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# SOFTBALL: The Sun Chronicle All-Star Team

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## Reegan Durden, King Philip

Durden hit .381 in her sophomore season for the Warriors, appearing in all 27 games. She was one of four batters with 50-plus plate appearances to post an OPS over 1.000, finishing at 1.031 with 40 hits, seven homers and 36 RBIs. The Hockomock League All-Star also scored 14 runs and is poised to return as an integral part of King Philip's future success.

## Ali Gill, King Philip

Gill proved to once again be one of the most dangerous bats in the Hockomock League, hitting .500 with an OPS of 1.801 as a league all-star. The seniors second baseman and multi-time Sun Chronicle All-Star had 48 hits, including 18 home runs, with 51 RBIs and 43 runs scored. She was also to be respected on the basepaths, going 11-for-12 in stolen bases. Gill's powerful bat moves on to the college ranks with Colgate University.

## McCoy Walsh, King Philip

A multi-time Sun Chronicle All-Star and Hockomock League All-Star, Walsh continued her ascension to league dominance this spring, closing out her senior campaign as both a state champion and the Kelley-Rex Division MVP. She started 26 of the 23 games that she pitched, going 18-4 with a save and 281 punchouts. Her ERA was 1.08 and her opposing batting average against was .129. One of the top pitchers in the state, Walsh will play at Hofstra University next season.

## Ashleigh Cromack, Mansfield

Cromack was a bright piece for Mansfield this spring at shortstop, hitting .450 with 27 hits for the seven-win Hornets. The junior Hockomock League All-Star added nine RBIs and 19 runs scored, along with a home run, at the top half of the order for Mansfield.

## Lindsey DeGirolamo, North Attleboro

In 21 games, DeGirolamo posted a .487 average with an OPS of 1.177. The Rocketeers sophomore led North in hits at 29, drove in 10 runs and scored 29 times. A Hockomock League All-Star, DeGirolamo also had one of the lowest strikeout rates on the team, fanning only four times, and led North with 11 stolen bases on 12 attempts.

## Molly Willey, North Attleboro

Willey played both second base and right field while batting a team-high .507 for North in 21 games and posting an OPS of 1.380. The Rocketeers' senior Hockomock League All-Star had 37 hits with eight doubles, four triples and a pair of homers. She also drove in 21 runs with 28 runs scored.

## Liana Danubio, Norton

Danubio ended her Norton career by finishing her senior season as the Tri-Valley League Small MVP. She hit .395 from the leadoff spot with an OPS of .952, collecting 30 hits with a pair of doubles and a pair of triples. The multi-time Sun Chronicle All-Star drove in 16 runs and scored 28 times and also drew 13 walks. She also used her speed efficiently, swiping 13 bases without being caught. In the circle, she was equally, if not more, dominant going 22-2 over 143 innings with 218 strikeouts. She posted a 1.51 ERA with a WHIP of 0.76, leading the way on the field and in the dugout as a tone-setting leader.

## Casey Dart, Norton

Dart did everything right for the Lancers, posting a batting average of .413 with an OBP of .456 and an OPS of 1.043. She had 19 hits, with five for



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extra-bases, and had 18 runs scored and 18 RBIs. Dart's tremendous plate discipline and ability to put the ball in play led to her striking out only once in her junior season.

## Talia Faria, Norton

Faria broke out with a bang this spring for Norton, bringing a junior bat to an already talented Norton group. In 24 games, she batted .468 with an on-base percentage of .494 and a team-leading .766 slugging percentage. Faria posted 36 hits, including 25 singles with five homers. She also had a team-high 36 RBIs with 30 runs scored and did not strike out all season.

## Gabby Rodriguez, Norton

Rodriguez was one of Norton's standout players, hitting .500 with an OBP hovering at .600 and an OPS of 1.184. A two-time Sun Chronicle All-Star, the Lancers' junior had 33 hits, 29 for singles, with 23 RBIs and 38 runs scored. Rodriguez was best known for her high motor and enthusiasm, which drove her to be a better player. She utilized her speed for 19 stolen bases and was not caught stealing.

## Avery Soares, Norton

The Norton junior was named the Lancers' best all-around player. In 24 games, Soares posted the third-highest average on the team at .423 and got on base half the time. Her 1.134 OPS saw her tally 30 hits, eight doubles, a pair of triples and a homer, driving in 16 runs with 28 runs scored. Versatile anywhere on

the field, Soares was one of the hardest-working players for head coach Wade Lizotte.

## Anya Fagundes, Seekonk

The freshman was given a tall task to step in and contribute right away, and Fagundes did not disappoint, helping drive the Warriors to the Division 4 semifinals. Fagundes pitched every inning this spring, totaling 164 1/3 as she struck out 148 for 15 wins. At the plate, she hit .310 with an OPS of .969, driving in 13 runs with two homers. She also worked the most walks on the team with 21 to post an on-base percentage of .556.

## Shelby Quinn, Seekonk

Quinn was the junior tone-setter for Seekonk's lineup, owning a .520 average with a slugging percentage of 1.053 and an OPS of 1.730. The third baseman was always in a good spot to give the Warriors timely hitting, driving in 40 runs with eight homers. The Div. 4 state semifinalist Warriors named her co-MVP for the season.

## Sarah Rickard, Seekonk

The senior shortstop was a steady producer for the Warriors all season and came up big a number of times, serving as one of the faces of the team. The two-time Sun Chronicle All-Star hit .451, posted an OPS of 1.526 and had nine homers with 37 RBIs.

## Maddy Benoit, Tri-County

The junior shortstop and two-time Sun Chronicle All-Star led off the Cougars' lineup with success this spring, batting .522 with an on-base percentage of .536. She had 36 hits, four for extra-bases, and scored 37 runs with 22 RBIs. Tri-County often put her in motion, leading to her stealing 23 bases.

## Makenzie Duffy, Tri-County

A senior center fielder and occasional catcher, Duffy provided range and experience in the field while adding pop at the plate. A three-time Sun Chronicle All-Star, Duffy hit .559 with an on-base percentage of .593, tallying 38 hits with nine doubles, four triples and eight home runs. She scored 45 runs and drove in 34.

## Ava Gemelli, Tri-County

Gemelli compiled 36 hits in her junior season, posting a .529 average and a .564 on-base percentage. She had more triples than doubles (six and five) and hit three home runs. Gemelli also drove in 41 runs and scored 29 runs as catalyst in the Cougars' attack.



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North Attleboro High senior Molly Willey was effective with the glove and the bat as she hit .507 this season.