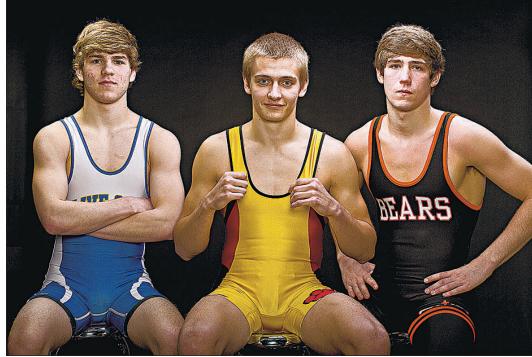
2013 ALL-METRO WRESTLING TEAM

Outstanding wrestlers



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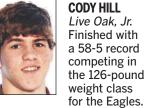
From left: Cody Hill, Live Oak High; Trevor Schermer, Brusly High; and Brandon Luckett, Catholic High.

Division I

BRANDON LUCKETT Catholic, Sr. Compiled a record of 52-3 for the Bears, winning his third city title

and second Division I title while competing in the 160-pound weight class. Finished with a career record of 147-23, claiming Metro honors for a third time.

Division II



Won city title and claimed a Metro team berth for the second straight season. Also has a career record of 166-22.

Division III

Coaches of the Year

Division I



TOMMY PROCHASKA

Catholic Led the Bears to their 11th straight city title, a 19-2 dual meet record and a third-place finish in Division I. His Catholic teams have recorded six top three state finishes in eight

Division II



BILL BOFINGER

years.

Baton Rouge High Coached a young Bulldogs team to an impressive eighth-place city finish in his first season at the Division II school.

First team





GRANT GODSO Redemptorist 145 pounds, Sr.





Zachary executes plan, beats Central

BY FRED ALDRICH Special to The Advocate

ZACHARY – Zachary High School didn't have much power to its offense, but the Broncos had enough aggressiveness, execution and pitching to defeat Central 8-2 in the District 4-5A baseball opener for both teams Thursday night.

Central (8-16, 0-1) had a good second inning when they cut a 3-0 lead to 3-2, but from then on Zachary starter Trent

ter and better," Zachary coach Jesse Cassard said. "He lost some tough games against some tough guys. He gets better each time, and we keep preaching that he'll pitch his best in the playoffs."

Zachary (17-8, 1-0) picked up keep the inning alive.

on a hit by Kyle Vince, and man, and a fielder's choice

PREP BASEBALL

"Offensively, we've been preaching to score one run an inning, whether it's a suicide squeeze or stealing home or a base hit with two outs."

JESSE CASSARD, Zachary coach

Vince came around to score on a balk and a wild pitch.

"If we make that play, it the inning going.

Central cut into the lead in the next half inning, scoring two runs on a double by Chris Chambliss, singles by Travis Stevens and Thomas Eddle-

ground ball by Mason Gautreaux.

Zachary added two more runs in the fourth, the second run coming on a steal of home by Stephen Babin.

The Broncos loaded the bases again and tried unsuccessfully to squeeze in another run, but Fondren got Andre Weber to pop up after Weber's shot down the left-field line was barely foul.

Weber got a measure of revenge in the sixth when he hit an RBI triple off the third Central pitcher, Brett Courville, and scored on a groundout by McHugh.

"If we could take out the second inning, I thought we played a pretty clean game," Cassard said. "Offensively, we've been preaching to score one run an inning, whether it's a suicide squeeze or stealing home or a base hit with two outs.

"Each inning we scored in tonight there was some kind of execution we work on.'

Vince led the Broncos with three hits in four at-bats, scoring two runs and driving in another.

Thomas Eddleman went 2-for-3 for Central and drove in a run. Chambliss had a double and scored a run for the Wildcats.

St. John-Plaquemine edges ACHS for 9-1A softball title

BY MARK CLEMENTS

Special to The Advocate

PLAOUEMINE – The deciding factor in Thursday night's duel between Ascension Catholic and St. John-Plaquemine — a game between top-10 teams battling for the District 9-1A softball championship wasn't who made the most plays, but rather which team made the fewest mistakes.

And in the end, an errant throw on a putout to first base allowed St. John (19-9) to score the game-winning run in the bottom of the eighth inning and come away with a 3-2 victory as well as the district title from defending champions Ascension Catholic (19-5).

"Winning a district championship is what you start off with," St. John coach Oliver

"You always want to finish on a high note. We are really excited about that. I think we're at a good place. I'm really proud of the way they fought."

