



The 2nd New Jersey North South Senior Softball All-Star Game

June 17, 2013

**Ivy Hill Park
Essex County
Mike Sheppard, Sr. Field**

Peter Fick – Hunterdon Central High School Honorary Coach of the North Team

There will never again be a softball coach in New Jersey quite like Pete Fick. He coached at his alma mater, Hunterdon Central, for 38 years until departing following the 2012 season. He left as the state's all-time victory leader with a record of 721-236-1, a mark that figures to stand for years to come, since no other current Garden State coach has won more than 675 games.

Aside from his lofty record, Fick also set an example through his pleasant personality, warm demeanor and ability to connect with players over the course of several different generations. He sought the best competition for his teams, and would regularly travel to all corners of the state to test his club. Along the way, he endeared himself to colleagues for the way his teams represented themselves and their school.

After graduating from the Flemington school, he then received a diploma from Springfield College in 1962. After launching his teaching career at Burlington City, Fick began working at Hunterdon Central several years later. He was a physical education teacher at his alma mater for 42 years until he retired in June, 2011. Earlier that month, he led Hunterdon Central to its second NJSIAA Group 4 championship with a 1-0 victory over Howell. (His other title came in 1999, when the Red Devils beat Paramus, 3-2, in the Group 4 final.)

Fick took over the Hunterdon Central program from Fredetta McCormick in 1975, and his first team went 11-6. It was the first of his 31 winning seasons at the helm. Hunterdon Central's last losing season with Fick as its coach was in 1987, a streak that lasted until this year's team went 11-12 without him calling the shots. Additionally, Hunterdon Central won at least 20 games in every season from 1993 through 2012, with the exception of the 2006 club that still fashioned a 19-4 record.

Fick's teams won 24 conference championships, 15 county tournament titles and seven sectional championships in addition to the two state titles. The Red Devils were also the Group 4 runner-up to Eastern last year.

The NJ Pride Super 36 All-Star game committee is proud to recognize Fick as the honorary coach for the North team, not only for his record-setting achievements, but for the positive role that he had over the sport in New Jersey over the course of five decades.

Charlie Musumeci – Cherry Hill East High School Honorary Coach of the South Team (Posthumously)

Charlie Musumeci played many roles, and performed all of them well.

He was an actor, who appeared in television shows like Law and Order: Criminal Intent and Homicide: Life on the Street, as well as in feature films shot around the region. In recent years, he also produced an independent movie called Ain't Nobody Left Behind.

But the jobs that he treasured the most were teacher, coach and family man.

Musumeci, who graduated from Cherry Hill East in 1972 and later graduated from Catawba College in North Carolina, was the head softball coach for 28 years at his alma mater until he died after a two-year fight with adrenal cancer on March 9. He was 58.

Known affectionally as "Moose," he was one of the most well liked and respected softball coaches in South Jersey and beyond. He coached several sports over the years, including cheerleading, was a substitute teacher in a variety of subjects, served as director of standardized testing at the school, and was heavily involved in its theater program. His sense of humor, his laugh, and gift of gab, even in the days when he was seriously ill, were one-of-a-kind.

He loved coaching his team and fostering the positive values that can be gained by participating in high school sports.

In one game in 2000, his underdog team rallied in the final inning to gain a thrilling 8-7 victory over Washington Township, which at the time was the top-ranked team in South Jersey. As the winning run was about to cross the plate, Musumeci was so excited that he jumped high in the air near his spot in the third-base coaching box.... and ruptured his Achilles tendon.

He was also part of possibly the best story you'll ever hear associated with high school softball. Cherry Hill East was playing Lenape during the 1996 season when the catcher on his team began arguing with the home plate umpire. Musumeci pulled her from the game, but then realized he had no available backup to step in behind the plate. Musumeci surveyed his options and approached sophomore Jackie Finkel, who had caught a few times in practice but never in a game. Finkel agreed to do it, but she asked for one thing in return -- she wanted her coach to ask her mother, Cindy, to go out on a date.

