ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BOYS SOCCER OUTLOOKS

ANNAPOLIS

COACH: Leo Elias, first year
LAST SEASON: 1-12-2
KEY PLAYERS: Colin Varn (Sr., D); Ruben Davila (Jr., D); Nelson Ventura (Jr., M); Colin Shackelford (Jr., F); Austin Ortel (So., F); Will Hammond (Sr., F); Frederick McNair (So., M); Sam Wambugh (Jr., M); John Hosner (So., M); Andrew Torano (Jr., M); Dylan Zingler (Sr., M/D); Franklin Escobar (Sr., M); Carlos Escobar (Sr., D); Victor Ayala (Sr., M); Adam Miller (Jr., GK).
OUTLOOK: Elias, a native of Brazil, takes over the Panthers this season and will lead a balanced group that he hopes will improve from a year ago.

ANNAPOLIS AREA CS

COACH: Matt Schmidt, fifth year
LAST SEASON: 15-2
KEY PLAYERS: Bryan Butler (Sr., GK); Michael Venter (Sr., D).
OUTLOOK: The Eagles embark on a promising season after winning the MIAA B Conference last year. Schmidt looks for leadership from his upperclassmen in a rebuilding year.

ARCHBISHOP SPALDING

COACH: John Coppola, first year
LAST SEASON: 6-13-1
KEY PLAYERS: Alexandros Critzos (Sr., F); Casey Beyers (Jr., GK); Lee Martin (Jr., F); David Boretti (Sr., M); William Grace (Jr., M); Bradley Kline (Jr., D); John Sturgis (Jr., M); Mark Truffer (Jr., D).
OUTLOOK: Since taking over the program, Coppola has worked feverishly to improve cohesion as the Cavaliers want to get back to the top of the MIAA A Conference. Critzos is a talented forward fielding mid-level Division I offers, while Beyers was recently invited to try out for the U-17 men's national team.

ARUNDEL

COACH: Nick Jausenegg, 33rd year
LAST SEASON: 10-6
KEY PLAYERS: Mike Kovach (Sr., F); Billy Fowler (Sr., M); Corbin McCarron (Sr., M); Matt Lenz (Sr., M); Tom Hibbs (Sr., D); Cody Madison (Sr., D); Joon Lee (Jr., D); Logan McCarron (Jr., M); Aaron Callahan (Jr., D).
OUTLOOK: The Wildcats retain six seniors from last year's squad and will have to replace former starting goalkeeper Ryan Santos. McCarron and Fowler will pace the midfield, while Hibbs, Lee and Madison anchor the defensive line.

BROADNECK

COACH: Sean Tettemer, ninth year
LAST SEASON: 14-3-1
KEY PLAYERS: Joe Gruber (Sr., M); Luke Dellorso (So., M); Zach Palmer (Jr., M); Evan Camm (Sr., F); Joey Oddis (Sr., D); Nate Webster (Sr., D); Drew Mundt (Sr., D/M); Josh Schwartz (Sr., F); Colin Rowe (Sr., M): David Keen (So., M); Cameron Rowe (Sr., D); Ryan Bugarin (Sr., M/F); Brandon Hanger (Jr., M/F); Austin Maxwell (So., M); Garrett Lanham (Sr., D/M); Ben Campbell (Sr., M/F); Patrick Hageman (Jr., M/D); Corey Johnson (Sr., D/M); Cody Niedermeier (Jr., GK).
OUTLOOK: The defending Class 4A East Region champion Bruins return a group of experienced athletes led by four-year varsity players Schwartz, Johnson and the Rowe brothers. Three-year varsity players Webster, Oddis, Campbell, Camm, Bugarin, Mundt and Niedermeier will also play critical roles for Broadneck.

CHESAPEAKE

COACH: Chris Collins, seventh year
LAST SEASON: 10-5
KEY PLAYERS: Justin Kestler (Sr., F); Mike Brennan (Sr., D); Zach Coberly (Sr., M); Josh Kimery (Jr., F); Adam Bellarin (Sr., M); Tre Kurtz (Jr., M); Sean Johnson (Jr., F).
OUTLOOK: After losing three first team All-County starters to graduation, the Cougars will face a rebuilding season full of question marks and inexperience. Collins believes with the right mix of intensity, effort and leadership, his team could again make a strong push.

GLEN BURNIE

COACH: Pete Bisser, first year
LAST SEASON: 0-12-1
KEY PLAYERS: Roberto Rodriguez (Sr., GK); Scott Wilhelm (Sr., D); Manny Gomez (Sr., M); Collin Dehner (Sr., M); Angel Grado (Sr., F); Frankie Quintanilla (Sr., F); Louis Gomez (Sr., M).
OUTLOOK: Bisser looks to rebuild the Gophers' program with development from younger talent to improve from last season. The squad returns seven seniors, including Wilhelm, a second-team All-County selection.

