



2010 Fantasy Camp FINAL Leaderboard



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Fantasy Camp Standings

After 7 games

	W	L
Fett Daugies	5	2
Sweet Lou's	5	2
M&M's	2	5
Clamdiggers	2	5

Friday Morning Results

Fett Daugies - 15
Sweet Lou's - 1

M&M's - 9
Clamdiggers - 6

Friday Afternoon Results

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Sweet Lou's - 2
Fett Daugies - 0

THIRD PLACE GAME

Clamdiggers - 3
M&M's - 1



2010 Fantasy Camp FINAL Batting Average Leaderboard

Wes Matthews - Clamdiggers	.650
Matt Varney - Fett Daugies	.640
Bruce Gilbert - Fett Daugies	.591
Jonathan Horvath - Fett Daugies	.565
Kyle Krueger - Fett Daugies	.565
Ron Quiñones - Sweet Lou's	.556
David Day - Sweet Lou's	.524
Keith Hansen - Fett Daugies	.522
Patrick Delaney - M&M's	.500
Bob Neuman - M&M's	.500
Stephen Bogue - Fett Daugies	.450
Dan Lynam - Clamdiggers	.450
Gary Hummel - M&M's	.429
David Maruska - Clamdiggers	.421
Frank Hanford - M&M's	.412
Tim Glosson - Sweet Lou's	.409
Steve Ziegler - Sweet Lou's	.389
Doug Johnsen - Sweet Lou's	.364
Paul Bishop - Fett Daugies	.350
Roland Hernandez - Fett Daugies	.350
Jack Ohringer - M&M's	.350
Kevin Justen - Sweet Lou's	.348
Paul Morgan - Clamdiggers	.333
Chad Swoboda - Sweet Lou's	.333
Brannon Guyette - M&M's	.300
Don Quiñones - Sweet Lou's	.300

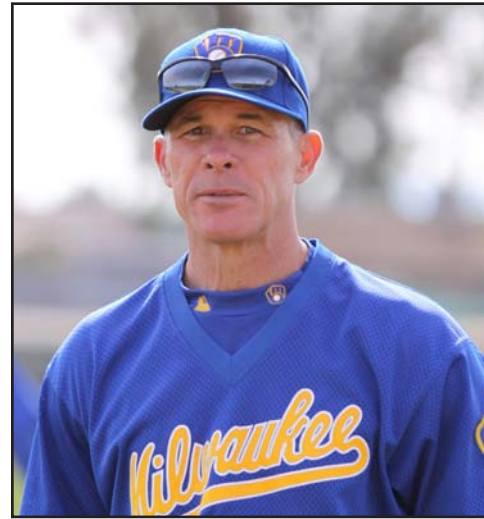
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A SWEET (LOU'S) VICTORY