Eventually they did. And on July 6, 1997, Charlie and Cindy became husband and wife.

Musumeci continued to coach Cherry Hill East through the years, with Cindy frequently by his side, both at the softball field and in his work with the theater students.

"He knew everyone, everyone knew him," Cherry Hill East principal John O'Breza told the Philadelphia Inquirer after Musumeci's death. "He had more offices in this building than anyone. He was always fun and always a gracious worker. He cared for the students, and they saw that, which was the best part."

The NJ Pride Super 36 All-Star game committee is proud to posthumously recognize Charlie Musumeci as the honorary coach of the South team, and welcomes members of his family to tonight's game as we salute his decades of contributions to the sport of softball as well as the student body at Cherry Hill East.

North Team

Damariz Mercado (Bloomfield High School)	4
Jenna Orlando (Bloomfield High School)	3
Christina Martinez (DePaul Catholic High School)	11
Ally Vergona (Immaculate Heart Academy)	17
Maria Lacatena (Lenape Valley High School)	18
Jess Peslak (Livingston High School)	10
Rachel Wasilak (Livingston High School)	1
Emily Mulligan (Montville High School)	19
Mary Wiley (Old Tappan High School)	13
Kate Kallert (Passaic Valley High School)	12
Nicole Hernandez (Pequannock High School)	7
Dani Regina (Pompton Lakes High School)	6
Alexia Russo (Saddle Brook High School)	8
Shannon McMahon (South Plainfield High School)	2
Jenn Sanislo (Whippany Park High School)	9
Rebecca Welch (Carteret High School)	15
Katelyn Johnson (Mt. St. Dominic Academy)	5
Cassidy Trause (Immaculate Heart Academy)	14

Coaches

Darren White - Saddle Brook High School
Keith Heinemann - Morris Knolls High School
Jason Daily - Livingston High School
Alexis Davies - Chatham High School

South Team

Janessa Rios (Buena Regional High School).....	1
Trista Mokienko (Delsea High School)	9
Jordyn White (Freehold Township High School).....	16
Alison Shimko (Hillsborough High School).....	6
MaryInn Muldowney (North Brunswick High School)	3
Val Suto (Nottingham High School)	5
Gianna Kinhofer (Ocean Township High School)	10
Alexis Gaskill (Rancocas Valley Regional High School).....	18
Rachel Simodejka (Rancocas Valley Regional High School)	4
Rebecca Freeman (Robbinsville High School).....	11
Lauren Fischer (Robbinsville High School).....	8
Amanda Durham (St. John Vianney High School).....	2
Sarah Bencivenga (Toms River East High School)	14
Jordan Weed (Toms River East High School)	19
Sydney Canessa (Wall High School)	7
Susan Wysocki (Camden Catholic High School).....	17
Danielle Budden (Jackson Liberty High School).....	12
Shayla Sweeney (Haddon Heights High School)	15
Carly Todd (Gloucester Catholic High School)	13

Coaches

Anthony Vodola - Wall High School
Kim Lombardi - St John Vianney High School
Debbie Schwartz - Toms River East High School
Pam Pickett - Buena High School



Katelyn, we have enjoyed watching you perform for MSDA during the past 4 years. You provided us with many memories and we will also remember all your accomplishments at the Mount. We wish you success at Central Connecticut State University next year!

You're the best!
Mom & Dad



Congratulations Rachel and Jess,
We are so proud of your athletic accomplishments along with your academic achievements. Cherish the memories playing together. They will last a lifetime!
We look forward to your continued success as student athletes at William Paterson and Hofstra.

Love,
Your Parents

Booster Page

Congratulations Kate!!
Good luck tonight and at Rider!!
Your Hornet Softball Family

Congratulations Alexia on all of your success and accomplishments. Your team, coaches, parent association and your family is so proud of you! Good luck at FDU next year!
Best Wishes
Saddle Brook Softball Parent Association

Congratulations "Super 36" on your outstanding athletic accomplishments! Best wishes for continued success.
The Weed Family

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