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In 1951, the Calvert, TX Softball Club won the NSC tournament won the NSC Championship. The Calvert club breezed through the winner's bracket, outscoring their opponents 21-4 in their first three games. Meanwhile, Fike Plumbers of Phoenix were in a dog fight for their first three games, winning each one by a 3-2 score, including an eight inning win over Sapulpa. However in the winner's bracket final, Fike cut loose and clobbered Calvert, 7-2 to remain in the driver's seat.

Hanford Kings, who had lost their first game, 5-1 to Calvert went into the loser's bracket and built momentum with each game they played, winning 5 games and outscoring the opposition 30-7 including 3 shutout games. This set them up for a rematch with Calvert in the loser's bracket final. Calvert knocked them out of the tournament with a 4-3 win and then met the Plumbers boys from Phoenix in a rematch.

Calvert were victorious, 1-0 in a 10-inning match and won the "if game" final and the 1951 NSC championship with a 5-0 shutout in the 9-inning game.

Dick Gonzales was a key member of the Softball Club team and was named All World three straight years in 1951, 1952 and 1953. He was named All World again in 1964 with the Gardena, CA Merchants.