

2011 District 10 American Legion All-Stars Are Announced

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BRIDGEWATER – District 10 American Legion Baseball – one of the perennial strongholds of superior competitive play in Massachusetts – announced today its All-District team following the conclusion this week of the 2011 season.

In an unprecedented season-finale, Barnstable Post 206, Duxbury Post 223, Hawkeye A.C. and Hingham Post 120 each staged upsets over higher-seeded District 10 playoff teams two weeks ago when they defeated Kingston Post 387, Plymouth Post 40, Sandwich Post 188 and Brockton Post 35, respectively. It was the first time in 24 years that Barnstable Post 206 qualified for the State South Sectional Tournament.

In turn, Barnstable, Duxbury, Hawkeye (located in East Bridgewater) and Hingham each fell in the the round-robin, double-elimination State South Sectionals last week. Regardless, each of District 10's teams put forth a phenomenal effort replete with superior high school and collegiate players whose efforts were deserving of being named to the 2011 All-District team. Following, are the 2011 District 10 All-Stars and All-District Team. First Team members comprise the All-District Team and honorable mention players are (Second Team) 2011 District 10 All-Stars.

2011 District 10 All-District Team (First Team selections)

Matt Burgess, Third Base/DH, Kingston Post 387
Mike Cahill, Outfield, Plymouth Post 40
Nick Cogliano, First Base, Hawkeye A.C.
Chuckie Connors, SS, Hingham Post 120
Sean Conway, Infield-OF, Wareham Post 220
Zac Cooney, RHP-Third Base, Hawkeye A.C.
Dan Fratus, Third Base, Plymouth Post 40
Sean Goldman, SS, Whitman Post 22
Sean Greene, RHP-1B, Hingham Post 120
Sean Griffith, First Base, Wareham Post 220
Chris Holland, Second Base, Pembroke Post 143
Sam Hurley, Shortstop, Kingston Post 387
David Kent, LHP, Sandwich Post 188
Charlie Lapaglia, Outfield, Duxbury Post 223
Zach Littman, Shortstop-RHP, Rockland Post 147
Brody Loughlin, RHP-Infield, Rockland Post 147
Robbie Madden, OF, Hingham Post 120
Mike Mara, RHP, Hanover Post 149
Christian Petta, RHP, Whitman Post 22
Kevin Plant, OF-LHP, Pembroke Post 143
Mark Pommella, Third Base, Marshfield Post 88
Zach Ricciardi, First Base, Hanover Post 149
Chris Samaras, Shortstop, Brockton Post 35

Phil Sciretta, 1B-LHP, Duxbury Post 223
Greg Sherman, DH, Marshfield Post 88
Tyler Shute, RHP, Sandwich Post 188
Zach Smith, Catcher, Kingston Post 387
Bill Sullivan, LHP, Kingston Post 387
Will Toffey, Shortstop, Barnstable Post 206
Everett Walsh, OF-LHP, Barnstable Post 206
Matt Walsh, Catcher, Plymouth Post 40
Joel Woodbridge, LHP, Brockton Post 35

District 10 All-District Team (Second Team/Honorable Mentions)

Denny Beynor, Catcher, Barnstable Post 206
Alex Pernick, OF, Barnstable Post 206
Dylan Morris, First Base, Barnstable Post 206
Mike Marshall, OF, Hawkeye A.C.
Pat Dempsey, SS, Hawkeye A.C.
Mike Russell, INF, Marshfield Post 88
Greg DiTondo, CF, Marshfield Post 88
Mike Sullivan, SS, Wareham Post 220
Billy Peterson, UTILITY, Wareham Post 220
Billy Zolga, DH, Bridgewater Post 203
Matt O'Connor, Dennis Post 488
Danny Creel, Dennis Post 488
Zack Perry, Catcher, Marshfield Post 88

2011 District 10 American Legion Category Leaders:

2011 District 10 Batting Champion: Zach Littman, .588, Rockland Post 147

2011 District 10 Home Run Champion: Mike Cahill, (7), Plymouth Post 40

2011 District 10 RBI Champion: Sean Greene, (34), Hingham Post 120

2011 District 10 Earned Run Average Leader: Zac Cooney, (1.63), Hawkeye Athletic Club, East Bridgewater; Kevin Plant (1.95), Pembroke Post 143; Christian Petta (2.17), Whitman Post 22.

