

CHICAGO BANDITS (11-8) vs. Tennessee Diamonds (5-17)



Judson College Softball Field
Nashville, TN
July 14-18, 2010
TV: N/A ▪ RADIO: N/A



PITCHING STAFF 2010 STATS						
POS.	NO.	PLAYER	ERA	K / BB	IP / BF	NOTABLE
P	1	Kristina Thorson (5-2) 4th Season	2.80	33 / 13	42.0 / 164	Threw an almost perfect game against Akron on 7/10 with 8 strikeouts, no walks, no runs and two hits.
P	3	Jessica Sallinger (3-3) 5th Season, 4th with CHI	4.05	20 / 19	27.2 / 131	Lost game 1 on 7/8 against the Racers after coming in to relieve Canney
P	11	Eileen Canney (1-2) 4th Season	2.90	20 / 10	26.1 / 111	Started two games against Akron with one win on 7/11. Was hit in the knee on a hit by Bustos but remained in the game for the win.
P	27	Jennie Finch (1-1) 5th Season	1.50	20 / 6	14.0 / 54	Pitched a perfect game on 7/9 against the Akron Racers.
P	44	Nikki Nemitz (3-0) Rookie Season	2.60	31 / 13	35.0 / 162	Recorded two wins against the Tennessee Diamonds and a save in the five game series July 1-4. Also leads the team in lowest ERA and strikeouts.

BATTERS 2010 STATS							
POS.	NO.	PLAYER	AVG	SLG	OB%	RBI	NOTABLE
C	25	Rachel Folden 5-5, 3rd Season	.392	.784	.529	13	Is seeing a lot of time at the plate as the Designated Player for the Bandits.
C	6	Ashley Holcombe 5-6, 2nd Season, 1st with CHI	.143	.357	.143	4	Continues to be a wall behind the plate for the Bandits, caught for Jennie Finch on 7/9 in her perfect game.
C	4	Mariesha Marker 5-7, Rookie Season	.250	.375	.400	1	Has seen limited time at the plate with only 8 at bats in 14 game appearances.
1B	13	Samantha Findlay 5-5, 3rd Season	.281	.649	.412	14	Leads the league in home runs with 6 total in 21 games. Hit two in game one against Akron on 7/8.
2B	31	Emily Friedman 5-7, 5th Season, 1st with CHI	.393	.554	.443	7	Leads the league in batting averages with .393 in 21 games.
2B/OF	19	Vicky Galindo 5-4, 4th Season	.368	.579	.400	5	Made a critical snag at second base in the Finch no-hitter on 7/9. Also is a threat on the base paths with her speed.
2B	10	Nicole Pauly 5-10, Rookie Season	.321	.393	.406	3	Continues to prove herself at the plate for the Bandits after being drafted at the 2010 open tryouts.
SS	17	Christine Knauer 5-6, Rookie Season	.122	.195	.122	1	Is struggling at the plate this season, however is a threat on the base paths with her speed.
SS	00	Amberly Waits 5-6, Rookie Season	.080	.120	.115	0	Has not seen much action at the plate but is still a threat on the base paths as a pinch runner.
3B	5	Stacy May-Johnson 5-6, 4th Season	.391	.734	.400	13	Continues to be a threat at the plate when she went 3-4 in game three against Akron on 7/10 with a home run, two doubles and three RBIs.
3B/OF	12	Amber Patton 5-5, 2nd Season	.143	.143	.200	0	Is just coming off a foot injury, had some trouble at the plate, but is doing well in the outfield.
OF	9	Caitlin Lever 5-8, 4th Season	-	-	-	-	Is currently with Team Canada preparing for the 2010 World Cup of Softball
OF	7	Angela Findlay 5-5, Rookie Season	.226	.355	.269	7	Recorded two RBIs, a home run and double in game four against Akron on 7/11.
OF	55	Rachel Mitchell 5-3, Rookie Season	.125	.150	.255	5	Saw limited time in the field since 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. Diamonds series will be streaming live at mlb.com at <http://www.mlb.com/mlb/mediacenter/hpf.jsp>

