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Former STLCC-Meramec Softball Star Opens Olympic Play Tuesday

A former softball standout from St. Louis Community College - Meramec will be opening Olympic play Tuesday (Aug. 12) in softball competition, representing her home country of the Dutch Netherlands.

Daisy de Peinder was an All-American shortstop for Meramec in the 1999 season, leading the team to a 41-15 season record and a fourth place trophy in the NJCAA National Tournament. Her former coach, Celeste Knierim, remembers her well.

"She was very professional, and a team leader," said former coach Celeste Knierim. "She (de Peinder) was a very solid player, very vocal. Her work ethic was tremendous."

The Dutch and de Peinder open play Tuesday (Aug. 12) against the host China squad in the eight team, round-robin format. Play will continue through Aug. 21.