

Tampa Bay Times' all-Tampa Bay boys soccer teams



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Pinellas Player of the Year

M Sergio Enciso, Sr., Palm Harbor University

After struggling in the regular season, Palm Harbor University entered the Class 5A, District 7 tournament as the No. 5 seed and faced the daunting task of getting through three games against incredibly tough competition to win the title. Enciso was the difference maker, coming through with clutch performances. He scored the only goal in the semifinals to beat top-seeded Steinbrenner, a team many thought would reach the state semifinals. In the district title game, Enciso had a goal and an assist in a 2-1 victory over Wiregrass Ranch as PHU repeated as champion. The momentum continued in the postseason with the Hurricanes reaching the region final a second straight season.

Final stats: Enciso finished the season with six goals — most coming during the postseason run — and had 15 assists playing in what arguably was the toughest district in Tampa Bay.

Season highlight: For Enciso, it was winning the district title. "Holding up that trophy with my senior friends. We've been friends for a long time, and it was like a culmination point." Although he had some impressive statistics in the postseason, Enciso said his best performance came in the district quarterfinals against Plant, a game in which he did not score or have an assist. "I just played really well and opened up the field for everyone. It kind of set the tone for the rest of the tournament."

What's next: Enciso was accepted into the University of Florida and will head there in August. He said he would like to play soccer at the club or intramural level.



Did you know? Enciso is an artist. He has been drawing, painting and sculpting for the past six years and won numerous school awards in Franklin, Tenn., before moving back to the Palm Harbor area two years ago.

North Suncoast Player of the Year

GK Danny Hrenko, Sr., Sunlake

The Florida Dairy Farmers' Class 3A Player of the Year, Hrenko is a proficient shot blocker. That attribute was critical for Sunlake, which graduated several players and was supposed to be in rebuilding mode. But with Hrenko constantly shutting out opponents, the Seahawks were able to stay among the elite and reach the state semifinals a fourth straight season. In the region final, Hrenko recorded the final shutout of his career against Taylor, a team that had two players who scored 49 goals each during the season. "The most memorable moment, by far, was getting the state final four again. I know we lost there four years. But just getting there as a team, and with the team we had, was special and in my last year was meaningful. People didn't think we had a strong squad and I even doubted us. But we played together so much as a team."

Final stats: Hrenko set a national record with 85 career shutouts, including 22 this season. He had only nine goals scored against him all season and finished with a career record of 115-6-3.

Season highlight: In the region semifinals against rival Pasco, Hrenko saved the Seahawks' season by stopping three critical shots when the game was extended to penalty kicks.

What's next: Hrenko has signed with Lee University, a Division II powerhouse that won a national title in 2014. He also had an offer from Division I Presbyterian but chose the Flames because of the location and playing time.

Did you know? At 5-foot-10, Hrenko is shorter than most goalkeepers. "Everyone keeps doubting me because of my height. Well, some coaches snubbed me because they thought I was too short for it. But I've always been persistent. I live with it and own it and have just kept working hard."

Hillsborough Player of the Year

M Connar Lufkin, Sr., Jesuit

For the past two seasons, Jesuit advanced to the region final only to lose to Merritt Island. This season, the Tigers again faced their nemesis at the same spot of the postseason. Jesuit prevailed thanks to the performance of Lufkin, who assisted on both goals in the 2-1 victory that allowed him and his teammates to reach the state semifinals for the first time in their careers. Lufkin also was adept at scoring and had nine goals in the postseason. "Beating Merritt Island was such a memorable experience. It was at their place and it was in overtime, so that was pretty crazy. The last two years were tough losses. But it was our time to win." Lufkin continued to play well after the high school season ended. He was named MVP of the Florida Athletic Coaches Association all-star game.

Final stats: Lufkin scored 19 goals, including seven that were winners, and had 12 assists.

Season highlight: In the Class 3A state semifinal, Jesuit faced Ponte Vedra, which was ranked first in the state and second in the nation by MaxPreps. Lufkin had two goals to give the Tigers a 2-0 lead in the first half. It was the first time the Sharks had trailed all season. Ponte Vedra eventually rallied to win 3-2 en route to a state title. "We didn't get the result we wanted but it was probably the best game I've played. Those two goals are something I'll never forget. I think everyone was in shock that we were ahead, including ourselves."

What's next: This week, Lufkin committed to Jacksonville. He picked the Dolphins over offers from Tampa and Spring Hill.

Did you know? Lufkin is incredibly superstitious. He said has to put on his cleats and shin guards the same way at the same time. "I don't know if it helps me or not, but it puts my mind at ease."

Coach of the Year

Kevin McCarron, Tampa Catholic. McCarron has long been a part of the Crusaders' soccer program. He played for Tampa Catholic from 1977-79 when the sport was first sanctioned by the Florida High School Athletic Association. He returned to his alma mater as coach in 2006 and led the program this season on a remarkable postseason run that culminated with the Crusaders' first state semifinal and title game appearances since 2000.

First team

D Garritt DuBois, Sr., Palm Harbor University: His ability to stop top scorers, especially in the playoffs, allowed the Hurricanes to go from a No. 5 seed in the district tournament to reaching the region final.

D Elias Kallianiotis, Sr., Newsome: He led a stellar defense that allowed just 13 goals all season and was a big reason the Wolves won a district title.

