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Martinez, Bates highlight all-America list

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For Robbie Benson, Shawn Ferguson and Enzo Martinez, it was the perfect summer -- literally.

The trio of Northwestern (Rock Hill, S.C.) led their high school team to a 24-0 season, a state championship, a spring FAB 50 No. 1 ranking and the ESPN RISE Overall No. 1 ranking for the 2008-09 school year. They then teamed up to help Discoveries Soccer Club roll off 12 straight club soccer victories to claim the South Carolina State Cup, the Region III Cup and ultimately the US Youth Soccer under-18 national title.

Today, those three highlight the ESPN RISE spring high school boys' soccer All-America team.

Details on the first team players are included at the end of the ESPNRISE.com All-America list.

Note: Players are listed with position, name, school (city, state), year in school, college signing/commitment.

First Team

F: Will Bates, Thomas Dale (Chester, Va.), Sr., Virginia
 F: Enzo Martinez, Northwestern (Rock Hill, S.C.), Sr., North Carolina
 F: Sean Murnane, Westfield (Chantilly, Va.), Sr., Virginia
 F: Chris Thomas, Greater Atlanta Christian (Norcross, Ga.), Sr., Elon
 MF: Michael Harris, Shorecrest (Shoreline, Wash.), Jr., Washington
 MF: Chandler Hoffman, Oak Mountain (Birmingham, Ala.), Sr., UCLA
 MF: Travis Pittman, Osbourn (Manassas, Va.), Sr., West Virginia
 MF: Josh Rice, Midlothian (Va.), Sr., North Carolina
 D: Robbie Benson, Northwestern (Rock Hill, S.C.), Sr., College of Charleston
 D: Shawn Ferguson, Northwestern (Rock Hill, S.C.), Sr., College of Charleston
 D: Ryan Oakes, Frank Cox (Virginia Beach, Va.), Jr., Old Dominion
 GK: Samir Badr, Robinson (Fairfax, Va.), Sr., signing professional contract
 Coach: Wallie Culbreth, Farragut (Knoxville, Tenn)

Second Team

F: Fayanga Keita, Patrick Henry (Roanoke, Va.), Sr., undecided
 F: Malcolm Miller, Collins Hill (Suwanee, Ga.), Jr., Michigan
 F: Antoine Parris, Spring Valley (Columbia, S.C.), Jr., South Carolina
 MF: J.J. Greer, Christian Brothers (Memphis, Tenn.), Sr., Memphis
 MF: Emmett Lunceford, Irmo (Columbia, S.C.), So., South Carolina
 MF: Ralph Lundy, Wando (Mount Pleasant, S.C.), Sr., College of Charleston
 MF: Alex Martinez, Northwestern (Rock Hill, S.C.), Jr.
 MF: Alistair Moore, Blacksburg (Va.), Sr., Virginia Tech
 D: Michael Coleman, Parkview (Lilburn, Ga.), Sr., College of Charleston
 D: Nicky MacKain, Collins Hill (Suwanee, Ga.), Sr., Furman
 D: Kalen Ryden, Norman North (Norman, Okla.), Sr., Oral Roberts
 GK: Cody Mumma, Jenks (Okla.), Sr., Tulsa

Third Team

F: Cameron Chavira, Patrick Henry (Roanoke, Va.), Jr., Virginia
 F: Kofi Gyawu, Parkview (Lilburn, Ga.), Sr., Alabama-Birmingham
 F: Mark Sherrod, Charter (Knoxville, Tenn.), Sr., Memphis
 F: Taylor Varney, Irmo (Columbia, S.C.), Sr., Coastal Carolina
 MF: Quinton Beasley, Camas (Wash.), Sr., Washington
 MF: Eric Bird, Frank Cox (Virginia Beach, Va.), So.
 MF: Jack Coleman, Norman North (Norman, Okla.), So.
 MF: Eric Fletcher, Greater Atlanta Christian (Norcross, Ga.), Sr., Clemson
 MF: Austin Nate, Bright (Salt Lake City, Utah), Jr.
 D: Nolan McKeever, St. Pius (Atlanta, Ga.), Jr.
 D: Willie Okwuonu, Edmond Santa Fe (Edmond, Okla.), Sr., Weber State (football)
 GK: Robert Beebe, Pinewood Prep (Summerville, S.C.), So.

