

# SOFTBALL



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## CLASS 9A-7A PLAYER OF THE YEAR

# Brenna Lokeinsky

Cooper City junior only struck out once all season, batted .462 with 6 home runs

For nearly a decade, there has always been a Lokeinsky in the Cooper City High School softball lineup. Like her two older sisters Paige (2010-14) and Kara (2013-17) before her, the Cowboys' Brenna Lokeinsky said she needed to live up to expectations this season.

"It is a lot of pressure being Kara's little sister because that is what I am referred to as," Lokeinsky said of sister Kara, who just finished sophomore year at Florida Atlantic University. "People don't know my name. They just call me Kara's little sister. It's fun being noticed this year because Kara isn't here anymore."

Lokeinsky batted .462 with six home runs, with

34 runs scored, 31 RBIs, and 5 stolen bases. She only struck out once the entire season and hit for her first career cycle against Nova in the regional semifinals. She also hit a walk-off two-run home run against South Fork.

The Eckerd College commit, who helped the Cowboys to a 19-7 record and a second straight Class 8A state semifinal

appearance also hit a home run in the 2018 regional final against St. Thomas Aquinas.

"States didn't go the way we wanted it to, but it prepared us [for next year]," she said. "It was kind of a wakeup call. After we had the big win against St. Thomas we got shut down in the state semifinals, so it showed us what we have to work on."

Cowboys coach Phil Schmalz said Lokeinsky was the team's MVP and led the team in almost every offensive category.

"Without her leadership and clutch play, our team would not have fared as well," Schmalz said. "I think the only time she was in her sister's shadow was her freshman year when they played to-

## COACH OF THE YEAR



**Greg Hodges, West Broward:** Led the

Bobcats to a 23-5 record and the Class 9A regional final where they dropped a 2-0 decision to the eventual state champion Park Vista. "It's a building process for us. We are young. We've got a few sophomores and juniors so we will be better next year."

gether. Her subsequent seasons saw significant growth in all aspects of her game."

**Gary Curreri**

## CLASS 9A-7A FIRST TEAM



**Kayla Bail, OF, Monarch, senior:** Batted .493, had on-base-percentage of .564 from the leadoff spot and 29 stolen bases.



**Ali Blondin, U, South Plantation, sophomore:** Finished 18-7 in the circle with 10 shutouts and three no-hitters; 116 Ks; batted .425 with 30 RBIs.



**Chelsea Brown, DH, St. Thomas Aquinas, senior:** Battled back from a season-ending injury last season to hit .441 with 7 home runs, 27 RBI.



**Kirsten Caravaca, IF, Cooper City, freshman:** Batted .417, with 5 home runs, 22 runs scored, 32 RBIs and 5 stolen bases.



**Katelynn de Leon, C, Pembroke Pines Charter, senior:** Troy University signee batted .438 with 16 RBIs and 2 home runs; BCAA All-Star selection.



**Eliza Marie Gonzalez, P, Pembroke Pines Charter, senior:** Finished 8-2 with a 0.69 ERA and 62Ks on the mound; also contributed 2 HRs, 13 RBIs.



**Kristen Hernandez, IF, West Broward, senior:** Batted .470 with 24 hits and 15 RBI for Bobcats, who reached the regional final.



**Jasmin Herrera, P, Cooper City, senior:** Finished 13-5 with a 2.31 ERA and 67 Ks; also tossed one no-hitter while hitting .387 with 18 RBIs.



**Victoria Navarro, P, West Broward, sophomore:** Batted .371 with 15 RBIs; also finished 12-3 on the mound and struck out 117 batters in 101 IP.



**Meagan Patterson, IF, St. Thomas Aquinas, senior:** Troy signee led Raiders in six categories; set school record for highest average at .593.



**Jordan Ratner, IF, Stoneman Douglas, junior:** Batted .434 with one home run, 16 runs scored, 19 RBIs, four stolen bases; Eagles team captain.



**Jeandelys Rodriguez, OF, West Broward, senior:** Batted a team-leading .537 for the Bobcats to go along with 24 runs scored and 21 RBIs.



