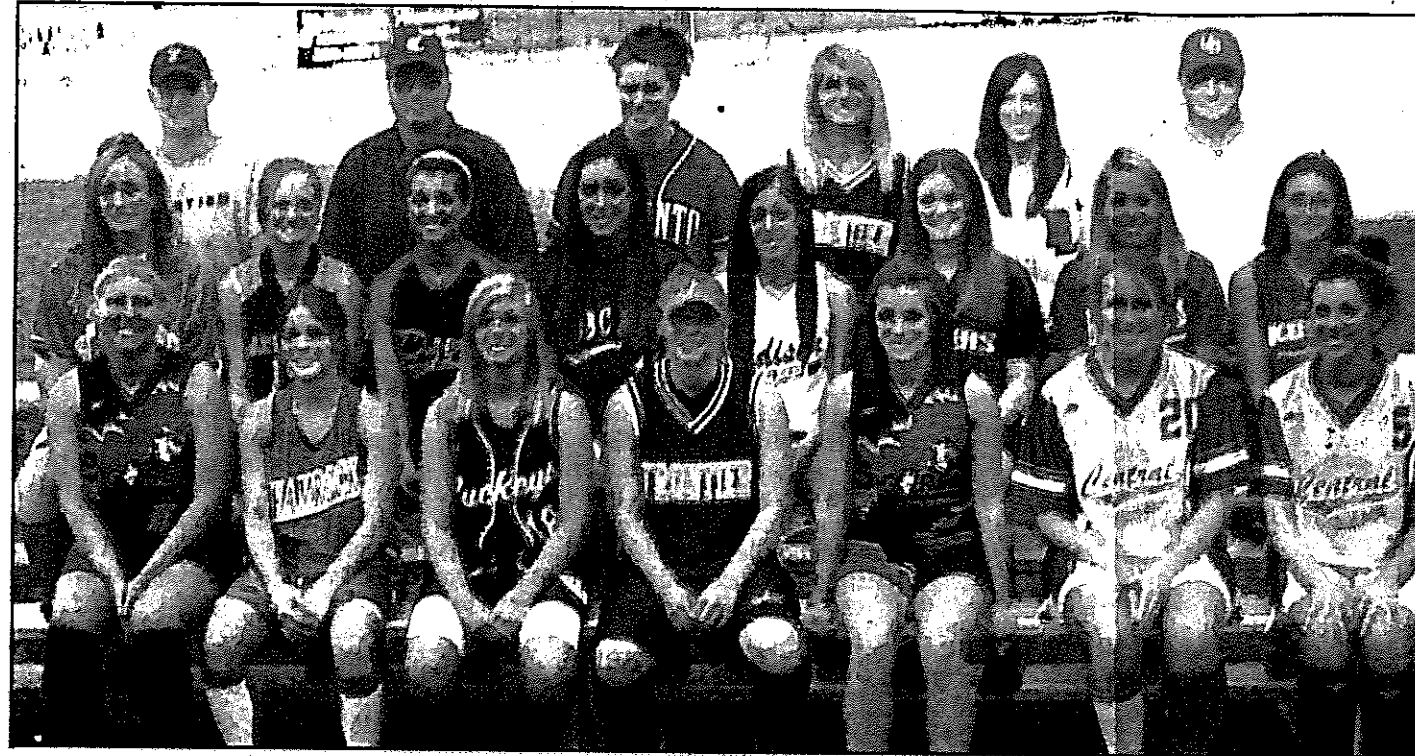


Nine local players set for softball finale



By AARON PETCHAL
Sports writer

WHEELING — Nine local softball players have been chosen to represent Ohio in the annual Ohio Valley Athletic Conference All-Star Game this year.

The game will be played at 6 p.m. Sunday on Lisa's Field at the 1-470 Complex.

Both Steubenville schools will be represented by two players.

Steubenville Big Red will be represented by the team's starting battery of pitcher Shay Jackson and catcher Briana Kanoskie.

Catholic Central will be represented by pitcher Alexis Ferrera and first baseman Mandy Almonte.

Ferrera won 11 games this season. She struck out 193 batters. She ended her career with 546 strikeouts, setting a school record. Ferrera ended the season with a .72 ERA.

At the plate, Ferrera batted .329 with 24 hits.

