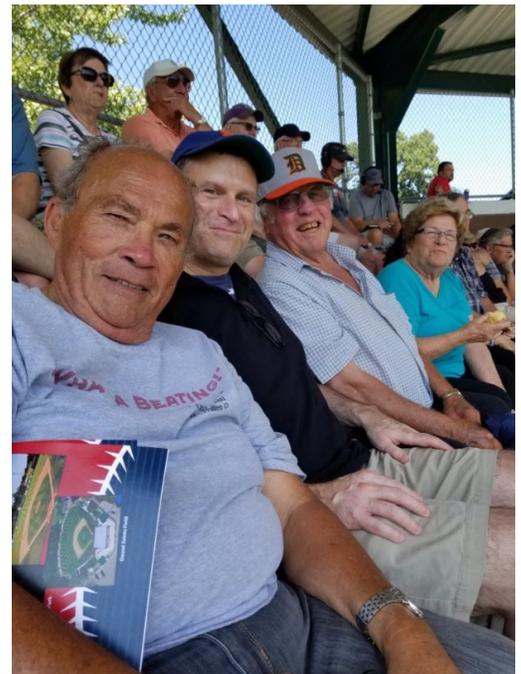


The first weekend of the 2019 State Town Team Tournament is in the books! The weekend featured beautiful weather, great crowds, exciting games, and even a visit from renowned sportswriter Patrick Reusse! Game highlights include a 19 strikeout performance by Watkins' ace lefty Matt Geislinger; a walk off home run by Waterville in the bottom of the 9th inning to nip a scrappy St. Benedict team 3-2; a 3-0 shutout win by the Cokato Kernels in their first state tourney appearance behind the pitching of crafty Steve Schmidt with a dominating save by Delano's Tyler Wolfe; a comeback win by the Buckman Billygoats after being behind 6-1 before roaring back with 8 runs in the 8th inning; and a sea of orange clad supporters cheering the Cologne Hollanders on to a 5-2 victory in their first state tourney appearance in 47 years! Here's part of the Cologne fan contingent posing for a post game photo!



To the right is a photo of Patrick Reusse and fellow radio personality Judd Zulgad visiting with local Delano legendary baseball fans Gene and Janet Hayes! Also below are a few comments from Reusse in a StarTribune article and from his Twitter account.



From Patrick Reusse's StarTribune article...

My interest in the Cologne Hollanders was piqued when Judd Zulgad, a reformed sports writer now working radio, and I went to Delano last Saturday afternoon. It was the first weekend of the state Class C tournament, the weather was glorious, and the ballpark in Delano is among the state's top 5.



**Reusse** @Patrick\_Reusse · Aug 17

Judd and I have determined Cologne Hollanders' fielding is superior to Twins at 3rd, SS, 1B & CF (sans Buxton). Plus ... no shifts. Hollanders 5, Buttermakers 1 in 8th — at Delano's spectacular ballyard.

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Delano Municipal Baseball Park will be hosting nine more games this coming weekend kicking off with the Battle of the Red between the Young America Cardinals and the Isanti Redbirds on Friday night and four games each on Saturday and Sunday starting at 11:00 a.m. We will be honoring the 1989 State Champions from Morris on Saturday, August 24th and the 1964 State Champions from St. Boni on Sunday, August 25th!

Prices are reasonable, the concession stand options are outstanding, and the ballpark is looking good! Here's a link to the weekend schedule and even more tourney information if you click on the tabs at the top of the page: <https://www.2019baseballmn.com/schedule/>.

A big thank-you to all of you who volunteered to make things run smoothly during the first weekend! A special thank-you to our friends from Waconia who volunteered in the concession stand and on the grill all weekend! Their infectious enthusiasm had everyone enjoying a good time! Please follow the link below to sign up for various volunteer opportunities for the next two weekends. Or call or e-mail if you prefer talking to a human instead of dealing with technology!:) Please note that there are volunteer opportunities for almost all ages!! Volunteers also receive a **\$5 voucher for food and beverages** for each shift they work!



Here's the direct volunteer sign up link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4baba72bab9-ticket>

- Please see the tabs at the top of the Signup Genius link for numerous other volunteer opportunities.
- If you have any difficulties signing up or have questions regarding volunteer job descriptions, etc., please contact Cheryl Schleper at [cheryl.schleper@gmail.com](mailto:cheryl.schleper@gmail.com) or at 612-819-4611.



One new viewing option for fans is the Pallet Bar Party Patio down the 1st baseline! Come on down to Delano Municipal Baseball Park and enjoy some great baseball before summer is over!!!