

## Inland Sports All-Area Baseball Awards>>Public Schools

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It's time to reveal the Inland Sports All-Area Baseball awards for both public & small schools. Our public school team will be first while the small school team will be after that. Note, teams with blanks had no information in MaxPreps.

Selections were awarded as follows:  
Eliminated in 1st or 2nd Rounds>>2 picks  
Eliminated in Quarter or Semifinals>>3 picks  
Championship teams>>4 picks

Public Schools Coach of the Year: Eric Morton, Great Oak

Eric Morton served as Great Oak's athletic director in 2017-2018 while Wolfpack baseball missed the postseason party posting a 6-9 Southwestern League record. His replacement as head coach resigned at midyear and Ed Michalkiewicz finished out the campaign. At the start of 2019 with a starting pitcher in Cam Mabee bound for Cal Poly Pomona and two other key players bound for division one programs expectations were high in Temecula. At 3-5 in Southwestern League play Great Oak was a playoff non-qualifier halfway thru league. The Wolfpack finished 6-1 over their last seven games and 9-6 overall to return to postseason play. Like Linfield Christian volleyball in the fall they made a splash by winning their division title after a lengthy drought between appearances.

**What they said:** JP Raineri (Former Head Coach at Murrieta Mesa)

"I could not be happier for Eric and the success that Wolfpack baseball saw in 2019. We've been coaching against each other in the valley since our kids were six years old playing Pony All-Stars. His passion and dedication to his players and program goes beyond the baseball field."

Public Schools Player of the Year: Cameron Mabee, Great Oak

There are different ways to lead a team. Some choose to lead by example while others are good off the field leaders who don't see a lot of time on game day. Cameron Mabee led the Great Oak baseball team by example as Wolfpack baseball made a triumphant return to postseason play in 2019. On the mound he finished with a 1.07 ERA (9-3 in 14 appearances) in 78  $\frac{2}{3}$  innings of work recording 92 strikeouts to 21 walks and holding opposing offenses to a .155 opponent batting average. When not pitching he played first base and recorded a .297 batting average with four doubles and a home run.

**What they said:** JP Raineri (Former Head Coach at Murrieta Mesa)

"Cam is that player you never wanted to see in the starting pitcher's spot when you got Great Oak's lineup card. He has a way of shutting a team down before they even hit the field. His command and ability to get guys out is a thing of beauty. I of course wanted my guys to compete, but he made things hard for sure."

Small Schools Coach of the Year: David Dexheimer, Calvary Murrieta

Calvary Murrieta has been known for success in volleyball and softball over the years. In 2019 it was the Warrior baseball team's turn to gain some postseason attention. They reached the CIF-SS division six semifinals making school history in what turned out to be the program's final year.

Small Schools Player of the Year: Brandon Baker, Calvary Murrieta

Some might say that Brandon Baker's numbers were a product of a weak strength of schedule. However production is still production and Baker produced in a big way hitting .476 with 16 RBI's and 10 extra base hits. He led a Calvary Murrieta lineup which posted an impressive .292 batting average on the way to a CIF-SS Division 6 semifinal berth in what turned out to be the program's final season.

#### **Public School All-Area Team:**

Great Oak (4): Cam Mabee, Zach Arnold, Josh Paino & Jonah Sebring  
Norco (4): Michael Forbes, Justin Drury, Bryce Cermeneli & Stewart Slessor  
Orange Vista (3): Alex Hernandez, Giovanni Sanchez & Leo Diaz  
Rancho Verde (3): Alex Banuelos, Roberto Inzunza & Joseph Cobian  
Rialto (3): Troy Holland, Ruben Pedroza & Dakota Robertson  
Summit (3): Cristian Enriquez, Gerardo Cruz & Andrew Rodriguez  
Vista del Lago (3): Cobe Peckels, Hugo Cervantes & Sammy Islas  
Canyon Springs (3): Seth Spencer, Josh Wilson & Andrez Melendrez  
Corona (2): Isaiah Greene & Kiki Wallander  
Vista Murrieta (2): Nick Sims & Anthony Tulimero  
Yucaipa (2): Tyson Heaton & Michael Carpentier  
Tahquitz (2): Caleb Shepard & Kyle Weatherby  
Temescal Canyon (2): Dane Padrnos & DJ Jones  
King (2): Gabe Briones & Parker Welch  
Temecula Valley (2): James Wambold & Devon Hawks  
Paloma Valley (2): Caleb Anderson & Wyatt Bush  
Redlands (2): Marcus Zofrea & Christian Diaz  
Poly/Riverside (2): Connor Timko & John Pfeffer  
Jurupa Hills (2): Diego Armas & John Chavez  
Grand Terrace (2): Noah Parra & Nate Mower  
Moreno Valley (2): Scott Bauders & Eric Carmona

Citrus Hill (2): Marty Munoz & Vince Rodriguez  
Carter (2): Carlos Garza & Matthew Valdez  
La Sierra (2): Robert Chagolla & Darren Hunter  
Ramona (2): Alek Bernal & Anthony Carlisle  
San Jacinto (2): Fabian Correa & Alejandro Ruvacalba  
Jurupa Valley (2):  
Hamilton (2):  
AB Miller (2):  
Indian Springs (2):

Honorable Mention (8): Caden Szuba (Temescal Canyon), Steven Diaz (Corona/Centennial), Andrew Walters (Corona), Owen Prendergast (Paloma Valley), Andrew Mosiello (Chaparral), Thomas Parker (Heritage), Tyler Richardson (Hemet), Ethan Strawbridge (Tahquitz)

**Small Schools All-Area team:**

CC Murrieta (3): Brandon Baker, Sam Greenhalgh & Ian Smith  
Ontario Christian (2): Aaron Zubiato & Nolan Jorgenson  
Woodcrest Christian (2): Wesley Scott & Jordan Keller  
Rancho Christian (2): Taylor Tosches & Jo Saatzer  
Arrowhead Christian (2): Tucker Gross & Caden Maglio  
Aquinas (2): Ryan Gallardo & Anthony Phillips  
Notre Dame/Riverside (2): Mirel Collazo & Derek Barboza  
United Christian Academy (2): Tommy Galindo & Joshua Vazquez  
Bethel Christian/Riverside (2): Anthony Juarez & Randy Reynolds  
Redlands Adventist Academy (2): James Boyd & Sterling Eller  
Bloomington Christian (2): Joe Martinez & Brandon Whiteker  
Sherman Indian (2):  
Southwestern Academy (2):  
Mesa Grande Academy (2): Tyler Soren & Walker Johnson

Honorable Mention: Carson Cody (Woodcrest Christian) & Danny Meraz (Rancho Christian)