



Working on situational plays, the Lady Vikings run hard to each base in practice.

Bring out the yellow balls: It's Time for Softball



Sophomore Rachel Heffel unleashes the ball during batting practice.

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Softball is finally here! This season the lady Vikings are going to be heading out in style onto the field, thanks to community members for volunteering in helping out with the field renovations. With the development of new dugouts and fence work, the Vikings softball diamond is looking spectacular. Senior Hunter Copeland stated "that it is really nice to have other schools come over to us and be jealous of some of our facilities."

But jealousy isn't going to just be about the look of our field. Instead opponents should also be concerned for the great playing ability that the Vikings are bringing to the table. Senior player Allison Garde said "this year has the potential to be an amazing year. We have a lot of talent and I love our team. I am extremely excited for our season. It's going to make my Senior year."

And it is from this broad array of talent (blended mix of sophomores to seniors, the lady Vikings should be decent for the next couple of years. This is due to the fact that the team jells well together. "When you come out to see us play you see a team that is like a family," stated Sophomore Aleah Warden. So, hopefully soon you will be able to see these ladies play.

Jordan Bell Signs With MATC

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On Friday, March 2nd, one of Parkview's finest athletes, Jordan Bell, signed to play softball for MATC in Madison. Our staff interviewed Jordan to find out what it felt like to receive this honor.

Did you ever think playing for Parkview would get you noticed by college recruits?

No, because Parkview is a very small school and doesn't get noticed a lot. I played on traveling teams all year round and I played in some college exposure tournaments; that's where they found interest in me.

Who was your greatest inspiration?

I would have to say my coach, Allison Steinke, was my greatest inspiration because no matter how good I did in practice or in a game, she would always push me to be

better. Even if I had an off day she would never give up on me. She is an amazing coach and I learned a lot from her. I look up to her, she went to Parkview and she was a catcher for UW-Whitewater.

What was your reaction when MATC recruits asked you to play for them?

I was shocked because I couldn't believe they wanted me to play for them. I always thought that I was a good softball player, but I didn't think I was good enough to play at the college level so it was pretty cool.

How did your parents react to the news?

My dad liked it a lot; he loves watching me play so he can't wait.

What are you going to college to study?

Physical Therapy.

Do you plan on playing after college?

I will probably join an adult league.

Why did you decide to sign with MATC?

They have a great school, and it's close enough that I can go home on the weekends if I want to.

While Jordan's softball plans for next year are solidified, she looks forward to her final season at Parkview. Although it might be her last year, Jordan hopes that she will help bring a State Title to Parkview.



Jordan and her father look over the letter of intent, before signing to play for MATC.

America's Pastime is Back in Town: Parkview Baseball is Here to Stay

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Parkview baseball seems to be a way of life around Orfordville. It almost seems as if players are bred from generations of either parent coaches or batting families. Whatever the reason, baseball is a great love to the Orfordville community.

After coming off of a winning season last year, the Vikings will be without five key seniors; three of

them winning all conference awards (Garrett Koch, Kyle Woodworth, and Josh Bartelt) and one (Matt Woodstock) winning the player of the year award. However, the team does boast an impressive roster of seven returning juniors that played



Viking s warm up before fielding some fly balls at practice

varsity last year with four of them (Brendan Neal, Trevor Aasen, Jameson Lavery, and Riley Pearson) also winning awards in conference. It goes to show that we may have lost some great talent from last year, but they are still all of the team that they used to be a season ago.

This talent isn't just isolated at the varsity level though; there are also eleven new freshmen who are going to help make a strong junior varsity team as well. With the leadership of our new head coach Troy Aasen and assistant coach Keith Hartman, along with the pure talent and chemistry between the players, the Vikings have everything they need to bring it not only to the top of the Rock Valley Conference, but also to be the best in the state.



Player scrambles in the outfield to shag balls from Coach Aasen during practice.



Junior Trevor Aasen runs over to his bag to acquire some much needed gear for practice.