

South Newton Softball History

In February of 1992, Heather Yost, then a SNHS sophomore, took the first step in making SNHS softball more than just a dream. At that time Heather noticed that, "...While many of us South Newton girls have run out of softball opportunities, girls of surrounding schools haven't. Many surrounding schools have school supported softball teams."

"...At that point, I decided that something needed to change. So I presented a petition of 57 girls names who would participate in softball at South Newton to the administration."

Heather then went on to show that she was serious about a school softball program by participating on the boys' baseball team that spring. She conditioned, practiced, worked, learned, and competed with the guys for three months. She completed her first year of high school baseball, hoping it would be her last. Her true desire was to get the girls a team of their own.

In 1993, Heather's dream became a reality as South Newton fielded its first softball team. There were 14 participants who competed in 13 games that first season. All games were on the road that year because of lack of an available field.

South Newton's first home games were played in the spring of 1994. The town of Goodland agreed to let the high school team use their men's softball field in the park for practices and games. Over the next four years, South Newton's softball team continued practicing and playing games on men's diamonds in both Brook and Goodland. Although the players and coaches were grateful for the use of the fields, it became obvious that the team would soon need its own playing field with fastpitch dimensions.

"I remember in 1998 when Pioneer came to the Goodland Park to play us," Coach Belcher said. "They got off the bus after an hour and 10 minute trip. They couldn't believe it when we told them we had no access to restrooms. Some of our players then volunteered to drive the Pioneer players to the local gas station a few blocks away. There were three or four full carloads of players that soon pulled away. Within about 15 minutes they had all returned, and we began warming up for the game."

After much persistence and patience, the new SN softball field was completed in time for the 1999 season. The field is located behind the elementary school next to the baseball diamond. The infield is an ag-lime surface. The field measures 220 feet down the lines and 212 ft to straight away center. It has become a very nice facility because of the continued improvements and upkeep by our grounds and maintenance department.

In 2002 South Newton had its first full junior varsity squad complete with 10 contests of their own. The varsity team continues to maintain their own schedule of 25+ contests. The current softball players have many predecessors to thank for the softball program they enjoy today. Former principals, coaches, board members, players, and Athletic Director have all helped with the continued development of the softball program.

One would hope that today's softball program would make Heather Yost proud. Heather currently works for the NCAA in Indianapolis, Indiana. She is the liaison for collegiate softball rules.

Quotes and information courtesy of South Newton High School's The Rebel Charge, 1992

History			
Year	Varsity Coach	J.V. Coach	Record
2016	Brittany Diedam	Ashley Hawkins	14-11
2015	Kayla Villalobos	Brittany Diedam	3-13
2014	Kayla Villalobos	Brittany Diedam	6-15
2013	Robin Rice	Kayla Villalobos	2-14
2012	Robin Rice	Sara Hively	5-16
2011	Matt Dombroski	Chris Doyle	7-18
2010	Matt Dombroski	Chris Doyle	10-14
2009	Phil Halsema	Shannon Lovely	8-17
2008	Phil Halsema	Shannon Lovely	8-13
2007	Phil Halsema	Amy Sell	2-19
2006	Shannon Lovely	Mel Stowers	6-15-2002
2005	Michelle Wegner	Kylie Clauss	11-13
2004	Jennifer Belcher	Kathy Hetterick	9-18-2001
2003	Jennifer Belcher	Cory Dewing	15-12
2002	Jennifer Belcher	Cory Dewing	7-14-2001
2001	Jennifer Belcher	Cory Dewing	14-13
2000	Jennifer Belcher	Brian Pilarski	8-14
1999	Jennifer Belcher	Lori Murphy	3-18
1998	Jennifer Belcher	Rob Belcher	3-18
1997	Rob Belcher	Jennifer Belcher	4-13
1996	Hugh Larson	Rob Belcher	4-13
1995	Hugh Larson	Lori Murphy	2-12
1994	Hugh Larson	Jennifer Belcher	5-12
1993	Hugh Larson	Darrell Reed	0-13

