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## Iowa Newspaper Association All-State Baseball Teams chosen

DES MOINES - The Iowa Newspaper Association announced its 2011 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 – Austin Christensen, Cedar Rapids Kennedy; 3A – Taylor Kaufman, Glenwood; 2A – Bryce Berg, Kuemper Catholic; and 1A – Ethan Westphal, Martensdale – St. Marys.

Cedar Rapids Kennedy senior Austin Christensen was named 4A team captain. The outfielder-pitcher hit a robust .555 going into the state tournament with a school-record 19 home runs and 52 RBIs. His 42 career homers are tied for the most in Cedar Rapids Metro history with his older brother, Chad, a Cedar Rapids Washington graduate. The two will play together next year at the University of Nebraska. A left-hander, Christensen also had a 7-0 pitching record and 2.38 earned run average this season. He holds Kennedy's career record for victories, and the sports drink company Gatorade named him the state player of the year.

Glenwood's Taylor Kaufman was named captain of the 3A team. The senior pitcher and outfielder was a standout on the mound, in the field and at the plate, going 6-3 with a 0.76 earned run average for the Rams while playing error-free defense. The left-hander led Class 3A with a .568 batting average. He hit 10 home runs, scored 56 times, drove home 59 runs and stole 27 bases. His 1.137 slugging percentage led Class 3A and ranked fifth overall in the state while his 68 career doubles are tied for the most all-time in Iowa and rank third nationally all-time. As a junior he led Glenwood to its first-ever Class 3A championship, striking out 10 in a 4-1 title-game victory. Kaufman plans to continue his baseball career at the University of Iowa.

Class 2A's captain is Kuemper Catholic catcher Bryce Berg, who also serves as the captain for the top-ranked Knights. Berg, who sports a .480 batting average and 62 RBI, is one of five Kuemper players on the 2A All-State teams and is truly a coach on the field for the Knights. Berg also pitched for the Knights, logging an 8-0 record with a 0.61 ERA in 46 innings pitched. Berg's younger brother Casey and cousin Matt each made Third Team All-State and Berg has spent time throughout the season calling pitches and providing guidance on the mound to his family members and teammates. With a superior understanding of the game and leadership abilities on and off the field, Berg is headed to Kirkwood Community College to play baseball in the 2011-12 season.

Martensdale-St. Marys' Ethan Westphal completed a remarkable high school career last week, and added one more honor to his tremendous high school career by being named the Class 1A team captain. The senior right-hander, who has signed with Southwestern Community College in Creston, was part of the reason the Blue Devils were able to increase the nation's longest winning streak the past two seasons. As a sophomore, he led a 10-man Lenox squad to a state runner-up finish, and he has been the top gun on the back-to-back Blue Devil team. The three-time first team INA All-State selection has amassed over 40 career wins and 450 strikeouts during his outstanding career, while finishing with several single season and career pitching state records.

Writers making up the selection committee were: Ross Thede, Marshalltown Times-Republican; Mark Pawlak, Marshalltown Times-Republican; Matt Gengler, Missouri Valley Times-News; Jim Sullivan, Waterloo Courier; Kevin White, Omaha World-Herald; Perry Bell, Knoxville Journal-Express; Ryan Kronberg, Charles City Press; Ross Eberhart, DeWitt Observer; Kevin Ritchie, Bedford Times-Press; Matt Coss, Muscatine Journal; Beth Lutgen, Dyersville Commercial; Doug Rieder, Jefferson Herald; Zachary James, Grinnell Poweshiek County CR; Lori Wisner, Ocheyedan Press-Melvin News; Jared Patterson, Mason City Globe Gazette; Chris Cuellar, Carroll Daily Times Herald; Travis Hines, Marshalltown Times-Republican; Mike Oeffner, Harlan Newspapers; Ashley Schable, Carroll Times Herald and John Jensen, Grundy Center Register.

Coaches attending included Tyler Lown, Montezuma; Scott Belger, Southeast Polk and Mark Hey, Ankeny.

