

LONG ISLAND PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Jake Thomas, Calhoun, Catcher, Sr.

He earned the Diamond Award presented to Nassau's top player after a season in which he broke almost every record in Calhoun baseball history. Thomas batted .485 with 40 runs, eight doubles, seven home runs, 31 RBIs, and 11 stolen bases. He had a .648 on-base percentage and a .941 slugging percentage. In his three-year career, he had 112 hits, 20 home runs, 99 runs, 95 RBIs and a .465 average as the Colts compiled a 45-9 record with him behind the plate.

SUFFOLK PLAYER OF THE YEAR



PHOTO BY KATHLEEN MALONE-VAN DYKE

Alec Solé, Sachem North, Shortstop/Pitcher, Sr.

There was something about Solé that screamed leadership. It could have been the way he handled the bat in the leadoff spot for the Flaming Arrows. He sprayed hits all over on his way to a .505 batting average, the catalyst of an offense that marched to the Suffolk Class AA championship. Or maybe it was his defensive wizardry at shortstop, where he took away so many hits. Or it might have been his mound presence and 6-2 record, including three saves and a 1.25 ERA. "He led us in every way," said Sachem North coach Tom Gambino.

baseball

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Sean Abbate, Division, Pitcher/First Base, Sr.

The Nassau Conference A-II MVP went 10-1 and led the Blue Dragons to the LI Class A championship. He struck out 106 in 72 innings and finished with a sparkling 0.75 ERA. Next stop: Manhattan College.

Steve Ascher, Mattituck, Pitcher/Outfield, Sr.

Had an 11-1 record, and led the Tuckers to their first county Class B championship. He pitched 69 innings and struck out 116. He walked 25, allowed 29 hits and five earned runs for a 0.53 ERA. He struck out 13 and threw a one-hitter in the Long Island Class B title win over Oyster Bay.

Jim Bulva Mineola, Pitcher/First Base, Sr.

The Nassau Conference A-VI MVP was a four-year varsity player, batted .500 this season with 38 hits, 25 runs, 16 stolen bases, 13 extra base hits, 35 RBIs and a .789 slugging percentage. He has an incredible 102 career hits, 79 RBIs and a .405 career average.

John Daddino, Carey, Pitcher, Sr.

All-Nassau Conference AA-III selection returned to the hill after labrum surgery to regain the form that had major-league scouts considering him for the amateur draft. His explosive 90-mph fastball and toughness helped him to an 8-2 record, averaging more than a strikeout an inning. He will attend Iona on a baseball scholarship.

Alex Falconi, St. Mary's, Catcher, Sr.

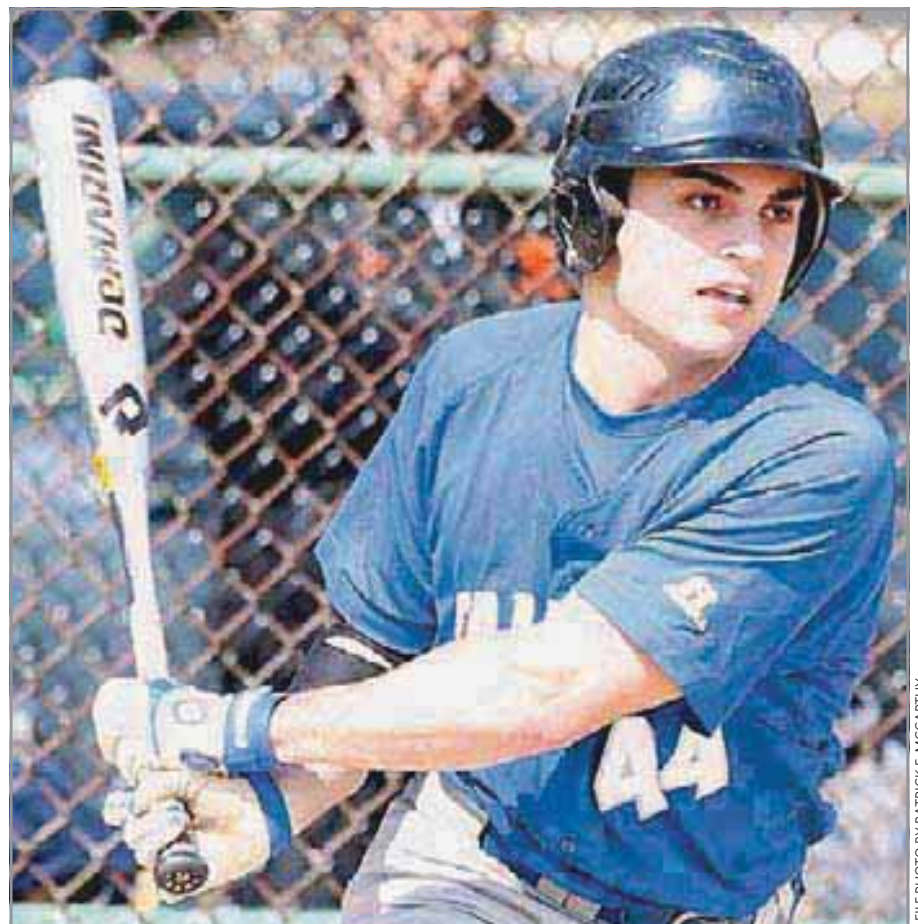
All-CHSAA selection with outstanding defensive skills, highly regarded as Long Island's top catching prospect. He batted .322 with 11 runs and 12 RBIs. He will attend Seton Hall on a baseball scholarship.

