

# All » Examiner Baseball

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## First team

### KEVIN BRADY GAITHERSBURG, JR., PITCHER

Lights out. Fired three no-hitters and one perfect game, going 9-0 with an 0.84 ERA. In 58 innings, Brady walked six and fanned 112. The 6-foot-3 Brady played first base when he didn't pitch and was a tough out at the plate, hitting .439 with 10 doubles, two home runs, and 28 runs batted in.



### DREW HOFFMASTER SHERWOOD, SR., PITCHER

Went 12-1 with his lone loss coming to ER in the 4A state final after developing blisters. The Catholic-bound Hoffmaster had complete game victories in the region final and state semifinals. In 78 1/3 innings, the 6-foot-4 control ace allowed 50 hits, 12 walks, and eight earned runs while fanning 69.



### JUSTIN WRIGHT FOREST PARK, SR., PITCHER

Virginia-Tech bound Wright was the staff ace for a Forest Park team that reached the Group AAA state semifinals for the first time since 2003. He was 11-0 with two saves, a 1.22 ERA and 89 strikeouts. Bruins finished 23-4, won Cardinal District title and were Northwest Region runners-up.



### KYLE HALD SOUTH COUNTY, SR., PITCHER

The Old Dominion-bound lefthander helped the Stallions (20-7) to a Group AAA state tournament berth in just the school's second year of existence. He was 7-2 with two saves and an ERA of 1.80. Opponents batted just .180 against Hald and he picked off 15 runners. Batted .429 with 39 hits and 19 RBI.



### JASON FARLEY MADISON, SR., PITCHER

A dominant lefthander, Farley lifted the Warhawks into the national rankings for much of the year. He finished with a 9-2 record and a 1.31 ERA in 62 2/3 innings. He also struck out 62 batters and walked just 10. Farley, who also batted .365, will play college baseball at the Virginia Military Institute.



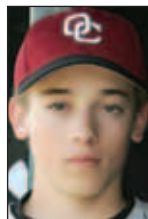
### SEAN MCCAULEY OSBOURN, SR., CATCHER

The Cedar Run District player of the year for the second year in a row. Batted .592 with 25 RBI and was 7-2 at pitcher with a 1.61 ERA. Slat-ed to attend Western Carolina, but was drafted in the 12th round by Kansas City and signed with the Royals. Now playing rookie ball in Arizona.



### KEITH WERMAN OAKTON, JUNIOR, CATCHER

One of the top defensive catchers around, Werman did not commit an error for the Northern Region champion Cougars (23-4). Just as good at the plate with a .544 average and 35 runs scored. Also stole 12 bases en route to first-team all-region and Concorde District player of the year honors.



### DANNY HULTZEN ST. ALBANS, JR., INFILDER

The 6-3 lefty went 7-1 with an 0.35 ERA. In 52 innings, Hultzen walked 12 and fanned 105. Also batted .478 with four home runs and 30 RBI. In the IAC tournament final, Hultzen was the winning pitcher and drove in four runs with a homer and a double in a win over GT Prep. Recently committed to Virginia.



### A.J. JOHNSON ROBINSON, SR., INFILDER

Batted .322 with five home runs and 21 RBI for the Rams, who finished 14-10, but won the Concorde District championship. Johnson was primarily known for his exploits on the mound, however. There he was 8-1 with an ERA of 1.15. Also notched two saves. Will play baseball for George Washington next year.



### BRIAN SMITH MADISON, SR., INFILDER

The Liberty District player of the year. Smith batted .481 with 24 RBI for the Warhawks (21-3), who won the district championship for the fifth time in six years and reached the Northern Region semifinals for the second year in a row. Recently committed to play baseball at George Mason.



### KEVIN JOHNSON QUINCE ORCHARD, JR., OUTFILDER

Quintessential leadoff hitter batted .509 with 15 walks, 33 runs, and 18 stolen bases in 18 attempts leading QO to its fourth state semifinal appearance in the last five years. Johnson had six doubles, six triples, and patrolled centerfield in spectacular fashion in the Cougars' spacious park.



