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# Silver Hawk Pride

## State Champions!

### Baseball 10's Capture USSSA Crown - by Ken Smith

The Bartlett Silver Hawks went 5-0 to win the USSSA 10 year old State Championship which in Champaign, IL. June 27-29. They qualified for the tournament by winning the Downers Grove Memorial Day tournament and winning the WSBF championship.

The Silver Hawks began pool play on Friday defeating the Heaters from Effingham, IL. 7-6, by scoring 3 runs in the bottom of the last inning. They then went on to beat the Warriors from Jacksonville, IL., 7-4, under the lights Friday night.

On Saturday, the Silver Hawks beat the Staunton, IL. Storm In a nail bitter 7-6, to complete pool play with a 3-0 record and earning the number two seed going into bracket play on Sunday.

In the semi- final game, the Silver Hawks fell

behind early to the Staunton Storm and trailed until the fourth inning when they scored 8 runs leading to a 14-8 victory. The win advanced them into the finals to face a strong Lockport Vipers team.

In their best game of the weekend, the Silver Hawks hit on all cylinders in a great team effort, using exceptional pitching, solid defense, and timely hitting to defeat Lockport 9-4 and win the State Championship.

The 10 year old Silver Hawk's players and coaches would like to thank the many sponsors, the Silver Hawk's organization, and the player's parents, family and friends for their dedication and undying support this season.

The Silver Hawks will take the impressive 24-4 record to Elmhurst on June 11-13 to play in their final tournament of the season.

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## Softball 14's *by Rob Call*

Timing is everything. The 14U softball team is peaking as they head into this weekend's ASA Chicago Metro "B" Championships.

The Silver Hawks defended their Geneva Firecracker Open Championship from 2007 with a third place finish after valiantly losing in the semi-finals 2-0 to the Northern Illinois Thunder. The Thunder is ranked second in Illinois among 14U teams according to the USSSA. The win for the Thunder avenged an earlier season 3-0 victory by Bartlett (N. Illinois' only blemish on their record) four weeks ago in Joliet.

The Silver Hawks finished the tournament with a stunning 7-3 win in international tie-breaker play over the Batavia Blue Devils during extra innings play for the third place finish.

Ending regulation play tied 2-2, Bartlett's **Alex Etzel** (run, BB, RBI) scored from third base in the 7th inning on an RBI single by **Kaylyn Zierke** (hit, run) giving the Silver Hawks a 3-2 edge. **Jennifer Konchar** (2 hits, R, BB, 3 RBI) blew the game open with a three-run homer to left-center scoring **Andreana Taormina** (hit, run) and Zierke for

a commanding 6-2 lead. A single by **Emily Bell** (run) followed Konchar's blast (her fourth HR on the season). A wild pitch moved Bell to second. An out and a walk by **Allyson Peters** (R, Hit, three BB) and a ground-out moved Bell to third with two outs. **KT Kembitzky** laced an RBI single to the outfield scoring Bell for the Silver Hawks final run. Bartlett allowed one run in the bottom of the seventh sealing the victory and third place.

The Silver Hawks went 4-2 on the weekend losing 4-0 to Batavia Friday in pool play for their only other loss on the weekend. Wins over Geneva Red (12-0), Geneva Blue (9-1), and the Dekalb Hurricanes (6-0) set the table for the semi-final match-up with the Thunder.

The Silver Hawks travel to Vernon Hills Friday July 11 beginning play in ASA Metro's. Bartlett has a 9-3 record in their last 12 games and a 22-13-2 record for the year. The ASA Metro Championship features 24 of the top teams in the Chicago area. The Silver Hawks are currently ranked 10th in Illinois according to the USSSA 14U "B" power rankings system.

## Baseball 22's *by Rick Newton*

A June 26 rematch with the first place Crystal Lake Cardinals proved to be another competitive game, but this time the Silver Hawks fell just short, losing 4-2. **Quinn Bell** went the distance for the Hawks, scattering 7 hits. Three runs in the in the 5th and 6th innings erased the Hawk's early lead. **Ryan Kellner** (2-4, SB) scored both Bartlett runs and **Chris Thomas** (1-3, Sac. Fly) had both RBI's.

A June 28th double header with the Chicago Americans was short on highlights, as the team was beaten convincingly, 15-2 and 11-2. **Kyle Motz** smacked a solo HR in the opener and **Ryan Schrader** continued with his hot bat in Game 2 with a double that drove in **Vinnie Campagna** who had also doubled.