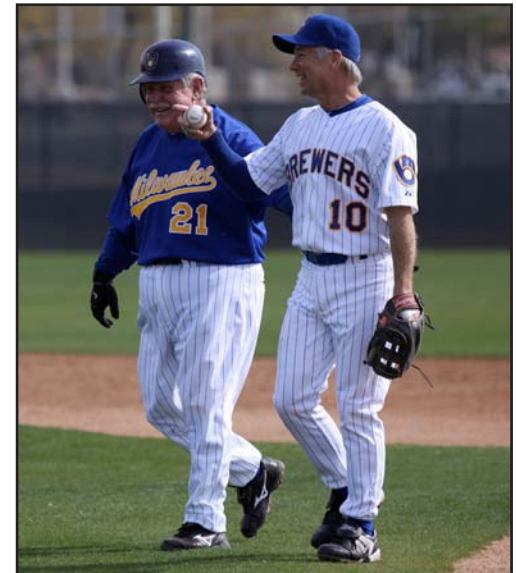
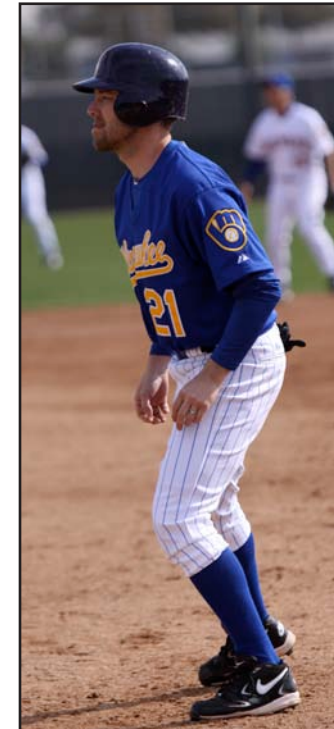
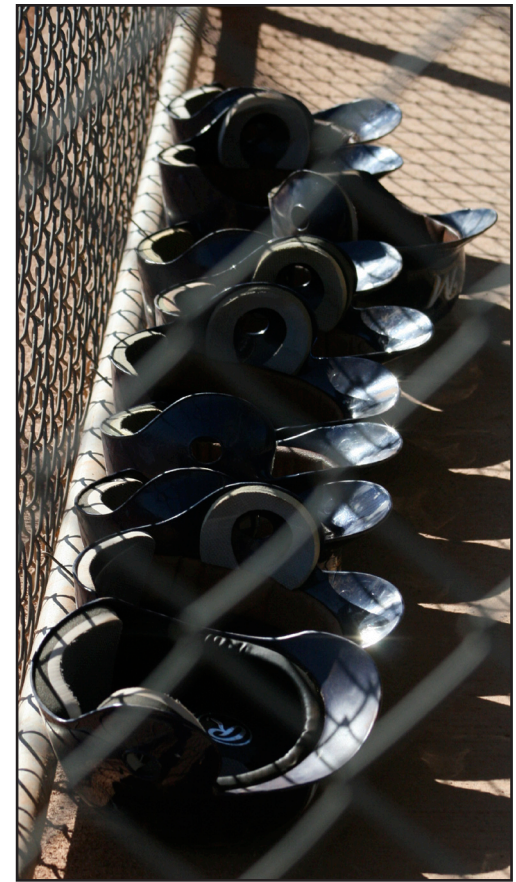
The Championship game had everything a fan could ask for: great pitching, great defense, a play at the plate, and some waterworks. More on the last part later. Pitching was the name of the game as Sweet Lou's called on Doug Johnsen to take the mound against Fett Daugies' Matt Varney. Both hurlers went the distance, but it was Johnsen who was able to slam the door on the Daugies in a tense seventh inning to pull out the 2-0 victory for the title. The Daugies' coaches, Mike Feters and Jerry Augustine, couldn't have asked for a better outing from their starting pitcher, as Varney gave up only four hits and didn't allow a hit until the sixth inning. Johnsen, on the other hand, ended the game giving up nine hits, six through the first five innings, but Sweet Lou's could never capitalize after having runners in scoring position in three of the first five innings. Varney, still nursing a no-hitter into the sixth, gave up a lead-off double to David Day. Kevin Justen was brought in to pinch run for Day and advanced to third following Tim Glosson's long out to center. With one out and a runner on third, Johnsen hit a chopper to shortstop Bruce Gilbert, who picked it up and threw a strike to catcher Paul Bishop to nail Justen at the plate. Don Quiñones flew to right to end the inning. After a quiet bottom of the frame by the Daugies, the game entered the seventh still scoreless. Chad Swoboda opened with a single to right. Ron Quiñones hit what looked like a sure hit over first baseman Roland Hernandez's head, but he made an outstanding over-the-shoulder catch for the first out. A hot shot to third by Steve Ziegler was too much for Jon Horvath to handle, allowing Swoboda to advance to second, and Ziegler reached first on the error. John Kiepinski promptly singled to left and the runners moved up 90 feet to load the bases. Chad Rabas, who was 0-1 and reached on an error in the fourth, delivered a 2-run single to right, driving in Swoboda and Quiñones, who was brought in to pinch run for Ziegler earlier in the inning. Kiepinski was tagged out by shortstop Bruce Gilbert when he was caught between 2nd and 3rd base after the ball was thrown back in. The only thing that could cool Sweet Lou's hot bats was the in-ground sprinkler system that unexpectedly turned on, showering the field and delaying the game for several minutes. Varney got out of the inning, giving up the first two runs of the game. Johnsen took the mound with a 2-0 lead going into the last of the seventh. Hernandez led off the inning with a single to right and John Horvath followed with a single to left. With two on and nobody out, Johnsen was in another jam. Mike Munson popped up to Justen, and with the infield fly rule in effect, both runners went back to their bases; but Hernandez didn't get back to second base in time, and was picked off by an alert Justen who relayed the ball back to David Day to complete the double play. Jonathan Horvath continued his hot hitting by knocking his third hit of the game. With two on and two out, coaches Ed Sedar and Lou Klimchock can sense victory, but Johnsen would have to get by Stephen Bogue if he wanted to celebrate his third championship in the last three camps. And that he did, as Bogue popped up to second to end the game and give Sweet Lou's a taste of champagne. Okay, no champagne -- it was all Miller time! Congratulations to coaches Klimchock, Sedar and the rest of Sweet Lou's championship team.

