevens	1-6	41.61
8.. Jeff Gustafson.....	0-7	50.30

Randy Rein won his own tournament. This time it's number 13. Game-by-game play in the Mens Championship class marked a few upsets, with none occurring to the champ. It was his day, all the way. First round, **John Molling** beat **Ken Heinritz** while **Jim Larson** took **Mark Mauthe**. Other upsets occurred while Rein went unscathed. He came back from 23-1 deficit playing Heinritz to go into the last game with a lock on the title, the others having lost two games. It was his day, all the way.

CHAMPIONSHIP LADIES



1. Gert Wilcziek.....	5-0	76.00
2. Pam Aiken.....	3-2	66.54
3. Kiri Cook.....	3-2	56.96
4. Penny Steinke.....	2-3	60.69
5. Lorraine Sternberg....	2-3	52.61
6. Edie McKinney	0-5	46.53

The Championship Ladies class was limited to six this year. No surprise that **Gert Wilcziek** won her ninth State title in the last eleven years. This time she did it with all wins, pitching 76.00%.

Pam Aiken was surprised to take second place again this year, out ranking her sister, Penny. Championship newcomer and Ladies A move-up **Kiri Cook** made a strong showing, defeating Aiken but losing the number-two spot on ringer percentage. She's a young pitcher to watch in the coming years.

CHAMPIONSHIP CADET GIRLS

Christina Heinritz, pitching over her entering average of 2.22, defeated the defending champion **Mary Ann Aiken** with all wins to enter her name in the record book and boosting her average to 8.33%. Mary Ann found too much competition and could not repeat this year as champion, but she did win both times over her

1. Christina Heinritz.....	6-0.....	8.33
2. Mary Ann Aiken	4-2.....	3.33
3. Abby Aiken	2-4.....	0.00

sister, **Abby Aiken**, who pitched her first State event. Alas, Abby was saving it for another day.



CHAMPIONSHIP ELDERS



1. Vince Jakel.....	7-1	63.89
2. Norm Gage	6-2	52.91
3. Gene Mason	4-3	53.45
4. Ozz Jacobson.....	4-3	49.42
5. Bill Matey	4-3	49.16
6. Ivan Ruzic.....	3-4	47.31
7. Cal Pitel	1-6	46.99

The new Elders State Champion **Vince Jakel** did not win his title without some stiff competition. Second place winner **Norm Gage** did not want to give it up either. Gage lost the first game, then evened the score by defeating Jakel, causing a play-off. However, Jakel proved to be unstoppable, pitching 66.7% to Gage's 47.6% in the rubber match.

Defending Champ **Gene Mason** had a sub-par day, winding up third this year. **Cal Pitel** pitched a solid tournament, but was unfortunately the bottom seed in this competitive division.

CHAMPIONSHIP CADET BOYS

1. Gunnar David..... 6-0 30.56
2. Ezra Heinritz..... 4-2 6.11
3. Garrett Kuchenbecker 2-4 3.33
4. Tony Secord 0-6 0.56

Gunnar David takes it all the way! It was no contest for the little guy, pitching over average and taking his second title in the Cadets division.

Ezra Heinritz lost only to the champ, but both times in the double round robin. **Garret Kuchenbecker**,

may have been outclassed, but won two games to take third. Let's hear it for **Tony Secord**. He entered the event at 0.00%. The gutsy little guy managed to get at least one ringer.



CHAMPIONSHIP JUNIOR BOYS

1. Beau Davison 7-0 28.81
2. Caleb Heinritz 6-1 13.30
3. James Heinritz 5-2 15.12
4. Joshua Heinritz 4-3 10.33
5. Alex Secord 3-4 10.57
6. Ross Kuchenbecker..... 2-5 3.85
7. Mason Kuchenbecker 1-6 3.91
8. Jason Koepp 0-7 3.76



The new State Boy's Champ is **Beau Davison**, winning all games and allowing no more than 19 opposing points, pitching over-average with 28.81%. The next three were all of the **Heinritz** family, no doubt dueling for position. This year **Caleb** placed second, **James** was third, **Joshua** fourth. Looking over the last names of the entrants may explain their connection to the game. Nearly all in this division survived a feat of endurance. All of the boys, except for the class champ, pitched anywhere between 426 to 614 shoes to complete the event.

