

**Lady Eagles win
first three games**

The Vienna High School girls softball team has won the first three games of the year.

On Monday the Eagles opened the season on the road against St. James. Vienna won the game 14-3 in five innings.

Offensively, senior catcher Amy Hollis was 2-2 with 4 stolen bases. Senior first baseman Debra Lee Snodgrass was 2-3 with 2 RBI's and a stolen base. Rebecca Henderson, Natalie Thornton, Jody Weed and Beth Stratman each added one hit.

Ellie Byrd was the winning pitcher, giving up 2 hits and 5 walks, while striking out 6.

In the junior varsity game the Eagles dropped a 14-11 decision after battling back from a 3-12 deficit. Amanda Stratman and Tori Woods had 2 hits. Sarah Henderson, Casey Steinman, Sarah Stokes, Megan James, Diane Weider, Lacey Baxter and Holly Schwartze added 1 hit each. Amanda Stratman and Sarah Stokes combined to do the pitching.

On Wednesday the varsity Eagles opened their home season with an 18-3 victory over Gasconade Valley Conference foe Bourbon. The game was shortened to three innings by the 15-run rule.

Bourbon pitchers issued Vienna 13 walks. Both Amy Hollis and Jody Weed had 1 hit and 4 stolen bases. Amanda Juergens had 1 hit and 3 stolen bases. Ellie Byrd had 1 hit and 3 stolen bases. Debra Lee Snodgrass and Rebecca Henderson added 1 hit each. Jenny Fick stole 2 bases.

The winning pitcher was Ellie Byrd who gave up 0 earned runs, 4 hits and 3 walks while striking out 4.

In the JV game the Lady Eagles evened their record at 1-1 with a 14-1 victory over the Warhawks. Megan James had 1 hit and 5 stolen bases. Tori Woods had 1 hit and 3 stolen bases. Leslie Sansoucie, Holly Schwartze, Lacey Baxter and Diane Weider added 1 hit each. Amanda Stratman was the winning pitcher, giving up 1 hit and 4 walks while striking out 5 in her 3 innings of work.

On Friday the Eagles traveled to Iberia to take on the defending district champions. The Rangers took advantage of some miscues on defense by Vienna to take a 3-0 lead. The Eagles tied the score in the third inning on three hits and an error.

Vienna then blew the game open with 7 runs in the fourth. The big blow was a 3 run double by cleanup hitter Debra Lee Snodgrass.

The Eagles scored three more

runs in the 5th to take a 10-run lead, 13-3. Vienna was within one out of ending the game by the 10-run rule but two errors and a hit kept Iberia alive.

The Rangers scored 5 runs but it was not enough as Vienna held on for a 13-8 win.

Debra Lee Snodgrass and Ellie Byrd each had 3 hits. Snodgrass also knocked in 5 RBI's. Jody Weed, Beth Stratman and Amy Hollis each had 2 hits. Natalie Thornton had 1 hit. Amanda Juergens earned 2 RBI's.

Ellie Byrd was the winning pitcher, giving up 7 hits, 2 earned runs and 3 walks, while striking out 2. No JV game was played.