

The SWBL is excited to announce our team for the 3rd Annual NWLA National Tournament. The 6-game guaranteed tournament will be held in Columbus, Ohio, July 18th-20th. The SWBL representatives will, once again, be playing under the Cardinals Franchise name in the third year of the tournament. Last season the SWBL finished in 3rd place overall, with a 4-3 record, and established themselves as one of the most improved teams from the original year. The 2014 SWBL Roster for the 3rd Annual NWLA Tournament is as follows:





Patrick Gatti

Patrick Gatti just completed his third season in the SWBL, and continues to prove himself as one of the best overall players in the league on both sides of the ball. "PG" is the only member of the SWBL Cardinals to play in the NWLA and London tournaments the past two years and will use his experience to his advantage in 2014. He will once again lead as co-Captain of the London Tournament Cardinals before heading back to the NWLA Cardinals where he will pitch in his first game of eligibility.

<u>#</u>	Pos.	Bats	Throws
8	P/EH	R	R



Chris Meador

Chris Meador will join the National Tournament roster and leadoff the lineup as the only lefty, and the only player on the roster to have won an SWBL Championship in the past 4 years. Chris has been the most dominant fielder in our league's history and will man LF for the duration of the tournament. Chris won the SWBL Gold Glove in 2012-2014, while last year being named the NWLA's National Fielder of the Year. Chris also won the SWBL MVP in 2010 and looks to help make a run in the 3rd Annual NWLA tournament.

<u>#</u>	Pos.	Bats	Throws
4	LF	L	R



Gus Skibbe

Gus is excited to return to Ohio for the 2nd Annual NWLA tournament after having an incredible first tournament experience. In 10 years of wiffleball, Gus can claim 3 SWBL Championships, the 2011 MVP, 2011 Triple Crown, and most recently the Season 12 CY Young award, after pitching a 6-0 record for his team in 2014. Gus is a strong player on both sides of the ball, who will bat third in the lineup and take over as ace for the staff. Gus will also represent the SWBL in the NWLA All-Star Game on Friday night.

<u>#</u>	Pos.	Bats	Throws
18	P/EH/OF	R	R



Sam Skibbe

Commissioner of the SWBL and Captain of the SWBL Cardinals Franchise, this will mark Sam's third trek to the heartland of Ohio and second on the Tournament Host Committee. He has played 11 years in the SWBL, and in 2013 was named the NWLA's National Hitter of the Year. His accolades include 8 CY Young Awards, 2009 MVP, 2009 Triple Crown, 2 Gold Gloves, and 3 SWBL Titles. Sam will bat fourth in the lineup and be the team's utility player; playing any position his team needs him to.

#	Pos.	Bats	Throws
12	RF/P/EH	R	R



Blake Spencer

Two-time SWBL MVP Blake Spencer will join the NWLA tournament team after he first demolishes some home runs in the London Slow Pitch Tournament. Blake, who is usually known for his bat, will be utilized as a pitcher mostly during round robin play as he has improved to be one of the best relief pitchers in the league, finishing third in the CY Young voting in 2014. It is our hope that Blake will not only help the London Team bring home the SWBL's first overall tournament victory, but step up in big innings on the mound in Dublin as well. Blake will also represent the SWBL in the 2nd annual NWLA Home Run Derby.

<u>#</u>	Pos.	<u>Bats</u>	Throws
13	P/EH	R	R



Ty Butler

2014 SWBL Rookie of the Year, Ty Butler made his wiffleball debut for the league in Season 12, helping the Royals to the first perfect 10-0 season in our history, and finished the year as arguably the best rookie the SWBL has ever seen. He should also make a strong push for National Rookie of the Year in November. Ty will add some intensity to the national tournament team with his speed on the basepaths and approach to the plate. He is the best wiffle prospect the SWBL currently has and we are excited to see what he can do at the national level.

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7	EH/P/OF	R	R



Since we are also bringing a team to the London Tournament, we have two extra players that may not get a lot of playing time in the National Tournament, but will be enjoying the rest of their weekend after London, drinking heavily and yelling at our players on the basepaths. They will also be sharing a jersey since we only have 7 total...

1st Base Coach: Spencer Bogad



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3rd Base Coach: Peter Leicht

