

Laconia's Taylor Morrill headed to softball world series in June

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Taylor Morrill, a junior at Laconia High School, will be playing in the Under Armour Softball World Series in Florida in June. (Roger Amsden/Laconia Daily Sun)

LACONIA — Laconia High School junior Taylor Morrill has been chosen to take part in the Under Armour Softball Factory World Series in Vero Beach, Florida, June 18-23.

Morrill is a shortstop for the Laconia High School softball team, where she has hit nine home runs in her first two years, was selected to play after she attended what she and her mother thought was a softball camp at Franklin Pierce University in Rindge last December.

She had been nominated to attend the camp by Shawn Garrett, the coach of the Nor'easters' softball team she plays for during the summer.

"We thought it was just a training camp with some top college coaches who were looking for prospects to attend their colleges. They did all of their statistics and took videos as well. We didn't realize that it was a tryout for the World Series until the end when they came up with a booklet and asked us to call the next day" said her mother, Lori Morrill.

When they called they found out that the coaches very much wanted Taylor to come to the World Series and play for them.

"It's quite an honor. Only 20 percent of those who attend the tryouts make it," said her mother, who said that the organization set up a recruiting page for Taylor that goes out to over 1,600 colleges.

Taylor, 17, has always been active in sports, playing soccer and basketball as well, but now her focus is mostly on softball and volleyball.

She made the LHS varsity softball team as a freshman and hit five homers that year and added four more last year.

She says she's excited about this year's Sachem team that is on the rebound after a couple of losing seasons.

"We've got a young team with lots of freshmen and we're getting better."

Taylor had a great game against Inter-Lakes last week when she hit two triples, two doubles and a single and drove in six runs in an 18-16 loss.

The Sachems dropped their first three games but beat Newfound 7-4 Wednesday for their first win.

Lori Morrill says she is working to raise the \$3,000 it will cost for her daughter to attend the World Series in June.

She says that Sunday Gulbicki Dearborn of Belmont has been helping her by running a raffle and that she is exploring other fundraising efforts.

“She’s our hometown girl and will be representing the community in a very positive way. We need all the help we can get,” says Lori Morrill.

She says that those who would like to help can call her at 387-1401 or contact Taylor on her Facebook page.