

FIRST TEAM

MARC BORBONUS F, Wakeland, Sr.

One of the cornerstones in the latest chapter of the Wakeland soccer dynasty, Borbonus capped his high school career in style — racking up 16 goals and eight assists to finish among the area's top scorers and earn 9-5A's offensive player of the year superlative. A three-year letterman, Borbonus was the lone forward selected in Region II-5A for the Texas Association of Soccer Coaches' all-state first team.



RILEY O'DONNELL F, Lovejoy, Jr.

The Leopards were in line to secure their third district title in four year prior to the season's cancellation, and part of that success came from having one of the top offensive players in the Metroplex. O'Donnell submitted a dynamic campaign for Lovejoy, leading the team with 15 goals and nearly posting double-digit assists on his way to a share of the 10-5A MVP award. O'Donnell's big year was matched with an all-region first-team selection from the Texas Association of Soccer Coaches.



SAM COAD F, Marcus, Sr.

The Marauders' scoring depth was as impressive as any team in the state in 2020, and leading that charge was Coad. The forward posted a team-high 16 goals on top of four assists during his senior campaign, earning a spot on 6-6A's all-district first team and the Texas Association of Soccer Coaches' all-state honorable mention list. Coad's dynamic scoring talents will next be on display at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.



BROCK POPE F/MF, Lake Dallas, Sr.

Pope was a staple of the Falcons soccer program and helped turn them into a District 8-5A power. His 13 goals were the second-most on the team, alongside six assists and three second assists by winning co-MVP of the district and leading the Falcons to a second consecutive 8-5A title. In his final two years of high school, he combined for 32 goals and 26 assists, winning two MVP awards, two district titles and making a trip to the regional finals in 2019. Pope will play collegiately at Bradley.



ANTHONY PATTI MF, Lake Dallas, Jr.

Like one of his best friends in Brock Pope, Patti has been a mainstay for the Falcons since he first stepped on campus and certainly showed it as a junior in 2020. Patti's 17 goals were the most on the roster, tagging alongside another seven assists and three second assists en route to a first team all-district selection and a second consecutive outright 8-5A crown. Patti was also a first team all-district selection a year ago as a sophomore and a second-team honoree during his freshman season.



MIGUEL ADOBOE MF, Sachse, Jr.

Adoboe is a three-time first-team all-district honoree who was the newcomer of the year as a freshman and was voted as the 10-6A MVP in the spring. Adoboe continued to be one of the top playmakers in the area, finishing with 13 goals, including 10 in district play, to go along with seven assists, as the Mustangs were on their way to the playoffs for the sixth consecutive season.



HARVEY CASTRO MF, Marcus, Sr.

Castro was the tip of the spear for the Marauders' talent-rich midfield, showcasing an all-around skill set that helped raise Marcus to a first-place finish in district and a top-five state ranking by Top Drawer Soccer. Castro contributed in all facets, posting 12 goals and eight assists en route to receiving 6-6A's MVP award and being named to the Texas Association of Soccer Coaches' all-state honorable mention list. Castro will continue his play into college nearby at SMU.



MATT KENDRICK D, Frisco, Sr.

A senior captain and one of the most valuable players for a Frisco side that ended its year in second place in the talent-rich 9-5A district, Kendrick earned a share of the conference's co-defensive player of the year award. An all-region first-team pick by the Texas Association of Soccer Coaches, Kendrick's accolades come after leading a revamped defense that broke in a bevy of new starters, only to post 16 shutouts and allow just 0.85 goals per match.



MASON TURNER D, Allen, Sr.

Although Turner didn't begin the 2020 season on defense, initially starting at striker, early-season injuries forced head coach Kim Fullerton to shuffle the deck a bit. That meant moving Turner to the back line in a move was initially temporary until the Eagles healed up. But Turner's play improved with each match and he became a centerpiece of an Allen defense that surrendered just 0.8 goals in district play. The 9-6A coaches took note, voting Turner as the district's defensive player of the year.



NOBERTO FLORES D, West Mesquite, Jr.

Flores made a huge leap during his junior campaign and was recognized as the 13-5A defensive player of the year, one year after earning all-district honors at Horn. The Wranglers were breaking in several new players on the back line, but Flores emerged as a leader of that unit. West Mesquite captured back-to-back district championships and a big reason was the defense led by Flores, as they held opponents to one goal or less in nine of their 10 district matches.



MATTHEW SIERRA GK, Poteet, Sr.

The Pirates are one of the most decorated programs in the area, having made the playoffs in 22 of the last 25 years and they were in position to add another postseason appearance to their resume with Sierra being a big reason. The 13-5A goalkeeper of the year, Sierra posted four shutouts and limited opponents to just a single goal in four other matches as Poteet was one win away from securing a playoff berth.



MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

JUNIOR SAAVEDRA West Mesquite, Sr.