Almonte also batted .329 on the season. She was second on the team with 26 hits. Almonte led the team with 17 RBIs.

Toronto will be represented by one player. Andrea Thomas, who shared Player of the Year honors in Class AA, was chosen to represent head coach David Ziarko's Red Knights.

Edison's Sammy Taylor will represent head coach Spencer Bendle's Wildcats. Taylor's speed makes a real force to be reckoned with on the bases.

Chelsea Coconougher had been selected to represent Harrison Central. Coconougher, who played third base this season for head coach Donnie Bethel's team, was one of the main reasons the Huskies advanced to the

AREA GIRLS READY — The annual OVAC All-Star Softball Game will be played at 6 p.m. Sunday in Elm Grove. Players and coaches of the Ohio team gathered for a team picture during media night Tuesday in Elm Grove.

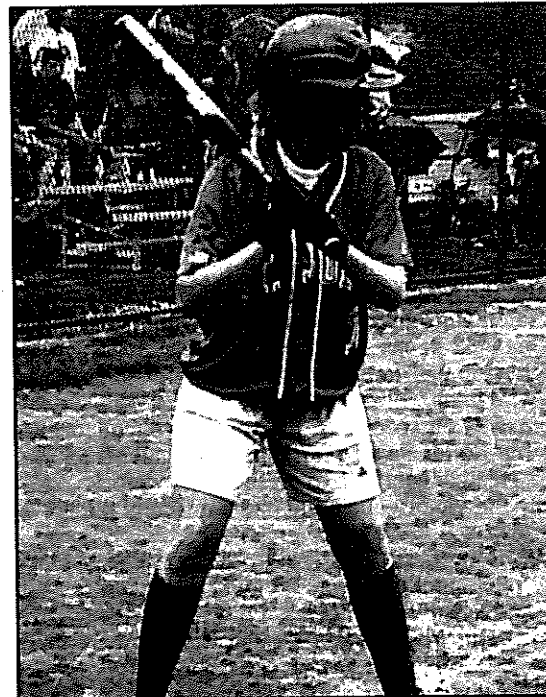
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SPORTS

West Virginia tops Ohio, 3-2

• Cameron's Tustin shines on the mound in limiting Buckeyes to five hits



Photo/JOSH STROPE

ST. JOHN'S Amanda Rosepapa awaits a pitch during Sunday's OVAC All-Star Softball Game held in Elm Grove.

By JOSH STROPE
For The Times Leader

In a game littered with stars from most of the teams in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference, it was stars from one team that shone the brightest.

Cameron's Lacey Tustin was dominant from the circle and Michelle Cain came up with a key two-out hit as West Virginia defeated Ohio 3-2 in the OVAC All-Star Game on Sunday at the J.B. Chambers I-470 Complex.

With the score tied 1-1 in the seventh inning, Cain laced a shot up the middle past Martins Ferry pitcher Victoria Zigacheek to score Kayla Gay of Wheeling Central.

"It finally came to me. I was just not to be nervous and get a big hit," Cain said. "I'm really glad I hit it. I was nervous at the time but I had faith.

"It was a perfect pitch. It was outside and that's what I like."

Cain also scored what proved to be the win-

ning run on a bases-loaded walk to Wheeling Park's Leann Rigby.

"It really got to me when Michelle Cain got the big hit and I put her up early in the lineup because I knew she was a clutch hitter. She rarely strikes out and has a lot of confidence there," said Cameron's Mark Witzberger, the West Virginia coach.

Tustin allowed a leadoff single to Steubenville Central's Alexis Ferrera. Then she was lights out.

The West Liberty-bound hurler struck out the next two batters in the inning and Ferrera was caught stealing.

In the second inning, Tustin was just as hot, striking out the side before retiring for the day.

"Lacey was just throwing hard. I can't wait to see what she does at the next level," Witzberger said. "It was good to have those

two one last time, as well as my catcher Kori Gouldsberry.

"I told them after we lost to Central (in the regional) that I hope I get you one more time and we get to all go out together."

The game was a pitchers duel with West Virginia combining for 14 strikeouts and Ohio 12.

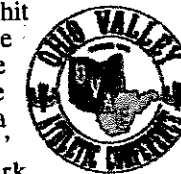
Ohio had five hits, while West Virginia managed three.

Ohio's strongest pitching performance came from Ferrera, who struck out the side in the fourth and didn't throw a single ball off the plate.

