

Three former Wilson County prep baseball standouts will be among the participants in the inaugural Middle Tennessee Senior All-Star Classic on tap Saturday at Cumberland University's Stockton Field.

Friendship Christian will be represented catcher **Drew Erie** and infielder **Kyle Wood** in the Class A vs. Class AA game. Mt. Juliet High infielder

Forrest Goodwin

will play in the Class AAA vs. Division II contest.

For event organizer Davy Cothran, the all-star event has been on his mind for quite some time.

"I've had this in my mind for a few years and when I saw Shelby County doing one I thought someone would jump on my idea and run, so I decided to take it on," said Cothran -- the head baseball coach at Trousdale County High in Hartsville.

Football does an all star game (Toyota East / West Shrine) and basketball has one, but we've never done such for senior baseball players and it's long overdue.

"There are a lot more college signees in baseball than the other sports, and that goes for the highest level of college athletics. That's one reason I did it," Cothran said.

Two nine-inning games are scheduled -- the Class A vs. Class AA at 10 a.m. followed by Class AAA vs. Division II at 1 p.m. A home run derby will follow.

The players, nominated by their high school coaches, do not pay a fee to participate. However, admission is \$10 per person -- which is good for the entire day -- including the homerun derby.

Riverdale High's Jonathan King, the Tennessee Gatorade Player of the Year, is scheduled to

CU will host Saturday's Mid-TN Senior All-Star game

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play in the Class AAA game.

“I am very grateful for Coach (Woody) Hunt stepping up and offering the use of his facilities,” Cothran said.

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