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## Fastpitch teams pick up early-season wins

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### ***Kennedy at Richfield, Jefferson at Shakopee***

Softball tournaments abounded the last Saturday in April as teams continued to get as many games in as possible with what remains of the abbreviated season.

Kennedy was at the Richfield Invitational, starting with a 9-2 win over the host Spartans. The win came the day after shutting out Benilde-St. Margaret's 8-0 in what was the Eagles season-opener.

Courtney Kopischke tossed a 13-strikeout, one-hitter with one walk for the seven-inning complete game.

At the plate, she went 3-for-4 with a pair of doubles and knocked in three runs.

Ayania Leicht and Sammie Ohm each provided two hits, drove in a run and also scored. Ohm knocked a triple.

The success continued Saturday morning as Courtney Kopischke fanned 14 Richfield batters giving up two unearned runs on three hits over six innings. She also had three hits and two RBIs. Senior Cassie Kopischke drove in two runs with one of three doubles hit by the Eagles. Ohm picked up the other double going 2-for-4 at the plate.

Kennedy scored three times in the first inning and added four more runs in the sixth inning.



Jefferson's Cloie Moore, left, and Peyton Hansen high-five after Larson strikes out a Benilde-St. Margaret's batter on Friday, one of 13 on the day.

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Jefferson junior Megan Roach rounds third base during a 4-0 win over Benilde-St. Margaret's at Hopkins High School on April 27.

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and no walks while with the bat she went 2-for-3. Alyssa Felt also went 2-for-3 as seven different batters picked up a hit.

First baseman Payton Hanson went 1-for-2 with a pair of walks and Jacey Defries and Cassandra Edlund each picked up a double.

On Saturday, the Jaguars opened with a 7-3 win over Apple Valley before losing to Rosemount 11-7. Jefferson rebounded with a 10-0 win over Osseo.

Seven different batters had at least two hits against Apple Valley led by Haley Effertz and Lauren Angrimson each going 3-for-4. Defries hit two doubles and drove in a run. Hansen and Effertz each drove in a pair of base runners. Anna Martin went 2-for-4 scoring twice.

Moore struck out five batters in the two games before Hansen pitched the shutout win over Osseo.

## Jefferson

Jefferson is 3-1 after going 2-1 at the Shakopee Invite on Saturday.

The Jaguars opened the season with a 4-0 win over Benilde-St. Margaret's in a game played on the artificial turf at Hopkins High School.

Pitcher Cloie Moore struck out 12 strikeouts Red Knights en route to the seven-inning complete game shutout. She allowed two hits



Kennedy pitcher Courtney Kopischke winds up for a pitch during Saturday's tournament at Richfield Middle School.

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Hansen gave up three hits and three walks with one strike over six innings. Jefferson scored double digits thanks to three hits each from Sara Deming and Lizzy Walker. Amy Swanton, Megan Roach and Effertz each had two hits. Defries had a double and two walks. Walker and Moore accounted for two RBIs each.

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Jefferson junior pitcher Cloie Moore winds up for a pitch during the season-opener against Benilde-St. Margaret's played at Hopkins High School on Friday, April 27.

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