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All-County :: Baseball

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6A :: 5A :: 4A PLAYER OF THE YEAR

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Alexander Fernandez

Archbishop McCarthy senior Position: Pitcher/Infielder

Statistics: 55 IP, 10-0 record, 51 strikeouts, 2.39 ERA; .460 batting average, 49 RBI, 41 runs, 7 triples, 9 doubles, 14 stolen bases.

Season highlights: Before the season, Fernandez and Mavericks coach Rich Bielski decided to give the senior a chance to take the mound. So Fernandez turned to the best pitching coach he could find — his father, Alex, who pitched for the World Champion Florida Marlins in 1997. Along with his strong offensive numbers, Fernandez led the county with 10 wins. In the Class 4A state championship game against Tampa Jesuit, Fernandez pitched three strong innings and blasted the deciding three-run homer in a 4-1 win to help McCarthy repeat as state champs.

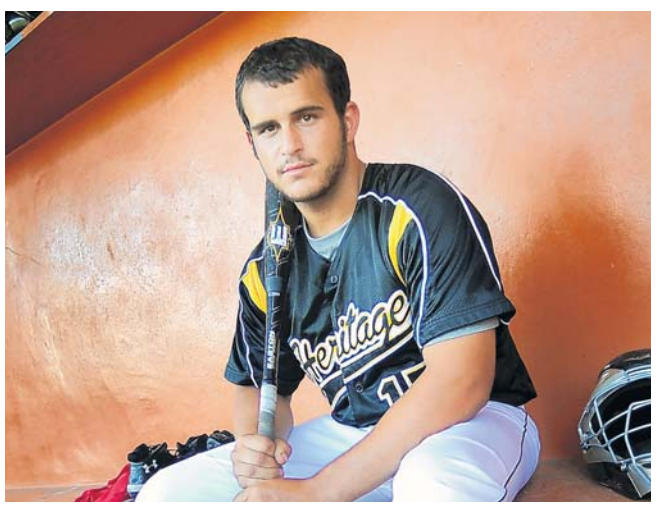
Athlete's quote: "This means a lot to me. I worked all summer with my dad [on pitching]. He's played at every level, so learning from him, I have an edge over everybody else. I'm honored to have [been named Player of the Year] and for my team to be seen as one of the best in the country."

6A :: 5A :: 4A :: COACH OF THE YEAR

Ray Evans
Flanagan

Comment: In his eighth season at Flanagan, Evans had the Falcons (22-3) one run away from making their second consecutive state tournament appearance. The Falcons outscored their opponents by more than seven runs per game as they won the District 12-6A championship. "This was one of the best offensive teams that we've had since we've been here in the previous seven years," Evans said. "It was a fun team to coach. Any guy in the lineup could put one out of the park."

3A :: 2A :: 1A PLAYER OF THE YEAR



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Brandon Sedell

American Heritage senior Position: Catcher

Statistics: .500 batting average, .613 on-base percentage, 11 HR, 39 RBI, 32 runs

Season highlights: After being named Player of the Year last season, Sedell said he wanted to keep getting better. Before this season, the Florida commit set two goals for himself — bat .500 and hit more than 10 home runs. Mission accomplished. Sedell says he could have done even better, but a minor slump in the middle of the year kept his numbers down. But when the games really mattered, Sedell didn't disappoint. In three playoff games, he went 6-for-8 with three home runs, nine RBI, and seven runs scored.

Athlete's quote: "I worked hard to do what I wanted to do this year and it's a great honor ... Something I won't ever forget I've been playing for coach [Todd] Fitz-Gerald since I was in eighth grade, so it's going to be kind of weird going off to play in college, but at the same time I'm very excited to be taking the next step in my life."

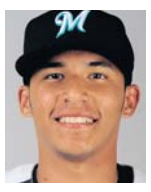
3A :: 2A :: 1A COACH OF THE YEAR

Brian Campbell
North Broward Prep

Comment: In his fourth year with the program, Campbell led the Eagles (21-10) to their first state tournament appearance in school history, where they lost 5-0 to Pensacola Catholic in a Class 3A state semifinal. "I wasn't terribly surprised, we had a bunch of senior leadership coming back [this year]. We had nine seniors, seven are going to be playing in college, and four have Division I talent. I was hopeful this year and they responded," Campbell said.

6A :: 5A :: 4A :: FIRST TEAM

Lewis Brinson
Coral Springs junior
Pos.: OF; **Stats:** .476 BA; 23 RBI; 29 runs, 4 HR
Comment: Florida commit was a second-team All-County selection as a sophomore.



Jose Brizuela
Archbishop McCarthy senior
Pos.: INF/P; **Stats:** .475 BA; 41 RBI; 55 runs; 7 HR
Comment: The FSU commit hit the winning three-run home run in the Class 4A state semifinal.

Matthew Franco
St. Thomas Aquinas senior
Pos.: OF; **Stats:** .430 BA; 32 RBI; 5 HR
Comment: First year as a varsity starter helped Raiders to a Class 5A regional quarterfinal berth.

