

CHICAGO BANDITS (26-14) vs. USSSA Pride (21-17)



The Dell Diamond
Round Rock, TX
August 12-15, 2010
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PITCHING STAFF 2010 STATS						
POS.	NO.	PLAYER	ERA	K / BB	IP / BF	NOTABLE
P	1	Kristina Thorson (8-4) 4th Season	2.23	59 / 18	75.1 / 304	Leads the team with 8 wins and 59 strikeouts.
P	3	Jessica Sallinger (5-3) 5th Season, 4th with CHI	4.14	23 / 33	44.0 / 214	Had a feature done about her strict vegetarian diet this season.
P	11	Eileen Canney (1-4) 4th Season	3.31	36 / 19	42.1 / 191	Has done well in international competition, but struggled in the NPF this season.
P	27	Jennie Finch (5-1) 5th Season	1.00	57 / 15	42.0 / 304	Leads the team, and is second in the NPF with a 1.00 ERA
P	44	Nikki Nemitz (7-2) Rookie Season	2.37	52 / 15	71.0 / 312	Continues to be a workhorse for the Bandits pitching staff and is having a highly successful season as a rookie.

BATTERS 2010 STATS							
POS.	NO.	PLAYER	AVG	SLG	OB%	RBI	NOTABLE
C	25	Rachel Folden 5-5, 3rd Season	.327	.710	.443	26	Leads the league with 26 RBIs.
C	6	Ashley Holcombe 5-6, 2nd Season, 1st with CHI	.100	.250	.143	4	Has been strong behind the plate since her return from playing with the US National Team.
C	4	Mariesha Marker 5-7, Rookie Season	.176	.235	.318	4	Has seen limited playing time with only 22 games played and 17 at bats this season.
1B	13	Samantha Findlay 5-5, 3rd Season	.286	.607	.410	25	Is tied with Stacy May as League Leaders with 11 home runs.
2B	31	Emily Friedman 5-7, 5th Season, 1st with CHI	.321	.509	.376	16	Continues to have a successful season in her first year with the Bandits. Is one of the top hitters and is a strong centerfielder.
2B/OF	19	Vicky Galindo 5-4, 4th Season	.269	.423	.329	6	Is strong in the field at second base and a big threat on the bases with her speed.
2B	10	Nicole Pauly 5-10, Rookie Season	.286	.429	.359	5	Is having a successful season after being selected at open tryouts in May.
SS	17	Christine Knauer 5-6, Rookie Season	.178	.222	.196	3	Leads the team with 8 errors in the field, but proves to be quick on the bases with an in the park home run earlier this season.
SS	00	Amberly Waits 5-6, Rookie Season	.111	.148	.143	0	Has not performed well this season with a .111 average in only 27 plate appearances.
3B	5	Stacy May-Johnson 5-6, 4th Season	.344	.656	.408	25	Leads the NPF in batting average and is tied with teammate Samantha Findlay for league leader with 11 home runs.
3B/OF	12	Amber Patton 5-5, 2nd Season	.300	.386	.355	7	Has been doing very well since she returned from her foot injury with a .300 batting average in 20 games.
OF	9	Caitlin Lever 5-8, 4th Season	.250	.250	.280	1	Has returned to the Bandits after competing in the World Cup of Softball with the Canadian National Team.
OF	7	Angela Findlay 5-5, Rookie Season	.246	.447	.293	19	Is the only rookie to have played in every single game of the 2010 season.
OF	55	Rachel Mitchell 5-3, Rookie Season	.140	.220	.259	8	Has seen less playing time in right field after the return of Amber Patton.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Findlay – Find-LEE
Christine Knauer – Ca-NOW-er
Nikki Nemitz – Nem-its
Eileen Canney – Can-Knee
Mariesha Marker – Mar-EE-sha

ON THE AIR AND ONLINE

The Bandits VS. Pride series will be streaming live at mlb.com at <http://www.mlb.com/mlb/mediacenter/hpf.jsp>

PLAYER STATUS

2010 Batting Statistics

No.	Player	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HP	SO	SF	SH	SB	CS	DP	E	OBP	SLG	AVG
5	May, Stacy	40	131	32	45	8	0	11	25	14	1	10	1	1	7	5	1	4	.408	.656	.344
25	Folden, Rachel	40	107	23	35	11	0	10	26	21	2	18	1	0	0	0	1	3	.443	.710	.327
27	Finch, Jennie	15	40	5	13	5	1	1	7	6	1	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	.417	.575	.325
31	Friedman, Emily	40	112	19	36	6	0	5	16	10	1	9	2	4	5	3	1	7	.376	.509	.321
12	Patton, Amber	20	70	13	21	4	1	0	7	6	0	10	0	1	4	0	2	0	.355	.386	.300
13	Findlay, Samantha	40	112	20	32	3	0	11	25	21	2	28	0	0	4	2	0	5	.410	.607	.286
10	Pauly, Nicole	24	35	6	10	2	0	1	5	3	1	8	0	0	0	1	1	2	.359	.429	.286
44	Nemitz, Nikki	25	58	6	16	2	0	3	7	12	0	11	0	2	0	0	0	0	.400	.466	.276
19	Galindo, Vicky	24	78	15	21	7	1	1	6	7	0	7	0	2	3	1	0	4	.329	.423	.269
9	Lever, Caitlin	10	24	4	6	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	0	1	3	0	0	0	.280	.250	.250
7	Findlay, Angela	40	114	15	28	8	0	5	19	7	1	13	1	4	5	0	0	2	.293	.447	.246
17	Knauer, Christine	37	90	0	16	1	0	1	3	2	0	25	0	6	4	1	0	8	.196	.222	.178
4	Marker, Mariesha	22	17	5	3	1	0	0	2	4	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	.318	.235	.176
55	Mitchell, Rachel	30	50	5	7	1	0	1	8	7	1	19	0	2	2	2	1	2	.259	.220	.140
00	Waits, Amberly	32	27	9	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	12	0	0	3	2	0	1	.143	.148	.111
6	Holcombe, Ashley	12	20	1	2	0	0	1	4	0	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	.143	.250	.100
1	Thorson, Kristina	7	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	.000	.000	.000
11	Canney, Eileen	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.000	.000	.000
3	Sallinger, Jessica	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	.000	.000	.000
Totals		40	1089	188	294	60	3	51	161	122	11	197	7	23	40	17	7	45	.347	.471	.270

2010 Pitching Statistics

No.	Player	W	L	IP	R	ER	H	BB	HBP	WP	SO	BF	G	GS	GF	CG	SHO	SV	HRA	OOBP	OSLG	OAVG	ERA
27	Finch, Jennie	5	1	42.0	7	6	23	15	3	1	57	166	8	7	0	5	3	0	1	.247	.203	.160	1.00
1	Thorson, Kristina	8	4	75.1	33	24	58	18	5	6	59	304	20	11	6	4	2	2	8	.263	.319	.214	2.23
44	Nemitz, Nikki	7	2	71.0	40	24	77	15	3	2	52	312	22	6	7	3	0	3	7	.304	.388	.270	2.37
11	Canney, Eileen	1	4	42.1	26	20	42	19	1	3	36	191	11	9	1	2	1	1	4	.325	.363	.256	3.31
3	Sallinger, Jessica	5	3	44.0	35	26	52	33	2	0	23	214	15	7	5	1	0	0	4	.397	.425	.301	4.14
13	Findlay, Samantha	0	0	1.0	5	5	2	3	0	0	1	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	.625	1.200	.400	35.00
Totals		26	14	275.2	146	105	254	103	14	12	228	1195	77	40	19	15	6	6	25	.310	.352	.236	2.67

2010 Team Leaders

Batting Leaders

AVG		HR		RBI	
	May, S .344		May, S 11		Folden, R 26
Folden, R	.327	Findlay, S	11	May, S	25
Finch, J	.325	Folden, R	10	Findlay, S	25
Friedman, E	.321	Findlay, A	5	Findlay, A	19

