

The Mound and the Memories

Varsity softball adjusting to change

Like most sports, the pandemic has impacted athletes' ability to perform the sport they love.

Softball is a sport that requires a multitude of things: Teamwork, strength, agility, determination, and being coachable. Some of the specific effects the current pandemic has had on the Varsity Softball players are shorter practices, a shortened season, and team bonding events are no longer held.

Senior, **Naomi Price (12)**, mentions how the current changes to the season has "impacted our ability to play the sport we love".

She also acknowledged how her team is prepared to work together and remain optimistic to make the season feel as normal as possible.

Mallory Castonguay (10) explained that in softball, "you enjoy the game by working together and picking each other up."

She described how the pandemic changed the overall "feel" of the game and is hard in the way that they can't give "high fives and hug someone that hits a home run."

Although the strains on their season have made playing the sport difficult, they did not give up hope or love for the sport.

"Softball has changed my life," said **Jenny Allen (12)**. "It has taught me to push my limits and really become the best version of myself."

Jenny acknowledged how their team has been able to overcome the adversity the pandemic has brought by "connecting with each other."

Q&A with

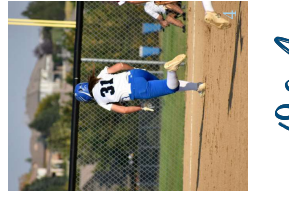
Varsity softball underclassmen, What is one thing you want to accomplish from now to the end of your senior season?



4. Run your heart out: **Alyssa Walker (10)** makes it to third base safely.
5. Pitcher's choice: **Chloe Miller (9)** takes the mound to throw powerful pitches.
6. Strike em' out: **Chloe Miller (9)** strikes out a Cherokee Trail player and gets the three outs needed.



1. Batter up!: **Chloe Miller (9)** takes the base and is ready to swing a hit.
2. A little swing talk: **Jenny Allen (12)** talks to her coach after hitting a base run.
3. Pitch your heart out: **Chloe Miller (9)** pitches a strike to end out the inning.



Miranda Ferrier (10):

"Get consecutive home runs every single year."

Chloe Miller (9):

"One of my goals is to be more of a leader on the field."

Makayla Valle (10):

"I want to set a record for the most strikeouts at Grandview as a pitcher."

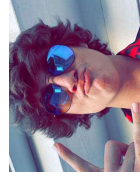


Dear Future Self...



"Be humble and hungry. Always be the hardest worker in the room."

Sophia Maccarrone, 9



"Money does not come with women but women come with money. Chase green not girls."

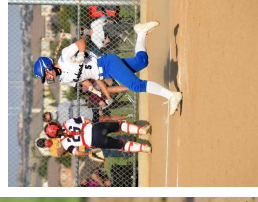
Zander Caranta, 12

7. hard work and dedication: **Jenny Allen (12)** makes it home.
8. swing it like you mean it: **Alyssa Walker (10)** swings with all her power and gets a base hit.
9. all the right plays: **Miranda Ferrier (10)** watches with excitement as **Alyssa Walker (10)** slides to third base.
10. head turns: **Peytam Wetland (9)** stops a steal.



ALL THE RIGHT PITCHES

Evaluating how softball is much more than a game.



Softball is a sport that requires ultimate teamwork in exchange for victory.

Hunter Midgett (12) explained how softball has helped her "become a team player and a positive person." She also mentioned how "a lot of people do not know that Softball is a very mental sport," and that is a "mentality toward the game" is important.

Another senior on Varsity, **Lyla Michels (12)**, said that softball impacts her as a person because it's what she loves to do in her free time.

"There is nothing else I would rather be doing than being on the field with the group of girls that I have formed some of the strongest friendships within."

To conclude, softball is a very mental sport but, what comes out of it are lifelong friendships that will be cherished forever.

