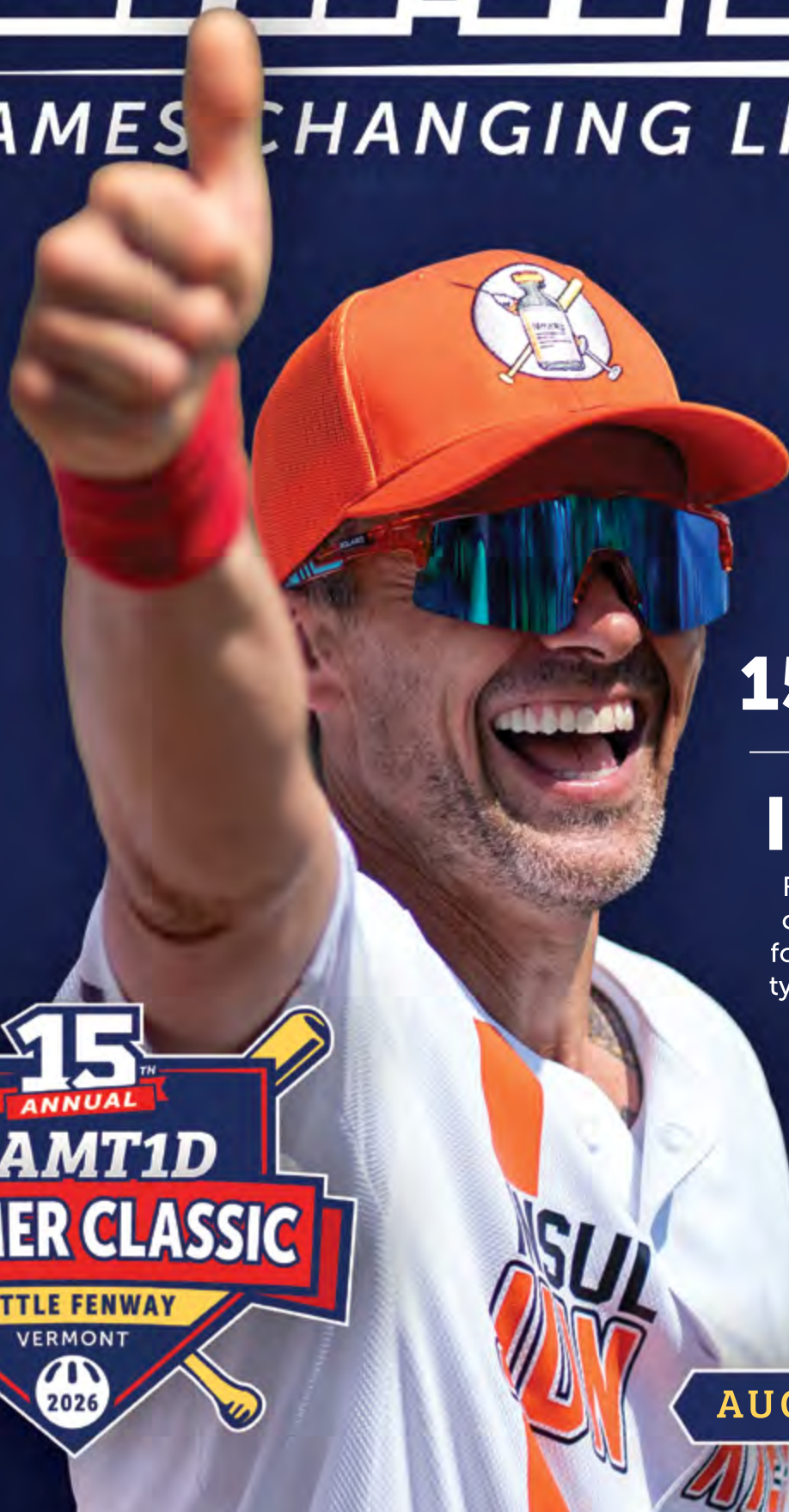


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GAMES CHANGING LIVES



15 YEARS — OF — IMPACT

Fifteen summers of changing the game for people living with type 1 diabetes (T1D).



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SLAMT1D is excited to announce that **Yedelin Garcia** has been named recipient for this year's Home Run Derby pledge contest!

Yedelin is an 8 year-old who lives with her mom and brother in Manchester, NH. She was recently diagnosed with T1D. Her dad passed away last year. Yedelin's mom, Yessenia speaks very little English and is now a working single parent trying to stay on top of yet more challenges brought on by T1D.

SLAMT1D's Home Run Derby is a fan favorite in the annual Summer Classic WIFFLE Ball Tournament at Little Fenway.

Each year contestants selected from the tournament compete to hit as many homers as they can while fans pledge donations for each homer. The derby lasts thirty minutes and raises thousands of dollars, 100% of which SLAMT1D grants to a T1Der or family who's experiencing an extreme difficulty.

Since its inception four years ago, the Home Run Derby has raised \$26,840 for four recipients! This year Yedelin Garcia and her family will get to experience the game-changing hug of support the SLAMT1D family provides!

We're so thankful for our hitters and all the pledges that make the Home Run Derby a life-changing event within the Summer Classic!

THANK YOU!

2026 Home Run Derby
Presented by Freestyle Libre:



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WHY
WE
PLAY.



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IT'S AUGUST AND THAT MEANS ONE THING....

THE 15TH ANNUAL SUMMER CLASSIC IS HERE!

FAMILY. FRIENDS. FUN. IMPACT.

Welcome to the 15th Annual Summer Classic at Little Fenway! While the sights and scenes in the Green Mountains of Vermont are worthy of any Travelocity highlight, we know there's nothing more rewarding and uplifting than to pair that Green Mountain gorgeousness with the uplifting joy, fun and support you all bring to the most fun weekend of the year! Right here at Little Fenway's fields!

Each year as SLAMT1D does more to support T1Ders, people ask "How do you do it all?" and "Why haven't we heard of you before?" These questions remind me of a line from the movie **Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid** when Butch asks Sundance about their relentless pursuers, "Who are those guys?" Well, who we are starts with everyone in the SLAMT1D WIFFLE Ball **FAMILY**: Players, Volunteers, Supporters and Fans!

The 15th Annual Summer Classic at Little Fenway is so much more than a wiffle ball tournament. It's the best of everything about everything: your family's annual BBQ and the biggest block party ever; that first big league game at your favorite team's stadium; the long overdue reunion with your best friend; the most exciting walk-off homer you hit in your backyard World Series; and of course, the best live class on T1D you could ever enter!

It is a one-of-a-kind event like nothing else at an iconic place with no rival anywhere in the world!

Last year teams once again crushed more records and smashed the \$500K goal by raising \$545,000! That again meant more camperships, scholarships, empowerment grants, awareness games, new programs (read out our new T1D Immersion Workshop for School Nurses on Page 156), collaborative support of other T1D organizations and more direct help to T1Ders of all ages! (Please go to Page 81 to see How We Roll with the game-changing things we're doing in 2026-27)

This year, the goals for fundraising and impacts are set to reach more T1Ders and change more lives! We've added more teams and welcomed new sponsoring partners including Abbott's Freestyle Libre of the Home Run Derby; Darn Tough and Cabot Hosiery of the first-ever Kids' Game and Insulet's Omnipod, back for a second year as the Exhibition Game Sponsor!

Thirty teams will compete in the 15th Annual Summer Classic as new teams from Maine, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania and Vermont will join us. And while we've made a few tweaks to the rules to keep things lively and engaging, several new features have us super-excited for the next era of FUN and IMPACT in Summer Classic play!

GAME SCORES, TEAM AND PLAYER STATS GO LIVE!

Books and pencils are gone! Scorers at each field will use tablets to record all game and player stats as they occur so that fans anywhere can keep track of games, follow their favorite players and even play in our new Fantasy League Challenge!

FANTASY CHALLENGE '26!

Speaking of fantasy league...We've teamed up with Fantasy Cares to introduce our first, and perhaps the first-ever fantasy league for wiffle ball! The SLAMT1D Fantasy Challenge '26 will tally stats on every player in the tournament that will be immediately uploaded to the Fantasy Challenge website! The Boston Terriers' Kirk Fontana is the first #1 ranked player in the Fantasy Challenge!

MORE PLAYOFF TEAMS!

This year's tournament begins a new format by increasing the number of playoff teams for Championship Sunday from sixteen to eighteen! Those two additional spots will be added to the automatic qualifiers at the end of the third round of games, while eligibility for the Wild Card Lottery will include only those teams who've raised the suggested minimum of \$5,000.

T1D KIDS' GAME!

Vermont's own Darn Tough is sponsoring the Summer Classic's first-ever Kids' Game! It'll be held at 3:15PM at Little Fenway to highlight and celebrate kids with T1D and how tough they are to live with this life-altering disease!

HOME RUN DERBY '26!

A new streamlined format will highlight the tournament's best home run hitters and increase fundraising for our HRD recipient. Eight year-old Yedelin Garcia of Manchester, NH is this year's recipient (learn a bit more about Yedelin's selection on the inside cover). Yedelin was diagnosed earlier this year. Let's make this HRD the best yet to help Yedelin and her mom power through the difficulties of a new diagnosis!

TRADING CARDS!

Yes, you're reading this correctly! We expect this to be a growing collection each year! This year, we've assembled 60 trading cards highlighting players, volunteers, HOFers and T1Ders! Kids big and small, older and younger, can collect the cards and dig this: get 10 cards autographed for a free t-shirt! Who thought that playing at the Summer Classic would lead to signing autographs for fans?!! It's going to be fun for everyone!

Excited yet? We sure are!
Nuff said! Let's WIFFLE!



Jeff Kolok
Dad, CEO, Commissioner
SLAMT1D, Inc.



"This weekend is like Christmas to me!"

"I couldn't have believed it. I came here and I feel like I'm going to be OK."

"It's like one giant hug!"

"This tournament feels like everyone is here for us!"

"I've had T1D all my life and never wanted to talk about it. The Vermont Summer Classic has given me the confidence to speak out, and to reach out to others like me."

"It's the most fun we've had since he was diagnosed!"



**Better than the
Yellow Brick Road!**



WHY **SLAMT1D** ?

Our View on T1D

T1D (Type 1 diabetes) is a nasty autoimmune disease. Lethal. Unrelenting. It robs freedom, hope, time, and life itself. It drains and fatigues even those most able to battle it in a minute-by-minute, day-in/day-out siege that never stops. It saps mental wellness, causing T1Ders and caregivers to feel alienated and alone. It shackles T1Ders and caregivers with regimens, equipment, supplies and medicines that require constant diligence. Household finances are waylaid, spouses disconnect, and healthy siblings feel cast aside. It's complicated, not solved as some think by more exercise and fewer Twinkies.

The Problem: The Gap Between Now and A Cure

The clock ticks as **T1D** wreaks its havoc under the aided misconception of a "chronic" or "manageable" condition. Its lethality is blurred by society's misunderstanding that T1D is the bad cousin of a condition brought on by poor life habits (Type 2 diabetes). Some organizations in the self-developed "diabetes" space fuel it by grouping T1D with Type 2 diabetes, or they don't aggressively distinguish the two, watering down the urgent message and significant needs brought on by T1D. One large, well-known T1D organization now even lists "T2D" on its website! We all want a cure, yet it continues to elude us. Massive fundraising efforts toward a cure have been ongoing for decades. Some have professed that a cure for T1D is "around the corner", yet that corner seems to reappear in the distance like a mirage in the desert. We want a cure yesterday, but we also know that one has yet to be discovered for any disease in human history and that today one for T1D in widespread form is still many years away, if at all. In the meantime, new diagnoses mount and T1Ders of every age engage in a nonstop battle for their lives. Some are winning, but far too many struggle, suffer or lose.

Today, even with all the technological bells and whistles in the T1D toolbox, the average HbA1c for a teen in the US is over 9.0! The psychological effects of T1D are real yet get little attention. For teens and adults, the big issue isn't about better infusion sets; it's about feeling normal amongst their peers.

SLAMT1D's Timeline

Now!

SLAMT1D's Mission

SLAMT1D's mission is to empower T1Ders of all ages to live life in full by providing life-changing opportunities for personal T1D management, psychological and physical wellness, and the ability for teen and adult T1Ders to pay-it-forward through mentoring and advocacy. We try to return some of the freedoms and fun to T1Ders that were robbed from them the day of Dx. We play ball for people with Type 1 diabetes.

We believe sports and games are the greatest ice-breakers, relationship-makers and community-builders where fun, not disease, is the common denominator for everyone. Our unique sports tournaments give a Big League vibe to backyard games like wiffle ball, drawing thousands to play and watch. We attract participants from outside the T1D space and provide T1Ders of all ages and their families unparalleled opportunities to celebrate victory over T1D, connect with other T1Ders and get introduced to game-changing contacts and resources. SLAMT1D's creative tournament-based fundraising supports life-changing T1D camps; provides camperships and scholarships for T1Ders; creates and funds programs and growth strategies for camps, educational and mentoring programs; advances awareness about T1D; and advocates for T1Ders. Until there's a cure, we'll keep playing for all of our T1Ders and their families.

Learn more about T1D at
www.slamt1d.org





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AND DIFFERENCE MAKERS



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AN UPLIFTING, MAGICAL PLACE WHERE **FUN** RULES,
HOPE ABOUNDS, AND **JOY** PREVAILS!

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THE 411 ON TYPE 1 DIABETES (T1D)

Type 1 diabetes (T1D) is a lethal, life-altering autoimmune disease that afflicts nearly two million people in the U.S. alone.

There currently is no cure and the number of annual diagnoses is on the rise. It is perhaps the only disease in which patients are required to monitor their condition constantly and make their own dosing decisions with a drug that, if improperly administered, can kill them. It is a dangerous and relentless 24/7 grind, and research shows that the vast number of people with **T1D** are failing to properly and safely manage their disease.

With **T1D**, the body attacks its own insulin-producing cells in the pancreas. Insulin is a hormone that enables the body to metabolize and use glucose. Elevated glucose levels can be immediately life-threatening in severe cases, but more commonly they can result in a range of serious long-term health complications, including blindness, amputations, heart disease and kidney disease. Low or depressed glucose levels can be immediately life-threatening and require immediate action such as ingesting glucose tablets or the like or administering glucagon via injection. **T1D** is managed today by a rigorous regimen of monitoring glucose levels – either by pricking one's skin multiple times per day or wearing a subcutaneous continuous glucose monitor – and then administering insulin via injection or an insulin pump. While advancements in technology are working to automate this process, people with **T1D** and their caregivers must continue to play the role of a pancreas amidst constant concerns of access and affordability of essential medication and equipment.

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“It’s like a complete recharge. Seeing everyone inspires me to overcome my diabetes when I just want to quit”

— SLAMT1D TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANT

THE GLYCEMIA BROTHERS

In the wild world of Type 1 diabetes, two bad boys rule the streets:
HYPO-glycemia and **HYPER-glycemia**. They sound similar, but are quite different.

What is Hypoglycemia?

Hypoglycemia, or low blood sugar, is the most common and most dangerous condition. Very low blood sugar may lead to insulin shock, which can be life threatening if not promptly treated. Low blood sugar occurs when the body has too little food/glucose or too much insulin.

Causes of Hypoglycemia?

This condition can be caused by too high a dose of insulin, skipped or delayed meals, too many carbohydrates, unplanned or excess exercise without snack medication adjustment or alcohol consumption.
For most people with Type 1 diabetes whose blood sugar is kept in the near normal range, less than 80 mg/dl can be considered low, or hypoglycemic. Recognizing low blood sugar is important so steps can be taken to prevent a medical emergency.

Symptoms of Hypoglycemia

- Dizziness, shakiness or lightheadedness
- Nervousness
- Personality change/irrational behavior
- Blurry vision
- Nausea or hunger
- Crying or irritability
- Sluggishness or drowsiness
- Sweating
- Erratic response to questions
- Inability to concentrate or confusion
- Lack of coordination
- Seizures
- Loss of consciousness

What is Hyperglycemia?

Hyperglycemia means “high blood sugar.” For people with Type 1 diabetes, hyperglycemia caused by insufficient insulin can lead to diabetic ketoacidosis, a very serious situation that requires emergency medical treatment.

Causes of Hypoglycemia?

- Eating too much food relative to the amount of insulin injected
- Missing an insulin injection
- Blockage in insulin pump tubing
- Disconnected insulin pump infusion set
- Illness or stress

Symptoms of Hyperglycemia

- Frequent urination
- Frequent thirst
- Blurry vision
- Dry mouth
- Eating too much food relative to the amount of insulin injected
- Missing an insulin injection
- Blockage in insulin pump tubing
- Disconnected insulin pump infusion set
- Illness or stress

Testing for Ketones

When there is not enough insulin in the blood, the body produces chemicals called ketones to break down stored fat for its energy. In doing this, ketones poison and kill body cells. The ketones build up in the blood and then “spill” over into the urine so that the body can get rid of them. This condition can lead to diabetic ketoacidosis, a potentially fatal development. To prevent hyperglycemia and diabetic ketoacidosis, those with Type 1 frequently test for ketones in their blood or urine. If ketones are present, the person must:

- Drink lots of water until urine is clear of ketones
- Take extra short-acting insulin
- Continue to check blood sugar and ketones

Critical Balancing Act

Keeping blood sugar at an acceptable level is delicate and complicated, but is critical to keeping the evil twins, **hypo-** and **hyper-** glycemia at bay.



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SLAMT1D'S T1D FAMILY BBQ AND A CUP O' JOE

2026 SUMMER CLASSIC WEEK

Wednesday August 5, 6:00-8:00PM
Little Fenway, 17 Sawmill Road, Essex, VT

BBQ and
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Free for T1D
Families



Join Joe Soloweijczyk (RN, MSW, CDE...),
one of the most popular and insightful
speakers in the T1D world

Joe, a lifelong T1Der and counselor, will have you laughing and crying on the way to
feeling the hope, power and encouragement you need to live life in full with T1D.

Join us for some of Sparky's BBQ vittles at SLAMT1D's Little Fenway, where "we get it"!
T1Ders of all ages and their families welcome!
Kids can even play some wiffle ball!

WE'LL SEE YOU THERE — RAIN OR SHINE!

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WIFFLE BALL 101 // HISTORY & PHYSICS

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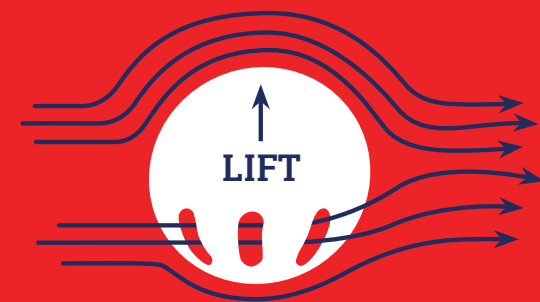
Straight from the Founders

According to David and Stephen Mullany of The WIFFLE© Ball Inc., "It all began when our grandfather was watching our father (who was 12 years old at the time) and a friend play a game in their backyard in Fairfield Connecticut, using a perforated plastic golf ball and a broomstick handle. They had given up on baseball and softball – not enough players for two teams, not enough space for a field, and too many broken windows.

After days of trying to throw curves and sliders with the golf ball, Dad told Gramp that his arm felt "like jelly." Gramp had been a semi-pro pitcher and knew that throwing curveballs was not good for young arms and thought he might be able to help. He got some parts from a nearby factory, cut various designs into them and sent Dad out to test them. They both agreed that the ball with eight oblong perforations worked best. That's how the WIFFLE© Ball was invented.

The ball was easy to curve and harder to hit, with lots of strikeouts. In our Dad's neighborhood, a strike-out was called a "wiff," which led to our brand name and federal trademark registration of Wiffle©. When Gramp saw how much fun Dad and his friends enjoyed the game, he thought others would too. A year later, in 1953, the first WIFFLE© Balls were produced and sold."

AIR FLOW



HIGHER
PRESSURE

PHYSICS:

How the Darn Thing Works

Today, most physicists believe that the gyrations of the Wiffle© are due to what is called the "Coanda Effect," which says that a moving fluid (gas or liquid) stays with the contours of the surface of an object. If that sounds too much like the question you missed on your high school physics exam, just remember that that three different forces that act on a WIFFLE© Ball in flight: gravity, uneven pressure created by the holes and wind friction.

Gravity:

If you don't know what it is, you probably don't want to read any further. Its value is (32 ft/s²), downward of course.

Uneven Pressure:

Lift is created by the holes in the ball. This force works just like the wing of an airplane: the air on the top of the wing (curved side) must travel farther in the same amount of time as the air on the bottom. Hence, it will travel faster. This creates a low pressure zone on the top and high pressure on the bottom; and this creates lift. For the WIFFLE© Ball to have lift, it is thrown with the holes on one side and the solid side on the other. This causes some of the air to flow through the holes, which makes a shortcut for the air. The air on the hole side will therefore travel

slower. Just like the aircraft wing, a high pressure zone builds up on the side with the holes and a low pressure zone is created on the solid side. This force acts on the ball perpendicular to the "equator" against the side with the hole.

Wind Friction:

Some diagrams depict the WIFFLE© Ball curving in the opposite direction. The reason for this is wind friction. While the above is correct, it is only correct for higher velocities. For lower velocities, the wind friction outweighs and overcomes the uneven pressures.

The holes are another reason that wind friction has uneven forces on the ball. The edges of the holes (ie. thickness of the ball) and possibly some air turbulence inside the ball, slows that side of the ball more than the smoother, more aerodynamic side. This turns the ball towards the side with the holes – much like a car driving with two wheels on the road and two in the sand.

So there you have it. Everything you didn't learn in school about the history and physics of the WIFFLE© Ball.

Thanks to web Wiffle© wizards Tom von Geldern and Kurt Kochey.
We hope they're right; it sounds good to us.



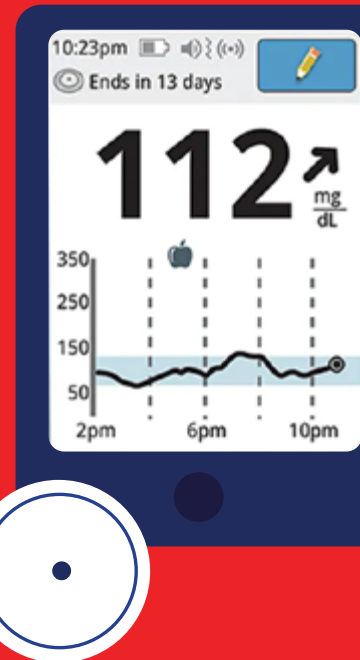
**“ I don’t want it,
you take it**

#USETHETOOLS

It’s time to “Get in the Loop”

The T1D tool box is bigger, and while the tools in it to help manage T1D are improving the average HbA1c for teens and young adults in the US is over 9.0! Data also shows that many young people with Type 1 diabetes struggle with their glucose control. There are multiple reasons that make it so difficult, among them: normal growth and development accompanied by hormonal and physiological changes that impact glucose levels; activity and exercise lags; stress associated with peer pressure; psychological and emotional swings common among young people; the fear of having yet another device attached to them-how it will look, feel and even work.

Data also shows that “closed loop” systems that integrate continuous glucose monitors (CGM’s) and insulin pumps that communicate with one another can improve glucose controls more than any other device or system when used properly. They’re not perfect nor a panacea: only a normal pancreas is that! But these systems are beneficial and help T1Ders lessen glucose variances that affect their daily lives and potential long-term issues.



SLAMT1D now offers teens and young adults an incentive and encouragement to try a closed loop system.

Our **#usethetools** program provides a cash grant to anyone 13-24 years of age willing to try a closed loop for at least three consecutive months.