TEAM RECORD				
2010 222 Runs - 9.5 Runs/Game				
HIGHEST SEASON BATTING AVERAGE				
Player	Year	BB	H	BA
Nickie Winkler	2003	24	50	0.581
April Boldman	1993	6	18	0.529
Nickie Winkler	2001	7	43	0.512
Brittney Hancock	2012	2	29	0.492
Sara Hively	2003	11	43	0.483
Nickie Winkler	2002	10	34	0.479
Erin Whaley	1995	8	18	0.474
Sheri Deno	1996	0	21	0.429
Kylee Ramon	2015	7	30	0.476
Shelby Rose	2015	5	27	0.422
HIGHEST CAREER BATTING AVERAGE				
Player	PA	H	BA	
Sara Hively	103	43	0.483	
Nickie Winkler	370	151	0.482	
Sheri Deno	133	46	0.38	
April Boldman	201	67	0.376	
Carrie Robertson	302	92	0.347	
Erin Whaley	139	40	0.331	
Amanda Risley	103	30	0.316	
Heather Wampler	161	40	0.315	
Megan Molter	94	25	0.313	
Heather Yost	55	13	0.302	
MOST HITS IN A SEASON				
Player	Year	H		
Nickie Winkler	2003	50		
Sara Hively	2003	43		
Nickie Winkler	2001	43		
Nickie Winkler	2002	34		
Kylie Tebo	2010	33		
Hayley Warne	2016	32		

Carrie Robertson	2001	32		
Bethany Wiltfang	2009	32		
MOST HITS IN A CAREER				
Player	PA			
Nickie Winkler	370			
Carrie Robertson	302			
Brittany Miiller	296			
Sarah Datzman	318			
Ellen Walkup	271			
Lana Brown	307			
Michelle Groscost	299			
April Boldman	201			
Lacey Henderson	269			
Dannielle Beaver	276			
Trisha Jones	246			
Sheri Deno	133			
Sara Hively	103			
MOST RUNS IN A SEASON				
Player	Year	R		
Nickie Winkler	2003	50		
Sara Hively	2003	36		
Nickie Winkler	2001	33		
Kylie Tebo	2010	32		
Sarah Datzman	2001	31		
Kelsea Willey	2016	30		
Nickie Winkler	2002	29		
MOST RUNS IN A CAREER				
Player	PA	R		
Nickie Winkler	370	135		
Sarah Datzman	318	79		
Michelle Groscost	174	65		
Dannielle Beaver	276	63		
Ellen Walkup	271	54		
Carrie Robertson	302	53		

Lana Brown	307	52		
Trisha Jones	246	46		
April Boldman	133	43		
Sheri Deno	139	39		
Heather Wampler	161	37		
MOST RBI'S IN A SEASON				
Player	Year	PA	RBI	
Nickie Winkler	2003	111	46	
Nickie Winkler	2001	94	34	
Nickie Winkler	2002	85	34	
Kaitlyn Rose	2010		34	
Kylie Tebo	2010		28	
Carrie Robertson	2001	90	26	
Hayley Warne	2016	95	24	
Kelsea Willey	2016	99	23	
Ellen Walkup	2003	101	21	
Bethany Wiltfang	2010		21	
MOST RBI'S IN A CAREER				
Player	PA	RBI		
Nickie Winkler	370	126		
Carrie Robertson	302	63		
Brittany Miiller	296	54		
Lana Brown	307	47		
Ellen Walkup	271	43		
Casey Hays	206	36		
Trisha Jones	246	34		
Sarah Datzman	318	33		
Michelle Groscost	299	33		
April Boldman	201	33		
Lacey Henderson	269	33		
MOST STOLEN BASES IN A SEASON				
Player	Year	PA	SB	
Sara Hively	2003	103	27	
Nickie Winkler	2003	111	18	

Sarah Datzman	2001	101	17	
Kelsea Willey	2016	99	17	
Shelby Rose	2015	69	15	
Nickie Winkler	2001	94	15	
Trisha Jones	2002	73	15	
Mackenzi Marohl	2015	69	14	
Jill Beasley	2016	91	13	
Trisha Jones	2003	106	13	
Amanda Risley	1994	56	13	
Kelsey Hancock	2007	73	13	

MOST STOLEN BASES IN A CAREER

Player	PA	SB		
Nickie Winkler	370	50		
Sarah Datzman	318	42		
Trisha Jones	246	35		
Sara Hively	103	27		
Kelsey Hancock	290	25		
April Boldman	201	23		
Amanda Risley	103	23		
Lana Brown	307	23		
Jenna Bard	115	18		
Michelle Groscost	299	18		
Ellen Walkup	271	18		

MOST HOME RUNS IN A SEASON

Player	Year	PA	HR	
Nickie Winkler	2002	85	7	
Nickie Winkler	2003	111	5	
Nickie Winkler	2001	94	5	
Hayley Warne	2016	95	4	
Shanelle Embery	2016	83	3	
Kylee Ramon	2016	89	3	

