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Iowa Newspaper Association All-State Baseball Teams chosen

DES MOINES - The Iowa Newspaper Association announced its 2017 All-State Baseball selections Tuesday, selecting first, second, third teams and team captains for classes 1A, 2A, 3A and 4A.

The four seniors selected as team captains are 4A – Jack Dreyer, Johnston; 3A – Trenton Wallace, Davenport, Assumption; 2A – Riley LeGrand, Beckman, Dyersville and 1A – Ben Fitzgerald, Newman Catholic, Mason City.

Johnston pitcher Jack Dreyer was selected as the Class 4A captain. The University of Iowa baseball signee recorded a 10-0 mark, a class-best 0.34 ERA and 102 strikeouts in 62 innings to power Johnston to a 41-3 record and the program's fourth state championship. In the state final against Dowling Catholic, West Des Moines, the southpaw pitched a two-hit shutout with 13 strikeouts. Dreyer, on an all-state team for the second time, compiled a 23-2 career mark for the Dragons. His father, Steve, pitched in the big leagues and relieved Hall of Famer Nolan Ryan in a game in 1993.

Davenport, Assumption pitcher and outfielder Trenton Wallace is the Class 3A captain. A University of Iowa baseball signee, Wallace paced the Knights to a state record 10th summer baseball crown with a three-hitter and 13 strikeouts in the championship game against Harlan. Wallace was 11-0 with a class-best 0.29 ERA and 112 strikeouts in 72 innings. The three-year starter also batted .420 with 16 extra-base hits and 33 RBIs as the Knights finished with a 41-5 record. A three-time all-stater, the left-hander finished his career with a 24-4 record, a 0.57 ERA and 265 strikeouts in 185 innings.

Beckman, Dyersville senior Riley LeGrand was named the Class 2A captain. He is a two-time INA all-state honoree earning first-team recognition this year in the infield after claiming a spot on the second-team in 2016. This year, he led the state champion Blazers with a .500 batting average. He tallied 50 hits (five doubles, seven triples and two home runs), 43 runs and 20 RBIs. LeGrand was a hard out, walking 16 times, and striking out just four.

Newman Catholic, Mason City senior shortstop Ben Fitzgerald was named captain of Class 1A. Fitzgerald was the big bat all season for the Knights, who won their sixth state title. He batted .524 on the year with a state-leading (regardless of class) 29 doubles and 71 RBIs. The 29 doubles also shattered a school record. Fitzgerald added an on-base percentage of over .600 and his slugging percentage was .958. Fitzgerald is signed to play baseball at North Iowa Area Community College.

Writers making up the selection committee were: Kyle Ocker, Centerville Daily Iowegian; Colin Peters, Centerville Daily Iowegian; Larry Peterson, Creston News Advertiser; Matt Coss, Davenport Quad-City Times; Ross Eberhart, DeWitt Observer; Beth Lutgen, Dyersville Commercial; Kristi Nixon, Hampton Chronicle; Mike Oeffner, Harlan Newspapers; Perry Bell, Knoxville Journal-Express; Thorn Compton, Marshalltown Times-Republican; Ross Thede, Marshalltown Times-Republican; Blake Schultz, Mason City Globe Gazette; Matt Gengler, Missouri Valley Times-News; Pete Temple, Monticello Express; Troy Hyde, Newton Daily News; Lori Wisner, Ocheyedan Press-Melvin News; Kevin White, Omaha World-Herald; Jake Ryder, Parkersburg Eclipse-News-Review; Troy Banning, Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal and Drew Curtis, Vinton Newspapers.

Coaches attending included Lee Toole, Lewis Central and Jim Struve, Vinton-Shellsburg.

