



The SWBL is excited to announce our team for the 5th Annual NWLA National Tournament. The 5-game guaranteed tournament will be held in Dublin, Ohio, July 15th-17th. The SWBL representatives will, once again, be playing under the Cardinals Franchise name in the fifth year of the tournament. Last season the SWBL finished in 5th place overall, with a 6-2 record, and continued to establish themselves as one of the most improved teams from the original year. The 2016 SWBL Roster for the 5th Annual NWLA Tournament is as follows:



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| Spencer Bogad |
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Spencer Bogad had a career year during the 14th Season of the SWBL in 2016, winning the Most Valuable Player award, tying the HR Record, shattering the RBI record, and finishing second in the CY Wiffle race on the way to his 2nd SWBL Championship. Spencer continues to prove he has what it takes to be in the conversation as one of the best players in the SWBL while also improving in the NWLA style of play each year. Spencer will head to Ohio as the team's number three pitcher, clean-up hitter, and SWBL All-Star Representative.

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| 4 | P/EH | R | R |



Chris Meador

Chris Meador is back on the tournament roster and will continue to leadoff for the SWBL as the only lefty in the lineup. Chris has been the most dominant fielder and contact hitter in, not only our league's history, but in the NWLA Tournament as well according to statistics. He leads all tournament participants in fielding assists and is the only player in tournament history to average more than two hits per game. Chris is a two-time NWLA National Fielder of the Year and will continue to be the only left fielder on the SWBL roster.

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| 10 | LF | L | R |



Gus Skibbe

After seeing his face on the jumbotron for almost every offensive category for the past many years, the hard-hitting slugger for the SWBL, Gus Skibbe is back for his 4th NWLA tournament. Gus is the NWLA tournament leader in Home Runs over the past three years (20 HR) and will bat second in the SWBL lineup. Gus has ace stuff on the mound when he is on and will head the three-headed SWBL pitching monster when not in RF. Gus will also represent the SWBL in the NWLA Home Run Derby on Friday night to defend his title from last year.

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| 18 | P/RF | R | R |



Sam Skibbe

Commissioner of the SWBL and Captain of the SWBL Cardinals Franchise, Sam is the only player from the league to make it to Ohio for all five tournament years and is in his fourth year serving on the Tournament Host Committee. Sam had his best NWLA performance on the mound at the Minnesota regional this past June and is the reigning CY Wiffle winner for his league in St. Louis, which leads him to be in the 1-2 Skibbe pitching/right field rotation while his NWLA Tournament career HR leading (21 dingers) bat will hit third in the lineup.

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| 12 | P/RF | R | R |



Jackson Crosley

The league is so excited to announce the addition of Jackson Crosley to the 2016 SWBL national roster. Jackson is one of the best pitchers in the SWBL and has some of the best movement our hitters can face. For years we have hoped he could make it and this year he will get his chance. Whether Jackson comes to Ohio as a bonafide ace or a shutdown closer who can throw strikes, we are glad that we finally get to see this experiment come to life in 2016. Jackson will be a P.O., getting his first taste of national competition during pool play to prove his stuff.

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| 7 | P | R | R |



During this year's regional round SWBL finished with a record of 3-1-1, good enough to finish in the second tier of teams for the pool play draw on Friday night. This year also marks the first year in which we are not bringing a team to compete in the London Tournament and also will be bringing along the smallest caravan since the First Annual 2012 tournament. Good luck to all teams in the 2016 NWLA Tournament (just not against us) and we look forward to another great weekend with wiffle-nation.