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GHSA PAST CHAMPIONS						
Year	AAAA	AAA	AA	A	B	C
1946				Lanier		
1947				West Fulton		
1948				Decatur		
1949				Marist		
1950						
1951			Richmond Acad.	Newnan		
1952			Richmond Acad.	Avondale		
1953			Richmond Acad.	Americus		
1954			Richmond Acad.	Americus		
1955			Richmond Acad.	Americus		
1956			Richmond Acad.	Thomasville		
1957		Richmond Acad.	Miller Co.	Pepperell		
1958		Griffin	Campbell, Smyrna	Pepperell		
1959		Griffin	Rossville	Model		
1960		Murphy	Rossville	Winder-Barrow		
1961		Bendictine	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	Gordon Lee		
1980	Griffin	Coffee	Pepperell	MT. de Sales		
1981	Lowndes	Marist	Harlem	Brookstone		
1982	Coffee	NW Whitfield	Harlem	GAC		
1983	Coffee	Marist	Harlem	Trion		
1984	Columbus	Marist	Darlington	Gordon Lee		
1985	Forest Park	Marist	Hancock Central	Calhoun Co.		
1986	Brookwood	Roswell	Harlem	Clinch Co.		
1987	McEachern	Westside	Shiloh	Clinch Co.		
1988	Evans	Westside	Berrien	Towns Co.		
1989	Evans	Jones Co.	Washington-Wilkes	Clinch Co.		
1990	Evans	Marist	Lovett	Bremen		
1991	Newnan	Columbus	Perry	Clinch Co.		
1992	Walton	Columbus	Cook	Clinch Co.		
1993	Evans	Columbus	Lovett	Pace Acad.		
1994	Evans	Marist	Lovett	Pace Acad.		
1995	Sprayberry	Columbus	Vidalia	Pace Acad.		
1996	Parkview	Columbus	Gainesville	Toombs Co.		
1997	Colquitt Co.	Columbus	Gainesville	Irwin Co.		
1998	Harrison	Greenbrier	Gainesville	North Forsyth		
1999	Lassiter	Greenbrier	Thomasville	Lovett		
2000	Lowndes	Columbus	Cook	Calhoun		

Year	AAAAA	AAAA	AAA	AA	A
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	Chattahoochee	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
2012	Parkview	Loganville	Columbus	Appling County	Providence Chr.

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# FINALS PREVIEW



## No repeats as old, new powers enter finals

By Craig Sager II

Georgia will not see a defending state champion take the podium in 2013. All five AA-AAAAAA matchups feature teams either in pursuit of their first state title or looking to once again wear the crown.

### BACKYARD BRAWL ...

The GHSA added Class AAAAAA this season, and the state's new highest classification sets up a matchup between Region 5 rivals Milton and Roswell. The Hornets have been waiting since 1986 to return the title to Roswell while Milton last won it in 2004. The 2013 Class AAAAAA final sets up like 2012 when Region 8 rivals Brookwood and Parkview played. The trend of the toughest regions producing postseason success with battle-tested teams continues.

In region play, Milton and Roswell squared off twice with Milton winning both (7-3, 6-1). Will Jackson and Payton Smith recorded the wins during the season, and Milton's deep pitching staff includes Dylan Cease and Alex Schnell. Cease and Schnell stifled the bats of defending-champion Parkview in Games 2 and 3 of the semis.

Roswell, meanwhile, handled the pressure of the postseason by winning three road series. In the semifinals Walton took Roswell to a Game 3, but the Hornets' loss in Game 2 was a 1-0 decision in which they outit the

Raiders 7-3. In Game 3, Syd Hopkins had two doubles and a base hit in Roswell's 7-6 win. Roswell is a superb base-running team and scored multiple runs in the semifinals off sacrifice bunts and advantageous hitting when runners were in scoring position.

### CANINE CLASH ...

Greenbrier and Pope will battle for the AAAAAA title. Greenbrier has been the visiting team the entire playoffs and carries the momentum of a 2-0 sweep over Whitewater into the finals. Adam Grice carried the Wolf Pack in Game 1 to a 5-4 comeback win with a solo home run and two-run double. In Game 2, Greenbrier erased its deficit by scoring all six of their runs in with two outs. In the series, all 11 runs were scored with two outs. The lineup is deep with hitters and forces opposing pitchers into high pitch counts.

