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Maumee



Perrysburg coach Dave Hall poses with star pupil Mark Delas before an ACME baseball game against Anthony Wayne on July 3. After helping the Yellow Jackets to a 27-4 record and league, sectional and district titles, Hall and Delas were selected as this year's Mirror Coach and Player of the Year. MIRROR PHOTO BY JOE NEGRICH

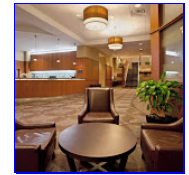
Baseball

Led by players such as catcher Kyle Durham, first baseman A.J. Stockwell, third baseman Mark Delas, centerfielder Steve Slocum and pitcher Nick Munger, coach Dave Hall and his Perrysburg Yellow Jackets exceeded their second-place pre-NLL season predictions. Not only did they win the league outright with a 13-1 record, but they earned a fifth-place state ranking before making it all the way to the regional semifinals and ended the year with an overall mark of 27-4. Along the way, Hall earned his eighth NLL title, his 13th sectional title, his fifth district title and his fourth Mirror Coach of the Year Title. Fittingly, one of Hall's star pupils, Delas, was selected this year's Mirror Player of the Year. Delas led the league with 40 hits, four triples and 31 RBI, had the second-highest slugging percentage at .571, the third highest batting average at .408 and was also in the top-10 categories for doubles, (five), runs (23) and on-base percentage (.478). In addition to his offensive prowess, Delas pitched his way to a 6-1-3 record, had a 1.58 ERA over 48-2/3 innings and struck out 31 batters. Anthony Wayne coach Mark Nell was also considered for the honor after leading his fourth-ranked Generals team to a second-place league record of 12-2. AW players such as rightfielder Cal Johnson and pitchers Michael Yunker and Josh Schwerer also helped Nell's Generals advance to the sectional finals of the state tournament and finish with an overall mark of 20-5. Southview's Ed Mouch is yet another coach deserving of consideration after guiding his sixth-ranked Cougars to a third-place league mark of 9-5, a trip to the sectional semifinals and an overall mark of 17-9. Although Southview's statistics were never received for consideration for this year's All-Mirror teams, Cougars players such as second baseman Ian Segall, shortstop Colin Boerst, outfielders Jordan Grunberg and Leon Eggleston, designated hitter Griffin McDonald and pitchers Tyler Stambaugh and Alexander Theiss should be commended for the surprise season. Picked to finish third, coach Dave Whitmire's Springfield Blue Devils rounded out the league's upper half with a fourth-place mark of 8-6. Springfield players such as freshman second baseman Scott Seymour, shortstop Blake Rudolph and designated hitter Codie Cullum also propelled the Blue Devils to the sectional finals and an overall mark of 19-9. Despite an extraordinary season from centerfielder Dave McCrum, coach Cam Coutcher's preseason favorite Maumee Panthers fell to fifth place with a 5-9 league record and finished up with an overall mark of 11-14. Coach Bob Yenrick's Bowling Green Bobcats next took sixth with a 4-10 league record, but finished with an overall mark of 14-10 after advancing to the district semifinals. Leftfielder Connor Hartnett led coach Greg Sparka's Northview Wildcats to a seventh-place league record of 3-11, an overall mark of 9-19 and an appearance in the sectional finals. Coach Mark Stacey and the Napoleon Wildcats rounded things out at 2-12 (8-20 overall). Though Stacey opted not to nominate any of Napoleon's players for this year's All-Mirror teams, Wildcats players such as third baseman Tyler Torrez, outfielder David Yunker and pitcher Zach Willeman should still be commended for fine seasons.

Softball

Led by a young but incredibly talented group of players that included catcher Ashley Zappone, first baseman Kierra Hague, second baseman Libby Mathewson, shortstop Hannah Girlie, third baseman Bri Espino, centerfielder Kiley Aller, rightfielder Jacey Gray and pitcher Bre Buck, coach Rob Gwozdz and his Springfield Blue Devils fulfilled preseason predictions this year by winning the NLL with a 13-1 conference record. Not only did they win the league outright, but Springfield was also ranked as high as fifth in the state during the season. Following his ninth sectional title and an overall 2013 mark of 25-4, Gwozdz was named a Mirror Co-Coach of the Year for the sixth time since 2004. Appropriately, two of Gwozdz' star pupils – Buck and Girlie – were selected as this year's Mirror Co-Players of the Year. Not only did Buck win 18 games and record a save while posting a stingy 1.10 ERA and striking out 84 batters over 127-2/3 innings from the mound this year, but she also contributed in a big way at the plate. She hit .387 with 36 hits, 11 doubles and six home runs, scoring 24 times and knocking in 36 runs. Girlie hit .469 while accumulating 45 hits – 23 for extra bases – 50 runs, 49 RBI and 20 walks. Southview coach Jim Zoltowski finished exactly where predicted with a second-place league record of 12-2. Led by pitcher Sarah Klepzig, the Cougars also made it to the district semifinals in the state tournament. Anthony Wayne also fulfilled preseason predictions with a 9-5 third-place conference mark, but Generals players such as pitcher Kaitlyn Ray and designated player Cassie Kaptur helped to make certain the season didn't end there. In fact, coach Carolyn Vogtsberger earned The Mirror's Co-Coach of the Year status (her sixth such honor since 2001) by leading AW all

BY ANDREW ROWER | MIRROR SPORTS — The Mirror is pleased to announce the selections for its 14th All-Mirror baseball and softball teams. This year's teams are comprised of 46 baseball and 41 softball players from Northern Lakes League schools and are divided into first, second and third teams. Unlike all-league voting, the players were chosen by their exact positions and for their skills and achievements with no special consideration given to team success or the players' grade levels. Selections were based on overall year-end statistics and intangibles the players brought to their respective squads both offensively and defensively. Over the past several years, the NLL has gained a well-deserved reputation as one of the strongest leagues in Northwest Ohio. Its teams regularly qualify for district, regional and even state tournaments, with a high percentage of graduating seniors continuing their careers in college. The league races often come down to the wire, sometimes with three or four teams in the hunt for a title. The 2013 season was no exception.


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the way to the regional semifinals and an eventual overall mark of 19-11. Coach Shawn Watson's Maumee team rounded out the leagues' upper half after the Panthers finished one spot higher than predicted in the preseason with a 7-7, conference record. Players such as lefffielder Evyn Kachenmeister went on to lead Maumee all the way to the district finals before the Panthers season concluded with an overall mark of 18-9. Coach Todd Omev and the Northview Wildcats next placed fifth with a league record of 6-8 and an overall mark of 14-13, after receiving a seventh-place preseason prediction. Although The Mirror never received Northview's statistics for All-Mirror consideration, Wildcats players such as second baseman Cassidy Ghesquiere, outfielder Kelsi Omev and utility player Lori Myer should be commended for strong seasons. Coach Ryan DeMars' Perrysburg Yellow Jackets failed to live up their fourth-place preseason expectations this year, finishing instead with a sixth-place league record of 5-9. Shortstop Katie Dunphy and the Yellow Jackets did play for a sectional title and finished the year at 10-16. Injuries led to coach Joe Meyer's Napoleon squad finishing a place lower than expected with a seventh-place record of 3-11. Like the Yellow Jackets, though, the Wildcats played in the sectional finals and finished up at 8-16. Bowling Green wrapped things up with a 1-13 league mark. In showing how tough the NLL is, however, coach Jim Cress did lead the Bobcats to the district finals before they wrapped things up with a 6-21 overall record. While BG chose not to participate in this year's All-Mirror team, special mention should still be given to Bobcats players such as outfielder Lily Murnen for representing the league so well.

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