

Porters girls golfers fall to Griffins



Lockport Township's Breanna Hanus putts Wednesday, Sept. 4, during a girls golf meet with Lincoln-Way East at Broken Arrow Golf Club in Lockport. Lockport lost the meet 176-199. MIKE LORENZ/22ND CENTURY MEDIA

Pitching history

Rockford Peaches game showcases women's baseball league circa WWII

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While the Rockford Peaches players were wearing dresses on the baseball field, that didn't slow down their game Sunday, Sept. 8, at World War II Days in Lockport.

"The uniforms are custom made, and they are all made to closely model the originals," Bartlett resident Rebecca Tulloch said, adding historical authenticity is key to the Peaches team.

While the majority of players were in the custom uniforms, a few players donned overalls.

"They portray what a league recruit would have looked like in 1943," Tulloch said. "They would've been coming off the farm to the league."

Players dressed as league recruits were actually recruits for the living history league, Tulloch said, adding girls are invited to play in two games

as recruits before the players decide if they want to join the team.

The Rockford Peaches played the exhibition baseball game following the rules established by the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League in 1943.

The Peaches were one of four teams that made up the original league and made famous in the movie "A League of Their Own."

Chicago resident Mary Rodriguez attended the living history exhibition baseball game because she was a fan of the movie.

Rodriguez said she must have seen the movie more than 50 times and that it was a family favorite.

"My mom is 91, and she remembers when the real Rockford Peaches played baseball," Rodriguez said, adding she was hoping to get a few autographs from the players.

While some of the Peaches fame comes from the movie, Tulloch said there is one big difference between the film and the league.

"In 'A League of Their Own,' they played 9-inch



Romeoville resident Kathy Suyko (right) keeps her eye on the ball, while pitcher Julie Calcagno of Westchester and catcher Poli Garza of Westmont watch Sunday, Sept. 8, during the Rockford Peaches living history demonstration at World War II Days. KRISTEN THOMETZ/22ND CENTURY MEDIA

hardball," Tulloch said. "In 1943, they didn't play 9-inch. They played 12-inch underhand pitch, which is what we play."

Dozens of players participated in the exhibition game that lasted about an hour and a half. Tulloch said she hopes attendees enjoyed the game and learned a bit about the

history of the game.

"We really tell the historical story of the Peaches," she said. "The [All-American Girls Professional Baseball League] did so much for women in sports. They really broke the walls for women in sports, because back then women didn't play in college or beyond."

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LOCKPORT TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY ATHLETICS

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
■Sept. 21 at Minooka Invite, 9 a.m.

FOOTBALL

■Sept. 20 at Lincoln-Way East, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS GOLF

■Sept. 21 at Green Wedge Invite, 7 a.m.
■Sept. 24 host Stagg, 4:15 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

■Sept. 19 at Thorton, 4:30 p.m.
■Sept. 21 at Romeoville, 10 a.m.
■Sept. 24 host Lincoln-Way North, 4:30 p.m.

GIRLS CHEERLEADING

■Sept. 21 host Joliet central, 11 a.m.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

■Sept. 21 at Libertyville Invite, 11 a.m.

GIRLS GOLF

■Sept. 19 host Lincoln-Way North, 4:30 p.m.
■Sept. 21 at Providence Catholic, 11 a.m.
■Sept. 23 host Homewood-Flossmoor, 4 p.m.
■Sept. 24 at Oak Forest, 4:30 p.m.
■Sept. 25 at Joliet Central,

FOOTBALL

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than the Eagles' 38 on its last two drives. Sandburg outgained the Porters 266 to

in and make a clean block on the ball. Krzeczkowski had the ball bounce right to

to his own 42. From there, Sandburg went 58 yards in nine plays and scored on a

the third quarter.

"I think Lockport is a very good football team," Wierzal