

Gallatin wins championship, Princeton claims third, at Albany Softball Tournament (plus other Saturday results)

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The Gallatin Lady Bulldogs rolled through Stanberry, Princeton, and Albany to win the championship in Saturday's Albany Softball Tournament. Princeton lost its first two games, but rebounded to beat North Harrison 6-1 to claim the consolation hardware.

Gallatin beat Stanberry by a score of 10-0, with Celsie Baker throwing 4 2/3 innings of shutout softball, giving up only two hits. Gallatin's offense blitzed the Lady Warriors for six runs over the game's first two innings, and four more runs before the game was called by the ten-run rule in the top of the fifth inning.

Baker pitched six innings against Stanberry, while Stanberry's pitcher, Combs, went 5 1/3 innings before her squad was defeated by the ten-run rule.

Gallatin walloped Princeton in a Saturday morning pool play game by a score of 11-1. Princeton sophomore Chelsie Jones pitched five innings and gave up eleven runs, although only six were earned. The Lady Bulldogs put three runs across the plate in the first, second, and fourth innings, and two more in the fifth. Princeton's only run came in the top of the first inning from senior shortstop Nancy Berwanger.

In Princeton's other pool play game from Saturday morning, the Lady Tigers were dumped by Stanberry 7-4. Jones gave up seven runs, three earned in five innings, to take the loss. Berwanger had Princeton's only RBI, while Emily Schwenneker and Rebecca Phillips had single runs, with Trinity Kile scoring two runs to go with two hits in three at-bats.

The highlight of Princeton's day came against North Harrison, a 6-1 win the consolation championship game. Jones held the Lady Shamrocks to three hits and a run in a complete game, with six strikeouts.

Princeton jumped out on North Harrison quickly, scoring three runs in the first inning, and single tallies in the second, third, and fifth. The Shamrocks dented the plate one time, that coming in the bottom of the fourth inning.

Princeton coach Chrystal Mayfield said her team struggled with untimely errors during the three game, and will be working on that aspect of their game this week. Princeton will HOST Albany on Tuesday night and have the rematch against the 4-1 Gallatin Lady Bulldogs on Thursday night at Gallatin High School.

In other Saturday tournament results, the Mercer boys took the Cainsville Invitational title, beat Pattonsburg 20-7 and Ridgeway 16-2.

The Meadville girls won the Linn County Tournament title, defeating Milan in the championship game by a score of 10-2. Milan reached the final with a 15-0 shutout of Hale and a 5-4 squeaker over the host Linn County Lady Mustangs. Linn County claimed third place in the four-team field, courtesy of an 18-6 win over Hale. Meadville beat Linn County in an early morning game 5-1, followed by a 21-7 beating of the Hale Lady Cardinals to set up the championship encounter with Milan.