

Dedication.

Team heads to state for eighth year in a row

This season, the softball team made their way to the state tournament for the eighth year in a row.

For every team that has made it to state, those 8 years were coached by Mindy McCoy. She has coached for 13 years in total.

McCoy is fortunate to have a great group of athletes each year, who love the game of softball, and give their all to the sport.

"Hard work and dedication to the sport are what allow us to return to state each year," McCoy said.

This year was seniors Sheridan Choat and Dayle Trout's third year going. Both girls were on JV their freshman year and didn't go to state.

Going to state almost every year of high school for Choat and Trout was exciting and stressful, but still, a great experience for both girls.

According to Trout, making it to the state tournament each year has a lot to do with the fact that most of the team has played together since they were children.

Choat believes going to state each year is because of the bond that the team has always had.

"We aren't just teammates, we're really close friends, too," Choat said.

This year for state, Trout was excited to play teams they had already beat before.

Choat was also excited for that, and to see how far they could go in the tournament, possibly winning it all.

Unfortunately, the Lady Savages fell short to Meeker in the first game of the tournament, 8-10.

"Every team is different," McCoy said, "but one thing does not change and that is the number of girls who love the game of softball.

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Pitching against Alamosa, senior Laci Coen sends the ball to home plate. Coen has been pitching for eight years and will continue her career into college. "I love the sport, and it will help pay for my education," Coen said. *Photo by Maddy Williams*



Behind home plate, sophomore Dalia Garcia waits for the pitch. Garcia enjoys catching because she gets to lead her team. "I get to be a leader on the field," Garcia said.

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After making it safe to third base, sophomore Jayda Hernandez smiles with excitement. Hernandez enjoys the thrill of running bases and sliding. "You never know what is going to happen," Hernandez said. *Photo by Kenneth Barrett*



With her foot on the bag, sophomore Trinity Gonzales reaches for the ball. Gonzales sees most of the action on the field at first base. "Playing first base seems easy," Gonzales said. "But it still gets most of the action." *Photo by Maddy Williams*

Holding her opponent at third base, junior Reygan Gibbs shows her glove for the ball. Gibbs has been playing third base for two years instead of catching. "I would rather play third than anywhere else," Gibbs said. *Photo by Maddy Williams*

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With pride

What is your favorite memory from this season?



☞ The Eaton tournament was exciting, and I got to know my teammates more. Alyssa Abitia, junior



☞ Making it onto the varsity team. Lauryn Reyes, freshman



☞ The Eaton tournament; it brought us a lot closer as a team. We all started learning how to play with each other. Asiah Figueroa, senior