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State champs and record breakers: 86 Section V softball players to watch in 2023



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The snow on the ground the Rochester area makes it hard to believe that Section V's softball season is upon us.

Up to 10 inches of snow fell in some areas Tuesday, which would force

local softball practices indoors, if they weren't already. But what's else is new during the opening weeks of the Western New York spring season?

One thing is certain about Section V softball: It's packed with talented players. From the infield to the outfield you'll find returning stars and players on the verge of breakout seasons.

Section V's top returning softball players

This list was submitted by Section V coaches.




Fairport's Nicole Allen, right, reacts after reaching second against Victor during the Section V Class AA Championship at Greece Odyssey High School, Saturday, May 28, 2022. No. 1 seed Fairport won the AA title with a 2-1 win over No. 2 seed Victor. *ADRIAN KRAUS*

Nicole Allen, Fairport: The junior centerfielder is already a four-year starter. Committed to Stony Brook.

Emma Atzl, Penfield: Senior third baseman/catcher has recovered from a season-ending elbow injury.

Malayna Ayers, Bolivar-Richburg: Senior pitcher/shortstop had 53 Ks with a 1.46 ERA. Hit .350 with 30 RBIs and made all-state for the Section V Class C3 champs. Plans to play at Corning Community College.



Bizzie Baglieri, Webster Schroeder: The junior Boston University-commit and catcher/third baseman for the Class A state champion is 100% healthy from knee injury that sidelined her much of last season.

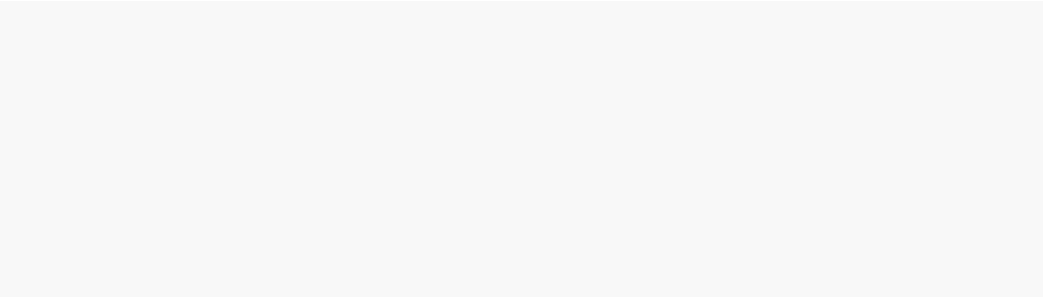
Aly Ball, Byron-Bergen: The senior catcher hit .450 for the Bees in 2022.

Brazen Beckwith, Wellsville: The junior was an all-state catcher after hitting .425 with 21 RBIs, a homer and 20 runs scored.

Anna Bello, Webster Thomas: The senior batted .474 with seven triples, four home runs, 31 RBIs with 166 putouts at catcher. An all-state player and team leader, Bello will play at Ithaca College next season.

Mikayla Bensch, Webster Schroeder: Senior is an all-state infielder who hit .484 and 20 RBIs for the state champion Warriors.





Emerson Broomfield, Canandaigua: The junior pitcher is a three-year starter. Had a 13-3 record with a 2.78 ERA and hit .452 last seasons.

Carly Brockman, Eastridge: The senior will pitch and play second base for the Lancers.

Ariana Buchiere, Canandaigua: The junior St. Bonaventure commit is a center fielder who hit .450.

Navaeh Bunch, Eastridge: The senior leadoff hitter also plays centerfielder.

Kelly Burnett, Canandaigua: The junior catcher enters her third season after hitting .435 in 2022.

Hanna Carpenter, Brockport: The Blue Devils' freshman pitcher.



Juliana Catalano, Fairport: The junior second baseman is entering her fourth year as a starter for the reigning Section V Class AA champion.

Hannah Carney, Batavia: Sophomore third baseman was Team MVP after hitting .468 and earning all-county honors.

Marlayna Cartagena, Irondequoit: The senior All-Greater Rochester pitcher enters her sixth season after striking out 118 batters in the circle and hitting .443 with four home runs and 22 RBIs at the plate.

