



November 2007

Fall Recap

The CSU fall schedule included three events: a team scrimmage, the alumni reunion, and the Kent State Invitational. The Vikings kicked off the start of the fall season with the first annual Green vs. White inter-squad scrimmage. Our first annual alumni game had a great turnout. Many came to support the tradition of the CSU softball program, including 11 alumni, parents, and friends from the past and present. In the final weekend of the fall season the Vikings competed in the Kent State Invitational. The Vikings opened the invitational with wins over Ashland (6-5) and Ohio State (5-2) on Saturday before falling to Eastern Michigan, 7-4, in their third and final game. The Vikings blanked Robert Morris, 9-0, and scored two runs in the top of the seventh to pick up a 2-0 win over Kent State on the final day of the tournament. It was a great weekend to conclude the fall season as the team looks forward to competing in their opening weekend February 15-17, 2008 at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro.

Intra-squad Scrimmage



Row 1 (L to R): Erica Remshard, Lia Gordon, Christina Stoffer, Kala Allred, Brittany Bate, Jessica Burt, Tara Meyer and Andrea Nagy

Row 2: Whitney Willard, Jackie Carpenter, Natalie DeMatteis, and Haley Keller

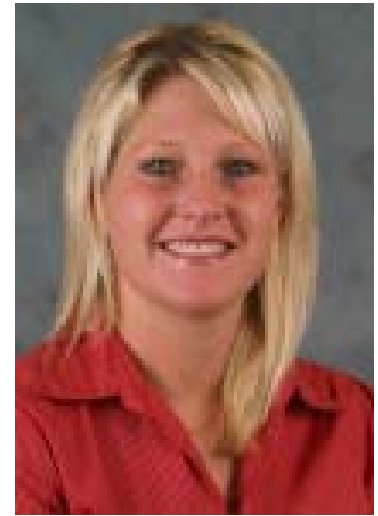
Row 3: Amanda Macenko, Amy Powell, Shay Adams, Amanda Kern, Danielle Young, Jaci Messmer, Katelyn Ciminelli, Amanda Houchin, and Christa Coppus.

2008 CSU Hall of Fame Inductees

Two softball alumni, Amy Kyler and Tenille (Whiteside) Schoonover, will be inducted by Cleveland State's Varsity "C" into the CSU Athletic Hall of Fame in February 9. The induction ceremonies begin at 3:00 p.m. on the fourth floor of the CSU Wolstein Center and are free and open to the public.

Amy Kyler, a graduate of Northwest High School in Clinton, Ohio, graduated Cum Laude from Cleveland State with degrees in Social Work and Psychology, and a Master's in Sport Management.

Kyler holds numerous softball records. Most notably, she co-holds the NCAA single-game record for strikeouts with 26. In 1995, she ranked 7th in the nation with number of strikeouts in 7 innings, averaging 8.44 with an ERA of 0.88. Says Kyler, "I am honored to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. I had a great experience at Cleveland State and this is something I can add to the other accolades CSU has given me."



Amy Kyler

After college, Kyler played nine years of professional softball for three different teams. She also served as an assistant softball coach at CSU from 2002-2005. These days, Kyler is the head softball coach at Notre Dame College in South Euclid, Ohio. She resides in Clinton, Ohio.

Tenille Schoonover (formerly Whiteside) is originally from Marion, Ohio. She graduated from Cleveland State in 1998 with a BA in Marketing. She currently holds the Cleveland State career records for batting average with .355 and putouts with 1,156. She also is the co-holder in the CSU season record book for runs scored with 34.

Regarding the Hall of Fame, Tenille says, "The shock hasn't completely worn off yet. I am completely honored to be considered for the Hall of Fame let alone actually inducted."

Tenille currently is the office manager for Whiteside Manufacturing, and also helps her father put on the "Queen of Diamonds" event every year, a showcase of high school softball players for college recruiters. She resides in Sunbury, Ohio, with her husband Matt and three children: Mia, Liam, and Alia, who was born three weeks ago.



Tenille Schoonover

Vikings in the Community

The softball program was honored with the **2007 Horizon League Community Outreach Award** for their outstanding service in the Cleveland area. Throughout the 2006-2007 academic year the Vikings accumulated **398 hours** of community service work! They volunteered for several great organizations and events in the Cleveland area, including the United Way, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Coats for Kids, New Avenues to Independence, the Cleveland Food Bank and the Cudell Recreation Center.

