

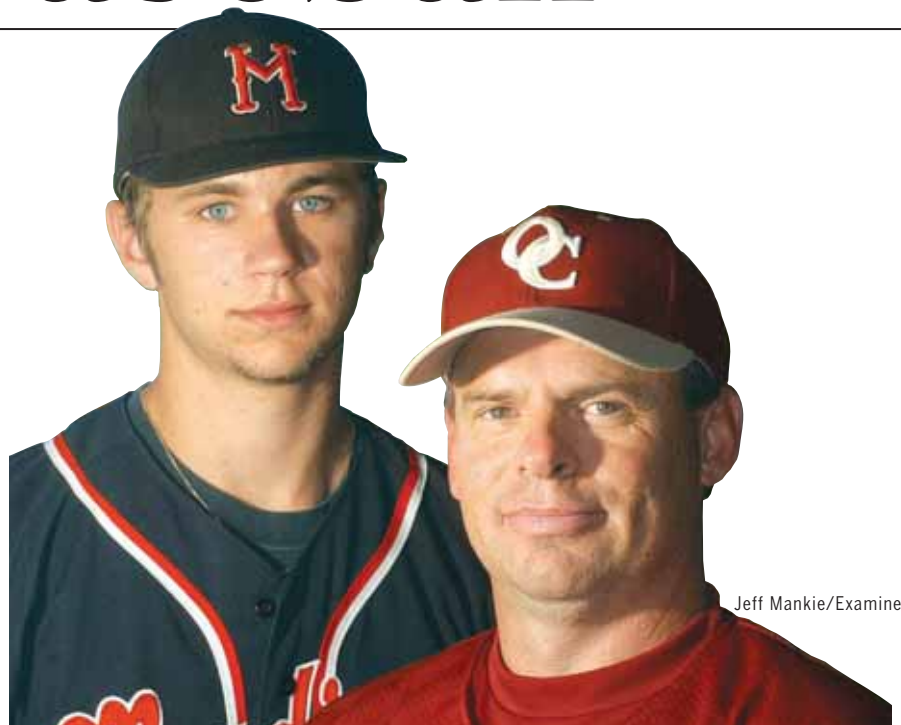
# All » Examiner Baseball

by Brian McNally

## Player of the Year

**JASON FARLEY**  
MADISON, JUNIOR, PITCHER

The 6-foot-3 lefthander made the leap to elite pitching prospect look easy, anchoring a Madison pitching staff that had a combined earned run average of just 1.37. Farley finished 10-1 with a 0.59 ERA, allowing just 32 hits and six earned runs in 61 innings. He also struck out 84 and opponents batted just .158 against him. Farley, who has drawn interest from some of the country's top Division I baseball programs, including Auburn, Florida and Virginia, pitched a complete game in a 4-0 win over nationally-ranked Wando (S.C.) to help the Warhawks win the prestigious Hanahan Invitational Tournament in Charleston, S.C. Madison finished 22-2 and won the Liberty District championship before losing to Oakton in the Northern Region quarterfinals.



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## Coach of the Year

**SCOTT ROWLAND, OAKTON**

In early April, few would have given Oakton much of a chance to make it out of the Concorde District tournament let alone reach the Group AAA state championship game. But that's exactly where the Cougars ended up, despite a season filled with season-ending injuries to key players, including starting third baseman Curtis Eward (George Washington), underclassmen filling important roles, suspensions and even more injuries. But Rowland and his coaching staff held their team together after a 2-4 start. A strong showing at a spring break tournament in Virginia Beach led to an 11-game winning streak and a second-place finish in the Concorde District. The Cougars reached the Northern Region final and qualified for the state tournament for the first time since 2001 before enduring a controversial end to their season in the state final against Monacan.

## First team

**ROB LAMAS**  
PAUL VI, SENIOR, CATCHER

Lamas, who will play baseball at Virginia Military Institute, batted .418 with 33 hits, three home runs and 21 RBI. Defensively, he threw out seven of 10 runners who attempted to steal on him. Named first-team All-WCAC.



**BRETT MOORE**  
PAUL VI, SENIOR, INFIELDER

Third baseman/pitcher batted .481 with five home runs, 25 RBI and 21 runs scored. On the mound, Moore finished with a 5-3 record and a 1.63 earned run average. He also struck out 53 batters. Will play baseball at Winthrop.



**MARK RIFFEE**  
MADISON, SENIOR, OUTFIELDER

A four-year starter headed to Virginia. Riffiee batted .445 and dominated on the basepaths, where he scored 29 runs and stole 26 bases in 27 attempts. He also produced 20 RBI and 12 extra base hits, including three triples.



