

Richie Stephen, Moline, IL



ALL-AMERICAN STYLE—Richie Stephens shows his pitching style which made him an All-American. He will pitch for Harrelson Motors of Moline, Ill., in the 1967 Southwest Softball Classic opening tomorrow at Memorial Park.

The Quad-Cities was the home field of softball in the 1960s and the Harrelson Motors team of Moline was the star. Other local teams had come close to winning the ISC World softball tournament, but the 1967 Harrelson Motors club was the only one to ever capture the title. Richie Stephen was a star pitcher on the club and pitched a perfect game that year, his last of six times that he was named to an ISC All World Team. His career started in the 1950s with the Mary Star All Stars, who won five titles in six years, and lasted through 1977, amassing 25 wins.