CLASS 4A - FIRST TEAM

Position	Name	School	Grade	W-L	ERA	BA
Pitcher	Jack Dreyer	Johnston	Sr.	10-0	0.34	
Pitcher	Ben Probst	Dowling Catholic, West Des Moines	Sr.	8-1	0.80	
Pitcher	Braden Houston	Iowa City, West	Jr.	9-1	0.89	
Catcher	Matt Berst	Cedar Rapids, Kennedy	Sr.			.416
First Base	Hunter Dingman	Mason City	Sr.			.417
Infield	TJ Mahoney	Des Moines, Abraham Lincoln	Jr.			.505
Infield	Izaya Ono-Fullard	Iowa City, West	Sr.			.421
Infield	Brayden Frazier	Cedar Rapids, Jefferson	Jr.			.432
Outfield	Levi Usher	Prairie, Cedar Rapids	Jr.			.468
Outfield	Connor McCaffrey	Iowa City, West	Sr.			.385
Outfield	Robbie McCargar	Dowling Catholic, West Des Moines	Sr.			.426

Utility	Payton Williams	Johnston	Sr.			.372
Utility	Brett McCleary	Iowa City, City High	Sr.			.351

CLASS 4A - SECOND TEAM

Pitcher	Connor Van Scoyoc	Cedar Rapids, Jefferson	Jr.	5-0	0.96	
Pitcher	Nathan Buckallew	Johnston	Sr.	8-0	0.93	
Pitcher	Cameron Cowan	Ankeny Centennial	Sr.	6-1	1.61	
Catcher	Joel Thompson	Lewis Central	Sr.			.460
First Base	Harrison Cook	Prairie, Cedar Rapids	Soph.			.390
Infield	Trevor Burkhart	Davenport, West	Jr.			.464
Infield	Brady Bunten	Cedar Rapids, Washington	Jr.			.461
Infield	Sam Olson	Dowling Catholic, West Des Moines	Sr.			.414
Outfield	Evan Martin	Southeast Polk	Fr.			.418
Outfield	Dylan Voves	Mason City	Sr.			.423
Outfield	Jevon Mason	Valley, West Des Moines	Jr.			.406
Utility	Blake Elam	Council Bluffs, Abraham Lincoln	Sr.			.394
Utility	Brendan Sher	Indianola	Jr.			.400

CLASS 4A - THIRD TEAM

Pitcher	Duncan Davitt	Indianola	Jr.	7-1	0.47	
Pitcher	Drew Irvine	Waukee	Jr.	9-2	1.13	
Pitcher	Clayton Nettleton	Davenport, West	Jr.	6-3	2.07	
Catcher	Tony Barreca	North Scott, Eldridge	Jr.			.389
First Base	Kam Avons	Bettendorf	Sr.			.405
Infield	Austin Shotts	Ottumwa	Sr.			.476
Infield	Nick Acri	Pleasant Valley	Sr.			.429
Infield	Drew Beazley	Johnston	Jr.			.333
Outfield	Max Steffen	Epworth, Western Dubuque	Sr.			.476
Outfield	Tyrese Moore	Waukee	Jr.			.339
Outfield	Adam Sacia	North Scott	Sr.			.388
Utility	Colin Lacey	Dowling Catholic, West Des Moines	Sr.			
Utility	Brendon Figueroa	Lewis Central	Sr.			.429

CLASS 3A - FIRST TEAM

Pitcher	Trenton Wallace	Davenport, Assumption	Sr.	11-0	0.29	
Pitcher	Ben Beutel	Davenport, Assumption	Sr.	8-0	0.64	
Pitcher	Max Hackbarth	Webster City	Jr.	7-0	0.52	
Catcher	Will Edwards	Vinton-Shellsburg	Sr.			.405
First Base	Devin Porter	Saydel	Sr.			.566
Infield	Dillon Sears	Harlan	Sr.			.440
Infield	Tyler Hillman	Pella	Sr.			.400
Infield	Nate Mortimer	Carlisle	Jr.			.492
Outfield	Matt Nelson	Bishop Heelan, Sioux City	Sr.			.429
Outfield	Ryley McGregor	Sergeant Bluff-Luton	Sr.			.477
Outfield	Tyler Miller	Oskaloosa	Fr.			.444
Utility	Daniel Powers	Davenport, Assumption	Jr.			.323
Utility	Austin Savary	Wahlert, Dubuque	Sr.			.400

CLASS 3A - SECOND TEAM

Pitcher	Zach Noble	Boyden-Hull/Rock Valley	Jr.	9-2	0.64	
Pitcher	Cameron Baumann	Fairfield	Sr.	4-2	2.18	
Pitcher	Brett Sears	Harlan	Soph.	9-1	1.98	

