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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Jr. High Season Ready to Begin
- Muni Parking Sign-Up ASAP
- Weight Training Times Changed
- Concession Workers Needed
- Jr High Schedule Completed

JUNIOR HIGH PRACTICE TO BEGIN

Practice for the fall 2006 junior high softball season will be here in a few days. Practice will begin on Monday July 24. Practice will be from 8:00-10:00 am.

Practices will continue Monday through Friday for the first two weeks. In all likelihood, there will be no Saturday or Sunday practices.

There will be a parent meeting on Tuesday July 25 at 6:00. Each player must have at least one parent present at this meeting. This meeting will take the place of the PORTA fall sports meeting on August 8.

The opening games will be on Saturday August 5 with a doubleheader at home against Colchester.

All girls planning to play need to have a current physical (within one year). Please get your physical taken care of before practice begins so there is no wasted practice time. According to the IESA participation in games AND practices are not allowed without a current physical.

Again, for those of you who are new to the junior high program, playing time is based on ability level. There are NO GUARANTEES in regards to how much each girl plays. This goes for BOTH seventh and eighth grade players.

Coaches do their best to get everyone playing time when possible but, in all probability, not every game. We have some

“B” games scheduled and will try to play as many of these games as possible to get all of the girls on the field.

All parents want to see their daughter on the field playing but the goal is to win games and for the team to improve as much as possible as the season progresses. Being a part of a team and working to improve individually are valuable lessons that are taught.



MUNI PARKING SIGN-UP

Every girl who will be playing high school softball next spring is REQUIRED to work one night at The Muni.

The dates for this show are as follows: Friday through Sunday August 11-13 and Wednesday through Sunday August 16-20. Workers will need to arrive at

the Muni around 6:00pm on the evening they are working. Transportation can be arranged for those who need it.

If you have not already signed up to work a night, you need to contact Coach Logsdon to do so. Coach Logsdon can be reached at 632-5039 or 971-

4374 or at portasoftball@hotmail.com.

If you are not planning to play next season, please let Coach Logsdon know, by phone or email, and you will be removed from the mailing list.

Again, this is MANDATORY!!!

NEW WEIGHT ROOM TIMES

Times for PORTA softball players to work in the weight room are being adjusted.

The weight room times for softball players will be Tuesday mornings from 10:30-11:30 and Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:00. (Previously Tuesdays were 8:30-9:30). Times are being changed due to the beginning of junior high practice.

The weight room is open to

all high school and junior high softball players. Both experienced and beginner lifters are welcome.

This weight room work will lead into the weight program the softball team will be using during the winter. During the winter, softball players not participating in a winter sports will have the opportunity to lift three days per week.

Weight training will also be combined with some agility and quickness activities.

The program being used was first implemented by PORTA Softball last winter and provided positive results for all those who participated.

Workouts are optional but highly recommended. Hard work in the off-season will lead to much more success on the field during the year.



CONCESSION WORKERS NEEDED

ATTENTION JUNIOR HIGH PARENTS!!!

We are in need of junior high parents to help by working selling concessions at our junior high home games.

As a worker, you will be responsible for setting up the concessions table before the game, selling during the game and putting away after.

The concessions usually con-

sist of drinks (water, soda and Gatorade) and snacks (candy bars, sunflower seeds, beef jerky, etc.).

On doubleheader days, we also sometimes sell either hot dogs or some type of sandwiches as well.

The products will be at the field when you arrive and you simply put everything out to sell.

Also, if someone would like to volunteer to coordinate workers, it would be much appreciated. The coordinator would be responsible for making sure the workers are reminded of their shifts and that Coach Logsdon is notified of what needs to be purchased.

A sign-up sheet will be made available at the parent meeting on July 25 at 6:00.

“Games are generally won by the players with the greatest desire”
-Paul “Bear” Bryant

COACHES CORNER

Fun. That is what it is all about...having fun. That is why kids play sports and that is why I coach, to have fun.

Over the years, I have opened practice for the season by asking the players if they hope to have fun in the coming season. Of course the answer is always yes. I then continue by asking if they have ever won a game and ever lost a game. Obviously, both of those answers are

yes as well. Then I ask the telling question. Which was more fun...the winning or the losing?

Bottom line is winning is more fun than losing. By winning, I am not talking about an undefeated season. We want to be competitive. Not competitive some of the time but rather all of the time.

