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## JV SOFTBALL RETURNS TO CHARLOTTE HIGH SCHOOL



As it would be expected when a sport is just beginning, the Charlotte High School JV softball team was composed of young players. The team included 7 freshmen, 6 sophomores and 1 junior, but what they lacked in experience was made up for in their enthusiasm for the game and ability to work as a team. This was also the first season for JV softball coach, Courtney Quinn, along with assistants; Sherm Ellard and Duane Demuth. Together they took these fourteen girls to a 4 and 22 record. The coaching staff focused their season on basic fundamentals. "We needed to build these girls from the ground up; 10 out of 14 had never played a game of softball before this season," explained Coach Ellard. The coaches taught the girls how to throw a ball, catch the ball, play the ball, run bases, steal bases, pitch and hit, while instilling in them basic softball techniques and understanding the rules of the game. The team had successes in every game they played. The team members learned from their mistakes and pushed forward. At the

close of this year Coach Quinn feels positive that they have a good baseline of experience and this program will continue to build next year.