



**2007 WASHBURN SOFTBALL**

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2007 Lady Blues Roster

## NUMERICAL ROSTER

##	Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht	Class	Exp.	Hometown/High School (College)
3	Whitney Tapp	C	R/R	5-2	Fr.	HS	Blue Springs, Mo./Blue Springs South High School
5	Malarie Fellers**	2B	B/R	5-4	Jr.	2L	Edmond, Okla./Deer Creek High School
7	Danielle Hodge	1B	R/R	5-7	Fr.	HS	Lenexa, Kan./Shawnee Mission West High School
8	Mandy Tarbutton**	OF	R/R	5-7	Jr.	2L	Maple Hill, Kan./St. Mary's High School
12	Ashley Webb***	OF	R/R	5-11	Sr.	3L	Prairie Village, Kan./Bishop Miege High School
13	Brooke DeVader**	SS	R/R	5-8	Jr.	2L	Emmett, Kan./St. Mary's High School
14	Lindsey Mansfield*	OF	B/R	5-5	Sr.	1L	Nixa, Mo./Nixa High School (Coffeyville CC)
17	Tish Williams	3B	R/R	5-6	Fr.-Rs.	SQ	Edmond, Okla./Edmond Memorial High School
18	Jessie Batres	3B	R/R	5-9	Fr.	HS	Kansas City, Mo./Oak Park High School
19	Monica DeLaGarza	OF	R/R	5-5	Fr.	HS	Freer, Texas/Freer High School
20	Dani White*	1B	R/R	5-9	So.	1L	Berryton, Kan./Shawnee Heights High School
21	Nicole Perkuhn	P/OF	R/R	5-11	Fr.	HS	Topeka, Kan./Washburn Rural High School
22	Kayla Long	P	R/R	5-7	Fr.	HS	Princeton, Texas/Princeton High School
23	Megan Kimerer	P	L/L	5-2	Fr.	HS	Kansas City, Mo./St. Pius X High School
26	Kelly Swygert**	P	R/R	5-8	Jr.	2L	Topeka, Kan./Mission Valley High School
27	Mandi Daigh*	C	R/R	5-6	Jr.	1L	Overland Park, Kan./Blue Valley West High School (Neb.-Omaha)

**Head Coach:** Lisa Carey 132-86 (.606) -- fifth season

**Assistant Coach:** Joe Dee Tarbutton -- second season

## ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

##	Name	Pos.	Cl.
18	Jessie Batres	3B	Fr.
27	Mandi Daigh*	C	Jr.
19	Monica DeLaGarza	OF	Fr.
13	Brooke DeVader**	SS	Jr.
5	Malarie Fellers**	2B	Jr.
7	Danielle Hodge	1B	Fr.
23	Megan Kimerer	P	Fr.
22	Kayla Long	P	Fr.
14	Lindsey Mansfield*	OF	Sr.
21	Nicole Perkuhn	P/OF	Fr.
26	Kelly Swygert**	P	Jr.
3	Whitney Tapp	C	Fr.
8	Mandy Tarbutton**	OF	Jr.
12	Ashley Webb***	OF	Sr.
20	Dani White*	1B	So.
17	Tish Williams	3B	Fr.-Rs.

## By CLASS

**Seniors (2):** Lindsey Mansfield, Ashley Webb

**Juniors (5):** Malarie Fellers, Mandy Tarbutton, Brooke DeVader, Kelly Swygert, Mandi Daigh

**Sophomores (1):** Dani White

**Redshirt Freshmen (1):** Tish Williams

**Freshmen (7):** Whitney Tapp, Danielle Hodge, Jessie Batres, Nicole Perkuhn, Kayla Long, Megan Kimerer, Monica DeLaGarza

## By HEIGHT

**5-2:** Whitney Tapp, Megan Kimerer

**5-4:** Malarie Fellers

**5-5:** Lindsey Mansfield, Monica DeLaGarza

**5-6:** Tish Williams, Mandi Daigh

**5-7:** Mandy Tarbutton, Danielle Hodge, Kayla Long

**5-8:** Brooke DeVader, Kelly Swygert

**5-9:** Dani White, Jessie Batres

**5-11:** Ashley Webb, Nicole Perkuhn

## By STATE/HOMETOWN

**Kansas (8):**

Barryton: Dani White

Emmett: Brooke DeVader

Lenexa: Danielle Hodge

Maple Hill: Mandy Tarbutton

Overland Park: Mandi Daigh

Prairie Village: Ashley Webb

Topeka: Nicole Perkuhn, Kelly Swygert

**Missouri (4):**

Blue Springs: Whitney Tapp

Nixa: Lindsey Mansfield

Kansas City: Jessie Batres, Megan Kimerer

**Oklahoma (2):**

Edmond: Malarie Fellers, Tish Williams

**Texas (2):**

Princeton: Kayla Long

Freer: Monica DeLaGarza

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**Megan Kimerer**

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**Kelly Swygert**

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**Nicole Perkuhn**

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## By POSITION

**Catchers:** Whitney Tapp, Mandi Daigh

**First Basemen:** Danielle Hodge, Dani White

**Second Basemen:** Malarie Fellers

**Third Basemen:** Tish Williams, Jessie Batres

**Shortstop:** Brooke DeVader

**Outfielders:** Mandy Tarbutton, Ashley Webb, Lindsey Mansfield, Nicole Perkuhn, Monica DeLaGarza

**Pitchers:** Kayla Long, Megan Kimerer, Kelly Swygert





By Gene Cassell  
Washburn Sports Information Director

Coming off their first NCAA Postseason Tournament appearance since the 1999 season and returning nine letterwinners and six position players, the Washburn Lady Blues softball team has high hopes entering the 2007 season.

