

Bre is my Mentor, like my older sister... she never looked down on me and taught me everything I need to know. (Being her teammate) has made me a better player and a better person.

Charlotte Riffe '09



4. WITH EYES FOCUSED ON THE BALL

Abigail Gillotte '12, composes herself to prepare to swing. After achieving a successful hit, Gillotte ran for first base. Gillotte was able to run a single during this pitch, which created a small victory for Liberty as they powered through their senior night.

photo by ava dawes

5. ADMIRING THE CATCH

Chanel Gutierrez '09, gets up after the pitcher strikes out the opposing batter in a moment of victory for her team. For the first game of the season, Sierra beat Liberty with a score 7-17.

photo by audreana talavera



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STRIKEout

A BITTERSWEET END TO THE 2023 SEASON LEAVES SENIORS GRATEFUL FOR ONE ANOTHER

Although the seniors final game did not go as planned, that did not stop the immense love the softball team had for each other. Their final game on Oct. 5 resulted in a score of 1-14 against Fountain Fourt Carson. Liberty had previously won against FFC 9-6 on September 28, so the girls had marched into this game with high hopes. Although they were hoping to end on a high note, the team were still able to positively reflect on their season together.

When asked about her last game with the seniors **Alex Graham '11** said,

"The last game was so hard for me. When I came to liberty I was brand new to d20 and I was nervous to meet all the softball girls. When I

came to my first summer practice, they all welcomed me with open arms. Everyone especially Kelly made softball a second home me."

Graham continued to discuss the Mercy Ruling Loss of the last game of the season.

"I think the last game was the hardest game i've ever played as a Lancer, I didn't perform to the quality I hoped to, and I was all shook up knowing that was the last time I would ever play the game with the seniors. The last game though, made me hungry for next year. I don't want to look back and wish I would've ended my time on Liberty's field any other way."

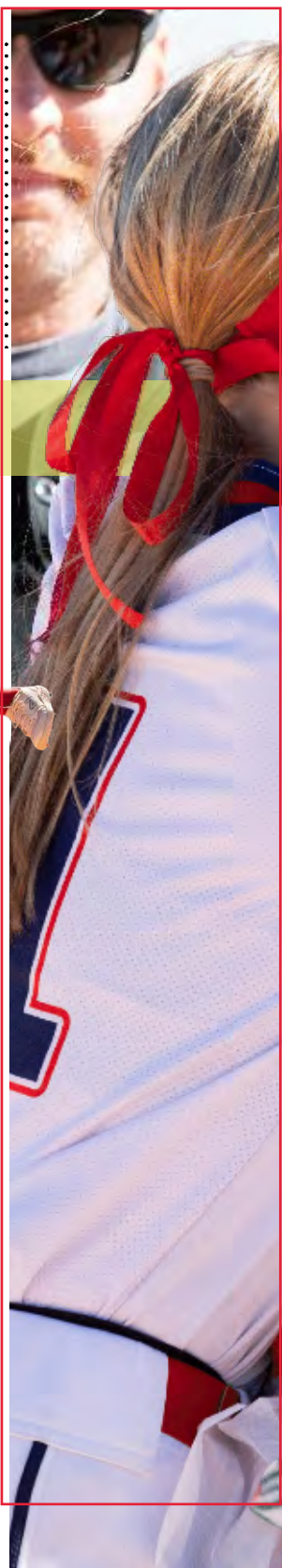
Liberty ended their season fourth in the league, but with many relationships to hold onto.



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1. LETTING IT OUT, *Abigail Gilotte*¹² is being comforted by *Mckenna Newton*¹⁰ on her last high school game with her team. The seniors were recognized on senior night, as is tradition, and received gifts and flowers. 'It was all just hitting me that it was the last time I was ever gonna even step on that field,' Gilotte said. 'It really was the last time my parents watched me play with the people I love.' photo by ava lund.

2. SWINGING FOR A WIN *Segan Gehrke*¹², prepares mentally for a swing at the batters plates. It was up to Gehrke to get the score in the Lancers' favor to help win the tough fight against Fountain Ft Carson on Oct. 05. photo by ava lund.

3. PITCHING THE NEXT STRIKE *Kelly Steinhauser*¹², launches the ball toward home base to try and "out" the opposing team. Steinhauser began her softball career as a freshmen on Varsity. In reference to being a team leader, Steinhauser discussed her role. 'I have a lot of responsibility for leading a team with a bunch of great girls,' Steinhauser said. 'I had to really take ownership and show them certain ways on how to do things.' photo by ava lund.

6. BATTING UP *Charlotte Riffle*⁰⁹ awaits a suspenseful pitch from the opposing pitcher. Riffle prepares to bat at home in the 3rd inning of the Fountain Ft Carson game. photo by annika archuleta

7. SAYING FINAL FAREWELLS at the last game of the season, *Breanna Franker*¹², *Tericka Ribeiro*¹⁰ and *Kelly Steinhauser*¹², embrace after a loss on the last game of the season. After being filled with tears, Franker said, 'We were really reminiscent over the last four years together.' photo by ava lund.

DAKOTA RIDGE	8-3	L
SIERRA	17-7	L
MESA RIDGE	4-3	L
WOODLAND PARK	16-0	W
FALCON	12-7	W
WIDEFIELD	7-6	L
PINE CREEK	13-6	L
PUEBLO COUNTY	8-0	L
WIDEFIELD	8-5	L
DOHERTY	13-8	L
RAMPART	14-4	W
VISTA RIDGE	14-4	L
AIR ACADEMY	17-3	L
MONTROSE	12-3	L
LONGMONT	13-7	L
SKYLINE	21-6	W
DOHERTY	16-1	W
RAMPART	18-7	W
VISTA RIDGE	11-1	L
PINE CREEK	9-5	L
FOUNTAIN-FORT CARSON	9-6	W
PINECREEK	9-5	L
FOUNTAIN-FORT CARSON	14-1	L

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