

4 Eagles named softball All-Americans

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Four members of the Kirkwood softball team have been named NJCAA Division II All-Americans.

Taylor Nearad, Maddie Hansen and Gabi Carter were named first team All-Americans by the NJCAA Division II Softball Committee. Nicky Simpson was named a third team All-American.

Nearad, a freshman center-fielder from Solon, hit .602 with 30 home runs and 129 RBIs this season. She led the nation in homers and RBIs and finished third in batting average.

Hansen, a freshman catcher from Cedar Rapids Jefferson, hit .455 with 20 home runs and 93 RBIs. She finished third in the nation in RBIs and seventh in home runs. Hansen will play at Ball State next season.

Carter, a freshman infielder from Cedar Rapids Prairie, hit .442 with 21 home runs and 84 RBIs. She finished fifth in homers and fifth in RBIs.

Simpson, a sophomore from Conrad, compiled a 28-3 record and 2.18 earned run average for the Eagles. She will pitch at Truman State next season.

Kirkwood finished with a 58-6 record and placed fifth at the national tournament.