



# ALL-COUNTY BOYS SOCCER

## FIRST TEAM

### Player of the Year RILEY DAIGER

#### OAKDALE Senior Forward

- Focal point for a Bears team that made a state title run in 2018 and did not lose a regular-season match the following season, making for a 22-game unbeaten streak that didn't end until the 2019 state semifinals.
- Accurate shooting during the run of play and on penalty kicks made for the most prolific season in Oakdale history as Daiger set a single-season school record for goals (22) while tacking on five assists.
- Ended a stellar high school career as the Bears' all-time leader in goals (37) and points (86) while ranking fourth in career assists (12).
- Earned Frederick County's lone selection to the Maryland Association of Coaches of Soccer's All-State first team.



#### STANLEY BURGOS JUNIOR DEFENDER FREDERICK

- Center back played a key role in keeping the Cadets' back line organized, and Burgos also became a scoring threat on set pieces. Finished with four goals and an assist for a team that strung together five straight wins before falling in the state quarterfinals.

#### ETHAN COLEMAN SENIOR DEFENDER WALKERSVILLE

- Given the assignment of marking the opposition's best offensive threat, Coleman flourished in that role as a center back. He also logged time at defensive center midfielder for a team that made its second straight Class 2A West region final.



#### OWEN CUNHA SOPHOMORE DEFENDER OAKDALE

- In addition to playing strong defense at left back for an Oakdale team that yielded just eight goals all season, Cunha displayed a strong leg that created a bevy of scoring chances on set pieces. Finished with two goals and a team-high seven assists.

#### DAVID DIAZ SOPHOMORE MIDFIELDER TUSCARORA

- Diaz's electrifying dribbling skills helped fuel Tuscarora's possession game, and his talent will help serve as a building block for teams that figure on making long postseason runs in the future. Finished with four goals and five assists.

#### EYOB GAFFIGAN SENIOR MIDFIELDER WALKERSVILLE

- Injuries forced Gaffigan to shift from central midfielder to the defensive center midfielder position he played last year, and his technical skills allowed him to continue making an impact offensively. Finished with three goals and four assists.

#### CARSON GROVE JUNIOR FORWARD THOMAS JOHNSON

- Grove possessed the versatility to play several different positions, but regardless of where he played, he had a knack for scoring goals with matches on the line. MACS All-State honorable mention pick collected 11 goals and five assists.

#### SCOTT LEAZER SENIOR FORWARD BRUNSWICK

- Combination of strong possession skills and accurate shooting made Leazer a consistent scoring threat in the attacking third of the field. More than doubled his scoring output of his junior season, finishing with 19 goals and four assists.

#### JACK LILLIS SENIOR MIDFIELDER TUSCARORA

- Tenacious challenges in the midfield and a nice scoring touch around the box, particularly on set pieces, helped make Lillis an MACS All-State second-team selection. Talled 11 goals and an assist for a Tuscarora team that finished 11-4-1.



#### TYLER MICHAEL SENIOR MIDFIELDER MIDDLETOWN

- Did just about everything for the Knights, from getting the team organized offensively to scoring timely goals. Of his eight goals, three decided the outcome of the match, and he tacked on one assist for a Middletown team that finished 9-4-3.

#### DYLAN MILLER SOPHOMORE GOALKEEPER OAKDALE

- The Bears regularly depended on Miller to make big saves under pressure as the sophomore made his fair share of stops on point-blank shots. Posted 11 shutouts and led the county with a 0.54 goals-against average.

#### JACOB OSAFO-MENSAH SENIOR FORWARD ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC PREP

- Tall and rangy, Osafo-Mensah leaned on his large, athletic frame to become the county's leading scorer. Compiled 21 goals and 14 assists for a Vikings team that finished 9-4-2 — the program's best record in the past decade.

#### IAN PRINS SENIOR MIDFIELDER FREDERICK

- Physical presence and toughness at defensive center midfielder made Prins someone the Cadets had difficulty taking off the field. Collected a goal and an assist for a Frederick team that won its first region title.

#### RENE RODRIGUEZ SENIOR MIDFIELDER FREDERICK

- Nice blend of athleticism and creativity made Rodriguez one of Frederick County's best facilitators. His 11 assists were the most by any Frederick player since 1925, and he also scored a goal for a Cadets team that finished 10-5-3.

#### SEAN WEILAND JUNIOR DEFENDER THOMAS JOHNSON

- Weiland may play on the back line, but he's always looking to get involved offensively and become an engine for Thomas Johnson scoring chances. Having also played in the midfield, Weiland collected a goal and an assist for the 8-3-4 Patriots.



