

Black & Gold



THE TUSCOLA TORPEDOES opened the summer recreation swim season by hosting the Effingham Red Tide at Ervin Park. Twenty-seven swimmers participated in over 60 events on Saturday morning. New coaches Joy Cordes and Bryan Thomas trained the torpedoes for two chilly weeks leading up to their first swim meet that did not disappoint. Many swimmers busted up the rust and shone in skill to match the newest addition to the program, a partnership with TYR Sport Inc.

The Torpedoes Admin Board announced last March that the team would be working with TYR, a national sponsor for Olympic swimmers like Katy Ledecky, Michael Andrew, and Lilly King. As part of the partnership, TYR provided custom team suits, shirts, and swim caps at a discounted bulk price. Also new this year, the team unveiled a new team record's board on Friday, June 10. The Torpedoes next travel to Monticello on Saturday, June 18. Pictured is the team in attendance June 18. *Photo courtesy of Margie Carter.*

Tabeling returns to Illinois; former Warrior to pitch for Orange and Blue

Logan Tabeling is on his way back home.

Or as close as he can get to Tuscola. The Wright State University pitcher announced he will return to Illinois and pitch for the Orange and Blue, suiting up for the University of Illinois next year.

"It is my dream school," stated the former Warrior hurler, who rolled to a 14-3 mark as a Warrior pitcher. "It was time for a new chapter in my life and getting the opportunity to pitch for the largest school in my home state was an opportunity I simply could not pass up. I am so happy to be getting it and can't wait to be in an Illini uniform.

Tabeling will enter the 2023 season with two years of eligibility. He will be headed to a Fighting Illini team that posted winning records both overall and in the Big Ten Conference. They finished 31-22 overall and 17-7 in the league.

They had eight hurlers with winning marks. Of those eight, six will return. Tabeling did not pitch much for Wright State as he was plagued by injuries.

A more detailed story will be run in the Review next week.

Morgan Day helps Cowgirls to World Series semi-final

By Daniel L. Chamness

When she was a little girl and she laid her head down on the pillow to go to sleep, Morgan Day probably could not have dreamed/imagined a better softball career.

The Oklahoma State University graduate student had a enviable career at Illinois State University and that would be more than enough for most athletes. But, she opted for an encore and what an encore it was.

The Cowgirls, as they are affectionately known, were one of the final four teams and missed advancing to the NCAA Division I World Series by one game. Or, one run if you want to be technical. They were topped by the University of Texas Lady Longhorns, who would be topped by University of Oklahoma in two straight games for the national title.

"This was such a fairytale ending for my career," said Day. "Little Morgan would be shocked and amazed, but I know she would be incredibly proud. After starting my career in Bloomington-Normal, I would have never guessed my career would wrap up in Oklahoma City at the Women's College World Series. I once dreamed of attending the World Series as a spectator. Therefore, it was really a



Day

dream come true to have the opportunity to play in the World Series."

Three of the final four teams in the tournament were from the Big 12 Conference. The other was University of California-Los Angeles.

For her part, Day, would be

one of three Oklahoma State pitchers to finish with 13 or more wins. In some cases, her numbers were second only to

Kelly Maxwell, an All-American. Day finished the year with a 13-5 mark. She also had two saves.

"Kelly is an amazing pitcher, but an even better person," said the former Lady Warrior of her fellow OSU pitcher. "She is a great friend and a great teammate. Kelly is so talented, but she is one of hardest workers that I have ever known. Even given those attributes, she is still very humble and finds a way to credit her teammates for all of her successes and achievements. Pitching behind her was a great opportunity to continue learning about the game of softball and also a privilege to work with someone who carries themselves with kindness and grace."

In her 104 2/3 innings of work, she allowed 39 earned runs on 77 hits for a 2.61 earned run average. She fanned 108 batters, while issuing only 27 walks. Opponents only hit .202 off the graduate student. Of her 13 wins in a Cowgirl uniform, two were over Texas. She beat them in successive wins, earning her ninth win during the regular season, them topping the Longhorns in the Big 12 Conference

Tournament for her 10th win of the year.

She would follow those two victories with her biggest and most memorable win of the year. While the University of Oklahoma Sooners are now the national champions, Day earned a win over them in the Big 12 Conference Tournament in the final game of the tournament and helped the Cowgirls win their first ever Big 12 Conference Tournament Title. It was her 11th win of the year and she was named the Big 12 Conference Most Outstanding Player. She worked the final five innings against Oklahoma allowing them one earned run on three hits. She relieved Maxwell in the contest.

Combined with her record at Illinois State, the Cowgirl finished with a record of 58-43.

"I originally thought my playing career would end with my four years at Illinois State," said Day, after the World Series. "When the NCAA granted that extra year of eligibility, I saw that as an opportunity to play another year at a new school as well as earn another degree."

Her Illinois State numbers added with her Oklahoma

State numbers, she worked 641 2/3 innings. She allowed 245 earned runs on 523 hits. She fanned 728 batters and walked 219. At ISU, she retired 620 batters by strikeout, missing the overall career record by only 52 strikeouts.

When she entered OSU, she entered a team that had not had a losing season since 2015. Three of those seasons, including the most recent one, they won over 45 games. The only season they did not win more than 30 games since 2015 was the COVID-19 Season of 2020.

The daughter of Kirsten and Scott Day of Tuscola will continue to pursue her Masters Degree in Mass Communication at OSU.

"Oklahoma State was perfect for me in every way," said the Illinois State graduate. "After being so close to home for four years, I wanted to go further away for my graduate degree. I wanted to gain a deeper sense of individuality and experience something other than Illinois. My long-term boyfriend (Hunter Woodard) has been on the OSU football team since my sophomore year in college. Being closer to him was a priority."

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