

# BOYS SOCCER

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## Class 3A-2A-1A First team



**JULIAN FRANCO BETANCUR**  
American Heritage senior  
**Pos.:** Midfielder  
**Comment:** The two-year starter tallied five goals and 21 assists for the Class 3A state runner-up, creating many of the attacks for the potent Patriots.



**AARON BRAUN**  
Posnack junior  
**Pos.:** Midfielder  
**Comment:** The three-year starter and talented playmaker had 23 goals and 15 assists. He notched two goals in Posnack's regional quarterfinal win against Yeshiva.



**ALEX BRITTON**  
Pine Crest senior  
**Pos.:** Defender  
**Comment:** The four-year starter, who has signed with Vanderbilt, had 10 goals and 10 assists for Panthers. He was named MVP of Soccer-Max All-Star Game.



**JAMAR CAMPION-HINDS**  
American Heritage senior  
**Pos.:** Forward  
**Comment:** A two-year starter who has signed with FIU, the speedy threat scored a team-high 25 goals, including two in the state semifinals, and had 15 assists.



**MATEO CORREA**  
North Broward Prep junior  
**Pos.:** Midfielder  
**Comment:** The two-year starter, who had eight goals and six assists, was a major reason for Eagles' run to regional semifinals with his anticipation and defensive prowess.



**JOSHUA CREIGHTON**  
North Broward Prep senior  
**Pos.:** Forward/Midfielder  
**Comment:** The three-year starter, who is considering Penn and Columbia, notched 17 goals and 11 assists to lead the Eagles to district title and regional semifinals.



**MATEO NAVARRO**  
Sagemont senior  
**Pos.:** Defender  
**Comment:** The three-year starter recorded 11 goals — seven on direct kicks — and seven assists while anchoring a defense that allowed 22 goals in 28 matches.



**TONI SEGOTA**  
Cardinal Gibbons junior  
**Pos.:** Forward  
**Comment:** The two-year starter was a dominant force for district champs, notching 21 goals and 14 assists. Had five goals and two assists against South Plantation.



**JORDAN STAUBER**  
Posnack sophomore  
**Pos.:** Forward  
**Comment:** The two-year starter racked up 18 goals and 25 assists and scored game-winning goal in the district championship for Posnack, which reached the regional semifinals.



**DIMAN SUAREZ**  
American Heritage senior  
**Pos.:** Goalkeeper  
**Comment:** Helped Heritage reach state final with a 0.47 goals-against average and 12 shutouts. Patriots allowed no more than one goal in 17 of final 20 matches.



**NICOLAS SOUBERVILLE**  
Pembroke Pines Charter senior  
**Pos.:** Midfielder  
**Comment:** Also a first-team selection last year, the four-year starter tallied 26 goals and 14 assists to lead Pines Charter to regional semifinal, where it lost to Heritage.



**SAMUEL VINSON**  
American Heritage junior  
**Pos.:** Defender  
**Comment:** The two-year starter was an impressive center fullback for the Patriots and one of their top scorers, notching 21 goals while consistently shutting down chances for opponents.



# DONALD TOMLINSON

Class 3A-2A-1A Player of the Year ■ American Heritage senior

**Position:** Midfielder  
**Statistics:** 21 goals, 22 assists

### Season highlights

Tomlinson, the team's best tackler, was also the Patriots' leader in assists and was tied for second in goals scored in his first year with the team. He scored two goals in their 5-3 regional quarterfinal win against Okeechobee and his defense against Pembroke Pines Charter's top scorer the next round was crucial in the 3-0 win.

*"I think I performed well. I was one of the leaders and I played my part. I had a great season. ...I made sure I went out, picked out their best player and tried to slow him down. My main job was to defend, but when I could, I took my opportunities and moved forward to get some goals and help the team."*

### Comment

Tomlinson, who moved from New Hampshire two years ago and then transferred to Heritage after one year at South Broward, was "a remarkable player" this year, Patriots coach Richard Jobson said.