This fall the Lady Vikes have been back at it again! They have been making weekly visits to Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital. They bring along their own craft ideas such as sock puppets, face and finger paints to work with the children.



Andrea Nagy volunteers at Cudell Recreation Center

Academic Success

The Horizon League Spring Academic Honor Roll featured six members of the Cleveland State Softball program. To be selected, student-athletes must maintain a cumulative grade-point average of 3.20 or higher and must have completed three semesters as a full-time student. The players honored were graduated seniors Sarah Milosek and Michele Penney, senior Whitney Willard with a 3.58 majoring in art, juniors Amanda Houchin with a 3.46 majoring in criminology and Haley Keller with a 3.70 majoring in nursing.

Michele Penney and Sarah Milosek were recipients of the Horizon League All-Academic team, and both were repeat recipients of this award. Penney graduated with a 3.83, majoring in anthropology. Milosek graduated with a degree in biology with a grade-point average of 3.80.

2007 Alumni Reunion Game



Photo Above:

Row 1: Assistant Coach Josie Henry, Christina Stoffer, Lia Gordon (Payton and McKenzie Nicholson), Jackie Carpenter, Shay Adams, Dani Young, Amanda Kern, above-Amy Powell, Brittany Bate, Kortney Spidell '02-'06, Jessica Burt, Tara Meyer, Christa Coppus, Natalie DeMatteis, and Lisa Horton '99-01.

Row 2: Head Coach Angie Nicholson '94, '98-'00, Shannon Graves '02-'05, below-Amanda Houchin, Kaitlin Guyette '03-'06, JJ Thornberry '03-'06, below-Whitney Willard, Amanda Macenko, Jaci Messmer, Kala Allred, Andrea Nagy, Assistant Coach Stephanie Taylor '99-'03, Erica Remshard, Katelyn Ciminelli, Haley Keller, Jessica Schlenkerman '02-'04, Michele (Beadle) Nicholas '02-'06, Michele (Beightol) Batten '01-'04.



Viking Cup

The softball team is happy to announce that it is the 2006-2007 winner of the Viking Cup! Cleveland State's SAAC (Student-Athlete Advisory Council) created the "Viking Cup" and the winning team receives \$750 for its budget. Each sport compiles team points within different areas: games attended in support of other CSU teams, community service work, weekly Horizon League awards and points for collecting can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Thank you to everyone who helped collect can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Once again, we will be collecting the tabs and saving them in milk jugs. If you have tabs or milk jugs to donate please contact Head Coach Angie Nicholson at a.m.nicholson@csuohio.edu. We are hoping to repeat last year's victory!

Get to Know...Haley Keller

My Favorite...

Quote: "Go Big or Go Home"

TV Show: Grey's Anatomy

Movie: Wedding Crashers

Actor: Adam Sandler

Restaurant: Red Robin

Music Group: The Fray

Athlete: Michael Jordan

Sports Team: Cleveland Indians

Cartoon Character: Hoops and Yoyo

(The Hallmark guys)

All About Haley...

My proudest accomplishment is...playing Division I softball and getting into the nursing program.

My most memorable moment as a Viking is...hitting a home run.

If I could tell my future teammates one thing, it would be...work hard, obey the rules, have respect & have fun!

Before every game I... say a prayer during the national anthem.

If I am cooking dinner, we are having...Fajitas.

The people I look up to the most are...my parents.

My biggest superstition is...ending on a good hit in batting practice before a game.

My goal for the 2008 season is...win the conference and bat above .350.

Three words that best describe me...funny, hard-working and loyal.

The one thing I wish I could change about myself is...not be so stubborn.

The craziest or scariest thing I've ever done was...jumped off a cliff.

If I was going to be stranded on a desert island, the one thing I would bring would be...a knife.

My favorite class at Cleveland State is...my nursing lab.

In My Own Words:

I am...a student-athlete, sister, daughter and friend.

I wish...a happy and healthy life to my friends and family.

I have...a good life.

I can...accomplish anything.

I will...always work my hardest.

I couldn't live without...my family.



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