

## Lady Pitates beat West Washington

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The Charlestown Lady Pirates rolled past the host West Washington Lady Senators 10-0 in six innings last Wednesday in girls' softball. Since the Lady Pirates' lead was at least 10 runs and since at least five innings had been played, the game was halted after six innings had been played, as opposed to the normal seven.

The Lady Pirates wasted no time in putting runs across the plate, when they scored four in the top of the first.

In the top of the second, the Lady Pirates' McKinnah Bussey knocked in Brittany Bennison and Tyler Brafford.

Bennison had doubled to reach base, and Brafford had reached third base when Bussey batted both of them in.

According to Charlestown coach Kevin Zollman, it wasn't any specific inning that did it for them; it was the cumulative effect of scoring consistently throughout the game that did it.

Zollman said, "We just gradually built the lead up until the sixth inning."

The Lady Pirates led 6-0 after four complete innings were played, but they weren't done. Charlestown didn't score again until the top of the sixth inning, but Zollman wasn't too sure that the game would even be finished. There was a thunderstorm rolling in slowly from the west, and it tried to sprinkle several times during the contest.

"You want to get that win, and get it over with," said Zollman. "You never know if it's going to rain. It tried a couple of times."

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Several of the players on the Charlestown softball team are off of the Class AAA Sectional 30 champion squad from this past season, and Zollman hopes the winning continues into the softball season. It's just that the softball team in recent seasons has had trouble winning the close games.

"We've got to learn how to be winners," said Zollman, "after so many close games, we've got to learn how to win close games."

Thus far, he has been happy with the team's hit production, he just hopes they produce enough to win the close contests.

Shortstop Amanda Miller and Brittany Bennison played basketball, and are now playing softball. Zollman likes their contributions so far, but Bennison was injured in the Providence Invitational on Saturday, and will be out for four weeks recuperating.

The Lady Pirates scored again in the top of the sixth inning, giving them a 10-0 advantage. Play was halted because of the tem run rule at this point.

Allie Webster was perfect from the plate in the game, going 4 for 4, and Amanda Miller went 3 for 4 from the plate.

Webster was credited with the win in the game, and Miller was credited with the save. The Lady Pirates are now 2-2 after the Providence Invitational Saturday.