

*THIS IS THE OFFICIAL 32 YEAR HISTORY OF THE FASTPITCH PROGRAM AT KEY WEST HIGH. COACH **JUDD A. WISE** SPENT EXTENSIVE TIME AT THE LIBRARY TO RESEARCH THE ARTICLES TO PUT TOGETHER THIS HISTORY ALSO USING MAX PREPS. RECORDS WERE LOST WHEN THEY TORE DOWN THE OLD SCHOOL. THERE ARE ALSO GAMES THAT HAD NO ARTICLES WRITTEN AND I PROBABLY MISSED SOME PLAYERS AS WELL BUT AT LEAST WE HAVE SOMETHING TO READ AND DISCUSS.*

**YOURS IN FASTPITCH
COACH JUDD A. WISE**

THIS IS YEAR 33

THE HISTORY OF KEY WEST FASTPITCH

94---Season 1—Coach Wise

Key West High School started its Fast Pitch program in 1993-94. **Judd A. Wise** was selected to be the school's **First** Head Coach. He was assisted by Coaches **Robert James & Russ Milliken**. It was trying times as both the coaches and ladies adjusted to the change from **slowpitch** to **fastpitch**. Senior **Tiffany Preston** was the very **FIRST** hurler for the Conchs, **Tara Fowler** her back-up. The ladies had to learn how to Pitch, Hit, Slap Hit and Bunt in a game that was foreign to them. Key West had a 24-game schedule but lost 6 games due to the weather. In a series of **firsts**, **Melissa Centonze** hit the very **first** homerun. **Jodi Warrem** stole 5 bases in a game; the ladies **won** their very **first** game and scored 24 runs. The **Kenny Rogers Classic** began. The Conchs pulled the **upset** in the **Quarter Finals** of the Districts beating Pace 7-5 and lost to Chaminade Madonna 10-4 in the **Semi's**. The ladies were in a majority of their contests, but errors and learning to understand how this game is played took its toll. The coaching staff needed to attend fast-pitch clinics for them to learn how to teach the ladies and help the program grow.

Tiffany Preston was chosen as the Monroe County Player of the Year.

Record: 6-12

95---Season 2

Senior **Anne Moore** a transfer from Michigan knew how to pitch and took the mound for the ladies. The **first** winning season. Anne pitched 21 games for the Conchs that season and has the most wins in a season (13). The ladies started off with a **record of 1-6**, and after a team meeting, they realized what Anne meant to them on the mound. The ladies were able to win 14 of the remaining 20 games. The Team hosted the **Kenny Rogers Tournament** for the second time. The most exciting game that season was a 11inning thriller as the Conchs beat the state's **best** pitcher **Kristi Picone** of St. Brendan (the first pitcher to throw 60 mph) 3-2. **Anne Moore** pitched the entire 11 innings, and the game was won on a **Lottie Blanco's suicide** squeeze bunt that scored **Janette Rosales**. The Conchs finished second in the district that season and lost to Chaminade Madonna in the **Championship** game 2-1 in 8 innings. They were finally able to play on a Friday after two days of rain outs, but that was also Grad Nite, and some seniors chose to go. In just their second season, they were playing for the district championship! **Gina Hernandez** became the **first** conch player to participate in the **FACA State All-Star Game** for the South Squad. **Anne Moore** became the first lady conch to recieve **All-State Recognition**. **Anne Moore was chosen as the Monroe County Player of the Year.**

Record: 15-12

96---Season 3

In **Coach Wise's** last season, **Tiffany Preston** came back and joined the staff as the pitching coach. She was the very first fastpitch pitcher for Key West. The Conchs battled hard in what **Coach Wise** called an up and down season. We held too many leads and couldn't hold on. The team was led by **Tara Blatt, Angela**

Rodriguez, Mimi Edwards, Risa Centonze and Janette Rosales. Losing in The Semi's of the Districts to arch-rival Gulliver. **Mimi Edwards** throws the **first no hitter** on March 28 vs Marathon and ends the year with **12** wins. **Tara Blatt** hits over **.400**, and **Janette Rosales** became the second Conch Player to be chosen to play in the **FACA State All-Star Game** for the **South Squad**, and **Coach Wise** was chosen to be an **Assistant Coach**. During his tenure as coach, the Conchs always had more home games than away and a new tradition was started for the Saturday doubleheaders; They called it "**10 and 2 and a Barbecue**", Key West also participated in the **Bloodhound Classic** in Auburndale, the largest tournament in the state featuring **16** schools from our State.

Mimi Edwards was chosen as the Monroe County Player of the Year.

Record: 14-16

Coach Wise's Three year record was 35-40, never qualifying for the state play-offs.

97---Season 4---Coach Vinson

In season 4, **Steve Vinson** became the **2nd** Head Coach. He was assisted by **David Van loon** and **Kim Hetherington**. The ladies fought hard in every game and gave the coach everything they had. Senior **Tara Blatt** and **Angela Rodriguez** led the way at the plate with Angela hitting the very **first Grand Slam**. **Melissa "Mimi" Edwards** and **Erica Gates** led the way on the mound, with **Erica** throwing a **No Hitter** against Monsignor Pace. They played Gulliver in the District Semi's and lost **12-0**. **Tara Blatt** was selected to play in the **FACA State All-Star Game** for the **South** squad.