Carley Casteline, Webster Schroeder: Senior outfielder hit .327 for the Class A state champs.

Julia Clark, Batavia: Junior is an all-county shortstop who hit .413 for the Blue Devils.

Sydney Collier, Spencerport: The senior pitcher/infielder had 127 Ks in 2022, and batted .345 with a .493 on-base percentage. Committed to Nazareth.

Kylie Conway, Pavilion: Sophomore catcher for the Golden Gophers.

Cricket Coots, Pavilion: She'll pitch and play second base as a sophomore.

Madison Coots, Bath-Haverling: Junior third baseman had .810 fielding percentage. Hit .393 with three homers, 16 RBIs and was 10-for-10 on stolen bases.

Trilly Coots, Pavilion: One of the Golden Gophers' up-and-coming young players.

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Makenzie Cowburn *Democrat And Chronicle*

Makenzie Cowburn, Wellsville: The junior was an AGR first teamer and Section V Class B's Player of the Year after going 13-4 with 184 Ks, seven shutouts and a 1.07 ERA. Also batted .463 with nine homers and 30 RBIs for the section champs.

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Jalissa Crittenden, Eastridge: Will pitch and play first base as a freshman.

Kirsten Crowley, Mercy: Senior third baseman is committed to Chatham University in Pittsburgh.

Teona Cruz, Penfield: Senior infielder is a five-year starter with a .400 batting average.

Jessie Crye, Avon: The freshman pitcher was Livingston County all-star after hitting .420 with five triples and 29 runs scored. Had 58 Ks and walked one player vs. 89 batters in 24 innings pitched. Will throw more for the two-time section champs after her AGR first team sister's graduation.

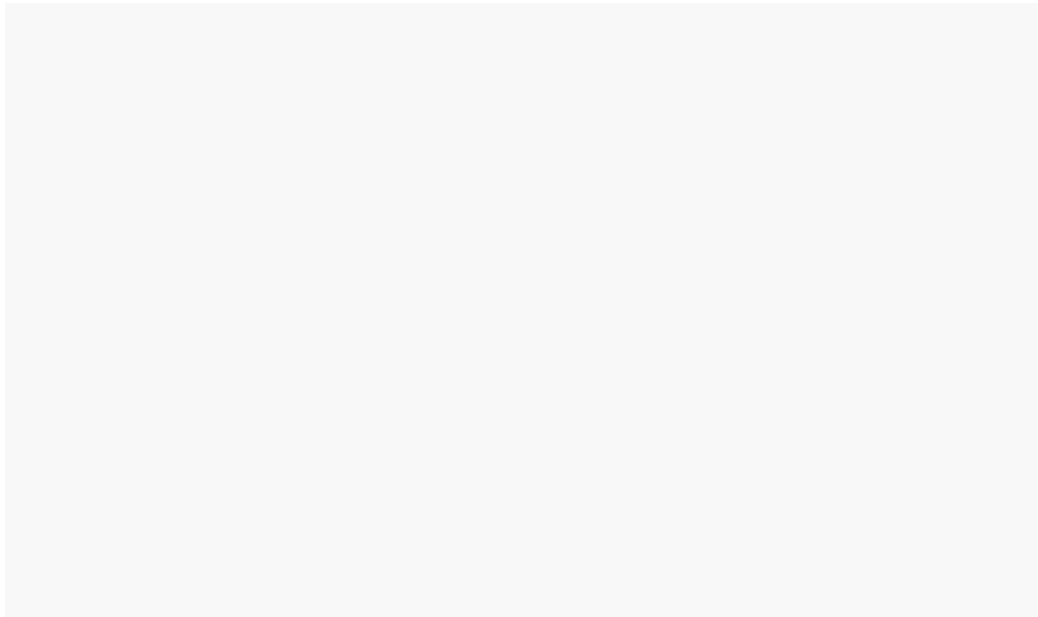
Kathryne Cywinski, Canandaigua: The senior third baseman and three-year starter hit .415 last season.

Norah DeMayo, Irondequoit: The Eagles' sophomore catcher/outfielder enters her third season. She batted .257 with 11 RBIs and all-county honors in 2022.

