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Welcome

Welcome to Mandan and the 2017 State “A” Softball Tournament. We’re excited to be hosting this year’s tournament and looking forward to some entertaining softball. On behalf of Mandan Public Schools and Mandan Parks & Recreation Department, I want to extend a special welcome to the players, coaches, family members, and fans. We hope you enjoy our hospitality and your experience playing and watching softball. If there is anything we can do to help during your visit, please let us know.

Best of luck to all players, coaches and fans. We hope this tournament brings out the competitive spirit in all, but we also ask that good sportsmanship prevail. Have a great tournament!

Mark Wiest
Mark Wiest, Tournament Manager
Mandan High School



NDHSAA TOURNAMENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Purpose: To elevate standards of Good Sportsmanship and to encourage the growth of responsible citizenship among the students, member schools, and their personnel.

Fundamentals of Good Sportsmanship

1. Know, appreciate, and understand the rules of the contest.
2. Show respect for the officials. Good sportsmanship implies the willingness to accept and abide by the decisions of the officials.
3. Show respect for the opponent at all times. Good Sportsmanship is the Golden Rule in action.
4. Recognize and appreciate the skill of performance regardless of team affiliation.
5. Maintain self control at all times. Good sportsmanship is a responsibility of all who are involved in the game.
6. Show a positive attitude in cheering, refraining from intimidation or negative cheering. Good sportsmanship is cheering your own team “on to victory.”

Acts of Misconduct

1. Throwing of any object onto the playing floor or in the stands.
2. Behavior deemed dangerous or which interferes with the rights of others to watch the game.
3. Possessing, consuming, or being under the influence of chemicals.
4. Use of obscene, profane, or abusive language or gestures, signs, posters, or banners which show disrespect for opponent’s team, officials, cheerleaders, band or other performing groups.
5. The use of noisemakers.
6. Entry onto the playing surface at any time.

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GIRLS’ SOFTBALL STATE “A” CHAMPIONS

YR	1st	2nd	Score
2009	West Fargo	Fargo North	7-6
2010	West Fargo	Grand Forks Red River	5-2
2011	West Fargo	Bismarck Century	4-2

DIVISION A

YR	1ST	2nd	Score
2012	West Fargo	Bishop Ryan	1-0 (8 innings)
2013	West Fargo	Bishop Ryan	1-0
2014	West Fargo	Bishop Ryan	10-1
2015	West Fargo	Dickinson	13-0
2016	West Fargo	Dickinson	6-2

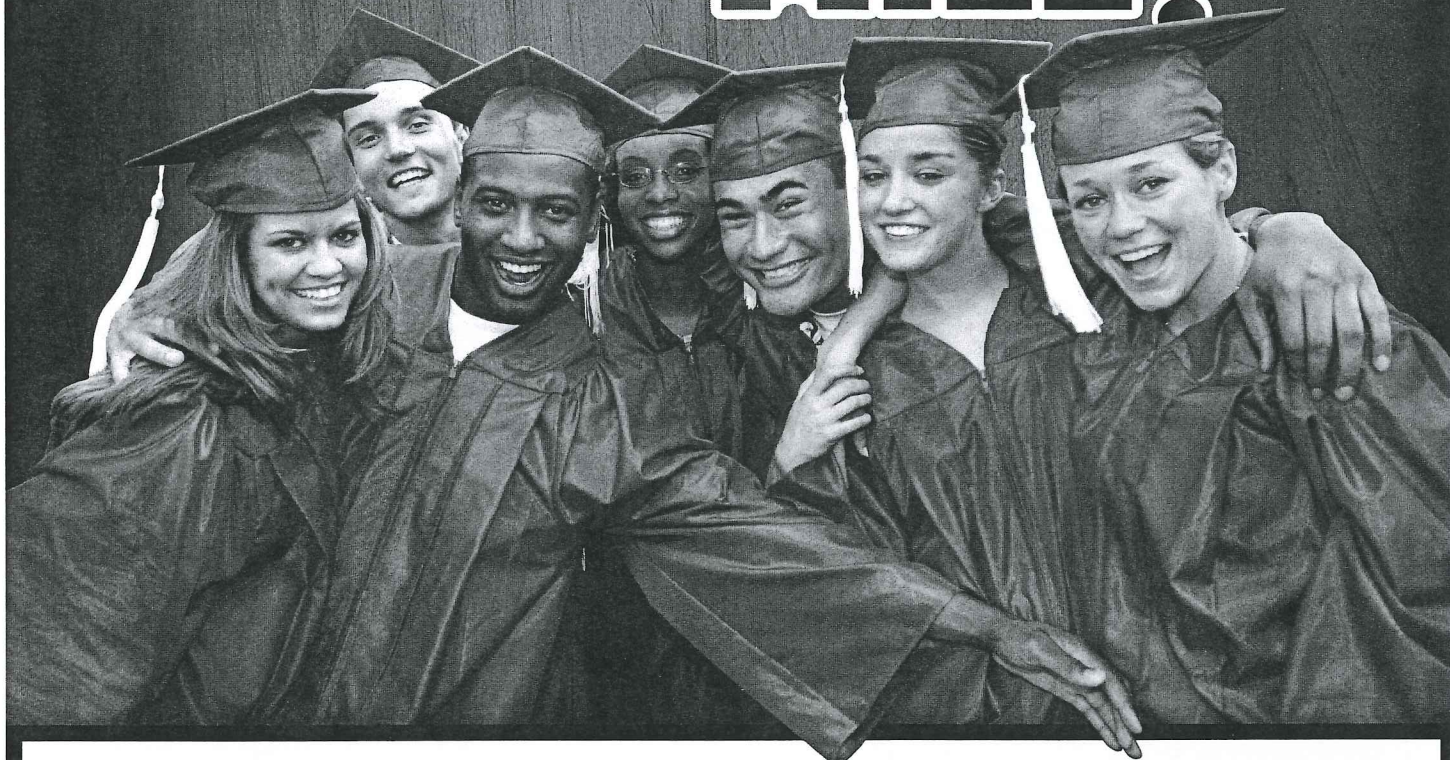


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COACHES

SCOTT CARTER FARGO NORTH SPARTANS

Scott Carter has been the Head Softball Coach of the Fargo North Spartans for the past three years. A graduate of Mayville State University he has been active with the North Fargo softball program for the past ten years. A native of Lisbon, North Dakota, Carter lives in north Fargo with his wife Kristi. They have four children; Hunter, Aundra, Grace and Emily.