Pitching Leaders

W		SO		ERA	
	Thorson, K		Thorson, K		Finch, J

	8		59		1.00
Nemitz, N	7	Finch, J	57	Thorson, K	2.23
Finch, J	5	Nemitz, N	52	Nemitz, N	2.37
Sallinger, J	5	Canney, E	36	Canney, E	3.31

2010 CHICAGO BANDITS SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME (CT)	TV/RADIO	ONLINE
6/9 (Wednesday)	USSSA Pride	Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX	7:05 PM	-	USSSAPride.com
6/10 (Thursday)	USSSA Pride	Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX	7:05 PM	-	USSSAPride.com
6/11 (Friday)	USSSA Pride	Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX	7:05 PM	-	USSSAPride.com
6/12 (Saturday)	USSSA Pride	Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX	4:00 PM	ESPN 2 (TV)	USSSAPride.com
6/13 (Sunday)	USSSA Pride	Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX	12:00 PM	-	USSSAPride.com
6/17 (Thursday)	Rockford Riverhawks (Battle of Sexes)	Road Ranger Stadium, Rockford, IL	7:05 PM	-	-
6/19 (Saturday)	Virginia Renegades	Moyer Sports Complex, Salem, VA	7:05 PM	-	-
6/20 (Sunday)	Akron Racers	Judson University, Elgin, IL	5:05 PM	-	ChicagoBandits.com
6/21 (Monday)	Akron Racers	Judson University, Elgin, IL	7:05 PM	-	ChicagoBandits.com
6/22 (Tuesday)	Akron Racers	Judson University, Elgin, IL	1:05 PM	-	ChicagoBandits.com
6/24 (Thursday)	@ Akron Racers	Firestone Stadium, Akron, OH	7:05 PM	-	AkronRacers.com
6/25 (Friday)	@ Akron Racers	Firestone Stadium, Akron, OH	7:05 PM	-	AkronRacers.com
6/26 (Saturday)	@ Akron Racers	Firestone Stadium, Akron, OH	7:05 PM	-	AkronRacers.com
6/27 (Sunday)	@ Akron Racers	Firestone Stadium, Akron, OH	2:05 PM	-	AkronRacers.com
7/1 (Thursday)	Tennessee Diamonds	Judson University, Elgin, IL	7:05 PM	-	ChicagoBandits.com
7/2 (Friday)	Tennessee Diamonds	Judson University, Elgin, IL	7:05 PM	-	ChicagoBandits.com
7/3 (Saturday)	Tennessee Diamonds	Judson University, Elgin, IL	2:05 PM	-	ChicagoBandits.com
7/3 (Saturday)	Tennessee Diamonds (FIREWORKS NIGHT)	Judson University, Elgin, IL	7:05 PM	-	ChicagoBandits.com
7/4 (Sunday)	Tennessee Diamonds	Judson University, Elgin, IL	2:05 PM	-	ChicagoBandits.com
7/6 (Tuesday)	TBD	Thillens Stadium, Chicago, IL	7:05 PM	-	-
7/8 (Thursday)	Akron Racers	Judson University, Elgin, IL	7:05 PM	-	ChicagoBandits.com
7/9 (Friday)	Akron Racers	Silver Cross Field, Joliet, IL	7:05 PM	-	-
7/10 (Saturday)	Akron Racers	Judson University, Elgin, IL	7:05 PM	-	ChicagoBandits.com
7/11 (Sunday)	Akron Racers	Judson University, Elgin, IL	2:05 PM	-	ChicagoBandits.com
7/14 (Wednesday)	@ Tenn Diamonds	Lipscomb University, Nashville, TN	7:05 PM	-	Profastpitch.com
7/15 (Thursday)	@ Tenn Diamonds	Lipscomb University, Nashville, TN	7:05 PM	-	Profastpitch.com
7/16 (Friday)	@ Tenn Diamonds	Lipscomb University, Nashville, TN	7:05 PM	-	Profastpitch.com
7/17 (Saturday)	@ Tenn Diamonds	Lipscomb University, Nashville, TN	7:05 PM	-	Profastpitch.com
7/18 (Sunday)	@ Tenn Diamonds	Lipscomb University, Nashville, TN	2:05 PM	-	-
7/20 (Tuesday)	Akron Racers	Cat Osterman Experience, Omaha, NE	7:05 PM	-	-
7/21 (Wednesday)	Akron Racers	Cat Osterman Experience, Omaha, NE	7:05 PM	-	-
7/22 (Thursday)	Akron Racers	Cat Osterman Experience, Omaha, NE	7:05 PM	-	-
7/24 (Saturday)	@ Akron Racers	Firestone Stadium, Akron, OH	7:05 PM	-	AkronRacers.com
7/25 (Sunday)	@ Akron Racers	Firestone Stadium, Akron, OH	2:05 PM	-	AkronRacers.com
7/26 (Monday)	@ Akron Racers	Firestone Stadium, Akron, OH	7:05 PM	-	AkronRacers.com
7/29 (Thursday)	@ USSSA Pride	ESPN Wide World Sports, Orlando, FL	7:05 PM	-	USSSAPride.com
7/30 (Friday)	@ USSSA Pride	ESPN Wide World Sports, Orlando, FL	7:05 PM	-	USSSAPride.com
7/31 (Saturday)	@ USSSA Pride	ESPN Wide World Sports, Orlando, FL	7:05 PM	-	USSSAPride.com
8/1 (Sunday)	@ USSSA Pride	ESPN Wide World Sports, Orlando, FL	2:05 PM	-	USSSAPride.com
8/3 (Tuesday)	TBD	Thillens Stadium, Chicago, IL	7:05 PM	-	-
8/6 (Friday)	@ Akron Racers	Firestone Stadium, Akron, OH	7:05 PM	-	AkronRacers.com
8/7 (Saturday)	@ Akron Racers	Firestone Stadium, Akron, OH	7:05 PM	-	AkronRacers.com
8/8 (Sunday)	@ Akron Racers	Firestone Stadium, Akron, OH	2:05 PM	-	AkronRacers.com
8/9 (Monday)	Joliet Jackhammers (Battle of Sexes)	Silver Cross Field, Joliet, IL	7:05 PM	-	-
8/12 (Thursday)	USSSA Pride	Round Rock Express, TX	7:05 PM	-	USSSAPride.com
8/13 (Friday)	USSSA Pride	Round Rock Express, TX	7:05 PM	-	USSSAPride.com
8/14 (Saturday)	USSSA Pride	Round Rock Express, TX	6:00 PM	-	USSSAPride.com
8/14 (Saturday)	USSSA Pride	Round Rock Express, TX	8:30 PM	-	USSSAPride.com
8/15 (Sunday)	USSSA Pride	Round Rock Express, TX	3:05 PM	-	USSSAPride.com
8/19 (Thursday)	Tennessee Diamonds	Judson University, Elgin, IL	7:05 PM	-	ChicagoBandits.com
8/20 (Friday)	Tennessee Diamonds	Judson University, Elgin, IL	7:05 PM	-	ChicagoBandits.com
8/21 (Saturday)	Tennessee Diamonds	Judson University, Elgin, IL	2:05 PM	-	ChicagoBandits.com
8/21 (Saturday)	Tennessee Diamonds	Judson University, Elgin, IL	7:05 PM	-	ChicagoBandits.com
8/22 (Sunday)	Tennessee Diamonds	Judson University, Elgin, IL	2:05 PM	-	ChicagoBandits.com

