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# Silver Hawk Pride

## BB 10's - Inaugural Season Summary

- by Joe Miceli

Quite a few things come to mind when reviewing the Bartlett 10U 2009 Season.

First off, it was a "wet" season. Many games were washed away in what will be remembered as a very wet spring and summer. The next thing that comes to mind is our youth and building for the future. The 10U team had some very young players that took the leap from Little League to Travel ball. The boys jumped at the chance to lead off, run longer bases and swing the "big sticks". A few boys in particular stood out this past spring...

**Derek "Special K" Kumerow and Danny Malin** provided speed on offense and defense. They were dual threats to steal a base or steal a hit from an opposing batter.

**Christopher Lisle and Nick Miceli** were our resident inning stoppers on the mound. Chris routinely was taking out the opposing batters as he would calmly continue to throw strike after strike. Nick would come in and close down the games.

**Billy "Bear" Finn** was our leading hitter and a standout at first base. Two other boys, **Curtis Chrouser and Rory Lipinski** worked consistently at catcher and third base providing stellar defense throughout the year. We also had tough play from **Joey Zaccardi, Brandon Berg, Kellen Cullitan and Vanshon Lindsey**.

Highlights of our year were a near upset of the top seed in the WSBL league tournament where upon opposing Coaches asked the game to be called for "time" while our team had the bases loaded in the last inning. The team also competed in a tournament in Geneva where Kumerow and Finn had dueling "out of the park" homers. But,

the absolute highest point of the season came in the Bensenville Bulldog Wood Bat tournament. With only 9 of our boys available to play, two of our top players missing, the team of 9 BEAT the top seed in the tournament in the bottom of the sixth inning by stealing home in an 8-7 come from behind victory. It was the highlight of the year for **Alec Wolff**. The Coaches, Parents and team stormed the field. It was a win no one will ever forget.

This core group of boys is excited about the new addition of four new players to the team for 2010. The 2010 11U team will include **Shane Donovan, Scott Reudel, Zachary Nykiel, Christopher Harding, and Jake Miller**. Everyone can't wait until "Play Ball" is announced in the Spring of 2010.

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## Softball 16U-Call Place 5th at USSSA Nationals

- by Rob Call

The Bartlett Silver Hawks-CALL 16U softball team placed 5<sup>th</sup> at the 16U USSSA Nationals in Shawnee, Kansas July 20-26.

The Silver Hawks went 6-3 on the week before losing Saturday 2-1 in a nail-biter to Omaha (Nebraska) Suburban Pride. Bartlett trailed 2-0 entering the 7<sup>th</sup> inning, but as was the case the entire season the Silver Hawks valiantly fought back.

Catcher **Kaylyn Zierke** laced a single to right field, and advanced to second on a wild pitch. A controversial call caused outfielder KT Kembitzky to be called out for interference while running in foul territory to first on a bunt attempt, Zierke advanced to third on the play. Pitcher **Lauren Thresh** next belted a single to right field scoring Zierke. Two consecutive strikeouts ended the come-back.

The 5<sup>th</sup> place finish was the best finish by any 16U Illinois team in a national tourney in 2009. Bartlett finished the season 36-14-2, with eight top five placements in 11 tourneys.

Bartlett opened the nationals week with pool play victories over Brookfield, Mo (7-0), Minnesota state champions SnoCats (8-7). The Silver Hawks suffered a 1-0 loss (Quest-Topeka Kansas) in their final pool game. Bartlett still managed the #1 seed.

Wins over Minnesota Irish (5-3) and Patriots Fastpitch -Missouri- (6-4) placed Bartlett into the field of final 12 teams.

Bartlett suffered a 6-3 loss to Lakeville (Minnesota) on Friday July 24<sup>th</sup>, committing 5 errors and giving up three unearned runs to the eventual National Champions. The Silver Hawks followed the loss with wins over Shawnee (Kansas) Indians (10-1) and Quakes Red -Nebraska (1-0). Highlighting the victory over the Quakes Red was a towering 240-foot home run by first baseman **Emily Bell** in the third inning. The blast proved to be the decisive blow in Bartlett's 1-0 win. Bartlett lost to the Suburban Pride in their next game.

