

LSCA ALL STAR WEEKEND NEWS

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All-Star softball called after 7 with score tied at 2

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PINEVILLE - The ending of the second game of the Louisiana High School Coaches Association All-Star softball series left the players feeling flat on Saturday. They wanted more, and for good reason.

The East took advantage of two West errors in the bottom of the seventh inning to score the tying run as the game ended in a 2-2 tie.

There is no provision for extra innings in the rules governing the LHSCA games that feature some of the state's top seniors.

The West won the first game played Friday night, 10-3.

"I could still keep playing," said Denham Springs' Natalie Landry, who was named the Most Outstanding Player for the East squad. "I could go all day ... It's hard ending in a tie."

Landry was one of 13 all-stars who will play Division I softball next season, continuing her education and playing career at Northwestern State. She was 2-for-2 Saturday at Louisiana College, including a single to center field in the seventh-inning rally.

Landry finished the weekend 3-for-4 with a home run and two

runs batted in.

"It was a really big honor just to be chosen to be an all-star," Landry said.

St. Joseph's Academy pitcher Caroline Sagrera missed Friday's 10-3 victory by the West because of an honors and awards night at her school.

Sagrera made her presence known Saturday, starting for the East. She pitched five innings, allowing just three hits and striking out eight.

"I just feel like now I'm getting going," said Sagrera, who will graduate on Sunday. "I want another game."

Sagrera, who led her team to the 5A semifinals, took a week off before starting preparation for Saturday's performance. After a rocky first in which she allowed a hit and walked a batter, Sagrera settled down.

"The first inning, I was so nervous I didn't have control of my body," Sagrera said.

The West took a 1-0 lead in the second on a double by Beau Chene's Kat Dupuis that scored Catie Smith of Oak Hill, who had walked.

The East answered in the bottom of the second on an infield single by Grant's Nancy Bunting, which scored Buckeye's Lacie Nugent.

The West regained the lead in the fifth. Taylor Goree, the Most Outstanding Player for the West squad, walked and scored on a fielder's choice by Evangel Christian's Jenna Kreamer.

In the bottom of the inning, Goree recorded the defensive play of the two all-star games when she ran from shortstop to make a diving catch of a liner hit by St. Amant's Whitney Troxclair near the left field line. She got up and fired to first to double off Landry.

The East tied the game in the seventh when shortstop Lindsey Neyland of Evangel allowed a ground ball by Ouachita's Candace McHugh to go through her legs. Pitcher Hannah Haydel of Hahnville got the next two batters before Landry singled to put runners on the corner.

Troxclair followed with a smash to second baseman Courtney Dutreix of Hahnville. Dutreix could not handle it for an error, allowing McHugh to score.

Haydel then got two ground outs to end the game.

"I would want to keep playing," said Goree, who is headed to McNeese State next year. "You can't end a game in a tie."

West All-Stars Win First Game of Week-end

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PINEVILLE — The mandatory pitching change in the Louisiana High School Coaches Association's All-Star softball game Friday night was a welcome sight for the offense. At least it was for the West squad which claimed a 10-3 victory over the East in the game played at Louisiana College.

The second game of the two-game LHSCA series is scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday. Several players missed Friday's game due to injury, commencement or honor events. The West had just three subs Friday.

Starter Brooklyn Guillot of Parkview Baptist pitched three scoreless innings, putting the East squad on the route toward a possible win. The other half of Baton Rouge's pitching duo, St. Joseph's Academy's Caroline Sagrera, was one of the players who missed the Friday game because of an honors function.

Despite have depth issues of its own, the West squad took advantage of the East's first pitching change by scoring three runs in the bottom of the fourth inning and four more in the fifth off Ellen Bairnsfather of Monterey.

Kinder's Haley Stroup and St. Thomas More's Shellie Landry hit home runs to power the East squad. Another local player, Denham Springs' Natalie Landry, had a home run for the East. Kinder's Stroup hit a two-run homer, Taylor Goree of Barbe drove in runs in the fourth and fifth innings, while Samantha Buller of Iowa had a two-run single.

"There was D-I talent all over the field," West coach Kenneth Vial of Hahnville said. "I know all the kids from playing them. It was fun writing my lineup."

Parkview's Guillot gave up two singles in the first three innings before leaving for Bairnsfather. Guillot returned to the game in the top of the sixth and smacked a two-run single to the base of the left-center field wall to pull the East within four runs, at 7-3.

Guillot did not allow a run until St. Thomas More's Shellie Landry hit a three-run bomb in the bottom of the seventh inning to provide the game's final scoring. Shellie Landry, who is headed to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, also had a triple and single.

"The Lafayette fans are going to be pleased with her," Vial said.

Barbe's Sarah Corbello started for the West and struck out the first eight batters she faced. Corbello allowed just one infield single and fanned nine in four innings to pick up the victory.

When Corbello left the circle, Denham Springs' Natalie Landry capitalized. She hit the first pitch from Vanderbilt Catholic's Leah Bergeron in the top of the fourth inning over the center field wall.

"My tournament coach would be pleased," Natalie Landry said. "He tells me to look for one pitch and the first pitch was my pitch. I just swung; it was there."