Record: 10-9

98---Season 5

The ladies were given the opportunity to play on a **new** field. The **old** field which was in the middle of the track was now gone. On the mound was **Melissa "Mimi" Edwards** in her senior year to lead the Conchs. **Mimi** started **23** games and won **17**. **Angela Rodriguez** led the charge at the plate for the ladies hitting **.427**. The Conchs played in two tournaments that season the **Western**, and the **Great 8**. A very good season for the ladies. **Melissa "Mimi" Edwards** was chosen the **District 4A Player of the Year**, The **FLORIDA ATHLETIC COACHES ASSOCIATION DISTRICT 16 Player of the Year** plus she was selected to play in the **FACA State All-Star Game** for the **South Squad**. The Conchs finished the season losing in the District Semi's. She finishes her career with **36** wins, **56** starts and **362** innings pitched, all first on the all-time list, and two no-hitters.

Melissa "Mimi" Edwards was chosen as the Monroe County Player of the Year.

Record 17-9

99---Season 6

Coach Vinson would have to replace **Mimi Edwards** on the hill. **Holly Schmidt** was up for the task and she didn't disappoint. Coming off a knee injury **Holly** was in form and led the way for the ladies. She started **19** games for the ladies. Led by **Shannon O'Keefe, Holly, and Jessica Rivera** at the plate, the Conchs had a good season but failed to make the play-offs losing to Pace in the district semi's. It was the first year the FHSAA instituted a Pre-Season where you were allowed to play 2 games before the regular season.

Record: 15-9

0 District Championships, 0 State Titles

2000---Season 7

The Lady Conchs were a young squad led by **Freshman** pitcher **Breanna Kight** and **Zuki Hernandez** in the circle. **Coach Vinson** took his team to Orlando to play in the **Kissimmee Klassic** which is the **largest** Fast Pitch tournament in the U.S., featuring **32** teams from around the USA. The ladies started slow but picked up midway through the season. What cost the Conchs was their defense. The pitching and hitting were very good. **Mejoy McIntosh, Jessica Rivera** and **Lisette Cobo** led the way at the plate with **Rivera** hitting over **.400**. In Districts Coral Shores bounced the Conchs out of the tournament and ended their season.

Jessica Rivera was chosen as the Monroe County Player of the Year.

Record: 11-13

01---Season 8

Coach Vinson's last season he added former Head **Coach Judd A. Wise**. Through hard work and dedication in the off-season Coach led them to a State ranking as high as **#4** in Class 3A, plus their **FIRST** appearance in the State Play-offs. The Conchs lost the **District Championship** to Gulliver **2-0**. It was a great pitching performance by **Arianna Corsi** who kept Gulliver in check. Key West just couldn't hit the Gulliver pitching. By making it to the District Championship Game the Lady Conchs qualified for the $\frac{1}{4}$ **Regional's** for the **FIRST** time. American Heritage Plantation was their opponent, and the Ladies gave it their all, but they were defeated by the Patriots **6-0**. It was the best season ever, as the ladies achieved a **17** win season!! **Jessica Rivera** received the Honor of being selected to play in the **FACA State All-Star Game** on the **South Squad**. The ladies were featured on the **FHSAA Sports Report TV show** about how they handle their **studies** with all the travel they incur.

Record 17-9

Coach Vinson's Five year record: 70-46, making the State Play-offs once.

02---Season 9---Coach Mellies

Season **9** was led by **Neil Mellies** who became the **3rd** Head Coach. He was assisted by **Alexis Leto**, and **Neda Preston**. **Breanna Kight** was back on the mound, but the Conchs were extremely young with **6** **freshman** starting, **1** sophomore, **1** junior, **1** senior. The season was difficult as scheduling was a problem, the spring break tournament in Key West was cancelled as all three teams coming down backed out. Coach did take them to play in the **Kissimmee Klassic**. The ladies played with a lot of spirited effort. **Coach Mellies** stepped down after **one** season.

Record: 2-13

03---Season 10---Coach James

Gloria James became the **4th** Head Coach of the Conchs in season **10**. She was assisted by her husband, **Robert James**, **Mike Commander**, and **Judd A. Wise**. **Coach James** brings her three D's to the table, **Dedication**, **Desire**, and **Discipline**. A new field was built, and **Coach Wise** stated: **Welcome to the Backyard Home of the Lady Conchs FastPitch Team** which has stayed on throughout the years. The ladies set their goals and achieved a **20** win season. Their highest State ranking at **#3**, and for the **FIRST** time in their history they **defeated** Gulliver **4-2** at home in front of **300** plus fans and then **beat** them in Miami **5-1** in **13** innings as **Breanna Kight** pitched every inning. Freshman **Sophia Ratcliff** pitches a **no hitter** vs Immokalee. The Conchs were the **Regular Season District Champions**, and the **District Tournament** was held in Key West for the **FIRST** time. Gulliver and Pace were able to play their Semifinal game, but the night game was rained out. The Key West St. Brendan game was moved to the next day. Key West beats St. Brendan in an unbelievable **9** inning contest at **noon** with temperatures in the high **80's**, Conch hurler **Breanna Kight** not only pitched all **nine** innings but **knocked** in the winning run. The majority of the student body made their way to the backyard for the noon contest. The evening game was jammed packed with well over **350** loyal Conch supporters. The ladies only had about **4** hours rest between games before the Championship game. Gulliver was able to play the day before and refused to let Key west have a day to rest. The District Championship game was to begin at 7 pm that night. Coach James and Coach Wise decided that **Ashley James** would take the hill, but Gulliver proved to be too much for the Conchs winning **8-0**. The Conchs qualified for the $\frac{1}{4}$ **Regional**, their opponent, American Heritage Plantation. In a great game, the Conchs lost **4-1**, but it was a stellar year! The program had it's **first 20-win** season.

