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Iowa Newspaper Association All-State Baseball Teams chosen

DES MOINES - The Iowa Newspaper Association announced its 2008 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 - Andrew Host, Southeast Polk High School; 3A - B.J. Hermsen, West Delaware High School; 2A - Willie Argo, Davenport Assumption High School; and 1A - Reggie Hochstetler, Iowa Mennonite High School.

A first-team all-state baseball selection by the INA as a junior in 2007, Southeast Polk outfielder Andrew Host led the Rams to a then-school record 27 wins. Host helped SEP set a new mark of 29 victories in his senior season, hitting a team-high .470 (62-for-132) on his way to being named captain of the INA's Class 4-A squad. Host scored 70 runs this season, tops among hitters from 4-A state tournament qualifiers. Host doubled and scored SEP's only run July 23 in a 2-1 state tournament loss to Burlington. From his leadoff position in the Rams' lineup, Host hit nine homeruns, 10 doubles and six triples, driving in 40 runs. He also stole 11 bases and was hit by eight pitches. He was 1-0 with one save in 14 1/3 innings pitched. He struck out 18 while giving up 12 hits and five earned runs.

West Delaware pitcher B.J. Hermsen was named captain of the Class 3A all-state baseball team. The senior is one of the best players to come out of northeast Iowa and was a sixth-round draft choice of the Minnesota Twins earlier this summer. He is also a Division 1 college recruit. He led his team to a state tournament berth with a record of 9-0 and a 0.70 earned run average. In 60 and one-third innings he struck out 114 while walking nine. He also hit .425 with 23 home runs and 71 runs batted in. He fired a three-hitter and socked a two-run homer in a 2008 state quarterfinal win versus Cedar Rapids Xavier.

Willie Argo is the 2A captain, the third year he's been an all-state first-team selection. Hobbled by a torn meniscus in his left knee, Argo hit .333 and drove in three runs in the Class 2A state tournament to lead Davenport Assumption to its eighth championship. The University of Illinois signee hit .442 with 47 runs batted in and 57 runs scored. He amassed a .562 on-base percentage and slugged .800, while striking out just eight times in 120 at-bats. Argo, who was drafted in the 49th round of Major League Baseball's amateur draft by the Arizona Diamondbacks, committed no errors playing 43 games in center field for Assumption.

Class 1A captain, pitcher Reggie Hochstetler helped lead Iowa Mennonite School to its first state baseball championship as a junior in 2007. Hochstetler pitched complete games in winning the quarterfinal and the championship games, and he was named the most valuable player in the title game. He was even more dominant his senior season, compiling an 11-0 record and pitching the team to the state tournament once again. He won the quarterfinal in a five-inning no-hit performance. A left-hander who used both sides of the plate and had pinpoint control most all of his career, he struck out 90 and walked just 20 coming into the state tournament. His earned run average was .966 and teams were batting .128 against him.

Writers in attendance were: John Jensen, Oelwein Daily Register/Independence Bulletin-Journal; Heidi deGier, Oelwein Daily Register/Independence Bulletin-Journal; Lori Wisler, Ocheyedon Press-Melvin News; Ross Thede, Marshalltown Times-Republican; Mark Pawlak, Marshalltown Times-Republican; Mike Oeffner, Harlan Newspapers; Larry Peterson, Creston News Advertiser; Ben Frotscher, Creston News Advertiser; Doug Rieder, Jefferson Herald; Drew Herron, Atlantic News-Telegraph; Kevin White, Omaha World-Herald; Jeff Webster, Perry Chief; Greg Grabianowski, Algona Upper Des Moines; Dan McCool, Des Moines Register; Perry Bell, Knoxville Journal-Express/Pella Chronicle; Beth Lutgen, Dyersville Commercial; Ryan Kronberg, Charles City Press; Ross Eberhart, DeWitt Observer; Steve Allspach, Sioux City Journal; Wayne Dominowski, Sergeant Bluff Advocate and Kyle Kirby, Brooklyn Chronicle/Montezuma Republican.

Coaches attending included Lee Toole, Lewis Central High School; Larry Kelchen, Starmont High School and Randy Wee, Johnston High School.

