

L-R Softball Picked To Win SAC Title

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The Lenoir-Rhyne Softball Team was voted on by the league coaches to win the 2014 South Atlantic Conference Regular Season Championship.

The Bears, who finished 37-16 last season and won their fourth straight league tournament title, received seven of the 12 first-place votes for a total of 127 points.

Lenoir-Rhyne is coming off a berth in the regional finals last spring and has won eight league championships in school history, all since the 2000 season.

In addition, four Bears earned all-league preseason accolades including first-teamer Maryann Hoskins (Havelock, N.C.).

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Hoskins, a sophomore pitcher, was named to the 2013 All-SAC First Team after finishing with a record of 17-8 to go along with a 1.79 earned run average, 10 shutouts and 164 strikeouts.

Senior third baseman Haily Jarman (Wadesboro, N.C.), senior outfielder Jody Mizelle (Colerain, N.C.) and sophomore pitcher Brandi Hole (Sandy Ridge, N.C.) were all named to the all-league preseason second team for the Bears.

Jarman, a three-time All-SAC honoree (2011-13), led the Bears in hits (55), runs scored (33), slugging percentage (.554), triples (five) and total bases (92) last season to go along with a .331 batting average and 27 runs batted in.

Mizelle hit a team-best eight home runs last season with 18 runs batted in while Hole fashioned a 19-8 record in addition to a 2.05 earned run average, five shutouts and 100 strikeouts.

Lenoir-Rhyne opens the 2014 season on Saturday, February 8, against Mount Olive in a doubleheader at Bears Field beginning at 1:00 p.m.

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2014 South Atlantic Conference

Softball Preseason Coaches Poll

1. Lenoir-Rhyne 127 (7)

2. Anderson 114 (3)

3. Wingate 104

4t. Catawba 86 (1)

4t. Carson-Newman 86 (1)

6. Tusculum 83

7. Lincoln Memorial 54

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8. Mars Hill 52

9. Queens 46

10. Coker 35

11. Newberry 23

12. Brevard 12

2014 All-South Atlantic Conference

Preseason Softball Teams

FIRST TEAM

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C - Laura Jansky, Anderson

1B - Danielle Swygert, Anderson

2B - Jessica Neidigh, Anderson

SS - Brittany Hefner, Carson-Newman

3B - Robyn Stanek, Mars Hill

OF - Kelli Hensley, Carson-Newman

OF - Molly Child, Anderson

OF - Miranda Beeler, Tusculum

DP - Kayla Saliga, Wingate

UTIL - Elayna Siebert, Carson-Newman

P - Carley Tysinger, Catawba

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P - Maryann Hoskins, Lenoir-Rhyne

SECOND TEAM

C - Taylor Laskey, Wingate

1B - Kaytlin Stroinski, Tusculum

2B - Hayley Whitley, Wingate

SS - Alexis Burrell, Wingate

3B - Haily Jarman, Lenoir-Rhyne

OF - Brianna Mulkey, Lincoln Memorial

OF - Gabby Bedard, Newberry

OF - Jody Mizelle, Lenoir-Rhyne

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DP - Whitney Britt, Queens

DP - Amanda Show, Lincoln Memorial

UTIL - Alyssa Miller, Brevard

P - Stacey Houser, Wingate

P - Brandi Hole, Lenoir-Rhyne

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