

Baseball season ends with all-star bash

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The 1998 high school baseball season was one of the best in recent history for area schools, and the players responsible for that will get one final chance to show their stuff this weekend.

The second annual Houston Area High School All-Star Baseball Games will be held today and Saturday at the University of Houston's Cougar Field, and the rosters are loaded with talented seniors.

The Houston Area Baseball

At a glance

■ **What:** Houston Area High School All-Star Baseball Games.

■ **Where:** UH's Cougar Field.

■ **Timetable:** Northeast vs. Southwest, 7 p.m. today; North vs. South 4A game, 4 p.m. Saturday; Northwest vs. Southeast, 7 p.m. Saturday.

■ **Tickets:** \$3 per person at the gate.

Coaches Association, which organizes the event, split the area into four teams (Northeast, Northwest, Southeast, Southwest) for Class 5A players and a North and South team for 4A players and lower classifications.

Players were nominated by their coaches and then went through a screening committee of regional directors and all-star coaches.

"It's a great honor for these kids to be chosen because they were chosen by the Houston-area coaches," said Langham Creek coach Armando Seden, president of the HABCA.

In addition to the games, a free combine for all graduating seniors and invited juniors will be held at 9

All-star rosters

Northeast

Ty Garner, 2B, Kingwood; Kyle Humphreys, 3B, Spring; Brandon Natale, C, The Woodlands; Joey Baggett, OF, Baytown Lee; Lou Ferrell, 2B, Conroe; Billy Green, OF, Spring; Patrick Beale, 3B, Conroe; Brad Hanson, 1B, Nimitz; Clint House, OF, Conroe; Bryan Sneed, OF, Westfield; Matt Drosjack, P, The Woodlands; Derek Ross, SS, North Shore; Mike Bell, P, Spring; Carl Makowsky, P, Conroe.

Coaches: Kenny Humphreys, Spring; Rick Lynch, Westfield.

Northwest

Erik Martin, C, Katy; Thomas Allee, P, Stratford; Blake Davis, OF, Klein Oak; Jerrod McQuain, C/OF, Klein Oak; Matt Orton, 2B, Tomball; Nolan Leinweber, SS, Klein; **Mark Saccomanno, SS**, Klein Forest; Brad Congdon, 1B, Klein; Jesus Rodriguez, 3B, Klein Forest; Tony Caridi, C, Klein; Alan Mitchell, P, Taylor; Neal Stephenson, OF, Spring Woods; Tony Palazzolo, 1B, Spring Woods; J.P. Mitchell, OF, Jersey Village; Jason Swanson, P, Katy; Trey Stephens, P/OF, Cy-Fair; Gary Jackson, 2B, Klein.

Coaches: Mike Maddox, Jersey Village; Charlie Maiorana, Spring Woods.

Southeast

Ryan Lambeth, 1B, Clear Creek; Jed Morris, C, Clear Lake; Nick Landford, OF, Galveston Ball; Derek Clifton, P, Clear Creek; A.J. Porfiro, OF, Clear Lake; Trent Jones, OF, Brazoswood; Travis Syfert, P, Clear Creek; Jeramie Hale, OF, Deer Park; Chris McCreery, OF, Clear Creek; James Jurries, 3B, Brazoswood; Jason Salais, P, Milby; Aaron Schroeder, SS, Deer Park; Michael Hanks, P, La Porte; Nathan Mitchell, P, Dobie; Jon Switzer, P, Clear Lake; Eric Arnold, SS, La Porte; Matt Dischler, C, Sam Rayburn.

Coaches: Jim Mallory, Clear Creek; David Pierce, Dobie.

Southwest

Eddie Lang, OF, Lamar; Ryan Gauthier, P, Dulles; Hunter Brown, SS, Lamar; Tim Petru, 3B, Westbury; Mike Bennett, P, Kempner; Myron Johnson, C, Elkins; Troy Holt, 2B, FB Austin; Scott Huffman, 1B, Elkins; Ryan Wilkins, SS, Elsik; Nick Waligura, OF, FB Austin; Keith Thomas, OF, Kempner; Mitch Gore, 3B, Elsik; Chris Sheffield, P, FB Austin; Kevin Lawson, P, Elkins; Rod Williams, OF, Sharpstown; **Nick Martin, P**, Lamar; Jason Slanina, P, Elkins; Nick Jones, 1B, FB Austin; Chris Inman, C, Lee.

Coaches: Herb Espinosa, Clements; Robert Copley, Elsik.

4A North

Scott Burre, SS, Montgomery; Mike Barlow, P, Oak Ridge; Melvin Toliver, P, Forest Brook; Brett Jasper, 2B, Oak Ridge; Steve Rowe, P, Strake Jesuit; David Anderson, 3B, Barbers Hill; Daniel Trevino, C, Waltrip; John Goodwin, SS, Liberty; **Adam Dunn, P**, New Caney; Gary Fruge, C, Channelview; Dwayne Gilbert, OF, Huffman; Mike Ling, 1B, Channelview; Chad Boyd, P, Montgomery; Aaron Gooch, OF, Montgomery; Mike Dizano, OF, Oak Ridge; Coy Killion, 2B, Crosby; Chad Armstrong, 3B, Oak Ridge; John Dean, OF, Magnolia.

Coaches: Clint Heard, Montgomery; Clanton Vaughan, Crosby.

4A South

Robby Bozeman, P, Sealy; **Kyle White, OF**, Wharton; Clint deGroot, OF, Santa Fe; Michael Martin, 2B, Dickinson; Chris Pulido, 2B, Brazosport; Crance Clemons, OF, Clear Brook; Ryan Pavlu, P/SS, Dickinson; Kevin Kersh, C, Sealy; Josh Gregory, OF, Clear Brook; John Witherspoon, OF, Texas City; Cory Scarborough, SS, Sweeny; Ryan Reed, P, Wharton; Tim Bradley, P, Santa Fe; Mike Prahm, C, Clear Brook; Mark Austin, 1B, Sweeny; Ryan Naquin, P, Sweeny; Blaine Cunningham, 3B, Sweeny.

Coaches: Floyd Ciruti, Wharton; Melvin Loesch, Sweeny.

a.m. today (8 a.m. registration).

The first game is scheduled for 7 tonight when the Northeast meets the Southwest. The 4A game pitting North vs. South will be held Saturday at 4 p.m. and will be followed by the final 5A game, Northwest vs. South-

east at 7 p.m.

The HABCA will be honoring former UH coach Bragg Stockton and Rice coach Wayne Graham before tonight's game.

Tickets are \$3 at the gate.