

Brown sends Lady Tigers through 1st full week of practice

Coach Mark Brown got the Lady Tigers on the field last week, and has already begun to see his team shaping up. With 7 sophomores and 8 freshman, the Lady Tigers look to improve on last year's 9-win season.

Four pitchers will toe the rubber this season. Sophomores Amanda Fuller and Leanna Burch have thrown well during side sessions and BP. Fuller looks to play a lot of 3rd base when not in the circle. Both Fuller and Burch have hit the ball well so far and will be expected to provide leadership. Katie Gray and Courtney Carlile, both freshman, bring power arms to the rotation and will be counted on to play some 1st base and DP as well. Gray and Carlile should force themselves somewhere into the lineup if they hit as well as they have shown.

Behind the dish, sophomore Brittany Wilson will do the bulk of the catching this year for the Lady Tigers. Wilson brings experience and a big bat to the team. Freshman Starr Peters, a left-hander with a gun, will provide back-up to Wilson. Peters will see a lot of action in the outfield and has shown a good stroke in BP.

Freshman Brandie Monroe will anchor the infield at shortstop. With a slick glove and strong arm, Monroe will be counted on for a strong season in the field and at the plate. Sophomore Amanda Foley and freshman Brooke Davis are competing for the 2nd base position. Foley has shown quick hands on the double play, and continues to be a leader on the field. Davis has also shown good hands and a little pop in her bat. Davis may play a little 3rd, also. Freshman Katie Sharpe looks to get a lot of playing time at 1st base this year, and could also see some time in the outfield and 3rd.

Sophomores Christa Archer and Christina Glover look to hold left and center, respectively, for the Lady Tigers this year. Archer has shown a good arm and good pop with the bat, so far, and will play a lot of 3rd, when Fuller takes the mound. Glover can run 'em down with the best of the, shows good speed, and has stepped up in the leadership role. Freshman Edith Smith, Jessica Shearon, and Christi Askea will compete for playing time in the outfield. Smith is the Lady Tigers only left-handed hitter and has shown good power. Shearon and Askea have made strides in transitioning to the fast-pitch game. Askea has a good arm and some power potential, while Shearon shows enough athletic ability to earn some playing time.