Following their 36-21 season from a year ago, Washburn returns six of their top eight hitters in the lineup and their top pitcher while adding one of the top recruiting classes under fifth year head coach Lisa Carey, the Lady Blues are ready to get the ball rolling.

"We're ready to go," Carey said. "We've had a solid fall season and the first weeks of this spring have really gone well for us. We're really starting to gel and we're ready to get going."

In 2006, the Lady Blues returned to the NCAA Tournament after receiving an at-large bid to the North Central Tournament. Even though the Lady Blues were handed an early exit, the experience of playing in the tournament and knowing what it takes to play in the postseason should pay dividends for the squad.

"We do have a lot of experience back from our team from last season," Carey said. "This should help us and it should also help the upperclassmen pull the new kids along so we can get back to the postseason."

## The Returners

The Lady Blues return nine letterwinners and six starting position players to begin the 2007 season. Washburn has two second team all-MIAA selections in senior centerfielder Ashley Webb and junior pitcher Kelly Swygert.

Webb has started all 170 games in her Washburn career in center for the Lady Blues and she ranks 11th on the all-time hit chart and sixth on the runs scored chart.

Swygert recorded 20 wins in her sophomore season pitching for the Lady Blues winning 11 more games than she did her first campaign at Washburn. In two years at Washburn, Swygert has gone 29-16.

Earning honorable mention all-MIAA honors was junior shortstop Brooke DeVader. DeVader moved to shortstop from first base after her freshman season. As sophomore, DeVader batted .307 with team-highs of 17 doubles and 51 RBI. Her 6 RBI against Oklahoma Panhandle was a school record.

Securing the Lady Blues only all-region selection was junior catcher Mandi Daigh. Daigh batted .289 with 44 hits and 18 RBI garnering NFCA Second team all-region honors after transferring from Nebraska-Omaha following her freshman season.

Joining Webb in the outfield will be junior leftfielder Mandy Tarbutton. Tarbutton batted .281 as a sophomore collecting 52 hits. She has started all 113 games

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2007 Lady Blues Softball: (front row) Megan Kimerer, Lindsey Mansfield, Malarie Fellers, Mandi Daigh, Monica DeLaGarza, Tish Williams, Mandy Tarbutton, Kim Lyons, Whitney Tapp. (back row) Danielle Hodge, Brooke DeVader, Dani White, Nicole Perkuhn, Ashley Webb, Jessie Batres, Kelly Swygert, Michelle Converse, Kayla Long.





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of her Washburn career after earning honorable mention all-MIAA honors as a freshman.

Coming back to second base where she has started all 113 games of her career is junior Malarie Fellers. Fellers batted .256 last season with 26 runs scored. She enters this season within striking distance of the Washburn all-time assist record needing 113 to put her name on top of the charts.

Moving to first base after starting all 57 games last season at the hot corner will be sophomore Dani White. White set the school's single-season home run record in her first season at Washburn after hitting 12 dingers while batting .290 with 11 doubles and 37 RBI.

Looking for time in the outfield will be senior Lindsey Mansfield. In her first season at Washburn, Mansfield started five games playing in 34 after transferring from Coffeyville Community College after her sophomore season. She batted .238 with 13 runs scored.

After sitting the 2006 season out, redshirt freshman Tish Williams is ready to step in the lineup taking over third base duties. Williams is a powerful hitter who batted .500 with 13 home runs, 44 runs scored and 40 RBI as a senior at Edmond, Oklahoma's Memorial High School en route to Co-Player of the Year honors in her hometown.

"Our returners will really push each other," Carey said. "They want to return to the postseason and will do everything in their ability to make sure it happens."

### Newcomers

The Lady Blues will have seven talented faces looking to make



Ashley Webb



Kelly Swygert



Brooke DeVader



Madni Daigh



Malarie Fellers



Mandy Tarbutton



Dani White



Lindsey Mansfield

an impact in their first year in a Washburn uniform.

With only one pitcher returning from 2006 in Swygert, Carey went out and recruited three hurlers who will all see time this spring.

A trio of freshmen in Nicole Perkuhn, Kayla Long and Megan Kimerer will add to the depth of the pitching staff. Perkuhn was a three-time all-league pick while earning all-state honors as a senior. Long was a three-time all-district honoree and picked as MVP her last two prep seasons. Kimerer was named all-district and all-league four seasons with all-state honors as a senior.

"Our pitching staff will be greatly improved with the added depth from our newcomers and our skill level will increase as well," Carey said. "They will be great additions to the staff."

Freshman Whitney Tapp will look for time at catcher in her first season at Washburn after earning all-district honors and helping lead her summer club team to the 2005 USSSA National Championship and two state USSSA titles.

A pair of freshman infielders will also look for playing time in first baseman Danielle Hodge and third baseman Jessie Batres. Hodge was an all-metro pick from Lenexa, Kan. and Batres was an all-state, all-region and all-metro pick as a senior.

"We've really added to our overall team speed and depth from last season with the new additions," Carey said. "We will have many options on decisions we can make depending on the situations we are in."