



Wildcats 10-U softball team wins OGSA league title

The Louisburg Wildcats, a 10-and-under softball team, recently finished first in the 'C' division of the Olathe Girls Softball Association with a 12-2 record and the players were awarded their trophy on July 18. Members of the team are (front row, from left) Ashley Bell, Brooklyn Harmon, Jenna Cauthon, Katie McKain, Ashley Moreau, Ally Brown; (back row) Sami Lane, Rylee Hickey, Addy Stohs, Ava Halbert, Izzy Moreland and Kate Frederick.

A group of 10-and-under softball players from Louisburg recently took the Olathe Girls Softball Association (OGSA) by storm.

The Wildcats, who competed in the 10-and-under 'C' division, won the league title with a 12-2 record as they wrapped up their OGSA campaign. Louisburg picked up its first-place trophy during the OGSA awards ceremony on July 18 in Olathe.

It was a culmination of what was a busy season for the Wildcat girls.

"When we decided to take these girls two years ago, we promised a couple things – they would have fun and they would get better," head coach Dustin Harmon said. "This year I expected a lot out of them because we started practice in

February and didn't let up. Our goal was to win league which we dominated the league, and to win tournaments. We played against some great teams in Kansas City and these girls would not back down from a fight.

"They always gave the effort and hustle that we wanted out of them. I've coached a lot of teams in different sports, but this team was on top of the list. The friendships and dedication these girls are developing is special. I'm looking forward to watching them to keep growing and being successful."

Members of the Wildcat team are Ashley Bell, Ally Brown, Jenna Cauthon, Kate Frederick, Ava Halbert, Brooklyn Harmon, Rylee Hickey, Sami Lane, Katie McKain, Ashley Moreau, Izzy Moreland and Addy Stohs.

The Wildcats were coached by Dustin Harmon, Brandi Hickey, Adrienne Lane, Amber Moreau and Scott Cauthon.

The team, which is made up of upcoming fifth and sixth-graders in Louisburg, also played in three tournaments throughout the season. Louisburg posted a 10-4 mark in those tournaments and had a total record of 21-6 on the season.

In the spring, the Wildcats competed in the ASA Spring Fling tournament in Lee's Summit, Mo., where they finished third in their bracket.

Louisburg fared well in their final two tournaments of the year. In the ASA Summer Kickoff tournament in Lee's Summit in May, the Wildcats advanced to the top bracket and finished second overall.

The Wildcats did the same in the ASA Summer Sizzler tournament, which was held at the OGSA Complex in Olathe. Louisburg finished undefeated in pool play and advanced as the No. 2 seed in bracket play, before falling in the championship game and took second.

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Hankinson, Svoboda help KC Infinity to successful season

Louisburg's Kennia Hankinson (front row, far right) and Madison Svoboda (back row, far left) have helped the KC Infinity 16A softball team to successful summer so far, including a tournament win and another top 3 finish.

Their high school season was over more than two months ago, but Louisburg High School juniors Kennia Hankinson and Madison Svoboda are still in softball mode.

Hankinson and Svoboda traded in their Lady Cat uniforms for a KC Infinity one for the summer as the Louisburg duo is currently helping the second-year 16A team to a successful year.

Although KC Infinity still has two tournaments remaining this season, the team has recorded a 20-8 record and are currently

ranked No. 1 in the USSSA Power Rating Points in Kansas and are No. 12 in the nation.

KC Infinity recently finished first in the Northwest Arkansas Showcase and took third in the Heartland Showcase College Exposure.

Hankinson, the team's starting shortstop, currently has a .420 average on the year and a .990 OPS. Svoboda, has also had a good season at the plate with a .328 average and an .848 OPS as the Infinity starting second baseman.

"Kennia has done a fantastic job at shortstop for us and has been very consistent in the leadoff spot in our lineup putting pressure on teams from the first pitch," Infinity coach Melissa Fast said. "Madison has driven in 14 runs this summer including a two run walk off home run in our last tournament. She has also played very solid at second base."

The Louisburg duo are a part of an Infinity team that is made up for players from Paola, Manhattan, Perry, Olathe, Ottawa, Basehor, Eudora, Adrian (Mo.) and Cameron (Mo.).

Both players had good seasons for the Lady Cats last spring, including Svoboda, who earned second team all-Frontier League honors.

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LARA Softball recaps from June 9-23

Isabella Moreland stretches out to make contact with a pitch during a game for Team Waite earlier this season. Moreland and the Lucky Charms picked up three victories recently.

Here are LARA softball recaps from June 9 through June 23. If you would like to report game stats and have your team included in the wrap-ups, please email louisburgsportszone@gmail.com.