PLAYER STATUS

2010 Batting Statistics


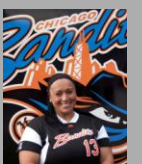
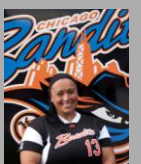
No.	Player	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HP	SO	SF	SH	SB	CS	DP	E	OBP	SLG	AVG
27	Finch, Jennie	7	17	2	7	3	1	0	2	4	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	.500	.706	.412
31	Friedman, Emily	21	56	7	22	6	0	1	7	5	0	4	0	4	5	3	1	1	.443	.554	.393
25	Folden, Rachel	21	51	13	20	5	0	5	13	15	1	12	1	0	0	0	1	1	.529	.784	.392
5	May, Stacy	21	64	17	25	7	0	5	13	7	1	4	0	0	6	1	1	1	.458	.734	.391
19	Galindo, Vicky	11	38	8	14	6	1	0	5	2	0	2	0	2	1	1	0	1	.400	.579	.368
10	Pauly, Nicole	18	28	5	9	2	0	0	3	3	1	6	0	0	0	1	1	2	.406	.393	.321
13	Findlay, Samantha	21	57	13	16	3	0	6	14	12	0	15	0	0	2	0	0	4	.412	.649	.281
44	Nemitz, Nikki	16	38	4	10	2	0	1	3	8	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	.391	.395	.263
4	Marker, Mariesha	14	8	2	2	1	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.400	.375	.250
7	Findlay, Angela	21	62	7	14	2	0	2	7	3	1	7	1	2	3	0	0	1	.269	.355	.226
12	Patton, Amber	4	14	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.200	.143	.143
6	Holcombe, Ashley	7	14	1	2	0	0	1	4	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	.143	.357	.143
55	Mitchell, Rachel	20	40	4	5	1	0	0	5	6	1	16	0	2	2	1	1	1	.255	.150	.125
17	Knauer, Christine	18	41	4	5	0	0	1	1	0	0	14	0	0	1	0	0	5	.122	.195	.122
00	Waits, Amberly	18	25	5	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	11	0	0	1	2	0	1	.115	.120	.080
1	Thorson, Kristina	6	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	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	.000	.000	.000
Totals		21	557	93	155	39	2	22	78	69	5	109	3	11	21	9	5	22	.361	.474	.278

2010 Pitching Statistics

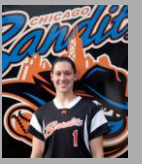
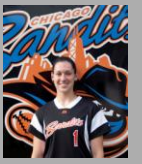

No.	Player	W	L	IP	R	ER	H	BB	HBP	WP	SO	BF	G	GS	GF	CG	SHO	SV	HRA	OOBP	OSLG	OAVG	ERA
27	Finch, Jennie	1	1	14.0	3	3	6	6	1	0	20	54	4	3	0	1	1	0	0	.241	.149	.130	1.50
11	Canney, Eileen	1	2	26.1	11	8	18	10	1	2	20	111	7	5	1	2	1	0	1	.261	.250	.184	2.13
1	Thorson, Kristina	5	2	42.0	17	14	26	13	0	5	33	164	12	5	5	2	2	1	5	.232	.303	.181	2.33
44	Nemitz, Nikki	3	0	35.0	25	13	42	13	1	0	31	162	11	3	2	1	0	2	4	.346	.446	.292	2.60
3	Sallinger, Jessica	3	3	27.2	20	16	30	19	1	0	20	131	10	5	2	1	0	0	3	.382	.423	.275	4.05
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		13	8	146	81	59	124	64	4	7	125	630	45	21	10	7	4	3	14	.305	.351	.221	2.83

2010 Team Leaders

Batting Leaders

AVG		HR		RBI	
	Finch, J .412		Findlay, S 6		Findlay, S 14
Friedman, E	.393	Folden, R	5	Folden, R	13
Folden, R	.392	May, S	5	May, S	13
May, S	.391	Findlay, A	2	Friedman, E	7

Pitching Leaders

W		SO		ERA	
	Thorson, K 5		Thorson, K 33		Finch, J 1.50

Sallinger, J	3	Nemitz, N	31	Canney, E	2.13
Nemitz, N	3	Finch, J	20	Thorson, K	2.33
Canney, E	1	Sallinger, J	20	Nemitz, N	2.60

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
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RECENT TRANSACTIONS

6/15/10 Signed Georgia Southern softball coach Maggie Johnson as the Bandits third assistant coach...6/4/10: Signed Mariessa 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 Balschmitter and P Gina Oaks ... 1/22/10: Waived 2B Kristie Fox ... 1/21/10: Signed P Jessica Sallinger

