



**BUNT** - Senior Beth Stratman lays down a perfect bunt in the conference contest against Belle last week. Vienna captured the GVC championship with a 9-2 victory over the Lady Tigers.

## Softball varsity and JV win GVC championships

On Tuesday, September 24, the Vienna Eagles varsity softball team won the Gasconade Valley Conference Championship with a convincing 9-2 win over the Belle Tigers at Vienna.

Belle took the lead with 1 run in the first, but Vienna answered with 6 runs in the bottom of the 2nd to take a lead they would not relinquish. Belle added 1 run in the 4th. Vienna scored 2 in the 3rd and added their final run in the 4th.

Freshman Hannah Schiermeier threw a strong game, giving up just 3 hits and 2 walks while striking out 3. Misty Willoughby led the offense with 2 hits and 3 RBIs. Amanda Henderson had 2 hits,

Tasha Sandbothe, Amber Asher, Whitney Wieberg, Kelley Wieberg and Beth Stratman added 1 hit. Tasha Sandbothe had 2 RBIs. Beth Stratman stole 2 bases.

After the game, Coach Byrd commented, "Winning a conference championship is always a fine achievement. Despite our youth, our players were very focused and confident. Hannah threw a really excellent game. Our defense was strong and, offensively, we ran the bases very aggressively and intelligently. I am very proud of all our players, but, particularly, of our seniors. It's great to go out as a champion!"

The JV girls also won the

conference, ending with the same 4-0 record as the varsity. On Tuesday, they defeated the JV Belle Tigers 6-5. Amanda

Stratman was the winning pitcher, giving up 3 hits and 6 walks while striking out 7. Amber Asher had 1 hit and 2 RBIs. Sarah French had 1 hit and 1 RBI.

In other action, last week the Eagles hosted Tuscumbia on Monday and Iberia on Thursday. On Monday, the varsity girls defeated Tuscumbia 15-6. Beth Stratman, Whitney Wieberg and Misty Willoughby each had 3 hits. Kelley Wieberg and Tasha Sandbothe had 2 hits. Natalie Thornton, Amanda Stratman and Amber Asher each had 1 hit. Whitney Wieber had 4 RBIs and 2 stolen bases. One of her hits was a home run.

Kelley Wieberg had 3 RBIs. Amanda Stratman and Beth Stratman had 2 RBIs. Amanda Henderson and Amanda Stratman combined to get the pitching victory. Henderson threw 4 innings, giving up 4 hits and 1 walk while striking out 4. Stratman threw 3 innings, giving up 4 hits and 4 walks while striking out 3.

In the JV game, the Eagles made quite a few errors and lost 12-7. Emily Page had 2 hits. Kelly Vogt, Amanda Helton, Lindsay Helton, Amber Asher, Sarah French and Tasha Sandbothe each had 1.

On Thursday, the varsity girls spotted Iberia a 7-0 lead, but fought back to drop a narrow 11-10 decision. Vienna had numerous chances to take the lead, but could not come up with the timely hit. Whitney Wieberg had 3 hits and 4 RBIs. Beth Stratman added 2 hits,

Hannah Schiermeier was the losing pitcher, giving up 11 hits and 3 walks while striking out 2.

In the JV game, Vienna edged Iberia 8-7. Tori Woods had 2 hits. Lindsay Helton and Laurel Kingery had 1 hit each. Amanda Stratman was the winning pitcher, giving up 3 hits and 2 walks while striking out 3.

The varsity girls record is now 8-5 overall. The JV girls are 7-2.