

**BATTER UP.** Katie Conner, 12, stepped up to the plate during a game. Conner was the returning pitcher and was ranked 3rd in the city and 2nd in the GMC for strike outs. She signed on with Gannon University on a softball scholarship for next year.



**GREAT CATCH.** Tricia Welsch, 10, made an amazing catch during a game. Catching the ball was crucial in game situations. Always catching the ball helped to keep the opposing team's score low.



**ALWAYS ALERT.** Kristen Grueninger, 11, kept her eyes on the ball. As a returning varsity player, Grueninger played second base and helped her team to many wins throughout the season.



**RUNNING TOWARDS HOME.** Jackie Roesch, 10, ran toward home plate in hopes to score a point for her team. This was Roesch's first year on varsity.



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# Varsity girls softball

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**T**HE VARSITY GIRLS  
SOFTBALL TEAM WORKED  
HARD TO FINISH

**STRONG.** With more losses than wins the girls were still proud of their season. **Ms. Debbie Klempt** was the girls' varsity coach. She was selected to be in the Ohio High School Softball coaches Hall of Fame. She had a lot to do with the girls' winnings. The team respected Mrs. Klempt with much gratitude.

"We were very young but the kids worked hard

and improved throughout the season, Katie Connor set a record of 203 strike outs," said Klempt.

The eleven girls who played at the varsity level prepared for the season in their own way. Some played other sports while others practiced in the Gregory Center.

As the season progressed, the players felt that they improved in their game. Pressure sometimes got to them, but that did not slow them down, they had each other to always cheer them on.

Team bonding was very important, it's what kept these girls on the right track throughout the season.

The season was hard for the girls with more losses than wins but they never gave up. All the girls showed a terrific amount of effort to be great players and to be loyal to their teammates. The varsity girls knew from the start to just have fun, no matter if they won or not. Seasons come and go but the girls will never forget the time shared together on the field.