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES...



WITH MUCH APPRECIATION & GRATITUDE

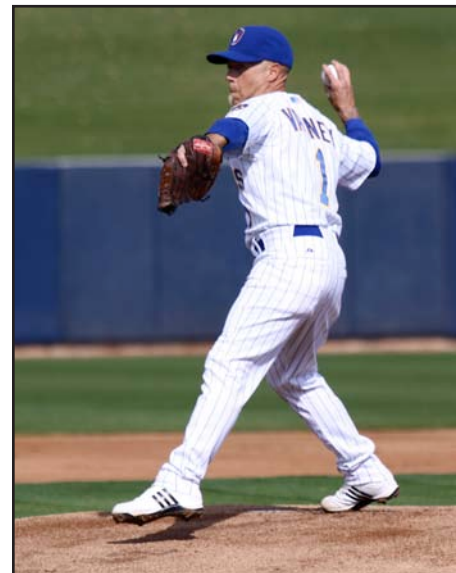
Fantasy Camp would not be the same, or even possible without the contributions and hard work of a large team of people, and we would like to extend special thanks to them all: Tony Migliaccio and the Clubhouse Staff work very hard to get everything in order to begin Camp, but also every day by making sure uniforms and countless other needs are addressed for the next day's play; and the Athletic Training Staff for tending to physical needs, great and small throughout Camp; Jodie Baacke and the Travel Leaders staff for making the travel arrangements and getting us all here for the best week ever, as well as handling every other logistical need or issue that arises; and Kate Schroeder for organizing Happy Hour and supplying the Happy Hour prizes, as well as offering such a great selection of Fantasy Camp merchandise for purchase. Thank you ALL so much!

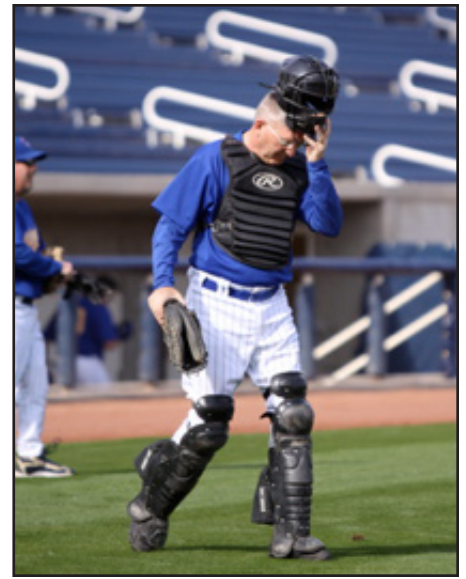


Whether it is being trained on the finer points of the fundamentals of baseball or hanging out in the clubhouse before and after games, we are never treated any differently by you than what a big leaguer would be treated. We thank you for all the "back-in-my-day" stories that are timeless, the pranks and ribbing that makes us "one of the guys", and all the time that you set aside for us. Thank you for saying you admire US for coming here and trying our best. Most of all, thank you Jerry, Mike, Moose, Lou, Rick, Don, Bill, Ed, and Dale, for loving baseball and being willing to share that with all of us.