CHAMPIONSHIP JUNIOR GIRLS

1. Aleena Cook 5-0 50.67
2. Heather Feavel 4-1 26.07
3. Bethany Heinritz 3-2 13.68
4. Brianna Kuchenbecker 2-3 5.66
5. Nicole Feavel 1-4 7.95



For the third time in four years, the Junior Girls State Champion is **Aleena Cook**. She swung through the class, not allowing any opponent more than 20 points. **Heather Feavel**,

pitching nearly four times better than average, shows she's a coming force to be reckoned with as she took the second place trophy. Another newcomer, **Bethany Heinritz** introduced herself by placing third.

On a side note, this newsletter would like to acknowledge Aleena's performance at the World Tournament in July, which was overlooked in our last issue. She took third place in the Mixed Juniors A division, earning her a chance at the World title. She then went on to pitch a respectable 41.23%, taking third in the Championship class.

LADIES CLASS A

1. Kiri Cook.....	7-0.....	55.00
2. Elaine Troullier	6-1.....	39.64
3. Shirley Brumbaugh	5-2.....	41.07
4. Gloria Smith	4-3.....	36.07
5. Tava Cook.....	3-4.....	36.07
6. Sonia Cook.....	2-5.....	28.57
7. Laurie Dolezel.....	1-6.....	28.57
8. Cecelia Trossen	0-7.....	14.64



**Ladies Class A Champion
Kiri Cook
Stratford**

Kiri Cook walked through the class, taking the Class A title and earning her first trip to the Championship Ladies division. Her sister **Tava Cook** appears to be making a comeback, pitching almost 8% over her entering average.

Class High Game: Tava Cook, 62.50%

ELDERS CLASS A

1. Willis David.....	6-2.....	42.28
2. John Gregorich	5-3.....	40.94
3. Wayne Lemar	4-3.....	44.72
4. Dave Ninnemann.....	4-3.....	41.07
5. LeRoy Meyer	4-3.....	34.29
6. John Brugger	3-4.....	36.07
7. John Dolezel	2-5.....	40.71
8. Art Collien	1-6.....	34.29



**Elders Class A Champion
Willis David
Marshfield**

Willis David had to beat **John Gregorich** twice to become the class champion. Even though **Moose Meyer** beat **Dave Ninnemann** in a close game, Ninnemann still managed to sneak out fourth place based on ringer percentage.

Class High Game: John Gregorich, 65.00%

LADIES CLASS B

1. Karen Henkel.....	5-0.....	31.20
2. Sylvia David.....	3-2.....	24.80
3. Kari David.....	3-2.....	21.60
4. Tricia-Ryan Tellier	3-2.....	18.00
5. Beth Strohman.....	1-4.....	16.40



**Ladies Class B Champion
Karen Henkel
Muskego**

Karen Henkel was able to avoid a playoff game with **Sylvia David** by winning her last game by a single point. **Kari David** also had a strong showing, finishing in third place and pitching 13.5% over her entering average. **Tricia Ryan-Tellier** did beat second place David, but lost two places on ringer percentage, ending up in fourth position.

Class High Game: Karen Henkel and Kari David, 36.00%

ELDERS CLASS B

1. Harry Nelson.....	5-0.....	37.60
2. Russ Burns.....	4-1.....	30.80
3. Earl Paulson	3-2.....	28.80
4. Cliff Troullier	2-3.....	33.60
5. LeRoy Wipperfurth.....	1-4.....	21.60
6. Dan David	0-5.....	17.60



**Elders Class B Champion
Harry Nelson
Kenosha**

Cliff Troullier gave class champ **Harry Nelson** his closest game, tying on ringers but losing on points. Nelson outpitched everyone in this division, going undefeated and having the class high average. This worked out to be the only class in the Mens divisions where the final standings were calculated on wins and losses, not ringer percentage. Second lost to first, third lost to second and first, etc.