"We battled all week," coach Rob Call said. "Our performance at Nationals was indicative of our season. We never quit. Going 4-2 against the top 12 teams this week was a statement. We can play with ANY team ANY day. I'm very proud of the girls. They each did it the right way: Having fun and always respecting each other! It was the best example of a true team. No single player more important than another. All equal."

Bartlett's Bell went 13-for-30 on the week earning her a spot on the ALL-WORLD team for nationals. Zierke had 10 hits and Outfielder **Tiffany Rawlinson** added six hits (2 doubles and 5 RBI). **Andreana Taormina** (6 runs scored) sparked the offense with a .320 on-base percentage (7 stolen bases) pressuring opponents all week. Outfielder's **Kristin Nicioli** (two doubles, 3 RBI) and **Melanie Gajewski** (6 hits) balanced the offensive attack. **Tina Giralama** added five hits while **Alex Santilli** had three RBI in the tourney-opening win. **Mandy Williams'** 2 RBI bunt in the 6-4 win over the Patriots proved to be the difference in that win.

Pitchers Lauren Thresh (49 strikeouts) and **Alicia Salata** (18 strikeouts) proved to be a dynamic duo on the mound, yielding an average of just 1.66 earned runs per game at Nationals, while each had three wins. "We're fortunate to have two dominant number one pitchers," Call said. "Both pitchers can also hit as they reminded me all season. They combined for 9 hits and five RBI at Nationals," stated Call.

In addition to the stellar national performance Bartlett won the 16U "A" USSSA state title going 5-0 on July 18<sup>th</sup> in Rockford. The Silver Hawks added a 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Geneva, and a pair of 4<sup>th</sup> place trophies in state tourneys in Mattoon (June 12<sup>th</sup>) and Rockford (July 11<sup>th</sup>).

# SB 18-Dennison Season Summary

- by Brad Dennison

This was an exciting year for the members of the 2008/2009 Silver Hawk Dennison team and players. We had a very successful fall season playing a number of college exposure tournaments and finishing first in the Cats Northern National Qualifier the first weekend in November. Individual player achievements included **Kayla Oranger** returned in early September with a significant scholarship offer after going on an official visit to University of Texas El Paso. **Elizabeth Kay** had accepted a verbal offer the previous November and was waiting for November 2008 to be able to sign her letter of intent.

During the college exposure tournaments **Callie Dennison** and **Kimberly Pierce** were both noticed and invited to college campuses to discuss their college softball possibilities. Kimberly Pierce visited Indiana State University and accepted their gracious offer. This meant that three of the players would be formally signing their letter of commitments in the November 2008 NCAA signing.

Along with all this activity **Jessica Toth** verbally accepted an offer at the University of Nebraska, Omaha and **Kalynn Ruiz** accepted a verbal offer from Valparaiso University. **Rachael Anello** accepted an offer from Heartland College, Tia **Filishio** accepted an offer from Rock Valley College. Callie Dennison had gone on two visits in November and again in January to Butler University. A significant offer was extended and after careful consideration she verbally accepted this offer at the end of May. It was a very busy off-season for the players of the 18U-Dennison. They were looking forward to the summer season but first had to play high school ball.

In the various high schools all the players had successful seasons as starters for their various schools. Kayla Oranger had the great experience of going down state with Burlington Central 3-A finals. She joined Callie Dennison, Elizabeth Kay, **Concetta Lampugnano**, **Melissa Rieger**, **Megan Morales**, Tia Filishio, Rachael Anello who had also experienced this two years before. It is a great high school memory and quite an accomplishment. The players at Bartlett High School, Kay, Dennison, Morales, Anello, Filishio were

able to play in high school post season to their super sectional final losing 2-0 to a strong Naperville team, ending up one game short of also being able to go downstate.

