

FIRST TEAM

ISAIAH RHODES P, MCKINNEY NORTH

With a side-arm motion and the ability to throw a heavy sinker, Rhodes put together a dominant season where he helped lead McKinney North to the regional quarterfinal round and was named 10-5A Pitcher of the Year. As the ace of North's talented pitching staff, the Southern Mississippi signee was a consistent problem for all Bulldog opponents as he struck out 114 batters while producing an eye-popping 0.98 ERA on the season.



TYLER MORGAN P, MARCUS

Morgan was the most consistent starter throughout the year for Marcus and elevated his game even higher in conference while helping the Marauders to the 6-6A title and a berth in the regional quarterfinals. In district competition, Morgan went unbeaten at 5-0 and tallied 64 strikeouts in 39 innings with a 0.59 ERA. Next year, the multi-time all-district performer will be plying his craft at Abilene Christian.



JD GREGSON C, WAKELAND

In Gregson's first two years with the varsity program at Wakeland, the standout catcher already has a pair of superlatives under his belt in MVP in his sophomore season and Defensive Player of the Year in his junior campaign. In 2019, Gregson led the Wolverines to another district title with a .357 average and two home runs in district action.



LOGAN KOHLER IF, LITTLE ELM

The Oklahoma signee is undoubtedly one of the best players to come out of Little Elm and is coming off of a dominant senior campaign. The 8-5A co-MVP led the Lobos once again to the postseason with six home runs and a .323 average. Kohler was also a go-to arm out of the bullpen with five saves and a .538 ERA.



RYAN HULL IF, LAKE DALLAS

In the midst of a late-district, team-wide slump for Lake Dallas, one member of the everyday lineup was still firing on all cylinders. Hull made the most of his last season as a Falcon, batting .389 with 10 doubles, two homers, 20 RBIs, 36 runs and 17 walks against just 15 strikeouts, numbers that were enough to earn him 8-5A's Offensive Player of the Year award.



EZRA GORE IF, MCKINNEY NORTH

Gore capped off a very solid career at North by batting .327 and contributing all across the board to produce a monster senior season. At the plate, Gore tallied 10 doubles, nine stolen bases and 25 RBIs as one of the catalysts for the Bulldogs' highly productive offense. Defensively, the shifty infielder made numerous high-light-reel plays with his glove and emerged as one of the most consistent and productive players in the area.



DALTON DAVIS IF, PROSPER

After spending last season at Independence, Davis stepped in as Prosper's starting first baseman and thrived with the state-ranked Eagles all season long. He made his presence in the lineup known with three home runs and 30 RBIs, as he helped lead Prosper back on another successful playoff run in its first-ever season in Class 6A.



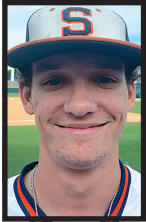
TYLER COLLINS OF, MCKINNEY BOYD

After a spectacular freshman season where he was named 6-6A Newcomer of the Year, the talented Collins had an even better season as a sophomore. This year, Collins produced a .364 batting average while hitting four home runs and bringing in 26 RBIs on his way to being named 9-6A Offensive Player of The Year. Collins also scored 41 runs and stole 14 bases, helping lead the Broncos to the state tournament for the first time in school history.



CHASE ALFORD OF, SACHSE

Alford did a little bit of everything for the Mustangs on his way to capturing 10-6A MVP honors. Alford led the team with a .414 batting average with two triples, seven doubles and 23 runs batted in. He also stepped into the role of "co-ace" on the mound, posting a 6-1 record with a 0.56 ERA with 56 strikeouts in 50.1 innings and he was also solid with the glove with a .972 fielding percentage.



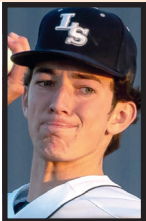
DILLON CARTER OF, ARGYLE

A fixture in Argyle's back-to-back state title runs, Carter was a force at the plate while also flashing a plus-glove and strong arm in the outfield for the Eagles. As a batter, Carter — who also contributes as a pitcher — posted a .403 average with five triples and four homers and will be playing collegiately next season at Texas Tech after previously committing to TCU.



