



# GAME NOTES August 5, 2019

## GAMES THIS WEEK

### MONDAY, AUGUST 5

USSSA Pride v. Aussie Peppers	8:00 PM ET	Caswell Park	FloSoftball (US)/NPFTV (International)
Beijing Eagles v. Chicago Bandits	8:00 PM ET	Parkway Bank Sports Complex	FloSoftball (US)/NPFTV (International)

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

USSSA Pride v. Aussie Peppers	6:00 PM ET	Caswell Park	FloSoftball (US)/NPFTV (International)
Beijing Eagles v. Chicago Bandits	6:00 PM ET	Parkway Bank Sports Complex	FloSoftball (US)/NPFTV (International)
USSSA Pride v. Aussie Peppers	8:30 PM ET	Caswell Park	FloSoftball (US)/NPFTV (International)
Beijing Eagles v. Chicago Bandits	8:30 PM ET	Parkway Bank Sports Complex	FloSoftball (US)/NPFTV (International)

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

USSSA Pride v. Aussie Peppers	8:00 PM ET	Caswell Park	FloSoftball (US)/NPFTV (International)
Beijing Eagles v. Chicago Bandits	8:00 PM ET	Parkway Bank Sports Complex	FloSoftball (US)/NPFTV (International)

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

USSSA Pride v. Chicago Bandits	8:30 PM ET	Parkway Bank Sports Complex	FloSoftball (US)/NPFTV (International)
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### SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

USSSA Pride v. Chicago Bandits	4:00 PM ET	Parkway Bank Sports Complex	FloSoftball (US)/NPFTV (International)
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## LAST WEEK SERIES RECAP

The Cleveland Comets and the Canadian Wild concluded their respective seasons by finishing an ongoing series with a game on Monday, July 29, at Rent One Park. It was the home team who ended the season on a high note as the Wild won by a final score of 10-5. Victoria Hayward and Jennifer Gilbert both drew 2 Walks and scored 2 Runs while Sashel Palacios hit 2 Doubles and sent home 4 RBI for the Comets.

The Chicago Bandits and Beijing Eagles played three games against each other this past week, starting with a doubleheader on Monday, July 29. In the first game of that doubleheader, the Bandits won 6-0 after Aleshia Ocasio pitched a 1-Hit, 6-Strikeout Shutout to lead the Bandits to victory. Amanda Chidester and Hannah Flippen both placed 2 Hits, each including 1 Home Run and 1 other Extra-Base Hit, and Lu Ying Doubled to give the Eagles their only Hit of the game. In Monday's other game, the Bandits secured the win with a 5-1 score. Abbey Cheek was the offensive star for the Bandits in this game, hit 2-3 with a Double, a Home Run, and 3 RBI while Rachele Fico, Savannah Heebner, and Paige Lowary combined for 7 Strikeouts. The series finished on Tuesday, July 30, with a game that went 4-0 to the Bandits. Amanda Chidester hit 3-4 with 2 Home Runs and 3 RBI while Danielle O'Toole tossed 6 Strikeouts and permitted only 3 Hits in 6 Innings Pitched.

The USSSA Pride met the Eagles for the second half of a doubleheader at Jackie Robinson Ballpark on Tuesday, July 30. The Pride won this one 4-1 after a 3-Run fifth inning carried them to victory and Jolene Henderson and Jilyn Ford combined for 11 Strikeouts and 0 Walks; Liu Li LI hit 3-4 in the losing effort. The two teams completed their 2-game slate on Wednesday, July 31, with a 2-0 Pride win with both runs coming from a sixth inning Jessie Warren Home Run. Kelly Kretschman reached base in all 3 of her Plate Appearances, hitting 2-2 with a Walk.

The top two teams, the Chicago Bandits and the USSSA Pride, met for a series at Space Coast Complex starting on Friday, August 2. The Bandits began the series with a thunderous 10-2 win, snapping a 8-game losing streak against the Pride which included being swept in the 2018 Championship Series. The Bandits scored 5 Runs in both the third and the seventh innings; Amanda Chidester paced the offense from the lead-off spot with 2 Home Runs and 5 RBI. The second game of the series on Saturday, August 3, was much closer, 4-3, and required eight innings but was once again a Bandits win. Abbey Cheek drove in Brenna Moss on a Single to provide the go-ahead run in the top of the eighth, and Rachele Fico earned the Win with 4 Innings of 1-Hit scoreless relief, including 6 Strikeouts and 2 Walks.

## WEEKLY HONORS

### Player of the Week: Amanda Chidester, Chicago Bandits

Amanda Chidester had at least 1 extra-base hit in every game she played this week and hit a home run in 4 consecutive games. Chidester hit 2 home runs on Tuesday, July 30, against the Beijing Eagles and in a game that started on Friday, August 2, against the USSSA Pride; in the latter game, she had 5 RBIs.

**10-17, 6 R, 2 2B, 6 HR, 11 RBI, 2 BB (.588 BA, .632 OBP, 1.765 SLG)**

### Pitcher of the Week: Rachele Fico, Chicago Bandits

Rachele Fico pitched well in two different outings this week. On Monday, July 29, in the second game of a doubleheader, Fico got the start and held the Beijing Eagles to 4 hits, 1 walk, and 1 run while throwing 3 strikeouts en route to a 5-1 win. On Saturday, August 3, Fico took over the game with the Bandits trailing 2-1 in the bottom of the fifth inning and pitched the rest of the way to a 4-3 win, only allowing 1 hit and 2 walks while striking out 6 batters in 4 innings of work to earn the win.

**2 G, 1 GS, 2-0 W-L, 8 IP, 5 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 3 BB, 9 SO (0.88 ERA, 1.00 WHIP)**

### Rookie of the Week: Abbey Cheek, Chicago Bandits

Abbey Cheek landed a Hit in all of her games this week and had 2 separate 3-RBI games. Cheek's best game came in the second half of a doubleheader on Monday, July 29, against the Beijing Eagles when she 2-3 with a double, a home run, and 3 RBI.

**6-17, 2 R, 2 2B, 2 HR, 7 RBI, 1 BB (.353 BA, .389 OBP, .824 SLG)**

### Stat of the Week:

When the Chicago Bandits defeated the USSSA Pride 10-2 on Saturday, August 3, it snapped an 8-game Bandits losing streak against the Pride, including play-offs, dating back to last season. In that time, the Bandits were 30-3 (.909 PCT) against the rest of the league.

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## Pride Injury Updates

- Amanda Lorenz - Out for remainder of season (Injury) \* She may be attending home and away games based on ability to travel\*
- Kat Moore - Out indefinitely (Injury) \* Will not be attending games \*
- Fale Aviu - Out indefinitely (Injury) \* Will not be attending games \*
- Nicole DeWitt has been sent home for the remainder of the season due to knee injury.
- Chelsea Goodacre is out due to broken finger.



**NATIONAL PRO FASTPITCH  
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2019**

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**CHICAGO BANDITS**

Location Rosemont, IL  
 Venue Parkway Bank Sports Complex  
 GM Toni Calmeyn  
 Head Coach Lauren Lappin



**USSSA PRIDE**

Location Viera, FL  
 Venue Space Coast Stadium  
 GM Don DeDonatis  
 Head Coach Gerry Glasco

**Upcoming Schedule (all games listed in ET)**

Thursday	8/15	8:00 PM	CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES GAME 1
Friday	8/16	8:00 PM	CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES GAME 2
Saturday	8/17	8:00 PM	CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES GAME 3
Sunday	8/18	5:00 PM	CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES GAME 4 (if necessary)
Monday	8/19	8:00 PM	CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES GAME 5 (if necessary)

## Players to Watch

*Italicized Stats Indicate League Leader*

### Aussie Peppers

#### **Stacey Porter**

Pennsylvania Rebellion (2016), Aussie Peppers (2018)

2018 NPF Stats: .385 BA | .520 OBP | .718 SLG

8 Runs, 15 Hits, 2 2B, 1 3B, 3 HR, 8 RBI, 10 BB, 7 SO in 14 Games

Has represented Australia at 2 Olympic Games (1 Silver, 1 Bronze)

#### **Taylah Tsitsikronis**

Pennsylvania Rebellion (2016), Chicago Bandits (2017), Aussie Peppers (2018)

2018 NPF Stats: .208 BA | .248 OBP | .416 SLG

26 Runs, 8 2B, 6 HR, 16 RBI

#### **Kaia Parnaby**

Chicago Bandits (2017), Aussie Peppers (2018)

2018 NPF Stats: 6 G | 4 GS | 27.1 IP | 3-2 | 0.77 ERA | 1 HR Allowed | 5 BB | 34 SO (0.25 HR/7 IP, 1.27 BB/7 IP, 8.60 SO/7 IP, 6.80 SO:BB Ratio) | 0.69 WHIP | 0.73 FIP

#### **Chelsea Forkin**

Texas Charge (2016), Chicago Bandits (2017), Aussie Peppers (2018)

2018 NPF Stats: .333 BA | .378 OBP | .429 SLG

14 Hits | 1 2B, 1 HR, 4 RBI in 15 Games

### Beijing Eagles

#### **Wang Lan**

China (2006), Team China (2017), Beijing Eagles (2017-2018)

2018 NPF Stats: 54.2 IP | 2-8 | 2.82 ERA | 11 HR Allowed | 6 BB | 52 SO (1.41 HR/7 IP, 0.77 BB/7 IP, 6.66 SO/7 IP, 8.67 SO:BB Ratio) | 0.95 WHIP | 3.28 FIP

2019 Stats: 12 IP | 0-1 | 1.75 ERA | 1 HR Allowed | 1 BB | 12 SO

#### **Victoria Draper**

Beijing Eagles (2018)

2018 NPF Stats: .412 BA | .432 OBP | .430 SLG

13 Runs, 47 Hits, 2 2B, 3 RBI

2019 Stats: 1 Game, 1 Run, 0 Plate Appearances or Defensive Innings

#### **Angel Bunner**

Carolina Diamonds (2012), NY NJ Comets (2013), Pennsylvania Rebellion (2014-2015), Chicago Bandits (2016), USSSA Pride (2017), Beijing Eagles (2018)

2018 NPF Stats: 25 G | 12 GS | 1 SHO | 92.2 IP | 6-10 W-L | 1 SV | 2.19 ERA | 6 HR Allowed | 31 BB | 84 SO (0.45 HR/7 IP, 2.34 BB/7 IP, 6.35 SO/7 IP, 2.71 SO:BB Ratio) | 1.14 WHIP | 2.57 FIP

2019 Stats: 4.1 IP | 0-1 | 0 R | 0 BB | 1 SO

### **Chen Jia**

Beijing Eagles (2017-2018)

2018 NPF Stats: .275 BA | .330 OBP | .373 SLG

11 Runs, 28 Hits, 6 2B, 2 3B, 9 RBI, 3 SB

2019 Stats: 6-15 | .400 BA | .500 OBP | .867 SLG

3 R, 1 2B, 2 HR, 3 RBI, 3 BB, 1 SB

### **Li Qi**

China (2006), Team China (2007), Beijing Eagles (2018)

2018 NPF Stats: .281 BA | .293 OBP | .325 SLG

32 Hits, 1 2B, 2 3B, 7 RBI

2019 Stats: 0-10 | .000 BA | .000 OBP | .000 SLG

2 RBI, 1 SB

## **Canadian Wild**

### **Jennifer Gilbert**

2014-17 Akron Racers: .227 BA | .316 OBP | .460 SLG%

11 Doubles, 3 Triples, 17 Home Runs, 48 RBI

2019 Stats: 7-20 | .350 BA | .350 OBP | .400 SLG | 1 2B | 3 RBI | 2 SB

### **Danielle Lawrie**

Team Canada: 2006, 2008

2010-12, 2014 USSSA Pride: 56 APP | 26-11 W-L | 2.45 ERA | 99 BB | 299 K

42 Starts, 286.1 IP, 4 Saves

0.66 HR/7 IP, 2.30 BB/7 IP, 7.31 K/7 IP, 3.18 K:BB Ratio

NCAA: 1,860 Career Strikeouts at Washington (2006-2010), Program career leader (next closest - Taren Alvelo , 895)

### **Victoria Hayward**

2015-16 Pennsylvania Rebellions: .230 BA | .254 OBP | .279 SLG% | 9 R | 14 H | 4 RBI

Double, Triple, 4 Stolen Bases | 1.000 Fielding Pct

2019 Stats: 11-22 | .500 BA | .522 OBP | .727 SLG

2 2B, 1 HR, 5 RBI, HBP, 6 SB

### **Jenn Salling**

2011-13 USSSA Pride, 2014 Pennsylvania Rebellion

.210 BA | .283 OBP | .262 SLG% | 24 RBI | 23 BB

4 Doubles, 7 Home Runs

2019 Stats: 4-16 | .250 BA | .400 OBP | .250 SLG

2 RBI, 4 BB

### **Sara Groenewegen**

2017 Akron Racers: 2-6 W-L | 5.75 ERA | 40.2 IP | 17 BB | 32 K

8 HR Allowed, 12 Games, 9 Starts, 1 Save

1.38 HR/7 IP | 2.93 BB/7 IP | 5.51 K/7 IP | 1.88 K:BB Ratio

2019 Stats: 5.1 IP | 1-0 | 1 SV | 1.31 ERA | 1 H | 1 BB | 9 SO

## Chicago Bandits

### **Brenna Moss**

Chicago Bandits (2015-2018)

2018 NPF Player of the Year, 2018 Rally Spikes Award, 2018 Offensive Player of the Year

2018 NPF Regular Season Stats: .442 BA | .466 OBP | .584 SLG

38 Runs, 65 Hits, 8 2B, 2 3B, 3 HR, 22 RBI, 27 SB

### **Jessica Scroggins**

Chicago Bandits (2018)

2018 NPF Rookie of the Year

2018 NPF Regular Season Stats: .412 BA | .442 OBP | .570 SLG

7 2B, 3 HR, 18 RBI, 13 SB

### **Amanda Chidester**

Scrap Yard Dawgs (2016): .240 BA | .269 OBP | 480 SLG

6 Hits, 2 HR, 4 RBI in 8 Games

Has represented Team USA at 3 WBSC Women's World Championships (1 Gold, 2 Silver) and 2 Pan American Games/Championships (1 Gold, 1 Silver)

### **Danielle O'Toole**

Chicago Bandits (2017-2018)

2018 NPF Regular Season Stats: 4 G | 3 GS | 12 IP | 0-0 | 0.58 ERA | 1 HR Allowed | 2 BB | 14 SO (0.58 HR/7 IP, 1.17 BB/7 IP, 8.17 SO/7 IP, 7.00 SO:BB Ratio) | 1.17 WHIP | 1.68 FIP