Aramis Garcia
Pembroke Pines Charter senior
Pos.: C; **Stats:** .550 BA; 23 RBI; 7 HR
Comment: The FIU commit, who was an Honorable Mention selection last year, led the county in hitting.

Aaron Maller
Coral Springs junior
Position: P; **Stats:** 8-1; 1.35 ERA
Comment: Florida, FSU and North Carolina have shown interest; a second-team selection last year.

Mike Melendez
Flanagan senior
Pos.: INF/P; **Stats:** .408 BA; 6 HR; 8-3; 1.80 ERA
Comment: The Nova Southeastern signee helped lead the Falcons to Class 6A regional finals.

Ronny Patella
Nova senior
Pos.: P; **Stats:** 8-2; 0.93 ERA; 66 Ks
Comment: Nova Southeastern commit was third in the county in ERA; was winner in district championship.

Brandon Raaf
Douglas senior
Pos.: DH/INF; **Stats:** .485 BA; 27 RBI
Comment: Three-year starter is a Florida Gulf Coast commit.

Reed Salzman
Nova senior
Pos.: P; **Stats:** 8-0; 0.85 ERA; 58 Ks
Comment: The left-hander, a Nova Southeastern commit, was second in the county in ERA; a second-team All-County selection last year.

Andres Sanchez
Flanagan junior
Pos.: INF; **Stats:** .500 BA; 17 HR; 51 RBI
Comment: First-year varsity starter led the county in HR and RBI; has received interest from LSU and Virginia.

Ricky Santiago
Flanagan senior
Pos.: INF; **Stats:** .465 BA; 5 HR
Comment: The four-year varsity starter has signed with FAU; a first-team selection last year.

Louis Silverio
Douglas senior
Pos.: OF; **Stats:** .438 BA; 14 SB
Comment: The four-year starter was a primary reason the Eagles went 17-3.

Alan Sharkey
Coral Springs junior
Pos.: INF; **Stats:** .507 BA; 31 RBI
Comment: Was a first-team All-County selection last season; UF and FSU have expressed interest.

6A :: 5A :: 4A :: SECOND TEAM

Colton Bottomley, Douglas, junior, OF; **Brandon Burgess,** South Plantation, junior, P; **Oliver Christensen,** Coral Glades, senior, SS; **Zack Collins,** Flanagan, sophomore, C; **Mike Emigh,** Flanagan, junior, P; **Matthew Figueroa,** Flanagan, senior, INF; **George Gugino,** Nova, senior, INF; **Andre Martinez,** Archbishop McCarthy, junior, P; **Jonny Ortiz,** Coral Springs, junior, P; **Steven Reznyk,** Cypress Bay, senior, INF; **Ivan Santos,** Archbishop McCarthy, senior, OF; **Mike Stokes,** Monarch, senior, INF; **Ryan Whaley,** Cardinal Gibbons, senior, OF/P

6A :: 5A :: 4A :: HONORABLE MENTION

Archbishop McCarthy: Nick Basto, Ryan Castellanos, Nick Travieso; **Cooper City:** Evan Goodwin, Chris Guerra, Brandon Sordo; **Coral Glades:** Greg Farber, Alex Kline, Francisco Rodriguez; **Coral Springs:** Alex Demicco, Dylan Ebel, Dalton Wolchik; **Cypress Bay:** Franklin Jamie, Rubert MacNeal, Dominic Mancini; **Deerfield Beach:** Drew Danner, Brian Johnson, Joey Ursetti; **Douglas:** Courtland McEachrane, Jon Lipinski, Johnny Valek; **Everglades:** Edward Milian; **Flanagan:** Robert Collin, Ryan Lozada, Danny Zardon; **Fort Lauderdale:** Kris Chatman, Shelby Geisler, Stetson McCollin; **Hollywood Hills:** Phillip Chen, Tommy Grant; **McArthur:** Javier Aguilar, Tyler Henning, Kody Swackhammer; **Miramar:** Robert Botta, Johnny Ventura; **Monarch:** Bobby Jakubek, Andrew Pierson, David Webb; **Northeast:** Juan Fuentes, Corey Korenic, Matt Schotanus; **Nova:** Skylar Fox, Corey Graf, Zach Kleiman; **Pembroke Pines Charter:** Kevin Daly, Billy Golding, Ryan Tucker; **Piper:** Alen Arslanyan, Colby Costanzo, Mikey Morejon; **St. Thomas Aquinas:** Austin Barron, Ryan Reyes, Jake Rudock; **South Broward:** Makanna Gilliland, Josh James, Kenny Rasor; **South Plantation:** John Kennedy, Ben Osborne; **Taravella:** Andrew Forest, Jordan Gleicher, Matt Robertson; **Western:** Doug Futch, Russell Hackworth, Kyle Harrington; **West Broward:** Mike Hoeft, Mark McGinnity, Mike Mordente.