MOST HOME RUNS IN A CAREER

Player	PA	HR		
Nickie Winkler	370	18		

Carrie Robertson	302	2		
Sheri Deno	133	2		
Sarah Datzman	318	1		
Michelle Groscost	299	1		
Melody Miller	140	1		
Erin Whaley	139	1		
Megan Molter	94	1		
Ellen Walkup	271	1		
Trisha Jones	246	1		
Brittany Miiller	296	1		
Lana Brown	307	1		
MOST TRIPLES IN A SEASON				
Player	Year	PA	3B	
Nickie Winkler	2003	111	12	
Kelsea Willey	2016	99	9	
Nickie Winkler	2002	85	7	
Nickie Winkler	2001	94	6	
Kaitlyn Rose	2010		5	
Kylee Ramon	2016	89	4	
Kelsey Hancock	2008	69	4	
MOST TRIPLES IN A CAREER				
Player	PA	3B		
Nickie Winkler	370	27		
Kelsey Hancock	290	9		
April Boldman	201	5		
Sarah Datzman	318	4		
Dannielle Beaver	276	4		
Trisha Jones	246	4		
Ellen Walkup	271	3		
Casey Hays	206	3		
Sheri Deno	133	3		
MOST DOUBLES IN A SEASON				
Player	Year	PA	2B	
Sydney Swartz	2012		9	

Shanelle Embery	2016	83	9	
Bethany Wiltfang	2009	97	7	
Brittany Miiller	2008	68	7	
Nickie Winkler	2001	94	7	
Carrie Robertson	2001	94	7	
Michelle Groscost	2001	90	7	
Kylie Tebo	2010		7	
Hayley Warne	2016	89	7	
Kylee Ramon	2016	89	7	

MOST DOUBLES IN A CAREER

Player	PA	2B		
Nickie Winkler	370	21		
Carrie Robertson	302	20		
Brittany Miiller	296	15		
Michelle Groscost	299	14		
Lacey Henderson	269	13		
Dannielle Beaver	276	9		
Ellen Walkup	271	9		
Erin Whaley	139	8		
Sarah Datzman	318	7		
Sheri Deno	133	7		
Lana Brown	307	5		
Courtney Berry	178	5		

MOST WALKS IN A SEASON

Player	Year	PA	BB	
Nickie Winkler	2003	111	24	
Jill Beasley	2016	91	24	
Dannielle Beaver	2001	82	22	
Heather Wampler	2003	100	21	
Ali Hays	2010		21	
Kelsea Willey	2016	99	20	
Michelle Groscost	2001	90	17	
Amy Sell	1998	59	16	
Ericka Madison	1996	47	16	
Austina Reed	1993	38	16	

MOST WALKS IN A CAREER				
Player	PA	BB		
Dannielle Beever	276	61		
Nickie Winkler	370	48		
Sarah Datzman	318	46		
Michelle Groscost	299	39		
Heather W.	161	33		
Melody Miller	140	32		
Carrie Robertson	302	29		
Trisha Jones	246	29		
Margo Suiter	170	29		
Austina Reed	124	29		
MOST AT-BATS IN A SEASON				
Player	Year	AB		
Ellen Walkup	2003	93		
Trisha Jones	2003	92		
Sarah Datzman	2001	90		
Hayley Warne	2016	89		
Sara Hively.	2003	89		
Kylie Tebo	2010	87		
Jaimie Diedam	2016	87		
Nickie Winkler	2003	86		
Bethany Wiltfang	2009	86		
Bethany Wiltfang	2010	86		
Taylor Diedam	2010	85		
Nickie Winkler	2001	84		
MOST AT-BATS IN A CAREER				
Player	AB			
Nickie Winkler	313			
Lana Brown	307			
Sarah Datzman	270			
Lacey Henderson	269			
Brittany Miiller	267			
Carrie Robertson	265			
Michelle Groscost	256			

Kelsey Hancock	249			
Ellen Walkup	248			
Trisha Jones	213			
Dannielle Beaver	211			

HIGHEST ON-BASE PERCENTAGE IN A SEASON

Player	Year	PA	OBP	
Nickie Winkler	2003	111	0.694	
April Boldman	1993	42	0.619	
Nickie Winkler	2001	94	0.602	
Nickie Winkler	2002	85	0.6	
Sheri Deno	1997	54	0.593	
Michelle Groscost	2001	90	0.589	
Erin Whaley	1995	46	0.565	
Sara Hively	2003	103	0.563	
Rebecca Roggeveen	1998	18	0.556	
Meghan Jordan	2009	71	0.549	