Breanna Kight finished her career with **66 starts 37 wins and 425 innings pitched first on the all-time list and one no- hitter**. **Breanna** was selected for the South Squad for the FACA State All-Star Game. . **Breanna Kight** was chosen as the Monroe County Player of the Year

Record: 20-8

04---Season 11

The lady conchs were excited. Two new coaches were added to the staff, **Frank Ratcliff Sr.** to help with hitting and **Chrissy Lewis** to be the new pitching coach. Led by four-year letterman **Ashley James** who unfortunately tore her biceps tendon in game **11**, after an **8-2** start, the Conchs turned to Sophomore **Sophia Ratcliff**. **Sophia** pitched a **no hitter** vs Immokalee and the ladies were off and running. They won their first game in the *“Kississimee Klassic”*, finished runner-up in the *“Conch Classic”*, and came in Third in the *“Cooper’s Paint & Body Invitational.”* The Conchs lost the district championship to Gulliver **1-0** as **Danica Doctoche** pitched a great game. The Conchs just couldn’t connect with the speed of Gulliver’s **Melissa Burns**. The Lady Conchs did qualify for the State play-offs and went into the $\frac{1}{4}$ **Regionals** against St. Brendan, but the bats went silent and the Conchs lost a disappointing game **4-2**. **Ashley James** was selected to play in the **FACA State All-Star Game** for the **South** squad. The bar will be raised for next season as the ladies return their entire infield as well as some great prospects from the JV.

Alison Baker on the **JV** hits the **first** homerun on the new field.

Sophia Ratcliff was chosen as the **Monroe County Player of the Year**.

Record: 18-10

05---Season 12

The Lady Conchs reached new heights that they have never been to. Hitting records, runs in a game and runs in an inning all were set, and **Sophia Ratcliff** pitched another **no-hitter** against Mast Academy, had **23** starts with **15** wins. The lady Conchs were runner-ups in the district which allowed them the opportunity to avoid a meeting with American Heritage Plantation until the regional championships. The ladies had to hit the road for the $\frac{1}{4}$ **Regional** contest, and if they continued to win, they would stay on the road. They did a marvelous job by beating St. Brendan in the $\frac{1}{4}$ **Regionals 4-2**, then traveled to Coral Springs Charter and beat them in the **Regional Semi’s** on a Madison Labrada game winning rbi single **1-0**. The lady Conchs were meeting their old nemesis American Heritage Plantation for the **Regional Championship** and a trip to the State’s final four. This was the **FIRST** time the lady conchs have ever reached the **Regional Finals**. The game was a great one, but for the Conchs, the Patriots and Stephanie Brombacher proved too much as the final score was **6-0**. Key West was led by **Jamie Mattingly**, **Janessa Delgado**, **Samantha Smithwick** which was a deadly infield combination.

Jaime Mattingly was chosen as the **Monroe County Player of the Year**.

Record: 19-10

06---Season 13

The Lady Conchs started the season off like gang busters going **9-2**. All was well and then the main stretch of their schedule came up, and the ladies were playing as well as they could, but the bats became silent. The team made it to the District Championship and played against their long time rival Monsignor Pace. The game was scoreless until the bottom of the sixth when Pace was able to score a run and win **1-0**. The Lady Conchs still qualified for the $\frac{1}{4}$ **Regional** ‘s but they had to travel to play the number two team in the state Pembroke Pines Charter. They gave it their all but just didn’t have enough gas left in the tank losing **15-1**. Key West will say goodbye to four-year pitching & catching duo of **Jessica Kilgore**, and **Sophia Ratcliff** which was the best combination yet. Seniors departing will be **Jackie Smith**, **Lauren Pazo**, and **Mariana Cardoze**. With a great core of juniors returning and **Lindsey Yocum** ready to take the hill, the Conchs will have high expectations for next season. Coach **Gloria James** did a sterling job as the Head Coach and retired with the highest winning percentage (**.638%**) in school history. The program continued with more home games than away, and they brought back the familiar **10 & 2 and BBQ!!**

Sophia Ratcliff finishes her career with a record **40** wins (first on the all time list), **61** starts, **376** innings pitched and **4** no-hitters.

Sophia was chosen as the Monroe County Player of the Year.

Record: 12-11

Coach Jame's four-year record: 69-39, making the State Play-Offs all 4 seasons.

