

# Indiana High School Athletic Association

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## THIRD TIME THE CHARM FOR BROWNSBURG

After placing second each of the past two seasons, Brownsburg finally cashed in posting a 6-4 victory over Evansville North in the Class 4A state championship game at Loeb Stadium in Lafayette.

The top-ranked Bulldogs of coach Pat O♦Neil completed a perfect 35-0 campaign and became just the second baseball state champion to accomplish that feat. The last was the 1978 Evansville Memorial team that finished 30-0.

Brownsburg scored three times in the bottom of the second inning to take a 3-1 lead. Senior second baseman Cory Dragstrem♦s triple to left center brought home Nick Shipley and Sean Veza, who had singled and doubled to get on board, respectively. The next batter, Austin Nickol, then hit into a fielder♦s choice for the second out of the inning scoring Dragstrem.

The Bulldogs added single runs in each of the fourth, fifth and sixth innings to take a 6-2 lead into the seventh.

The Huskies didn♦t go quietly in the top of the seventh, however, as Evansville North put two runs on the board and had bases loaded with one out before Brownsburg turned a double play to end the game.

Veza led Brownsburg going 3-for-3 scoring three times including his ninth home run of the season ♦ a shot over the left field wall in the fourth inning. T.J. Baumet also went 2-for-3 with a score for Brownsburg.

Evansville North took a 1-0 lead in the second inning on Keith Mercer♦s double to right that scored Drew Grimm. Grimm had doubled to center to lead off. Those were two of a 4A game record four doubles by North in the game. The Huskies added another run in the fifth inning when Keith Mercer scored from third on a throwing error by the catcher.

Lance Lynn went the distance for Brownsburg striking out 12 batters and finishing 16-0 for the year on the mound.

Dan Sparrow coached Evansville North (24-7) to the runner-up finish, its second in four years.

### Drew Grimm Named Winner of L.V. Phillips Mental Attitude Award

Evansville North senior first baseman Drew Grimm in the 2005 winner of the L. V. Phillips Mental Attitude Award for Class 4A as selected by the IHSAA executive committee.

Grimm was valedictorian of his senior class of 286, earning an Academic Honors Diploma with a perfect 4.0 grade point average.♦ He is a National Honor Society student who earned his citizenship rating each semester.♦ Grimm was active in student council, class council, SADD, and Art Club.

♦Drew is an intelligent, mature, hard-working student athlete,♦ says Evansville North principal Brenda Weber.♦ ♦He sets high expectations for himself in all that he does.♦ My respect for Drew♦s athletic skills in baseball, his leadership skills, academic talent, and hard work ethic, is equaled by my regard for his personal strengths.♦ In an urban school setting, he has the ability to pull very diverse groups together to work for a common goal.♦

On the baseball field, Grimm led the Huskies to their second appearance in the state championship game in four years.♦ The first-team All-Southern Indiana Athletic Conference selection batted .474 this season with team highs of 35 runs, 37 RBI, and seven homers.♦ The versatile Grimm also played tennis for four years, he was a volunteer with Special Olympics basketball for two years, and he was a volunteer for Tri-State Food Bank for three years.

Grimm became the second Evansville North player to win the award, joining 2002 recipient Kyle Smith.

The son of Dan and Lisa Grimm, Drew will attend Indiana University and major in business.

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, the corporate partner of the IHSAA, presented a \$1,000 scholarship to Evansville North High School in the name of Drew Grimm.