Catcher	Jaden Rolffs	Pella	Jr.		.450
First Base	Nolan Melchert	Davenport, Assumption	Sr.		.431
Infield	Luke Fennelly	Davenport, Assumption	Sr.		.441
Infield	Tanner Davis	Vinton-Shellsburg	Sr.		.403
Infield	Colin Kasperbauer	Bishop Hellan, Sioux City	Jr.		.431
Outfield	Jacob Zuck	Knoxville	Jr.		.465
Outfield	Justus Burke	Davenport, Assumption	Sr.		.426
Outfield	Owen Carstensen	Marion	Sr.		.403
Utility	Nathan Struve	Vinton-Shellsburg	Sr.		.341
Utility	Luke Ira	Solon	Jr.		.511

CLASS 3A - THIRD TEAM

Pitcher	Houston Hawkins	Spirit Lake	Sr.	5-2	0.96
Pitcher	Brady Donohue	Marion	Sr.	8-2	1.39
Pitcher	Nic McCay	Carlisle	Jr.	5-2	1.85
Catcher	Maverick Miller	Marion	Sr.		.385
First Base	Ryan Doran	Harlan	Jr.		.455
Infield	Cole Loeffelbein	Glenwood	Sr.		.406
Infield	Ben De Boer	MOC-Floyd Valley	Sr.		.532
Infield	Jarod Harris	West Delaware, Manchester	Jr.		.424
Outfield	Joshua Cheek	Harlan	Sr.		.342
Outfield	Keaton Candor	LeMars	Sr.		.390
Outfield	Shane Solberg	Boyden-Hull/Rock Valley	Sr.		.495
Utility	Scottie Wirth	Vinton-Shellsburg	Sr.		.323
Utility	Tanner Bedier	Bondurant-Farrar	Jr.		.465

CLASS 2A - FIRST TEAM

Pitcher	Jackson Bennett	Beckman, Dyersville	Jr.	8-0	0.97
Pitcher	Ryan Schooley	Regina, Iowa City	Jr.	7-1	2.24
Pitcher	Colby Seuntjens	Maple Valley-Anthon Oto	Jr.	6-3	0.44
Catcher	Jacob Manternach	Monticello	Jr.		.455
First Base	Noah Hopp	New Hampton	Sr.		.461
Infield	Evan Reifert	Wilton	Sr.		.454
Infield	Brett Daley	Treynor	Sr.		.433
Infield	Riley LeGrand	Beckman, Dyersville	Sr.		.480
Outfield	Bryce Simon	Cascade, Western Dubuque	Sr.		.444
Outfield	Trace Howard	Wapello	Jr.		.440
Outfield	David Disney	West Marshall	Sr.		.457
Utility	Tyler Laing	Kuemper Catholic, Carroll	Sr.		.411
Utility	Kaleb Harrison	Tri-Center, Neola	Jr.		.526

CLASS 2A - SECOND TEAM

Pitcher	Conner McDermott	Beckman, Dyersville	Jr.	9-2	1.62
Pitcher	Colin McCrabb	Wilton	Soph.	12-1	1.22
Pitcher	Colton Shipman	Forest City	Sr.	10-1	0.67
Catcher	Treye Rinehart	Centerville	Sr.		.409
First Base	Brock Farley	Denver	Soph.		.403
Infield	Ross Randall	West Marshall	Sr.		.480
Infield	Will Dembski	Pella Christian	Soph.		.421
Infield	Anthony Lowman	Van Meter	Jr.		.466
Outfield	Sam Stelken	Beckman, Dyersville	Sr.		.407
Outfield	Izak Baumhover	Kuemper Catholic, Carroll	Jr.		.418

Outfield	Kyle Dell	Northeast, Goose Lake	Sr.			.427
Utility	Zach Miller	Denver	Jr.			.340
Utility	Spencer Hanson	Woodward-Granger	Sr.			.449

