

Denton Record-Chronicle Classic of Denton All-Area Baseball Team



MOST VALUABLE PLAYER



Chad Ricker
Argyle, P/1B, Sr.

Ricker has done whatever it takes to get on the field for Argyle over the last three years. He played catcher and third base as a sophomore before playing first base and pitcher as a junior. With last year's DRC MVP Bryson Hudgens off to Weatherford College, Ricker emerged as the Eagles' ace early this season. He was 12-0 with a 0.88 ERA and had 96 strikeouts in 81 1/3 innings. At the plate, he hit .333 with 37 RBIs and a 1.064 OPS. Ricker was a first-team all-state selection and the Offensive Player of the Year in District 8-4A. After decommitting from UTSA, he has yet to make a final decision as to where he'll play next year.

FIRST TEAM

Dillon Carter
Argyle, CF/P, Sr.

Carter, a Texas Tech signee, hit .400 with 23 RBIs, 57 runs and a 1.18 OPS. He went 3-0 with five saves and a 0.43 ERA, and earned first-team all-state honors.



Ryan Depperschmidt
Lake Dallas, P/CF, Sr.

Depperschmidt anchored the Lake Dallas pitching staff and was the pitcher of the year in District 8-5A. The senior went 10-2 with a 2.42 ERA and 76 strikeouts.



Jordan Beminio
Guyer, 1B, Sr.

Beminio was a third-team all-state selection and helped the Wildcats return to the postseason in Class 6A. He hit .385 with 25 RBIs and a 1.002 OPS as a senior.



Hayden Clearman
Argyle, RF, Sr.

Clearman, who will play at Abilene Christian, had another productive year both at the plate and in the outfield. The senior hit .366 with 45 RBIs and scored 40 runs.



Brenden Dixon
Argyle, SS, Sr.

Dixon moved to the No. 3 spot in the lineup and led Argyle in RBIs (48) and hit .353. He was a second-team all-state selection and will play at Texas next year.



Christian Herry
Denton, RF, Sr.

Herry was one of three area players to earn MVP honors at the district level. He hit .325 with 11 RBIs to help lead Denton to its second straight district title.



Jaxon Holder
Aubrey, SS, So.

Holder secured the middle of the infield at shortstop and was a big weapon at the plate. He hit .404 with 27 RBIs, and was the District 11-4A Co-Defensive MVP.



Cade Hamilton
Sanger, C, Sr.

Hamilton was the District 11-4A MVP and earned third-team all-state honors. The senior captain hit .387 with 22 RBIs, 19 extra-base hits and a 1.207 OPS.



Sean Bolin
Argyle, P, Sr.

Bolin had another stellar year that featured a dominant run through the postseason. The Utah signee finished 9-1 with a 2.74 ERA and 45 strikeouts as a senior.



Alex Gonzales
Argyle, LF, Jr.

Gonzales, a Baylor commit, was a nightmare for opponents near the bottom of Argyle's lineup. He hit .348 with 33 RBIs and scored 32 runs.



Connor Bivins
Ryan, P, So.

Bivins was key in Ryan's ability to sneak into the playoffs. The sophomore was 5-2 with a 2.44 ERA to earn Co-Newcomer of the Year honors in District 8-5A.



Jacob Hasty
Liberty, P, Sr.

Hasty, an LSU signee, helped the Warriors reign as back-to-back TAPPS Division I state champions. He went 6-3 with a 1.82 ERA and also hit .372 with 15 RBIs.



Cole Lee
Krum, SS/P, Sr.

Lee was the senior leader on a Krum team that competed in a district with both Argyle and Decatur. He hit .338 with 11 RBIs and had a 3.92 ERA in 25 innings.