OLIVER CROCKETT, St. John coach

Aimee Prejeant but popped past the first baseman.

Prejeant scrambled to recover the loose ball as Blanchard hustled around the bases. Blanchard rounded third and slid into home just before Prejeant's throw made it to the plate, giving St. John the extrainning win.

its lead in the top of the third on an RBI double from Maggie Blanchard, who scored Jeanne Zeringue from second.

St. John tied the game with a two-out rally in the third. Weaver led off the inning with a single up the middle and made it to second on an overthrown pickoff attempt at first base. After a strikeout and a flyout, the next three Eagles reached base, including back-to-back RBI singles from Shelbi Strickland and Jessie Brown.

The game stayed tied at 2 for the next 3¹/₂ innings, with both teams failing to capitalize on opportunities in the later innings

"We ran ourselves out of a couple opportunities, then we gave them a few opportunities "That was an effort play, too, either by walks or by eris a good team. I know they're ranked ninth in the power rankings or whatever, but they're definitely one of the best teams in the state. Hats off to them and hats off to our girls for the way they played, too." The win not only gives St. John the district crown, but also guarantees the Eagles a spot in the playoffs and extends their winning streak to 10 games. You always want to finish Malancon made it to third on a high note," Crockett said. "We are really excited about that. I think we're at a good place. I'm really proud of the way they fought.'



Compiled a

30-11 record,

a city title and

finished third

in Division I.





TREVOR

SCHERMER

Panthers win Division III state title. Won a third straight Division III individual title, also was a city champion and has a career record of 126-26.

Crowder was in control, allowing only one more hit in four innings and facing only three batters over the minimum. 'Trent has been getting bet-

three unearned runs with two outs in the first inning. Central starter Preston Fondren walked Gabe Hannum to open the game, then got two quick outs before Micah McHugh hit a ground ball to third that Travis Stevens mishandled to

Hannum and Stevens scored

changes the complexion of the game, but it was a tough hop and you have to give their hitters credit," Central coach Mike Forbes said. "They kept

"Their pitcher pitched real well, and we were pounding balls in the dirt. We're not a team that's going to lay down," Forbes said. "We've just got to figure a way to get on top of that won and lost column."

JIMMY BIBLE

Had a Panthers team that

placed second at city before going on to win its ninth state title in 10 years in Division III.

Assistant Coach of the Year

SHERIDAN MORAN Catholic

Brusly

A key contributor for the Bears during their run to the city title and a third-place Division I finish

106 pounds, Jr. Put together a 35-10 mark, won a city title and placed fourth in Division I.

MITCH NAPOLI

Catholic 113 pounds, Sr. Won a city title and placed third in Division I, compiling a 25-8 record.

PHILLIP NAUTA Catholic

Division I.



JAMES CLAITOR Catholic 138 pounds, Jr. Claimed city and Division I individual titles and compiled a 44-3 record.



Second team

106: Christopher Marson, Denham Springs, So., 21-3; 113: Jacob Bernard, East Ascension, 30-12, So., 30-12; 120: Wyatt Lejeune, Brusly, Jr., 40-15; 126: Brennan Taylor, Catholic, Jr. 36-10; 132: Matthew Mire, Catholic, So., 36-10; 138: Mike Bernard, East Ascension, Sr., 45-18; 145: Brandon Cowell, Dutchtown, So., 45-11; 152: Koby Mancuso, Brusly,

Posted a 37-4 record, won a city title and was second in

Division III.

MATTHEW

MOREAU

Catholic

170 pounds, Jr.

Compiled a

19-18 overall

claimed a city

182 pounds, Sr.

Won a city title

and also put to-

gether a 39-15

overall record.

for the Bears

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CHRISTIAN

PITTMAN

Catholic

KEVIN MORAN Catholic

152 pounds, Sr. Was a city champion and also compiled a 38-17 record for the Bears.





MYLES NASH Catholic Sr. Had a 33-11 mark, was a

220 pounds, city champion

and was a Division I runner-up.

CONOR KARWATH



Crockett said. "When you set first goals you set. Doing it at home against them is even bigger, because it is such a big rivalry. I'm really proud of the girls."

With the score knotted at 2-2, Eagles catcher Payton Passantino did her job, leading off the bottom of the eighth with a single before being replaced on the bases by speedster Alana Blanchard, who stole second base one pitch later.