JULIE STEWART Bishop Ryan Lions

Julie is in her 7th year of teaching at Bishop Ryan. She received a B.S. degree in Math from the University of North Dakota. She played basketball/track for UND. She teaches Algebra I and Advanced Algebra at Bishop Ryan.

Julie started teaching/coaching at Sedro-Woolley High School in Washington. Later coached at the college level for Peninsula College in Washington and lead them to their first ever division championship. She also coached overseas for a Semi-pro Team in Australia. Julie is in her 6th season as Head Basketball Coach and 5th for Head Softball for the Bishop Ryan. The Lions have 3 State Class 'B' Championships in Basketball and in Softball they have been to the State Class 'A' Tournament every year with 3 runner up finishes. Julie & her husband Peter have three children – Hannah (20), Elijah (18), and Annika (15), dog – Hooper.



MARK WOODBURY SHEYENNE MUSTANGS

Mark became the first head softball coach in Sheyenne program history in 2017. Mark has coached Summer A.S.A Girls Fast Pitch Softball for over 20 years in Minnesota and North Dakota with teams competing in numerous State and National Tournaments. Mark coached softball as varsity assistant coach for the West Fargo Packers from 2009 to 2015.

Mark coaches boys and girls basketball and boys football at Cheney Middle School. Mark also has high school head coaching experience in girls basketball, track, and American Legion and Babe Ruth baseball. Assistant varsity head coaching experience includes football and boys basketball.

Mark began teaching 7th grade Social Studies at Cheney Middle School in West Fargo the 2008-09 school year. Prior to teaching at Cheney Middle School, Mark worked as a 7-12 Activities Director and Assistant Principal in Minnesota and a 7-12 Principal and Activities Director in North Dakota. Mark was named Minnesota Region 2AA Activities Director of the year in 2004. Mark served on the MSHSL Representative Assembly and served as President of the Region 2AA Minnesota Activities Directors.

Mark has degrees from Valley City State University, Southwest Minnesota State University and Education Administration certification graduate work from North Dakota State University. Mark played baseball and football at Valley City State University and his baseball team was inducted into the VCSU Hall of Fame. Mark is married to Lisa Enstad, who teaches Science at Liberty Middle School in West Fargo.



JASON LINDGREN VALLEY CITY HI-LINERS

Career Record: 125-108

2017 is Jason's 10th year as coach of the Hi-Liners

2017 will be the Hi-Liners 5th appearance in the NDHSAA State Tournament Previous Finishes:

2011 –6th, 2013 –5th, 2015 –6th, 2016 –3rd

Awards:

2013 EDC Co-Coach of the Year • 2013 NDHSAA

Softball Coach of the Year • 2013 Certificate of Merit, VCSU

2016 EDC Coach of the Year – Jason is married to Misty and they have a son, Dustin, a Junior at VCSU. Jason works for John Deere Seeding Group in Valley City and is a Quality Engineer, Quality Supervisor at John Deere. Jason has worked for John Deere for 19+ years.

Besides John Deere and Hi-Liner Softball, Jason also is active with the NDAHA and is the Community Representative for Valley City to the State and is the South East Region Secretary for the NDAHA. Jason also is involved with the Summer Fastpitch with ND Xtreme. In their spare time Jason and Misty enjoy their home and activities in and around their yard, golfing and motorcycling and vacationing when time and seasons allow.



PAT JOHNSON WEST FARGO PACKERS

Pat is in his 23rd year of coaching the West Fargo Packer program. Pat was one of the founding members of the North Dakota softball league. Pat also was an assistant coach at Moorhead State, while pursuing a teaching degree, from 1988-1990.

Pat has played fastpitch for 40 years. He has played on 12 state title teams, 4 regional championship teams and won 2 national titles. He was inducted in the ND softball Hall of Fame in 2005.

He has been a CTRE, Career and Tech Ed Resource Educator, for the past 26 years at West Fargo High School. Pat is married to wife Cindy (32years), and they have 3 children Matt, Erin, and



KURT GRENSTEINER Bismarck Demons

Kurt Grensteiner is in his third year as head coach for girls' fast pitch softball at Bismarck High School. A North Dakota native, Grensteiner graduated from Braddock High School where he participated in high school basketball and summer league baseball. He later played American Legion baseball for Napoleon, North Dakota.

Kurt has coached a variety of sports for over 20 years. He has coached basketball, football, baseball, and of course, fast pitch softball. Over the years he has coached in Braddock, Bismarck, Fargo, and Hilliard, Ohio. He has over 10 years of fast pitch coaching experience while winning many tournaments and titles along the way. Kurt has been a part of building and continuing many successful programs in various sports. Kurt also has held several coaching clinics, and has implemented coach mentoring programs in Ohio.

Grensteiner currently works for Bismarck Public Schools. He has four children Kennedy, Landon, Laiken, and Ryenn



Coaches continued on next page.

AMANDA MICKEY –

Dickinson Midgets

Amanda Mickey came to Dickinson from Rancho Cucamonga, California in 2007 to play softball for the Blue Hawks. She came to DSU as a Jr. College transfer from Mount San Antonio College, where her team won a California State Championship. In 2008, her DSU team finished in the top 8 in the nation. In 2009, Amanda's senior year, the Blue Hawks finished 3rd in the Nation. To date, the highest finish ever for a Dickinson State softball team.