The Hawks travelled to Waubensee CC in Sugar Grove to face North Aurora on July 1 and generated enough timely offense to complement

**Scott Newton's** 4-hit/5K pitching effort and earn a 6-1 victory. Creating the offense were **Ryan Walker** (2-4, 3B, RBI, 2R), **Scott Ortega** (1-4, SB,R), **Adam Baran** (1-3, R), Schrader (1-2), Thomas (1-2), Newton (Scott) (1-2), Campagna (1-3), **Shane Newton** (1-3, R, 2 SB), **Mark Kengott** (R, SB), and **Steve Skorburg** (1-3).

The hot hitting continued on July 6 as the team hosted the Elgin Rippers and belted out 10 runs on 14 hits. **Kyle Smith** gained the win on the mound with a 10-7 victory. Ortega showed some power in the leadoff position, going 2-5 with a 2-run HR. Thomas also went deep with a 3-run shot in the 1st - his 2nd dinger of the year. Schrader remained on fire at the plate, going 3-3 and reaching base all 5 times at bat. Also gathering 2 hits were Baran and Campagna. Newcomer **John Dicus** made his presence felt with a 2-2 and 2-walk performance at the plate.

## Softball 16's *by Brad Dennison*

After a great opening tournament in Kankakee the team moved on to Oak Lawn another ASA Qualifier. In the opening game against the Elmwood Park Lady Tigers the Silver Hawks offense ignited to score 10 runs on 15 hits. The leading hitters were **Callie Dennison** .750, **Elizabeth Kay** .750, and **Megan Morales** .666. The winning pitcher was **Victoria Perez**.

Game two was against the Synergy. This was a very tight game with the Silver Hawks pulling out the victory in the bottom half of the last inning. Down 2-1 coming into their final at bat Perez stepped to the plate leading off the inning with a single. This was followed up with a sacrifice bunt by **Melissa Rieger**. The tying scored off an error to the third basemen followed by the game winning hit off the bat of **Kayla Oranger**.

The bats came alive again slamming the Slammers for seven runs while only allowing them the chance to score twice. This ended up being the final game of the tournament as the remaining games were cancelled due to rain. The tournament awarded us 5<sup>th</sup> place on a point system. Everyone was disappointed to not be able to play out the tournament.

The next weekend found the team in Hodgkins, Illinois. The first game was against the Iliana Royals. The Silver Hawks played a great game but lost this opener 2-0 with the team never getting the offense rolling. The second game was against the Rockers, then the Cats and finally the host team the LT Blazers. With **Elyse Nelson**, **Perez**, **Erica Maisto** and **Dennison** on the mound the team did not give up any more runs in the tournament and beating their opponents 7-0, 4-0 and 13-0. We were all looking forward to the final games being played on Sunday however these games were also cancelled due to weather. This tournament allowed the Hawks to secure first place and a bid to nationals based on giving up no runs in the elimination round of play and outscoring out opponents 24-0.

The next weekend found them in Elgin playing the first National Qualifier of the season. The first game pitted us against a strong Rocker OZ team. Behind the pitching of **Dennison** and the strong offense of the Silver Hawks, they won 6-2. with **Nelson** batting 3-3, **Morales** and **Concetta Lampugnano** batting .500, and **Elizabeth Kay** .333. The second game found us facing a good playing and hitting team, **Quest**, and this

found us falling short 7-3. This was a disappointment, but the team had to regroup and prepare for one of the strongest challenges of the season, a rematch with **DD Rockers** including their starting **Purdue** freshman pitcher and the well known **Michelle Batts** of **Glenbard North** and **Northwestern University** fame.

The Silver Hawks played a good game losing to this very strong team but we played them strong and facing pitching of this caliber is exactly the type of competition that **Coach Dennison** wants his team to play. With our team scoring two runs behind two hits each from **Dennison** and **Oranger** were an accomplishment in itself. After the game, **Rzegocki** the **Rockers/Purdue** pitcher sought out **Callie** to compliment her on her hitting both a single and triple. The tournament ended playing the **Barrington High School** summer team, the **Barrington Hurricanes** and beating them 5-1. Strong hitting from the entire team with **Dennison** 3-3, **Oranger** 2-3 and **Nelson** 2-3 helped to end this tournament on a strong showing.