Pope features impressive pitching with aces Braden Zarbnisky and Nathaniel Lowe. Zarbnisky and Lowe will be needed to minimize the Wolf Pack's knack for late inning rallies. The Greyhounds arrive fresh off a Game 3 walk-off win over Starr's Mill in extra innings.

### DEKALB DERBY ...

Marist is looking for its third title in four years and will host Redan in the Class AAAA

final. Marist swept Crisp County in the semis after two outstanding pitching performances. In Game 1 Michael Toner carried a no-hitter into the fifth inning in a 6-3 win, and in Game 2, Sean Guenther pitched a complete game, striking out 13 batters in a 2-1 decision.

Redan, in its first state finals appearance, got solid pitching from its bullpen and timely hits from Trega Williams and Bakari Gayle. Williams bombed a three-run walkoff homer in the Raiders' 9-8 Game 1 win and Gayle drove in the go-ahead-run in the bottom of the sixth in the decisive 3-2 win in Game 3.

### TRIPLE-A TUSSLE ...

North Hall hosts perennial-power Cartersville in the Class AAA finals. Cartersville claimed consecutive titles in 2008-09, but was eliminated in the quarterfinals the past three seasons. The Purple Hurricanes swept St. Pius X in the semifinals as Austin Adams and Beau Benefield provided the run support within the lineup of capable hitters. Cartersville pitcher Hayes Linn will be rested for the finals after going six innings and giving up one earned in their 4-3 Game 1 win in the semis.

North Hall, like Redan, is in its first final appearance ever. The Trojans have excellent pitching, and in the semifinals, Preston Graham pitched a one-hitter in Game 1. Colton Duttweiler and Preston Graham combined to toss a two-hitter in Game 3.

### BUCKHEAD BATTLE ...

Lovett versus Westminster is another rivalry matchup, as the Buckhead neighbors will square off in the Class AA championship. Westminster swept Lovett earlier this season by winning three close games.

In the postseason, the Wildcats are a perfect 6-0 and have outscored their opponents

60-10. Ace Hays Meyer threw a no-hitter in Game 1 of the semifinals series against Pepperell. Conrad Cornell pitched a complete game in the series clincher, giving up one earned in the 5-1 Westminster win.

Lovett's Mitch Stallings struck out 10 batters in his Game 1 win in the semis and Pearce Howell gave up three earned runs and struck out 14 in the Game 2 loss. Grant Haley, Sean Reagan and Nick Boden lead the Lions' batting lineup.

*Photo of North Hall's Andrew Smith courtesy of JH Photography. Sager can be reached at csager@scoreatl.com.*



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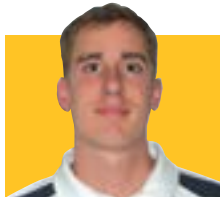
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**AAAAAA - Milton vs. Roswell**  
**AAAAA - Pope vs. Greenbrier**  
**AAAA - Marist vs. Redan**  
**AAA - North Hall vs. Cartersville**  
**AA - Westminster vs. Lovett**

