

Byron, Carlson, Petri & Kalb Male Athlete Of The Month: McGivney Star Isaac Wendler Caps Standout Season With All-State Selection

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GLEN CARBON - Father McGivney Catholic High School's Isaac Wendler joined Omar Avalos as Griffins players selected to the 2026 IHSA Class 2A All-State Team, recognizing them among the team's top players.

McGivney baseball coach Chris Erwin praised Wendler's impact on the Griffins team in 2026.

Wendler is a Byron, Carlson, Petri & Kalb Male Athlete of the Month for the Griffins for his efforts on the baseball field this past spring.

"He is so intimidating at the plate and anchored our team," Coach Erwin said of Wendler's efforts in 2026.

"Wendler has been a captain and played varsity since his freshman year," the coach added. "I don't think he played a JV game in his career here. He is excellent at the plate; he always wants to hit in key situations. He has a lot of power and can hit to all parts of the park with power. He drives a lot of runs in. He is also great in the field. He helped keep our guys calm."

Wendler will continue his baseball career at the University of Illinois-Springfield. When he signed last fall, he said, "I am excited and blessed to announce my commitment to the University of Illinois-Springfield to continue my baseball career. I am so thankful for this opportunity and to everyone who helped me along the way."

This past spring, Wendler hit .444 with 52 hits and 49 RBIs, including 22 doubles and eight home runs.



