Lady Topper Softball

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The Lady Topper softball team will make history tomorrow.

In this week’s View from the Hill, Amy Bingham talks to the team about appearing in its first-ever NCAA tournament.

The Lady Topper softball team is on a roll. Garnering a season record of 41 and 16, the Sun Belt Conference Regular Season Champions are now bound for the NCAA. It’s no surprise to this close-knit team.

 “If you’ve ever seen them play you’ll see that they are a dynamic group of young women, they play the game with fire and passion. They have a complete and earnest desire to win.”

That desire to win has earned this Lady Topper team a place in history by going to the NCAA tournament.

 “We’ve been close here and there but have fallen short. This year we were able to finish and play well and get the bid.”

Senior Katrina Metoyer from California remembers being being at the bottom of the conference her freshman year but she always kept the faith.

 “I didn’t know what we were gonna do but I knew if everyone worked hard and we got new players and new talent we were gonna work our way up and that’s what we’ve done.”

It hasn’t been easy. Junior Kelsie Mattox says the team lost both a pitcher and a catcher last fall and made a decision not to give up.

 “Late in the fall we came together for a big team meeting, a heart to heart and we all established our goals again. We looked at how achievable it was.”

The team says its chemistry and hard work that has led to this season’s success.

 “We are such a family, all 18 of us and the coaching staff, we’re so close. What we do out here every day, we grind just like every other sport, men or women.”

They say now is the time to really make noise. These Lady Toppers are not content just to go to the tournament.

 “Never settling, don’t be happy just to get to regionals, we want to win the whole thing. We want to go to the series and take it and we want to upset the big teams and show them what we’re made of.”

WKU takes on the University of South Carolina Upstate tomorrow at 3:30 in the opening round of the Tuscaloosa Regional.

With this week’s View from the Hill, I’m Amy Bingham.

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