Has represented Team USA at 1 WBSC Women's World Championship (1 Gold), 1 World Cup of Softball (1 Silver), and 1 Pan American Championship (1 Gold)

**Also of note:** Ally Carda is also currently rostered by Team USA Softball

## Cleveland Comets

### **Emily Carosone**

Chicago Bandits (2016-2018)

2016 Cowles Cup Champion

2018 NPF Regular Season Stats: .323 BA | .425 OBP | .750 SLG

5 2B, 12 HR, 31 RBI, 15 BB

### **Jade Rhodes**

Pennsylvania Rebellion (2016), Scrap Yard Dawgs (2016-2017), Cleveland Comets (2018)

2017 Cowles Cup Champion, 2018 Rawlings Gold Glove Award

2018 NPF Stats: .272 BA | .357 OBP | .426 SLG

9 2B, 4 HR, 15 RBI, 13 BB, .992 FPCT

### **Sammy Marshall**

Chicago Bandits (2015-2018)

2-Time Cowles Cup Champion (2015, 2016), 2016 Rally Spikes Award Co-Winner

2018 NPF Regular Season Stats: .388 BA | .435 OBP | .575 SLG

52 Hits, 6 2B, 2 3B, 5 HR, 26 RBI, 15 SB

### **Randi Rupp**

Cleveland Comets (2018)

2018 NPF Stats: 22 G | 13 GS | 5 CG | 84.2 IP | 4-11 | 2 SV | 12 HR Allowed | 23 BB | 47 SO (0.99 HR/7 IP, 1.90 BB/7 IP, 3.89 SO/7 IP, 2.04 SO:BB Ratio) | 1.50 WHIP | 3.87 FIP

## **USSSA Pride**

### **Jolene Henderson**

Texas Charge (2015), USSSA Pride (2016-2018)

2018 NPF Pitcher of the Year, 2018 Cowles Cup Champion

2018 NPF Regular Season Stats: 17 G | 9 GS | 6 CG | 70 IP | 10-0 | 1 SV | 2 SHO | 0 HR Allowed | 9 BB | 56 SO (0.00 HR/7 IP, 0.90 BB/7 IP, 5.60 SO/7 IP, 6.22 SO:BB Ratio) | 0.57 WHIP | 1.22 FIP

### **Kelly Kretschman**

Akron Racers (2005), Connecticut Brakettes (2006), Washington Glory (2007), USSSA Pride (2009-2018)

3-Time NPF Player of the Year (2015-2017), 2-Time NPF Offensive Player of the Year (2016, 2017), 2016 NPF Home Run Champion, NPF All-Time Leader in Career Runs, Hits, RBI, and Doubles, 5-Time Cowles Cup Champion (2005, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2018)

2018 NPF Regular Season Stats: .258 BA | .429 OBP | .323 SLG

4 2B, 8 RBI, 19 BB in 27 Games

Has Represented Team USA at 2 Olympics Games (2 Gold), 2 World Cups of Softball (1 Gold, 1 Silver), and 1 Pan American Games (1 Gold)

### **Megan Wiggins**

Chicago Bandits (2011-2014), USSSA Pride (2015-2018)

2013 NPF Player of the Year, 2013 NPF Co-Offensive Player of the Year, 3-Time NPF Home Run Champion (2012, 2013, 2018), 2-Time Cowles Cup Champion (2011, 2018)

NPF All-Time Leader in Career Triples and Home Runs

2018 NPF Regular Season Stats: .301 BA | .387 OBP | .650 SLG |

6 2B, 4 3B, 12 HR, 35 RBI, 16 BB

### **Sierra Romero**

USSSA Pride (2016-2018)

2018 Cowles Cup Champion

2018 NPF Regular Season Stats: .407 BA | .481 OBP | .780 OBP

37 Hits, 7 2B, 3 3B, 7 HR, 25 RBI, 7 SB

### **Jessie Warren**

USSSA Pride (2018)

2018 Cowles Cup Champion

2018 NPF Regular Season Stats: .262 BA | .333 OBP | .508 SLG

5 HR, 16 RBI in 23 Games

**Also of Note:** Kirsti Merritt, Shelby Pendley, and Keilani Ricketts are also currently rostered by Team USA Softball.

# 2019 NPF Venues

## **Caswell Park in Mankato, Minnesota**

- Caswell Park is a 25-acre facility built in 1985.
- The facility also hosts Mankato United in the Women's Premier Soccer League, the world's largest women's soccer league with 119 teams.
- Caswell Park is home to the Mankato Peppers, a youth softball organization founded in 1982 which has sent 76 players to play college softball and trained two NPF players, Coley Ries of the Aussie Peppers and Ann Steffan, who has retired.
- Before being home to the Aussie Peppers, Caswell Park hosted a 2018 regular season series between the Chicago Bandits and the Beijing Shougang Eagles.

## **Jackie Robinson Ballpark - Daytona Beach, Florida**

- Opened on June 4, 1914.
- Is the 4th-oldest ballpark still in use in professional baseball.
- The ball park was renamed after Jackie Robinson in 1989, and a statue was erected in his honor outside the Orange Avenue Gate.
- Home of the Cincinnati Reds's Class A-Advanced baseball affiliate, the Daytona Tortugas.

## **Parkway Bank Sports Complex in Rosemont, Illinois**

- The Dome at the Parkway Bank Sports Complex is an indoor sports venue, composed of two baseball/softball diamonds and supporting facilities, all of which are available for children's and adults' leagues and individual team play.
- It has been built to NCAA standards for use in college tournaments and championships.
- According to its website, "the stadium is the first facility of its kind in the nation built expressly for women's professional sports."
- The stadium has a 2,000-seat capacity.
- Rosemont is approximately 20 miles northwest of Chicago

## **Rent One Park in Marion, Illinois**

- The stadium also hosts the Southern Illinois Miners of the Independent Frontier League and the annual Ohio Valley Conference Baseball Tournament.
- Capacity includes 3,400 chair seats and lawn seating which can hold over 2,000 spectators.
- There is also a 10-hole mini golf course on site

## **Sprenger Stadium in Avon, OH**

- Sprenger Stadium is the home of the Lake Erie Crushers, an independent baseball team in the Frontier League. The stadium was also host to the Cleveland State baseball team for two years before the university dropped the sport after the 2011 season.
- There is a kids zone with inflatables behind the right field fence requiring paid entry.
- The stadium has an estimated capacity of 5,000.
- Avon, Ohio, is located approximately 20 miles west of Cleveland.

## **Space Coast Stadium in Viera, FL**

- Part of the USSSA Space Coast Complex, an 85-acre facility featuring 15 all-turf fields.
- Previously served as the spring training facility for the Florida Marlins and the Montreal Expos-Washington Nationals and as the stadium for the Class A-Advanced Brevard County Manatees from 1994 until 2016.
- The stadium underwent a full renovation which was completed in time for the 2018 season.
- Both the Pride and the Complex are owned and operated by the United States Specialty Sports Association, a multi-sport organization which sponsors thirteen sports



### **Halpatiokee Regional Park in Stuart, FL**

- Contains 65 acres of active park land surrounded by approximately 500 acres of wetland preserve area.
- Provides habitats for sustainable populations of hundreds of species, including at least 13 species designated as endangered or threatened by the State of Florida.
- Wildlife visible at the park include: sunfish, alligators, river otters, and often West Indian Manatees.
- The multi-use park contains, in addition to softball and baseball fields, soccer fields, tennis courts, an open-air roller-hockey rink and a disc golf course.
- Also includes courts of pickleball, a paddleball sports where two or four players use solid paddles made of wood or composite materials to hit a ball similar to a Wiffle Ball over a net.

### **Charlotte-West Stadium in Carbondale, IL**

- Southern Illinois University's Charlotte West Stadium was completed in 2003, and has quickly earned a reputation as one of the finest softball facilities in the country, as well as being a tough venue for opponents.
- The stadium is named for Dr. Charlotte West, who retired as SIU's associate athletics director in 1998 after serving the University for 42 years as a faculty member, coach and administrator.
- After the 1986 merger of the men's and women's athletics departments, West served as associate athletics director for one year, interim director for a year and associate athletics director for 10 years.
- The state-of-the-art facility holds 502 fans and is one of the finest in the Midwest.

## Welcoming Class of 2019 Rookies Who Have Officially Signed with the NPF!

### NEW ROOKIES

#### **Keeli Milligan, USSSA Pride: Louisiana**

#25 Overall Pick in the 2019 NPF Draft

2019 First Team All-Sun Belt

Spent first 3 seasons at Texas A&M

2016 Second Team All-SEC

2016 All-SEC Freshman Team

Second in Texas A&M program history in career Stolen Bases (105), set single-season program record for Stolen Bases in 2016 (54)

2019 NCAA Stats: .326 BA, .390 OBP, .360 OBP, 6 2B, 15 RBI, 18 BB, 15 SO, 60 SB (2nd NCAA)

#### **Raegan Rogers, USSSA Pride: Oklahoma**

Only 133 AB in 197 G, only 32 career Starts

2019 NCAA Stats: .322 BA, .459 OBP, .627 SLG, 59 AB, 29 R, 3 2B, 5 HR, 15 RBI, 11 BB, 5 SO, 4 HBP, 8 SB

#### **Taran Alvelo, USSSA Pride (Washington)**

#8 Overall Pick in the 2019 NPF Draft – Acquired from Aussie Peppers

2018 NFCA Second Team All-American

2019 NFCA Third Team All-American

2019 All-WCWS Team

3-Time First Team All Pac-12 (2017-2019)

2016 Second Team All Pac-12

2016 Pac-12 Co-Freshman of the Year

895 career Strikeouts (2nd in program history behind Danielle Lawrie)

2018 Season: 1.30 ERA (15th NCAA), 6.72 SO:BB Ratio (11th NCAA)

2019: First 250-Strikeout season for Washington since 2010 (Danielle Lawrie)

2019 NCAA Stats: 41 G, 28 GS, 18 CG, 203.1 IP, 26-6 W-L (14th in NCAA in Wins), 7 SHO, 3 SV, 1.55 ERA (5th Pac-12), 12 HR Allowed, 43 BB, 300 SO (7th NCAA) (0.41 HR/7 IP, 1.48 BB/7 IP (Fewest in Pac-12), 10.33 SO/7 IP (4th NCAA), 6.98 SO:BB Ratio (5th NCAA))

#### **Falepolima Aviu, USSSA Pride (Oklahoma)**

2019 First Team All-Big 12

2-Time Second Team All-Big 12 (2016, 2017)

2017 Season: 18 Doubles (13th NCAA), 18 HBP (7th NCAA)

Career: Only 36 SO in 713 AB

2019 NCAA Stats: .350 BA, .461 OBP (5th Big 12), .556 SLG, 12 2B, 2 3B, 7 HR, 36 RBI, 33 BB, 5 HBP, 7 SO (18th-Lowest Strikeout Rate in NCAA), 6 SB

#### **Kelly Barnhill, Chicago Bandits (Florida)**

#1 Overall Pick in 2019 NPF Draft

2-Time NFCA First Team All-American (2017, 2018)

2019 NFCA Second Team All-American

2017 espnW Player of the Year

2017 WCWS All-Tournament Team  
 2017, 2018 SEC Pitcher of the Year  
 2017, 2018 All-SEC First Team  
 2019 All\_SEC Second Team  
 2019 SEC Tournament MVP  
 2018 SEC Academic Honor Roll  
 2018 Team USA Member  
 1,208 SO, 10.53 SO/7 IP (Most in program history)  
 1.17 Career ERA (4th in program history—had lowest in program history entering 2019 season)  
 2017 Season: 0.51 ERA (1st NCAA), 359 SO (3rd NCAA), 12.98 SO/7 IP (1st NCAA), 9.21 SO:BB Ratio  
 2018 Season: 29-3 (T-4th in NCAA in Wins), 1.08 ERA (5th NCAA), 324 SO (2nd NCAA), 10.58 SO/7 IP (5th NCAA)  
 2019 NCAA Stats: 52 G, 45 GS, 29 CG, 287 IP, 34-14 W-L (2nd in NCAA in Wins), 14 SHO (T-1st NCAA), 3 SV, 1.61 ERA (3rd SEC – Worst of career), 22 HR Allowed, 81 BB, 358 SO (2nd NCAA) (0.54 HR/7 IP, 1.97 BB/7 IP, 8.73 SO/7 IP (1st SEC), 4.42 SO:BB Ratio (6th SEC))

### **Abbey Cheek, Chicago Bandits (Kentucky)**

#14 Overall Pick in the 2019 NPF Draft  
 Unanimous 2019 NFCA First Team All-American  
 Fourth NFCA All-American in Kentucky program history  
 2019 SEC Player of the Year  
 2019 SEC All-Tournament Team  
 2016 All-SEC Freshman Team  
 Program leader in Career Runs (172), Career RBI (200—next closest: Brittany Cervantes, 161), Career Home Runs (60—next closest: Brittany Cervantes, 48), Career Total Bases (451), and Single Season Walks (64 in 2019—next closest: Brittany Cervantes, 48 in 2011)  
 2019 NCAA Stats: .428 BA (16th NCAA), .602 OBP (3rd NCAA), .908 SLG (3rd NCAA), 13 2B, 20 HR (T-11th NCAA), 53 RBI, 64 BB (1.07 BB/Game (2nd NCAA)), 14 SO, 8 SB, .938 FPCT, 8 DP

### **Emily Clark, Cleveland Comets (Ohio State)**

#16 Overall Pick in the 2019 NPF Draft  
 2019 NFCA Third Team All-American  
 2018 Second Team All-Big Ten  
 2-Time First Team All-Big Ten (2017, 2019)  
 2019 Academic All-Big Ten  
 169 Career RBI (3rd in program history behind Sam Marder and Alicia Herron)  
 2019 NCAA Stats: .383 BA (6th Big Ten), .477 OBP, .716 SLG (5th Big Ten), 14 2B, 2 3B, 12 HR, 54 RBI (T-3rd Big Ten), 27 BB, 11 SO, 8 SB

### **Caleigh Clifton, Chicago Bandits: Oklahoma**

#9 Overall Pick in the 2019 NPF Draft  
 2019 NFCA First Team All-American  
 2017 NFCA Second Team All-American  
 2019 Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year  
 2019 First Team All-Big 12  
 3-Time Second Team All-Big 12 (2016-18)  
 2017 Big 12 Championship All-Tournament Team  
 2016 All-Big 12 Freshman Team

All-Time program leader in HBP (65)