## SECOND TEAM

POS.	NAME	SCHOOL	GRADE
D	JACK BROWN	OAKDALE	SENIOR
F	GALO CAPPELLETTI	THOMAS JOHNSON	JUNIOR
M	EMMANUEL DOUGE	OAKDALE	SENIOR
M	DYLAN FISHER	SJCP	SENIOR
D	PAYTON FORD	LINGANORE	SENIOR
F	MAURICIO GALLEGOS	WALKERSVILLE	SOPHOMORE
F	RYAN HERMAN	URBANA	SENIOR
F	ETHAN MILLER	WALKERSVILLE	SENIOR
M	NICK NARVAEZ	URBANA	SENIOR
GK	ALEX REID	THOMAS JOHNSON	JUNIOR
M	DALTON SHIFFLETT	FREDERICK	SENIOR
M	TYLER SIMS	TUSCARORA	SENIOR
D	WYATT TRIBETT	MIDDLETOWN	JUNIOR
D	NICKY WOLCOTT	TUSCARORA	SENIOR

## HONORABLE MENTION

**Brunswick**—Enrique DeAnda, Kamron Harris, Ben Leazer  
**Catoctin**—Colby Horning, Nicholas Miller  
**Frederick**—Kenny Estrada, Jaheim Jamieson, Andrew Layman  
**Linganore**—Luciano Iocco, Aaron Orman, Braden Weinel  
**Middletown**—Patrick Beckman, Daniel Robison, Alex Wilson  
**Oakdale**—Caleb Andree, Daniel Ivanov, Summangal Myers, Leo Quintanilla  
**St. John's Catholic Prep**—Alejandro Gonzalez, John Nelson, Andrew Russell, Drew Strayton  
**Thomas Johnson**—Luis Aguilar, Franklin Alvarado, Ryan Barkdoll  
**Tuscarora**—Andrew Delauter, Vincent Lombardi, Tony Lombardi, Joe Thompson  
**Urbana**—Michael Britton, Sebastian Decady  
**Walkersville**—Zach Crum, Toby Ogwulu, Thomas Snizek

# Serena Williams aces AP Female Athlete of the Decade honors

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Serena Williams dominated the decade, on the court and in conversation.

There were, to begin with, the dozen Grand Slam single titles — no other woman had more than three over the past 10 seasons — and the 3½ years in a row at No. 1 in the WTA rankings.

And then there was the celebrity status that transcended tennis, making everything she did and said newsworthy, whether it was the triumphs and trophies and fashion statements or the disputes with tournament officials, the magazine covers or the Super Bowl ad with a message about women's power, the birth of her daughter or the health

scare that followed.

Still winning matches and reaching Grand Slam finals into her late 30s, still mattering as much as ever, Williams was selected by The Associated Press as the Female Athlete of the Decade on Saturday after a vote by AP member sports editors and AP beat writers.

The AP Male Athlete of the Decade will be announced Sunday.

"When the history books are written, it could be that the great Serena Williams is the greatest athlete of all time. ... I like to call it the 'Serena Superpowers' — that champion's mindset. Irrespective of the adversity and the odds that are facing her, she always believes in herself," said Stacey Allaster, CEO of the WTA from 2009-15 and now chief executive for professional tennis at

the U.S. Tennis Association, which runs the U.S. Open.

"Whether it was health issues; coming back; having a child; almost dying from that — she has endured it all and she is still in championship form," Allaster said. "Her records speak for themselves."

Gymnast Simone Biles, the 2019 AP Female Athlete of the Year, finished second to Williams in voting for the decade honor, followed by swimmer Katie Ledecky. Two ski racers were next, with Lindsey Vonn finishing fourth and Mikaela Shiffrin fifth.

Three of Williams' five AP Female Athlete of the Year awards came during the last decade, in 2013, 2015 and 2018. She also won in 2002 and 2009.

"She's been my idol growing up,"

Biles said.

"She's remained humble. She's stayed true to herself and her character, and I think that's really neat about an athlete," Biles said. "Once you start winning, some get cocky, but she's stayed true to herself, win or lose."

It's the defeats that seem to drive Williams, helping propel her to heights rarely reached by any athlete in any sport.

"Whenever I lose, I get more determined, and it gives me something more to work toward," Williams said in a 2013 interview with the AP. "I don't get complacent, and I realize I need to work harder and I need to do better and I want to do better — or I wouldn't be playing the game."

With a best-in-the-game serve,

powerful groundstrokes and relentless court coverage, she has won 23 Grand Slam singles titles, more than anyone else in her sport's professional era, which began in 1968.

More than half came from 2010-19: four at Wimbledon, three apiece at the U.S. Open and Australian Open, two at the French Open. That includes a run of four in a row from the U.S. Open in 2014 through Wimbledon in 2015, her second self-styled "Serena Slam."

Williams also was the runner-up another seven times at major tournaments over the past decade, including four of the seven she's entered since returning to the tour after having a baby in 2017.

In all, she made the final at 19 of the 33 majors she entered during the decade, a nearly 58 percent rate.