

# My Own Prison: Advancing Youth Sports Financial Transparency – March 8, 2025

*Integrity of the Game vs Economic Impact (Politics); The Oklahoma Business Plan*

## Overview

On Saturday, March 8, 2025, I combined yesterday's and today's efforts to further the My Own Prison project. The focus was on creating a robust, integrated research database by developing a command script to import data from the United States Sports Specialty Association's Oklahoma repository. This new database will cover financial and operational information spanning 2001–2025 for various sports facilities affiliated with municipalities, tribal entities, and state organizations. Additionally, the entry revisits a critical case study centered on the Buck Thomas Sports Complex in Moore, Oklahoma, which revealed significant financial discrepancies in youth baseball and softball funding—discrepancies amounting to approximately \$1.3 million between 2016 and 2024. The ultimate goal is to support future policy development and community initiatives, including a business proposal for “Baseball Heaven” set to launch in 2027.

## Key Notes & Summaries

- **Data Integration & Command Script Development:**  
A command script is being developed to automate the import of extensive financial data, enabling the creation of a comprehensive database that spans over two decades. This effort will compare historical manual data with new AI-imported data.
- **Case Study & Historical Analysis:**  
The research revisits the Buck Thomas Sports Complex case study, which was instrumental in uncovering significant financial discrepancies in youth baseball and softball funding—approximately \$1.3 million between 2016 and 2024. Integrating these datasets will provide a clearer understanding of fiscal management trends in youth sports.
- **Stakeholder Engagement & Future Planning:**  
Plans include outreach to key community stakeholders and former colleagues to discuss findings and refine the research. These discussions will support the development of “Baseball Heaven,” a community initiative aimed at bolstering youth sports programs starting in 2027.
- **Personal Reflections & Community Impact:**  
The entry notes a moment of pride in witnessing Coach Bryce Crawford's first win, highlighting the potential positive outcomes of improved youth sports management and community support.

## In-Depth Analysis

- **Synthesis of Financial Data:**  
The integration of manual and AI-imported data promises to yield a more accurate and comprehensive analysis of financial trends. This approach is expected to inform future fiscal policies and community investment strategies in youth sports.
- **Policy and Operational Implications:**  
The findings from the integrated database may reveal systemic issues in financial management that could have broader implications for municipal, tribal, and state funding of sports facilities.

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- **Community Advocacy and Strategic Planning:**  
By consolidating historical financial records and leveraging stakeholder insights, the research lays the groundwork for a targeted community initiative (“Baseball Heaven”) aimed at creating sustainable opportunities in youth sports.

### Conclusion

The March 8, 2025 entry marks a significant advancement in the My Own Prison project. The development of a command script to import comprehensive financial data and the integration of historical case study insights—specifically from the Buck Thomas Sports Complex—are pivotal steps toward enhancing fiscal transparency and accountability in youth sports management. These efforts will not only inform future policy recommendations but also support strategic community initiatives designed to foster youth development and sports engagement.

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### Transcript Table – March 8, 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	Today is Saturday, March 8, 2025. I am combining yesterday’s and today’s work for this journal entry.
Command Script & Data Integration	I developed a command script to import data from the United States Sports Specialty Association’s Oklahoma repository. This data, spanning 2001 to 2025, will be used to create a research database covering financial and operational details for multiple sports facilities linked to municipalities, tribal affiliations, and state entities.
Case Study & Historical Research	The project builds on my previous research, particularly the Buck Thomas Sports Complex case study in Moore, Oklahoma, which has been instrumental in tracing significant financial discrepancies in youth baseball and softball funding totaling approximately \$1.3 million from 2016 to 2024. The integration of manually compiled data with new AI-imported data is intended to validate and expand these findings.
Future Policy & Business Proposal	My research is paving the way for a future policy study on youth baseball and softball in Oklahoma. I plan to launch a business proposal for “Baseball Heaven” in 2027, aimed at enhancing community youth sports programs.
Stakeholder Outreach & Community Impact	I will be meeting with key stakeholders, including representatives from the Farley Group, Jason Abbott, Neil Davis, Jeff Hawkins, Scott Givens, and Kenny Jorgensen, to discuss these findings. Additionally, I reflect on Coach Bryce Crawford’s first win, which reinforces my commitment to supporting youth sports initiatives.
Conclusion & Next Steps	My immediate goal is to finalize the integration of financial data and refine the command script. This will enable comprehensive cross-referencing with historical city minutes and support a detailed analysis of financial trends impacting youth sports.

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### Command Statements for USSSA Event Information

To further enhance the research process and add credibility to the analysis, 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

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