



## Softball season is underway

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It has been nearly 15 years that high school softball players have had to play their sport only as a club.

The sport was yanked from the ranks of the sanctioned during one of many financial crunches, but beginning this year softball players are extra anxious to get started because the sport is once again UHSAA sanctioned.

Coaches, principals and players alike are very excited to get it underway.

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"I'm looking forward to it," said UHSAA Vice-President and Layton High Principal Paul Smith. "I don't think that there is anything ceremonial about it though. It will be like any boys' sport."

Girls softball is expected to cost more than \$4,000 per school per year, including officials, which presents a budgeting problem at

Layton since the Davis District gave its schools a start-up fee of \$3,800.

Smith said the money over and above \$3,800 will come out of in-house school funds.

"It puts a greater burden on in-house school funds because the overflow (money) has got to come from somewhere," he said.

Clearfield Coach Rick Miller agreed it is an exciting time.

"We just handed out uniforms and it was like Christmas," he said. "Parents are glad to have it back too. It presents another opportunity for girls to play higher level sports."

Layton senior softball player Ricci Bell's comments echo the feeling of players statewide.

"It's neat to have softball (sanctioned)," she said. "Now the girls get excited about playing and that is something I like to see."

Smith believes there are many

advantages to having sanctioned girls softball.

"Students get an opportunity to participate and the community may get to know an athlete who may have not been known without it," he said. "It (softball) will have a lot of structure. Anytime you take a sport out of a club category it will be more organized."

It was only a year ago that softball players around the state were fighting in the courts for their right to have the sport of softball sanctioned, and now practice has already begun with the first games to be played March 15.

## Sports briefs

### Kaysville announces Jr. Jazz champions

KAYSVILLE — Kaysville City Recreation has announced the winners of its seventh and eighth grade boys Jr. Jazz Basketball tournament.

The first place team was coached by Jerry Hintze and the member of the team were: Chris Hintze, Shawn Hunt, Mike Higley, Spencer Allen, Matthew Meredith, Ricky Lochhead, Spencer Rose and Michel DeDecker.

The second place team was coached by Craig Hill and the members of the team were: Craig Hall, Shane Forester, Robert Holland, Brian Hafen, David Hart, Benjamin Rich, Bill Hansen, Adam Sheffield and Brodie Berriochoa.

### Big game board to hold input meeting

This month, the Utah Board of Big Game Control will travel around the state to hear public comments concerning big game hunting opportunities and regulations.

These public meetings are designed for concerned citizens to learn more about hunting in Utah and participate in the big game hunting rulemaking process.

All meetings will start at 7 p.m. The board will meet in its executive session on Saturday, March 31, beginning at 8 a.m. in the Division of Wildlife Resources Auditorium, 1596 W. North Temple, to discuss the recommendations from these meetings and set the fall hunts and regulations.

Members of the Board of Big Game are: Timothy H. Provan, chairman and Director of the Division of Wildlife Resources, Merrell R. Miller representing sportsmen; Newell A. Johnson representing woolgrowers; Greg Cunningham representing public lands.

The following is when and where a public meeting is being held in the area.

March 23, Ogden, Mt. Ogden High School, 3260 Harrison Blvd.

### Basic boating skills seminar to be held

Basic boating skills will be taught in seminars offered this spring by the Utah Division of Parks and Recreation.

Four seminars will be taught throughout Utah beginning April 21.

The seminars are designed especially for beginning and experienced boaters and are taught in two-day sessions. The first day is spent in classroom instruction. Instructors will teach basic skills in launching, retrieving and operating a boat safely.

An optional hands-on instruction period will be offered at local reservoirs the next day. Participants will use their own boats. Appointments may be made the first day of instruction.

The seminars are free to the public and are limited to 35 people per seminar. Reservations can be made by calling Jo Lynn Weyland at 538-7361.

The dates and locations in our area are as follows: April 21 and 22 (Ogden area) 5488 S. 2700 West (behind Moweda), Roy. Classroom instruction - Saturday, April 21, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hands-on instruction - Sunday, April 22, at Willard Bay State Park, South Marina.

For additional information contact the Utah Division of Parks and Recreation at 538-7221.

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- Lakeside Review Boys and Girls All-Area basketball team. (Color photos)
- Preview on Roy High's softball team.
- Preview on Clearfield High's baseball team.
- Preview on Layton High's soccer team.
- Preview on Davis High's track team.

## Local girl wants to play football

10-year-old is considering litigation to be able to play

By DONNA BROWN  
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SYRACUSE — 10-year-old Jennifer Bosley wants to play football.

Last fall Syracuse City recreation officials signed-up and suited up their first ever female member.

But, when her name was submitted to the local youth football league, she, her parents, Cheryl and Tim Bosley, and the city learned that in the title, Wasatch Front Football League for Boys, the emphasis is on the word "boys."

According to the league's current by-laws Bosley can't play because she is a girl.

When Syracuse Recreation Director Robert Miller signed her up he said, "I figured, gee, we're in the 90's here."

He said he didn't foresee the problems with the league.