Anthony Gatto, Smithtown West, Outfield/Pitcher, Sr.

Batted .441 with 103 hits in his four-year varsity career. Three-time All-County selection, four-time All-League pick. Will play at Maryland-Baltimore County.

Remy Janco, Half Hollow Hills West, Pitcher, Sr.

Suffolk League IV MVP finished with an 8-0 record and a 0.82 ERA. He threw 51 innings and struck out a whopping 90 batters. The lefty mixes a cut fastball with a change and



FILE PHOTO BY PATRICK E. MCCARTHY

Calhoun catcher Jake Thomas batted .485 and was Newsday's Player of the Year.

curve that keeps batters off balance. He'll play at Duke.

Michael O'Reilly, Shoreham-Wading River, Pitcher/Shortstop, Jr.

Put together a remarkable season on the mound and at-bat. He was 9-0 with a 1.45 ERA. He also batted .475 with 21 RBIs and 22 runs. He was one of the key cogs in Shoreham's march to the Suffolk Class A title.

Tom Roulis, Chaminade, Second Base, Sr.

Had 38 hits, including 11 doubles and a .500 average in the CHSAA's wood bat league. He scored 22 runs, drove in 30 and led the Flyers to the playoff championship. He had 82 career hits in three years and will attend Dartmouth.

Cameron Sorgie, Floyd, Pitcher, Sr.

He was the Suffolk League I MVP. He threw

58 innings and struck out 65. He walked 18, allowed 23 hits, five earned runs and had a 0.62 ERA. He fired two no-hitters, a one-hitter and a two-hitter.

Eric Truss, Chaminade, Pitcher, Sr.

The only CHSAA pitcher to beat every league opponent this season. He was 9-0 with 51 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings pitched and allowed 37 hits, and struck out 41. His ERA was 0.94.

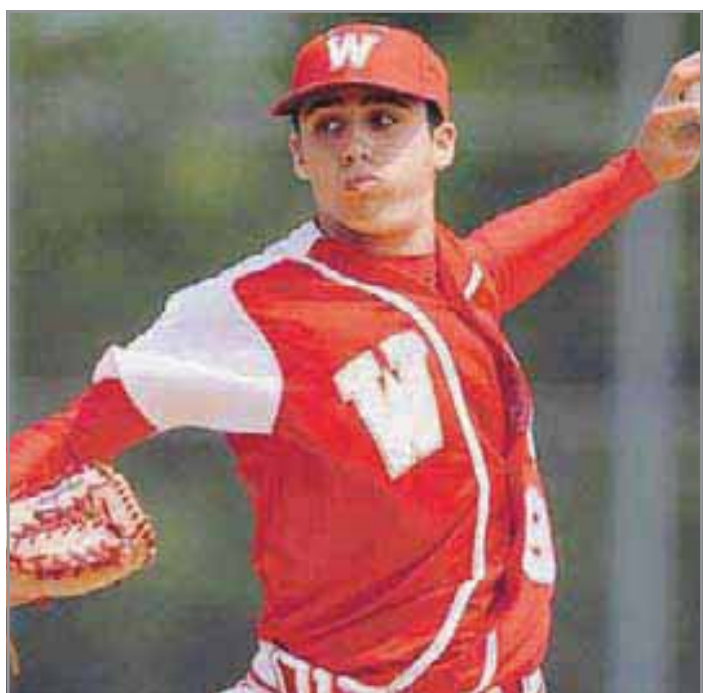
Matt Vogel, Patchogue-Medford, Pitcher/Shortstop, Soph.

