

CHICAGO BANDITS (0-0) vs. USSSA PRIDE (0-0)



OPENING DAY ▪ GAME # 1
 ROCKY JOHNSON FIELD, TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY
 JUNE 9, 2010 ▪ 7:05 P.M. CT
 TV: N/A ▪ RADIO: N/A



PITCHING STAFF

POS.	NO.	PLAYER	ERA	K / BB	REC	NOTABLE
P	1	<i>Kristina Thorson</i> 5-7, 4th Season	2.77	51 / 11	(7-6) 1 SV	Was the only pitcher in the NPF to beat Cat Osterman (11-1) in 2010. Her 11 walks in 78.2 innings pitched were a career low.
P	3	<i>Jessica Sallinger</i> 6-0, 5th Season, 4th with CHI	2.93	32 / 22	(2-5)	Returns to the Bandits after pitching for the Philadelphia Force in 2009. Sallinger was a workhorse and key pitcher for the 2008 title team
P	11	<i>Eileen Canney</i> 6-0, 4th Season	1.53	98 / 28	(10-4)	Named 2009 Diamond Sports NPF Pitcher of the Year after finishing in top three in wins, ERA and strikeouts. Named to USA National Team
P	27	<i>Jennie Finch</i> 6-2, 5th Season	1.76	61 / 23	(7-2) 2 SV	Pitched a perfect game on 6/16/09 vs. Philadelphia Force, striking out 12-of-21 batters faced while walking 0 and allowing 0 hits in complete game
P	44	<i>Nikki Nemitz</i> 5-7, Rookie Season	1.79	173 / 31	(21-4)	Named 2010 Co-BIG Ten Player of the Year. Named 2009 BIG Ten Pitcher of the Year. Bounced from '10 WCWS Regional's by No. 15 Tennessee.

BATTERS

POS.	NO.	PLAYER	AVG	SLG	OB%	RBI	NOTABLE
C	25	<i>Rachel Folden</i> 5-5, 3rd Season	.308	.500	.381	22	11-of-37 hits went for extra bases, including 6 home runs in 2009. Named 2008 NPF Rookie of the Year
C	6	<i>Ashley Holcombe</i> 6-0, 2nd Season, 1st with CHI	.121	.121	.293	1	Spent most of 2009 with the Women's National Team and only saw 33 at-bats for the Rockford Thunder
1B	13	<i>Samantha Findlay</i> 5-5, 3rd Season	.286	.619	.405	27	Eclipsed nearly all of her numbers from her rookie season in 2008, establishing career highs in several categories. Led NPF with 11 HR
2B	31	<i>Emily Friedman</i> 5-7, 5th Season, 1st with CHI	.250	.333	.277	11	Scored 10 runs for the Philadelphia Force in 2009, owns her own business – Gloveworks (www.gloveworks.us)
2B/OF	19	<i>Vicky Galindo</i> 5-4, 4th Season	.243	.270	.300	1	Saw limited action in 2009 due to Team USA duties. Compiled nine hits in 37 plate appearances stole five bases and scored nine runs
2B	10	<i>Nicole Pauly</i> 5-10, Rookie Season	.289	.644	.398	34	Signed to the Bandits after winning a roster spot from open tryouts on May 29, 2010. Named to Lowe's All-Senior All-American 2nd Team
SS	17	<i>Christine Knauer</i> 5-6, Rookie Season	.335	.364	.397	6	Led the ACC with 39 stolen bases and earned All-ACC honors at shortstop. Compiled a .397 OB% as Tarheels leadoff hitter
SS	00	<i>Amberly Waits</i> 5-6, Rookie Season	.412	.713	.506	31	Stole 12-of-14 bases, belted 10 HR, 2 triples and 7 doubles off of her 56 hits; First Team All-State at LaTech, 8th overall pick in '10 draft
3B	5	<i>Stacy May-Johnson</i> 5-6, 4th Season	.283	.457	.321	18	Scored 19 runs while compiling 36 hits, seven doubles and five home runs. Voted NPF Player of the Year in 2008
3B/OF	12	<i>Amber Patton</i> 5-5, 2nd Season	.362	.381	.407	4	Spent time in 2009 with Team USA while earning All-NPF honors as a rookie and stole 10 bases and scored 22 runs
OF	9	<i>Caitlin Lever</i> 5-8, 4th Season	.333	.389	.368	9	Spent time with Team Canada in 2009 and compiled 12 hits on 36 at-bats, producing one HR, one 2B, and scoring five runs.
OF	7	<i>Angela Findlay</i> 5-5, Rookie Season	.350	.663	.463	53	Belted 14 home runs, scored 69 runs and hit nine doubles in her senior season at Michigan, helping the team to NCAA Regional Competition
OF	55	<i>Rachel Mitchell</i> 5-3, Rookie Season	.331	.541	.421	45	Hit seven HR's, two triples and 13 doubles while stealing 19-of-20 bases and drew 31 walks. Drafted 15th overall in '10 NPF draft
OF	16	<i>Neena Bryant</i> 5-6, Rookie Season	.295	.487	.383	24	Drafted as the 12th overall selection in '10 draft. Hit 7 HR's, nine doubles and 46 hits. Stole 7-of-10 bases while drawing 20 walks.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Neena Bryant – KNEE-na
 Findlay – Find-LEE
 Christine Knauer – Ca-NOW-er
 Nikki Nemitz – Nem-its

