

AGGIELITE

SPECIAL ATHLETIC EDITION

Alexa Hopkins

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NJCAA Pitcher of the Year

NFCA NJCAA Division II
1st Team All-American

NJCAA Region 2
All-Region MVP



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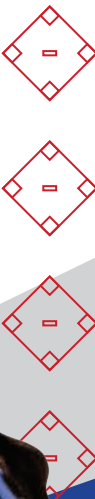
Shallen MERSHON

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NFCA/Diamond
Sports
NJCAA II Catcher
of the Year

NJCAA Region 2
All-Region

NJCAA Division II
2nd Team
All-American

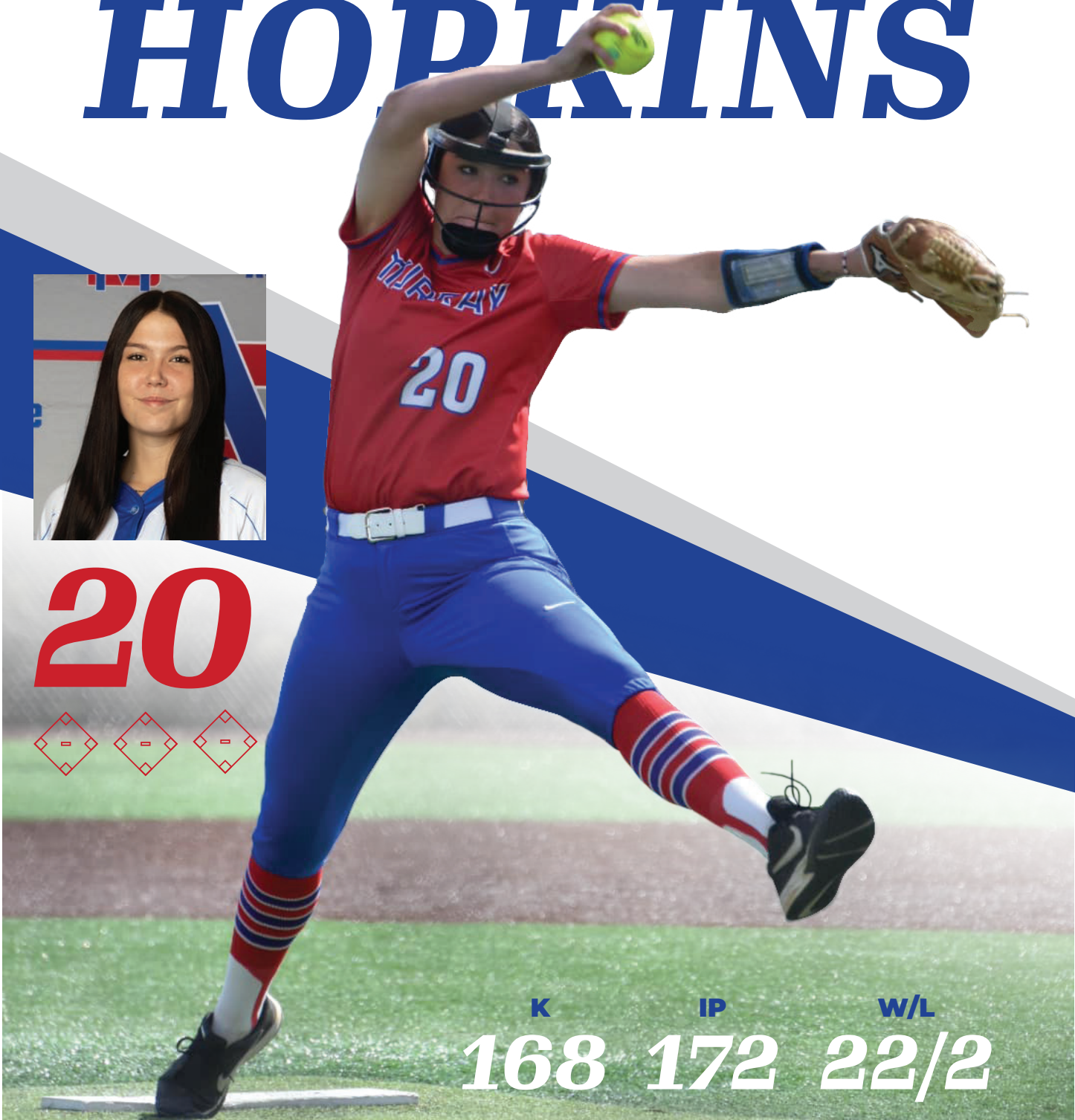


AVG. **.431** RBI **65** HR **22**

Alexa HOPKINS



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K **168** IP **172** W/L **22/2**

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SOFTBALL

OBSTACLES HELPED UNIFY TEAM FOR SUCCESS

As our season has ended, I would like to take the time to reflect on the season and recognize some individuals who made this year memorable.