Going out and losing by the ten run rule is not fun in any way.

On the other hand, playing a tough team and losing a 2-1 game can be a great deal of fun. Obviously, I would rather win that 2-1 game but playing your hearts out and knowing as you walk off the field that you have given 100% is winning...regardless of the score.

Therefore, as you look to your upcoming season, concentrate on not only winning on the scoreboard but having fun by winning in your heart.



WORK BEGINS ON 3RD SPRING SLAM

Planning has officially begun for the 3rd Annual SportsCare of Illinois Spring Slam. The Spring Slam will be held on March 31, 2007 at the Land of Lincoln Jr. Olympic Softball Complex on the campus of the University of Illinois-Springfield.

This event has become one of the biggest, not just in central Illinois, but in the entire state.

The twenty team field will each play three games throughout the day for a total of thirty games played on six diamonds.

The event started simple enough as the four team PORTA Invitational. Over the years it has grown to six, then twelve and now twenty team showcase.

This will be the third year with SportsCare of Illinois as the

primary event sponsor. There are also a number of other businesses and groups that provide assistance in putting on the event in addition to supporting PORTA Softball.

If anyone knows of a business or group that would be interested in providing support, please contact Coach Logsdon and he will get out the needed details.

Again, mark your calendars for Saturday, March 31 for the 3rd Annual SportsCare Spring Slam.



VARSITY SCHEDULE PROGRESSING

The 2007 softball season may seem a long ways off but planning for the varsity schedule is already well underway.

Highlights of the season include:

- March 19 Opening day @ Edinburg
- March 31 Spring Slam @ UIS
- April 7 Round Robin @PORTA
(w/ Virginia and Ursuline)
- April 14 @Rushville Invitational
- May 12 @QND Showcase

Sangamo Conference games will be:

- March 23 Buffalo Tri-City
- April 5 Mt. Pulaski
- April 10 @ Illini Central
- April 20 Athens
- April 24 Riverton
- May 7 Williamsville
- May 10 Pleasant Plains
- May 11 Rochester (Date may change)

“The person who gets ahead is the one who does more than is necessary and keeps on doing it.”

A LOOK BACK...1996

(This is the first in a series.)

The 1996 PORTA Softball team will go down in history as one of the best ever.

Not only did the team win the first ever Regional Championship and Sectional Championship, they also made the school's only appearance in the IHSA State Finals. Their overall record was 27-5.

Following is a 1996 Roster:

#00 Christi Hoke	Sr.	#19 Michelle Miller	So.
#1 Suzanne Vig	So.	#20 Jenny Thurman	Sr.
#2 Adriane Buckmaster Jr.		#23 Amy Books	So.
#4 Jill Hurley	So.	#24 Lindsey McDevitt	Jr.
#7 Laura Suppan	Sr.	#27 Michaelene Bultmann	So.
#9 Heidi Andrew	Fr.	#30 Molly Basso	So.
#10 Adrienne Noll	Sr.	#32 Ashley Books	Jr.
#11 Sarah Mies	So.	#34 Heather Huggins	Jr.
#14 Erin Noll	So.	#40 Claudia Baxmann	Sr.
#17 Jessica Alwerdt	Sr.	#42 Crystal Mattingly	So.



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JUNIOR HIGH SCHEDULE COMPLETED

Aug. 5	Colchester (DH)	H	11:00	Aug. 22	Chatham	H	4:30
Aug. 7	Havana (DH)	A	4:15	Aug. 24	Tri-City	A	4:30
Aug. 8	Little Flower	A	4:15	Aug. 25	Plains	A	4:15
Aug. 10	Greenview	H	4:15	Aug. 28	Canton (DH)	A	4:15
Aug. 11	St.Aloysius	H	4:30	Aug. 29	Rochester	A	4:30
Aug. 14	Virginia	A	4:15	Aug. 31	Riverton	A	4:15
Aug. 15	Illini Central	A	4:00	Sept. 1	New Berlin	H	4:15
Aug. 17	Athens	H	4:15	Sept. 2	Franklin (DH)	A	10:00
Aug. 18	A.C. Central	A	4:30	Sept. 5	Williamsville	H	4:15
Aug. 21	Havana (DH)	H	4:15	Sept. 7-11	Regionals	TBA	TBA

