



2012 GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



AAAAA - Brookwood at Parkview | AAAA - Greenbrier at Loganville
AAA - Columbus at Ringgold | AA - Pierce Co. at Appling Co.
A - Providence Christian at Charlton County

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Greetings, GHSA baseball fans!

Welcome to the 2012 GHSA Championship Series for Baseball, the final GHSA event of this school year. Four weeks ago these teams began the journey through the playoffs, and now they are poised for the final challenge – competing for the State Championship. The Georgia High School Association is proud of the commitment to excellence that these players and coaches have demonstrated throughout the season, as the quality of play in high school baseball in Georgia continues to grow.

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GHSA BASEBALL CHAMPIONS

Year	AAAA	AAA	AA	A	B	C
1946				Lanier		
1947				West Fulton		
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1949				Marist		
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1951			Richmond Acad.	Newnan		
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1956			Richmond Acad.	Thomasville		
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1958		Richmond Acad.	Campbell, Smyrna	Pepperell		
1959		Griffin	Rossville	Model		
1960		Murphy	Rossville	Winder-Barrow		
1961		Benedictine	West Rome	Americus		
1962		Griffin	Crisp Co.	Carrollton		
1963		Murphy	West Rome	Hughes		
1964		Avondale	East Rome	Americus		
1965		Lanier	Headland	Americus		
1966		Dykes	Headland	Americus		
1967		Tucker	Tucker	Westminster		
1968		Therrell	Wayne Co.	Westminster		
1969		Willingham	Walker	Americus		
1970		Dykes	Pepperell	Americus		
1971		Jordan	Lakeview	Roswell		
1972		Sequoyah	Lakeview	Hephzibah		
1973		Glynn	Stephens Co.	Irwin Co.		
1974		Henderson	Calhoun	Harlem		
1975		Wheeler	Westminster	Irwin Co.		
1976		Savannah	Bradwell Institute	Mt. de Sales		
1977		Kendrick	Marist	Pepperell		
1978		Valdosta	Gainesville	Harlem		
1979		Newton Co.	Winder-Barrow	Harlem		
1980		Griffin	Cofee	Pepperell		
1981		Lowndes	Marist	Harlem		
1982		Coffee	NW Whitfield	Harlem		
1983		Coffee	Marist	Harlem		
1984		Columbus	Marist	Darlington		
1985		Forest Park	Marist	Hancock Central		
1986		Brookwood	Roswell	Harlem		
1987		MacEachern	Westside	Shiloh		
1988		Evans	Westside	Berrien		
1989		Evans	Jones Co.	Washington-Wilkes		
1990		Evans	Marist	Lovett		
1991		Newnan	Columbus	Perry		
1992		Walton	Columbus	Cook		
1993		Evans	Columbus	Lovett		
1994		Evans	Marist	Lovett		
1995		Sprayberry	Columbus	Vidalia		
1996		Parkview	Columbus	Gainesville		
1997		Colquitt Co.	Columbus	Gainesville		
1998		Harrison	Greenbrier	Gainesville		
1999		Lasister	Greenbrier	Thomasville		
2000		Lowndes	Columbus	Cook		
2001		Parkview	Shaw	Gainesville	Cartersville	Walker
2002		Parkview	Marist	Gainesville	Cartersville	Walker
2003		Colquitt co.	Marist	Cartersville	Vidalia	Clinch Co.
2004		Milton	Columbus	LaGrange	Bacon Co.	Lakeview Acad.
2005		Chattahooche	Henry Co.	Columbus	Calhoun	Calvary Day
2006		Lassiter	Greenbrier	Blessed Trinity	Lovett	ELCA
2007		Walton	Greenbrier	Dunwoody	Holy Innocents	Calvary Day
2008		Brookwood	Loganville	Cartersville	Wesleyan	Pacelli
2009		Pope	Northgate	Cartersville	Lovett	Wesleyan
2010		Harrison	Marist	Columbus	Calhoun	Wesleyan
2011		Parkview	Marist	Columbus	Buford	Hebron Christian

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FINALS PREVIEW



Star power the theme of this year's finals

By Stephen Black

If your team is still playing, smile. Out of the more than 400 GHSA baseball programs in the state, only 10 remain.

All 10 teams have had ups and downs and all 10 have had to fight to get to this point. This weekend is about realizing how far these teams have come, and also seeing which five can survive to call themselves "state champs."

CLASS AAAAA ...

Brookwood at Parkview

It's a neighborhood rivalry for the state championship as two Gwinnett County power programs meet for all the marbles. The two teams met twice this season during Region 8 play, and the Broncos took both meetings behind Lucas Sims' pitching.

Sims, a Clemson signee, is one of two players in this series expected to be taken high in this year's Major League Baseball Amateur Draft. The other, Parkview senior Matt Olson, is a Vanderbilt signee, but like Sims, he will need to decide between the MLB Draft and college when this weekend's series comes to a close.

