

Three Vikings Earn All-Conference Honors

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The Avery High baseball and softball teams had three all-conference selections in the Western Highlands 1A-2A Conference. Laura Cole and Shannon Smith of the Vikings were named to the WHC all-conference team in softball; Ty Polsgrove was named all-conference in baseball.

Michaela Drewnoski of Madison was named the WHC Player of the Year in softball; Samantha Gosnell of Madison was named the Pitcher of the Year; Andy Gregg of Madison was named Coach of the Year.

Hendersonville made it a clean sweep in baseball. Mark Cook of the Bearcats was named Coach of the Year; Samuel Linn of Hendersonville was the Pitcher of the Year; his teammate, junior Justin Sparks, was named the Player of the Year.

WHC All-Conference Teams:

SOFTBALL

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Player of the Year: Michaela Drewnoski, Madison

Pitcher of the Year: Samantha Gosnell, Madison

Coach of the Year: Andy Gregg, Madison

All Conference Team

Avery: Laura Cole, Shannon Smith

2014 All Conference Baseball

Coach of the Year: Mark Cook, Hendersonville

Pitcher of the Year: Samuel Linn, Sr., Hendersonville

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Player of the Year: Justin Sparks, Jr., Hendersonville

Avery

Ty Polsgrove, Sr.

Proffitt Steps Things Up....

Former Watauga High baseball player Matt Proffitt turned in a stellar sophomore year at Brevard College, a Division II school in Brevard, N.C., and a member of the South Atlantic Conference.

Proffitt, who played in 39 games and started 35, batted .325 his sophomore year with four doubles, a triple and two home runs with 17 runs-batted-in among his 41 hits. Proffitt had a .421 slugging percentage and a .441 on-base percentage.

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Proffitt played in 45 games as a freshman, making 42 starts. He batted .262 with a home run and 16 RBI. Proffitt had a .326 slugging percentage and a .335 on-base percentage. He also had ten multi-hit games, and he collected first collegiate hit against Young Harris on February 9, 2013.

Proffitt was the co-Player of the Year his senior year at WHS in the Northwestern 3A-4A Conference. He was named an All-State selection by the North Carolina Baseball Coaches Association. Proffitt also played basketball for the Pioneers his senior year and was named Team MVP. Proffitt also excelled in the classroom. He was an honor roll student his senior year.

Alexander Central In State Finals Again.....

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The Alexander Central High softball team marched its way back to the Class 4A NCHSAA State Championships by knocking off North Davidson in a two-game sweep.

The Cougars (33-0) will play Cape Fear (26-1) in a best of three championship series at the Walnut Creek Softball Complex in Raleigh, June 6-7. The Colts defeated Middle Creek two games to one by winning the third-and-deciding game 3-2 on Friday night.

The Cougars defeated the Black Knights 12-3 in game one of their best-of-three series Tuesday night in Lexington. The Cougars broke that game open with six runs in the fifth inning. Kiana Millsaps pitched the first two innings before giving way to Bailey Rhoney who pitched the final five innings to pick up her 16th win on the season.

Rhoney allowed a run on four hits. Vada Sherrill, Taylor Wike, and Averii Miller each had three hits apiece; Wike and Miller both homered. Bailey Sherrill added two hits; Bailey Rhoney, Kiana Millsaps, Amanda Sports hit a three-run homer.

The Cougars completed the sweep Wednesday night by knocking off North Davidson 4-2 in Taylorsville. Kiana Millsaps, who came on in relief in the third inning, tossed the last five innings and picked up her 17th win on the year.

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Millsaps gave up two hits and struck out four during her stay on the mound. Bailey Rhoney led the way at the plate going 3-4 with three singles and three RBI. Tianna Batts added two hits, Vada Sherrill added a hit and an RBI, and Averil Miller and Mia Blochaviak each added one hit apiece.