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## Regular season almost over

The 2014 regular season is almost over and the league tournament will start next week. The dates depend on the rain situation.

Seaboard and the Milgram Mustangs are setting the pace in the regular season standings, but the BJ Raiders and Natural Baseball Academy are next in line.

“We started the season a little slow, but the team has really started to click as of late, BJ Raiders manager **Mike Herr** said. “The defense has been solid and the pitching staff has done an outstanding job giving us quality deep starts.

“Timely hits all up and down the lineup have contributed to our success. It has been a team effort offensively.”

Herr said that right-handed pitcher **Milan Pleacher** has been a horse on the mound along with

right-handed pitcher **Chris Mancha**.

Herr noted that catcher **Nico Cademo** has managed the staff well.

Natural Baseball Academy has a new manager in **Brian Knippelmeyer**.

“I’m very pleased overall with our team so far,” he said. “We are very sound defensively, but could improve on our approach at the plate,” he said. “Our pitching has been outstanding so far.”

He pointed to the pitching of **Tyler Meeks**.

“He has thrown the ball extremely well this season,” he said.

He said **Taylor Davis**, **Matt Elliott**, **Jake Vore** and **Keith Winterowd** have been hitting well and said that pitchers Meeks, **Matt Dye**, **Brandon Martinkus** and **Matt Reilly** have done a good job of taking the team deep into games.



**CAUGHT STEALING - Daniel Lamunyon**, UMB Bank shortstop, tags out **Evan Bourn**, Building Champions Navy centerfielder, July 3 at Missouri 3&2 Stadium. Making the call is umpire **James Wooten**, with **Jake Sobbe**, UMB Bank second baseman, backing up the throw. UMB and Building Champions Navy split the two-game set.

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(Statistics are through July 6)

## Batting Average

(based on a minimum of 46 at bats)

1. Luke Lucchetti, Regal Plastics	.420
2. Jake Jones, Midwest Orioles	.414
3. Brett Anderson, Building Champions Gold	.394
4. Braden Brown, Seaboard	.392
5. Anthony Miller, Seaboard	.385
6. Seth Lieser, Midwest Orioles	.373
7. Bryan Porting, Regal Plastics	.370
8. Coleman Waheed, BJ Raiders	.368
9. Aaron Stubblefield, Milgram Mustangs	.366
10. Jared Gage, Mid-AmeriCare Nationals	.364

## Home Runs

1. Dylan Christie, Milgram Mustangs	3
2. (13 tied with two each)	

## Runs Batted In

1. Sam Morman, Milgram Mustangs	26
2. Ian Barker, Midwest Orioles	25
3. Jared Gage, Mid-AmeriCare Nationals	15
3. Aaron Stubblefield, Milgram Mustangs	15
3. William Mahnken, BJ Raiders	15
6. Austin Evans, Bandits	14
6. Bryan Rezin, BJ Raiders	14
6. Dylan Christie, Milgram Mustangs	14
9. Zach Morgan, Mid-AmeriCare Nationals	13
9. Coleman Waheed, BJ Raiders	13
9. Alec Witt, Bandits	13
9. Evan Bourn, Building Champions Navy	13
9. Dean Cameron, Milgram Mustangs	13

## Pitching

## Earned Run Average

(based on a minimum of 19 innings)

1. David Reese, NKC Apartments	0.64
2. Tyler Meeks, Natural Baseball Academy	0.91
3. Logan Baush, Midwest Orioles	1.51
4. Devin Stubbings, BJ Raiders	1.53
5. Alex Pender, NKC Apartments	1.66
6. Brandon Martinkus, Natural Baseball Academy	1.69
6. Eric Smith, BJ Raiders	1.69
8. Luke Brunidge, NKC Apartments	1.83
9. Andrew Blackwell, Milgram Mustangs	1.88
10. Cade Brummer, MSBL Royals	1.95

## Strikeouts

1. Ryan Lasneske, Milgram Mustangs	37
1. Zachary Maskill, Midwest Orioles	37
3. Tyler Meeks, Natural Baseball Academy	35
4. Logan Bausch, Midwest Orioles	32
4. David Reese, NKC Apartments	32
6. Luke Burnidge, NKC Apartments	29
7. Matthew Reilly, Natural Baseball Academy	28
7. Cade Brummer, MSBL Royals	28
7. Jake Slocum, Building Champions Navy	28
7. Christopher Mancha, BJ Raiders	28
11. Blake Stephens, Mid-AmeriCare Nationals	27

