

## Impact Completes a Successful 2007 Season

Kentucky Impact ended the 2007 season with five tournament championships, 3 runner ups, and a third place finish in the SEAA Fall World Series.

During the year, Impact lost three close games to the USSSA World Series Champion Louisville Stunners - 6-2 and 6-5 in extra innings and 3-2 in the Slide Into Summer Championship game.

Impact also defeated the NSA World Series Champion Red Chix last January at the Ft. Wayne Dome.

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# Kentucky Impact



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## Returnees, New Additions Should Make 2008 an Exciting Softball Campaign

Kentucky Impact is looking to follow up on an impressive 2007 season that featured a 49-17 record and a third place finish in the SEAA Fall World Series.

Impact returns nine players from 2007 and two talented newcomers will round out the team.

Impact will feature a top-notch veteran pitching staff including Kasey Estes and Summer Rattliff, one of only two 13 year olds on the team, both of Greensburg and newcomer Erin Charles of Mt. Sterling. Estes pitches for Green County High School and Charles for Montgomery County. Rattliff is currently playing only travel ball.

Catching duties will be shared by Mallory Stein of Louisville and Jade Hayes of Campbellsville. Stein catches for Ballard High School and Hayes is the Green County catcher.

Impact is blessed with an abundance of multi-talented players that can handle just about any position on the field. The Impact coaching staff will most likely place players in different positions before deciding on the lineup that benefits the team the most.

Kaitlyn Cassidy of Georgetown played a tough right field for last year's team. "Kat" could also see some time at second base. Bailey Gilkerson, a 13 year old from Georgetown, who plays centerfield, has a ton of experience at that position. Cassidy and Gilkerson play for Scott County. Molly Bellamy of Glasgow anchored the left field position for last year's team and could also get some playing time at second base or short this year. Bellamy plays high school ball at Barren County.



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*It's not the will to win that matters  
it's the will to prepare that makes the difference!*

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Jordan Wise of Louisville plays outfield for Ballard High School. Wise will see time at third and first base as well as outfield for this year's Impact team. Courtney Woods hails from Paducah, played shortstop and centerfield for last year's Impact team and will see time at both positions this year. Woods plays high school ball at Graves County.

Newcomer Rebecca Robinson from Lexington is another versatile athlete that can play several different positions including third base, second base and shortstop. Robinson plays high school ball for Lexington Christian. Erin Charles, also a newcomer to the team, can also play several different positions when not pitching and will see time at second base, shortstop or outfield.

Offensively, Impact should be able to hold their own against most if not all 14 and under teams. Impact features a mix of speed and power in the lineup and all of the hitters have been in big game situations many times before.

Talented softball players with tons of experience and talent have the Impact coaching staff on cloud nine with high expectations for the 2008 travel season.

## Spotlight on – Jade Hayes

Jade is the 14 year old daughter of Bobby and Karen Hayes. Jade is from Campbellsville, KY and has two brothers, Josh, age 22 and Jordan, age 16.

Jade attends Green County High School and has a 4.0 GPA. She is also the starting varsity catcher for the Dragons. Jade made the 20<sup>th</sup> District All-District team as a 7<sup>th</sup> grader and the All 5<sup>th</sup> Region team her 8<sup>th</sup> grade year when she played for Campbellsville High School.

Jade started playing baseball when she was five years old and started her softball career when she was six. She started playing travel ball when she was seven, the first team being the Kentucky Hotshots. Jade was one of the inaugural members of Kentucky Impact where she helped lead them to an NSA State Championship and a 64-4 record the team's first year - 2006.

Jade is looking forward to an exciting 2008 season.



***Jade at the 2007 SEAA Fall World Series at Morristown, Tennessee.***

## Kentucky Impact – Touching Bases

## 2008 Tournaments to Feature Several ISA Events and a World Series in July

The Kentucky Impact 2008 schedule has not been set in stone but will feature several top notch ISA events in Tennessee. Possible stops include Crossville, Clarksville, Morristown and a couple of trips to Pigeon Forge.

Impact will also compete in the 2008 ISA World Series that will be held in July at McDonough, Georgia.

Coach Henry Estes says "it will be impossible to set a schedule until we know how the girls' high school teams fared in the district and regional playoffs". The high school state tournament is slated for June 6-7 at Jack Fisher Park in Owensboro, Kentucky. "There's a good chance that some of the girls will be there that weekend with their high school teams".

We have girls from several of the top ranked high school programs across Kentucky. Ballard, a seventh region power, Scott County, an 11<sup>th</sup> Region power, and Montgomery County, one of the 10<sup>th</sup> region's top teams, have good chances of reaching the high school state tournament. Barren County from the fourth region and Green County from the fifth region also have legitimate chances to win their regions.

One thing is for certain, after the high school state tournament is completed, there will only be a limited number of available weekends to compete before heading off to the World Series in July. Impact will probably make use of most or all of those weekends to prepare the team for the World Series. Coach Estes states, "that due to the lack of practice time as a team, we will need those tournaments to experiment with the lineups and to allow the team to gel before the World Series".



***Players celebrate Jordan's game winning hit at the World Series.***