



Kentucky High School Athletic Association

Fast Pitch Softball State Tournament Team Stats Henderson County (continued)

Batting Order

No.	Player
1	Ali Sue Gaines
7	Kendal Messamore
2	Megan Brown
15	Lindsey Weikel
18	Tara McConnell
25	Tabitha Strunk
26	Stacy Whitmer
10	Tiffani Farley
12	Paige Barton
20	Sarah Fritz

Pitchers

No.	Player
26	Stacy Whitmer
13	Kala Book
11	Taylor McMillan

Coach's Comments

Your team's accomplishment of advancing to the State Tournament:
Getting to state for us has been a 5 year struggle. We play in the extremely tough 2nd region and have had some success but we could never get "Over the Hump" and win the region. To be representing our competitors such as Hopkins Central, Christian Co., Lyon Co., Madisonville, Caldwell Co., to name a few, is our girls' dream come true. We started talking about this when our seniors were frosh and we haven't let go of our dream. I credit summer travel ball, supporting parents, good attitudes about learning and change, and determination as what got us to this point in our softball life. We are tickled to death to be here!

Coach's Comments

What are keys to your team's success in winning the tournament:
We begin with our battery of Junior Stacy Whitmer (.57 ERA) throwing to either Senior Tabitha Strunk or Junior Tara McConnell. This catching combo has been rock solid all year. Stacy is very difficult to catch with the ball going in several different directions and we have had minimal passed balls/wild pitches. Our interior defense is led by Seniors and Brescia signees Megan Brown (.404 BA) at short and Kendal Messamore (.313 BA) at 2nd. These ladies are very mobile and smooth. Our corners are manned (femaled?) by Paige Barton at 3rd (makes the big play repeatedly) and Sarah Fritz at 1st (Tall and will go all out for any catch.) Our outfield is fast, strong- armed, and aggressive. Ali Gaines (.330 BA)Senior, plays right and will take shots at 1st base and will slide/dive for everything, as will Soph. Tiffani Farley in center. Tiff moved there from the infield and has made a home patrolling the middle. Lindsey Weikel is our newcomer to the outfield. She has had potential all spring and finally got it together in the regionals. Players that will see action are Emily Massoth at 1st or the outfield. Merissa Jones in the outfield and Destani Kitchens in the infield and CR, Kala Book (.40 ERA) on the mound with her change, slider, and drop. We must stay our course in not giving up any cheap runs. Scoring when we have an opportunity. Force the action and steal outs whenever we have a chance. Granted we are a low-scoring team but we seem to do whatever it takes to pull out a win.