### L.J. HOES ST. JOHN'S, JR., OUTFILDER

Washington Catholic Athletic Conference Co-Player of the Year batted .488 with seven doubles, seven home runs, 23 stolen bases, 36 runs, and 40 runs batted in. Standout center fielder with range and a strong arm, Hoes led St. John's to a 23-6 mark and the WCAC title game. Two-time all-conference choice.

### PETER VERDIN PAUL VI, JR., OUTFILDER

Led the Panthers with a .458 batting average, a .544 on-base average and 35 runs scored. Verdin also recorded a team-best 44 hits, including 12 doubles and two home runs. He has verbally committed to play baseball at Georgia. Drove in 22 runs and had a .980 fielding percentage with seven assists.



### ZACH COSTELLO PAUL VI, SR., OUTFILDER

Batted .448 for the WCAC-champion Panthers. Costello led Paul VI with 37 RBI and 21 extra-base hits, including a team-high seven home runs. He hit two of those in the 5-0 WCAC championship game win over St. John's. Also recorded 11 doubles and three triples. Totaled 39 hits. Earned a scholarship to Delaware.



### NICK RIVERS DEMATHA, JR., DESIGNATED HITTER

Shared Washington Catholic Athletic Conference Player of the Year honors with St. John's L.J. Hoes, hitting .398 and slugging .771 with 10 doubles, three triples, five home runs and 22 RBI. A 6-foot-1, 245-pounder with speed, Rivers also played defensive end for the DeMatha football team.



## Player of the Year

### SEAN SWETNAM ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, SR., PITCHER

Working on two days rest after throwing 114 pitches in the state semifinals, Swetnam fired a two-hitter in the Maryland 4A state championship game, handing undefeated Sherwood its first loss, 8-1, and giving the Raiders their first state title after nine unsuccessful trips to the final four. In an eight-day span to close the playoffs, Swetnam won three games, pitching 20 1/3 innings, giving up 14 hits, walking six, and fanning 27. The 6-foot-2, 200-pounder finished the year 8-0 with a 1.39 ERA and 83 strikeouts in 50 1/3 innings. In his career, the George Mason-bound right-hander went 24-2.



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## Coach of the Year

### BILLY EMERSON, PAUL VI

It was a dream season for Emerson and the Panthers, who finished 27-4, set the program record for wins and earned the school's first Washington Catholic Athletic Conference championship since 1993. Paul VI ended up No. 1 in the final Examiner Top 10 poll in Emerson's fifth year with the program. The Panthers have a record of 111-41 during that stretch and won the Virginia Independent Schools state title in 2004. About the only major blemish was a loss to St. Christopher's in the Virginia Independent Schools state semifinals. Paul VI won the WCAC title after reaching the championship game for the third year in a row.



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### SECOND TEAM

**Connor Hoehn**, St. John's, Sr., pitcher

**Francis Brooke**, St. Albans, Jr., pitcher

**Jason Sargent**, Wootton, Sr., pitcher

**Eric Cantrell**, Oakton, Sr., pitcher

**Mike Mitchell**, Paul VI, Jr., pitcher

**Kieran Flannery**, Pallotti, Jr., catcher

**Carl Travers**, Riverdale Baptist, Jr., catcher

**Kevin Story**, Damascus, Sr., infield

**Kyle Judson**, Quince Orchard, Sr., infield

**Brent Frazier**, South County, Jr., infield

**Alejandro Acevedo**, Sherwood, Sr., infield

**Casey Conrad**, Eleanor Roosevelt, Jr., infield

**Matt Sliwiak**, Gonzaga, Sr., outfield

**Sam Bender**, Wootton, Sr., outfield

**Jacob Morley**, W.T. Woodson, Jr., outfield

**Seth Williams**, Edison, Sr., designated hitter