

## SPECIAL POST-SEASON PRESS RELEASE



**TUESDAY GOLD**

**RASSA**



**2021 CHAMPIONS**

After one more rainout during the Post Season, Tuesday, 11/2/2021 was a gorgeous day with a beautiful autumn blue sky at Liberty Park Field #5! This was the perfect setting for the **inaugural RASSA 2021 World Series** between the **Tuesday Gold** and the **Thursday Gold**; two wild card teams that battled their way from finishing respectively in regular season fourth and third places to the big stage to compete for the best 2 out of 3 games for the World Series title.

Before the games began, the opening ceremony featured **Bill Capps, a RASSA fan favorite, longtime softball player and great Auburn Man, throwing out the first pitch.** It was clearly a perfect strike. This was followed by the opposing teams lining up on their foul lines to proudly honor our American flag with the playing of the National Anthem. Then there was an **unexpected “sort of” flyover!** Finally, the umpire yelled “play ball”!

Although only two games were needed to declare the World Series Champion, both teams competed well. The first game was very close with the Tuesday Gold home team holding off the late surging Thursday Gold visitors, 16 – 15 in the top of the 7<sup>th</sup> inning. The second game was not as close, with the Tuesday Gold visitors comfortably winning 18 – 9. **Both teams enjoyed competing in the first, and amazingly totally Golden, World Series between two wildcard teams. There was a very brief pre-game discussion of having “shirts” and “skins to distinguish the two Gold teams, but that idea was quickly eliminated for both weather and a number of other obvious reasons. Yikes! Nonetheless, Mike Jackson apparently didn’t get the memo.**

There was some good offense on both sides. The Tuesday Gold offense was very consistent with several players contributing between 3 and 7 hits for the two games. While Thursday Gold was not as consistent with its offense, they also had some players who had between 3 and 7 hits for the two games. **The MVP offensively was second baseman, Ken Ray, who went 7 for 7 for the Tuesday Gold with two homeruns, including one grand slam!**

Both teams had defensive issues at times, but there were some great plays made on both sides as well. **The MVP defensively was shortstop, Jimmy Schauer, who made a number of excellent plays to both his left and right and initiated several double plays for the Tuesday Gold.**

Congratulations to the players on the **RASSA World Series Champion Tuesday Gold Team, including Manager, Steve Belcher. Ron Allen, Rick Alston, Terry Barr (DL), Jeff Creel (DL/runner), Earl Dunn, Dean Farris, Royce O’Donnell, Ron Oliver, Eric Ragland, Ken Ray, Jimmy Schauer, Jim Thompson and Mike Whitehurst!** Also, congratulations to the **RASSA League Champion Thursday Gold Team, including Manager, Dennis Horne, Jim Anderson, Mark Branin, Phillip Cheek, Larry Enzweiler, Mike Jackson, John Kuklinski, Glen Little, Dale McWhorter, Dwight Thomas, Duffy Vanderford and Craig Wilson!** Finally, thanks to all the players on all the teams for participating in the RASSA 2021 Post Season!

The 2021 RASSA Post Season generally was assessed by participants as successful, and most everyone said that they would like to continue with it next year. As we head into the off-season, as always, we will be trying to make the 2022 Regular and Post Seasons even better; and your suggestions are welcome. Thanks!