07---Season 14---Coach Gootee

In **07** it was a season of **FIRSTS**. **FIRST**, the Conchs had a new coach in season **14**, **David Gootee**, the **5th** Head Coach. He was assisted by **Frank Ratcliff**, and **Kristen Stanley-Fredericks**. For the **FIRST** time, they played four games in the ***Kissimmee Classic***. They **won** their **District Championship** for the **FIRST** time in the school's history as they defeated arch-rival Monsignor Pace. A team from **Corsicana, Texas** came to Key West to play the ladies. The lady Conchs were led on the hill by **Lindsey Yochum**, and seniors **Trish Wise**, **Heather Palladino**, **Victoria Commander**, **Ashley Henriquez**, and **Allison Baker**. It was a season of **power hitting** as the team hit a record **14** homeruns, **Heather Palladino** hit **6** homeruns and joined the **Grand Slam Club to lead the Conchs**. **Ashley Henriquez** and **Heather Palladino** combined to hit **5** homeruns in one contest., **11** for the season. **Kristen Babich** and **Lauren Wells** were tremendous additions to the team as they helped both offensively and defensively. The $\frac{1}{4}$ **Regionals** were held in Key West, another **FIRST**. The lady conchs hosted Archbishop McCarthy as they broke their attendance record from 2003 with over **500** loyal Conch fans rooting them on. The ladies gave it their best shot, but in the end Archbishop McCarthy won **5-1**. **Ashley Henriquez** graduates as the school's all-time homerun leader with **8**, ***Heather had 7 Rbi's in a game to be the all-time leader.*** **Heather Palladino**, & **Trish Wise** were selected to play on the **FACA State All-Star Game** on the **South** squad.

Heather Palladino was chosen as the Monroe County Player of the Year.

Record: 16-13

08---Season 15

Coach Gootee changed the thinking about playing home games and went with the strategy of playing in tournaments on the road. The ladies traveled to two ***Big*** Tournaments in **WPB Briana Cox Memorial**, and **Speedball**. They saw tremendous competition in these tournaments and played to the best of their ability. The **Conch Classic** also continued with only three teams this year. Riverdale, the defending champion, came back and walked through the tournament winning three games by the combined score of **44-1**. For the **FIRST** time the ladies suffered a loss to county rival Marathon High School. The Conchs were led by four seniors **Kristen Babich**, **Jianna Hernandez**, **Lindsey Yochum** and **Gigi Orofino**. The defense had to replace five starters and finding the right combination was difficult. The offense did a nice job of hitting the ball but in the end the Conchs went to districts as the number three seed and fell to St. Brendan **4-3** in the **semi's**.

Jianna Hernandez was chosen as the Monroe County Player of the Year.

Record: 9-13

Coach Gootee's Two-year record: 25-26, One District Championship, making the State Playoffs once.

09---Season 16---Coach Wells

The **6th** Head Coach in the program's history is ***Fireman Steve Wells***. He will be assisted by **Alan Averette**, and **David Averette**. His philosophy is to play hard but have fun. The lady Conchs jumped out to a quick **5-0** record but reality set in as the conchs went to a couple of big-time tournaments. They went only **1-7** in those tournaments but used them as a learning experience. As the season rolled on, the Conchs lost their starting pitcher **Lauren Wells** to a pulled hamstring injury. Freshman hurlers **Rachael Quad** and **Savannah Hawthorne** did a great job on the hill and freshman **CeCe Cervantes** set **two** records with **2** triples and **2** doubles in a game for **most** triples and xtrbase hits in a game. **Kendall Galvan** hit over **.400**. The Conchs were able to keep beating their district opponents and for the second time in the program's history; they were the **Regular Season District Champs** with a **9-1** record. For the **9th** time in the programs history, the Conchs will face Monsignor Pace for the district championship. In a contest which featured very little offense by either team, the Conchs lost the championship to Pace **3-0**. In the $\frac{1}{4}$ **Regionals**, the ladies traveled to Archbishop McCarthy where they lost **7-0**. It was an interesting year as the Conchs went **9-1** in district play but **3-11** in

games outside the district, and for the second year in a row they were beaten by Marathon. The conchs will say goodbye to starting seniors **Alicia Arizzola, Sarah Rodriguez, and Kayla Reams**. With two freshman pitchers coming back and the nucleus of the infield, things look promising.

Record: 12-12

1 District Championship, 0 State Titles

10---Season 17

Coach Wells added two new coaches to the staff, Coach **Bubba Osterhoudt**, and he brought back pitching coach, Coach **Chrissy Lewis**. The ladies were called the **road warriors** due to the fact that **15** of their **20** games scheduled were away from the friendly confines of the BackYard! The Lady Conchs had a repeat of last season as they cruised through their districts with a perfect **7-0** record and were the **Regular Season District Champions**, but against outside competition the conchs went just **4-9**. They did improve in playing in **two** big tournaments going **2-5**. Leading the way were seniors **Madison Disson, Corrine Haskins, and Lauren Wells**. The Lady Conchs **won** their **District** for the **second** time in the team's history beating Westland Hialeah **11-0**. The Conchs hosted the $\frac{1}{4}$ **Regionals** for the **Second** time in front of a packed house of over **400** fans against Cardinal Gibbons. The ladies gave it their all, but Gibbons proved too much and won the game **4-1**. **Britney Price** was the bright spot going **3-3** with a homer. Lauren Wells became the Conchs all-time Homerun leader with **10**, and **top batting avg. with a regular season .489 avg.**

Lauren Wells was chosen as the Monroe County Player of the Year.

Record: 11-9

11---Season 18

This year Coach Wells had the ladies enter 3 **big** tournaments, The Key West Mini Tournament, SlamFest and SpeedBall. The ladies learned a lot playing against top competition as it helped them dominate their district. For the **second** season in a row, the Conchs were the **Regular Season District Champions** as they went undefeated in district play (6-0) and repeated as **District Champions** for the **Third** time. They hosted the $\frac{1}{4}$ **Regionals for the Third time** at the backyard against Cardinal Gibbons. The ladies played hard, but Gibbons was too much winning **8-2**.