RYAN BOGUSZ UTIL, LONE STAR

The 9-5A MVP was one of the more unique players in the area with his ability to not only control the game on the mound but also at the plate. The Oklahoma State signee went 7-0 in district play with a .919 ERA, but he also hit at the top of the lineup with a .302 batting average. He saved his best performances for the playoffs where he tossed two no-hitters and even hit for the cycle, as the Rangers went five rounds deep for the first time in school history.



MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

AUSTIN WALLACE Flower Mound

Wallace was a force at the plate and on the mound for a Flower Mound squad that came within one series victory of advancing to the state tournament.

The Texas signee set the tone for his District 6-6A MVP campaign from the jump when he struck out a program-record 18 Lewisville batters in his first start of the district slate.

Wallace would go on to post a spotless 6-0 record in district, finishing with a 77 strikeouts in



just 51 innings with a 0.67 ERA.

He also posted a .421 batting average and .549 on-base percentage while driving in 15 runs plus a homer in just seven games.

For the year, Wallace compiled a 9-2 mark on the mound with 143 strikeouts in 85 innings with a 1.80 ERA while hitting .302 with two homers and 27 RBIs.

Not only did Wallace set the program's individual game strikeouts mark, he also eclipsed the season mark of fellow Texas signee Kyle Johnston (129 set in 2014), and had a flare for the dramatic, including belting a walk-off homer in extra innings of a playoff game contested at Globe Life Park in Arlington.



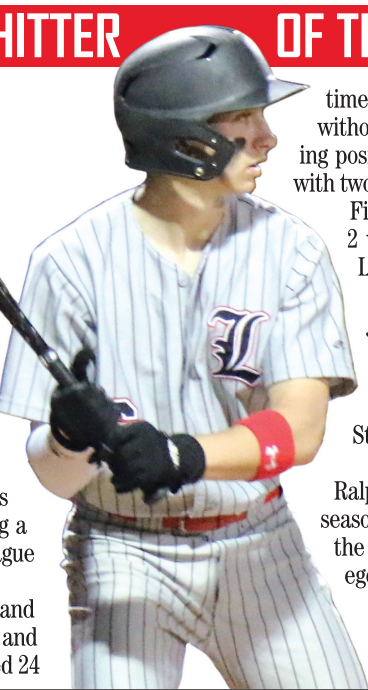
HITTER OF THE YEAR

LUKE FINN Lovejoy

On a Lovejoy team that featured strong offense throughout the 2019 campaign, one Leopard stood out — Finn paced the program's attack throughout the spring, being rewarded with 10-5A's Offensive Player of the Year award.

Finn hit a staggering .390 in his last season as a Leopard, tallying a 1.157 OPS on his way to the league superlative.

The righty slugged 14 doubles and four home runs, driving in 28 runs and scoring 25 himself. He also walked 24



times against just 17 strikeouts and swiped 15 bags without being caught stealing. With runners in scoring position, Finn hit .372, and he collected 17 RBIs with two outs.

Finn started the playoffs with a bang, going 2-for-2 with two runs, two walks and an RBI in the Leopards' 6-3 win over Frisco Reedy on May 2.

He continued to hit well throughout Lovejoy's run to the third round, going 2-for-3 with an RBI in the team's first win over Highland Park and finishing 3-for-9 with three runs in a three-game series loss against Frisco Lone Star.

Finn's .390 clip was second only to teammate Ralph Rucker, who batted .393 in his sophomore season with the Leopards, though Finn outpaced the outfielder in nearly every other offensive category.

In short, on a veteran team full of impactful bats like Luke Stine and Michael Difiore, among many others, Finn led the pack.

PITCHER OF THE YEAR

CHAD RICKER Argyle

Ricker was critical in Argyle's baseball team repeating as the Class 4A champs in 2019 and earning the No. 2 ranking in the nation (behind Florida's IMG Academy), according to USA Today.

The senior was dominant throughout the year, but was at his finest in the postseason for the Eagles when he closed the playoffs with 29 consecutive scoreless innings.

