

TARTAN TITAN SOFTBALL

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Quote of the week: *Success is not final; failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts.* -- Winston S. Churchill

Believe it or not we have gotten a few games in this Spring. Despite a slow start the Varsity team is making improvements finding has found some recent success. The season started off with a tough 12-2 loss to Hastings. Despite the score the game was not free of a few notable high-lites. Sophomore pitcher Lindsey Duggan drove in both Titan runs with a 2-run Homerun. The Titans had a quick turn around following the Hastings game. The next day they had to take the field against Mahtomedi. There were some significant improvements during the second game on both the offensive and defensive side of the game but despite the much improved efforts the Titans took their second loss of the season with a score of 9-4. We had to back indoors for a days following the Mahtomedi loss. But the extra practice time proved to be worthwhile. In the titans third game of the season their bats came alive, the defense looked sharp, and over all the team made some major improvements. The Titans put their first win on the board against Simley with a score of 6-4. The victory against Simley was a full team effort. The Titans put up 14 hits and only gave up 4 strikeouts..much improved plate performances from previous games in which strikeouts were in the double digits.On defense the Titans committed only one error. The game was certainly not perfect but the team made some big steps in a winning direction.

The B-squad team has had a challenging start to the season. They have been plagued by early season injuries and have had to rely on some support from players both on the Varsity and 9th grade to ensure that they have had enough players for each game thus far. Despite the injuries and limited roster size the team is making some steady improvements. Their overall record is 1-2, they had 2 tough losses to Mahtomedi and Hastings at the very beginning of the season but bounced back with a commanding victory over Simley last Thursday.

The B-squad is a young team with a lot of talent and there is no doubt that as the season continues to progress they will be making huge gains.

The 9th grade team is off to a great start with wins of 15-4, 20-3 and 23-6 against Hastings, Mahtomedi and Simley. Alyssa Bushard has been leading the way raking the ball with .727 average and 2 home runs. Haley Knoblauch, Katelyn Hackman and Jen Ballis have been a steady pitching staff making adjustments and throwing strikes. McKenna Kulp has kept runners in check behind the plate while slugging .600 in the batter's box. Katelyn Hackman and Emily Knoblauch have led the team with 6 steals a piece. Lastly, the whole team is proud of the team batting average of .594. The team is looking forward to the next few weeks in hopes of facing stronger competition. These Titans are ready to figure out just how strong they are and what new heights they can reach. Go Titans!

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The victory over Simley got the ball rolling for the Titans. Just two-days after the Simley game the Titans played in a non-conference game against St.Croix Prep Academy. The Titans fell behind in the top of the first 3-0. The Titans quickly responded in the first and second innings to take the lead 4-3. Lindsey Duggan expanded the lead with a Grand Slam in the 4th inning and then took control of the game with 6 strikeouts in the final 3 innings of the game. Fellow Titans Alexa Anderson, Lauren Lambert, and Madison Rosenthal all had success at the plate in game 4. Anderson had 2 doubles and 2 walks, scoring two times for the Titans, Lambert had 3 singles, 2 RBI's and scored 3 times for the Titans. Madison Rosenthal made a statement as she stepped into the leadoff position for the first time. She reached first in 4 out of 5 plate appearances, with 2 walks and 2 singles Rosenthal had RBI and 3 runs scored for the Titans.

The Team is looking ahead to a busy 2 weeks in which they could play 10 games.



Holthe RBI double scores Lambert in the bottom of the first inning against St.Croix Prep.



Duggan showing off her 2nd HR-ball of the season. This time it was a massive 4th inning Grand Slam.



Lambert single scores 2 runs in the bottom of the second inning against St.Croix Prep

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a message from the booster club

We want to give a huge THANK YOU to everyone for participating in the annual Tartan softball spaghetti dinner fundraiser. From selling tickets, collecting raffle donations, helping to organize day of materials, and making sure to invite all your friends and family the night was a true success! We raised over \$5,000. It really was a team effort and we can't thank you all enough.

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