2019 NCAA Stats: .390 BA (5th Big 12), .540 OBP (12th NCAA), .854 SLG (1st Big 12, Career high by .281 points), 13 2B, 6 3B (11th NCAA), 17 HR (T-3rd Big 12), 52 RBI, 46 BB, 22 SO, 11 HBP, 9 SB, 0 CS

### **Alyssa DiCarlo, Chicago Bandits (Georgia)**

#4 Overall Pick in the 2019 NPF Draft

2-Time NFCA Third Team All-American (2018, 2019)

3-Time First Team All-SEC (2016, 2018, 2019)

2017 Second Team All-SEC

2016 SEC All-Freshman Team

All-time program leader in Career Home Runs (68—next closest, Alisa Goler, 58)

.747 Career Slugging Percentage (2nd in program history)

2019 NCAA Stats: .381 BA, .520 OBP (6th SEC), .899 SLG (4th NCAA), 14 2B, 2 3B, 23 HR (T-4th NCAA), 58 RBI, 51 BB (0.84 BB/Game, 11th NCAA)

### **Megan Good, USSSA Pride (James Madison)**

2-Time NFCA First Team All-American (2016, 2017)

2015 NFCA Second Team All-American

2019 NFCA Third Team All-American

4-Time CAA Pitcher of the Year (2015-2017, 2019)

2017 CAA Player of the Year

2017 – First player in conference history to win CAA Pitcher and Player of the Year

4-Time All-CAA First Team (2015-2017, 2019)

2015 CAA Rookie of the Year

2017 CAA Championship Most Outstanding Player

3-Time CAA All-Tournament Team (2016, 2017, 2019)

Program career leader in Pitching Appearances (157), Pitching Starts (133), Innings Pitched (843.2), Complete Games (86), Shutouts (37—27.8% of all starts!), ERA (1.03), Opponent BA (.158), Wins (120—next closest: Jailyn Ford, 82), and Strikeouts (900)

2017 Season: 244.2 IP, 38-3 W-L (1st in NCAA in Wins), 0.63 ERA (3rd NCAA), 271 SO (11th NCAA), 7.74 SO:BB Ratio

Did not play during the 2018 season due to injury

2019 NCAA Pitching Stats: 34 G, 27 GS, 22 CG, 190 IP, 21-8 W-L, 7 SHO, 2 SV, 1.62 ERA (1st CAA), 18 HR Allowed, 71 BB, 208 SO (0.66 HR/7 IP, 2.62 BB/7 IP, 7.66 SO/7 IP, 2.93 SO:BB Ratio)

2019 NCAA Batting Stats: .339 BA, .484 OBP (4th CAA), .702 SLG (6th CAA), 11 2B, 16 HR (4th CAA), 58 RBI (T-28th NCAA), 47 BB

### **Savannah Heebner, Chicago Bandits (Houston)**

#24 Overall Pick in the 2019 NPF Draft

2018 NFCA Second Team All-American

2018 The American Co-Pitcher of the Year

4-Time The American First Team (2016-2019)—First player in program history

2-Time The American All-Tournament Team (2016, 2017)

2018 Season: 13 Shutouts (T-3rd NCAA), 1.15 ERA (7th NCAA)

2019 Pitching Stats: 24 G, 21 GS, 19 CG, 155.2 IP, 14-9 W-L, 4 SHO, 1.66 ERA (5th AAC), 10 HR Allowed, 36 BB, 115 SO (0.44 HR/7 IP, 1.61 BB/7 IP, 5.17 SO/7 IP, 3.19 SO:BB Ratio)

2019 Hitting Stats: .261 BA, .389 OBP, .353 SLG, 8 2B, 1 HR, 19 RBI, 24 BB

### **Shay Knighten, USSSA Pride (Oklahoma)**

#20 Overall Pick in the 2019 NPF Draft

2-Time NFCA Second Team All-American (2016, 2017)

2017 WCWS Most Outstanding Player

2-Time WCWS All-Tournament Team (2016, 2017)

2017 Big 12 Player of the Year

3-Time First Team All-Big 12 (2016-18)

2019 Second Team All-Big 12

2016 Big 12 Freshman of the Year

2017 Season: 70 RBI (7th NCAA)

2019 NCAA Stats: .324 BA (lowest of career), .389 OBP (lowest of career), .579 SLG, 7 2B, 10 HR, 36 RBI

### **Amanda Lorenz, USSSA Pride (Florida)**

#2 Overall Pick in 2019 NPF Draft

3-Time NFCA First Team All-American (2017-2019)

2016 NFCA Third Team All-American

2017 WCWS All-Tournament Team

2016 NFCA Freshman of the Year

2018 SEC Player of the Year

4-Time All-SEC First Team (2016-2019)

2019 All-SEC Defensive Team

2018 SEC Tournament Most Valuable Player

2-Time SEC All-Tournament Team (2018, 2019)

2016 SEC Freshman of the Year

2019 All-SEC Community Service Team

2018 Team USA Member

Career .407 BA (best in program history), .549 OBP (best in program history—next closest: Kayli Kvistad, .492), 238 BB (best in program history—next closest: Kayli Kvistad, 186)

59 Career 2B (T-most in program history)

2018 Season: .416 BA (3rd SEC), .582 OBP (5th NCAA), .753 SLG, 11 HR, 61 RBI, 70 BB (1.04 BB/Game—2nd NCAA)

2019 NCAA Stats: .422 BA (3rd SEC), .561 OBP (6th NCAA), .719 SLG, 14 2B, 4 3B, 11 HR, 41 RBI, 62 BB (0.93 BB/Game—5th NCAA), 16 SO

### **Taylor McQuillin, Cleveland Comets (Arizona)**

#6 Overall Pick in 2019 NPF Draft

2019 NFCA First Team All-American

2-Time First Team All-Pac-12 (2018, 2019)

2017 Second Team All-Pac-12

2016 Third Team All-Pac-12

2016 Pac-12 All-Freshman Team

2018 Season: 15 SHO (1st NCAA), 287 SO (11th NCAA)

2019 NCAA Stats: 35 G, 30 GS, 26 CG, 207 IP, 24-8 W-L, 10 SHO (T-15th NCAA), 1 SV, 1.52 ERA (4th Pac-12), 15 HR Allowed, 58 BB, 232

SO (0.51 HR/7 IP, 1.96 BB/7 IP, 7.85 SO/7 IP, 4.00 SO:BB Ratio)

### **Nicole Newman, Aussie Peppers (Drake)**

#13 Overall Pick in 2019 NPF Draft

2019 NFCA First Team All-American

2018 NFCA Third Team All-American

3-Time MVC Pitcher of the Year (2016, 2018, 2019)

4-Time All-MVC First Team (2015, 2016, 18, 2019)

2-Time MVC Tournament MVP (2018, 2019)

2015 MVC Freshman of the Year

Program Career Leader in Appearances (150), Wins (93—Next Closest: Laurie Bowden, 66), Shutouts (34), Strikeouts (1,223—Next Closest: Jenna DeLong, 760)

Has the three highest figures in program history for Strikeouts in a season

2018 Season: 0.89 ERA (3rd NCAA), 10.88 SO/7 IP (2nd NCAA), 6.81 SO:BB Ratio (9th NCAA)

2019 Pitching Stats: 46 G, 31 GS, 28 CG, 221.2 IP (1st MVC), 29-7 W-L (T-9th NCAA in Wins), 14 SHO (T-1st NCAA), 1.07 ERA (3rd NCAA), 12 HR Allowed, 45 BB, 423 SO (1st NCAA—Next Closest: Kelly Barnhill, Florida, 358) (0.38 HR/7 IP, 1.42 BB/7 IP, 13.36 SO/7 IP (1st NCAA—Next Closest: Shannon Saile, Oklahoma, 11.2)), 9.40 SO:BB Ratio (1st NCAA)), 5 Perfect Games (NCAA D-I Single Season Record)

2019 Hitting Stats: .261 BA, .413 OBP, .408 SLG, 6 2B, 5 HR, 44 RBI (T-3rd MVC), 36 BB

### **Lilli Piper, Cleveland Comets (Ohio State)**

#15 Overall Pick in the 2019 NPF Draft

2-Time NFCA Second Team All-American (2018, 2019)

2017 NFCA Third Team All-American

3-Time Unanimous First Team All-Big Ten (2017-2019)

2018 Big Ten All-Defensive Team

2019 Academic All-Big Ten

.419 Career BA (2nd in program history)

2019 NCAA Stats: .430 BA (14th NCAA), .530 OBP (15th NCAA), .691 SLG, 56 Runs (1.06/ Game, 17th NCAA), 11 2B, 10 HR, 33 RBI, 35 BB, 9 SO, 18 SB (94.7% Success Rate), .977 FPCT

Started college as a 2-sport athlete at Akron (Softball and Basketball—averaged 8.9 MPG, career-high 24 points vs Buffalo in MAC Tournament)

### **Morgan Rackel, Canadian Wild (Austin Peay)**

2018 OVC Pitcher of the Year

2-Time OVC All-Conference First Team (2018, 2019)

2019 NCAA Pitching Stats: 35 G, 30 GS, 25 CG, 199.2 IP, 21-9 W-L, 6 SHO, 2 SV, 1.93 ERA (3rd OVC), 14 HR Allowed, 34 BB, 242 SO (20th NCAA) (0.49 HR/7 IP, 1.19 BB/7 IP, 8.48 SO/7 IP, 7.12 SO:BB Ratio (3rd NCAA))

2019 NCAA Hitting Stats: .293 AVG, .359 OBP, .530 SLG, 10 2B, 1 3B, 9 HR, 38 RBI (T-11th OVC)

5-sport athlete in high school but did not play softball because it was not offered at her school

### **Katie Reed, Chicago Bandits (Kentucky)**

#19 Overall Pick in 2019 NPF Draft, 2019 Senior CLASS Award, 2017 NFCA Third Team All-American, 2017 First Team All-SEC, 2-Time Second Team All-SEC (2018, 2019), 2-Time SEC All-Defensive Team (2018, 2019), 2-Time SEC Scholar Athlete of the Year (2018, 2019)

2018 Stats: .356 BA | .408 OBP | .545 SLG

16 2B, 6 HR, 43 RBI, 15 SB

### **Sydney Romero, USSSA Pride (Oklahoma)**

#3 Overall Pick in the 2019 NPF Draft

2-Time NFCA First Team All-American (2018, 2019)

2019 Big 12 Player of the Year

2-Time All-Big 12 First Team (2018, 2019)

2-Time All-Big 12 Second Team (2016, 2017)

2-Time Big 12 Championship All-Tournament Team (2017, 2018)

Program career leader in Doubles (58), second in program history in: Hits (320), Extra-Base Hits (121), and Total Bases (558)

Top 20 in NCAA in Hits for last three seasons

Only 30 career SO (853 AB)

2019 NCAA Stats: .427 BA (1st Big 12), .455 OBP, .834 SLG (2nd Big 12), 90 Hits (2nd NCAA) 18 2B (2nd Big 12), 4 3B, 20 HR (T-1st Big 12), 56 RBI, 10 SO, 8 SB, 0 CS

### **Amanda Sanchez, Cleveland Comets (LSU)**

#5 Overall Pick in 2019 NPF Draft

2019 Second Team All-SEC

2018 SEC All-Defensive Team

2015 Freshman All-SEC

Started career at Missouri (2015-2018)

2017 season was shortened due to injury

2019 NCAA Stats: .354 BA, .529 OBP (16th NCAA), .627 SLG, 16 2B, 9 HR, 54 RBI, 43 BB, 18 HBP (0.30 HBP/Game (20th NCAA))

### **Carly Thomas, Cleveland Comets (Illinois)**

2-Time First Team All-Big Ten (2015, 2018)

2019 Second Team All-Big Ten

3-Time Big Ten All-Defensive Team (2016, 2018, 2019)

Missed the 2017 season due to injury

Set program record for 2B in a season (24, next closest—Lana Armstrong: 19 in 2008) and career (68, next closest—Erin Montgomery, 52)

2019 NCAA Stats: .351 BA, .423 OBP, .598 SLG, 24 2B (2nd NCAA), 8 HR, 44 RBI

### **Kendall Veach, Beijing Eagles (Auburn)**

#7 Overall Pick in the 2019 NPF Draft

2017 SEC All-Tournament Team

2019 Second Team All-SEC

2019 Stats: .289 BA, 6 2B, 20 HR (T-5th SEC), 48 RBI, .394 OBP, .699 SLG, .989 FPCT, Threw out 10 of 24 (41.7%) base-stealing attempts

## ***Bobby's Corner - Quick Facts***

- The Chicago Bandits and the USSSA Pride will meet in the NPF Championship Series. This will be the eighth time this decade and the second consecutive season that these teams play each other in the NPF's Finals. The Pride won 3 of the previous match-ups, the Bandits won 3, and no champion was named in 2012. The teams will play a 3-game series at Space Coast Complex from August 1-3 and will conclude the regular season with a 2-game series at Parkway Bank Sports Complex from August 10-11.
- The Chicago Bandits will clinch 1st place with a combination of 6 Bandits Wins and USSSA Pride losses. (This presumes that the second scheduled game from Saturday, August 3, is rescheduled; if it is not, decrease this number to 5).
- In the final standings, the Canadian Wild have clinched 3rd place, the Cleveland Comets have clinched 4th place, the Aussie Peppers have clinched 5th place, and the Beijing Eagles have clinched 6th place.
- The Cleveland Comets and the Canadian Wild concluded their respective seasons on Monday, July 29, with a game at Rent One Park.
- The Aussie Peppers will finish their season on Wednesday, August 7, in a game against the USSSA Pride at Caswell Park.
- The Beijing Eagles will finish their season on Wednesday, August 7, in a game against the Chicago Bandits at Parkway Bank Sports Complex.
- The USSSA Pride and the Chicago Bandits will conclude their respective seasons on Sunday, August 11, in a game at Parkway Bank Sports Complex.
- On Saturday, August 3, the Chicago Bandits snapped an 8-game losing streak in games against the USSSA Pride, including play-offs. They were 30-3 (.909 Win PCT) against the rest of the league while this losing streak was ongoing.
- Amanda Chidester hit Home Runs in 4 consecutive games, 5 Home Runs in a 4-game span, and 6 Home Runs in a 7-game span.
- Brittany Cervantes has 47 career Home Runs, 1 shy of Kristen Butler for third on the all-time list.
- The Chicago Bandits are currently on a 13-game winning streak in games at Parkway Bank Sports Complex. The Bandits at 13-2 as the home team this season and are 19-2 in games played at Parkway Bank Sports Complex; they were listed as the away team for 6 of these games.
- The USSSA Pride have not lost consecutive regular season series since 2009, their inaugural season, when they lost 4 of 5 games against the Akron Racers between July 29-August 2 and 3 of 5 games against the Rockford Thunder between August 5-9. The Pride lost their most recent series, dropping both games played against the Chicago Bandits at Space Coast Complex. Their next series is a 4-game slate against the Aussie Peppers at Caswell Park from August 5-7.
- This season, the USSSA Pride are 19-1 in official home games and 9-6 in official away games.
- The USSSA Pride have won their season series against every opponent since 2013 when they went 8-8 against the Chicago Bandits. The Pride have not lost a season series against any opponent since 2010 when they went 6-9 against the Bandits. The Pride have clinched every season series except with the Chicago Bandits; they are 4-2 against the Bandits with (at least) 2 games remaining. (NOTE, DO NOT PUBLISH!: Will the one game from Saturday be made up?)
- Through August 3, Hannah Flippen of the Chicago Bandits had 4 Triples this season, as many as or more than every other team. This also ties the all-time single season individual record.
- The Chicago Bandits have hit 40 Home Runs as a team this season. The next closest is the USSSA Pride, who have 23.
- Wang Lan's 5-Inning Perfect Game against the Aussie Peppers on June 24 was her first at any level and the first of the 2019 NPF season.



