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14U Softball Slams into Season Strong Showing in ASA National Qualifier

The Silver Hawks 14U softball team started its tournament season in strong fashion going 4-2 on the weekend with their only losses coming at the hands of the first and second place teams in the Lisle Memorial Day ASA Northern National qualifier. The 4-2 mark placed the Silver Hawks in the top 8 in the field of 24 teams.

Bartlett started the weekend with a 9-1 trouncing of the Barrington Blast. The stellar pitching of **Alex Etzel** allowed the Silver Hawks batters to swing comfortably tallying nine hits and eight walks while striking out just four times at the plate in six innings.

Ally Peters scored first for Bartlett in the second inning on an RBI double by **Melanie Gajewski**. Peters led off the inning with a walk and advanced to second on a fielder's choice grounder by **Mandy Williams**. "Advancing the runner that early in the game is huge," manager Rob Call said. "We try and teach the girls the small things all add up in a game. Bunting, hitting the other way, whatever it takes to move the runners. Mandy's ground ball to the right side of the infield allowed Ally to get into scoring position and potentially score on anything hit to the outfield. Gajewski's (1-for-3 double, RBI) double laced into left field for the games first run.

Bartlett added two runs in the third inning, scoring both runs with two outs. **Kaylyn Zierke** (1-for-3, 2R, BB, RBI) and **Jennifer Konchar** (1-for-3, 2R, BB) started the rally with back-to-back singles and **Emily Bell** (2-for-3, 2B, 4RBI) cracked a thundering 2RBI double over the center-fielders head. Four runs in the fifth inning and two more in the sixth ended the scoring, after Bartlett yielded one run in the sixth inning. **Andreana Taormina** (1-for-3, R, BB, SB), Zierke, Etzel and Konchar scored in the fifth. Taormina and Zierke scored on line-drive single by Bell

and Konchar and Etzel came across on wild pitches. **KT Kembitzky** and Etzel again scored in the sixth - KT on an RBI single by Taormina and Etzel on a sacrifice fly to center field by Zierke.

Bartlett won their second pool play game Saturday 5-3 against a valiant Aurora Raiders squad in five innings. Bell (2-for-2, 2R, 2 doubles) and Peters (0-for-1, BB, R) got Bartlett on the board first in the second inning on unearned runs after wild pitches and errors. Bartlett managed just six hits but aggressive base running by Taormina (2 steals, 1-for-2, R, BB) kept Aurora off balance. Etzel again shined; yielding just five paltry hits, fanning seven and giving up two earned runs.

The third pool play game saw Bartlett fall 9-3 to eventual tourney champion Streamwood Magic 9-3 in five innings. "We learned a lot in that game," Call said. "We had no subs and everyone got to play the whole game. Playing with just nine players isn't something we'll do again. We had one on vacation and two had to attend graduations. No excuses we definitely played poorly. We hit a quality pitcher all game but just couldn't knock in the runners at the same pace. Leaving 10 runners on base is not a good winning strategy. Learning from each game is what we're about. Zierke, Williams, and Kembitzky each had two hits. While Peters, Konchar, Bell, and Gajewski added one each.

Single elimination play started Sunday at 8am. Bartlett trounced the Woodridge Wildcats 8-0 in a complete team win. According to Call, "Every player contributed. It can be challenging to get everyone in a game when it's single elimination. There's more pressure to execute and each player did amazing."

The Silver Hawks jumped to a quick 5-0 lead in the first inning. (Cont. on Pg. 2)

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Lead-off sensation Taormina (1-for-1, 2BB 2R, 3SB) ignited Bartlett with a walk, stolen base and scored easily on a double by Zierke. After Konchar walked, Bell followed with an RBI single. Peters plated Konchar with a sharp RBI single to center field. A sacrifice bunt by Gajewski advanced Bell and Peters to second and third. Bell scored on a RBI ground-out by Williams.