MOST RECENT REGULAR SEASON MEETINGS (2010 and 2009)

Bandits-8 Racers-0 7/11/10 Elgin, IL	Bandits-10 Racers-0 7/10/10 Elgin, IL
<p>Chicago Bandits' pitcher Eileen Canney (1-2) came out in the circle today with unfinished business. The last time she faced off with the Racers, she started and had a great game, giving up just one run and three hits in six innings. The Bandits would go on to lose the game in extra innings after Canney was pulled.</p> <p>Today, was a different story with the Bandits (14-8) coming out on top 8-0. Canney would surrender just four hits in seven innings of work. The Racers (12-10) would not put more than two runners on the bases for the game—both hits coming in the sixth inning off two singles from Jessica Vallis and Crystl Bustos.</p> <p>Bustos' hit struck Canney straight in the knee, but the tenacious pitcher would tough it out to finish the game.</p> <p>The Bandits bats were out and cracking again today as they recorded 12 hits and handed Racers' pitcher Lisa Norris (8-1) her first loss of the season. Bandits' centerfielder Emily Friedman was especially active today, going 3 for 4 at the plate with a home run in the second and a single and RBI double. Angela Findlay was right behind her, adding two more RBI to her record, as well as a double and solo home run.</p> <p>After Friedman's homer in the second, the Bandits continued to dominate offensively, plating three runners with an error and Friedman's double to left field.</p> <p>The Bandits ended with a bang in the sixth inning, racking up five consecutive hits, three singles and two doubles to hammer the nail into the coffin for the Racers and end the game with a final score of 8-0.</p> <p>Today's win secures the series for Bandits at 3-1, a far different cry from the other two series against Akron, which the Bandits lost 2-1 and 3-1 respectively. It also puts the Bandits in first place in the league at a 14-8 record.</p> <p>The Bandits will be heading to Nashville for a five game series against the Tennessee Diamonds beginning on Wednesday, July 14.</p>	<p>A homer filled third inning and a near perfect game from Bandits' pitcher, Kristina Thorson, helped the Bandits continue to cruise against the Akron Racers.</p> <p>The Bandits' bats were noisy all night, going to work against Racers' pitcher, Jamie Southern, a former Bandit, in the bottom of the third. Bandits' third baseman, Stacy May, started the five run scoring spree, smashing the first pitch she saw far over the heads of the Akron outfielders for a two-run home run. May went 3 for 4 on the night, recording two doubles, one home run and three RBIs.</p> <p>"I think a lot of it is sometimes you just see the right pitches, and fortunately, I was able to put the right swing on the right pitch," said May. "I had a rough first at bat, but after that I took the information and made the adjustments." The hit extended the Bandits' lead to 3-0 after Angela Findlay smacked a line drive in the second inning to score Amber Patton from first.</p> <p>Three batters later, with Rachel Folden on first, Bandits' first baseman, Samantha Findlay, rocketed a ball down the left field line that stayed just fair as it crossed over the fence. The second Bandits' two-run homer of the inning stretched their lead to 5-0. With that shot Findlay now leads the league in home runs, notching six and topping fellow Bandit, Folden, who has five.</p> <p>Akron attempted to overtake the Bandits, but just never got the ball rolling, recording only two hits on the night both from Crystl Bustos. Thorson pitched an effective game on the mound, sending eight Akron batters back to the dugout in seven innings pitched and walking none. Her impressive performance is coming on the heels of Jennie Finch's perfect game last night. The former Wildcat, who arrived in town for a couple of days, threw 11 strikeouts in seven innings and retired 21 batters at Silver Cross Field in Joliet, IL.</p> <p>Akron's best chance came on the last out of the game when Racers' first baseman, Samantha Ricketts, banged a ball deep to right that appeared to be leaving the park for a two-run home run. However, right-fiedler Angela Findlay leapt into the air right at the fence to snag the ball and end the game.</p> <p>The Bandits decisively won this match, accumulating 10 hits on the night and adding five more runs after the third inning to win the game in high-scoring fashion 10-0 over the Racers.</p> <p>"We're just starting to trust in each other," said Bandits' head coach Mickey Dean on the win. "Our hitting has gotten better and our pitching is coming along because everybody is starting to trust in each other and starting to feel comfortable. We can do things offensively that we couldn't do two weeks ago." The Bandits are now tied for first with the Racers in the NPF standings with a 12-8 record. The win also puts the Bandits ahead in the series 2-1, a much different story from the last couple of series with the Racers, where the Bandits dropped 5 of 7 games.</p> <p>"We really didn't play well in any facet [last series]," said May. "Whatever we needed to work for us wasn't working and we really shot ourselves in the foot defensively, but this time we seemed to clean up the mistakes a little bit...[and] we put ourselves in the position to win ball games"</p> <p>The Bandits will return for a matinee match up against the Racers at 2:05 p.m. on Sunday, July 11 to end the series.</p>
Bandits-2 Racers-0 7/9/10 Elgin, IL	Bandits-3 Racers-5 7/8/10 Elgin, IL
<p>Tension was thick in the ball park as Crystl Bustos stepped up to bat with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning. Not because she could win the game for the Akron Racers (12-7), but because she had the opportunity to ruin Jennie Finch's (1-1) no hitter.</p> <p>Bustos would ground out to Christine Knauer at short stop to end the game with a 2-0 Bandits (11-8) win.</p> <p>Stacy May started off the game strong for the Bandits with a solo shot over the</p>	<p>It was a nail biter tonight between the Chicago Bandits (10-8) and Akron Racers (12-6), but the Racers roared ahead with a two run homer in the ninth inning by Micaela Minner that put the Racers up 5-3 for the win. The Bandits started off strong with a solo home run by Rachel Folden in the first inning. Two other home runs blasted out by Samantha Findlay in the fourth and sixth innings would be the only runs the Bandits scored. Hitting was held to a minimum by outstanding pitching from both the Bandits' and Racers' bullpens.</p>

