



# Rounding Third

Chicago 16-Inch Softball Hall of Fame Monthly Newsletter



## DePaul University Begins 10 Week Program About Chicago History and Softball



For the 6th year in a row the Chicago 16 inch Softball Hall of Fame, in conjunction with De Paul University, taught a class on Chicago's game to some of the freshman students who come from outside the Chicago area. The purpose of the class is to teach the kids what Chicago is all about. The students attend a 10 week program focusing on the qualities that make Chicago a special city. The class was held over two days with each class lasting 2.5 hours with 26 students. The first class was held on

Friday September 12th, 2014 at De Paul's Lincoln Park campus in Chicago. Students were taught by President Ronald Kubicki and Hall of Famer Frank Lentine about the history of softball and it's beginning here in Chicago back in 1887. Students are also taught the sociological and economic impact of the game on the city, the neighborhoods, and the families. They are exposed to the diversity of the game and how it crosses all races and occupations. For the last part of the class the students moved into the gym for lessons on the proper way to throw and catch a 16 inch softball, with no glove of course!

As part of the program, students visited the Hall of Fame Museum on Friday September 26th, 2014 at in Forest Park, IL. The kids were broken up into groups and taken on a tour of the museum by Hall of Famers Ronald Kubicki, Frank Lentine, Ron Ziemann, Ray Topps and George Bliss. After the kids enjoy a pizza lunch they were ready to hit the field where they got a refresher on how to play the game and how to hit the ball. The last two hours of the class were spent in a scrimmage game. The kids enjoyed getting in the game using their skills they had learned. The class ended with a wrap up and an evaluation. A good time was had by all and the plans are already in the works for next year.

To check out highlights from the day, click this link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EjJEUbPBNMg>

## Taft Wins Boys 16-inch Softball High School Championship



Four teams took to Little Cubs Field in Humboldt Park on Wednesday October 8th, 2014, with Taft coming out as the winner against Solorio. George Bliss covered the games, for his live radio stream click on this link: <http://tun.in/sfg9L>.



**Congratulations to Solutions on winning the ASA Major Championship and Windy City on winning the SSA Major Championship!**



*Team Solutions with ASA trophy.*



*Team Windy City with SSA trophy.*

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