ON THE AIR AND ONLINE

Thursday, Friday and Sunday games will be streamed online through www.ussapride.com. Saturday's game will be aired on ESPN 2 at 4 p.m. CT / 5 p.m. ET. On-air broadcasters for the ESPN 2 game will be announced shortly.

PLAYER STATUS

Amber Patton – game time decision – Stomped foot awkwardly onto base during Bandits practice on June 4. Foot was not broken, however may possibly be sprained.

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	-	Profaspitch.com
7/15 (Thursday)	@ Tenn Diamonds	Lipscomb University, Nashville, TN	7:05 PM	-	Profaspitch.com
7/16 (Friday)	@ Tenn Diamonds	Lipscomb University, Nashville, TN	7:05 PM	-	Profaspitch.com
7/17 (Saturday)	@ Tenn Diamonds	Lipscomb University, Nashville, TN	7:05 PM	-	Profaspitch.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

6/1/10: 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

2009 NPF Championship Series Round One Meeting

ROUND 1, GAME 3: PRIDE 2, BANDITS 0 – Firestone Stadium, Akron, OH (8/22/09)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
PRIDE	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
BANDITS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

NOTABLES: The Pride got to Bandits pitcher Jennie Finch early when in the top of the second inning, Finch walked Oli Keohohou to start the inning. Eventually, Sara Larquier bounced a hit through to left field to score Aimee Lonigro who pinch ran for Keohohou. The Pride finished the scoring for the game in the top of the third inning when Kelly Kretschman led off with a home run down the right field line ... Bandits biggest threat came in the bottom of the seventh inning down 2-0 with two outs. Caitlin Lever and Stacy May hit back to back singles and a passed ball put the tying runs on second and third base. Abbott was able to focus in and strike out Jamie Schloredt to end the game.

GAME-CHANGERS: Monica Abbott surrendered only four hits and three walks while striking out eight in the complete game, shut-out victory over the Bandits.

ROUND 1, GAME 2: PRIDE 2, BANDITS 1 – Firestone Stadium, Akron, OH (8/22/09)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
PRIDE	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
BANDITS	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

NOTABLES: The Pride opened scoring in the 5th when Shannon Doepking blasted a home run to left field to give the Pride a 1-0 lead in the fifth inning. Kristin Schnake followed Doepking's lead in the top of the seventh with a solo home run of her own. Findlay put the Bandits on the board in the bottom of the seventh with a solo home run.