Saavedra put the finishing touches on one of the best careers in Wranglers history and was leading the way to what was potentially the best season in the program when the season was derailed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Saavedra captured 13-5A most valuable player honors, marking his third

straight first-team all-district selection.

He had broken onto the scene in a big way as a sophomore, tallying 20 goals and seven assists to claim district newcomer of the year.

Last season, he recorded 16 goals and six assists, despite missing a large portion of the season with an injury, and was tabbed 13-5A offensive player of the year as West Mesquite claimed the district championship for the first time in school history.

Saavedra saved his best for last.

Using adept playmaking skills as both a finisher and a passer, Saavedra was the key cog in one of the best offenses in the area.

His MVP campaign was highlighted by individual accomplishments, where he scored 17 goals and dished out nine assists, and team goals, where the Wranglers posted a 15-3-5 record and had already secured the district championship for the second straight season.



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OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

SANTIAGO CASTORENA Little Elm, Sr.

Castorena was one of the most dominant goal scorers in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex during the 2020 season.

Castorena scored 16 of Little Elm's 28 goals in district play, helping the Lobos clinch their second



consecutive playoff berth and a third place finish in the 8-5A standings before the remainder of the season was canceled. He would be named the co-MVP in the district alongside Lake Dallas senior — and soon-to-be Division I college soccer player — Brock Pope.

He also went on to score 16 additional goals in non-district play, which gave him an astounding 32 for the entire season.

As a junior, Castorena also found his way to 8-5A all-district honors by finding his way to the district's first-team list after he helped guide the Lobos to their first playoff appearance since 2014 — when they made a trip to the area round.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

MJ FLEEKS Coppell, Sr.

Fleeks' leadership and presence on the back line powered Coppell to another strong season on the pitch.

With Fleeks anchoring the defense, Coppell was a formidable foe on that end of the field. The Cowboys allowed the second-fewest goals in 6-6A play (16), which was only behind that of nationally ranked Flower Mound Marcus (11) — who finished the year as the No. 8 team in the country



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For the year, Coppell recorded eight shutouts, including five in district play. Seven other teams finished with just one goal, meaning opponents were held to one goal or less in 15 of Coppell's 21 games this season.

Fleeks and Coppell were also one of the hottest teams at the end of the campaign, making a remarkable turnaround by finding themselves out the playoff picture to jumping into second place and clinching a 23rd straight playoff berth after a six-game winning streak to conclude the regular season.

Fleeks added one goal and one assist on the offensive end and was named to the all-region first team by the Texas Association of Soccer Coaches.

GOALKEEPER OF THE YEAR

JACKSON LEAVITT Allen, Jr.

Leavitt was one of the bright surprises from Allen's resurgent 2019 campaign, beginning the year as the Eagles' backup netminder and closing the season as the District 9-6A goalkeeper of the year.

Despite Allen graduating a wealth of the talent that contributed to last season's run to the regional semifinals, Leavitt helped keep the Eagles among the state's elite with another dominant campaign between the pipes.

As Allen's last line of defense, Leavitt surrendered just 0.55 goals per match for the 2020 campaign — a figure that amounted to 12 shutouts across 18 games and only four matches with multiple goals allowed. The result netted Leavitt a second

and consecutive accolade as 9-6A's top goalkeeper and helped position Allen for a repeat of its district championship before its season was cancelled.

Although the Eagles didn't get a chance to follow through on their aspirations of a return run to the regional tournament, the assurance of one more year in net for Leavitt should keep those expectations intact for 2021.



COACH OF THE YEAR

SAM GARZA Marcus

Garza is well aware of the tradition that comes part and parcel with the Marcus soccer programs. Prior to launching a professional career on the pitch, Garza authored a decorated high school run with the Marauders — helping guide the team to back-to-back state championships in 2007 and 2008.

Initially named interim head coach of his alma mater in 2017, followed by a pair of seasons as an assistant, Garza was promoted to head coach in November 2019 and helped steer the Marauders to one of the top seasons in the state in 2020.



Named 6-6A's coach of the year, Garza coached Marcus to a 19-1-1 record and a first-place finish in one of the area's most talent-rich districts. The Marauders did so in emphatic fashion, shutting down 12 opponents and averaging just under 3.5 goals per match.

With Garza fostering a camaraderie that translated into a surgical, precise product on the pitch, Marcus blew away the competition in 6-6A with a district-high 45 goals scored — one more than the combined total from second-place Coppell and Irving — and a plus-30 goal differential.

The Marauders ended the year ranked No. 5 in the state by Top Drawer Soccer.

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

ZAC CASTRO Marcus, Soph.

Sporting one of the top offenses in the state, the Marauders didn't lack for depth when it came to finding options for putting the ball in the back of the net.

Marcus had the luxury of a talented senior class to set the tone, as well as a number of promising underclassmen ready to forge the next great run for one of the area's perennial powerhouses. Castro fell into the latter, wasting no time in rising up head coach Sam Garza's depth chart and into an impactful role at center forward for the Marauders.