The Silver Hawk team began its season without four of its players. Kay, Anello, Pierce and Oranger were down state, Oranger was involved in the finals and then she joined the other three players in the elite "Super 60". The Tribune invites what it considers the top 60 high school seniors from all 4 divisions to watch the final games of the high school tournament and then the next day they are honored and play a round robin tournament. The only former Silver Hawk that had been invited to this experience was Corinne Dennison.

This left the Silver Hawk team short but they were able to pick up a few players to allow us to participate in the Oak Lawn Tournament. We ended up finishing in the top 4 in this tournament and looking forward to the next week when we would be at full strength.

Tournament number two found us in Elgin 18U A Northern National hosted by John Radtke and the Northern Illinois Lightning. We played to the final championship game taking second.

Week number three found us again in Elgin in one of the most competitive tournaments in the Chicagoland area. The 18U A ASA National Qualifier. All the teams in this tournament are fighting for a chance to attend the ASA A National Tournament where the top 140 teams in the country are invited to play. This year the tournament was being held in Las Vegas. (We already had our bid as the Silver Hawk Dennison team won the 18U-A Northern National tournament the year (Aug. 2008) before giving us a bid to the National Tournament in July 2009). We saw great competition at the National Qualifier. We ended up losing our second bracket game and this meant that we had to fight through the losers bracket, playing 9 games, to finish first as co-champions with the Lake Co. Liberty.

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## Softball 18-Dennison (cont.)

For the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend the players found themselves heading to Indiana to spend the weekend in a college exposure tournament and staying at the home of **Jackie Beilfuss**. We ended up winning this tournament and everyone had a great time at Jackie's home.

We finished the final weeks playing in Metro ending up in 5<sup>th</sup> once again in a strong field of teams that were all fighting for a birth to the National Tournament in Las Vegas.

Our last tournament of the regular season was the Orland Park College Exposure Tournament that we have been invited to play in for the last few years. This is a difficult tournament to get into as each team has to have a strong resume and an invitation must be extended in order to attend. Many college coaches attend this event because of its high standards. This tournament also found **Jenny Blasius** being offered a huge scholarship to attend a college in Iowa. However she decided that she would continue with her plans to attend Colorado State University in the pre-vet program.

We ended up our fall season and regular sea-

son with a record of 52-14-1. In the regular summer season we only lost 8 games.

Our final tournament was in Las Vegas. We realized that we could play with any of the teams we saw at the tournament. We won one game and lost 3 but this did not take away from the strong season and great experiences we all had. Our team also welcomed three pick up players to go with us to Vegas, **Kelly O'Connell, Chelsea Boyle and Kimber Sable**. They were invited and kindly accepted to go with us as Kalynn Ruiz (injury), and Kayla Oranger were unable to join us on this trip.

Our final roster for the season included: Rachael Anello (Heartland College), Jackie Beilfuss, Jenny Blasius (Colorado State University), Callie Dennison (Butler University), Tia Filishio (Rock Valley College), Elizabeth Kay (Illinois State University), Megan Morales, Kayla Oranger (University of Texas El Paso), Kimberly Pierce (Indiana State University), Kalynn Ruiz (Valparaiso University), Jessica Toth (University of Nebraska Omaha), Kimber Sable, Kelly O'Connell and Chelsea Boyle.

## Silver Hawks 2010 - 3 New Teams 5 New Managers

The 2010 Bartlett Silver Hawks Travel Baseball and Softball Organization will once again feature 14 teams - 9 baseball and 5 softball teams.

Three brand new teams will join the Silver Hawks starting with the 2010 season. They include the 10U Softball team managed by Peggy Edmier, the 10U Baseball team managed by Ron Weiss, and the 12U Green Baseball team managed by John Janczak. Dan Kenna will join the Silver Hawks as a new manager, replacing Tim Fahey with the Softball 12U team. Ed Ellis replaces Al Zasada as manager of the 18U-Ellis Softball team.

A big thank you for the time and effort they contributed as departing managers for the Silver Hawks go Tim Fahey of the Softball 12U team, Bob Motz of the 18U-Motz Softball team, Marvin Blazek of the 14U-Green Baseball team,

Al Zasada of the 16U-Zasada Softball team and Rob Kernan of the 13U-Black Baseball team.

