

Moreau named first team as five Wildcats earn all-league softball honors



Louisburg's Ashley Moreau, Izzy Moreland, Rylee Hickey, Megan Quinn and Jenna Cauthon were recently named to the All-Frontier League softball team.

The Louisburg softball team took a big step forward this season, especially when it came to the win column.

Louisburg racked up 11 wins on the season, which is most the program has seen in more than a decade. Some of the Frontier League coaches also took notice of the Wildcats' success.

Five Wildcats were selected to the All-Frontier League team that was released last week. Senior Ashley Moreau (infield) was a first team selection and senior Izzy Moreland (pitcher) was named to the second team.

Seniors Rylee Hickey (catcher), Megan Quinn (infield) and Jenna Cauthon (infield) were all named as honorable mentions.

"I thought our team was very well represented," Louisburg

coach Nick Chapman said. "I was so glad our 5 seniors earned honors. That just goes to show how great of a group they were. We play in a tough league with a lot of great softball players and these girls were recognized as some of the best softball players in our league."

Moreau, the team's starting shortstop, was a first team infield selection. More honors came her way Tuesday as she was also an honorable mention all-state selection by the Kansas Softball Coaches.

She led Louisburg with a .462 average as the team's leadoff hitter. Moreau led the Wildcats with 36 hits on the season, including three doubles and a triple. She also scored 33 runs.

"Ashley was an incredible shortstop," Chapman said. "She never stopped working to hone her craft. She was also a great leadoff hitter for us. She could do a lot of things really well at the plate and on the bases. She was recognized as one of the top infielders in our league and that's saying a lot with the league we play in. She earned this recognition and I'm so proud of her. She is going to be dearly missed on our infield."

Moreland was the Wildcats' top pitcher on the season as she threw 94 innings and struck out 90 batters. She also finished with a 3.92 ERA.

At the plate, Moreland finished with a .306 average, 26 hits, two doubles, two triples and a home run. She also added 19 RBIs on the season.

"Izzy was a dominant force on the mound over these last 4 years," Chapman said. "She ended her career with 216 strikeouts, 90 this season alone. She continued to get better and better as the season went on. Her bat was just as good. She did a lot of things at the plate, behind Megan in our lineup, to keep our lineup going. I'm very proud of her and what she did for our program."

Hickey, one of the team's starting catchers, had a successful season behind the plate with just six errors as she split time in the outfield. She recorded 19 hits on the season, including six doubles and 16 RBIs as she batted toward the top of the lineup.

"Rylee had a great season behind the plate," Chapman said. "She was tough and going to do everything she could to control the bases. She had some very clutch moments for us at the plate as well. It was awesome to see the player she grew into over the last 4 years."

Quinn, who was the team's starting third baseman when she wasn't pitching, had a big season in the middle of the Wildcat lineup.

The Louisburg senior led the Wildcats with four home runs on the season to go along with a .342 average. She had a team-high 38 RBIs to go along with 27 hits and eight doubles.

"Megan had an incredible season at the plate," Chapman said. "She had a ton of RBIs and some very big time at bats for us. She made a great third baseman and she accepted that role and worked her butt off to be good at it. I'm very proud of her for taking that on, even if it's not where she wanted to be, and giving it her all to help her team be successful."

Cauthon provided several big hits throughout the year as the Wildcats' starting second baseman.

She was second on the team with a .393 average and had 33 hits, eight doubles and a triple. She also had 18 RBIs on the year and a team-high 11 stolen bases.

"Jenna had a very solid season at the plate," Chapman said. "She was a very consistent bat in our lineup. It was a rare night if she wasn't on the bases in some sort of way. Once she was on the bases, she did everything she could to make things happen, including how she perfected the delayed steal from 2nd

to 3rd. It was a thing of beauty. I'm so proud of her commitment to our program and the season she had."

ALL-FRONTIER LEAGUE SOFTBALL

FIRST TEAM

CATCHER – Reese Pattinson, Eudora, junior

PITCHER – Jaleigh White, Spring Hill, junior; Sam Claire, Eudora, junior

INFIELD – Jaiden Burris, Eudora, junior; Mya January, Spring Hill, junior; Ashley Moreau, Louisburg, senior; Kaylin Wiehe, Tonganoxie, freshman

OUTFIELD – Lexi Born, Eudora, junior; Abby Clarkson, Tonganoxie, senior; Ellie Ruffin, Spring Hill, junior

UTILITY – Addison White, Ottawa, junior

SECOND TEAM

CATCHER – Kaitlin Base, Baldwin, junior

PITCHER – Sage Issacs, Tonganoxie, senior; Izzy Moreland, Louisburg, senior

INFIELD – Elli Smail, Paola, sophomore; Laiken Buell, Bonner Springs, senior; Kamden Evans, Ottawa, senior; Katie Courter, Eudora, junior

OUTFIELD – Autumn Ashford, Bonner Springs, senior; Blair Sommer, Spring Hill, senior; Krislyn Hadlock, Paola, junior

UTILITY – Nora Burrell, Spring Hill, junior

HONORABLE MENTION

CATCHER – Rylee Hickey, Louisburg, senior; Lily Jevne, Paola, senior; Emma Lara, Bonner Springs, junior

PITCHER – Olivia O'Toole, Eudora, sophomore

INFIELD – Abbi Minton, Bonner Springs, senior; Kenzie Yoder, Eudora, senior; Emma Reeves, Spring Hill, junior; Olivia Fraley, Spring Hill, sophomore; Anna Kane, Paola, senior; Chevy Seaton, Ottawa, senior; Jenna Cauthon, Louisburg, senior; Jordyn Vorbeck, Tonganoxie, freshman; Megan Quinn, Louisburg, senior

UTILITY – Addison Hasset, Bonner Springs, senior; Lily Rife, Eudora, senior