

## FPW+SL Spring 2019 Awards – Nominations & Winners

**Congratulations to everyone who was nominated – well done to our winners, and thank you to everyone who voted!**

### All Star Players

Weather permitting, the All Star game will take place on Sunday 7/28. Our tradition is to have our Coach of the Year winners from 2018 and 2019 coach a team of All Stars each.

Name	Team
Kait Sweeney - Any Maggie Kennedy-Dooner – 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Shortstop Eva Dougherty - Pitcher	Free Agents
Jenae “Lady” Scott – Shortstop Val Slott – Pitcher Lisa Lawrence – 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hit Squad
Danielle Smith – Left Center Melissa Puleo – 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Shortstop, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Erin Roar – 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Right or Left Center	Ladies of Leisure
Britney Jones – 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Left Field Nadirah Bowser – 1 <sup>st</sup> Cait Flood – 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Left Field/Center, Right Field/Center	Misfits
Sharon Jann – Pitcher Brandy Dianno – Left Field/Center Elaine Walsh – Pitcher, Left Field/Center, Right Field/Center	Peaches
Jessica Cubicciotti – Catcher Suzanne Smith – Left Center Sarah Broskin – Shortstop	Screwballs
Allie Steranko – 3 <sup>rd</sup> base Maria Palermo – 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Left Field/Center LaToya Dionne – Left Field/Center	Sons of Pitches
Emma Degennaro – Left Field/Center, Right Field Adrienne Morris – Shortstop Sarah McGrath-Deneault– Left Field/Center, Right Field/Center	Twisted Sistas

### Coach of the Year

**Nominees:**

Name	Team
Dawn D'Annunzio	Screwballs
April Tvarok	Peaches
Jade Gasper	Misfits
Bex Bagnato	Sons of Pitches
Jane Spreckley	Twisted Sistas
Monica Halter	Free Agents

## **WINNER: Jane Spreckley - Twisted Sistas**

Comments from voters:

*Jane gives 100% and always shows kindness. I understand that she stepped up to coach this year and was great!*

*Bex has done a wonderful job taking over as coach and is a pleasure to play against.*

*Daddy Bex took the Sons to new heights. He cultivated a team that loves to have a good time, lift one another up, and even play a little bit of softball.*

*Fosters team spirit, support, and learning in a fun and inclusive way. Really impressed by Bex and the way they lead their fabulous team.*

*(Bex) Most improved team -- congrats to coach!*

*Jade is a very fair and knowledgeable player and leader. She is consistently fair and exhibits excellent sportsmanlike conduct. I truly enjoy playing with her team.*

*Jade is, of course, always there for her team but she has also helped other teams when they have needed some assistance. She is encouraging and helpful to the entire league.*

*April is a great coach who has been a part of the league for years! She always puts her players first, allowing them as much playing time as possible. April is a fair and compassionate coach. She truly loves the game and FPW+SL!*

*Dawn has done a phenomenal job this season, handling a whole load of newbies, leading the team to their first wins(!), contributing to the League organization, and all with a smile on her face. She's a delight to be around, play against, and she deserves huge recognition for all she and the Screwballs have accomplished. She should be very proud. Any other aspiring coaches would do well to learn from Dawn.*

*Halter keeps us all laughing no matter what is happening, win or lose. She makes sure that playing time is fair and will take herself out of the game so everyone can play. She doesn't play it safe as a coach, she takes risks and changes the lineup every game to keep everyone on their toes.*

*Jade is an all around great athlete, but more than that, she is a great coach to not only the Misfits, but others in the league. She never hesitates to help out a player looking to improve, regardless of the team they are on. She puts in extra time to teach softball skills as well as share her advice and experience. She has taught our players who have never touched a ball before and spent the time with them, to give them confidence and opportunity to succeed. She is always professional, tough, but fair, and is the first one to step up to help whenever needed. She is a leader, a role model, and sets an example for all of us to follow. She continues to exceed the bar every year.*

## **Scorekeeper of the Year**

**Nominees:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Team</b>
Elaine Slott	Hit Squad
Carina Jamison	Ladies of Leisure
Alison Coleman	Misfits
Val "Quack" Quackenbush	Twisted Sistas
Alex Babillis	Free Agents

## **WINNER: Val "Quack" Quackenbush - Twisted Sistas**

Comments from voters:

*Elaine is a huge fan of the game. She knows and loves softball, baseball, and the players. She's always interested in talking with people, is a good listener, and she brings her experience, good nature, and score keeping skills to the field!*

*(Elaine) "Mom" is the silent force behind our team and she willingly and diligently takes the time to make sure the score and records are done correctly for both teams. Plus, she's just an all-around classy broad*

*If anyone deserves this award it is Alex. This is their first full year of official scorekeeper and they bring more to the plate than anyone else ever could. Alex was unable to play in the beginning of the season but was our 11th player on the field. Alex picks our music, keeps score accurately each game and blasts the DJ horn. We aren't really sure what it means but it is fun. Also they are our Facebook person, creating polls and keeping the team in line. Their enthusiasm for our team and softball in general is unprecedented. Alex has grown so much as a person over the years and we couldn't imagine a team without them.*

*Alison, while she doesn't play on the field, holds down one of the most important positions on the team as our scorekeeper, rules master and overall organizer. She is friendly, helpful, and keeps a clean and accurate book. She is dedicated to the game and always reliable. Other teams, umpires and our own team can trust when a question is asked, Alison will have the answer or find it. She is definitely the keystone to our team.*