Honorable Mentions

F: Marco Acevedo, Pasco (Wash.), Sr., undecided
 F: Asa Fox, Potomac Falls (Va.), Sr., West Virginia
 F: Ricky Garbanzo, Northwestern (Rock Hill, S.C.), So., Coastal Carolina
 F: Dylan Gaydosh, Stadium (Tacoma, Wash.), Jr.
 F: Jordan Grumney, Kellam, Sr., Wright State
 F: Ivan Herrera, Westfield (Chantilly, Va.), Sr., North Carolina Wesleyan
 F: Elliott Kane, Bishop Kelley (Tulsa, Okla.), Sr., Long Island
 F: Alex Kuklunski, John Carroll (Birmingham, Ala.), Sr., Wallace State
 F: Edwardo Lopez, Lee-Davis (Mechanicsville, Va.), Sr., UNC Charlotte
 F: Cristian Mata, Tulsa Union (Tulsa, Okla.), Fr.
 F: Reed Matte, John Carroll (Birmingham, Ala.), Sr., Alabama-Birmingham
 F: Kyle McEwan, Irmo (Columbia, S.C.), Sr., USC Sumter
 F: Justin Moore, South Kitsap (Port Orchard, Wash.), Sr., Western Washington
 F: Ugo Okoli, Todd Beamer (Federal Way, Wash.), So.
 F: Austin Otto, Iowa City West (Iowa City, Iowa), Sr.
 F: Jonah Powers-Myszka, Father Ryan (Nashville, Tenn.), Sr., undecided
 F: Sam Radelet, McLean (Va.), Sr., undecided
 F: James Rogers, Highland (Utah), So.
 F: Thomas Valikonis, Eastside (Greenville, S.C.), Sr., Georgia Southern
 F: Cameron Wilder, North Cobb (Kennesaw, Ga.), Sr., Kentucky
 F: Theo Yang, Brookwood (Snellville, Ga.), Sr., East Tennessee State

MF: Zach Acree, Irmo (Columbia, S.C.), Jr.
 MF: Dylan Bowman, James River (Va.), Jr.
 MF: Michael Burke, Skutt Catholic, Sr., undecided
 MF: Christian Castro, Wakefield (Arlington, Va.), Sr., undecided
 MF: Chris DuVall, Wesleyan (Norcross, Ga.), Jr., Wake Forest
 MF: Quinn Grisham, Issaquah (Wash.), Jr.
 MF: Alex Gylfason, First Colonial (Virginia Beach, Va.), Sr., UNC-Wilmington
 MF: Taylor Hart, Conway (Ark.), Sr., Central Arkansas
 MF: Josh Hernandez, Davis (Kaysville, Utah), Sr., undecided
 MF: Husref Jupic, Hoover (Des Moines, Iowa), Sr., Western Illinois
 MF: Will Martin, Frank Cox (Virginia Beach, Va.), Sr., undecided
 MF: Leo Mukofsky, Irmo (Columbia, S.C.), Sr., Coastal Carolina
 MF: Nikos Papanikolopoulos, Lakeside (Ga.), Jr., Clemson
 MF: Troy Peterson, Todd Beamer (Federal Way, Wash.), So.
 MF: K.C. Phillips, Stadium (Tacoma, Wash.), Jr., Seattle
 MF: Miguel Teos, Eastside (Greenville, S.C.), Sr., Spartanburg Methodist
 MF: Eric Wootten, Osbourn Park (Manassas, Va.), Sr., Navy
 MF: Stefan Vaziri, Oak Mountain (Birmingham, Ala.), Sr., Northern Illinois
 MF: Josh Wren, Jenks (Okla.), Sr., Denver

D: Zack Clark, Northwestern (Rock Hill, S.C.), Sr., Liberty

D: Adam Schraudenbach, Peachtree Ridge (Suwanee, Ga.), Sr., Georgia Southern

D: Sandy Shiner, Mills Godwin (Richmond, Va.), Sr.