Ohio took the first lead in the fifth inning. Steubenville's Briana Kanoski was hit by a pitch by Weirton Madonna's Kacy Magnone. Magnone walked the bases full with no outs, issuing free passes to Steubenville's Shay Jackson and Union Local's Stacey Dunfee.

A passed ball allowed Kanoski to score the game's first run.

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district tournament for the first time in program history.

Caitlin Pieniazek will be Indian Creek's lone representative.

Heather McHugh will represent Buckeye Local.

Cambridge will have two players playing in the game. Samantha Roller and Danielle Shepard will be playing for the Bobcats.

Frontier will be represented by Maggie Brunoni and Kristen Tidd. Bellaire St. John's will be represented by ace pitcher Amanda Rosepapa and Courtney Coyne.

Barnesville will be represented by Bethany Wayble. Beaver Local will be represented by pitcher L'lee Zimmerman. Nikki Supanik will represent the Bridgeport Bulldogs.

Kelly Zimmerman will represent Buckeye Trail. Ashley Hoff will represent Caldwell. Pitcher Victoria Zigacheek will represent Martins Ferry. Kristin Waers will represent Meadowbrook.

Third baseman Tiffany Bolen will represent Shenandoah. Stacey Dunfee will represent Union Local. Kelsey Lyle will represent the Wellsville Tigers.

Martins Ferry's Jess Cordery will be the head coach of the Ohio squad. He will be assisted by Cambridge's Bob Shepard, Bellaire St. John's Jerry Magistro and Frontier's Todd Bradford.

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Magnone was able to work out of the jam, allowing just a single run and came out for the sixth for a quick 1-2-3 inning that included strikeouts of Frontier's Maggie Brunoni and Harrison Central's Chelsea Coconougher.

In the home-half of the sixth inning, Tyler Consolidated's Reba Collins drew a leadoff walk and later scored on a wild pitch by Buckeye Trail's Kelly Zimmerman to tie the game.

The next inning, Gray led off with a double and advanced to third on a wild pitch.

Zigacheek did her best attempt at an escape, striking out Magnolia's Danni Batton and forcing Linsly's Summer Flowers to ground out.

Then came Cain's heroics.

"I really enjoyed it," Cain said. "The girls are really nice and fun to play with. I would do it again if I had the chance."

The inning could have ended as Magnolia's Evann Ludewig struck out, but Frontier catcher Kristen Tidd couldn't handle the pitch.

She recovered in time, but her throw to first was dropped by Steubenville Central's Mandy Almonte.

Two batters later, Zigacheek walked in the winning run, putting West Virginia up 3-1.

Ohio cut the lead in half in the ninth inning as Dunfee scored from third on a wild pitch.

The tying run was on second in the form of Shenandoah's Tiffany Bolen, but Sarah Swoger of John Marshall struck out Buckeye Local's Heather McHugh to preserve the victory. Collins picked up the victory and Ohio had a different pitcher in each inning.

"You can tell why these girls are all-stars. It was a close game with good pitching all the way around," Witzberger said. "Both teams were loaded with pitchers. I did this two years ago and only had two. This year we had six and tried to work them all in."

"It wasn't until the fifth or sixth inning that I could even come up for air. We had a lot of fun (Sunday) and none of the kids complained. Kids moved to positions they weren't comfortable with, still did it and we were able to get everyone three innings or more."



Aaron Petchal

READY TO GO - The annual OVAC All-Star Softball Game will be played at 6 p.m. Sunday in Elm Grove. Players and coaches for the West Virginia team gathered for a team picture during media night Tuesday in Elm Grove.

West Virginia girls are set to battle it out on the diamond

By **AARON PETCHAL**
Sports writer

WHEELING — A handful of local softball players have been chosen to represent West Virginia in the annual Ohio Valley Athletic Conference All-Star Game this season.

The game will be played at 6 p.m. Sunday on Lisa's Field at the 1-470 Complex.

Locally, Brooke and Madonna will be represented by two players, and Oak Glen will be represented by one.

Brittany Pearson and Marissa Reardon have been chosen to represent first-year head coach Wes Eddy's Bruins.

For the Blue Dons, the team's starting battery of pitcher Kacy Magone and catcher Tara Paoloemilio have been chosen to

play in the game.