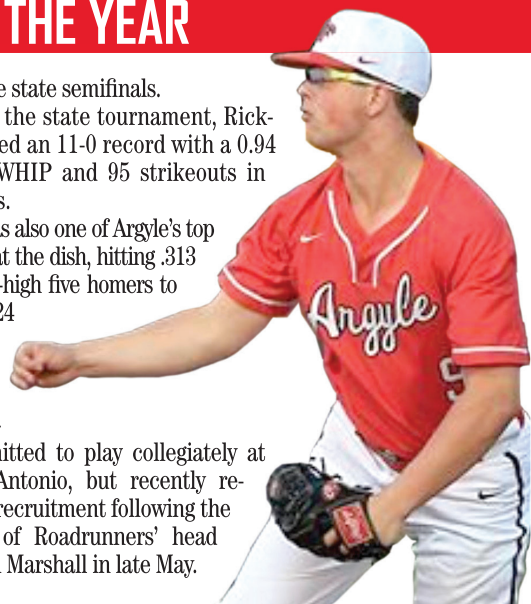
Included in that stretch was a streak of 21 straight hitless innings, which came to a close in the first inning of Aryle's 16-0 win over La

Vernia in the state semifinals.

Entering the state tournament, Ricker had posted an 11-0 record with a 0.94 ERA, 0.85 WHIP and 95 strikeouts in 76.1 innings.

Ricker was also one of Argyle's top performers at the dish, hitting .313 with a team-high five homers to go with 24 runs with 34 RBIs.

Ricker had previously committed to play collegiately at Texas-San Antonio, but recently re-opened his recruitment following the retirement of Roadrunners' head coach Jason Marshall in late May.



NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

NICK MOORE Plano West



While the Wolves didn't make good on their last season with Baylor signee Jack Hattrup on the mound and missed out on the postseason a year after being bounced in the bi-district round,

Moore was a bright spot in the middle of the West lineup, particularly in district play. Moore took hold of the No. 3 spot in a batting order without a clear middle-of-the-order threat and didn't let go, earning playing time in the position throughout play in a stout 9-6A.

COACH OF THE YEAR

BROOKE COURT McKinney Boyd

When Court looks back at his 2019 season, the quiet coach with the magic touch will have nothing but fond memories, thanks to taking Boyd to the program's first-ever appearance at the state tournament.

Thanks to this accomplishment, made possible by authoring a ride through the state playoffs so magical that McKinney will be talking about it for decades to come, Court has been named Star Local Media's inaugural all-area baseball Coach of The Year.

If there was a such thing as a



clutch coach, a picture of Court would be by the definition.

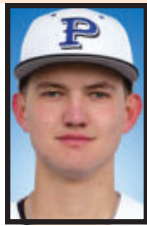
His ability to stay calm under pressure while getting his team to play Bronco baseball under the most extreme circumstances against some of the best teams in the state was the catalyst of Boyd's magical run. On their way to state, the Broncos were able to pull off an improbable 8-0 record in elimination games while knocking off No. 8 Rockwall-Heath, No. 6 Allen, No. 2 The Woodlands and No. 1 Cypress Ranch in consecutive weeks.

Though disappointed in the way they finished, Red Nation has a ton of reasons to be excited about their baseball program and one of the biggest reasons is the leadership and perseverance of their head coach.

SECOND TEAM

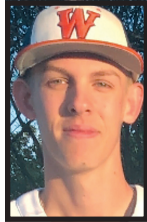
JACK HATTRUP P, PLANO WEST

Arguably the best arm in Plano West history, Hattrup picked up a Pitcher of the Year award in 9-6A for his work in his last high school campaign. The Baylor signee struck out 81 batters against just 13 walks, recording a 1.17 ERA and a .87 WHIP while throwing 69% of his pitches for strikes. The Pitcher of the Year honor made it two in a row for Hattrup, who dominated throughout his varsity career.



JUSTIN KARBOWSKI P, WAKELAND

The long and lanky right hander's reign of terror in the all-Frisco district comes to an end but not before back-to-back Pitcher of the Year accomplishments. Karbowski led the Wolverines this season on the mound once again with a suffocating 7-0 record and .913 ERA to go along with five complete-game efforts, two of which were shutouts.



