

HIGH SCHOOLS

BASEBALL

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JAMES ESCHER

CATHOLIC LEAGUE
PLAYER OF THE YEAR

LOGAN O'HOPPE

St. John the Baptist, C, Sr.

The three-year varsity starting catcher hit .467 with three home runs, 22 RBIs and 25 runs scored and a .621 on-base percentage for the CHSAA champions this season. He had 28 hits in 21 games this year. Never missing a game behind the plate on varsity, O'Hoppe hit .434 with five homers, 43 RBIs and 42 runs scored for his career. O'Hoppe was drafted in the 23rd round by the Philadelphia Phillies. He passed on a scholarship to play at East Carolina University and signed a contract to join the Phillies organization.



KATHLEEN MALONE-VAN DYKE

SUFFOLK PLAYER
OF THE YEAR

MATT HOGAN

Half Hollow Hills East, OF, Sr.

Hogan was named the 51st recipient of the Carl Yastrzemski Award presented to Suffolk's top player after he batted .401 with 23 hits, including eight for extra bases, 19 RBIs and 23 runs scored to lead Hills East to the postseason. He also had 18 walks, including 15 intentional. The hard-throwing righty, with an 88-91 mph fastball, also posted a 4-1 record with one save, 49 strikeouts and a 1.89 ERA in 30 innings. The five-year varsity player is committed to Vanderbilt.



PATRICK E. MCCARTHY

NASSAU PLAYER
OF THE YEAR

ANTHONY D'ONOFRIO

Wantagh, SS, Sr.

The four-year starting shortstop never missed a game at his position, batting .438 with 126 runs, 49 extra-base hits, 73 RBIs and 64 stolen bases on 67 attempts over his varsity tenure, which included three trips to the state semifinals, two state title games and one state crown. This season, the sure-handed shortstop hit .512 with 41 runs, five home runs, 31 RBIs and successfully stealing 25 of 26 bases. He will be playing at Hofstra.

THE ALL-LI TEAM

BRANDON BUCHAN
MacArthur, P, Sr.

He struck out 86 and walked 24 in 45.2 innings. He allowed only 15 hits, three earned runs and had an ERA of 0.46 and an 8-0 record. He contributed offensively as well, hitting two grand slams in one game. He finished with 24 RBIs.

JASON COULES
Bellmore JFK, SS, Sr.

He hit .452 with three home runs, eight extra-base hits, 17 RBIs, 18 runs, 14 stolen bases

and a 1.272 OPS. Coules reached base nine straight times to open the season, including hitting two homers off eventual Long Island Class A champion Wantagh.

ROMAN DOROSH
Sachem East, P, Jr.

He was a two-way threat for the Flaming Arrows. He had 58 strikeouts in 42.2 innings, a 2.77 ERA and a 4-1 pitching record. He had a .475 average, including eight doubles, three home runs, 17 RBIs and 17 runs scored. One team employed a four-man outfield to defend Dorosh's power.

MARK FAELLO
Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK,
P/2B/SS, Sr.

He pitched to a 6-0 record, with a save, and a 1.57 ERA with 82 strikeouts in 53.2 innings this spring. He added three homers with 22 runs scored and 13 RBIs at the plate with a .916 OPS. He opened the season with a six-inning no-hitter with 12 strikeouts against Herricks. He will play at Hofstra.

ANTHONY FONTANA
Wantagh, P/1B, Sr.

He earned the win in the Long Island Class A title game two

years in a row and finished his stellar pitching career with a 23-2 record. This year, he compiled a 10-1 record with a .437 batting average, three home runs and 30 RBIs. "The bigger the game, the bigger he is," said Wantagh coach Keith Sachs. "He performs in pressure situations, it's just incredible." He led Wantagh to three LI championships and is committed to play at Furman University in South Carolina.

