

2000 IHSAA Class 2A Baseball State Finals

June 23-24, 2000

Taylor wins first IHSAA title in any sport

Ted Secrease delivered a mammoth two-run homer to left center in the top of the second inning to help Taylor to an early 3-0 lead and the Titans rolled to a 12-1 victory for their first IHSAA state championship in any sport.

The senior added a two-run triple in the top of the seventh to his performance. He finished 2 of 3 with a sacrifice fly and five RBI. The Titans collected 12 hits (four for extra bases) and stranded only one runner.

Ranked No. 1 in the final Class 2A Indiana High School Baseball Coaches Association poll, Taylor (30-4) closed the season with a 10-game winning streak and outscored its opponents 46-7 in six postseason games.

Brian Collins (7-0) went the distance for the pitching victory. The lone run yielded by Collins came in the bottom of the seventh and was unearned due to a Taylor's only error in the game. The 6-0 right-hander scattered five hits, while striking out three and walking just one.

North Montgomery finished 21-10 while making its first appearance in the IHSAA Baseball State Finals.

New Class 2A Championship Game Records

Team

Most runs (one team) – 12, by Taylor.

Widest winning margin – 11, by Taylor

Most hits – 11, by Taylor

Most hits combined – 16.

Most runs combined – 13.

Most RBI – 12, by Taylor

Most combined RBI – 13.

Most combined at-bats –54.

Most triples – 2, Taylor

Most combined triples – 2.

Class 2A Championship Game Records Tied

Team

Most runs in one inning combined – 5.

Most at-bats – 29, by Taylor.

Most home runs -- 1, by Taylor.

Most combined home runs -- 1, by Taylor.

Individual

Most RBI -- 5, Ted Secrease, Taylor.

Most hits – 2, Brandon Boles, Taylor; Joey Keck, Taylor; Dustin Rodkey, Taylor; Ted Secrease, Taylor.

Most doubles – 1, Brandon Boles, Taylor; Alex Blue, North Montgomery.

Most triples – 1, Brad Collins, Taylor; Ted Secrease, Taylor.

Most home runs – 1, Ted Secrease, Taylor.

New All-Time Championship Game Records

(Regardless of class)

Team Records

Most RBI – 12, by Taylor (old record: 10, LaPorte vs. Franklin Central, 1992).

Brian Collins of Taylor named Mental Attitude Award Recipient

Brian Collins, a senior at Taylor High School, was chosen by the IHSAA Executive Committee as the 2000 recipient of the L.V. Phillips Mental Attitude Award in Class 2A baseball.

The pitcher for the Class 2A state championship team took a .415 batting average into the state finals. He finished with a 7-0 pitching record. Collins was four-year varsity performer in soccer, football, basketball and baseball.

Academically, Collins graduated 20th in his senior class of 104 students and is a member of the National Honor Society. He plans to attend Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis and major in business management.

Farm Bureau Insurance, corporate partner of the IHSAA, presented a \$1,000 check to Taylor High School in the name of Collins.

Class 2A Box Score

Taylor (12)	AB	R	H	RBI
Brandon Boles, ss	4	2	2	1
Brian Collins, p	3	0	1	1
Kevin Griffin, ph	0	0	0	0
Michael Farmer, pr	0	1	0	0
Brad Collins, 3b	3	0	1	2
Ryan Lea, pr	0	1	0	0
Craig Denison, cf	4	1	1	0
Ryan Cook, pr	0	1	0	0
Joey Keck, c	3	2	2	1
Robbie Wooley, pr	0	1	0	0
Ted Secrease, rf	3	1	2	5
Benji Crawford, pr	0	1	0	0
Austin McClain, lf	2	1	0	0
Evan McClain, ph	0	0	0	0
Darren Sims, 1b	3	0	0	0

