

13 Metro players make Class 4A all-state softball teams

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Thirteen players from Cedar Rapids Metro high schools have been named to the Class 4A all-state softball teams, the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union announced Friday.

In addition, two players from Marion High School made the Class 3A team.

Cedar Rapids Jefferson paved the way in Class 4A with a pair of first-team picks in pitcher Hannah Petersen (18-4, 0.88) and outfielder Rachel Sedlacek (.447, 11 home runs). Petersen and Sedlacek made the squad as juniors and have another season with the J-Hawks.

Xavier placed three-fourths of its starting infield on the all-state teams. Shortstop Tyler Sampson (.455, 15 homers, 59 RBIs) and second baseman Kristen Winter (.310, 6 homers, 32 RBIs) made second team all-state and third baseman Abby Bedard (.418) made the third unit. All three players were seniors this year.

The Linn-Mar Lions had four players receive honorable mention with freshman Ellie Rizor (.365, 8 homers), freshman Maggie Rizor (.357, four homers, 35 RBIs), sophomore Kelsey Duggan (.357) and senior Lindsey Harms (.311).

Seniors Shelby Crist (.392) and Katie Wieland (.365) of Cedar Rapids Prairie garnered honorable mention.

Jefferson junior Kenna Fry (.374, 6 homers, 39 RBIs) and Cedar Rapids Washington senior Jordan Carr (.364) also received honorable mention.

Jadyn Spencer of Waterloo West and Aly Cappaert of Ankeny were honored as the Co-Players of the Year. Riley Fisher of Des Moines East was named the Pitcher of the Year and Bob Ligouri of Des Moines East was named the Coach of the Year.

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Two players from Marion High School received honorable mention on the Class 3A all-state team. Senior Leah Smith (.360, 24 RBIs) and sophomore Beth Knapp (.309, 29 RBIs) were saluted.

The full all-state softball teams can be found at www.ighsau.org .