

Chicago Bandits History

July 9, 2010 Jennie Finch pitches a perfect game against the Akron Racers at Silver Cross Field in Joliet, Ill in a home away from home game.

August 22, 2010 Chicago Bandits clinch first place bid for playoffs with a USSSA loss. Also clinch their fifth regular season championship in six seasons of existence.

August 29, 2010 Despite a valiant effort, Chicago Bandits are defeated in game three of the 2010 NPF Championship Series, giving the USSSA Florida Pride their first championship in team history. Stacy May and Jennie Finch officially end their professional careers with retirement.

December 2, 2010 Bandits announce the creation of the "Rumble in Rosemont Midwest Invitation" tournament series. The fastpitch tournament will feature teams from across the country competing for the title of Rumble in Rosemont Champions. Teams will have the opportunity to compete on the Rosemont Stadium field, home of the Chicago Bandits.

January 5, 2011 Shortstop Tammy Williams re-signs with the Bandits for the 2011 season after spending a year in Japan playing for Team USA

January 19, 2011 Bandits release IF Amberly Waits and OF Rachel Mitchell

May 28, 2011 Bandits announce the signing of UT Alexis Jager (WMU), IF Robin Thompson (Northwestern), OF Amanda Williams (Marshall), and IF Danielle Zymkowitz (Illinois) following open tryouts.

May 30, 2011 Bandits veteran Emily Friedman announces her retirement from professional softball.

June 24, 2011 Abbott strikes out 18, setting a new NPF record for most strikeouts in a seven inning game, in a 10-0 win over the Akron Racers.

June 30, 2011 Cubs pitcher, Carlos Zambrano, pays a special visit to Rosemont Stadium prior to the Bandits matchup against the NPF Diamonds to throw the first pitch. The Bandits went on to a 4-0 victory.

July 3, 2011 Just a few days after signing a contract with the Bandits, pitcher Donna Bourgeois makes her professional debut in a 7-4 win over the NPF Diamonds.

July 12, 2011 The NPF announces that ESPN2 and ESPN3.com will carry coverage of the 2011 NPF Championship Series held in Sulphur, La.

2010



Taryne Mowatt



Monica Abbott



Megan Wiggins



Monica Abbott



2012

November 2, 2010 Bandits trade pitcher Kristina Thorson to the Akron Racers in exchange for pitcher and two-time ESPY Taryne Mowatt.

November 5, 2010 The Bandits break ground in Rosemont, Ill. at the location of their new stadium set to open for the 2011 season. Owner Bill Sokolis, catcher Rachel Folden and retired pitcher are all on hand for the ceremony where it is announced the stadium will be located at 27 Jennei Finch Way in honor of her illustrious career.

November 10, 2010 Darrick Brown is hired as the new head coach for the 2011 season.

February 15, 2011 In a press conference held in Rosemont, Ill., Monica Abbott is officially introduced as a Bandit along with Taryne Mowatt. Caitlin Lever is also on hand to sign her contract for the 2011 season.

March 18, 2011 The Bandits select 1B Dorian Shaw (Michigan), OF Megan Wiggins (Georgia), 3B Alisa Goler (Georgia) and 2B/SS Kristen Shifflett (Radford) in the 2011 NPF Draft.

April 20, 2011 The NPF announces the launch of the Twenty for 20 campaign. This fundraising campaign is designed to raise league funding, which will secure a future for the sport of softball and the girls who dream of playing in the NPF.

June 4, 2011 The Bandits officially open Rosemont Stadium with a 10-0 exhibition win over the Bloomington Lady Hearts. The Bandits wore special uniforms honoring the Chicago Colleens of the All American Girls Professional Baseball League.

June 7, 2011 In the first Battle of the Sexes game to ever be played in a softball stadium, the Bandits defeat the Will County CrackerJacks by a score of 6-2.

June 16, 2011 On opening night at Rosemont Stadium, Monica Abbott allows just one hit and zero runs scored in a 1-0 victory over the USSSA Pride.

July 12, 2011 The four man team, King and His Court, make a stop at Rosemont Stadium on their farewell tour. Went on to beat the Bandits 6-1 during an entertaining game that was full of tricks and laughs.

July 14, 2011 Bandits sign catcher Jenna Grim from Loyola University Chicago.

July 31, 2011 Bandits are honored before the Chicago White Sox game at U.S. Cellular Field for all their accomplishments during the 2011 season. Fans also had the chance to meet Bandits players during the game.

August 1, 2011 - Two-time MVP Stacy May-Johnson announces she is ditching retirement and will be joining the Bandits for the final month of the 2011 season.

August 18, 2011 Pitcher Monica Abbott and Alisa Goler highlight the regular season awards in the NPF. Abbott was honored as the Co-Pitcher of the Year with Cat Osterman as well as being selected to the All-NPF Team. Goler was named Miken Rookie of the Year as well as being crowned the Worth Home Run Champion. Megan Wiggins (outfield) was also selected to the All-NPF Team.

August 21, 2011 The Bandits capture their 2nd NPF Championship in three years after defeating the USSSA Pride, 10-3, in game two of the 2011 NPF Championship Series. Monica Abbott is named MVP of the series after pitching the Bandits to victory recording 30 strikeouts and a 2.17 ERA in 29 innings pitched.