The Panthers are no stranger to the finals, having won it all last season and four times total. Brookwood, meanwhile, last won the state title in 2008, and also in 1986.

CLASS AAAA ...

Greenbrier at Loganville

The Red Devils advanced past Johns Creek to make the finals in one of the most dramatic series in recent state history. Loganville fell behind early in each game, giving up

runs to the Gladiators in the first inning of all three games.

The final two games came down to the last at-bat, as the Red Devils overcame 1-0 deficits in the final inning of both games. In dramatic fashion, Loganville walked off with the series in the bottom of the seventh inning of Game 3 when Clint Frazier singled in two runs.

Greenbrier also had to go to three games to finish off Whitewater. The Wolfpack, five-time state champs, had no such drama in their Game 3 by tagging Whitewater for 15 hits and 15 runs. Georgia Tech signee Jordan Hunt leads a talented Greenbrier pitching staff, while senior centerfielder Spencer Duffy leads a potent lineup.

CLASS AAA ...

Columbus at Ringgold

In direct contrast to each other, the Ringgold Tigers are stalking their first-ever state baseball championship while the Columbus Blue Devils are trying to bring home their 12th. But while the Tigers are short on tradition in this matchup, they may have an edge in motivation.

The town of Ringgold was devastated by tornadoes almost a year ago exactly, and the Tigers want nothing more than to bring a state championship home for their community. Ringgold will be led by Austin Parrish, who threw a complete game in the semifinals, and Andy Mocahee, who homered twice in the Game 3 clincher.

Columbus is headlined by some familiar names to state of Georgia baseball fans. The

Blue Devils are led by Kyle Carter, J.T. Phillips and John Lester, who starred for the city's 2006 Little League World Series champions. In their last series together as teammates, the trio would like nothing better than to bring home the school's third straight state title.

CLASS AA ...

Pierce County at Appling County

If you are looking for star power, this matchup provides it with one name: Byron Buxton. The University of Georgia signee may be the first player in the state selected in the upcoming MLB Draft.

Buxton has led his band of Pirates through the playoffs at the plate and on the mound. In the semifinals series against Brantley County, Buxton pitched in both games (Appling County swept) and also had a bases-clearing triple.

Pierce County, meanwhile, advanced past Lovett in the semifinals in three games. Starting pitcher Will Lowman tossed a no-hitter in Game 1, while Drew Taylor and Nate Gay homered in Game 3 to key an avalanche of offense by the Bears.

The winner of this series will claim its first state championship in program history.

CLASS A ...

Providence Christian at Charlton County

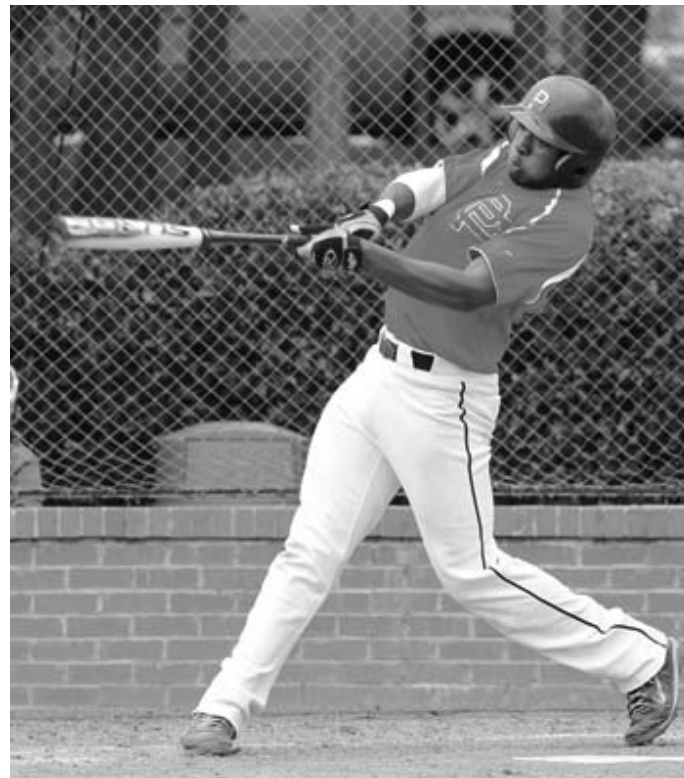
The state's quaintest classification also features two programs looking for their first state championship in baseball. Each team

won their respective semifinals series in three games.

Providence Christian relies on power-hitter Christin Stewart, who drilled a state-record 69th career homer in the semifinals. The Stars edged Savannah Christian in the semifinals with a Game 3 7-6 win.

Charlton County rolled past George Walton Academy in Game 3 of the semifinals behind 4 2/3 innings of scoreless relief from pitcher Chris Smith. Jacob Baxter had two RBIs for the Indians while Richard Dasher was 2-for-3 with an RBI.