### CLASS 4A - FIRST TEAM

Position	Name	School	Grade	W-L	ERA	BA
Pitcher	Andrew Hedrick	Ankeny	Sr.	6-1	0.96	
Pitcher	David Stagg	Valley, West Des Moines	Sr.	8-0	1.06	
Pitcher	Brad Chelleen	Dowling Catholic, West Des Moines	Sr.	6-1	2.19	
Catcher	Jeff Pullen	Valley, West Des Moines	Jr.			.486
First Base	D.J. Utley	Cedar Rapids, Prairie	Sr.			.450

Infield	Jake Peter	Mason City	Sr.		.417
Infield	Ryan Rumpf	Iowa City West	Sr.		.500
Infield	Jake Yacinich	Dowling Catholic, West Des Moines	Sr.		.476
Outfield	Austin Christensen	Cedar Rapids, Kennedy	Sr.		.547
Outfield	Aaron Peller	Iowa City West	Sr.		.447
Outfield	Eric Toole	Council Bluffs, Lewis Central	Sr.		.467
Utility	Terrell Sykes	Cedar Rapids, Kennedy	Sr.		.444
Utility	Adam Prybil	Iowa City, City High	Sr.		.376

#### CLASS 4A - SECOND TEAM

Pitcher	Will Kenny	Fort Dodge	Sr.	5-4	2.54
Pitcher	Brady Hanna	Pleasant Valley	Jr.	9-2	2.12
Pitcher	Alex Hayden	Cedar Rapids, Kennedy	Jr.	8-1	
Catcher	Joel Lanning	Ankeny	Soph.		.453
First Base	Sam Norman	Roosevelt, Des Moines	Jr.		.403
Infield	Nolan Lodden	Valley, West Des Moines	Jr.		.413
Infield	Zach Little	Southeast Polk	Jr.		.455
Infield	Aaron Huber	North Scott, Eldridge	Sr.		.462
Outfield	Jordy Brown	Cedar Rapids, Washington	Sr.		.466
Outfield	Dalton Parrott	Dowling Catholic, West Des Moines	Sr.		.347
Outfield	Dominique Thompson-Williams	Sioux City East	Soph.		.466
Utility	Jason McMurray	Dowling Catholic, West Des Moines	Sr.		.375
Utility	Brandon Platts	Mason City	Sr.	4-2	1.60

#### CLASS 4A - THIRD TEAM

Pitcher	Anthony Gagliardi	Cedar Rapids, Prairie	Sr.	6-3	1.66
Pitcher	Adam Bernstorff	Southeast Polk	Jr.	10-2	1.74
Pitcher	Luke Tasler	Roosevelt, Des Moines	Jr.	8-1	1.91
Catcher	Blake Wilson	Pleasant Valley	Sr.		.450
First Base	Austin Stubbs	Sioux City East	Sr.		.446
Infield	Alex Crowl	Council Bluffs, Abe Lincoln	Jr.		.483
Infield	Jeremy Cronk	Iowa City West	Sr.		.304
Infield	Devon Jacobs	Cedar Rapids, Kennedy	Jr.		.379
Outfield	Alex Alstott	Fort Dodge	Sr.		.348
Outfield	Landon Schultz	Mason City	Sr.		.400
Outfield	Ryan Lehmann	Western Dubuque, Epworth	Jr.		.417
Utility	Austin Stephens	Valley, West Des Moines	Jr.		.371
Utility	Connor Alberhasky	Iowa City, City High	Sr.		.386

#### CLASS 3A - FIRST TEAM

Pitcher	Taylor Kaufman	Glenwood	Sr.	6-3	.43
Pitcher	Jared Shoning	Carlisle	Sr.	8-2	1.86
Pitcher	Brandon Shulista	Solon	Sr.	8-0	1.02
Catcher	J.J. Reimer	Dubuque, Wahlert	Sr.		.477
First Base	Carsen Anderson	Storm Lake	Sr.		.482
Infield	Nick Day	Solon	Sr.		.508
Infield	Taylor Ostrich	Carroll	Sr.		.513
Infield	David Kerian	Bishop Heelan Catholic, Sioux City	Sr.		.508
Outfield	Tommy Argo	Davenport, Assumption	Sr.		.395
Outfield	Brandon Jasper	Central Clinton, DeWitt	Sr.		.427

Outfield	Derrick Loveless	Solon	Sr.		.555
Utility	Henry Krieger-Coble	Mount Pleasant	Sr.		.514
Utility	Austin Katzureck	Norwalk	Sr.		.429