**Kristen Sacca, IF, St. Thomas Aquinas, senior:** Batted .365 with 21 runs scored, 13 stolen bases and a .564 on-base-percentage; Villanova signee.

## SECOND TEAM

**Cyarra Alvarado**, Stoneman Douglas, Sr., 2B; **Ariana Carreno**, Pembroke Pines Charter, Jr., OF; **Amanda Gettys**, Cooper City, So., C; **Gabriella Gilbert**, Fort Lauderdale, Jr., IF; **Stephanie Gonzalez**, Pembroke Pines Charter, So., IF; **Amber Grieve**, South Plantation, Sr., DH; **Kaitlin King**, St. Thomas Aquinas, Sr., P; **Jillian Melinek**, South Plantation, Sr., OF; **Courtney Monaco**, Western, Sr., IF; **Lexi Parker**, Cypress Bay, So., P; **Sammy Perez**, Cypress Bay Jr., OF; **Kayla Tosone**, West Broward, Jr., OF; **Johanna Urso**, Western, Sr., C

## HONORABLE MENTION

Cooper City: Michelle Adelman, Adriana Crespo, Bianca Polistin; Coral Glades: Morgan Moorer, Peyton Post, Camryn Trabue, Victoria Vilarchao; Coral Springs: Sophia Cleter, Kaitlyn Silvia; Cypress Bay: Jillian Kuntze, Megan Osmond; Everglades: Alysha Morillo; Fort Lauderdale: Victoria Siver, Ashleigh Washington; Monarch: Madison Bromley, Adryanna English, Madison Grazioplene, McKenna McNulty; Pembroke Pines Charter: Erika Andujar, Maegan Calandra, Madison Garcia, Angelina Pascual; Piper: Jadee Cummins, Kariyah Dixon, Dejah Mendez, Casey Montes; St. Thomas Aquinas: Jaime Davis, Jenny Jacob, Madison Santana; South Plantation: Macey Melinek; Stoneman Douglas: Samantha Diaz, Amanda Gomez, Monique Poitevin; Taravella: Leckesia Housen; West Broward: Macayla Brady, Kelly Drago, Camille Graham, Kylie Graham; Western: Madison Bradshaw, Bianca Cristoforo, Lauren Fortunato, Jada Oleski, Sydney Tedim.



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## CLASS 6A-1A PLAYER OF THE YEAR

# Lindsey Garcia

Coral Springs Charter senior graduates among most decorated players in county

Pop music star Ariana Grande has her top-selling hit, 7 Rings, and Lindsey Garcia isn't that far behind.

The Auburn signee has a ring for all five seasons she played softball for Coral Springs Charter and even added a sixth this season when she helped win the first girls' team state bowling championship in school history.

Garcia graduates as one of the most decorated softball players in Broward County. She finished her senior campaign batting .549 with 45 hits, a county-leading 10 home runs, 54 runs scored, 44 RBIs, 23 stolen bases, a .644 on-base percentage, 13 walks and was hit by pitches nine times.

She repeats as the Sun Sentinel Class 6A-1A softball player of the year.

"I am ready for a new chapter," said Garcia, who committed to Auburn in her sophomore year. Garcia and teammate Sara Berthiaume are the lone players in Florida to ever win five state championships. "Ever since I

committed, I just took my game to a whole new level. I just never looked back.

"It is surreal to look back at winning every year in high school and in the eighth grade as well," Garcia said. She also averaged a 129 for the Panthers bowling team as they won state this year. "That was a fun experience."

Panthers' coach Mark Montimurro has been impressed with Garcia since he inserted her in the lineup as a middle-schooler.

"Lindsey Garcia has been a winning ballplayer from the day she arrived at Charter," Montimurro said. "She is a fierce competitor and an elite athlete with that special trait for

## COACH OF THE YEAR



**Mark Montimurro, Coral Springs**

**Charter:** Led the Panthers to a 29-1 record, and a fifth consecutive state championship and a MaxPreps ranking of No. 3 in the state (all classes) and an Xcellent 25 rank of seventh nationally. The team is 144-7 during that span. "This season was a true testament to the girls and their desire to make history."

playoff heroics. With Lindsey on the lineup card, Charter went 144-7 the past five years. Simply remarkable."

