

**Milan softball, filled with returning talent, aims for 2012 improvement**

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The Milan softball team jumped into the 2012 season with a 7-3 loss at Gallatin on Thursday night, slowing but not ending hopes of an improved season for the "Green 'n Gold" this fall.

The Lady 'Cats have been able to build numbers and depth within its program over the last two years under head coach Nate Dodson, who tells us about his excitement over the potential for improvement for his team:

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Milan should have good depth in its pitching staff, led by anticipated ace Alyssa Forster:

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Against Gallatin last night, Milan had Hannah Sanders go 1 for 3 with an RBI and a run score, Haley Thompson 1 for 3, and Emily Sylvester with an RBI. Forster gave up six hits, two walks, and had one strikeout. Gallatin's offensive highlight was a two-run homer by Aubrey Nelson.

Licking their wounds after Thursday night's defeat at Gallatin, the Lady 'Cats hope to get in the win column tomorrow (Saturday), with three guaranteed games in the Linn County Tournament in Purdin. Milan's home opener is Monday at 5 o'clock against the Novinger Lady Wildcats.