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Iowa Newspaper Association All-State Baseball Teams chosen

DES MOINES - The Iowa Newspaper Association announced its 2014 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 – Malique Ziegler, Des Moines East; 3A – Weston Shaw, Algona; 2A – Cole Jackson, North Polk; and 1A – Hunter Embray, Twin Cedars.

Des Moines East senior Malique Ziegler excelled on the baseball field during his high school career and he was named the 4A captain largely because of his exceptional speed. Ziegler hit .500 on the season but also tallied 14 doubles, five triples and stole 44 bases, helping the Scarlets finish 74-9 over the past two seasons. The Scarlet senior also blasted five home runs and scored 64 runs in earning another first-team all-state honor by the INA. And his baseball career is not over; Ziegler will attend Division I Northern Illinois next season and plans to play in the Huskies' outfield.

Class 3A captain Weston Shaw has been the Algona catcher for the past five years; he helped lead his team to the state baseball tournament in 2010 as an eighth-grader, driving in the winning run in the sub-state final and again this season. This summer, Weston excelled on the mound with an 11-1 record in 14 games. The right-hander hurled 78 innings on the bump, allowing just nine earned runs for an ERA of 0.81 while striking out 110 batters and walking 23. The red-and-black won the North Central Conference title with 17-1 league mark and were 27-8 overall this season.

There weren't very many players – if any – that were more impressive at this year's Iowa State Baseball Tournament than North Polk's Cole Jackson, captain of the 2A team. The Comet senior was brilliant on the mound in helping the school claim its first-ever state baseball title. Jackson struck out 15 and tossed a no-hitter in the quarterfinals against Maple Valley-Anthon Oto and then fanned another 10 during a four-hitter against second-seeded Dyersville Beckman Catholic in the championship game. Jackson, who will play baseball and football at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, finished the season at 7-1 with an earned run average of 0.78. He also fanned 112 and held a batting average just less than .400 on the year. Jackson's lone loss on the mound came against Class 4A Urbandale and the Comets were 32-5 overall.

Hunter Embray of Twin Cedars was chosen as the captain of the class 1A all-state team. Embray, who is the catcher for the Sabers, handled a four man pitching rotation that went a combined 36-0 and helped Twin Cedars win its first-ever state baseball championship. Embray batted fifth in the powerful Twin Cedars lineup. He reached base safely in nine of his ten at bats during the state tournament. He finished the season batting .455, with 40 hits, 37 runs scored, and 35 runs batted in. He had nine doubles, five home runs, earned 26 walks, and was hit by 12 pitches. He led his team with a .619 on base percentage. Defensively, he only gave up five stolen bases in 36 games. Embray will continue his baseball career at Marshalltown Community College in the fall.

Writers making up the selection committee were: Matt Gengler, Missouri Valley Times-News; Kevin White, Omaha World-Herald; Lori Wisner, Ocheyedon Press-Melvin News; Beth Lutgen, Dyersville Commercial; Greg Grabianowski, Algona Upper Des Moines; Scott Vicker, Creston News Advertiser; Troy Hyde, Marshalltown Times Republican; Kristi Nixon, Hampton Chronicle; Perry Bell, Pella Chronicle; Mike Oeffner, Harlan Newspapers; Mike Helle, Knoxville Journal-Express; Matt Coss, Davenport Quad-City Times; Scott Spurgeon, Bloomfield Democrat; Jared Patterson, Mason City Globe Gazette; John Jensen, Grundy Register; Jeremy Koenigs, Mason City Globe Gazette; Jake Ryder, Muscatine Journal; Marty Ball, Carroll Daily Times Herald; Ross Eberhart, DeWitt Observer; Jim Sullivan, Waterloo Courier; Larry Peterson, Creston News Advertiser; Justin Rust, Waverly Newspapers; Jonathan Krueger, Perry Chief and KJ Pilcher, Cedar Rapids Gazette.

Coaches attending included Matt Miller, Twin Cedars; Dustin Brisel, Woodward Granger; Lee Toole, Lewis Central and Denny Barton, Urbandale.