I know our team received a lot of attention, locally and nationally, for our accomplishments on the field. However, I am more proud of the team's growth as a whole from start to finish. The team went through a lot of adversity throughout the season and had to overcome many obstacles along the way. Throughout the tribulations and hardships that crossed our path, we stayed together. We leaned on one another. We became a family. Along our journey, a lot of softball games were won; but more importantly, we garnered and fostered relationships that will last forever.

I want to personally thank my assistant coaches Charli Crawford, CJ Crane and Jeff Waters. I always say, you are only as good as the people who surround you. I am very lucky to have loyal assistant coaches who are in this profession for all of the right reasons.

I would also like to thank Jon Hazell for leading a weekly devotion every Wednesday and for FCA providing meals for the team throughout the year. Our team appreciated the support that was given and the ability to grow spiritually.

Furthermore, I would like to thank all of the community members, faculty, staff, parents and all other stakeholders who invested monetary contributions as a show of support throughout the year.

Most importantly, I want to thank the team, my wife, Cassie and my son, Julian. I list them together because the team is considered part of my family and our family as coaches. The love that the girls show for one another and our coaching staff's families is the reason that Murray State College is such a special place to coach.

Our team and coaching staff appreciates all of the love and support that was given this year. We look forward to turning the page on new beginnings for next season.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!



Coach Aaron Mullens



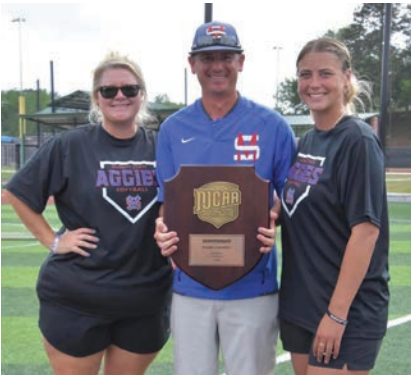
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Coach of the YEAR

COACH MULLENS

2023 NJCAA Region 2 Coach of the Year
(2nd consecutive year)



ATEC/NFCA NJCAA
National Coaching
Staff of the Year

NFCA South Coaching
Staff of the Year (2nd
consecutive year)
Head Coach Aaron
Mullens, Assistant
Coaches Charli Crawford
and CJ Crane

