

SOFTBALL: Several players named all-state; Cal-Mum grad Anderson named to NYS Hall of Fame

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This week, the New York State Sportswriters and Coaches Organization for Girls Sports announced its annual all-state selections for the softball season and numerous local athletes made the list for their efforts on the diamond in 2021.

Leading the way for the local contingent were a trio of second-team selections in Le Roy senior Hayley Papp, Avon junior Joleigh Crye and Notre Dame freshman Katie Landers.

Papp earned the selection in Class B after she closed out her incredible career as the Section V all-time doubles leaders (just two from the New York State record), while she also tossed her first career perfect game this season in helping lead the Oatkan Knights to the sectional semifinals.

This season Papp hit .552 with 37 hits, 10 walks, 12 doubles, 11 home runs, 40 RBIs, 40 runs scored, an on-base percentage of .620 and a slugging percentage of 1.844. In the circle she was 16-1 with an ERA of .916; in 107 innings pitched she allowed just 60 hits, walked just 17 and struck out over 170.

In Class C, Crye was absolutely outstanding as she was 11-7 with a 1.62 ERA, five shutouts, three no-hitters and just 68 hits allowed and 23 walks in 121 1/3 innings pitched, while she struck out 269. At the plate Crye batted .618 with 10 doubles, three triples, 30 runs scored, 19 RBIs and 13 walks with an OPS of 1.590.

Landers earned the nod in Class D as the Notre Dame shortstop hit .394 with 21 runs batted in while helping to lead the Fighting Irish to a GR divisional title.

Class C also had a number of other local selections, as Letchworth senior shortstop Tiant'e Murray and Lyndonville junior shortstop Ella Lewis each earned third-team selections. Murray was highly recruited at the D-III level and hit .510 with three home runs this season. Lewis finished her fifth varsity season in helping to lead the Tigers to the sectional title game.

On the fourth-team in Class C was Cal-Mum sophomore pitcher Maddy DeVore. DeVore hit .492 with nine doubles, nine triples, 36 runs scored and 20 RBIs, while she was a perfect 9-for-9 on stolen bases. In the circle she was 10-6 with a 5.02 ERA, one shutout and 79 strikeouts.

Making the fifth-team in Class C were Byron-Bergen sophomore pitcher Kendall Phillips and Kendall junior centerfielder Julie Coble.

Phillips was the Bees' ace this season, recording 188 strikeouts in 111 innings, while she added a .470 batting average and seven extra base hits at the plate. Coble batted .519, including 12 extra-base hits, 15 stolen bases and 18 RBIs for the Eagles.

Class D had a pair of first-team selections from Class D1 champion Keshequa in junior shortstop Mackenzie Gillen and sophomore pitcher Aurora Sabins.

Gillen hit .523 with 16 walks, three doubles and three triples among 34 hits, while Sabins led the team with a .606 average with 45 hits, 15 doubles, a triple and a home run. In the circle Sabins was 18-2 with an opponents' batting average against of just .142; she struck out 119 and allowed just 38 walks and 72 hits in 124 innings.

Gillen added 73 putouts from shortstop.

The Indians also had a third-team Class D selection in junior catcher Cheyenna Cotton. Cotton hit .460 with 34 hits, six doubles and three triples, while she threw out 12 runners attempting to steal.

CAL-MUM GRAD ANDERSON NAMED TO NYS SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME

During her five-year career at Caledonia-Mumford in the mid-2010s, Hannah Anderson put together one of the best careers in Section V history, as her name is littered all through the record books.

Now Anderson will take her place in the annals of New York State as she will be a member of the New York State High School Softball Hall of Fame Class of 2022.

Anderson earned five varsity letters under longtime head coach Dan Dickens and was a two-time All-Greater Rochester First-Team selection, was twice named the Livingston County Player of the Year, she was a three-time First-Team All-State selection and she was selected as a Section V MVP on two occasions, while she also earned four varsity letters in soccer and basketball.

For her career, Anderson is still third in Section V history in career at-bats with 469, she's tied for fifth with 21 home runs and 209 hits, she's tied for sixth with 19 triples, she's seventh in doubles with 39, in the top 10 for career runs scored and is fourth with 210 assists from her shortstop position.

In four of her five varsity seasons, Anderson hit over .500, including .547 as a senior, .561 as a freshman and a career-best .570 as a junior.

As a senior she added nine doubles, three triples, six home runs, 47 runs scored, 28 RBIs and 13 stolen bases, while as a junior she put together her best season with 11 doubles, six triples, six home runs, 42 runs scored, 30 RBIs and 14 stolen bases.

Anderson would go on to a stellar career at Ithaca College, where as a junior she helped lead the team to Liberty League, Regional and Super Regional titles as well as to an appearance in the NCAA Division III Championships. Her best collegiate campaign was as a junior when she finished the season with a .319 batting average after collecting 46 hits in 144 at-bats, with eight doubles, two triples and four home runs, as well as 29 runs and 70 total bases