## CLASS 4A - FIRST TEAM

Position	Player	School	Grade	BA	W-L	ERA
Pitcher	Dean McArdle	Sioux City North	Jr.		11-0	0.75
Pitcher	T. J. Werner	Burlington	Sr.		12-0	1.68
Pitcher	Ryan Torgerson	Johnston	Jr.		11-0	1.25
Catcher	Troy DuBay	Johnston	Sr.	.415		
First Base	Kyle Peterson	Burlington	Sr.	.489		
Infield	Brance Rivera	Muscatine	Sr.	.451		
Infield	Damek Tomscha	Sioux City North	Soph.	.492		
Infield	Chad Christensen	Cedar Rapids Washington	Jr.	.565		
Outfield	Greg Larpenter	Johnston	Jr.	.505		
Outfield	Nick Tillo	Sioux City North	Jr.	.507		
Outfield	Andrew Host	Southeast Polk	Sr.	.470		
Utility	Andrew Redman	Dubuque Hempstead	Soph.	.286	8-0	
Utility	C. J. Schreiber	Southeast Polk	Sr.	.436	9-2	

## CLASS 4A - SECOND TEAM

Pitcher	Andy Steinmetz	West Des Moines Valley	Sr.		8-1	
Pitcher	Carby McGlaufflin	Sioux City North	Sr.		9-1	1.15
Pitcher	Tyler Sunstrom	Boone	Sr.		8-1	0.57
Catcher	Brad Lamberti	Southeast Polk	Jr.	.439		
First Base	Tyler Peschong	Marshalltown	Sr.	.389		
Infield	Bryan Lippincott	Johnston	Sr.	.508		
Infield	Andrew Ewing	Iowa City West	Sr.	.504		
Infield	Jake Knott	Waukee	Jr.	.467		
Outfield	Brian Wanner	Sioux City North	Sr.	.395		
Outfield	Eddy Diosdado	Fort Dodge	Jr.	.421		
Outfield	Zach Thompson	Marshalltown	Sr.	.391		
Utility	Ben Alison	Ankeny	Sr.	.443	5-0	
Utility	Austin Christensen	Cedar Rapids Kennedy	Fresh.	.433		

## CLASS 4A - THIRD TEAM

Pitcher	Ricky Sandquist	Fort Dodge	Jr.		7-3	1.9
Pitcher	Darryl Sexton	Clinton	Jr.		10-2	
Pitcher	Eddie Pantzlaft	Bettendorf	Sr.		7-0	
Catcher	Josh Caffrey	Burlington	Sr.	.432		
First Base	B. J. Juergens	Dubuque Hempstead	Sr.	.400		
Infield	Jerad Barth	Sioux City East	Jr.	.479		
Infield	Ben Chestnutt	Bettendorf	Sr.	.441		
Infield	Kellen Sweeney	Cedar Rapids Jefferson	Soph.	.496		
Outfield	Alex Ausenhus	Mason City	Jr.	.388		
Outfield	Eric Toole	Lewis Central	Fresh.	.509		
Outfield	Jason Brown	Dubuque Hempstead	Sr.	.413		
Utility	Eric Schultz	Cedar Rapids Kennedy	Sr.	.478	4-1	
Utility	Jay Lombard	Fort Dodge	Sr.	.515		

## CLASS 3A - FIRST TEAM

Pitcher	B. J. Hermsen	West Delaware	Sr.		8-0	0.45
Pitcher	Conor Krommenhoek	Bishop Heelan	Jr.		6-1	2.19
Pitcher	Kyler Morgan	Carlisle	Sr.		10-2	1.72
Catcher	Kalab Evans	Creston	Sr.	.440		
First Base	Nathan Ramler	West Dubuque	Sr.	.406		
Infield	Cole Petersen	Atlantic	Sr.	.500		
Infield	Cody VanNess	Denison-Schleswig	Jr.	.535		
Infield	Brock Yossi	Dallas Center-Grimes	Sr.	.463		
Outfield	Wallace Carter	Centerville	Sr.	.553		
Outfield	Brent Stanton	Saydel	Sr.	.513		
Outfield	Adam Feller	Charles City	Jr.	.436		
Utility	Patrick Harshman	Centerville	Sr.	.470		
Utility	Cody Petersen	Harlan	Sr.	.469		

