## **Faces in the Crowd**

## Ashley Birdsong, OTIS, ORE.

Softbal

Ashley, a junior righthander at Taft High, pitched eight perfect games this season, tying the national high school record. She led the Tigers with a 22–1 record that included 19 shutouts, and had 308 strikeouts in 139 innings, with an ERA of 0.10.





Benjamin Tosi, SAN FRANCISCO Bocce

Tosi, 27, an events manager at the University of San Francisco, shot 13 points to win the gold medal in precision shooting at the 2003 National Bocce Championships. He will participate in the World Volo Bocce Championships in October.

## Teresina Lemons, SPRING HILL, FLA.

**Gymnastics** 

Teresina, 7, a third-grader at Maniscalco Elementary, placed first on the beam, uneven bars, vault and floor exercises to win the Level 2–age 7 all-around with a score of 38.475 out of a possible 40 at the AAU gymnastics national age-group-level championships.





Mark Guthrie, LA CRESCENT, MINN.
Track and Field

Guthrie, the men's track and field coach at the University of Wisconsin–La Crosse, won his 17th NCAA Division III championship when the Eagles took the 2003 outdoor title. They also won the indoor title, giving Guthrie eight sweeps in 16 seasons at the school.



Track and Field

Warnke, a recent graduate of Bonesteel-Fairfax High, won four gold medals at South Dakota's Class B high school track championships. She set state meet records in the 400 meters, 800 meters and long jump, and was named meet MVP.

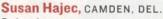




Ashley Farr, WEST COLUMBIA, S.C.

Baseball

Farr, a senior centerfielder at the University of South Carolina–Aiken, had a Peach Belt Conference–record .483 batting average and led the conference with 64 RBIs. He was named NCAA Division II All-America and the South Atlantic Player of the Year.



Swimming

Hajec, 54, a secretary, won a gold medal in the 100-yard freestyle at the National Senior Olympics and set a national age-group (50–54) record of 1:09.7. She placed third in the 100-yard individual medley and fourth in the 50-yard freestyle.



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