

Hammer on IHSBCA all-state 1st team

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Alex Hayden capped a brilliant season for the Kennedy High School baseball team Thursday by being named to the 2012 All-State "Super Team" by the Iowa High school Baseball Coaches Association.

Eleven Metro players were selected for the all-state teams by the IHSBCA, a testament to the talent in the Metro area this year.

Hayden was named as a utility player on the "Super Team," an elite unit that honors the top 15 players in the state, regardless of classification. He compiled an 11-2 record on the mound with a 0.99 ERA, hit .386 with 28 RBIs and excelled at second base.

Cody Bell of Kennedy, Josh Jahlas of Kennedy, Jason Velvick of Prairie, Brennan Hammer of Prairie and Jake Stolley of Linn-Mar were named first team all-state in Class 4A.

Bell hit .466 this season with five homers and 45 RBIs and was selected as a first baseman. Jahlas hit .451 with 57 runs scored and 38 RBIs. He was named as an outfielder.

Velvick was picked as one of the outfielders after hitting .439 with two homers and 24 RBIs. Hammer made the squad as a utility player after excelling on the mound and at the plate. He hit .348 with 25 RBIs and compiled a 7-1 record with a 2.76 ERA. He struck out 63 batters in 45 2/3 innings.

Stolley was named a first team all-state pitcher after going 7-2 with a 1.48 ERA. He fanned 89 batters in 61 1/3 innings.

Adam Lloyd of Kennedy, Chico Lizarraga of Kennedy, Nate Greve of Linn-Mar, Chance Tiedtke of Jefferson and Brayton Carlson of Prairie were named second team all-state in Class 4A.

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Lloyd was selected as a pitcher after going 9-2 with a 2.71 ERA. Lizarraga hit .311 for the Cougars with 26 RBIs and established himself as one of the top defensive catchers in the state.

Greve made second team all-state as a utility player. He hit .388 and compiled a 7-3 record on the mound with a 2.12 ERA. He fanned 83 batters in 43 innings.

Tiedtke made the club as an outfielder after hitting .445 with two homers and 34 RBIs. Carlson was named at second base after hitting .355 with five homers and 39 RBIs.

Hayden, Bell, Jahlas, Lloyd, Lizarraga, Stolley, Tiedtke, Velvick and Carlson graduated this year. Greve and Hammer made the club as juniors.

Calvin Mathews, a pitcher for Davis County, was named the Player of the Year.

For the full IHSBCA all-state teams, go to www.iowahsbca.net.