

Crisp's sinker keyed great 1986 season

The All-Metro baseball team was selected by Clarion-Ledger sports writer Bill Spencer, Jackson Daily News sports writer Clay Harden, Jackson Daily News assistant sports editor Woody Woodruff and Jackson Daily News sports writer Robert Wilson with the help of high school and college coaches and professional scouts.

As much as anything, the age-old baseball confrontation of pitcher versus hitter is a battle of wits. Northwest Rankin senior right-hander David Crisp learned that valuable lesson this season.

Not only did the 6-foot-5, 175-pound Crisp mesh mental toughness with his physical skills, he also developed a sinkerball that enabled him to post a 12-5 record, 1.98 earned run average and 113 strikeouts and pace the Cougars to a 28-9 record and the District 6 Class 4A title.

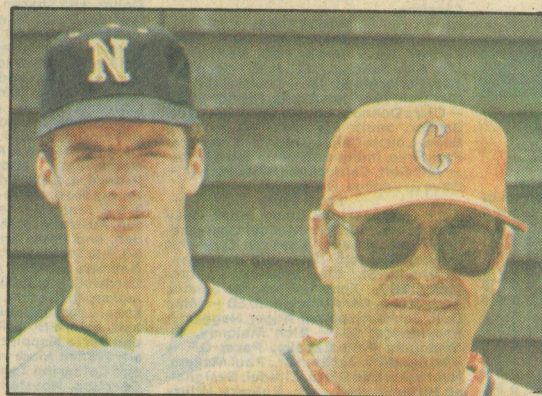
Crisp also emerged as a hitter, batting .418 with 7 homers and 42 RBI. Not bad for a guy who didn't even bat as a junior.

For his outstanding season, Crisp has been named the Metro Player of the Year by The Clarion-Ledger/Jackson Daily News.

Joining Crisp in earning individual honors is Callaway's Ron Sills, the Metro Coach of the Year.

The son of a Secret Service agent, Crisp improved by leaps and bounds this season.

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Northwest Rankin's David Crisp, left, and Callaway's Ron Sills took Metro honors.

All-Metro Team

Pos	Player	School	Avg.	Yr
1B	Kyle Morris	Clinton	.464	Jr.
2B	Jerry Henderson	Callaway	.405	Sr.
SS	Ed Oswalt	Jim Hill	.366	Sr.
3B	Richard Henderson	Callaway	.413	Sr.
UTL	Tony Shell	JA	.408	Sr.
C	Collier Simpson	St. Andrew's	.469	Jr.
OF	Barry Jefcoat	NW Rankin	.458	Sr.
OF	Brad Ball	Prep	.453	Sr.
OF	David Washington	Murrah	.436	Jr.
DH	Chuck Thomas	Provine	.504	Sr.
Pos.	Player	School	W-L	Yr.
P	David Crisp	NW Rankin	12-5	Sr.
P	Tony Richard	St. Joseph	13-3	Sr.