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

6/15/10 Signed Georgia Southern softball coach Maggie Johnson as the Bandits third assistant coach...6/4/10: Signed Mariesha Marker from Long Island University to play catcher. 6/1/10: Signed 2B Nicole Pauly from Northwestern University by way of Open Tryout on May 29 ... 2/10/10: Drafted P Nikki Nemitz (Michigan), SS Amberly Waits (LaTech), OF Nenna Bryant (Oregon), OF Rachel Mitchell (LSU), SS Christine Knauer (North Carolina) and OF Angela Findlay (Michigan) in 2010 NPF Draft ... 2/10/10: Traded veteran OF Nicole Trimboli to USSSA Pride in exchange for '10 fourth round draft pick ... 2/1/10: Waived OF Ashley Carlson ... 1/28/10: Waived C Jaime Schloredt, OF Izmena Cabrera, OF Cheyenne Jenks, SS Aileen Morales, P Brandice Balschmiter and P Gina Oaks ... 1/22/10: Waived 2B Kristie Fox ... 1/21/10: Signed P Jessica Sallinger

MOST RECENT REGULAR SEASON MEETINGS

Bandits-4 Pride-1 8/1/10 Orlando, FL	Bandits-7 Pride-5 / Bandits-7 Pride-3 7/31/10 Orlando, FL
<p>For the fifth consecutive game of the series, the Chicago Bandits (24-13) scored first; this time with a run in the top of the third on an RBI single from Bandits third baseman Stacy May, driving Emily Friedman, who had reached on an error, across the plate.</p> <p>The Bandits would move on to score two more runs, taking a 3-0 victory over the USSSA Florida Pride (18-17), marking the fourth straight victory for Chicago. The win moved Chicago 2.5 games ahead of the Akron Racers (20-14) in first place, however the Racers play two games against the Tennessee Diamonds (8-26) Sunday afternoon.</p> <p>The very next inning, in the top of the fourth, Bandits rookie Angela Findlay blasted an RBI double off the left centerfield wall, scoring Jennie Finch from second base for a 2-0 Bandits lead.</p> <p>Meanwhile, on the defensive side of the field, Jennie Finch (5-1) was wheeling and dealing to the Florida batters, racking up nine strikeouts and one walk en route to the complete game five-hit shutout victory. Finch was backed up by some excellent defense all around, but especially up the middle by Vicky Galindo who came through with a pair of diving stops on hard grounders. Emily Friedman opened up the sixth inning with a leadoff solo home-run over the left-centerfield wall, giving the Bandits and Finch all they would need to seal the deal against the Pride.</p> <p>The Pride attempted to mount a comeback in the bottom of the seventh, putting runners in scoring position on both second and third, but Finch was able to strikeout pinch hitter Caitlin Lowe to end the game and give the Bandits the 3-0 victory and a 4-1 lead on the series.</p> <p>Offensively, Stacy May led Chicago with a 2-for-3 performance at the plate with one RBI. Angela Findlay, Galindo and Friedman recorded the other hits for Chicago with Findlay and Friedman getting RBIs out of the hits as well.</p>	<p>With the bases loaded and two outs, Chicago Bandits left fielder Emily Friedman laced a Desiree Serrano pitch through the left side of the infield, bringing Jennie Finch and Angela Findlay around to score in the top of the first. The two RBI single followed runs scored by Rachel Folden and Samantha Findlay for a 4-0 Bandits lead in the top of the first inning of game two of the double header.</p> <p>Kelly Kretschman quickly put the Pride on the board in the bottom of the first when she launched a two RBI home run over the centerfield wall, closing the scoring gap to 4-2.</p> <p>With only one out on the board and two more runners on for the Pride, Eileen Canney was pulled from the circle after 0.1 innings of work for Jessica Sallinger. The early exit marked the second time in today's double headers that a Bandits starting pitcher did not make it out of the first inning.</p> <p>Bandits third baseman Stacy May ended the pitching night of Serrano when in the top of the second and with no outs on the board, May drilled a solo home run over the right field fence to give the Bandits a 5-2 lead. Katie Burkhart stepped into the circle in place of Serrano.</p> <p>Things would not be any easier for Burkhart in the circle as Amber Patton and Rachel Folden both smacked a single and a double to put runners on second and third. Two outs later, Bandits rookie Angela Findlay brought home the two runners with a hard double up the middle for two RBIs, giving the Bandits a 7-2 lead.</p> <p>In the bottom of the second with the bases empty, Pride rookie Jessica Mendoza sent a rocket over the left field fence to give the Pride a run. Two batters later and with a runner on third, a hard grounder up the middle closed the scoring gap to 7-4.</p> <p>The Pride would score one more run off Sallinger to bring the score to 7-5, but Eileen Canney reentered the ballgame to seal the deal, giving Sallinger the victory and Canney the save. Serrano was credited with the loss.</p> <p>Earlier in the day, in game one of the Saturday double-dip, a solo home run by Bandits first baseman Samantha Findlay in the top of the sixth put the Bandits up with the score at 4-3. One inning later and with runners on first and third, Chicago Bandits centerfielder Amber Patton blasted a pitch up the middle and deep into centerfield, scoring two RBIs to give the Bandits a 6-3 lead in the top of the seventh.</p> <p>Patton would eventually come around to score, putting the Bandits up 7-3 in game one of the Saturday double header. The four run lead would be all Bandits pitcher Nikki Nemitz needed as she earned her fifth victory on the season. Nemitz pitched six and a third innings, getting three strikeouts in the effort.</p>
Bandits-8 Pride-3 7/30/10 Orlando, FL	Bandits-3 Pride-4 7/29/10 Orlando, FL
<p>In her first appearance with the Chicago Bandits (21-13) since the announcement of her retirement plans, Jennie Finch stepped into the circle to face off against newly signed pitcher Danielle Lawrie (0-1) and the USSSA Florida Pride (18-14).</p> <p>The Bandits offense put up some much needed run support for their ace, fueling Finch (4-1) to an 8-3 victory over the Pride.</p> <p>Natasha Watley blooped an infield single past Finch and Bandits' shortstop Christine Knauer to reach first base safely. The next three batters were not so lucky as Finch quickly ended the inning, allowing Watley to only reach second base on a fielder's choice.</p> <p>With the bases loaded and one out, the Bandits put the pressure on Lawrie in the top of the second. Bandits veteran Stacy May stepped up to face the rookie. May, in the hunt for the MVP race, dribbled a grounder to Watley at short stop, and the speedy Knauer was able to beat the throw at second base</p>	<p>Chicago Bandits (20-13) left fielder Emily Friedman made a full extension, diving catch to end the bottom of the sixth inning, saving runs as the bases were loaded for the Pride. Leading off in the top of the seventh, the veteran Friedman blasted a pitch deep to left field, bringing the Bandits to within one run, 4-3, in the top of the seventh.</p> <p>With two on and two down in the top of the seventh, Rachel Folden swung hard, but her pop up fell harmlessly into Pride (18-14) left fielder Jessica Mendoza's glove, ending the ballgame at 4-3 in favor of the Pride.</p> <p>Fresh off her World Cup of Softball victory with the USA national team, Bandits' pitcher Eileen Canney stepped into the circle to kick things off against the USSSA Florida Pride. Canney (1-4) burned through the Pride lineup for the first three innings, getting pop ups and grounders when needed.</p> <p>Canney would meet her match, however, as the Pride struck hard in the fourth inning.</p>

to put the Bandits up 1-0. Amber Patton kept the runs flowing for the Bandits with a single to centerfield, scoring two more runs to give Finch and the Bandits a 3-0 lead. The rough start for Lawrie didn't stop there as Bandits catcher Rachel Folden blasted a two RBI double off the centerfield wall to bring in May and Patton for a 5-0 lead. Lawrie was able to regroup, striking out Samantha Findlay for the final out. With two on and two down in the bottom of the second, the Pride threatened, but Finch was able to buckle down, earning a strikeout for the final out of the inning. With pinch runner Amberly Waits on third (running for Finch), Bandits second baseman Vicky Galindo slapped a single to shortstop. Waits slid hard into home, sneaking past the bobbled ball by Pride catcher Megan Willis to put the Bandits up 6-0. Galindo reached third base safely on the play. She would stay at third as Knauer's pop up was snagged by Watley for the final out. Florida rookie Charlotte Morgan broke through to give the Pride a run in the bottom of the third with two on and one out. Her single to left field landed in front of Chicago's Emily Friedman, allowing Watley to score. The Pride quickly added two more runs, as a single by Tonya Callahan brought home two runs, closing the scoring gap to 6-3. The second run scored when the throw home was bobble by Ashley Holcombe at the plate and then Jennie Finch as back up on the throw. Bandits left fielder Emily Friedman added two more runs for the Bandits in the top of the fifth when her dribbler of a single snuck past Lawrie and the bunt-ready infield, allowing two runners to score for an 8-3 lead. Finch held tight through the remaining three innings, closing out the game for her fourth win on the season while allowing six hits, three runs, three walks and seven strikeouts in the victory.