- On June 9 against the Cleveland Comets, Kristyn Sandberg of the Chicago Bandits drove in her 157th career RBI, passing Nicole Trimboli and Alisa Goler for fourth on the all-time list.
- On June 20 against the Canadian Wild, Kristyn Sandberg of the Chicago Bandits hit her 36th career Double, passing GiOnna DiSalvatore for fifth on the all-time list.
- In a June 22 doubleheader against the Canadian Wild, Hannah Flippen of the Chicago Bandits recorded 3 Triples. The all-time record for a season is 4, set by Megan Wiggins of the USSSA Pride in the 2017 and 2018 seasons. Flippen has since tied this record.
- On June 27 against the Cleveland Comets, Megan Wiggins of the USSSA Pride hit her 389th career Hit, passing Natasha Watley for second on the all-time list.
- On June 29 against the Aussie Peppers, Sammy Marshall of the Cleveland Comets Stole her 62nd career Base to move into fourth on the all-time list, passing Lisa Modglin and Sharonda McDonald.
- On July 1 against the Beijing Eagles, Jolene Henderson of the USSSA Pride threw a Perfect Game, the second of the season and the first in a 7-inning game this season. In that game, she also secured her 9th career Shutout, passing Danielle Lawrie for fifth on the all-time list. (Lawrie has since tied Henderson again.)
- When the Cleveland Comets defeated the USSSA Pride 3-1 on July 9, they broke two different 16-game winning streaks for the Pride. One was games won in the 2019 season and the other was Pride wins against the Comets. The Comets had never previously beaten the Pride in their two-year history.
- On Thursday, July 11, Abbey Cheek of the Chicago Bandits hit 3 Home Runs against the Aussie Peppers. Notable players who hit 3 Home Runs in a game include: Crystl Bustos, Jessica Mendoza, and Chelsea Goodacre. Cheek had the additional distinction of hitting her Home Runs in consecutive innings: the 4th, 5th, and 6th.
- On July 20 against the Aussie Peppers, Rachele Fico of the Chicago Bandits threw a Perfect Game, the third of the season and the second in a 7-inning game. Fico threw 26 Perfect Games in high school, a national record, and 1 in college against Southeastern Louisiana in 2011.
- On July 21 against the Canadian Wild, Brittany Cervantes of the USSSA Pride hit her 46th career Home Run to move into sole possession of fourth on the all-time list, passing Oli Keohohou.
- On Tuesday, July 24, Kelly Kretschman of the USSSA Pride became the first player in NPF history to record her 500th hit in a game against the Beijing Eagles.
- On Saturday, July 28, Danielle Lawrie of the Canadian Wild threw her 9th career Shutout against the Cleveland Comets, restoring a tie for fifth place on the all-time list with Jolene Henderson of the USSSA Pride.
- In her record-setting 2017 and 2018 seasons, Megan Wiggins hit 4 Triples each. The 8 Triples she hit in those two seasons by themselves would put her fifth on the all-time list. Furthermore, removing those 8 Triples from her all-time total of 18 would still leave Wiggins first on the all-time list.
- #8 Overall Pick Taran Alvelo of the USSSA Pride has only thrown 3 Walks but has Hit 6 Batters in 43.2 Innings Pitched this season. The 6 Hit Batters ties her for second-most in the league with Jenna Caira of the Canadian Wild and behind Chai Yinan of the Beijing Eagles.
- No #1 Overall Pick has ever won NPF Rookie of the Year. This year's #1 Overall Pick was Kelly Barnhill of the Chicago Bandits.

## Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 Qualification

Six nations will participate in the softball competition at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

#2-ranked Japan earned an automatic entry for the event as the tournament host.

The #1 United States procured a bid by winning the 2018 WBSC Women's Softball World Championship, held in Chiba, Japan.

One bid will be earned from the Europe/Africa Softball Olympic Qualifier hosted in Utrecht, Netherlands from July 23-27. Eight teams will participate in this qualifier, including: world #28 South Africa, #43 Botswana, and six European nations to be determined. These European qualifiers will be decided at the 2019 European Women's Championship held in Ostrava, Czech Republic from June 30-July 6.

Twelve nations will vie for two spots in the Americas Softball Olympic Qualifier hosted in Surrey, British Columbia, Canada from August 25-September 1. Group A of this competition includes: #3 Canada, #4 Puerto Rico, #17 Cuba, #18 Guatemala, #25 Argentina, and the #39 Bahamas; Group B includes: #5 Mexico, #14 Brazil, #16 Venezuela, the #19 Dominican Republic, #20 Peru, and the #57 British Virgin Islands.

The final qualifier will assign one spot to one of eight teams competing in the Asia/Oceania Softball Olympic Qualifier held in Shanghai, China, from September 24-29. These eight nations are: #6 Chinese Taipei, #7 Australia, #8 China, #11 New Zealand, the #13 Philippines, the #23 Republic of Korea, #37 Indonesia, and #42 Hong Kong.

All rankings are from the latest WBSC Women's Softball World Rankings, published on December 17, 2018. The Top 10 rankings from that latest update are as follows; nations in red have a direct affiliation with an NPF team:

<b>United States</b>	<b>4588</b>
<b>Japan</b>	<b>4209</b>
<b>Canada</b>	<b>3571</b>
<b>Puerto Rico</b>	<b>3320</b>
<b>Mexico</b>	<b>3160</b>
<b>Chinese Taipei</b>	<b>2920</b>
<b>Australia</b>	<b>2701</b>
<b>China</b>	<b>2661</b>
<b>Italy</b>	<b>2461</b>
<b>Netherlands</b>	<b>2259</b>

## Previous Summer Olympics Results

### 1996 Atlanta

#### Round Robin

United States 6-1 (Q)  
China 5-2 (Q)  
Australia 5-2 (Q)  
Japan 5-2 (Q)  
Canada 3-4  
Chinese Taipei 2-5  
Netherlands 1-6  
Puerto Rico 1-6

#### Semifinals

United States 1, China 0  
Australia 3, Japan 0

#### Bronze Medal Game

China 4, Australia 2

#### Gold Medal Game

United States 3, China 2

#### Medalists

Gold: United States  
Silver: China  
Bronze: Australia

### 2000 Sydney

#### Round Robin

Japan 7-0 (Q)  
Australia 6-1 (Q)  
China 5-2 (Q)  
United States 4-3 (Q)  
Italy 2-5  
New Zealand 2-5  
Cuba 1-6  
Canada 1-6

#### Semifinals

Japan 1, Australia 0  
United States 3, China 0

#### Bronze Medal Game

United States 1, Australia 0

#### Gold Medal Game

United States 2, Japan 1 in 8 Innings

#### Medalists

Gold: United States  
Silver: Japan  
Bronze: Australia

### 2004 Athens

#### Round Robin

United States 7-0 (Q)  
Australia 6-1 (Q)  
Japan 4-3 (Q)  
China 3-4 (Q)  
Canada 3-4  
Chinese Taipei 2-5  
Greece 2-5  
Italy 1-6

#### Semifinals

United States 5, Australia 0  
Japan 1, China 0

#### Bronze Medal Game

Australia 3, Japan 0

#### Gold Medal Game

United States 5, Australia 1

#### Medalists

Gold: United States  
Silver: Australia  
Bronze: Japan

### 2008 Beijing

#### Round Robin

United States 7-0 (Q)  
Japan 6-1 (Q)  
Australia 5-2 (Q)  
Canada 3-4 (Q)  
Chinese Taipei 2-5  
China 2-5  
Venezuela 2-5  
Netherlands 1-6

#### Semifinals

United States 4, Japan 1  
Australia 5, Canada 3

#### Bronze Medal Game

Japan 4, Australia 3

#### Gold Medal Game

Japan 3, United States 1

#### Medalists

Gold: Japan  
Silver: United States  
Bronze: Australia

## European Championships

The 2019 Woman's European Championship, were held in Ostrava, Czech Republic, and started on Sunday, June 30. Some games are also played in Frydek-Mistek, Czech Republic, and Rybnik, Poland. 23 teams competed for the right to be named the European Champion. The tournament began with round-robin pool play in the following groups. The top 2 teams in each group advanced to the Semifinal Group, the 3rd and 4th-placed teams in each group advanced to qualification for 9th-16th place, and the remaining teams advanced to the qualification for 17th-23rd place. (Note. The placement rounds are not included in this document.) (Editor's Note: Please include numerical rankings within each group.):

<b>Group A</b>		<b>Group B</b>		<b>Group C</b>		<b>Group D</b>	
#15 Czech Republic	5-0	#9 Italy	5-0	#10 Netherlands	5-0	#12 Great Britain	4-0
#26 France	4-1	#35 Spain	4-1	#22 Ireland	4-1	#21 Greece	3-1
#41 Sweden	3-2	#36 Israel	3-2	#32 Russia	3-2	#40 Germany	2-2
#47 Belgium	2-3	#24 Austria	2-3	#44 Poland	2-3	#31 Switzerland	1-3
#54 Slovakia	1-4	#45 Ukraine	1-4	#56 Denmark	1-4	#52 Croatia	0-4
#61 Lithuania	0-5	#53 Turkey	0-5	#59 Hungary	0-5		

The top three teams in each Semifinal Round group advanced to the Final Round where they were placed in a new round-robin pool. The top 3 teams in each Semifinal Round group qualified for the Final Round and the Europe/Africa Softball Olympic Qualifier.

<b>Group E</b>		<b>Group F</b>	
#12 Great Britain	3-0	#10 Netherlands	3-0
#15 Czech Republic	2-1	#9 Italy	2-1
#35 Spain	1-2	#26 France	1-2
#22 Ireland	0-3	#21 Greece	0-3

In the Final Round, results against the other 2 qualifying teams for their team's Semifinal Round carried over. The top 2 teams qualified for the Final while the 3rd and 4th-placed teams qualified for the Bronze Medal Game.

### **FINAL ROUND (Group X)**

#10 Netherlands	5-0
#9 Italy	4-1
#12 Great Britain	3-2
#15 Czech Republic	2-3
#35 Spain	1-4
#26 France	0-5

### **Bronze Medal Game**

#12 Great Britain	5
#15 Czech Republic	1

### **Final**

#9 Italy	3
#10 Netherlands	2

The six teams that qualified for the Final Round will also qualify for the Europe/Africa Softball Olympic Qualifier held in Utrecht, the Netherlands, from July 23-27. The winner of the Europe/Africa Softball Olympic Qualifier will advance to the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

## 2019 ESF Women's Championship Standings

Italy – Qualified for Europe/Africa Softball Olympic Qualifier  
Netherlands – Qualified for Europe/Africa Softball Olympic Qualifier  
Great Britain – Qualified for Europe/Africa Softball Olympic Qualifier  
Czech Republic – Qualified for Europe/Africa Softball Olympic Qualifier  
Spain – Qualified for Europe/Africa Softball Olympic Qualifier  
France – Qualified for Europe/Africa Softball Olympic Qualifier  
Greece  
Ireland  
Israel  
Germany  
Russia  
Poland  
Austria  
Belgium  
Sweden  
Switzerland  
Croatia  
Ukraine  
Slovakia  
Denmark  
Lithuania  
Hungary  
Turkey

## 2019 USA Softball International Cup

The 2019 USA Softball International Cup was an international tournament held in Columbus, Georgia, from July 1-7 and hosted by USA Softball. Columbus, Georgia, was the home of the home of the softball competition at the Olympic Games Atlanta 1996. Ten teams competed including: eight senior national teams, the USA U-19 Women's National Team, and club team Scrap Yard Fast Pitch. The tournament started with a 9-game round robin slate and finished with first-place and third-place matches

### Round Robin Standings

Japan	8-1
USA Women's National Team	8-1
USA U-19 Women's National Team	6-3
Scrap Yard Fast Pitch	5-4
Mexico	5-4
China	4-5
Puerto Rico	4-5
Chinese Taipei	4-5
Philippines	1-8
Peru	0-9

### Third Place Match (5 innings)

USA U-19	8
Scrap Yard Fastpitch	0

### First Place Match

United States	2
Japan	1

## **Europe/Africa Softball Qualifier**

The Europe/Africa Qualifier for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 took place in Utrecht, the Netherlands from July 23-27. The teams were first be divided into two four-team groups which play in a round-robin format for the Opening Round.

### **Group A**

Great Britain 3-0  
Netherlands 2-1  
Spain 1-2  
South Africa 0-3

### **Group B**

Italy 3-0  
Czech Republic 2-1  
France 1-2  
Botswana 0-3

From the group stage, the top two teams in each Opening Round group advanced to the Super Round. In the Super Round, each team played the two qualifiers from the other Opening Round group; their results against the other qualifier from their own group carried over.

### **Super Round**

Italy 3-0  
Great Britain 2-1  
Netherlands 1-2  
Czech Republic 0-3

As the winner of the Super Round, Italy will advance to the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020. This will be their third appearance. USSSA Pride Infielder Emily Carosone represented Italy at this qualifier.

Carosone Stats: 7-16 (T-1st in Hits), 4 R, 2 2B (T-1st), 1 HR (T-2nd), 3 RBI, 1 BB (.438 BA, .471 OBP, .750 OBP)

## **(NEW!!!) Pan-American Games**

Six nations are competing at the Pan-American Games in Lima, Peru, in Women's Softball from August 4-10: the #1 United States, #3 Canada, #4 Puerto Rico, #5 Mexico, #16 Venezuela, and #20 Peru. (The listed rankings are from the latest WBSC Rankings, published on December 17, 2018.) The six teams will play a round-robin. The top four teams will advance to the Semi-Finals with the winners advancing to the Gold Medal Grand Final and the losers advancing to the Bronze Medal Final.