NJCAA Division II Easton/
NFCA Assistant Coach of
the Year Charli Crawford

Abby BECK

12



NJCAA Region 2
All-Region Infielder

NFCA NJCAA Division II
Rawlings Gold Glove Award

AVG.	RBI	OBP
.386	65	.495

Chesnie HEWITT

4

SLG
.902

AVG
.425

FPCT
.985



NFCA NJCAA Division II
1st Team All-American

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1st Team All-American

NJCAA Region 2
All-Region Outfielder

Kenzie TUCK 3



NFCA NJCAA
Division II Rawlings
Gold Glove Award

NFCA NJCAA Division II
2nd Team All-American

NJCAA Region 2
All-Region Infielder

AVG. **.410** HR **20** OBP **.475**




KJ MORGAN 32




NJCAA Region 2
All-Region Outfielder

R
67
H
77
AB
191



Rayna ROCK

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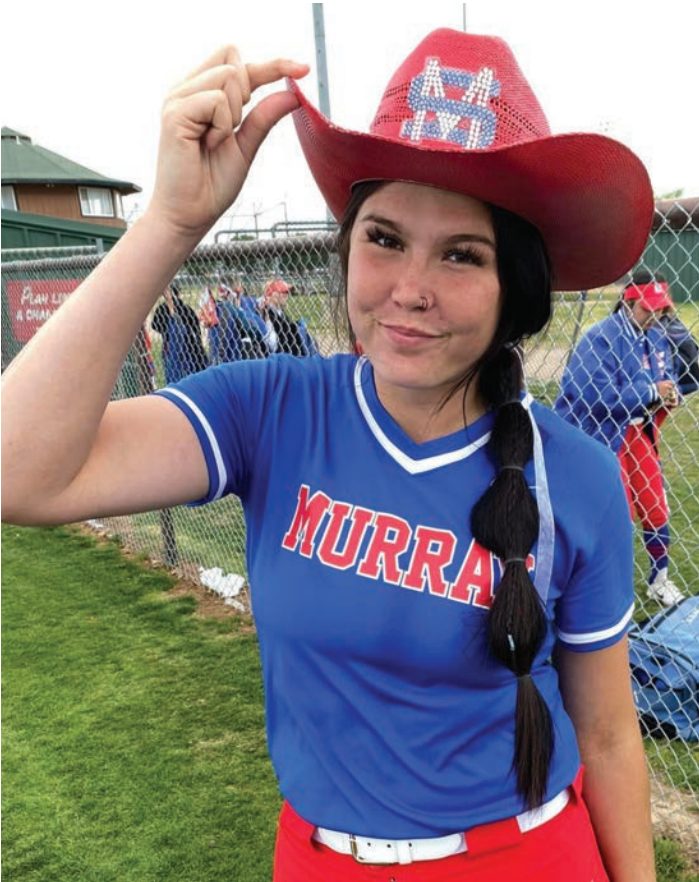
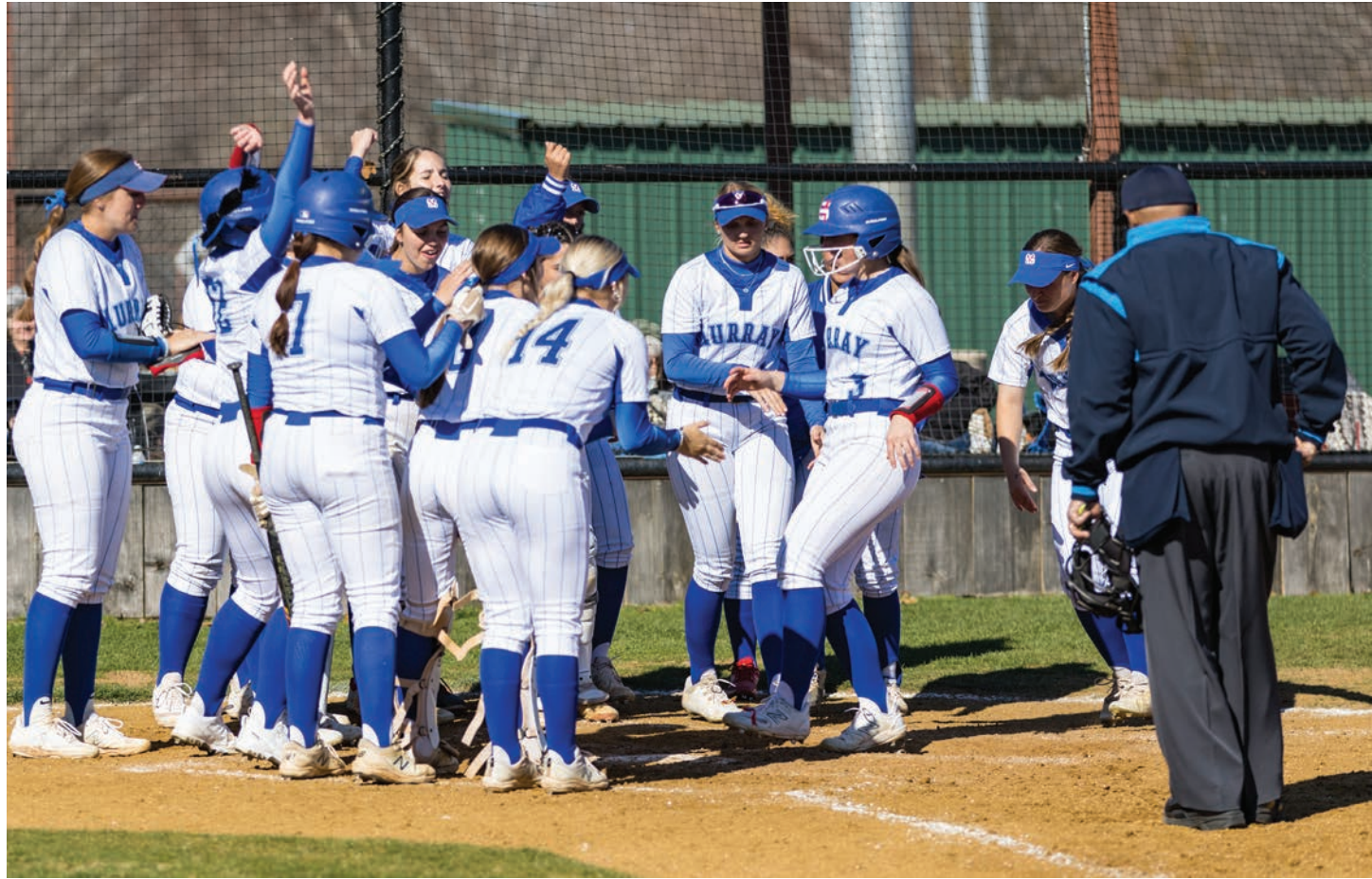