## Ban Johnson League Standings

(thru July 8)

	W	L	GB
Seaboard	15	4	0.5
Milgram Mustangs	18	6	----
BJ Raiders	17	7	1.0
Natural Baseball	16	9	2.0
Regal Plastics	13	10	4.0
NKC Apts.	10	10	5.5
UMB Bank	9	11	6.5
MidAmeriCare Nationals	11	14	7.0
MSBL Royals	8	12	7.5
Building Champions Navy	8	15	9.0
Building Champions Gold	7	14	9.0
Bandits	5	14	10.0
Midwest Orioles	8	19	11.0

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# League championship tourney coming up

The Post Season Tournament that decides the 2014 champion will start sometime next week.

The exact dates along with pairings and sites will be announced on the Ban Johnson League website: [bjbaseball.com](http://bjbaseball.com).

Rain could make the event start July 17 or later.

Everything will be done to get the tournament completed by August 1.

The top seven teams from the regular season will qualify for the finals.

The first round will be a single-elimination tourney involving the bottom six teams.

The eighth and ninth teams will have a first-round bye.

The first round games will have 10 playing 13 and 11 and 12 meeting.

The winner with the lowest seed will play the eighth seed with the other winner playing the ninth seed.

The winners will play to be the eighth seed. All games will be nine-inning contests.

The championship tournament will be best two-of-three. One will play eight, two and seven, three and six and four and five.

The first two games will be seven innings. If a third game is required it will be nine innings.

Winners of each series will advance with the highest seed playing the lowest surviving seed in each round.

Seedings will be based on the final regular season standings.

There are a number of rules governing the breaking of ties and player eligibility for the championship tournament.

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# Highlights presented by NKC Apts.

**June 24**

## **BJ Raiders 4, Natural Baseball Academy 2**

The Raiders scored four runs in the last three innings.

**Chase Leavy** was one-for-two with an RBI and **Coleman Waheed**, one-for-three with an RBI.

## **Natural Baseball Academy 1, BJ Raiders 0**

**Keith Winterowd** went one-for-three with the only RBI.

**Matthew Reilly** scattered four hits, fanned seven and didn't walk a batter.

## **UMB Bank 1, Building Champions Gold 0**

UMB scored the winning run in the seventh. **Erik Ross**, walked and advanced to second and third on wild pitches. **Jacob Smith's** sacrifice fly drove in the only run.

**Steven Damico** just allowed three hits, walking three and fanning seven.

Building Champion Gold's **Keaton Graf** just allowed one hit, walking three and striking out nine.

## **UMB Bank 6, Building Champions 3**

**Seth Eli** went one-for-three and **Licio Tamburini** was two-for-three with a double and an RBI.

## **NKC Apartments 10, Building Champions Navy 0**

**Patrick Burns** was two-for-three with an RBI and **Matthew Stack**, one-for-three with two RBIs.

**Luke Burnidge** went six innings, fanning eight, walking one and allowing three hits.

## **NKC Apartments 3, Building Champions Navy 2 (10)**

**Brandon Weber** doubled to left and scored on a single to center by **Jacob Dowell** in the 10th frame.

Dowell was two-for-three with two RBIs.

**Alex Peneer** went all 10 innings, allowing one earned run, fanning eight and not walking a batter.

## **MSBL Royals 8, Regal Plastics 7**

**Keaton Krause** was two-for-four with an RBI; **Brock Miller**, two-for-three with a double and two RBIs and **Nicholas Delcher** hit a solo homer.

## **MSBL Royals 9, Regal Plastics 8 (8)**

**Patrick Swain** doubled to left and scored on an error on a ball hit to first base by **Logan Terrell**.

**Nicholas Delcher** was two-for-five with a double and three RBIs and Swain, two-for-five with a double and an RBI.

## **Milgram Mustangs 8, Midwest Orioles 7 (8)**

In the bottom of the eighth, **JJ Wesley** singled to left and **Chase Watt** was hit by a pitch. Sam Morman singled to left to drive in the winning run.

