Overview

On March 9, 2025, I advanced the My Own Prison project by integrating extensive historical tournament data and refining command scripts for automated extraction of USSSA event information. This entry details how I expanded a manually built database—originally covering 2016–2024—back to 2001 by leveraging URL patterns from public records. The work focuses on processing event data from multiple Oklahoma tournaments, reformatting details such as entry fees, team counts, venues, and fee calculations into structured, researchable tables. By automating this process, the goal is to enable a robust analysis of financial trends in youth baseball and softball, ultimately informing future policy recommendations and community initiatives.

Key Notes & Summaries

- Historical Data Expansion:
  A previously created manual database for 2016–2024 has been extended back to 2001 using public information from the Utah Policies website. Early event records—though lacking team entries—are now included for comprehensive analysis.

- Command Script Automation:
  A command script is being developed to automate the extraction of detailed USSSA event information. This includes reformatting tournament data (entry fees, team counts, venue details, computed fees, and sanctioning fees) into structured tables that support quantitative analysis.

- Event Fee Analysis:
  The entry documents the process of computing key financial metrics, such as team fees, Oklahoma team fees, gate fees, and overall event net income. These calculations are critical for assessing the financial integrity of youth baseball and softball events.

- Future Policy and Business Planning:
  Insights gained from the integration of tournament data are intended to support future policy studies and the development of community initiatives, such as a business proposal for "Baseball Heaven."

- Collaboration and Data Verification:
  The work involves cross-referencing multiple data sources—including public records and manually compiled datasets—to ensure accuracy in fee computations and event details.

In-Depth Analysis

- Data Synthesis:
  Combining manually collected data with AI-imported event information will provide a more comprehensive view of financial trends and tournament dynamics in Oklahoma youth sports.
- Operational Implications:
  The refined command scripts and structured tables offer a replicable method for future research,

enhancing transparency in how tournament fees are computed and how financial discrepancies might be identified.
- Strategic Community Impact:
  The findings are expected to inform policy decisions and support community-based initiatives by highlighting areas where financial management in youth sports can be improved.

Conclusion

The March 9, 2025 entry represents a significant step forward in the My Own Prison project. Through advanced data integration and automated extraction techniques, this work not only deepens the understanding of historical tournament financials but also lays the groundwork for future policy analysis and community advocacy in youth sports.

Transcript Table – March 9, 2025 Entry (Organized by Sections)

The following table presents the cleaned and organized transcript from today's entry, divided into key sections for clarity and future scholarly use:

Transcript Section	Transcript Text
Introduction & Context	"Right. It's Professor Kay, and we're doing a little research for you. Triple assay in Oklahoma... I had manually created a database for years, 2016 through 2024 for the state of Oklahoma using public information from the Utah Policies website."
Historical Data Expansion	"I recognize a pattern within the URLs which allowed me to go back to 2001. Early events from 2001 were advertised without team entries, as they conducted their brackets on paper."
Data Processing & Event Extraction	"We're processing events: for example, an event from June 20th through 22nd in Sandy Springs, and now another from June 20th through 22nd in Norman, Oklahoma. I then execute a command statement to extract event and venue data for a state tournament in Stillwater, Oklahoma with 19 teams."
Command Script & Fee Calculations	"I input the command statement to generate structured data for tournament entry fees, team counts, computed fees (including a $250 gate fee, $75 sanction fee, etc.), and other financial metrics. This includes formulas for calculating team fees, Oklahoma team fees, event gate totals, and overall event net income."
Integration & Future Steps	"I have been working on correlating these numbers with previous studies, such as the $1.3 million discrepancy in tournament entry fees from 2016 to 2024. My plan is to apply these methods across multiple years and events to analyze trends, including a specific update for the Utah Plaza in Oklahoma."
Additional Updates & Final Remarks	"This is an update for March 9th as I continue to refine the extraction process. I also mention upcoming work on separate datasets for baseball and softball events, and my ongoing efforts to prepare for further stakeholder engagement and policy review."