NJCAA Division II
2nd Team All-American

NJCAA Region 2
All-Region Designated Pitcher

AVG **.412**
H **70**







NJCAA DISTRICTS



REGIONALS





State CHAMPIONS



FISHING

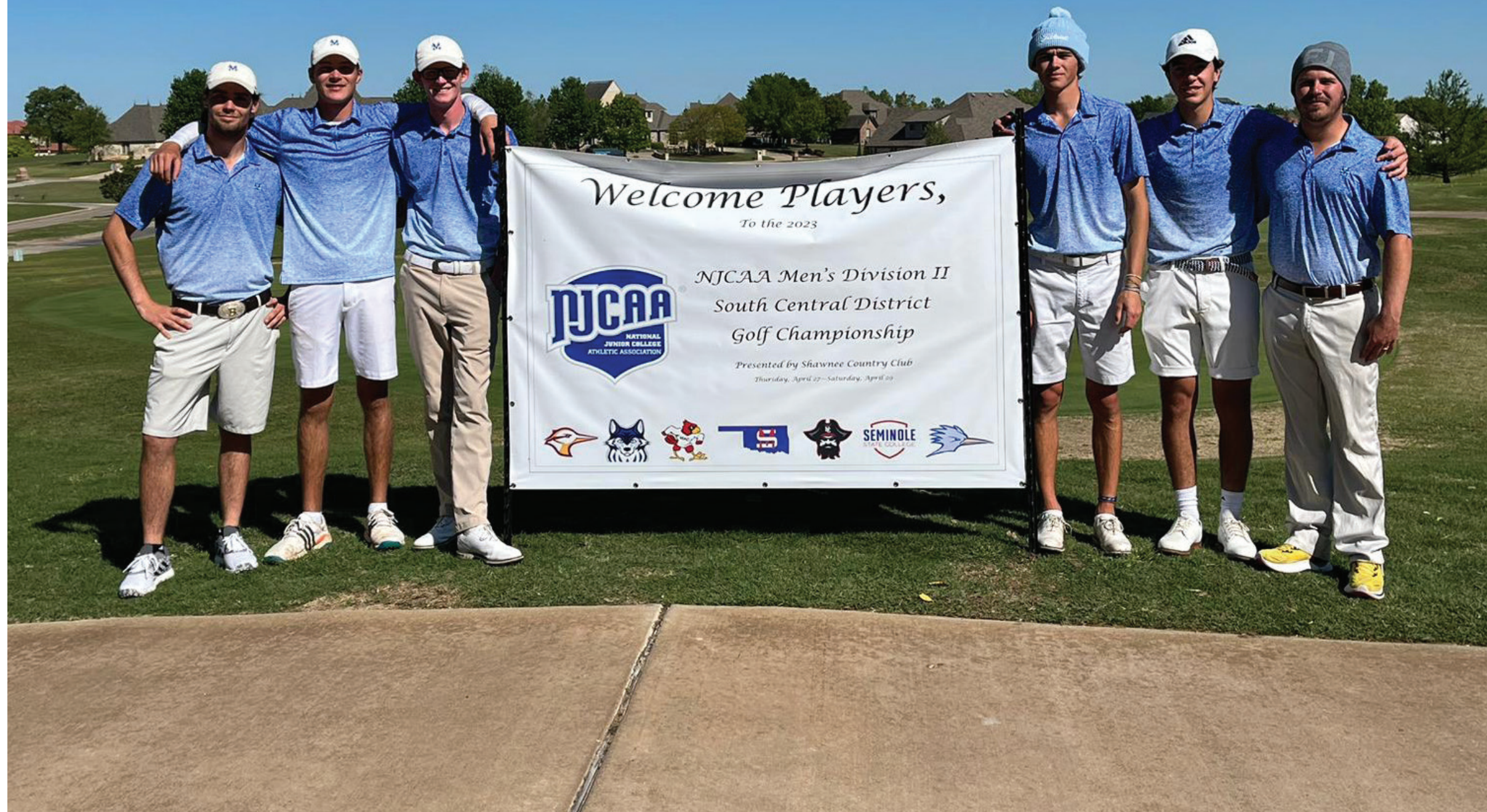
MSC Bass Fishing Team Wins State Championship

