

# Butler senior leads summer club in RBIs

**Andy Baughman, who also plays on the Aviator football team, hit .380 for Crown Solutions.**

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VANDALIA — Baseball devotee Andy Baughman is busy gearing up for another football season, but his "quick change" artistry goes beyond switching uniforms.

The versatile Vandalia Butler High School senior, a 5-foot-9, 165-pound running back and defensive back for the Aviators, wasted no time getting into the grid mode and attending summer football camps once summer baseball was history.

His first love, though, is on the diamond, and he can look back on a proficient spring and summer to prepare for what he hopes will be a college career in baseball.

Baughman, picked for the recent Bob Ross All-Star Classic at Fifth Third Field, spent the summer playing with his Aviator teammates on the Crown Solutions club. Baughman led the team in RBIs with 16.

Crown coach Ryan Williamson said Baughman was one of the team's leading hitters with a hefty .380 average "and he was without a doubt the most versatile player I had. He's a five-tool player who can play almost anywhere, although I usually had him in center field.

"He's a darn good outfielder, a team leader and very athletic. He really makes up for his lack of size with plenty of hustle," said Williamson, a Butler grad who pitched at the College of Wooster.

"Andy was also our leadoff hitter and the kind of kid you enjoyed coaching — well-liked by everyone."

Baughman batted in the 6-7 hole for the Aviators in the spring and was a .362 hitter with 17 RBIs, which was second on the team.

Veteran Aviator coach Trent Dues described Baughman as "a throwback and a hustler all the way who kept our team fired up. He's a super team player."

The Neighbors Athlete of the Week, who also did some catching and pitching, spent most of his time in center field for the Aviators as well.

"I think I am best suited for the outfield and if I had a preference it would be the outfield," Baughman said. "I have to give a lot of credit to coaches Dues and Bardonaro (Jeff Bardonaro, Butler

reserve/assistant baseball coach) for my progress in baseball.

"I consider both of them excellent coaches," said Baughman, an avid hunter and fisherman who spent a great deal of the summer water skiing and boating at Lake Cumberland in Kentucky.

As far as grid camps are concerned, Baughman, whose father, Steve, also played football and baseball at Butler, said: "I attended camps at Ohio Northern, Capital and Miami (Oxford)."