## About NPF Commissioner Cheri Kempf



Cheri Kempf has long been at the forefront of women's fastpitch softball – as a highly decorated college, amateur and national team player, pitching instructor, training aid inventor, color commentator for televised softball coverage, and Commissioner of National Pro Fastpitch (NPF), a position she has held since 2007.

As Commissioner of the NPF, Kempf has worked tirelessly to grow the presence and strength of the league. Under her leadership, the league has grown to a global sports/entertainment product, receiving increased media exposure and sponsorship opportunities.

During her tenure with the league, Kempf has also established NPF Media LLC, a private investment group that financially supports League growth in the specific areas of League Office operations, expansion, sponsorships and increased media coverage.

Kempf has also established the NPF Championship Series as a destination event to showcase the best talent in fastpitch softball. The event is the culmination of the regular

season and offers an attractive live content product and family friendly activity. Other turn key activation events have been nurtured under Kempf, including the annual College Draft, balanced regular season competition and NPFTV- the League's own digital platform for live game action.

In 2018, the league celebrated its 15th anniversary in its current form of National Pro Fastpitch. The league currently is the professional home for 3 national federation teams (Australia, Canada and China) from 3 different continents. The league also includes players who are members of 4 additional national federation teams, including the U.S. Women's National Team.

Prior to joining the NPF, Kempf spent 15 years as owner and lead instructor at Club K, the women's fastpitch training facility she founded in 1990. During that time, Club K, grew to be the world's largest training facility for women's fastpitch softball, encompassing 35,000 square feet of training space with students in weekly lessons hailing from 7 different states. Kempf authored an instructional book on pitching, "The Softball Pitching Edge", which has also been produced in video and ebook. She also authored a software series in pitching mechanics for Dartfish.

Since 2000, Kempf has been a popular television analyst for college and professional softball, working with ESPN, Fox Sports, MLB Network, Cox Sports, YES Network and Comcast Sports. She has also become a staple in ESPN's coverage of the NCAA Tournament and for 10 seasons was the studio analyst for the Women's College World Series.

As a player, Kempf was a pitcher on the 1992 USA National Team that earned a gold medal in the World Cup in Beijing, China. She was also a two-time Women's Majors National Champion as a member of the renowned Raybesto's Brakettes of Stratford, Conn. During her collegiate career, Kempf was a standout pitcher for Missouri Western State University, earning the National MVP award en route to helping her team capture the only national championship in school history.

Thanks to her stellar softball career, Kempf has been inducted into four Halls of Fame – the NAIA National Hall of Fame, the Missouri Western State University Hall of Fame, the St. Joseph Baseball Hall of Fame and the Amateur Softball of America State of Missouri Hall of Fame.

## National Federations' Involvement in the NPF

On April 11, 2017, National Pro Fastpitch announced the addition of Beijing Shougang to the NPF's membership. The Beijing Shougang, since renamed the Beijing Eagles, is managed by the Chinese Softball Association, and their roster primarily consists of players eligible for the Chinese national team. This was the first time a national team federation had placed a team in the league. Qin Xiaowen, CEO of Beijing Shougang Sports, announced at the team's launch that "We hope that participating in NPF competition will accelerate the skills advancement of our players in the near term" with the longer-term goal of "the future development of professional baseball and softball and [to] promote the development of other related projects in China." This year, the Beijing Eagles will have a stable home stadium for the first time, playing at Jackie Robinson Ballpark in Daytona Beach, Florida, as part of an agreement which would include the Chinese national team training in Daytona Beach in 2020 if they qualify for the Tokyo Olympics. The Chinese national team won the silver medal in Atlanta in 1996.

On December 28, 2017, National Pro Fastpitch announced the addition of the Aussie Spirit to the league's ranks. The Aussie Spirit, since renamed the Aussie Peppers, is operated by Softball Australia, the nation's governing body for softball. Chet Gray, the Softball Australia CEO, stated that one of the explicit goals of joining the league was to "give the Australian team a boost ahead of the 2018 WBSC World Championship which is also a potential qualifying event for Tokyo 2020." Ultimately, Australia recorded a 6-4 record in that competition, finishing fourth. NPF Commissioner Cheri Kempf celebrated the move as one that "increases the reach of the professional softball footprint, not just domestically, but globally." The Australian national team has medaled in all four previous Olympic softball tournaments, earning silver at Athens 2004 and bronze at Atlanta 1996, Sydney 2000, and Beijing 2008.

On October 30, 2018, National Pro Fastpitch announced the addition of the Canadian Wild of Southern Illinois as an affiliate NPF team. NPF Commissioner Cheri Kempf said during the launch, "To add an international team of the quality of Canada, currently ranked third in the world, and to add the operational excellence of the administration at Rent One Park, [where the Wild will play,] is a home run for all of us." Softball Canada CEO Hugh Mitchener stated that the organization is "delighted to be announcing our entry into the NPF in 2019."

On March 27, 2019, the Cleveland Comets announced a cooperative partnership with Team Mexico for the upcoming NPF season, where various players eligible for Team Mexico will be placed on Cleveland's roster as an opportunity to earn a spot on the national team. Ing. Rolando Cruz Guerrero, President of Team Mexico, stated that "The Mexican National Softball Federation and its sports government entities, the Mexican Olympic Committee (COM) and CONADE, are thrilled on the tremendous value that this Comets/Team Mexico partnership will bring us. [...] We know that National Pro Fastpitch will feature top notch competition, and we want to provide our athletes with the best opportunities to succeed in their quest of preparing and competing for a qualifying spot in the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo."

## 2018 WBSC Women's Softball World Championship Final Standings

<b>United States</b>	<b>10-0</b>
Japan	9-2
<b>Canada</b>	<b>8-3</b>
<b>Australia</b>	<b>6-4</b>
Puerto Rico	6-3
<b>Mexico</b>	<b>6-3</b>
Italy	4-4
Netherlands	3-5
Chinese Taipei	6-4
<b>China</b>	<b>6-4</b>
Great Britain	3-6
Venezuela	2-7
New Zealand	2-6
Philippines	2-6
South Africa	0-8
Botswana	0-8

## 2019 Major Statistical Leaderboards - August 2 (Rookies in Bold)

<b>Batting Average</b> <i>(min 75 AB)</i>		
Alexis Bennett	USSSA Pride	.377
Amanda Chidester	Chicago Bandits	.361
<b>Abbey Cheek</b>	<b>Chicago Bandits</b>	<b>.360</b>
Victoria Hayward	Canadian Wild	.357
Chelsea Goodacre	USSSA Pride	.346

<b>On-Base Percentage</b> <i>(min 75 AB)</i>		
<b>Abbey Cheek</b>	<b>Chicago Bandits</b>	<b>.424</b>
Victoria Hayward	Canadian Wild	.407
Jennifer Salling	Canadian Wild	.398
Amanda Chidester	Chicago Bandits	.391
Alexis Bennett	USSSA Pride	.380

<b>Slugging Percentage</b> <i>(min 75 AB)</i>		
Amanda Chidester	Chicago Bandits	.741
<b>Abbey Cheek</b>	<b>Chicago Bandits</b>	<b>.652</b>
Gwen Svekis	Chicago Bandits	.621
Hannah Flippen	Chicago Bandits	.562
Chelsea Goodacre	USSSA Pride	.531

<b>Runs</b>		
Brenna Moss	Chicago Bandits	24
<b>Sydney Romero</b>	<b>USSSA Pride</b>	<b>24</b>
Victoria Hayward	Canadian Wild	22
Jennifer Gilbert	Canadian Wild	22
3 tied with 19		

<b>Hits</b>		
Victoria Hayward	Canadian Wild	46
Amanda Chidester	Chicago Bandits	39
Jennifer Gilbert	Canadian Wild	36
Brenna Moss	Chicago Bandits	35
2 tied with 34		

<b>Doubles</b>		
Gwen Svekis	Chicago Bandits	10
<b>Amanda Chidester</b>	<b>Chicago Bandits</b>	<b>8</b>
Jennifer Gilbert	Canadian Wild	8
Jessie Warren	USSSA Pride	7
5 tied with 6		

<b>Triples</b>		
Hannah Flippen	Chicago Bandits	4
Victoria Hayward	Canadian Wild	3
Sammy Marshall	Cleveland Comets	2
Brenna Moss	Chicago Bandits	2
<b>16 tied with 1</b>		

<b>Home Runs</b>		
Amanda Chidester	Chicago Bandits	11
<b>Abbey Cheek</b>	<b>Chicago Bandits</b>	<b>7</b>
Jennifer Gilbert	Canadian Wild	6
Hannah Flippen	Chicago Bandits	6
Gwen Svekis	Chicago Bandits	6

<b>RBI</b>		
Amanda Chidester	Chicago Bandits	27
<b>Jennifer Gilbert</b>	<b>Canadian Wild</b>	<b>27</b>
Holly Speers	Canadian Wild	25
Jessie Warren	USSSA Pride	22
Chelsea Goodacre	USSSA Pride	21

<b>Stolen Bases</b>		
Sammy Marshall	Cleveland Comets	22
<b>Alexis Bennett</b>	<b>USSSA Pride</b>	<b>14</b>
Sydney Romero	USSSA Pride	10
Victoria Hayward	Canadian Wild	9
2 tied with 8		



## NEW! 2019 Major Statistical Leaderboards (Rookies in Bold)

<b>ERA</b> (Min 35 IP)		
Haylie Wagner	Chicago Bandits	1.19
Aleshia Ocasio	Chicago Bandits	1.25
<b>Taran Alvelo</b>	<b>USSSA Pride</b>	<b>1.28</b>
Kaia Parnaby	Aussie Peppers	1.41
Sara Groenewegen	Canadian Wild	1.43

<b>Strikeouts</b>		
Sierra Hyland	Cleveland Comets	77
Sara Groenewegen	Canadian Wild	64
Jolene Henderson	USSSA Pride	55
Jailyn Ford	USSSA Pride	51
<b>Jenna Caira</b>	<b>Canadian Wild</b>	<b>46</b>

<b>Opponent Batting Avg.</b> (Min. 35 IP)		
<b>Kelly Barnhill</b>	<b>Chicago Bandits</b>	<b>.172</b>
<b>Taran Alvelo</b>	<b>USSSA Pride</b>	<b>.174</b>
Sara Groenewegen	Canadian Wild	.177
Wang Lan	Beijing Eagles	.188
<b>Shelby McCombs</b>	<b>Cleveland Comets</b>	<b>.200</b>

<b>WHIP</b> (Min 35 IP)		
<b>Taran Alvelo</b>	<b>USSSA Pride</b>	<b>0.69</b>
Wang Lan	Beijing Eagles	0.76
Haylie Wagner	Chicago Bandits	0.85
Sara Groenewegen	Canadian Wild	0.87
Jessica Burroughs	USSSA Pride	0.95

<b>Strikeouts Per 7 Innings</b> (Min. 35 IP)		
Sierra Hyland	Cleveland Comets	8.13
Jailyn Ford	USSSA Pride	7.44
<b>Kelly Barnhill</b>	<b>Chicago Bandits</b>	<b>7.19</b>
Sara Groenewegen	Canadian Wild	6.08
Coley Ries	Aussie Peppers	6.00

<b>Walks Per 7 Innings</b> (Min. 35 IP)		
<b>Taran Alvelo</b>	<b>USSSA Pride</b>	<b>0.48</b>
Wang Lan	Beijing Eagles	0.51
Jolene Henderson	USSSA Pride	0.78
Haylie Wagner	Chicago Bandits	0.85
Jessica Burroughs	USSSA Pride	0.88

<b>Strikeout to Walk Ratio</b> (Min 35 IP)		
Wang Lan	Beijing Eagles	11.25
<b>Taran Alvelo</b>	<b>USSSA Pride</b>	<b>10.33</b>
Jolene Henderson	USSSA Pride	6.11
Jailyn Ford	USSSA Pride	3.92
Sara Groenewegen	Canadian Wild	3.76

## Other Notable League Average Figures for the 2018 Season:

Batting Average	.255
Slugging Percentage	.390
Home Runs per At Bat	.027
Hitter Strike-Outs per At Bat	.199
Stolen Base Success Rate	.800
ERA	3.11
Strikeouts/7 Innings Pitched	5.40
Walks/7 Innings Pitched	2.01
Strikeout to Walk Ratio	2.69
WHIP	1.28
Stolen Base Success Rate	80.0%
Fielding Percentage	.965

## Sabermetric Stat Glossary (Only Including Terms Used in this Week's Game Notes)

**Fielding Independent Pitching (FIP):** A statistic that estimates a pitcher's effectiveness based on how many batters she has struck out and how many walks and home runs she has surrendered. It is scaled in the same way as ERA.

**Walks + Hits Per Inning Pitched (WHIP):** The sum of the number of walks and hits that a pitcher has allowed, divided by the number of innings they have pitched. Lower numbers are better.

