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Local players compete in national softball tourney

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Members of the 14U Georgia Impact 07 squad which finished third at the Triple Crown Sparkler tournament held in Denver.

Cobb County's Katie Cunane and Julia Morici came home from Denver with bronze medals.

Cunane and Morici were part of the 14U Georgia Impact 07 squad, which went 8-2, to finish third in the power pool bracket of the Triple Crown Sparkler held June 28-July 3 in Colorado.

Cunane, a rising sophomore at Mount Paran Christian, was ninth in strikeouts at the tournament, and had the lowest era of 0.72 throughout the tournament.

Morici, a center fielder and third baseman, had a batting average of .292. Kell's rising sophomore had a .320 on-base percentage during the tournament.

"All the girls are required (and) encouraged to be in hitting, pitching, agility, lessons etc," coach Kerry Holcombe said. "We practice 4-5 hours on weekends and practice during the week as well. It's a lot of training in preparation for a national level tournament"

Ranked 11th nationally, the team had a comeback season, finishing third after being eliminated in two games from the same tournament last year.

"It was a major accomplishment for the girls... me and all the coaches are proud of how the girls came together as a team and see them grow together," Holcombe said.