“I wanted my life back, or as much of it as I could get back. I was afraid of my T1D, and it was running my life the way I let it. I realized that had to change or I’d soon be in a lot of trouble physically.”

Maggie O’Farrell

“These technological advancements have made managing my T1D easier. I just had to make the decision to use them.”

Brea Tinsley

IS IT TIME FOR YOU TO GET IN THE LOOP?

If you, and your parents are thinking about it, SLAMT1D can help.

For more information, please visit **slamt1d.org/usethetools**

PGC BASKETBALL

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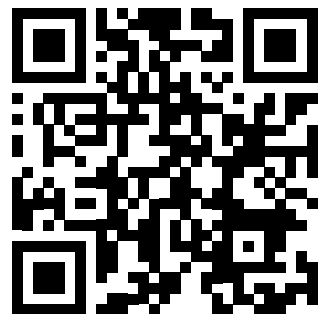
PGC Basketball and SLAMT1D are teaming up to empower athletes battling Type 1 Diabetes. Through this partnership, SLAMT1D is providing scholarships to PGC Basketball camps for players who refuse to let T1D define them.

With 150+ camps available all across the country for athletes in grades 4-12, we're making sure every player has the opportunity to grow their game.

Join us, because we believe every athlete deserves a shot at greatness.



APPLY TODAY



SLAMT1D



SLAMT1D Partners with PGC Basketball! T1D Camperships for 2026 and 2027!



Being an athlete at any level in any sport requires dedication, diligence, focus, commitment and sacrifice. Add having T1D and its 24/7/365 regimen to your pursuit of the sports you love, and the challenges to stay in the game can become daunting.

Sports camps and training clinics can be important parts of athletes' training as they seek to excel in their respective sports. They are also significant costs for families.

For the those of athletes with T1D, there is no choice: insulin, pump and medical supplies for their sons and daughters come before sports expenses.

SLAMT1D wants to ensure that young athletes with T1D aren't sidelined by the expenses of this nasty disease; that they can still pursue their dreams and stay active in the sports they love.

PGC Basketball is the preeminent basketball camp organization in the country, having held camp for over 140,000 campers and 10,000 coaches the last 30 years.

SLAMT1D and PGC have teamed up to change the game on T1D. So far this year, SLAMT1D has provided twenty \$1,000 camperships to aspiring basketball players from Richmond, VT to Calabasas, CA!

Your support of SLAMT1D enables us to help young athletes with T1D all over the country! You are Game Changers!



Locations:

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Converse, LA
Lugoff, SC
Columbia, SC
Hopkins, SC
Bruce Twp, MI
Troy, MI
Williamston, MI
Bellaire, OH
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Kingman, AZ
Corpus Christi, TX
Sunriver, OR
Northbrook, IL
Edmond, OK
Bandon, OR
Piedmont, AL
Tehachapi, CA
West New York, NJ



Anthony “Three Fingas” Abundanzo Sets betting Line in SLAMT1D’s 15th Annual Summer Classic

Brooklyn’s Top Bookie drops the latest line for 2026 tournament



Brooklyn, NY-July 2026

Yeah, the 15th! This one’s gonna be big, gonna be a lotta action...no doubt about it! Them Vegas books are tellin’ me they got sharps lookin’ at this here, possibly goin’ heavy on the unders. That ain’t what the street’s tellin’ me so far. But I’ll tell youz all right here and now...Mancino’s out! He’s my cousin. I love him...but fuggedhabouddit, he’s done up! Last year he had me layin’ here, layin’ there. For what?! I dropped some serious cheddah when I coulda gone straight up with the boys from Staten Island; or killed it hittin’ the unders with them Junkies and Striders! This year, I ain’t goin’ with nobody’s scoutin’ who ain’t got a couple bands on the line. Ya know what I’m sayin’? I’m takin’ the L from last year and movin’ on. That’s why I got my guy, Patsy “Sweeps” Bonfiglio. He just knows this, knows that; gets into the numbers and what ya call the intangibles.

The AWAA: A HUGE (pronounced “yooj”) trade just before the deadline! A lotta heads shakin’. The guy Cole falls in love with one of them old Caprice wagons and gives up Cruz, Kain and Aly Boy Parise! Madon! Now the pressure’s on Gadani and Kelly! Cole’s .833 average is insane, but West’s bat and .143 average...it’s gotta go north! Patsy says Nelson could surprise in his second year. What kinda surprise, I got no clue. That trade? I’m layin’ at **8-1**.



Baldwin Wiffleball: Patsy says Ramantino with his .444 average is gonna break out. In what I dunno. That joint Atria, it’s like a beehive of chiacherones over there. I couldn’t bank on nuthin’. Ruggieri and Ramantino gotta get into

the two’s ERA-wise and Exler and them gotta move runners. More four-baggers, gotta have ‘em. That Saturday game against them Dell Ave Devils could be a tella. I’m goin’ EVEN, they get in as a wild card. If so, Patsy says 7-1. I agree.

Bat Attitudes: Patsy got wind people saw Tim Rahaim in mummy strips! He ain’t playin’ this year...gonna support from the stands he says! Field manager told

Patsy they’ll have a special chair for him...one of them liftin’ chairs. That’s a huge loss, arthritis or not! The kid Lionel’s gettin’ big, probably in the lineup next year the way he’s growin’. Betty B’s gonna belt out the anthem to inspire. Meghan Begins and them .500’s Campbell, Laughlin and Keefe are gonna have to do some beltin’ of their own to build on that 3-0 run to the playoffs last year. I’m gonna take, stickin’ at 12-1 not knowin’ what’ll show from the mound.

Bobo Bombers: Please don’t tell me they’re gonna be runnin’ around bases with them little bobo socks...ya know, with the pompom things on ‘em? Sweeps is sayin’ they’re itchin’ to skyrocket in this thing after two solid wins last year. Patsy says, “Four Johnsons don’t make a right, but they may not be wrong!” Gotta see. That Connor J was a beast, but he’s gotta push more runs to get them to the next level. Dan “Sullivan’s Crossing” and the Curler guy gotta join the run parade to get Trista “TJ” Johnson around the diamond. I’m raisin’ the possibilities, bumpin’ the odds to 15-1, takin’ on this one.



Boston Terriers: This team’s like one of them pinball machines they had in that place next to Wimpy Boys Social Club down in Dyker Heights back in the day. Everything’s flyin’ this way and that. These guys, they got balls goin’ all over the place. Everybody’s hittin’ and scorin’ while that Kirkie “Soft Cheese” Fontana’s shuttin’ down everyone from the mound! Fontana, Niles and Whitney got more total bases

than Prince got noodles, and then youz add Sleeper... fuggedhabouddit, it’s a whole nuther thing! I gotta go 2-1 this year. A heavy this year, no doubt abouddit!

Burlington Beavers: Year 1 for these Beavers! The guy Cordova’s been playin’ in the tournament and decided to break out a new team! Patsy points out he’ll bring over a .667 batting average, 1.250 SLG and a 1.917 OPS. Yeah, good numbers. Gotta see what this here lineup produces. I’m gonna open at 20-1, takin’.

Dell Ave Devils: Murphy, Murphy, Murphy...Murphy, Murphy, Murphy. And...Murphy, Murphy, Murphy. Youz

kiddin’ me? And more...Murphy, Murphy, Murphy... mingya...Wait! There’s a Paparo! Patsy tells me the Paparo guy’s from Connecticut, solid with a stick. Key here is will the pitcher...what’s his name? Oh yeah, Murphy... is he gonna be able to keep his arm from fallin’ off? Good pitchin’. Decent bats. Got them funny accents. They come close every year. A little somethin’ here, a little somethin’ there and youz never know. Kinda like their podcast Tales from Dell Ave...it gets released, it’s ovah! G’night! Go home! They get in the playoffs, they could be dangerous this crew. I’m layin’, 6-1.

Dugout Dawgs: This here team is HUGE! I’m bein’ serious! They bring like 38 players these guys! What’s goin’ on over here? They got a kazoo band, backups for the backups, managers, coaches, guest appearances, food staff and a cheerin’ squad. It’s a whole operation this team! Cory Knowles has big numbers at the plate, and itches pretty good. Them Chamberlins, Farnhams and Garcias could be their own teams they got so many! They played real good last year, lost some close ones and they’re gettin’ better. They could surprise a team or two if they get into the playoffs. Tightnin’ the line, takin’ at 18-1.



Dunder Wifflin: Evangelo’s bringin’ back a team that split two close ones last year around gettin’ a taste of them Terrier bats. Patsy says the guy Patnaude at .625 is solid and Finemore (or less) is ready to jack his .385 average. That could be the start. I gotta believe Patsy’s onto somethin’...we’ll see. Dunder’s bringin’ energy, could juice ‘em this year. 16-1, takin’. Speakin’ of juice, I got the best bettin’ spread anywhere. Lowest vig, full stop. Whadda they say? “Friendly

rates”? I got the friendliest rates. Youz want buffas? I got buffas. Fuggedhabouddit! Youz want some action? Talk to Patsy, he’ll hook you up.

Electric City Heartbreak Kids: Youz all see that thing in the Post? Ya know, that thing about Auspelmyer beatin’ the brakes off AWAA in that trade? Speakin’ of brakes, wouldn’t surprise me that Caprice wagon ain’t got no brakes! With Cruz, Kain and my paisan Aly Boy Parise, this here team is gonna be tough to beat. Straight gully these ones. The Howland guy, he’ll come up big again no doubt about it. I say 3-1, Patsy agrees.

Glucose Guys: Up from PA, these guys. Other side of Philly or somewhere like that there. New team. Patsy says he hears they got guys who can play, but the best player supposably is this Amanda Andrews. He says to me, “There’s this guy Pisarchuk. Ain’t that the Giants quarterback?” I says, “Maybe it’s his grandkid or somethin’, I dunno. If it is, he gotta hit better than Pops did handin’ off the ball!” Mingya! Patsy says Hartney can

go yard, but my boy Pats don’t know nuthin’ else. I say 15-1. They gotta get them first-year jitters outtuv ‘em.

Gluebags: Patsy’s got big news on them. The news... it’s up, it’s down. Two O’Days are down and out; Shanks can’t play Friday; new-signee Chris O’Brien comes with HUGE promise, but he’s only good for Saturday and Sunday; Cram’s engaged...is his game back? They got talent but then they keep throwin’ the ball around like it’s a hot podaduh. The kid Wheeler’s almost as tall as O’Day and Noel but can he hit? The Springer-Cram pitchin’ duo...could be W’s and K’s, could be dingers and walks; tough when they’re on. They got Josh Springer. Patsy says he seen him and he’s like in his prime. .556 BA, 1.556 SLG and 2.112 OPS! Youz kiddin’ me? I mean, what? He buy them numbuhs? Dunno with this team. They gotta tightnin’ up. I say 4-1, but I’m sweatin’ bullets on this one.

Hallam-ICS: Right here my guy Patsy got it over Benny. Last year, I aks Ben, “What’s an ICS?” He goes, “I think it’s one of them Vermont type sangwitches.” This winter, I says to Sweeps, “When you’re up there get me one of them ICS sangwitches. I gotta try one.” He goes, “Stoonad, that’s short for Integrated Control Systems; it ain’t no sangwitch!” Sangwitch or not, them Hallams can score runs with the guy Niarchos a dinger machine and Joachim keepin’ opponents off the bases. Abair might have ‘em poised, dunno. Gotta see. 20-1, but might get an upset in them bats.



Hawkins Bay Yacht Club: Patsy’s tellin’ me Benny was right last year. These yacht club guys weren’t playin’ croquet! The pitcher Westenfeld...tough; he threw 38 K’s this guy. They need more runners, give the guy Ritzie somethin’ to do in the coaches box. If Jaycee Douglas comes back with her .467 battin’, Groshans with his hittin’, who knows come playoff time they get in. Braeden “Black and” Decker and Ben “Flycast” Orvis... them two hit homers; a few more and they could be in business. Ah right, ah right...I’m goin’ big bump here, 15-1!

Highlanders: Patsy’s hearin’ it’s a whole revamp with this here roster. The young Atwood pulled off the Big Poach gettin’ the ageless “Cover Boy” Atwood to bounce from Staten Island over to BTv. He’ll deal from the mound, should keep opponent run counts low. I got nuthin’ else on the lineup...dunno. But the kid Atwood’s into this thing so it’s kinda like waitin’ on a sub at Bombalona: it don’t matter what it is when it comes out, cuz it’ll be good! Me and Patsy are thinkin’ 12-1, takin’. Good pitchin’ but don’t know nuthin’ about the bats.

Anthony “Three Fingas” Abundanzo Sets betting Line in SLAMT1D’s 15th Annual Summer Classic (CONT.)



Insulin Junkies: Big surprise last year! I had ‘em 10-1, laid a Made it to the semifinals, lost a close one to them Lions Striders. Still a straight up non-paisan roster, but I gotta give ‘em credit...it looked like they had some Joe D and Yogi out there in their game! “Curvin” and Swervin” Cole Sampson pitched like he meant business, but he gotta get that ERA under 3-point-oh to get them Junkies deep this year! Craig “Walk Off” Sampson brings a thousand-volt energy and smiles that got him on the program cover, but Patsy says it’s gotta be Stevie Larsson, Jason “Best Dressed” West and Caleb Mikita who gotta amp it up. And not for nuthin’...America may run on Dunkin’ but these here Junkies run with Chiuho! I say 8-1, might have that sophomore thing!

Lakers: This here team is a new team, from some place up there called Cold Chester. It got islands, beaches, parks...the whole nine yards. Don’t sound cold to me; sounds more like The Rockaways or up in City Island. Patsy’s hearin’ they got a bunch of young baseball players. I’m tellin’ youz right now...look out, they could be somethin’. I’m gonna go 12-1 with the youth. This could be my surprise pick of the whole thing if it wasn’t first year. I mean, a pick to make trouble they get in the playoffs. Let’s see what happens.

Lions Club Striders: This here team was my dark horse pick last year. They go up Five-Nuthin’ in the championship game, you woulda thought that was it...baked, done...howyadoin’! I laid three large when I seen ‘em goin’ to the finals! They lose 8-7! Madon...I’m still hearin’ it from my cousin over there in Rossville! This year? Patsy says they’re loaded. I ain’t so sure. They got that Anthony “Moon Shot” Hope hittin’ all them dingers, and them Kovals also. Patsy was talkin’ with Gillette the manager. He says they’re gonna be ready. Dunno, eight years back they made The Game, then...statazit! Nuthin’, like church mice. Maybe same thing this year, dunno. I’m goin’ 7-2, let’s see with this one.

Maine P-Pods: New team comin’ from up there where they get them huge lobstahs. Patsy says the leader Garceau was an MMA fighta, beatin’ the snot outta people in the ring but sweet as bomboloni, with the sugar and everything. We don’t got a lot on this here roster, but thinkin’ it’s gonna take ‘em a few. 25-1 with a big guess. Gotta see what’s what.

Mustangs: Another new team, this one here from Manchester, NH. Ain’t that where Sandler’s from? That guy’s a riot! I love that one where he wakes up and the moose or somethin’s in his bedroom! Probably like Vermont...sure ain’t Bay Ridge! The guy Bonilla, could be related to Bobby from up in the Bronx, played with the Mets. Lemme tell ya, he got Bobby B’s swing, they could push a lotta runs this team. Another one...gotta see the first year, so I’m goin’ 22-1 on possibilities this Jason guy’s got the genes with the bat.

NYL: Tony “The Colorado Kid” Caligaris brings this team in and BANG! They hit the lottery and get in the playoffs first year! You kiddin’ me? That just don’t happen...it’s like catchin’ lightnin’ or whatevuh in a bottle! The All Star Adamson...he got a 1.56 ERA and .545 battin’ average. Patsy’s sayin’ me he got more room to go up. That’s gonna be trouble right there. They gotta get more outta their bats this year from Caligaris, the guy Brooksie, Brouillette and Shane “Little Red” Cor-BETT. Lemme tell youz though they got a cheering squad...fuggedhabouddit! Huge! I gotta say, they got building blocks. Still, I’m takin’ 20-1.

Novo Nordisk Da Bulls: Fourteen years this team! Unbelievable! Adams and Ternisky, it’s like AT & T without the other T. And check this out: they both went .286! Twins them two! Patsy swears he knows the guy Darcy Spear. They could have somethin’ buildin’ with them Degrees. Not for nuthin’ but they gotta capitalize on that cheerin’ section they got. It’s huge! They gotta be up over fifty of ‘em! Patsy hears their zone it’s like up at Orchard Beach...they got grills, blankets down, jerseys hangin’...it’s one of them whaddyacallem...encampments! Everybody keeps askin’ could this be their year? Ahhh...25-1.

MY EXHIBITION GAME PICK!

Novo Nordisk Da Bulls vs OmniPod Pod Squad! This ain’t just one of them whaddyamacallem “play around games”! This here is gonna be a good one! They’re gonna compete these teams! And not for nuthin’ but them Novos better be ready! Patsy says them Pod Squad are built to go the full seven, even longer. This ain’t gonna be like last year when Pod Squad pummeled Blue Circle Health seven-zip! It’ll be close...could end up in a home run derby or even a wheelbarrow race! I got it goin’ to the derby...it’ll be home run city between Pod Squad’s Steve _____ and Novo’s Dylan Degree. This one’s too tight...so I ain’t takin’ nuthin’ but straight up on the win...Thinkin’ Pod Squad with the upset!



Polli Swingers: They’re constructin’ somethin’ here this team. They were in every game last year, just couldn’t get that extra run across the plate. I dunno, maybe they gotta grease somethin’. Down

here, it’s like you gotta help ‘em read the buildin’ codes a little better. Ya know, pay for a vacation they can read them zonin’ books more relaxed...know what I’m sayin’? Wiffle ball, maybe that’s a different thing, butta thought. Look, Patsy says they got hitters with them Pollis...Tucker and Ella. And then with Ashley, Rachlin and Viau all hittin’ over .500, I agree...they got bats. Close games, a few more runs, and my paisan Racioppi...could be the next steps. I’m takin’ and tightenin’, 9-1.

Red White n’ Brew: I’m gonna say it right outta the gate...this here team is gonna show up big time this year! They’ve been knockin’ for years; Patsy says they’re gonna be tough as evah with DeMarino and Booth sub Two-Oh ERA and Nightengale signin’ from the plate. With them, Webstah and Roachie all over .400 battin’ they could flip them close L’s to dubbyas. Patsy says me I oughtta go tight, thinkin’ 6-1. Gotta think he’s right. So it is, 6-1, layin’ on this here play.

SB Wiffle: This here is a puzzlah to me: Every year, they get close but “il nulla”, nuthin’. They got hitters, they got pitchers, they got yoot. I mean, c’mon already. I been droppin’ G’s thinkin’ they’re gonna bust out. This year, tough schedule I’ll say that, but Patsy says they’re all winnable. Them Chandlers gotta own the plate more; Lamothe and Hockenbury gotta launch them homers...gotta push more runs. I still got faith, layin’ at 7-1...one of the faves if they get into the playoffs.

Sons of Pitches: Patsy’s tellin’ me they got one of them identity crisis things goin’ on. They go from Growlers to GOATs, they been gettin’ fleeced every year since. Not for nuthin’ but youz switch from somethin’ with teeth and claws to somethin’ with hoofs that goes “bahhh”? Sei pazzo?! You crazy, or what? But this team, they got that Antoniak and he’s pitchin’ like Mo, Whitey and Clemens in one! I mean, a 0.52 ERA and 42 K’s?! You kiddin’ me? Lyman and Blake go plus .500 and Patsy says he was talkin’ with Lean ‘em O’Farrell and he’s got some surprises, includin’ he’s gettin’ rid of the massage tables and kambucha. I’m goin’ out on a limb with this one, still takin’ but I say 6-1.

Staten Island Yankees: Two in a row for the B&T Boys! They brought it back to the The Rock! A three-peat this year? Patsy says he heard Tirone’s been doin’ ice baths since last August...says he’s ready. Rigatti, O’Hara,

Lenhart and Danny Dubya all got OPS over plus one-three. I mean, that ain’t too shabby! Patsy says they’re addin’ pitchers. Tough defense, solid pitchin’ and bats everywheres. This team’s gotta be a heavy favorite...good a shot as anyone to repeat again. Tough to go three-in-a-row, so goin’ 2-1. Team to beat, no doubtaboutdit.



Ultimate Warriors: 2nd year team. Patsy says they’re battle-tested and ready. He says they got a plan they call small ball...a lotta singles. They gotta mix in a few homers here and there and with all them singles. Who knows, maybe MJ Thomas or Nolan Carrien can deliver a Grand Salami! I’m takin’ 12-1.

Weekend Wiffers: Anyone seen a manager churn a roster more than this Pion character? I mean, he’s gotta better chance of makin’ butter this guy! Patsy’s tellin’ me they’re puttin’ everything on the



shoulders of Shawn Quinn, their ace pitcher. Seriously? I mean Quinn’s got nasty stuff he throws, but he’s like one of them crash-test dummies. He might not make it outta the first inning of the first game! If he does, this team always gonna finds ways to compete in them playoffs. Patsy says Cayden Chevalier’s gettin’ a home run swing goin’ and Shadoe Adams’ got good numbahs, so’s we’ll see. I’m takin’ 10-1.

Wild Wiffers: Another second year team. Patsy says the team captain McKenzie’s really got somethin’ gettin’ two solid W’s in their first three games. Patsy’s tellin’ me they got hitter all over the lineup. I gotta give my propers to fellow Siciliano Ruby Dasaro battin’ .600. I mean, look at these numbers over here with this team: McKenzie his own self hittin’ .750; Laroche and Hurteau .750 and .875 and Michael Weber .500. I see what Patsy’s sayin’ with this team...they got bats. And Laroche with a 1.00 ERA. If they get in the playoffs, they could be big time trouble. Odds way up on these Wiffers...I’m layin’ at 12-1. They get in the Sunday dance, they’re my dark horse. Full stop. Fuggedhabouddit.



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CARPENTER BERUBE

I'm getting ready for my trip to ROI's Basecamp in Alaska. I finished school two weeks ago. I will be a senior next year, but can't wait for Alaska. I've already started preparing to make sure I am in good shape for all the hiking by doing several hikes to Mount Monadnock with my friends and some sunset hikes to Park Monadnock.

I just finished my volleyball season and now that school and sports are over I look forward to having more time to get out and hike. For my birthday in May when I turned 18 my parents bought me most of my supplies for my trip to Basecamp, including insect protective clothing and a hat with mesh protection from bugs! I did some of my hiking at night and I'm always worried about bears.

We laughed in my family as we looked up what to do for different bears and what the differences are between grizzly bears in Alaska and black bears in New England. I started my new job last week as a groundskeeper for my town recreation department. I'm also lifeguarding and will be busy saving money to work on my truck.

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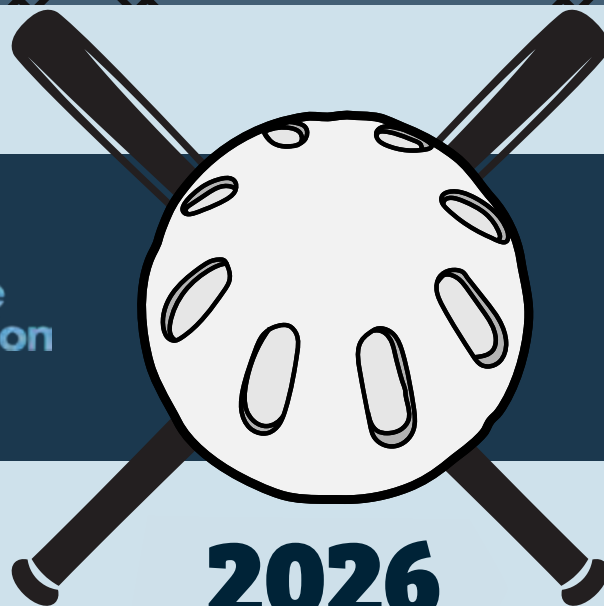
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Juliette Internicola My T1D Story

Novo Nordisk – “Da Bulls” and who we play for!