## Awards and Honors with 2018 Regular Season Stats

### Park Planet Player of the Year Award

#### Louisville Slugger Offensive Player of the Year

#### Rally Spikes Award, presented by 3 n 2

### **LF Brenna Moss, Chicago Bandits**

.442 BA (5th All-Time), .466 OBP, .585 SLG, 38 Runs, 65 Hits (T-1st All-Time), 8 2B, 2 3B, 3 HR, 22 RBI, 27 SB (3rd All-Time), 33 PO, 4 A, 1 ER, .974 FPCT, 1 DP

### Diamond Sports Pitcher of the Year Award

### **P Jolene Henderson, USSSA Pride**

17 G, 9 GS, 6 CG, 2 SHO, 10-0 W-L, 1 SV, 0.40 ERA, 70.0 IP, 31 Hits Allowed (3.10 HA/7 IP), 0 HR Allowed (0 HR/7 IP), 9 BB (0.90 BB/7 IP), 56 SO (5.60 SO/7 IP), 0.57 WHIP, 1.22 FIP

### Rawlings Gold Glove Award

### **1B Jade Rhodes, Cleveland Comets**

338 PO, 28 A, 3 ER, .992 FPCT, 13 DP

### 805Stats Rookie of the Year Award

### **OF Jessica Scroggins, Chicago Bandits**

.412 BA, .442 OBP, .570 SLG, 29 Runs, 47 Hits, 7 2B, 1 3B, 3 HR, 18 RBI, 13 SB, 38 PO, 3 A, 2 ER, .953 FPCT, 1 DP

### Home Run Champion presented by Wilson

### **2B Emily Carosone, Chicago Bandits**

.323 BA, .425 OBP, .750 SLG, 22 Runs, 31 Hits, 5 2B, 12 HR, 31 RBI; 1B/DP

### **Lauren Chamberlain, USSSA Pride**

.350 BA, .413 OBP, .863 SLG, 22 Runs, 28 Hits, 3 2B, 1 3B, 12 HR, 30 RBI in 29 Games and 80 At-Bats

### **OF Megan Wiggins, USSSA Pride**

.301 BA, .387 OBP, .650 SLG, 37 Runs, 43 Hits, 6 2B, 4 3B (T-1st All-Time with her own record set in 2017), 12 HR, 35 RBI, 16 BB, 4 HBP, 5 SB

### Jennie Finch Award

### **1B/3B/DP Nadia Taylor, Chicago Bandits**

.270 BA, .371 OBP, .468 SLG, 14 Runs, 30 Hits, 7 2B, 5 HR, 24 RBI, 9 HBP, 115 PO, 12 A, 2 ER, .984 FPCT

### Umpire of the Year, presented by Crown Trophy

### **Bill Gomoluch**

### Vaultz Lock It Up! Coaching Staff of the Year

### **Mike Stith, Cody Dent, and Andrea Duran, USSSA Pride**

### 2018 All-NPF Team presented by Easton

Position	Name	Team
Catcher	Kristyn Sandberg	Chicago Bandits
First Base	Jade Rhodes	Cleveland Comets
Second Base	Emily Carosone	Chicago Bandits
Third Base	Bianka Bell	USSSA Pride
Shortstop	Shelby Pendley	USSSA Pride
Outfield	Brenna Moss	Chicago Bandits
Outfield	Sammy Marshall	Chicago Bandits
Outfield	Megan Wiggins	USSSA Pride
Designated Player	Lauren Chamberlain	USSSA Pride
At-Large	Hallie Wilson	USSSA Pride
At-Large	Jessie Scroggins	Chicago Bandits
At-Large	Victoria Draper	Beijing Eagles
At-Large	Nadia Taylor	Chicago Bandits
At-Large	Sierra Romero	USSSA Pride
Pitcher	Jolene Henderson	USSSA Pride
Pitcher	Shelby Turnier	Chicago Bandits
Pitcher	Keilani Ricketts	USSSA Pride
Pitcher	Jessica Burroughs	USSSA Pride

## Historical Award Winners

### Player of the Year

currently sponsored by Park Planet

2004	Iyhia McMichael	Akron Racers
2005	Kristen Zaleski	Texas Thunder
2006	Lyndsey Angus	New England Riptide
2007	Amber Jackson	Washington Glory
2008	Stacy May	Chicago Bandits
2009	Crystl Bustos	Akron Racers
2010	Stacy May (2)	Chicago Bandits
2011	Jessica Mendoza	USSSA Pride
2012	Caitlin Lowe	USSSA Pride
2013	Megan Wiggins	Chicago Bandits
2014	Andrea Duran	USSSA Pride
2015	Kelly Kretschman	USSSA Pride
2016	Kelly Kretschman (2)	USSSA Pride
2017	Kelly Kretschman (3)	USSSA Pride
2018	Brenna Moss	Chicago Bandits

### Rookie of the Year

currently sponsored by 805 Stats

2006	Stacy May	Chicago Bandits
2007	Kristina Thorson	Philadelphia Force
2008	Rachel Folden	Chicago Bandits
2009	Tammy Williams	Chicago Bandits
2010	Nikki Nemitz	Chicago Bandits
2011	Alisa Goler	Chicago Bandits
2012	Kristyn Sandberg	USSSA Pride
2013	Andi Williamson	Chicago Bandits
2014	Madison Shipman	USSSA Pride
2015	Shelby Pendley	USSSA Pride
2016	Sami Fagan	Akron Racers
2017	Bailey Landry	Texas Charge
2018	Jessica Scroggins	Chicago Bandits

### Home Run Champions

currently sponsored by Wilson

2010	Rachel Folden & Stacy May	Chicago Bandits Chicago Bandits
2011	Alisa Goler	Chicago Bandits
2012	Megan Wiggins	Chicago Bandits
2013	Megan Wiggins (2)	Chicago Bandits
2014	Brittany Cervantes	Chicago Bandits
2015	Taylor Schlopy	Akron Racers
2016	Kelly Kretschman	USSSA Pride
2017	Shelby Pendley	USSSA Pride
2018	Emily Carosone Megan Wiggins (3) Lauren Chamberlain	Chicago Bandits USSSA Pride USSSA Pride

### Defensive Player of the Year

replaced by Gold Glove Award in 2016

2004	Lindsay Gardner	Texas Thunder
2005	Lisa Iancin	New England Riptide
2006	Carri Leto	Philadelphia Force
2007	Jackie Pasquerella	New England Riptide
2008	Kristen Butler	Akron Racers
2009	Tammy Williams	Chicago Bandits
2010	Lisa Modglin	Akron Racers
2011	Bianca Mejia	NPF Diamonds
2012	Amber Patton & Kelley Montalvo	Chicago Bandits Akron Racers
2013	Ashley Charters	USSSA Pride
2014	Tammy Williams (2)	Chicago Bandits
2015	Courtney Senas	PA Rebellion

### Rawlings Gold Glove Award

2016	AJ Andrews	Akron Racers
2017	Chelsea Goodacre	USSSA Pride
2018	Jade Rhodes	Cleveland Comets

### Pitcher of the Year

currently sponsored by Diamond Sports

2004	Christa Williams	Texas Thunder
2005	Lauren Bay & Jennie Finch	Chicago Bandits Chicago Bandits
2006	Sarah Pauly	Connecticut Brakettes
2007	Desiree Serrano	Washington Glory
2008	Katie Burkhart	Philadelphia Force
2009	Eileen Canney	Chicago Bandits
2010	Lisa Norris	Akron Racers
2011	Monica Abbott & Cat Osterman	Chicago Bandits USSSA Pride
2012	Monica Abbott (2)	Chicago Bandits
2013	Cat Osterman (2)	USSSA Pride
2014	Cat Osterman (3)	USSSA Pride
2015	Monica Abbott (3)	Chicago Bandits
2016	Monica Abbott (4)	Scrap Yard Dawgs
2017	Monica Abbott (5)	Scrap Yard Dawgs
2018	Jolene Henderson	USSSA Pride

### Umpire of the Year

currently sponsored by Crown Trophy

2017	Craig Hyde
2018	Bill Gomoluch

### Most Stolen Bases/Rally Spikes

currently sponsored by 3n2

2010	Lisa Modglin	Akron Racers
2011	Natasha Watley	USSSA Pride
2012	Sharonda McDonald Amber Patton	Akron Racers Chicago Bandits
2013	Caitlin Lowe	USSSA Pride
2014	Brejae Washington	USSSA Pride
2015	Emily Allard	Chicago Bandits
2016	AJ Andrews & Sammy Marshall	Akron Racers Chicago Bandits
2017	Taylor Gadbois	Texas Charge
2018	Brenna Moss	Chicago Bandits

### Jennie Finch Award

2011	Jessica Mendoza	USSSA Pride
2012	Natasha Watley	USSSA Pride
2013	Vicky Galindo	Chicago Bandits
2014	Kelley Montalvo	Akron Racers
2015	Cat Osterman	USSSA Pride
2016	Lauren Chamberlain	USSSA Pride
2017	Bailey Landry	Texas Charge
2018	Nadia Taylor	Chicago Bandits

### Offensive Player of the Year

currently sponsored by Louisville Slugger

2005	Crystl Bustos	Akron Racers
2006	Jessica Merchant	Connecticut Brakettes
2007	Veronica Wootson	Akron Racers
2008	Jaime Clark	Chicago Bandits
2009	Crystl Bustos (2)	Akron Racers
2010	Rachel Folden	Chicago Bandits
2011	Natasha Watley	USSSA Pride
2012	Sam Marder	Akron Racers
2013	Megan Wiggins & GiOnna DiSalvatore	Chicago Bandits USSSA Pride
2014	Nerissa Myers	Akron Racers
2015	Brittany Cervantes	Chicago Bandits
2016	Kelly Kretschman	USSSA Pride
2017	Kelly Kretschman (2)	USSSA Pride
2018	Brenna Moss	Chicago Bandits

<b>Manager/Coaching Staff of the Year</b> <i>currently sponsored by Louisville Slugger</i>		
2004	Wayne Daigle	Texas Thunder
2005	Eugene Lenti & Mickey Dean	Chicago Bandits
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2007	Carie Dever-Boaz	Washington Glory
2008	Chicago Bandits	
2009	Akron Racers	
2010	Chicago Bandits	
2011	USSSA Pride	
2012	Carolina Diamonds	
2013	Chicago Bandits	
2014	Akron Racers	
2015	Dallas Charge	
2016	USSSA Pride	
2017	USSSA Pride	
2018	USSSA Pride	

<b>NPF Championship MVP</b>		
2004	Amanda Scott	NY/NJ Juggernaut
2005	not awarded	
2006	Jocelyn Forest	New England Riptide
2007	Monica Abbott	Washington Glory
2008	Nicole Trimboli	Chicago Bandits
2009	Cat Osterman	Rockford Thunder
2010	Natasha Watley	USSSA Pride
2011	Monica Abbott (2)	Chicago Bandits
2012	not awarded	
2013	Cat Osterman (2)	USSSA Pride
2014	Cat Osterman (3)	USSSA Pride
2015	Monica Abbott (3)	Chicago Bandits
2016	Brittany Cervantes	Chicago Bandits
2017	Monica Abbott (4)	Scrap Yard Dawgs
2018	Shelby Pendley	USSSA Pride

<b>NPF Cowles Cup Champions</b>	
2004	NY/NJ Juggernaut
2005	Akron Racers
2006	New England Riptide
2007	Washington Glory
2008	Chicago Bandits
2009	Rockford Thunder
2010	USSSA Pride
2011	Chicago Bandits (2)
2012	not awarded
2013	USSSA Pride (2)
2014	USSSA Pride (3)
2015	Chicago Bandits (3)
2016	Chicago Bandits (4)
2017	Scrap Yard Dawgs
2018	USSSA Pride (4)

## 2019 NPF Draft

<b>Round 1</b> <i>presented by Defiance Fuel</i>			
1	Kelly Barnhill	Florida	Chicago Bandits (acquired from Comets)
2	Amanda Lorenz	Florida	USSSA Pride (acquired from Eagles)
3	Sydney Romero	Oklahoma	USSSA Pride (acquired from Peppers)
4	Alyssa DiCarlo	Georgia	Chicago Bandits
5	Amanda Sanchez	LSU	Cleveland Comets (acquired from Pride)

<b>Round 4</b> <i>presented by Rapsodo</i>			
16	Emily Clark	Ohio State	Cleveland Comets
17	Morgan Podany	Auburn	Beijing Eagles
18	Riley Sartain	Texas A&M	Aussie Peppers
19	Katie Reed	Kentucky	Chicago Bandits
20	Shay Knighten	Oklahoma	USSSA Pride

<b>Round 2</b> <i>presented by Launch Angle Tee</i>			
6	Taylor McQuillin	Arizona	Cleveland Comets
7	Kendall Veach	Auburn	Beijing Eagles
8	Taran Alvelo	Washington	Aussie Peppers
9	Caleigh Clifton	Oklahoma	Chicago Bandits
10	Megan Good	James Madison	USSSA Pride

<b>Round 5</b> <i>presented by ProNine Sports</i>			
21	Tara Trainer	Indiana	Aussie Peppers (acquired from Comets)
22	Bree Fornis	Auburn	Beijing Eagles
23	Makayla Martin	Auburn	Cleveland Comets (acquired from Peppers)
24	Savannah Heebner	Houston	Chicago Bandits
25	Keeli Milligan	Louisiana	USSSA Pride

<b>Round 3</b> <i>presented by Park Planet</i>			
11	Meghan King	Florida State	Cleveland Comets
12	Casey McCrackin	Auburn	Beijing Eagles
13	Nicole Newman	Drake	Aussie Peppers
14	Abbey Cheek	Kentucky	Chicago Bandits
15	Lilli Piper	Ohio State	Cleveland Comets (acquired from Pride)

### Historical #1 Overall NPF Draft Selections

2004	Iyhia McMichael	Mississippi State	Akron Racers
2005	Amy Harre	Southern Illinois	Chicago Bandits
2006	Cat Osterman	Texas	Connecticut Brakettes
2007	Lindsay Schutzler	Tennessee	Chicago Bandits
2008	Katie Burkhart	Arizona State	Philadelphia Force
2009	Kaitlin Cochran	Arizona State	Akron Racers
2010	Charlotte Morgan	Alabama	USSSA Pride
2011	Kelsi Dunne	Alabama	Carolina Diamonds
2012	Brittany Mack	LSU	USSSA Pride
2013	Rachele Fico	LSU	Akron Racers
2014	Dallas Escobedo	Arizona State	Pennsylvania Rebellion
2015	Lauren Chamberlain	Oklahoma	USSSA Pride
2016	Lexie Elkins	Louisiana	Pennsylvania Rebellion
2017	Jessica Burroughs	Florida State	USSSA Pride
2018	Paige Lowary	Oklahoma	Chicago Bandits
2019	Kelly Barnhill	Florida	Chicago Bandits

### Rookies of the Year By Draft Selection

#2	Madison Shipman	2014
#2	Shelby Pendley	2015
#4	Nikki Nemitz	2010
#4	Sami Fagan	2016
#5	Kristyn Sandberg	2012
#5	Bailey Landry	2017
#7	Rachel Folden	2008
#10	Tammy Williams	2009
#12	Stacy May	2006
#12	Alisa Goler	2011
#15	Jessie Scroggins	2018
Not Drafted that Season	Kristina Thorson	2007
Not Drafted That Season	Andi Williamson	2013



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General Information
<b>Official Name:</b> Aussie Peppers of Minnesota
<b>Founded:</b> 2018
<b>General Manager:</b> Matt Mangulis
<b>Assistant GM:</b> Alyssa Carver
<b>Colors:</b> Navy, Orange, and Grey
<b>Nickname:</b> Aussie Peppers
<b>Stadium:</b> Caswell Park
<b>Stadium Capacity:</b> 1,700
<b>Affiliation:</b> National Professional Fastpitch (NPF)
<b>Ticket Office Phone:</b> 507-339-5040
<b>Website:</b> pepperspro.com
<b>All-Time Record:</b> 16 - 32

