



The Lady Cobras main strength is their offensive might. Ability makes softball No. 1

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The South Miami Softball Team is really ripping at the plate. Head Coach Betty Smemo and Assistant Coach Frank Johnson love to hear those bats cracking as S.M. shows their opponents how well they can beat on the ball. "It isn't only that the team is doing their job, our defense is awesome," says Coach Smemo. The infield consists of Angela Smart at third base, Brenetta Gordon at shortstop, Genene Kendrick at second base and Ceci Olavarria at first base. Patricia Veargis, Debra Cobb, Hope Butler and Liz Bebbler are in the outfield.

Lisa Gili is the pitcher and Ana Pulido is the catcher. "Everyone on the softball team contributes to our success. I'm very pleased with the good attitude of our players and how well they get along with each other. There is great effort both on the field and on the bench," says Smemo. "Winning is the name of the game through good playing and good sportsmanship, and our coach is proud that we have both," said Hope Butler. Hope was chosen player of the week recently by the *Miami News* and was named most valuable offensive player at the Dade-South Lady Jaguar Tournament.

Pitching is the key to Cobra success

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"More depth in the pitching staff has helped a whole lot," said Coach Willie Lopez.

The varsity baseball team has bounced back from a disastrous record last year to an impressive one (14-3) this year. The team is currently ranked number three in the county.

"I think we'll continue to have a fair season this year. We have a good team but I'm questioning experience at certain positions, especially pitching and catching," said Lopez.

Coach Lopez believes that the success is from longer and harder practices, off-season weight programs and five seniors who provide leadership to the team.

Leading the pitching staff is Armando Alvarez, a junior left-hander who is 5-1 with a 0.75 era. Giving South Miami the kind of pitching depth it lacked previously is Jorge Blanco, a junior, and Manny Lopez, a promising sophomore.

At one time, first baseman Adrian Ochoa led the county

in hitting with a .611 average. His average has dropped somewhat since but he is still batting an impressive .452.

Shortstop Eddie Duarte has contributed with three homeruns and a .407 average.

"If we keep this up, we'll go a long way," added Lopez.

Pitching Statistics						
	W	L	IP	ERA	SO	BB
Armando Alvarez	5	1	28	.75	34	17
Manny Nunez	4	0	18	3.5	13	12
Jorge Blanco	1	2	7	8.0	1	7
Carlos Baserva	1	0	3	4.6	2	2
Jose Vasquez	0	0	4	5.2	0	2

Hitting Statistics				
	AB	RBI	HR	AVERAGE
Adrian Ochoa	31	9	1	.452
Eddie Duarte	27	13	3	.407
Len Miyer	27	3	0	.407
Eric Machin	31	8	1	.387
Oscar Sanchez	23	7	1	.304
Nelson Castillo	9	2	0	.333
Hector Fernandez	31	4	0	.258