CLASS AAAAAA				12	Chris Habla	11	P	22	Tyler Hughes	11	P	16	Austin Adams	12	OF
Milton Eagles				13	Mason D. Shiflett	11	INF	23	Liam Cotter	11	P	18	Evan Cole	12	OF
Head Coach: Joey Ray				14	Nathaniel Lowe	12	P/INF	24	Thomas Seitz	12	INF	19	Drew Lawson	12	C
1	Steven Reale	12	INF	16	Cameron Allison	9	P	27	Sam Galanek	11	C	20	Will Landrum	12	1B
2	Ryan Gridley	11	INF	17	Joseph Arcieri	12	P	28	Trey Oates	11	P	21	Will Roberson	11	C
3	Dalon Farkas	11	INF/OF	20	Patrick Wiseman	11	P/INF	30	Devin Kalil	12	OF/INF	22	Elliott Anderson	9	P
4	Andrew Wood	11	OF	21	Wesley J. Smith	12	C	Redan Raiders				23	Cole Anderson	12	P
5	Will Drennon	12	1B	22	Johnny Flading	12	INF	Head Coach: Marvin Pruitt				24	Hunter Osborn	11	P
6	Steven Barranca	12	P	23	Kyle Armitage	11	C	1	Joseph Graves	12	CF	26	Houston Stewart	11	C
7	Dylan Cease	11	INF/P	24	Jared Parker	12	OF	2	Bakari Gayle	10	OF	27	Christian Demastus	11	1B
8	Alex Schnell	11	OF/P	26	Braden Zarbnisky	10	P/OF	4	Nick Solomon	12	C	Class AA			
9	Payton Smith	12	OF/P	33	Brady Walsh	12	INJ	5	Marquise Glenn	10	2B	Westminster Wildcats			
10	Jack Thompson	11	1B	Greenbrier Wolf Pack				6	Corderius Dorsey	11	P/OF	Head Coach: Russell Wrenn			
11	Dalton Ewing	11	OF	Head Coach: Chris Wilkins				8	Miles Fore	11	P/3B	2	James Burton	11	P
12	Nick Bradshaw	12	C	1	Tim Powell	12	OF/P	9	James Nelson	10	2B	3	Robert deGolian	10	IF
13	Michael Messier	12	P	2	Jake Rutt	10	2B	10	Kendrick Elder	12	OF	5	Nick East	10	C
15	Alec Miller	11	C	3	Nick Sandlin	10	2B	11	Brandon Baker	12	P	6	Nelson Douglas	11	P/IF
16	Will Matthews	11	P	4	Knox Marchman	11	3B	12	Darian Osby	11	P/1B	7	Connor Stutts	10	IF
17	Will Jackson	12	P	5	Steven Maier	12	OF	13	D'Anthony Baker	10	C	8	Kyle Murphy	12	IF/OF
18	Clayton Vaught	11	OF	6	Davis Murray	9	C	15	Trega Williams	12	3B/P	9	Conrad Cornell	11	P/IF
20	Sean Ryan Brophy	12	INF/OF	7	Taylor Glover	12	C	16	Tyler Layton	12	C	10	Kenta Yasuda	11	P/IF
21	Matt Geiger	11	P	9	Connor Hogan	9	P	17	Wesley Jones	12	SS	11	Harris Kirson	11	P
23	Alec Cease	11	INF/OF	10	Clint Hardy	12	OF/P	Class AAA				12	Jack Shelton	12	P
24	Matt Phillips	12	P	11	Connor Hoover	11	SS	North Hall Trojans				13	Hunter Davis	11	P/OF
27	Erik Petersen	11	OF	12	Ty Snipes	9	2B/SS	Head Coach: Trent Mongero				14	Rankin Woley	9	P/C/IF
Roswell Hornets				14	Chris Michals	11	OF	1	Preston Graham	12	P/CF	15	Chip Capper	12	P
Head Coach: Mike Power				15	Josh Bartlett	11	OF	2	Micah Strickland	10	OF	16	Luke Johnson	11	1B/OF
1	Lawson Dunkin	11	OF	16	Grant Pagan	11	C	3	Andrew Smith	11	SS/P	18	Jake Forte	11	P/IF
2	Zach Hald	12	INF	17	Adam Grice	12	OF/1B/P	4	Stephen Murray	11	C	19	Jake Johnson	11	P/OF
3	Connor Johnstone	12	P	19	Travis Martinez	11	OF	5	Corbin Lewallen	10	P/1B/OF	22	Merritt Huber	12	P/C
5	Ryan Ritson	11	OF	20	Ryan Shead	12	1B/P	7	Drew Atha	9	SS/P	23	McClain Bradley	11	OF
6	Nick Azimzadeh	11	C	23	Adam Sasser	10	1B/P	8	Brock Wingo	10	2B	24	Dalton Light	11	P/IF
7	Adam Terrinoni	12	OF	24	Brett Lillis	10	C	10	McCoy Savage	11	OF	25	Evan Roback	12	P/OF
8	Scott Franklin	11	INF	25	Christian Hill	12	OF/P	15	Griffin Olson	12	3B/P	26	Hays Meyer	12	P/OF
9	Syd Hopkins	12	INF/P	33	Austin Robinson	12	P	16	Lincoln Hewitt	10	OF	27	Joseph Salwen	12	P/OF
10	Matt Meeder	12	INF	Class AAAA				18	Drew Coker	10	3B	30	Will Benson	9	P/OF
12	Zach Chandler	12	P	Marist War Eagles				19	Colton Duttweiler	12	P/1B	Lovett Lions			
13	Alex Dickerson	12	OF	Head Coach: Mike Strickland				20	Fowler Brooks	9	C	Head Coach: Lance Oubs			
14	Michael Mayuski	12	P	2	Steven Taylor	11	INF	24	Adam Kelly	12	P/CF	2	James Topping	11	P/OF
15	Trent Corbett	12	P	3	Marchant Young	12	INF	25	Zach Mize	12	2B/P	3	Tyler Shiflett	11	IF
16	Drew Davis	12	C/P	4	Lott Gwin	11	P/OF	Cartersville Purple Hurricanes				4	Nicholas Cancelliere	11	C
17	Jordan Hovater	11	INF	5	Anthony Sherlag	12	C	Head Coach: Stuart Chester				5	Grant Haley	11	OF
19	Austin Krzeminski	10	OF/P	6	Parker Mathes	11	INF	1	Clifton Dempsey	11	2B/SS	7	Mitch Stallings	11	P
21	Mitchell Benson	11	INF	7	Michael Toner	11	OF/P	2	Daniel Nally	12	OF	10	Sean Reagan	12	IF
23	Devin Browning	12	C/P	8	Chandler Follis	11	P	3	Alex Chastain	12	2B	11	Mitchell Marino	12	OF
20	Colin McCaulley	11	INF	9	Matt McGee	11	INF	4	Beau Benefield	12	OF	12	Conrad Kinzey	12	P/IF
Class AAAAA				10	Rey Pascual	10	C	5	Brandon Wells	12	3B	13	Pearce Howell	12	P
Pope Greyhounds				11	Patrick Anhut	12	INF	6	Garrett Rutledge	11	INF/P	14	Willie Candler	10	P/OF
Head Coach: Jeff Rowland				12	Matt Perez	11	OF	7	Ty Fowler	12	C/P	15	Robbie Baker	12	P
2	Michael Chiara	11	INF	13	Jordan Baker	11	P/OF	8	Lathem Postell	12	P	16	Drew Williams	11	P/IF
4	Harrison Siegal	11	INF	14	Patrick Sullivan	10	INF	11	Mark Quattlebaum	11	OF	17	Robert Winborne	10	IF
5	Stephen Skruck	11	C/P	15	Jackson Armstrong	12	OF	12	JoJo Underwood	12	INF/P	20	Jackson Lourie	12	IF
6	Brett H. Lyle	11	P/INF	18	John Simoneaux	11	C	13	Tripp Jamieson	12	1B	21	Nick Boden	12	OF
8	Carl Williams	11	P/OF	19	Nick Carrier	12	INF	14	Hayes Linn	12	OF/P	22	Aaron Schunk	9	P/IF
10	Chip Mattiford	11	P	20	Chris McGrath	11	P	15	Connor Justus	12	SS/P	24	Brant Wells	12	C
11	Logan Taylor	11	P/OF	21	Sean Guenther	11	P					30	Will Geraghty	10	P/IF
												32	Clay DeYonker	11	P/IF



