CCA softball starting off in the right direction

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The Clinton Christian Academy softball team began defense of their State Championship on Friday, July 26, against the 4A State Champions, Parklane Academy. The Warriors are coming off a historic season in which they won thirty-one games and the school's first state crown.

CCA returns much of the core from last year's squad. Pitcher Hanna Zeitz, the reigning player of the year in 2A, won 28 games and had over 200 strikeouts. Shortstop Maddie Weeks lead the team in hitting last year with a .492 batting average and 21 extra base hits. First baseman Iris Farve and third baseman Makiya Hunter return as a power hitting duo that combined for 26 home runs and drove in 70 runs.

Newcomer Rae Rae York will provide great speed and dynamic defense for CCA. Outfielder Rilee Evans, coming off a strong year, will return from an ACL injury sometime during the season. Robin Neblett, Audrey Bryson, Meghan Bruner and Maddie Bruner at catcher will join the starting line up. Young players Molly Mosley and Alayna Lee will compete for playing times, as well.

Clinton Christian Academy is moving up in classification to 3A, and Coach Josh Zeitz says he knows that everyone will be gunning for the Warrior softball team. The goal every year is to win the State Championship, and Zeitz says that quest is heading in the right direction, as the ladies are 13-2 as of press time and undefeated in district play.

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