The roster of Silver Hawks teams for 2010 is as follows:

### Baseball

10U - Ron Welss  
11U - Joe Miceli  
12U-Black - Ken Smith  
12U-Green - John Janczak  
13U - Dan Koss  
14U - Don McClure  
15U - Art Karrick  
16U - Dave Negrete  
22U - Rick Newton

### Softball

10U - Peggy Edmier  
12U - Dan Kenna  
18U - Brad Dennison  
18U - Rob Call  
18U - Ed Ellis

# Silver Hawks College Baseball (22U) Team Captures 2nd Place in Elgin Tourney

- by Rick Newton

We knew a year ago when we formed the first Silver Hawks college-aged team that building and running a team at this age level would be a different type of experience. Very similar to a professional level team, we carried a roster of 25 players in this, our second season. One of the big changes we made from the prior season was to seek out a higher percentage of not just college-aged players, but actual college players.

In 2008, our roster had 6 college players out of 22 on the roster and we played competitively. Our record, however, ended up at 7 wins and 19 losses, reflecting a lack of experience and pitching depth.

For 2009, we added many new faces from a variety of college teams and ended up carrying 21 college players out of 25 and beefed up our pitching depth. From a won-loss standpoint, we showed considerable improvement, ending the season with 13 wins, 25 losses, and 1 tie.

What was noticeable beyond the final won-loss record was the way the team finished the last five weeks of the season, going 9-13-1 in the last 5 weeks with 6 of the losses being by a margin of 2 runs or less.

Considering the level of competition in their Metropolitan Collegiate Summer League schedule, this was truly a noticeable improvement in 2009. The team that won the league competition, the Crystal Lake Cardinals, went on to win the National Collegiate World Series in August. Looking back at our 13-9 loss to them in July made that loss look not so shabby!

Our worst nemesis this season was the Concordia University-based team, the Chicago Americans. Going into the season ending tournament in Elgin, our record was 0-6 against the Americans, with three 1-run losses.

In the first game of the tournament pool play, **Kyle Smith** pitched a strong game in leading the Hawks to a 3-2 win over the Fox Valley An-

gels - a team that dominated us in 2008.

Facing the Americans in game 2, **Scott Newton** held them to 3 earned runs, but no tallies for the Silver Hawks resulted in another loss to the Americans, 4-0.

Not deterred by the loss, they came back in game 3 and trounced Elgin 17-7 with offensive explosions up and down the lineup to give starter **Kevin Carmody** a solid win.

The last pool game against Wheaton would determine who would end up with the 2nd and 3rd seeds for single elimination play. After a shaky start in the first two innings, **Ryan Servos** settled down and held Wheaton to only one more run. Down 6-5 with bases loaded and 1 out in the bottom of the 7th, a double play robbed Servos of a well-deserved win.

Losing that game earned us a return match with the same Wheaton team in the semi-finals. **Pat Lahey** scattered 6 hits, allowed 2 runs, and dominated Wheaton in a 5-2 win to send the Silver Hawks to the Championship game - against, once again, the Americans.

**Dave Carbonell, Gavin Mason, and John Banks** held the Americans within striking distance, allowing only 5 runs against their very potent offensive attack. Unfortunately, our offense could muster only 4 hits, and we lost a well-played title game, 5-2.

The overall offensive talent was much improved and was led by **Josh Axelsen, Jason David, Gory Gregory, Adam Baran, Ryan Kellner, Scott Newton, Scott Ortega, Anthony Carioscia, Shane Newton, Gavin Mason, John Banks, Vinnie Campagna, Ryan Walker, Mike Selvaggi, Tucker Erickson, Ryan Schrader, John Wojdula, Andy Parsill, and Dave Baskin.**

This was a great mix of young men this season who played hard and enjoyed each other's company. Thanks for the great memories!

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- Silver Hawks Christmas Party - TBD

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