USSSA Pride right fielder Kelly Kretschman stepped up to the plate, blasting a pitch deep to centerfield. Bandits centerfielder Caitlin Lever jumped along the wall, bringing the centerfield wall down in her path, but was unable to snag it as the ball bounced off the wall, rolling back toward second base. With Kretschman on third base, Andrea Duran smacked the next Canney pitch deep to the outfield, scoring the first run for the Pride. Two batters and a wild pitch later, the Pride claimed a 3-0 lead, sending Canney back to the Bandits dugout as Kristina Thorson came in to stop the bleeding. With runners on second and third, Thorson pegged Natasha Watley square in the back to load the bases. Thorson pitched low, getting Alyssa Haber to ground out at home, for the second out of the inning. The fielder's choice by Bandits short stop Christine Knauer saved a run, but kept the bases loaded for Jessica Mendoza. With two down and a full count, Thorson wound up, catching Mendoza looking for a controversial called strike three, ending the bottom of the fourth. On the other side of the circle, Burkhart dominated the Bandits through four innings, holding the Bandits to one hit by Lever through four. The Bandits threatened in the top of the fifth when Angela Findlay and Lever stole bases to put runners on second and third for Knauer. The rookie earned her pay, blooming a single over third base to score one, bringing the Bandits to within two of the Pride, 3-1. Amber Patton sent Knauer to third and Lever home for another run with a single of her own, bringing the Bandits closer at 3-2. Thorson's band-aid in the circle would only hold so long, as in the bottom of the sixth the Pride loaded the bases with Watley, Mendoza and Charlotte Morgan. Thorson was pulled in favor of Nikki Nemitz. Nemitz would hold tight, but the Bandits could not score any more after Friedman's home run, ending the game at 4-3. Canney is credited with the loss and Burkhart (4-6) earned the victory in the circle for the Pride.

Bandits-3 Pride-2 6/13/10 Lubbock, TX	Bandits-3 Pride-4 6/12/10 Lubbock, TX
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After falling short the night before, the Bandits (3-2) came out swinging in the first inning of Sunday's game against the USSSA Pride (2-3), scoring two quick runs off hits by center fielder Vicky Galindo and catcher Rachel Folden. Bandits' rookie shortstop Christine Knauer showed off her speed with an inside-the-park home run in the second inning, and again by beating out the throw on a bunt in the sixth inning to load the bases. Knauer showed her defensive ability in the field as well, with a 6-3 double play in the fourth inning. Rachel Folden blasted a solo home run to deep left field to lead off the third inning, making it 4-0 Bandits. The Pride threatened the Bandits lead in the third inning. It began with a double by Melissa Roth to right center field just off the glove of a diving Galindo, bringing the score to 4-2. The Pride would again load the bases, but with back to back strikeouts by Jessica Sallinger, the threat was ended. Right fielder Angela Findlay showed some defensive leather with a couple crucial grabs, one coming in the fifth inning over the fence in foul territory. In the sixth inning the Bandits kept the ball rolling, scoring two more runs off hits by Rachel Mitchell and Stacy May with two singles, and a Vicky Galindo triple to right field, bringing in two runs to put the score at 8-2 in favor of the Bandits. Jennie Finch came in for Jessica Sallinger in the sixth inning for the Bandits to end another bases loaded threat by the Pride. She finished out the game, with a final score of 8-2. This game concluded the five game series between the Pride and the Bandits with the Bandits coming out on top 3-2.

The Chicago Bandits (2-2) fell short in the nationally televised game four of the five game series against the USSSA Pride (2-2) today on ESPN 2. In the third inning, the Pride's Kelly Kretschman blasted a three-run home run against Bandits pitcher Kristina Thorson, to give the Pride a 4-0 lead. Bandits' pitcher Jennie Finch started the game, but struggled early, walking four batters in a row in the second inning, putting the Pride up 1-0. Bandits' center fielder Vicky Galindo got things going in the fourth inning when she hit a single up the middle that Pride left fielder Jessica Mendoza misplayed for an error. Chicago third baseman Stacy May was able to come around to put the Bandits on the board, 4-1. The big hit of the night for the Bandits came when May hit a double deep to left field off the fence scoring two to close the scoring gap to 4-3. With a full count, two runners in scoring position and two outs in the top of the seventh inning, Chicago made one last effort at a comeback. It was a flashback to the final inning in Friday night's game, except this time the Bandits were the team fighting for a comeback. May was unable to get a hit, smacking a chopper right to USSSA third baseman Andrea Duran for the third out, ending the game at 4-3 in favor of the Pride.

Bandits-5 Pride-4 6/11/10 Lubbock, TX	Bandits-5 Pride-2 6/10/10 Lubbock, TX
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The tension was thick in the ballpark as Bandits pitcher Kristina Thorson stepped into the circle to face USSSA Pride pinch hitter Charlotte Morgan with two outs and a runner on third in the bottom of the seventh inning. Down by just one run, Morgan ripped a hard line drive down the third baseline as Bandits third baseman Stacy May threw her glove up to snag the ball, securing the 5-4 win for the Bandits. The USSSA Florida Pride (1-2) threatened a 3-1 lead by the Bandits (2-1) in the second inning with a hit to left field by Natasha Watley, but Vicky Galindo had great backup in centerfield and threw out Kristen Schnake at home to end the threat. With a 3-1 lead going into the bottom of the fourth inning Bandits' pitcher Nikki Nemitz stepped into the circle against Melissa Roth who smacked a two run RBI up the middle tying the game for the USSSA Pride.

It was like a movie. Lightning flashed around the sky above the ball game as Rachel Folden stepped up to the plate, with the Bandits down 2-0 in the fifth inning. With two outs and Stacy May on second, Folden reached out for an outside pitch from USSSA Pride (1-1) pitcher Sarah Pauly, blasting it deep to left centerfield, for a 2-run home run. Folden's home run tied the game at 2-2 and the Bandits would never look back. The Bandits came out looking like a completely different team in today's game, following a disastrous 16-3 season opening loss last night. Bandits' pitchers performed much better in game two, and even received a little help from great defensive plays, holding the Pride to just two runs, scored early in the game by USSSA's Jessica Mendoza and Caitlin Lowe. In the top of the fifth, Bandits catcher Rachel Folden struck again, blasting a

Lucky for the Bandits, Jennie Finch and Samantha Findlay's bats were hot in the fifth inning. Two doubles scored two more runs for the Bandits, securing a 5-3 lead. Heading into the bottom of the seventh inning the score was locked at 5-3. USSSA Pride outfielder Jessica Mendoza singled up the middle. Kelly Kretschman hit an RBI double, bringing the game to 5-4 with one out. May's grab in the seventh ended the game, which brought a huge sigh of relief to the Bandits.

liner to centerfield and off the glove of Caitlin Lowe, allowing Folden enough time for an inside-the-park home run to give the Bandits a 3-2 lead. Bandits' rookie Rachel Mitchell continued to show her talent with the bat as she put the Bandits ahead in the sixth inning. With Amberly Waits pinch running for Finch on third and Emily Friedman on second, Mitchell hit a single up the middle for two RBIs, giving the Bandits a 5-2 lead. With momentum on their side, Bandits' pitcher Eileen Canney stepped into the circle to relieve Thorson. It was three up and three down to put the game away for the Bandits with a 5-2 win. Mother Nature demonstrated the emotions of the Bandits best. With a rough game the night before, the Bandits wanted to win, and wanted to win badly

Bandits-3 Pride-16 6/9/10 Lubbock, TX

Bandits' pitchers struggled tonight against the Florida Pride bats. The Bandits cycled through three pitchers for the night with 6 runs were scored in the second and fourth innings. Eileen Canney started the night and was relieved by Jessica Sallinger in the middle of the second inning after loading the bases with two walks and a hit.