"That kid really saved our season," he added. "I don't think we'd get out of regionals without him solidifying our defense. He marked all of the best midfielders [we faced] and shut them down. He played defense, set up goals and scored goals for us. I don't think you can ask for anything more."

Tomlinson's eagerness to embrace his defensive assignment was a key to the Patriots returning to the Class 3A final despite losing most of their best players from last year. His offensive production was equally vital. Heading to play at Florida International, Tomlinson said he has increased confidence as a result of his performances this past season. He said that was a key reason for his success. "I'd like to go to [FIU] and make a name for myself," he added.

### Coach of the Year



**RICHARD JOBSON**  
American Heritage

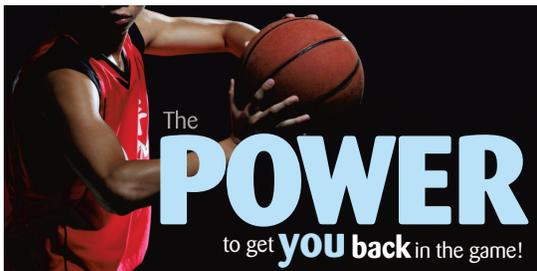
**Comment:** After leading the Patriots to the Class 3A state title last year and being named small schools Coach of the Year, Jobson lost 18 of his 22 players — six seniors and 12 academy players no longer allowed to also play for their high school team because of a new U.S. Soccer Federation rule. Yet the Patriots still managed to return to the 3A final, where they lost 2-0, to Ponte Vedra. "I think we kind of overachieved," Jobson said. "We had to rebuild the whole team. We started out not as strong as usual Heritage teams and we grew and got better and better every game." Faced with less pressure but a tougher coaching job, Jobson did more teaching than usual this year, and changed the team's style of play, emphasizing possession, to suit its talents.

### Second team

Kyle Audet	Highlands Christian	Sr.	defender
Hernan Bater	Posnack	Sr.	defender
Jacob Bianco	Archbishop McCarthy	Sr.	forward
Cesar Castano	University School	Sr.	midfielder
Andre Blackman	Pembroke Pines Charter	Jr.	defender
Chris Dellinois	Cardinal Gibbons	Sr.	midfielder
Nick Huber	Cardinal Gibbons	Sr.	midfielder
Udo Ithem	Pembroke Pines Charter	Sr.	forward
Reinaldo Marquez	Sagemont	Sr.	goalkeeper
Niccolante Regent	American Heritage	Jr.	defender
Mark Simpson	Pine Crest	Sr.	forward

### Honorable mention

**American Heritage:** Donovan Henry, Devon Nothard, Gabriel Pedraza; **Archbishop McCarthy:** Brennan Becker, Danny Huertas, Shawn Sanon; **Calvary Christian:** Jake Jackson, Neal Savant; **Cardinal Gibbons:** Nicolas Ketchum, Fred MacLean, Armando Marimon; **Chaminade-Madonna:** Tomas Araujo, Bryan Bardales, Doug Shouler; **Coral Springs Christian:** Kyle Boutin, Zach Donnelly; **Hallandale:** Yancey Gutierrez; **Highlands Christian:** Mateus Lima; **Pembroke Pines Charter:** Jordan Gallardo, Andres Gonzalez, Mike Martinez; **North Broward Prep** — Jordan Austin, Leo Castillo, Ruben Culebro; **Pine Crest:** Jonathan Bell, Brandon Danzansky, Steven Goldberg; **Pompano Beach:** Claudio Perotti, Benjamin Sharp; **Posnack:** Jordan Cohen, Jaime Rich; **Sagemont:** Jesus Abilan, Brynn Martinez; **University School:** Gaston Becherano, Dani Ben-reuven; **Westminster Academy:** Jacob Ford, Ryan Rickel, James Scassera



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