Coach Mickey has been a part of the Dickinson softball community since her arrival in North Dakota. This is her 3rd season as head coach for the Dickinson High School softball team. She led the Midgets to back to back WDA Championships, as well as State Runner-Up in 2015 and 2016. Coach Mickey's record to date is 79-18-1.



GERARD CEDERSTROM

Minot Majettes

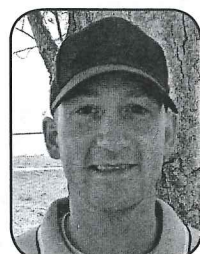
High School - Minot High School (1982)
College - Minot State University (1989)
Graduate School - Olivet Nazarene University (2011)

Teaching - Social Studies Souris River Campus



Coach Cederstrom has been the Fastpitch head coach at Minot High School since the NDHSAA sanctioned the sport. He coached the 2009 team to the Region regular season title and was selected by his peers as region coach of the year as well. Gerard has also coached several sports at Minot High over the past 33 years including assisting in baseball, girls' and boys' basketball, and girls' golf. Coach Cederstrom has been teaching for 27 years. Gerard is married to LuAnn who has three daughters, and one grandchild.

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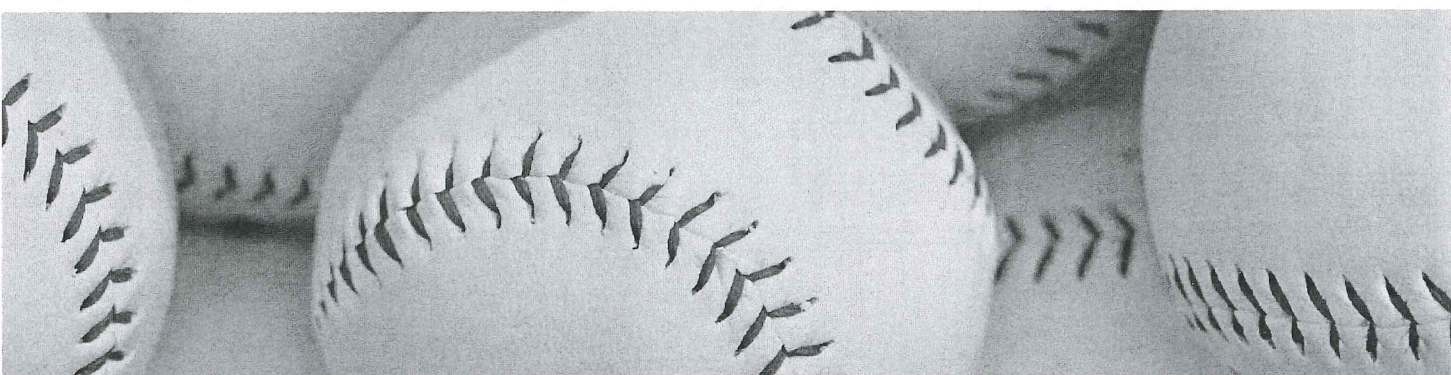
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BISMARCK DEMONS



Back Row (L-R): Emily Brunskill, Cassie Simenson, Andrea Frantz, Felicity Blair, Michaela Kauk, Macy Wetch, Keenan Schuler, Billy Schmidt, Kurt Grensteiner

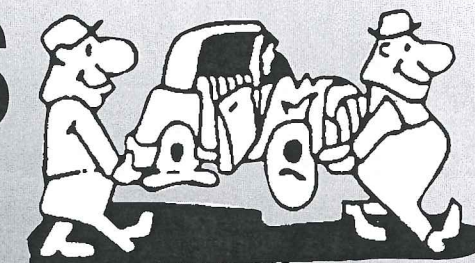
Middle Row (L-R): Olivia Wagner, Kassidy Duttonhefner, Lakyn Stork, Sam Hettinger, Bre Madler, Maddie Steckler, Erica Seeborg

Front Row (L-R): Laiken Grensteiner, Allison Schumacher, Jaime Barta, Emily Omvig, Micheala Casey, Emma Steckler, Emma Barta

	First	Last	Grade	Position
1	Jaime	Barta	12	Shortstop/Pitcher
2	Laiken	Grensteiner	11	Center Field
				Second Base
3	Emma	Barta	10	Catcher, Third Base
4	Michaela	Casey	12	Left Field
				Second Base
6	Emma	Steckler	12	Left Field, Pitcher
8	Emily	Omvig	12	Third Base
				Shortstop
11	Breanna	Madler	9	Second Base,
				Right Field
12	Kassidy	Duttonhefner	10	Pitcher
14	Madison	Steckler	10	Right Field
				Second Base
15	Allison	Schumacher	10	Left Field
				Right Field
18	Erica	Seeborg	11	Shortstop
				Right Field
19	Felicity	Blair	11	Catcher, First Base
20	Lakyn	Stork	10	Shortstop, Pitcher
22	Sam	Hettinger	10	First Base, Pitcher
23	Macy	Wetsch	9	Center Field, Left Field
24	Michaela	Kauk	11	Catcher/First Base
29	Logan	Gronberg	7	Pitcher, Third Base
35	Olivia	Wagner	11	Third Base, First Base

School:	Bismarck High School
Team Name	Demons
Coach:	Kurt Grensteiner
Assistant Coaches:	Emily Brunskill
	Andrea Frantz
	Billy Schmidt
	Keenan Schuler
	Cassandra Simenson

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Front Row: Grace Candrian, Sealy Rovig, Emma Garber, Shayla Elm, Abbie McKay, Emma Passa

Back Row: Nora Kramer, Eden Kramer, McKinlee Harmon, Annika Stewart, Hailee Jundt, Hannah Candrian