2018 Information
<b>Overall Record:</b>
1-11 vs. USSA Pride
2-10 vs. Bandits
6-6 vs. Eagles
7-5 vs. Comets
0-0 vs. Wild
<b>Regular Season Standings:</b>
1. USSSA Pride
2. Chicago Bandits
3. Aussie Spirit (Aussie Peppers)
4. Beijing Shougang Eagles
5. Cleveland Comets

2019 Home Schedule		
Date	Opponent	Start Time
6/9	Eagles	7:05
6/10	Eagles	7:05
<b>6/11</b>	<b>Eagles</b>	<b>5:05</b>
6/12	Eagles	7:05
6/29	Comets	8:05
<b>6/30</b>	<b>Comets</b>	<b>5:05</b>
7/1	Comets	7:05
7/3	Wild	7:05
7/4	Wild	7:05
7/5	Wild	7:35
<b>7/6</b>	<b>Wild</b>	<b>5:05</b>
7/8	Bandits	7:05
7/9	Bandits	7:05
<b>7/10</b>	<b>Bandits</b>	<b>5:05</b>
7/11	Bandits	7:05
8/5	Pride	7:05
<b>8/6</b>	<b>Pride</b>	<b>5:05</b>
8/7	Pride	7:05

2019 Player Roster						
#	Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Experience	College
1	Jade Wall	OF	R/R	5' 7"	2 Years	Coomera Anglican College
2	Clare Warwick	SS/3B	R/R	5' 6"	2 Years	University of Hawaii
3	Carmelle Sorenson	C	L/R	5' 6"	2 Years	Queensland University of Technology
4	Stacey McManus	2B/SS	R/R	5' 2"	3 Years	Endeavour Sports HS
5	Tahlil Moore	OF	L/R	5' 3"	R - 2019	James Madison University
6	Ellen Roberts	RHP	R/R	5' 9"	3Years	University of Memphis
7	Stephanie Trzcinski	RHP	R/R	5' 7"	2 Years	UC Berkeley
8	Taylah Welch	IF	R/R	5' 5"	R - 2019	Robina High School, AUS
9	Janice Blackman	OF	L/R	5' 5"	R - 2019	Spinifex State College
10	Shannon Keevers	INF	R/R	5' 9"	2 Years	De La Salle College
11	Justine Smethurst	RHP	R/R	5' 11"	2 Years	University of Hawaii
12	Jordan Lambert	2B	R/R	5' 5"	2 Years	Finders University
14	Tarni Stepto	P	R/R	6' 0"	2 Years	Salt Lake Community College
16	Stacey Porter	IF	R/R	5' 11"	4 Years	University of Hawaii
17	Leigh Godfrey	OF	L/R	5' 3"	2 Years	Radford University
18	Coley Ries	RHP	R/R	5' 8"	3 Years	Minnesota State University - Mankato
21	Tamieka Whitefiled	UT	R/R	5' 6"	2 Years	Wellington Point State School
22	Belinda White	C	R/R	5' 4"	2 Years	Walford Anglican School
23	Mim Cudicio	RHP	R/R	5' 11"	2 Years	Brigidine College
24	Jessica Torpey	1B/OF	L/L	5' 7"	2 Years	Queensland University of Technology
25	Chelsea Forkin	OF	R/R	5' 9"	4 Years	Queensland University of Technology
27	Georgie Blair	IF	R/R	5' 10"	R - 2019	San Jose State University
29	Verity Long- Droppert	OF	R/R	5' 9"	2 Years	Costal Carolina University
31	Rachel Lack	UT	R/R	5' 9"	3 Years	University of Hawaii
32	Kaia Parnaby	LHP	L/L	5' 7"	4 Years	University of Hawaii
35	Monica Perry	RHP	R/R	5' 7"	2 Years	Florida State
42	Nicole Newman	RHP	R/R	6' 1"	R - 2019	Drake University
43	Maddie Cameron	OF	R/R	5' 6"	R - 2019	Finders College
44	Leah Parry	IF	L/R	5' 5"	R - 2019	University of Western Australia
47	Michelle Cox	OF	L/L	5' 6"	2 Years	San Jose State University
65	Taylah Tsitsikronis	1B/C	R/R	5' 6"	4 Years	Western Sydney University

*Indicates Double Header*

2019 Coaching Staff	
<b>Head Coach:</b> Laing Harrow	
<b>Assistant Coach:</b> Melanie Roche	
<b>Assistant Coach:</b> Kerrie Porter	
<b>Assistant Coach:</b> Nathan Jones	
<b>Assistant Coach:</b> Andrew Kirkpatrick	
<b>Trainer:</b> Kiersten Schmidt	
<b>Trainer:</b> Kathy Mitchell	
<b>Performance Support:</b> Deidre Anderson	
<b>Traveling Managers:</b> Chris Clough	

## 2019 Beijing Shougang Eagles

#	B/T	Name	Pronunciation	Nickname	Pos.	Ht.	College	Exp.
2	R/R	Wang Mengyan	wong mo-yen	Anna	C	5'7	Beijing Sports University	2yr
3	-/R	Bai Wanbing	bay wan-bing	Bing	RHP	5'8	Beijing Sports Technical College	Rk
4	R/R	Xu Qianwen	shoe chen-wen	Scooter	IF	5'3	Nan Jing Tech	2yr
5	L/R	Liu Li Li	lee-o lee lee	LiLi	IF	5'5	Shen Yang Sport University	2yr
6	L/R	Lu Ying	lou ying	Lu	IF	5'5	Shen Yang Sport University	2yr
7	L/R	Xi Kailin	see kai-len	Katie	C	5'8	Nan Jing Tech University	2yr
11	L/R	Yuan Huaining	u-ann why-ning	Tiny	OF	5'3	Nan Jing Tech University	2yr
12	R/R	Liu Yanmin	leo yan mean	Rachel	OF	5'5	Nan Jing Tech University	Rk
13	L/R	Chen Jia	Chen ja		OF	5'5	Nan Jing Tech University	2yr
14	R/R	Liu Yining	Lee-o yee-ning	Maybelline	OF	5'6	Capital University of PE & Sport	2yr
15	L/R	Wang Bei	wong bay		IF	5'5	Shang Hai Sports Institute	2yr
16	-/R	Zhao Xixing	jeen seen sing	Stella	RHP	5'7	Shang Hai University of Sport	1yr
18	-/L	Jin Xiaofan	Kim shawn fan	Lefty	LHP	5'8	Lanzhou Sports College	Rk
20	L/R	Lu Xiaomin	Lu shawn mean	Lucia	IF	5'6	Guangzhou Vocational school of Tourism Business	Rk
21	L/R	Xu Jia	shoe ja		IF	5'7	Nan Jing Tech University	2yr
22	-/R	Ping Fan	ping fan		RHP	5'6	Nan Jing Tech University	1yr
23	L/S	Yuan Jingjing	u-ann zing zing	JoJo	OF	5'5	Henan Normal University	Rk
25	L/R	Yan Siyu	Yan see you	Show D	C	5'6	Chengdu Sports University	1yr
27	L/R	Victoria Draper			OF	5'7	Auburn University	1yr
28	R/R	Chen Yao	Chen yao		OF	5'7	Chengdu Sports University	Rk
30	-/R	Wang Lan	Wong lan		RHP	5'9	Nan Jing Tech University	2yr
31	L/R	Xu Yi	Shoe yee		IF	5'8	Nan Jing Tech University	Rk
33	L/R	Li Huan	Lee H-waan	Monkey	IF	5'3	Nan Jing Tech University	1yr
35	R/R	Luo Yanfen	Lou yen fin		C	5'3	Guangzhou Vocational school of Tourism Business	Rk
36	-/R	Wang Xinyu	Wong sing you	BowBow	RHP	5'7	Zhengzhou University	1yr
42	-/R	Chai Yinan	Chai E nan	Little Bear	RHP	5'8	Gansu Sport School	1yr
46	R/R	Jiang Xinyue	Jiang sing yea	DaDa	IF	5'7	Shanghai Sports Technical College	1yr
52	L/L	Angel Bunner			LHP	5'8	Auburn University/Moulton, Ala.	8yr
55	L/R	Ren Min	Ren men	Watermelon	C	5'7	Chengdu Shi Shi Tian Fu School	1yr
77	L/R	Li Qi	Lee chi		IF	5'4	Beijing Sport University	1yr
99	R/R	Yang Huiqi	Young H-way chi	Hazen	IF	5'4	Da Li an Sports College	2yr
	R/R	Kendall Veach	Veech		IF/C	5'9	Auburn University/Selma, Ala.	Rk

Manager- Yang Liu

Head Coach- Hunter Veach

Assistants: Kasey Fagan, Cheyenne Coyle, Tang Changdong, Zhang Weilhog, Li Bin, Yang Jie

Condition Coach: Perry Turner, Michael Shumaker

Trainer: James Jetton

Doctor: Jiao Junwen, Li Tao





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### GENERAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL NAME: Canadian Wild of Southern Illinois

FOUNDED: 2018

OWNER: Rex Encore LLC

COLORS: Navy, purple, blue, and white

NICKNAME: The Wild

STADIUM: Rent One Park

STADIUM CAPACITY: 7,000

AFFILIATION: National Pro  
Fastpitch

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WEBSITE: canadianwildsi.com

FIRST SEASON: 2019

### 2019 ROSTER

#	NAME	POS.	B/T	HT.	EXPERIENCE	HOMETOWN/COLLEGE
1	Kelsey Jenkins	2B	L/R	5'5"	2 yrs. Int	Delta, BC/Wisconsin
2	Natalie Wideman	Utility	R/R	5'3"	7 yrs. Int	Mississauga, ON/Cal U-Penn
3	Erika Polidori	Outfield	R/R	5'4"	6 yrs. Int	Brantford, ON/Oakland
4	Victoria Rumph	Catcher	R/R	5'5"	5 yrs. Int	Drayton, ON/Youngstown
5	Joey Lye	2B/SS/OF	L/R	5'3"	10 yrs. Int	Toronto, ON/Williams
6	Holly Speers	1B	R/R	5'6"	2 yrs. Int	Surrey, BC/Kent
7	Jennifer Salling	3B/SS	L/R	5'6"	12 yrs. Int	Port Coquitlam, BC/Washington
8	Victoria Hayward	Outfield	L/L	5'7"	11 yrs. Int	Toronto, ON/Washington
10	Karissa Hovinga	Pitcher	R/R	5'9"	8 yrs. Int	Edmonton, AB/Oregon
11	Sierra Bertrand	Pitcher	R/L	5'11"	1 <sup>st</sup> yr. Int	Stirling, ON/Niagara
14	Janet Leung	SS/2B	R/R	5'6"	2 yrs. Int	Mississauga, ON/Brown
15	Danielle Lawrie	Pitcher	R/R	5'7"	7 yrs. Int	Langley, BC/Washington
17	Sara Groenewegen	Pitcher/1B	R/R	5'8"	5 yrs. Int	Surrey, BC/Minnesota
18	Callum Pitgrim	Outfield	R/R	5'5"	1 <sup>st</sup> yr. Int	Abbotsford, BC/Lindsey Wilson
19	Emma Entzminger	Utility	R/R	5'5"	2 yrs. Int	Victoria, BC/San Jose State
21	Kenzie Friesen	Pitcher	R/R	5'10"	2 yrs. Int	Saskatoon, SK/Liberty
25	Jennifer Gilbert	Outfield	L/R	6'0"	5 yrs. Int	Saskatoon, SK/Ball State
26	Larissa Franklin	Outfield	L/R	5'8"	6 yrs. Int	Maple Ridge, BC/IPFW
27	Sara Plourde	Pitcher	R/R	5'9"	4 yrs. Int	Baker Lake, NB/Massachusetts
29	Jenna Caira	Pitcher	R/R	5'9"	10 yrs. Int	Toronto, ON/Syracuse
33	Shianna Brannan	Infield	R/R	5'8"	1 <sup>st</sup> yr. Int	Chino, CA/Cal St.-Fullerton
55	Kaleigh Rafter	Catcher	R/R	6'0"	11 yrs. Int	Guelph, ON/Florida State
99	Megan Rackel	Pitcher	L/L	5'9"	1yr Int.	Austin Peay State University

### COACHING STAFF

HEAD COACH: Mark Smith

STRENGTH & CONDITIONING: Scott Willgress

ASSISTANT COACH: Melissa Basilio MENTAL PERFORMANCE: Lauren Tashman

ASSISTANT COACH: Russell Cooper ATHLETIC THERAPIST: Natalie Ghobrial

ASSISTANT COACH: Dave Paetkau

### 2019 SCHEDULE

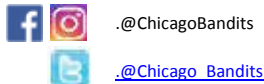
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2019 SCHEDULE		
6/6	Cleveland Comets	7:05 p.m
6/7	Cleveland Comets	7:35 p.m.
6/8	Cleveland Comets	7:35 p.m.
6/9	Cleveland Comets DH	3:05 p.m
6/12	USSSA Pride	7:35 p.m.
6/13	USSSA Pride	7:35 p.m.
6/14	Team USA	4:00 p.m.
6/15	Team USA	7:00 p.m.
6/16	Team USA	2:00 p.m.
6/19	at Canadian Wild	7:35 p.m.
6/20	at Canadian Wild	7:35 p.m.
6/21	at Canadian Wild DH	7:35 p.m.
6/22	at Canadian Wild	7:05 p.m
6/28	Canadian Wild	7:35 p.m.
6/29	Canadian Wild	7:35 p.m.
6/30	Canadian Wild	3:05 p.m
7/1	Canadian Wild	5:05 p.m.
7/3	Cleveland Comets	11:00 a.m.
7/4	Cleveland Comets	3:05 p.m
7/5	Cleveland Comets	7:35 p.m.
7/6	Cleveland Comets DH	4:30 p.m.
7/8	at Aussie Peppers	7:05 p.m.
7/9	at Aussie Peppers	7:05 p.m.
7/10	at Aussie Peppers DH	5:05 p.m.
7/11	at Aussie Peppers	7:05 p.m.
7/15	at USSSA Pride	7:05 p.m.
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7/18	Aussie Peppers	7:05 p.m
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7/26	at Beijing Eagles	3:05 p.m
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8/11	USSSA Pride	3:05 p.m
8/15	CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES	7:00 p.m.
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8/18	CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES	5:00 p.m
8/19	CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES	7:00 p.m

