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Rising seniors Katherine Mayhew and Cal Hardee of Watauga High were outstanding this past weekend at the North Carolina State Games in Charlotte.

Mayhew backboned the West women to a gold medal at Queens University in Charlotte. She played the second half on Saturday and didn't allow a goal as the West beat the East 1-0 in the opening round. She played the second half on Sunday in the gold medal game as the West beat the South 2-1 to win the championship.

Mayhew coughed up a controversial goal in the closing moment. She stopped a corner kick, but she was fouled, the ball popped loose and the South scored. Unfortunately, for Mayhew the foul wasn't called and the goal was allowed.

Patrick Gladys of A.C. Reynolds coached the West women. The North beat the East 1-0 in the bronze medal game. The West men, who were coached by former WHS assistant coach and current Hickory coach Brian Jillings, defeated the North 2-0 in the gold-medal game; the East, led by former WHS coach Doug Kidd, beat the South 3-1 in the bronze medal game.

In baseball, Cal Hardee goes 5-11 in four games, with a home run, three runs-batted-in and a .455 batting average during the weekend. Hardee, who also played second base and shortstop at the state games, did not commit an error. Hardee's Region 7 team, however, finished seventh, going 1-3 in the tournament. Region 7 lost to Region 3, 2-1 on Friday; they lost 9-2 to Region 5 on Saturday before they beat Region 8, 2-1 on Sunday in the seventh-place game at Hopewell High School in Charlotte.

Region 4 defeated Region 1, 5-2 in the fifth-place game; Region 5 defeated Region 2, 6-4 in the bronze medal game; Region 6 (from the Charlotte area) defeated Region 3 (from the

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Raleigh area), 7-5 in the gold medal game.