GAME-CHANGERS: Pride pitcher Sarah Pauly turned in the performance of the night throwing a complete game allowing only one run on four hits while striking out four Bandits on the night. Eileen Canney was saddled with the loss for the Bandits.

ROUND 1, GAME 1: PRIDE 0, BANDITS 1 – Firestone Stadium, Akron, OH (8/22/09)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
PRIDE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BANDITS	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

NOTABLES: Bandits veteran 3B Stacy May came through in the clutch for the Bandits in the bottom of the seventh when she delivered some much needed offense for the Bandits with a key double to the gap in right center, scoring pinch runner Aileen Morales from first for the win ... Abbott was saddled with the loss after 6.1 innings of work, despite holding the Bandits to just one base hit and five strikeouts.

GAME-CHANGERS: Jennie Finch worked tirelessly in the circle, earning the win for the Bandits with seven strong innings. In a game which saw just three hits surrendered, Finch allowed one base knock and struck out five on the day. Finch evaded danger in the bottom of the sixth thanks to a stellar defensive play by right fielder Nicole Trimboli. The Pride manufactured their first threat of the day when Amber Jackson crushed a would-be homer to right field but was robbed by Trimboli, who made the diving catch through the breakaway outfield fence to end the threat and inning.

REGULAR SEASON MEETINGS

BANDITS 8, PRIDE 0 – Kissimmee, FL (6/29/09)

RECAP: Kissimmee, FL – The USSSA Prides' bat fell silent once again this afternoon as the Chicago Bandits routed the Pride 8-0 to take 4 games of a 5 game series against the Pride. Pride starter Desiree Serrano (0-4) was tapped for 5 runs on 4 hits before giving way to Sarah Pauly after surrendering a triple to Aileen Morales and walking Vicky Galindo to begin the top of the second inning. The Bandits added two more runs in the top of the 5th inning and one in the 7th to end the contest. The Bandits collected 10 hits on the afternoon with Samantha Findlay, Nicole Trimboli and Kristie Fox clubbing 2 hits each.

The Pride had 4 hits on the day with right fielder Kelly Kretschman and left fielder Jessica Digdon both earning 2 hits apiece.

BANDITS 1, PRIDE 4 – Kissimmee, FL (6/28/09)

RECAP: Kissimmee, FL – The USSSA Pride ended a prolonged slump and took their frustration out on the red hot Chicago Bandits Saturday evening at Pride Park in Kissimmee, Florida.

Wasting no time Pride leadoff hitter and Olympic Gold Medalist Kelly Kretschman drilled a Jennie Finch (3-1) fastball deep over the fence in right center field igniting what turned out to be an offensive explosion by the struggling Pride. Amber Jackson followed one batter later sending another Finch fastball flying out of the park. Looking to stop the onslaught, Finch walked Oli Keohohou, preferring instead to face Pride second baseman, Courtney Bures. Bures quickly made Finch pay and promptly sent her next pitch sailing deep into the bleachers in left center.

Pride starter Sarah Pauly (2-3) took the mound in the bottom of the first inning with a rare, yet comfortable 4-0 lead. The Bandits were unable to mount a challenge during the contest gathering just four hits on the evening, scoring just one unearned run in the top of the third inning. The four hits were accumulated by Amber Patton, Kristie Fox, Jamie Schloredt and Cheyenne Jenks.

BANDITS 3, PRIDE 1 – Kissimmee, FL (6/26/09)

RECAP: Kissimmee, FL – For the second straight night, Chicago Bandits rookie catcher Jamie Schloredt came through in the clutch, blasting a two run homerun deep to centerfield off USSSA Pride pitcher Monica Abbott (1-3) to put the Bandits (14-3) up 3-1 in the top of the 12th inning.

Bandits' pitcher Brandice Balschmiter (2-0) closed things out in the bottom half of the 12th inning, earning the victory over the USSSA Pride (3-10).

