

Let's play ball!

Softball and baseball bats have been cracking at Harlan and Hazel Rogers Sports Complex for more than three decades. Located north of Fort Dodge on Webster County Road P56, the sports complex features more than 15 fields that are utilized for adult and youth league softball, baseball and even soccer games.

The multimillion dollar complex plays host to the state high school softball tournament each year, as it has for 40 years. This year's tourney will be July 21-25.

In 2005, Harlan and Hazel Rogers Sports Complex also hosted the NJCAA Division II softball championships. In 2006, it was the site of the Iowa Conference Division III college tourney.

Crowds also cheer on local athletes at the park as they host several contests each year — including three tournaments sponsored by the Fort Dodge Girls Softball Association, several playoffs of the Fort Dodge Adult Softball Association and three tournaments sponsored by the Fort Dodge Baseball Association.

The complex is also the home to Fort Dodge softball and Fort Dodge St. Edmond softball and baseball throughout the summer season.

Harlan and Hazel Rogers Sports Complex has undergone a \$6 million upgrade in recent years that added and improved the playing fields as well as adding new buildings, concessions stands and hub areas to the development. Mini-fields opened for youth baseball last spring. There are four replica fields: Dodger Stadium, Fenway Park, Wrigley Field and Yankee Stadium.

