

St. Mary's, Cathedral players lead All-Journal softball team

All-Journal Softball 2018

First Team

Jody Hansen, Sr., St. Mary's

Hansen had a phenomenal year all-around for the Knights en route to a 21-3 year. The senior led the team in batting average (.507), RBIs (39), home runs (11) and runs scored (44).

She has been an All-Conference player the last four years and won the Tomahawk Conference Player of the Year award this year. She added 38 hits this year.

Coming off a co-player of the year award a season ago at The Journal, Hansen ends her career with a .516 BA, 24 homers, 175 hits, 127 RBIs, 32 doubles and 14 triples.

Ali Beltz, Sr., St. Mary's

Beltz has been an All-Conference selection the last four seasons for the Knights and had a .548 BA, 40 hits and 28 RBIs her senior year. The two-time All-Journal First Team member wraps up her career with a .545 BA, 146 RBIs, 13 homers and 183 hits.

Rose Hazuka, Sr., NUC

Hazuka had a .476 batting average on the way to helping lead the New Ulm Cathedral Greyhounds to another Tomahawk Conference title and also back to the state tournament this year. The Tomahawk All-Conference catcher led the team in RBIs with 36 and hits with 30.

She also added six doubles and four homers. Hazuka ends her career with a .392 BA, 95 RBIs, 83 hits and 18 doubles.

Josie Pautzke, Jr., NUC

Josie Pautzke was Cathedral's top pitcher this year with a 1.81 ERA, 88 strikeouts and 20 walks allowed. She allowed just 21 earned runs and was 17-1 on the year from the circle.

Pautzke hit .418 with 28 hits and 24 RBIs. She also added five homers to lead the team in round-trippers. She was an All-Conference selection this year as well.

Joey Batt, Jr., New Ulm

Batt had a .480 BA this year for New Ulm with an OBP of .576. She was an All-Conference selection and struck out just five times all season. She also stole 17 bases.

Batt was described by her coach Kristi Andersen Loose as the perfect leadoff hitter.

Dani Weiss, Sr.,

St. Mary's

Weiss made the All-Conference team this season with a .477 BA, 23 RBIs, 41 hits (led team), 11 doubles (led team) and 22 stolen bases (led team). Coach Wendy Owens believes this to be Weiss' best season yet and the numbers make it hard to argue against that statement.

Cora Eichten, So., Wabasso

Eichten was All-Conference this year with a .486 average at the plate, which led the team. She had a team-best 34 hits and added 22 RBIs, 19 runs scored, six doubles and two homers.

Lauren Klein, Sr.,

Sleepy Eye

Klein led the team with a .446 BA this year and also led the team in hits (29), runs scored (23) and stolen bases (14). She was first-team all state and an All-Conference team member this year.

The leadoff hitter was a four-year starter for the Indians who played centerfield. Coach Tim Hoffman said that her speed and ability to bat right and also slap hit from the left side helped spark the team.

Emily Benz, Sr., Wabasso

Benz has been the pitcher for Wabasso the past four years and helped lead the team to a Section 3A runner-up year. An All-Conference selection the last three years, Benz went 13-10 this season with a 3.80 ERA.

She had 101 strikeouts in 127 innings pitched and threw five complete-game shutouts, along with a no-hitter. She also had a .408 BA and 32 runs scored (led team).

Benz led the team with 24 stolen bases and added four triples.

Second Team

Ashlyn Donner, Jr.,

New Ulm

Donner took over in the circle for the Eagles this year and had a 1.23 ERA with an average of 1.28 strikeouts per inning. She allowed just a .146 BA against her and coach Andersen Loose called her one of the hardest-working players she has ever coached.

Donner also hit .295 with an OBP of .486 and was an All-Conference member this year.

Kaila Brudelie, Sr.,

New Ulm

Brudelie hit .439 this year with an OBP of .628 in her final year with the Eagles. She was an All-Conference member and had 14 stolen bases and struck out just four times all year.

Jenna Frank, Jr., Wabasso

Frank was an All-Conference third baseman this year for Wabasso and hit .433 with 29 hits, 27 runs scored, 17 RBIs and 20 stolen bases. She led the team in OBP with a .585 and added six doubles.

Lauryn Franta, Jr., NUC

Franta was an All-Conference member this year with a .397 BA, 25 hits, 23 RBIs and two homers. She had seven doubles to lead the Greyhounds and had a .971 fielding percentage.

Lexi Fischer, Jr., MVL

Fischer was an All-Conference player this year and made the all-state second team this year as well. She hit .592 with 29 hits, 11 doubles, two triples and two homers. She scored 12 runs and added 23 RBIs with an OBP of .580.

Sarah Mohr, Fr., NUC

Mohr led the Greyhounds in runs scored this year with 30 while batting .419. The freshman had 26 hits, 11 RBIs and made the All-Conference team.

Jenna Helget, Sr., NUC

Helget hit .419 this season with 26 hits, 16 RBIs and 29 runs scored. She made the All-Conference team this year and wraps up her career with a .324 BA, 48 hits and 34 RBIs.

Courtney Davis, Sr., Madelia

The three-year varsity starter for Madelia hit .514 this season with three doubles, a homer and seven RBIs. She had an on base percentage of .561 and was a pitcher with a 9.07 ERA.

Heidi Hoffman, Jr., NUC

The Cathedral first baseman hit .323 this year for the Greyhounds with a perfect fielding percentage. She added 20 hits and seven runs scored.