

1998 DIVISION II STATE BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

Evangelical Christian School 13, Battle Ground Academy 8

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BGA	1	0	2	0	1	4	0	8	10	3
ECS	3	0	3	3	4	0	x	13	14	3

Ben Ashworth, Tyler Sullivan (3), David Graham (5) and Matt King; Jonathan Ozier, Bill Edwards (4), Joey Collums (7) and Grant Caldwell. WP – Edwards. LP – Ashworth. 2B – BGA, Matt King; ECS, Grant Caldwell, Ryan Hays, Will Spinks. 3B – ECS, Bill Edwards. HR – BGA, Matt King; ECS, Grant Caldwell. Records – BGA 22-11; ECS 25-5.

WINCHESTER, Tenn. – Evangelical Christian won the first TSSAA Division II Baseball state championship after outslugging Battle Ground Academy 13-8 on Friday.

ECS (25-5) jumped to a 3-1 lead in the first inning on a controversial home run by Grant Caldwell. Caldwell's shot was curving down the left field line and was called fair by umpires.

Caldwell, named the tournament's most valuable player, had three hits and three RBI to improve his tournament numbers to 8-for-12 with nine runs driven in.

The state championship is the third in school history for Evangelical Christian. The Eagles earlier won titles in 1989 and 1996, both in Class AA.

BGA rallied to tie the game at 3-3 in the third inning before ECS tallied three runs in the bottom half to take the lead for good.

The Eagles secured the win with three runs in the fourth and four in the fifth.

BGA's Matt King hit a grand slam in the sixth to cut the ECS lead to five, 13-8.

Battle Ground Academy ended its season with a 22-11 record.