

Champs highlight H-DN All-County selections

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Four starting pitchers and a shortstop/ace highlighted the 2008 Humboldt-Del Norte All County Baseball and Softball selections.

Eureka's Ryan Stearns came away with the Big 5 baseball MVP honor while Del Norte's Alyssa Bergquist took the conferences' softball MVP award.

St. Bernard's Andrew Ayers took the Little 4's top award as MVP while Hoopa's Chenone Blake and Ferndale's Mishka Bessingpas-Hamor were selected as the conferences' softball MVP.

It wasn't surprising to see the majority of all-county selections go in favor of conference champions.

Big 5 conference baseball and softball champions Eureka (Stearns, Jimmee Jesse, Justin Hatch, Chris Gutierrez and Brandon Vitale) and Del Norte (Bergquist, Paula Rhodes, Jessica Morrow, Katie Rinkevicz and Lauryn Lesina) each had five all-county selections.

The Loggers also had five honorable mention athletes (Jordan Davis, Randy Olsen, Jared Towns, Matt Burwell and Matt Russell) while the Lady Warriors added a pair (Jennifer Gustafson and Michelle Stacey).

Over in the Little 4, baseball champs St. Bernard's had five (Ayers, Matt Landing Jose Geneviro, Eli Adams and David Del Grande). Softball co-

champions Hoopa (Blake, Naomi Ammes, Jessica Ammon and Patiesha Ferris) and Ferndale (Bessingpas-Hamor, Sarah Albers, Brianne Miller, and Jodi Grinsell) had four all-county athletes.

The Crusaders added three more players in the honorable mention portion in Cody Johnson, Lane Stapp and Josh Black. Hoopa added a trio in Chelisa Hostler, Shalissa Jackson and LaShone Reed while the Lady Wildcats Becca Robison and Macy Renner were honorable mentions.

Arcata had three baseball all-county selections in D.J. Hancock, Conor Byrne, Mitch Provolt. Del Norte's Evan O'Brien and Chad Freeman were also selected and McKinleyville's Sam Rotwein and Fortuna's Bryce Head rounded out the list.

Following St. Bernard's in the Little 4 baseball all-county selections was Ferndale with three: Ross Sutton, Jake Morris and Kyle Miranda. Hoopa added a pair in Lonnie Risling and Nolan Colegrove while South Fork's Jake Morris rounded out the selections.

In the softball portion of the all-county selections Arcata followed Del Norte with a trio of players: Chelsea Lindstrom, Christina Casarez and Rebekah Matteri. Eureka added a pair in Amanda Wendlandt and Sara Pricer while Fortuna's Felicia Ambrosini and Mariah Lindgren rounded out the list.

Over in the Little 4, St. Bernard's featured Brittany Borges and Kaitlyn Swihart while South Fork's Larissa Harrison and Kelsey Stillwell rounded out the selections.

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All-County Selections

H-DN Baseball/Softball 2008

Big 5 Boys Baseball Little 4 Boys Baseball

Ryan Stearns (Eureka)-MVP Andrew Ayers (St. Bernards)-MVP

Jimmee Jessee (Eureka) Matt Landing (St. Bernards)

Justin Hatch (Eureka) Josh Geneviro (St. Bernards)

Chris Guterrez (Eureka) Eli Adams (St. Bernards)

Brandon Vitale (Eureka) David Del Grande (St. Bernards)

DJ Hancock (Arcata) Ross Sutton (Ferndale)

Conor Byrne (Arcata) Jake Morris (Ferndale)

Mitch Provolt (Arcata) Kyle Miranda (Ferndale)

Evan O'Brien (Del Norte) Lonnie Risling (Hoopa)

Chad Freeman (Del Norte) Nolan Colegrove (Hoopa)

Sam Rotwein (McKinleyville) Jared Morris (South Fork)

Bryce Head (Fortuna)

Big 5 Girls Softball Little 4 Girls Softball

Alyssa Bergquist (Del Norte)-MVP Chenone Blake (Hoopa)-co-MVP

Paula Rhodes (Del Norte) Naomi Ames (Hoopa)

Jessica Morrow (Del Norte) Jessica Ammon (Hoopa)

Katie Rinkevicz (Del Norte) Patiesha Ferris (Hoopa)

Lauryn Lesina (Del Norte) Sarah Albers (Ferndale)

Chelsea Lindstrom (Arcata) Brianne Miller (Ferndale)

Christina Casarez (Arcata) Jodi Grinsell (Ferndale)

Rebekah Matteri (Arcata) Mishka Bessingpas-Hamor (Fern.)-co-MVP

Amanda Wendlandt (Eureka) Brittany Borges (St. Bernard)

Sara Pricer (Arcata) Kaitlyn Swihart (St. Bernard)

Felicia Ambrosini (Fortuna) Larissa Harrison (South Fork)

Mariah Lindgren (McKinleyville) Kelsey Stillwell (South Fork)

Honorable Mention

Big 5 Boys Baseball Little 4 Boys Baseball

Jordan Davis (Eureka) Cody Johnsen (St. Bernards)

Randy Olsen (Eureka) Lane Stapp (St. Bernards)

Jared Towns (Eureka) Josh Black (St. Bernards)

Matt Burwell (Eureka) Chase Brodt (Ferndale)

Matt Russell (Eureka) Andrew Matyshock (Ferndale)

Brandon Richards (Arcata) Kyle Matyshock (Ferndale)

Derek Stone (Arcata) Matt Pedrotti (Ferndale)

Alex Cunha (Arcata) Quentin Matilton (Hoopa)

Nick Nova (Arcata) Trevor Avery (Hoopa)

Tyler Davis (Del Norte) Junior Davis (Hoopa)

Michael Young (Del Norte) Chris Oxenham (Hoopa)

Kyrie Slade (Fortuna)

Tyler Travis (Del Norte)

Keely Baird (Fortuna)

Joey Yeoman (Del Norte)

Kaila Johnson (McKinleyville)

Michael Stroup (Del Norte)

Kelly Perkins (McKinleyville)

John Stull (McKinleyville)

Cody Hay (McKinleyville)

Matt Perkins (McKinleyville)

Charlie Hansen (Fortuna)

Jared Jimenez (Fortuna)

Ruben Rios (Fortuna)

Big 5 Girls Softball Little 4 Girls Softball

Jennifer Gustafson (Del Norte) Chelisa Hostler
(Hoopa)

Michelle Stacey (Del Norte) Shalissa Jackson (Hoopa)

Amelia Gray (Arcata) LaShone Reed (Hoopa)

Kendra McKinney (Arcata) Becca Robison (Ferndale)

Jessica Latham (Eureka) Macy Renner (Ferndale)

Bree Moore (Eureka) Tawnya Reed (St. Bernard)

Sarah Visser (Eureka) Alyson Bonomini (St. Bernard))

Kristen Pinto (Eureka) Robin Agness (St. Bernard)

Maggie Wells (Fortuna) Chelsea Harrison (South
Fork)