



Deshler's Garrett Reid. [PHOTOS, UNLESS NOTED, BY DAN BUSEY/TIMESDAILY]



Lawrence County's Alex Bedford. [DAVID GLOVACH/TIMESDAILY]

TIMESDAILY 2025 LARGE SCHOOL ALL-AREA BASEBALL

ALL-AREA TEAM

P: Price Thornton, Deshler, Jr.

First-team Class 4A All-State. Finished 8-3 with a 1.95 ERA and 73 strikeouts in 68 1/3 innings. Threw four shutouts, including two in the playoffs, and limited hitters to a .204 average. Two-time All-Area.

P: Reed Bruce, Central, Jr.

Second-team Class 4A All-State. Had an 8-3 record with a 2.01 ERA and a .193 average against. Walked 18 and struck out 59 in 73 innings. At the plate, slugged .605 with 33 RBIs and 29 runs scored in 39 games. Had a .477 on-base percentage.

P: Ty Engelthaler, Russellville, Jr.

Went 8-3 with a 2.66 ERA in 55 1/3 innings. Posted 58 strikeouts and a .201 average against with 16 walks.

C: Jacob Alexander, Deshler, Sr.

First-team Class 4A All-State. Posted a .381 average with eight home runs and 44 RBIs in 44 games. Scored 25 times. Had .485 on-base and .687 slugging percentages. As a pitcher, went 9-2 with a 1.78 ERA, allowing hitters a .212 average with 67 strikeouts in 63 innings. Both of his shutouts were in the playoffs.

IF: Sam Arnold, Muscle Shoals, Sr.

First-team Class 6A All-State. Slugged .927, scored 34 times and knocked in 42 runs in 28 games. Finished with 16 doubles, two triples and eight home runs.

IF: Mason Holloway, Hamilton, So.

Second-team Class 4A All-State. Finished with .569 on-base and .654 slugging percentages. Scored 36 times in 27 games and was 23-of-27 on steals. Two-time All-State. Two-time All-Area.

IF: Camden Fuller, Deshler, Jr.

Racked up a .491 on-base percentage due to a .360 average plus 30 walks. Scored 48 times in 44 games, plus had 23 RBIs. Swiped 26 bases.

IF: Will McCullar, Haleyville, Sr.

Class 4A All-State honorable mention. Knocked in 40 runs in 34 games, posting a .442 average. With 12 walks and 17 hit by pitches, recorded a .564 on-base percentage.

OF: Alex Bedford, Lawrence Co. (Tenn.), Sr.

Finalist for Tennessee's Class 3A Mr. Baseball. Slugged 1.037 with 10 home runs among his 29 extra-base hits. Scored 53 times and had 47 RBIs in 107 at-bats over 37 games. Walked 32 times against 11 strikeouts. Posted a .629 on-base percentage. Had one game in which he did not reach base via hit, walk or hit batsman (March 28 vs. Huntsville).

OF: Brayden Entrekin, Russellville, Fr.

Second-team Class 5A All-State. Finished with a .510 on-base percentage and 31 runs scored in 37 games. Had 27 RBIs, was 22-of-23 on steals and walked 23 times against 13 strikeouts.

OF: Jay Marbutt, Haleyville, Sr.

Second-team Class 4A All-State. Recorded .518 on-base and .629 slugging percentages. Scored 22 times and had 22 RBIs in 33 games.

UTL: Garrett Reid, Deshler, Jr.

Class 4A player of the year and first-team All-State. Also named to the Super All-State team. Scored 49 runs in 44 games with 29 RBIs. Posted a .423 on-base percentage, slugged 471 and was 15-of-15 on steals. As a pitcher, went 8-3 with a 1.01 ERA and 110 strikeouts over 83 innings. Two-time All-State. Two-time All-Area.

UTL: Cooper McNutt, Haleyville, Sr.