With Ashley Carlson on third and Kristie Fox on first in the top of the fourth, Bandits' right fielder Nicole Trimboli blasted an RBI single through the right side of the infield to give the Bandits a 1-0 lead.

Following the run, USSSA Pride's Abbott buckled down in the circle to force a pitching duel with Bandits' ace Kristina Thorson. Both would go back and forth with 1-2-3 innings until the bottom of the seventh.

In the bottom of the seventh Thorson put Shannon Doepking on base after an errant pitch drilled her in the back. Two batters later, LaDonia Hughes smacked a single to left field, scoring Doepking to tie the game up at 1-1.

BANDITS 4, PRIDE 3 – Kissimmee, FL (6/25/09)

RECAP: Kissimmee, FL – Pinch hitter Jamie Schloredt couldn't have picked a better time to blast her second homerun of the season giving Chicago (13-3) the run they needed to claim the 4-3 victory against the USSSA Pride Thursday night in Kissimmee, Fla.

Bandits' ace Eileen Canney (4-0) finished in nine to shut down the Pride. She ended the night with 13 strikeouts and allowed only five hits in her nine innings of work.

The Bandits were able to score first as Desiree Serrano (0-4) gave up three singles in the first inning. Samantha Findlay's base hit gave Chicago a 2-0 advantage as it drove in both Tammy Williams and Amber Patton. Findlay added to the Chicago lead with a solo homerun in the fourth inning breaking the 2-2 tie.

For the second consecutive night, the USSSA Pride got an offensive spark from Oli Keohohou who hit her third homerun of the season. In the fifth with the Bandits leading 3-2, US Olympian Kelly Kretschman doubled to center scoring Erin Glasco knotting the game up at three a piece.

