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Kennedy softball team rebuilds

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Kennedy is in a rebuilding mode as it enters the 2013 softball season. The Eagles graduated 10 seniors off last year's team that compiled a 9-12 record.

However, Kennedy coach Jim Hanson is excited about this year's team's potential.

"Our future looks bright," said Hanson. "We had moderate success last season winning a playoff game and finishing 9-12.

"We graduated 10 seniors but have some good young players returning. We have kids who will be around for at least two more seasons and should be ready to compete for a conference title then."

Sophomore Ashley Nagel and ninth-grader Alexa Miller will provide pitching help for the Eagles. Freshman catcher Morgan Garbrecht is a two-year starter for the Eagles. She is a Kennedy co-captain along with senior infielder Alyssa Erding.

Two other Eagle infield candidates are sophomore Lauren Sapp, sophomore Mackenzie Wendlandt and junior Mariah Propes.

Kennedy's outfield candidates are sophomore Haley Ziemke, Nagel, Miller, junior Cassie Anderson and eighth-grader Sydney Marr. Junior Sami Reis will be used as the Eagles' designated hitter.

"We have many more players who are more than capable of filling in and helping us out at the varsity level," said coach Hanson. "We are looking to improve throughout the season."

Kennedy had three games postponed last week and will compete in the Montgomery-Lonsdale Invitational tournament Saturday, April 13 (weather permitting).

Kennedy returns home to play Prior Lake at 4:15 p.m. Monday, April 15, and Lakeville South at 4:15 p.m. Wednesday, April 17. Kennedy's home games are slated for Kelly Field.

