



PREGAME PREP

What was your pregame snack?

Words I'd use to describe the toughest conflict softball faced

- Troy. Mentally the toughest game all year. **Marissa Guenther** [junior]
- West. We had to stay completely focused. **Logan Goulet** [sophomore]
- Focus for 15 innings, draining but memorable. **Megan Tersteeg** [senior]
- I just had to stay mentally focused. **Kate Norton** [freshman]
- Sectionals. High school softball had officially ended. **Casey Flemming** [senior]
- Central. We had an expectation to uphold. **Sophie Davis** [freshman]
- South. We knew we had to win. **Regan Gremaud** [senior]
- Lafayette. We had a championship to win. **Emilee Rooney** [junior]

BOUNCING BACK Running toward the plate, senior **Megan Tersteeg** (2) attempts to get the out against Marquette, Sept. 21. "We used this game as a learning experience. We took what we needed to work on and came out strong the next day a whole new team," Tersteeg said. The Vikings came back the next day to defeat Howell North 10-0. This win carried onto the rest of the season. "We used what we learned from the mistakes we made and finished out strong for the rest of the season," Tersteeg said.



PERFECT PITCH Sophomore **Logan Goulet** prepares to throw in a game against Eureka Aug. 22. "This game was a good experience. Playing on the varsity field, with all the fans watching us, was a good way to get past our nerves," Goulet said. JV lost to Lafayette 11-10 in the championship game but finished 2-1 in the Parkway Tournament.



FINISH IT Going against rivals Ft Zumwalt West, Sept. 1, senior **Olivia Prager** winds up to throw the next pitch. "We knew going in to this game West was going to be tough, so we came in guns blazing," Prager said. Despite the effort by the girls, Vikings lose 3-1.

Playing for a cause

Softball hosts annual memorial

PURPLE OUT With an expectation to uphold and former student Trevor Joerling's memory in mind, junior **Whitney Boschert** (10) follows through on her swing. The varsity softball team wore commemorative jerseys and played at Lindenwood, Oct. 5, for the annual memorial game. "Knowing I was playing for someone as inspiring as Trevor was an experience I will never forget," Boschert said. Varsity beat Howell Central 6-2. "The Trevor game was important for every one of us. We all knew we were playing for something bigger than ourselves," catcher **Olivia Hetzel** (16) said. After the game, the varsity softball team released purple balloons in Joerling's. A member of the Class of 2016, Joerling passed away of leukemia in 2014.



Fighting TO THE FINISH

Varsity softball falls short in 15 inning battle

18 REGULAR SEASON WINS. Varsity softball took home 18 wins overall with only 9 losses. The girls also placed first and won the district championship, and were seeded number 1 in the district.

WITH 13 innings, a scoreless game, and a varsity softball district seed on the

drive to center field, scoring junior **Khia Williams**.

"The best part was definitely getting that run in. It was nice to feel my team fighting hard for my pitcher because she was working so hard to get the win," Gremaud said.

However, Troy's pitcher **Kiersten Nixon** connected with Boschert's pitch and hit one over the fence. Tied, the game moved into the 15th inning, where the Vikings failed to score. Troy, however, pushed across another run and Vikings fell short, 2-1.

"It was easily the longest game I've ever played," senior **Sydney Ackerman** said.

Despite the loss, softball won the district championship, winning two games in a row.

"It was a great atmosphere all around. The energy was there and we just kept performing. It was awesome to come out and play like we knew we could," senior **Lauren Beauchamp** said.

The girls had a 16-8 regular season record, and overall went 18-9.

"From the start we realized the team would be much different. We had a young team that was able to adjust quickly," senior **Megan Tersteeg** said. "This allowed us to show our hard work at practice, in each game we played."

line, junior **Whitney Boschert** stepped on the mound. Sweat ran down her face. "Going into this, I knew it was going to be tough just from the talent they have on their team. As it hit the 10th inning and no runs were scored, I realized how tough it actually was going to be," Boschert said.

At the top of the 14th inning, the score 0-0, the Vikings were up to bat. Senior **Regan Gremaud** pulled through with a line

more to the Story

JV softball players retell what they enjoyed about being on the team.

- Sophie Davis** [freshman]: "My teammates' strengths and weaknesses. My favorite was when my sister and I both hit back-to-back home runs."
- Olivia Willis** [freshman]: "In our very first tournament against Lafayette, the game kept going back and forth so it was very exciting."
- Abby Hanna** [freshman]: "My best was every time I struck out someone on Ft. Zumwalt West. It gave me a more confidence on the mound."
- Rebecca Amos** [freshman]: "The best moment was building relationships because when the season ends, the friendships stay the same."
- Logan Goulet** [sophomore]: "Against Howell North, at the teacher appreciation game, it was fun having the support and getting the win as well."

Varsity Softball won district championship

JV Softball went 11-11 in regular season play