Another run in the second made it 6-0 Bartlett and set the stage for a fifth inning textbook finish. Bell led off with yet another double. Peters drilled an RBI single to the outfield. Two wild pitches advanced Peters to third. Setting the stage for Kellee Conquest who executed a crucial bunt, scoring Peters from third. Call stated "Kellee stepped up her game big time for us there. That was an amazing show a determination. Kellee has progressed so much during the winter and spring practices. I'm extremely proud of her efforts and ability to assume a critical pinch-hitting role. That run allowed us to finish the game early by mercy rule, allowing our starting pitcher Alex (Etzel) to rest more for the second game Sunday. That was an amazing bunt by Kellee, and she was safe at first too!" Peters, Bell and Zierkie each led Bartlett with two hits in the victory.

Bartlett fell 8-2 in the quarterfinals to eventual second place finisher host, the Lisle Slammers. Etzel had a two-RBI double in the fourth inning bringing Bartlett to within 3-2. The Silver Hawks

got no closer giving up runs in each of the last three innings and falling 8-2. **Mercedes Johnson** did kept Bartlett close for five innings holding Lisle to five runs on four hits. The Slammers exploded for three runs on four hits and two walks in the sixth inning, when the game was called as the 90 minute time limit expired. For the game Johnson struck out six batters, allowing eight hits, walking six and allowed 6 earned runs. "Mercedes did a nice job against a solid team. Lisle is a good hitting team and she kept them guessing for four innings," Call said. "The final two innings Lisle started swinging more aggressively at border pitches and did a nice job of finding gaps in our defense."

The weekend was a barometer of where the 14U softball squad is to start the season, according to Call. "If you would have told me we'd score 37 runs in six games this early, I'd question your knowledge of softball," Call asserted. "Teams just don't score like we did this early in the season. Our coaching staff preaches that defense wins. We don't want to rely on piling on the runs. This weekend proved to me one thing: NEVER underestimate a group of determined young ladies. They taught their coaches a lesson," he boasted. "Hopefully we can do the same in Joliet next weekend".

Bartlett travels to Joliet on May 31 and June 1 for the 9th Annual USSSA Heritage State Championship.

Baseball 13U Black

Take 4th Place at Racine Tourney

After dodging rain drops for a few weeks, the 13 U team finally got some games in. We traveled to Racine Wi. for our first tourney and played at full field dimensions(60'6" mound 90' bases) for the first time this year. The boys played great baseball winning 2 out of 3 games and finishing fourth out of twelve teams. We did suffer another injury in the tournament though, Ryan Karrick fractured his arm in a tag attempt on a steal. With all of the injuries and rain outs the boys have stuck together as a team and picked up thier play. Next up is 8 games in 9 days the first week of June.

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hit.

That players shall sacrifice their body
in order to make the play.
Players forget about their looks,
dirt, grass stains, and bruises are in style.

The players wait in anxiety,
Not knowing where the ball might be hit.
Then there's a ring of a bat.
Scrambling defense becomes a wall,
not allowing the ball to get past.
The ball races out into the field.
The players react on instinct alone.

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or their worst enemy.

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the passion and the desire.

The players are not weak,
for their life is softball.



Love the Game

Silver Hawk Picture Day - June 17th

At Apple Orchard Pavilion

(Times posted at www.bartlettsilverhawks.com)

Baseball 14 Green

Getting Ready for the St Charles Summer Slam

Bartlett IL – The Green 14U team is getting ready for their next tournament at the St. Charles Summer Slam June 5-8 at the Eastside Complex. The team has been playing .500 baseball since their tourney win at Streamwood in mid April.

Inconsistent fielding has been a hinder to putting together a winning streak thus far with this year's squad. Hitting has been a highlight as **Brendan Eisenbraun** had a two homer night against an undefeated Wheaton Red team and **Jake Buhman** added a dinger against Glenside. New comers **Mitch Wojtowicz and Tommy Asa** have been hitting well above .500 and been bright spots on the team this season. **Adam Gagnon** is back after catching for the freshman team at Driscoll Catholic this spring and will be

the a nice addition behind the plate for the Green team the rest of the way. **Mark Hyzy** has also played some solid defense and has sacrificed at bats by hitting to the right side and advancing runners which usually goes unnoticed.

An early arm injury to shortstop **Ryan Starks** has left a void in the pitching rotation and limited Ryan's play at shortstop where he was slated to start the season. Ryan is healing quickly and should be back full strength very soon.

The team has also added an additional tournament July 18-20 in Lombard at a wood bat tourney.