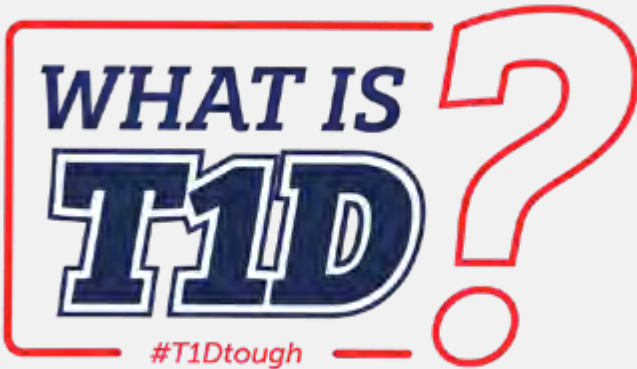


Juliette Internicola was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at the age of two and a half. The difficulties for her family leaving the hospital with a toddler who was still in diapers and could not communicate or understand fully what was going on were at times overwhelming. Julie grew up quickly to meet the challenges. She soon learned to work a pump and change infusion sets like a grown up. Kindergarten was interrupted by management problems at school and for a few years Julie’s parents homeschooled her.

Today, Julie is sixteen, a sophomore at Kingston High School, a member of the marching band, an avid baker and a coxswain on the Crew Team. It’s easy to forget sometimes the difficulties she faces but on very hot days, long field trips and during occasional pump failures, everything is brought back into perspective. Julie does a lot every single day to just maintain her health.

I realize that her story is one of many but as we are all aware, at times diabetes can be a lonely disease. Thank you for all your doing to support the cause, as even in just 14 years, treatments have advanced at a rapid pace and simplified her care.

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According to Wes, negative consequences did little to deter his addiction. Six stints in rehab and one stay in a psych ward; the destruction of his closest relationships and complete deterioration of connection with everyone he loved; getting fired as the CEO of his cupcake company; rolling a car in the Hollywood Hills, two DUIs, multiple arrests, injuries, and finally, sleeping on the floor of a beat up warehouse office - none of these were enough to make Wes recognize that his addiction was robbing him of his life and anything that brought him an iota of joy.

So, what was the turning point? Late one night, lying on the cold floor of that warehouse and staring up at the ceiling, Wes shared that he felt something he had never felt before - prolonged, eerie fluttering of his heart. Despite his heavy drug use this was a new sensation, and for the first time, he knew his addiction would take his life; if not that night, then soon. He knew it was time to get CLEAN.

From that day on, Wes has strived to prioritize his recovery, repair broken relationships and live life with purpose as his North Star. Through it all, his entrepreneurial spirit has persisted, and he has known he was destined for more. He turned his story of hopelessness into redemption and inspiration. Wes had a vision with the potential to be revolutionary -- to create a space to help OTHERS reclaim their lives and get on the road to recovery.

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Sean Busby

My T1D Story

My name is Sean Busby and I'm a professional backcountry snowboarder living with lupus (SLE), rheumatoid arthritis, epilepsy, and type 1 diabetes (T1D). I live 63 miles north of the arctic circle in the remote Brooks Range of Alaska.

In 2004, at the peak of my competitive snowboarding career, I was diagnosed with T1D — my first autoimmune disease. On some of my darkest days, I was able to read stories of kids with T1D that inspired me to continue to pursue my dreams. I felt a strong desire to give back to those kids for giving me the courage I needed, so I started offering snowboard camps for kids living with type 1 diabetes alongside local children's hospitals in California and organizations in Idaho and Wisconsin.

I called these experiences "Riding On Insulin".

In 2010, I experienced the devastating loss of a very special friend who had attended those camps for years. Jesse was 13 years old when complications from T1D took his life. Having lost my own older brother less than a decade earlier, Jesse had become like a little brother to me, so his death hit me hard.

As I was giving the eulogy at Jesse's funeral, I vowed to reinvigorate Riding On Insulin (ROI). By that time, I'd stepped away from the camps to finish my college degree and secure my first job. As I said that day: Riding On Insulin needs to continue. It's what Jesse would have wanted.

As fate would have it, I also met the woman who would become my wife (and the first Executive Director of ROI) at Jesse's funeral. Mollie was a colleague of Jesse's mom, and as soon as we met that day after I'd given the eulogy, we knew there was something special between us.

Later that same year, Mollie moved from Wisconsin out west, and she saw to it that ROI became an official nonprofit. Together we hosted our first official 1-day skiing and snowboard camp in Park City, Utah. We've been offering these programs ever since.

In 2011, we unknowingly planned our wedding for what would've been Jesse's 15th birthday. As it was Jesse that



brought us together, Mollie and I truly feel he's cheering us on still today, nearly 15 years later.

Today, ROI has over 100+ volunteer ski and snowboard coaches and medical volunteers that travel to our camps around the country. Our team hosts these 1-day programs to share the stoke with kids with T1D of all ability levels, including those who are trying the sport for the very first time.

ROI empowers kids with T1D to learn a new sport, manage their disease effectively, all in an environment where they can be kids for the day — first and foremost — among others who "get it." These events also show families they can still live a normal life.

We serve about 300 kids annually and have hosted camps in the USA, New Zealand, Australia, and Canada over the past 15 years. We have three full time staff and a passionate board of directors that spans the country. Each year, we rely on individual contributions, foundation grants, corporate sponsors and peer-to-peer fundraising campaigns to support the organization year-round.



I've found that giving back to the kids who gave me hope — especially living with so many health issues — has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life.

I have been known as a professional snowboarder for over two decades — first in the competitive circuit with the Olympics in my sight, and then trading uncomfortable competition bibs for round-trip tickets to incredible mountain ranges around the world to ride the backcountry — no lifts, no ski patrol, and no crowds. Just untouched mountains and wilderness.

In 2014, I achieved my goal of backcountry snowboarding remote mountain ranges on all 7 continents with T1D,

including **Antarctica, Kyrgyzstan, Morocco, Patagonia, arctic Norway, Sweden, Finland, China, all around eastern Europe, Tasmania and New Zealand.**

It was a lofty goal that took me seven years to accomplish — and after taking those final turns in the High Atlas Mountains of Morocco with Mollie at my side, we started to consider what might be next for our lives.

While still taking annual trips to our favorite place to ski/ride in Arctic Norway, we poured our energy into sustainability and off-grid living at our homestead in Montana. We built ourselves a yurt and learned quickly how rewarding it was to generate your own utilities, such as firewood for heat, solar for power, and hauling jugs of water from our well nearby. Our property was snowmachine-access only in the winter months, and we loved the challenges of the lifestyle, as well as the peace and quiet we experienced living in the round in the middle of the woods.

In 2016 we were featured on a Discovery Channel show called "Building Off Grid," which followed our journey of building our first cabin on that same property, just down the trail from the yurt. The construction days were long, and Mollie and I experienced a steep learning curve as we constantly tackled new experiences like framing, roofing, plumbing, electrical, and more. At the peak of all this excitement, my body seemed to shut down — and I received my second autoimmune disease diagnosis of Lupus (SLE), which shook me to my core.

I have always known that mountains, snowboarding, and community provide healing for me. I like to say they're next best medicine to the lifesaving medicines I rely on. Faced with a life with Lupus, and armed with two years of off-grid experience, I knew I didn't want to wait any longer to really go for what I'd always wanted to do in life... and Alaska was calling.



It didn't take Mollie and I long to find an off-grid property on Alaska's Kenai Peninsula that we fell in love with. In June of 2017, we started the process of moving our life from Northwest Montana. Our cabin there was 3 miles off the road system, so 4-wheeler or snowmachine access only. The cabin was nestled on a steep hillside that was covered with bright pink try fundraised to come to the arctic for a week for the adventure of a lifetime! This teen expedition is ROI's annual summer program called BASECAMP, and serves as a pivotal experience for teens as they take their T1D to a remote corner of the globe and test what's possible — while also serving as a fundraiser for the nonprofit, helping to fund the 1-day camps we've become known for around the world.



WHY WE PLAY

// Sean Busby (CONT.)
My T1D Story

Whether teens with T1D, or folks who want to cross the Northern Lights off their bucket list, our guests here at Arctic Hive are supported as they challenge themselves to survive in this untouched, remote ecosystem. They leave with life-changing memories, and a newfound appreciation for the arctic, the changing landscape due to a changing climate. They better understand the nuances of wildlife management and resource extraction issues facing Alaska. Ultimately, guests leave here as better stewards of the planet — just as we try to be in our own lives on this off-grid journey.

Despite receiving two more autoimmune diagnoses since we've moved to the arctic, I've never felt more content with my life and where we live than I do today. The mountains, snowboarding, and being surrounded by Mollie and our family of sled dogs have provided healing for me that I never dreamed possible.



Sure, I have my fair share of hard days — but the hard work we have to do for survival puts the hard days with chronic disease into perspective. The physicality of this life, like hauling water from the river, building houses, securing firewood, and caring for a dog team has been medicine that keeps my body moving and my mind focused.

I may never experience a cure for my autoimmune diseases in my lifetime, but I have no doubt that it's these mountains of the remote Brooks Range that have given me purpose, passion, and effectively put my life back in my own hands. For that, I will be forever grateful.



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Evie Heitkamp

My T1D Story

Tomorrow, Evie turns 5. We are 6 months into her T1D journey. It's hard to tell if it has actually gotten any easier, or if we all just adjusted to our new reality. It is still hard, but apparently we make it look fun enough that our friends and family wish they had T1D. Perhaps the outward calm and normalization is part of the misguided reason I didn't realize T1D was such a big deal before Evie was diagnosed; you all make it look easy.

I remember the first time I realized there might be a gap between my thoughts on diabetes and the reality. Around last Thanksgiving (before Evie was diagnosed), a friend and I were picking up our preschoolers. Her child has had T1D for over a year. I asked my friend how she was doing and she answered, "you know...diabetes." I remember thinking I clearly did not know. In my mind, diabetes was a common disease that was easily managed. I was speechless by her raw honesty and realization I had no idea what she was going through. I walked away wondering what I could be missing.

My little kid is not the same innocent kid that walked into the hospital the last days of 2023. This disease has changed her worldview in deep and profound ways. I remember Evie asking multiple times when she would get better and the betrayal in her eyes when I allowed



the nurses to give her shots even when she asked me for help. Eventually I became the source of her pain as I gave her shots as she begged me not to. She said things I never imagined could come out of her sweet heart. She hated God. She wanted to burn down everything that caused her pain. She was mad.

I also remember a different kind of pain when her sisters asked if we still cared for them. In our pre-pump days when we were busy counting carbs, trying to get Evie to comply with finger pricks and insulin jabs 4 times a day we often had to tell we didn't have time for them (we never actually said that to them, but that was the message they heard). I also remember having to drive to school every day for a month to help hand over the shots to the school nurse who Evie wanted nothing to do with.

Evie eventually got her "jellybean" machine; this pump was supposed to be our answer to our problems. It immediately tried to kill her. Repeatedly. Her insulin needs were too small and the pump couldn't give her the small doses we needed. So eventually we found a way to turn off insulin several times a day, but the constant fear of her sudden drops kept me awake all night (sometimes still does). My new year resolution to not be on my phone was obsolete. I was glued to my screen throughout the day watching her numbers. The alarms don't always catch her drops quickly enough. We faithfully followed the "rule of 15" for a couple of months before realizing she really only needs a couple grams of carbs to normalize her (1-2 jelly beans have been our answer).

Then there were other complications that arose. Let's just say I have dexcom on speed-dial because of how often I have to call because of failed sensors or sensors that fall – or get itched – off. Her skin has been so raw I had to find creative places to place her sensor so her tiny arms could heal in between the constant changes. Also, don't get me started on training babysitters and family members to help take care of a 4 year old who doesn't want anyone near her pump.

I wouldn't wish this journey on anyone. Despite it all, we love knowing we can do hard things as a family. We are strong, and growing stronger everyday. We are especially thankful for all the miraculous "coincidences" that prepared us for Evie's journey this year (that's a whole different story). We are thankful to this amazing community we are now part of as well as the family and friends who have stepped up to support us. We love that Evie and her sisters talk about this openly and aren't ashamed or embarrassed by the diagnosis. We love that we now have the occasional night where we only need to wake Evie up for one cavity inducing treat. And, we are thankful to have found the small but mighty jellybean.

"Mom, Evie has a machine that beeps and her mom brings her a jellybean. Can I get one of those?"

- Evie's 5 year old cousin



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Maggie O'Farrell

It Was Time!

When I was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at 15 years old, it changed my life forever. It is a never-ending job you can't take a break on, you can't change and it doesn't go away. 24/7 it's with you. It's so freakin' demanding. Even though I knew this disease could cause severe damage to my body or even kill me, I tried to put it on a "back burner" and pretend like it wasn't that bad. I'm twenty-three now. Recently, after occasional scares with some of my regular tests we all have to get for kidneys, eyes, and liver; and after feeling like crap from blood sugar levels that were all over the place, I realized that I had to stop trying to ignore this disease and start trying to get on top of it. I wanted my life back, or as much of it as I could get back. I was afraid of my T1D, and it was running my life the way I let it. I realized that had to change or I'd soon be in a lot of trouble physically.

I decided to give the Dexcom CGM (continuous glucose monitor) and Omnipod Insulin Pump a chance. I actually started using the CGM first with shots, and that helped but it wasn't providing me with the better blood sugar controls I could achieve if I had both. I often had very high blood sugars and I felt awful physically. So, with the encouragement and help from my dad, who's had T1D most of his life, and my family,

I decided to try on the Omnipod insulin pump as well. The closed loop system of the Omni Pod and Dexcom working together has made a big difference. It's much less demanding because I don't have to do all those finger sticks or give myself multiple shots of insulin. It's also improved my overall physical health incredibly because I don't have as many high or low blood sugars.

Don't get me wrong, they still happen, but I can react faster and deal with them because I can actually see how my blood sugar is trending up or down and I can deal. I wake up often with nearly normal blood sugars and I'm able to maintain them throughout the day with just dialing into my meter. Although there are still hard days and I don't enjoy having to maintain two devices on my body,



I wouldn't change going onto the closed loop. I feel better now more days than I don't. It feels like I've gotten some of my life back from T1D.

Liam & Maggie

My T1D Story

My daughter Maggie and I share the challenge of living with T1D. I use the word challenge because there is no single word that would adequately describe the difficulty of what it is like to live with this chronic, life changing illness.

I am in year 44 of this battle, Maggie is in year 11. We follow each other on the Dexcom app (continuous glucose monitor that gives us a blood sugar reading every five minutes) which gives us both a level of comfort that we have other family members "watching us" 24/7. I call her at 2am when I receive a "low glucose" alert from her device, so I can hear her voice and ask her if she is ok. I get the occasional text message from her "you good Dad?". Technology is helping us out here, which is amazing, but it will never take away the countless decisions, the highs, the lows, the scary moments and the daily challenges that occur while attempting to manage this disease. Everyone with T1D deserves a break, deserves a "day off". But we do not get that luxury.

I have watched, over the past 11 years, as Maggie has taken ownership of her disease. She uses the technology to her advantage, to help make her "feel" safer while navigating the day to day challenges of this relentless disease. Maggie is doing what every single one of us living with T1D has to do at some point in our journey, take ownership of our disease. Without this step, T1D will be very difficult. Ignoring the disease is simply not an option. Taking ownership of our disease can be very empowering, which will result in a healthier, safer, day to day existence for each one of us. But it will never take away the emotional and physical burden that comes with the relentless nature of type 1 diabetes. It is



a heavy lift, one that is handled a little bit easier with the help of friends, family and loved ones. And here in lies the beauty of SLAMT1D! The SLAMT1D community is the very village that so many T1D'ers so desperately need, during those challenging times, those scary times and those times when you just want to throw in the towel, but you know you can't. The SLAMT1D family is here for us!

Maggie sent me a text on Father's Day this year and I will share one sentence with all of you:

"It sucks but it is also so special that we share this shitty disease together, I wouldn't be able to do it without you."

Infinitely proud of you Maggie! We will continue to fight the good fight.....together!

With much love, your Dad

Liam O'Farrell - T1Der, T1Der Dad
SLAMT1D Volunteer, Supporter and Board Member



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Raquel Baron

My T1D Story

I was the girl who wanted nothing to do with the T1D community as a child—and yet, here I am today with a completely different perspective on life with diabetes. My story began when I was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes just before my 5th birthday. Thankfully, I wasn't in DKA; instead, my pediatrician happened to check my blood sugar at my annual check-up and noticed an unusually high reading. Why all doctors don't do this at yearly checkups, I'll never understand—but I'm incredibly grateful mine did. I was one of the lucky ones.

Unfortunately, there were no hospital rooms available that day, so I had to wait at home with my family. To this day, I can't imagine how difficult that must have been for them—terrified, uncertain, and suddenly responsible for a diagnosis none of us yet understood. Eventually, I was admitted to the hospital, where I received my official diagnosis. I still remember parts of those early days. I was absolutely terrified of shots. I even recall asking my mom, while sitting in my hospital bed, "Will I have to get shots every day for the rest of my life?" She replied with a quiet, tearful "yes," and that moment has stuck with me ever since.



My birthday party was scheduled for one of the days I was in the hospital. My mom, desperate to lift my spirits, begged the doctor to let me attend since we had already completed most of the diabetes education. Miraculously, the doctor said yes! I was late to my own 5th birthday party—

but I made it. I even got my first insulin shot outside of the hospital at the party, and while it involved a lot of tears, it also marked the start of my journey toward resilience.

As I grew up, I didn't care much about having T1D friends. I went to the annual JDRF walks in Dallas and attended a one-week ADA summer camp each year, but that felt like enough. I knew I wasn't alone,



but I was content with my school and dance friends. That changed completely when I reluctantly attended a College Diabetes Network (now The Diabetes Link) meeting at the University of Texas at Austin. I walked in thinking it would be my first and last meeting—but I left feeling something I hadn't expected: connection. It was refreshing to be surrounded by people who just got it.

From that moment on, I craved more T1D community. I dove headfirst into every resource I could find. I began interning at the JDRF chapter in Austin (now Breakthrough T1D) and loved getting more involved. My team there started connecting me with families looking for type 1 babysitters, and that quickly became my new side gig. It was so fulfilling to give parents a much-needed night off while mentoring T1D kids at the same time.



Word began to spread that I was available for T1D babysitting in Austin, and soon my phone was buzzing constantly with requests. I couldn't keep up, so I started connecting my friends from CDN with families needing help. I fell in love with this work—and that's when I decided to launch Type One Together as a babysitter connection service for families living with type 1.

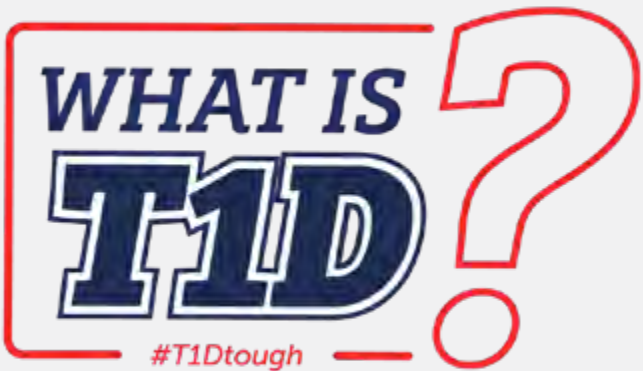
Over the past six years, Type One Together has grown in ways I never imagined. Today, we offer support and community through babysitter connections, products, masterclasses, online courses, The 108 Podcast, and more. Our team is made up of T1D parents who are committed to sharing the real, raw side of type one life—while offering encouragement every step of the way. There's no one-size-fits-all approach to diabetes, and our goal is to meet families where they are. We believe kids can live the joyful, active childhoods their parents dream of and have blood sugars that make them feel their best. We celebrate the wins and support each other through the tough days. Diabetes isn't easy, but community makes all the difference.

These days, I split my time between growing Type One Together and sharing my personal journey as a young adult with T1D on my Instagram page, @typeoneday.

I never expected to work in the diabetes space, but this community has completely transformed—and healed—my relationship with this disease.

I wake up every day excited to help others, and I'm endlessly grateful to be where I am.

Outside of work, I now live in beautiful San Diego with my boyfriend of four years and our two dogs. We love spending time at the beach, discovering new coffee shops, and traveling whenever we can. Life is good—and type 1 diabetes won't keep me down!



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Conley Baldwin

Riding for a Reason: My Mission to Spread Type 1 Diabetes Awareness

The Spark: Overcoming Misconceptions

In my small hometown of Corinth, NY, there is very little awareness of Type 1 Diabetes (T1D). Coaches, teachers, schools, and the general public often don't understand the daily hurdles we face. It's not a disease where you simply take a pill in the morning and move on with your day.

In the winter of 2023–24, I set out to change that. I launched a mission to spread awareness, deliver "quick sugar" to those in need, and show other T1D warriors that they can do anything anyone else can do. Combining my mission with my passion, I hit the slopes under the motto: "Skiing for a reason, riding for a cure."



Life on the Slopes: The 100-Mountain Goal

Like high-achieving students who aim for a 100 GPA, my goal before graduation is to bring T1D awareness to 100 different mountains. I'm currently at 40 mountains across 7 states, leaving me 3 years to conquer the remaining 60.

While I've hit massive resorts like Killington (my 40th mountain!), Breckenridge, Vail, Loveland, and



Keystone, the real magic happens at the smaller, lesser-known ski hills. That is where you find the tightest communities, the deepest love for the sport, and the most incredible support for my mission. On every mountain, big or small, the routine is the same:

- Talking to ski patrols and resort employees.
- Connecting with fellow diabetics on the snow.
- Handing out stickers and "quick sugar."

I didn't choose Type 1 Diabetes—it chose me. But it chose me for a reason, and it has connected me to the snowboarding community, which has embraced me entirely. I'm incredibly grateful to Tucker from Darkside Snowboards for the cookout, Killington for the invite to celebrate my 40th peak, and The Mountain Times for interviewing me.

Connecting with the Community: Summits & Parades

This past year, I had the honor of speaking at two T1 Breakthrough Summits—first in Saratoga in September,

and then in Rochester in November. My speeches center on a main theme: making lemonade out of lemons and finding your niche. You need to find where you fit and can make the biggest impact and to make the best of every situation. The more people I talk to I discovered that parents at these summits truly want to talk to a young person who understands exactly what their kids are going through. While parents handle the medical side of T1D, I can connect with the kids about school, sports, and peer relationships.

Back home, my family helps keep the "fun" in fundraising. We love spreading awareness together by dressing up in costumes (like the Easter Bunny, the Leprechaun, and the Grinch) for local events. Moving forward, we are going all-out for America's 250th birthday with a colonial-themed parade float, and we always keep an eye out for T1D warriors in the crowd to give them something special.

Milestones and Custom Creativity

We combined our trip to the Rochester summit with a visit to Gilson Snow in Pennsylvania. My family toured the factory, and I got to collaborate with their artist to design a completely custom snowboard. The graphics illustrate my personal journey, highlighting the special groups and people who have supported my mission. It is, hands down, one of my most valued possessions, and I can't wait to ride with the Gilson crew this winter!

