

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Meet the 2026 All-Area Softball Team

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Spruce Creek just simply reloads. The Hawks were the most successful softball team in the Volusia-Flagler area this season and were the last club remaining when playoffs rolled around. Spruce Creek was eventually eliminated in the regional semifinals, but not before it won a fourth straight district title and another Five Star Conference trophy.

Although the latter wasn't without competition, as University's freshman ace, Madi McCormick, held the Hawks and most of her opponents to low-scoring games. The Titans, as well as Deltona and Seabreeze, also made the postseason.

After a full season of softball, here is the 2026 All-Area team.

First Team

Reese Cianciarulo, P, Spruce Creek: Cianciarulo was Spruce Creek's ace that led the Hawks to district and Five Star Conference titles. She went 13-5 in a mammoth 104 innings with 88 strikeouts and a 2.96 ERA.

Madi McCormick, P, University: McCormick had the lowest ERA of any Volusia-Flagler area starting pitcher, recording a 1.31 mark in 90½ innings. She struck out 17 batters as the only local player with triple-digit Ks as a freshman.

Allison Moore, P, Deltona: Moore recorded a 3.45 ERA as Deltona's primary pitcher to lead the Wolves to a 15-6 record. Moore struck out 83 batters in 85½ innings.

Sophia Weinrich, C, Deltona: Weinrich batted .500 with three home runs and 27 RBIs. She was perfect behind the plate with 83 putouts and six assists in 89 chances. Weinrich had a 1.619 OPS.

Keylee Gerhardt, INF, Spruce Creek: Gerhardt batted .417 with 24 RBIs. She stole 10 bases while also serving as the heart of the Hawks' infield at shortstop.

Amiyah Jones, INF, Deltona: Jones was one of the most successful hitters in the Volusia-Flagler area with a .564 batting average. She also recorded a .965 fielding percentage.

Kayla Jones, INF, Trinity Christian: Jones batted .548 and was second in the Volusia-Flagler area with 34 RBIs. The freshman also stole 21 bases and hit four home runs.

Alexis Minaberry, INF, Spruce Creek: Minaberry tied for third in Florida with 13 home runs, which translated to a Volusia-Flagler best 36 RBIs. She batted .493 for the season and had a whopping 1.762 OPS at the 7A level.

Tameeya Hill, OF, DeLand: Hill batted .375 with a team-high 20 RBIs to help DeLand to a 12-9 record.

Gena Miller, OF, New Smyrna Beach: Miller led the Volusia-Flagler area with a .600 batting average with 12 RBIs.

Katelyn Schoeps, OF, Spruce Creek: Schoeps hit .378 with 18 RBIs and led the Hawks with 12 stolen bases.

Caydence Hassell, UT, Taylor: Hassell batted .402 and was third in the Volusia-Flagler area with 29 RBIs. Of her 33 hits in 82 at-bats, she recorded eight doubles and seven triples. She also had a .964 fielding percentage.

Second Team

Alyssa Checho, P, Seabreeze: Checho was Seabreeze's best pitcher with a 4.03 ERA and 60 strikeouts in 76½ innings. The freshman batted .328, but she most notably stole a Volusia-Flagler-best 29 bags.

Emily Fantone, P, DeLand: Fantone had a 3.70 ERA with 66 strikeouts in 89 innings as the Bulldogs' starting pitcher.

Kylee Hoff, P, Trinity Christian: Hoff, the only eighth grader on the All-Area team, went 8-4 with a 2.79 ERA in 67½ innings. She also contributed 13 RBIs in the batter's box.

Savannah Cox, C, Father Lopez: Cox batted .512 with 16 RBIs for the Green Wave. She was also a force behind the plate with a .992 fielding percentage.

Kendall Miller, INF, Taylor: Miller had a .476 batting average as a freshman. She was also one of the most elite baserunners in the area, stealing 25 bases in 2026.

Brooke Moyer, INF, Pine Ridge: Moyer amassed a .491 batting average with 18 RBIs. She also pitched 38½ innings with 42 strikeouts.

