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# Silver Hawk Pride



**Our Motto**  
*Building Character,  
Developing Athletes,  
Serving the Community*

## Silver Hawk Character - It's Not Just a Motto - It's Alive, Well, and Growing

The Bartlett Silver Hawks feature character as an essential attribute for their players and coaches - whether it's individual conversations between a coach and player, a new monthly mini-bio at our website, in our newsletter, in a team huddle, or at a community event. It is an understatement to say that was very evident in a recent email from Silver Hawk alum Maggie Kotche, a sophomore at Illinois Wesleyan University. In the email to Silver Hawk president, Rick Newton, Maggie wrote:

"During high school, being a Silver Hawk not only gave me the opportunity to play softball, but it also helped show me the immense impact you can make in a person's life. I have many great memories from my years with the Silver Hawks, but the one that stands out the most for me was participating in the Christmas Party with Central Dupage Hospital and delivering presents to the children in the pediatric oncology department.

Seeing the children's faces light up not only because they were receiving gifts, but also because there were other people somewhat close to their age visiting. At first when I volunteered to deliver presents I thought it was going to be very depressing seeing all the sick children. I could not have been more wrong.

After sitting, doing crafts, and talking with some of the children, I realized how happy and cheerful they were. They showed me how much hope a person can have even in some of the darkest situations. This first visit to CDH delivering presents encouraged me to help as many of these children as possible.

I always knew I wanted to work in the health care field, but after the visit, I decided I wanted to be a pediatric oncology nurse. I am currently a sophomore in the nursing program at Illinois Wesleyan University, and I can't wait for the day when I graduate and

can go back to the pediatric oncology units and help the children who showed me how to be hopeful. Thanks to the Silver Hawks organization, I know what I want to do in my life, and I have great determination to achieve my goals."

Editor's Note: If there was ever an example of why our newsletter is entitled "Silver Hawk Pride", this email from Maggie says it all. We all know that baseball and softball are games - opportunities to have fun; develop athletic skills, knowledge, and sportsmanship; and to even possibly enhance opportunities for college and beyond.

But Bartlett Silver Hawks baseball/softball purposely goes a step further. It provides an experience that blends the game with a simultaneous focus on building character, no matter whether it is on the field or off. Offering opportunities to clean the parkways of an adopted community street, donate gifts to and assist pediatric oncology/hematology patients at the annual Central DuPage Hospital Christmas party, or attending games with the CDH patients - the intent is to open the eyes and broaden the exposure for our young players.

Maggie Kotche is one of many accomplished Silver Hawk players and alumni - and she exemplifies Silver Hawk character and pride with the best of them. Thank you, Maggie - you have made us all very proud!!!

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# Play Ball!

## Softball 14U

The 14U softball team has focused on fundamentals since the team was formed last Fall. With a core of five players returning from the squad that placed in the top 25 at USSSA nationals.

Youth may be the key to the season, as three of the 12 players are in seventh grade and will be relied upon heavily to contribute, according to manager Rob Call. "Our philosophy is and always has been build a strong foundation and allow the team to grow. Minimizing our errors and maximizing the opponents while applying pressure early and often. The younger players have great experience in travel sports. They're also extremely competitive," Call stated. "We started to make tremendous progress at the end of the Fall season. Our pitching has come along nicely and we have a strong core of capable hitters. Last Fall we struggled with one bad inning defensively in several games, which was to be expected when a team first starts playing together."

Preparation started last August for the '09 Summer season with tryouts, then three tournaments spread through Sep-

tember and October. After two months off, the team began a six week stretch of weekly indoor practices in January '08. "The indoor practices hopefully helped prepare the high school girls for tryouts and allowed the younger players practice time. Every minute we spend together as a team helps us improve. Getting us closer to being one cohesive unit. We have tremendous group. I'm extremely pleased with what I've seen. I believe we'll surprise a few teams this summer. Our team is completely different than it was when we completed tryouts. With continued hard work and dedication we'll raise a few eyebrows come July!" Call exclaimed.

"We had a great turnout every week and it showed with all the girls making high school teams. Kelsey Johnson made Streamwood HS varsity as a freshman, which is a tremendous accomplishment. Kelsey has that competitive nature you simply can't teach, and I'm sure the varsity coach saw that.

Jennifer Konchar (West Chicago), Alex Etzel (Bartlett) and Allyson Peters (Bartlett) made freshman teams at their re-

spective schools, but they're all JV caliber players any day of the week! It's just a matter of a numbers game. I prefer seeing them get a ton of playing time and get as many at bats preparing for the summer. We also had Mercedes Johnson (St. Charles East) injure her pitching wrist just before tryouts, so once she's healed the coach has promised her a tryout, " Call concluded.

Andreana Taormina, Kellee Conquest, Emily Bell, Melanie Gajewski, KT Kembitzky, Amanda Williams and Kaylyn Zierke complete the 14U roster.

The Silver Hawks will join forces with the 14U Bartlett Hawks playing 10-15 practice games in April and May allowing the non-high school players to stay sharp preparing for the Summer season!

The 14U Silver Hawks will be vying for a spot in the ASA Northern Nationals in Springfield, Missouri at the end of July playing in eight tournaments leading up to the national tourney July 30-August 3!

## Baseball 13U Black

With the indoor training season coming to an end this week, the 13U Black team is looking for some warmer weather so they can get the true season started.

Opening day for the 13U Black team is scheduled for April 12th at home. With 9 returning players and the addition of 3 new recruits, the team is looking to build upon last years

first season in travel as 12-year olds. All of the kids are excited about pushing the limits in the WSBL as an 'A' level team along with 5 travel tournaments. Thanks for all of our sponsors support - we couldn't do it without your help!

