

# CHICAGO BANDITS (6-7) vs. Tennessee Diamonds (2-11)



Judson College Softball Field  
Elgin, IL  
July 1-4, 2010  
TV: N/A • RADIO: N/A



PITCHING STAFF 2010 STATS						
POS.	NO.	PLAYER	ERA	K / BB	IP / BF	NOTABLE
P	1	<i>Kristina Thorson (3-2)</i> 4th Season	3.50	19 / 12	28 / 119	Recorded with a win against the Diamonds on 7/1 but gave up 4 home runs in the game.
P	3	<i>Jessica Sallinger (2-2)</i> 5th Season, 4th with CHI	4.47	13 / 13	15.2 / 80	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 (0-2)</i> 4th Season	4.20	10 / 7	13.1 / 63	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 (0-1)</i> 5th Season	3.00	9 / 6	7.0 / 33	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 (1-0)</i> Rookie Season	2.55	20 / 7	23 / 105	Had the save for the Bandits in the come from behind win against the Diamonds on 7/1.

BATTERS 2010 STATS							
POS.	NO.	PLAYER	AVG	SLG	OB%	RBI	NOTABLE
C	25	<i>Rachel Folden</i> 5-5, 3rd Season	.333	.750	.405	9	Leads the team in home runs and RBIs this season and is second behind Jennie Finch in slugging percentage for 13 games.
C	6	<i>Ashley Holcombe</i> 5-6, 2nd Season, 1st with CHI	.000	.000	.000	0	Is currently training with Team USA
C	4	<i>Mariesha Marker</i> 5-7, Rookie Season	.167	.167	.375	0	Has seen limited time at the plate with only 6 at bats in 8 game appearances.
1B	13	<i>Samantha Findlay</i> 5-5, 3rd Season	.200	.429	.308	6	Had a two run homerun to put the Bandits on the board in game 1 against the Diamonds on 7/1 and scored the go ahead run in the sixth.
2B	31	<i>Emily Friedman</i> 5-7, 5th Season, 1st with CHI	.406	.563	.472	2	Leads the Bandits in batting averages in 13 consecutive games this season behind Jennie Finch who is currently with Team USA.
2B/OF	19	<i>Vicky Galindo</i> 5-4, 4th Season	.286	.429	.286	3	Is currently playing with Team USA
2B	10	<i>Nicole Pauly</i> 5-10, Rookie Season	.231	.308	.375	2	Continues to see more time at the plate with 13 at bats and a batting average of .231.
SS	17	<i>Christine Knauer</i> 5-6, Rookie Season	.103	.207	.103	1	Is currently at an all season low with a batting average of .103
SS	00	<i>Amberly Waits</i> 5-6, Rookie Season	.111	.167	.158	0	Continues to struggle at the plate with a .111 batting average.
3B	5	<i>Stacy May-Johnson</i> 5-6, 4th Season	.342	.658	.419	6	Leads the Bandits in runs scored this season with 8 on the board.
3B/OF	12	<i>Amber Patton</i> 5-5, 2nd Season	-	-	-	-	Has not played in 2010 yet due to foot injury sustained in June 4 practice. Listed as day-to-day and is a game-time decision
OF	9	<i>Caitlin Lever</i> 5-8, 4th Season	-	-	-	-	Is currently with Team Canada preparing for the 2010 World Cup of Softball
OF	7	<i>Angela Findlay</i> 5-5, Rookie Season	.256	.333	.318	4	Hit first career home run for 3 RBIs in season opener on 6/9/10.
OF	55	<i>Rachel Mitchell</i> 5-3, Rookie Season	.143	.179	.294	5	Her hit in game one against the Diamonds on 7/1 caused an error that put the Bandits up by two for the win.