Photo of Christin Stewart courtesy of Providence Chr. HS. Black can be reached at sblack@scoreatl.com.



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CHAMPIONSHIP BASEBALL ROSTERS

AAAAA - Brookwood at Parkview
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CLASS AAAAA
Brookwood Broncos
Head Coach: Rick Howard

1 Cedric Mullins	12	OF
2 Tre Lawrence	11	OF
3 Allen Tokarz	12	P
4 Brock Baughcum	9	2B
5 Blake Schuck	12	2B
6 Jordan Dykes	11	OF
8 Nick Fonseca	11	C
10 Garrett Reynolds	11	OF
11 Matt Aycock	11	P
12 Michael Ranieri	11	P
14 Zach Moon	11	C
18 Patrick Riley	12	P
19 Ryan Woodard	12	P
21 Clint Carr	12	C
23 Stephen Wray	12	P
24 Jonathan White	9	2B
26 Lucas Sims	12	P
27 Michael Gouge	12	3B

Parkview Panthers
Head Coach: Chan Brown

1 Jake Hipple	11	2B
2 Jeff Ronpirin	12	2B
3 Jack Esmonde	12	P
4 Ryan Blanton	11	OF
5 JP Chamblee	10	C
6 Austin Fisher	12	P
7 Edwin Arias	12	SS
8 Zach Langley	11	OF
11 Rob Youngblood	11	3B
13 Mason Caskey	11	P
14 Mac Marshall	10	P
15 Jordan Kelly	10	P
16 Josh Hart	11	OF
17 Jarrett Freeland	11	C
18 AJ Davis	12	OF
21 Matt Olson	12	1B
22 Jesse Foster	12	OF
23 Jim Wagner	10	2B
24 Micah Finley	11	OF
26 Sam McCoy	11	P
27 Hunter Thornton	11	C
28 Trevor Brown	9	SS
31 Jarrett Hood	11	1B
33 Michael Craig	10	OF

CLASS AAAA
Greenbrier Wolfpack
Head Coach: Chris Wilkins

1 Hunter Boose	12	SS
2 Tyler Fournier	12	SS
3 Zack Metcalf	11	OF
4 Knox Marchman	10	3B

5 Steven Maier	11	OF
6 Jordan Hunt	12	P
7 Taylor Glover	11	C
8 Spencer Duffie	12	2B
9 Trey Koenig	11	C
10 Clint Hardy	11	P
11 Connor Hoover	10	2B
14 Chris Michals	10	P
16 Rhett Stanley	12	OF
17 Adam Grice	11	1B
23 Adam Sasser	9	1B
24 Brett Lillis	9	C
25 Christian Hill	11	P
33 Austin Robinson	11	P

Loganville Red Devils
Head Coach: Jeff Segars

1 David Chabut	9	MI
2 David Mayo	11	MI/P
5 Chandler Downing	10	OF/P
6 Andy Clay	11	MI
9 Clark Califf	10	OF
10 Logan Mattix	10	MI/P
11 Braxton Beck	10	OF/P
13 Garrett Ford	12	OF/P
14 Brandon Stewert	11	C
17 Daniel Milligan	11	3B/P
18 Coty Stewert	12	P
19 Clint Frazier	11	3B/P
20 Brandon Williams	10	C
21 Kyle Hall	11	MI
22 Royce Harrison	10	C
23 Brandon Moncrief	10	OF
24 Eric Boss	12	C
25 Brandon Pergantis	12	OF/P
26 Josh Nelson	12	P
30 Christian Miller	12	OF/P
33 Avery Fagan	11	OF/P
34 Tyler Mixon	10	1B/P

CLASS AAA
Ringgold Tigers
Head Coach: Brent Tucker

1 Slade Dale	10	IF
2 Wright Hackett	12	OF/IF
3 Ethan Dalton	9	C
5 Andy Mocaabee	12	C/IF
6 Caleb Peters	10	OF
7 Read Walden	12	OF
9 Austin Parrish	11	OF/P
10 Alan Mocaabee	12	IF
12 Zach Morris	9	IF/P
15 Gabe Rich	11	C/P
18 Mark Fairbanks	12	OF
20 Andrew Douglas	11	OF/P
23 Logan Baldwin	10	OF/P