Shortstop Kristen Pryor is the lone representative in the game for the Golden Bears.

John Marshall will have three players on the team. Stephanie Phillips, Sarah Swoger and Jenny Vogel have all been selected to represent the Monarchs.

Linsly will also have three players in the game. Emily Beck, Sarah Van Kirk and Summer Flowers will all represent the Cadets.

Cameron will also have three representatives on the West Virginia squad. Michelle Cain, Kori Gouldsberry and Lacey Tustin have all been selected to represent the Dragons.

Magnolia will be represented by two players. Dani Batton and Evann Ludewig have been chosen to represent the Blue Eagles.

Sam McGlumphy will represent Bishop Donahue. Shannon Veynon will represent Paden City.

Reba Collins will represent Tyler Consolidated. Valley's Kayla Lemley has also been chosen to play in the game.

Both Wheeling schools will be represented by one player. Kayla Gray will represent Wheeling Central, and Leann Rigby will represent Wheeling Park.

Cameron's Mark Witzberger has been selected as the head coach of the West Virginia team. He will be assisted by Wheeling Park's Dee Davis, Magnolia's Mark Batton and Wheeling Central's Richard Magruder and Ambrose Bober.

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OVAC Softball All-Stars set to shine tonight

By RICH GIBSON
Times Leader Sports Writer

The 27th Annual OVAC Girls All-Star Softball Classic is scheduled this evening (6:00) at Wheeling's Chambers I-470 complex. Tonight's nine-inning game matching senior standouts from Ohio and West Virginia will be played on Lisa's Field.

Game director Barry Closser, long-time head coach at Buckeye Local, said players should report by 5 p.m. for pregame workouts.

"As usual, the OVAC game showcases a majority of the valley's premier seniors," Closser reported. "It's a rare opportunity to witness these all-stars in an attractive setting."

Ohio leads the all-time series, 16-10. Closser indicated West Virginia is serving as designated home team in what is a rotating format.

"The idea is to feature every player on the roster. As a result, we encourage free substitution," Closser added. Prior to the first pitch, each player will be recognized and introduced. Additionally, special awards will be presented during intervals of the action with various players and coaches recognized.

The Ohio All-Stars are under the direction of Martins Ferry's Jess Cordery. Assistants included Jerry Magistro (St. John Central); Bob Shepherd (Cambridge); and Todd Bradford (Frontier). Conference Class A player of the year Amanda Rosepapa of St. John's heads a stellar Lady Buckeye roster that includes Martins Ferry's Victoria Zigacheek, Harrison Central's Chelsea Coconougher,

Barnesville's Bethany Wayble, Buckeye Local's Heather McHugh, Bridgeport's Nikki Supanik, Buckeye Trail's Kelly Zimmerman, and Union Local's Stacey Dunfee.

Also scheduled to participate from Ohio's roster are: Shay Jackson and Briana Kanoskie (Steubenville); Mandy Almonte and Alexis Ferrera (Steubenville Central); Andrea Thomas (Toronto); Samantha Taylor (Edison); Kelsey Lyle (Wellsville); L'lee Zimmerman (Beaver Local); Samantha Roller and Danielle

OVAC All-Star Softball Game
When: Today, 6 p.m.
Where: Lisa's Field, I-470
Cost: \$6 for adults, \$4 for students

Shepherd (Cambridge); Ashley Hoff (Caldwell); Tiffany Bolen (Shenandoah); Maggie Brunoni and Kristen Tidd (Frontier).

The West Virginia All-Stars are under the guidance of Cameron's Mark Witzberger who is assisted by Wheeling Park's Dee Davis and Magnolia's Mark Batton.

Players representing the Lady Mountaineers include: Kayla Gray (Wheeling Central); Leann Rigby (Wheeling Park); Emily Beck, Summer Flowers, Sarah Van Kirk (Linsly); Sam McGlumphy (Bishop Donahue); Stephanie Phillips, Sarah Swoger, Jenny Vogel (John Marshall); Brittany Pearson, Marissa Reardon (Brooke); Kacy Magnone, Tara Paolomilio (Weirton Madonna); Kristen Pryor (Oak Glen); Evann Ludewig (Magnolia); Reba Collins (Tyler Consolidated); Kayla Lemley (Valley); and Michelle Cain, Kori Gouldsberry, Lacey Tustin (Cameron).

