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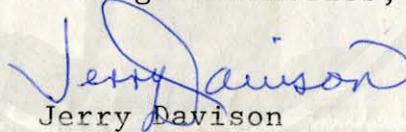
Dear Pat:

Pat Menke told me to send along to you the info on the State College guys playing on the World Series Senior Softball Championship Team. We have won the World Series twice in the last four years, one in Greensboro, South Carolina and one in Detroit. We came in 3rd in Palm Beach, Florida and got beat in the finals at Scottsdale.

The State College people you would be interested in are Phil Seewald, Ernie Beck, Don Berg, Team Mgr., Bob Kennedy and myself. All five of these guys played together on State College's baseball team.

Don't know exactly what you can use, so will send along this clipping. For any further info call me at 420 - 3188, I remember you well and would enjoy talking to you. Over the years I've kept posted on your doings from Marion McGhee, Ann Marie Lyles, June Kennedy, Barbara Lowe, etc. It seems your name is always surfacing.

With good memories,



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Senior softball: Only

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For Bob Kennedy and Jerry Davison, both in their 70s, it's only a matter of how old they feel.

The two long-time Chula Vista residents are regulars on the county's senior softball circuit and, in fact, were among the celebrated heroes for the San Diego Silver Hawks in the recent Senior Softball World Series played in Michigan.

The Silver Hawks, an all-star traveling team, won the title in the 70 & Older division. For Kennedy and Davison, it was their second World Series title, having won the crown previously in 1989. Davison was the Series' Most Valuable Player in '89 and Kennedy was this year's co-MVP.

"We hope to continue our winning ways," said Kennedy, who remains young in mind. "Right now we're the best 70 & Older team not only in this country but in Canada. We should be very proud."

Kennedy, a former baseball coach at Chula Vista High School for 26 years who had played in just about every local adult league before joining the senior leagues, said he continues to play to keep physically fit. Both he and Davison, a former teacher in the Sweetwater Union High School District and youth baseball coach, agreed camaraderie was also an important lure.

A total of 103 teams converged on Canton Township, September 23-27, for the Fourth Annual Senior Softball World Series. Over 400 games were played in six age groups representing team that had qualified from 10 regional tournaments held throughout the United States and Canada over the summer.

Age groups represented included: 50-plus, 55-plus, 60-plus, 65-plus, 70-plus and 75-plus.

Three teams from San Diego qualified: The San Diego Travelers (65-plus), San Diego Grays (70-plus) and San Diego Silver Hawks (70-plus).

The Grays won four preliminary-round games but fell in two

straight playoff games to drop out of the double-elimination tournament while the Travelers won three prelim games and eventually placed third to a team from Florida.

The Silver Hawks, however, proved they had the stuff of champions. They won their three prelim games and then went undefeated in five playoff games, shutting out Mesa, Arizona, 16-0, in the title game.

The Silver Hawks weren't just good. They were dominant in sweeping through the field, winning by margins of 20-5, 5-3, 13-2, 15-3 and 16-0 in their five playoff games. The Silver Hawks outscored their five playoff opponents, 69-13, limiting teams to 2.6 runs per game.

Kennedy and Davison were among the catalysts. Kennedy, a shortstop and team captain, batted .613 while Davison, a catcher, went 16 for 26 to finish the tournament with a .615 average. Dav-

FOURTH ANNUAL SENIOR WORLD SERIES Championship Games

75-plus: Los Angeles Olympics 8, St. Petersburg, Fla. Kids & Kubs 4

70-plus: San Diego Silver Hawks 16, Mesa, Ariz. 0

65-plus: Fountain Valley Barons 8, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. 7 (14 innings)

60-plus: Sacramento Goldrush 5, Port Charlotte, Fla. 2

55-plus: Northern California Angels 15, Southern California Braves 7

50-plus: Miami, Fla. Masters 16, Oakland Old A's 14

ison tied for second on the team with 13 RBI.

But as Kennedy and Davison readily admit, it was a total team effort, as all 15 players contributed to the team's overall .513 batting average. The pitching staff, backed by great defense, hurled three shutout games — rare in slo-pitch softball — with Ted Burt holding Atlanta to one hit in a 15-0 win in the prelims. Manager Don Berg had two shutouts, including the 16-0 title-clinching win over Arizona. Rover Phil Seawald led the team with 16 RBI.

The Silver Hawks were formed in January of this year. Davison and Kennedy were also members of San Diego County traveling teams that placed second at the

Senior World Series in 1990 (Scottsdale, Ariz.) and third in 1991 (West Palm Beach, Fla.).

"That's pretty impressive — two World Championship rings, a second and a third in four years," beamed Kennedy, who with Davison, enjoyed brief minor league careers after returning from duty in the Second World War.

It doesn't matter how much time may scatter friends, somehow on the Silver Hawks, they've managed to find each other again.

Five current members of the Silver Hawks played together on the 1942 San Diego State University baseball team. Davison — who taught at Southwest and Granger junior high schools — led that team in batting three of four years and hit over .400 one season to win the state college batting title.

Kennedy won six league titles while coaching the Spartans. He had two players reach the major league level, though, only as he put it, "for a cup of coffee."

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Photo by Phillip Brents

Bob Kennedy (left) and Jerry Davison were Chula Vista's contribution to this year's 70 & Older San Diego Silver Hawks' Senior Softball World Series championship team.