CLASS 2A - THIRD TEAM

Pitcher	Carter Stochl	New Hampton	Sr.	9-1	0.48	
Pitcher	Kendrick Umphreys	Treynor	Sr.	6-2	1.05	
Pitcher	Evan Olesen	Estherville Lincoln Central	Jr.	6-3	0.85	
Catcher	Brad Barkema	BCLUW, Conrad	Jr.			.417
First Base	Lowden Gabriel	Louisa-Muscatine	Sr.			.437
Infield	Gannon O'Brien	Cascade, Western Dubuque	Jr.			.413
Infield	Matt Eckard	Okoboji	Sr.			.511
Infield	Jaden Snyder	West Lyon	Jr.			.452
Outfield	Blake Berns	Regina, Iowa City	Jr.			.374
Outfield	Ben Midtgaard	Forest City	Sr.			.457
Outfield	Jared Townsen	Wilton	Soph.			.452
Utility	Clayton Mapel	Dike-New Harford	Sr.			.380
Utility	Kyle Sperfslage	Monticello	Jr.			.419

CLASS 1A - FIRST TEAM

Pitcher	Jake Hilmer	North Linn	Soph.	11-0	0.60	
Pitcher	Jared Mayer	Saint Ansgar	Sr.	7-1	0.61	
Pitcher	Caden Kratz	Newman Catholic, Mason City	Jr.	9-1	0.74	
Catcher	Clay Emhoff	West Fork	Sr.			.500
First Base	Brady Gavin	Martensdale-St. Mary's	Jr.			.534
Infield	Ben Fitzgerald	Newman Catholic, Mason City	Sr.			.533
Infield	Trace Embray	Twin Cedars	Sr.			.440
Infield	Garret Reisz	St. Albert, Council Bluffs	Jr.			.477
Outfield	Aaron Allard	Akron-Westfield	Sr.			.476
Outfield	Ryan Miller	North Linn	Jr.			.406
Outfield	Brandon Riley	Coon Rapids-Bayard	Sr.			.425
Utility	Jacob Wesselman	St. Mary's, Remsen	Sr.			.500
Utility	Austin Krob	Lisbon	Jr.			.407

CLASS 1A - SECOND TEAM

Pitcher	Kevin Duncan	Martensdale-St. Mary's	Sr.	9-2	1.34	
Pitcher	Jonathan Jacobs	Colfax-Mingo	Jr.	5-1	1.10	
Pitcher	Evan Paulus	Mason City Newman	Soph.	8-1	1.30	
Catcher	Trevor Dooley	Martensdale-St. Mary's	Jr.			.424
First Base	Brett Kelting	Calamus-Wheatland	Sr.			.460
Infield	Chase Rath	Highland, Riverside	Sr.			.494
Infield	Joe Smoldt	Gladbrook-Reinbeck	Sr.			.427
Infield	Mitchell Schiltz	St. Mary's, Remsen	Jr.			.391
Outfield	Avery Moore	Sigourney	Sr.			.477
Outfield	Austin Allard	Akron-Westfield	Sr.			.400
Outfield	Aaron Schmitz	Lenox	Jr.			.430
Utility	Cameron Hoeg	North Tama	Sr.			.440
Utility	Marcus Daugherty	CAM, Anita	Sr.			.352

CLASS 1A - THIRD TEAM

Pitcher	Will Earley	North Tama	Sr.	8-1	1.14	
Pitcher	Jake Dannes	Ar-We-Va, Westside	Sr.	7-1	0.46	

Pitcher	Tyson Tucker	Maquoketa Valley	Jr.	4-2	1.18	
Catcher	Quentin Sefrit	Bedford	Sr.			.512
First Base	Austin Miller	Don Bosco, Gilbertville	Sr.			.473
Infield	Alex Hageman	Hudson	Jr.			.479
Infield	Leo Callison	Durant	Sr.			.456
Infield	Drew Buckholdt	Exira-EHK	Sr.			.462
Outfield	Nick Phelps	Woodbury Central	Jr.			.507
Outfield	Jovonte Squiers	Lone Tree	Sr.			.466
Outfield	Peyton Scott	Newman Catholic, Mason City	Sr.			.425
Utility	Kenny Boles	Murray	Sr.			.662
Utility	Britt Noel	New London	Jr.			.453