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Bees' start a team-wide effort

Prior to the season, Medina softball coach Jess Toocheck just wanted her team to get off to a good start. The Bees had a strong finish in 2011 and she wanted them to capitalize. Not even Toocheck could have imagined what happened next.

Heading into a Northeast Ohio Conference meeting with Brunswick on Wednesday, Medina was 12-0, tied for first in the NOC Valley Division and looking as good as anyone in Northeast Ohio.

Through those first dozen games, Medina was hitting nearly .350 as a team, scoring more than seven runs per game and allowing just 2.5 runs per contest.

"I think every team looks to have a good start at the beginning of the year, but I think that where we're at right now is a little bit surprising," Toocheck said. "But it's something I think that they've worked hard for. It's good to see the girls come out and play with a lot of passion. "It's a different kind of mentality. They remembered last season and they were hoping to go a little bit deeper in the tournament. They were hoping to carry that intensity and determination."

Teams aren't unbeaten at the midway point without a lot of people pulling weight. lineup are

Comments

Bees lose stars, keep depth

Each year coaches are sent preseason forms to fill out and nearly invariably those forms have a line for coaches to fill in key letter-winners lost.

Medina girls track coach Scott Van Fleet could only chuckle as he filled that out this year.

Taylor Burke? Yeah, those three state high jump championships would qualify her as a key letter-winner lost. Alex Wasik? Yeah, state pole vault champ qualifies

Comments

Medina 4x1 still has high hopes

Walter Bailey is the Lone Ranger when it comes to Medina's 4x100 team. Despite his three new Tontos, Bailey is not masking his enthusiasm.

Despite being the only component back from the foursome that last year won the Division I state championship in the event, Bailey is feeling good about things. "We're right where we want to be right now," he said last Saturday