

## CCA softball team finishes year with school record



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Pictured (l to r) are, seated: Maddie Bruner, Robin Neblett, Alayna Lee, Manager Preslie Woods, Bat girl Annalise Whitworth, Annie Kate King, Skylar Kluge and Hanna Zeitz; standing: Manager Thomas Oberhausen, Alden Stephens, Audrey Bryson, Maddie Weeks, Maggie Bryson, Erin Kelly, Abbey Allen, Cami Albritton, Meghan Bruner, Kenzie Lawrence, Ashton Lyles, Kat Bruner and Makiya Hunter.

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The Clinton Christian Academy softball team finished their year with a school record of twenty-eight wins and only five losses. The Lady Warriors won district with a ten and zero record and took home the South State Championship, winning four games by a combined score of thirty-two to six.

The Lady Warriors finished fourth at the AA State Tournament, losing two hard-fought games to the teams that would ultimately play for the State Championship. The team was led by a host of underclassmen.

Ninth-grader Maddie Weeks hit .538 with twelve doubles and scored forty-five runs while committing only two errors out of eighty-one chances in the field. Leadoff hitter Kat Bruner finished at .467 with forty runs scored, while Hanna Zeitz was third on the team in hitting with a .432 average and led the squad with thirty-eight runs batted in. Tenth-grader Makiya Hunter and eleventh grader Kenzie Lawrence provided the power in the middle of the order by combining for six home runs and six triples. The majority of the team's pitching was handled by ninth-grader Hanna

Zeitz. She went twenty-three and five over 149 innings with 179 strikeouts and fourteen earned runs allowed.

The coaches say that the success of these young players and the sting of not winning the State Championship will only motivate these young ladies to come back next year stronger than ever.

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