Our travels also took us to Maine to collaborate with Sweet Shots for Diabetes, and we made great new friends with P Pods during a day of ice skating.



Looking Ahead: The Winter Outlook

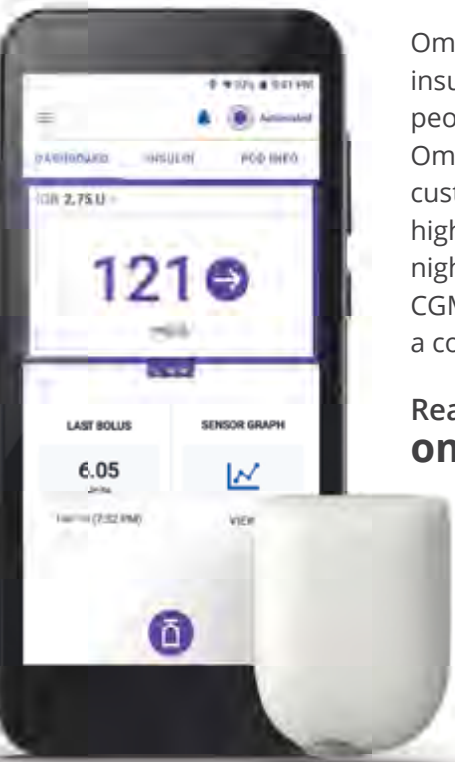
Snowboarding and skiing are a lot like living with diabetes: there are always obstacles, highs, lows, and falls. You never actually stop falling, but the key is that you keep getting back up.

You can't ride the mountain alone, which is why I'm so grateful for the friends and family who don't have T1D but still stand fiercely by my side. I'm stoked that my little sister is finally starting to enjoy the mountain with my dad and me (even if she is a skier!), and that my cousins and friends are discovering the same freedom on the snow that I have.

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T1D Stories From The Fields, Ball Courts and Backyards of Life!

Rowan Sierra

My T1D Story

How/When were you diagnosed?

I first noticed changes in my body in January 2018, right in the middle of my sophomore basketball season. I was rapidly losing weight, constantly thirsty, and completely exhausted. My clothes became loose and baggy, and I found myself making nonstop trips to the bathroom. When I went to the doctor, they tested me on everything from mono to bronchitis. Eventually, they checked my blood sugar. It was in the 400s, and my doctor immediately sent me to CCMC, where I was officially diagnosed with type 1 diabetes.

How did the diagnosis initially change your life?

Every aspect of my life changed overnight, but my diet, sleep, exercise, and schoolwork took the hardest hits. Managing everything at once felt overwhelming. I quickly put weight back. My focus instantly shifted from the typical interests of a high school sophomore to learning the complexities of diabetes and blood sugar management. Throughout this steep learning curve, my primary goal remained clear: manage my health so I could get back to being an athlete and return to my “normal” high school life.

What are some challenges/obstacles you have faced?

There is never a perfect time in life to be diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes. Trying to balance sports, classwork, friendships, and playing an instrument already felt like a juggling act, but managing my blood sugar added a whole new layer of complexity. One of the hardest parts is constantly having to explain T1D to others, especially when people aren’t considerate or fail to understand how deeply a high or low crash actually affects my body and mind. Luckily my teachers were understanding.

What are your blood sugar management and blood testing practices?

I use the Dexcom G7 glucose to monitor daily sugar blood sugar levels, however, I check my blood sugar manually via blood stick at least once per day.



Do you use an AID system, or shots?

I use a T-Slim and Dexcom G7.

What are your favorite go to meals?

My typical favorite go-to meals are buffalo chicken wings, low carb chicken tacos (extra hot sauce) and steak tips and broccoli.

How does having T1D affect training/exercising?

Living with Type 1 Diabetes absolutely has a huge impact on my training and exercise. I believe that for me, good management actually begins the day before a match, where my primary goal is establishing a stable, in-range blood sugar baseline. To prevent sharp fluctuations, I have to plan out my pre-game meals, rest and water intake. Because rugby demands 80 minutes of continuous, high-intensity play, managing a severe high or low on the field is nearly impossible, making early preparation a necessity for me to stay in the game.

What have your experiences been with coaches, teammates?

My experiences with coaches and teammates have been overwhelmingly positive. During my freshman year of college rugby, I was fortunate to have a senior teammate who was diagnosed with T1D. Because of this, our coaching staff was already well educated on the condition and its potential complications. Throughout my college career, my coaches remained incredibly accommodating, understanding, and proactive. They consistently reinforced healthy lifestyle and nutrition choices, creating a supportive environment that allowed me to manage my health while competing at a high level.

What are some of your pre-training prep tips/hacks?

- Stopping insulin 1 hour before participation (unless experiencing a pregame blood sugar is high).
- No food within 1 ½ hours before training (unless for low correction).
- Be comfortable with slightly higher than usual numbers when playing.
- Plenty of rest.
- Water, water, water.

How has diabetes made me tougher?

Managing type 1 diabetes has made me a tougher, more disciplined athlete. While most people don’t have to think about replacing a vital hormone daily, I have learned to balance that massive responsibility with life and sports. In the past, especially when I was initially diagnosed in high school, misconceptions about my condition led coaches to hold me back or sub me out unnecessarily. These experiences taught me the value of strong communication and self-advocacy, proving that diabetes does not limit my performance on the field.



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Ian Mckenzie

Wild Wifflers

First published by the St. Albans Messenger

This summer, Ian MacKenzie is going full circle with the SLAMT1D Summer Classic Wiffle Ball Tournament. The annual event helps raise awareness for Type 1 Diabetes, but it's also all about having fun and building community.

Just over a decade ago, MacKenzie attended the event for the first time. He was just eight years old and had been recently diagnosed with Type 1. Life had been flipped upside down, and the SLAMT1D was the first event he attended and the first place he saw a glimmer of hope for a brighter future.

MacKenzie, a 2024 graduate of BFA-St. Albans, a University of Vermont student, has assembled a team of Franklin County friends and family to compete in the tournament.

In its 15th year, the tournament takes place August 8-10 at the Historic Little Fenway Complex in Essex, VT, where teams play on Wiffle ball-sized replicas of Fenway Park, Yankee Stadium, Wrigley Field, or Field of Dreams

Q&A with Ian MacKenzie

What inspired you to enter a team and revisit the SLAMT1D tournament?

I wanted to come full circle because the tournament inspired me a lot when I first came as an eight-year-old. I'm excited to bring a team to the tournament and give back to the event that helped me when I was little, and maybe some kid will see us out there and do the same 10 years later.

When did you first attend the SLAMT1D tournament?

After I was diagnosed with Type 1 in 2014, I first attended at eight years old after an invite as an honorary captain on the Trinity Bombers. I returned several years after my diagnosis, but then got busy with other activities.



Ian, 3rd from the left at his first SLAMT1D tournament

What do you remember most about attending the event as a kid?

When I was first diagnosed, a big thing for me was: What can't I do now? Attending the event and seeing everyone having fun, laughing, and ignoring the negatives of Type 1 while acknowledging and embracing it, let me know Type 1 didn't have to hold me back.

What are you most looking forward to about returning with a team of your own?

I'm looking forward to spreading the positivity I received years ago and doing it with friends willing to commit to three days of Wiffle ball for a good cause. It means a lot to see that they care about it and are ready to have some fun.

What do you love about the venue?

The venue is pretty cool and very unique. It's its own little thing with replicas of four famous fields, and it's a little circle of joy and fun for three days. I especially enjoyed the night games under the lights.

Ian at his first SLAMT1D tournament



What inspired the tournament?

Jeff Kolok started the tournament in Essex, and now it's a nationwide organization. Both his daughter and son have Type 1. I was an honorary member on his son's and daughter's team, the Trinity Bombers (Ian laying down pictured left), when I was eight.

What has surprised you most about Type 1 now that you're a decade in?

There are a lot of negative things associated with Type 1; people think of the shots and finger pricks, but what they don't see is having to step off of a playing field or watching friends and not being able to participate because of low sugar. On the other hand, what has surprised me is that Type 1 makes you incredibly independent and prepared for the unexpected because there are real consequences if you aren't. You can be 10 minutes away from death many times a day.

How have you persevered in pursuing high-energy sports like Alpine Ski Racing and Cycling?

It's one day at a time. I was diagnosed in winter, and my favorite thing to do was skiing. That became an escape. When I'm skiing or biking, I don't think about Type 1. Eventually, those things became things I loved to do, and I pursued them competitively in high school and college. That question of "What can't I do?" is always in my mind whether it's a ski race, bike race, or learning to unicycle, and that mindset keeps me going. It was a progression, and it's played out well. I love everything I do, being able to practice and compete in those sports every day in college. That's something the eight-year-old me would have loved to hear. Back then, I thought a lot of fun would be taken out of life, but that's definitely not the case. I joke with my University of Vermont Cycling teammates since I have an advantage with my glucose monitor and can see how much fuel I need for rides. So, it's become a cycling hack.

How can people show their support for the tournament?

The best thing to do is to come and watch. It will be a pretty cool event. The second is to support one of the teams that directly support the event through sponsorships or donations. You can support my team the Wild Wifflers here: <https://www.classy.org/team/622709>

What does it mean to you to have support from friends, family, and teammates?

It means so much to me, and I wouldn't have been able to do what I have with skiing, biking, or life in general

without my family, friends, teammates, and coaches. The SLAMT1D tournament is one more showcase of the amazing people around me who are willing to help. I want to thank all of them for their support.

What to expect at the event?

The opening games are played on Friday, including night games such as the All Star Game, which are really cool. Saturday playoff games begin, and there's a home run derby. On Sunday, there are more final games, culminating in a championship. The tournament has good vibes and is a lot of fun.

What mindset has helped you persevere through adversity?

You never know what can happen in your life, so you have to embrace what you have, make the most of every day, and always have fun. Just because accomplishing something might be easier for someone else, that doesn't mean they take more joy or satisfaction than me. That's the reason why I'm doing the tournament and how I try to live every day.



Ian ski racing



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Sean McDonough My T1D Story

In January before my tenth birthday, I was displaying the standard symptoms of someone about to be diagnosed with diabetes. I was young though and I had never heard of diabetes, so I wasn't worried. I was excited because I got a day off from school to go to the doctor. My mom took me to my primary care doctor to see what was going on with me, and he informed us that my symptoms were most likely caused by type 1 diabetes. Now I had heard of diabetes, and it felt like a label was being put on me. It seemed like a very ominous sentence when it came out of the doctor's mouth and when he advised us to go to Boston Children's Hospital right away. It was about a 25-minute ride from my doctor's office to the hospital and I remember crying most of the way there. I knew my life had been turned upside down and I had no idea what I was in for, but I knew the first question I wanted answered. I asked my mom, "Are there any professional athletes that are diabetics?" Without hesitation, and you can imagine as the mom of an about to be newly diagnosed diabetic, she was feeling a lot of stress and anxiety, she blurted out "Catfish Hunter." As a diehard Red Sox fan, you can imagine I wasn't thrilled that my mom picked a Yankees pitcher as an example, but it did provide me with a sense that things would eventually be okay.



Back then diabetes management was a lot different than it is today. A lot of today's standard solutions weren't available, and we had to deal with what was available. Instead of carrying around glucose tablets, I carried around a roll of Life Savers hard candies. Instead of stashing juice boxes in our car, we stashed metal cans of orange juice (think of that during the dog days of summer when you have to suck back an orange juice that has been warming in a car for a few weeks, to ward off low blood sugar). We based food and insulin decisions on urine testing instead of results from a blood glucose monitor. The standard insulins back then were R and N and of pure pork and pure beef varieties. Somehow, we made it through. I continued to play baseball through grade school, played basketball in middle school, and wrestled in high school. I don't know if it was a planned strategy, or because we didn't know other diabetics and how other families dealt with it, but my parents never tried to tell me I couldn't do something because I was living with diabetes. They just always cautioned me to be prepared by having my Lifesavers and/or juice with me when I was going somewhere, especially if I was going to be active.

So, even though I wasn't brought up with the idea that I was a diabetic and was less able to do things my peers could do, I did take to heart the direction I received regarding food. Sweets were relegated to times when I had low blood sugar or very special occasions. I was not one to have a random piece of cake, a candy bar, or a non-diet soda. I didn't skip any of my insulin injections, and I stayed active. When I got to college, I continued to eat fairly healthy and did my insulin injections as directed, but I wanted to continue not differentiating myself from my peers and decided to live the college lifestyle by which I mean I partied.

Again, I managed to make it through these years. By the end, I learned a little less partying can go a long way. I found the woman I was going to spend the rest of my life with and found a job.

As with the other parts of my life, I adjusted to my new reality, and I started realizing that I needed to focus a little more on my health.

I developed a routine of going to the gym, I started to try to eat healthier and reduced the frequency in which I was drinking alcohol. I got married after a few years and a few years after that we had our Jake and then our daughter Molly. I continued to work out and eat healthy but there was always a lingering sense of frustration because I felt like my lifestyle should have been conducive to better diabetes control. I felt like

there should have been fewer highs and lows and less roller coaster action with my blood sugars. Pumps were still relatively new though, there wasn't that much information out there about them, and I hated the idea of having a device attached to me.

"Move forward again a few years and the unimaginable happened."

My son started showing the same symptoms when he was almost 9 years old, that I had when I was almost 10. I prayed that he would be spared, but when he was diagnosed and was taken to the emergency room by his mother, as I had been by my mother, he was diagnosed. I sobbed when I saw him in the hospital bed, much like I did on my ride to the hospital as a kid. The funny part was, he didn't shed a tear. He seemed fine. That's when I knew he would be okay. We were raising him as I was raised, not restricting him from doing anything. He played basketball, baseball, soccer, and his favorite, hockey. He continued to be active in high school. He played 4 years of varsity hockey, 2 years of varsity baseball, and 3 years of varsity golf. We were both plugging along doing MDI. Eventually I got a Dexcom G6 and we talked him into getting one after a while. By this time, I had started to get some pressure

from my healthcare providers at my endocrinology office that I should get on a pump. I still didn't like the idea of a pump, but I had been hearing more positive feedback about them and even knew a few people who were having great success and were strongly recommending them. At this point I had a strong sense they were right, and I also wanted Jake to have an opportunity to have better control than I had, but I knew he was never interested in a pump because I had never wanted one. I decided it was time. I wanted better control, despite still not liking the idea of having something attached to me, but most of all, I wanted my son to be able to avoid the constant struggle that I had always felt. It's crazy, but I remember the moment I put my first POD on filled with insulin, it was like a huge cloud lifted and a ton of stress was released. It was a truly magic moment in my life. It only got better as my A1C came down, and those roller coaster hills got smaller. It took a bit of time, but eventually we got Jake on one, too. I'm not sure that he had quite the 40 years of pressure relief feeling like I had, but I know he is having an easier time with it now and has had a significant reduction in his A1C. Diabetes will always be a challenge, but I'm thankful technology has reduced the struggle and will continue to reduce it more and more, and I'm hopeful that with all the fund raising and support, it will come faster and faster.

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Morgan Panzirer

From Fear to Finish Line: How I Took Back My Life from T1D

I was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes (T1D) on March 22, 2007. As a little six year old with a perpetual fear of needles, it is safe to say this was my worst nightmare. With no T1D in my family and very little knowledge of the disease and what it meant for my future, my parents and I were forced to adapt and learn about this new way of life.

After two weeks of kicking and screaming every time I needed a shot to eat or when my blood sugar was high, I finally decided that I was going to take control in any way I could. I sat in my tiny pink chair and held the needle an inch away from my skin. After what felt like an eternity of fear and hesitation, I finally mustered up the courage to puncture my own skin and give myself my first shot at just six years old. It is a moment I will never forget. In a lot of ways, I think giving myself my first shot was a pivot point for me and my future. To me, it set the tone that T1D is tough, but that I was tougher. There were going to be difficult times with

type 1 and type 2 diabetes when teaching our class about the conditions. I'm not blaming her at all, but to me, this is so much more complex than a paragraph in a textbook. This is mine, and so many others' lives, and I wanted to do my part in raising awareness about what T1D is, and what it means to essentially act like a pancreas day in and day out.

It was at this point that I started journaling about my experiences. I wrote about the misconceptions I experienced, frustrations, hard days, and the things I was doing to be an advocate for the T1D community. It became a diary of my life; it was therapeutic for me. I worked on it for a while, and then put it down in the midst of the busyness of life.

A few years later when I was in high school, I happened to be flipping through old projects and rediscovered it. I decided I would update it a bit, and add more recent experiences from my life. While trying to incorporate the old writing with my voice as a then-older-high-schooler, I decided to fill in the gaps by making it a full book, where the older pieces I had written would serve as excerpts from my younger self.

After completing it, I asked one of my English teachers to review what I had written, just to see if she thought it was worth continuing. I was incredibly surprised when she came back to me and said, "Morgan, you have to get this out to the world!" I worked with her for about a year, and then began trying to pitch myself to publication companies. Ultimately, I ended up signing with a publisher and publishing my autobiography, *Actually, I Can*. In June 2020, right after finishing my freshman year of college.

One piece of T1D that I always struggled with since my diagnosis was exercise. In particular, running was always incredibly challenging for me. I was never a runner. In

fact, I couldn't run a single mile up until 2020. I found that no matter how much of a temp basal I did prior or how many free carbs I ate, my blood sugar would plummet fifteen minutes into a run. This was always frustrating to me, but I never really liked (nor was good at) running, so I decided maybe I wasn't meant to be a runner. Instead, I would focus on horseback riding; a sport I did competitively from age six through college. It felt like riding was my safe space from T1D; I knew what I needed to do to keep my numbers in range (most of the time), and I felt like that was one area of my life where T1D couldn't limit me.

Right when COVID hit, I was bored sitting around in my sweatpants (like everyone else), and wanted to figure out a way to escape home for a little while each day. I decided maybe I should circle back to running and try to figure out a way, even if for five or ten minutes, to run without my blood sugar dropping.

Initially, it was extremely discouraging. I couldn't seem to find a way to finish a run successfully. But that ultimately served as fuel.

Because it seemed impossible, I wanted to do it. I was determined to find a way. After months of trial and error, I successfully ran for fifteen minutes without dropping. Slowly from there, I started increasing the time I ran by five minute increments.

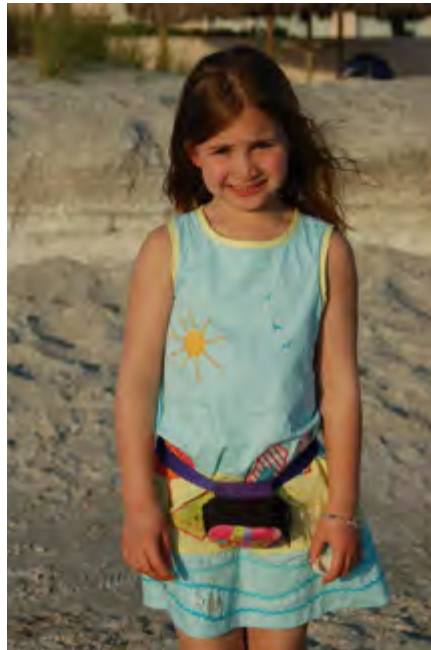
My running journey has been slow and steady. In 2023, I decided to sign-up for something I never in a million years thought I would be able to do; a half marathon. I couldn't believe it, but I signed up to run the Disney Princess Half Marathon in February 2024 with Breakthrough T1D. After months of training, I did it. I completed the half marathon, and it was an accomplishment that meant so much to me. Other

people run half marathons all the time, but it meant even more to me because no one knew how hard I had to fight to even get to that starting line. When I crossed the finish line, I looked at my mom and said, "We are doing this again next year!" And we did. But the following year (which was this past February), I decided to challenge myself even further both mentally and physically. My mom and I signed up for the Disney Princess Challenge: a 5k Friday, 10k Saturday, and half marathon Sunday. I know what you're thinking, I thought it was insane when I signed up, too. To be totally honest, I registered not sure if I would ever be able to do it, but I was sure as hell going to die trying.

Again after months of training, I showed up to Florida ready to show T1D that it could control pieces of me, but that running was my domain now. Friday morning at 4am, the 5k went off without a hitch. Saturday, as the fireworks shot into the air to indicate the start of the 10k, I got a Dexcom alert that my blood sugar was 53. It's safe to say I panicked. I had never started a run low before. But I had trained for months for this moment, and T1D was not going to rain on my parade. Feeling nauseous as ever, I ate my energy chews that I was saving for the middle of the race, and started running. I monitored my blood sugar and adjusted constantly, but ultimately I was able to push through and finish the 10k. Sunday morning, I was a ball of nerves. My body and mind were exhausted, but I wasn't done yet. I completed the third day of the Disney Princess Challenge, the half marathon, and nearly broke into tears when I crossed that final finish line.

If you had told me in 2020 that I would have completed a half marathon, I would have called you crazy. But a 5k, 10k, and half marathon in 3 days? I would have rolled my eyes laughing and said, "There's just no way."

As we all know, T1D adds a layer of complexity to everything in life. That's just the nature of the beast. But the good news is that it doesn't have to stop you. That was something I proved to myself not when I crossed that final finish line just a few months ago, but from the moment I laced up my running sneakers for the very first time. Instead of accepting defeat from something difficult like I did initially, I figured out that it is so much more rewarding to look T1D dead in the eye and think to yourself, "Maybe I won't today, but I will one day. Just watch me." I learned early on that I can be the hero of my own journey. T1D may have changed my story, but I own the pen to write the ending.



T1D (and otherwise) in my life, but it wasn't about how they impacted me, it was about how I responded to them.

I have been fortunate enough to have been a T1D advocate for much of my life as I grew up through middle and high school. In parallel to this advocacy, I had been witnessing first hand how uneducated the general public was on this disease. Even my high school health teacher did not differentiate between



Christopher Goss

Seventeen Years, One Journey: Living Fully with Type 1 Diabetes

Seventeen years ago, at the age of 24, I was diagnosed with late-onset Type 1 diabetes. Like many, I began with multiple daily injections and later transitioned to a tubed insulin pump. But it wasn't until I discovered the Omnipod System in 2008 that I truly found a way to align diabetes management with my lifestyle.

As someone who has always loved the water, the tubeless design of Omnipod was a game-changer. It gave me the freedom to swim, travel, and live more spontaneously—without the constant worry of tubes or disconnections. Paired with a continuous glucose monitor (CGM), it became the foundation for a life of mobility, confidence, and control.

This technology didn't just support my personal life—it empowered my professional one. As a full-time business traveler conducting social compliance audits in hazardous factory environments, I needed reliability and discretion. The Omnipod and CGM combo gave me peace of mind, allowing me to focus on my work without the fear of dangerous highs or lows. That chapter of my career eventually led me to a full-circle moment: joining the very company that helped me thrive.

Since 2023, I've proudly served as a **Sustainability professional at Insulet**, working in Procurement as a **Supplier Responsibility Program Manager**. My role allows me to champion ethical practices and sustainability—values that resonate deeply with my personal and professional journey.

Beyond my day-to-day work, I'm also the **founder and co-chair of the Podders Alliance Network (PAN)**, an Employee Resource Group dedicated to amplifying the voices of those living with diabetes and their caregivers. PAN serves as a bridge between internal teams and the customer experience, while also supporting external advocacy efforts. It's a space where lived experience meets innovation, and where community drives impact. Originally from Miami, I now live in the Greater Boston area with my amazing wife, our two wonderful kids, and our beloved dog and cat. I'm proud to be a "Pod Dad," and forever grateful to my loving caregivers who have walked this journey with me.

This charitable event is more than just a gathering—it's a celebration of resilience, technology, and community.