First	Last	Grade	Position
1	Nora Kramer	8	Pitcher, Out Field
2	Eden Kramer	11	Right Field
3	Shayla Elm	12	Second Base
5	Grace Candrian	9	Shortstop
7	Abbie McKay	10	Out Field, Catcher
10	Hailee Jundt	12	Shortstop, Second Base
12	Sealy Rovig	10	Catcher, First Base
19	Hannah Candrian	12	Third Base, Catcher
21	Annika Stewart	9	First Base
22	Emma Garber	12	Pitcher, Shortstop
23	McKinlee Harmon	11	Pitcher, Shortstop
24	Sidney Lovelace	10	Center Field
33	Bridget Finley	10	First Base, Pitcher
34	Emma Passa	9	Out Field
			Left Field
			Third Base

School: Bishop Ryan High School
Team Name: Lions
Coach: Julie Stewart
Assistant Coaches: Cliff Davis, Sheyenne Schmidt

DICKINSON MIDGETS



Row 1: Kennedy Kuntz, Kayla Friske, Sarah Dobitz, Abigayle Jones, Kamryn Kunts

Row 2: Amber Sickler, Julian Knight, Ali Lafond, Bailey Jahner, Marley McChesney

Row 3: Zoe Fath, Gabrielle Jung, Asst. Coach Dani Benito, Head Coach Amanda Mickey, Paige Schweitzer, Jordanne McNeilly

First	Last	Grade	Position
1	Abigayle Jones	12	Pitcher, Out Field
2	Kennedy Kuntz	10	Catcher, Out Field
3	Bailey Jahner	11	Out Field
5	Kayla Friske	11	Second Base
6	Marley McChesney	11	Out Field
7	Sarah Dobitz	1	Shortstop
9	Kamryn Kuntz	10	Third Base
10	Ali Lafond	9	Center Field
18	Amber Sickler	11	Pitcher, Out Field
19	Paige Schweitzer	12	First Base
21	Zoe Fath	12	Out Field
23	Jordanne McNeilly	11	Catcher
25	Julian Knight	12	Out Field
34	Gabrielle Jung	10	Out Field
35	Briana Ashworth	10	First Base

School: Dickinson High School
Team Name: Midgets
Head Coach: Amanda Mickey



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FARGO SPARTANS



Back Row: Sydney Johnson, McKayla Barke, Krista Schumacher, Sophie Cody
Row 4: Biyance Vondal, Sophie Semanko, Brianna Beach, Greta Rehder, Kylee Fike, Sam Trana
Row 3: Kaylee McClary, Abby Germundson, Shanoah Vondal, Ava Kalbrener, Alexis Webb, Tori Trenda
Row 2: Anna Erickson, Taya Opheim, Haley Ehlebracht, Jensen Hanneman, Dani Sanford, Alexa Hamre
Front Row: Gabi Olek, Sophie Ochoa, Lexi Limesand, Anna Goffe, Belle Olek, Alex Egge

First	Last	Grade	Position
2	Sophie Semanko	11	Third Base
3	Anna Goffe	11	Out Field
4	Alexa Hamre	9	Catcher
5	Alexandra Egge	9	Catcher
6	Sophia Ochoa	9	Pitcher
7	Taya Opheim	10	Shortstop
8	Anna Erickson	11	Third Base
9	Greta Rehder	10	Out Field
11	Samantha Trana	12	Pitcher
12	Alexis Webb	12	Catcher
13	Alexis Limesand	12	Left Field
14	Danielle Sanford	12	First Base
16	Gabrielle Olek	9	Pitcher
20	Shanoah Vondal	12	Second Base

School: Fargo North High School
 Team Name: Spartans
 Head Coach: Scott Carter

MINOT MAJETTES



Row one: Jaycie Rostad, Marisa Andrysiak, Riley Irmen, Emily Melom, Rylee Terrel, Paige Moran, Missing Jenna Andrysiak, Cambrie Pretzer, Landry Maragos, Hailey Espe
Row two: Brianna Walker, Miranda Besemann, Rachel Dockter, Marley Foltz, Jocelyn Lucy, Laura Spelhaug

First	Last	Grade	Position
1	Emily Melom	12	Out Field
2	Marisa Andrysiak	11	Pitcher
3	Jenna Andrysiak	9	Pitcher Second Base
4	Jaycie Rostad	10	Catcher
5	Riley Irmen	12	Out Field
6	Brianna Walker	12	First Base
7	Jocelyn Lucy	12	Out Field
9	Marley Foltz	11	Third Base
10	Hailey Espe	10	Second Base
11	Rylee Terrel	11	Pitcher
12	Landry Maragos	9	Out Field
14	Cambrie Pretzer	9	Third Base
15	Miranda Besemann	12	Out Field
21	Rachel Dockter	11	First Base
32	Paige Moran	11	Catcher

School: Minot
 Team Name: Minot
 Head Coach: Gerard Cederstromn
 Assistant Coach: Alicia Gessner
 Assistant Coach: Bill Irmen
 JV Assistant Coach: Eric Esterby
 JV Assistant Coach: Madison Koppinger

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Middle Row (L to R): Kacee White, Eliza Johnson, Macy Schlaht, Alexis Ondracek, Erin Anderson, Eliza Schueneman, Samantha Ranisate, MacKenzie Leroux, Jessie Udem

Front Row (L to R): Coach Nathan McGough, Coach Ryan Leroux, Jayda Haugen, Maren Horner, Emily Murray, Coach Hilary Kulczewski, Coach Jason Lindgren

First	Last	Grade	Position
1	Grace Scherr	10	Out Field
2	Erin Anderson	10	Pitcher
3	Maren Horner	12	Catcher
4	Mackenzie Leroux	11	Second Base
7	Samantha Ranisate	10	Second Base
8	Kacee White	11	Catcher
9	Macy Schlaht	11	Third Base
10	Alexis Ondracek	11	Shortstop
11	Eliza Schueneman	10	Out Field
12	Jayda Haugen	12	Out Field
13	McKenna Taylor	11	Pitcher
14	Eliza Johnson	10	Second Base
15	Allysen Mathias	9	First Base
16	Jessica Udem	9	Catcher
17	Emily Murray	12	Third Base
20	Mackenzie Pederson	11	Out Field
21	Hailey Schaefer	8	First Base
23	Courtney Lloyd	11	Pitcher
24	Rebecca Thompson	10	Shortstop
26	Sheyenne Gwilliams	11	Out Field
27	Taryn Dieterle	10	Catcher
28	Racheal Couture	9	First Base
34	Ashton Schonert	11	Pitcher
			Out Field