- The 2010 Campers

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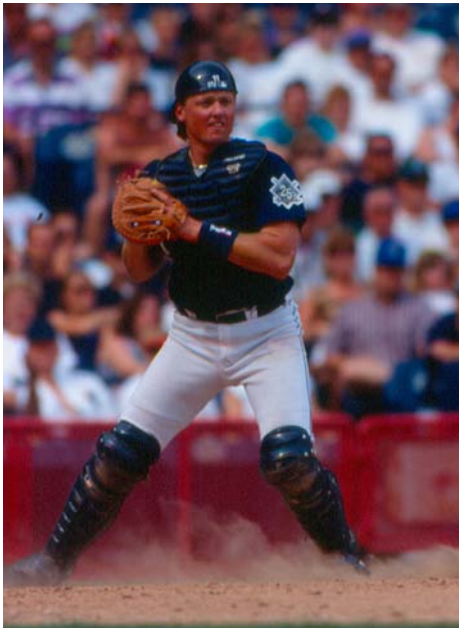


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Spotlight on a Former Brewer

In 1986, a 16 year-old kid was part of a team that visited America from Australia and ended up playing in the Chicago area. Soon after, former Brewers' pitcher and then-scout, Billy Castro, took notice. Fast forward to 1987 when the Brewers had a part-time scout in Australia and in the player's own words "the choice was simple". If the picture wasn't a dead giveaway, you know I'm talking about Dave Nilsson, the right-handed throwing left-handed batting catcher who spent eight seasons from 1992-1999 with the Brewers.

The choice was simple as the Brewers signed Nilsson in 1987 as an amateur free agent. Last month, Nilsson took a little time to talk to me about his career.

Nilsson started his minor league career in Helena, Montana, playing for the Helena Brewers. After a great minor league season where he batted .394 in 188 at-bats in just 55 games it was evident that the Brewers had someone special. Nilsson spent the next four seasons in the minors until 1992. "I was excited, but I came through the era of being seen, not heard. That year there was a new coaching staff so I wanted to be prepared for any opportunity that arose," Nilsson said talking about the 1992 Spring Training. He made the squad that year and spent the next nine seasons as a Brewer.

Nilsson put up very good numbers during his career. In 1996, he had career highs in average (.331), RBI (84), runs scored (81), and on-base percentage (.407). He followed it up in 1997 with career highs in games played (156), at-bats (554), and hits (154). In 1999, he was named to the All-Star team and ended the season with a .309 average, a career high in home runs (21) and games played behind the plate (101). Nilsson played in 837 games during his stay in Milwaukee, and although he played in over 100 games in six of his eight years with the Brewers, he served numerous stints on the DL nursing injuries.

Part of the reason for his injuries may have been due to his off-season routine of playing winter ball in Australia. "Playing winter ball was, at times, tough mentally and physically for me at the back-end of the US season," Nilsson said. He also added that "It was a two-edged sword. I have no doubt that if I didn't play winter ball I would have never gotten out of Class A ball, but towards the end of the season it had some effect." Nilsson was born with a talent to play baseball, but believes that his injuries were due to "my body not having enough recovery from year round play. Also, as soon as you start having minor surgeries, your offseason is gone and your mental rest is less," Nilsson said.

There were special times in Milwaukee and Nilsson spoke fondly of one of them. "Having the chance to play with Graeme(Lloyd) in the Big Leagues was a special period. At the time there weren't many Australians to play in the Majors, so to share that was special, but also to have someone else in my country to discuss things that others couldn't understand was nice," Nilsson said. Lloyd and Nilsson shared one special moment on the field on April 14, 1993, when they became the first Australian battery to play in the Majors.