Murray State College Bass Fishing duo, Fisher Hill & Paris McCullers, won this year's Oklahoma B.A.S.S. College State Championship tournament.

The students competed against five other teams. Schools represented were Northeastern State University (NSU), University of Central Oklahoma (UCO), University of Oklahoma (OU) and Murray State College.

They will compete in the national tournament in August to represent Oklahoma and Murray State College.

Division II South Central District Golf *CO-CHAMPIONS*



ALL-DISTRICT HONORS



Parker Samuelson

3rd Place Individual



Jurgen Ballesteros

4th Place Individual



Logan McCoid

7th Place Individual



BASEBALL

THANKFUL FOR COMMUNITY THAT LED TO TEAM’S SUCCESS

As I reflect back on what an outstanding year our team had, my mind immediately goes to the community of people who supported us all year and were the foundation of our success.

First and foremost, I want to thank our players for all of their hard work, dedication and commitment this year. Coming off of a big year in 2022, this year’s team had high expectations and definitely had a target on our backs most of the year. Reflecting on these guys, it’s not their successes on the field or the accolades they received that make me proud, it’s the obstacles and hurdles that they had to overcome to achieve them that makes me the proudest.

Coaching staff continuity is a huge asset to have in college baseball. T his last year, we were blessed with an outstanding coaching staff who has been together for several years now in Pitching Coach Justin Eclavea, Hitting/Infield Coach Dom Sebastiani, Director of Baseball Operations Jake

Mitzner and Assistant Coach Alec Venegas. These guys worked tirelessly throughout the year on the field and on the recruiting trail. I can’t say enough about the amount of hard work and sacrifice that these guys give for our players and our program.

Beyond the players and coaches, we are so blessed here at Murray State College to have incredibly supportive family. President Faltyn has been a supporter and motivator for us all year. We feel his leadership from the top, and he has been a great example setter for all of us. We would also like to thank Justin Cellum for support and guidance for our whole athletic department as well; he has been our problem solver, and we are very lucky to have him.

Kevin Morgan and the housing department, Mel Barton and all of her staff at Great Western Dining, the whole academic advising staff, and the facilities department all work with us very closely and are instrumental

in our day-to-day success. The business office, financial aid office and registrars office have a tremendous amount of gratitude and respect from us. Our hard-working faculty are always so helpful and accommodating with our players. It really takes our Aggie Nation to make our operation successful, and we are incredibly grateful for everything they do not just for us but for all of our students.

Murray State College and our Aggie baseball family really are very special. I feel blessed every day to have the opportunity to be a small piece of the successes that we have here. We are looking forward to another great year with everyone next year! Thank you!

Coach Sam Bjorling
Murray State College Head Baseball Coach



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Brody
ROE
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NJCAA Region 2
All-Region Pitcher



IP ERA K
72 4.88 79

Brady
BENEDICT
2



NJCAA Region 2
All-Region 2nd Base



H FPCT A
80 .959 88

Ashton INMAN 22



NJCAA Region 2
Golden Glove 1st Base

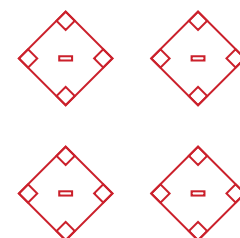
SLG	PO	FPCT
.503	253	.989

Garret GRUELL

44

NJCAA 1st Team
Two-Time All-American

NJCAA Region 2
All-Team Outfielder



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Colby Langford

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**NJCAA Region 2
All-Team Pitcher**

**2023 Houston
Astros Draft
Class**



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