Record: 12-14

12---Season 19

Coach Wells put together one of the most difficult schedules the ladies have ever played since the inception of the program. **Rachael Quad** was the mainstay on the mound and was backed up by **Savannah Hawthorne**. Other seniors who will be missed are **Brittany Price, Kendall Galvan, Caroline Talbot, Shannon Brown** and **Leci Archer**. The ladies gave their all and played great, but the competition was overwhelming, they did finish runner up in the district tournament and had to travel to Archbishop McCarthy for the $\frac{1}{4}$ **Regional's** where their season came to a close with the loss.

Rachael Quad was chosen as the Monroe County Player of the Year.

Record: 12-14

13---Season 20

Coach Wells and his staff came into this season with concerns about having to replace a four-year starting pitcher and a catcher who transferred away. They had an idea that this might be a learning year for the ladies. The ladies started out by winning 3 of their first 4, but then the heart of their schedule came along with two very difficult tournaments, and the Key West Mini Tournament the hitters not producing along with pitching and fielding woes, they lost their next **8** games. They did go on a three-game win streak, but with a loss to Gulliver they knew their fate for districts was in their own hands as they had to play St. Brendan in the first round. The good news was Districts were at the BackYard! The ladies pounded St. Brendan **9-0** in the semi's and had to face their nemesis Gulliver for the District Championship. The Conchs were hanging in there trailing only 3-1 when the Raiders bats came alive as they went yard 4 times in a **10-1** win. The Conchs were runner-ups and

moved on to the ¼ **Regionals** in Miami playing against Doral Academy. The Conchs played one of their best games of the year and beat Doral Academy **4-3** and will move on to play their archrival Gulliver in the **Regional Semi's**. **Coach Wells** asked for one more game and got his wish. This is the furthest he has taken the ladies and only the **SECOND time** in the programs' history they have made it to the **Regional Semi's**. Their opponent for the 4th time this season is Gulliver and the ladies gave it their all but lost **11-0** and their season came to an end. **Coach Wells** stepped down. The following seniors graduating are **Devin Osterhoudt, Rachel & Lauren Schoneck**, and **Adrianna Garcia**.

Osterhoudt, and the **Schoneck** twins were selected to play for the **South** in the **FACA All-Star game**. **Raquel Schoneck** was the **MVP** of the **south squad** a **first** for the lady conchs who were well represented.

Record: 9-9

Coach Well's five-year record was 56-58 with 2 DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS, making the State Play-offs all 5 seasons.

14---Season 21---Coach James

Ashley James who played for her alma mater and went on to play for the Rattlers of Florida A & M, will lead the ladies. She is the 7th Head Coach in the program, and will be assisted by **Clinton Storr, Breanna Kight, Trish Wise**, and **Jason Garcia**. This was a rebuilding year as the Lady Conchs started as many as **five** freshmen, but they had five ladies who could be on the mound. They were led by Desiree Laguna on the mound. The ladies battled and competed well. They played in three tournaments: SlamFest, Conch Classic and Doc-For-life, and for the young Conchs they saw true Fastpitch and now understand what it takes to play at this level. The Conchs finished the regular season **7-15** and were seeded second in district play. In a Thrilling game in the district Semi's, **Angela Niles** hit a sac fly in the bottom of the seventh inning to score **Brooke Marsden** and give the Conchs a **4-3** win over Ransom Everglades and a chance to play Gulliver for the **District title**. The winning pitcher was **Kendall Snow**, with **Desire Laguna** getting the save. In the District Championship game, Gulliver came out on top **9-0**, but the ladies made it back to the state playoffs. In the ¼ **REGIONALS**, the ladies faced an old former district opponent in St. Brendan. The game was tied going into the bottom of the fifth **3-3** and then the bottom fell out, and the Sabres won the game **12-3**. Seniors **Desire Laguna** and **Brooke Marsden** graduate but with all the talented freshman, and a good JV, the future looks bright.

Record: 8-16

15---Season 22

Coach James added to her staff, **Coach Lauren Pazo**, as **Coach Wise** left for the Univ. of Alabama, and **Coach Garcia** went to coach the Conch JV Baseball team. The team will be led by sophomore **Kendall Snow**, and she is backed up by **Jewels Castillo**. These two pitched the conchs to a winning season. The ladies won six of their first 8 games. The ladies found their hitting shoes, and **MacKenzie Cohen, Brooke Wood, Angela Niles, Jayla DeGennaro, & Anjelica Green** led the way. With an injury to starting centerfielder **Angela Niles**, the ladies had to pull together. They did and had a very good season finishing the regular season **12-9**. **Niles** returned in big fashion with **4** hits in the two district games. In District play the ladies beat Keys Gate **12-0** to advance to the Championship. As usual, Gulliver was the opponent. The game was tied after the first 1-1, then the wheels came off as Gulliver scored 9 runs in the second inning and won the Championship **11-1**. In the ¼ **REGIONALS**, the opponent was the Patriots of Florida Christian, a team they faced earlier in the Pembroke Pines Tournament. The ladies played them in the regular season and lost. They were looking for revenge at the expense of the Patriots. The game was close **4-3** through 4 innings and then the Patriots took a **7-4** lead heading into the seventh. The Conchs never gave up and tied the game at 7, in the bottom of the seventh, the Patriots had a runner on second with two outs and two strikes on the batter. The very next pitch was a Texas league single right over our shortstop and the winning run scored and the season ended. The ladies will miss seniors **Tamiya Major** and **Jocelyn Ashe**, but the rest of the team returns and the future looks great!

