

Compuware 22nd in country

Compuware's 14-and-under girls fast-pitch softball team won three of five games last weekend and finished 22nd in a field of 114 teams at the National Softball Association tournament in Columbus, Ohio.

Compuware opened with a 5-0 shutout of Sudden Impact from Illinois. Angie Gomez of Watonsville, Ohio, pitched a four-hitter and fanned seven.

Andrea Hilley (Waterford) had two doubles and two RBI; she also scored two runs. Candice Morgan of Clarkston added an RBI single.

Jessica Brubaker of Commerce Township tossed a three-hitter in the second game, a 6-2 win over Ohio Power. She struck out five.

Morgan and Angie Batoni (Walled Lake) went 3-for-3 with one RBI. Hilley had two hits and an RBI. Morgan and Hilley also scored two runs apiece.

Compuware gave up two runs in the bottom of the sixth inning and lost its third game to the Steelers from Tennessee, 2-1.

Michelle Milburn (Lincoln Park) hit a two-out single in the seventh,

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Lasers; Sara Theimero and Jessica Roman of the Livonia Lacrosse; Nikki Kovachovich, Amber Lagrow and Tara Buro of the Midland Lacrosse; Tina Naft, Adrienne Doyle and Jennifer Schulte of the Livonia Knights; Erin Tovey and Amanda Rice of the Northville Orioles.

Also playing for the White squad were Meghan Cazan, Tracey Griffin, Shannon McCuan and Kacie Mathena of the Panthers; Kristin Timmer and Diana Gusek of the Diamonds; Kristin Lea, Katie Gargle and Becky Espar of the Lightning; Linda Nubba and Kasey Kyles of the Country Day Broncos; Becky Vowler and Eva Chavez of the Farmington Hornets.

Birthday bonus

Snook (Canton Cobras) celebrated her 16th birthday Monday by pitching a four-hit complete game for the Gray in the American All-star game. She also struck out 10 and walked 12.

At the plate, she went 3-for-3 with a solo homer and two RBI, scoring one.

The Gray survived a five-run rally by the Blue in the bottom of

Finesse claims slow-pitch title

Sometimes brute force does it. And sometimes it takes Finesse.

That's Finesse as in the Finesse 18-under softball team that became the state's first United States Slow-Pitch Softball Association champion since 1983 when it won the World Championship in Lexington, S.C., during the weekend.

Finesse lost one game and topped its weekend tournament run with a 4-1 record Sunday against teams from Georgia it had not beaten all season long.

They defeated the DeKalb Travelers of Tennessee, 12-1, edged the Forty Niners of Arkansas, 4-2, and trampled the Mississippi Dixie Darlings, 17-4.

Finesse was the lone non-Georgia team to make it into Sunday's finale.

Their first opponent was the Georgia Bandits, which had beaten Finesse three times earlier in the season.

Of course 14-year old Samantha Crews couldn't have been impressed by that since she was added to the 18-year-olds from the Finesse 14-under team strictly for the tournament.

Crews stepped up as a pinch-hitter in the bottom of the seventh and the score tied, 6-6, and two outs and stroked a single to drive in the winning run.

The defending tournament champion Panthers of Georgia put a 14-1 shellacking on Finesse in the last winner's bracket game.

Finesse stepped over to the loser's bracket and staved off elimination in dramatic fashion.

The Bandits led, 6-2, entering the bottom of the seventh but Finesse rallied for two runs and had runners on first and second with two outs.

The Bandits intentionally walked Engelkamp, daring to put the winning run at second because she had belted a home run earlier in the game.

Bad move. Foster hit one out to make the final 8-5.

That put Finesse into the finals against the unbent and rested Panthers.

Finesse drummed on the Panthers, 17-2, to force an extra game, and outscored the defending champions, 16-12, to become the first USSSA World Champions from Michigan team since 1983, when Jake's Harley Davidson won out of Garden City.

Team members included: Jackie Bayliss (Westland John Glenn), Carah Beat (Plymouth Salem), Boguslawski (Dearborn St. Alphonsus), Lisa Cox (Wyandotte), Katy Duncan (Westland John Glenn), Engelkamp, Cassie Eastminger (Livonia Ladywood), Christy Feld (Cincinnati), Foster (Dearborn Edsel Ford), Jenks, Jenny Kruzel (Ypsilanti), Kristy McDonald (Redford Thurston), Mylenaki, Colleen Wutke (Garden City), Samantha Crews (entering John Glenn), Sarah Lewis (entering Garden City) and Laura Gilliam (Louisville, Ky.).

The team was coached by Don Dreher (Lathrup Village), John Hagy (Westland), Denny Schilling (Orlando, Fla.) and Barry Patterson (Garden City).

The Panthers and Bandits were 6-0 against Finesse entering the tournament.

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The Blue team included Shelly Priebe and Lindsay MacLellan of the Commanders; Dawn Balke and Heather Yank of the Livonia Ladybugs; Marie Pochron of the Cobras; and Anna Keil of the Bulldogs.

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SOFTBALL

The Finesse 18-under team finished third in its World Championship tournament in Hutchinson, Kans.

Finesse placed five players on the USSSA All-World team. They included Jenny Mylenaki (Harrison, WMO), who hit .600 and scored 14 runs in the tournament as the team's leadoff hitter and Vonne Jenks (Garden City, WMU), the shortstop.

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two-run homer, to spark the victory.

Taylor posted 10 strikeouts and walked just one in the next game as the Bulls won 6-3 over Parkhill, Minn.

Thomas was the winning pitcher and helped his cause with a grand slam in Game 3, which resulted in a 15-2 rout of Steel's. He struck out 12 and walked five.

Trozes offered hitting support in the way of two home runs and three RBI.

Kasiazek pitched the 10th straight complete game, scattering four hits over seven innings. He fanned seven and walked four in the 7-2 victory over Burnsville.

Adam Stachurski (Orchard Lake St. Mary's) closed the door on the Minnesotans with a three-run homer to give the Bulls their 7-2 lead.

With Steel's needing to win twice in the championship round, they defeated Bulls in the first game, 8-4.

John Larson (Brother Rice) pitched the first 3 2/3 innings, but the loss went to tournament draftee Tim York (Royal Oak Kimball).

Evan Feldman (North Farmington) hit a solo homer for the Bulls, who are 32-16 overall.