left field fence in the first inning. Finch helped herself out in the fifth inning with a bases loaded sacrifice fly to score Vicky Galindo for the final score of 2-0. Finch of course pitched a great game, notching eleven strikeouts on the night including all three Akron batters in the sixth, but had the backup of her team mates, "Our defense, especially (Catcher Ashley) Holcombe came up huge. She caught so many fouled third strikes," said Finch. Everybody's stomachs dropped in the seventh inning when leadoff hitter Lisa Modglin ripped a hard line drive on a 1-2 count, but Galindo's glove at second base would reach just far enough to snag the ball for the out. This is Finch's second perfect game with the Bandits, her first coming in the 2009 season against the Philadelphia Force. With Finch and others being away with the National Team recently, the pitching staff for the Bandits has had to work extra hard, "I owe this team," said Finch, "the pitching staff has endured a lot of innings." Needless to say, the Bandits are glad to have Finch on their side.

Until the seventh inning it was a pitchers' duel, with Bandits' pitcher Eileen Canney giving up only one unearned run on a wild pitch and just three hits for the night. Racers' pitcher, Lisa Norris, brings her undefeated record to 7-0 for the season, giving up three runs for the night. She was dominant in the circle going into extra innings, allowing no hits in the eighth and ninth innings. The Bandits had a 3-1 lead heading into the seventh, but couldn't hold the lead. Canney (0-1), who started in the circle, was relieved by Jessica Sallinger (2-1) after the Racers put two runners on base with a single and a walk. An error by Sallinger and a hit to second tied up the game for the Racers, bringing it into extra innings. The win brings the Bandits record to 10-8, reassuring Akron their number one in the NPF standings at 12-6.

