

## 1998 CLASS A STATE BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

**Coalfield 7, Mt. Pleasant 5, 11 innings**

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Coalfield	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7	11	1
Mt. Pleasant	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	11	1

Ricky Sexton and Josh Sheldon; Jason Finerty, Cody Goins (2), Brent Cummins and Sam Boshears. 2B - Coalfield, Brad Bryge, Brian Conlon (2); Mt. Pleasant – Alan Linsey. HR – Coalfield, Conlon, Sheldon; Mt. Pleasant – Trevor Brewer.

WINCHESTER, Tenn. – Coalfield won the first state high school championship in school history Thursday night, outlasting Mt. Pleasant, 7-5, in 11 innings to take the title in the TSSAA Division I, Class A State Baseball Tournament. Brad Heidle led off the final inning with a walk and later scored on a wild pitch to break the deadlock in the 5-5 game that had been tied since the sixth inning. Ricky Sexton added an insurance run by scoring on a sacrifice fly by Josh Wright.

Back-to-back home runs by Brian Conlon and Josh Sheldon pushed the Yellow Jackets in front 3-0 in the first inning, but; Mt. Pleasant countered with three runs of its own Conlon and Sheldon both collected three hits for the winners.

Right-hander Rickey Sexton went the entire game for the winners, scattering 11 hits and striking out 12 in the extra-inning duel that was delayed late by rain.

Mt. Pleasant's Wayne Lindsey went 3-for-6 with J.J. Pierce and Trevor Brewer each collecting two hits. Cody Goins went 8 2/3 innings for the Tigers, striking out nine.

Coalfield won its championship without suffering a loss in the double-elimination tournament, whose finals were played at Gamble Sports Complex.