I share my story to inspire others, to raise awareness, and to remind everyone that with the right tools and support, life with Type 1 diabetes can be full, fearless, and fulfilling.



Our Diabetic journey: Taylan and Ryan Farnham

Our Diabetic journey began in February 2012 when my daughter Taylan was diagnosed with Type 1 at the age of 16 months. Taylan had been sick with hand, foot & mouth right before she was diagnosed so the doctors kept assuming the illness was just taking longer for her to get over. After 3 trips to the doctors and my daughter being lethargic and drinking endless amounts of water, I went back in and demanded tests be done because I knew something was wrong. At the time I didn't know anything about diabetes, later that afternoon I got a phone call telling me that my daughter has Type 1 diabetes and that I needed to consider it an emergency and get her to Dartmouth right away. It was roller coaster of emotions; I was so scared for my daughter and what this would mean for her future. I was so sad that a carefree childhood was taken away from her.

Fast forward to February 2021, my son Ryan had just turned 4 years old when I started noticing him having behavioral outbreaks, constant thirst and bed wetting. By then I had years of experience taking care of my daughter, so I knew the signs and symptoms and decided to check his sugar. It was close to 300, I began to cry in disbelief as I called the doctor's office. We went in and they tested his urine and told me that his sugar level was fine and they could not explain why his sugar was high when I checked it at home and that basically that the chances of me having two children with diabetes just wouldn't happen and sent us home. The same symptoms continued happening and his sugar was once again high. I took him back to the doctors; told them I know he has diabetes and that I was not leaving until we had blood work done. After the blood work we went back to the pediatrician's office to wait for the results and when the nurse



came in to give the doctor the results, I could see it in her face and knew right then that my son also had Diabetes.

The wave of emotions hit me hard, all of those same emotions I had all those years ago came right back to the surface and now my son's carefree childhood was ripped away from him.

It is hard, but it got easier. By the time my son was diagnosed I had already been taking care of my daughter for 12 years so was confident in my abilities. But having two children with Type 1 Diabetes can be completely overwhelming and exhausting. Two different Dexcom's, alerts going off day or night and not knowing which child it is, being completely exhausted in the middle of the night and giving the wrong child juice when it was the other that was low. Insulin pumps failing, insulin injections, finger pricks, ketone strips and so on. Going away for just a weekend requires a large amount of planning and supplies, you also have to think of the "what ifs" because it is my child's lives at risk. As sad as I am that this happened to both of my children, I am extremely thankful for technology and modern medicine that allows my children to live a fairly normal life and am happy to say that they are both thriving.

Their fight is my fight, I will always advocate for them, will always be there to help them and teach them how to care for themselves and prepare them for life as they grow into adulthood.





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Sawyer Knowles

My T1D Story

Meet Sawyer, our 11-year Type 1 warrior, Sawyer came into this world with a bang and has continued to keep us on our toes since. This kid is full of wit and funny come backs but also so full of compassion and empathy. He is quick to make friends and is always down for an adventure. The first year of sawyer's life was pretty normal, he was a typical bouncing baby boy full of energy and curiosity. One afternoon I was chatting with a close cousin and she mentioned she had concerns about her daughter, she was drinking endless cups of water and constantly peeing and just not her normal self. Not long after, we got the call that Taylan (The first of Sawyers cousins to become a Type 1) was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes. My cousin stepped right up to the plate and never looked back. I thought I understood what she was going through and I thought I understood or knew what diabetes was, but turns out I was completely wrong and very naïve about what Type 1 actually was. At about 14 months, Sawyer began to be thirsty all the time and wanted endless cups of milk and juice. He became cranky and peeing through his diaper even though I had literally just changed him to a fresh one. One day at camp he went down for a nap and slept for almost 3 plus hours. Here I was thinking I had a parenting win and my kiddo was just hot and over tired. The following days he did not improve and continued to pee through diapers and could never get enough to drink. I phoned my cousin and told her about my concerns as I has suspicion, but was still in denial that this could happen to my healthy bouncy little boy. She told me I should go to my grams and asked to use her meter to check Sawyers sugar. I actually had one myself from my first pregnancy. I checked Sawyer's Sugar and the results just said (HI). I instantly called my cousin back and she said "Take him to the emergency room now". That day forever change our lives.

That day was one of the most overwhelming days of our lives. Trying to process our new norm and learn equations and how to administer insulin and calculate carbs. To holding down a screaming child who didn't understand why he was getting finger poke after finger poke and injection after injection, it was not only terrifying for him, it was terrifying for us too. Imagine being someone's full time pancreases, the sleepless nights worrying if your child would even wake up in the morning... (Still my biggest fear till this day to be honest) A simple play date became much more than

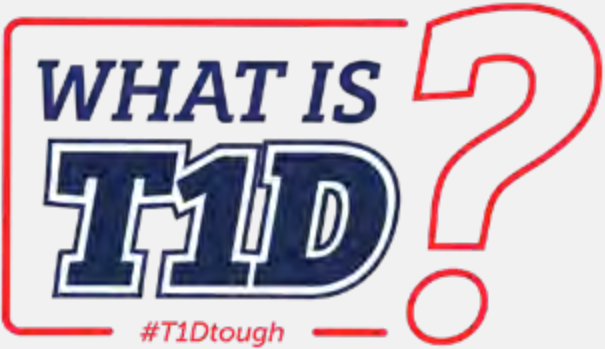
a simple play date; Sawyer could not just go off with anyone. Daycare was near impossible as no one wanted to be responsible, or be comfortable enough to give insulin. I had to stop working and stay home to care for Sawyer until he was school aged and had support from our dear friend who happened to be the school nurse at the school he would be attending. There were so many nights I would cry and feel so defeated. Sick days were the worst, battling highs, lows trying to get someone to eat or drink when they have a violent stomach bug because they still insulin to survive. Type 1 may have blasted into our lives unexpectedly, but our type 1 warrior has persevered through all the tough days. Sawyer is currently thriving and continues to stay active, he does not let his Diabetes slow him down or define him. Does he still have some pretty tough days... of course but he never lets the bad days outweigh the good.

A few years ago my husband heard about Slamt1D and a Wiffleball tournament. We took a chance called up our friends and said let's give this a try,

help raise awareness and support something so close to our hearts. That first year we found a whole community full of amazing individuals and we could not be more thankful for our Slamt1D family.

If you remember earlier in the story I mentioned how Sawyers cousin Taylan was the first of the cousins to be diagnosed with Type 1, well since then Taylan's little brother Ryan Farnham has been diagnosed along with our niece Gabby and our nephew Grayson, who is also nonverbal autistic. They are all true Type 1 warriors and we are so beyond proud of all of them.

This year we have invited another T1D member to our team. We welcome Conley Baldwin to the Dugout Dawgs. A team where a kid can be a kid and have a blast playing some good old wiffle ball.



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Maximus Hartney

My Guy

If you know Maximus, you know there's no one quite like him.

He's thoughtful, kind, and unapologetically himself. He isn't the loudest kid in the room, and sports have never really been his thing. He sees the world a little differently, and honestly, I wouldn't change a thing. We named him Maximus, meaning greatest, and gave him the middle name Owen, meaning little warrior. At the time, they were simply names we loved. Looking back now, it's hard not to believe they were preparing him for a battle none of us could have imagined.

In October of 2024, our world changed forever. Maximus was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes after going into diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA). Overnight, life became insulin, carb counts, pump changes, CGMs, and alarms in the middle of the night. Everything changed in an instant.

As his dad, I wanted nothing more than to take this burden from him. I couldn't.

What I could do was stand beside him and watch in amazement as this incredible little boy faced something no child ever should. While I was scared, overwhelmed, and trying to make sense of it all, Maximus simply kept going. His toughness. His resilience. His quiet courage. They inspire me to this day.

Like every person living with Type 1 diabetes, Maximus goes to battle every single day against an invisible



opponent that never takes a break. There are no days off. No halftime. No offseason. Just hundreds of decisions that most people will never have to think about.

But diabetes doesn't define Maximus. It never will.

He's still the same thoughtful, kind, amazing kid he's always been. The only difference is that now he carries a burden most people will never see.

Watching Maximus navigate this journey changed me forever. He inspired The Glucose Guy. He inspired this team. And he reminds me every single day what real courage looks like.

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Gabby & Grayson

My T1D Story

Gabrielle "Gabby" Garcia

Gabby our only daughter and eldest of four, was diagnosed with T1D on March, 13 of 2023. She was 12 years old at the time and her life was flipped upside down. Gabby experienced DKA and a stay at the UVMC PICU. She went from an average kid to counting carbs, being pricked and poked, weighing and measuring food. Gabby was the 4th child in our family to be diagnosed. Her cousins Sawyer, Tay and Ryan also have T1D and this year her younger brother Grayson was diagnosed with T1D making him number 5.

Gabby is thriving, playing soccer, Track and field and in the school chorus. She just graduated from 8th grade and received an award for academic achievement in physical education. Gabby is strong and courageous and helped so much with her younger brothers T1D journey. Her beauty shines from within and we couldn't be proud of how well she is managing her diabetes and the young woman she has become.

We have two children in our home with T1D. Our lives are filled with alarms, beeps and notifications. Replacing sensors and calling in refills or replacements. Though many of our children are thriving, I wish more people could understand how difficult this disease can be to manage. The UVMC endo team has practically become family at this point and we couldn't do it without their support and the support of our family. Family gatherings or sporting events have become a "team effort" Someone always has an extra juice box,

Grayson Garcia

Or as many call him "Gray-Gray" or "GG" will charm of the hearts of anyone he meets. His infectious smile, pure heart and perfect timing will put a smile on your face and often bring you to "happy tears". Grayson was born in 2018 with level 3 autism, global developmental delay and intellectual disability. Grayson's strength is inspirational; he started early intervention at only 6.5 months old and has continued therapy and schooling. He will turn 7 years old this year and though he is considered nonverbal, his vocabulary has grown tremendously.

Grayson was diagnosed with T1D on April 4th of 2025. As parents, it shattered our hearts. He already endures so much!!! How do you explain this to a child who is not able to communicate? It can often take several people to hold him down for a fingerstick reading or to change a device. It's heartbreaking as he just doesn't understand. He cannot tell us when he isn't feeling well and sometimes will pull his devices off. We must rely on these devices to help manage his diabetes until he is able to communicate with us.

Grayson's journey has been difficult, but I believe in my heart he will move mountains someday. He will make a difference, whether it be in Autism or T1d, or even both.



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Trista Johnson

My T1D Story

I was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes at age 4, and my dad has been living with it for over 51 years. You could say we were both thrown a curve ball early on — but it hasn't stopped us from living a full and adventurous life.

Between the two of us, we've traveled to 12 different countries (including going on safari in Uganda together), and we both played college athletics. T1D has come along for the ride, but it's never been the one calling the strikes.

The bond my dad and I formed through our shared experience with T1D ultimately led me to a career supporting others in their own journeys.

Today, I work at Risely Health, where I coach people with diabetes and help them find confidence, freedom, and peace of mind in their daily lives.

Type 1 diabetes now runs deep in our family — with three other relatives diagnosed in recent years. That's why this tournament means so much to us. It's not just about playing wiffle ball (though that runs deep in our family too) — it's about showing up for a community that carries an invisible challenge. We're proud to play for all the kids, teens, and families out there doing their best with T1D — and to remind them they're not alone.



Trent Wright

My T1D Story

My name is Trent Wright, I am 21 years old, and I was diagnosed with T1D on November 1, 2012 at the age of 8. At the time there were many uncertainties. After all this diagnosis was life changing. I quickly came to the realization that this condition was not going anywhere. I am a big believer in the fact that everything happens for a reason, so I figured there must have been a reason I was given this condition.

I knew it was going to be tough, but I made the decision on that afternoon in November, that I would take advantage and find the silver lining.

Almost 13 years later, and that is exactly what I have done. As silly as it may sound to people who do not know me, I would not be the person I am today without Diabetes. I am lucky enough that I have had a lot of amazing opportunities because of this condition. Today, I do not look at T1D as a burden, but as a gift. I am thriving and living the life of a normal 21-year-old.

As a rising college senior, it is hard to believe how far I have come since that day in third grade that was filled with questions. How will I play sports? How will I fit in with every other kid? Will I still be able to eat the foods I love? Now I am asking myself the questions that every 21-year-old asks: Should I really be buying these Morgan Wallen Tickets? Do I want to go to the beach with my friends this weekend or next weekend? Is it time to go back to school yet? I am proud to share my story with others to show them that even though some days are harder than others, all you have to do is just keep going one day at a time, and you are already winning. Although there might not be a cure for T1D, I have met so many wonderful people who have made it their lives mission to ease the burden for those of us living with T1D. These people are the ones that I look up to the most. They can take something that looks so bleak and daunting and somehow still deliver hope that **even though this thing may be around for a while, it will never win.**





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Grady Cram

“I’m not who I used to be”

It was a Friday in early October of 2013. Tryouts for our town’s AA hockey team were over and I was scanning the roster for the players who made the team. My name wasn’t there. The tryout should’ve gone very well, but it didn’t. I had no energy, no hustle and couldn’t skate hard. I was having trouble seeing so shooting and passing didn’t go very well either. I couldn’t understand what had happened. The previous two seasons, I’d played with some of Vermont’s top hockey players. But you wouldn’t know that from watching the tryout. I had no explanation why I didn’t play like I thought I could.

On Monday morning, October 7th, the explanation came. We arrived at the Emergency Room at ten in the morning for a blood test. By noon, I’d been diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes and was already in intensive care. For a twelve-year old, a lot of information was given over the next three days; most of which sounded like a foreign language to me. With my parents, we were taught about Type 1 diabetes, counting carbs, giving injections, testing my blood sugar, what to do when my blood sugar got too high and what to do if it got too low.

After a 72-hour whirlwind of treatment and training, I was released from the hospital and sent home with my parents. My dad said he was more nervous bringing me home from the hospital that day than when I was a baby. That night, I watched football practice from the sidelines. We chatted with my teammate, fellow T1Der, Jack Carney and his family about their experiences. Saturday morning, Jack and I led our team onto the field and were on the kick-off team to start the game. I was back to sports, and from the outside life appeared to be normal again. But it wasn’t really.

T1D is a constant struggle. For a newly diagnosed teenager, my search for independence went in the wrong direction. I didn’t want to have to grow up early this way. It was a pain having to keep track of my needles, insulin and pumps. Making sure I had enough supplies at my dad’s and my mom’s house was a challenge and a headache I didn’t want to deal with. I didn’t like testing before every meal and having to make insulin adjustments because it made me feel different from everyone else. Having my parents on top of me when I wasn’t doing the things I was supposed to be doing didn’t help either. I’d forget to bring food with me to use when I was low. When I did remember, friends would want to share it because they were hungry too. Waiting for my blood sugar to go back up in the middle of a hockey game felt like

an eternity. I was frustrated and angry when a pump failed just hours after I’d put it on. I just wanted to be like everyone else. But when I didn’t manage my sugar, my body felt lousy and reality set in that I wasn’t.

I’m 21 now and I know there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Things got easier over time. Routines were established. Monitoring and treatment became a part of life. Technology has improved. Most importantly I’ve grown to accept the fact that it’s not going to just go away. I’ve taken on the responsibility of making sure that I manage my health hour to hour every day. Between school, jobs, vacations, dating and sports, life from the outside looks as regular for me as anyone else. The only difference is that T1D is always present. It’s the only thing I can’t take a day off from.

Many of my friends don’t really know what it’s like to have T1D. SLAMT1D has been very important in building a supportive community for myself, other T1Ders, and their families.

Every year, I really look forward to the Vermont Summer Classic because it’s like a big family reunion.

The friends I’ve made through the tournament help me feel that I’m not alone. It’s a weekend with lots of camaraderie along with the opportunity to give and receive support. It’s a great weekend to throw some strikes, compare notes on T1D and life, to be a mentor for young kids with T1D and continue helping raise T1D awareness.

Today, I think about that tryout and the much younger me. I was confused and it seemed like the worst day of my life. Times have changed. I’m grateful for the opportunities ahead of me. Taking control of my Type 1 diabetes means I get to make the most out of everything in life. It opened a door for me to take control of my life and live it to the fullest.





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Sara Lerner

3 Years with T1D: Learning to Love and Learn from my Lazy Pancreas



From a young age, I was enchanted by love stories. From fairytales to beach reads to rom-coms, I grew up dreaming of my happily ever after love story. The reality of the love story I'm sharing with you today is a little bit different. It began with the opposite of a meet-cute on June 7th, 2022 when I was hospitalized and diagnosed with type 1 diabetes (T1D) shortly after my 25th birthday. Some may refer to this as the definition of a quarterlife crisis.

Year 1: Adjusting to life with T1D

The following months were somewhat of a blur as I adapted to my new and fast-changing lifestyle. I learned how to treat highs and lows, I switched from multiple daily injections to an insulin pump, and I started to understand how different exercises, foods, and daily activities impacted my blood sugar. While I joke that I'm part robot or cyborg with my continuous glucose monitor and insulin pump attached to my body at all times, I couldn't be more grateful for the privilege I've experienced with this condition and the technology I have that helps me manage my blood sugar 24/7.

As the youngest of four children, I was used to going with the flow. But with the added responsibility of having to actively keep myself alive every day through calculations of insulin-to-carb ratios and dosing and learning how different foods, exercises, hormones, and so many other factors affect my body, I had to learn to prioritize and advocate for myself and my needs. I have to think about every bite of food I eat—calculating the right dose of insulin, waiting 15 minutes for the insulin to start working (known as pre-bolusing), and then finally getting to enjoy my food. Sometimes I stay up late waiting for my blood sugar levels to stabilize, other times I'm woken up several times a night by alarms from my sensor telling me my levels are too high or too low. In my first year with diabetes, I pricked my finger over 500 times checking my levels, I gave myself over 480

injections of insulin before getting an insulin pump, changed my pump site 90 times, and changed my continuous glucose monitor sensor over 35 times. With every poke and prick, I repeated a mantra to myself, "You are strong, you are brave, you are resilient." Eventually, I started to believe it.

While I had to make a lot of personal changes, I have also been blessed to have an amazing support system. I had family members and friends get to me within hours (minutes in some cases) of my diagnosis via physically sprinting to me and hopping on the next train and plane to New York. I have received outstanding care and support, got plugged into the NYC T1D Community immediately, and began training my dog Louie to be a medical alert service dog within weeks of my diagnosis.

Being insulin dependent is filled with highs and lows, physically, and metaphorically speaking. I learned more about myself in one year living with diabetes than I had in any year prior. My family leaned in and my young nieces and nephews lovingly began to ask if I needed some of their snacks when they heard the beeping of my alarms. I became confident in my ability to care for myself and in knowing what my body does and does not need. I looked for the silver linings daily and felt nothing but lucky for the privileged experience I had with this disease.

T1D left me living a healthier lifestyle, making decisions to prioritize myself and my physical and emotional needs,

and dreaming big about what difference I want to make in this world and within the intersection of T1D and social work. I ended my first year living with T1D by throwing a pancreas retirement party for my diaversary surrounded by friends with and without T1D, family, and Louie –and I started planning what was next for me as I further immersed myself in the T1D community.

Year 2: Service Dog Training & Working in the T1D Space

For those who know me, it is not a secret that Louie was the center of my universe from the moment he came into my life in December of 2020. Originally destined to be a therapy dog to support my work as a social worker, Louie pivoted to service dog training with my diagnosis. Before his specialized training, Louie taught me the power of routine, staying present, and unconditional love. As a diabetic alert dog, his



responsibility grew immensely to alerting me to low and high blood sugars and keeping me safe. A dog's nose has over 100 million sensory receptor sites compared to about 6 million in my own nasal cavity—the brilliance of their ability to smell changes in bodily functions had Louie alerting me 20-40 minutes before my continuous glucose monitor alarms of a hazardous rise or fall in my blood sugar. This advance notice and his ability to wake up from his own sleep to wake me up allowed me to prevent many dangerous situations—Louie saved me in more ways than I can count.

In my second year with diabetes I also took up running. I watched a friend with T1D heroically run a marathon, and thought, if she can do it, so can I. Having never run more than a few miles consecutively, I had my work cut out for me. T1D has taught me that I can do hard things, so I laced up my running shoes, grabbed Louie's leash, and got started. In December, I signed up for a half marathon just a few months away in March with team JD RF (now known as Breakthrough T1D), convinced some family members and friends to join me, and put meaning behind my miles with a goal of raising \$10,000 for type 1 diabetes research.

As I began training for the half marathon, I felt more settled in life with T1D and the toolkit I had developed with the support from so many. I had known since my diagnosis that I wanted to work in the diabetes space professionally, and a month into my running journey in January 2024, I applied for a job with Blue Circle Health—an nonprofit organization funded by the Helmsley Charitable Trust with a free clinical care, education and support program for adults with T1D. On March 17th, I crossed the finish line for my first half marathon with an entirely new level of confidence

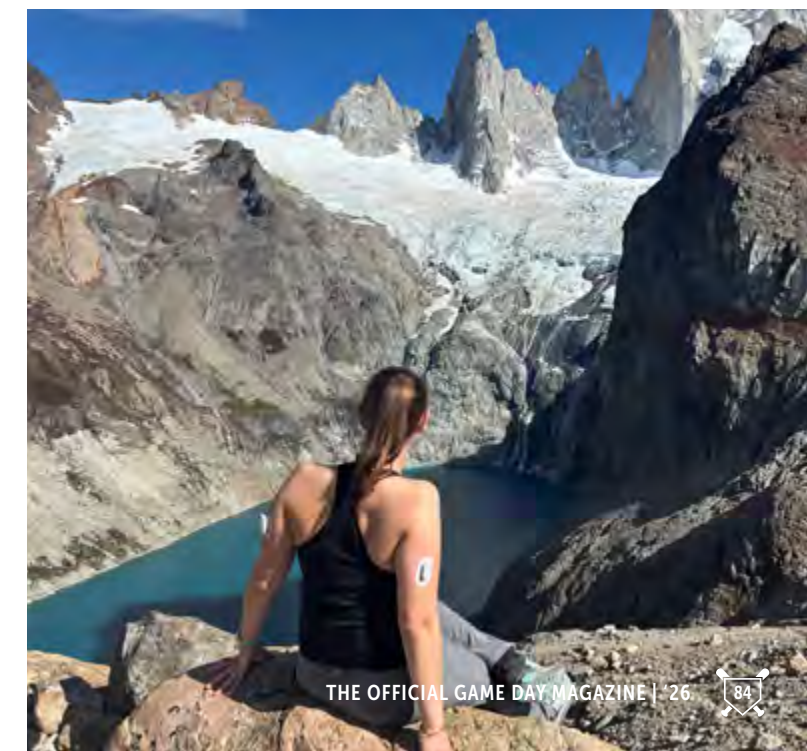
surrounding my diabetes care. The next day, I began working at Blue Circle Health and entered the T1D space professionally—feeling so deeply connected to the mission. I closed out year two with diabetes just a few months later at an all team work retreat. Surrounded by my new work team, I felt energized and eager to dive deeper into the T1D world and do my part in helping others living with this condition.

Year 3: Running, Heartbreak, and Resilience

Shortly after running 13.1 miles, I decided my running journey wasn't complete and I signed up for the NYC Marathon with the Beyond Type 1 Team. A lot of people make assumptions when you live with a chronic condition about what you can and can't do, and with a goal of raising \$26,200 for Beyond Type 1's health equity program—Beyond Barriers Program, I was determined to not just run the marathon and fundraise for a cause very close to my heart, but to also show that this condition doesn't need to stop you from doing anything that you want to.