Second-team Class 4A All-State. Scored 50 runs and had 32 RBIs in 32 games. Slugged .702 and was 18-of-20 on steal attempts.

DH: Dylan Olive, Muscle Shoals, Jr.

Recorded a .509 on-base percentage with 22 runs scored and 25 RBIs in 28 games. Had a .416 average.

HONORABLE MENTION

- Brooks:** Gunner Johnson
- Central:** Elijah Lambert
- Florence:** Noah Yeager, Cooper Thomaston
- Haleyville:** Evan Cagle, Eli Cagle
- Hamilton:** Houston Tibbs
- Hatton:** Bryson Jeffreys, Tasean Love
- Loretto:** Casen Springer, Grant Fisher
- Russellville:** Brennon Thorpe
- Wilson:** Cayden McCormack

FINAL RECORDS

Brooks (9-18), Central (24-15), Deshler (33-11), Florence (16-21), Haleyville (27-10), Hamilton (12-17), Hatton (14-19), Lawrence Co. (Tenn.) (20-17), Loretto (11-17), Muscle Shoals (16-12), Russellville (25-12), Wilson (11-22).

COACH OF THE YEAR

Justin Cantrell, Deshler

Class 4A All-State coach of the year helped the Tigers win the first state championship in program history. Led Deshler to its most wins since 2013, which was also Cantrell's senior year at the school. Was a two-time All-State player for the Tigers. In seven years as head coach, has a 140-83 record.

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Muscle Shoals' Sam Arnold.



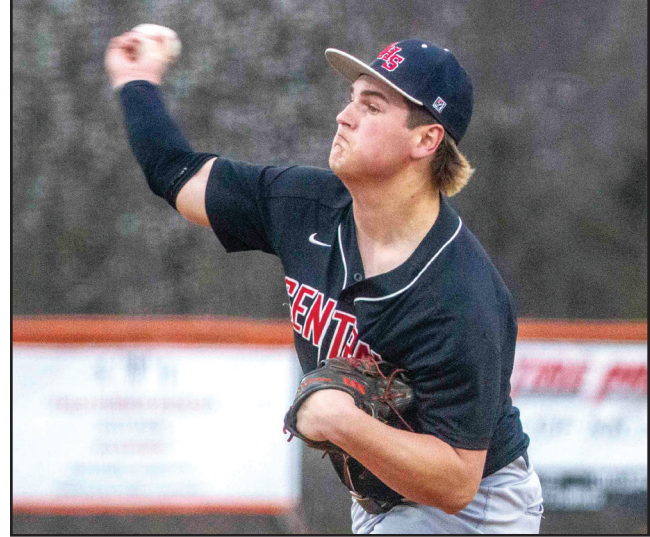
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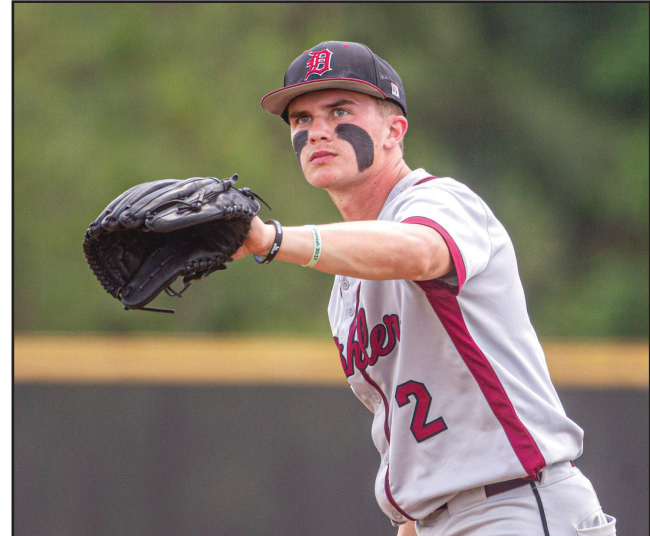
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