Rookie Nikki Nemitz debuted with the Bandits when she was called in to relieve Sallinger in the third inning. Sallinger loaded the bases with a hit by Megan Willis, a throwing error by Sallinger on a routine grounder, and a walk for Caitlin Lowe. Sallinger then struggled with Melissa Roth, issuing a walk, which brought in Caitlin Lowe. Nemitz took control of the inning with back to back strikeouts and an infield fly, leaving three runners stranded for the Pride.

The Pride's offense dominated the fourth inning yet again, repeating 2nd inning with 6 runs being scored on the Bandits.

It was not until the 6th inning that the Bandits' offense really got going. With two out in the top of the 6th, Jennie Finch stepped up to the plate and laced one over Caitlin Lowe's head in center field. Left fielder Rachel Mitchell followed with a walk and rookie Angela Findlay recorded her first home run in the NPF with a three run shot over the left center field wall. Nemitz followed her team mates with a line drive over the head of short stop Kristin Schnake, and Emily Friedman moved Nemitz to second with a hard grounder up the middle. Amberly Waits grounded out to Schnake to end the inning.

Unfortunately Nemitz could not hold off the Pride in the bottom half of the 6th when Kelly Kretschman recorded her first home run of the season, putting the Pride up 16-3.

The Bandits were unable to battle back from such a deep deficit in the seventh and the final score was 16-3.

HEAD COACH MICKEY DEAN

NPF Championships Won: 1, 2008

Regular Season Record with Chicago: 82-49 (.625 winning percentage) (4th Season)

A three-time NPF Manager of the Year, Dean became the sole manager of the Bandits in 2007 and led the team to the 2008 NPF Cowles Cup Championship. Along with co-manager Eugene Lenti, Dean helped guide the Bandits to regular season championships in 2005 and 2006, including a 30-12 finish in 2006. He led the Bandits to regular season titles in 2008 and 2009 as well and owns a career 82-58 record.

The championships by the Bandits added to Dean's stellar accomplishments. He has now won a championship at the high school, junior college, NCAA, professional and Olympic levels. He is currently the fifth head coach in school history at Radford University in Virginia, a position he took over in 2006. Since taking over for the Highlanders, Dean has helped guide the team to 169 wins, including three straight seasons of 40-plus wins (2007-09), and he was named the Big South Coach of the Year in 2009.

Dean, who has been on the staff of the Venezuelan National team since 2002, helped lead the squad to the Gold Medal at the Central American Olympic Games in his first season and a Bronze Medal at the 2006 Pan American Games in Guatemala. He was also on the coaching staff in 2003 when Venezuela played in the Olympic qualifying tournament. In 2008, Venezuela qualified for its first-ever Olympic Games in Beijing, China.

A 1987 graduate of Elon University, Dean holds a bachelor's degree in public administration. During his playing days, he was a four-year member of the baseball team which participated in the NAIA College World Series in both 1985 and 1987.

Dean and his wife Liz reside in Pulaski with their two children, Isaac and Caroline.

ASSISTANT COACH MIKE STEUERWALD

Steuerwald is entering his first season as an assistant coach on the Bandits staff and second overall in the NPF after serving as an assistant for the Rockford Thunder in 2009.

He is currently the head coach at Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo, Calif. where he led the Cougar softball team to a 16-21-1 record in his inaugural season at the helm.

Prior to leaving for California, Steuerwald was a substitute teacher in Rockford, as well as an assistant for the Rockford College baseball team.

Steuerwald will assist Dean in all phases of the game and will be primarily responsible for working with the outfield. He will also assist the team in coordinating the team's travel during road trips.

Originally from Los Angeles, Calif., he graduated from Maranatha Baptist Bible College in 2005 with a degree in physical education. At MBBC, Steuerwald played both baseball and football, and was a two-year captain for the baseball team.

BANDITS PLAYER INFORMATION

00 AMBERLY WAITS – SS – Ht: 5-6 – Born: 05/13/88 – LaTECH – NPF Experience: rookie season

Professional

2010: Selected by the Bandits in the second round of the 2010 NPF Senior Draft with the 8th overall selection.

Louisiana Tech (2007-10)

Was a three-time All-WAC selection for Louisiana Tech, including a two-time first-team selection...Ended her LA Tech career ranked No. 1 in batting average (.386), No. 1 in hits (262), No. 2 in doubles (47), No. 1 in triples (19), No. 1 in home runs (36), No. 3 in runs (145), No. 1 in RBI (160), No. 1 in total bases (455), No. 1 in slugging percentage (.671) and No. 10 in stolen bases (51)...During her junior season she set a Louisiana Tech record with home runs in four straight games (twice) during the season...Was a two-time Academic All-WAC selection.

Personal

- Daughter of Mike and Stacey Waits
- Was a marketing major at Louisiana Tech and graduated a semester early
- Has one brother, Alex, and one sister, Allie

1 KRISTINA THORSON – P – Ht: 5-7 – Born: 07/06/1984 – CAL BERKELEY – NPF Experience: 4th season

Professional

2009 (CHI): Tied for second on the team in wins with seven...Finished the season with a 7-6 record, with one save...Allowed 31 earned runs in 78.2 innings pitched and had an ERA of 2.77...Had a 5-to-1 K/BB ratio after walking just 11 hitters on the season...Eleven walks on the season was the lowest allowed during her career.

2008 (CHI): Finished her first season in a Bandits uniform with 12 wins, which was good enough for third best in the NPF...Reached double-digits in wins for the second straight season...Recorded three saves on the season to lead the league in that category...Struck out 104 hitters on the year, which ranked sixth in the league...Had a 2.37 ERA, while pitching 121.2 innings and 10 complete games.

2007 (PHL): Won the NPF Rookie of the Year award after finishing in the Top 5 in wins, strikeouts and ERA...Finished second with 14 wins and a 1.22 earned run average...Her 115 strikeouts on the season was good for the 5th best total in the league...Made 18 starts on the season and finished with 14 complete games and 116.2 innings pitched...Allowed just 20 earned runs on the season.

California (2003-06)

Earned the PAC-10 Pitcher of the Year as a senior in 2006...Named to three consecutive Easton All-American First Teams...Was a three-time first team All PAC-10 selection for Cal...Set Cal single season record for wins with 36 and saves with five...Became only 3rd Cal pitcher to record 100 wins and 1,000 strikeouts for career.

Personal

- Daughter of Jeff and Virginia Thorson
- Has one brother, Jeffrey
- Majored in Public Health while at Cal-Berkeley
- Currently give pitching lessons and pitching classes in California
- Personal website: www.kthorson.com

3 JESSICA SALLINGER – P – Ht: 6-0 – Born: 08/02/82 – GA TECH – NPF Experience: 5th season

2009 (PHL): Signed with the Philadelphia Force as a free agent for the 2009 season and went 2-5 in 55 innings pitched...Recorded a 2.93 ERA after allowing 23 earned runs for the year...Struck out 32 hitters and walked 23...Finished the season with a career-low three complete games.

2008 (CHI): Was tied for second in the NPF with 12 wins on the season...Finished the year with a career-high 12 wins to go with five losses...Recorded three saves on the season, which tied for the high-mark in the league...Posted a 2.39 ERA after allowing 81 hits and 41 earned runs in 120 innings pitched...Struck out 107 batters, good for 5th best in league...Recorded two wins in NPF Championship Series.