I still believe deeply that you can do anything with T1D that you set your mind to,

but I learned the hard way that you can't run a marathon with a broken leg. Just a few weeks before the race after a 20 mile run, my leg gave out and I broke my tibia. However, through running over 400 miles in training with 9 runs over the half marathon distance, I learned so much about managing my blood sugar in challenging situations, trusting myself more and relying less on technology, and I exceeded my fundraising goal for the Beyond Type 1 Team. While I was crushed to not make it to race day, life was quickly put in perspective when the day after I broke my leg, my best childhood





incredible community surrounding me with love and support—I took the lessons I learned from Louie, life with diabetes, and Rachel and put one foot in front of the other. Louie left the most beautiful legacy, but to further his impact I started a diabetic alert dog scholarship fund in his honor with Medi-Dogs Training. The fund has already raised over \$25,000 and Louie has helped three families find their other halves.

Year three with diabetes was not a walk in the park. Despite many great moments, it was filled with a whole lot of loss, grief, and new challenges. After rehabbing my leg for 5 months, I embarked on a dream trip to Patagonia that had been two years in the making and hiked over 50 miles in just over a week. Carrying with me the losses from the year and finding strength in community, I was able to reflect on what my body was still able to accomplish. After living with T1D for three years, I now can't imagine what my life would look like without it. While there are days I may get frustrated or even angry, I find myself more grateful for what it's given me than for what it's taken from me. I'm thankful for the amazing people it's brought into my life who give me hope and inspire



me, for the adventures I had with Louie while he was still by my side, and for the work that I get to do every day with Blue Circle Health. I'm confident that I have a lot more to learn from life with T1D, and I look forward to all that's to come. While it isn't the fairytale love story that I expected to start at age 25, three years later I have learned to love my lazy pancreas and all that it's taught me.

friend passed away living with a rare form of cancer for many years. Rachel was the brightest light and an inspiration on how to find joy, gratitude, and be brave amidst health challenges. With Louie by my side, I found strength as I crutched through the next several months with an extremely heavy heart.

The beginning of 2025 was busy with work and recovering from my injury. Unfortunately, on February 26th, life took another tragic turn when I unexpectedly lost Louie, my best friend and other half, after a very sudden onset of aspiration pneumonia, complicated by an unknown underlying heart condition. Louie was just 4.5 years old, but in his far too short life, he made more of an impact than many people do in a lifetime. He was the perfect mix of goofy, loving, and brilliant, and everyone he interacted with was infatuated. He showed me the utmost devotion, and caring for him in return was the greatest honor of my life. Louie and I were a team, and in an instant, every part of my daily routine and my relationship to my diabetes changed. But like with the other challenges I had faced in the months and years prior—and with an

Tyson Sunnerberg

My T1D Story

My name is Tyson Sunnerberg, I am co-owner and head personal trainer of Type One Fitness, a non profit fitness facility with a mission to help T1D families. We are located in Norwell, MA. I have been a trainer for 18 years and founded Type One in 2012 and Type One Fitness in 2022. I live in Hanson with my wife and 3 kids.

In May of 2001, at 21, I was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes. I was a junior at UMASS Amherst, about 6 weeks after a major shoulder surgery. The symptoms started with frequent urination and then increased thirst. Rapid weight loss followed and then came the vomiting my breakfast. Some blurry vision and laying on the couch in a house full of 21 year olds celebrating the end of a school year. WebMd pointed directly to T1D. My



mother said no way and reached out to my orthopedic surgeon to see if this was somehow a response to the surgery. It wasn't too long after that she called back and told me to have a roommate take me to the local hospital. Cooley Dickinson baby!! The registering nurse asked all the questions and said it was diabetes and since it's not in my family, said "you must have got the short straw". My maternal grandmother had a thyroid issue. My blood sugar was 498 (not bad but definitely had ketones). Three days later, I missed my sisters college graduation, my mom came up and cried like crazy, and I had learned more about math, science, health, exercise and nutrition than I had in my previous 21 years. . Then I went home and had a summer of learning all there was to learn. I worked, and worked out. Determined to not let my diagnosis slow me down.

Fast forward. I became a personal trainer because of diabetes. I had completely changed my life and thought process around. I started a non profit that does obstacle races to raise money to help fund a research project for a cure.

I had my kids enrolled in a family history study, starting in 2013, to see if they carried autoantibodies for diabetes. Only my youngest did. All of them. Damn.

Then October 13th, 2017 happened. Elyse, then 5. A few bathroom accidents one week. Check the blood

sugars. HIGH. Stomach drop. Tears. Luckily no other symptoms. Got to the hospital where they confirmed what I knew. No ketones though. Luckily with my knowledge and the lack of ketones, she got some Lantus and we were able to go home and sleep, then go to Children's Hospital for a weekend of learning. Again, lucky for no hospital admittance. Wife and I have heads spinning, even though I know everything the doctors are spewing. I had passed on many traits to my daughter, this one I wasn't happy about but it wasn't my fault. I didn't hate diabetes when I had it. Now, I despise it.

We are both doing well. I started pumping in 2010 with the Omnipod, transitioned to Medtronic in 2014 and am currently on a Tandem/Dexcom just like Elyse.



My goal for her is to never feel out of place, or different. But at the same time teach her that being different is ok. My other job has been to help my wife realize that the only thing consistent with diabetes is that it's inconsistent, and we can't control the numbers all the time, we just do our best.

At the end of the day, I don't let diabetes control me,

I'm not happy I have it, but it put me in the position I am today. With work and, ultimately, my family. I want a cure, but more so now that my daughter has it. I also have been put into the position of knowing what it takes to have a child with T1D. The community support needed to get through school, friendships, field trips, insurance, and many other unforeseen situations. This has allowed me to be a resource for individuals and families that are just trying to get through it all, and hopefully my daughter will follow in my footsteps and be a mentor in the T1D community.

-Tyson





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meatball right down
the middle!*



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Ginger Vieira

My Doctor Laughed When I Said I Wanted to Be a Powerlifter with T1D

I can still hear him laughing.

I was in my early twenties, sitting in my endocrinologist's office, excited to tell him I'd started lifting weights and wanted to compete in powerlifting. I needed help — this was long before CGMs existed and I was struggling to prevent highs and lows during training.

"I'm going to compete in 6 months, and I'm having a lot of highs and lows during and after training sessions."

He laughed at me. And that was it. He laughed because he genuinely didn't believe someone like me should bother competing in sports.

I left the appointment in tears. And then something shifted.

If he didn't believe I could do it, I'd just have to prove him wrong.

Over the next 6 months, I started reading my friend's exercise physiology textbook and trying to understand how it affects T1D.

Spoiler alert: at my first competition and the many that followed over several years, I set over a dozen records with my best lifts including a 315-pound deadlift, 190-pound bench press, and 265-pound squat.

My diabetes science experiment

I was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes when I was 13 years old. Like so many of us diagnosed before CGMs, smart insulin pumps, and diabetes apps, I learned to manage diabetes through endless trial and error.

There wasn't a roadmap.

There wasn't YouTube.

There weren't Facebook groups full of people sharing tips.



There was just me, a blood glucose meter, insulin, and an endless stream of questions no one seemed able to answer.

- How do you prevent lows during exercise?
- How do you build muscle when insulin is also a fat-storage hormone?
- Why does one workout send my blood sugar crashing while the next makes it skyrocket?
- How do I prevent lows 5 hours after my workout?
- Why does my blood sugar spike and stay stuck at 250 mg/dL on competition day?

Every workout and competition became an experiment. I studied the different variables, the timing, my insulin-on-board, and what happened in the hours after different types of workouts.

Little by little, I realized diabetes wasn't trying to stop me. It was simply asking me to become an expert in my own body.

Meanwhile, I also refuse to accept someone else's definition of what I'm capable of achieving with T1D. Every time someone with T1D accomplishes something people think we "shouldn't" be able to do, we quietly

change expectations for everyone who comes after us.

I Share What I Learn with You

Today, I've written books about exercise, pregnancy, burnout, emotional eating, children's education, and everyday life with type 1 diabetes because I never want another person to feel as alone or as confused as I once did.

That mission has only grown.

Today, through **Diabetes Nerd**, I spend my days interviewing researchers, physicians, and people living with diabetes, translating complicated science into language our community can actually understand. You can find me on YouTube, Instagram, Facebook, etc.

Through **Diabetes Nerd Marketing**, I help healthcare organizations and diabetes companies create education that earns trust instead of overwhelming people.

And through the **Diabetes Nerd Network**, we've built a community that connects thousands of people with diabetes to research studies, clinical trials, and opportunities to help shape the future of diabetes care. Everything I do comes back to one simple belief: People living with diabetes deserve information that empowers us — not scares us.

We deserve to understand the science.

We deserve to have a voice.

And we deserve to dream as big as anyone else.

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Elayna Andrews

My T1D Story

When my husband and I decided to have children, we dreamed the same dreams most parents do. We wanted to give them more than we had growing up, to make life a little easier, to raise children who were kind, strong, resilient, and curious. During every ultrasound, you count ten fingers and ten toes and pray for one thing above all else—that they're healthy.

Then they're born, and your heart exists outside your body.

You love them fiercely. You celebrate every milestone, soak in every memory, and quietly admire the little humans they're becoming.

Our youngest daughter, Elayna—our Ellie—started kindergarten in the fall of 2024. Like many new kindergarteners, she came home exhausted. We chalked it up to long school days filled with learning, new friends, and exciting adventures.

Then came the headaches. A trip to the school nurse. Then blurry vision. Another trip to the nurse.

In October, Ellie tripped over a tree branch and scraped her nose. It was such a small injury, but it took weeks to heal. I remember wondering why something so minor lingered for so long.



As a pediatric nurse practitioner, I know just enough to let my mind wander. Most of the time, those worries turn out to be nothing.

We were preparing for our annual Christmas trip to New York City, a tradition our family treasures. My husband carried a backpack with water bottles for both girls, but Ellie couldn't seem to drink enough. We visited Rockefeller Center, wandered through American Girl, and saw a Broadway show.

But something was different.

She wasn't smiling.

I remember gently talking with her about gratitude, wondering if she was simply overwhelmed or tired. Then I said to my husband, almost jokingly, "Wouldn't it be crazy if she had Type 1 diabetes?"

He brushed it off. I had jumped to conclusions before. Still, something wouldn't let me ignore the feeling.

When we got home, I tested her urine which lit up with glucose and ketones.

***In that instant, we knew.
Our lives had changed forever.***

We packed our bags and headed to the hospital. Within hours, our six-year-old had an IV, endless finger sticks, and a diagnosis that would become part of our family forever.

In just a few days, we had to learn how to keep our daughter alive.

Carbohydrate counting. Insulin dosing. Blood sugar checks before meals, before bed, and throughout the night. Learning to recognize highs, lows, and ketones. Every decision suddenly carried weight.

As if that wasn't enough, our family caught a stomach virus while we were in the hospital, making blood sugar management even more unpredictable. It felt as though we had been dropped into the deep end without warning.

Life became divided into two chapters: before T1D and after T1D.

Type 1 diabetes has changed almost every part of Ellie's life. It means planning instead of spontaneity, alarms in the middle of the night, supplies packed for every outing, and a disease that never takes a day off.

But if you know Ellie, you know one thing: She has never let T1D define her.

Today, she's seven years old. She still laughs loudly, dreams big, and embraces life with the same adventurous spirit she's always had. She's learned courage in ways even most adults never have to. She faces finger sticks, site changes, and the countless daily decisions that come with Type 1 diabetes with a strength that continues to amaze us.

T1D didn't make Ellie stronger because she needed fixing. It revealed the strength that had been inside her all along.

She has taught our family that resilience isn't pretending something is easy. It's choosing to keep showing up, even when it's hard. It's finding joy alongside the challenges. It's learning that bravery sometimes looks like being a little girl who quietly offers her finger for another blood sugar check before running off to play.

If you ask me who Ellie is, Type 1 diabetes isn't the first thing I'll tell you.

I'll tell you she's funny, compassionate, determined, and brave.



T1D is part of her story—but it will never be the whole story.



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Caroline Panzirer

From Diagnosis to Division I: Life as an Athlete with T1D

I was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes on July 31, 2017. I was 13 years old, just a few months away from my fourteenth birthday.

Like many people diagnosed with T1D, I remember the shock of realizing that there was no break from it. There was no medication that would make it disappear and no point in the future when I would be “done.” Overnight, I went from being a normal middle schooler to someone who had to think about insulin, carbohydrates, blood sugars, exercise, and countless other variables every single day.

At first, it felt overwhelming. There was so much to learn, and so much responsibility that suddenly rested on my shoulders. But over time, I adapted. The finger pricks became routine. The insulin doses became calculations I could do almost automatically. T1D became part of my life.

What I didn’t realize at the time was that the hardest part of living with T1D would not be the injections, the devices, or the numbers on a screen. The hardest part would be learning how to pursue big goals while carrying an invisible responsibility that never takes a day off.

For me, one of those goals was playing Division I lacrosse.

Sports have always been a huge part of my life. I love the competition, the teamwork, the challenge, and the sense of purpose that came with being part of a team. When I committed to play lacrosse at Colgate University, I was excited about everything that came with it: new teammates, new opportunities, and a chance to compete at the highest level of college athletics.

I never really questioned whether Type 1 Diabetes would prevent me from getting there. But once I arrived, I quickly learned that playing Division I lacrosse with T1D came with challenges that many people never see.

Most people see the game itself. They see the practices, the travel, the competition, and the results. What they don’t see are the dozens of decisions that happen behind the scenes. Before every practice, I had to think about my blood sugar. Before every lift, I had to think



about my blood sugar. Before every game, every bus ride, every team meal, and every recovery session, I had to think about my blood sugar.

While my teammates could focus entirely on being students and athletes, I was balancing being a student athlete and acting as my own pancreas at the same time.

And unlike most challenges in sports, diabetes doesn’t care what else is happening in your life. It doesn’t care if you have an exam, if you’re exhausted from travel, or if you’re playing one of the biggest games of your season. It simply shows up every day and asks you to manage it.

One of the clearest examples of that happened during my freshman season. Just two days before a Patriot League game, my insulin pump failed. For most people, a piece of technology breaking is an inconvenience, but for someone with T1D, it can completely disrupt and alter your routine.

I had spent years learning how my body responded to exercise, food, and competition while using my pump. I knew my settings, what my game-day routines were, and overall, I knew what worked for me.

Suddenly, all of that was gone. I had to switch back to insulin pens and completely rethink how I was managing

my diabetes. My blood sugars became unpredictable and the routine I relied on disappeared.

Most frustrating of all, there was no pause button. Practices were still happening, the game was still coming, classes were still going on, and life kept moving forward.

I remember feeling frustrated by the uncertainty. As athletes, we spend so much time preparing. We create routines because routines help us perform at our best. Suddenly, I felt like I had lost a level of control over something that was already difficult to control.

But as game day approached, I realized I had two choices: I could focus on everything that had gone wrong, or I could adapt. So naturally, I adapted, as every individual with T1D is forced to do on a daily basis.

I monitored my blood sugars more closely. I adjusted my insulin and I made the best decisions I could with the information I had. And when game day arrived, I stepped onto the field and competed.

Looking back, that experience taught me something important: living with Type 1 Diabetes is rarely about perfection. It’s about resilience.

There is no perfect blood sugar, no perfect routine, or no perfect game plan. There are only adjustments.

Over and over again, diabetes asks you to solve problems in real time. It asks you to remain calm when things don’t go according to plan. It asks you to keep moving forward even when you’re frustrated, tired, or discouraged. But these are lessons that extend far beyond diabetes. They are leadership lessons and life

lessons we carry with us in everyday situations.

Over my four years at Colgate, I had the privilege of serving as a two-time captain of our women’s lacrosse team. When people hear that, they often think about leadership in terms of speeches, motivation, or performance. But I think some of the most important leadership lessons I learned came from managing Type 1 Diabetes.

Diabetes taught me accountability. It taught me discipline. It taught me how to stay composed when things were uncertain. Most importantly, it taught me that strength isn’t about pretending challenges don’t exist. Strength is acknowledging those challenges and continuing forward anyway.

There were countless moments throughout my athletic career when diabetes made things more difficult. There were highs before practices, lows during workouts, and days when nothing seemed to make sense.

But there were also moments when I realized just how much I was capable of. Every practice, every game played, every road trip, every challenge. Those moments added up.

Today, when I reflect on my journey with Type 1 Diabetes, I don’t think about the things it prevented me from doing. I think about the things it taught me and the resilience it built. I think about the confidence that comes from overcoming obstacles that most people never see.

And I think about the younger version of myself, the thirteen-year-old girl who was diagnosed on a summer day in July, and had no idea what her future would look like.

The reality is, there will be challenges, setbacks, days when you’re frustrated and tired of doing the work that T1D demands. But there will also be incredible opportunities, meaningful accomplishments, and moments that make you proud.

T1D is a part of life, but it will never decide what the future looks like. That part is entirely up to us.

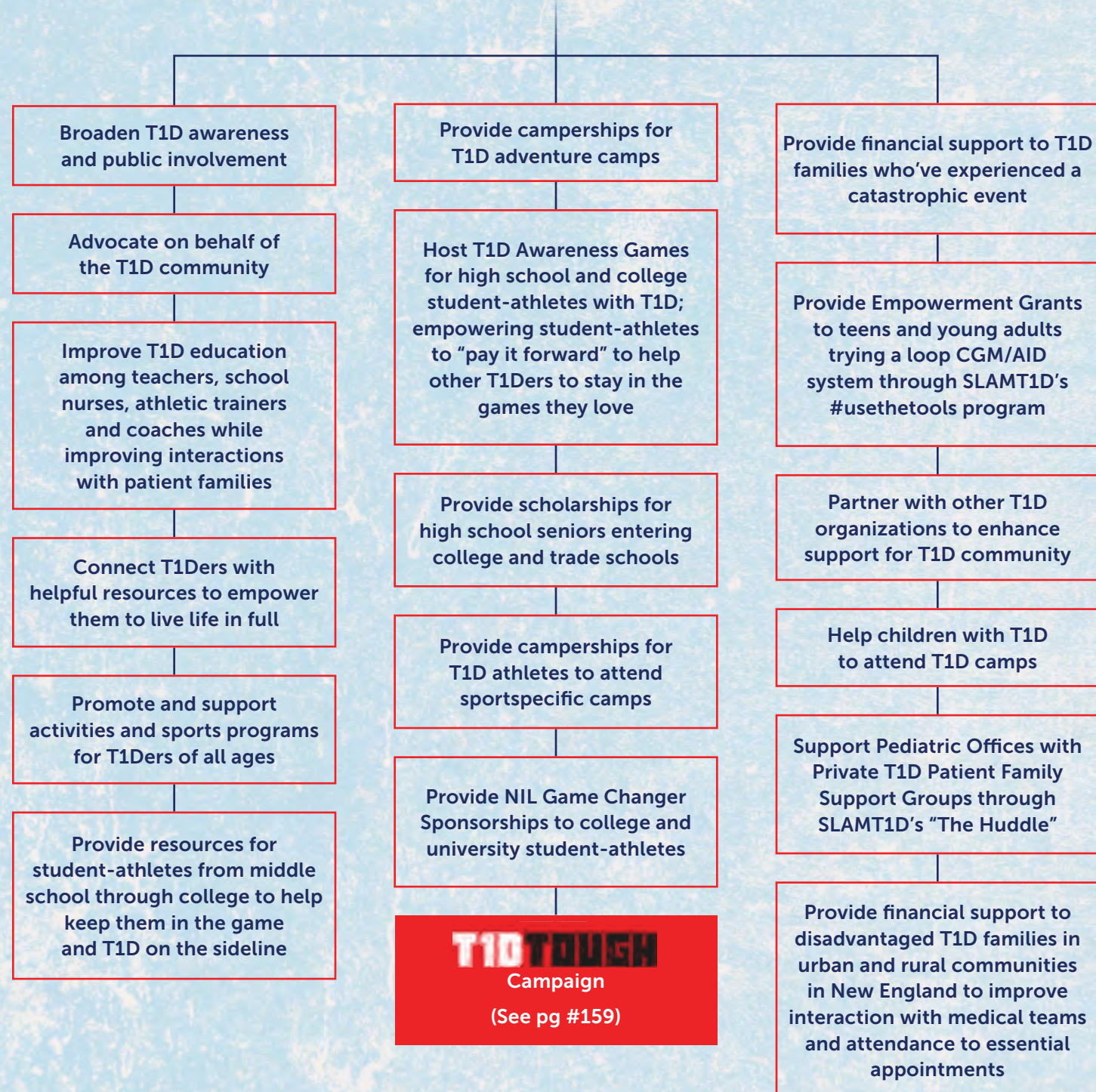


SLAMT1D

GAMES CHANGING LIVES

SLAMT1D's mission is to improve the lives of people living with T1D through education, empowerment, connection, advocacy and awareness using active games and sports as our platform.

HERE'S HOW WE ROLL!



2026-2027 HIGHLIGHTS

Education-School Nursing:

T1D Continuing Education (CE) Module specifically about T1D based on "Understanding Over Knowledge", Saint Anselm College Jean School of Nursing August 2026 Summit for school nurses from around the country

T1D Pathfinder Camp: Connecticut Children's Hospital + Yale/New Haven

SLAMT1D to provide up to 40 full camperships and roundtrip bus travel for children from Hartford and New Haven communities



T1D Awareness Games:

3-5 T1D Awareness Games, from high school Flag Football in Bethesda, MD; Women's Volleyball at Shepherd University in West Virginia to Women's Basketball at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, with more in the works!



PGC Basketball Camps:

20+ camperships for T1D kids and teens to attend basketball camps all over the country

SLAMT1D NIL Game Changer Sponsorships:

Up to ten sponsorships to be awarded to student-athletes beginning in Q4 2026 and into 2027



DIABETICS DOING THINGS

Rob Howe has been living with T1D since 2005. He is an entrepreneur, T1D advocate and former professional basketball player.

As of 2026, his podcast **Diabetics Doing Things** has been downloaded over 3 million times, and his organization **Diabetes Legends** hosts basketball clinics for the diabetes community around the country.

Rob lives in Dallas, and his vision of a more equitable world for people with T1D drives him to continue to advocate online and in person as much as possible.



Diabetes LEGENDS

BASKETBALL CLINIC

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BJ Garceau

You said: The BJ Garceau story

BJ Garceau is an amateur Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) fighter, marathon runner, and health advocate from Bangor, Maine, recognized as the first female MMA fighter in the United States to openly compete while living with T1D. Her public journey centers heavily on overcoming severe medical prognoses, raising community funds for life-saving medical supplies, and encouraging others to pursue endurance and combat sports despite chronic illness.

Diagnosis and Early Outlook

Garceau was diagnosed with T1D at the age of 12. During her youth, doctors explicitly told her that her life expectancy would likely not extend past her 20s or early 30s. She spent much of her formative years being reminded of the physical limitations of her disease rather than her potential capabilities.

MMA Career (2017–Present)

In 2017, Garceau decided to transition into martial arts training with Young's MMA, a gym based out of Bangor, Maine.

The Debut:

She entered the competitive cage under the New England Fights (NEF) promotion at "NEF 32" in February 2018, securing a split-decision victory.

Technological Management:

Garceau fights and trains while continually managing her insulin intake using a continuous glucose monitor (CGM) and an insulin pump, navigating the difficult lines of sudden blood sugar crashes or spikes during high-intensity training.

Fundraising:

Rather than just competing for sport, Garceau utilized her placement in regional MMA promotions to raise more than \$8,000 for local diabetic patients. The money directly funded life-saving insulin and medical gear for individuals unable to afford their supplies.