CLASS 4A - FIRST TEAM

Position	Name	School	Grade	W-L	ERA	BA
Pitcher	Tommy Dorton	Davenport, West	Sr.	9-1	1.12	
Pitcher	Matt Mullenbach	Waukee	Jr.	10-1	1.13	
Pitcher	Sammy Lizarraga	Cedar Rapids, Kennedy	Jr.	7-1	1.45	
Catcher	Devin Raffensperger	Iowa City, West	Sr.			.434
First Base	Joe Bappe	Ames	Sr.			.500

Infield	Anthony Schneider	Southeast Polk	Sr.		.392
Infield	Zach Daniels	Cedar Rapids, Kennedy	Jr.		.471
Infield	Lake Rosson	Burlington	Sr.		.484
Outfield	Malique Ziegler	Des Moines, East	Sr.		.500
Outfield	Colin Kreiter	North Scott, Eldridge	Jr.		.466
Outfield	Robert Neustrom	Sioux City, North	Jr.		.540
Utility	Chris Tomkins	Dubuque, Hempstead	Sr.	8-0	.356
Utility	Matt Hoeg	Waukee	Sr.		.391

CLASS 4A - SECOND TEAM

Pitcher	Nick Gallagher	Iowa City, West	Sr.	9-2	1.44
Pitcher	Robert Hansen	Des Moines, East	Sr.	8-1	1.42
Pitcher	Austin Clemens	Dubuque, Senior	Sr.	5-2	1.30
Catcher	J.T. Sole	Cedar Falls	Sr.		.385
First Base	David Fitzgerald	Dubuque, Hempstead	Sr.		.408
Infield	Matt Albert	Bettendorf	Sr.		.444
Infield	Brent Jones	Ankeny Centennial	Sr.		.405
Infield	Derek Jacobus	Cedar Rapids, Kennedy	Sr.		.422
Outfield	Logan Augustine	Urbandale	Sr.		.429
Outfield	Jared Deines	Cedar Falls	Sr.		.427
Outfield	Spencer VanScoyoc	Cedar Rapids, Jefferson	Soph.		.400
Utility	Caleb Shudak	Lewis Central, Council Bluffs	Soph.		.488
Utility	J.C. Hatcher	Fort Dodge	Sr.	7-3	.421

CLASS 4A - THIRD TEAM

Pitcher	Tyus Adkins	Iowa City, West	Sr.	8-3	1.20
Pitcher	TJ Fetters	Southeast Polk	Sr.	7-1	1.75
Pitcher	Ben Olson	Dowling Catholic, West Des Moines	Jr.	4-2	1.34
Catcher	Matt Cox	Bettendorf	Jr.		.405
First Base	Brandon Rheingans	North Scott, Eldridge	Sr.		.486
Infield	Connor Enochs	Des Moines, East	Jr.		.383
Infield	Daniel Tillo	Sioux City, North	Jr.		.495
Infield	Johnny Dobbs	Cedar Rapids, Washington	Soph.		.398
Outfield	Luke Fegen	Waukee	Sr.		.413
Outfield	Alex Peek	Davenport, West	Sr.		.347
Outfield	Manny Jeffery	Linn-Mar, Marion	Soph.		.427
Utility	Austin Simmons	Lewis Central, Council Bluffs	Jr.		.466
Utility	Dylan Diveney	Marshalltown	Sr.	5-3	.336

CLASS 3A - FIRST TEAM

Pitcher	Joseph Hietpas	Fairfield	Sr.	10-0	0.58
Pitcher	Cody Selig	Sergeant Bluff-Luton	Sr.	9-1	0.41
Pitcher	Cole Baker	Dallas Center-Grimes	Jr.	9-4	0.65
Catcher	Tyler Crophy	Bishop Heelan, Sioux City	Sr.		.466
First Base	Corey Bertini	Glenwood	Sr.		.533
Infield	Tyler Frideres	Algona	Sr.		.500
Infield	Eric Willis	Waverly-Shell Rock	Sr.		.457
Infield	Brock Adams	Clear Lake	Jr.		.454
Outfield	Jake Gervase	Davenport, Assumption	Sr.		.410
Outfield	Austin Gridley	Fairfield	Sr.		.417
Outfield	Sky Holmgren	Waverly-Shell Rock	Sr.		.336
Utility	Weston Shaw	Algona	Sr.	11-1	.336
Utility	Sean Westendorf	Waverly-Shell Rock	Sr.	13-1	.388