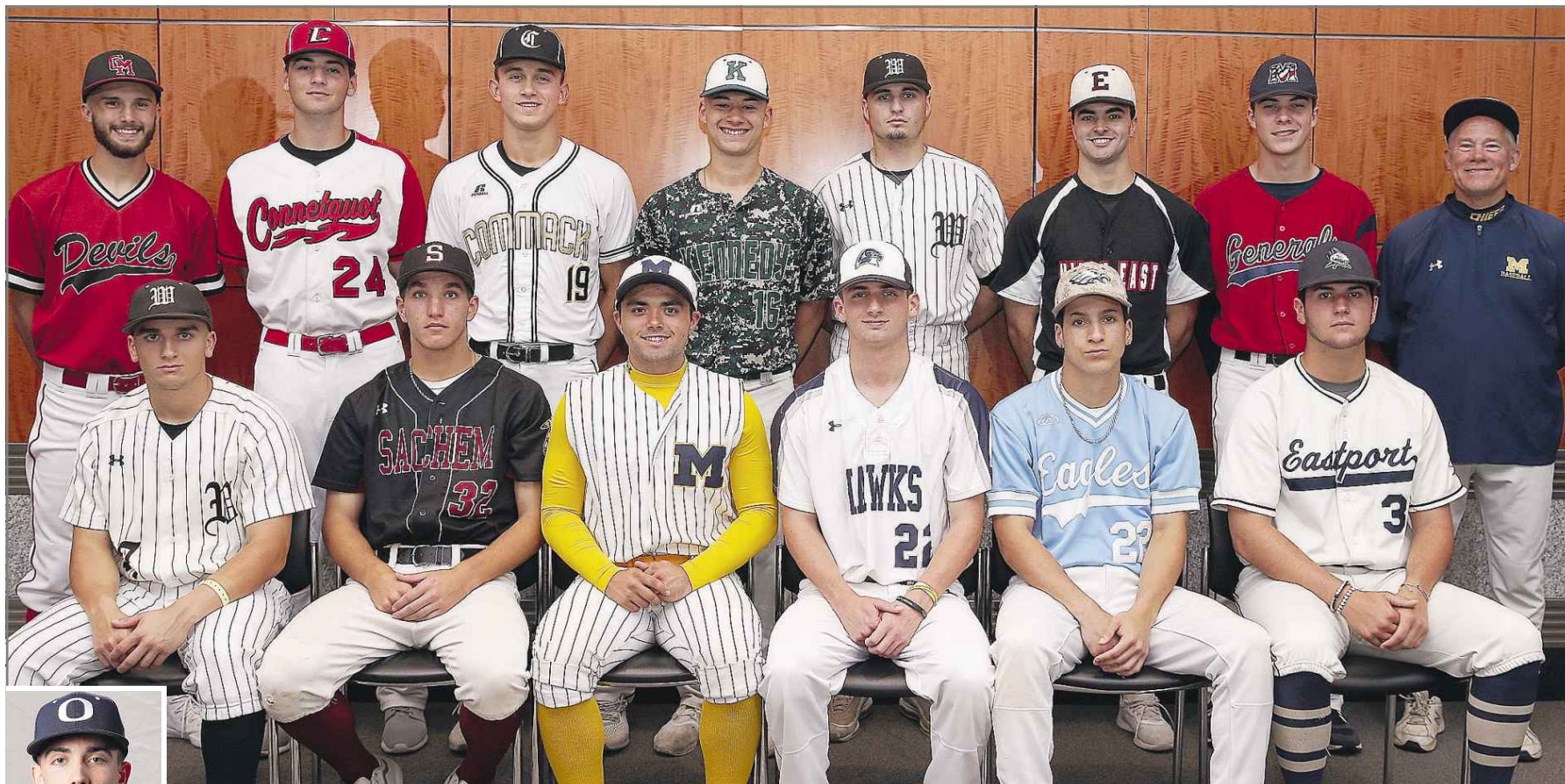
RYAN FORAN
Eastport-South Manor,
P/3B, Sr.

The Suffolk League V MVP

held opponents to a .133 batting average in a 9-1 season, with a 1.11 ERA and 0.82 WHIP. He also led the team offensively with a .418 batting average, 36 hits and 32 RBIs. He holds 12 school records, coach Jimmy McGowan said, including wins (17), strikeouts (159 in 151 2/3 innings), ERA (1.20) and shutouts (three).

JOE GRILLO
Rocky Point, OF, Sr.