**Andrew Curry** was two-for-three with a double; **Aaron Stubblefield**, two-for-four with a solo homer and **Billy Maloney**, three-for-three.

## **Milgram Mustangs 13, Midwest Orioles 5**

**Sam Morman** was two-for-four with a double and four RBIs; **Cameron Dean**, two-for-four with a triple and two RBIs and **Zac Shaw**, two-for-three with an RBI.

**June 25**

## **Regal Plastics 1, Bandits 0**

**Jesse Gray** went two-for-three and **Nathan Fry**, one-for-three.

## **Regal Plastics 3, Bandits 2**

**Nathan Fry** was two-for-three with a double, triple and an RBI.

## **Seaboard 11, Mid-AmeriCare Nationals 5**

Seaboard scored eight runs in the last two innings

**Sam Mrstik** was two-for-four with a grand slam homer and five RBIs; **Anthony Miller**, two-for-five with a triple and an RBI and **Matt Olsen**, two-for-four with a triple and an RBI.

## **Seaboard 6, Mid-AmeriCare Nationals 3**

**Matt McHugh** was one-for-four with two RBIs and **Jake Harvey**, one-for-three with a double.

## **Building Champions Gold 6, Midwest Orioles 1**

The winners scored five runs in the top of the seventh inning.

**Sam Chadick** was two-for-four with two RBIs and **Jake Mercer**, two-for-four with two RBIs.

**Reece Eddins** didn't allow an earned run, surrendered three hits while fanning 10 and not walking a batter.

## **Midwest Orioles 6, Building Champions Gold 0**

**Drew Blair** went one-for-three with two RBIs and **Jordan Barba** was one-for-two with a double and three RBIs.

**Logan Bausch** scattered five hits, walking one and fanning four.

**June 26**

## **NKC Apartments 5, Natural Baseball Academy 2**

**Connor Arcobasco** went two-for-three with a double and two RBIs and **Brandon Weber**, one-for-three with two RBIs.

## **Natural Baseball Academy 2, NKC Apartments 1 (9)**

In the bottom of the ninth, **Jake Vore** walked and was sacrificed to second. He scoring on a throwing error.

Vore and **Keith Winterowd** were each one-for-three.

## **Milgram Mustangs 7, BJ Raiders 2**

**Sam Morman** went two-for-five with a double and three RBIs and **Cameron Dean**, three-for-four with two RBIs.

**June 27**

## **Mid-AmeriCare Nationals 4, Building Champion Navy 0**

**Rohman Viar** went one-for-three with a double and an RBI and **John Rector** was one-for-three.

**Blake Stephens** scattered four hits, fanned 10 and didn't walk a batter.

## **Building Champions Navy 9, Mid-AmeriCare Nationals 7.**

Building Champions Navy scored five runs in the bottom of the fifth.

**Caeden Harris** was one-for-two with a double and two RBI;

**Drew Durham**, two-for-three with two doubles and an RBI; and **Luke Vierstenz**, two-for-three with a triple and two RBIs.

## **Natural Baseball Academy 16, UMB Bank 5 (6)**

NBA scored nine runs in the top of the sixth.

**Jake Vore** was two-for-four with two RBIs; **Elijah Keppler**, one-for-two with two RBIs and **Taylor Davis**, one-for-two with two RBIs.

## **UMB Bank 13, Natural Baseball Academy 3**

**Mitchell Glessner** was four-for-five with a double and four RBIs; **Daniel Lamunyon**, two-for-five with a double and **Erik Ross**, three-for-five with an RBI.

## **Regal Plastics 6, Midwest Orioles 2**

Regal scored five runs in the bottom of the fifth.

**Kyle Foster** was three-for-four with a triple and **Bret Messer**, two-for-three with an RBI.

## **Regal Plastics 8, Midwest Orioles 7 (9)**

**David Maddock** singled and advanced to second on a throwing error. **Jake Hamerle** drove in the winning run with a single to left.

Maddock was three-for-five; Hamerle, three-for-four with a double and an RBI and **Caleb Baker**, two-for-five.

