

A young Lady Mustang softball squad looks for growth in 2025

BY WYATT SPARKMAN

North Oldham Softball came into the 2024 season with one upperclassmen before finishing 13-13 and being one run away from making it back to the Eighth Region Tournament.

In his second year as the head coach, Bart Becker has seen a lot of growth and maturity from his team, even after a hard loss to end last season.

"The juniors have really stepped up to lead the team this season," Becker said. "They have played varsity for a while, and I think they now understand what it takes."

With having the majority of his team back this year, Becker feels like the experience gained from 2024 will help his team in 2025.

"It helps tremendously," Becker said. "They have been in almost every situation, some on the good side and some on the bad side, but the experience gained from those situations will pay off."

Becker will get both of his pitchers back this year in juniors Jessalyn Travis and Kadie Bosemer. Bosemer started 15 games, throwing 107 innings and striking out 66 batters. Travis tossed 57.1 innings while starting 11 games last year. Having two upperclassmen lead the defense, Becker feels like it's one of the strengths of the team this year.

"I thought both of them did well last year, and I expect them both to have good seasons on the mound," Becker said. "Both play high-level travel ball, so they have had a summer and fall season of pitching at a high level and have gained more mound experience."

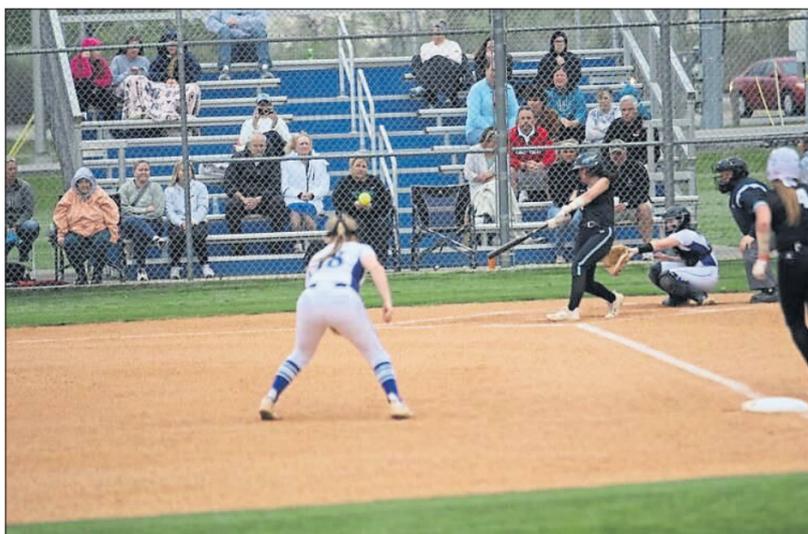
Being the ace last season, Bosemer hit the weight room to get stronger and put in extra work over the offseason to grow her game.

"I've worked really hard on the command of my pitches, and I've even gained a couple MPH," Bosemer said. "I've also worked hard on my mental game, being able to step on the mound and doing what I know how to do."

Bosemer is one of three juniors on the team, the only upperclassmen on the team. She has had to step into a leadership role and know it takes a lot of responsibility.

"I've learned this year leading comes with a lot of responsibility, showing up to practice and working with girls extra if they need it," Bosemer said. "It comes pretty easy when the girls are so much younger. They respect you and are very open to correction, especially coming from a player as opposed to a coach."

Along with Bosemer, Travis is also one of the leaders and veteran presence on the team. She



North Oldham junior Nadia Leber hits the ball in a 2024 game against Oldham County. PHOTO BY Wyatt Sparkman

has learned a lot from last year's senior, Brooke Bennett, on what it means to be a leader.

"I lead by example, bringing energy, consistency and a strong work ethic every day," Travis said. "I watched and learned a lot from Brooke Bennett last year, as she was our lone captain. I also support my teammates by communicating, keeping everyone accountable and staying positive in tough moments."

Travis views her experience last year as invaluable for her, Bosemer and fellow junior Nadia Leber.

"We have been playing varsity since we were in seventh grade," Travis said. "It's helped us grow more confident, make quicker decisions and better anticipate plays. During the summer and fall, playing for a high-level travel ball organization, it has also made me feel more prepared and ready to contribute at a higher level this season. Coach Bart has seen our growth and trusts us to make the right decision and play. Having that support from him and the coaching staff, it's priceless."

Becker will also have seventh grader Palmer White in the rotation as well. She'll get time on freshman and junior varsity to grow her game. Becker expects a big role for her in the near future.

At the plate, North Oldham lost its best offensive player in Brooke Bennett. She led the Lady Mustangs in every offensive statistical category last season. Leber will help fill that void this year. Leber played every game last year, and Becker sees her as one of the most hard-working and competitive players on the team.

"She has gotten stronger with offseason conditioning and worked hard during indoor hitting," Becker said. "I'm excited to see what she can do this year being able to put in a full offseason. Nadia is a really good athlete, and

we trust her to go make plays."

Leber has worked on different parts of her game this offseason and feels confident going into this year.

"I improved on my mental game by staying focused and confident in decisions while being under pressure," Leber said. "Also, I improved on my hitting mechanics by focusing on better timing, bat control and making consistent solid contact with the ball. I have been lifting weights and running to gain the strength needed to hit with more power, increase my speed and improve my endurance throughout the games."

