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CEDARVILLE COLLEGE
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It is difficult to convince people that your team is going to be a strong contender for the district title when your club was 12-14 a year ago and has never made the playoffs before. That's the problem facing Cedarville College coach Bob Fires, however he also believes his team could even make some noise past the district level.

Fires returns five starters and seven letterwinners from last spring's team, but it is the addition of three players from California that will make the difference. Freshmen Denise DeWalt, Cindy Weibert, and DeAnn Lancaster were all members of the Bakersfield ASA 19-under team that placed 3rd out of 55 teams last summer at the ASA National Tournament in South Dakota.

DeWalt, one of the most heavily recruited non-pitchers in the country, batted .441 for Bakersfield. Fires calmly predicts his shortstop will be the best player in District 22.

Weibert is a hard-throwing righthander who carries a five-pitch arsenal and she was heavily recruited by many NCAA Division I schools as well. Lancaster has a strong arm, good bat, and can play either first base or the outfield.

Couple those players with the following returnees: sophomore catcher Sara Norder (.318), sophomore infielder Sharon Norder (.300), sophomore infielder Diane Rank (.280), plus junior pitcher Chris Jackson (2.79 ERA, 55 K, 36 BB) and there is a solid nucleus with which to work.

Fires says, "We are stronger in every phase of the game. We possess strong pitching and good team speed. This will be the best softball team by far that Cedarville College has ever had."

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