Many years ago when I first started coaching softball the **Sycamore Tournament** was a strong qualify tournament that a young start up team dreamed of doing well in and just making to **Sunday**. In this tournament only the strongest survive to make it to **Sunday** play. Now behind an older and more experienced team I was hoping that we were up to the challenge. The first game pitted us against the host team the **KV Storm**. Our bats exploded in this first game with **Dennison** (.666), **Oranger** (.500), **Kay** (.666), **Nelson** (.500), **Rachael Anello** (.333), **Tia Filishio** (.333) and **Brittany Priest** (.666) allowing us to score 9 runs and the **Storm** only were able to score once. This was due to the strong pitching performance of **Nelson**.

In **Game 2**, we were very short staffed and we fell 4-3 to the strong experienced **Naperville Diamonds**. Everyone on our team was hoping for a rematch in the championship round but this rematch was not going to be played until the next tournament one week later. Our final pool game was against the **Elgin Heat** that has been a long established travel program. The powerful offense of the **Silver Hawks** and pitching of **Victoria Perez** put us on top of the **Elgin Heat** 13-0. The next day the first game would determine if you were to move on to championship play or drop down to the consolation bracket. (Cont. Pg. 4)

## Softball 18's *by Brad Dennison*

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The first game was against a solid Marengo Muddogs team playing us hard but we were able to outscore them 4-1. Seeing a team the caliber of the Muddogs drop to consolation was difficult knowing that they are a good competitor. Immediately following the Muddogs, the next game found us against another long established team the Oak Park Huskies. Scouting them proved that they were a worthy opponent and nothing could be taken for granted. In a pitchers duel that

lasted 5 innings with the Silver Hawks finally scoring 2 runs in the 6<sup>th</sup> allowed us to take them 2-0. This was a hard fought game. An observant Kay noticed that their leadoff hitter was wearing metal spikes. After a lead off double in the 4<sup>th</sup> inning a requested check of her equipment found her in violation of ASA rules. This cost the Oak Park Huskies the double, an out and the ejection of one of their best players. This victory found us moving on to Sunday play. (Cont. on Pg. 8)

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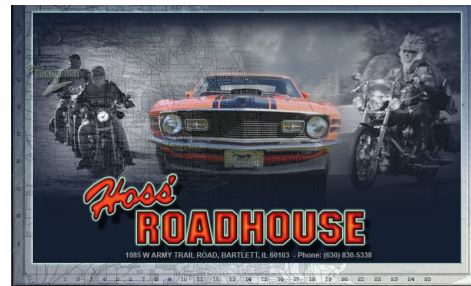
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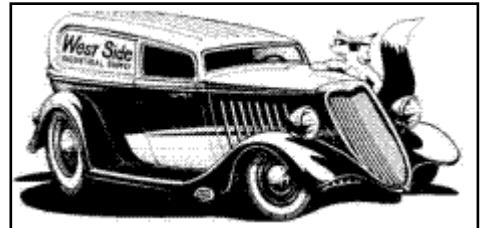
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- July, It's National ...
  - Baked Beans Month
  - Blueberry Month
- July 4 - Independence Day
- July 10 - Wyoming becomes 44th state (1890)
- July 15 - Cow Appreciation Day
- July 16 - District of Columbia est. (1790)
- July 17 - Disneyland opened, 1955
- July 20 - Ice Cream Day
- July 21 - National Hot Dog Day
- July 27 - Parent's Day
- July 30 - Casey Stengel's Birthday

## Softball 18's by Brad Dennison

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The first game was against the Vernon Hills Stingers. The last time we faced this team was in Wauconda two years ago. We won that game 2-1 in the bottom of the 7<sup>th</sup> off a two run walk off homer by Kay. She did not remember this and I was not sure that the Stingers did but Coach Dennison did. The home runs did not end in the last tournament as Dennison hit a lead off home run in the sixth inning. With strong hitting from Dennison, Kay, Nelson, Maisto and Perez we soundly beat them 5-0.

This win found us in the championship game. We were facing our friends, the DuPage Diamond Dawgs and Lauren Wydra. With Wydra on the mound the powerful Silver Hawks offense

was up against a very worthy opponent. The Silver Hawks were able to scratch out two runs and only gave up one run to the Diamond Dawgs. Game saving plays were made by many players in a game of this type but Rieger throwing out a runner at third from right field, Lampugnano and Priest making game saving catches in the outfield were exceptionally noteworthy. This victory was the second first place of the season but the first one that we actually played to the championship game. This victory also secured us another bid to the Northern National tournament but even better this bid was a paid bid. Coming in second place in a tournament of this level of competition speaks well of this Silver Hawk team and its players.

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