## **League MVP**

**Nominees:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Team</b>
Jessica Cubicciotti	Screwballs
Brandy DiAnno	Peaches
Jenae "Lady" Scott	Hit Squad
Violet Lawson	Sons of Pitches
Adrienne Morris	Twisted Sistas
Erin Mahone	Twisted Sistas
Eva Dougherty	Free Agents
Danielle Smith	Ladies of Leisure

## WINNER: Jenae "Lady" Scott - Hit Squad

Comments from voters:

*Eva is a great pitcher, great hitter and smart runner. She snags line drives like she was born to do it and keeps the infield together when we have our infamous bad inning.*

*Lady is an excellent all around player who is committed to her team and to the game. She plays with grace and poise and is very encouraging to her teammates. Lady also has a good sense of the game and is always willing to talk through strategy to help the game go smoothly and to showcase the best of everyone's abilities.*

*Lady has been the backbone of Hit Squad since she started playing with a couple of years ago. Though she plays in other leagues, she makes sure to be at our games and is both professional and supportive of the coach, the umpires and all players. Her performance on (and off) the field is truly remarkable. While she is more athletically capable than I and many of our teammates, she takes coaching to the heart and carries what she learns to the rest of the team. She is a true leader and I am honored to have her on my team.*

*Jess is the glue that holds the Screwballs together. We should all strive to be like Jess because that would make us such better people and ball players. Jess is willing to do whatever it takes to help other players whether they are on Jess' team or not. Jess will be the first person to volunteer to practice with someone if they need it. Jess is always the first person to give words of encouragement to any player who needs it. Jess is an asset to this league and we are fortunate to have Jess on the Screwballs.*

*Jess is such a solid player - consistently backing everyone else up, encouraging behind the plate, and a force to be reckoned with when a bat is in her hand. She's the catcher I watch the most to learn from. She is a great mentor to new and existing players, brings a wealth of knowledge about the game, and shows incredible humility.*

*Brandy is new to the league and has certainly made the Peaches a contender with her great speed and amazing fielding and hitting.*

*(Violet) Jumps up at the opportunity to help, anyone, anytime. Truly a great player and friend!*

*Erin (Mahone) embodies the true spirit of FPW+SL in that she brings such positive energy to the field. She engages everyone, is supportive, extremely motivational and makes it really fun to play against her team. Her sportsmanship is top notch, congratulating players on all teams when they make a good play, and picking up her own teammates. She has a truly competitive nature, but she also keeps it light and fun too. She is a great example of what it means to be playing recreational softball. Off the field, she's still smiling, joking, having a great time and engaging everyone. We are lucky to have her as a part of the league and look forward to when we get to play against her and her team.*

## Player of the Year

Nominees:

Name	Team
Deb "DK" Kennedy	Peaches
Val Slott	Hit Squad
Lisa Lawrence	Hit Squad
Sarah McGrath-DeNault	Twisted Sistas
Eva Dougherty	Free Agents
Rosie Sparkes	Ladies of Leisure
Erin Maloney	Ladies of Leisure
Brianna Miller	Misfits

### WINNER: Rosie Sparkes – Ladies of Leisure

Comments from voters:

*Rosie works really hard to help the league be the welcoming, wonderful, and fun organization that it is. She handles difficult situations with great care and always with the utmost respect. She thoughtfully answers any questions that come up, and she's very positive.*

*I can't say enough good things about Rosie. She is an amazing person and board member. I want to be her when I grow up.*

*Lisa came to our team this year with a passion for softball and true athleticism. I knew from our first game that she is the real deal. She is both supportive and encouraging of her coach (on and off the field), her teammates and of the sport. I am grateful for her presence and commitment to her team and the sport.*

*Bri never complains and is willing to play any position coach puts her in. She tries her best at every game and always has a positive attitude win or lose. She is a great team mate and works hard to do better every game.*

*Brianna is one of the most dedicated teammates on the Misfits. She is ready at all times to do whatever is needed. While it isn't a sport that she has played her whole life, like many of us, she loves being in this league and playing with our team probably more than anyone and is a highly valuable player. Our whole team nominated her for this position, because she truly is The Player of The Year in how she has worked to improve as a player and how she literally lives and breathes softball. If it's a game day, she's amped and doing her game day dance moves sharing her motivational videos long before most of us are out of bed. If it's not a game day, she's asking to practice, hitting the gym or the cages and counting down the moments until the next game arrives. She's always smiling and her positive energy and love for the game is completely contagious. As a player, she is someone who is constantly working to improve, shows up to every practice and game and picks up whatever role needs to be done. She will pick anyone up when they get down and she is completely fierce.*

*Erin has seriously stepped up in just her second year in the League - Board member, social extraordinaire, pitcher, catcher - she can do it all! She's level-headed, wise, intuitive and tons of fun. She's a credit to the League and the Ladies of Leisure, and for anyone toying with joining the Board - spending time with Erin is a good reason to do so.*

*Eva was voted player of the year for her attitude and personality on and off the field. Eva keeps us together as a family. She is our pyrotechnics expert, sound professional, brings the swimming pool and always makes sure someone has a cold beverage in their hand. The Free Agents family has gone through a lot this year, and Eva especially but through it all she has remained strong and kept a positive attitude. Eva somehow always convinces us to stay at the fields just a little bit longer because she is with the people she loves at the place she loves. Whenever you see Free Agents at the field 6 hours after our game ends it's because Eva makes it too hard for us to leave. She is the party and nobody ever wants to leave a good party.*