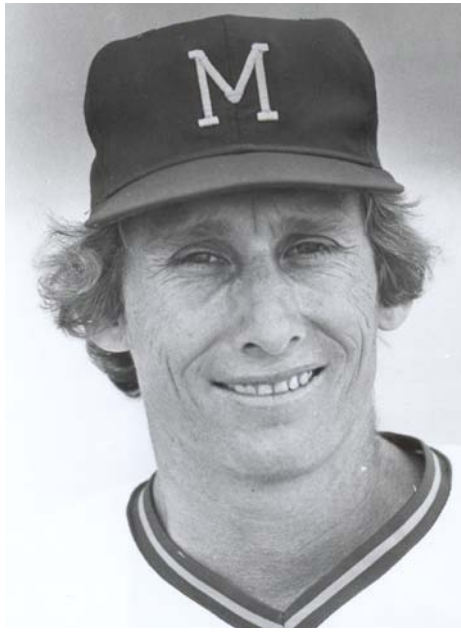
Nilsson's career ended with the Brewers at the close of the 1999 season. Coming off a banner year, where he made the All-Star team, he became a free agent and left the game -- in America, that is. He took time off from Major League Baseball to play for Australia in the 2000 Sydney Olympics. Even though Australia didn't medal in the games, "The Olympics was a wonderful event to be a part of," said Nilsson.

Three years had passed before Nilsson was ready to play ML ball again. In 2003, he signed a contract with the Boston Red Sox, but it was reported that shortly before Spring Training he decided not to return because his heart wasn't in it and he had lost his desire to play. "I was unsure of if I was ready to play again. I always respected what it took athletes to perform at the highest level. I had a great desire to play in the big leagues but was unsure if I was willing to give what I knew it took," Nilsson said. "I didn't question my ability, I questioned if I was willing to sacrifice certain things, the answer was no," he added. But in 2004, the desire came back and Nilsson signed with the Richmond Braves, the AAA team for the Atlanta Braves. Nilsson said two things changed for him to get him back into Major League baseball. "After not signing with Boston I played a few months in Italy and enjoyed it more than I realized. Secondly, I wanted to help redeem our poor performance at the 2000 Olympics." He returned to play for his national team in the 2004 Olympics in Athens and came away with the silver medal; Nilsson didn't make it out of Richmond, and his Major League career ended.

Nilsson, now 40, is married and has four kids ranging in age 1 1/2 to 11 years old. Nilsson and his wife, Amanda, are also expecting a boy in April. He has been splitting time between Phoenix and Gold Coast, Australia for the last 6 years, and keeps busy coaching in some of the Australian baseball programs.

If Nilsson hadn't been hampered with injuries throughout his career, there's no telling how good he would have been. But there's no doubt his time in baseball and in Milwaukee were special. "Baseball has been a vehicle that has allowed me to travel the world, meet great people and have a lifestyle I am very grateful for," he said.

Nilsson ended by saying "My time in Milwaukee was great. I wish I had stayed longer and let the people of the town know how much I enjoyed my time and how welcome I felt."



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Picture it. It's 1969 and you get a call that the California Angels just drafted you in the 11th round of the amateur draft. I can just imagine the conversation: "Dad, the California Angels just drafted me, and they're offering me an \$8,000 bonus and another \$8,000 for school. Can I go?" "No! You're going to Junior college." That's how the Major League career of former Milwaukee Brewers outfielder, Jim Wohlford, began.

Wohlford spent one season at the College of the Sequoias and was named All-American. The Royals drafted him in the third round of the 1970 January draft, just a month shy of his 19th birthday. After spending three seasons in the minors, Wohlford began what would be a 15-year Major League career.

Originally drafted as a shortstop, Wohlford played the infield in 1972 before being asked to move to the outfield the following season to make room for a kid named George Brett. Wohlford spent 1972-1976 with the Royals before being traded to the Brewers along with Jamie Quirk and a player to be named later (which turned out to be pitcher, Bob McClure) for pitcher Jim Colborn and catcher Darrell Porter.

Photo courtesy of Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club "I was working for Bumper To Bumper Auto Parts at the time. Back in those days you didn't make the kind of money that they make now. I had an off-season job," Wohlford said. He added that "I actually heard about it on the radio."