Managing T1D While Competing

Garceau fights and trains while continuously managing her insulin intake using a continuous glucose monitor (CGM) and an insulin pump — navigating the risk of sudden blood sugar crashes or spikes during high-intensity training and competition.

Fundraising / Community Impact

Garceau has used her placement on regional MMA fight cards to raise more than \$8,000 for local diabetic patients, funding life-saving insulin and medical gear for people who can't afford their own supplies. Combined with the broader Maine T1D community's efforts, total funds raised have reached as much as \$25,000 in dedicated financial support for local diabetic care.

Endurance Running: NYC Marathon

In November 2022, Garceau was selected as one of only 50 Type 1 diabetics nationwide to run the New York City Marathon. She ran the 26.2-mile course to raise awareness and donations for **Beyond Type 1**, a global nonprofit focused on T1D education, advocacy, and cure research.

Continued Advocacy

Garceau continues to use her platform — social media, regional press, and community events — to show that ambitious physical milestones are possible despite a serious chronic diagnosis. She serves as an ongoing motivational speaker and fitness coach for chronic illness workshops.

Through her fights, her fundraising, and 26.2 miles through New York City, Garceau serves as living proof that a severe diagnosis doesn't dictate a sedentary life.



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Tucker Polli

As told by his Dad, Steve Polli

Tucker is a massive freestyle skier. He just graduated from Killington Mountain School. Tucker competed at the US Junior Nationals (U19) this year and took home Silver in Slopestyle and Silver in Rail Jam! It was an amazing time being there at Copper Mountain, Colorado this April and watching this whole thing transpire. I was gobsmacked! So proud of him!

He also won the award for the Best Trick at Nationals. All that twisting and turning whilst wearing a pump! Tandem has definitely fulfilled their warranty obligation from a few destroyed pumps!



TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE // FRIDAY

GAME TIME	TEAMS	FIELD
4:00 PM	BAT ATTITUDES vs POLLI SWINGERS DUGOUT DAWGS vs HALLAM ICS ISLAND WIFFLE vs WILD WIFFLERS	LITTLE FENWAY LITTLE YANKEE LITTLE WRIGLEY
5:00 PM	THE GLUEBAGS vs INSULIN JUNKIES ULTIMATE WARRIORS vs DUNDER WIFFLIN SB WIFFLE vs SONS OF PITCHES BURLINGTON BEAVERS vs NYL VT	LITTLE FENWAY LITTLE YANKEE LITTLE WRIGLEY LITTLE FIELD OF DREAMS
6:00 PM	VERMONT SUMMER CLASSIC WELCOME	LITTLE FENWAY
6:15 PM	NOVO NORDISK DA BULLS vs THE HIGHLANDERS BALDWIN WIFFLEBALL vs RED, WHITE & BREW DELL AVE DEVILS vs AWAA MUSTANGS vs BOBO BOMBERS	LITTLE FENWAY LITTLE YANKEE LITTLE WRIGLEY LITTLE FIELD OF DREAMS
7:15 PM	HAWKINS BAY YACHT CLUB vs WEEKEND WIFFLERS BOSTON TERRIERS vs STATEN ISLAND YANKEES LIONS CLUB STRIDERS vs ELECTRIC CITY GLUCOSE GUYS vs MAINE P-PODS	LITTLE FENWAY LITTLE YANKEE LITTLE WRIGLEY LITTLE FIELD OF DREAMS
8:30 PM	SUMMER CLASSIC ALL STAR GAME '26	LITTLE FENWAY



TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE // SATURDAY

GAME TIME	TEAMS	FIELD
10:00 AM	DUNDER WIFFLIN vs WILD WIFFLERS ISLAND WIFFLE vs BAT ATTITUDES HALLAM ICS vs BURLINGTON BEAVERS	LITTLE FENWAY LITTLE YANKEE LITTLE WRIGLEY
11:00 AM	BALDWIN WIFFLEBALL vs DELL AVE DEVILS POLLI SWINGERS vs MAINE P-PODS BOBO BOMBERS vs ULTIMATE WARRIORS DUGOUT DAWGS vs NOVO NORDISK DA BULLS	LITTLE FENWAY LITTLE YANKEE LITTLE WRIGLEY LITTLE FIELD OF DREAMS
12:00 PM	LIONS CLUB STRIDERS vs STATEN ISLAND YANKEES WEEKEND WIFFLERS vs SB WIFFLE MUSTANGS vs GLUCOSE GUYS BOSTON TERRIERS vs THE GLUEBAGS	LITTLE FENWAY LITTLE YANKEE LITTLE WRIGLEY LITTLE FIELD OF DREAMS
1:00 PM	SONS OF PITCHES vs AWAA NYL VT vs HAWKINS BAY YACHT CLUB INSULIN JUNKIES vs THE HIGHLANDERS RED, WHITE & BREW vs ELECTRIC CITY	LITTLE FENWAY LITTLE YANKEE LITTLE WRIGLEY LITTLE FIELD OF DREAMS
2:00 PM	OPENING CEREMONIES	LITTLE FENWAY
2:30 PM	HOME RUN DERBY (PRESENTED BY FREESTYLE LIBRE)	LITTLE FENWAY
3:15 PM	KIDS GAME (PRESENTED BY DARN TOUGH)	LITTLE FENWAY
3:45 PM	MAINE P-PODS vs MUSTANGS NOVO NORDISK DA BULLS vs OMNIPOD POD SQUAD BAT ATTITUDES vs DUNDER WIFFLIN POLLI SWINGERS vs HALLAM ICS	LITTLE FENWAY LITTLE YANKEE LITTLE WRIGLEY LITTLE FIELD OF DREAMS
4:45 PM	BURLINGTON BEAVERS vs ISLAND WIFFLE THE GLUEBAGS vs DELL AVE DEVILS RED, WHITE & BREW vs BOSTON TERRIERS THE HIGHLANDERS vs WILD WIFFLERS	LITTLE FENWAY LITTLE YANKEE LITTLE WRIGLEY LITTLE FIELD OF DREAMS
5:45 PM	ULTIMATE WARRIORS vs DUGOUT DAWGS BOBO BOMBERS vs NOVO NORDISK DA BULLS HAWKINS BAY YACHT CLUB vs BALDWIN WIFFLEBALL INSULIN JUNKIES vs LIONS CLUB STRIDERS	LITTLE FENWAY LITTLE YANKEE LITTLE WRIGLEY LITTLE FIELD OF DREAMS
6:45 PM	GLUCOSE GUYS vs NYL VT ELECTRIC CITY vs SONS OF PITCHES STATEN ISLAND YANKEES vs WEEKEND WIFFLERS AWAA vs SB WIFFLE	LITTLE FENWAY LITTLE YANKEE LITTLE WRIGLEY LITTLE FIELD OF DREAMS
7:30 PM	50/50 & BOX RAFFLE DRAW	LITTLE FENWAY
8:00 PM	WILDCARD LOTTERY	LITTLE FENWAY

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE // SUNDAY

GAME TIME	TEAMS	FIELD
9:00 AM	G1: WILDCARD 4 vs WILDCARD 1 G2: WILDCARD 3 vs WILDCARD 2	LITTLE FENWAY LITTLE YANKEE
10:00 AM	G3: 12 vs 5 G4: 11 vs 6 G5: 10 vs 7 G6: 9 vs 8	LITTLE FENWAY LITTLE YANKEE LITTLE WRIGLEY LITTLE FIELD OF DREAMS
11:00 AM	G7: 16 (WILDCARD G1) vs 1 G8: 15 (WILDCARD G2) vs 2 G9: 14 vs 3 G10: 13 vs 4	LITTLE FENWAY LITTLE YANKEE LITTLE WRIGLEY LITTLE FIELD OF DREAMS
12:00 PM	G11: WG6 vs WG7 G12: WG5 vs WG8 G13: WG4 vs WG9 G14: WG3 vs WG10	LITTLE FENWAY LITTLE YANKEE LITTLE WRIGLEY LITTLE FIELD OF DREAMS
1:00 PM	SEMIFINALS G15: WG14 vs W11 G16: WG13 vs WG12	LITTLE FENWAY LITTLE YANKEE
2:00 PM	CHAMPIONSHIP GAME G17: WG15 vs WG16	LITTLE FENWAY



EXHIBITION GAME '26

SLAMT1D's Summer Classic Exhibition Game offers T1D organizations and companies a unique opportunity to engage the T1D community as they showcase their WIFFLE ball skills for the world to see!



GAME TIME:
3:45 PM



LITTLE YANKEE

NOVO NORDISK
(DA BULLS)



OMNIPOD'S
POD SQUAD





ALL STAR GAME '26!



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ALL STAR GAME '26

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CORY KNOWLES	DUGOUT DAWGS
JULES MOORE	BAT ATTITUDES
NICK "HOLLYWOOD" AUSPELMYER	ELECTRIC CITY HEARTBREAK KIDS
ROBBIE PEASLEY	DUNDER WIFFLIN
CRAIG CHEVALIER	WEEKEND WIFFLERS
PAUL TERNISKY	NOVO NORDISK DA BULLS
TUCKER POLLI	POLLI SWINGERS
COLLIN RUGGIERI	BALDWIN WIFFLEBALL

TEAM INSULIN

BILLY DEMARINO	RED, WHITE & BREW
JOSH SPRINGER	THE GLUEBAGS
CONNOR JOHNSON	BOBO BOMBERS
CASEY HOCKENBURY	SB WIFFLE
JOSH LAROCHE	WEEKEND WIFFLERS
EDGAR KOVAL	LIONS CLUB STRIDERS
AARON CARRIEN	ULTIMATE WARRIORS
COLE SAMPSON	INSULIN JUNKIES
HANS WESTENFELD	HAWKINS BAY YC
CHRIS "MOO" NEUMANN	AWAA
CODY ATWOOD	THE HIGHLANDERS
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Meet the **Teams**



15TH ANNUAL SUMMER CLASSIC

2026 TEAM CAPTAINS

★ SB WIFFLE ★



ANDREW
CHANDLER

★ BURLINGTON
BEAVERS ★



ROBERT
CORDOVA

★ SONS OF
PITCHES ★



LIAM
O'FARRELL

★ BALDWIN
WIFFLE ★



AUSTIN
BECHTOLD

★ POLLI
SWINGERS ★



STEVEN
POLLI

★ INSULIN
JUNKIES ★



CALEB
SAMPSON

★ MUSTANGS ★



JASON
BONILLA

★ DUGOUT
DAWGS ★



CORY
KNOWLES

★ WEEKEND
WIFFLERS ★



CRAIG
CHEVALIER

★ ISLAND
WIFFLE ★



DYLAN
DEGREE

★ THE GLUEBAGS ★



FRED
MOLAK

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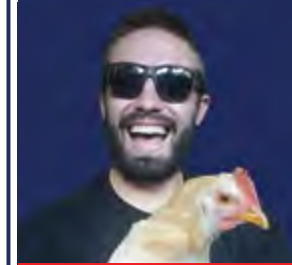
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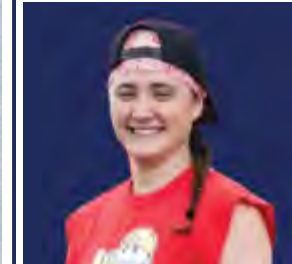
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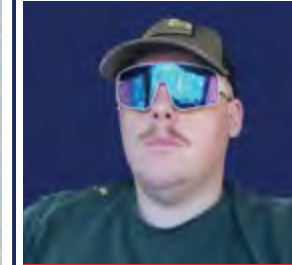
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MIKE MURPHY &
STEVE MURPHY

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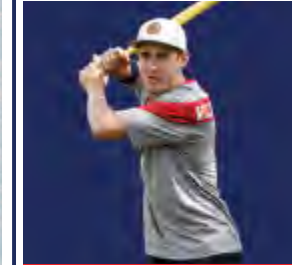
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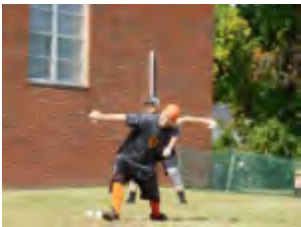
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TERRIERS ★



WILL
SLEEPER

AWAA



Andrew Stone - He's still old

Chris Neumann - Meet Moo, the heart and soul of the team hailing from the great state of Wisconsin. When he's not perfecting his wiffle ball skills, you can find Moo indulging in two of Wisconsin's finest exports: disappointing baseball and cheese.



Anthony Lavalley - A towering ginger who treats the sun like it owes him money, burns your tax dollars by day at the state, burns your bandwidth by night on your favorite streaming app, and will drink beer out of literally anything—except a normal glass, apparently.



Jimmy Cole - Short, bald, and swings like he's trying to break the sound barrier. Runs like he's got two broken legs but somehow moves with the coordination of a cat burglar—except nobody can tell because it all looks like a beautiful, chaotic mess. Somehow, it just works every time.



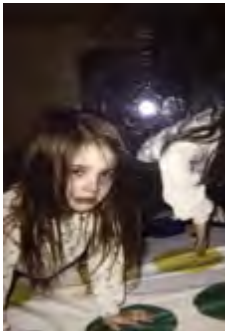
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Ron West - Absurdly tall, like Anthony Lavalley but with cheekbones people write poems about. A yard game demigod who once cornhole'd so hard it caused a minor tremor. Best friends with Clippy—says he still gets coaching tips mid-toss.



Aly Parise - The first lady of wiffle ball—graceful, deadly, and somehow always batting third. Like Amelia Earhart with better hand-eye and worse navigation. She didn't break a glass ceiling, she made a wrong turn and crashed right through it on her way to second base.



Tom Gannon- A strange little man who acts like he's from Vermont, but even Vermont's like, "we're good." Known mostly for unsettling vibes and suspiciously elite Connect 4 skills no one wants to acknowledge. His parents plead the fifth when asked about him.



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BALDWIN WIFFLEBALL 2026 VERMONT SUMMER CLASSIC



ROSTER INCLUDING: AUSTIN BECHTOLD (C), COLIN RUGGIERI, JOHN ZIEGLER, RYAN CHALLINOR, DAKOTA ROMANTINO, JAKE MONROE, AARON EXLER, ANDY SOPATA

HR DERBY: DAKOTA ROMANTINO ALL-STAR GAME: COLIN RUGGIERI

THIRD YEAR AT VERMONT SUMMER CLASSIC



BAT ATTITUDES



**Our name says it all
and the pictures prove it!!**

We roll into the 15th Annual Summer Classic to have more fun than you...or with you, or near you, whatever, we're just here to listen to Thunderstruck and crush. The Bat Attitudes are back, for year number.....??

We've honestly gotten too old to keep track. We multiply faster than we run the bases (which doesn't take much), but yeah, we have a lot of babies. Watch out though, this year we brought in a ringer!

Meet the newest 'Tude, Jules! We cannot wait for her to hit some dingaas ova the monstaaaah!



BOBO-BOMBERS



**With a combined 84 years
of living with T1D on our team,
we're proud to play at SLAMT1D'S
Summer Classic!**

BOSTON TERRIERS



TEAM ROSTER

- Will Sleeper
- Kirk Fontana
- Connor Hegarty
- Tyler Whitney
- Joey Kelly
- Sam Kane
- Max Gustafson
- Reed McLeod
- Curt McLeod
- Ben Niles
- Danny Renzella
- Kevin Rooney

BURLINGTON BEAVERS



We represent our city of Burlington, Vermont and Beavers everywhere!

- Robert Cordova
- Will Cousineau
- DJ Farrell
- Nate Gourd
- Josh Haines
- Hannah Kuhn
- Jake Nicholson
- Kevin Walla
- Justin Walla
- Brendan Simpson

After finishing second in the first annual Fall Classic, the Beavers look make their nameknown in the Summer Classic.



Dell Ave Devils

Hometown: Dell Ave. Hyde Park, Boston
HQ: Hyde Park Pub, Eire Pub
Favorite Sandwich: Ham and Cheese, with Chips (late night!)
Favorite Restaurant: Simco's, Mattapan
Favorite Plant: Clover
Favorite Teams: Seriously?

"The street lights go on, we stay out!"

Dell Ave, Hyde Park, Boston. 200 yards long. No thru-traffic during wiffle ball and street hockey, unless you want a fight. No soccer. The 1970's were the heyday of Dell Ave rule in Boston wiffle ball. We took on all challengers. And won, one way or the other.

- Steve Murphy:**

Nickname "Murph"
- Faith Murphy: *

Could care less, she ain't playin'.
- Ben Murphy:**

Nickname "Murph" and "Crackalackin'"
- Kathryn Murphy:*

"Is there going to be snow up there that weekend?"
- Reegan Murphy:**

"Papa, How come you run so funny?"
- Ronan Murphy:**

"I'm ready! Lemme show you how it's done!"
- Hannah Murphy-Paparo: *

Nickname "Murph"
- Isaac Paparo-Murphy:*

Nickname "K-9"
- Boaz Murphy-Paparo:**

"Everyone calm down...Now, Please, someone just feed me!"
- Matt Murphy:*

Nickname "Murph"
- Sara Coen Murphy*:

Nickname "Soon ta be!"
- Michael Murphy:*

Nickname "Murph"
- Kim Murphy: *

"Just stop with the nicknames."
- Conor Murphy:*

Nickname "Murph"
- Nolan Murphy: *

Nickname "Murph" 6'2" 200 lbs. Still!
- Paul Murphy:*

Nickname "Murph"
- Michelle Murphy:*

"Are you for real with this?"
- Patrick Murphy:*

Nickname "Murph"
- Kara Murphy:*

Nickname "Murph"
- Buddy Penella Murphy:

"The Boyfriend"
- Mikey Paris Murphy:

"Jamerais etre irlandais!"
- Kevin Murphy:*

Nickname "Murph"
- Polly Chevalier: *

"It's close to Canada, right?"
- Lucky Murphy:*

Nickname "Murph"
- Mia Murphy: *

Nickname "Murph"
- Tim Murphy:*

Nickname "Murph" "This is in St. Pete, right?"
- Sean Murphy:*

Nickname "Murph" "St. Pete? St. Pete? Dad, Really?"
- *Team Captain

**Next Gen Captain

***All Star

Affiliated families of the Dell Ave Empire:
Hanleys (our cousins): Bobby, Tommy, Joe, John, Michael, Chris. Rezendes: Bobby, John, Brian, Peter, Dennis. Cauls: Patrick, Michael

Always With Us: Tom and Carol Murphy

THE DUGOUT DAWGS



**The DUGOUT DAWGS are at it again.
25 Strong they are!!!!**

The crew.... NO.... The FAMILY!!!!:

- Captain Cory Knowles

• Kendal Garcia

• Sawyer Knowles

• Lennox Knowles

• Krista Pettrey

• Justin Chamberlin

• Bailey Chamberlin

• Riley Chamberlin

• Morgan Chamberlin
- Jimmy Garcia

• Gaby Garcia

• Cash Garcia

• Grayson Garcia

• Crystal Farnham

• Taylan Farnham

• Ryan Farnham

• Sarah Martell

• Donald Martell
- Reta Sanders

• Brooklynn Quinlan

• Caleb Doney

• Wyatt Pombar

• Conley Baldwin

• Jason Estes

• Ryan Estes

**With 6 TIDers on the squad they've got a lot of fight
and a lot to fight for so WATCH OUT!!!!
GGGGGGGGRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR**

DUNDER WIFFLIN



Alex “Big dill” Evangelo #26 - Captain of the Dunder Wifflin squad, but that doesn’t make him a big deal. Just a big pickle guy, unless it’s on the base path.

Luke “Lukali” Karelak #2 - In his 3rd year, Luke has made an even bigger splash fundraising than years prior. Hitting milestones off the field and hoping to hit the stone a mile on it.

Michael “Ren Man” Leahy #54 - When you need something done you go to Michael. He gives off the feeling of sitting comfortably next to a warm fire.

Calvin “Chops” Fiemore #4 - First ever Dunder Wifflin All Star, sells beer and hits dingers. This guy once sported a mustache you’d have to see to believe.

Robbie Peasley #0 - This year hits a little different as he plays for his cousin who is represented with the patch on his chest and is looking to continue the play he established last year!

Chloe “Coco” Witt #18 - Certified DH, down to hit bombs. Questionable catching them.
Zack “Heisenberg” Kennedy #17 - A master of chemistry without the degree. Rumor has it that he’s been in the lab all offseason.

Chris “Topher” Patnaude #8 - Always brings the positive vibes. You always know what you’re gonna get with Chris, while simultaneously never knowing what you’re gonna get.

Greg “Gunnah” Mcgunigle #9 - Kid is a menace on the mound. What else can I say. The team already has a pickle guy but that doesn’t stop Greg from being our bread and butter.

Evan “Olorin” Simmons #6 - Chess master, always thinking two moves ahead. Watched this man do a split at 1st base. Whatever it takes to win.

Lauren “Lala” Ebert #11 - Doesn’t play, doesn’t need to. Attitude like a fastball — fierce and straight to the point. She brings the heat and the fuel: snacks, drinks, and everything the team needs to keep going.



The Glucose Guys are a family-and-friends team built around two incredible T1D warriors, **Maximus and Ellie**.

We may be one of the smaller teams in the tournament, but we’re proof that heart can outweigh roster size. Nearly half our lineup is made up of kids, giving us the perfect blend of youthful energy and veteran wisdom.

- 0) Donna Taggart “Silver Fox Guy”

1) Mike Hartney “El Chapo Guy”

4) Margaret Hartney “Delulu Guy”

6) Penelope Hartney “Boricua Guy”

7) Charlie Hartney “Crispy Sour Nugget Guy”

8) Talon Pisarchuk “Bald Eagle Guy”

*10) Maximus Hartney “Gladiator Guy”

12) Ethan Arner “Camera Guy”

13) Will McComb “SS ESSESS Guy”
- 14) Tristen Hartney “Spielburg Guy”

15) Jeff Hartney “The Guy”

17) Tagg Hartney “Gamer Guy”

21) Avri Andrews “Drama Guy”

22) Missy Hartney “Da Momma Guy”

60) Anthony Ryba “Wicket Guy”

*66) Eliie Andrews “Dingers Guy”

67) Amanda Andrews “Pump House Guy”

98) Blaire Hartney “Skibidi Guy”

Together, we’re playing to support the mission of SLAMT1D and everyone impacted by Type 1 diabetes.
We’re The Glucose Guys...hitting T1Dingers, making memories, and showing our T1D warriors that they’ve always got a team behind them.

The
GLUEBAGS

A Breed Apart. Indeed.
Oh yeah, 10th and 12th Annual Champs!
Now long overdue!

- Freddy Molak
- Griffonso "Spike" Noel
- Johanna "Bones" Spear
- Matt "Yes Ma'am" Spear
- Carly "You got my bag?" O'Day
- Hayden "I got your bag!" O'Day
- Sean "Ask me!" Springer
- Josh "Mousse" Springer **All Star
- Ethan "Hayden's got your bag!" O'Day
- Jonathan "Big Jon" Genova
- Cassandra "You talkin' to me?" Falone
- Chris "The Rookie" O'Brien
- Grady "The Engaged One" Cram
- Colin "The Monz" Monsey
- Ben "Stretch" Wheeler
- Nate "Osso Bucco" Shanks

The Gluebags Founding Members and Associates:

Bags, Fitzy, Mulsie, Dirty Harry, Buddha, Fred, Nubs, Fuddy, Dash, Playboy, Surgeon, Okie, Ralph, Murph, Barney, Brewer, Molak, Murtagh, T-Bone, Bud, Rickenegger, Carl Loud, Bushman, Gowdy, Dancin' Bear, Henry, McAdams, Spider, Jordy, Pete, Otis, Ennis, Lumpy, Dave, Iron Mike, Lou & Joe, Maurice, Hog, Mariner, Baby Dunne, Lyons, McWeed, Carl, Game-of, Guinny, Ronan, Haynes, Ray, Mesk, Emmet, Pappy, Mackie, Boz, Matty, Tom V, Olie, Hojy, Larry, Jack, Frank, Frankie, Clark Kent, Poundin' Bill, Log Man, Gav, Braz, Mags, Freddy H, et al.