#### CLASS 3A - SECOND TEAM

Pitcher	Tyler Mitchell	Charles City	Sr.	12-2	2.24
Pitcher	Scott Harris	Dallas Center-Grimes	Sr.	6-1	1.09
Pitcher	Luke Kordick	Norwalk	Sr.	9-0	2.04
Catcher	Zach Isakson	Charles City	Jr.		.380
First Base	Jake Wimmer	Sergeant Bluff-Luton	Sr.		.452
Infield	Ben Bruck	Harlan	Jr.		.471
Infield	Michael McCabe	Storm Lake	Sr.		.529
Infield	Riley McCarron	Dubuque, Wahlert	Sr.		.465
Outfield	Anthony Ossman	Washington	Sr.		.383
Outfield	Tanner Truesdell	Clear Lake	Jr.		.421
Outfield	Jake Kruger	Perry	Sr.		.461
Utility	Eric Jones	Knoxville	Sr.		.374
Utility	Marshall Koehn	Solon	Sr.		.492

#### CLASS 3A - THIRD TEAM

Pitcher	Zach Brautigam	Dubuque, Wahlert	Sr.	11-1	2.24
Pitcher	Schyler Kane	Pella	Jr.	7-2	1.22
Pitcher	Tyler Hedtke	Marion	Jr.	10-3	2.75
Catcher	Tyler Greiner	Williamsburg	Sr.		.407
First Base	Andrew Holden	Waverly-Shell Rock	Sr.		.483
Infield	Tyler Ronan	Waukon	Sr.		.585
Infield	Kasey Semler	Marion	Sr.		.413
Infield	Ozzie Adams	Clear Lake	Jr.		.449
Outfield	Mike Dahl	Boone	Sr.		.442
Outfield	Joey Miller	Waverly-Shell Rock	Sr.		.429
Outfield	Robert River	Maquoketa	Sr.		.431
Utility	Tyler Payton	Dallas Center-Grimes	Jr.		.448
Utility	Alex Brown	Harlan	Sr.		.411

#### CLASS 2A - FIRST TEAM

Pitcher	Calvin Mathews	Davis County, Bloomfield	Jr.	10-1	0.52
Pitcher	Joe Goodman	Gilbert	Sr.	9-1	0.40
Pitcher	Danny Pacha	Iowa City, Regina	Jr.	12-0	1.49
Catcher	Bryce Berg	Kuemper Catholic, Carroll	Sr.		.480
First Base	Michael Goerd	Columbus Catholic, Waterloo	Sr.		.426
Infield	Josh Martsching	Davis County, Bloomfield	Jr.		.426
Infield	Logan Murry	West Branch	Sr.		.535
Infield	Nate Steger	Beckman Catholic, Dyersville	Jr.		.439
Outfield	Jake Greco	North Fayette, West Union	Jr.		.548
Outfield	Cody Williams	Kuemper Catholic, Carroll	Sr.		.631
Outfield	Robbie Anstoetter	Beckman Catholic, Dyersville	Jr.		.487
Utility	Chris Halbur	Kuemper Catholic, Carroll	Soph.		.412
Utility	Cale Henke	Hudson	Jr.		.524

#### CLASS 2A - SECOND TEAM

Pitcher	Christian Weiland	Alta-Aurelia	Sr.	10-2	1.05
Pitcher	Justin Shaffer	Durant	Soph.	8-3	1.66

Pitcher	AJ Reuter	Monticello	Sr.	10-2	1.57	
Catcher	Jack Verducci	Iowa City, Regina	Sr.			.446
First Base	Ben Stutt	Monticello	Sr.			.593
Infield	Noah Pickard	North Polk	Jr.			.470
Infield	Mitch Peschon	Spirit Lake	Sr.			.526
Infield	Kyle Whitman	Maquoketa Valley, Delhi	Jr.			.495
Outfield	Cale Austin	Wilton	Sr.			.429
Outfield	Levi Ettleman	Logan-Magnolia	Sr.			.371
Outfield	Regan Takes	Cascade	Sr.			.505
Utility	Lucas Kemp	Louisa-Muscatine	Sr.			.571
Utility	Matt Bushbaum	Osage	Jr.			.492