Record: 13-11

16---Season 23

Heading into this season, **Coach James** added two coaches, **Coach Scooby**, and former player **Coach Emanuel-Sidman**. She knew she had a great pitching staff and a team that should be able to hit. The Lady Conchs lost their first three games but then rebounded to win **9** of their next **13**. They found fire power in their bats as **Lauren Klitenick** led the team with 6 home runs tying the season record, and **Jewels Castillo, Angela Niles, Madison Garcia** and **Sophie Robino** all followed suit with homeruns this year. The games with Marathon High were great games, and the lady Conchs also went back to Kissimmee for the state's largest tournament. The **District Tournament** was held in **Key West**. Keys Gate was the first opponent for the ladies, and they made quick work of them winning **15-0**. Next was our rival Gulliver, and the Raiders won the District Championship **10-3**. Coach James's squad qualified for the state tournament for the **3rd** time but had to travel. The **¼ REGIONALS** were held at Monsignor Pace, a longtime foe. A great game ensued, and it was back and forth and tied going into the bottom of the eighth at 4. With a runner on third and two outs, the Spartan batter hit a hard/hot shot that went off the glove of the short stop, and she was unable to throw out the runner at first and Monsignor Pace went on to win **5-4**. The Ladies say goodbye to seniors **Jewels Castillo**, and **Anjelika Green**. The future looks bright with 7 returning starters.

Record: 11-13

Coach Ashley James Three year record was 32-40, making the State Play-offs all 3 seasons

17---Season 24---Coach Garcia

The Conchs hired **Jason Garcia** to take over the reins. **Coach Garcia** is the **8th** head coach in the program's history. An alumni and former baseball player for the Conchs, **Coach Garcia** will bring a spirited attitude, and a strong work ethic to the program. He will be assisted by Coaches Eric Snow and **Manuel Castillo**. It was a magical season for the ladies. Led by Seniors **Kendall Snow, Raylin Faatuai, Mackenzie Cohen**, and **Angela Niles**, the ladies won **16** games, and for only the third time in the program's history, they defeated Gulliver at home. The Conchs had great play from **Lauren Klitenick** who moved up the homerun ladder with her **7th** career dinger. They found another great hurler in **Chloe Hartle**, and a short stop in **Ashley Grimanelis**. They hit the ball, and their defense improved. After beating Keys Gate in the District Semi's they advanced to the **District Championship** game against Gulliver only to lose **3-0**. They advanced to the State Play-offs. In the **¼ REGIONALS**, the ladies played St. Brendan and pounded them **14-0**. This win advances them to the **REGIONAL SEMI'S for the Third time in school history** against Gulliver for the **4th** time that season. The ladies fought the best they could but couldn't overcome some defensive miscues and couldn't get the timely hits. Gulliver won **9-0** to end the season for the conchs.

Kendall Snow is chosen as the Monroe County Player of the Year.

Record: 18-5-1

18---Season 25

Coach Garcia preaches three things for his ladies to understand: Preparation, **Confidence**, and **Execution**. The ladies have taken this to heart and given him and his staff everything they have as they began the season **8-0**. They went out of state to **Gulf Shores Alabama** for spring break and played in a great tournament going **3-3**. For the first time since the 02-03 season, the Conchs have defeated Gulliver both times in the regular seasons. The ladies had a great regular season going **15-5**, and having a **3-1** district record; they are the **number 1** seed in the tournament and have qualified for the state playoffs. Led by Seniors **Jade Vaughn, Lauren Klitenick**, and **Nelly Branham**, the Conchs went into the District Championship game only to play Gulliver for a third time. They gave it their all but it just wasn't in the cards as they Conchs fell **12-4**. The ladies will travel to Monsignor Pace for the **¼ REGIONALS**. Against Monsignor Pace, and the pitching of **Chloe Hartle** and a homerun from **Lauren Klitenick the 11th of her great career**, the ladies beat Pace **8-0**. They will meet Gulliver for a fourth time, this season in the **SEMI REGIONALS**. This is only the 4th time the Conchs have made it to the **SEMI'S in school history**. In the **REGIONAL SEMI'S**, the lady conchs fell behind Gulliver 2-0, then battled their way back to tie the game and go ahead 5-3 going into the bottom of the seventh. The raiders tied the game up and it went into extra innings. The lady conchs were unable to score, and Gulliver

pushed the winning run ahead in the bottom of the frame to win an exciting game **6-5**. Only losing three great seniors, the lady conchs will be ready to surpass what they did this season, next year. **Lauren Klitenick** received the honor of playing in the **FACA State All-Star Game** for the **South Squad**.

Lauren Klitenick is chosen as the Monroe County Player of the Year.