## 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

**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 Batting Statistics



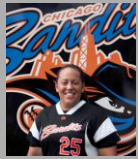
No.	Player	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HP	SO	SF	SH	SB	CS	DP	E	OBP	SLG	AVG
27	<a href="#">Finch, Jennie</a>	5	14	2	6	3	1	0	2	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	.467	.786	.429
31	<a href="#">Friedman, Emily</a>	13	32	2	13	5	0	0	2	4	0	3	0	3	5	1	1	1	.472	.563	.406
5	<a href="#">May, Stacy</a>	13	38	8	13	3	0	3	6	4	1	2	0	0	4	1	1	1	.419	.658	.342
25	<a href="#">Folden, Rachel</a>	13	36	6	12	3	0	4	9	5	0	10	1	0	0	0	1	1	.405	.750	.333
19	<a href="#">Galindo, Vicky</a>	6	21	2	6	1	1	0	3	0	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	1	.286	.429	.286
44	<a href="#">Nemitz, Nikki</a>	10	25	3	7	2	0	1	2	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.400	.480	.280
7	<a href="#">Findlay, Angela</a>	13	39	3	10	0	0	1	4	3	1	5	1	1	3	0	0	1	.318	.333	.256
10	<a href="#">Pauly, Nicole</a>	11	13	4	3	1	0	0	2	2	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	1	.375	.308	.231
13	<a href="#">Findlay, Samantha</a>	13	35	5	7	2	0	2	6	5	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	4	.308	.429	.200
4	<a href="#">Marker, Mariesha</a>	8	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.375	.167	.167
55	<a href="#">Mitchell, Rachel</a>	13	28	4	4	1	0	0	5	5	1	14	0	2	2	1	1	1	.294	.179	.143
00	<a href="#">Waits, Amberly</a>	11	18	2	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	.158	.167	.111
17	<a href="#">Knauer, Christine</a>	11	29	2	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	4	.103	.207	.103
3	<a href="#">Sallinger, Jessica</a>	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.000	.000	.000
11	<a href="#">Canney, Eileen</a>	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.000	.000	.000
1	<a href="#">Thorson, Kristina</a>	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	.000
6	<a href="#">Holcombe, Ashley</a>	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	.000
<b>Totals</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>.331</b>	<b>.433</b>	<b>.253</b>

2010 Pitching Statistics

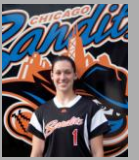


No.	Player	W	L	IP	R	ER	H	BB	HBP	WP	SO	BF	G	GS	GF	CG	SHO	SV	HRA	OOBP	OSLG	OAVG	ERA
44	<a href="#">Nemitz, Nikki</a>	1	0	23.0	17	8	25	7	1	0	20	105	9	2	2	0	0	2	4	.321	.429	.271	2.55
27	<a href="#">Finch, Jennie</a>	0	1	7.0	3	3	6	6	1	0	9	33	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	.394	.269	.240	3.00
1	<a href="#">Thorson, Kristina</a>	3	2	28.0	18	15	23	12	0	4	19	119	10	3	5	0	0	1	5	.280	.393	.222	3.50
11	<a href="#">Canney, Eileen</a>	0	2	13.1	10	8	12	7	1	1	10	63	5	3	1	1	0	0	1	.317	.345	.226	4.20
3	<a href="#">Sallinger, Jessica</a>	2	2	15.2	10	10	18	13	0	0	13	80	7	3	1	0	0	0	1	.388	.403	.273	4.47
13	<a href="#">Findlay, Samantha</a>	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
<b>Totals</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>.336</b>	<b>.401</b>	<b>.241</b>	<b>3.90</b>

2010 Team Leaders

Batting Leaders

AVG		HR		RBI	
	<a href="#">Finch, J</a> <b>.429</b>		<a href="#">Folden, R</a> <b>4</b>		<a href="#">Folden, R</a> <b>9</b>
<a href="#">Friedman, E</a>	.406	<a href="#">May, S</a>	3	<a href="#">May, S</a>	6
<a href="#">May, S</a>	.342	<a href="#">Findlay, S</a>	1	<a href="#">Findlay, S</a>	6
<a href="#">Folden, R</a>	.333	<a href="#">Findlay, A</a>	1	<a href="#">Mitchell, R</a>	5

Pitching Leaders

W		SO		ERA	
	<a href="#">Thorson, K</a> <b>3</b>		<a href="#">Nemitz, N</a> <b>20</b>		<a href="#">Nemitz, N</a> <b>2.55</b>
<a href="#">Sallinger, J</a>	2	<a href="#">Thorson, K</a>	19	<a href="#">Finch, J</a>	3.00

