

All-Area Baseball

Player of the Year



BRANDEN KLINE

THOMAS JOHNSON
SENIOR ■ PITCHER-INF

■ After tweaking his mechanics, Kline became a magnet for radar-gun-bearing scouts by throwing consistently in the low 90s. He was picked in the sixth round of the Major League draft by Boston, becoming the first county player in recent memory to be picked so high. Earned a scholarship to Virginia.

■ Went 6-1 with an 0.51 ERA. In 41 innings, he struck out 79 and only allowed 16 hits.

■ Ranked among the area's top hitters in average and RBIs.

Coach of the Year



PHIL RHODES

FREDERICK

■ After getting upset in the regional playoffs last year, the Cadets strived to make up for it. Mission accomplished. Frederick captured the first state title in program history, beating Fallston, 7-2, in the 3A State title game. In fact, this was Frederick's first state championship appearance.

■ The Cadets went 20-3 — no easy feat in a county that produced four state tournament-bound teams — and won the MVAL Piedmont crown.

First Team



JUSTIN ALBRIGHT

CATOCTIN

SENIOR ■ PITCHER-IF
■ This George Washington-bound player went 6-3 with 2 saves and a 1.10 ERA for state finalist. Hit .375, finishing with .432 career average



DANI ASHBAUGH

LINGANORE

SENIOR ■ PITCHER
■ The ace for the state semifinalist who went 6-2 with a 1.12 ERA and 61 strikeouts in 56.3 IP



MIKEY BURKS

TUSCARORA

SENIOR ■ CATCHER
■ A complete player who hit .447 and was an excellent defensive catcher



SEAN CONNOLE

ST. JOHN'S

SENIOR ■ OUTFIELD-P
■ Big bat for Vikings who hit .490 with 3 HRs and 23 RBIs



RYAN DERR

BRUNSWICK

SENIOR ■ PITCHER
■ One of top arms in area who won 5 games, had a 2.08 ERA and struck out 71 in 47 IP



ERICH DYLUS

FREDERICK

JUNIOR ■ INFIELD
■ Hit .418 with 16 RBIs for the Class 3A State champions



TAYLOR HENRY

LINGANORE

JUNIOR ■ INFIELD
■ Dangerous hitter for state semifinalist who hit .439 with 13 RBIs



ANDREW HODGKINS

LINGANORE

SENIOR ■ CATCHER
■ Standout catcher for state semifinalist who hit .426 with four homers and 19 RBIs



DAVID HORNSTEIN

FREDERICK

SENIOR ■ PITCHER
■ Threw a gem in state semi: Went 7-0 with a 2.16 ERA and 59 strikeouts in 45.3 IP



JOSH JACKSON

FREDERICK

SENIOR ■ OUTFIELD
■ Productive hitter for state champs: Hit .376 with 5 HRs, 3 doubles, 2 triples and 31 RBIs



JIMMY LANNING

FREDERICK

SENIOR ■ PITCHER
■ Tossed a three-hitter for win in state championship game: Went 8-0 with 1.87 ERA; Had 23 RBIs



RYAN MASON

URBANA

JUNIOR ■ OUTFIELD
■ Set a school record by batting .522; Had seven doubles, two triples and one homer



LONDON ROUTZAHN

CATOCTIN

SOPHOMORE ■ P-INF
■ Top hitter for state finalist, batting .527 with 17 RBIs; Went 4-1 with one save and a 1.75 ERA



R.J. SMITH

CATOCTIN

SOPHOMORE ■ P-INF
■ Another young standout for the Cougars: Went 5-1 with 3 saves; Hit .365 with 26 RBIs



BRADY WILSON

FREDERICK

SENIOR ■ INFIELD
■ West Virginia-bound leader for state champs: Hit .494 with 13 doubles, 3 triples, 5 HRs and 23 RBIs; Excellent glove at 2B



JOEY ZUNIGA

WALKERSVILLE

JUNIOR ■ PITCHER-OF
■ Tough lefty for state semifinalist who had a 1.77 ERA and struck out 45 in 27.2 IP; Batted .404

Second Team

Position	Name	School	Grade
Infield	Hank Adams	Frederick	Senior
Outfield	Alex Anwar	Linganore	Sophomore
Outfield-Pitcher	Austin Carter	Catoctin	Sophomore
Infield	Houston Darling	Brunswick	Senior
Outfield	John DeSando	TJ	Senior
Catcher	Eric Hayes	Frederick	Junior
Pitcher	Zach Jones	Tuscarora	Senior
Infield	Derek Macierowski	St. John's	Sophomore
Infield	Justus Miller	Urbana	Junior
Outfield	Collin Mummert	Walkersville	Junior
Infield	Victor Perez	Walkersville	Senior
Outfield	Andrew Pierce	Middletown	Senior
Outfield	Alex Reifer	Linganore	Junior
Pitcher	Tripp Staley	Linganore	Senior
Infield	Andrew Zimnik	Frederick	Senior

Honorable Mention

Brunswick—Joey Fisher, Zach Dinges.
Catoctin—Zach Kreitz. **Frederick**—Brian Weddle. **Linganore**—Sean Sheehy, Zach Davies, Nathan Dula, Jay Knight, Joey Frishkorn. **Middletown**—Justin Boyer, Colin Maye. **MSD**—Myles Goldberg, Justin Wiener. **Thomas Johnson**—Austin McCrary. **Tuscarora**—Mike Jones, Michael Madden. **Urbana**—Richard Cruz-Sanchez, Dylan Driscoll, Daniel Oliver, Neil Reece, Ray Durante. **Walkersville**—Eric Wachter, Eddie Shelton, Greg Dayhoff.

NFL asks high court to weigh in on antitrust case

WASHINGTON (AP)—In the legal equivalent of running up the score, the National Football League is going to the Supreme Court in search of a bigger victory in an antitrust tussle over team merchandise than it already won from a lower court. The Supreme Court could decide as early as Monday whether it will hear the case, which involves American Needle Inc.'s challenge to the

league's exclusive contract for selling headwear such as caps and hats with team logos on them. American Needle of Buffalo Grove, Ill., is also urging high court review. Football team owners hope the high court will issue a broader decision that would insulate the NFL against what they contend are costly, frivolous antitrust lawsuits. At the heart of the matter is whether the NFL's teams consti-

tute 32 distinct businesses or a single entity that can act collectively without violating antitrust law. The case is important to other professional sports besides football. The National Basketball Association and the National Hockey League both filed friend-of-the-court briefs siding with the NFL. Notably absent is Major League Baseball, which has an

antitrust exemption thanks to a 1922 Supreme Court ruling. "Member clubs of the NFL have no independent value, no purpose, indeed no meaningful reason for existence but for their participation in the league itself," the NFL argues. It cited a ruling in an antitrust challenge involving the NBA, in which an appeals court wrote, "A league with one team would be like one hand clapping."

Phils player in confrontation with fan

TORONTO (AP) — The Philadelphia Phillies have acknowledged that one of their players was involved in a confrontation with a fan following Thursday's game against the Tampa Bay Rays in St. Petersburg, Fla. The Phillies did not identify the player in Saturday's statement. The Rays also confirmed the incident but did not release details.

The *St. Petersburg Times* reported on its website Saturday that Phillies reliever J.C. Romero grabbed and shoved a male fan after the man made comments about steroids. Romero was recently reinstated following a 50-game suspension for violating baseball's drug policy.