

Kansas City T-Bones Named 2007 Northern League Organization of the Year

The Northern League announced the Kansas City T-Bones were named the 2007 Organization of the Year as voted on by the league’s managers, radio announcers, and local media.

Celebrating their fifth season in Kansas City, the T-Bones took home the organization of the year honors for the second time in four years. While falling just two games short of qualifying for the post-season on the field, off the field the T-Bones increased their total attendance for the fifth straight season. They are the only franchise in the history of Kansas City professional sports to increase attendance numbers each year of existence. The 2007 season was the first time in team history they averaged more than 6,000 fans per game.



John Ehler (pictured left), the team Owner and President, has seen his franchise continue to excel on the field, in the stands, and in the Kansas City community. On June 2nd, the team saw their one-millionth fan enter the gates of CommunityAmerica Ballpark. The T-Bones were the fastest to reach that milestone in league history. Setting another attendance record in '07, on June 23rd the club had a single-game franchise record of 10,345 fans. It eclipsed the previous mark, which was established in 2005, by more than 1,300 fans.

Led by General Manager Rick Muntean, who has been with the T-Bones since the 2004 season, keeping the game fun and entertaining for fans has been a key to the team’s success. This season the team got in the Guinness Book of World Records as more than 1,680 fans strummed a song simultaneously on a guitar prior to the start of a game. In addition, the team also gave away a new Toyota car courtesy of a “Grand Slam” Inning promotion.

Northern League Organizations of the Year

<u>Year</u>	<u>Team</u>
2007	Kansas City T-Bones
2006	Gary SouthShore RailCats Winnipeg Goldeyes
2005	Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks
2004	Kansas City T-Bones
2003	Winnipeg Goldeyes

As well as succeeding at the gate, the T-bones were recognize in the Kansas City business community as part of the 2007 Class of 25 under 25®. This is a list of 25 outstanding businesses with fewer than 25 employees. Playing their part in the community, the franchise has continued a popular youth reading program, hosted a premier high school baseball tournament as well as a 5k Run for Charity. The T-Bones also conducted their annual golf tournament to benefit the Buck O’Neil Research and Education Center.



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