In 1977, his first season with the Brewers, Wohlford batted .248 with 97 hits in 129 games. He then saw his playing time drop in the next two seasons. In 1978 he played in 46 games and the following year he played a bit more and ended the season playing in 63 games. "Milwaukee had a great team. We had a lot of power hitters: Gorman Thomas, Ben Oglivie, Cecil Cooper, Sal Bando, Larry Hisle, Don Money, then Robin Yount and (Paul) Molitor came up," said Wohlford. "We had a great, great ball club", Wohlford added.

With limited playing time, Wohlford said that at that time "I knew that I had to be the best extra player that I could be." Speaking of his time in Milwaukee, Wohlford said it "was a great time. I had a lot of fun with Gorman and all the other guys." Wohlford said. "We had the mashers: Bambi's Bombers. "Milwaukee fans were great fans. They're great die-hard fans."

After the 1979 season, Wohlford was a free agent and signed with the San Francisco Giants. He spent the next three years in San Francisco, and ended his career in 1986 after playing four seasons with the Montreal Expos.

I asked Wohlford to give me some thoughts on some of his former Brewers teammates and he left me with these words:

- Jerry Augustine - "Good left handed pitcher. All around nice guy."
- Cecil Cooper - "Great hitter. One of the best I saw. He was just a natural hitter."
- Paul Molitor - "Great Hall of Fame player and a great person"
- Robin Yount - "A hard-nosed, great player and person. One-of-a-kind."
- Gorman Thomas - "Character. Played hard, but had a lot of fun along the way."
- Don Money - "A great player. He was solid, steady and you could count on him."
- Jim Gantner - "Another solid, tough player. A tough competitor and a good, good person."

"Ninety percent of the game is half mental." Most people believe that Yogi Berra said it, but actually Jim Wohlford should receive credit for it. He tells it this way. "We had a few cocktails on the plane one night. We just started doing 'isms'. The reporter wrote it down. I got quoted in the Readers Digest. I got \$50 for that," Wohlford said. Another one of Wohlford's quotes is "The only difference between San Quentin and Candlestick Park was that they let you go home at Candlestick."

Wohlford's "life after baseball" has been in the investment business for the last 22 years. He currently is branch manager for Stiefel Nicolaus in Valencia, California, his hometown.

He's been married for 38 years and has two kids, a son, 29, and daughter, 25.

Wohlford's career may have been short-lived in Milwaukee, but he did have a long and productive career in baseball. "We played when money wasn't the driving force. We loved to play the game," Wohlford ended.

Boy, I miss those days...

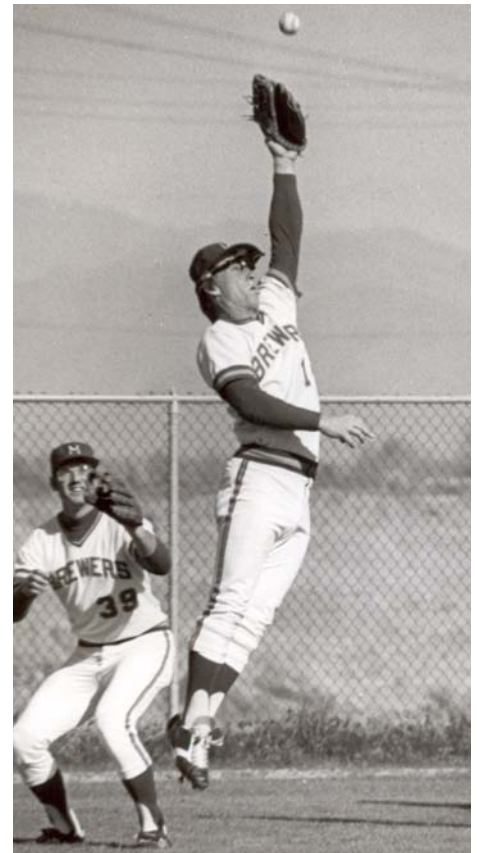


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