24 Matthew Crownover	12	P/OF
25 Adam Weldon	12	IF/P
Brandon Dycus	10	OF/P
33 Corey Kafka	12	IF/P

Columbus Blue Devils
Head Coach: Bobby Howard

2 Luke Thompson	11	OF/P
3 Spencer Draws	12	INF
4 Josh Lester	12	INF
10 Ryan Lang	12	OF
11 Nick Poskey	10	INF/P
12 Anthony Dalponte	11	IF/P
13 Christian Wiggs	10	INF/P/C
16 Will Kilgore	10	INF/P
17 J.T. Phillips	12	INF/P
18 John Weekley	11	C/OF
22 Alonzo Jones, Jr.	9	INF/OF
24 Pierce Ressemeyer	12	C
25 Anthony Young, Jr.	11	OF/P
26 Avery Seckinger	12	P/INF
27 Keith Sims	12	OF
29 Reeves Sheffield	11	OF
31 Jackson Wells	11	INF
32 Hunter Swilling	11	INF/P
33 Harrison Kurtz	10	C
36 Kyle Carter	12	OF/P
38 Russell Forthofer	9	P/INF
40 Robin Geven	11	OF/P/INF
42 Anthony Padron	12	OF/P
44 Greg Lewis	12	P
45 Chandler Stutzman	10	OF/P
48 Joey Brown	12	P

CLASS AA
Pierce County Bears
Head Coach: Greg Gay

1 Codi Dixon	12	OF
2 Vince Elliott	11	SS
3 Will Lowman	12	P
4 Will White	12	P
5 Cole Dowling	11	2B
6 Austin Allen	9	OF
7 Nate Gay	12	C
8 Michael D'Ambrosio	12	P
9 Drew Taylor	12	OF
11 Kyler Allen	9	C
12 Brian Barefield	12	OF
13 Harrison Hart	11	1B
14 Jordan Handley	11	SS
15 Stetson Smith	9	3B
16 Rod Kennedy	11	OF
17 Cody Harris	12	P
18 Brandon Popham	12	P
19 Tim Huff	12	OF
20 Terry Carter	12	OF
30 Brandon Aldridge	12	P

Appling County Pirates
Head Coach: Jeremy Smith

1 Josh Barber	12	SS/P
2 Justin Jarvis	12	OF
3 Byron Buxton	12	P/OF
4 Cole Simmons	11	P
5 Guner Sellers	11	C
8 Josh Deen	11	OF/P
12 Gage Patton	10	3B
13 Colby Griffin	12	OF
14 Kyle Miller	12	1B
15 Devin Causey	12	1B
16 Tyler Sapp	10	P/2B
22 Dylan Hutchinson	12	OF
23 Mathew Shumans	12	OF/P
25 Jeremy Ammons	12	P/2B
28 Zack Smith	11	OF/SS

CLASS A
Providence Christian Academy Stars
Head Coach: Adam Cantrell

1 Tyler Brown	12	OF
3 Patrick Smith	12	P
4 Justin Brew	11	OF
5 Josh Carter	12	2B
6 Austin Loyd	12	SS
8 Erich Stahl	11	3B
9 John Bailey	12	OF
10 Michael Shealy	11	P
11 Austin Smith	12	OF
13 Christin Stewart	12	C
21 Charlie Scott	11	C
27 Max Broom	11	SS
33 Steven Slaughter	12	1B
42 Matt James	11	3B
44 Zach Meier	10	P

Charlton County Indians
Head Coach: Thad Marchman

1 Jesse King	10	P/OF
2 LJ Talley	9	SS/P
3 Jacob Popham	11	OF/2B
4 Scott Birchall	9	P/OF
5 Ryan Turner	12	P/1B
6 Ryan Young	11	2B/1B
7 Chris Smith	12	P/3B
8 Drew Gowan	12	C/OF
9 Josh Crosby	10	OF/3B
10 Brad Baxter	10	C/OF
11 Jacob Baxter	11	SS/P
13 Hampton Huling	10	1B/P
15 Dylan Turner	10	2B/P
16 Richard Dasher	10	P/3B
17 Brandon Dell	9	3B/P
20 Scott Beasley	11	C/P
21 Derek King	12	C/OF
29 Will Gowen	10	DH/OF

PHENOMENAL FIVE



Georgia's five top prospects prepare for draft

By Fletcher Proctor

As the 2012 GHSA baseball season prepares to declare its five champions, many Major League Baseball scouts will be watching the championship series to see just how the standouts fare and whether the cream that rises to the top may be ready to rise to the top of the draft boards.

For years Georgia high school players such as Jason Heyward, Tim Beckham, Delino DeShields Jr. and others dating back to Mike Ivie (1970) and Ron Blomberg (1967) have been taken in the first round straight out of the prep ranks and thrust into professional baseball. This year's crop of talent could surpass the 2010 season, when five high school talents were taken in the first round.

BLASTIN' BYRON ...

The first Georgia high school player expected to be selected could be the first player taken overall in the draft. Appling County's Byron Buxton is an outfielder with all of the tools that MLB teams covet from a potential No. 1 selection. Buxton stands 6-foot-2, weighs 180 pounds and while his home run numbers haven't popped eyeballs, his blazing speed has scouts drooling. Buxton recently knocked just his third home run of the year, but his speed was on display against Blessed Trinity as the speedy Buxton registered a stolen base and later scored the winning run in Game 1 from second on a single. In the semifinals, he knocked a bases-loaded triple to clinch a ticket to the Class AA finals.