School: Valley City
Team Name: Hi-Liners
Head Coach: Jason Lindgren
Assistant Coach: Katie Pautz
Manager: Misty Lindgren
Assistant Coach: Ryan Leroux
Assistant Coach: Nathan McGough
Assistant Head Coach: Hilary Kulczewski

WEST FARGO HIGH SCHOOL



Front: Tori Nichols-Kraft, Macy Weible, Sami Dullum, Lauren Limke, Stephi Dullum, Lauren Diemert

Middle: Brooklyn Myrvik, Mikayla Johnson, Mariah Peters, Courtney Boll, Madison Pearson

Back: Head Coach Pat Johnson, Katie Gilbertson, Megan Nelson, Gabby DuBois, Coach Katie Johnson, Coach Matt Johnson

First	Last	Grade	Position
1	Gabrielle N DuBois	12	Out Field
2	Brooklyn R Myrvik	10	Catcher
3	Lauren R Diemert	10	Out Field
4	Catherine M Gilbertson	12	Second Base
5	Samantha J Dullum	12	Out Field
7	Ashlyn Diemert	8	Third Base
8	Stephanie A Dullum	12	Catcher
11	Madison M Pearson	11	Pitcher
12	Macy A Weible	9	Out Field
14	Mariah M Peters	9	Catcher
15	Torrance M Nichols-Kraft	9	Out Field
16	Courtney M Boll	10	Third Base
17	Mikayla B Johnson	10	Pitcher
18	Abigail Carlson	8	Out Field
19	Munira J Hirsi	11	First Base
22	Lauren E Limke	11	Out Field
26	Abby L d'Eustachio	11	Out Field
27	Megan K Nelson	12	Out Field

School: West Fargo High School
Team Name: Packers
Head Coach: Pat Johnson
 Andrew Potter

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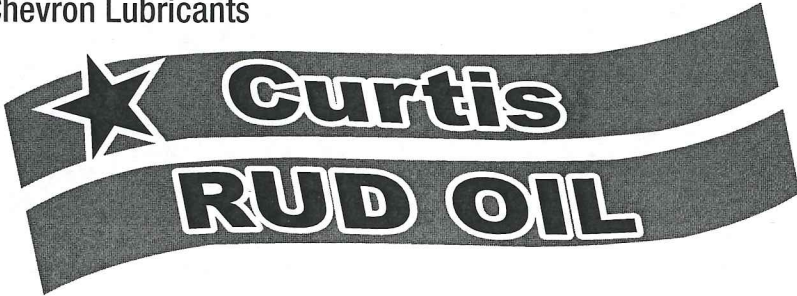
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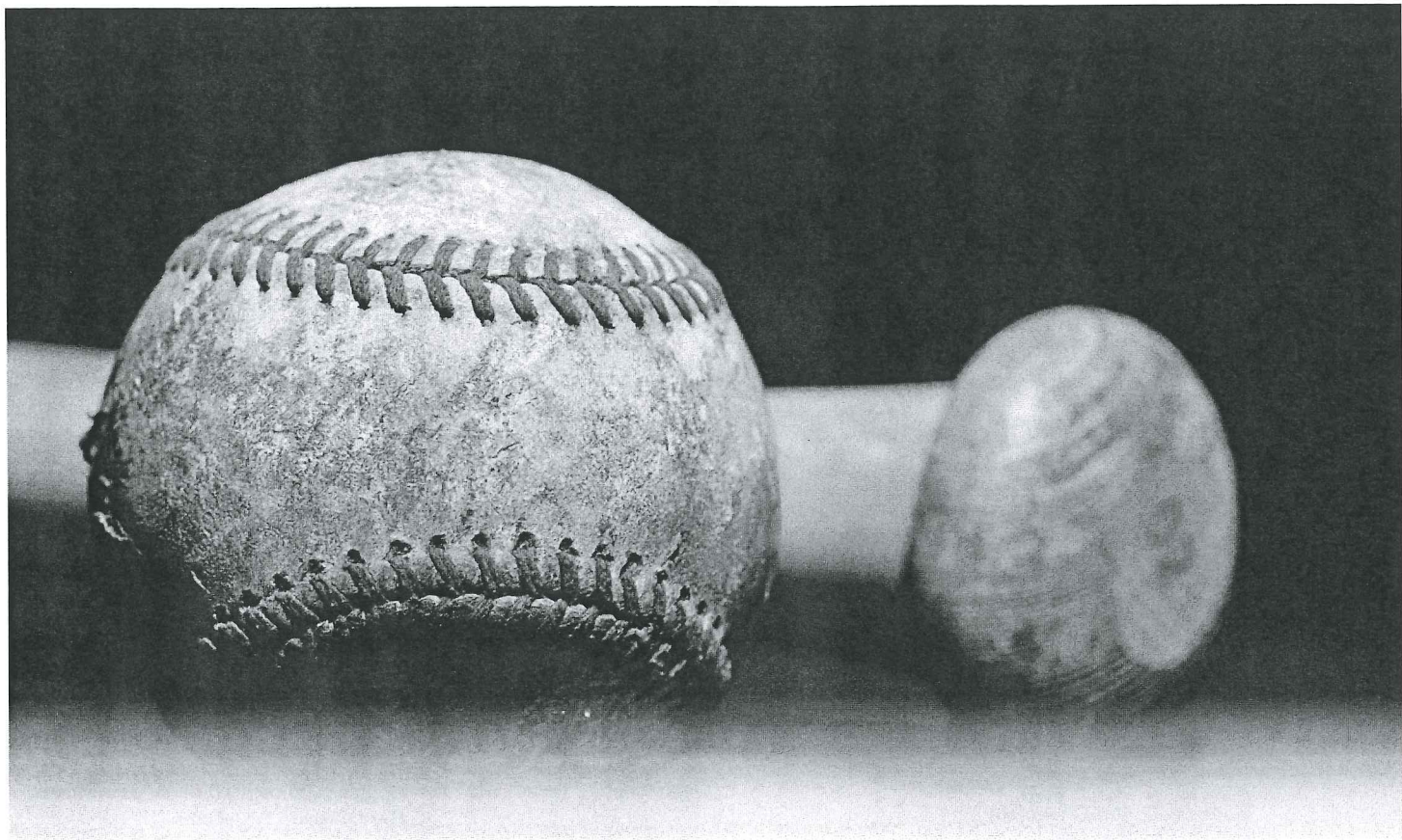


