

**SPORTS**

# Childers named to NFCA's All-Region team

**First USC athlete to earn individual honor past conference level**

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Kings Mountain's Morgan Childers became the first USC Upstate athlete to earn an individual honor past the conference level since the school went to the Division I level this year.

Childers last week was named to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association's Southeast All-Region second team.

"Morgan is well deserving of this honor," said Upstate coach Chris Hawkins. "It says a lot about her, and our team, that she earned an all-region selection in her first season in college and our first year in Division I. She had a dominant year and performed consistently game-in and game-out. She pitched in 39 of our 49 games and did so at a high

level. While softball is a team game, I can safely say that without her we would not have been as successful this season."

By earning regional honors, Childers will be placed in the pool for All-America consideration. Childers is one of seven players from the A-Sun to earn all-region honors.

Childers had an outstanding year for Upstate, earning the win in 27 of the Spartans' 34 victories, including 12 of their 16 conference wins. Her performance helped the Spartans to a share of the regular season A-Sun championship in the school's first year as a member of the NCAA Division I and the A-Sun. She led the A-Sun in wins (27), a 1.37 ERA and a .171 opponent's batting average en route to being named the A-Sun Pitcher of the Year and Freshman of the Year. It

marked the first time in league history that a player earned pitcher and freshman of the year honors in the same season. A first team all-conference selection, her 27 wins was the fifth best mark in 2008 with a 27-5 record and two saves.

Childers started the season striking out a school record 18 batters in her collegiate debut against Tusculum and closed out the season with a pair of wins in a doubleheader sweep of Mercer. In between, she had a record-breaking year. In addition to the single-game school strikeouts record, she established new single season school records with 27 wins, 258 strikeouts, 10 shutouts, 39 appearances and 214 innings pitched.

Childers ranked in the top ten in the A-Sun in all nine pitching categories.



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female delegate, and one Obama male delegate. There were five women running for the Clinton female slots, each had to win the spot by fifty percent plus one.

Betsy Wells, former Democratic Chair of Cleveland County, was elected as a female delegate for Hillary Clinton on the first ballot with eighty-seven percent of the vote. Betsy also served as the head of the Cleveland County Hillary Clinton Campaign and is a member of Clinton's North Carolina Steering Committee.

This will be the third national Democratic convention that Betsy has attended. She was elected as a state delegate to the Boston Convention in 2004. In 2000, she was a member of the national Rules and Credentials Committee in Los Angeles.

Twenty-five attended from Cleveland County: Dean & Carolyn Westmoreland, Jackie Bennett, Paulette Peeler, Ernestine & Hayes Bishop, Doris Scruggs, Sibyl Boggs,

Katie Connelly, County Chair Jennifer Helton, Eddie Holbrook, Ruth & Roy Dedmon, Bonnie Reece, Peggy Strickland, Betsy & Steve Wells, Derrick Haynes, Willie McIntosh, Caroline, Sarah, & Hal Dedmon, Linda Mazzie,

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