# BASEBALL HOTBED



## MLB standouts have Georgia on their mind

By Fletcher Proctor



Ever since Ty Cobb strapped on the spikes and stepped into the batter's box, the state of Georgia has produced some of Major League Baseball's best talent. Players such as Wally Joyner, Ray Knight, Jackie Robinson, Rondell White and Kevin Brown were all born in Georgia and many current Major League players once suited up for GHSA action.

### FIRST-ROUND TALENTS ...

When the Montreal Expos selected Michael Barrett out of Pace Academy with the No. 28 pick in the first round of the 1995 draft, the National League East Division power was selecting one of the most decorated players to come from the Peach State in years. As a shortstop for the Knights, Barrett led Pace to three straight GHSA Class A titles before winning the 1995 Georgia Gatorade Player of the Year Award. He was shifted from shortstop to catcher in an attempt to help him reach the parent club quicker, and on Sept. 19, 1998, Barrett drilled a home run in his first game. The Atlanta native played for four teams during his career and won the 2005 Silver Slugger award as the National League's best-hitting catcher. He also played for Team USA in

the 2006 World Baseball Classic.

While Barrett won three rings during his time at Pace Academy, he had a decision to make after high school: Clemson or the MLB? Barrett ultimately chose the allure of Major League Baseball, and Clemson would again feel the sting several years later when another Peach State product chose the route of professional baseball over ACC life.