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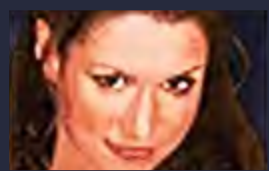
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JESSE HORWEDEL



NATE CRUZ



ALY PARISE



COREY KAIN



JOSH HOWLAND

FINALLY, THE HEARTBREAK KIDS....HAVE COME BACK TO VERMONT!

**THE BOYS FROM NEW YORK'S ELECTRIC CITY OF SCHENECTADY RETURN
READY TO LAY THE SMACKDOWN ON THE RUDY-POO CANDY COMPETITION.
AFTER SUFFERING THEIR OWN SERIES OF HEART BREAKS OVER THE
LAST FEW TOURNAMENTS, THE HBKS ARE TUNING UP THE BAND TO
DELIVER SWEET CHIN MUSIC TO TID, AND ANY TEAM IN THEIR WAY.**

HIGHLANDERS



Highlanders wiffleball is a group of local Vermonters from the central and western parts of the state. Many have years of experience at Little Fenway, and we are excited to bring that pedigree to a new team that plans on being here for years to come!

For many of us this is a cause that gives us a way to have an unforgettable experience, and support a great charitable cause. The number of people who T1D affects every day is something that many people take for granted. By playing in this tournament, and getting the support of our friends, family, and colleagues, we help spread awareness and understanding about what these people go through every day!

We are proud to wear the white and gold colors and represent the area of the state where a lot of us came from. We are also proud to support those who are less fortunate than ourselves, and be a small part of what makes Little Fenway and the people responsible for this event a home run! Go Highlanders!

HALLAM-ICS

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Captain Mike Abair | Lisa Abair | Randy Babineau | Cousin Dave Cain | Jim Charbonneau | Brady Duggan
Keith Flaherty | Emanuel Gil | Steve Joachim | Dylan Kerkes | Mike Lorenz | Mitch Niarchos

HAWKINS BAY YACHT CLUB



When the time is right, look to the south.
A secret bay, go find its mouth. Deep within that calm pool,
remember there is just one rule. Hawkins Bay welcomes all,
but we are here to whiffleball!

Our goal at first may be to win, but win or lose we always
grin. We cannot wait, for Slam Twenty-Six, so many years,
we've been in the mix.

Hawkins Bay will start game one, with one intention, to
have some fun! So come say hi, get a dinger or two, see old
friends, and meet our crew!

THE INSULIN JUNKIES

YEAR TWO



- Caleb Sampson:** Major Junkie. Addicted to insulin and playing wiffle ball. Also loves his maple syrup. If ya see him, go say hi.
- Klarah Mikita:** Rookie. The Insulin Junkie team nurse. Keeps the captain in line. Meter, test strips, insulin, you name it. She's got it on her. Here to show off her wiffleball skills too. There is certainly no shame in her game.
- Cole Sampson:** Showed out in his debut year. 28 strikeouts. 2.00 playoff ERA. He's been voted to play in the 2026 All-Star Game. Thankfully he's a humble boy.
- Madison King-Thurber:** Solidified that lead off spot. May have won a gold glove over at second base too.
- Nick Sampson:** The big brother of the team. Found his place at shortstop. Fit goes hard, feel free to screenshot.
- Hayley Kingston:** We're all waiting for her last name to officially be "Sampson". I think Nick has been too busy practicing Wiffleball to set a wedding date.
- Craig Sampson Jr:** Carried his team with his spirit and his play. Stole the show this past tournament, just go look at this year's SLAMT1D program.
- Chiuho Sampson:** The Insulin Junkies 2025 MVP. She raised over 10,000 dollars for the team. Quite an accomplishment, not many can rival her when it comes to fundraising.
- Steven Ruhle Jr:** Lights a fire under this team when it comes to raising for T1D. He means business, and for him, no distance is too far traveled.
- Livia Ruhle:** A very successful rookie year for Liv. Never even picked up a wiffleball and she batted 400. What an addition to this family. Not just in play, but in spirit and heart. The Junkies are ecstatic for her return.
- Joshua Shaughnessy:** Southpaw. Stud at first base, stud at the plate, stud at life. An Insulin Junkie through and through.
- Maia Millard:** Another introduction to the cousins up North. We're relying on Joshua to have her game ready come opening night.
- Steve Larsson:** M.I.A. Down in Rhode Island this year working on the Insulin Junkies farm system.
- Kayla Larsson:** M.I.A. After earning that playoff spot last year, she tagged her mother to play in her stead for year 2.
- Lana Peterson:** Tag, she's it. Aunty Lana stepping up for her daughter this year. She's here to prove where her 3 kids (and 2 grandchildren) all got their athleticism from.
- Kinsley Sampson:** The return of Kinsley Binsley. You'll only know she's here for our team by the jersey she wears on her back. Loves to flirt with the other teams, don't worry it's all a ploy.
- Silas Olshefski:** The Junkies came across him at a backyard kickball game. Other teams wanted to sign him, but we picked him up. We have faith that the kickball skills will translate to wiffleball.
- Jason West:** That knee has finally found some relief, only took him about two years to walk it off. Gets on base a lot. Ties this team together like a nice little bow. AKA BarefootELK.

ISLAND WIFFLE



The Island WiffleBall team is made up of mostly players that live in the Champlain Islands.

Miles and I have played in this great event for a number of years. Miles has had a lot of interest in creating his own team and this was the year.

We are bringing along a number of people that have never played at this venue before and we are looking forward to their reactions when they event and how well it is organized.

We are thrilled to be able to help support a great cause and look forward to a wonderful weekend of WIFFLE Ball.

GO BIONIC

with the iLet Bionic Pancreas

No more:

- ❌ Carb counting*
- ❌ Correction factors
- ❌ Carb ratios
- ❌ Pre-set basal rates

or any of the other settings that might be overwhelming about other insulin delivery devices.

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MAINE P-Pods



Maine P-PODS (Parents & Providers of Type 1 Diabetes Support) is a volunteer-led, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to building community and improving the quality of life for families affected by Type 1 diabetes (T1D) across Maine.

Founded in 2012, the organization was created through a collaboration of parents and medical providers who recognized the need for localized T1D education and emotional respite. Because living with T1D is a relentless, 24/7 reality, the founders set out to give families a support system that "gets it." The entire executive board functions strictly on a volunteer basis, ensuring that 100% of its fundraising proceeds directly support programming and resources.

Maine P-PODS hosts educational summits and family weekend camps — including events held at Camp Sunshine in Casco, Maine — where children, teens, and their caregivers can connect with one another and learn from medical professionals. The organization also hosts community events all over the state, from ice skating and Mariners hockey games to casual meetups, giving parents a space to discuss the daily emotional stress and burnout that come with managing T1D.

MUSTANGS



Meet the Mustangs from Manchester, NH!

- Captain Jason Bonilla
- Karina Bonilla
- Gavin Gray
- Jasmine Beltran
- Yessenia García
- Yedelin Nicolai García
- Dylan García
- Nate Manzer
- Nickie Lora

**Get ready Vermont,
our SQUAD is LOCKED IN – VAMOSSS!!!**

NEW YORK LIFE VERMONT GENERAL OFFICE

Since 1979, the **New York Life Foundation** has worked to provide crucial resources to those in need and has provided over **\$415 million** in charitable contributions to national and local nonprofit organizations.



We are committed to serving individuals and communities through a wide array of programs and grants.



PLAYERS & SUPPORTERS: Sean Adamson, Logan Bassett, Marcel Begnoche, Nicole Bouyea, Justin Bressette, Tom Brooks, Colby Brouillette, James Bussiere, Tony Caligaris, Mary Cappraruccini, Taite Carpenter, Rory Clifford, Shane Corbett, Rick Fyles, Casey Fyles Graziano, Carrie Gallipo, Phil Gamsby, Cody Greene, Jeff Greene, Ron Gruber, Scott Hadley, David Huff, Pete Johnson, Eric Kronk, Ted Lange, Nick Mackenzie, Zach Mccaffrey, Shelly Morris, Nate Muehl, Chris Parrow-Dresser, PJ Pfeifenberger, Tim Ray, Mike Roesler, Steve Somers, Glenn Sowalskie.

Why We Play



At New York Life, we believe in the power of community – and we show up for it every chance we get. Whether through volunteer work, charitable giving, or unique events that bring people together, we’re committed to making a difference in the lives of those around us.



That’s why we proudly support SLAMT1D and their mission to help find a cure for Type 1 diabetes. Their incredible work empowers families and individuals impacted by the disease, and we’re honored to be part of that effort.

Sports have always been a part of who we are. Many of us at New York Life are lifelong fans, former athletes, or weekend warriors. We understand how the spirit of competition, camaraderie, and fun can unite people – and we love bringing that energy into everything we do.



We made our debut at the 14th Annual Summer Classic. It was a truly humbling and unforgettable experience to take the field, surrounded by so many amazing people and supporters who rallied together for a common and meaningful cause. We were blessed to be part of something special. Something that’s much bigger than all of us. It was an honor to stand with SLAMT1D and join the fight, while having a tremendous amount of fun in the process. It just doesn’t get any better than that!

NOVO NORDISK “DA BULLS”



NOVO NORDISK HISTORY & THE PATIENTS WE HELP:

Novo Nordisk was founded in 1923 in Denmark with a mission to change diabetes care. From the start, the company focused on producing insulin to help people manage diabetes and live longer, healthier lives.

Over the decades, Novo Nordisk expanded its expertise and leadership across diabetes and related metabolic diseases. The company continued to invest in research and development to improve therapies, strengthen manufacturing quality, and broaden access for patients worldwide.

Today, Novo Nordisk is a global healthcare company driven by science, innovation, and a commitment to delivering life-changing treatments.

THE PATIENTS WE AIM TO HELP

At the core of Novo Nordisk is a focus on people affected by serious and chronic conditions, especially:

- Diabetes:** helping patients achieve better blood-glucose control and reduce complications
- Obesity and related metabolic disorders:** supporting long-term weight management and improving metabolic health.
- Serious chronic diseases affecting daily life:** advancing treatments that can improve outcomes, quality of life, and independence.

Novo Nordisk’s therapies are designed to be more effective, more reliable, and increasingly accessible – because patient care doesn’t begin in the clinic; it continues every day at home.



OUR STORY

Grand Slam Systems was founded on a simple idea: the game of WIFFLE Ball deserves technology as serious as the players who love it. We build software tailor-made for wiffleball; tools that score games, track stats, and turn every at-bat into a story worth telling. From backyard leagues to marquee tournaments, our mission is to give players and fans across the country cutting-edge tech built with them in mind.

We dream of one day bringing leagues of all sizes onto a single platform. Until then, we’re chasing that vision one game at a time.

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His name is whispered in lumber camps and survivalist forums alike – half legend, half warning. Billy does not trim hedges or climb for sport.

He fights trees. To the death.

And at his side, always, stands Maverick—a sleek, muscular black lab whose loyalty burns hotter than any wildfire.

Billy grew up in New Hampshire, a scrappy kid known for his powerful swing on the local fields and his love for backyard wiffleball games. But everything changed in 2004 when he was 17 years old. A family camping trip to the Pacific Northwest ended in the Devil’s Gulch Massacre. Billy watched in helpless horror as a colossal Douglas fir deliberately wrenched its roots free and hurled itself onto their campsite like a living battering ram, crushing his beloved grandparents and his second cousin.

The trees were awake. They resented humanity.

And Billy vowed eternal war.

He never really went home again. He left New Hampshire behind and planted himself deep in the misty old-growth forests of Washington and Oregon, training like a man possessed. Former logger by day, shadow warrior by night.

He studied dendrology as battlefield tactics. His weapons evolved from chainsaw to bare hands, because only flesh against living wood proved true contempt. Maverick, rescued as a pup from the wreckage, grew up fighting beside him—lunging at thrashing roots, snarling at creaking branches, a black-furred fury in the green hell. Not even a ball could distract him from his mission.

Billy refuses all medical treatment. In 2005, an oak shattered his left femur and collarbone. He splinted the breaks himself with branches and rawhide while Maverick curled against him through the fever. In 2010, a Sitka spruce impaled his right eye; Billy gouged it out with his knife as Maverick licked the blood away, then cauterized the wound with a lighter.

No hospitals. No weakness. Every day, no matter what.

The worst came in 2017 when lightning struck the western red cedar he was battling. His heart stopped for forty-three seconds. Maverick dragged him from the charred giant and refused to leave his side. Billy treated his own burns with herbal poultices in isolation, skin permanently mottled, body a roadmap of defiance—missing toes, collapsed lung, knuckles perpetually scraped raw from punching bark in close-quarters rage.

Yet once a year, the Treebreaker returns to New England. Every summer he makes the pilgrimage back for the Summer Classic, playing for his old team: Red, White & Brew.

This year, he will take the field in the SC All-Star game on Friday night where he trades the war against the woods for a plastic bat. His eyepatch and scars hidden under a ball cap, launching bombs under the lights with the same ferocity he brings to the forest. For one weekend he reconnects with the boy he once was. When the final out is made, Billy loads Maverick into his coffee-colored Tacoma and drives west again—back to the war he can never abandon.

Today, at thirty-nine, Billy DeMarino moves like a broken god through the fog-shrouded groves. Every tree he fells buys humanity another season of peace. When the wind howls through the branches like mocking laughter, men swear they hear Billy’s war cry and Maverick’s fierce bark echoing back.

The Treebreaker is coming. And the forest trembles.

RED, WHITE & BREW



TEAM ROSTER

- Billy DeMarino
- Randy
- Rachel
- Billy’s girlfriend Shannon
- Some guys from Maine
- Sturge
- Roach
- Pooler 1
- Pooler 2
- Another dude named “Deuce.”
- Webster
- Taylor
- and a new guy named Johnny

SONS OF PITCHES



Sláinte!

STATEN ISLAND YANKEES



OMG. There they are again!!! The three old guys that keep on winning this tournament - Davey Vulture, Joey Tirone and Rich Colbourne. Fact checking confirms that all three played in that first charity game in 2003, just after Little Fenway was built. And now with this - the 250th year since this great country was founded - rumors abound that Joey Tirone was one of the original signers of the Declaration of Independence. Who knows???

With their young recruits like home run hitter, Skip O'Hara, the Tommy Long boys, and 3rd base vacuum Joey Rigatti, there's no telling when this tale will end. One fact remains, and much in the fashion of Joe Willie Namath (who most are way to young to remember) the Staten Island Yankees are "guaranteeing" record fundraising for the team, eager participation in a fun-filled tournament, and dare I say, yet another tournament victory!!!

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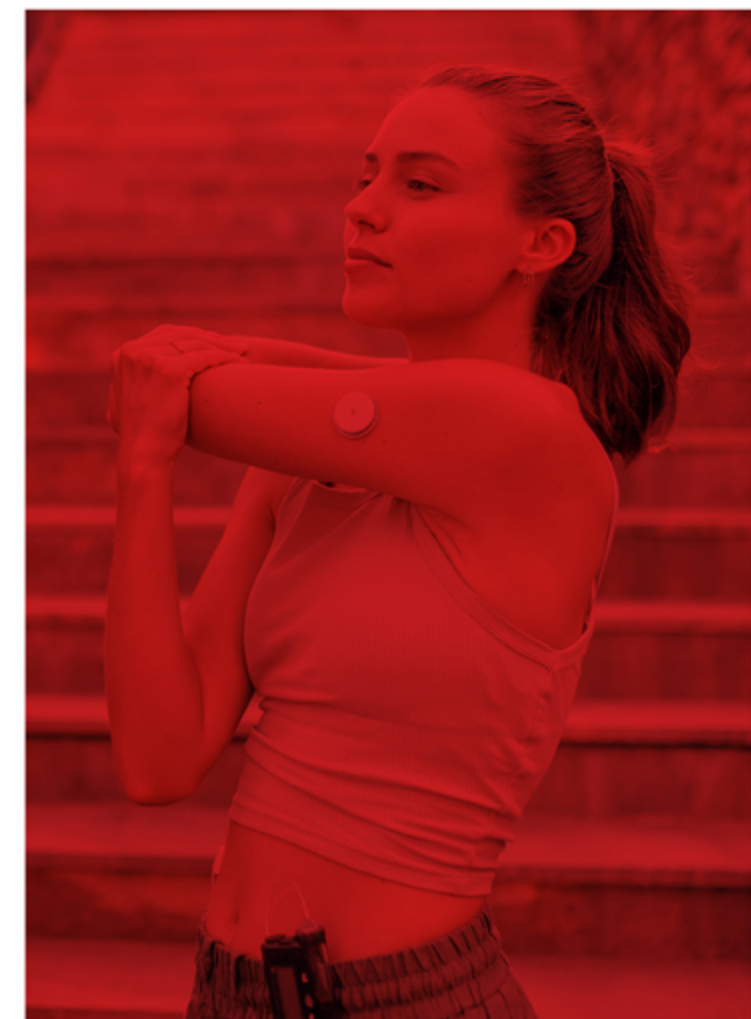
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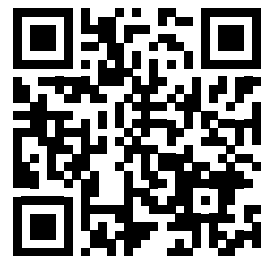
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2025 14th Annual Vermont Summer Classic Re-Cap

August 8-10, 2025

SLAMT1D's 14th Annual Summer Classic at Little Fenway is long in the books, but as with every Summer Classic the memories live on. Twenty-eight tournament teams and four exhibition teams came together at Little Fenway last August amidst sweltering heat and humidity to have fun competing for the Summer Classic championship; to connect with old and new friends and above all to support people living with T1D! It was another amazing weekend for a growing SLAMT1D WIFFLE Ball Family! Those feelings of hope, joy and fun at Little Fenway filled the air all weekend long! The tournament itself was loaded with one close game after another...some decided by walk-off home runs, a home run derby and even a fan favorite wheelbarrow race!

Friday's first round games were capped by our first All Star Game '25 under a new array of lights at Little Fenway; graciously donated and installed by Kenny Douglas, Hans Westenfeld and Brian Ritz of Sherwin Electric. In a back-and-forth match that would become the weekend's norm, Team Glucose squeaked out a one-run win over Team Insulin, 8-7.

Saturday's second and third round games had new teams adapting to play, even pulling off some surprise wins while tournament stalwarts moved through their games with expectations of going deep in the next day's playoffs. Sunday's playoffs arrived and that's when things got interesting! Championship Sunday proved to be a day of thrilling plays, walk-off wins and a gutsy comeback in the big game! The Lions Club Striders knocked out the heavy favorite Boston Terriers in the quarterfinals as Anthony Hope drilled a 2-run homer off Kirk Fontana in the top of the 7th inning to win it 2-1. Another close win over the Insulin Junkies launched the Striders into the Championship Game for the first time in seven years. Meanwhile, the defending champion Staten Island Yankees bested their New York rival Electric City in another one-run game; then overcame a tough Hawkins Bay team that had upset on their minds. That set up the Championship Game between the Lions Striders and the Staten Island Yankees.

The Championship Game was played at Little Fenway after the Yankees' Joe Tirone led everyone in the singing of the National Anthem. The Striders jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the top of the 1st inning but true to form Staten Island plated three runs in the bottom half of the inning to get back within striking distance. Mike Atwood's 3-run homer in the 4th put the boys from The Rock ahead 7-6. Then in the top of the 5th, the Striders Ryder Thornton singled home Edgar Koval to knot the game at 7 apiece. The Yankees' John Lenhart broke the tie singling home Joey Rigatti for the lead while loading the bases. The Yankees looked poised to break it open heading into the final frame, but River Koval pitched out of the jam to get the Striders to bat, down only one run. A Strider comeback wasn't to be. Ageless Joe Tirone closed out the game as the Staten Island Yankees outlasted the Lions Striders 8-7 to earn their second consecutive Summer Classic Championship. Sean Woodford took home Tournament MVP with his .353 BA and stellar fielding, including a home-run saving, leaping tap-back catch at the wall to help preserve Staten Island's championship. The Yankees join the Gluebags, Growler Garage, Green Monsters and Grady's Gang as two-time champs.

Team and individual fundraising efforts for Twenty-eight teams raised a record \$545,000 to shatter the 13th Annual's mark of \$441,005! Liam O'Farrell and O'Farrell's GOAT's (Sons of

Pitches this year) were the top individual and team fundraisers for the sixth consecutive year with \$110,460 and \$117,165 respectively. Novo Nordisk's Da Bulls had the largest roster with 28 players!

Nate Cruz won the Home Run Derby and fans pledged \$6,200 for the 172 home runs slammed by derby contestants! SLAMT1D donated the HRD funds to a single mom of two young children, one a young boy with T1D and Trisomy 21.

All of the fun and amazing play through 62 games over three days wouldn't have been possible without the selfless devotion and smooth work of an amazing volunteer crew managed by Tim Riley. Dan Pion was as usual, the man everywhere. Jamie Farrar was a huge help at tournament HQ while HOFer Natalie Kolok headed up everything in the "big tent". Larry Riegert once again worked tirelessly on the fields, led the Corn Crew transplanting corn from the Conant Farm to the Little Field of Dreams and still had the energy to organize our umpires group. Each year they give up their weekend time and paying games to call them at the Summer Classic for free! Tim and Quinn Rose, along with Tim's dad Ron did an amazing job caring for the fields and helping out everywhere during the weekend. Over the course of the year our corps of volunteers just keep showing up, devoting over 5,000 hours to make the Summer Classic at Little Fenway the most fun weekend of the year!



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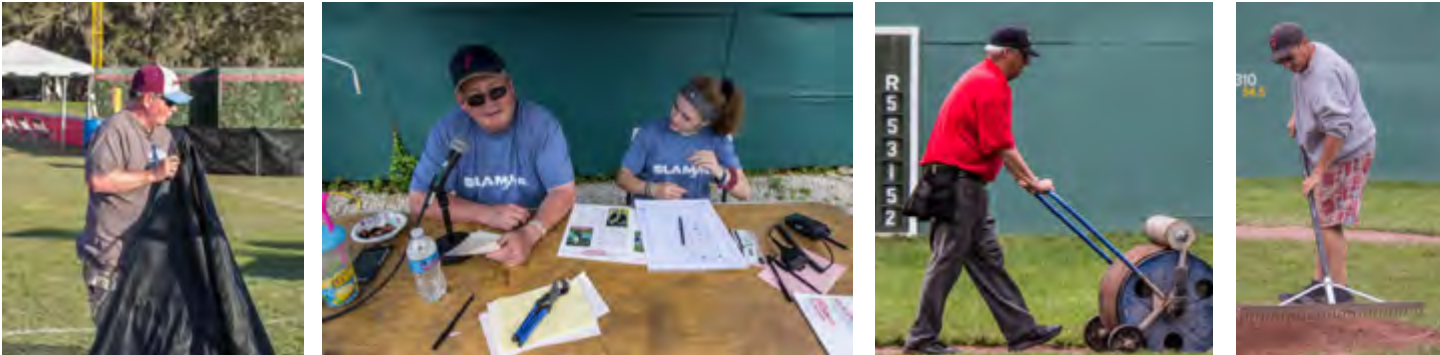
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