

Vienna blanks St. James in season softball opener

■ *No errors committed on defense; pitchers give up zero walks*

The Vienna High School varsity softball team opened their season Monday, August 22 with a convincing 7-0 victory over the St. James Lady Tigers.

Senior hurler Hannah Schiermeier was the winning pitcher, giving up just 3 hits in the game. Schiermeier had no walks and struck out 3.

Junior center fielder Leann Stratman led the offense with a triple and a single. Senior shortstop

Laurel Kingery had a double, single and 2 stolen bases.

Schiermeier helped out offensively, as well, with 2 hits, 2 stolen bases and 2 RBI's. Senior third baseman Sarah French had 1 hit and an RBI while senior first baseman Amanda Helton stole 2 bases.

Vienna did not commit an error on defense in the contest.

In the junior varsity

contest, Vienna took advantage of 7 walks and 1 hit batsman to defeat the Lady Tigers 8-3.

Freshman Jennifer Vogt was the winning pitcher, giving up 1 earned run on 2 hits, while walking none and striking out 1. Vienna committed 4 errors in the contest.

"Our pitchers did not walk a single batter in either ball game. That is a good start on a winning formula,"

said Head Coach Mick Byrd. "The varsity game was as solid a game as we've ever had a team play in the season opener. If we consistently play at that level, we're going to have a fun year."

Vienna is now 1-0 on the season. They will host Cuba on Tuesday, Sept. 6. and will host Fatima on Thursday, Sept. 8 before traveling to Steelville on Friday, Sept. 9. Games begin at 5:00 p.m.