BANDITS 4, PRIDE 2 – Kissimmee, FL (6/24/09)	BANDITS 2, PRIDE 1 – Elgin, IL (6/14/09)
<p>RECAP: Kissimmee, Fla. – With Jennie Finch and Kristie Fox on base in the top of the second, Bandits outfielder Nicole Trimboli stepped up to bat against USSSA Pride pitcher Monica Abbott. Trimboli got the better of Abbott, blasting a 3-run home run over the left field fence to give the Bandits a 4-0 lead.</p> <p>The USSSA Pride (3-8) would go on to score two runs of their own, but could not close the gap, falling 4-2 to the first place Chicago Bandits (12-3).</p> <p>The Bandits tapped Abbott for all four of their runs in the top of the second. Bandits' third baseman Stacy May opened the second with a double. Finch followed May with an RBI single to give the Bandits a 1-0 lead. Two batters later, Trimboli added three more runs to the scoreboard with her three run RBI blast.</p> <p>The Pride came back in the bottom of the 2nd to score their only two runs of the night after Amber Jackson reached base after being hit by a Finch pitch. Oli Keohohou then blasted her second home run of the season to bring the score to 4-2.</p> <p>The Pride's best opportunity to take the lead came in the third. Rookie Kristin Schnake started the threat with a single and was followed by a pair of walks to load the bases for Keohohou. Bandits' pitcher Finch was able to get out of the jam by getting a ground out to end the inning.</p>	<p>RECAP: Tammy Williams sent a laser to the left field wall to open the bottom half of the fifth with a double. With Williams on second, Bandits outfielder Izmena Cabrera smacked a hard grounder up the middle, passed the diving glove of Courtney Bures for an RBI double, giving the Bandits a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the fifth.</p> <p>The Bandits (8-2) held on to take down the USSSA Pride (1-4) by a score of 2-1. With one down in the top of the first, USSSA Pride designated player Kelly Kretschman put the bat on ball for the 2-1 pitch from Bandits' pitcher Eileen Canney (3-0), blasting the ball to deep right centerfield for the early 1-0 lead.</p> <p>Bandits' centerfielder Caitlin Lever raced down the first baseline to beat out an infield single, stole second base, and moved to third one out later when Amber Patton dropped the sacrifice bunt. On third and with two down, she was stranded as Vicky Galindo popped out to shallow right field to end the inning.</p> <p>Two batters later, Bandits' rookie Amber Patton singled up the middle to put one on for Vicky Galindo. With a 1-1 count, Patton raced off for second base, sliding in safely for the stolen base. Galindo drew a walk to put another Bandit on base for third baseman Stacy May – still with two down in the bottom half of the fourth. May grounded out to the pitcher, ending the Bandits' threat. After two USSSA Pride batters reached first and second safely with two outs, Bandits' pitcher Eileen Canney squared off with Amber Jackson. Canney sent Jackson back to the bench with a strikeout for the final out of the inning.</p> <p>After the go ahead run in the bottom of the fifth, Eileen Canney held tight the remaining two innings to earn the complete game victory over the USSSA Pride. Canney finished with seven innings pitched, six strikeouts and only giving up five hits. She also walked two while giving up only one run in 25 batters faced.</p>
BANDITS 5, PRIDE 6 – Elgin, IL (6/13/09)	BANDITS 4, PRIDE 3 – Elgin, IL (6/12/09)
<p>RECAP: Elgin, Ill. – With two on and two down in the bottom of the seventh Tammy Williams blasted the 1-1 pitch deep to right field. The ball drilled the base of the right field fence as Williams hustled around the bases, making it home for the third run, inside the park homerun, bringing the Bandits to within one of the USSSA Pride, 6-5.</p> <p>The Bandits (7-2) were unable to finish the rally as the USSSA Pride (1-3) pitcher Sarah Pauly (1-2) got Bandits' catcher Rachel Folden to fly out to left to end the bottom of the seventh.</p> <p>With one down and USSSA Pride centerfielder Caitlin Lowe on second, short stop Amber Jackson blasted a two-run homerun off Bandits' pitcher Kristina Thorson (4-2) for the early 2-0 lead. Thorson buckled down in the circle, getting the final out of the inning on a ground out.</p> <p>Caitlin Lowe opened the top of the third with a single up the middle. Three pitches later, USSSA Pride right fielder Kelly Kretschman blasted the 0-2 pitch deep to right field and over the fence for a 4-0 lead.</p> <p>With Bandits left fielder Vicky Galindo on first and one out on the board, Bandits rookie Tammy Williams grabbed a hold of the 2-2 Sarah Pauly pitch, blasting it deep to centerfield for a two-run homerun, bringing the Bandits two runs closer, 4-2, against the USSSA Pride.</p> <p>Two straight hits by Amber Patton and Caitlin Lever opened the bottom of the seventh for the Bandits. A line drive by Vicky Galindo was caught at third base for the first out. Lever was almost doubled up on the play, barely beating the throw to get back to first.</p> <p>A wild pitch moved Patton to third and Lever to second with Stacy May at bat. Looking at a 3-2 count, Pauly got May to go down swinging for the second out. After Williams' homerun, Rachel Folden popped out to left field to end the threat, and the game.