Softball 18's

Freshman Year College Softball for Elyse Nelson

~Silver Hawk Elyse Nelson provides some insight about her softball season as a college freshman at University of Wisconsin Stevens Point ~

Due to a cold and wet winter, the Pointers had a season that was full of rain outs and snow outs. In total there were eight games that were canceled due to weather conditions, but hey, I guess that's softball in Wisconsin. The Pointers had an overall record of 24-11 and came in 4th in conference. UW-Oshkosh (32-11) finished third in the conference and won the conference tournament. UW-Whitewater (39-11) finished second in the conference and went on to play in the NCAA Softball Championship, in Salem, VA, against UW-Eau Claire. The UW-Eau Claire Blugolds (36-11), who finished first in the conference, won the NCAA DIII Softball Championship, with Whitewater as the runner-up.

With my first season of college softball under my belt, I felt that college was very different from my high school experience. Personally I felt that college was more physically demanding than high school, mostly because all of our

games were doubleheaders. I started at first base and batted 6th in the line-up and finished the season batting .290, with 3 homeruns. All of the girls on the team were great, and the seniors really set an example to the younger ones what college softball was all about. I look forward to next year and improving my game this summer.



Where Do the Silver Hawks Eat After a Game?



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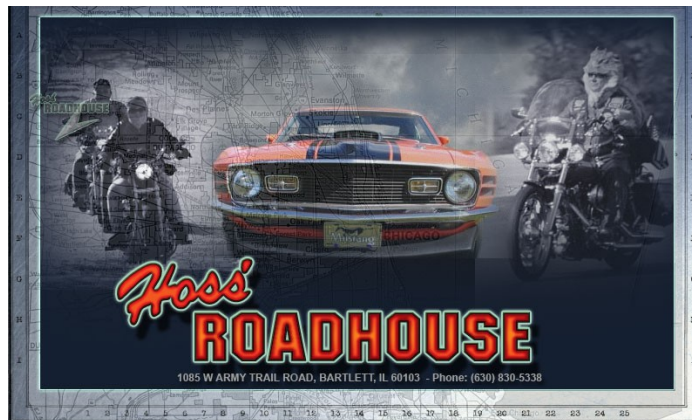
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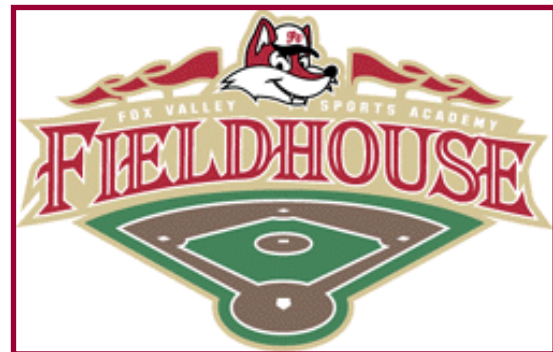


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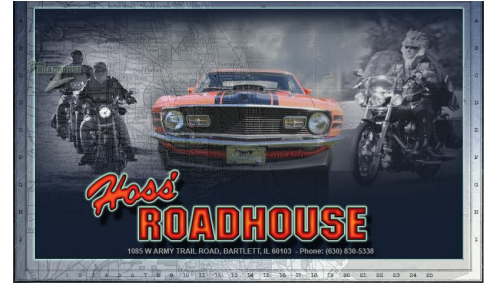
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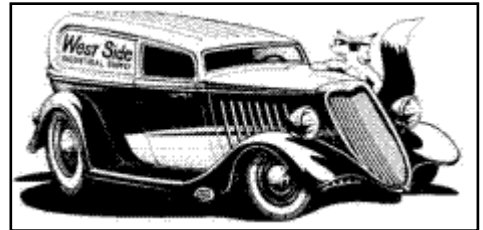
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- June 2 - Radio Patented, 1896
- June 6 - D-Day - Allied Invasion of Europe, 1944
- June 6 - Larry Lujack's Birthday
- June 12 - Baseball invented, 1839
- June 14 - Flag Day, USA
- June 15 - Father's Day
- June 17 - Silver Hawks Picture Day - Apple Orchard Pavilion
- June 20 - Ice Cream Soda Day
- June 21 - First Day of Summer
- June 24 - UFO Day
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- June 26 - Toothbrush invented, 1498
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