## **MSBL Royals 4, Milgram Mustangs 3 (8)**

The Mustangs scored a run in the top of the eighth, but the Royals scored twice in the bottom of the frame for the win.

**James Gile** singled to center and advanced to third on a double to left by **R. Colton Kooser**. **Zach Macke** grounded out to shortstop scoring Gile. The winning run scored on **Logan Terrell's** single to right.

Gile was two-for-four with a triple; Kooser, two-for-four with a double and **Zachary Olson**, three-for-three.

## **Milgram Mustangs 6, MSBL Royals 5**

The Mustangs scored four runs in the bottom of the seventh for the victory.

**Aaron Stubblefield** went one-for-three with an RBI; **Cameron Dean**, two-for-four with a triple and three RBIs and **AJ Salinas** was two-for-three.

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June 29

**BJ Raiders 3, Seaboard 2**

**Victor Brancato** went one-for-three with an RBI and **Cole Doherty**, one-for-two with a double and an RBI.

**BJ Raiders 7, Seaboard 4**

**Chase Leavy** went two-for-four with a double; **Jared Patton**, three-for-three with a double, triple and four RBIs and **Nico Codemo**, one-for-three with two RBIs.

**Regal Plastics 9, Midwest Orioles 6**

**Nate Goff** was two-for-four with an RBI; **Kyle Foster** had a three-run homer and **Bryce Lievens**, three-for-four with a double and two RBIs.

**Mid-AmeriCare Nationals 13, Midwest Orioles 3**

**Anthony Biondo** went two-for-four; **Jared Gage**, two-for-four with a double and three RBIs; **Zach Morgan**, four-for-five with two doubles and two RBIs; **Rohman Viar**, three-for-five with a double and an RBI; and **Aaron Berenson**, three-for-five with a double and an RBI.

**Mid-AmeriCare Nationals 3, Building Champions Navy 1**

**Dylan Riley** was two-for-three and **Anthony Biondo**, two-for-four with a double.

**Natural Baseball Academy 8, Building Champions Navy 1**

**Carson Garrett** went three-for-four with a double and three RBIs and **Taylor Graf**, two-for-two with two RBIs.

June 30

**Midwest Orioles 5, UMB Bank 1**

The Orioles scored all five runs in the bottom of the fifth.

**Ian Barker** went one-for-three with a double and two RBIs and **Matt Petelin**, one-for-three with two RBIs.

**Logan Bausch** didn't give up an earned run. He walked two and struckout five.



**ALL HITS - Mitchell Glessner**, UMB Bank first baseman, went three for three, including one double and a run scored, in the first game of a doubleheader versus Building Champions Navy July 3 at Missouri 3&2. Glessner leads the team with a .355 batting average.

**Building Champions Gold 3, MSBL Royals 1**

**Dylan Heitz** was two-for-three with two home runs and two RBIs; **Bret Anderson**, three-for-four and **Jack Benninghoff**, two-for-two with a double and an RBI.

**Natural Baseball Academy 3, Building Champions Gold 0 (4)**  
**Christian Patterson** was one-for-two with a double and an RBI.

July 1

**BJ Raiders 3, Midwest Orioles 0**

**Chase Leavy** was two-for-three with a double and **William Mahnken**, one-for-two with a double and three RBIs.

**Devon Subbings** scattered three hits, walked four and fanned five.

**BJ Raiders 6, Midwest Orioles 1**

**William Mahnken** was two-for-four with two RBIs and **Victor Brancato**, two-for-three with an RBI.

**Seaboard 8, NKC Apartments 2 (9)**

Seaboard scored six runs in the top of the ninth.

**Jake Harvey** went two-for-four and **Braden Brown**, three-for-four.

**Seaboard 6, NKC Apartments 2**

**Braden Brown** was two-for-three with a triple and three RBIs and **David White**, two-for-three.

July 2

**Seaboard 4, Midwest Orioles 1**

**Matt Olsen** went two-for-three with a double and a triple.

**Seaboard 13, Midwest Orioles 3 (6)**

**Braden Brown** was two-for-four with a double; **Jake Harvey**, four-for-five with four RBIs and **Andrew Warner**, two-for-five with a double and two RBIs.