**Gary Curreri**

## CLASS 6A-1A FIRST TEAM



**Sara Berthiaume, OF, Coral Springs Charter, senior:** Hit .506, stole 16 bases, scored 41 runs and had 25 RBI; FAU signee batted .714 in postseason.



**Kamryn Casey, IF, Westminster Academy, freshman:** Batted a team-leading .537, scored 40 runs, had 25 RBIs and 13 stolen bases.



**Amanda Chang, UT, Calvary Christian Academy, senior:** Finished with a .673 batting average and 6 HRs; she was 7-2 on the mound with 75Ks.



**Janai Conklin, C, American Heritage, senior:** Georgia Southern signee batted .400, 19 runs scored, 16 RBIs, 11 doubles and 4 home runs.



**Cassidy Crump, IF, Coral Springs Charter, junior:** FIU commit hit .502, five home runs, including two grand slams, 40 RBI, 19 stolen bases.



**Briana Godfrey, P, Coral Springs Charter, freshman:** Went 16-0 with 0.91 ERA and 97 strikeouts; two complete-game no-hitters; batted .436.



**Emily LeGette, OF, American Heritage, eighth-grader:** Batted .391 with 5 HRs, 23 RBIs; said highlight was hitting the first 5 HRs of career.



**Kiara Meikle, OF, Coral Springs Charter, junior:** Batted .561; on-base-percentage of .623, 1 HR, 35 runs scored, 24 RBIs, and 16 stolen bases.



**Jeritza Montero, IF, Pompano Beach, senior:** Finished with .581 average, added 3 home runs, 31 runs, and 27 RBI; defensive standout.



**Samantha Restrepo, IF, Pine Crest, senior:** Finished senior year with a .677 BA, 8 doubles, 2 triples, and 5 HRs; also had 16 stolen bases.



**Katherine Rodriguez, IF, American Heritage, senior:** Quinnipiac signee had .420 BA, 25 runs scored, 11 doubles, two triples, and three home runs.



**Marissa Thompson, DH, American Heritage, freshman:** Finished with a 1.82 ERA and struck out 34 batters; batted .476, hit 5 home runs.



**Emily Winburn, P, Chaminade-Madonna, junior:** Had a 1.05 ERA and struck out 153 batters; offensively, she batted .595, with 22 RBIs.

## SECOND TEAM

**Ryann Breault**, Pine Crest, Jr., C; **Isabella Chenet**, Archbishop McCarthy, Fr., OF; **Shannon Doherty**, Coral Springs Charter, Sr., INF; **Bridget Dunham**, Coral Springs Charter, So., INF; **Alexa Gonzalez**, Calvary Christian, So., UTL; **Jordyn Griffith**, American Heritage, Sr., OF; **Julia Grobman**, American Heritage, Sr., P; **Noelle Hartung**, Archbishop McCarthy, Sr., DH; **Halle Roach**, American Heritage, So., INF; **Maddie Russo**, Pompano Beach, Sr., UT; **Amelia Saviskas**, American Heritage, Sr., P; **Alex Simon**, Chaminade-Madonna, Jr., INF; **Kelly Torres**, American Heritage, Jr., OF

## HONORABLE MENTION

American Heritage: Brooke Felles, Haley Gustavsen; Archbishop McCarthy: Taylor Brown, Juliana Cabrera, Alyssa Confessore, Lella Hernandez; Calvary Christian: Gabriella Carcioppolo, Hannah Lamb; Cardinal Gibbons: Kelly Van Sover; Chaminade-Madonna: Olivia Callari, Bella Ligotti, Rachel Tupler; Coral Springs Charter: Alexis Johnson, Tatiana Luersen; Highlands Christian: Hailey Duke, Summer Givens, Jessica Lloyd; Pine Crest: Lindsey Eldridge, Ava Friesen, Sophia Haig, Ashley Weymouth; Pompano Beach: Brianna Caffro, Julianna Hooker, Ella Russo; Westminster Academy: Caroline Austin, Emma Hoffman, Dianna Montidoro, Emma Wallhoff.