

HardisonInk.com

Chiefland Lady Indians face Trenton Lady Tigers on Friday at Chiefland



The Chiefland Lady Indians 2017 Softball Team



The Trenton Lady Tigers 2017 Softball Team

HardisonInk.com

Story, Photos and Videos By Jeff M. Hardison © April 26, 2017 at 12:47 a.m.

CHIEFLAND -- The Chiefland High School Lady Indians Varsity Softball Team is progressing toward a potential fourth consecutive state championship in the Florida High School Athletic Association 1A Classification.

Two sets of double-header games on Monday (April 24) and Tuesday (April 25) evenings have now assured that the next step on that path to a fourth consecutive annual state championship title includes a game on Friday (April 28) by the Chiefland Lady Indians against the Trenton High School Lady Tigers Varsity Softball Team.

VIDEOS ARE LINKED ON THE TOP OF THE APRIL ARCHIVE PAGE

In these four quick clips merged together, Chiefland's Emily Hallman (#14) is seen hitting a strong stand-up single in the first inning of the game on Tuesday evening (April 25). Then Chiefland's Maci Thomas (#15) hits a great double and brings in two runners. Then Hallman is seen running across home plate after hitting a homerun in the fourth inning. And then, Hallman is seen hitting the final double of the game in the fourth inning, bringing in a runner but eventually being left on base as the third and final out for the Indians that night happened with the next batter.



Doug King of Chiefland uses the line-making machine on home base Tuesday evening at McCallum Field in Chiefland. The Chiefland High School Indians are hosting the Florida High School Athletic Association District 7 Class 1A playoff games this year. In the background, CHS Lady Indians Softball Assistant Coach Jimmy Anderson is leveling the infield. CHS Lady Indians Head Softball Coach Wayne Weatherford joked about this action that evening, mentioning that it has taken him 25 years to have a grounds crew. Coach Weatherford and his wife Lena have been very active in many sports during the past

few decades, including high school softball. The Indians, with Coach Weatherford as the head coach, have won the past three consecutive FHSAA Class 1A State Champions title in softball.

HardisonInk.com

Chiefland High School is serving as the host team for the District 7 game on Friday as it hosted the first four games in the post-season FHSAA Class 1A District 7 playoff action.

The Bell High School Lady Bulldogs beat the Bronson High School Lady Eagles in the first game Monday. That qualified the Bell High School Lady Bulldogs to face the THS Lady Tigers on Tuesday.

The Branford High School (Suwannee County) Lady Buccaneers beat the Dixie County Lady Bears in the second game Monday evening. That qualified the Lady Buccaneers to play Chiefland on Tuesday evening.



The Trenton Tigers warm up before the start of action. This is the view from the press box at McCallum Field in Chiefland.

BELL vs. TRENTON

With a 16-10 win-loss regular season record before that game, the Bell Lady Bulldogs announced the team's non-starters for the night. They were Lexis Weeks (#5), Taryn Roberts (#7), Jordan Douglas (#8), Emma Hutto (#17) Madison Sapp (#18) and Abbi Lovett (#22).

The starting Bell batting order follows: Mackensie Parrott (#2), Gracie Lovett (#3), Kylee Barry (#11), Jenna Holley (#13), Zoey Gainey (#21), Hailey Pope (#10), Michelle Hellig (#1), Jessica White (#14), Presley Paulling (#9) and Sam Matthews (#44).

In her third year is BHS Head Coach Krystal Holley. Her assistant coaches are Drue Barry, Richie White and Shelbie Hutto.

With a 19-2 win-loss record before this game, the non-starting Trenton Tigers were Regan Couch (#8), Grace Guthrie (#10) Tania Bowers (#32), Zykyah Frazier (#21), and Savannah Capps (#33).

The starting Lady Tigers were Josie NesSmith (#13), Jenny Lynn Johnson (#3),

HardisonInk.com

Hallie Bryant (#2), Kyndall Williams (#12), Lilly Wilkerson (#1), Bryn Thomas (#4), Jaycee Thomas (#11), Ashley Biddle (#9) Adrian Ingram (#7) and Darian Ingram (#6).
The Head Coach is Todd Bryant. The Assistant Coach is Clint Anderson.



Trenton Lady Tiger Hallie Bryant stands on second waiting for the right moment to run.

The game with Bell versus Trenton on Tuesday evening was very short.

First at bat, Bell scored zero points in the first inning. Next up, Trenton brought in 13 runs.

The start of the second inning showed Bell ending its at-bats with zero and Trenton brought the final score to be 20-0 in the second inning.

When Bell scored zero in the third, the game was called as a Trenton Tigers' win due to the 20-0 score at the bottom of the third inning.