Buxton's defense is also a major reason why he could be taken No. 1 overall by the Houston Astros. According to Keith Law of ESPN, Buxton is the top high school player in this year's draft, and Law has given Buxton's defense a perfect 80 rating. Law also saw fit to give Buxton an 80 as a runner. He projects "big future power" for the outfielder.

In addition to serving as an outfielder, Buxton has been called upon to pitch for Appling County. Buxton started Game 1 of his team's quarterfinals series victory over Blessed Trinity and then came on in relief to close out the Titans in Game 2. He also pitched in both games as Appling County closed out Brantley County in the semifinals.

Appling County coach Jeremy Smith said that Buxton is more than just an outstanding player. Smith noted that Buxton leads by example. "He's a tremendous kid, very humble and team-oriented."

Smith did concede that Buxton has some incredible gifts as a baseball player. "If there was only one part of his game to watch, I'd like to watch him run," said Smith.

According to Smith several scouts including one from the Boston Red Sox have timed Buxton as getting from the batters box to first base in 3.7 seconds.

GWINNETT STARS ...

Several Class AAAAA prospects have made college declarations, but two could end up leaving Clemson and Vanderbilt at the altar if their names are

called early enough in the first round. Brookwood's Lucas Sims signed with Clemson and was still undecided about his future plans entering the playoffs. That may have changed, though, as Sims has been fantastic through the early rounds of the GHSA playoffs.

Sims went the distance in Game 1 of Brookwood's best-of-three quarterfinals series against Harrison, striking out eight in the 11-2 win. Sims would also come through with his bat in Game 3, keeping a rally alive to help Brookwood take down the Hoyas. Sims had previously dominated Colquitt County with 10 strikeouts after striking out seven North Gwinnett batters in five innings. He also pitched a complete game shutout against Grayson in the semifinals.

ESPN lists Sims as the No. 12 high school player in America and projects Sims as landing in the top half of the first round of the draft. Jason Churchill believes Sims has a "plus fastball and curveball. The breaking ball sits in the low 80s with good shape, depth and late break."

Meanwhile reigning Gatorade Player of the Year Matt Olson has a future at Vanderbilt if he wants it, but Parkview's Olson could too be selected early in the first round of the MLB draft. Olson came through for the Panthers in Game 3 of the quarterfinals

against Hillgrove. The pitcher/first baseman was 2-for-3 with a double and two RBIs after hitting a home run and driving in three in the Panthers' Game 2 win.

Churchill noted on Olson's ESPNHS profile that the Parkview prospect "has big-time raw power."

TERRIFIC TEAMMATES ...

The Columbus Blue Devils are no strangers to extended GHSA playoff runs as the Blue Devils have taken the last two Class AAA crowns. This year's squad boasts a pair of players that could hear their names called early in this June's MLB draft.

Kyle Carter has a smooth left-handed stroke, and the outfielder/pitcher was on full display last December in Phoenix. Carter bashed 14 home runs to win the 6th annual Power Showcase Home Run Derby at the Diamondbacks' Chase Field. Carter set the Columbus single-season home run record with 22 one year ago while maintaining a .467 batting clip. He was nearly unhittable on the mound, winning nine games with 97 strikeouts. He has been just as good on the bump this season, recently striking out 18 batters in a second-round game against Harlem and going the distance in a win over Troup in the semifinals.

It will likely be Carter's prowess at the plate, though, that will get him drafted in the first round. In a piece written by Score Atlanta's Stephen Black, Columbus head coach Bobby Howard gushed over his star.

"There aren't too many hitters like Kyle," said Howard. "He's been good for a long time and has been able to live up to expectations. He's pretty special."

Pitchers have shied away from throwing to Carter much this season, choosing to intentionally walk the six-foot-one, 195-pound phenom. The strategy hasn't paid off, however, as the rest of the team, including J.T. Phillips, has stepped up with some big numbers.

Phillips, who has signed with Georgia, could also

hear his name called early enough in the MLB draft to skip his time in Athens. Phillips stands 6-foot-3, 200-pounds and could project as a third baseman in college or the pros, though he has been manning the short-stop position for the Blue Devils. He also has been lighting up radar guns off the mound for Columbus this season after returning from a back injury that forced him to miss part of the early non-region schedule.

The state of Georgia has been called one of the top four states in terms of producing football talent every National Signing Day, and schools across the country annually raid the Peach State for basketball talent. The baseball talent from Georgia is strong this year and Major League Baseball scouts have taken notice of these Georgia gems. Get a good look at these high school stars now because soon they will be making an impression at the major league level.