## CLASS 3A - SECOND TEAM

Pitcher	Garret Linderwell	West Delaware	Sr.	8-1	0.3
Pitcher	Colin Morgan	Oelwein	Sr.	10-2	0.98
Pitcher	Tyler Lefeber	Harlan	Jr.	8-1	1.08
Catcher	Mikey Henrichs	Carlisle	Jr.		.385
First Base	Jordan Huffman	Sergeant Bluff-Luton	Jr.		.533
Infield	Patrick Lala	Marion	Sr.		.500
Infield	Dan Marshall	West Delaware	Jr.		.376
Infield	Brett Keim	Glenwood	Sr.		.424
Outfield	Justin Gideon	West Delaware	Sr.		.529
Outfield	Matt Gruhlke	Estherville-Lincoln Central	Sr.		.456
Outfield	Justin Uhlenhopp	Clear Lake	Sr.		.545
Utility	Tanner Oliver	Bishop Heelan	Sr.		.373
Utility	Josh Becker	Charles City	Jr.		.346

## CLASS 3A - THIRD TEAM

Pitcher	Levi Maxfield	Sergeant Bluff-Luton	Jr.	10-2	2.79
Pitcher	Bryce Von Ahsen	Williamsburg	Sr.	8-0	2.24
Pitcher	Brett Elliff	Glenwood	Sr.	8-2	1.56
Catcher	Chase Wilkinson	Charles City	Sr.		.438
First Base	John Sawhill	Jefferson-Scranton	Sr.		.429
Infield	Jeff Hastert	Harlan	Jr.		.456
Infield	Jon Close	Vinton-Shellsburg	Sr.		.459
Infield	Greg Olson	Central Clinton	Jr.		.495
Outfield	Sam Stetzel	Perry	Jr.		.517
Outfield	John Mascarello	Sergeant Bluff-Luton	Sr.		.439
Outfield	Ethan Brown	Benton Community	Jr.		.506
Utility	Taylor Petersen	Atlantic	Soph.		.494
Utility	Keith Fandel	Estherville-Lincoln Central	Jr.		.382

## CLASS 2A - FIRST TEAM

Pitcher	Kurt Spomer	Tri-Center	Sr.	7-1	0.58
Pitcher	Colin Rea	Cascade	Sr.	8-1	1.23
Pitcher	Logan Potter	Solon	Sr.	11-2	1.50
Catcher	Nick Hutchens	BCLUW	Jr.		.443
First Base	Joe Disney	West Marshall	Jr.		.543
Infield	Ryan Mabe	Beckman	Sr.		.426
Infield	Brennan Melloy	Cascade	Sr.		.584
Infield	Matt Koch	Cherokee Washington	Jr.		.452
Outfield	Willie Argo	Davenport Assumption	Sr.		.447
Outfield	Nolan Nuss	Sumner-Fredricksburg	Jr.		.517
Outfield	Cody Strang	Solon	Jr.		.437
Utility	Dannie Strable	I-35	Sr.		.500
Utility	Scott Benson	Gladbrook-Reinbeck	Jr.		.505

## CLASS 2A - SECOND TEAM

Pitcher	Kyle Moses	St. Ansgar	Jr.	11-2	1.95
Pitcher	Jake Kent	Davenport Assumption	Sr.	4-1	1.47
Pitcher	Cody Ege	Cherokee Washington	Soph.	8-0	0.76
Catcher	Spenser Poppinga	Central Springs	Sr.		.471
First Base	John Buzynski	Hudson	Sr.		.481
Infield	Drake Austin	Wilton	Sr.		.516
Infield	Blake Kliegel	Okoboji	Jr.		.570
Infield	Levi Miller	Humboldt	Sr.		.527
Outfield	Brett Watkins	Columbus	Sr.		.433
Outfield	Austin Butler	Starmont	Sr.		.404
Outfield	Colton Calvert	I-35	Sr.		.478
Utility	Joey Flattery	Fort Dodge St. Edmond	Jr.		.407
Utility	Colin Brenneman	Mid-Prairie	Jr.		.489

