

ATHLETES ON THE FAST TRACK **FOOTBALL**

Text by Steve Dorsey



**Class 8A-7A-6A Defensive Player of the Year**



**MARK KELLY**  
Dwyer junior

**Comment:** Kelly was a stalwart on the county's best defensive unit. He used his quickness and strength to overpower most offensive linemen, registering 33 tackles behind the line of scrimmage and 24 quarterback sacks. Dwyer defensive coordinator Bobby Sifrit said that his father, Panthers defensive line coach Jim Sifrit, rates Kelly the best defensive lineman ever at Dwyer, and he still has his senior year ahead of him. "His quickness off the ball is better than any high school kid I've ever seen," Bobby Sifrit said of Kelly. "If you don't double-team him, he'll eat you up. I've never seen him get beat one-on-one with another lineman. . . . I could put him at defensive end or linebacker and he'd be the best there, too. He's fast for a defensive tackle. If (recruiters) ask for game film, I'll tell them pick whatever game you want. Every game is a highlight film."

**Class 5A-4A-3A-2A Defensive Player of the Year**



**JAKE GIORDANO**  
American Heritage-Delray senior

**Comment:** As good as American Heritage's offense was this season, it was the Stallions' stout defense that was the dominant factor in their unbeaten regular season and winning the District 7-3A title. The Stallions registered four shutouts and allowed only one team, then-nationally ranked Seffner-Armwood, to score more than one touchdown during their first unbeaten regular season. Giordano anchored a talent-laden defense for Heritage, recording 80 tackles and seven quarterback sacks. He also had three interceptions, one of which he returned for a touchdown, and caused two fumbles. His primary position was middle linebacker, but he also could play safety and in some situations lined up on the defensive line. "He can do it all," Heritage assistant coach Brad Tremper said of Giordano, who has made a verbal commitment to Miami (Ohio). "He's a kid who busted his butt at practice, and in games he went 100 mpr. He's just solid across the board."

**Class 8A-7A-6A Coach of the Year**



**MATT DICKMANN**  
Seminole Ridge

**Comment:** The Hawks missed more than a week of practices at the beginning of the season because flooding caused by Tropical Storm Isaac forced the school to close and postponement of two games. Then they lost their first two games after heading into the season as one of the top-rated teams in the county. Dickmann and his staff, however, righted the ship and the Hawks reeled off six consecutive games and captured the District 9-8A title for the third consecutive year and the program's fourth regional playoff berth, and finished the season 8-3. The Hawks avenged one of their losses by defeating Park Vista in the first round of the playoffs and followed that with a convincing 31-7 win against Palm Beach Central. The Hawks were the only big-school team in the county to reach the regional finals where they had their eight-game winning streak snapped by state runner-up Cypress Bay. He resigned after eight seasons to take a job in Georgia.

**Class 5A-4A-3A-2A Coach of the Year**



**RON REAM**  
Benjamin

Ream, the longest-tenured coach in Palm Beach County having completed his 36th season, added another line to his Hall of Fame resume by guiding the Buccaneers to the championship of the Southeastern Football Conference. Ream's team defeated Pine Crest 41-20 at FAU Stadium to capture the inaugural championship game of the SFC, which formed this year and included 14 small private schools in South Florida. "It's a great honor. I'm especially happy for the seniors. This was a fun, fun night," said Ream, in his 33rd season as the Bucs' head coach, said after being presented the championship trophy by his players following the game at FAU Stadium last month. Benjamin, which was 3-7 in 2011, finished with a sparkling 11-1 record, the only blemish coming in a loss to Pope John Paul II in the third game of the season. The Bucs then reeled off nine consecutive wins to claim the SFC title, winning the title game with a running game that piled up 381 yards against Pine Crest.

**8A-7A-6A Second-team Offense**

Troy Artiles	Seminole Ridge	Jr.	OL
Jermer Braswell	Lake Worth	Sr.	WR
Roman Fernandez	Seminole Ridge	Sr.	OL
Shaborn Marshall	Forest Hill	Sr.	WR
Qwad Martin	Park Vista	Jr.	AP
Anthony McGrew	Royal Palm Beach	Jr.	QB
Ezra Saffold	Dwyer	Jr.	WR
Diocemy Saint Just	Santaluces	Sr.	RB
Craig Smith	Royal Palm Beach	Sr.	OL
Charles Sprenkel	Atlantic	Sr.	OL
Charles Strippoli	Boca Raton	Sr.	OL
Elie Turene	Seminole Ridge	Sr.	RB

**5A-4A-3A-2A Second-team Offense**

David Bailey	Glades Central	Sr.	WR
Matt Burke	Cardinal Newman	Sr.	TE
Tyler Chaison	King's Academy	Sr.	OL
Garrett Donaldson	Benjamin	Jr.	OL
Charlesson Fierve	Boynton Beach	Sr.	OL
Eli Johnson	Glades Day	Sr.	OL
McKenna Johnston	Benjamin	Jr.	RB
Kieran Leen	Pope John Paul II	Jr.	OL
Jake Lutzen	Boynton Beach	Sr.	QB
DeQuan McGriff	Pope John Paul II	Jr.	RB
Tyler Provo	American Heritage-Delray	Sr.	FB-TE
Ronquavion Tarver	Glades Central	Jr.	WR