Parkview's Jeff Francoeur led the Panthers to back-to-back Class AAAAA titles in 2001 and 2002, as well as three football state championships. Before being selected No. 23 overall by the Atlanta Braves, Francoeur impressed scouts with his .433 average, 55 home runs and 164 RBIs. His high school home run clips on YouTube are the stuff of legends and those around the Parkview program still get chills talking about the 2002 Georgia Gatorade Player of the Year. Francoeur debuted with the Atlanta Braves in 2005 and homered in his first game. He was also a stud in the field, capturing the 2007 Rawlings Gold Glove award. Since leaving Atlanta in a trade, Francoeur has played for the Mets, Rangers and Royals.

Many around the state of Georgia recognize the name Gordon Beckham as the player

who led the University of Georgia to within just a few innings of a College World Series title, but Westminster Wildcats fans know Beckham as a two-sport star who held several football records and who is now in the school's hall of fame. Beckham started on the Westminster varsity at shortstop as a freshman and eventually earned All-State honors. He also won SEC Player of the Year honors at UGA in 2008 after twice leading the Bulldogs to the College World Series. His 53 career home runs are the most in Bulldogs' history. He made his Major League debut with the Chicago White Sox less than one year after he was taken No. 8 overall in the 2008 draft. Beckham was named the 2009 American League Rookie of the Year by the Sporting News and the MLBPA.

### BUSTING BIG ...

Buster Posey never led Lee County to a GHSA state title, but he has seemingly won everything under the sun since. Posey was a pitcher and shortstop for Lee County, setting the school record for batting average (.544) as a junior. Over his final two seasons, Posey was 22-1 with a 1.06 ERA his senior season to go with 108 strikeouts. He also clubbed 14 home runs and drove in 40 RBIs his senior year.

Posey's huge 2005 was rewarded with the Georgia Gatorade Player of the Year award as well as the Louisville Slugger State Player of the Year award and EA Sports and Baseball America All-American recognition. While at Florida State, Posey picked up the Johnny Bench Award, the Collegiate Baseball Player of the Year award, the Dick Howser Trophy and the 2008 Golden Spike Award. The Giants took Posey with the No. 5 pick in the 2008 draft, and Posey would win the 2010 Rookie of the Year award, the 2012 NL MVP, the 2012 NL Hank Aaron Award, the 2012 Silver Slugger and the 2012 NL Comeback Player of the Year Award. He has also won a pair of World Series titles with the Giants.

Corey Patterson is a name that folks may recognize from his time with the Cubs, Orioles, Reds, Nationals and Brewers, but the Harrison star led the Hoyas to the 1998 Class AAAA state title with a dominating senior year. Patterson was impressive with a .528 average to go with 22 home runs, 61 RBIs, 38 stolen bases and 81 runs in 38 games. The Georgia Gatorade Player of the Year was also named to the Baseball America and USA Today first-team All-America teams. Patterson also took home the USA Baseball Amateur Player of the Year and Baseball Coaches Association co-national high school player of

the year awards. The Cubs were impressed enough to select him No. 3 overall in the 1998 draft. He also won a World Series ring with the Cardinals in 2011.

### OLYMPIC DREAMS ...

Dexter Fowler may be one of few Georgia baseball standouts to boast a GHSA state championship and an Olympic medal on their resumes. Fowler helped Milton to the 2004 Class AAAAA state title, and in the same year, was named Georgia Gatorade Player of the Year. Fowler then turned down both Miami and Harvard after the Colorado Rockies selected him in the 2004 draft. After spending time in the minor leagues, Fowler was selected to the 2008 U.S. Olympic team that earned a bronze medal in Beijing. He made his debut with the Rockies later that season.

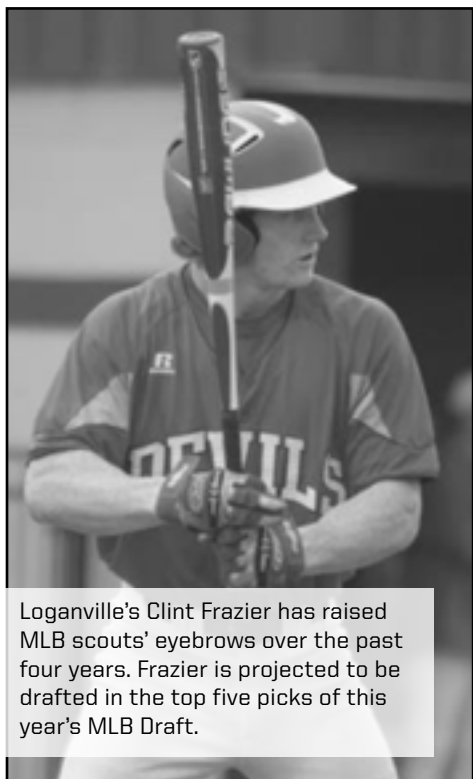
Other names that have experienced success on the GHSA diamonds as well as the MLB diamonds include Adam Wainwright (Glynn Academy), Macay McBride (Screven County) and the Sprayberry tandem of Marlon Byrd and Kris Benson.

