

## Spartans Win NW3A/4A Title

Written by Staff Reports  
Sunday, 06 May 2012 08:16

---

This is becoming rather monotonous. For the seventh time in eight years, the South Caldwell High baseball team captured the Northwestern 3A/4A Tournament championships. The Spartans (23-2), who have been to the title game nine consecutive times, received a masterful pitching performance from Spencer Greer as the Spartans defeated Hickory 4-0 in

the championship game Saturday night at MSDeal Stadium in Granite Falls, N.C. It was the second time this season Greer has blanked the Red Tornadoes (18-7). It's also the second time South Caldwell has beaten Hickory in the tournament finals. They beat the Red Tornadoes in the 2010 championship game.

He threw a no-hitter against them (a 6-0 victory) back on March 30. In two appearances against the Red Tornadoes,. Greer has given up three hits in 14 innings.

For his efforts, Greer was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. Bryson Bowman provided all the runs he needed with a three-run homer in the third. Nick Guarino suffered the loss; Tyler Pait was Hickory's leading hitter with two hits in three trips, including a triple.

## COUGARS TAKE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Chelsea Wilkinson of Alexander Central threw a four-hit shutout in a 1-0, nine-inning victory Friday night against St. Stephens in the championship game of the Northwestern 3A/4A Conference Tournament in Taylorsville. Wilkinson, who threw the 81st shutout in her career, struck out 14 batters and was named the tournament's co-MVP with teammate Taylor Wike. Wike drove in the game's only run with a double in the ninth inning. Alexander Central finished with six hits and from the second through the seventh innings, the Cougars stranded 11 runners, nine in scoring position and were 0-for-10 with runners in scoring position.