

Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association

Area players earn All-state recognition

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After outstanding seasons to close out their high school careers, four area baseball players were named to the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association (THSBCA) All-state teams.

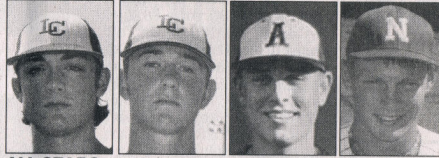
Leading the way was Lamar Consolidated's tandem of Randal Grichuk and Brady Rodgers, who were voted to the Class 4A All-state first team and third team, respectively.

Needville's Kody Neel was named to the Class 3A second

team, while Fort Bend Austin's Ryan Dalton was voted to the Class 5A third team.

Grichuk finished the season with a .539 average. He hit 21 home runs and drove in 51 runs. Rodgers went 8-2 with a 1.89 earned-run average. He struck out 108 and allowed just 13 earned runs in 62 innings pitched.

Neel led the Blue Jays in home



ALL-STARS: Earning All-state honors were, from left, Randal Grichuk, Lamar Consolidated; Brady Rodgers, Lamar Consolidated; Ryan Dalton, Austin, and Kody Neel, Needville.

runs (10), runs batted in (40), slugging percentage (.975), hits (38), doubles (7), walks (23) and runs scored (38).

weekend. Rodgers will play for the 4A-5A South team, while Neel will take the field for the 1A-2A-

Dalton hit .446 with a .940 slugging percentage, seven homers and 36 RBIs. On the mound, he was 7-2 with a 3.09 earned-run average and 85 strikeouts.

Rodgers and Neel will also be participating in the THSBCA All-star games this

3A South team.

The All-star games will be held at Dell Diamond in Round Rock. The 1A-2A-3A game is Saturday and the 4A-5A game is Sunday.

In addition, Rodgers was chosen to play for Team Texas at the 2009 Senior Sunbelt Classic, scheduled for June 21-27 in Norman, Okla.

This event brings 160 high school players from seven states and Canada. Many past participating players have made it to the college level including 129 collegiate All-Americans and 136 Major Leaguers to date.