

Gale Kurtz, Sioux City, IA

Gale Kurtz was the founder and long-time manager of the world-class Penn Corp softball teams that helped put Sioux City on the fast-pitch map. Kurtz guided Penn Corp teams through 11 trips to the ISC World Tournament, producing a spectacular 47-17 record with three world championships. The bulk of the success came from 1988 through 1991, a four-year stretch in which Gale's teams won three titles and finished second in their only non-championship appearance. Penn Corp's four-year ISC record was a glossy 29-3. Overall, Kurtz led Penn Corp to 1,045 wins and only 292 defeats in 12 seasons from 1980 through 1991.