Bandits-2 Racers-12 6/27/10 Akron, OH

The Akron Racers rebounded from a heartbreaking eight inning loss on Saturday to rout the Chicago Bandits, 12-2 at Firestone Stadium on Dads and Daughter's Day in the series finale this afternoon. With the win, Akron earns the second consecutive series victory over the Bandits and improves to 8-4 on the season to remain in second place in the NPF standings. Chicago falls to 5-7 with its loss. Reliever Lisa Norris (5-0) shut the Bandits out for 4.1 innings while striking out five to record the win. Kristina Thorson (2-2) took the loss in an inning and a third of work after surrendering five runs (four earned) on five hits. Second baseman Courtney Bures headlined Akron's offensive attack, going 3-for-4 with a grand slam homer to drive in four while Crystl Bustos chipped in with a pair of RBI doubles and scored twice. Akron took a short-lived lead in the bottom of the first on Micaela Minner's RBI single which drove in Jessica Valis who reached on a fielder's choice earlier in the stanza. The Bandits battled back when Racer starter Taryne Mowatt ran into trouble in the third. With two away, Samantha Findlay singled before a pair of walks loaded the bases. Bandit rookies Rachel Mitchell and Nicole Pauly each picked up RBI walks to put Chicago ahead 2-1, forcing Akron to summon Norris from the bullpen, who immediately induced a groundout to end the rally. Singles from Clare Burnum and Bures put Akron in business in the home half of the fourth, setting the table for a Mackenzie Vandergeest sac-fly RBI to left field, which tied the game up at two runs apiece. The Racers blew the game wide open in the fifth, manufacturing five runs on as many hits and one Bandit error. A RBI single for Samantha Ricketts combined with back-to-back RBI doubles from Bustos and Jamee Juarez got Akron started. A RBI single for Burnum preceded an error on third baseman Stacy May before a sac-fly RBI from Jackie Pasquerella capped the inning. Akron picked up where they left off in the bottom of the sixth, tallying five more runs. Facing Samantha Findlay, the Racers capitalized on two walks to put two on for Bustos who doubled left center to score Valis. Juarez collected a walk to load the bases and following a strikeout, Bures delivered the final blow necessary on her first home run of the season with a grand slam to left center to give Akron the 12-2 win.

Bandits-6 Racers-5 6/26/10 Akron, OH

The Akron Racers mounted three comebacks against the Chicago Bandits tonight, two were successful however the third and most important in the bottom of the eighth fell short as the Bandits walked off with a 6-5 victory in extras at Firestone Stadium. The loss drops Akron to 7-4 and knocks the Racers into second place in the NPF standings, snapping a three-game win streak. The Bandits improve to 5-6 with tonight's win. Chicago starting pitcher Nikki Nemitz did a little bit of everything tonight and went on to deliver the winning run on her first career home run atop the eighth before re-entering the game to earn a save in the home half. Each team pitched by committee with reliever Kristina Thorson (2-1) picking up the win while Jamee Juarez (2-3) was saddled with the loss also working from the bullpen. The Chicago Bandits' bats came alive tonight as the visitors pounded out 11 hits but four costly errors nearly unraveled the club's offensive efforts. Nemitz finished 3-for-4 with a pair of RBI while Stacy May and Rachel Folden each added a pair of hits. From the early goings it appeared to be Chicago's game to lose. The first batter atop the first—May homered to put the Bandits up by one and Angela Findlay singled then scored on Nemitz's two-out RBI double to give Chicago a 2-0 lead. In the third, the Bandits extended the lead to 4-0 on Samantha Findlay's two-run homer—her first round-tripper of the year and the second of the contest for Chicago. Akron began chipping away at the lead in the bottom of the fourth thanks in large part to a pair of Bandit miscues. An error on second baseman Nicole Pauly enabled Micaela Minner to reach base. Juarez launched a RBI triple to right center to plate the first run of the frame, forcing a Bandit pitching change as Thorson entered in relief. With two away and a 2-2 count on Samantha Ricketts, Thorson's wild pitch proved costly as Juarez scored from third with ease to bring the Racers within two, 4-2. Juarez took the mound in relief of starter Brittany Weil in the fifth and held the Bandits scoreless with a spot of assistance from her left fielder. Minner, who finished the day with two hits to Pace Akron, tracked Findlay's shot to the left field gap and robbed the Bandit of what would have been her second two-run homer of the game to keep Chicago at bay. The Racers completed the first comeback in the home half of the fifth thanks to a few defensive mishaps. A pinch hit appearance from Jackie Pasquerella resulted in a lead off double. Then, following a Kelly Montalvo sacrifice bunt, Pasquerella moved to third and then scored on the next play—an error on shortstop Christine Knauer which let Lisa Modglin reach first. Modglin stole second, swiping her fifth bag of the season and proceeded to score on the second error of the frame as Findlay failed to hang on to the putout at first, allowing Modglin to scamper home from second and tie the game at 4-4. Chicago moved ahead atop the sixth inning when Pauly led off with a double to left—her second hit of the season, to start the frame and chase Juarez from the game as Jaime Southern entered in relief. With two-away, a pair of wild pitches plated the go ahead run as Pauly slid home to move in front, 5-4. Akron made some magic in the bottom of the seventh, sending the game into extras when pinch hitter Clare Burnum doubled down the right field line with one away. With two outs, Modglin singled and Jessica Valis crushed a RBI single down the left field line just inside the chalk to score Burnum to tie things up for the second time. With runners at first and second, Minner singled and

