

DOMINICAN SOFTBALL LEARNS A LOT FROM 5 - 11 SEASON  
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WHITEFISH BAY - Although they only won five games, the Dominican girls softball team came away from the 2008 season with a lot of valuable experience that will surely benefit them in the years to come.

Their schedule, which included games against powerhouses like West Allis Central and conference leaders Shoreland Lutheran and Burlington Catholic Central, provided the Knights with many challenges.

However, as the year went on, the youthful team began showing a lot of improvement, specifically on defense and hitting. Going into the season, coach Ben Weiler was concerned with the team's lack of offensive power. But by the end of the year, three girls (Lisa Krause, Alex Teppler and Jessie Bazan) were hitting above .300 in conference play.

Also, in one of their final games against Shoreland Lutheran, the team busted out five hits in the final inning. The girls' fielding also improved dramatically as the games went on.

Dominican will have much of its team back next year, as only three seniors are graduating. Also joining the program includes a talented group of incoming freshmen, and there are a number of junior varsity players ready to make an impact at the varsity level. Through hard work this summer, the Knights look to be poised for a breakout season next year.