Command Statements for USSSA Event Information

To further support the research process and add credibility to the methodology, the following three command statements have been developed. These commands are designed to extract and reformat USSSA event information into structured, researchable tables with professional header formats.

1. Tournament Entry Fee Command Statement

Command Statement:

"Extract and reformat the provided USSSA event information into a structured table with the following columns: ID (unique sequential identifier starting at 1), Event Information (e.g., 'Sep 06 -08 | Midwest City, OK' or 'Aug 23 | Choctaw, OK'), Event Host (e.g., 'BCM Sports' or 'Baseball Heaven'), Location (e.g., 'Shawnee', 'Seminole', 'Prague'), State (Oklahoma), Season (2025), Sport (Baseball), Event Name (e.g., '1st Annual Brian Crawford Memorial Tournament' or '17th Annual Brian Crawford Memorial'), Division (e.g., '14AA60/90', '10O', '11AA'), Entry Fee (if empty, set to $0.00), Start Date (e.g., '08/23/2014'), Stature (e.g., 'Qualifier', 'USSSA State', etc.), Teams Entered (e.g., '10'), Min.Game Guarantee (e.g., '3'), Team Fee (calculated as Entry Fee x Teams Entered), Oklahoma Team Fees (calculated as Teams Entered x $10.00), Team Gate Fee (set to $250.00), Event Gate Total (calculated as Teams Entered x Team Gate Fee), USSSA Event Sanction Fees (calculated as $75.00 divided by the highest ID number for this event), Facility (e.g., 'Brian Crawford Memorial Sports Complex', 'Baseball Heaven', 'Lions Club Ballfields'), Address (e.g., specific addresses), and Divisions assigned to this venue (list each with a comma separator)."

2. Tournament Teams 2025 Command Statement

Command Statement:

"Extract and reformat the provided USSSA event information into a structured table with the following columns: ID (unique sequential identifier starting at 1), Event Information (e.g., 'Sep 06 -08 | Shawnee, OK' or 'Aug 23 | Shawnee, OK'), Event Host (e.g., 'BCM Sports' or 'Baseball Heaven'), Location (e.g., 'Shawnee', 'Seminole', 'Prague'), State (Oklahoma), Season (2025), Sport (Baseball), Event Name (e.g., '1st Annual Brian Crawford Memorial Tournament' or '17th Annual Brian Crawford Memorial'), Division (e.g., '14AA60/90', '10O', '11AA'), Team Class (e.g., '13AAA', '6AA', '5OP'), Team Name (e.g., 'Oklahoma Braves' or 'Oklahoma Wolfpack'), State-City (e.g., 'Prague, OK' or 'Shawnee, OK'), Ranking Points (e.g., '450' or '781'), Power Rating (e.g., '1111' or '859'), In Class Record (e.g., '3-0' or '12-2'), Overall Record (e.g., '25-13-1' or '9-0'), and Start Date (e.g., '08/23/2014')."

3. Tournament Venue 2025 Command Statement

Command Statement:

"Extract and reformat the provided USSSA event information into a structured table with the following columns: ID (unique sequential identifier starting at 1), Event Information (e.g., 'Sep 06 -08 | Shawnee, OK' or 'Aug 23 | Shawnee, OK'), Event Host (e.g., 'BCM Sports' or 'Baseball Heaven'), Location (e.g., 'Shawnee', 'Seminole', 'Prague'), State (Oklahoma), Season (2025), Sport (Baseball), Event Name (e.g., '1st Annual Brian Crawford Memorial Tournament' or '17th Annual Brian Crawford Memorial'), Facility (e.g., 'Brian Crawford Memorial Sports Complex', 'Baseball Heaven', 'Lions Club Ballfields'), Address (e.g., specific addresses), and Divisions assigned to this venue (listed and separated by commas)."