2007 (CHI): Led the Bandits pitching staff in all categories, including wins, complete games, innings pitched and ERA...Record a 9-6 record and seven complete games in 104.1 innings of work...Posted an ERA of 1.34, which was good for third in the league...Struck out 78 opposing hitters, while walking just 48...Allowed just 20 earned runs on the season.

2006 (CHI): Finished the season with a 7-5 record and a 1.62 ERA...Notched three saves on the season to tie for the best mark in the league...Struck out 48 hitters and allowed just 16 earned runs on the season...Pitched a total of 69.2 innings on the year.

Georgia Tech (2002-05)

Was a two-time third team All-American at Georgia Tech following her junior and senior seasons...Was named the ACC Pitcher of the Year from 2003-2005...Became the all-time ACC leader in strikeouts with 1,398 and wins with 109...Ended her four-year career fourth all-time nationally in strikeouts and tenth in strikeouts per game with 9.7...Holds Tech career records in ERA (1.12), opponents batting average (.150), shutouts (52) and innings pitched (1,008.2).

Personal

- Daughter of Bob and Sherri Sallinger
- Majored in Management at Georgia Tech

-She is currently an assistant coach at Tiffin University in Ohio

4 MARIESHA MARKER – C – Ht: 5-7 – Born: 02/21/88– LONG ISLAND – NPF Experience: Rookie season

Professional

2010: Signed with the Bandits as a free agent following her senior season at Long Island.

Long Island (2007-10)

Was the starting catcher for LIU in 2010 earning National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-Northeast Region Second Team honors...She boosted her batting average 80 points from 2009 to .373 as a senior and recorded a career-high six home runs...Earned All-Northeast Conference honors for the second straight season...Recorded 24 extra base hits including 15 doubles ...Defensively, she threw out 39 percent of opposing base stealers...Finished her Blackbird career seventh on the school's all-time list with 45 stolen bases.

Personal

-Daughter of Amy Slater and Ben Marker

-One brother, Boone

-Won city and regional Punt, Pass and Kick contest in Oregon, advancing to the national competition held in Seattle

5 STACY MAY – 3B – Ht: 5-6 – Born: 05/15/1984 – IOWA – NPF Experience: 4th season

Professional

2009: Had another solid season for the Bandits as she finished with a .283 batting average out of the leadoff spot...Scored 19 runs on the season, which was good enough for 7th in the league...Finished in the Top 10 in several offensive categories, including hits, where she tied for 6th with 36.

2008: Was named the Majestic Athletic NPF Player of the Year after hitting a career-high .391 on the season...Set career-highs in several offensive categories, including runs scored (39), RBI's (34), hits (61) and walks (20)...Struck out only eight times on the season or once every 19.5 at-bats...May's numbers were good enough to put her in the top three in the Triple Crown categories and she tied for first in the NPF with 13 home runs.

2007: Led the team with 133 at-bats, collecting 39 hits and 19 RBI's on the season...Scored 19 runs, while collecting 11 extra base hits, including three home runs and six doubles...Matched her career high in stolen bases with eight on the year.

2006: Was drafted with the 12th overall selection out of the University of Iowa by the Bandits in 2006 NPF College Senior Draft...Was named Nokona American Glove Rookie of the Year for the league after hitting .305 on the season...Struck out just 10 times on the season in 95 at-bats and stole a career-best eight stolen bases...Recorded seven doubles and scored 16 runs on the year.

Universtiy of Iowa (2003-06)

Was selected to the 2005 NCAA Region V All- Tournament team, was a three-time All-Big Ten Conference honoree, while being named Big Ten Freshman of the Year in 2003...Was twice been named to All-Big Ten Tournament teams... Garnered Second-Team NFCA All-Mideast Regional honors as a freshman and again as a senior in 2006...She started all 245 games of her career and collected 263 hits during her time at Iowa.

Personal

-Daughter of Anita May

-Majored in Accounting and Physics at Iowa

-Currently works as a volunteer assistant coach at Louisville, where she is pursuing her master's degree in Physics

-Married Nathan Johnson in 2007

6 ASHLEY HOLCOMBE – C – Ht: 5-6 – Born: 02/20/1981 – ALABAMA – NPF Experience: 2nd season

Professional

2010 (CHI): Signed by the Bandits as a free agent in January.

2009 (ROC): Originally drafted by the Rockford Thunder with the 21st overall selection in the NPF College Senior Draft...Played in 14 games as a rookie for the Thunder, seeing time at catcher, first base and designated player...Recorded four hits on the season, including her first career at-bat, and finished the season with a .121 batting average.

Alabama (2006-09)

Was a .277 career hitter for the Crimson Tide, with her best average coming during her senior season when she hit .296...Connected for 55 extra base hits in four seasons at Alabama, including 24 home runs...Drove in a total of 122 runs and scored exactly 100 runs during her career...Holcombe excelled defensively during her career as she picked off a total of 26 runners and threw out at least 25 more...Was named to the SEC All-Defensive team on two occasions and All-SEC on two others.

Personal

- Daughter of Wayne and Vickey Holcombe
- Has three siblings; two brothers (Chad and Justin) and one sister (Kelly)
- Brother Chad played football at Jacksonville State; mom was a gymnast at Georgia College
- Member of USA National Team
- Currently serves as a graduate assistant at Alabama

7 ANGELA FINDLAY – OF – Ht: 5-5 – Born: 01/12/88 – MICHIGAN – NPF Experience: Rookie season**Professional**

2010: Selected by the Bandits in the fifth round of the 2010 NPF Senior Draft with the 20th overall selection.

Michigan (2007-10): Was a four-time first-time All-Big Ten selection for the Wolverines...A career .404 (86-for-213) hitter in Big Ten play...Hit .346 during her senior season with 13 home runs and 51 runs batted in...Scored a team-best 68 as a senior...Blasted 25 career home runs for the Wolverines and drove in 139 runs...Committed just three errors during her entire college career.

Personal

- Daughter of Joseph and Terri Findlay
- Has one sister, Samantha, who is a three-year veteran of the Bandits
- Enrolled in the College of Literature, Science and the Arts, majoring in psychology at Michigan

9 CAITLIN LEVER – OF – Ht: 5-8 – Born: 3/12/85 – GA TECH – NPF Experience: 4th season**Professional**

2009: Hit .333 in limited action for the Bandits, collecting 12 hits in just 36 at-bats...Recorded two extra base hits, including a homerun to go with her five runs scored and nine RBI's...Stole two bases on the season and notched a .368 on-base percentage.

2008: Played in just seven games for the Bandits after joining the team late due to Team Canada's participation in the Beijing Olympics...Hit .316 on the season...Finished the season 6-for-19 and had no extra base hits...Had one stolen base and one walk.

2007: Had 81 at-bats and collected 17 hits during her rookie season...Ended the season with a .210 batting average and .297 on-base percentage...Scored 10 runs on the season and drew nine walks...Was fourth on the team with nine stolen bases.

Canisius College (2004); Georgia Tech (2005-07)

Spent her freshman season at Canisius College where she helped lead the team to a conference championship... She was a three-time All-ACC selection for the Yellow Jackets...Became only the second Tech player to garner first-team All-America honors (2007)...Finished her career at Tech third all-time in batting average (.377), stolen bases (71), fourth in hits (226), runs scored (139) and total bases with 340...Finished her career fifth in home runs with 21 and RBI's with 126.

Personal

- Daughter of Donald and Karen Lever
- Father was the No. 3 overall pick in the 1972 National Hockey League (NHL) draft by the Vancouver Canucks
- Has one brother, Michael and one sister, Sarah
- Majored in Management while at Georgia Tech
- Member of the Canadian National Team
- Currently an assistant coach at Niagara University
- Personal website: www.caitlinlever.com

10 NICOLE PAULY – 2B – Ht: 5-10 – Born: 6/27/88 – NORTHWESTERN – NPF Experience: Rookie season

Professional

2010: Joined the roster following the 2010 open tryout held in May, 2010.