Castro filled every expectation Garza had for the position, developing an instant chemistry with

teammates on the pitch, including older brother and district MVP Harvey Castro, on his way to 11 goals and nine assists for his sophomore campaign.

Castro was named 6-6A's newcomer of the year and added a Texas Association of Soccer Coaches all-region first-team selection to his ledger as well.



SECOND TEAM

BRYSON BEZDEK F, Wakeland, Sr.

Although opponents had their hands full with players like Borbonus, fellow forward Bezdek offered no consolation to defenders after posting his own emphatic senior campaign. Named to the all-district first team, Bezdek posted 14 goals and seven assists to help steer the Wolverines to an undefeated regular season.



SPENCER SARKISSIAN F, McKinney Boyd, Soph.

Sarkissian scored 11 goals and seven assists in a shortened season, which led him to be voted 9-6A sophomore player of the year. In 2019, he was an all-district first-team selection at forward. As the lone forward in the Broncos' offensive system, Sarkissian has done all this with the bulk of the defensive pressure focused on him. Sarkissian has a bright future and expectations are high as the Broncos work toward a highly anticipated 2021 campaign.



KEVIN ADOLFO F, Rowlett, Sr.

Adolfo capped one of the most decorated careers in the area by leading the Eagles back to the playoffs for what would have been the 18th consecutive season. Adolfo was a four-time superlative award winner, capturing newcomer of the year honors as a freshman and was twice named 10-6A MVP. For his senior campaign, Adolfo was tabbed co-offensive player of the year after tallying 12 goals and seven assists and finishes his career with 79 goals and 32 assists.



NICK WANZER F/MF, Centennial, Sr.

One year removed from being named 9-5A's top midfielder, Wanzer capped his high school career with the district's top overall superlative after earning MVP honors. He did so after guiding the Titans to a third-place finish in the district, leading Centennial with eight goals and six assists against conference opponents. Set to continue his soccer career at Mercer, Wanzer was an all-region first-team selection by the Texas Association of Soccer Coaches.



EDGAR LOPEZ MF, West Mesquite, Sr.

Lopez was one of the most versatile players in 13-5A, where he was named first-team all-district a year after being tabbed the district offensive midfielder of the year when he had 15 goals and six assists. As a leader of one of the best midfield units in the area, Lopez recorded 10 goals and a team-high 12 assists for the district champion Wranglers, while also being able to drop back and contribute on the defensive end of the pitch.



HAYES MALONE MF, McKinney North, Jr.

Coming off a sizzling sophomore campaign that saw him earn unanimous 10-5A MVP, Malone was once again named district MVP — the first Bulldog to do so in back-to-back seasons. Despite being the focal point of opposing defenses, Malone still went on to register 11 goals and six assists, in addition to numerous secondary assists and clever runs to create opportunities for teammates. Malone was named first team all-region by the Texas Association of Soccer Coaches.



KEVIN PARRA MF, Mesquite, Sr.

Parra is a three-time first-team all-district honoree who was named 11-6A co-midfielder of the year, as the Skeeters had already clinched a playoff berth for the sixth consecutive season, but were also in the lead to win their second district championship in three years. Parra was once again one of the centerpieces for Mesquite's success, as he recorded six goals and three assists during 11-6A play, and a team-best 11 goals overall.



SAMMY NAVARRETE D, Mesquite, Sr.

Navarrete elevated his game during his senior campaign, not only capturing all-district honors for the first time, but being selected as the 11-6A defensive player of the year. Navarrete led a Skeeter defense that posted four shutouts in district play and seven overall on the season, including a crucial 1-0 blanking of Tyler Lee in what would prove to be their final match of the season.



SAM DAVIS D, Frisco Memorial, Soph.

The Warriors were among the most improved teams in the area in 2020, going from a one-win district campaign in 2019 to having the inside track on fourth place when this season abruptly concluded. One of the key reasons behind that improvement was Davis, who anchored a back line that surrendered one goal or less in 10 district matches. With half of his high school career still on the horizon, Davis split honors for 9-5A co-defensive player of the year and was named Texas Association of Soccer Coaches all-region honorable mention.



NATHAN HERNANDEZ D, Coppell, Sr.

With Fleeks and Hernandez in the back, there was very little opponents could do against Little Elm. Hernandez's leadership played a pivotal role in Coppell's sensational finish when it won six straight games, never losing again when the Cowboys found the perfect role for him. They only gave 16 goals in 13 district games, good for an average of 1.23 per contest in a tough 6-6A.



KALEB IRVING GK, Lake Dallas, Sr.

The 8-5A goalie of the year, Irving rarely, if ever, allowed a goal in district play. He and Lake Dallas surrendered just 10 goals in 11 games against 8-5A foes, which was five fewer than anyone else in the district — Denton Ryan was No. 2 at 15 allowed. Irving and Lake Dallas also made the remarkable turnaround in district play, going from a winless pre-district slate to going unbeaten in their 11 district contests.

