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**HICKS RECEIVES “POY” HONORS IN NWC SOFTBALL**

In voting by Northwest Conference softball coaches for the 2014 baseball season. senior **Kirstin Hicks**, a pitcher/first/third baseman from **Crestview** was named **Player of the Year** after being runner-up for that honor during the 2013 season. In a close vote, Helm edged out junior Hope Schroeder of Columbus Grove by 3 points with senior Erin Conkle of Allen East finishing another 4 points back.

**Crestview** coach **Carl Etzler** tallied 20 points to be named **Coach of the Year** at the all-conference selection meeting Monday evening in Delphos. Etzler led the Knights to an 8-0 record and a Northwest Conference championship. The coaches of the co-runnerup teams, Travis Gallmeier (Columbus Grove) and Tony Rumer (Bluffton) finished second and third respectively in the balloting.

Kirstin Hicks batted .475 with 6 home runs and 42 RBI's for in leading the Knights to an undefeated league championship. Hicks also posted a 9-4 record as a pitcher.

Complete results for the Northwest Conference are listed below:

**Northwest Conference First Team:**

Kirstin Hicks CV 12 Maddie Willis BL 11

Hope Schroeder CG 11 Haleigh Mull SV 12

Erin Conkle AE 12 Lauren Schmid CV 11

Tori Johnston SV 12 Audrey Rodriguez AE 11

Ashley McClure LV 12 Katie Roose CG 12

**Northwest Conference Second Team:**

Sami Fruchey BL 10 Ashley Sumner ADA 10

Aubren Davis AE 12 Terra Crowle CV 11

Morgan Riley PL 11 Hannah Sensibaugh DJ 12

Macey Ashbaugh LV 12 Brady Guest CV 10

Mackayla Wilson BL 11 Julia Thatcher LV 11

**Northwest Conference Honorable Mention:**

Lauren Parkins BL 11 Caitlyn Propst SV 10

Mackenzie Ringwald CV 11 Mackenzie Riggenbach CV 11

Micah Stechschulte CG 12 Deanna Kleman CG 12

Jerika Bland PL 12 Alex Shumate SV 10

Brooke Hoffman CG 10 Taylor Monday BL 10

Alexis Gonzaga ADA 12 Claire Thompson DJ 10

Sierra Sizemore AE 12 Taylor Lloyd AE 11

Ashley Windle ADA 12 Shayla Rice DJ 11

Final Northwest Conference Standings (league games only):

1. Crestview 8-0

2. Columbus Grove 6-2

2. Bluffton 6-2

4. Allen East 5-3

4. Lincolnview 5-3

6. Paulding 3-5

7. Spencerville 2-6

8. Ada 1-7

9. Jefferson 0-8

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