Pitching Leaders: David Kent (5-2, Sandwich Post 188); Tyler Shute (5-1, Sandwich Post 188); Everett Walsh (5-1, Barnstable Post 206); Joel Woodbridge (5-0, Brockton Post 35); Mike Mara (3-0, Hanover Post 149); Zac Cooney (5-1, Hawkeye A.C.); Sean Greene (5-1, Hingham Post 120); Billy Sullivan (5-1, Kingston Post 387);

Barnstable Post 206

Shortstop - A 16-year-old sophomore from Barnstable High School, Will Toffey has started every game but one at shortstop for Post 206 over the past two seasons... he batted .400 for the second straight season (.411) and this summer led the team in hits (31), tied for the lead in doubles (7) was second in RBI (16) and led Post 206 in stolen bases (13). He is headed to The Salisbury School in Connecticut this fall... was an OCL All-Star at third base for Barnstable High School last spring as a sophomore.

Outfielder/First Base/LHP: As a three-year Legion starter, Everett Walsh finished this summer batting over .350 (.353) for the third consecutive year, was tied for the team lead in RBI (17), belted two home runs and was tied for the lead in doubles (7) and tied for second in walks (9). He was also 5-1 on the mound to pace the Post 206 pitching staff and had a team-leading ERA of 2.48 for the second straight season. He allowed the fewest runs and hits on the staff as well as fewest earned runs. He will be a senior at Barnstable High School this year and he has earned varsity letters in football, basketball, baseball and cross country and was named a 2011 PerfectGame High School All-American.

Honorable mentions: Post 206 catcher Denny Beynor (Barnstable High – Sr.) batted .357 in his first season of American Legion baseball while rookie first baseman Dylan Morris (Barnstable High – Soph.) finished at .344 with 22 hits and seven (7) RBI from the leadoff spot and was tied for second in walks (9). Outfielder/Second Baseman Alex Pernick finished with a .318 average and was tied for team lead in RBI with (17) and led the team in home runs with four (4). He is headed to Quinnipiac to play baseball this fall and remains eligible to play one more year of American Legion baseball, which would be his fourth season.

Brockton Post 35:

Shortstop: 2011 Brockton High graduate Chris Samaras put together a fantastic season for perennial District 10 champion Post 35 (statistics unavailable). He is headed to Westfield State this fall to play baseball.

LHP-OF: Brockton Post 35 southpaw Joel Woodbridge is heading to Division 1 Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA... It was largely due to Woodbridge's success on the mound for Post 35 that helped pace the perennial District 10 champions to a first-place finish during the regular-season... he went 5-0 this summer and he is a 2011 graduate of Brockton High School.

Duxbury Post 223:

1B-LHP: A senior at Nobles & Greenough, southpaw Phil Sciretta staged a remarkable season for Duxbury Post 223 this summer, batting a phenomenal .512 (40-78) with four home runs and 23 RBI. He also walked 11 times and scored 25 runs in helping Post 223 to the state South Sectionals after Duxbury upset the red-hot Plymouth Post 40 team in the District 10 playoffs.

RF – A 2011 Marshfield High School graduate, Post 223 rightfielder Charlie Lapaglia is headed to UMass-Boston this fall after a stellar season for Duxbury's Legion nine. Lapaglia batted .395 with three home runs and a team-leading 26 RBI to go along with 34 hits and 12 stolen bases.

Hanover Post 149:

RHP – Hanover High School senior Mike Mara was the ace of the Post 149 staff this summer, putting together a perfect 3-0 record on the mound while boasting a 3.24 earned run average.

1B – Post 149 first baseman Zach Ricciardi paced the Hanover Legion hitting attack this summer, batting .345 with four home runs and three triples. He also had 12 doubles in leading the team in extra-base hits and slugging percentage. Ricciardi served as co-captain of the Hanover High School baseball team in 2011 and he will attempt to walk-on the UMass-Amherst baseball team this fall.