Maddy DeVore, Caledonia-Mumford: The senior shortstop batted .615 with 48 hits, six home runs and 38 RBIs as an all-state selection. Has over 100 career hits and will play at Fredonia next season.

Kadence Donohue, Friendship/Scio: Infielder for the reigning Section V Class D champs and state semifinalists.

Brooklyn Downey, Brockport: Senior second baseman for the Blue Devils.



Emma Dunaway, Wellsville: The senior middle infielder batted .382 with 12 doubles, 27 RBIs and 27 runs scored while stealing eight bases.

Makenna Dunbar, Wellsville: Threw a no-hitter in her lone start, and had 24 Ks with a 1.39 ERA in 15.1 innings pitched. Hit .412 with three homers and 20 RBIs. Also plays first base and outfield.

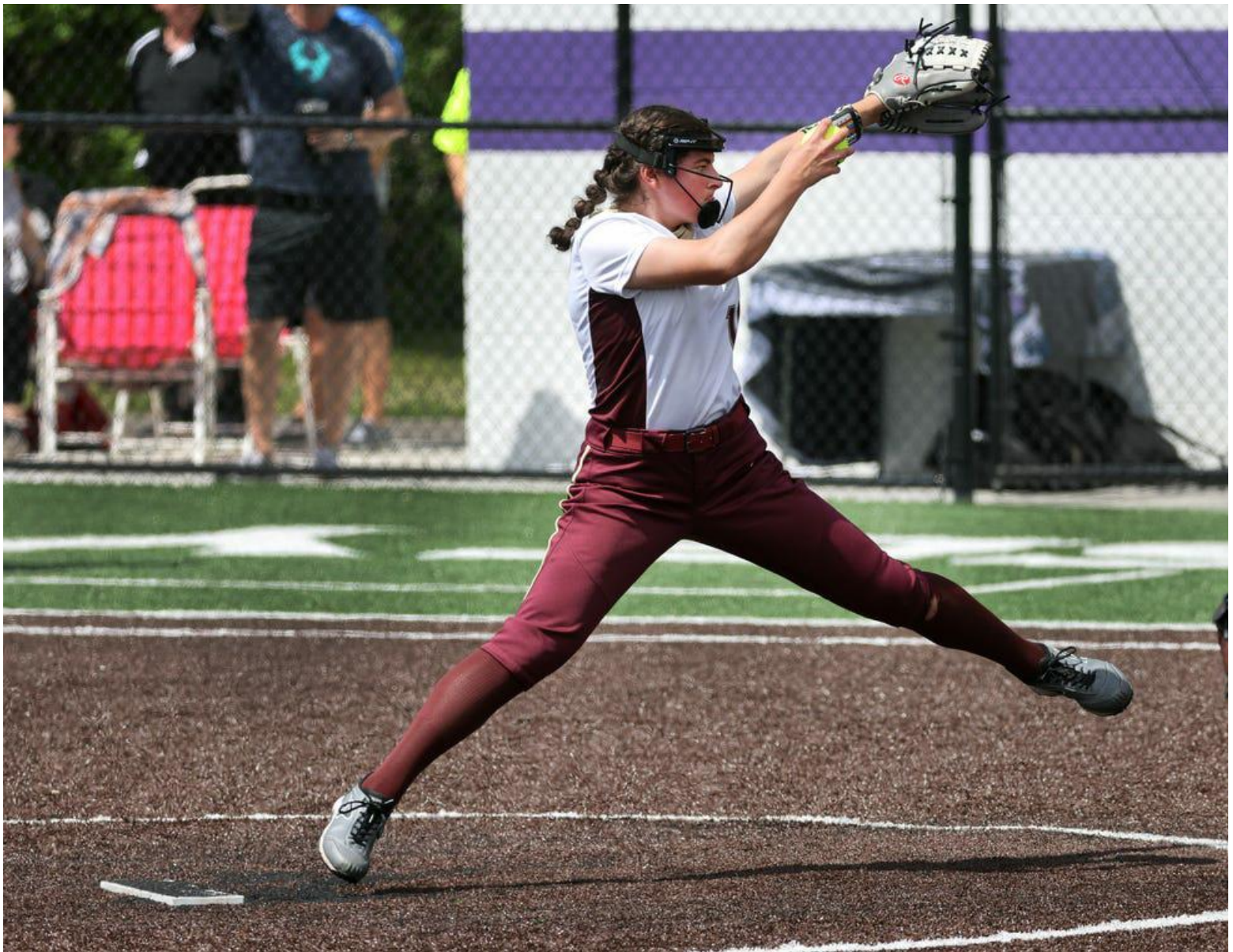
Sarah Ferruzza, Webster Schroeder: Catcher/infielder hit .314 for the state champion Warriors.