**SHANE MILLS**  
McLEAN, SENIOR, PITCHER

All 36 of Mills' innings pitched came in relief and he converted all eight save opportunities. First-team All-Northern Region pick was 1-1 with a 1.16 ERA and 59 strikeouts. As a first baseman he batted .338 and drove in 21 runs.



**JUSTIN BOUR**  
WESTFIELD, SENIOR, INFIELDER

Powerful George Mason-bound slugger broke Westfield's single-season records in home runs (10), batting average (.547), hits (41) and slugging percentage (1.067), all held by 2005 *Examiner* Player of the Year Brandon Snyder. First baseman was chosen first-team All-Northern Region.



**MIKE MARION**  
HAYFIELD, SENIOR, DESIGNATED HITTER

Batted a team-best .432 as Hayfield finished tied for first in the Patriot District. First baseman/catcher made just two errors. He also slugged 10 home runs, drove in 32 runs and totaled 26 runs scored. Will play baseball at Virginia Wesleyan.



**BRANDON PADULA**  
OAKTON, JUNIOR, OUTFIELDER

Teamed with fellow *All-Examiner* pick Chris Despina in a formidable middle of the lineup. Padula led the Cougars with eight home runs. He also drove in 31 runs and batted .404 with 36 hits, including six doubles.



**BRYCE MORRISON**  
LANGLEY, SENIOR, PITCHER

Ace finished 7-3 with a 2.76 ERA and 71 strikeouts in 66 innings. Morrison tossed a complete game six times. Biggest contribution was pitching 1 1/3 innings in relief to close out an 8-3 comeback win over Westfield in the region quarterfinals.



**VAL ARDUINI**  
WESTFIELD, SENIOR, INFIELDER

A first-team All-Northern Region second baseman, Arduini batted .413 with two home runs and 18 RBI. He also scored 21 runs for the Bulldogs, who finished first in the Concorde District during the regular season. Will play college baseball at Binghamton (N.Y.).



**CHRIS DESPINS**  
OAKTON, SENIOR, UTILITY

A team-best .429 batting average for Despina, who also hit six home runs and produced 32 RBI while batting cleanup and playing first base. He recorded 33 hits, six of those doubles, and had a .740 slugging percentage.



**JOE INFANTE**  
LAKE BRADDOCK, SENIOR, OUTFIELDER

Infante did it all for the Northern Region champion Bruins. He batted .368 with 32 hits and scored 24 runs. On the mound he was 6-2 with a 2.27 ERA and 79 strike outs in 52 innings and was named MVP of the region tournament.



**MATT NOBLE**  
W.T. WOODSON, SENIOR, INFIELDER

A four-year starter who led the Cavaliers with a .483 batting average. Noble also totaled 17 RBI, scored 20 runs and stole 10 bases. Third baseman hit three home runs and struck out just seven times en route to first-team All-Northern Region honors.



**SEAN McCAULEY**  
OSBOURN, JUNIOR, UTILITY

Catcher helped Osborn to a 23-2 record and a second straight Northwest Region championship. The Cedar Run District player of the year and first-team All-Northern Region selection batted .512 with seven home runs and 38 RBI. He also registered 42 hits.



**CHRIS BOGGS**  
OSBOURN, SENIOR, PITCHER

Teamed with classmate Tony Pasquariello to field a dominating pitching duo. Boggs was 10-1 on the mound with a 2.09 ERA and 113 strikeouts. He walked just 15 batters. Boggs also batted .365 with 31 hits and three home runs.



## SECOND TEAM

**J.D. Polcari**, Paul VI, P, Sr.

**Dan Lombardozi**, Herndon, P, Sr.

**A.J. Johnson**, Robinson, P, Jr.

**Tony Pasquariello**, Osborn, P, Sr.

**Benji Kagan**, Oakton, P, Sr.

**Justin Wright**, Forest Park, P, Jr.

**Arman Moniri**, Madison, 1B, Jr.

**Kyle Schmitt**, Fairfax, 3B, Sr.

**Lee Bolyard**, Lake Braddock, SS, Sr.

**Ian Smith**, Lake Braddock, C, Sr.

**Greg Jones**, Lee, DH, Sr.

**Mike Kirik**, Edison, UT, Sr.

**Spencer Askin**, West Springfield, UT, Sr.

**Tate Swanson**, Herndon, UT, Sr.

**Peter Verdin**, Paul VI, OF, So.

**Kyle Meagher**, McLean, OF, Sr.

**T.J. Prioletti**, Fairfax, OF, Sr.