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Bottom Row (L-R): Abbi Bueling, Mary Beth Morse, Danika Balvik, Mya Lambert, Jess Dahlin, Ali Schmidt

Middle Row (L-R): Regan Jastram, Shay Weber, Emma Johnson, Sadie Mathews, Kiley Washnieski

Top Row (L-R): Alexa Weber (Mgr.), Brook Rheault (Asst. Coach), Morgan Geiszler, Katelyn Galde, Mark Woodbury (Head Coach), Grant Geiszler (Asst. Coach)

	First	Last	Grade	Position
2	Emma J	Johnson	10	Catcher Out Field
3	Abigail K	Bueling	9	Third Base Out Field
4	Katelyn F	Galde	10	Out Field
5	Sadie L	Mathews	11	Third Base Second Base
6	Morgan T	Geiszler	12	Shortstop Out Field
7	Danika J	Balvik	9	Out Field
8	Karlyn	Suess	8	Out Field
9	Jessica A	Dahlin	11	Out Field
10	Shay J	Weber	11	Out Field Catcher
12	Mya R	Lambert	10	Second Base Out Field
13	Joely M	Goodiron	9	Shortstop Out Field
14	Allison M	Schmidt	10	First Base Out Field
15	Regan O	Jastram	12	Pitcher First Base
16	Ashley E	Chase	9	Third Base Out Field
17	Morgan E	Haugen	8	Out Field Pitcher
18	Kiley J	Washnieski	10	Pitcher Second Base
19	Madelyn B	Buchert	8	Catcher Third Base
20	Erika R	Mathews	9	First Base Out Field

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History of NDHSAA

Back in the 1800s, athletics were not a part of the secondary school program; rather, such activities were operated by organizations such as the YMCA. At the turn of the century, students in schools began forming student athletic associations. They were formed primarily for one purpose: recreation, with the primary motive "to have fun." Students selected their own players and managers and scheduled their own games. Teams were associated by name with their high schools, although schools assumed no responsibility for organizing and administering the program. However, being associated with schools by name caused some embarrassment when disputes arose. As the athletic competition between student athletic associations began to attract more attention, it was not long before adults with an athletic interest sought to play with students on these teams. Non-school persons with previous athletic interest volunteered to coach teams, and some of them played on teams they were coaching. Even after a few schools began to have teachers employed as coaches, some of them also competed. In fact, in our state of North Dakota, early teams often times consisted of students, coaches, bus drivers and janitors. It was not uncommon for boys or young men to enroll in the fall and then drop out of school after the football season was over. This they might do for six or seven years or more.

Eventually, school officials across the nation decided they had to either eliminate athletic contests between schools or exercise responsibility and authority for controlling them. The latter, of course, was considered more feasible and was later adopted. This was exactly what happened in North Dakota.

The need for uniformity among schools was recognized by Superintendent G.W. Hanna of Valley City and in the fall of 1907 he invited representatives of a few other schools to a meeting in Valley City to consider such. A second meeting, called by Principal H.L. Rockwood of Valley City for the adoption of a constitution was held in Grand Forks on January 1 and 2, 1908. Records show that 29 schools attended this meeting, however only four schools (Valley City, Jamestown, Grafton and Grand Forks) became charter members paying their dues (\$1.50) on January 2. Two others (Casselton and Hankinson) joined later that school year. Twenty schools belonged the following school year of 1908-09. Thereafter, there was a steady growth in membership with 80 schools belonging in 1921 and 103 out of a total 162 classified high schools in 1925. Superintendent G.W. Hanna served as president of the organization the first year and a half, and was succeeded by Superintendent A.G. Crane of Jamestown for the 1908-09 school term.

The original constitution opened membership to any high school in North Dakota, but in 1910 this was amended so as to allow membership only to classified high schools. This excluded the consolidated high schools (approximately one-third of the schools of the state) from membership. Consequently the consolidated

high schools formed a League of their own in 1921, with membership being open to third class classified high schools as well as the consolidated high schools. Membership in this League grew from 15 the first year to 56 in 1925. No records are available in the NDHSAA office as to membership in the Consolidated League after that date.

Since the Consolidated League was enrolling several third class classified high schools in their League, the High School League changed their constitution in 1925, allowing consolidated schools of equivalent rank to third class classified schools to petition for membership in the League. As a result, several third class classified schools belonged to the Consolidated League and some consolidated schools belonged to the High School League. Some schools enrolled in both Leagues, and some even participated in basketball elimination tournaments in both in the 1930s. In fact, in 1934, Svea, a consolidated school in Barnes County, was eliminated in district play in the Consolidated League Tourney and then entered Class B district play in the High School League going on to take second place in the State Class B Tournament. This prompted the High School League to adopt a rule restricting schools with membership in both Leagues to participation in tournaments for one League only.

