



Erik Hendrikson, one of the elite power hitters in Edina 35 & Over rec softball, sends a message to the Bruce Avenue All-Stars with a home run on this swing at Van Valkenburg Park.

Thirty-Five and Over and still loving softball



Tim McGovern, a veteran of three Edina men's rec softball leagues, is often accompanied to the park by his No. 1 fan, daughter Molly McGovern.

Nine teams enjoyed fun and fitness while battling for the Edina 35 & Over Softball League title at Edina's Van Valkenburg Park this summer.

Bunny's Bar & Grill won the playoffs by shutting the door on Metropolitan Ford 20-7 in the semifinals, and then beating C-Side 22-4 in the title game. C-Side had won the regu-

lar season championship.

Numbers were down slightly this summer due to the COVID-19 virus, and perennial powers Federated Insurance and the Love Handles were among those not registering to play.

Participants hope the popular Wednesday night league will return to full strength in 2021.

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Mike Lauer of Metropolitan Ford sees a pitch he likes and jumps all over it during a victory over Bunny's earlier this summer.



At the age of 76, Mike Fricke of Bunny's became the second oldest player ever to bat in an Edina rec softball game. His is still chasing ageless wonder Dick Higgins, who retired at 77.



Colorful Dogs of Corn pitcher Greg Wagner sends this famous pendulum pitch toward home plate in a game against C-Side.



Shortstop Lou Rohman of the Bruce Avenue All-Stars guns a throw to first base in time to retire a Blade Runners base runner.