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<p>Hebron Chr 2 Region 6 - Team 1 9-0; 14-1</p> <p>Glascock Co 0 Region 7 - Team 3 6-0; 9-1</p> <p>Darlington 2 Region 6 - Team 2 6-3; 2-4; 6-1</p> <p>Fellowship Christian 1 Prelims - Position A</p> <p>Lincoln Co 1 Region 7 - Team 1 5/4/2012 - 2:30pm</p> <p>Gordon Lee 2 Prelims - Position B</p> <p>Landmark Christian 1 Region 9 - Team 2 13-8; 1-13; 2-12</p> <p>Providence Chr 2 Region 5 - Team 2</p>	<p>Hebron Chr 2 H</p> <p>Hebron Chr 0 H</p> <p>Providence Chr 2 H</p> <p>Providence Chr 2 H</p> <p>Providence Chr 2 H</p>	<p>Charlton Co 2-10; 9-3; 8-4 H 5/28/2012 - 2:00pm</p> <p>George Walton 1</p> <p>George Walton 2</p>	<p>Mt. Paran 2 Region 6 - Team 1 5-4; 3-1</p> <p>Wesleyan 0 Region 5 - Team 3</p> <p>E. L. C. A. 2 Region 9 - Team 1 9-0; 8-2</p> <p>Commerce 0 Prelims - Position C</p> <p>Holy Innocents 2 Region 5 - Team 1 12-2; 7-5</p> <p>First Presby 0 Prelims - Position D</p> <p>Aguias 0 Region 7 - Team 2 1-5; 5-1</p> <p>George Walton 2 Region 8 - Team 2</p>

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Round 1 (5/4): Harris Co (2) vs Mt. Zion, Jones (0); East Paulding (2) vs Redan (0); Johns Creek (2) vs Flowery Branch (0); Houston County (2) vs Ware Co (0).

Round 2 (5/9): Harris Co (2) vs East Paulding (0); Johns Creek (2) vs Houston County (0); Johns Creek (2) vs Loganville (0); Loganville (2) vs Pope (2).

Round 3 (5/15): Harris Co (0) vs Johns Creek (1); Johns Creek (2) vs Loganville (2); Loganville (2) vs Pope (1); Pope (2) vs Northgate (1).

Round 4 (5/21): Johns Creek (1) vs Loganville (2); Loganville (2) vs Pope (1); Pope (1) vs Northgate (1); Northgate (1) vs Evans (0); Evans (0) vs Lambert (1); Lambert (1) vs Loganville (2).

Round 5 (5/26): Loganville (2) vs Greenbrier (2); Loganville (2) vs Whitewater (1); Whitewater (1) vs Alexander (1); Alexander (1) vs Chamblee (1); Chamblee (1) vs Whitewater (2); Whitewater (2) vs Jonesboro (0).

Round 6 (5/21): Greenbrier (2) vs Whitewater (1); Whitewater (1) vs Alexander (1); Alexander (1) vs Chamblee (1); Chamblee (1) vs Whitewater (2); Whitewater (2) vs Jonesboro (0).

Round 7 (5/15): Greenbrier (2) vs Whitewater (2); Whitewater (2) vs Jonesboro (0); Whitewater (2) vs Jonesboro (0).

Round 8 (5/9): Greenbrier (2) vs Whitewater (2); Whitewater (2) vs Jonesboro (0); Whitewater (2) vs Jonesboro (0).

Round 9 (5/4): Greenbrier (2) vs Whitewater (2); Whitewater (2) vs Jonesboro (0); Whitewater (2) vs Jonesboro (0).

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Round 1 (5/4): Camden County (2) vs McEachern (0); Walton (2) vs Alpharetta (0); Mill Creek (2) vs Lowndes (0); East Coweta (2) vs East Coweta (0).

Round 2 (5/9): Camden County (2) vs Walton (1); Mill Creek (2) vs East Coweta (0); Mill Creek (2) vs Parkview (0); Parkview (0) vs Parkview (2).

Round 3 (5/15): Camden County (0) vs Mill Creek (0); Mill Creek (2) vs Parkview (2); Parkview (2) vs Parkview (2); Parkview (2) vs Northview (0); Northview (0) vs Northview (0).

Round 4 (5/21): Camden County (0) vs Mill Creek (0); Mill Creek (2) vs Parkview (2); Parkview (2) vs Parkview (2); Parkview (2) vs Northview (0); Northview (0) vs Northview (0).