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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Official name:** Chicago Bandits  
**Founded:** 2004  
**Owner:** The Village of Rosemont  
**General manager:** Toni Calmeyn  
**Colors:** Black, Orange, Blue  
**Nickname:** Bandits  
**Stadium:** Parkway Bank Sports Complex  
**Stadium capacity:** 2,000  
**Affiliation:** National Pro Fastpitch  
**Ticket office phone:** 877-722-6348  
**Website:** chicagobandits.com  
**First season:** 2005, 41-7  
**All-time record:** 410-233  
**Regular season champions:** 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2013  
**Cowles Cup champions:** 2008, 2011, 2015, 2016

**2018 INFORMATION**

**Overall record:** 25-24 37-10  
**vs Spirit 10-2**  
**vs. Pride: 4-8**  
**vs. Eagles: 11-0**  
**vs. Comets 12-0**

**Regular season standings:**

1. USSSA Pride (42-5)
2. Chicago Bandits (37-10)
3. Aussie Spirit (16-32)
4. Beijing Eagles (13-33)
5. Cleveland Comets (10-38)

**All-NPF Team:** Kristyn Sandburg, Brenna Moss, Emily Carosone  
 Shelby Turnier, Sammy Marshall, Nadia Taylor, Jessie Scroggins

**2019 ROSTER**

#	Name	Pronunciation	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Experience	Hometown/College
00	Danielle O'Toole	Dan-yell O-Tool	LHP	R/L	5-8	3rd season	Upland, Calif. / Arizona
1	Hannah Flippen	Han-Nah Flip-In	IF	R/R		3rd season	San Diego, CA / Univ. of Utah
3	Emily Crane	Em-ill-ee Crane	OF	L/R	5-6	4th season	Troy, Mo. / Missouri
4	Aleshia Ocasio	Uh-LEE-shuh Oh-cah-see-oh	RHP/UT	L/R	5-9	2nd season	St. Cloud, Fla. / Florida
7	Amanda Chidester	A-Man-Duh Chid-uh-Ster	3B	R/R	5-5	8th season	Reno, Nev. / Iowa
8	Courtney Gano	Court-nee GAY-no	C/IF	R/R	5-9	2nd season	West Covina, Calif. / Washington
9	Katie Reed	Kay-tee Reed	IF	R/R	5-6	1st season	St. Louis, MO / Univ. of Kentucky
10	Abbey Cheek	Ab-ee Cheek	IF	R/R	5-9	1st season	inman, SC / Univ. of Kentucky
11	Abby Ramirez	Ab-ee Ruh-meer-ez	SS	L/R	5-4	4th season	Chicago, IL / Univ. of Michigan
14	Paige Lowary	Page Low-ery	LHP	L/L	5-10	2nd season	Dallas Center, Iowa / Oklahoma
16	Alyssa DiCarlo	A-liss-ah De-Car-low	INF	R/R		1st season	Glendale, AZ / Univ. of Georgia
17	Haylie Wagner	Hay-LEE Wag-ner	LHP	L/L	5-7	4th season	Orange, Calif. / Michigan
20	Caleigh Clifton	Kay-lee cliff-ton	INF	R/R		1st season	Wayne, OK / Univ. of Oklahoma
21	Gwen Svekis	Gwen Sve-KISS	C	R/R	5-9	2nd season	Davie, Fla. / Oregon
22	Kelly Barnhill	Kell-ee Barn-hill	RHP	R/R		DRAFTEE	Marietta, GA / Univ. of Florida
23	Krsityn Sandberg	Krist-in SAND-berg	C	R/R	5-8	7th season	Island Park, N.Y. / Georgia
25	Jessie Scroggins	Jess-ee Scrog-ins	OF	L/L	5-7	2nd season	Lakewood, Calif. / Baylor
31	DJ Sanders	Dee-jay SAND-ers	IF	R/R	5-9	2nd season	Columbus, Miss. / Oregon
32	Jenna Lilley	Jen-nah Lil-ee	3B	L/R		2nd season	North Canton, OH / Univ. of Oregon
33	Ally Carda	Al-ee Car-duh	RHP/IF	R/R	5-8	3rd season	Elk Grove, Calif. / UCLA
37	Rachele Fico	Rach-el FEE-co	RHP	R/R	5-6	7th season	Oxford, Conn. / LSU
44	Savannah Heebner	Sa-van-uh Heeb-ner	RHP/IF	R/R	6-0	1st season	Sedalia, CO / Univ. of Houston
55	Brenna Moss	Bren-uh Moss	OF	L/R	5-7	5th season	Bakersfield, Calif. / Fresno State
88	Nadia Taylor	Nah-dee-uh TAY-ler	3B	R/R	5-8	6th season	New Orleans, La. / Texas

**Coaching Staff:**

Head coach: Lauren Lappin, UMSL (1st season)  
 Assistant coach: Amber Flores, Seminole State College (1st season)  
 Assistant coach: Lance McMahon, University of Illinois (1st season)  
 Trainer: Chris Wallace



## Cleveland Comets

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### General Information

**Official Name:** Cleveland Comets  
**Founded:** 2018  
**Owner:** Craig Stout  
**General Manager:** Stephen Dunn  
**Colors:** Columbia Blue, Royal Blue, Black, White  
**Nickname:** Comets  
**Stadium:** Sprenger Stadium/Firestone Stadium  
**Stadium Capacity:** 5,000/4,500  
**Affiliation:** National Pro Fastpitch  
**Ticket Office Phone:** 440-364-3381  
**Website:** [clevelandcomets.us](http://clevelandcomets.us)  
**All-Time Record:** 10-38

### 2018 Information

**Overall Record:** 10-38  
 vs. Bandits: 0-12  
 vs. Eagles: 5-7  
 vs. Pride: 0-12  
 vs. Spirit: 5-7

### 2019 Roster

#	Name	Position	B/T
2	Emily Clark	2B/C	R/R
4	Randi Rupp	RHP	R
5	Emily Carosone	2B	L/R
8	Jade Rhodes	1B	R/R
10	Sammy Marshall	OF	L/R
11	Chelsea Gonzalez	SS/2B/3B	R/R
13	Sashel Palacios	C	L/R
14	Brittany Cervantes	C/1B/OF	R/R
17	Anissa Urtez	SS/2B/3B	R/R
18	Taylor McQuillin	LHP	L
20	Amanda Sanchez	3B/2B	L/R
22	Lilli Piper	SS	R/R
23	Stefania Aradillas	OF	R/R
26	Marissa Bravo	OF	L/R
29	Tori Vidales	1B	R/R
31	Carly Thomas	OF	L/L
33	Anahi Lizarraga	OF	R/R
71	Koral Costa	OF	R/R
77	Cheyenne Tarango	RHP/1B	R/R
89	Sierra Hyland	RHP/3B	R/R

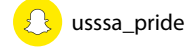
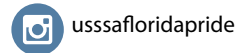
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6/16	Beijing Eagles	11:05pm
6/16	Canadian Wild	2:05pm
6/18	At Aussie Peppers	TBD
6/19	At Beijing Eagles	6:35pm
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6/24	At USSSA Pride	7:00pm
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6/29	At Aussie Peppers	9:05pm
6/30	At Aussie Peppers	6:05pm
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7/1	At Aussie Peppers	8:05pm
7/3	At Chicago Bandits	12:00pm
7/4	At Chicago Bandits	4:05pm
7/5	At Chicago Bandits	8:35pm
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7/6	At Chicago Bandits	8:30pm
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7/21	Beijing Eagles	2:05pm
7/27	At Canadian Wild	7:05pm
7/28	At Canadian Wild	5:35pm
7/28	At Canadian Wild	8:30pm
7/29	At Canadian Wild	7:35pm



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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Official Name:** USSSA Florida Pride  
**Founded:** 2009  
**General Manager:** Don DeDonatis  
**Director of Operations:** Laurie Timmons  
**Colors:** Navy, Red, White  
**Nickname:** Pride  
**Stadium:** USSSA Space Coast Stadium  
**Stadium Capacity:** 8,000  
**Affiliation:** National Pro Fastpitch  
**Ticket Office Phone:** (321) 877-0613  
**Website:** ussaprider.com  
**All-Time Record:** 280-136  
**Regular Season Champions:** 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018  
**Cowles Cup Champions:** 2010, 2013, 2014, 2018

**2019 INFORMATION**

**Overall Record:** 45-5  
**vs. Peppers:** 11-1  
**vs. Beijing:** 11-0  
**vs. Comets:** 12-0  
**vs. Bandits:** 11-4  
**Regular Season Standings:**  
 1. USSSA Pride (42-5)  
 2. Chicago Bandits (37-10)  
 3. Aussie Peppers (16-32)  
 4. Beijing Eagles (13-33)  
 5. Cleveland Comets (10-38)

**2018 Award Winners:**

**Jolene Henderson** (Pitcher of the Year)  
**Lauren Chamberlain** (Home Run Champion)  
**Megan Wiggins** (Home Run Champion)  
**Shelby Pendley** (Championship Series MVP)  
**All-NPF Team:** Bianca Bell, Shelby Pendley, Megan Wiggins, Jolene Henderson, Keilani Ricketts, Jessica Burroughs, Lauren Chamberlain, Hallie Wilson, Sierra Romero  
**Coaching Staff of the Year:** Mike Stith, Andrea Duran, Cody Dent

**2019 Schedule**

5/30	vs Team Czech Republic	7:00PM
5/31	vs Team Czech Republic	1:00PM
6/6	at Canadian Wild	8:00PM
6/7	at Canadian Wild	8:00PM
6/8	at Canadian Wild	7:00PM
6/9	at Canadian Wild	6:00PM
6/10	at Canadian Wild	7:30PM
6/12	vs Chicago Bandits	8:30PM
6/13	vs Chicago Bandits	8:30PM
6/14	at Team USA	7:30PM
6/15	at Team USA	4:00PM
6/18	vs Aussie Peppers	8:00PM
6/19	vs Aussie Peppers	7:00PM
6/20	vs Aussie Peppers	7:00PM
6/21	vs Aussie Peppers	7:00PM
6/22	vs Aussie Peppers	7:00PM
6/24	vs. Cleveland Comets	7:00PM
6/25	vs. Cleveland Comets	7:00PM
6/26	vs. Cleveland Comets	7:00PM
6/27	vs. Cleveland Comets	7:00PM
7/1	vs Beijing Eagles	7:00PM
7/2	vs Beijing Eagles	7:00PM
7/3	vs Beijing Eagles	7:00PM
7/4	vs Beijing Eagles	6:30PM
7/9	at Cleveland Comets	7:00PM
7/10	at Cleveland Comets	7:00PM
7/11	at Cleveland Comets	7:00PM
7/12	at Cleveland Comets	7:00PM
7/15	at Chicago Bandits	8:00PM
7/16	at Chicago Bandits	8:00PM
7/18	vs Canadian Wild	7:00PM
7/19	vs Canadian Wild	7:00PM
7/20	vs Canadian Wild	5:30PM
7/20	vs Canadian Wild	8:00PM
7/21	vs Canadian Wild	7:00PM
7/23	vs Beijing Eagles	7:00PM
7/24	at Beijing Eagles	6:30PM
7/25	vs Beijing Eagles	7:00PM
7/26	at Beijing Eagles	6:30PM
7/30	at Beijing Eagles	6:30PM
7/31	at Beijing Eagles	6:30PM
8/1	vs Chicago Bandits	7:00PM
8/2	vs Chicago Bandits	8:00PM
8/3	vs Chicago Bandits	7:00PM
8/5	at Aussie Peppers	8:00PM
8/6	at Aussie Peppers	6:00PM
8/6	at Aussie Peppers	8:30PM
8/7	at Aussie Peppers	8:00PM
8/10	at Chicago Bandits	8:30PM
8/11	at Chicago Bandits	4:00PM

**2019 Roster**

#	Name	Pronunciation	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Experience	Hometown/College
1	Nicole Pendley	Pend-lee	OF	L/L	5'5"	2 years	Rio Rancho, NM (Oklahoma)
2	Shelby Pendley	Pend-lee	INF	L/R	5'7"	4 years	Rio Rancho, NM (Oklahoma)
10	Keilani Ricketts	Kay-LON-ee Rick-its	P	L/R	6'2"	6 years	San Jose, CA (Oklahoma)
11	Alex Powers		INF	L/R	5'7"	3 years	Melbourne, FL (FSU)
12	Kelly Kretschman	CRETCH-men	OF	L/R	5'7"	14 years	Indian Harbor, FL (Alabama)
13	Megan Good		P/INF	R/R	5'11"	Rookie	Mount Sidney, VA (JMU)
14	Alexa Peterson		C/OF	R/R	5'8"	6 years	Salem, OR (Oregon)
16	Jessica Burroughs	Ber-ohs	P	R/R	5'9.5"	3 years	Warner Robins, GA (FSU)
18	Jailyn Ford	Jay-Lin	LHP	L/L	5'9"	4 years	Hot Springs, VA (JMU)
23	Nicole DeWitt	Deh-wit	UT	L/R	5'7"	2 years	Garden Grove, CA (Florida)
24	Kirsti Merritt	Curse-tea Mer-rit	OF	R/R	5'4"	3 years	Lake Panasoffkee, FL (Florida)
25	Megan Wiggins		OF	L/R	5'5"	9 years	Snellville, GA (Georgia)
27	Bianka Bell	Bee-on-kuh	INF	R/R	5'5"	3 years	Tampa, FL (LSU)
30	Jessie Warren		3B	R/R	5'5"	2 years	Tampa, FL (FSU)
32	Sierra Romero	Ro-mer-oh	INF	R/R	5'5"	4 years	Murrieta, CA (Michigan)
35	Paige Parker		LHP	L/L	5'11"	2 years	Independence, MO (Oklahoma)
40	Taran Alvelo	TARE-ann all-VEL-oh	P	R/R	5'10"	Rookie	Carroll, Ohio (Washington)
48	Allexis Bennett	Ah-Lex-us	OF	L/L	5'4"	3 years	Corona, CA (UCLA)
54	Jolene Henderson		P	R/R	5'8"	5 years	Elk Grove, CA (UC Berkeley)
77	Chelsea Goodacre	Good-ache-er	C	L/R	5'4"	5 years	Temecula, CA (Arizona)

**Draftees**

Sydney Romero		INF	R/R	5'7"	Draftee	Murrieta, CA (Oklahoma)
Falepolima Aviu	fay-laypo-LEE-muh uh-VIEW	OF	L/R	5'4"	Draftee	Oceanside, CA (Oklahoma)
Shay Knighten		INF	R/R	5'6"	Draftee	Buena Park, CA (Oklahoma)
Amanda Lorenz		OF	L/L	5'5"	Draftee	Moorpark, Calif. (Florida)

**Coaching Staff:**

Head Coach: Gerry Glasco  
 Assistant Coach: Kelsi Dunne

Assistant Coach: Stephanie Ceo  
 Trainer: Aleaha Evans