D Peyton Little, Sr., East Lake: His performance as the last line of defense was key to the Eagles recording 11 shutouts and allowing just 13 goals en route to conference and district titles.

D Jackson Trudel, So., Wiregrass Ranch: Bulls coach Dave Wilson calls Trudel the backbone of a defense that had 16 shutouts and allowed just 16 goals.

M Mike Connell, Sr., Steinbrenner: The North Florida signee was solid all season, leading the team with 26 goals and 19 assists. The Warriors were 15-2-2 and reached the district semifinals.

M Devi Ndrita, Sr. Wiregrass Ranch: The Lenoir-Rhyne signee had 32 goals and 20 assists for the Bulls, who were 21-3-3 and won a conference title before reaching the Class 5A region semifinals.

M Parker Bryant, Sr., St. Petersburg: A former kicker with the football team, Bryant was the Green Devils' top player on a team that made the conference final and had the No. 1 seed in the district.

F Taylor Floyd, Sr., Tampa Catholic: In the playoffs, Floyd became a dependable scorer with four winning goals to help the Crusaders reach the state final for the first time since 2000. He finished with 16 goals and nine assists.

F Logan Corcoran, Sr., Bloomingdale: Starting with the district tournament, Corcoran had goals in four straight games and finished with 18 on the season while leading the Bulls to the region final.

F Tariq Michael, Jr., Sunlake: He used his quickness to score 39 goals and assist on 19 others for a high-scoring team that reached the state semifinals for the fourth straight season.

GK Josef Gutsche, Sr., Newsome: The Eastern State College signee recorded seven shutouts and allowed just seven goals on a team that went undefeated against Hillsborough County competition and finished 16-1-2.

Second team

D Chris Cortes, Sr., Bloomingdale

D Eric Wendell, Sr., Tampa Catholic

D Jonathan Hansen, Sr., Palm Harbor University

D Spencer Finkhousen, Sr., Osceola

M Benny Ortiz, Jr., Jesuit:

M Maurice Lewis, Sr., Wiregrass Ranch

M Jonathan Lozada, Sr., Riverview

F Bryson Boylan, Sr., Tampa Catholic

F Esteban Perez, Jr., Pasco

F Alec Harris, Sr., Palm Harbor University

GK Hayden Grooms, Sr., Palm Harbor University

Third team

D Ryan Wilt, Sr., Seminole

D Brian Rivera, Sr. Wiregrass Ranch

D Derek Walters, Sr., Sunlake

D Devin Guerra, Sr., Mitchell

M Sebastian Restrepo-Vasquez, Jr., Sunlake

M Liam Dougherty-Howard, Jr., St. Petersburg Catholic

M Trevor Brown, Sr., Jesuit

F Kobi Mathews, Sr., Shorecrest:

F Brady Friedman, Sr., Mitchell

F Miguel Silva, Sr., East Lake

GK Chris Thatcher, Sr., Bloomingdale

Honorable mention

Berkeley Prep: Gavin Haag; **Bishop McLaughlin:** Caden Corrao; **Boca Ciega:** Keshawn Wiggan; **Calvary Christian:** Noah Nixon; **Carrollwood Day:** Greg Klug, Spencer Peek, Jack Pironti; **Clearwater:** Luis Maye-Ocana, Fidel Cerrito-Roque; **Clearwater Central Catholic:** Kevin Harris, Austin Lee; **Countryside:** Nuel Rivera Diaz, David Sanford; **Dunedin:** Christian Castrejon Miranda; **East Lake:** Matt DeSantis, Ethan Figgenger, Kyle Howarth, Austin Sadorf; **Fivay:** Austin Harrell, Christian Starling, Justin Starling; **Gaither:** John Lopez, Sebastian Rodriguez; **Hernando Christian:** Kasey Springer; **Indian Rocks Christian:** Riley Hammil; **Jefferson:** Javier Ramirez; **Jesuit:** Brian Benko, Royce Pope; **Keswick Christian:** Kyle Storie; **King:** Michael Ellis, Hugues Kouassi; **Largo:** Kelvy Burgos; **Leto:** Davinson Mera; **Mitchell:** Matt Smith; **Nature Coast:** Hunter Reid, Vinny Stulec, Morgan Vraspir; **Newsome:** Tom Main, Tawanda Mhere; **Northeast:** Ervin Ikanovic, Juan Baltazar Lozano, Gavrel Mead, Devon Piatkin; **Osceola:** Maverick Abulone, Dylan Donaldson, Steven Nelson, Trevor Rau; **Palm Harbor University:** Edin Hernandez, Hale Lombard; **Pasco:** Jake Baker, Alexis Garcia, Eduardo Montes, Jake Starling; **Plant City:** Rigo Jurado, Parker Suarez; **River Ridge:** Orion Mancini, Colin Tosh; **Seminole:** Alec Colak, Dario Gentileco, Dylan Hartog; **Shorecrest:** Taylor DeGeare, Seif El Masry, Drew Zolper; **St. Petersburg:** David Hunter, Aidan Nelson, Noah Smith; **St. Petersburg Catholic:** Chris Coughlin, Rich Dunn, Vincent Dalessio; **Steinbrenner:** Jason Fishman, Tony Scaglione; **Sunlake:** Corey Turba; **Tampa Catholic:** Justin Levine, Anthony Vertino; **Tampa Prep:** Victor Arruda, Nick Brabant; **Wiregrass Ranch:** Payton Wilson.

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