Victoria Weaver, batting eighth, dribbled a ball toward third base that was scooped up by the Bulldogs' Sydni Gregoire and hummed toward first base. The throw bounced

your goals, that's one of the and sometimes those things rors," Delatte said. "(St. John) happen," Ascension Catholic coach Kirk Delatte said of the final play. "It just got away from her. Both teams made a lot of mistakes. We persevered for a good while, but then it kind of just got the best of us."

The error was one of several for both squads. The first run of the game came off an Eagles error in the second inning, after designated player Rae'Shaun Malancon singled to center for the game's first hit.

on a single from catcher Baily Amedee, and scored on an errant throw to first base. just in front of the glove of Ascension Catholic extended

Two meets in BR set for Friday

Advocate staff report

Thirteen teams are set to participate in two south Baton Rouge-based track meets Friday.

The 33rd Jostens/Episcopal Invitational features nine schools and starts at 4 p.m. with field events at Episcopal.

Meanwhile, four teams are set to compete at the Broadmoor Invitational, which begins at 3 p.m. at BHS.

The two meets are a contrast. The Episcopal meet is one of the Baton Rouge area's oldest.

Broadmoor is in its second events are set for 6 p.m.

PREP TRACK & FIELD

spring of hosting meets at its

of the top teams in the area and

feel like we did that," Episco-

pal boys coach Claney Dupl-

The Jostens/Episcopal

meet features Catholic High,

St. Joseph's Academy,

Dutchtown, Zachary, Jew-

el Sumner, West Feliciana,

E.D. White Catholic, Walker

and host Episcopal. Running

echin said.

"We were hoping to get some

refurbished track facility.

Host Broadmoor welcomes Denham Springs, Runnels and Tara for its meet, which starts with field events at 3 p.m. and moves to running events at 5:30 p.m.

BHS coach Alan Brown said his top athletes include Michael Vick (throws), Devin Reese (long jump, triple jump), Terry Mahoney (hurdles, high jump) and sprinters Henry Myers and Broderick Dellihue.

Teri Reese (jumps), Ashley Miles (sprints) and Kallie Johnson (hurdles) are expected to lead the Broadmoor girls.

Here is a schedule of high school baseball and softball games to be played Friday and Saturday in the Baton Rouge area.

Baseball

FRIDAY Edna Karr at Livonia, 4:30 p.m.

SATURDAY Northeast at Episcopal, 10 a.m. Brusly at Family Christian, 11 a.m. Ascension Christian at Maurepas, 11 a.m. White Castle at Southern Lab, 11 a.m.

PREP SCHEDULE

St. Amant at Woodlawn, 11 a.m. Westminster at False River, noon Zachary at Scotlandville, noon East Ascension at Dutchtown, 12:30 p.m. Broadmoor at Baker, 1 p.m. Live Oak at Denham Springs, 1 p.m. Catholic High at McKinley, 1 p.m. Scotlandville at Zachary, 1 p.m. Scotlandville at Zachary, 1 p.m. Notre Dame at St. Michael, 1:30 p.m. Dunham at University, 1:30 p.m. Central at Walker, 1:30 p.m. Christian Life at West Feliciana, 1:30 p.m. Redemptorist at Runnels, 2 p.m. Centerville at Silliman, 4:30 p.m.

Softball FRIDAY

St. Michael at Christian Life, 4 p.m. Baker at Northeast, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY

SATURDAY West Feliciana at Central, 11 a.m. Loranger at Episcopal, 11 a.m. Archbishop Hannan at Lutcher, 1 p.m. Dutchtown vs. McKinley, 4 p.m.

Arizona Cardinals sign CB McCann, former LSU safety Taylor

By The Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. – The Arizona Cardinals have signed corformer LSU safety Curtis Taylor to one-year contracts.

games for Miami last season. In 2011, he played in 12 games nerback Bryan McCann and with Dallas, Baltimore and Oakland.

Taylor has played in 12 Dec. 26.

McCann played in eight games for San Francisco in his career.

Taylor was on the 49ers' practice squad last postseason after signing with the team on

a fourth-place Division I finish.





a city title and

East Ascension 285 pounds, Jr. Tallied a 49-12 record,

So. 41-10; 160: Blayze Olano, Brusly, Fr., 16-12; 170:

Travis Goodman, Dutchtown, So., 20-14; 182: Donnie

Berg, St. Michael, Sr., 28-9; 195: Blake Brock, Live

Oak, Sr., 33-15; 220: Chris Wright, Zachary, Jr., 33-

16; 285: Ty Simpson, Zachary, Sr., 29-12.

Team compiled by Baton Rouge area coaches