Being one of the three juniors, Leber wants to set a good example on and off the field for her teammates, encouraging her teammates and being positive. She wants to be more consistent hitting and fielding this year and wants to see the team be more consistent too.

"As a team, I want to stay consistent by minimizing mistakes, making smart plays and bringing the same energy every game," Leber said. "We also need to be mentally tough, bouncing back from mistakes or losses and staying confident no matter what. If we stay focused and support each other, we can overcome challenges and keep improving throughout the season."

North will also get back sophomore Campbell White, who was second on the team in batting average and hits last year.

Becker is excited to see her growth going into this year.

"[White] is our leading hitter and will be one of the best in the region," Becker said. "She has gotten stronger in the offseason and worked hard at indoor hitting, so we are excited to have her back leading the batting lineup. We look for Campbell to be strong behind the plate and be a leader for the defense on the field."

The Lady Mustangs will also return two starters in sophomore Avery Becker and freshman Raleigh Becker. Avery is the third best returning batting average from last season. Becker has seen both of them mature since last year.

"Both have worked hard in the offseason, and they know what the expectations are and their roles on the team as our more experienced players," Becker said.

With having such a young roster, Becker has seen multiple underclassmen be able to step up over the offseason. He's seen freshman Tannis Berry, along with eighth graders Claire Streicher and Zoey Thompson and seventh graders Palmer, Addley Becker and Isabelle Kraus improve over the offseason and looks for them to contribute this season.

Bosemer sees Avery and White as big impact players for the team, but she's also seen their younger siblings Addley and Palmer make a step in the offseason.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
 OLDHAM COUNTY BOARD
 OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS
 THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2025 - 9:00 AM

A Public Hearing of the Oldham County Board of Adjustments and Appeals will be held on **Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 9:00 am.** The Public Hearing will be held on the Second Floor of the Oldham County Fiscal Court Annex Building, 100 West Jefferson Street, La Grange, Kentucky.

OC-25-007 – An application has been filed requesting a Conditional Use Permit for a Private Recreation Facility and Swim Club located at 1222 Cliffwood Dr., Goshen.

OC-25-008 – An application has been filed requesting a Conditional Use Permit and a Maximum Square Footage Variance for an Accessory Dwelling Unit located at 4005 Briar Ridge Rd., La Grange.

OC-25-010 – An application has been filed requesting a Conditional Use Permit for an Owner-Occupied Short Term Rental Property located at 1724 Riverside Dr., Prospect.

OC-25-011 – An application has been filed requesting a Conditional Use Permit for an Owner-Occupied Short Term Rental Property located at 6620 Bohannon Ln., La Grange.

Detailed information is on file in the office of the Oldham County Planning and Zoning Commission, Fiscal Court Building, 100 West Jefferson Street, Suite 3, LaGrange, Kentucky and may be examined during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

RYAN FISCHER, DIRECTOR
 OLDHAM COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

LEGAL NOTICE

NO. 24-CI-00422 OLDHAM CIRCUIT COURT

TARTAN'S LANDING MARINA ASSOCIATION PLAINTIFF
 VS BRIAN SHELTON MCCOY, ET AL. DEFENDANTS

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PUBLIC NOTICE
 OLDHAM COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
 TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2025

The following item has been scheduled for Public Hearing by the Oldham County Planning and Zoning Commission to be held on **Tuesday, March 25, 2025.** The Commission Meeting will be held on the second floor of the Oldham County Fiscal Court Building, 100 West Jefferson Street, La Grange, Kentucky.

APPROXIMATE STARTING TIME 9:00 AM

Approval of the February 25, 2025 Oldham County Planning Commission regular meeting minutes.
 Approval and changes to the previously approved December 10, 2024 Planning Commission regular meeting minutes.
DOCKET PZ-25-004 – Application has been filed by 5600 LLC. for a Preliminary Subdivision Plan for 36 single-family lots. The property is located at 5600 Fible Lane, Crestwood is 198.2 acres and zoned, AG-1, Agricultural District and CO-1, Conservation District. -Tabled.
DOCKET PZ-25-008 – An application has been filed by Triple Springs Partners for a Preliminary Subdivision Plan for 93 single-family lots. The property is located at 10201 Highway 329, Prospect, and is 156.4 acres and zoned R-2, Residential District, AG-1, Agricultural District, and CO-1 Conservation District.
DOCKET PZ-25-009 – An application has been filed by Kathryn McBride for a Waiver of Vehicular Use Landscape Area and a Waiver of Parking Regulations for a property located at 1222 Cliffwood Drive, Goshen. The property is 4 acres and zoned R-2, Residential District.
DOCKET PZ-25-010 – An application has been filed by Scott Sumac for a Waiver of the Minor Plat Rule for a property located at 6621 Ramer Lane, Crestwood. The property is 1.033 acres and is zoned R-2, Residential District.
DOCKET PZ-25-011 – An application has been filed by Platinum Homes, LLC for a Waiver to allow residential use in an industrially zoned district for a property located at 102 N. Oak Street, La Grange. The property is 0.08 acres and zoned I-1, Light Industrial.

Detailed information concerning this application is on file in the office of the Oldham County Planning and Zoning Commission, Fiscal Court Building, 100 West Jefferson Street, Suite 3, LaGrange, Kentucky and may be examined during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

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