8-and-under softball

June 9

Lucky Charms (Team Waite) 9, Osawatomie 0

The Lucky Charms, coached by Jamie Waite, took care of business when they traveled to Osawatomie and came away with 9-0 victory in three innings on June 9.

They scored three runs in the first inning, four in the second and two more in the third to put the game away.

McKenna Lohse led the Lucky Charms bats with a pair of doubles. Ella Lancaster also had two hits, which included a double. Isabella Moreland, Erin Apple and Ally Brown also finished with two hits.

Bronwynn Williams, Macie Baima, Brinley White, Claire Railsback and Shyloh Waite all added a single each in the win.

June 10

Lucky Charms 12, Parker 10

The Lucky Charms traveled to Parker on June 10 and came away with a two-run victory thanks to a couple big innings. The Louisburg team scored five runs in the first and second innings to hold on for the win.

Several players had big games at the plate for the Lucky Charms. Brinley White, Isabella Moreland, Ally Brown and Bronwynn Williams all had three hits. White recorded a run-scoring triple and Ella Lancaster added a double.

Erin Apple, Lancaster, McKenna Lohse, Macie Baima and Claire Railsback all had two hits each.

Parker had the tying runs on base in the third inning, but Moreland tagged the final out at home plate to seal the win.

June 11

Lucky Charms 9, Osawatomie 5

The Lucky Charms hosted another Osawatomie team at Lewis-Young Park and they scored nine runs in the first two innings to secure the win.

Seven players finished the game with two hits. Ally Brown led

the Lucky Charms bats with a pair of doubles. Ella Lancaster, Isabella Moreland and Bronwynn Willlliams also had two hits, which included a double each.

Erin Apple, McKenna Lohse and Brinley White also finished with two hits for the Lucky Charms. Macie Baima, Shyloh Waite and Madison Hill had a single each.

June 23

Mound City 6, Team Hickey 5

The Louisburg 8-and-under machine pitch softball team, coached by Brandi Hickey, traveled to Mound City on Wednesday and left with a tough 6-5 loss.

Team Hickey scored three runs in the final inning to take a 5-4 lead, but Mound City rallied for two runs in the bottom of the fourth to take the win.

Six players had two hits for Team Hickey. Sami Lane and Megan Quinn each finished with a pair of hits and also scored twice. Ashley Moreau, Jena Cauthon, Rylee Tune and Molly Eidemiller also recorded two hits.

Jill Strubbe, Rylee Hickey and Brooklyn Harmon also finished with a single each.

Team Hickey also did some work on defense as Tune caught a pop fly at the pitcher spot and then threw the runner out at first to get the double play.



LARA softball recaps from June 2-6

Cate Finch, who plays 8-and-under softball for Team Van Tyle, makes contact with a pitch during a game earlier this season. Team Van Tyle came up just short on June 6 as it fell to the Lucky Charms 8-5.

Here are LARA softball recaps from June 2 through June 6. If you would like to report game stats and have your team included in the wrap-ups, please email louisburgsportszone@gmail.com.

12-and-under softball

June 4

Louisburg 10, Paola 4 – Game 1

The Louisburg 12-and-under softball team, which is coach by Travis Heston, got its doubleheader with Paola started off right.

Louisburg scored five runs in each of the first two innings on its way to a 10-4 victory over Paola. Paola scored four runs

in the second inning, but couldn't complete the comeback in the three inning contest.

Jenna Terry pitched for Louisburg and gave up just one hit in the winning effort. Terry also finished with a double, while Jada Frazier and Skyla Meyer each added singles

Louisburg 14, Paola 5 – Game 2

Louisburg rounded out the doubleheader in convincing fashion as it scored seven runs in each of the first two innings to defeat Paola 14-5 to complete the sweep.

Emma Heston was the starter for Louisburg and gave up just two hits thanks to some good defense from catcher Brynnlin Kroyman and third baseman Skyla Meyer.

Meyer and Jada Frazier each had a pair of hits to lead the Louisburg bats. Karly Rice also had a hit in the victory.

8-and-under softball

June 2

Lucky Charms (Team Waite) 12, Osawatomie 0

The Lucky Charms, coached by Jamie Waite and sponsored by White's Automotive, scored five runs in the second and fourth innings to cruise to a 12-0 victory. In their 29 at-bats, the Lucky Charms had hits in 20 of them.

Madison Hill and Isabella Moreland each finished with three hits to lead the Lucky Charms' bats. Erin Apple had a pair of doubles, while Bronwynn Williams and Ally Brown each had two hits, including a double each.

Brinley White and Claire Railsback each added a pair of

singles. Ella Lancaster (double), McKenna Lohse (double), Shyloh Waite (double) and Macie Baima (single) also finished with a hit each.

