

LaRosa's MVP of the Week

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## Karen Simmons

Loveland High School

One of Cincinnati's best pitchers is Loveland senior righthander Karen Simmons, a 4-year starter who holds numerous school records, both pitching and batting. Last year, Karen went 19-3 with 228 strikeouts for the 25-4 Tigers, who were FAVC Buckeye co-champs and won their first-ever district championship. In the district final, she pitched a 3-hitter, striking out 11 in a 3-1 win vs. Mason. It was her 19th win of the season, a school record. She has earned many honors, including 1st team all-league 3 years in a row, and 1st team all-city twice. She plays for the Lady Lasers Gold team during the summer. Also

an academic all-star active in community service, Karen is a member of national honor society, student council and plays trumpet in the jazz band. Her favorite entertainer is "my friend Krystine Kauffman" and her most-like-to-meet is Lisa Fernandez. She will play fast-pitch next season at Northern Kentucky University.



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**SPORT(S):** Fast-Pitch

**GRADUATING YR.:** 2006

**GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT:** Helping my team win ASA tournament in Oklahoma.

**BIRTHDATE:** 10-14-87

**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 5'6" - 170 lbs.

**RESIDENCE:** Loveland

**PARENTS:** Greg & Joyce

**BIGGEST INFLUENCE:** "Pitching coach Chris Miner."

**FUTURE GOAL:** "Earn respect from college coaches and teammates."



**COACH'S QUOTE --** "Karen knows fast-pitch is a team sport, with winning requiring timely hitting, defense and pitching. She is team-first, self-second. She is determined, focused and has an inner desire to be the best she can be." - Jim Fiehrer, Fast-Pitch Coach

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