## CLASS 2A - THIRD TEAM

Pitcher	Brandon Hall	BGM	Sr.		10-2	1.59
Pitcher	Drew Freie	Wilton	Jr.		9-2	0.67
Pitcher	Iziah Nutting	Pleasantville	Sr.		7-2	1.93
Catcher	Tyler Jones	Cherokee Washington	Jr.	.381		
First Base	Dallas Hendrickson	St. Ansgar	Jr.	.456		
Infield	Nate Meyer	Cascade	Sr.	.360		
Infield	Levi Davidshofer	Clarinda	Sr.	.439		
Infield	Jake Petersen	Gladbrook-Reinbeck	Sr.	.505		
Outfield	Andrew Brown	Counci Bluffs St. Albert	Soph.	.448		
Outfield	Jordan Gacke	Central Lyon	Jr.	.452		
Outfield	Jared McIntosh	Davenport Assumption	Jr.	.350		
Utility	Jordan Howe	Northeast Goose Lake	Jr.	.467		
Utility	Patrick Flattery	Fort Dodge St. Edmond	Jr.	.421		

## CLASS 1A - FIRST TEAM

Pitcher	Mark Hennessy	Kee, Lansing	Sr.		6-2	2.72
Pitcher	Seth Robinson	Lenox	Sr.		11-1	3.38
Pitcher	Reggie Hochstetler	Iowa Mennonite	Sr.		10-0	0.91
Catcher	Jordan Adams	Newman Catholic	Jr.	.519		
First Base	Danny Hershberger	Iowa Mennonite	Jr.	.474		
Infield	Levi Ney	Iowa Mennonite	Sr.	.580		
Infield	Quin Schultz	Kee, Lansing	Sr.	.520		
Infield	Clay Welter	Don Bosco	Soph.	.506		
Outfield	Aaron Siefken	North Sentral Kossuth	Sr.	.484		
Outfield	Phil Hotchkiss	Grandview Park Baptist	Sr.	.467		
Outfield	Eric Rohe	Gehlen Catholic	Sr.	.443		
Utility	Shaun McGuire	North Sentral Kossuth	Sr.	.374	9-2	1.86
Utility	Alan Bladt	AHST	Sr.	.333	5-4	2.16

## CLASS 1A - SECOND TEAM

Pitcher	Kyle McCann	Newman Catholic	Jr.		9-0	2.00
Pitcher	Jake Davis	North Mahaska	Jr.		9-0	1.62
Pitcher	Trevor Roberts	Twin Cedars	Sr.		7-3	2.13
Catcher	Chris Rock	North Sentral Kossuth	Jr.	.399		
First Base	Logan Dumolien	Lisbon	Jr.	.412		
Infield	Aaron Brown	New London	Jr.	.568		
Infield	Bo Murley	Janesville	Jr.	.649		
Infield	Jon Lewerke	Newman Catholic	Jr.	.417		
Outfield	Bryce Deeth	Coon Rapids-Bayard	Jr.	.308		
Outfield	Lucas Mechaelsen	Northeast Hamilton	Sr.	.474		
Outfield	Sean Hogan	Kee, Lansing	Sr.	.465		
Utility	Reggie Kock	Ar-We-Va	Jr.	.327	9-2	0.57
Utility	Brian Gliem	East Greene	Sr.	.366	6-3	1.62

## CLASS 1A - THIRD TEAM

Pitcher	Noah Rapp	Northeast Hamilton	Sr.		11-2	2.90
Pitcher	Nate Brueggeman	Harris-Lake Park	Sr.		6-3	2.33
Pitcher	Craig Schlessler	Gehlen Catholic	Sr.		6-2	2.30
Catcher	Ryan Shares	Don Bosco	Sr.	.418		
First Base	Tanner Shonka	Tripoli	Sr.	.514		
Infield	Danny Pattee	AHST	Sr.	.452		
Infield	Adam Elbert	Clay Central-Everly	Sr.	.532		
Infield	Ryan Powers	Calamus-Wheatland	Soph.	.508		
Outfield	Phil Maze	North Sentral Kossuth	Sr.	.409		
Outfield	Bryce Hasley	HLV	Jr.	.427		
Outfield	Jarred Stepp	Midland	Jr.	.477		
Utility	Dylan Frascht	Van Meter	Sr.	.404	6-2	2.19
Utility	Andy Cox	Montezuma	Sr.	.476	3-6	1.89

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