

average. Out of fifteen times at bat, she had one triple, three doubles and five singles. This was enough to qualify her for an All State nomination. But not only did I qualify her on that, we had other players who could qualify for the same nomination. But their attitude toward the game was different than what hers was. So I nominated her for an All Star nomination. And she got it. And as of this moment she doesn't know that she's been selected by the Oklahoma Softball Association as being an All Star.

(Aren't you going to be real pleased to get to tell her that?)

I'm not--I hope that she'll be pleased knowing that she will be an All Star. It did make me pleased. It makes me feel like I'm a pretty good coach. But it makes me more--

(Uh-huh. That's what I mean. So rewarding.)

It makes me more proud of her as the fact that she was a good ballplayer. And her direction and her attitude towards this game was a lot better than what a lot of the other girls were. Course now, I took it on myself to nominate her. If it was up to the girls, the girls would have probably nominated somebody else who I feel would not have received the All Star nomination. And this is the reason I took it on myself to nominate her because of her attitude and personality. Her--her responsibility to the position she held. And I took them in the consideration her batting average and her--everything.

(Didn't you spend some of your own money to buy trophies and everything for them?)

Yeah. After we came back from this tournament. I was so proud of the girls and how good a job they did, and I'd like to have another team next year. So I went downtown to one sporting goods shop and I bought some plaques and some little cups. I guess you could say little cups.