</p>	<p>RECAP: ELGIN, Ill. – Ending in a fashionable way, long time veteran Stacy May gave the Chicago Bandits (7-1) a 4-3 win over the USSSA Pride (0-3) with her first home run of the year to left center field in the 9th inning. The Bandits recorded three home runs in the win and now have won five games in a row. Claiming home runs were Rachel Folden, Jamie Schloredt, and May.</p> <p>Kristina Thorson pitched the final inning for her fourth win of the year and second in a row after winning on Thursday night over the Pride. Eileen Canney started the game for the Bandits and went eight innings for the no decision recording five strikeouts and giving up just one earned run. Thorson picked up the win in just an inning of work with one hit given up. The Pride's Sarah Pauly took the loss in 4.2 innings of relief, striking out five but also giving up five hits for one earned run.</p> <p>Desiree Serrano went only 3.2 innings and gave up three earned runs and five hits. The Bandits out hit the Pride by five, 10 hits to five, as May was 3-of-5 with one RBI and one run scored. Folden and Schloredt each had two hits as Folden recorded two RBI.</p> <p>Erin Glasco led the Pride with two hits and one RBI. Rachel Folden flexed her power early in the game as she swatted her fourth home run of the year over the right center field fence to make it 2-0 in the bottom of the first inning. Stacy May grounded out to start the inning and then Kristie Fox had the Bandits' first hit of the game with a single up the middle to set up Folden's home run. It was a two-run fourth inning for the Pride as they tied the game at two. Erin Glasco's hit went off of Stacy May's glove for the first error of the game as Breanne Javier came home from third and then Sara Larquier tied the game from second base. Striking back in the bottom of the inning, and after two innings of going hitless, Schloredt broke the 2-2 tie with a solo shot that hit the yellow lining on the fence and bounced over for her first home run of the year to make it 3-2 in favor of the Bandits.</p> <p>Responding with a run in the top of the fifth inning to tie the game at three, the Pride's Jessica Williams came in on Kelly Kretschman's double to centerfield. Williams was in scoring position after the Bandits second error in the game before Kretschman's at-bat.</p>
BANDITS 7, PRIDE 1 – Elgin, IL (6/11/09)	BANDITS 4, PRIDE 2 – Elgin, IL (6/10/09)
<p>RECAP: With Stacy May on second and Kristie Fox on first, Bandits' catcher Rachel Folden blasted a single up the middle, passed the outstretched glove of the second baseman to score May for the RBI single. Two pitches later, first baseman Samantha Findlay singled to score Fox from third base, moving Ashley Carlson (Folden's pinch runner) to second on the play.</p> <p>Kristina Thorson (3-1) was masterful in the circle, throwing seven innings of one-run ball as the Bandits were victorious, 7-1, over the USSSA Pride (0-2). Thorson allowed eight hits while striking out two batters and walking none.</p> <p>The fourth was a big inning for the Bandits (6-1) after Folden's single, as right fielder Nicole Trimboli added to the score board with an RBI single when she blasted a hard shot to second base. The ball was misplayed by USSSA Pride second baseman Kristin Schnake, allowing Carlson to score from second base and Findlay to reach second safely.</p> <p>A nice diving grab by LaDonia Hughes in centerfield earned the second out off the bat of Caitlin Lever; however, Samantha Findlay was able to score from third for the RBI sacrifice fly to put the Bandits up 4-0. Laura Harms cleared the bases when she dropped a duck-snort single in front of the Pride leftfielder, scoring Trimboli from second base on the play.</p>	<p>RECAP: With two on and two down in the bottom half of the second inning, Bandits' shortstop Aileen Morales bounced a hard single passed Pride pitcher Sarah Pauly, fooling the second baseman with an awkward bounce to reach first base safely, while scoring Bandits outfielders Nicole Trimboli from third and Caitlin Lever from second for a 2-0 lead.</p> <p>The Pride would threaten to score late, but Bandits' pitcher Kristina Thorson held down the pitchers circle to record the save, ensuring the 4-2 victory. After the Pride went hitless in the top half, Bandits (5-1) third baseman Stacy May kicked things off in the bottom of the first with a single passed the short stop.</p> <p>Two batters later and with May on third, Bandits first baseman Samantha Findlay popped a fly out to shallow left field, which was caught by Amber Jackson. In the top of the second, a nice diving grab and throw to first base by Bandits' shortstop Aileen Morales took down the second out of the inning for the Pride (0-1) and Bandits pitcher Eileen Canney sealed the deal in the circle, getting the final out of the third.</p> <p>Nicole Trimboli opened the bottom half of the second with a deep single to left centerfield. Four pitches later she stole second base and was moved to third when Caitlin Lever singled through short stop. Lever followed Trimboli by stealing second base two pitches later herself. Looking at a full count and with one out, Chicago Bandits catcher</p>