Only Suffolk sophomore to earn All-County honors. Hard-throwing righty had three shutouts, two saves and a 1.03 ERA this season. He was 6-1 with 92 strikeouts. He allowed only 25 hits and 16 walks in 54 innings. He also batted .342 with three home runs, four doubles and 17 RBIs. He is the second sophomore to earn All-Long Island honors.



The All-Long Island baseball team. Front row (from left), Alex Solé, Michael O'Reilly, Steve Ascher, Remy Janco, Jake Thomas. Back row (from left) coach Mike Pienkos, Anthony Gatto, Eric Truss, Alex Falconi, Jim Bulva, John Daddino, Cameron Sorgie, Sean Abbate, Matt Vogel, Tom Roulis, coach Tom Gambino, coach Marc Hedquist.

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Hills West's Remy Janco was the MVP of Suffolk League IV.

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SECOND TEAM ALL-LI

- Alex Brosnan, Farmingdale, Sr.
- Tim Caputo, Glenn, Sr.
- James Cauchi, Garden City, Sr.
- Kyle Demeo, Carey, Sr.
- Michael Ferranti, Chaminade, Sr.
- Michael Hewson, Sayville, Sr.
- John Jarosz, Clarke, Sr.
- Chris Kelly, Oyster Bay, Sr.
- Stephen Laurino, Carle Place, Sr.
- Tyler Manez, Plainedge, Sr.
- Ryan McAlary, Shoreham-Wading River, Sr.
- Jesse Montalto, Carey, Sr.
- Adam Moosmann, Northport, Sr.
- Mike Roehrig, Lindenhurst, Sr.
- Jesse Tuozzo, MacArthur, Jr.

COACHES OF THE YEAR

- Marc Hedquist,**
Carey (20-7)
- Tom Gambino,**
Sachem North (21-5)
- Mike Pienkos,**
Chaminade (20-4)

LONG ISLAND PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Lindsay Taylor, Kings Park, Pitcher, Sr.

The Syracuse-bound Taylor finishes her high school career with 94 wins, 18 no-hitters, seven perfect games, 1,171 strikeouts, 51 shutouts and 19 home runs — all top-10 numbers for a career in state history. Her 24-3 record this season helped Kings Park reach the state Class A final for the first time. She struck out 338 hitters along the way, tossing three perfect games, smashing eight home runs and driving in 29 runs.

NASSAU PLAYER OF THE YEAR



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Isabella Corrao, Farmingdale, Pitcher, Sr.

The four-time All-Long Island selection carried the Dalers to new heights, bringing the program its first county title and Long Island championship, in which she tossed a three-hit shutout against unbeaten Bay Shore. The Virginia Tech-bound senior went 15-7 with a 1.82 ERA and 292 strikeouts, including a career-high 20 against Island Trees in April. Also a feared hitter, Corrao walked 32 times and finished with a .388 average and .639 on-base percentage.

Softball

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Kristen Brown, MacArthur, Pitcher, Jr.

She can beat you in the circle, 10-1 with a 1.88 ERA, or at the plate, .448 with six home runs and 20 RBIs. Led MacArthur to the Nassau Conference I title and has already committed to North Carolina.

Kristie Capuano, Hauppauge, Catcher, Sr.

Broke school records in runs (31), batting average (.554) and on-base percentage (.628), stole 16 bases and drove in 28 runs. Will attend Le Moyne on a softball scholarship.

Ashley Cole, Carle Place, Pitcher, Jr.

Tossed a no-hitter with 11 strikeouts in the Long Island championship and finished 16-3 with a 0.60 ERA with 218 strikeouts and just four walks. She also hit .419 with three home runs and 36 RBIs.

