Ed Figelski
Fast Pitch Player

Figelski was recognized as America's leading fast pitch softball pitcher during the late 1930's in pitching Detroit's famous Briggs Body Works (later Briggs Beautyware) team to the world championship in 1937. In 1933 with "Fireball" Figelski on the mound, Briggs went through the entire season undefeated.

Mike Ilitch
Sponsor

While his pizza empire rose like dough in the oven, Ilitch remained committed to athletics through the sponsorship of numerous amateur teams. His softball sponsorship began in 1967 as they marched to the national title under the Little Caesars banner in 1970 in Southgate, MI. Ilitch was also instrumental in the formation of the famed Major Metro Travel League in 1972.

Beatrice Lollar
Slow Pitch Player

From 1966-74, Lollar participated in more than 140 ASA sanctioned tournaments throughout the United States earning 36 all-star selections. She earned the nickname "rabbit" by virtue of her great speed as she was considered one of the great leadoff hitters in the country batting over .600. Lollar played on such teams as WCHB Soul Sisters and Motown Soul Sisters.

Roy Lombardo
Manager

Both as a player and as a manager, Lombardo demonstrated the fierce competitive drive, which enabled him to be a champion. His playing career began in 1948 as a second baseman in fast pitch softball playing for Briggs two national championship teams in 1952 and 53. In 1955, he turned his attention to slow-pitch. He managed East Side Sports (1958), Michaels Lounge (1966) and Little Caesars (1970) to national titles.

Jim Snyder
Manager

Snyder is the founder and sponsor of the oldest organized softball team in the United States, Snyder Softball Club, which began play in 1956. He was founder and president of the prominent Major Metro Travel League, which were one of the most competitive softball leagues in the country and one which helped increase softball interest in the Detroit area. Although they never won a national tournament, they compiled nearly 2000 wins against only 600 losses.