**Milgram Mustangs 4, Bandits 3**

Bandits scored three runs in the top of the seventh.

**Andrew Blackwell** reached second on an error and scored on another error.

**Cameron Dean** was one-for-three with a homer and **Andrew Curry**, one-for-two with a double.

**Milgram Mustangs 4, Bandits 3 (10)**

**Aaron Stubblefield** was three-for-five with two RBIs.

July 3

**UMB Bank 7, Building Champions Navy 1**

UMB scored seven runs in fifth inning

**Mitchell Glessner** went three for three with a double.

**Building Champions Navy 5, UMB Bank 1**

**Hunter Hisky** was two-for-four with a double and two RBIs.

July 7

**Seaboard 3, Bandits 0**

**Andrew Warner** was one-for-two with a double and an RBI and **Matt McHugh**, one-for-two with a triple and an RBI.

**Matthew Duncan** scattered seven hits, walked two and fanned eight.

July 8

**BJ Raiders 14, Building Champions Navy 7**

The Raiders scored 13 runs in the last two innings.

**Coleman Waheed** went three-for-three with three RBIs; **Vince Saladino**, two-for-four with a double and two RBIs and **Jared Patton** had a two-run homer.

**BJ Raiders 1, Building Champions Navy 0**

The Raiders only had two hits.

**Vince Saladino** was one-for-one.

**Austin Nordike** allowed one hit, fanning six and walking two.

**Natural Baseball Academy 9, MSBL Royals 0**

**Taylor Davis** went three-for-four with a double, triple and three RBIs; **Jake Vore**, two-for-four with two RBIs.

**Natural Baseball Academy 6, MSBL Royals 3 (8)**

NBA scored three runs in the top of the eighth.

**Christian Patterson** went two-for-four with two RBIs and **Alex Cargin**, two-for-four with a double and an RBI.

**Regal Plastics 9, Mid-AmeriCare Nationals 0**

**Kyle Foster** was two-for-four with a homer and two RBIs and **Keary Austin**, two-for-four with a double and an RBI.

**Regal Plastics 11, Mid-AmeriCare Nationals 1**

**Bryan Porting** was three-for-five with a double and an RBI; **Nate Goff**, two-for-five with three RBIs and **Luke Lucchett**, two-for-four with a triple and two RBIs.

# More spring honors

Since the last Beacon we have heard about several other players who were honored by their high school or college in the spring.

\* Natural Baseball Academy catcher **Jake Vore** was a third team MIAA pick playing for Southwest Baptist.

\* Four players from the MidAmeriCare Nationals grabbed honors this past spring.

**Jared Gage** and **Dylan Farrell** had successful years hitting for Longview Community College.

They were both selected to the NJCAA Division 2 Region 16 team.

Gage was sixth in the nation in home runs with 12.

Farrell was in the top five in almost every offen-

sive category. He received the Murruci Big Hitter Award as the top offensive player in the three region district.

He led the nation in stolen bases and hits at the Division II level.

**Zach Morgan** was awarded the exemplary academic achievement award at Longview CC.

**Reuben Erisman** was all conference and all district in Missouri Class 3 playing for Sunrise Christian Academy.

\* Building Champions Navy outfielder **Evan Bourn** was a Class 6A All-State outfielder as chosen by the Kansas Baseball Coaches Association.

Bourn played his high school baseball at Blue Valley West.



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# **Bushnell making an impact in Topeka**

**Steve Bushnell** has made quite an impact on high school baseball in Topeka.

The 1986 graduate of Sumner Academy in Kansas City, Kansas has been the head baseball coach at Topeka Seaman since 1999.

During his tenure the Vikings have won seven Kansas Class 5A state titles, finished second three times and third three times.

They have captured 14 regional championships and nine Centennial League titles.

Bushnell's career record is 306-77.

He played four years of baseball at Sumner Academy, two at Kansas City Kansas Community College and two at Emporia State.

And he played in the Ban Johnson League.

"I played in the Ban Johnson League for Lloyd's Pharmacy beginning in the summer of 1987 for head coach **Harold Thornburg**," he said.

And he has a lot of memories of his time in the Ban Johnson League.