Lila Fortez, Batavia: Freshman second baseman was an all-county honorable mention.

Alayna Garwood, Northstar Christian: Senior shortstop was a league all-star and hit .604 with 20 RBIs, a homer and 32 runs scored.

Emma Giordano, Pittsford Mendon: The senior third baseman batted .360 with seven doubles, eight RBIs and an .846 on-base percentage.

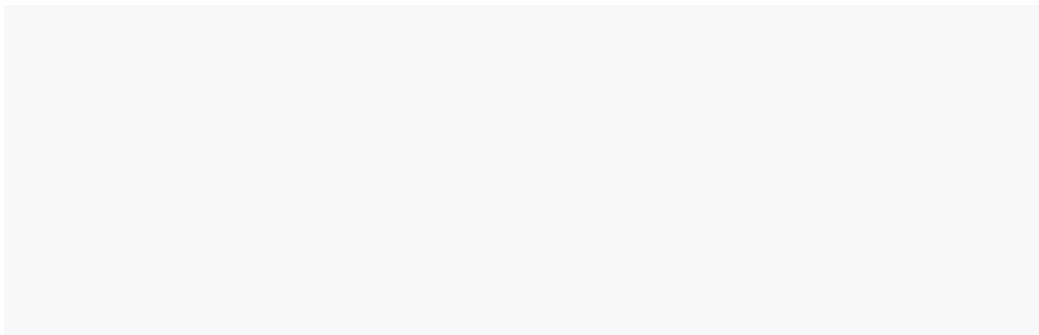
Elizabeth Gleghron, Rush-Henrietta: The three-year starter enters her sophomore season after batting .371 and scoring 14 runs in 2022. Struck out eight times in 77 plate appearances and threw out 15 of 23 runners at catcher.



Mendon pitcher Lilly Goldberg delivers a pitch against Sutherland. *Jamie Germano, JAMIE GERMANO/ROCHESTER DEMOCRAT AND CHRONICLE*

Lilly Goldberg, Pittsford Mendon: The junior was 16-5 with a 1.126 ERA and 260 Ks. She recorded 10 shutouts and two no-hitters in the circle and batted .414 with 17 RBIs as an AGR first teamer.

Libby Grazioplene, Batavia: Freshman is an all-county returner who was second on the team in RBIs.





Lyndsey Grazioplene, Batavia: Senior catcher was Blue Devils Most Improved Player in 2021.

Ariana Guerrero, Brockport: The catcher returns for her senior season.

Madigan Harris, Bolivar-Richburg: Senior catcher hit .323 with five doubles, two triples and 18 RBIs for the Class C3 champs. County all-star plans to play at Alfred State.

McKinlee Harris, Bolivar-Richburg: Senior infielder/pitcher hit .468 with three triples, a homer and 20 RBIs. County all-star plans to play at Alfred State.

Kadyn Hartel, Rush-Henrietta: The sophomore enters her fourth year starting. She went 12-9 with 112 Ks and a 1.96 ERA in the circle while batting .311 with 23 runs scored last season.

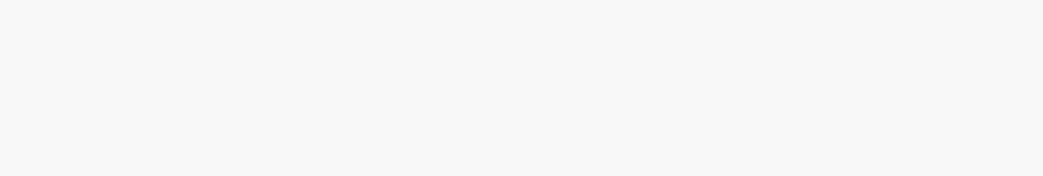
Maddie Hicks, Webster Thomas: The junior batted .420 with 29 hits, 14 doubles and 27 RBIs. The all-county pitcher had 58 Ks in 79 innings.

