Coach’s Corner - Season Preview

The 2006 Clark University Softball Team is made up of 15 players, including one graduate student, two seniors, four juniors, five sophomores and three first-years. Fall ball started in September and finished in October. We concentrated on team building and worked on the fundamentals of the game. Our winter workouts began in February and we traveled to Ft. Myers, Florida on March 4th for a week of softball. The Cougars are trying to improve on last year’s record of 9-19. The team is led by graduate student Jackie Demore, (first baseman) and senior Kelly Christensen, (pitcher, shortstop). Sophomore Heather Warren, (pitcher, shortstop) will share the starting pitching duties with Christensen while first-year pitcher, Amanda Pearlstein will be ready in a relief role. Junior Julie Muszalski (second base), sophomore Heather Lewis and first-year Magen Blake (third base) will solidify the infield with Demore. Directing the pitchers from the catching position will be juniors Lauren Ackein and Kaitlin Kelley. Outfielders include senior Paige LaMarche, sophomores Julie Parnell and Ellen Durand and first-year Robin Renault. Junior utility player Caitlin Thayer will add depth to our infield and outfield. Sophomore Allison Ventrice will miss the 2006 season due to an ACL injury. Everyone is optimistic about the upcoming season and looking forward to competing in NEWMAC play.

Season Opening Games in Ft. Myers, Florida

The Cougars returned from their annual trip to Ft. Myers, Florida with a 3-5 record. The Cougars defeated Emerson, Regis and RIT. Even though we came back with a losing record we feel optimistic about our upcoming New England schedule. If you are interested in finding out how the team is doing throughout the season, go to the Clark website. All scores and box scores will be posted.

Save the Date! Alumni Game

An alumni softball game has been scheduled on Saturday, May 6th at 1:00 p.m. It will take place at O'Brien Field, the home field of the Clark Cougars. Any alumni interested in attending contact Linda Wage. Food and refreshments will be served.

Friends of Clark Softball has been formed under the umbrella of Friends of Clark Athletics. If you are interested in supporting the softball program and would like more information, please contact Head Coach Linda Wage.

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