



Russellville's Logan White. [PHOTOS UNLESS NOTED BY DAN BUSEY/TIMESDAILY]



Central's Carson May.



Deshler's Easton Fuller.



Russellville's Banks Langston.

TIMESDAILY 2023 LARGE SCHOOL ALL-AREA BASEBALL

ALL-AREA TEAM

P: Logan White, Russellville, Sr.

Class 5A All-State honorable mention. Threw 65 2/3 innings with an 8-2 record and a 2.35 ERA. Struck out 57 batters and walked 14. Pitched four complete games, including a win over Leeds in the second round of the playoffs. Two-time All-Area.

P: Price Thornton, Deshler, Fr.

Was 6-3 with 76 strikeouts in 56 1/3 innings. Finished with a 1.30 ERA. Emerged as Deshler's ace. Batted .317 with 15 extra-base hits and 31 RBIs as an outfielder. Helped spark the Tigers to 10-win improvement over last season.

C: Evan Cagle, Haleyville, So.

Recorded a .347 batting average with 33 hits in 29 games. Drove in 14 runs and scored 16 times, while drawing 16 walks with 11 strikeouts for the Lions.

IF: Carson May, Central, Sr.

Racked up 41 hits and 31 runs scored in 33 games. Stole eight bases in eight attempts and walked 14 times. Hit 14 doubles and drove in 28 runs. Finished with .480 on-base and .543 slugging percentages for a 1.023 OPS. Led the Wildcats in hits, RBIs, runs scored and extra-base hits. Helped Central reach the playoffs for the 22nd time since the AHSAA went to a 32-team field in 1989.

IF: Easton Nelms, Florence, So.

Finished with a .412 on-base percentage. Walked 15 times, stole 12 bases and scored 23 runs in 36 games. Also had 11 extra-base hits including three home runs.

IF: Easton Fuller, Deshler, Sr.

Reached base at a .538 clip, including 25 walks in 35 games. Hit eight doubles and five triples with 14 RBIs. Led the Mustangs with a .574 slugging percentage and crossed the plate 26 times. Defensively, made three errors with a .938 fielding percentage at first base.

IF: Joseph Aycock, Hamilton, Sr.

Went 15-for-17 on stolen-base attempts and walked 19 times. Finished with a .447 on-base percentage and scored 35 runs. Had a .927 fielding percentage at shortstop. On the mound, credited with a 6-1 record with a 1.69 ERA and 22 strikeouts in 33 innings in his first year pitching in high school.

OF: Caden Porter, Loretto, Jr.

Finished with a .398 batting average, including 10 home runs of which five were grand slams. Had 44 RBIs and 12 stolen bases. Highlighted the Mustangs' region tournament win against Fairview with a three-homer, nine-RBI game. Both are school records. Two-time All-Area.

OF: Banks Langston, Russellville, Sr.

First-team Class 5A All-State. Tallied 49 hits in 37 games, including 11 doubles, four triples and two homers with 29 RBIs. Had a .477 on-base percentage with 33 runs scored. Was 28-of-29 on stolen-base attempts. Recorded a .935 fielding percentage as a center fielder. Northwest-Shoals signee. Two-time All-Area. Two-time All-State. Made limited pitching appearances this season due to injury. Was last year's 5A pitcher of the year.

OF: Gage Wilson, Wilson, Jr.

Class 4A second-team All-State. Slugged .649 with 25 doubles, two triples and two homers. Drove in 25 runs and scored 31. Stole 10 bases in 31 games, while recording a .957 fielding percentage. Two-time All-Area.

UTL: Clint Seymore, Loretto, Jr.

Batted .341 with 31 runs batted in. Hit four home runs and stole 15 bases. Went 5-0 as a pitcher with 59 strikeouts in 38 innings. Had a 1.65 ERA to help lead Loretto to sectionals. Two-time All-Area.

UTL: Christian Chatterton, Brooks, Jr.

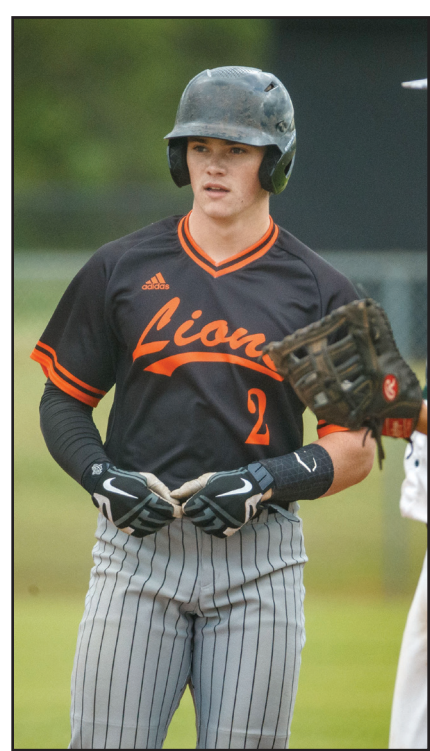
Class 4A first-team All-State. On the mound, finished with a 6-1 record and 1.27 ERA. Struck out 83 batters with 13 walks in 49 2/3 innings against. Hit .369 with two home runs and a .955 fielding percentage as a corner infielder. Two-time All-Area. Two-time All-State.

DH: Quint Smith, Rogers, So.

Hit .397 with 26 RBIs in 29 games played. Slugged nine doubles with 16 runs scored. Also placed second in the Lauderdale County tournament as a golfer and participated in golf sectionals.

DH: Neyland Baker, Russellville, So.

Drove in 23 runs and hit two triples and two homers. Finished with a .417 on-base percentage. Helped the Golden Tigers reach the state quarterfinals for the seventh time in eight playoff seasons.



Brooks' Christian Chatterton.



Wilson's Gage Wilson.

HONORABLE MENTION

- Brooks:** Seth Walton
- Deshler:** Jacob Alexander
- Florence:** Cruz Files
- Loretto:** Carter Daniel
- Rogers:** Darby Clemmons
- Russellville:** Brayden Spurgeon
- Wilson:** Craig Tipper

FINAL RECORDS

BBrooks (15-7), Central (22-12), Deshler (23-12), Florence (13-23), Haleyville (7-22), Hamilton (13-19), Lawrence Co. (Tenn.) (4-25), Loretto (25-10), Muscle Shoals (6-19), Rogers (10-14), Russellville (22-15), Wilson (13-18).

Compiled by Hayden Flatt in consultation with area coaches. No information received from Lawrence Co. (Tenn.) and Muscle Shoals.

COACH OF THE YEAR

Justin Cantrell, Deshler

Guided the Tigers to a 23-12 record, a 10-win improvement on 2022's 13-22 final record. Helped reclaim the Class 4A, Area 15 title after winning it in 2021. Used a freshman and sophomore as top-two starting pitchers. Marked Deshler's 17th area championship and 26th playoff appearance since 1989.



Hamilton's Joseph Aycock. [KEVIN TAYLOR/TIMESDAILY]