GK: Javier Hernandez, South County (Lorton, Va.), Sr., undecided

GK: Preston Langholz, Booker T. Washington (Okla.), Jr.

GK: Emmanuel Martinez, Pasco (Wash.), Sr., undecided

GK: Cody Mizell, Woodstock (Ga.), Jr., Clemson

GK: Will Reynolds, Martinsville (Va.), Sr., Virginia Tech

GK: Andrew Wallingford, Collins Hill (Suwanee, Ga.), Sr., Presbyterian

First Team Notes:

Will Bates, Thomas Dale (Chester, Va.): The University of Virginia signee and U.S. under-18 national team player also collected honors as the Central Region and Virginia high school player of the year. Bates had 19 goals and 13 assists and led Thomas Dale into the FAB 50 before joining the national team for an event in Portugal.

Enzo Martinez, Northwestern (Rock Hill, S.C.): Martinez was the four-time South Carolina Player of the Year and ended his career with 182 goals, which ranks sixth all-time. The North Carolina signee was a key force in Northwestern's 24-0 season and national No. 1 ranking.

Sean Murnane, Westfield (Chantilly, Va.): Murnane was the Washington Post Player of the Year after a 22-goal season in which he helped Westfield to the state final. Unfortunately for the Virginia signee, Murnane sustained a season-ending injury while scoring the match-winning goal in overtime in the state semifinals and was unable to play in the title match.

Chris Thomas, Greater Atlanta Christian (Norcross, Ga.): Thomas scored a staggering 53 goals and added 14 assists while helping Greater Atlanta Christian to a state title. The Elon signee was named the Georgia high school state player of the year.

Michael Harris, Shorecrest (Shoreline, Wash.): Harris, a defensive midfielder, guided Shorecrest to a 22-1 season and a Class 3A state title. The junior has verbally committed to the University of Washington.

Chandler Hoffman, Oak Mountain (Birmingham, Ala.): Hoffman finished a stellar high school career with a 44-goal senior season. The UCLA signee scored 121 goals in his four-year varsity career.

Travis Pittman, Osbourn (Manassas, Va.): Pittman, who signed with West Virginia University, is a member on the U.S. under-18 national pool. He was a first-team Washington Post All-Metro selection this past spring, making him the third Pittman brother to receive the honor. Pittman finished with 15 goals and 11 assists while garnering Cedar Run District and Northwest Region Player of the Year honors.

Josh Rice, Midlothian (Va.): In most years, Rice would have been the Richmond Times-Dispatch Player of the Year. Unfortunately for this North Carolina signee, the area boasted another soccer superstar in Will Bates. Rice, the Dominion District Player of the Year, finished with 13 goals and made the all-district and all-region teams the past two years. He's No. 2 in voting for the state player of the year honors.

Robbie Benson, Northwestern (Rock Hill, S.C.): Benson was part of a strong 1-2 defensive punch for national champion Northwestern. The team allowed only 10 goals in 24 matches. Benson, who served up a pair of assists in his team's club national title victory, was a center back on the high school team and earned first-team all-state honors. Benson has signed with the College of Charleston.

Shawn Ferguson, Northwestern (Rock Hill, S.C.): Ferguson, who at times played in the midfield, was a first-team all-state honoree. He had 10 goals and five assists for the FAB 50 top-ranked team. Ferguson, a first-team all-state honoree, has signed with the College of Charleston.

Ryan Oakes, Frank Cox (Virginia Beach, Va.): This junior standout split time between forward and defense for the Virginia Group AAA state champion. Oakes netted 15 goals during the season, then treated to his natural position in the back where he has verbally committed to Old Dominion University.

Samir Badr, Robinson (Fairfax, Va.): Badr was simply perfect in goal for Robinson. In 12 matches, he did not allow a goal. Badr is rumored to sign professional instead of taking the college route.

Coach: Wallie Culbreth, Farragut (Knoxville, Tenn): After losing 10 starters and a total of 13 seniors from last year's team, this was supposed to be a rebuilding year at Farragut. Instead, it ended up as another title-winning season for the program's third championship since 2003.

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