"I have great memories of playing baseball in the Ban Johnson League," he said. "I competed against so many great players,

coaches and teams and having the opportunity to meet so many people associated with the Ban Johnson League and the game of baseball."

And he has some extra special memories.

"I'd say my two fondest memories would be playing in three Ban Johnson League All-Star Games at Royals/Kauffman Stadium," he said. "And being recognized as the BJ Hustle Award recipient."

He won the Hustle Award in 1989.

He is proud to have had the chance to play in the Ban Johnson League.

"The Ban Johnson League provided me with the opportunity to play against the best players in the area," he said. "It's truly amazing to think how long and how successful the league has been over the years.

"It is a testament to the Milgram family and the so many other great people and sponsors that have allowed Ban Johnson baseball to withstand the test of time and remain an amateur baseball icon."

All of Bushnell's teaching and coaching experience have been in the Topeka Seaman District.



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**PITCHING LEADER** - **Ryan Lasneske** of the Milgram Mustangs is tied for the lead in strikeouts with Zachary Maskill of the Midwest Orioles with 37 each in games through July 6. He has a 5-1 record with an ERA of 2.66.

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### *BJ trek to St. Joseph*

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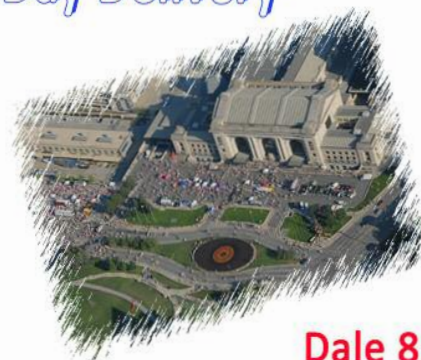
The league was invited to send a team by the St. Joseph Mustangs of the MINK League.

The team managed by NKC Apartments' **Tom Dailey** dropped a 3-2 decision in 13 innings.

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| ◆ Jim Cash<br>◆ Darrell Corwin<br>Bill Fenton                            | Katz 1949-52<br>Moody's/Feld 1957-60<br>Country Club Dairy 1963-67<br>Coach 1968-80                                       | ◆ Don Motley<br><br><i>P</i> Gary Patton                        | Milgram manager/coach 1968-2011;<br>general manager 2012-present<br>Boyle's Corned Beef 1973-76  |
| ◆ Matt Forrett<br>◆ Robbie Gentry<br>◆ David Gershon<br>◆ Stuart Goldman | Milgram 1990-92<br>Milgram 1956-59<br>Guys 1965-66<br>Sports Information Director 1992-94<br>"Diamond Connections" Author | ◆ John Peterson<br>◆ Mike Peterson                              | KC Bandits sponsor/coach 2008-11<br>Country Club/Milgram 1966-70,<br>Coach 1975-2011;<br>Asst. general manager 2012-current<br>Boyle's Corned Beef 1974-79 |
| ◆ Mark Goodwin<br><i>P</i> Jeff Hanson<br>◆ Tom Higgins<br>Steve Jacobus | Milgram 1980-85<br>Milgram 1979-84<br>Guy's 1968-72<br>Milgram 1960-62  | ◆ Tim Presko<br>◆ Paul Provas<br>◆ Martin Rankin<br>◆ Don Saint | Milgram player/coach 1967-75<br>Milgram 1977-79<br>Milgram 1957-60   |
| ◆ Jerry Lafferty<br>◆ Moe Lago   | Scout, KC Royals<br>Lapetina's/Western Auto<br>1955-59; Coach 1965-69   | <i>P</i> Carl Shortino<br><i>P</i> Jack Talley<br>◆ Terry Welsh | Lapetina's 1955-57<br>KC Life 1975-79<br>Umpire 1970s/80s  |
| ◆ Allen Laffoon<br>◆ Richard Ludwig<br><i>P</i> Kevin McIntosh           | Katz, 1954-59<br>Boyle's Corned Beef 1977-79<br>Milgram 1991-93   | <i>P</i> Rich Wieligman<br>◆ Bob Wright<br>Matt Zych            | UMB 1980-84<br>Milgram 1970-71<br>Meyer Dairy/KC Life 1976-80  |

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