Northwestern (2007-10)

Started every game at second base...Started all 215 games Northwestern played during her career at second base...Was a Top-10 finalist for the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award...Named to the All-Big Ten second-team as a senior...Named to an All-Big Ten team during all four college seasons, including being named to the first team in 2007...Was the Big Ten's Freshman of the Year in 2007...She concluded her collegiate career with 53 home runs, 168 RBIs, 149 runs scored and a .604 slugging percentage...Her career batting average at Northwestern was .298.

Personal

- Daughter of Nick and Jackie Pauly
- A human development and psychological services major

11 EILEEN CANNEY – P – Ht: 6-0 – Born: 1/22/85 – NORTHWESTERN – NPF Experience: 4th season**Professional**

2009 (CHI): Won the Diamond Sports NPF Pitcher of the Year Award after finishing in the top three in wins (3rd), earned run average (2nd) and strikeouts (3rd)...Recorded a 10-4 record on the season and finished with nine complete games...Struck out 98 hitters on the year in just 110 innings of work...Named to All-NPF team for third straight season.

2008 (NE): Named an All-NPF selection for the second consecutive season after tying for the league lead with 13 wins...Finished the season with 150 strikeouts, which was good for second best in the league...Lead the NPF in innings pitched with 150 and complete games with 18...Her 18 complete games are an all-time NPF record and they came in just 19 starts in the circle.

2007 (NE): Drafted by the Riptide with the 2nd overall pick in the NPF Senior Draft...Finished the season with a 9-6 record and 11 complete games...Lead the league in strikeouts with 109 and earned run average at 1.16...Surrendered just 18 earned runs in 109 innings pitched...Was named to the All-NPF team.

Northwestern (2004-07)

Finished her career with the Wildcats with a 97-35 record, which is tied for the highest total in school history...Matched school record with 33 wins during the 2007 season...Became only the second pitcher in school history to strike out more than 300 hitters in consecutive seasons...Was a two-time recipient of the Big 10 Pitcher of the Year Award and a three-time All Big 10 section...Named the Big 10 Freshman of the Year in 2004 when she finished 19-5.

Personal

- Daughter of Pat and Lori Canney
- Three sisters: Heather (27), Stacy (19), Alanna (16)
- Majored in Human Development and Psychological Services at Northwestern
- Member of the US National Softball team program
- Currently playing overseas in the Japanese Professional Softball league on the Denso team
- Personal website can be found at www.eileencanney.com

12 AMBER PATTON – 3B/OF – Ht: 5-5 – Born: 11/30/86 – DePAUL – NPF Experience: 2nd season**Professional**

2009 (CHI): Drafted by the Bandits in 2009 with the 20th overall selection out of DePaul...Earned All-NPF honors as an outfielder during her rookie season as she finished the year with a .362 batting average...Finished the season in the Top 5 in several offensive categories, including batting average (2nd), hits (4th – 38), stolen bases (4th – 10) and runs scored (4th – 22)...Saw a majority of her time in right field for the Bandits.

DePaul (2006-09)

A two-time Louisville Slugger/NFCA All-American at DePaul, she completed her senior season in 2009 with a school-record .497 average, which ranked first in the BIG EAST Conference and was second in the country...Owns the Blue Demon career record for assists and sacrifice hits...Patton is the single-season record holder for hits, batting average, games started, games played and at bats...Finished her career with a .396 average and was a four-time all BIG EAST Conference honoree.

Personal

- Daughter of Tim and Donna Patton
- Member of USA National Team in 2009
- Has two sisters, Abby and Ashley
- Majored in Marketing at DePaul
- Assistant coach at Northern Illinois with former Bandits player Lindsay Chouinard and Megan Cioli

13 SAMANTHA FINDLAY – 1B – Ht: 5-5 – Born: 2/22/86 – MICHIGAN – NPF Experience: 3rd season

Professional

2009: Eclipsed nearly all of her numbers from her rookie season in 2009, when she established career highs in several categories...Findlay was named to the All-NPF team after leading the league in homeruns with 11 and RBI's with 27...Lead the Bandits in walks on the season with 18 and her 18 runs scored were good for fourth on the team.

2008: Had an up and down season for the Bandits after being signed as an undrafted free agent out of the University of Michigan...Hit nine homeruns on the year and drove in 21 runs...Connected for 25 hits in 116 at-bats, good for a .216 batting average...Finished second on the team with 25 walks and fourth in slugging percentage at .474.

Michigan (2005-08)

Named an NFCA All-American first team selection following her senior season...Four-time member of the All-Great Lakes Region team, as well as the All- Big Ten Team, including first team honors in 2008...Established the Michigan career record in homeruns (62), RBI's (217) and walks (156)...Named the Big Ten Freshman of the Year in 2005 after leading Michigan to the NCAA Championship.

Personal

- Daughter of Joseph and Terri Findlay
- Has one sister, Angela, who currently plays at Michigan and was drafted in the 2010 NPF Senior Draft by the Bandits
- Majored in Psychology at Michigan
- Currently works as a volunteer assistant coach at DePaul University

17 CHRISTINE KNAUER – SS – Ht: 5-6 – Born: --/-- -- UNC – NPF Experience: Rookie season**Professional**

2010: Selected by the Bandits in the fourth round of the 2010 NPF Senior Draft with the 16th overall selection.

North Carolina (2007-10)

Led the ACC in stolen bases with 39 this season on her way to first team All-ACC honors at shortstop... Started every game for the Tar Heels in 2010 and compiled a .402 on-base percentage from the leadoff spot...Finished second on the team with a .338 batting average and led the Tar Heels in runs with 41 as a senior...Named top-female Super Ram and Iron Ram for Olympic Sports at North Carolina in 2008-09.

Personal

- Was a biology major at North Carolina and plans to be a doctor
- Daughter of Joe and Eileen Knauer
- Member of the Rising Stars program in the Carolina Leadership Academy

19 VICKY GALINDO – OF – Ht: 5-4 – Born: 12/22/1983 – CAL BERKELEY – NPF Experience: 4th season**Professional**

2009: Saw limited action in 2009 due to commitment to US National Team...Recorded a .243 batting average, collecting nine hits in 37 at-bats...Scored four runs on the season and stole five bases...played infield, outfield and designated player during the season.

2007: Posted a .247 batting average on the season...Had 19 hits in 77 at-bats...Finished the season with 14 stolen bases, which was good for second-best on the team...Collected two extra base hits on the year, including one triple and had a .333 on-base percentage.

2006: Missed several games due to US National Team commitment...Had a .354 batting average on the season, with 17 hits in 48 at-bats...Scored 15 runs and notched five extra base hits on the year, including two triples.

2005: Was named to the All-NPF team after recording a .402 batting average, good for the 4th best average in the league...Recorded 33 hits in just 82 at-bats, with 11 of them going for extra bases...Stole 12 bases on the season, which was second on the Bandits...Had a slugging percentage of .573 on the season and an on-base percentage of .500...Tied for the team lead with 21 runs scored.

West Valley J.C. (2002); California (2003-05)

Hit .510 as a freshman at West Valley and was named an All-American...Transferred to Cal for her sophomore season and finished second on the team with a .324 batting average...Was a two-time first team All-American (2004-05) and two-time All-Pac 10 Conference selection...Ranks second on the Golden Bear all-time list in total runs scored with 141 and stolen bases with 61.

Personal

- Has two brothers, Reuben and David and two sisters, Valerie and Marina
- Majored in Social Welfare at Cal
- Member of the US National Softball team program
- Currently the head softball coach at West Valley College

25 RACHEL FOLDEN – C – Ht: 5-5 – Born: 1/13/1987 – MARSHALL – NPF Experience: 3rd season

Professional

2009: Was named to the All-NPF Team for a second consecutive season after hitting .308 on the season and driving in 22 runs...Walked just 12 times in 2009 after walking 31 times during the previous season...Finished t-5th in the league with her 22 RBIs and was one of only eight players throughout the league to hit above .300 for the season...She finished the year with a .308 average.

