

Suddreath, Farley Named All-State

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Rising junior Maddi Suddreath of Alexander Central High and guard Kerigan Farley of St. Stephens have been named all-state by NCPreps.com.

Suddreath was named to the girl's Class 4A All-State squad following a strong sophomore season in 2012-13. She averaged 18 points and eight rebounds a game last year for the Cougars, who won a school record 25 games. She did miss three games with a foot injury. Alexander Central, which will be a member of the newly formed Northern Piedmont 3A/4A Conference this fall, shared the Northwestern 3A/4A Conference title with Fred T. Foard and Hickory last season.

The Cougars, who reached the Class 4A Western Regional semifinals in 2011-12, lost to Indian Trail-Porter Ridge in the sectional finals.

Watauga will play the Cougars twice this season---on December 4 and December 10---in a pair of non-conference games.

Kerigan, who will attend Montreat College, an NAIA school in Montreat, N.C., led St. Stephens to a 19-8 record. He was named to the boy's Class 3A All-State team.

The Indians, the No.3 seed in the NW3A/4A Conference, lost to Hickory in the semifinals of the NW3A/4A Conference Tournament; the Red Tornadoes knocked off St. Stephens again, this time in the opening-round of the Class 3A state playoffs in overtime.

FRANKLIN, HENSON TO PLAY IN EAST-WEST SENIOR ALL-STAR GAME

Macy Franklin of St. Stephens High and Sarah Henson of Hickory will play for the West in the East-West Senior All-Star Game next Tuesday, July 23 at UNC-Greensboro.

Franklin led the Indians (21-4-2) to the Northwestern 3A/4A Conference championship, and to the Class 3A state championship game. St. Stephens lost to Raleigh-Cardinal Gibbons in the state finals. Franklin, who will attend Wingate University in Charlotte on a soccer scholarship this fall, was one of the top goal scorers in the state. She backboned the Indians to their first state championship-game appearance by scoring 48 goals this season. The Indians outscored five playoff opponents 24-0 before they lost to 3-0 to Cardinal Gibbons in the state finals.

Hickory (13-2-4), which finished in second place in the NW3A/4A last spring, lost to Tuscola in the opening-round of the Class 3A state playoffs.