



# Swinging into Action

Batter up! The spring breeze mingles with the smell of gloves and leather. Senior pitcher Shannon Castoro steps up to the plate. She takes a practice swing and stares down her opposing pitcher. The pitch comes in and "Crack"; Shannon hits a line drive straight to the unwary pitcher. The girl fumbles with the ball and overthrows to first. Automatic Double!

This, just a taste of the Raiders Girls Varsity softball season, is what it's all about. The thrill of connecting with a

pitch and sending the ball into the outfield; the sweet sound of the ball landing with a "Snap" into your mitt and tingling your hand; and yes, that sinking feeling in your stomach as the ball rolls between your legs are all part of the excitement of playing softball.

This season the team was looking to improve upon their 1992 record of 12 wins and 11 losses. They graduated 6 letterwomen in '92, therefore Coach James Mason was working with a young team.

Strong pitching came from Shannon Castoro and Allison Parson. Defensively, the Lady Raiders were right on the ball. Key players in the infield were senior Colleen Haight at 1st base and junior Amanda Sellinger at shortstop. With a little help from some players coming up from JV, the girls were looking forward to a productive year. But, win or lose, it doesn't matter. The Girls Varsity softball team always has fun!



1. Top: Coach James Mason looking on.
2. Center left: Colleen Haight ready to catch the ball.
3. Center right: Shannon Castoro pitches the ball.
4. Bottom: Amanda Sellinger successfully grabs the ball.