Admission at the gate is \$6 (adults) and \$4 (students). Souvenirs and refreshments will be available.



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THE OVAC All-Star Softball game will take place tonight at Lisa's Field at the I-470 Complex. Looking to score a win over their West Virginia counterparts are these girls from Ohio. Front row, from left, are: Shay Jackson (Steubenville), Bethany Wayble (Barnesville), Heather McHugh (Buckeye Local), Kristen Tidd (Frontier), Briana Kanoskie (Steub), Mandy Almonte (SCC), Alexis Ferrera (SCC). Second row, from left, are: Amanda Rosepapa (BSJ), Nikki Supanik (Bridgeport), Lindsey Lyle (Wellsville), Daniell Shepard (Camb), Samantha Taylor (Edison), Victoria Zigacheek (Martins Ferry), Samantha Roller (Cambridge), Kelly Zimmermann (Buckeye Trail). Back row, from left, are: Coach Todd Bradford (Frontier), Bob Shepard (Cambridge), Andrea Thomas (Toronto), Maggie Brunoni (Frontier), L'lee Zimmerman (Beaver Local), Coach Jess Cordery (Martins Ferry).

Area players ready for OVAC so



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Representing the local area in the OVAC Softball All-Star Classic at the I-470 Complex in Elm Grove, W. Va. on Sunday are (l to r) Coach Bob Shepard of Cambridge, Bethany Wayble of Barnesville, Danielle Shepard and Samantha Roller of Cambridge, and Kelly Zimmermann of Buckeye Trail. The senior all-star showcase begins at 6 p.m. on Sunday.

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The Ohio squad for today's OVAC Softball All-Star Classic at the I-470 Complex in Elm Grove, W. Va. includes, front row l to r, Shay Jackson of Steubenville, Bethany Wayble of Barnesville, Heather McHugh of Buckeye Local, Kristen Tidd of Frontier, Briana Kanoskie of Steubenville, Mandy Almonte and Alexis Ferrera of Steubenville Catholic Central. Second row, Amanda Rosepapa of St. John Central, Nikki Supanik of Bridgeport, Kelsey Lyle of Wellsville, Danielle Shepard of Cambridge, Samantha Taylor of Edison, Victoria Zigaceck of Martins Ferry, Samantha Roller of Cambridge and Kelly Zimmermann of Buckeye Trail. Third row, Coach Todd Bradford of Frontier, coach Bob Shepard of Cambridge, Andrea Thomas of Toronto, Maggie Brunoni of Frontier, L'Lee Zimmermann of Buckeye Local and Coach Jess Cordery of Martins Ferry.



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The West Virginia squad for today's OVAC Softball All-Star Classic at the I-470 Complex in Elm Grove, W. Va. includes, front row l to r, Kayla Gray of Wheeling Central, Evann Ludwig and Dani Batton of Magnolia, Michelle Cain, Kori Gouldsberry and Lacey Tustin of Cameron, Brittany Pearson and Marrison Reardon of Brooke. Second row, Coach Dee Davis of Wheeling Park, Kacy Magnone and Tara Paolomilio of Weirton Madonna, Sarah Swoger, Stephanie Phillips and Jenny Vogel of John Marshall and Coach Mark Witzberger of Cameron. Third row, Coach Ambrose Bober of Wheeling Central, Kristen Pryor of Oak Glen, Reba Collins of Tyler Consolidated, Kayla Lemley of Valley, Sarah VanKirk and Summer Flowers of Linsly, and Coach Mark Batton of Magnolia.

Holdren, Thompson tabbed for OVAC All-Star Game

Two players and one coach from the local area will take part in the George Kovalick OVAC Baseball All-Star Game slated Monday at Vaccaro Field in Steubenville.

Competing on the Ohio squad in the senior showcase event will be Cambridge High pitcher Bear Holdren and Buckeye Trail pitcher-outfielder Jordan Thompson while serving as a member of the Ohio coaching staff is Meadowbrook's Steve Norman.

Joining Holdren and Thompson on the Ohio roster are Aaron Hilt, Cody McCoy and Robbie Stewart of Edison; Mike Meintel, Cody McCormick and Clifton Francis of Shadyside; Andrew Winland of Monroe Central; Tim Ohalek of Indian Creek; Adam Hannan, Travis Miller, Kris Carr, Aaron Miller and Mike Ludewig of Toronto; Tyler Engle of Fort Frye; Travis Stephens of Union Local; Luca Call of Steubenville Catholic; Rocco Auteri of Steubenville; Ian Riddle of St. Clairsville and Tyler Abbott of River.