HIGHEST ON-BASE PERCENTAGE IN A CAREER

Player	PA	OBP		
Nickie Winkler	370	0.602		
Sara Hively	103	0.563		
Rebecca Roggeveen	18	0.556		
Heather Wampler	161	0.497		
Carrie Robertson	302	0.49		
Sherri Deno	133	0.481		
Amy Sell	69	0.464		
Dannielle Beaver	276	0.455		
Heather Yost	55	0.455		
Michelle Groscost	299	0.452		

HIGHEST SLUGGING PERCENTAGE IN A SEASON
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Player	Year	PA	Slg	
Nickie Winkler	2003	111	1.105	
Nickie Winkler	2002	85	1	
Nickie Winkler	2001	94	0.917	
April Boldman	1993	42	0.765	

Kelsea Willey	2016	99	0.722	
Erin Whaley	1995	46	0.658	
Kylee Ramon	2015	71	0.683	
Shelbey Rose	2015	69	0.641	
Shanelle Embery	2016	83	0.618	
Kylee Ramon	2016	89	0.61	
Kelsea Willey	2015	67	0.6	

HIGHEST SLUGGING PERCENTAGE IN A CAREER
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Player	PA	SLG		
Nickie Winkler	370	0.895		
Sheri Deno	133	0.537		
Sara Hively	103	0.483		
April Boldman	201	0.455		
Carrie Robertson	302	0.453		
Erin Whaley	139	0.421		
Megan Molter	94	0.387		
Amanda Risley	103	0.379		
Ellen Walkup	271	0.367		
Heather Yost	55	0.349		

MOST GAMES PLAYED IN A CAREER

Player	G			
Nickie Winkler	96			
Lana Brown	89			
Carrie Robertson	89			
Michelle Groscost	88			
Brittany Miiller	87			
Kelsey Hancock	87			
Sarah Datzman	86			
Lacey Henderson	84			
Dannielle Beaver	81			
Ellen Walkup	78			
Trisha Jones	78			

HIGHEST FIELDING PERCENTAGE IN A SEASON

Player	Year	C	E	FA
Jessica Winger	2000	15	0	1
Austina Reed	1995	78	1	0.987
Brittany Miiller	2009	183	3	0.984
Brittany Miiller	2008	168	4	0.977
Carrie Robertson	2001	153	4	0.974
Casey Hays	2003	73	2	0.973
Carrie Robertson	2002	208	6	0.971
Kim Donaldson	2003	196	6	0.969
Austina Reed	1994	97	3	0.969
Carrie Robertson	2000	150	5	0.967
Melody Miller	1994	75	3	0.96
Shanelle Embery	2016	75	3	0.96

HIGHEST CAREER FIELDING PERCENTAGE

Player	C	E	FA	
Austina Reed	175	4	0.977	
Brittany Miiller	502	14	0.973	
Kim Donaldson	196	6	0.969	
Carrie Robertson	629	22	0.965	
Jessica Winger	21	1	0.952	
Katie Harmon	95	5	0.947	
Amy Renfrow	101	7	0.931	
Alex Beckman	61	5	0.918	
Kelsey Hancock	304	27	0.918	
Megan Suiter	47	4	0.915	

MOST PITCHING STARTS IN A SEASON

Player	Year	GS		
Kelsea Willey	2016	25		
Amy Renfrow	2003	23		
Kylie Tebo	2010	21		
Lacey Henderson	2008	18		
Dannielle Beever	2000	17		
Lacey Henderson	2007	17		
Amy Renfrow	2002	16		
Dannielle Beever	2001	16		
Dannielle Beever	1999	15		
Heather Bitler	1997	15		
Lacey Henderson	2006	15		

MOST PITCHING STARTS IN A CAREER

Player	GS			
Lacey Henderson	63			
Dannielle Beever	52			
Amy Renfrow	39			
Heather Bitler	38			
Amanda Risley	22			
Jessica Schriener	12			
Nickie Winkler	10			
Alex Beckman	10			
Jill Wheelock	10			

MOST COMPLETE GAMES PITCHED IN A SEASON

Player	Year	CG		
Amy Renfrow	2003	23		
Kelsea Willey	2016	22		
Kylie Tebo	2010	18		
Lacey Henderson	2008	17		
Lacey Henderson	2007	16		
Dannielle Beever	2000	16		
Amy Renfrow	2002	15		
Heather Bitler	1997	15		

Dannielle Beever	2001	15		
Lacey Henderson	2006	15		

MOST COMPLETE GAMES PITCHED IN A CAREER
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Player	CG			
Lacey Henderson	62			
Dannielle Beever	43			
Amy Renfrow	38			
Heather Bitler	37			
Amanda Risley	21			
Jessica Schriener	9			
Alex Beckman	7			
Taylor Halsema	7			

