



2023 GOPHER CONFERENCE SOFTBALL



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The Gopher Conference is proud to announce the 2023 Softball award winners.

Team:

Standings:

Randolph:	11-0
Bethlehem Academy	10-1
United South Central:	8-3
Blooming Prairie:	7-4
NRHEG:	6-5
Kenyon Wanamingo	5-6
WEM :	5-6
Hayfield:	4-7
Medford:	4-7
Maple River	3-8
JWP	2-9
Triton	2-9

Conference Champion: Randolph

Summary: The Randolph Rocket Softball Team made it back-to-back Gopher Conference Championships with a perfect 11-0 record. After finishing third in the 2022 state tournament the Rockets continued their winning ways with the 2023 Gopher conference title, fifth consecutive 4A section title, and a fifth consecutive trip to the state tournament. They finished with an overall record of 24-2 and grabbing the MSHSL State Tournament Consolation Title. The Rockets were led by pitcher Carter Raymond (Sophomore: 1st Team All-State, All-Conference, 4A All-Section, State All-Tournament Team), shortstop Carly Kimmes (Junior: 1st Team All-State, All-Conference, 4A All-Section), outfielder Kylee Carey (Sophomore: Honorable Mention All-State, All-Conference, 4A All-Section), and catcher Allie Gillette (Freshmen: Honorable Mention All-State, All-Conference, 4A All-Section, State All-Tournament Team). Seniors for the 2023 Rocket softball team were, Sportsmanship Award winner Mackenzie Farrington, Anna Olsen, and Tessa Banks. The Rockets were led by Head Coach Dennis Trom (4A Section Coach of the Year), and assisted by Chelsi Marks, Ashleigh Lindow, and Mike Silk.

2023 Player of the Year:

Name	Grade	School
Carter Raymond	10	Randolph

Summary: Carter started as an eighth grader at 3rd base for the 2021 State Championship Team and transitioned to the pitching mound her freshman year and became one of the top pitchers in the state. After leading the team to a 3rd place finish in state last year with outstanding numbers, she has now taken her game to another level this year. Her numbers are outstanding with a 24-2 overall record, 152 IP, ERA of .691, with 257 K's and only 8 BB. Offensively her numbers are just as incredible leading the team with .506 BA, 43 RBI, and second on the team in hits with 44. Carter has worked extremely hard at developing her softball skills and has proven she is one of the top softball players in the state along with being an excellent student and leader both on and off the field.



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All-Conference

Name	Grade	School
Morgan Wilson	10	Bethlehem Academy
Kate Trump	12	Bethlehem Academy
Anna Tobin	10	Bethlehem Academy
Reagan Kangas	12	Bethlehem Academy
Macy Lembke	11	Blooming Prairie
Shawntee Snyder	11	Blooming Prairie
Haven Carlson	12	Blooming Prairie
Reese Bauman	12	Hayfield
Jo Tempel	12	Hayfield
Brielle Dessner	10	JWP
Josie Flom	11	Kenyon Wanamingo
Sidney Majerus	12	Kenyon Wanamingo
Lexi Thomas	11	Maple River
Josie Witter	12	Medford
Lydia Krenske	12	Medford
Sidney Schultz	12	NRHEG
Faith Nielsen	11	NRHEG
Carly Kimmes	11	Randolph
Kylee Carey	10	Randolph
Allie Gillette	9	Randolph
Kenna Gergen	10	Randolph
Gigi Lundi	10	Triton
Mariah Anderson	9	USC
Olivia Bungum	8	USC
Jordan Green	12	WEM
Hannah Bruns	12	WEM



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Honorable Mention

Name	Grade	School
Sarah Tobin	8	Bethlehem Academy
Rachel Winzenburg	11	Blooming Prairie
Kenna Selk	10	Hayfield
Alexis Dahlberg	11	JWP
Ivette Mendoza	11	Kenyon Wanamingo
Alli Boening	9	Maple River
Josie Schell	12	Medford
Adalyn Stadheim	9	NRHEG
Ella Banks	10	Randolph
Cameron Vermilyea	12	Triton
Taylor Schroeder	10	United South Central
Jenessa Baumgarten	12	WEM

Sportsmanship Recipients

Name	Grade	School
Lindsay Hanson	12	Bethlehem Academy
Lexi Steckelberg	12	Blooming Prairie
Melody Walker	10	Hayfield
Vanessa TerBeest	12	JWP
Amber Lerfald	10	Kenyon Wanamingo
Abbi Berndt	12	Maple River
Ava Clark	11	Medford
Bree Ihrke	12	NRHEG
Mackenzie Farrington	12	Randolph
Elizabeth Hukee	11	Triton
Molly Wegner	12	United South Central
Emma Ready	11	WEM

Sportsmanship winners were a member of the varsity roster during the season or at the end of the regular season, they did not have to be on postseason roster. They are someone who exemplified good sportsmanship qualities.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL AWARD WINNERS!!!!