Dustin Rodkey, 2b	4	0	2	2
TOTALS	29	12	11	12
North Montgomery (1)	AB	R	H	RBI
Josh Bronaugh, cf	3	0	1	0
Brandon Stephens, 2b	3	0	0	0
Alex Blue, ss	3	0	1	0
Jason Reese, c	3	0	0	0
Jeremy Priest, 3b	3	1	0	0
Jason Sulc, 1b	3	0	1	0
Josh Stultz, pr	0	0	0	0
Nathan Crum, lf	2	0	1	1
Deric Sharp, rf	3	0	0	0
Brandon Lee, p	1	0	0	0
Chad Wright, p	1	0	1	0
Noah Adams, p	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	25	1	5	1

Taylor (30-4)	1	2	0	0	2	3	4	--	12	11	1
North Montgomery (21-10)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	--	1	5	3

E – Brad Collins, Priest, Sulc, Sharp. **2B** – Boles (15), Blue (15). **3B** – Collins (3), Secrease (1). **HR** – Secrease (4). **SB** – None. **WP** – Adams. **PB** – Reese. **HP** -- NONE. **DP** – Taylor 1, North Montgomery 0. **LOB** -- Taylor 4, North Montgomery 4. **SAC** – Collins (Brad), Secrease. **Umpires** — Paul Ehrman (Home Plate), Tim Sargent (First Base), Brian Voss (Second Base), Richard Gilstrap (Third Base). **Time of Game** — 1:40.

Pitching Summary	IP	R	ER	H	BB	SO
Brad Collins, Taylor (W, 7-0)	7.0	1	0	5	1	3
Brandon Lee, N. Montgomery (L, 6-3)	4.2	5	5	4	3	3
Chad Wright, N. Montgomery	1.1	6	5	5	1	1

Noah Adams, N. Montgomery	1.0	1	0	2	1	1
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Semifinals

Taylor, North Montgomery move on

Taylor and North Montgomery both advanced to their first championship game with semifinal victories in the IHSAA Class 2A State Finals on Friday at Victory Field in Indianapolis.

Taylor (29-4) scored three runs in the bottom of the third inning and went on to defeat Boone Grove, 6-1, in the first game, while North Montgomery (21-9) used a three-run fifth inning to down North Posey in the second game, 5-4.

In the third inning of game one, Taylor's Brian Collins walked to lead off and moved to second base on Brad Collins' single one batter later. After both runners advanced on an attempted pick-off play, Craig Denison then followed with a single to leftfield that scored Brian Collins leaving runners at third and first. Joey Keck then sent a sacrifice fly to left to score Brad Collins. Dennison, who advanced to third base on another attempted pick-off play, scored on Ted Secrease's sac fly to centerfield.

Taylor jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first when Brad Collins tripled scoring Brian Collins from first base.

Boone Grove tallied its only run in the top of the second inning when Taylor pitcher Brad Collins balked with the bases loaded scoring Chad Hood tying the game at 1-1.

Brad Collins and Craig Denison finished an identical 2-for-3 with a run and RBI each for Taylor. Collins (7-3) was the winning pitcher and Dan Deeb (10-2) absorbed the loss for Boone Grove, which ended its season at 28-7.

In game two, North Posey scored a run in each of the first three innings to lead 3-2.

North Montgomery then took control of the game in the top of the fifth with three runs of its own. Jason Reece's bases loaded single scored Josh Bronaugh and one batter later Jeremy Priest hit into a fielder's choice that scored Brandon Stephens. Jason Sulc then followed with a two out single that plated Alex Blue. Bonaugh and Stephens each singled to start the inning and Blue walked to set up Reece's at-bat.

Reece finished the game 4-for-4 and Sulc ended 2-for-4. North Posey's Ryan Mobley went 1-for-4 with 2 RBI.

Reece (7-0) was the winning pitcher and Nathan Esche (9-3) took the loss for North Posey, which finished 21-11.

Game 1

Boone Grove (28-7)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	--	1	3	3
Taylor (29-4)	1	0	3	1	1	0	X	--	6	6	1

Game 2

North Montgomery (21-9)	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	--	5	10	4
North Posey (21-11)	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	--	4	6	1