Bergeron settled down after the homer and didn't allow another hit until the sixth.

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Local pitchers on tap for All Star Game

BY ROBIN FAMBROUGH Advocate sportswriter

Pitchers Brooklyn Guillot and Caroline Sagrera led their teams to prominence during the past three seasons. One thing St. Joseph's Academy's Sagrera and Parkview Baptist's Guillot have never done is play on the same team.

Until now. Both players are scheduled to suit up for the East squad at the Louisiana High School Coaches Association's All-Star softball games this weekend. "I've known Caroline for years, and we've always played against each other," Guillot said. "I think we'll be a good combination."

Players report to Pineville at 10 a.m. Friday for the start of a LHSCA event. The first game is set for 7:30 p.m. Friday at Louisiana College. A second game is scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday.

Sagrera will miss Friday's practice and game because of a senior honors event at her school. But like Guillot, she's excited about the possibilities the LHSCA games represent. "This is really amazing," Sagrera said. "I never really thought I'd be picked. It's such an honor because only a few players get this chance."

The two pitchers are part of an impressive local contingent. Maurepas' Brynn LeBourgeois, Zachary's Katie Browne, Litcher's Emily Bland, St. Amant's Whitney Troxclair and Hayley Lavigne, Denham Springs' Lauren Russell and Natalie Landry, along with Dutchtown's Allison Crum are other local players on the East squad.

Dutchtown's Nancy Ensminger is the assistant coach for the East team. Ascension Catholic's Alayna Falcon is part of the West team.

Sagrera, who signed with Spring Hill College in Mobile, Ala., led St. Joseph's to its first semifinal appearance last month. The Redstickers lost to eventual state Class 5A champion Sam Houston in extra innings. She compiled a 26-6 record that included 419 strikeouts.

Guillot, an LSU-Eunice signee, was 21-5 with 275 strikeouts and a 0.74 earned run average, helping the Eagles finish as the Class 3A runners-up to Buckeye. It marked the third time PBS finished as the runner-up during her career. "Some of my good friends are playing either with us or for the other team," Guillot said. "Caroline and I have played against each other since 10-and-under travel ball. Lauren Russell (from Denham Springs) was on my travel ball team for a while.

"My college roommate, Ashley Subervielle (Northshore-Slidell) is also on our team. It's going to be great for all of us to come together and play."

Though their successes have been similar, their styles are somewhat different. Sagrera said her best pitch changes from year to year. She changes speeds well and uses a curve and a screwball to her advantage. Guillot relies on her rise ball, but also mixes in other pitches. "We had a great season," Sagrera said. "Being able to play Saturday just adds something more to that. I can't wait."

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Beaumont nets Hall of Fame honor BY ROBIN FAMBROUGH Advocate sportswriter

Former Redemptorist and St. Joseph's Academy coach Dorinda Beaumont will be inducted into the Louisiana Softball Coaches Association's Hall of Fame in conjunction with the LHSCA All-Star festivities.

Beaumont, who now serves as athletic director at SJA, coached softball coach for 18 years, including 12 years as head coach at St. Joseph's. Her Redemptorist squad won a state title in 1997. She was an assistant coach when the Wolves won a state title in 1992 and when they finished as a runner-up in 1993.

Also, Beaumont has the distinction of coaching in the LHSCA All-Star games for volleyball (1990), basketball (1996) and softball (1997).

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All Star softball rosters BY ROBIN FAMBROUGH Advocate sportswriter

Guillot, Sagrera lead area contingent at softball all-star game

East

Brynn LeBourgeois, Maurepas; Ellen Bainsfather, Monterey; Hanna Cobb, Ouachita Christian; Abigail Dauzat, Menard; Brooklyn Guillot, Parkview Baptist; Nancy Bunting, Grant; Caroline Sagrera, St. Joseph's Academy; Katie Browne, Zachary; Lacie Nugent, Buckeye; Lauren Russell, Denham Springs; Emily Bland, Lutcher; Whitney Troxclair, St. Amant; Natalie Landry, Denham Springs; Candace McHugh, Ouachita; Allison Crum, Dutchtown; Ashley Subervielle, Northshore; Hayley Lavigne, St. Amant; Lysie Nugent, Buckeye.

Head coach: Becky Lambert, Archbishop Hannan Assistant coach: Nancy Ensminger, Dutchtown

West

Gabrielle Miller, Starks; Adrienna Melder, Glenmora; Alayna Falcon, Ascension Catholic; Lindsey Neyland, Evangel Christian; Samantha Buller, Iowa; Leah Bergeron, Vandebilt Catholic; Hannah Haydel, Hahnville; Haley Stroup, Kinder; Sara Corbello, Barbe; Shyanne McDowell, Haughton; Angelica Nunez, Iowa; Shellie Landry, St. Thomas More; Courtney Dutreix, Hahnville; Jenna Kreamer, Evangel Christian; Chelsea Evans, Sam Houston; Taylor Goree, Barbe; Kaitlyn Dupuis, Beau Chene; Catie Smith, Oak Hill.

Head coach: Kenneth Vial, Hahnville Assistant coach: Angie Little, Hackberry