Michele Daubman, Plainedge, Pitcher, Sr.

The Fordham-bound Nassau Pitcher of the Year led top-seeded Plainedge with her arm — 19-3, 0.95 ERA, 191 strikeouts — and her bat — .437, three home runs, 17 RBIs — to earn her third All-Long Island selection.

Aly Dzierzynski, Deer Park, Catcher, Sr.

The C.W. Post-bound All-County selection and League V field player of the year hit .564 with 28 runs, 23 RBIs and nine doubles. She struck out just three times.

Andrea Klarman, Longwood, First Base/Pitcher, Sr.

Klarman led Long Island with 11 home runs. Her shutout in the first round of the Suffolk Class AA playoffs gave Longwood its first playoff victory since 1986.

Jamie Laird, East Meadow, First Base, Sr.

The Dowling-bound, Nassau MVP hit .545 with five home runs and 23 RBIs and led East Meadow to the county final for the second straight season.

Taylor McGowan, Bay Shore, Pitcher, Sr.

The three-time All American and All-State selection was 20-1 with seven shutouts, an 0.45 ERA and hit .538 with 35 RBIs. She will attend Rollins College after going 53-6 with 29 shutouts and seven no-hitters in her career.

Lindsay Montemarano, Seaford, Third Base/Pitcher, Soph.

Her six-RBI performance in the county semis helped Seaford overcome a seven-run deficit en route to an unexpected county title. The two time All-Long Island selection hit .592 with five home runs and 37 RBIs and went 9-1 with a 2.58 ERA.

Allie Pisciotta, Kellenberg, Catcher, Jr.

The CHSAA Player of the Year led Kellenberg to a league championship by hitting .446 with three home runs and 28 RBIs and became known for picking off baserunners that took too large of a lead at second.

Samantha Smith, Sachem East, Centerfielder, Sr.

The Fordham-bound Smith batted .754 with 52 hits, a .782 on-base percentage, 13 RBIs and 16 stolen bases while playing in the competitive Suffolk League I.

Courtney Syrett, Bay Shore, Catcher, Soph.

A five-tool player who bats cleanup, Syrett hit .493 with four homers, 33 RBIs, 27 runs and a .933 slugging percentage.



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LI Player of the Year Lindsay Taylor tossed 18 no-hitters during her career.



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All-Long Island softball team selections (front row, from left) Jamie Laird, Andrea Klarman, Courtney Syrett, Michele Daubman. (Back row, from left) Coach Jim McGowan, Taylor McGowan, Kristie Capuano, Lindsay Montemarano, Aly Dzierzynski, Ashley Cole, Kristen Brown, Samantha Smith, Isabella Corrao, Lindsay Taylor, coach Laura Malone, Allie Pisciotta.

Taylor McGowan



SECOND TEAM ALL-LI

- Alyssa Bitsimis, Half Hollow Hills West, Pitcher, Sr.
- Michelle Carbone, St. Anthony's, Pitcher, Soph.
- Jena Cozza, MacArthur, Shortstop, Soph.
- Christine Desiderio, Babylon, Pitcher/Second Base/Centerfielder, Jr.
- Sandy Hawthorne, Hauppauge, Shortstop, Jr.
- Leanne Iannucci, Carle Place, Catcher, Jr.
- Claudia Law, Mepham, Catcher, Jr.
- Carly Mertens, Baldwin, Pitcher, Soph.
- Michiko McGivney, Port Jefferson, Pitcher/First Base, Jr.
- Stephanie McKenna, Plainedge, Catcher, Sr.
- Marissa Monaco, Connetquot, Centerfielder, Sr.
- Susan Pardo, Kellenberg, Pitcher, Jr.
- Sabrina Riley, Deer Park, Shortstop, Soph.
- Paige Swantek, Commack, Catcher, Jr.
- Carly Thea, Bellmore JFK, Outfield, Sr.
- Taylor Webb, West Babylon, Pitcher, Sr.
- Victoria Wink, Seaford, Shortstop, Sr.
- Kat Zabielski, Farmingdale, Shortstop, Jr.

NASSAU COACH OF THE YEAR

Laura Malone,
Farmingdale

SUFFOLK COACH OF THE YEAR

Jim McGowan,
Bay Shore