Meredith Holland, York: The junior pitcher had 108 Ks with an .811 ERA, and walked 33 against 449 batters.

Kiara van der Jagt, Finney: Junior outfielder hit .547 last year.

Harper Kuehne, Eastridge: Enters freshman season as a pitcher and a utility player.

Emma Johnson, Eastridge: The freshman is expected to play catcher, third and first base.





Kate Lamberson, Friendship/Scio: Outfielder for the reigning Class D champions.

Brooke Lander, Wayland-Cohocton: Senior first baseman hit .510 with 26 hits, five homers, 38 RBIs and a 1.000 slugging percentage. Committed to Cobleskill.

Amanda Linnenbrink, Fairport: The senior is entering her fourth season starting for the Red Raiders.

Kaitlin Malucci, Mercy: Will pitch and play first baseman as a senior.

Clare Magee, Penfield: The sophomore is the Patriots' returning starting pitcher.

Alyssa Mead, Pavilion: Another young Golden Gopher added to this year's roster.

Sophia Minuto, Batavia: Junior all-county first baseman led team in RBIs.

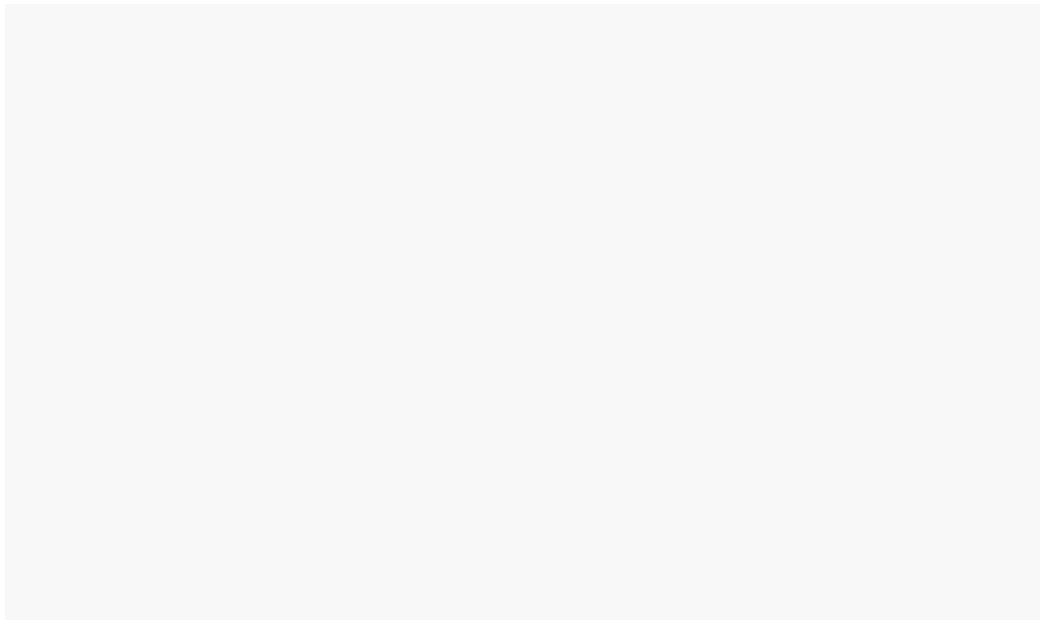
Lucy Murphy, Hilton: The junior returns after a first team all-county campaign.

Giana Mruzcek, Batavia: Junior pitcher had 131 Ks in 111 innings and was named all-county.

Emma Natale, Penfield: Senior catcher/outfielder enters her third season after hitting .325 in league play.

Marissa Ordway, Wellsville: The junior pitcher/first baseman went 6-0 in 26.2 innings with 39 Ks and a no-hitter. Also hit .366 with 10

doubles, 21 RBIs and 21 runs scored.



Amelia Pilecki, Finney: Senior pitcher hit .645 last season.

Robyn Pilecki, Finney: Sophomore catcher hit .608 in 2022.