	Modglin attempted to score from second but was gunned down at the plate to end the inning.
<p align="center">Bandits-1 Racers-2 6/25/10 Akron, OH</p> <p>Two-time Olympic Gold Medalist Crystl Bustos' return was the difference maker in Akron's 2-1 victory over the Chicago Bandits at Firestone Stadium tonight.</p> <p>Akron (7-3) designated player, Bustos was 2-for-3 in her first start of the 2010 campaign and provided the key go-ahead run on a RBI triple in the third. The win marks the second consecutive for the Racers over Chicago (4-6) at home and third-straight dating back to June 22 to keep Akron tied with the USSSA Pride atop the NPF standings.</p> <p>Lisa Norris (4-0) went the distance and gave up just one run on six scattered hits to register the win, striking out seven batters. Jessica Sallinger (2-2) worked four frames and allowed a pair of runs on three hits, issuing five walks to take the loss.</p> <p>The Racers got the offense rolling in the second when Trena Peel led off the frame with a double to the gap in left center before Sallinger issued back-to-back walks to Samantha Ricketts and Mackenzie Vandergeest to load the bases. With one away, Courtney Bures roped a single into right to plate Peel to put the Racers ahead, 1-0. With the bases still full of Racers, Akron seemed poised to add to the lead but a strikeout and solid defensive play from second baseman Nicole Pauly, who hustled out to shallow right to snag a dying quail, ensured otherwise.</p> <p>The Bandits wasted little time tying the contest when Stacey May lofted a one-out double to left field and then scored on an Angela Findlay single in the top of the third.</p> <p>The back and forth affair continued in the home half of the third. Jessica Valis earned the walk to start the frame and scored from first on Bustos' triple to right center to help Akron regain the lead, 2-1.</p> <p>A pitcher's duel ensued over the next three innings with Norris limiting the Bandits to just one hit across the next three innings.</p> <p>The Bandits were in prime position to make a run of things atop the seventh when centerfielder Emily Friedman led off with a double to left. A smart move by Norris on the ensuing play wiped Friedman as the lead runner at third on a fielder's choice for the first out of the inning. A fly out and strikeout would seal the deal for the home club, securing the 2-1 Racer victory.</p>	<p align="center">Bandits-1 Racers-2 6/24/10 Akron, OH</p> <p>Akron Pitcher Jamee Juarez tossed a gem, recording 10 strikeouts to guide the Racers to a 2-1 victory over the Chicago Bandits in the series and home opener in front of 636 fans at Firestone Stadium this evening.</p> <p>The victory improves the Racers to 6-3 on the year, putting them in a first place tie with the USSSA Pride atop the National Pro Fastpitch standings as Chicago drops to 4-5 to remain in third.</p> <p>Juarez (2-2) was dominant in the circle all game long, working out of two serious Chicago threats in the fourth and sixth innings. The right-hander tossed six complete frames and gave up just one run to earn today's win. Jaime Southern registered a strikeout and two groundouts in the seventh to earn her third save of the season while Kristina Thorson (1-1) took the loss in two innings of work.</p> <p>The Racers got all the offense they would need in the home half of the second. Sam Ricketts put the home team ahead, launching a two-run home run--her second on the season, to dead center. Trena Peel led off the frame with a single to center and used heads-up baserunning to advance to second on the Christine Knauer error prior to Ricketts' shot.</p> <p>Chicago utilized a pair of pitchers in Jessica Sallinger and Nikki Nemitz to limit Akron's scoring opportunities, relieving Thorson with two innings each. Nemitz surrendered a hit and picked up a strikeout while Sallinger gave up two hits and struck out a pair of Racers.</p> <p>The Bandits' lone run came atop the sixth inning by way of a one-out Stacy May solo home run. Following the home run, Juarez issued a pair of walks to put a pair on for the Bandits but then got two key defensive outs to preserve Akron's lead.</p> <p>Jess Valis and Peel each paced the home club with 2-for-3 days at the plate while Lisa Modglin also singled.</p>
<p align="center">Bandits-0 Racers-2 6/22/10 Elgin, IL</p> <p>Lisa Modglin's third inning solo home run was her third of the series as the Akron Racers defeated the Chicago Bandits 3-0 to take the series 2-1 at Judson University in Elgin, Ill.</p> <p>The Bandits were shut out for the second time in three days as they struggled to get points on the board. Rachel Folden, who struck a two-run walk off home run last night to win the game for the Bandits in eight innings was unable to record a hit today. Similarly, Bandits' third baseman, Stacy May, who led off last night's game with a home run, was unable to reach base today.</p> <p>The Bandits' best opportunity to score came in the bottom of the sixth when Christine Knauer's bunt loaded the bases with only one out. However, the combined pitching of Racer's Taryne Mowatt, who had six walks and two strikeouts on the day, and Jamie Southern helped the Racers escape the inning unscathed.</p> <p>The loss moves the Bandits to third in the NPF standings with a 4-4 record as the Racers climb up to second place with their 5-3 record.</p>	<p align="center">Bandits-3 Racers-2 6/21/10 Elgin, IL</p> <p>It was a home run that started the game and a home run that ended the game as the Chicago Bandits needed extra innings to come out on top against the Akron Racers. Bandit's catcher Rachel Folden, who leads the league in home runs, rocketed a two run walk off home run into centerfield to win the game in the bottom of the eighth.</p> <p>After being shutout yesterday, it didn't take the Chicago Bandits long to fire up their bats. As the first batter of the game, Stacy May, the Chicago Bandit's third baseman, cracked a ball into deep centerfield for a Bandit's home run to lead off the second game of a three game series against the Akron Racers at Judson University in Elgin, Ill.</p> <p>Akron pitcher, Jamee Juarez, regrouped after giving up a home run to the first batter of the game, throwing seven strikeouts in eight innings and walking only one on the night. Juarez, who also leads the Racers in batting average with .389, had a single and a stolen base in the game.</p> <p>The Racer's kept the game close taking the lead in the bottom of the fourth inning when Samantha Ricketts ripped a ball down the first baseline, scoring Treena Peel. In the following inning, Lisa Mogdlin, the Racers' center fielder, led off the top of the fifth with a solo home run to put the Racers up 2-1. The home run was her second of the series.</p> <p>The Bandits' ferociously answered back in the bottom of the sixth as first baseman, Samantha Findlay bashed a ball into centerfield past diving shortstop Jessica Valis. Nicole Pauly, who was pinch running for Folden rounded third to easily score the tying run and sending the game into extra innings.</p> <p>The game didn't stay tied for long with Racers' first baseman, Samantha Ricketts blasting a solo home run to deep right field in the top of the eighth, leaving the Racers up 3-2 when Folden stepped to the plate.</p> <p>The drive to center was her fourth of the year and ended the game just as it started--with a home run.</p>
<p align="center">Bandits-0 Racers-4 6/20/10 Elgin, IL</p> <p>First place in the National Pro Fastpitch standings was on the line as the Chicago Bandits (3-3) played their home debut at Judson University in Elgin, Ill.</p>	