GRANITE BAPTIST

COACH: Jack Wilson, 24th year
LAST SEASON: 8-7-1
KEY PLAYERS: Scott Scheerer (Sr., F); Alex Newell (Jr., F); Jake Hedrick (Sr., M); Curtis Few (Jr., GK); Charlie Batze (Sr., D); Brandon Berg (Sr., D); Brandon Bowman (Sr., D); Ryan Mann (Sr., M); Vincent Hassinger (Jr., M); Jon Chance (Jr., M).
OUTLOOK: Finishing above .500 a year ago with a young team will help prep the Braves to improve this season. The team has a strong core of upperclassmen who benefitted from an up-and-down campaign last year.

INDIAN CREEK

COACH: Matt McCormick, sixth year
LAST SEASON: 5-11-1
KEY PLAYERS: Mike McCormick (Sr., D); Allen Hofstetter (Sr., M); K.C. Pendergrast (Jr., F); Phil Russell (Sr., M); Pierce Hurlbutt (Jr., F); Ryan Vreeland (So., D).
OUTLOOK: Pendergrast, who was second in scoring the MIAA C Conference last year, returns as an even stronger player. The Eagles' starting lineup has been playing soccer together year-round and looks more cohesive and confident as a unit.

TOP 5

1. Broadneck (14-3-1)
2. Severna Park (14-3)
3. AACS (15-2)
4. South River (15-2)
5. Arundel (10-6)

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KENT ISLAND

COACH: Jim Claiborn, 11th year
LAST SEASON: 8-7-1
KEY PLAYERS: Hayden Jubera (Sr., M); Teddy Breeding (Sr., D); Tyler Fisher (Sr., D); Elliott Reilly (Sr., F); Elliott Steimer (Sr., D); Donovan Lee (Sr., M); Brendon Kendall (Sr., F); Ryan Eutsler (Sr., GK); Ryan Culp (Jr., M); Casey Krasko (Jr., D); Frankie Demma (Jr., GK); Brandon Moran (Jr., F); Wayne Bear (Jr., M); Matt Crim (Jr., D).
OUTLOOK: With 14 returners from last year's squad, the Buccaneers will have a strong chance at repeating as Bayside Conference champions. Jubera, a three-year varsity starter, is the anchor of a solid veteran midfield.

KEY

COACH: Brian Boyd, 10th year
LAST SEASON: 14-8
KEY PLAYERS: Luca Verdi (Jr., M); Arran Joyce (Sr., D); Michael Norfleet (Sr., F); Taylor Magnus (Jr., M); Henry Duncan (Sr., D); Alex DeMarco (Sr., GK).
OUTLOOK: The Obezags return with a drive to win after falling in the MIAA C Conference semifinals in double overtime last year. Verdi will be a leader on offense, and team captain Joyce on defense for a young squad that graduated nine seniors.

MEADE

COACH: Mike Banach, first year
LAST SEASON: 7-9
KEY PLAYERS: Tyler Hall (Sr., GK); Tyler Eppenstein (Sr., MF); Christian Neilhouse (Sr., D); Justis Bradley (Jr., D); Mekah Baker (So., D); Tobi Sowande (So., D). Coldon Viator (Jr., F); Ryan Flenner (Sr., F).
OUTLOOK: Banach takes over an improving Mustangs squad that has stability in the goal with Hall, who stopped 82 percent of the shots he faced, and an improved defense with Bradley, a second-team All-County selection last year.

NORTH COUNTY

COACH: Scott McGuire, third year
LAST SEASON: 4-12-1
KEY PLAYERS: Pat Carey (Sr., GK); Eddie Jones (Sr., D); Kevin Jackson (Sr., M); Alex Lombardi (Sr., D); Gregg Hauck (So., M); Jake Miller (So., F); Chad Kooser (Sr., D); Shane Smith (Jr., M); Alex Villatoro (Jr., M).; Christian Cruz (Fr., D).
OUTLOOK: With an established goalkeeper in Carey, a budding backfield and Hauck, an All-County midfielder returning, the Knights are primed to make believers out of the rest of the area.

NORTHEAST

COACH: Sam Tanner, second year
LAST SEASON: 4-11
KEY PLAYERS: Rob Engel (Sr., M/F); Cody Koester (Sr., G/K); Josh Meekins (Sr., GK); Shane Degreenia (Sr., MF); Mariano Diaz (Sr., M/F); Logan Kostick (Sr., D); Sean Taylor (Sr., D); Michael Knopp (Jr., F); Matt Born (So., F).
OUTLOOK: The Eagles will rely on their two goalkeepers Koester and Meekins, as each player is effective in the goal and on the field. Returning at midfield is All-County honorable mention Engel, as the team looks improve offensively.