Maeve Petitti, Brockport: The centerfielder enters her junior season for the Blue Devils.

Kendall Phillips, Byron-Bergen: The senior is already in the state record books after throwing 20 Ks in a game. She had 182 Ks on the season and hit .450 at the plate.

Olivia Pusloski, Avon: The senior catcher enters her third season starting after catching every inning of the Braves' state final four run.

Abby Ras, Irondequoit: The first-team all-county first baseman enters her third season after batting .338 with three homers and 25 RBIs in 2022.

Currin Rosato, Canandaigua: The senior shortstop and three-year starter led the team with six homers and hit .480.

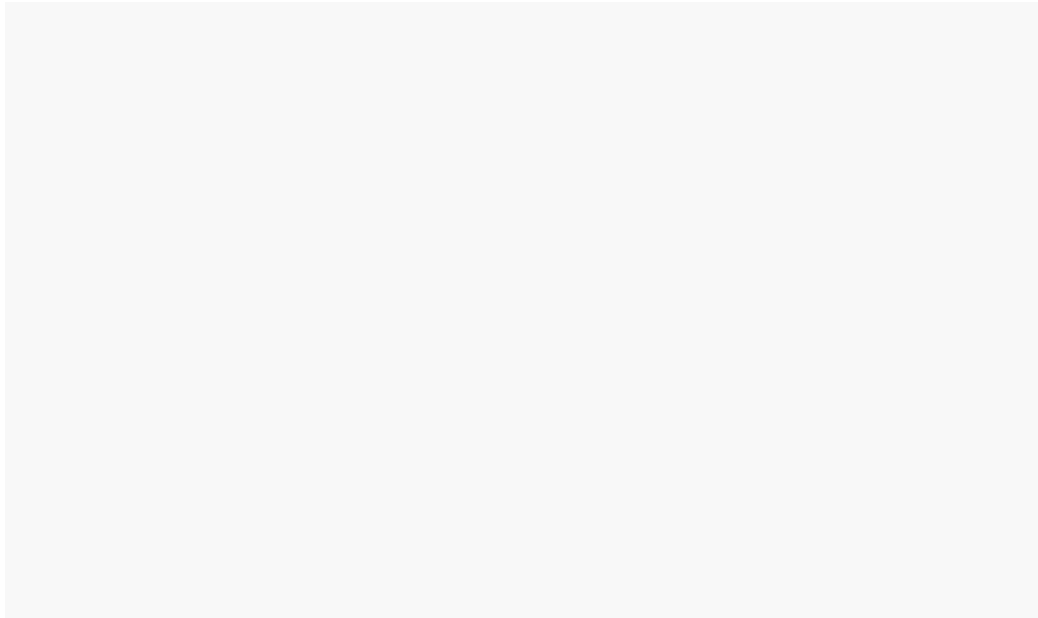
Morghyn Ross, Friendship/Scio: Freshman catcher is batterymates with her older sister.



Byron-Bergen pitcher Kendall Phillips and catcher Aly Ball celebrate Phillips entering the New York state record books last season after striking out 20 batters in a game. *Submitted Photo*

Nevaeh Ross, Friendship/Scio: Junior pitcher is an AGR first teamer who had 329 Ks during team's state final four run.

Emma Rovel, Irondequoit: The senior catcher/third baseman enters her fifth season after batting .353 with 14 RBIs and all-county honors last year.



Alaina Rowe, Pavilion: Sophomore outfielder for the Golden Gophers.

Aurora Sabins, Keshequa: Senior pitcher and AGR first teamer hit .638 last season.

Ally Ray Schumacher, Greece Athena/Olympia/Odyssey: Senior shortstop was an AGR first teamer after hitting .702 with seven homers and 35 RBIs. Committed to Geneseo.

Paige Siciliano, Hilton: Enters sophomore season after earning all-county honors in 2022.

Olivia Sheffer, Rush-Henrietta: The senior enters her fifth year starting after hitting .394 with 28 hits and 15 RBIs. Only struck out five times in 79 plate appearances.

Ava Strathearn, Pavilion: An up-and-comer for youthful Golden Gophers team.