against the Akron Racers (4-2) on Sunday, June 20.
An error filled fifth inning by the Bandits put the Racers ahead for good. Racers' center fielder, Lisa Modglin started the two run scoring spree, making it to first base after Bandits first baseman, Samantha Findlay bobbled the ball on a throw from Bandits' shortstop, Christine Knauer. No one was on first base when Bandits' pitcher, Eileen Canney, attempted to throw out Racers designated player Jackie Pasquerella at first base. With nobody covering first, Modglin advanced to third and Pasquerella moved to second. The next batter up, Micaela Minner, drove in Modglin from third on a grounder to Bandit's second baseman, Emily Friedman. The last error of the inning, a wild pitch by Canney, brought Pasquerella home for the Racers second run of the inning. The Racers, who are coming off a 3-2 series win against the Tennessee Diamonds, tried to score first in the third inning after loading the bases with one out, but Canney held steady, striking out the next two batters to get the Bandit's out of a jam. Canney pitched a solid game in what became a pitcher's duel, striking out five batters in seven innings on the day.
Akron pitcher, Lisa Norris, put on an equally impressive display, striking out 11 and walking only two of the Bandits' batters in seven innings.
A two-run home run by Modglin in the seventh inning sealed the game for the Racers, who had six hits on the day to the Bandits one.
The Bandits were unable to find their hitting, or their footing, against the Racers, falling by a final score of 4-0.
The first game, however, doesn't always determine the outcome of the series, as the Bandits know. Despite losing 16-3 against the USSSA Pride in the season opener, the Bandits fought back to win the series 3-2.

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: 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 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: 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 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

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

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Home Ticket Information

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