**Honorable Mention**

**Atlantic:** Adly Enoicy, Thomas Owens, Tevin Spells; **Boca Raton:** Ray Gresco, Cecil Johnson, Colten Lynn; **Dwyer:** Alonso Smith; **Forest Hill:** Brian Bedard, Alex Coren, Shannon Patrick; **John I. Leonard:** Andrew Martin, Kenute Morris; **Jupiter:** Lecroy Johnson; **Lake Worth:** Luis Pugno; **Palm Beach Central:** Connor Girago, Tommy McDonald, Hunter Thompson; **Palm Beach Lakes:** Jeremy Gray, Cornelius Mack, Kervins Pierre, Louis, Aduin Peoples; **Park Vista:** Alec Frear, Qwad Martin; **Royal Palm Beach:** Jojo Williams; **Santaluces:** Sean Steele; **Seminole Ridge:** E.J. Elen; **Wellington:** Nick Rubiniowicz; **West Boca Raton:** Eugene Bethea, Brandon Leon.

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**American Heritage:** Trires Gunn, Issac Leon; **Benjamin:** Danny Griffey, Cooper Hopkins, Jonathan Pavlov, D.J. Robinson; **Boca Raton Christian:** Caleb Hood, A.J. Puente; **Boynton Beach:** Darrin Josey; **Cardinal Newman:** Erick Hardnett; **Glades Central:** T.J. Abrams, Yvesner Ferdinand; **Glades Day:** Josh Carr, Calvin Darville, Nathan Lee, Will Mercer; **Jupiter Christian:** Kyle Konopaske, Jordan Payer; **Pope John Paul II:** Mike Cioci; **St. Andrew's:** Jake Bargas, Sean Mooney, Dylan Richman; **Suncoast:** Jeremy Kennedy, Matt Weiner; **Village Academy:** Ruel Allen, Robert McHugh.

**8A-7A-6A Second-team Defense**

Deandre Bozeman	Dwyer	Sr.	DB
Tyler Bugeja	Royal Palm Beach	Sr.	KS
Overson Cleland	John I. Leonard	Sr.	LB
Todney Evans	Atlantic	Sr.	DL
Marques Gayot	Park Vista	Jr.	DB
Darius Henry	Atlantic	Sr.	DL
Harrison Rodormer	Boca Raton	Jr.	LB
Jason Shepherd	Seminole Ridge	Sr.	DL
Emmanuel Smith	Park Vista	Jr.	DB
Ted Taylor	Dwyer	Sr.	DL
Rod Theodore	Santaluces	Sr.	LB
Ray Wilson	Palm Beach Central	Sr.	DB

**5A-4A-3A-2A Second-team Defense**

Ronald Bell	American Heritage-Delray	Sr.	DL
Jamari Bozeman	Suncoast	Soph.	DB
Kevin Bronson	Village Academy	Jr.	DL
Devonte Brown	Cardinal Newman	Sr.	DB
Jesse Brown	Glades Central	Sr.	LB
Edward Burton	Boynton Beach	Sr.	LB
Giovanni Lugo	Glades Central	Soph.	KS
Erich Maine	Village Academy	Sr.	LB
Darrian Richardson	American Heritage-Delray	Sr.	DB
Drew Spragg	Benjamin	Sr.	DB
Paul Whyte	Glades Central	Sr.	DL
Mike Wilson	Benjamin	Sr.	DL

**Honorable Mention**

**Atlantic:** Rashaad Abrams, Marcus Gaskin, James Thaddies, Rashaad Parker; **Boca Raton:** Marco Bondi, Cedric Bryant, Tard McCoy, Dylan Mersereau, Leonard Moore; **Dwyer:** Anthony Williams; **Forest Hill:** Kerolin Francois, Josh Garrett, Wetchly Pompulis; **John I. Leonard:** Charles Anderson, Andres Figueroa, Eddens Merius, Fils-Aimer Joseph; **Jupiter:** Joshua Brooks, Griffin Garland, Jon Scarola, Zach Strayer; **Lake Worth:** Jose Rivera, Richard Seraphin, Reakwon Buresau; **Olympic Heights:** Wally Aime, Wery Placide, Deago Sarna; **Palm Beach Central:** Blake Cassandra, Nick Cassandra; **Palm Beach Gardens:** Da'Kwon DePolo, Terrence St. Hilaire, Corey Wells; **Palm Beach Lakes:** Okevious Hinds, Nikoderme Mentor; **Park Vista:** C.J. Armstrong, Dalton Barkman, Renard Cheron, Heath Koji; **Royal Palm Beach:** Deandre Simmons; **Seminole Ridge:** Alberto Hildago; **Wellington:** James Foster, Shamarr Jackson, Demarcus Jeudy, Horace Odoms, Thomas Oporto; **West Boca Raton:** David Tanis.

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**American Heritage-Delray:** Josh Holley, Kawan Peete, Trenard Davis; **Benjamin:** Jerry O'Connor, James Theofilos; **Boca Raton Christian:** K.T. Clark, Heber Michel; **Glades Central:** Steven Leggett; **Glades Day:** Colton McKilligan; **Jupiter Christian:** Rion Hamelin; **Pope John Paul II:** Stefan Hinz, Blake Rayner; **St. Andrew's:** Victor Alvarez, Edwin Cartagena, Jesse Kolnack, Reid McCool, Joey Osborne; **Village Academy:** Johnathan Coleman, Matthew Holland.




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