The USSSA Pride threatened in the top of the fifth with runners on first and third. But with two outs, Bandits pitcher Kristina Thorson buckled down to get Pride rookie Kristin Schnake to ground out to second base.

With one out and one on in the bottom of the fifth, Bandit's catcher Rachel Folden padded the lead with a two-run home run over the leftfield fence. Two batters later and with Bandits' first baseman Samantha Findlay on first, Schnake snagged a hard liner by Nicole Trimboli, doubling up Findlay at first for the inning ending double play.

In the top of the sixth, Pride short stop Amber Jackson laced a hard liner to the left centerfield fence to put Jessica Williams on third and herself on second. The very next batter, Callie Piper, smacked a sacrifice single to third base, allowing Williams to score from third on the play to bring the score to 7-1. The inning ended with the next batter as she grounded out to first.

After a comeback liner struck Bandits' pitcher Kristina Thorson in the mid-section to put two runners on for the Pride, Thorson settled down to get the final two outs of the game. Pride pitcher Desiree Serrano (0-1) was saddled with the loss after giving up five runs in three innings. Pauly allowed two runs and three hits in three innings of work.

Rachel Folden blasted the Sarah Pauly pitch deep to centerfield and over the bleachers for a solo shot, putting the Bandits up 3-0. Bandits' pitcher Eileen Canney kept her perfect game alive after five hitless innings in the circle by getting the final out of the fifth to ground out to shortstop Aileen Morales.

With no outs in the top of the sixth, Breanne Javier smacked a hard single to short stop. Morales fielded it cleanly for the Bandits but the throw was not in time as Javier reached safely to get the Pride's first hit of the game, breaking up Canney's perfect game.

Two batters later and with two Pride runners on, Pride right fielder Kelly Kretschman sent a deep blast to left center, just passed the outstretched glove of Laura Harms for a bases clearing double, bringing the Pride to within one run, 3-2, of the Bandits. Following the bases clearing double, Eileen Canney was replaced by Kristina Thorson in the circle for the Bandits. Thorson went 1-2-3 with the Pride batters to get out of the jam for the Bandits. With two down in the bottom of the sixth, Nicole Trimboli sent a pitch deep over the right field fence for a solo homerun. Her drive put the Bandits up 4-2.

Thorson closed things out in the circle with a double play ground out and a fly out to end the game. Bandits 4, Pride 2

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: --/--/-- – 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 TEACH – 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: --/--/-- 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: --/--/-- – 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

16 NEENA BRYANT – OF – Ht: 5-6 – Born: --/--/-- – OREGON – NPF Experience: Rookie season

Professional

2010: Selected by the Bandits in the third round of the 2010 NPF Senior Draft with the 12th overall selection.

Oregon (2007-10)

Was a four-time All-Pac-10 selection for the Ducks, including her second 2nd team honorable mention honor as a senior...Finished her senior season with seven home runs and 24 runs batted in...Entered her senior season on Oregon's all-time career lists ranked in the top 10 in stolen bases (fourth, 33), home runs (fifth, 28), RBI (sixth, 120) and batting (10th, .318)...Entered 2010 in top-10 season lists in doubles (4th, 14, 2007), stolen bases (sixth, 27, 2009; eighth, 23, '08), extra-base hits (5th, 25, 2007), total bases (9th, 104, 2007, '08) and home runs (10th, 10, 2007, '08).

Personal

- A psychology major at Oregon
- Has one brother
- Was selected to 2006 Junior Women's Pan Am Qualifier

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 1-5th 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: --/--/-- – 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: --/--/-- – 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

General Bandits Information

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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

Dir. Marketing/Partnerships	Hannah Michal
Dir. PR/Media/Tickets	Andrew Phillips
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Ticket Sales Representative	Ian Kalanges
Partnerships	Sarah Eichenberger

Home Ticket Information

Outfield Seating	\$8.75
First Base Line	\$10.75
VIP (Behind Home)	\$13.75