Class High Game: Harry Nelson, 46.00%

MENS CLASS A

1. Mark Stevens 7-0 50.71
2. John Koepp III 5-2 46.43
3. Jeff Gustafson 4-3 49.64
4. John Meyer 4-3 38.21
5. Bernard Carley 3-4 43.21
6. Mike Cone 3-4 42.86
7. Dan Bloom 1-6 38.93
8. Kerry Morris 1-6 35.00



**Mens Class A Champion
Mark Stevens
Marengo**

Mark Stevens may have gone undefeated, but he certainly had to earn it. He had close games with **Mike Cone**, **John Meyer** and **Bun Carley**. **Jeff Gustafson** and Stevens both moved up

to pitch in the Mens Championship class.

Class High Game: Jeff Gustafson, 70.00%

MENS CLASS C

1. Terry Sternberg 6-1 40.00
2. Ken Jaeger Sr 5-2 37.14
3. John Brophy 5-2 36.27
4. Gary Wegner 4-3 36.97
5. Jim Heim 4-3 33.93
6. Julian Tijerina 3-4 34.64
7. Dave Volz 1-6 32.14
8. Jim Tollefson 0-7 31.25



**Mens Class C Champion
Terry Sternberg
Richfield**

Gary Wegner gave class champion **Terry Sternberg** his only loss of the day. Although **Ken Jaeger** lost to **John Brophy**, and **Wegner** lost to **Jim Heim**, ringer percentage propelled both **Jaeger** and **Wegner** to higher finishes in the class.

Class High Game: Ken Jaeger, 52.50%

MENS CLASS B

1. Glenn Bogenschneider 7-0 47.50
2. Cliff Erickson 5-2 38.21
3. Don Goldsmith 3-4 41.79
4. Jerry Niemuth 3-4 39.29
5. Bruce McLinn 3-4 32.86
6. Ken Frame 3-4 31.79
7. Richard Peterson 2-5 38.57
8. Ray Groskinsky 2-5 37.14



**Mens Class B Champion
Glenn Bogenschneider
West Bend**

Bottom-seeded **Glen Bogenschneider** not only swept the class, but also pitched the class-high average. **Don Goldsmith** was the only one who managed to give him at least a scare, if not a loss. **Bruce McLinn** had a rough day, having lost two two-point games, pushing him down to fifth.

Class High Game: Mike Cone, 70.00%

MENS CLASS D

1. Kurt Jochimsen 6-1 36.07
2. Ralph Marthaler 5-2 36.07
3. Al Huizenga 4-3 43.93
4. Ken Schumann 3-4 34.64
5. Bob Kallstrom 3-4 33.57
6. John Garvan 3-4 31.79
7. Norm Beckius 3-4 30.00
8. Edward Hack 1-6 25.71



**Mens Class D Champion
Kurt Jochimsen
Stratford**

Kurt Jochimsen earned the class title, with his only loss coming from fifth-place **Bob Kallstrom**. **Ralph Marthaler** beat **Al Huizenga** by one point in the fourth game, and then went on to win the rest of his games, earning himself the second spot. **Al Huizenga** had a great day, pitching 43.93%.

Class High Game: Al Huizenga, 52.50%

MENS CLASS E

1. Al Rude	7-0	33.21
2. Lonny Trangsrud	6-1	37.86
3. Russ Heinritz	3-4	31.07
4. Dave Klipstein	3-4	27.86
5. Dave Wietrzak	3-4	27.86
6. Dick Hansen	3-4	24.64
7. Dean Chaffee	2-5	33.21
8. Terry Schaeztka	1-6	21.79



Mens Class E Champion
Al Rude
Rhineland

Al Rude pitched a consistent tournament to take first place honors. If **Dave Wietrzak** would have won the last-game nailbiter against **Dave Klipstein**, he would have had third place all on his own. That loss dropped him down to fifth.

Class High Game: Lonny Trangsrud, 52.50%

MENS CLASS G

1. Jim O'Loughlin	6-1	27.14
2. Ken Davison	4-3	29.29
3. David Paul	4-3	26.43
4. Ron Wiese	3-4	27.86
5. Jayme Fehr	3-4	23.57
6. Richard Conrad	3-4	23.21
7. Kevin Brekke	3-4	21.79
8. Michael E Hrubby	2-5	20.00



Mens Class G Champion
Jim O'Loughlin
Adams

Ron Wiese was the only pitcher to give **Jim O'Loughlin** a loss for the day. **Ken Davison** had a great tournament, pitching class high average. He also earned his second place finish from **David Paul**, beating him in a close game in the fourth round.