The WFFL began in the late 1950's and currently the league has 112 to 120 teams involved. About 3,500 boys ages 7-to-17 play on the league.

The issue will be one of the first items on the league's agenda for a meeting to be held in late April.

Despite opposition from the WFFL last year, the city allowed Bosley to continue practicing with the Syracuse team, Miller said. Because they were in violation of the league's by-laws, the city risked losing its franchise. No action was taken.

In the meantime, WFFL President David Donahoe encouraged the Bosleys to pursue legal action.

"I kind of told them that maybe the best way to get it all solved is if somebody did take legal action and if the court forced us to make the ruling," Donahoe said.

The Bosleys sought the advice of a lawyer and found it would cost them a minimum of \$1,000 to bring a case against the league. "I'm not sure that \$1,000 is something we could afford," Mrs. Bosley said.

They contacted the American Civil Liberties Union. The ACLU sent them a complaint form to fill out. Bosley said Don-

ahoe then asked that the parents allow the WFFL officials a chance to resolve the issue on their own.

The form sits on the Bosley's coffee table, awaiting the league's decision.

"We sat down and talked about it with her for a couple of hours," Mrs. Bosley said. "We explained that this would be a long drawn-out process. . . she was the one that decided she was going to suit-up for practice and wear her jersey until they let her play."

"We haven't officially changed the by-laws, and I don't know that we will, but I think what we'll do is just allow the girls to sign-up," Donahoe said.

Despite Donahoe's optimism, he said he cannot guarantee that the other league officials will agree and vote in favor of the girls.

Bosley said, "some of the girls in my school say they want to play but they were afraid to sign up because people would laugh at them."

Did people laugh at Jennifer? "Just a couple people who like to brag about themselves," she said.

Mrs. Bosley said by the end of the season, "people were laughing a lot less."

Jennifer attended most of the practices all season. The city allowed her to play in practice games.

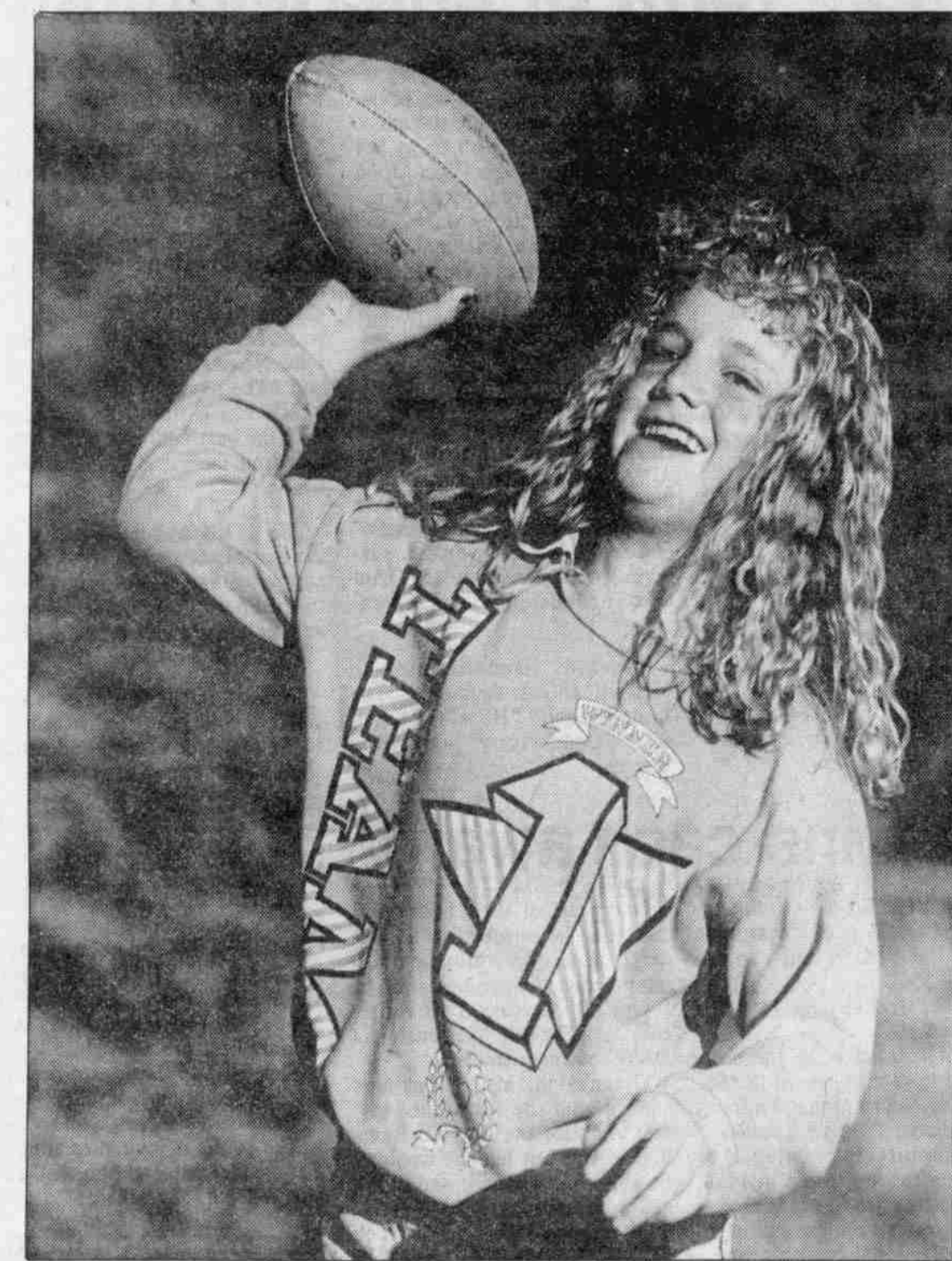
"We'd have to braid her hair and clip it all up so nobody knew she was a girl," Mrs. Bosley said.