Benson was named Gatorade Player of the Year in 1993 as Sprayberry reached the GHSA championship series. He attended Clemson University from 1993-1996, and led the Tigers to the 1996 College World Series. He picked up multiple amateur awards that season as well as a bronze medal in the 1996 Olympic Games before being selected No. 1 overall in the 1996 draft. Byrd, meanwhile, would help Sprayberry win the 1995 Class AAAA title before heading off to Georgia Tech.

### COMING SOON ...

One final name that will soon hit it big is the Mets' Zack Wheeler, who attended East Paulding. Many baseball experts consider Wheeler to be the best pitching prospect in the minor leagues after being selected No. 6 overall in the 2009 draft by the San Francisco Giants. Wheeler was 95-36 in four years for East Paulding, including going 17-3 in his final two seasons. Wheeler struck out 127 batters his junior year while pitching 64.1 innings, only to better than with 151 strikeouts in 77.2 innings his senior season. His 9-0 record and 0.54 ERA for East Paulding his senior season helped him earn the Georgia Gatorade Player of the Year award. He has twice been a participant in the All-Star Futures Game and could make his Major League debut later this year.

*Photo of Buster Posey courtesy of the San Francisco Giants. Proctor can be reached at [fproctor@scoreatl.com](mailto:fproctor@scoreatl.com).*



Loganville's Clint Frazier has raised MLB scouts' eyebrows over the past four years. Frazier is projected to be drafted in the top five picks of this year's MLB Draft.



Like Frazier, Grayson's Austin Meadows is a projected top-five pick. Meadows, an outfield prospect, batted over .500 this year.



Lucas Sims of Brookwood was the Braves' first-round pick in the 2012 draft. Sims pitched the Broncos to the state championship series last season.



Parkview's Matt Olson led the Panthers to last season's state championship before being drafted by Oakland in the first round of the 2012 draft.



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<b>Benedictine</b> 2 Region 2 - Team 1 9-3, 12-4 <b>Screven Co.</b> 0 Region 3 - Team 4 <b>Thomasville</b> 2 Region 1 - Team 2 10-11, 8-3, 6-2 <b>Crawford Co.</b> 1 Region 4 - Team 3 <b>Jefferson</b> 2 Region 8 - Team 1 10-3, 13-1 <b>Heard Co.</b> 0 Region 5 - Team 4 8-7, 3-6, 9-4 Thursday 5:00pm <b>Coota</b> 0 Region 7 - Team 2 7-0, 3-0 <b>Wesleyan</b> 2 Region 6 - Team 3	<b>Benedictine</b> 2 H <b>Thomasville</b> 0 2-4, 7-2, 16-3 Game 3 Thurs 1:00pm <b>Jefferson</b> 1 H <b>Wesleyan</b> 2 3-7, 9-0, 4-3 <b>Wesleyan</b> 0 1-7, 3-2, 9-2 <b>Lovett</b>	<b>Benedictine</b> 1 H <b>Wesleyan</b> 0 <b>Lovett</b>	<b>Westminster</b> 1-0, 5-1 H <b>Westminster</b> 2 <b>Westminster</b>	<b>Westminster</b> 2 <b>Westminster</b>	<b>Westminster</b> 2 <b>Westminster</b>	<b>Westminster</b> 2 <b>Westminster</b>	<b>Westminster</b> 2 <b>Westminster</b>	<b>Berrien</b> 2 Region 1 - Team 1 9-0, 15-2 <b>Putnam Co.</b> 0 Region 4 - Team 4 <b>Jeff Davis</b> 2 Region 2 - Team 2 6-9, 5-0, 15-2 <b>Harlem</b> 0 Region 3 - Team 3 <b>Pepperell</b> 2 Region 7 - Team 1 1-6, 4-3, 2-0 <b>GACS</b> 1 Region 6 - Team 4 <b>Union Co.</b> 2 Region 8 - Team 2 7-1, 2-5, 8-1 <b>Bowdon</b> 1 Region 5 - Team 3
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