Record: 16-6

19---Season 26

The ladies got off to a hot start winning 5 of their first 6 games, including both district games with a mercy crushing of rival Gulliver. They secured a spot into the state playoffs early. This is the **5th** time in their history they were the **Regular Season District CHAMPIONS**. The Conchs got hot at the right time winning their last **5** games of the regular season with another crushing of Gulliver. The conchs lost out in **6** games due to cancellations. Being the regular season **District Champions** meant the conchs just had to play the one game, the Championship and they crushed Gulliver for the **3rd** straight time and won the **Districts**. They will play host Mater Lakes Academy for the **¼ Regionals** at home. The ladies came out swinging, and the pitching was fantastic as they took care of matters with a mercy rule **15-0** win in three innings, they will now face their nemesis Gulliver in the **Regional Semi's** the Backyard. In what is probably the greatest game played in the back yard, the lady Conchs in front of a packed house of more than **450** loyal Conch fans, came back from 6-1 then 9-7 in the bottom of the seventh with three runs thanks to a homerun by **Isabella Perez** to tie it up and beat Gulliver **10-9** to advance to the programs second **REGIONAL FINALS** vs Coral Springs Charter. In a strategic move, **Coach Garcia** changed the game time to Thursday at **4 pm** in the blazing heat. Coral Springs Charter was everything as advertised as they jumped out to a 3-0 then 7-0 lead on the ladies. The Conchs fought back in the bottom of the fourth to cut the lead to 7-4, but unfortunately it wasn't enough as they scored three more times and won **10-7**. Graduating are **Madison Garcia, Jade Castillo** and **Ashley Grimanelis**. With a great nucleus of the team returning, the future is promising.

Ashley Grimanelis is chosen as the Monroe County Player of the Year.

Record: 15-7

3 District Championships, 0 State Titles

20---Season 27

Coach Garcia added a new coach to his staff. **Kendall Snow** will now take over the pitching duties. This was a season in which the ladies had high expectations to make it to the Final Four for the first time in the program's history. Starting off with a **6-1** start, the season came to a **sudden halt** as the **CORONAVIRUS took over the world!** School was closed for **2** weeks, and the students were then told to stay home, and teachers were learning to teach online. This meant the coaches couldn't have contact with their players only through email or phone. No practice, nothing. How frustrating this was for both players and coaches. **Coach Garcia** kept in contact through phone calls and emails to keep his ladies positive and make sure they were exercising and throwing and swinging a bat at home. The Governor then came out with a statement that no one wanted to hear: The schools will remain closed for the rest of the school year. This meant, the facilities are closed to all Coaches and students. When this press release came out on Saturday April 18, Coach Garcia knew it would be a matter of time until the **FHSAA** would release their statement. It Came Monday **April 20th** around 11 am. At this time the **FHSAA** will be canceling the spring sports season, and with that, it is over. For **Coach Garcia** and his ladies, a chance for a State Title came to a crushing end. For his Seniors **Chloe Hartle, Samantha Lopez**, and **Gracie Wood**, the opportunity to play a senior season with their classmates was over. We will never know what could have been, but in our hearts, the championship was ours!

Record: 6-1

21---Season 28

Covid is still happening, but it didn't stop **Coach Garcia** from meeting with his ladies and keeping them playing ball in the off season. Last year is over. The ladies are excited not only to begin the year, but they are playing on a brand-new **turf** field. The Backyard is beautiful. Keys Gate came down for the first game on the

new field, and the Conchs quickly won both preseason contests. The very first home run hit out of the park was by **Abigail Marciniak**. The Conchs District was only two teams, Key West and St. Brendan as the public schools all opted out of softball for this year, but now the other 2 teams have opted back in. Key West was awarded the District tournament, but the other schools complained and now the District Tournament has been awarded to St. Brendan. One of the public schools opted out of the tournament and the District will be three teams. Key West is seeded no.1 and won the **regular season District Title**. It has been an up and down year. The ladies look good one game and then so-so the next. There has been a total of 7 cancellations, and **Coach Garcia** and his ladies haven't found their rhythm as of yet, but as they head into district play, Coach will have them ready to go. The District tournament was held at St. Brendan's where the ladies received a win over Jackson and will play St. Brendan in the District Championship game. Winning the programs **5th District Championship**, by beating St. Brendan in an exciting game **5-4**, on a walk off 2 run HR in their bottom half of the seventh inning by **Sabrina Ramirez**, the ladies will be at home for the **¼ Regionals** against Mater Lakes Academy. The backyard was packed with over **450** Conch fans everywhere around the stadium. Led by a 14 hit attack and the pitching of **Coral Geide**, the lady Conchs smashed the Bears **14-1** in 5 innings. Next up is the **Regional Semi's** at the Backyard against our nemesis American Heritage Plantation. Chairs were set up early; fans started coming in around 5 for the game. Dinner and the Semi's, what else could you ask for? With a record crowd (**500+**) at the park the ladies battled with the Patriots. With a controversial call in the first inning, the Patriots took the lead 1-0. In inning two the Conchs made a crucial error to fall behind 2-0. Key West had opportunities in innings one, two and three but could not come up with the big hit. After three innings the score was 5-0 for American Heritage. Their pitcher was strong and though she gave up a few walks, the ladies were only able to get 4 hits and they could never put them together to get the big inning they needed. The fans were like a volcano waiting to erupt for them. They fought and fought, but the ladies weren't able to battle back and **lost**. The season came to an end, and the crowd gave them a standing ovation. With a great nucleus coming back, **Coach Garcia** is excited for next year. It's tough, but he knows his ladies are on the edge of greatness. We say goodbye to seniors: **Coral Geide, Sabrina Ramirez, Abigail Marciniak, and Brynn Price**. **Isabella Perez is chosen as the Monroe County Player of the Year.**
Record: 10-6

