

BASEBALL

COMPILED BY DANIEL GALLEN AND BRANDON PARKER



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FIRST TEAM

BACK ROW, FROM LEFT  
**DH Truman Thomas**  
*Southern / Sr.*

Two-way player batted .487 while going 5-1 with a 1.14 ERA on the mound for two-time Maryland 2A champions. Signed with Maryland.

**C Mitch Blackstone**  
*Marshall / Sr.*

Cornell signee and Virginia 5A North region player of the year was a force at the plate with a .507 batting average and six home runs.

**OF Jack Cunningham**  
*Paul VI / Jr.*

Runner-up in WCAC player of the year voting batted more than .500 in conference play and .438 overall in second year of playing outfield.

**OF Devin Rivera Ozuna**  
*Wilson / Sr.*

Batted .428 with 23 RBI and went 7-1 with a 1.21 ERA and 68 strikeouts on the mound. Tigers won their 23rd consecutive DCIAA championship.

**1B Cody Morris**  
*Reservoir / Sr.*

Three-time All-Met struck out 26 in 12 innings before Tommy John surgery, but he still batted .453 in 21 games. Will play at South Carolina.

**3B Nate Eikhoff**  
*Patriot / Sr.*  
Virginia signee and two-time All-Met had a .465 batting average with four home runs, 27 RBI, 29 runs scored and a .585 on-base percentage.

**P Brian Eckert**  
*Madison / Sr.*  
Lefty helped team win Virginia 6A North region title with 108 strikeouts, a 1.03 ERA and a 10-1 record. Will play at Radford.

**Frank Hood**  
*Coach of the year*

FRONT ROW, FROM LEFT

**SS John Callahan**  
*Stone Bridge / Jr.*  
George Mason recruit batted .419 and had a school-record 10 doubles for the Virginia 5A North region champions.

**SS Joe Rizzo**  
*Oakton / Jr.*  
South Carolina commit was named Virginia 6A North region player of the year after batting .606 and clubbing seven home runs with 25 RBI.

**2B Brody Cook**  
*Riverdale Baptist / Sr.*  
Repeat All-Met added pitching to repertoire, going 6-1 with a 1.03 ERA while batting .504 and stealing 39 bases. Will play at VCU.

**SS/P AJ Lee**  
*Player of the year*

**P Anthony Felitti**  
*Gaithersburg / Jr.*  
Virginia commit was 10-0 with two saves and a 0.85 ERA. Lefty started Maryland 4A championship game as Trojans won first title.

**P Jordan Carr**  
*Spalding / Sr.*  
Lefty won MIAA A title game for second straight year. Carr went 7-1 with 0.82 ERA and 66 strikeouts. Will play at UNC Asheville.

**OF Nick Atkinson**  
*Osbourn Park / Sr.*  
VCU signee did a bit of everything with a .522 average, 30 runs, 40 stolen bases, two home runs and nine doubles for the Yellow Jackets.



Not pictured

**P Ljay Newsome**  
*Chopticon / Sr.*  
Maryland Gatorade player of the year went 12-0 with a 0.80 ERA and 118 strikeouts to lead the Braves to their first Maryland 3A title. Drafted by the Seattle Mariners.

SECOND TEAM

Player	School	Yr.
P Jack Alkire	DeMatha	Sr.
P Jack DeGroat	Loudoun Valley	Sr.
P Matt Favero	Madison	Jr.
P Matt Mervis	Georgetown Prep	Jr.
P Stephen Schoch	Good Counsel	Sr.
C Caleb Beatty	McLean	Sr.
C Trey Martinez	Gaithersburg	Sr.
1B Chandler Redmond	Georgetown Prep	Sr.
2B Matthew Wojciechowski	South Lakes	Sr.
SS Pete Nielsen	Madison	Jr.
3B Griffin Wild	Severna Park	Sr.
OF/P Jake Agnos	Battlefield	Jr.
OF/P Rafi Vazquez	O'Connell	Jr.
OF Randy Bednar Jr.	Landon	So.
DH Brett Norwood	Chantilly	Jr.

HONORABLE MENTION

**Pitchers:** Tyler Blohm, Spalding, Jr.; Kaleb Bowman, Woodgrove, Sr.; Will Brooke, Marshall, Sr.; James Cain, Howard, Sr.; Tyler Carmen, Laurel, Sr.; Sean Healy, South River, Sr.; Matt Hogle, Chantilly, Sr.; Erik Janss, Avalon, Sr.; Chris Krawczyk, Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Sr.; Brett Kreyer, Stone Bridge, Jr.; Andrew Lohr, Loudoun Valley, Sr.; Jon Mierzwa, Reservoir, Sr.; Bruce Pattishall, Paint Branch, Jr.; Clark Reese, Eleanor Roosevelt, Jr.; Mark Smith, Mount Hebron, Sr.; Matt Spidi, Potomac School, Sr.; Jason Waldman, Fairfax, Sr.  
**Catchers:** Robby Kidwell, Chopticon, Sr.; Brett Simon, St. John's, Sr.; Tyler Solomon, Battlefield, So.; Sam Stewart, Paint Branch, Sr.; Tyler Stockwell, La Plata, Jr.  
**Infielders:** Matt Borowski, Marshall, Sr.; Evan Eschenburg, Lake Braddock, Sr.; Matt Gilson, Woodgrove, Sr.; Stephen Johnston, Hyinton, Sr.; Andrew Keith, DeMatha, Sr.; Jared Lowry, Blake, Jr.; Thomas Mason, Wise, Sr.; Brian McCourt, Huntington, Sr.; Kody Milton, Severna Park, Fr.; Dave Mccabee, Stone Bridge, Jr.; Danny Morrissey, Forest Park, Sr.; Will O'Hara, Arundel, Sr.; Nick Pantos, Gaithersburg, Jr.; Jack Ropelewski, Quince Orchard, Jr.; Matt Supko, Lake Braddock, Sr.; Dwayne Thomas, Paint Branch, Jr.; Luke Wallis, Wilson, Jr.; Seth Williams, Riverdale Baptist, Sr.; Garrett Zoulik, Landon, Sr.  
**Outfielders:** Alex Burke, Potomac (Va.), Jr.; Shawn Courtney, Annandale, Sr.; Evan Davis, George Mason, Sr.; Ryan Davis, St. Mary's-Annapolis, Sr.; Khalil Lee, Flint Hill, Jr.; John McQuillen, Gonzaga, Sr.; Cuinn Mullins, Wilde Lake, Sr.; Louis Perez, West Springfield, Sr.; Bowen Plagge, Leonardtown, Jr.; Justin Robles, Potomac Falls, So.; Owen Socher, Madison, Sr.; Brian Tagoe, St. John's, Sr.; Christian Taylor, Flint Hill, Sr.; Myles Woolfolk, Wise, Jr.



PLAYER OF THE YEAR

AJ Lee

St. John's / Sr. A versatile player who impacted all dimensions of the game, Lee led St. John's to consecutive WCAC championships for the first time in almost 40 years. The shortstop had a .388 batting average with two home runs and 22 RBI; on the mound, he went 7-0 with a 0.43 ERA. The Maryland signee, a repeat All-Met and two-time D.C. Gatorade player of the year, batted .411 for his career and helped the Cadets post a 72-18 record during his three years as a starter.

COACH OF THE YEAR

Frank Hood *Southern*

Fifth-year coach led Bulldogs to second consecutive Maryland 2A state championship, becoming the first 2A team to repeat in more than 20 years. Southern is 33-17 during that run with most games coming against Anne Arundel County's stiff 4A competition.