CLASS 3A - SECOND TEAM

Pitcher	Brandon Hodges	Saydel	Sr.	9-0	0.59	
Pitcher	Jake Voss	West Delaware, Manchester	Sr.	7-2	0.35	
Pitcher	Brenden Schnell	Humboldt	Jr.	8-2	1.56	
Catcher	Zack Adrian	Davenport, Assumption	Sr.			.353
First Base	Brett Slight	Boone	Sr.			.421
Infield	Grant Judkins	Pella	Soph.			.387
Infield	Pete Swenson	Clear Lake	Sr.			.320
Infield	Mick Baker	Davenport, Assumption	Sr.			.385
Outfield	Brady Mayo	Bishop Heelan, Sioux City	Sr.			.320
Outfield	Will Whiton	Perry	Jr.			.389
Outfield	Nate Gettys	Harlan	Sr.			.320
Utility	Eli Dunne	Grinnell	Sr.	5-5		.333
Utility	T.J. Sikkema	Central Clinton, Dewitt	Soph.	6-2		.378

CLASS 3A - THIRD TEAM

Pitcher	Bryce Hanson	Sergeant Bluff-Luton	Sr.	8-2	2.73	
Pitcher	Brett Croghan	Harlan	Sr.	6-2	1.20	
Pitcher	Kolton Gonnerman	Centerville	Sr.	7-0	1.17	
Catcher	Kolton Smith	South Tama	Sr.			.444
First Base	Walker Breard	Washington	Sr.			.438
Infield	Sean Houston	Denison-Schleswig	Jr.			.451
Infield	Kevin Woodhouse	Knoxville	Jr.			.417
Infield	Tyler Pierson	Dallas Center-Grimes	Sr.			.350
Outfield	Jake Hovden	Decorah	Jr.			.495
Outfield	Trevor Luther	Creston	Sr.			.429
Outfield	Mitch Keeran	Clear Lake	Jr.			.398
Utility	Dallyn Putz	West Delaware, Manchester	Jr.			.415
Utility	Trenton Solsma	Bishop Heelan, Sioux City	Sr.	5-2		.433

CLASS 2A - FIRST TEAM

Pitcher	Cole Jackson	North Polk	Sr.	7-1	0.78	
Pitcher	Korey Kuhlmann	Maple Valley-Anthon Oto	Jr.	10-4	1.09	
Pitcher	Austin Bohling	Louisa-Muscatine	Sr.	7-2	0.67	
Catcher	Tanner Felton	Monticello	Sr.			.495
First Base	Trey Robinson	Treynor	Jr.			.427
Infield	Jordan Rommes	South Winneshiek	Jr.			.481
Infield	Luke Farley	Columbus Catholic, Waterloo	Jr.			.481
Infield	Riley Dixon	Regina, Iowa City	Sr.			.434
Outfield	Mitch Steger	Beckman Catholic, Dyersville	Sr.			.395
Outfield	Brett Leshen	Albia	Sr.			.452
Outfield	Reed Smith	North Polk	Sr.			.433
Utility	Brandon Brittain	Van Meter	Sr.		1.63	.516
Utility	Connor Klostermann	Beckman Catholic, Dyersville	Jr.		1.98	.374

CLASS 2A - SECOND TEAM

Pitcher	Zach Hovick	Roland-Story	Sr.	7-5	2.00	
Pitcher	Ryan Flynn	Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn	Sr.	7-2	0.50	
Pitcher	Zac Lyon	Beckman Catholic, Dyersville	Sr.	10-3	1.77	
Catcher	Christian Rozeboom	Sioux Center	Jr.			.467
First Base	Alec Philipp	Alburnett	Sr.			.474

Infield	Javin Drake	Wilton	Soph.			.486
Infield	Zach Forret	Van Meter	Soph.			.507
Infield	Shea Patterson	St. Albert, Council Bluffs	Sr.			.403
Outfield	Jake Brinkman	Regina, Iowa City	Jr.			.455
Outfield	Haris Takes	Cascade, Western Dubuque	Sr.			.417
Outfield	Skyler Beller	Hinton	Soph.			.417
Utility	Ketzalli Dondiego	Northeast, Goose Lake	Soph.			.431
Utility	Grant Lang	North Polk	Sr.			.361