The Bell Lady Bulldogs confer at the pitcher's mound. These girls from Gilchrist County put forth a valiant effort as they competed with their

HardisonInk.com

counterparts from Trenton High School.



Trenton Lady Tiger Kyndall Williams hits the softball as this team put forth a strong offense.

Tigers Head Coach Bryant said he is glad the team won.

“I’m proud of the girls,” Bryant said. “I hate that the score ended up 20 to nothing, but it is the district semi-final game. We needed to win as fast as possible so we could limit the number of pitches.

Even before Chiefland played Branford, Coach Bryant thought the Indians would be the victors in that game. He commented about what he sees for Friday.

“I’m hoping it will be a good game,” Bryant said. “I’m sure it will.

**The 2017
Branford
Buccaneers
Softball
Team**



HardisonInk.com

CHIEFLAND vs. BRANFORD



The light green color of the softball is seen through Chiefland Lady Indian Catcher Emily Hallman's mitt as a Branford player is seen in her post-swing moment.



A Chiefland Lady Indian smacks the softball causing it to appear elongated in this one-60th of one-second in time just after the ball left that bat on Tuesday night.

Chiefland beat Branford in four innings 12-0, after the Buccaneers did not score in the start of the fifth inning, and by that point there is a mercy rule in FHSA post-

HardisonInk.com

season games.

Both teams showed good sportsmanship and respect to one another during the game.

Chiefland Lady Indian Pitcher Kensley Durrance (#20) struck out the first batter she faced at the top of the first inning. A pop-out caught by CHS's Erika Gilliam (#33) at third base was followed by another strikeout.

The Chiefland Lady Indians Softball Team made history back in 2014, 2015 and 2016 and they are striving to keep breaking their own record for repeat state championship wins.

At the bottom of the first inning, it was Sydney Parks (#11) with a lead-off single to begin the Lady Indians offense to win, following a one-two-three defense at the very start of the game.

Lady Indian Emily Hallman (#14) singled.

A strikeout and pop-out by the Lady Indians was followed by a very strong double by Macie Thomas (#15) to bring in the first two runners to score for the home team.

The first of two homeruns that night was the next scoring fun at the plate as Samantha Rolfe hit the softball into the air and it sailed over the fence.

That was the end of the scoring in the first inning – Lady Buccaneers-0 Lady Indians-4.

The second inning included a couple of consecutive upsetting pitches from Durrance. She accidentally smacked Kayley Walker (#8) in the facemask with a pitch. The next Lady Buccaneers batter Cameron Casube (#6) was hit in the leg, and that was bound to leave a serious bruise.

Neither team scored in the second inning.

In the bottom of the third inning, the home team scored two runs.



Chiefland Lady Indian Takiya London smacks the softball as people watch, including some Lady Bulldogs players from Bell (on the other side of the chain link fence.)

HardisonInk.com

After the Lady Buccaneers were held to zero scoring in the fourth inning, the Lady Indians cleaned up with six more runs, including a homerun by Hallman.

The game ended after that 12-0 Chiefland.

Once again this year, the Lady Indians are under the leadership of Head Coach Wayne Weatherford, with Assistant Coach Jimmy Anderson and Assistant Coach Harland Stalvey, and with Lena Weatherford as scorekeeper.

The team consists of Sydney Parks (#11), Emily Hallman (#14), Lauren Parker (#3), Takiya London (#4), Macie Thomas (#15), Samantha Rolfe (#9), Erika Gilliam (#33), Aleaha Rhomes (#1), Karlie Meeks (#10), Kensley Durrance (#20), Taylor Simpson (#19), Tristan Drummond (#2), Simone White (#22), Jocelyn McGee (#17), Raven Sheppard (#12), Brittany Tindale (#7), and Chrystian Wetherington (#71).

Head Lady Indians Coach Weatherford shared his thoughts immediately after the game.

He said the team overcame a lot Tuesday night like they have before.

The rivalry of the game against Trenton on Friday will be strong, Weatherford said.

The coach said Chiefland will put forth its best effort on Friday night.

Branford Head Coach Oscar Saavedra was able to keep his team collected after their loss Tuesday night, and then he shared his thoughts immediately after the game.

“Well, it wasn’t what we wanted to happen,” Coach Saavedra said, “but at least it was against a great team. We knew what we were faced with.”

The coach said he is very happy with his team’s success during the regular season.

“The girls played hard all year,” he said, “and they deserved to be here where we made it at least one step in the district playoffs. I am proud of them doing that.”

Now Chiefland is scheduled to face Trenton at Chiefland starting at 7 p.m. on Friday.