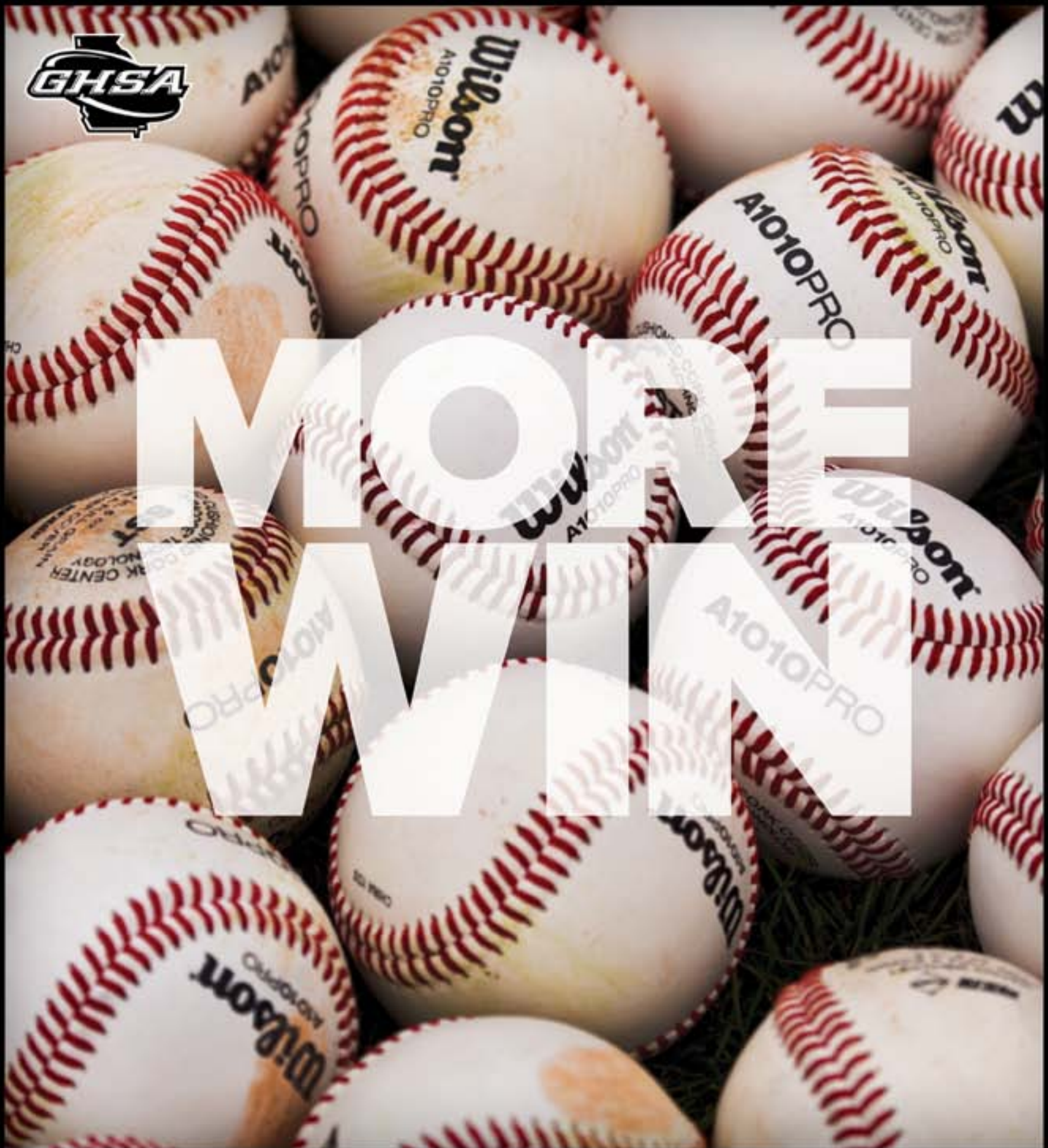
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Round 8 (5/9): Camden County (0) vs Mill Creek (0); Mill Creek (2) vs Parkview (2); Parkview (2) vs Parkview (2); Parkview (2) vs Northview (0); Northview (0) vs Northview (0).

Round 9 (5/4): Camden County (0) vs Mill Creek (0); Mill Creek (2) vs Parkview (2); Parkview (2) vs Parkview (2); Parkview (2) vs Northview (0); Northview (0) vs Northview (0).



