

Gary Dobereiner, Moline, IL



Gary Dobereiner, played for the Moline-based Harrelson Motors team that won the ISC World Tournament title in 1967. Dobereiner, who was named to the ISC All-World Team five times as a catcher between 1962 and 1968, led the tournament in RBIs in that '67 championship.

Games during that period consistently drew 3,000-4,000 people. A 10-day tournament easily eclipsed 30,000. The record for single day attendance at the world tournament in the Quad-Cities was 6,020, set in 1963.

The Quad-Cities hosted the tournament from 1961 to 1969 and also in 1973. During those summers Rock Island's Douglas Park was the center of the softball world.

Legendary Quad-City Times sports editor John O'Donnell wrote: "From Pennsylvania to California they came to visit this community and to compete for the top prize in the softball world."