A common misconception is that the League in its early days was strictly an athletic association. Such is not the case - in that the original constitution in 1908 lists the purpose of the League as "To control and further interests in athletic and literary contests." In 1917, this was amended to read, "To control and further interest of the inter-high school contests," and at that time music was added to the list of activities. To quote G.W. Hanna, "Theoretically the League could control all inter-high school competition, but in practice it began with basketball and football." The state contest in literary events, music, track and tennis, although under the direction of the Board of Control, were actually administered by the University of North Dakota in the early years. Track and tennis were administered by the University until 1937 and by the Board of Control beginning in 1938. State contests in literary events and music were discontinued by the University during World War II years, and were resumed again in 1949 with complete administration by the High School League. This led to a subsequent change in the name of the organization to the North Dakota High School Activities Association in 1955.

The League at the beginning was concerned mostly with the administration of the football and basketball programs. Unofficial state title football games were played beginning in 1910 with the first official game in 1919. These were discontinued by the League after the 1924 season. Unofficial title games were played off and on after that with the winner of the Class A East-West Conference game being recognized as state champion from 1938 to 1959.

Official Class A and B championship football play-offs have been in effect since 1975.

State champions have been determined in boys' basketball since 1914. Schools competed in one class until 1933, at which time A and B divisions were formed. In 1948, a Class C divisions made up of the smaller schools in the League was formed. For a period of three years, 1948 through 1950, four state champions in the High School League were crowned as well as one in the Consolidated League. From 1948 through 1963 the League maintained 3 divisions for basketball, but went back to the two class system in 1964, which prevails at the present time.

The Constitution of the old Consolidated League also listed as its purpose the controlling of inter-school declamation, debate, music and athletic contests of its members. However, again, the League limited itself mainly to the administration of basketball and conducted state tournaments in the same during some years of its existence. After the 1950 season, the Consolidated League merged with the High School League, becoming a part of the "C" division, "for a 5-year trial period." Actually, the merger has existed to the present time. It is rumored, though there is nothing in the records to verify the same, that there was a gentleman's agreement at the time of the merger, that the Class C division would never be abolished except upon a vote of the Class C schools themselves. However, when the vote was taken in 1963 to go back to the two class system, all member schools voted on the amendment.

Athletics for girls was more or less a hit or miss proposition until 1974. The original constitution adopted in 1908 contained the following provision: "In girls' basketball we agree that girls' rules shall govern schools involved." No reference of any sort concerning girls' basketball is made in the revised constitution of 1910, but in the 1917 revision reference is again made to the same as follows: "All games in girls' basketball played in this League shall be played under girls' rules." The following statement was added in 1925: "There shall be no state tournament for girls' teams." In an article concerning athletics for girls found in the 1933 Handbook, the following statement is made: "The Association recommends that girls do not participate in any form of interscholastic basketball or tournaments."

In 1936 a survey conducted by the League showed that 55 classified schools favored interscholastic basketball for girls with 33 participating in the same, while 75 were not in favor of interscholastic competition. Twenty-six favored holding tournaments for girls with 17 participating in such, while 99 were opposed. No reference is made to the sport in the revised Constitution and By-Laws of 1938, but the question and answer section which follows states again that, "the League has never ruled against girls' basketball and that students in schools holding such contests must meet the eligibility rules." The Consolidated League, however, besides authorizing girls' basketball held state tournaments during part of their existence. During the very first years, girls' teams used boys' rules, but they had no state tournament series. During the 1930s, they started using girls' rules and a tournament series was orga-

nized which continued in operation until 1950. This was continued after the merger of the two Leagues in the Class C division until 1960. Organized basketball for girls more or less disappeared from the picture until 1974 when state champions were named in both the Class A and Class B divisions.

Girls' sports started to take a more prominent position with the NDHSAA in the mid 1960's. Girls' golf, tennis and track were sponsored by the NDHSAA beginning in the spring of 1966 and gymnastics was added in 1968-69. Girls' basketball had a "re-birth" in the fall of 1973 when the NDHSAA sponsored combined district level competition. In the fall of 1974, girls' swimming and diving was first sponsored and Class A and B basketball separated and there was a state tournament for each class.

In the fall of 1979, Class A and B girls' cross-country was first sponsored. In the winter of 1982-83, Class A girls' volleyball was sponsored at the regional level and extended to the state tournament level in 1983-84. Class B volleyball was added through the state level in 1988-89. The last two additions were girls' soccer which was added in the spring of 1996 and girls' hockey added in 2002-03.

Some changes and additions were also made in boys' sports in the last 40 years, including the Class A football play-off plan that began in the fall of 1975. Boys' soccer was first sponsored in the fall of 1995 and sand greens golf was discontinued in 1996. The present four division football play-off series began in the fall of 1997 and Class A baseball was first sponsored in the spring of 2000.

Some historic changes which placed North Dakota on the cutting edge nationally included the three point line for boys' basketball, adopted in 1981-82 and for girls in the fall of 1983. Class A boys' basketball coaches tried the shot clock in 1995-96 and adopted its use in 1996-97.

Then in 2002-03 came the change that reverberated through the state and was motivated by a nationwide evolution: the switch of girls' volleyball to the fall and girls' basketball to the winter. It is also interesting to compare Association budgets from the early years to the present. In the first 3 years of the North Dakota High School League, the budget ranged from \$30 to \$45. In 1982-83 the budget was nearly a half million dollars while the 2007-08 budget is well over a million dollars.

In 2008-09 softball was added as a spring sport.

In 2010-11 there was a switch of seasons for Boys' B and Girls' B basketball with the B Boys' season beginning and completing before Girls' season.

In 2014-15 there was a switch of seasons for Boys' B and Girls' B basketball with the B Girls' season beginning and completing before Boys' season.

Purpose: To elevate standards of Good Sportsmanship and to encourage the growth of responsible citizenship among the students, member schools and their personnel.