Hawkeye Athletic Club, East Bridgewater:

RHP-3B: An all-around top athlete, evidence of Zac Cooney's baseball prowess shined forth this summer each time he took the playing field. Cooney's ability as a pitcher and third baseman was evidenced by his 5-1 record on the mound, and in posting three shutouts as well as his league-leading earned run average of 1.63. Committed to play both football and baseball at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy this fall, Cooney also batted .469 for the perennial playoff-bound Hawkeye Athletic Club and he was an integral part in pacing the East Bridgewater-based team to the State South Sectionals.

First Base: Blessed with superior hand-eye coordination and a nifty glove in the infield, Hawkeye's Nick Cogliano finished in the top ten of league leaders in hitting this summer with a .524 batting average and an uncanny 1.167 on-base percentage. He struck out just three times and he intends on continuing his baseball career at the collegiate level. Cogliano led the District in on-base percentage.

Honorable Mentions: Centerfielder Mike Marshall (2010 graduate of Cardinal Spellman and heading into his sophomore year at UMass)... batted .345 with a 1.008 on-base percentage... committed no errors in centerfield this summer and Hawkeye shortstop Pat Dempsey who graduated from East Bridgewater High School this year and is headed to Framingham State to play Ice Hockey and Baseball... he batted .364 and boasted an on-base percentage of .779.

Hingham Post 120:

RHP-1B -- Sean Greene staged an incredible season for playoff contender Hingham Post 120, notching a 5-1 record on the pitcher's mound and adding to that a .511 batting average when playing first base. He also collected a team-high 34 RBI batting from the three-hole and belted five home runs.

Shortstop – Post 120's Chuckie Connors shortstop did a yeoman's job on the mound and in the field in 2011, helping his team head to the State South Sectionals with his fancy glove and footwork in the middle infield (fielding percentage .970) and batting .380.

LHP/OF – Post 120 leadoff man Robbie Madden did it all for the Hingham nine this summer, batting .425 from the top slot and stealing 18 bases in the process

Kingston Post 387:

Catcher – Lively, spirited and dependable in the clutch, Zach Smith was a three-year starter behind the dish for Kingston Post 387. A power-hitter who batted in the cleanup spot, Smith was a defensive stalwart for the back-to-back Zone 10 playoff contenders. A 2010 Silver Lake Regional High School graduate, Smith was a two-sport athlete, excelling in both football and baseball. Smith led Post 387 this season in batting average and slugging percentage and belted two home runs. Smith is currently in his 2nd year at Massasoit Community College where he will continue his baseball career.

SS - Sam Hurley: a four-year starter for Kingston Post 387 and South Shore League All-Star for Carver High School, Hurley was instrumental in Post 387's success with solid consistent play at the plate and in the field... has exceptional footwork around the bag and is lightning fast on the basepaths... a true gentleman and good sportsman on and off the field... former second baseman who made the jump to shortstop... Hurley was one of the team leaders in on base percentage and fielding percentage. Hurley will matriculate this fall to Curry College where he will continue his baseball career at the collegiate level.

3B-1B-DH: Matt Burgess: A three-year starter for Kingston Post 387 Matt has been one of the perennial playoff contender's most consistent players. This year was no exception. Matt filled in at 3rd base 1st base and also at the DH spot. Matt is a 2010 graduate of Silver Lake H.S. where he was not only a four-year starter but was named a Patriot League All-Star for a third straight time last spring. Deemed an exceptionally "coachable" player by the Kingston managerial staff, Burgess's positive attitude helped Post 387 stay on track right into the postseason. This fall, Burgess will begin his 2nd year at Salem State College where will continue his successful baseball career.

LHP: Bill Sullivan: A 2011 graduate of Carver High School, Sullivan was a four-year starter for the Crusaders. He was named to the South Shore League All-stars the last two years running. Bill compiled a 5-1 record for Kingston Post 387 and finished with a stingy 2.23 era. Without Sullivan, Kingston Post 387 Head Coach Bob Hurley said "We wouldn't have made it to the postseason." Sullivan has a bright future ahead of him as he is attending Bentley College where he will continue pitching with much success.

