

# High school baseball: American Heritage tops Merit Prep to claim fall baseball 2A state championship

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American Heritage captured its first state championship in any sport on Saturday night in St. George.

Competing in the fall baseball 2A state tournament, the Patriots won a pair of games on Saturday beating APA West Valley in the semifinals 8-1 and then Merit Prep 8-4 in the championship game at Snow Canyon High School.

Leading 3-2 after the second inning, American Heritage broke the game open in the third inning scoring three runs as Will Chapel, Jayce Christofferson, Kapono Limon and Sam Werner all singled as seven players came to the plate.

Chapel singled again in the sixth inning, driving in a pair of runs as the Patriots added a pair of insurance runs. Chapel finished the game going 2 for 4 with two runs scored, two RBIs and two stolen bases. Christofferson, Limon and Werner also finished with a pair of hits.

American Heritage's pitchers, led by starter Limon, only allowed three hits on the day, even though Merit did reach base nine additional times by walk or hit batter. Merit couldn't string a big inning together despite the base runners as American Heritage claimed the state title.