

Neila Bell wins Metro Spotlight Award

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Neila Bell of Cedar Rapids Prairie is the winner of the Metro Spotlight Award for high school girls this week, the Metro Sports Report announced Sunday.

Bell, a junior, has burst onto the scene this season as a strong hitter and catcher for the Prairie Hawks after getting only seven at-bats last year as a sophomore. She is hitting .359 with three home runs and 18 RBIs in 21 games.

Bell went 9-for-18 with three doubles and seven RBIs in six games for Prairie last week. The Hawks swept a doubleheader from Xavier on Tuesday, split a doubleheader with sixth-ranked Jefferson on Wednesday and split another twinbill with 10th-ranked Linn-Mar on Thursday.

Bell went 5-for-6 in the two games against Jefferson with two doubles and three RBIs.

Prairie has a 14-7 record heading into the new week.