

end of THE ROAD

lobos softball ends with a bang

After everything that occurred in 2020, the Lobos pulled together a season that was unexpected. After switching to the Jeffco 4A League, the Lady Lobos ended up with a 14-4 record, accounting for their CHSAA State Playoff run. Like most sports this year, the number of games played was reduced. The usual season is about 24 games for softball, but due to COVID-19, seven games were dropped and there were no Regionals for the State Finals. Senior Macie Aikin said that her most unexpected moment of the season was "How well we did. I was so surprised and excited that we worked so hard and got as far as we did." The Lobos had to fight for the final win of the regular season against Bear Creek High School, winning in extra innings 2-1 to make it to the playoffs. The ladies lost to State 3rd place finisher Wheat Ridge High School in the quarterfinals. Junior Ashley Silvernale felt that a season with challenges unheard of in our young lifetime had an affect on her performance. "Knowing it could be my last game for this season due to COVID-19, every game I went out there and gave it my all," she said. From jungle nicknames and doing each other's hair before the game, the Lady Lobos finished off their season not as they would've liked, but it was definitely one for the record books.



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.315

Team Batting Average

128

Team Hits

105

Runs Batted In

2.121

Team ERA

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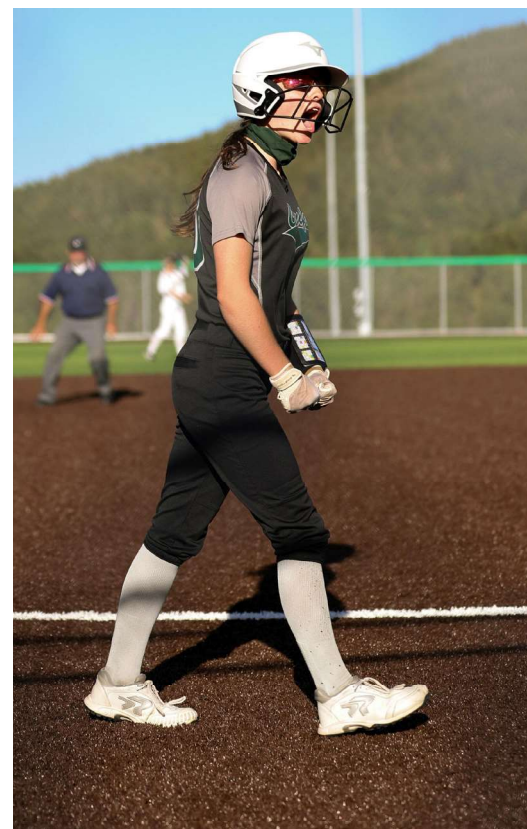


Breaking Bats

In the last game of the season, at one of her last at bats, junior Ashley Fritz "slaps" the ball, sending it into the field.

Throughout the season Fritz played both in center field and first base and was one of four left handed batters on the team. photo by s. smith.

Hyping up the Bench On her way back to the dugout, junior Ashley Silvernale hypes up the team after making it home from another player's base hit. Silvernale had a total of 25 hits in the 18 games she played over the season. photo by s. smith



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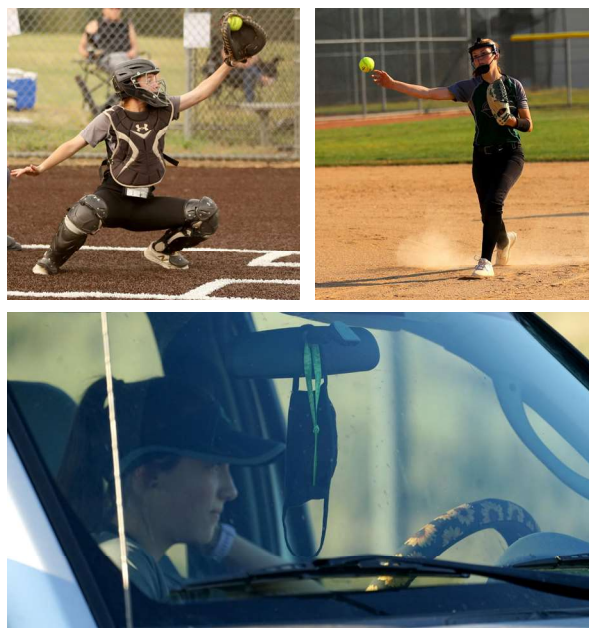
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JOSTENS



Last Goodbyes After playing their final high school game, seniors Amber Prescott and Macie Aikin hug their coach Carrie Oletski. The team played their final game against Wheat Ridge High School in a Quarter final match up, but fell short in the end, losing 0-6. "I think my favorite part of the season would have to be finding the girls that I'm going to remember for the rest of my life," Aikin said. photo by s. smith *Catching the Rise* While squatting behind home plate, junior Megan Fritz catches a rise ball from pitcher Cheyenne Prieto. In the 18 games she played, Fritz got a total of 161 outs. photo by s. smith *Getting the Out* While playing against Bear Creek High School, sophomore Regan Pell threw the ball to first base to get the runner out. Throughout the season Pell hit her first home run while also getting a fielding percentage of .905. photo by s. smith *Cheers from a distance* Junior Katy Sims watched her team play against D'Evelyn High School, quarantined because of the virus. During the year, Sims played in 13 games with 4 home runs, her first ever against Air Academy September 11th. photo by a. mccollum



Cheyenne Prieto



In her junior season, Cheyenne Prieto set numerous records both on the mound and at the plate. Prieto had a total of 27 hits, 12 of which were home runs. While at the mound, Prieto faced 387 batters, and struck out 140 of them, averaging about 1 strikeout per inning pitched. "With all the crazy that 2020 had in store for us, going onto the field for my junior season was a huge surprise. We wanted to play as well as we could in the short time we were given, and making it to eighth place in state was something I could never have imagined," Prieto said. While having this extraordinary season, Prieto held onto a .545 batting average, and a slugging percentage of 1.318. Slugging percentage means how much a player averages in bases per hit, meaning Prieto averaged 1.3 bases per hit. That's a lot! Prieto played as a starter on varsity since her freshman year, and kept on getting better and better with every year. "I couldn't have done any of this if it weren't for my teammates and coaches. My teammates helped me realize how fun the sport would be on and off the field and also gave me relationships that I'll remember for the rest of my life. My coaches constantly make me better every day, and I would love to continue playing in college." After high school, Cheyenne plans to major in computer science or engineering, and is already receiving interest from D1 colleges to play at the next level. photo by s.smith

Reality Check "Our bus rides used to be filled with snacks and loud music, but this season we had to sit several seats apart. COVID-19 made it hard for us to do our usual traditions," junior Amelia Tatro said.

COUNT THE MEMORIES



Kellyn Dougherty, 9

"My favorite part about playing this season was definitely getting to be a part of such a fun and wonderful team and being able to face some of the best competition with them."



Ryli Metcalf, 9

"It's gotta be playing with the upperclassmen. It was super cool playing with people on a whole other skill level than me! I learned a lot and had fun getting to know everyone."



Jenna Stricker, 11

"My favorite part of the season was definitely playing with all of the girls and hearing everyone cheering in the dugout."



Kira Alley, 11

"My favorite part of the season was playing with the new teammates and learning so much from Coach Sims."

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