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Brad McDonald the next Jeter?



Chad Wilson Photo

Brad McDonald posted a stellar sophomore season for the Bears batting .413 with 17 extra base hits.

Shortstops post similar sophomore seasons

By Chad Wilson
Editor

Before winning four World Series championships with the New York Yankees, shortstop Derek Jeter played his high school ball at Central High School in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He graduated with a 3.82 GPA and finished 21 in his class of 250 students.

Jeter played on the varsity baseball team for three seasons, 1990-1992, posting a high school career batting average of .481. He declined an offer to attend the University of Michigan to sign with the Yankees as they selected him in the 1992 mlb draft.

Brownsboro's Brad McDonald, a fan of Yankee third baseman Alex Rodriguez, just finished his second season on the varsity level. McDonald and Jeter each posted similar sophomore seasons at short stop.

Jeter, a right handed batter, batted .333 in sixty at bats his sophomore season while driving in 25 runs with six extra base hits. McDonald, a left handed batter, batted .413 this season in 75 at bats driving in 14 runs on 17 extra base hits.

The statistical comparison is very similar but one of the most important characteristics each shortstop shares is their leadership on the field.



Derek Jeter

Statistics Comparison

McDonald vs Jeter					
G	AB	R	H	2B	RBI
M: 24	75	24	31	15	14
J: 22	60	na	20	4	25
SB	AVG	SLG	BB		
M: 11	.413	.667	10		
J: 9	.333	NA	13		

Derek Jeter was drafted in 1992 by the New York Yankees. He played varsity baseball for three years in high school.

Brownsboro head coach Joe Fleming said McDonald is a "student of the game" and is always thinking baseball. McDonald has learned at a young age, 16, how to read the ball off the bat, something Fleming said is key to his ability to get to balls most short stops would not.

The coaches of District 14-3A agree that McDonald is a top-notch short stop. Coaches named McDonald the All-District First Team short stop with a unanimous vote. McDonald was named to the second team last season after taking over at short.

While Jeter may not lead the league in most offensive categories he is the captain of the Yankees. His display of on-field leadership is something that makes the shortstop an annual all-star.

Both Jeter and McDonald display a strong arm at short. McDonald has seen playing time as a pitcher in each of the last two seasons.

McDonald is 5'10" while Jeter was drafted at 6'3", 175lbs. If McDonald continues to grow he could be a serious college prospect. Coach Fleming believes that McDonald could play college baseball now, but that a few extra pounds and an increase in height could

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Randi Smith

All-District team announced

By Chad Wilson
Editor

Two Brownsboro High School juniors earned a spot on the District 14-3A All-District team that was released on Monday. Bullard was knocked out of the playoffs on Saturday with a 1-0 loss to Liberty Eylau in 18 innings ending District 14-3A's representation in the playoffs.

Beurette Randi Smith was named to the first team as a shortstop along with Athens senior Staci Hankins. Smith had a season batting average of .380 and scored 14 runs.

Brownsboro's Ashley Costlow was named to the first team as an outfielder. Other first team outfielders are Shelbie Johnson of Athens, Mandy Gillard of Bullard and Jarah Wright of Chapel Hill. Costlow was the Bearettes starting centerfielder at the end of the season.

Other members of the first team include pitchers Alicia McDowell of Athens and Cindi Farrell of Canton; catchers Allison Burton of Bullard, Courtney Pinkerton of Chapel Hill and Chasity Smith of Van. First team first baseman is Brittini Vivon of Athens; second basemen are Maegan Spears of Canton and Kenzi Morton of Athens. Valarie Roberts of Bullard was named to the first team as a third baseman.

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Little league action underway

Area little league teams began play last week and will continue throughout the summer.

Natalie Wright, pictured right, hit a homerun during the first inning of the Diamonds and Flash game played at the old Brownsboro High School field.

Below, Tyler Thomison completes a two-run double by sliding into second base. The Gators (3-0) defeated the A's 11-1 to gain sole possession of first place in the BMC Freshman division. For more little league information including schedules and standings go online to leaguelineup.com/bmc or leaguelineup.com/etgs.

Additional photos from both games can be found online at www.c-bstatesman.com.



Bear Football camp coming soon

Coaches prepare for the fifth annual non-contact camp

By Chad Wilson
Editor

They have led the Varsity Bears football team for several years and now the coaches of Brownsboro High School will be holding a non-contact camp June 2-5.

For the fifth year in a row the BHS coaching staff will teach young football fans and players football fundamentals, lessons in proper conditioning and nutrition, goal setting, sportsmanship and more.

Football fundamentals taught at the camp will include stance, running, blocking and tackling techniques. Passing, ball handling, receiving, punting, kicking, defensive skills, movement and agility drills will also be taught.

Several players who will take the field during the 2008-09 football season for the varsity Bears have taken part in this camp in years past.

The Camp will begin on

Monday, June 2 and continue through Thursday, June 5. The camp begins at 9:00am and concludes at 12:30pm each day. On Friday the campers will have their picture taken to appear in *The Statesman*.



Location for the camp will be at the Track Field once again. The coaches will separate the camp into two groups to ensure proper training and teaching.

Kids entering 2nd-8th are encouraged to attend the camp. Group one will consist of kids 2nd-5th grade while group two will be 6th-8th. Included in the \$35 fee for

the camp will be a camp t-shirt, football, certificate of participation, individual awards and a Brownsboro athletics back pack.

Coach Settle stated that the last four camps have had more than 150 kids in attendance. There will be walk-up registration but it is recommended to register early by filling out the attached form. All walk-ups will be accepted.

Kids need to wear tennis shoes or football shoes to the camp, socks and a t-shirt.

Prizes will be awarded to winners of individual and team competitions.

The learning does not stop with football information as the kids attending the camp will also learn lessons in leadership, citizenship, the importance of attitude, discipline, work ethic, pride and team concept. These are the qualities of a champion.

For information contact John Settle (903)852-3811.

Bear Camp Registration Form

Student name _____
 Street/Mailing Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Home Phone _____ age _____ Grade (this fall) _____
 Parent/Guardian _____
 Daytime Phone _____ (Cell) _____

T-Shirt Size (circle one) XS S M L XL XXL

Consent Form & General Liability Waiver
 I, the undersigned parent or guardian of _____ in consideration for my child's participation in the Brownsboro High School Football Camp, under the supervision of the camp staff, will not hold the Brownsboro Independent School District, or any of the people assisting with the camp, responsible for any damages, losses, or injuries that may result from my child's participation in the camp. In making this foregoing statement, I understand that I hereby assume the risk of such a program and do so knowingly and willfully with respect for my child. I hereby grant permission for the camp staff to secure medical services for the above named child, if necessary.

 Parent's Signature - Date
 Return to John Settle, PO Box 465, Brownsboro, TX 75756