2008: Drafted by the Bandits with the 7th overall selection in the NPF College Senior Draft...Named to the All-NPF Team and was named the 2008 Nokona American Glove Rookie of the Year...Finished in the top six in the league in RBI's (6th – 32), homeruns (5th – 11) and batting average (6th - .311)...Was the Bandits team leader in on-base percentage and walks.

Marshall (2005-08)

One of the greatest players to ever play for Marshall...Finished her senior season (2008) as the Conference USA leader in slugging percentage, on-base percentage and walks...Ranked second in several other categories, including batting average and home runs with 17...Named first team Conference USA as a junior, as well as second team Louisville Slugger/NFCA All-American...Was the Conference USA Player of the Year in 2006, as well as the Triple Crown winner...Folden led C-USA in batting average, home runs and RBI's...As a freshman, drove in 60 runs and had a .406 batting average to lead the Herd.

Personal

- Daughter of Michael and Gina Folden
- Has two older brothers, Leo and Russell
- Majored in Mathematics at Marshall
- Had Thundering Herd jersey retired
- Winner of the 2007 Fellowship of Christian Athletes Female Athlete of the Year Award
- Currently serves as an assistant coach at Valparaiso (Ind.) University

27 JENNIE FINCH – P – Ht: 6-2 – Born: 9/3/1980 – ARIZONA – NPF Experience: 5th season**Professional**

2009: Finished the 2009 season with a 7-2 record and two saves in 49 innings pitched...Posted a 1.76 ERA after allowing just 12 earned runs on the season...Struck out 61 hitters and walked just 23...Ended the campaign with a .212 batting average, collecting seven hits in 33 at-bats...four of seven hits went for extra bases, including three home runs.

2007: Finch was nearly perfect during the 2007 season when she went 7-2 and allowed just one earned run on the year...Tossed seven complete games and recorded 66.2 innings in the circle...Had an 11-to-1 K/BB ratio after striking out 119 hitters to just 10 walks...ERA for the season was 0.11...Was 6-for-42 at the plate for Chicago for a .143 batting average...Scored one run and drove in two.

2006: Saw limited action in 2006 due to US National team commitment...Was 1-0 on the season after allowing one earned run and four hits, while striking out eight...Had a .300 batting average for the year...had three hits in 10 at-bats.

2005: Was named Co-Pitcher of the Year after going 14-0 on the season with a 0.88 earned run average...Allowed just 12 earned runs in 95 innings of work...Struck out 114 hitters, allowed just 46 hits and 20 walks on the year...Posted a .309 batting average at the plate after going 25-for-81 on the season...Nine of 25 hits went for extra bases, including six home runs...Had 22 RBI's.

Arizona (1999-02)

Was a two-time recipient of the Honda Award which is given to the nation's best collegiate softball player...She holds the NCAA record for consecutive wins with 60...Won consecutive Pac-10 Pitcher of the Year Awards following the 2001 and 2002 seasons...Named a first team All-American on three separate occasions...Finished her junior season with a record of 32-0, which is an NCAA record for most wins in a season without a defeat.

Personal

- Daughter of Doug and Bev Finch
- Has two brothers, Shane and Landon
- Member of the US National Softball team program
- Married to Casey Daigle of the Houston Astros organization; have one child, Ace
- Personal website: www.jenniefinch.net

31 EMILY FRIEDMAN – 2B – Ht: 5-7 – Born: 6/1/1984 – CAL BERKELEY – NPF Experience: 5th season

Professional

2010: Signed a one-year contract with the Bandits on January 22 after spending four years with the Philadelphia Force.

2009: Recorded a .250 batting average on the season, as she collected 27 hits in 108 at-bats...Recorded double-digits in runs scored for the third consecutive season, finishing with 10 runs score on the year...Set a career-high with 11 RBI's on the season.

2008: Committed just one error during the season as the Force's everyday second baseman...Hit a walk-off homerun to beat Rockford on July 10th...Was named the All-NPF Team after setting new career-highs in several offensive categories, including batting average (.286), slugging percentage (.373) and on-base percentage at .323...Finished 14th in the league with her .286 batting average.

2007: Playing time and productivity increased in 2007 for Friedman, as she set career-high marks in several categories, including at-bats, runs scored and walks...Scored 11 runs on the season and struck out just 12 times in 128 at-bats...Finished the season 26-for-128 at the plate, good for a .203 batting average.

2006: Saw limited action as a rookie in 2006 and recorded a .215 batting average in 65 at-bats...Collected just 10 hits on the season, including three doubles and a triple...Scored five runs and walked six times on the season.

Wisconsin (2003-04); California (2005-06)

Spent her first two college seasons at Wisconsin where she was a standout for the Badgers...Was named the Big Ten Freshman of the Year in 2003 and continued her success as a sophomore when she hit .315 on the season...She transferred to Cal for her junior and senior campaigns and hit .281 in her first season with the Golden Bears...As a senior, she hit .312, scored 21 times and drove in 31 runs as the team's cleanup hitter...Earned Academic All-American honors as a senior.

Personal

-Daughter of Michael Friedman and Martha Wasley

-Majored in Integrative Biology at Cal-Berkeley

-Currently serves as an assistant coach at Fordham University, where she is pursuing her master's degree in Interdisciplinary Masters, with an emphasis in psychology

-Owner of her own softball business, called Gloveworks

-Personal website: www.gloveworks.us

44 NIKKI NEMITZ – P – Ht: 5-7 – Born: 05/18/88 – MICHIGAN – NPF Experience: Rookie season**Professional**

2010: Selected by the Bandits in the first round of the 2010 NPF Senior Draft with the 4th overall selection.

Michigan (2007-10)

A dual-threat for the Wolverines, Nemitz was named to the first-time All-Big Ten team on four different occasions...Was the 2009 Big Ten Pitcher of the Year after leading the team with a 28-7 record and 1.07 ERA...Finished with a 92-20 all-time record in the circle, including going 21-3 as a senior...Struck out 842 hitters during her career...Set career-highs in all offensive categories as a senior with a .346 batting average, nine home runs and 44 RBIs.

Personal

-Daughter of Mark and Michelle Nemitz

-Enrolled in the Division of Kinesiology, majoring in physical education

55 RACHEL MITCHELL – OF – Ht: 5-3 – Born: 04/20/88 – LSU – NPF Experience: Rookie season**Professional**

2010: Selected by the Bandits in the fourth round of the 2010 NPF Senior Draft with the 15th overall selection.

Louisiana State (2007-10)

Named to the second team All-SEC team after hitting .352 during her senior season...Picked up seven homers to go along with a team-best 43 RBIs... Became LSU's all-time home run leader in 2010 and posted 16 multi-hit performances and 13 multi-RBI games...Was named a first-team All-SEC selection as a sophomore after ranking in the SEC top-ten in several categories, including batting average, hits, RBIs and runs scored.

Personal

-Daughter of Tracy Mitchell

-Has two brothers, Ryan Mitchell and Michael Cabral, and one sister, Samantha Mitchell

-Majoring in Agricultural Business at LSU

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Brief History

Team Inception October 14, 2004 by William Sokolis and Bill Conroy
Oct 23, 2004 – Signing of Jennie Finch
First Game June 2, 2005 – Win over Australia 6-2
First Cowles Cup August 24, 2008 – Bandits capture first post-season Championship
2009 Award Winners Pitcher Eileen Canney (NPF Pitcher of Year) – Northwestern
SS Tammy Williams (NPF Rookie of Year) – Northwestern
C Rachel Folden (All-NPF Team) – Marshall
1B Samantha Findlay (All-NPF Team) – Michigan
OF Amber Patton (All-NPF Team) – DePaul University
Majestic Cup – awarded to Bandits for best record in regular season

Additional Staff

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Home Ticket Information

Outfield Seating \$8.75
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