The Suffolk League VI MVP led the Eagles to the Suffolk Class A title. His career numbers were outstanding. He had 80 hits, including 22 doubles, nine home



PATRICK E. MCCARTHY

The All-Long Island baseball team (top row, from left): Liam Pulsipher, Center Moriches; Joe Savino, Connetquot; Tim McHugh, Commack; Jason Coules, Bellmore JFK; Anthony Fontana, Wantagh; Matt Hogan, Half Hollow Hills East; Brandon Buchan, MacArthur; Massapequa coach Tom Sheedy. (First row, from left): Anthony D'Onofrio, Wantagh; Roman Dorosh, Sachem East; Andy Primm, Massapequa; Mark Faello, Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK; Joe Grillo, Rocky Point; Ryan Foran, Eastport-South Manor; and Jake Lazzaro, Oceanside (inset).

runs and a .370 average. He added 60 RBIs and 60 runs scored. He was also 11-4 on the mound.

JAKE LAZZARO Oceanside, SS, Jr.

The Nassau Conference AA-1 MVP was the Sailors' leadoff hitter and batted .412 with 10 extra-base hits, 34 runs scored and 22 stolen bases. He had a .510 on-base percentage and 1.086 OPS for an Oceanside team that lost only twice in the regular season.

TIM MCHUGH Commack, OF, Jr.

He received the Silver Slugger Award given to Suffolk's top hitter. He finished with a .490 batting average, five home runs, 27 RBIs, 22 runs scored, eight doubles, three triples, and stole 12 bases in 12 attempts. The Suffolk League II MVP is committed to TCU. Commack finished at 20-6, after the 16-year old center-fielder's contributions led to a stretch of 18 wins over 19 games this season.

LIAM PULSIPHER Center Moriches, P/OF, Sr.

He pitched to an 8-1 record with a 0.78 ERA and 65 strike-

outs in 49 innings to lead Center Moriches to its first state title in school history, winning the Class B crown. He also hit .320 with four home runs, 27 RBIs, 10 stolen bases and a .415 on-base percentage. One of his best performances of the season was throwing a two-hitter in a 4-0 Class B state semifinal victory, needing only 76 pitches to do so

ANDY PRIMM Massapequa, C, Sr.

The Massapequa captain and three-year varsity player led the Chiefs with strong defensive play behind the plate to a Class AA state championship, throwing out 11 attempted base-stealers and picking off five players this season. He hit .380 with eight doubles, a home run and 16 walks this spring.

JOE SAVINO Connetquot, P, Jr.

The righty pitched three shutouts and was the key to the postseason run into the Suffolk Class AA semifinals for the Thunderbirds. He had complete-game wins over Newfield and Bay Shore, allowing no earned runs with 15 strikeouts. He was 6-1 with 55 strikeouts in 49 innings and an 0.67 ERA.

COACHES OF THE YEAR



SUFFOLK **DENNIS DONOVAN** Center Moriches

He led the Red Devils to the school's first Class B state championship in his third year. The team had a 23-4 record.

NASSAU **TOM SHEEDY** Massapequa

He led the Chiefs to the Class AA state crown, his second in his 15 years at the helm. They finished 22-6, winning 17 in a row to close the season. He has an incredible 290 wins in 15 years.

THE ALL-LI SECOND TEAM

JUSTIN AVILES Brentwood, P, Sr.

JUSTIN BESTLER Mineola, P, Jr.

CHARLIE CUCCHIARA East Meadow, P, Jr.

KEVIN CZECZOTKA St. John the Baptist, P, Sr.

CHRISTIAN DeNAVE Massapequa, P, Sr.

THOMAS ELETTO Locust Valley, SS, Sr.

MATT ENCIZO Longwood, 3B/SS, Jr.

WILL FEIL Wheatley, 1B, Sr.

NICK FRESSLE Division, P, Sr.

JAKE GUERCIO West Islip, CF, Sr.

CARLOS HIDALGO St. Dominic, P, Soph.

KYLE JOHNSON Newfield, SS, Sr.

DYLAN JUDD Oceanside, C, Sr.

JOE KELLER MacArthur, P, Sr.

WILL KENNEDY Smithtown East, 1B, Jr.

JAKE KRZEMIENSKI Commack, P, Jr.

MIKE LaDONNA West Islip, P, Jr.

BRENDAN MacFALL Oceanside, P, Sr.

BROCK MURTHA Sayville, SS, Soph.

ROB RAY Bayport-Blue Point, P, Sr.

JARED RESTMEYER St. Anthony's, P, Sr.

JARRED VANDERHOOF Longwood, P, Sr.

BOBBY VATH Newfield, P, Sr.