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All-North Neighbors Softball team

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For most of the last decade, Central Cabarrus' softball team has dominated not only the Charlotte area but all of North Carolina by winning five state titles. This year, the softball landscape from Cabarrus to Iredell to Lincoln counties looked a little different. Hickory Ridge, Hopewell, Jay M. Robinson, Mount Pleasant and North Meck made the deepest playoff runs, while Central Cabarrus, Concord, Lake Norman, Northwest Cabarrus and South Iredell were "one and done" in the postseason.

So which players led their teams to these stellar seasons? Here is our take on the best of the best.

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All North Neighbors Softball Team:

Kristy Giragosian, Hopewell: Senior slugger taking her talents to College of Charleston.

Kelly Braman, Hopewell: ME-CA 7 player of the year does a lot of everything for Titans.

Lindsey Russell, Hopewell: Shared ME-CA 7 pitcher of the year honors with Hopper.

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