

## H.S. SOFTBALL: Kessler, Devore crush the ball in Cal-Mum's blowout win over Avon.

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AVON — The Cal-Mum softball team has played a brutal schedule so far this season, including back-to-back losses to York and Keshequa.

But during both losses, head coach Dan Dickens was quoted as saying he hopes his team continues to improve every day.

They certainly looked like they were heading that way Friday as they pounded out 20 runs and 17 hits against one of the area's top pitchers in Avon's Joleigh Crye as the Lady Raiders took home the 20-14 victory in LCAA crossover action.

Cal-Mum led 20-8 before they emptied their bench.

Avon actually led early in this one taking a 5-1 lead after one and 6-2 after two.

Cal-Mum, however, scored four runs in the third, six more in the fourth and eight runs in the fifth to take a commanding 20-8 lead.

Cal-Mum's offense had their usual suspects crushing the ball as Montgomery Kessler went 3-for-4 with five RBIs and three runs scored. Kessler also smacked a three-run homer for the Raiders.

Maddy DeVore was 3-for-5 with two triples and five runs scored and was also the winning pitcher.

Sawyer Richardson had a big game going 3-for-5 with three runs scored and two RBIs while Lizzy Pies was 2-for-4 with two RBIs.

Also for Cal-Mum, Haley Sherwood was 2-for-4 with three runs scored, Olivia Woodward was 2-for-5 with two RBIs, and Taylor Mills was 2-for-5 with two runs scored.

“I was really proud of our effort at the plate — 17 hits off a pitcher of Joleigh’s caliber is not easy to do,” coach Dickens said. “Still have some work to do in the field but looking forward to our next game.”

Crye had her struggles in the circle but the junior finished 2-for-4 with four runs scored at the plate. Crye struck out 15 batters as well.

Isabela Braun was 3-for-5 with three RBIs while Ella Hoskins added three RBIs.

Cal-Mum improved to 3-2 on the season while Avon fell to 1-3.