Andrea Stump, INF, Deltona: Stump continued Deltona's year of good hitting with a .485 batting average and 22 RBIs.

Alyndra Vincenty, INF, Matanzas:



Spruce Creek's Alexis Minaberry (14) hits the ball during the Five Star Conference softball finals against University High School, April 16, 2026. NADIA ZOMORODIAN/NEWS-JOURNAL



DeLand's Emily Fantone (8) pitches during the game against New Smyrna Beach hosted by DeLand High School, April 14, 2026. NADIA ZOMORODIAN/NEWS-JOURNAL



Spruce Creek's Keylee Gerhardt (11) fields a ground ball and throws it first during the Five Star Conference softball finals against University High School, April 16, 2026. NADIA ZOMORODIAN/NEWS-JOURNAL

Vincenty led Matanzas with a .437 batting average. She collected 23 RBIs.

Trinity Bryant, OF, Deltona: Bryant batted .435 with 12 stolen bases.

McKenzie Manhart, OF, Matanzas: Manhart had a .400 batting average with 11 RBIs as the Pirates' leadoff hitter. She paced Matanzas with a .556 on-base percentage.

Camryn Williams, OF, Matanzas: Williams batted .406 with a team-high 23 RBIs. She also had a .966 fielding percentage in the Pirates' outfield.

Mackenzie West, UT, Spruce Creek: Nothing got past West at the plate. The junior catcher recorded 123 putouts and an assist in 128 chances for a .969 fielding percentage. She also drove in 26

runs offensively.

Honorable Mention

DeLand: Luisa Cabrera, Kaia King, Emma Launer, Payton Mathis, De-Niya Padgett

Deltona: Kaitlyn Caruso, Memphis Derby, Daisy Dickerson, Madisyn Simmons

Father Lopez: McKenna Newman, Milla Thomas, Brooklyn Tumminello

Flagler Palm Coast: Kyndall Cercey, Chloe Foster, Layla Sackett, Eleanor Smedeker, Ava Zublionis

Matanzas: Destiny Clanton, Ava Henige, McKenzie Manhart, Sophia Staub

New Smyrna Beach: Maraiiah Robinson

Pine Ridge: Evalynn Alegria Early, Lily Lowery, Addison Pettit, Amaris Sierra

Seabreeze: Jillian Heller, Caylee Little, Samantha Sullivan

Spruce Creek: Meagan Cowski, Taylor Ferrandino, Aiyana Gerhardt, Cianna Kramer, Caelyn Schwedes

Taylor: Gracie Dambaugh, Alexis Ferrentino, Cheyenne Hough, Savannah Pearson, Harper Rush, Emily Smith, Kassie Treichel

Trinity Christian: Alyssa Dykstra, Rylee Lewis, Raelyn Lopez, Lila Rohr, McKenzie Winters

University: Alyssa Collins, Cheyenne Gosselin, Baylie Howard, Aubry Knox, Kendall Lee, Andie Marella, Hayden Nichols, Makayla Palmer, Nina Rios-Cruz

Softball Coach of the Year

Cameron McClelland, Spruce Creek: Spruce Creek was once again an area powerhouse in softball. The Hawks won their fourth district title in a row and also took home their third consecutive Five Star Conference trophy to secure local bragging rights. Spruce Creek, whose 19 wins were the most of any local program, was the last Volusia-Flagler team remaining in the postseason with a run to the Region 1-7A semifinals.

Softball Player of the Year

Alexis Minaberry, Spruce Creek: Minaberry was a gamechanger for the Hawks en route to an appearance in the Region 1-7A semifinals. The senior's 13 homers tied for third in Florida, and nobody in the Volusia-Flagler area was remotely close to touching that number. Spruce Creek's third baseman turned that into a Volusia-Flagler-high 36 RBIs. While her power was undeniable, Minaberry had a .493 batting average and a .621 on-base percentage. Paired with 1141 slugging percentage, her 1.762 OPS led all local players.