OLD MILL

COACH: Nick Klug, second year
LAST SEASON: 7-8
KEY PLAYERS: Ryan Milligan (Sr., M); Matt Matousek (Sr., D); Tyler Bryant (Sr., D); Brady Ellis (Sr., F); Matt Collins (Sr., F); Ian Erickson (Sr., M); Perry Toskov (Sr., M); Randy Depfer (Sr., GK).
OUTLOOK: Klug hopes the Patriots' solid senior core and additions makes for a successful season. With hungry players like Depfer, a four-year starting goalkeeper, the Patriots should be in good shape. They'll rely on Ellis and Collins to trigger the offense.

ROCKBRIDGE ACADEMY

COACH: Tim Feeney, ninth year
LAST SEASON: 6-6-2
KEY PLAYERS: Cory Womack (Sr., D); John Vanik (Sr., M/D); Gilbert Horst (Sr., M); Josh Bradley (Jr., M/F); Drew Tucker (Jr., M/F); Ryan Conlon (So., M/D); Arch Hu (Jr., D)
OUTLOOK: After being beaten in the league semifinals the past two seasons, Rockbridge hopes its experienced upperclassmen can pave the way to the finals this season.

SEVERN

COACH: Mike McCarthy, first year
LAST SEASON: 4-12-2
KEY PLAYERS: Colin Rainey (Sr., D); Kevin Priddy (Sr., M); Nick Stringfellow (Sr., M); Ben Stringfellow (Sr., D); Cody Moran (Sr., A); Andrew Igler (Sr., D); Bennett Heussler (Sr., M/D); Russell Buhrer (Sr., A/M); John Sacker (Sr., M/D); Joe Kotler (Jr., A); Kyle Moran (Jr., M/D); Mark Cohen (Jr., M/D); Chris May (Jr., A/M); Chris Kiehne (Jr., D).
OUTLOOK: McCarthy takes over a squad that returns nine seniors and adds a solid mix of juniors and sophomores in an attempt to build on last year's four-win season.

SEVERNA PARK

COACH: Roy Dunshee, third year
LAST SEASON: 14-3
KEY PLAYERS: Elliot Belchatovski (Sr., D); Billy Koffler (Sr., D); Eric Schuh (Sr., F); Jared Fenton (Sr., M).
OUTLOOK: Coming off a record-setting season that included marks for most shutouts and fewest goals allowed, the Falcons are as close to rebuilding as ever after graduating 15 seniors who were responsible for 31 of the 40 goals scored last year.

SOUTH RIVER

COACH: Jeff Vincent, fourth year
LAST SEASON: 15-2
KEY PLAYERS: Evan Young (Jr., M); Phil Cocchiarro (Jr., F); George Blancke (Sr., M); Nick Brown (Sr., D); Joey Dean (Sr., D); Fernando Ordonio (Sr., F); Dale Appleman (Jr., M); Anthony Davis (Sr., D); Peter Graham (Sr., D).
OUTLOOK: Young and Cocchiarro switched from defense to the front this season to try to help the Seahawks stay afloat after losing a huge amount of talent from last year's 15-2 team. Vincent brought up nine sophomores to the varsity team, similar to what he did three years ago.

SOUTHERN

COACH: Keith Coleman, first year
LAST SEASON: 5-8
KEY PLAYERS: Corey Koller (Sr., M); Erin Frey (Sr., D); Carlos Menjivar (Sr., M); Paul Curlings (Sr., M); Lyle Coleman (Sr., D); John Adams (Sr., D); Greg Stinson (Jr., M/F); Ethan Clark (So., M);
OUTLOOK: With a handful of seniors back and Stinson and Clark — Olympic Development Program players — the Bulldogs, who are loaded with club-ball experience, are looking to have a much stronger season under Keith Coleman.

ST. MARY'S

COACH: Myles Healy, seventh year
LAST SEASON: 4-12
KEY PLAYERS: Ben Armero (Jr., M/F); Patrick Bernhard (Sr., M); Michael Bonacci (Jr., M/F); Reed Carlson (Sr., M/D); Andrew Catapano (Sr., D); Robert Fox (Jr., M/F); Nick Hoffman (Sr., GK); John Kluh (Jr., M/F); Andrew McCormick (Sr., D); Chris McNamara (Sr., GK); Michael Pomponio (Jr., GK); Christian Roush (Sr, D/M); Aaron Stewart (Sr., F/M); Tyler Troise (Sr., M/D).
OUTLOOK: McCormick and Troise lead a strong core of seniors on a defense that hopes to return the Saints' back to their winning ways. The experience of the defense along with the mix of incoming junior attackers hopes to be the right blend to return the Saints to the MIAA B Conference playoffs.