

Bozeman Stealer's U-14 Squad Places Third at Rick Patera Memorial Tourney

June 15, 2009 – BOZEMAN, Mont. – The Bozeman Stealers U-14 girls' fastpitch team finished third at the 5th Annual Rick Patera Memorial Tournament over the weekend. The Stealers went 5-2 during weekend play, capturing third place with a 13-8 decision over the Billings Havoc.

The Great Falls Selects won the U-14 title with a 10-0 win over Mountain West Crush.

Trailing 5-0 after two innings, the Stealers got hits from Jennifer Miller and Callie Christensen to spark a five run rally in the bottom of the second.

The Bozeman squad posted five runs in the bottom of the third to take a 10-6 advantage behind the hitting of Sydney Wemple, Jocelyn Kent, and Katie Morton.

Morton and Kennedy Carpenter combined for the victory giving up 13 hits. The Stealers' defense was paced by Grace Schulz, who ended the game with a diving catch off a line drive at first base.

The U-14 team also consists of Andee Morton, Tara Haferman, Alyssa Winstead and Kinzie Clarkson.

The Stealers' U-12 and U-10 teams also competed over the weekend, earning a fourth and fifth seed, respectively, heading into tournament play. Both squads dropped their openers in single elimination play.

Thirty-five teams competed over the three-day weekend at the Bozeman Softball Complex.

5th Annual Rick Patera Memorial Tournament Results:

U-18:

Championship: Billings Bulldogs 7, Great Falls Selects 5.

Third place: Gillette BlueJays.

U-16:

Championship: Billings Blues 8, Belgrade Wolfpack 0.

Third place: Helena Thunder 11, Billings Bulldogs 0.

U-14:

Championship: Great Falls Selects 10, Mountain West Crush 0.

Third place: Bozeman Stealers 13, Billings Havoc 8.

U-12:

Championship: Great Falls Selects Green 15, Butte Magic 0.

Third place: Butte Bulldogs 13, Helena Thunder 5.

U-10:

Championship: Great Falls Selects Green def. Great Falls Selects White.

Third place: Butte Magic 11, Billings Bulldogs 1.