June 6

Lucky Charms 8, Team Van Tyle 5

Trailing by two runs, the Lucky Charms used a 5-run fourth inning to rally for an 8-5 over Team Van Tyle at Lewis-Young Park. The Lucky Charms pounded out 17 hits, including several in the final inning.

The Lucky Charms had a 3-1 lead going into the third inning, but Van Tyle scored four runs in the frame to take a 2-run lead before the Lucky Charms' rally in the fourth.

Erin Apple and Ella Lancaster each finished with three hits to lead the Lucky Charms offense. Isabella Moreland, Ally Brown, Macie Baima and Bronwynn Williams also added two hits each.

Brinley White, McKenna Lohse and Shyloh Waite finished with a single each to contribute in the win.



LARA baseball, softball recaps from May 26-27

Louisburg's Erin Apple makes contact with a pitch for the Lucky Charms during their May 26 game against Team Van Tyle at Lewis-Young Park. The Lucky Charms won the game 7-2.

Here are LARA baseball and softball recaps from May 26 and 27 out at Lewis-Young Park.

8-and-under Girls Machine Pitch

May 26

Lucky Charms (Team Waite) 7, Van Tyle 2

The Lucky Charms used a big second inning to propel them to a 7-2 win over Team Van Tyle on May 26 at Lewis-Young Park.

The Lucky Charms scored five runs in the second, one in the third and another in the fifth to help put the game away. Van Tyle scored a run in the fifth and another in the sixth to get on the scoreboard.

Macie Baima, Madison Hill and Isabella Moreland each had three hits to lead the Lucky Charms bats. They also had four other players with a multiple hit game.

Erin Apple, Bronwynn Williams, Ally Brown and Claire Railsback each added a pair of hits for the Lucky Charms. Moreland led the third inning off with double for the Lucky Charms' lone extra-base hit and Apple drove her home with an RBI single.

8-and-under Boys Machine Pitch

May 27

Wea Eagles 6, Team Swartz 1

The Wea Eagles, sponsored by Alpha Mortgage, broke open a tie game with a four-run third inning on its way to a 6-1 victory over Team Swartz.

The Eagles scored a run in the first inning, but Swartz tied the game with a run in the second. The Eagles scored five runs in the final two innings to pull away for the win.

Scott Wallace and Keegan Rogers led the Wea bats with a 3-for-3 performance and Rogers also made the defensive play of the game. Rogers fielded a sharply hit ball at shortstop and tagged the runner for the third out to prevent Swartz from taking the lead in the second inning.

Three other Eagles players had multiple hits. Trevor Myers, Roy Bauer and Michael Foote each finished with two singles to help the Eagles to a win.

May 26

Team Willey 9, Wea Eagles 6

The Wea Eagles lost its first game of the season to Team Willey despite a late rally in the fifth inning. The Eagles scored four runs in the frame but couldn't come back in the 9-6 loss.

Willey scored two runs in the first, one in the second, four in the third and two in the fourth to get the victory.

Scott Wallace led the Eagle bats as he finished with three

hits, including a double. Bobby Johnson also finished the game with three singles.

Roy Bauer and Cooper Riley also had multiple hits for Louisburg with two singles each.

Eagles catcher Harry Kraft had the defensive play of the game as he fielded a bunt and made diving tag to get the runner out at home.



LARA recaps from May 18

Here are LARA softball and baseball results from May 18.

8-and-under machine pitch

GIRLS

Team Hickey 8, Team Waite 5

Team Hickey used a big first inning to give them a win in their season opener. They scored five runs in the first inning and two more in the second to take an early 7-run lead.

Team Waite, which is sponsored by White's Automotive, was able to climb back into the game with a run in the third, three in the fifth and another run in the sixth, but they ran out of

time.

Ella Lancaster led Waite with four hits, including a double in the 3-run fifth inning. McKenna Lohse and Bronwynn Williams each had three hits as well.

Madison Hill finished with two hits, including a 2-run single in the fifth for Waite. Shyloh Waite and Erin Apple also had a pair of hits.

BOYS

Wea Eagles 7, Team Blancarte 5

The Wea Eagles scored seven runs in its first three innings on its way to a 2-run victory over Team Blancarte.

The Eagles, sponsored by Alpha Mortgage, scored a run in the first, four in the second and two more in the third to pull away. Blancarte kept the game close with four runs in its half of the third and another in the fourth.

Roy Bauer led the Eagles at the plate three hits, including a pair of doubles. The Eagles also had five players with a multi-hit game.

Scott Wallace finished with three hits, including two singles and a double. Keegan Rogers and Blaise Vohs each had a double and a single. Bobby Johnson and Harry Kraft also had two singles for the Eagles.