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## Baseball 14U Black

### “Play Ball”

The 14U Black Silver Hawks are ready to here those words! This team has practiced hard for long hours indoors and had only a few opportunities to practice outside. They are, however, ready for the April 14<sup>th</sup> opener.

They will host the Streamwood Sidewinders on April 14<sup>th</sup> at

6:00 PM at Trails End in Bartlett. The coaches are pleased with the progress that has been made during the winter workouts. The boys have worked hard and it shows. All indications are that this solid defensive group will also be quite explosive offensively.

On behalf of the coaches and all of the players we would like to thank all of our generous

sponsors! And fans, don't be afraid of the cold - I have a sneaky suspicion that the excitement that will be created by this group of talented young men will keep you warm. I would however suggest a warm jacket. Stay tuned to our web site - our full schedule will be posted very soon!

See you at the park,  
Coach John

## Baseball 22U

The 22U team welcomes the addition of Judson University catcher and first baseman, Brett Ehrlich. Brett is a 2005 Bartlett HS grad. Also recently added to the roster, is pitcher Brendan Svenonius, who will play with Judson in 2009. Brendan is a 2006 grad from

Elk Grove HS and is currently playing for Harper College.

The summer league schedule is almost completed and currently features 18 league and at least 7 non-league games - more non-league games are anticipated. The team will also

play in the CABA world series at Trout Park from July 18-24.

Silver Hawk fans should get plenty of opportunities to watch this team, as they will play at least 23 of their 33+ games at Trout Park this summer.

## Baseball 14U Green

### *Kick off KCBL and Tournament Season in April*

The Bartlett Silver Hawks Green 14U team kicks off its season at the Wasco Wildcats Preseason Tournament April 11-13. The tournament features the DuPage Diamondbacks, Crystal Lake Cyclones, Lake in the Hills Thunder, DC Lightning, and the Wasco Wildcats. It will be a pool play format. After the tournament they will begin their Kane County Bronco League (KCBL) season with the Batavia Gold and then West Chicago the week of the 14th.

The KCBL will be very tough this season as they are in the upper tier of teams based on last season's performance. On April 17-20, they will be at the Streamwood Early Bird Tournament at Hoosier Park and Rahlf Woods. This will be a

five game round robin tourney and will feature the Norridge Giants, Yorkville Reds, Wheatland Ducks Green, Batavia Bulldogs, and Racine-Erickson. This should get us tournament tough for the upcoming season. We finish the month of April with KCBL games against Glenside, DuPage, Warrenville and Geneva White. We will also be playing in five more tournaments.

May 2-4 Wasco Dragon Invitational  
June 6-8 St Charles Summer Slam  
June 20-22 Golden Dome Showdown in South Bend  
July 11-13 Cheesehead Challenge in Racine  
July 23-27 Midwest Nationals in Schaumburg

The team looks ready to play and is very eager to get outside and begin practice on a baseball field. Hopefully the weather

will help us out soon. The team will also have the privilege of playing at Elfstrom Stadium, home of the Kane County Cougars, on Sunday June 29<sup>th</sup> against the Fox Valley Spartans. This should be a great day at the ballpark for the players and families.

Also congratulations to Adam Gagnon for making the High Scholl team at Driscoll Catholic and Max Slizewski for making the High School team at St Edwards. Both played on the Silverhawk Green 13U team last season. We wish you good luck and hit it hard! Thank you to all of our sponsors for making this season happen.

Dave Negrete - Manager, Silverhawks Green 14U

# Play Ball!

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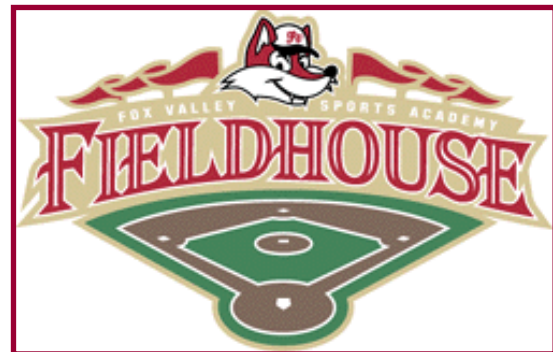


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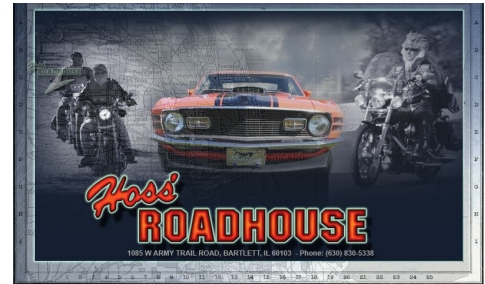
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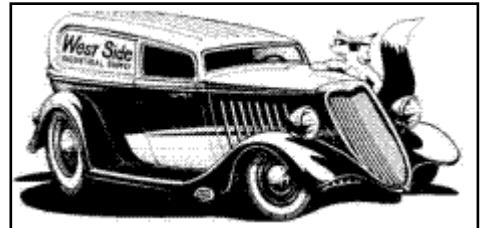
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

## Noteworthy Dates in April

- Apr. 1 - April Fool's Day
- Apr. 9 - Winston Churchill Day
- Apr. 10 - Golfer's Day
- Apr. 11 - Jackie Robinson Day
- Apr. 15 - IRS Gotcha Day
- Apr. 15 - 1st McDonalds Opens, 1955
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