CLASS 2A - THIRD TEAM

Pitcher	Tanner Poor	Wilton	Sr.	7-2	1.12	
Pitcher	Colin Connelly	Clayton Ridge/Central	Jr.	10-1	1.38	
Pitcher	Blake Kamerman	Sioux Center	Soph.	8-0	0.44	
Catcher	Casey Dorhout	Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn	Sr.			.455
First Base	Corey Peters	Hinton	Sr.			.398
Infield	Jordan True	Forest City	Jr.			.482
Infield	Trey Ryan	Mount Vernon	Sr.			.448
Infield	Spencer Halloran	West Fork	Sr.			.471
Outfield	Jon Meyerring	St. Albert, Council Bluffs	Jr.			.468
Outfield	Hank Crimmins	St. Edmond, Fort Dodge	Sr.			.414
Outfield	Charlie Marcucci	Northeast, Goose Lake	Sr.			.354
Utility	Nick Long	East Marshall	Soph.			.353
Utility	Kolton Rose	Alburnett	Jr.			.534

CLASS 1A - FIRST TEAM

Pitcher	Coy Moore	Twin Cedars	Sr.	11-0	0.44	
Pitcher	Kaden Wadle	Newman Catholic, Mason City	Jr.	9-0	1.57	
Pitcher	Blake Wiltgen	Le Mars Gehlan Catholic	Sr.	9-1	1.07	
Catcher	Hunter Embray	Twin Cedars	Sr.			.455
First Base	Corey Harrell	Twin Cedars	Sr.			.485
Infield	Joe Burgmeier	Newman Catholic, Mason City	Sr.			.423
Infield	Josh Luna	Pleasantville	Jr.			.505
Infield	Garrett Saunders	Van Buren	Jr.			.504
Outfield	Eddy Kraber	Martensdale-St. Mary's	Sr.			.482
Outfield	Caylor Deeth	Coon Rapids – Bayard	Sr.			.495
Outfield	Kyle Gritsch	BGM, Brooklyn	Sr.			.478
Utility	Otis Roby	Twin Cedars	Jr.	9-0	0.24	.520
Utility	Patrick Sheehey	Pleasantville	Sr.	7-1	0.62	.425

CLASS 1A - SECOND TEAM

Pitcher	Travis Havel	Don Bosco, Gilbertville	Sr.	9-0	0.71	
Pitcher	Matt Wesselmann	St. Mary's, Remsen	Sr.	11-0	1.05	
Pitcher	Caleb Lange	Lenox	Jr.	9-4	1.02	
Catcher	Luke Ancil	Martensdale-St. Mary's	Sr.			.488
First Base	Bryce Ball	Newman Catholic, Mason City	Soph.			.397
Infield	Brett Carstens	Coon Rapids-Bayard	Sr.			.436
Infield	Jack Fitzgerald	Newman Catholic, Mason City	Sr.			.339
Infield	Robby Laughlin	Van Buren	Sr.			.443
Outfield	Brett Greenwood	Logan-Magnolia	Sr.			.442
Outfield	Mitch Gibson	Montezuma	Sr.			.439
Outfield	Caleb Wichman	Underwood	Jr.			.436
Utility	Trent Roose	North Mahaska	Sr.			.588

Utility	Zach Kliefoth	Exira-EHK	Jr.	7-1	1.40	.474
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CLASS 1A - THIRD TEAM

Pitcher	Jason Zinnel	West Bend-Mallard	Sr.	9-1	0.37	
Pitcher	Zac Freese	BGM, Brooklyn	Sr.	14-1	0.84	
Pitcher	Tyler Jacobsen	Exira-EHK	Jr.	9-0	0.24	
Catcher	Dustin Gordon	Lenox	Sr.			.462
First Base	Zeb Adreon	Pleasantville	Soph.			.411
Infield	Trevor Jameson	Nodaway Valley	Sr.			.567
Infield	Austin Konsor	Underwood	Sr.			.360
Infield	Brenden Matthias	Denver	Sr.			.438
Outfield	Joey Verstegen	Newman Catholic, Mason City	Jr.			.377
Outfield	Brent Parker	Twin Cedars	Sr.			.398
Outfield	Connor Woodward	Lisbon	Jr.			.411
Utility	Erik Murry	Lone Tree	Jr.			.368
Utility	Dalton Smith	Don Bosco, Gilbertville	Soph.			.494