

Girls have a ball in first season of sports program in Reading



Reading Eagle: Natalie Kolb | Melba Lopez, 14, left, and Jayden Durham, 15, clap for their teammates during the inaugural Reading Recreation Commission's Shine Bright Summer Softball League championship game Saturday at Angelica Park.



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The inaugural Reading Recreation Commission's Shine Bright Summer Softball League wrapped up its season with a championship game at Angelica Park Softball Field.

Matt Lubas, a recreation supervisor for the commission, said the first season was a success for the club, which is for girls in Reading between 13 and 18 years old. This summer, 39 girls registered for the program, which includes one travel team and three intramural teams.



Reading Eagle: Natalie Kolb | Jayden Durham, 15, pitches during the championship game Saturday at Angelica Park.

"We try to surround them with positive role models this summer, with some educational events, bringing in some guest speakers," Lubas said. "I thought the girls responded quite well for this being our first season."

The league also featured free clinics throughout the winter and spring, a field trip to West Chester University and lectures about post-secondary education

opportunities.

Lubas said the plan is to get the word out and grow the program through the winter and spring. He said the program has a lot of support from the high school coaches and parents who make it possible.

"It was a great end to our first season," he said.

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