3A :: 2A :: 1A FIRST TEAM

Billy Atkins
Coral Springs Christian junior
Pos.: P; **Stats:** 6-2; 2.26 ERA; 50 Ks
Comment: Three-year starter helped lead the Crusaders to a 2A regional quarterfinal berth.

Justin Bard
North Broward Prep senior
Pos.: OF; **Stats:** 31 RBI; 28 runs; 9 HR
Comment: Was five-year varsity starter and a second-team All-County selection last year.

Taylor Gushue
Calvary Christian junior
Pos.: C; **Stats:** .390 BA; 9 HR
Comment: Four-year starter, who has committed to UF, is a two-time first-team selection.

Jason Hepple
Highlands Christian senior
Pos.: C/DH; **Stats:** .581 BA; 14 HR; 44 RBI
Comment: Four-year starter is a two-time first-team All-County selection and helped lead team to 1A regional finals.

Zack Kessinger
Pine Crest senior
Position: INF; **Stats:** .472 BA; 46 RBI; 8 HR
Comment: Three-year starter led the county in RBI; committed to Washington University (St. Louis).

Christian Khawly
Coral Springs Charter freshman
Pos.: OF; **Stats:** .427 BA; 20 RBI; 24 runs; 5 HR
Comment: The second-year starter has already drawn interest from Miami, Florida and FSU.

Josean Lazaro
North Broward Prep senior
Pos.: P; **Stats:** .390 BA; 24 RBI; 24 runs; 7 HR
Comment: Helped Eagles to the Class 3A state semifinal, where he had team's only two hits in 5-0 loss.

Jimmy Nesselt
American Heritage senior
Pos.: P; **Stats:** 8-2; 2.14 ERA; 85 Ks
Comment: Had 18 victories the last two seasons; first-team All-County selection three straight years.

Kyle Pitts
Coral Springs Christian senior
Pos.: INF; **Stats:** 472 BA; 35 RBI; 30 runs, 6 HR
Comment: Four-year starter, who was an Honorable Mention selection the last two years, committed to Stetson.

Michael Pierson
Pine Crest senior
Pos.: SS; **Stats:** .551 BA; 29 RBI; 41 runs, 8 HR
Comment: Led the county with 41 runs and was among the top five in batting average; committed to Appalachian State.

Esteban Puerta
American Heritage junior
Pos.: OF; **Stats:** .365 BA; 30 RBI; 12 HR; 12 SB
Comment: The FAU commit was a second-team All-County selection as a sophomore.

Colton Rogers
Coral Springs Charter junior
Pos.: P/INF; **Stats:** 4-1; 2.90 ERA; 37 Ks; .432 BA
Comment: Has drawn interest from FSU and Alabama; an Honorable Mention selection last year.

Michael Vigliarolo
North Broward Prep senior
Pos.: INF; **Stats:** .450 BA; 47 RBI; 10 HR
Comment: Four-year starter, who will attend St. Louis University, hit two home runs in a regional semifinal win over American Heritage.

3A :: 2A :: 1A SECOND TEAM

Ben Arkin, Pine Crest, senior, INF/P; **James Cote,** Westminster Academy, senior, C; **Emilio DeSilva,** Calvary Christian, senior, INF; **Brandon Diaz,** American Heritage, sophomore, OF; **Kevin Fagan,** North Broward Prep, junior, INF; **Jesse Feyers,** Coral Springs Christian, senior, INF; **Lance Kirschenbaum,** Pine Crest, senior, OF; **Brandon Lopez,** American Heritage, junior, SS; **Ryan Lowery,** Calvary Christian, senior, P; **Nick Marsit,** North Broward Prep, senior, INF; **Tyler Middlebrooks,** Calvary Christian, senior, INF; **Alex Seibold,** American Heritage, junior, P; **Derek Vetere,** Coral Springs Charter, senior, P; **Cody Woodburn,** Coral Springs Charter, sophomore, OF

3A :: 2A :: 1A HONORABLE MENTION

American Heritage: Shawn Anderson, Derek Fritz; **Calvary Christian:** Dalton DiNatale, Ryan Reilly, Chris Walkerow; **Chaminade-Madonna:** Frank Duggin, Luis Guillorme, Matthew Wagener; **Coral Springs Charter:** Steven Kerr, Joe McChrystal, Jordan Ohl; **Coral Springs Christian:** Derek Barra, Zach Butler, Kevin Knapp; **Florida Bible:** Joey Diaz, Timmy Hardy; **North Broward Prep:** Christian Correa, Nick Marsit, Sarkis Ohanian; **Pine Crest:** David Abers, Jake Toffler; **Pompano Beach:** Charlie Pal, Vince Pellecchia, Ken Sanchez; **Sagemont:** Elliot Leal, Ashton Martinez, David Vazquez; **Sheridan Hills:** Chris Craig, Jedidiah Wilson; **Somerset:** Kevin Abraham, Casey Garcia, Andrew Denis; **University School:** Sebastian Diaz, Manny Silveira, Mike White; **Westminster Academy:** Will Buschmann.