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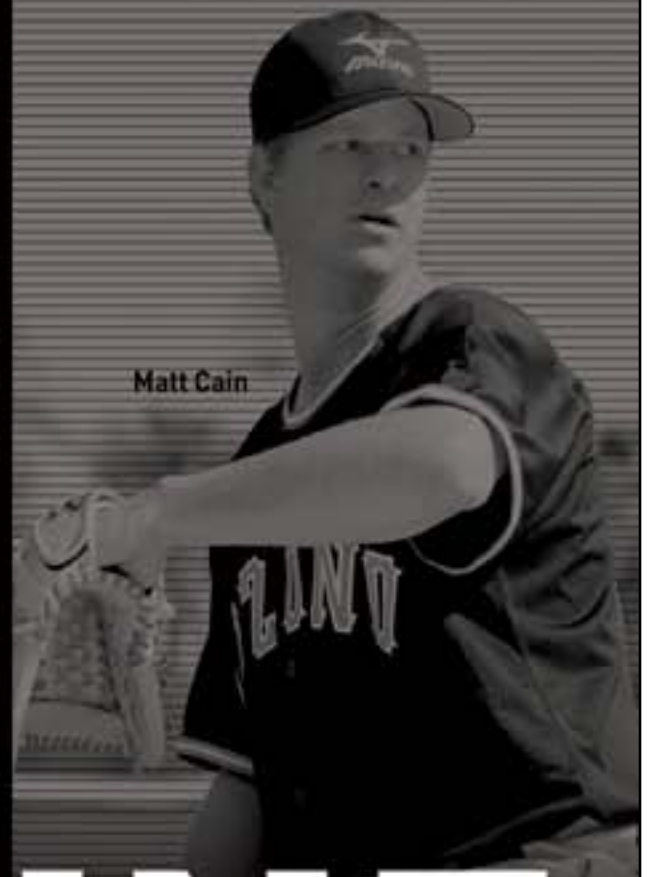
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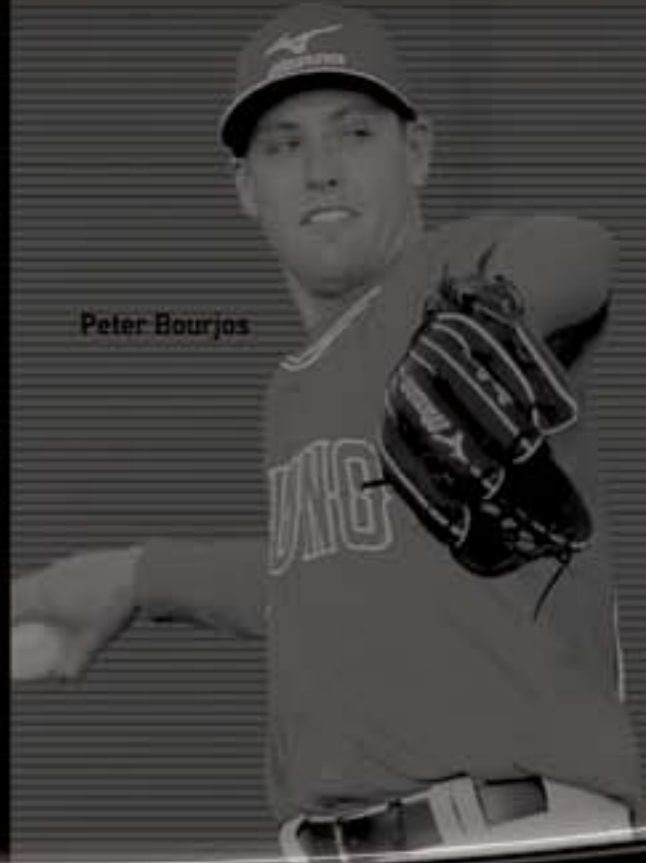
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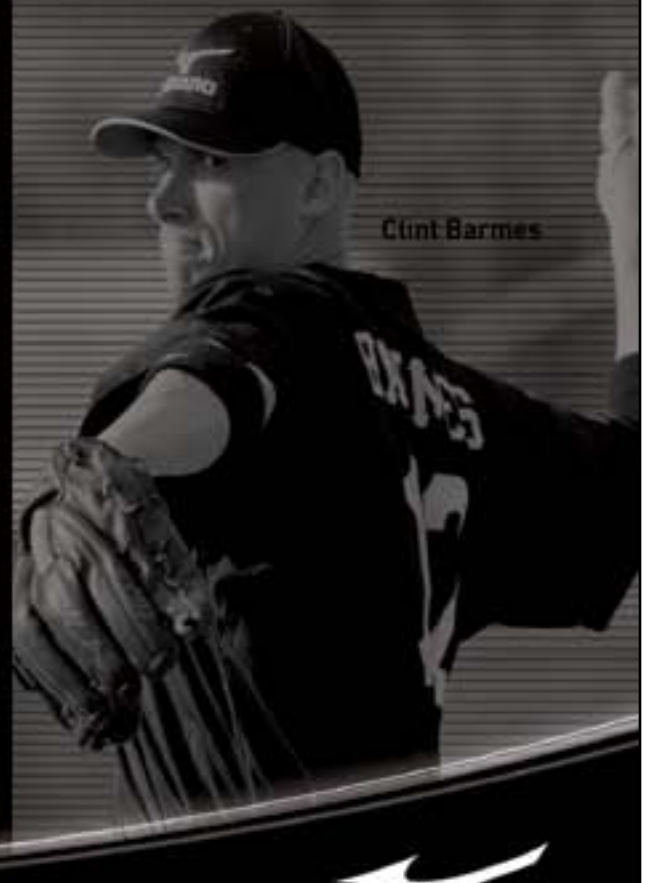
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