Marshfield Post 88:

In Marshfield Post 88's first-year entry into District 10 play, it finished with a very respectable 10-8-2 record, thanks in part to District 10 All-District Team rightfielder Greg Sherman and All-District First Team third baseman Mark Pomella. Honorable mentions went to Mike Russell and centerfielder Max DiTondo.

Pembroke Post 143:

CF-LHP: Kevin Plant a 2011 graduate of Pembroke High School who will be attending Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, FL... he batted .380 to lead the Pembroke offense and boasted a .500 on-base percentage (2nd)... was also second on the team in hits (19)...reached base 31 times and led the team in runs scored (14)... was a Patriot League All-Star in 2011 for Pembroke where he batted .438 and boasted an ERA of 1.95...

2B - Chris Holland... a 2010 graduate of Pembroke High School who attends the University of Rhode Island... batted .373 (team Rank-2nd), boasted an on-base percentage of .464 and led the team in hits with 22... he reached base 32 times and was third on the team in runs scored.

Plymouth Post 40:

Catcher -- A baseball player's player, Plymouth Post 40's Matt Walsh graduated from Plymouth North High School last spring after a phenomenal four years starring for the Eagles both on the baseball and football fields. Heading for Franklin Pierce this fall, Walsh went 35 for 62 with a .564 average at the plate and belted four (4) home runs.

LF – Plymouth North High School 2011 graduate Mike Cahill, heading to Endicott College to play baseball this fall, went 25 for 59 this summer for the playoff-contender Post 40 squad. He finished with a .423 average and hammered an incredible (7) seven home runs to lead all of District 10 in that category.

Third Base – Heading into his sophomore year at Stonehill College, hot corner craftsman Dan Fratus finished the 2011 campaign for Post 40 with a respectable .395 batting average (25-63) and crushed four (4) home runs.

Rockland Post 147:

RHP-Shortstop – Always in the hunt for a playoff spot, Rockland Post 147 boated this year's District 10 batting champion in shortstop Zach Littman who finished the campaign with an enormous .588 average. Littman, a two-year star for Post 147

and also a star for Abington High School, also finished with a 2-2 record on the mound and a 2.13 earned run average. He is headed to Bridgton Academy in Maine to continue his baseball career. Littman's .588 average was tops in District 10 this summer, earning him the 2011 District 10 batting crown.

Infield-RHP – right behind Post 147 teammate Littman came Brody Loughlin who finished the 2011 season with a stellar .452 batting average. A two-year player for Rockland Post 147, Loughlin attends South Shore Christian Academy in Weymouth. In addition to his solid work this summer at the plate, Loughlin went 1-2 on the mound with a 2.71 earned run average.

Sandwich Post 188:

LHP: David Kent, a 2011 graduate of the Avon Old Farms School in Avon, CT, helped pace the perennial champion Sandwich Post 188 team to a fine playoff-bound season this summer and a stellar 15-6 record as the southpaw went 5-2 on the mound.

RHP: Nichols College righty Tyler Shute, a 2010 Mashpee High School graduate, turned in a remarkable season on the mound for Post 188, going 5-1.

Wareham Post 220:

CF – Wareham High School senior-to-be Sean Conway roamed the Post 220 outfield with considerable acumen and skill this summer while also boasting a respectable finish in the hitting department, batting .364. He scored 22 runs and pounded out 16 RBI.

First Base – Post 220 first baseman Sean Griffith, a senior-to-be at Bourne High School, marked the 2011 season with a .351 batting average and 18 RBI.

Honorable Mentions: Michael Sullivan (Wareham HS 10'/Massasoit Community College) and Billy Peterson (Wareham HS 12'). Sullivan played stellar defense at shortstop and hit .320 and scored 21 runs. Peterson played five different positions and ended with a .346 average.

Whitman Post 22:

Shortstop -- Sean Goldman finished the 2011 season with a rock-solid .413 batting average and belted out three home runs to go along with 28 RBI. He is a senior-to-be at Whitman-Hanson High School.

RHP – Headed to Massasoit Community College this fall, hard-throwing righthander Christian Petta could only be deemed as the ace of the Whitman Post 22 staff this spring. Finishing with a 4-2 record, he struck out a phenomenal

59 batters in just 39 innings of work. He was one of the top five this summer in District 10 with an earned run average of 2.17.

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