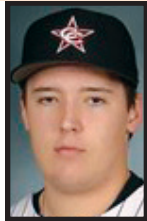
LUKE JOHNSON C, PROSPER

Johnson led a powerful Prosper program this season in various hitting categories, including at-bats (111), hits (38), doubles (12), triples (five), RBIs (38) and was tied with Dalton Davis in home runs with three. Routinely hitting cleanup in the order, Johnson was a force to be reckoned with his bat, but he also committed zero errors on the season behind the plate as the Eagles' everyday catcher.



KALEN CLARK IF, COPPELL

A second-team all-district performer as a junior, Clark took his game to another level and against the toughest competition while helping Coppell to yet another playoff berth out of 6-6A. The Cowboys' infielder hit .357 with a homer, 10 runs and 11 RBIs (in just 10 games) en route to 6-6A Offensive Player of the Year honors and has signed to play at the next level with Midland College.



DIEGO JOHNSON IF, HEBRON

An all-district performer on the football field this fall, Johnson followed up with first-team honors on the diamond this spring for a Hebron squad that advanced to the regional quarterfinals. The 6-6A co-Defensive Player of the Year at shortstop after posting a fielding percentage of .898, but the multi-year starter was no slouch with the bat either for the Hawks, hitting .336 with two homers, 10 doubles, 34 runs, 29 RBIs and 11 stolen bases.



JUDSON ARRINGTON IF, ALLEN

An all-district first-team pick out of 9-6A, Arrington's steady bat and airtight defense manning the hot corner helped the Eagles to a three-round playoff run in 2019. Along the way, Arrington's .351 batting average was tops among Allen's everyday starters, as well as a team-best .500 slugging percentage to go along with eight extra-base hits and 20 RBIs. In the field, the third baseman logged a .949 fielding percentage as an anchor for one of the area's top defensive infields.



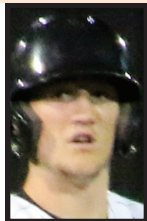
CAM BROWN IF, FLOWER MOUND

Brown was an MVP candidate for Flower Mound in his own right, forming a dynamic tandem on the mound and in the heart of the Jaguars' order alongside Wallace. A first-team 6-6A selection, Brown — who manned first when not pitching — hit a robust .361 with six homers and 37 RBIs while also going 11-1 as a starter with a 1.90 ERA and 118 strikeouts in 84 innings.



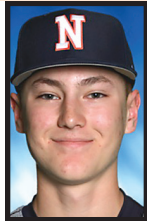
RALPH RUCKER OF, LOVEJOY

Rucker found success on the diamond to the tune of a .393 average at the dish and an everyday role in the outfield for the Leopards. Rucker collected 16 RBIs, a lone home run, seven doubles and a triple, scoring 20 runs. The multi-sport star had one of his finest moments when, in an eventual loss to Frisco Lone Star in the postseason, a two-RBI triple and a run scored capped a four-run comeback in the seventh inning.



REID LAPEKAS OF, MCKINNEY NORTH

Lapekas was consistent at the plate all season long, which led to him producing a lofty .356 batting average as one of the tone setters for an explosive North squad that captured the 10-5A district title. Once on base, the speedy Lapekas stole 21-of-21 bases to set a school record and scored a team-high 34 runs as part of one of the most productive junior campaigns in the area this season.



NICK VERNARS OF, COPPELL

Another player who contributes both at the plate and on the mound, last year's first-team all-district performer at first base shifted to the outfield for the Cowboys as a senior and didn't miss a beat. En route to his second consecutive first-team all-district appearance, Vernars (a Grayson College signee) hit .371 with two homers, 13 RBIs and 12 runs.



JORDAN YODER UTIL, LOVEJOY

One of Lovejoy's best two-way players, Yoder was 8-1 with a 2.176 ERA on the mound this season, striking out 56 batters, and hit .328 at the plate. He also collected eight doubles, a triple and 21 RBIs. He also came around to score 18 times. Yoder was the Leopards' No. 1 option on the mound throughout 2019, helping the program reach the third round of the postseason.