#### CLASS 2A - THIRD TEAM

Pitcher	Court Garrett	Van Buren, Keosauqua	Sr.	6-2	1.24	
Pitcher	Patrick Buhr	St. Edmond, Fort Dodge	Sr.	9-1	1.06	
Pitcher	Ben Hecker	St. Albert, Council Bluffs	Jr.	5-3	1.71	
Catcher	Lucas Jacque	Beckman Catholic, Dyersville	Jr.			.434
First Base	Matt Berg	Kuemper Catholic, Carroll	Sr.			.411
Infield	Anthony Flattery	St. Edmond, Fort Dodge	Sr.			.426
Infield	Max Lund	Central Springs	Sr.			.563
Infield	Casey Berg	Kuemper Catholic, Carroll	Soph.			.465
Outfield	Zach Fligg	Davis County, Bloomfield	Sr.			.371
Outfield	Dillon Robinson	Underwood	Sr.			.486
Outfield	Greg Hegstad	Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn	Sr.			.526
Utility	Luke Skinner	Lawton-Bronson	Jr.			.459
Utility	Lucas Hadaway	North Polk, Alleman	Sr.			.337

#### CLASS 1A - FIRST TEAM

Pitcher	Ethan Westphal	Martensdale-St. Marys	Sr.	11-0	0.59	
Pitcher	Blake Louscher	Newman Catholic, Mason City	Sr.	7-1	1.92	
Pitcher	Dakota McFatrige	Montezuma	Sr.	11-1	1.15	
Catcher	Jacob Esdohr	Coon Rapids-Bayard	Sr.			.533
First Base	JD Nielsen	Martensdale-St. Marys	Jr.			.404
Infield	Dillon Coates	Martensdale-St. Marys	Sr.			.482
Infield	Kyle Denning	Cedar Falls, Northern University	Sr.			.588
Infield	Hunter King	Newman Catholic, Mason City	Sr.			.505
Outfield	Andrew Utterback	Sigourney	Sr.			.592
Outfield	Brendon Boerm	North Tama, Traer	Sr.			.529
Outfield	Drew Verstegen	Newman Catholic, Mason City	Sr.			.478
Utility	Tony Becker	Don Bosco, Gilbertville	Sr.			.443
Utility	Tyler Cizek	North Tama, Traer	Sr.			.505

#### CLASS 1A - SECOND TEAM

Pitcher	Derek Frahm	Walnut	Sr.	7-3	1.68	
Pitcher	Jon Heiderscheit	Kee, Lansing	Sr.	12-2	1.95	
Pitcher	Taylor Klingenberg	George-Little Rock	Sr.	8-2	0.50	
Catcher	Brandon Welter	Don Bosco, Gilbertville	Sr.			.398
First Base	Isaac Gribben	Newman Catholic, Carroll	Sr.			.427
Infield	Tanner McClenahan	Keota	Sr.			.593
Infield	Colton Bormann	Preston	Soph.			.608
Infield	Zack Rohrbeck	Glidden-Ralston	Sr.			.470
Outfield	Andrew Stone	Cedar Falls, Northern University	Sr.			.474

Outfield	Tyler Cooklin	East Greene, Grand Junction	Sr.			.494
Outfield	Chaz McBirnie	North Mahaska, New Sharon	Sr.			.435
Utility	Billy Steichen	Remsen St. Mary's	Sr.			.476
Utility	Zeb Noel	Martensdale-St. Marys	Jr.			.417

CLASS 1A - THIRD TEAM

Pitcher	Marshall Morgan	Lisbon	Jr.	10-3	1.95	
Pitcher	Brandon Bainbridge	Kingsley-Pierson	Jr.	9-1	1.98	
Pitcher	Jay Carstens	Coon Rapids-Bayard	Sr.	9-2	0.80	
Catcher	Mike Burroughs	Kee, Lansing	Sr.			.388
First Base	Sean Sellers	Sigourney	Sr.			.556
Infield	Spencer Gritsch	BGM, Brooklyn	Jr.			.521
Infield	Marcus Mechaelsen	Northeast Hamilton, Blairsburg	Jr.			.527
Infield	Austin Vaske	Bishop Garrigan, Algona	Jr.			.445
Outfield	Josh Defenbaugh	Martensdale-St. Marys	Jr.			.407
Outfield	Zane Phillips	Remsen St. Mary's	Sr.			.429
Outfield	Austin Lowary	Notre Dame, Burlington	Sr.			.459
Utility	Casey Krull	North Butler, Greene	Sr.			.579
Utility	Kyle Helmersen	New London	Sr.			.518