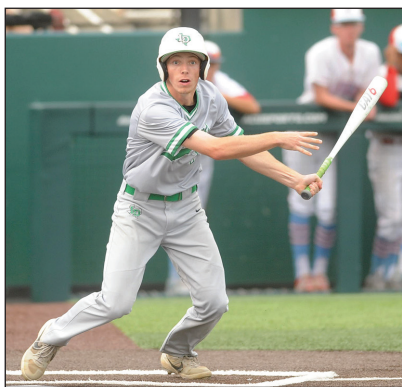
SECOND TEAM

Name, school	Pos.	Yr.	Notable
Creighton Hansen, Liberty	1B/P	Sr.	.327 BA, 15 RBIs, 20 runs
Tate Van Poppel, Argyle	P/1B	Jr.	8-0, 45 2/3 IP, 1.77 ERA
Cade Merka, Argyle	3B	Jr.	.279 BA, 21 RBI, 19 runs
Kyle York, Lake Dallas	C	Sr.	.319 BA, 19 RBIs, 14 runs
Connor Perry, Lake Dallas	1B	Jr.	.322 BA, 32 RBIs, 17 runs
Bristol Carson, Guyer	P	Sr.	64 IP, 5-3, 2.18 ERA, .313 BA
Luke Piper, Guyer	C	Jr.	.340 BA, 16 RBI, 10 runs
Justin Rumfield, Denton	3B/C	So.	.319 BA, 23 RBIs, 10 runs
Jan Cabera, Denton	P/3B	Sr.	4-0, 28 IP, 1.00 ERA, .420 BA
Zak Taylor, Aubrey	P	So.	61 1/3 IP, 9-2, 2.85 ERA
Hagen Coin, Sanger	SS	Sr.	.410 BA, 13 RBIs, 21 SB
Brett Huff, Liberty	3B	Sr.	.389 BA, 18 RBIs, 13 runs
Brooks Garrett, Krum	P/1B	Sr.	.345 BA, 12 RBIs, 1.44 ERA

CO-OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Ryan Hull

Lake Dallas, SS, Sr.
Lake Dallas put together a Cinderella run through the 5A playoffs, and Hull was vital to the team's success. The senior was the Offensive Player of the Year in District 8-5A and hit .389 with 20 RBIs and 36 runs.



CO-OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR



Preston King
Argyle, 2B, Sr.

King was a key part of Argyle's success and there's no denying the importance of his role over the last few years. The Texas-Rio Grande Valley signee was as consistent as they come in the lead-off spot, batting .385 with 26 RBIs, 51 runs, 31 walks and a 1.11 OPS. He was the District 8-4A MVP.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR



Austin King
Argyle, C, Sr.

King secured his third straight Defensive Player of the Year award at the district level, helping Argyle cruise to its second consecutive state championship. The UTRGV signee hit .314 with 23 RBIs, and he posted an impressive .995 fielding percentage behind the plate.

UTILITY PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Rece Parker
Denton, SS/P, Sr.

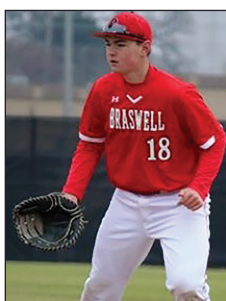
Parker did a little bit of everything for Denton to help guide the program to a second straight district title. The senior was the District 8-5A Defensive Player of the Year and hit .361 with 22 RBIs while recording nine saves with a 1.88 ERA in 22 1/3 innings.



NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Nic Bennett
Braswell, 1B, So.

Bennett was in his first season with the Bengals but he finished with the highest batting average of any player in the Denton area. Bennett hit .420 with 22 RBIs and 14 runs to secure Offensive Newcomer of the Year honors in District 8-5A.



PITCHER OF THE YEAR

Joe Wolf
Liberty, P, Sr.

Liberty Christian has had a handful of big-name pitchers on its roster over the years, but few have provided the consistency Wolf has in his time with the Warriors. As a senior, Wolf was 7-1 with a 1.31 ERA. He had 97 strikeouts in 75 innings and also hit .329 with 18 RBIs and 11 runs.



COACH OF THE YEAR



Ryan Howard
Lake Dallas

Lake Dallas was 11-15 with three games to go in the regular season, but the Falcons (22-19) righted the ship and advanced all the way to the 5A Region I semifinals.

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