1. Know, appreciate and understand the rules of the contest.
2. Show respect for the officials. Good Sportsmanship implies the willingness to accept and abide by the decisions of the officials.
3. Show respect for the opponent at all times. Good Sportsmanship is the Golden Rule in action.
4. Recognize and appreciate the skill of performance regardless of team affiliation.
5. Maintain self control at all times. Good Sportsmanship is a responsibility of all who are involved in the game.
6. Show a positive attitude in cheering, refraining from intimidation or negative cheering. Good Sportsmanship is cheering your own team "on to victory".

1. Follow the rules of the sport during the progress of

- the contest.
2. Accept the decision of officials without showing inappropriate emotions.
3. Exhibit encouragement to players going in and coming out of a game/meet.
4. Avoid public display of criticism in front of participants or spectators.

1. Display qualities of Good Sportsmanship at all times.
2. Display respect for opponents at all times, including injured players.

EXAMPLE: Assisting an opponent who has fallen as opposed to stepping over him/her.

3. Avoid unsportsmanlike gestures or language.
- EXAMPLE: Taunting an opponent after a missed shot, etc.
4. Respect the judgment of game officials.

EXAMPLE: Protesting a call verbally and/or demonstratively.

5. Concentrate on being involved in the contest with as little regard for the spectators as possible.

EXAMPLE: Joining in with spectators in unsportsmanlike conduct.

6. Accept victory and/or defeat with pride and compassion.
- EXAMPLE: Shaking hands with the opponents after the contest in a sportsmanlike manner.
7. Exhibit proper etiquette in pre-game ceremonies.

EXAMPLE: Display proper behavior during the national anthem, the introduction of players, etc.

8. Display ethical behavior throughout the contest.

EXAMPLE: No behavior which would include possible injurious actions such as the swinging of elbows, tripping, pushing back after being bumped, etc.

1. Refrain from throwing any object onto the playing floor or in the stands.
2. Refrain from behavior deemed dangerous or which interferes with the rights of others to watch the game.
3. Refrain from possessing, consuming or being under the influence of chemicals.
4. Refrain from use of obscene, profane or abusive language or gestures, signs, posters or banners which show disrespect for opponent's team, officials,

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3. Student spectators guilty of misconduct should be removed from the arena and charged with disorderly conduct and/or may be barred from attending future contests.
4. All school regulations should be in effect at all contests, even though the contest might not be held in a school owned facility.

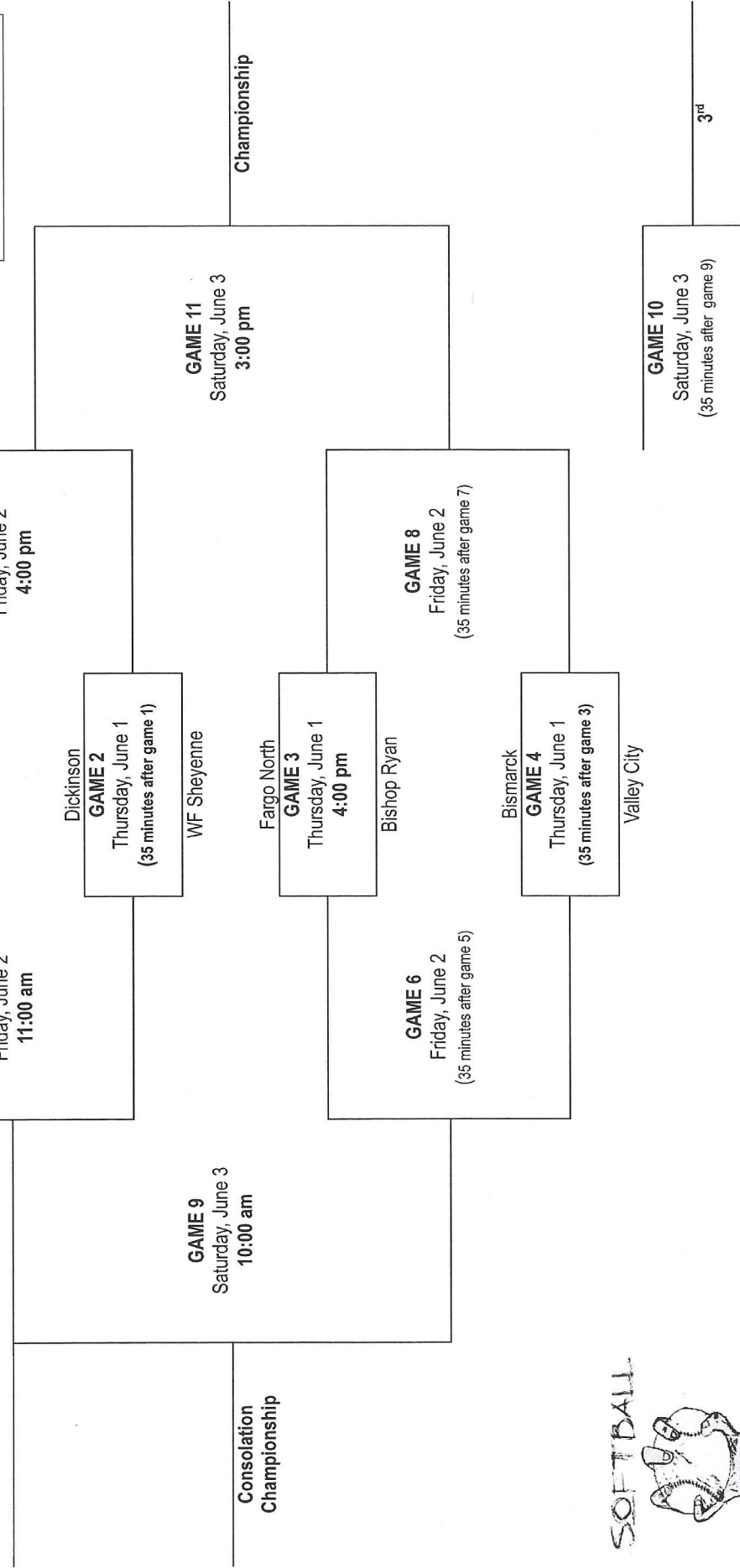


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