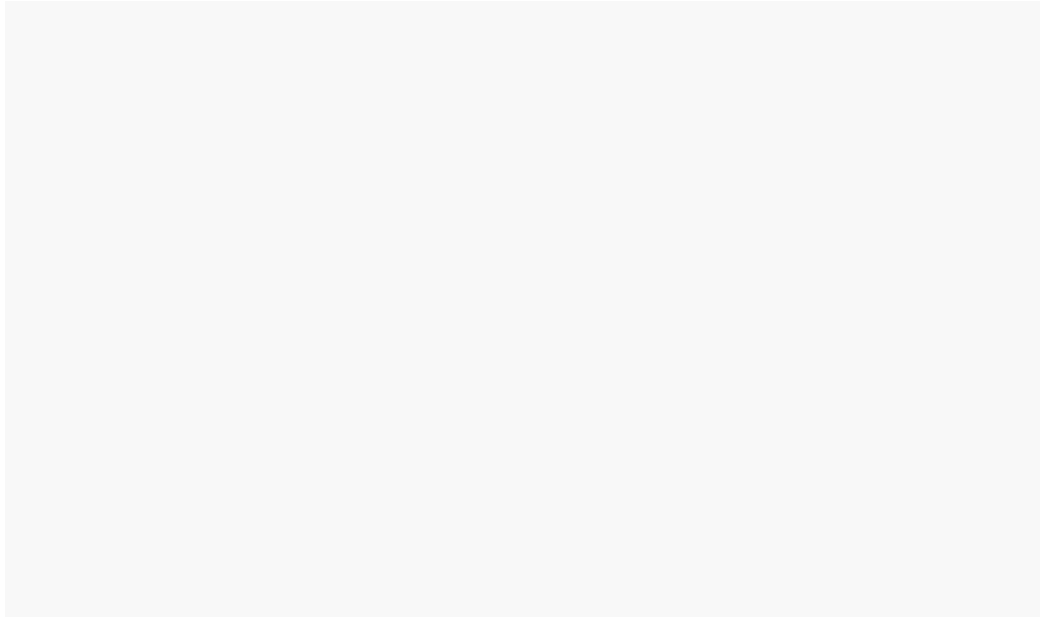
Caydence Spears, Bath-Haverling: Sophomore catcher/pitcher had .985 fielding percentage while throwing out 6 of 14 baserunners. Hit .500

with three homers and 25 RBIs.

Ella Thompson, Pavilion: Will spend her sophomore season at shortstop.

Maddie Throumoulos, Webster Thomas: The junior third baseman batted .366 with 17 singles, seven doubles, two triples and scored 20 runs.

Kaili Witherell, Bath-Haverling: Sophomore pitcher went 14-3 with 246 Ks, .993 fielding percentage in the circle. Hit .618 with 12 doubles, four homers, 29 RBIs and stole seven bases.



Ashlyn Wright, Bloomfield: Sophomore pitcher was an AGR first teamer. Had 21-1 record with 247 Ks, .487 ERA, nine shut outs and two no-hitters.

Nadia Zach, Penfield: Junior shortstop is a three-year starter. Hit .350 as leadoff hitter last two seasons.



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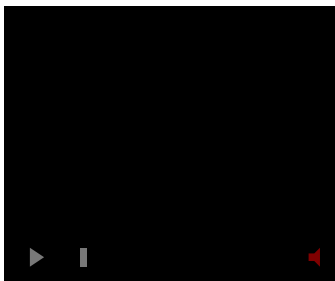


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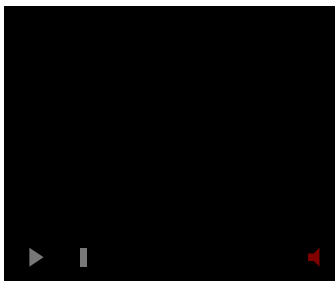
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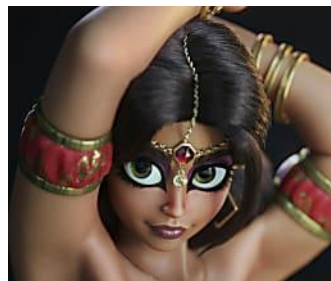
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