MOST WINS PITCHED IN A SEASON

Player	Year	W		
Amy Renfrow	2003	13		
Dannielle Beever	2001	9		
Kylie Tebo	2010	9		
Lacey Henderson	2008	8		
Lacey Henderson	2005	6		
Dannielle Beever	2000	5		
Amy Renfrow	2002	5		
Amanda Risley	1994	5		

MOST WINS PITCHED IN A CAREER

Player	W			
Amy Renfrow	18			
Lacey Henderson	18			
Dannielle Beever	17			
Heather Bitler	9			
Alex Beckman	6			
Amanda Risley	5			
Nickie Winkler	5			

MOST INNINGS PITCHED IN A SEASON

Player	Year	IP		

Amy Renfrow	2003	154		
Kelsea Willey	2016	149		
Lacey Henderson	2008	124		
Kylie Tebo	2010	123		
Lacey Henderson	2007	118.1		
Amy Renfrow	2002	112		
Lacey Henderson	2006	111		
Dannielle Beaver	2000	110.1		
Dannielle Beaver	2001	108.1		

MOST INNINGS PITCHED IN A CAREER

Player	IP			
Lacey Henderson	446.1			
Dannielle Beaver	334.2			
Kelsea Willey	310			
Amy Renfrow	266			
Heather Bitler	250.2			
Amanda Risley	120			
Taylor Halsema	79.2			
Nickie Winkler	65			
Jessica Schriener	62.1			

MOST STRIKEOUTS IN A SEASON

Player	Year	SO		
Kelsea Willey	2016	187		
Lacey Henderson	2007	111		
Lacey Henderson	2008	104		
Kylie Tebo	2010	95		
Kelsea Willey	2016	92		
Amy Renfrow	2003	90		
Lacey Henderson	2006	78		
Kelsea Willey	2016	74		
Dannielle Beaver	2001	64		

MOST STRIKEOUTS IN A CAREER

Player	SO			
Kelsea Willey	360			

Lacey Henderson	346			
Dannielle Beaver	170			
Amy Renfrow	149			
Heather Bitler	90			
Amanda Risley	45			
Nickie Winkler	39			
Alex Beckman	35			
Taylor Halsema	35			

LOWEST SEASON E.R.A. (Minimum 21 Innings)
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Player	Year	IP	ER	ERA
Lacey Henderson	2008	124	45	2.54
Lacey Henderson	2005	93	35	2.63
Taylor Halsema	2009	79.2	31	2.72
Dannielle Beaver	2001	108.1	51	3.3
Kelsea Willey	2016	146	69	3.308
Lacey Henderson	2006	111	55	3.47
Amy Renfrow	2002	112	60	3.75
Dannielle Beaver	2000	110.1	60	3.81

LOWEST CAREER E.R.A. (Minimum 40 Innings)
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Player	IP	ER	ERA
Taylor Halsema	79.2	31	2.72
Lacey Henderson	446.1	217	3.4
Amy Renfrow	266	166	4.37
Dannielle Beaver	334.2	251	5.25
Alex Beckman	59	45	5.34
Kelsea Willey	310	252	5.68
Nickie Winkler	65	66	7.11
Heather Bitler	250.2	288	8.04
Amanda Risley	120	192	11.2
Jessica Schriener	62.1	143	16.06

STATS CODE KEY

Batting Stats

PA - Plate Appearances
G - Games
AB - At Bats
R - Runs
H - Hits
2B - Doubles
3B - Triples
HR - Home Runs
BB - Base on Balls
SO - Strike Outs
SAC - Sacrifices
SB - Stolen Bases
RBI - Runs Batted In
OBP - On Base Percentage
Slg - Slugging Percentage
BA - Batting Average

Fielding Stats

G - Games
PO - Put Outs
A - Attempts
E - Errors
C - Catches
DP - Double Plays
PB - Passed Balls
SB - Stolen Bases Allowed by Catcher
CS - Caught Stealing by Catcher
CSA - Caught Stealing Average
FA - Fielding Average

Pitching Stats

BF - Batters Faced
TP - Total Pitches
S - Strikes
SPct - Strike Percentage
G - Games
IP - Innings Pitched
R - Runs
ER - Earned Runs
H - Hits
2B - Doubles
3B - Triples
HR - Home Runs
BB - Base on Balls
HB - Hit Batters
SO - Strike Outs
WP - Wild Pitches
W - Wins
L - Losses
Sv - Saves
Sho - Shut Outs
ERA - Earned Run Average