Trenton dominates NCMC's Nan Carter Tournament, wins 2012 championship
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The Trenton Lady Bulldog softball team had a successful day over four games on Saturday at the NCMC-sponsored Nan Carter Softball Tournament. In the opening game against Marceline, Trenton took some time to get things rolling offensively managing only one base-runner over the first three innings.
However, by the top of the fourth Madi Trump led things off with a single followed by walks to Scotlin Hurley and Kate Lowrey. Trump would score the first run of the game on a wild pitch and Avery Whitaker drove home Hurley and Lowrey with a single. Cassidy Cotton walked, with Makaila Capeder driving home Lowrey with a single. Cotton would then score on a wild pitch and McKinley Hurley drove home Capeder with an RBI ground-out as the Lady Bulldogs took a 6-0 lead.

THS added four more runs in the top of the fifth inning to finish the scoring. The offense was led by Avery Whitaker, who was 2-3 with two runs and 4 RBI and Makaila Capeder, also 2-3 with a run and an RBI. However, the main headlines from this game came from the pitching of Scotlin Hurley, who dominated Marceline over five innings, striking out 7 and throwing the first perfect game in the history of the Nan Carter Invitational.

The second game of the morning proved to be the toughest test of the day for Trenton, who managed to keep things rolling against Kirksville. Maddie Hooyman started the scoring early in the top of the first with a line drive single to left and advanced to third on an error by the left fielder. Hooyman would then score on a RBI sacrifice bunt by Madi Trump. Kirksville responded with a run of their own in the bottom of the first, only to see Trenton strike back with two more in the top of the third. Madi Trump led off with a double followed by a walk to Scotlin Hurley. Avery Whitaker drove home Trump from third with a sacrifice fly and Cassidy Cotton send Hurley home with a single to center field.

The superb Trenton defense came up big in the bottom of the third after Kirksville loaded the bases with no outs. Scotlin Hurley fielded a ground ball, and fired home to Trump for one out, with the return throw to first resulting in a 1-2-3 twin killing. Hurley would strike the next batter out to work out of the jam.

The Bulldogs would get one more in the 5th when Hurley led off with a double, advanced to third and then scored on a single by Whitaker. That was all the offense Hurley would need on the mound. The Trenton defense would make several clutch plays including a 4-3 double play by McKinley Hurley in the fifth, with big-sister Scotlin allowing only one earned run on four hits and a walk while striking out five.

The two morning wins allowed the Lady Bulldogs to advance in to the Gold pool to play the other two pool winners, Odessa and Lawson. Against Odessa, the offense continued to roll early and often.

Maddie Hooyman led off with single, then steal second and third (two of her EIGHT steals on the day) and scored on a single by Scotlin Hurley. A single by Avery Whitaker would advance Hurley to third and she would score on a sacrifice fly by Makaila Capeder to put the Bulldogs up 2-0 after 1 inning.

The Bulldogs would get three more runs in the fifth and 5 more in the sixth to pull away for a 10-1 victory. Hooyman was 2-4 with 2 runs, Hurley was 3-4 with 3 runs and 5 RBI, and Whitaker was 2-4 with 2 RBI. Hurley would go 5 innings, allowing 1 unearned run on 6 hits, 1 BB and 2 strikeouts and Mallory Hooyman would throw a perfect sixth inning.

In the championship game of the tournament, Trenton showed they had plenty of energy left, jumping out to a 6-0 lead in the bottom of the first against Lawson. Trenton would get 2 more in the second and fourth innings and Mallory Hooyman would shut down the Cardinal offense over five innings to win 10-1. Hooyman would allow only one hit and one earned one while striking out three to pick up the win.

Maddie Hooyman went 2-3 with 3 runs and 5 steals, Madi Trump went 2-2 with 2 runs, a triple and an RBI. Avery Whitaker go 2-3 with a run, a double and two RBI. Makaila Capeder, Kate Lowrey, Rahel Horner and Megan Lynch would all contribute with RBI in the final game. The Lady Bulldogs finished the day with 33 hits and only allowed three runs in the four games.

Trenton's varsity will play back-to-back games on KTTN FM 92.3 to start the new week. Tonight (Monday night), Trenton takes on Putnam County High School in a 5 o'clock varsity/JV doubleheader from Unionville. The 5:00 game will be on KTTN.

Tomorrow (Tuesday) night, Trenton hosts Lexington. The 5:00 varsity game will also be broadcast on KTTN FM 92.3 and www.kttn.com. Video streaming should be available for BOTH of Trenton's softball broadcasts this week!