According to her father, Jennifer played first string during practice games. When it came time to play with the league, Jennifer was the water girl.

The Bosley's are the first family to challenge the WFFL by-laws since a case brought against the league by Del and Judith Callicotte, Bountiful, in 1973.

The Callicottes, with the help of the ALCU challenged the league in federal court when they barred their daughter, Deborah, from league play in a federal court.

They appeared before Judge Aldon J. Anderson to obtain the right for Deborah to continue play during the season until an



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Jennifer Bosley plays a pick-up game in her back yard.

official court date could be set. The judge ruled in favor of the league and Deborah was not allowed to play. The case was later dropped.

Donahoe said the league's concerns are health, moral and legal issues.

"I have no prejudices about it one way or the other. I'm just trying to play the devil's advocate," he said.

He said he is concerned that

girls could sustain more serious injuries in playing football than boys.

Dr. Lesa Sutton-Davis, a pediatrician in Ogden said, girls are no more prone to injury than boys, as long as they play with boys of the same size and weight.

Phil H. Johnson, a certified nurse practitioner agreed. He said girls may require special padding as they get older, and as their secondary sexual characteristics start

to develop, but that the padding would be his only concern.

"Your always just one law suit away from having to fold the program and affect thousands of kids. It's always kind of scary," he said.

The Bosley's are standing by in anticipation of the decision. Jennifer and her eight-year-old sister Susan say they are looking forward to joining their brother Rich, 11, in league play next year.

## Roy swingers hope to follow tradition

'90 Royals follow title baseball year

By KURT MURRAY  
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ROY — Desire might be the way to explain the Roy High Royals this past year.

First it was football, where most people figured the Royals to be weak. Then it was basketball, where the same kind of predictions were being made.

But in both instances the Royals rose to the occasion and did more than just win, they made serious statements that they were for real.

With that kind of track record behind them, they hope to be able to keep the tide rolling into the upcoming baseball season.

That will be quite a task keeping in mind that last years Royals won the baseball Region I crown. Head Coach Fred Thompson



Thompson

### Roy

hopes his kids will continue the pattern.

"Nobody gave these kids much of a chance in football or basketball," said Thompson. "The kids will have to step up and do a good job."

Talent doesn't seem to be a problem here but the lack of experience might.

Coach Thompson sees that as being the biggest obstacle to a successful season.



"We had a lot of seniors last year that played," said Thompson. "And this year's seniors did a good job in J.V. last year and they had a good summer, but that doesn't mean anything. We will just have to see what happens."

The Royals line-up with nine seniors on this year's squad.

Martin Quintana, Scott Job, Shane Belnap, Blair Petersen, Erik Thompson, Michael Sanchez, Blake Evans, Clint Mann, and Ryan Roberts are those seniors Thompson will be looking to for leadership.

The juniors are, Mike Balencia,

### Roy High Region 1 Baseball

All games at 4 p.m.

March 27	Davis at Roy	April 24	bye
March 30	bye	April 27	Roy at Clearfield
April 3	Clearfield at Roy	May 1	Roy at Viewmont
April 6	Viewmont at Roy	May 4	Bonneville at Roy
April 10	Roy at Bonneville	May 8	Roy at Weber
April 13	Weber at Roy	May 11	Roy at Layton
April 17	Layton at Roy	May 14-18	Inter-Region Playoffs
April 20	Roy at Davis	May 21-25	State Tournament

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Phillip Durbano and Mark Boyson.

Thompson said, as underclassman, they will have to rise to the occasion and fill any voids this years squad has.

Trent Mansfield and Travis Flint will see some limited action at the varsity level as sophomores.

"Last year we had a lot of pitchers and this year we only have one who is a main pitcher. We have some kids that will have to fill in for us," said Thompson.

"Our defense will be good," continued Thompson. "But on

offense we may have less speed. I think we will be able to score more runs because of good hitting."

If the Royals can put it all together by league play time, the work will have only just begun.

"I would doubt if anybody will go undefeated (in Region I). Usually you have to play-off just to go to the state tournament, and I don't see it being any different this year."

With the preseason just a few days away, the Royals will be gearing up for what should be an exciting season.