

Lady Pirate Softball wins 2013 Providence Invitational

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The Charlestown Lady Pirate Softball team traveled to Clarksville Saturday to play in the Providence Invitational.

The first battle of the day for Lady Pirates was with the team from Crawford County. The Lady Pirates came out swinging in the first inning. Sophomore Kaitlyn Henning singled to lead off the game. Her single was followed by consecutive RBI doubles by senior Alli Webster, senior Alyssa Price, freshman Bethany Hall and freshman Carly Price. The Lady Pirates are on a roll and now up 5-0 after one. The Lady Pirates added two more in the second with a triple from Henning and another double from Webster. The third inning saw four more runs cross for the hot hitting Lady Pirates. The fifth inning is where the Lady Pirates landed their final blow. Sophomore Alex Hutchinson hit a three run bomb to put the Lady Pirates up 16-1 after five innings. This is the first career home run for Hutchinson who also added a double. The Lady Pirates totaled 15 hits in the game which included eight doubles, two triples and a home run. Freshman pitcher Carly Price got her first career win. Price pitched all five innings giving up just three hits and striking out five in a very impressive first outing.

The championship game of the Providence Invitational saw the best two teams in the tournament, Providence and Charlestown. The start of this game was all pitching. Providence had two base runners in the first three innings, while the Lady Pirates could only muster one. Things changed in the fourth. Senior Alli Webster collected the first hit of the game with a sharp single up the middle. A walk to freshman Bethany Hall and a fielder's choice by freshman Carly Price set up the first big moment in the championship game. With two out, junior Morgan Ashby drove the first pitch she saw right back through the infield, scoring the first run of the game.

The sixth inning saw the Lady Pirates get their hard hitting offense back in gear. Webster again singled and she was followed with a double from senior Alyssa Price setting up the inning. A ground out by Carly Price brought in the first run of the inning and another single from Ashby delivered the second run of the sixth inning, putting the Lady Pirates up 3-0. With two outs in the seventh, the Lady Pirates showed their muscle one more time. Sophomore Kaitlyn Henning drove an outside pitch into the right center field gap for a triple and scored on the same play with a Lady Pioneer throwing error putting the Lady Pirates up with the winning margin of 4-0.

The Lady Pirates could never figure out how to get to the Lady Pirates pitcher, Webster, and the Charlestown defense.

Webster struck out six and only allowed one hit, an infield single in the fifth inning.

The Lady Pirates made all the plays on defense the whole day. They didn't commit an error with 25 chances the entire tournament.