The Ohio coaches include Steve Wojcik of Bridgeport, Francis "Junior" Winland of Monroe Central, Mike Collopy of Edison and Meadowbrook's Norman.

The West Virginia squad includes A.J. Gordon, John Haglock and James Whitfield of Bishop Donahue; Brian Lancaster, David Hartman and Jonathan Gilchrist of Brooke; Travis Smith of Cameron; Ryan Zelinski, Shane Pysh and Cy Mazingo of John Marshall; Patrick Ohrmann of Linsly; Jonas McEldowney, Kevin Snyder and Josh Clegg of Magnolia; Brad Lahr and T.J. Osbon of Oak Glen; Josh Jackson of Wheeling Central; Adam Lewton, Corey Brown and Donnie Platt of Wheeling Park.

Coaching the West Virginia team are Bob Montgomery of John Marshall, Jimbo Wodusky of Wheeling Central and Mike Hissom of Oak Glen.

OVAC All-Stars Chosen Softball game set for June 3

The following girls have been selected to the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference All Star softball game, set for 6 p.m. on Sunday, June 3.

Ohio

Bethany Wayble, Barnesville	SS
L'Lee Zimmermann, BvL	P/1B
Nikki Supanik, Bridgeport	3B
Heather McHugh, Buckeye Local	P
Kelly Zimmermann, Buckeye Trail	P
Ashley Hoff, Caldwell	C/1B
Samantha Roller, Cambridge	CF
Danielle Shepard, Cambridge	3B
Samantha Taylor, Edison	CF
Maggie Brunoni, Frontier	P
Kristen Tidd, Frontier	C
Chelsea Coconougher, HC	3B
Caitlin Pieniazek, Indian Creek	3B
Victoria Zigaceck, Martins Ferry	P
Kristin Waers, Meadowbrook	CF
Tiffany Bolen, Shenandoah	3B
Amanada Rosepapa, St. John's	P
Courtney Coyne, St. John's	RF
Alexis Ferrera, Steub. Central	P
Mandy Almonte, Steub. Central	1B
Shay Jackson, Steubenville	P
Briana Kanoskie, Steubenville	C
Andrea Thomas, Toronto	3B/SS
Stacey Dunfee, Union Local	SS
Kelsey Lyle, Wellsville	LF

Head Coach

Jess Cordery, Martins Ferry
Assistant Coaches
 Bob Sheperd, Cambridge
 Jerry Magistro, St. Johns
 Todd Bradford, Frontier

West Virginia

Sam McGlumphy, Bishop D.	OF
Brittany Pearson, Brooke	1B
Marissa Reardon, Brooke	SS
Michelle Cain, Cameron	OF
Kori Gouldsberry, Cameron	C
Lacey Tustin, Cameron	P
Stephanie Phillips, John Marshall	P
Sarah Swoger, John Marshall	P
Jenny Vogel, John Marshall	1B
Emily Beck, Linsly	OF
Summer Flowers, Linsly	3B
Sarah VanKirk, Linsly	2B
Dani Batton, Magnolia	3B
Evann Ludwig, Magnolia	OF
Kristen Pryor, Oak Glen	SS
Shannon Veyon, Paden City	C/SS
Reba Collins, Tyler Cons.	P/OF
Kayla Lemley, Valley	P
Kacy Magnone, Madonna	P
Tara Paolomilio, Madonna	C
Kayla Gray, Whg. Central	SS/2B
Leann Rigby, Wheeling Park	OF

Head Coach

Mark Witzberger, Cameron
Assistant Coaches
 Dee Davis, Wheeling Park
 Mark Batton, Magnolia
 Bober/Magrunder, Wheeling Central

Players of the Year

Class A	
Amanada Rosepapa, St. John's	
Class AA	
Andrea Thomas, Toronto	
Jon Sparachane, Wheeling Central	
Class AAA	
Kinsi Tellep, Meadowbrook	
Class AAAA	
Caitlin Kocher, Brooke	
Coach of the Year	
Bob Raasor, Meadowbrook	