<a href="#">Nemitz, N</a>	1	<a href="#">Sallinger, J</a>	13	<a href="#">Thorson, K</a>	3.50
<a href="#">Findlay, S</a>	0	<a href="#">Canney, E</a>	10	<a href="#">Canney, E</a>	4.20

<b>2010 CHICAGO BANDITS SCHEDULE</b>					
<b>DATE</b>	<b>OPPONENT</b>	<b>SITE</b>	<b>TIME (CT)</b>	<b>TV/RADIO</b>	<b>ONLINE</b>
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 Mariेशa 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 Schloretd, 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-5 Diamonds-4 7/1/10**

**Written by Adam Gierhart**

It was a game highlighted by homeruns, but ultimately came down to the smaller aspects of the game as the Chicago Bandits defeated the Tennessee Diamonds 5-3 at Judson University in Elgin, Ill.

The homeruns started in the top of the third inning, when the Diamonds' Carly Wynn hit a solo shot with a 3-2 count to put the Diamonds up 1-0. Tennessee poured it on in the fourth inning with back-to-back homeruns from Megan Gibson and Loryn Johnson.

Down 0-3, the Bandits held tough. In the bottom of the fourth, after a Rachel Folden single, Samantha Findlay hit a two-run homerun to cut the Diamonds lead to 3-2.

In the bottom of the sixth inning, a leadoff walk began a rally for the Chicago Bandits.

Rachel Folden doubled to left-center field to put runners on second and third. Diamonds pitcher, Megan Gibson, intentionally walked the next hitter, Samantha Findlay, to load the bases with no outs.

The Diamonds then substituted Shannan Sheeley in at pitcher, moving Megan Gibson to first base and bringing in catcher, Aubree Brattin.

After the pitching change, Bandit Nikki Nemitz grounded into a force out at home plate to preserve the Diamonds 3-2 lead.

Amberly Waits, who subbed in to pinch run for Rachel Folden, scored during the next at-bat on a wild pitch to tie the game up at 3-3 and put the count at 3-2 for Chicago's Emily Friedman.

Friedman finished the at-bat with a walk, which again loaded the bases for the Bandits with one out. Chicago's Rachel Mitchell then hit a grounder to shortstop which was thrown home for the force out, but instead hit base runner, Samantha Findlay who scored followed by Nemitz to put the Bandits up 5-3.

With runners on second and third, Nicole Pauly was hit by a pitch, loading the bases again with one out. The Diamonds then subbed in pitcher, Kristin Erb for Sheeley who struck out her first batter, Christine Knauer and induced a groundball from Stacy May to end the inning for the Diamonds.

Bandits' pitcher, Kristina Thorson was clutch for the Bandits today. In the top of the fifth inning with a runner in scoring position and two outs she struck out Amanda Williams to end the inning.

The Diamonds tried to rally in the top of the seventh inning, down 5-3, when Chelsie Mesa hit a lead-off homerun to pull the Diamonds within one run of the Bandits.

But that was as close as the Diamonds would come. After the homerun, the Bandits pulled Thorson for pitcher, Nikki Nemitz. Nemitz, who struck out the first two Diamonds batters she faced to put the Bandits one out away from a come-from-behind victory. Stacy May snagged a hard Jenna Rhodes groundball at third base and finished the play to end the contest.

The Bandits now improve to 6-7 and will face the Diamonds again tomorrow at 7:05 p.m. for the second of a five game series.

## 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](http://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.

#### **University 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](http://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](http://www.eileencanney.com)

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

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

**DePaul (2006-09)**

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

**Personal**

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

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



**Professional**

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

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

**Michigan (2005-08)**

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

**Personal**

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

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

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

**North Carolina (2007-10)**

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

**Personal**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Personal**

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

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

**Professional**

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

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

**Marshall (2005-08)**

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

**Personal**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Arizona (1999-02)**

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

**Personal**

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

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

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

**Michigan (2007-10)**

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

**Personal**

-Daughter of Mark and Michelle Nemitz

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

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

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

**Louisiana State (2007-10)**

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

**Personal**

-Daughter of Tracy Mitchell

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

-Majoring in Agricultural Business at LSU

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### Brief History

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

### Additional Staff

Dir. Marketing/Partnerships Hannah Michal  
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### Home Ticket Information

Outfield Seating \$8.75  
First Base Line \$10.75  
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