Class High Game: Ken Davison, 47.50%

MENS CLASS F

1. *Chet Hermansen	7-1	41.56
2. *Dean Hove	6-2	40.63
3. Mitch Littlegeorge	4-3	31.07
4. Dennis Wegner	3-4	26.79
5. Galen Kozel	3-4	25.00
6. John Mills	3-4	23.24
7. Jerry Schroeder	2-4	20.49
8. Jim Haupt	1-6	20.00



Mens Class F Champion
Chet Hermansen
Madison

John Mills can take credit as a spoiler in this class, out-pointing **Dean Hove** in game three to force a playoff between **Chet Hermansen** and Hove. Hermansen came up with the class-high game in the playoff, earning himself a decisive victory and the Class F championship.

Class High Game: Chet Hermansen, 52.50%

MENS CLASS H

1. John Secord	6-1	25.71
2. Jim Ganther	5-2	26.07
3. Randy Mitchell	4-3	26.79
4. Bernie Sopinski	4-3	25.35
5. Tom Steinke	4-3	23.93
6. Mike Zahn	3-4	25.69
7. Rick Weller	2-5	26.07
8. Jason Goldsmith	0-7	13.57



Mens Class H Champion
John Secord
Fond du Lac

Even though **Bernie Sopinski** didn't win the class, he still was the only pitcher to beat both the class champ **John Secord** and runner up **Jim Ganther**. An evenly matched class, there was with only 2.9% separating first through seventh place.

Class High Game: John Secord, Jim Ganther, Randy Mitchell, Bernie Sopinski, 35.00%

MENS CLASS I

1. Tom Dudenhoefer ... 7-0 25.71
2. Dustin Duerr 5-2 23.93
3. Marv Bennett 4-3 22.86
4. Mel Cook..... 4-3 21.07
5. Randy Heinritz 3-4 25.36
6. Trent Bratland..... 3-4 19.29
7. Gene Satterstrom 1-6 15.00
8. Paul Wiese 1-6 11.79



**Mens Class I Champion
Tom Dudenhoefer
Oxford**

Tom Dudenhoefer pitched over-average to win this class undefeated. **Dustin Duerr** and **Randy Heinritz** also pitched above their averages, but both had losses by being out-pointed, sending them to second and fifth place, respectively.

Class High Game: Tom Dudenhoefer, 37.50%

MENS CLASS K

1. *Mike Berdan 5-1 12.00
2. *Rod Ganther..... 4-2 10.00
3. Don Peroutka 3-2 10.00
4. Dave Semingson 2-3 13.20
5. Mike Cruice 2-3 2.00



**Mens Class K Champion
Mike Berdan
Auburndale**

Proving that close does count in horseshoes, **Rod Ganther** beat **Mike Berdan** by out-pointing him in the third game. However, Ganther lost one to **Don Peroutka**, giving Berdan another chance at him in a playoff. Points would play a big role in the playoff game as well, with Berdan and Ganther tying on ringers and Berdan out-pointing him for the class championship.

Class High Game: Dave Semingson, 18.00%

MENS CLASS J

1. Steve Wallin 5-0 17.20
2. David Tellier..... 3-2 13.60
3. Randy Benaszkeski 3-2 12.80
4. Craig David 2-3 16.80
5. Jerry Kochman 2-3 11.20
6. Jay Ganther 0-5 8.00



**Mens Class J Champion
Steve Wallin
Hudson**

Steve Wallin was easily the best in class, going undefeated and having the class high average. Other bright spots include **Craig David** and his big 26% game against **David Tellier**. The loss didn't affect Tellier's final standing, as he still finished in second place on ringer percentage. **Jerry Kochman** had to settle for fifth, even though he beat fourth place finisher David.

Class High Game: Craig David, 26.00%



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