22---Season 29 As **Coach Garcia** takes the field, he becomes the **longest tenured** Head Coach in the program's history; he also adds a new coach to his staff. With the departure of pitching **Coach Kendall Snow**, he adds **Jewels Castillo** to take over those duties. With 7 seniors leading the way, they have been working extremely hard for this upcoming season. The tune-up from the sweep of Merritt Island in the pre-season games led the way for the very **first** victory over the Class 7A State Runner-up Palmetto High. The ladies followed that victory up with a crushing defeat of St. Brendan. By sweeping John Carroll in a double header, **Coach Garcia** is tied with former Coach, **Steve Vinson** with **70** wins. Another milestone was reached as the Ladies were ranked **No. 1** in the **State for Class 4A** on **March 8th**. The ladies keep their winning ways going with wins over Westminster, Archbishop McCarthy, and Marathon. Pembroke Pines came to town and stopped the ladies **eight** game win streak, but **Marina Goins** hits **two** homeruns in the contest, and joins the **Grand Slam Club** and **Yarhaira Williams** hits her **9th** of her career. The ladies rebounded with a win over Keys Gate. losing to Somerset Silver Palms, the ladies swept South Dade and it is now on to Orange Bowl FastPitch Classic in Miami. The ladies went 2-1-1 in the Orange Bowl Classic, and the **tie** was the second in the program's history. Senior night went according to plans as we wish our 7 seniors the best in the future and thanks for all the great memories. They then demolished Lake Placid **10-0** in 5 innings. With wins over Marathon and a suspended game due to poor lights at Keys Gate, the ladies head into District play the **No. 1** seed and will Play St. Brendan for the District Championship. The ladies win their **6th District Championship** with a great **2-0** win over the Sabres. The Conchs are the **No. 1** seed in the **South Region** which means, as long as they win, they will be the **host** team through out. The ladies take on Labelle who they tied in the Orange Bowl Classic. The Conchs took care of business as **Marina Goins** hits a walk off **Grand slam** to finish off Labelle **15-2** in the **¼ Regionals** in front of a packed Backyard of over **500** fans. The ladies continued their run to the States behind the **2** hit pitching performance from **Chloe Gilday** and home run power of **Isabella Perez, and Meisha**

Hernandez, the Conchs, cruised to an **11-1** victory in front of a white out fan base of **750**. For the **3rd** time in the program's history, they will be playing in the **Regional Finals** at the Backyard for the opportunity to get to the State Final Four. With **1,000** screaming fans, all in white, rooting on the ladies, they didn't disappoint, as **Chloe Gilday** did her magic on the mound, picking up her **11th** victory of the year, and with the hot hitting of the Conchs led by **Meisha Hernandez**, and **Isabella Perez**, each with **3** hits, the Ladies demolished St. Brendan **11-1** capture the **Regional Finals** and a trip to the **STATES FINAL 4** for the **first** time in the **program's history**. The Ladies have pounded out **34** hits and scored **37** runs while only giving up **4** in the **3** Regional Games!!!! **Clermont**, Florida is the site for the **State Semi-Finals** against Lake Wales. In a historical year for our ladies, they went up to Clermont, Fl. The ladies received an unbelievable send off from the community. A charter bus awaited and the people of Key West came to the high school and fans lined Flagler Ave. to US 1, and students from Sugarloaf elem/middle school, and even in Marathon gave them a huge send off. What a community we live in. The contest was at noon, and it was very humid and hot. The park is full of Conchs rooting the ladies on. Lake Wales struck for two runs in the top of the first and never looked back. **Meisha Hernandez** provided the Conchs with their lone run, a no doubter bomb to left field to cut the margin in half. What a pitcher's duel took place. The Conchs had a great chance to tie it up in the bottom of the fifth, after back to back singles by **Chloe Knowles** and **Scarlett Niles**, to start the fifth, a great play by their third baseman to the shortstop to get the first out at third on an attempted sac bunt. Lake Wales was able to make Key West strand two runners. The ladies battled till the end, but Lake Wales prevailed in a thriller **2-1**. What memories these seniors will have as they played in **two Regional Finals** and the **State-Semi-Finals**. We want to wish **Isabella Perez, Yahaira Williams, Chloe Knowles, Marina Goins, Montinique Van Staten, Emily Bracher, and Madison Gonzalez**, the absolute best in the future. Coach and all of us will miss them, but thanks for the **memories!!!** **Coach Garcia**, he is now the **all-time winningst** coach in the programs history. **Yahaira Williams is chosen as the Monroe County Player of the Year.**

Record: 19-4-1

23---Season 30

Qualifying for the State Final Four for the first time last season has set the bar at another level. **Coach Garcia** has high expectations going into this season. Through the first half of the year the ladies are **9-2**. They are playing well, as all three aspects are coming together, hitting, pitching, and fielding. The big games were against defending State Champs, Lake Wales where the ladies split with them. This will lift their confidence as they head into the second half of the year. In the second half, the lady conchs are doing well as they head into district play finishing the regular season at **15-3**. They will play St. Brendan at the Backyard for the District Championship. What a crowd that dressed in red for the **RED OUT!** The ladies defeated the Sabres for the **7th District Championship** by a score of **8-4**. The next **RED OUT** was at the **1/4 Regionals**, the ladies were ready and the crowd was pumped. In ten run rule fashion, the Conchs crushed Riviera Beach Suncoast **12-2**. The **RED OUT** continued with another home game; this was **Regional Semifinals**. The ladies didn't disappoint as they held on to beat Somerset Academy 7-6. It was on to the **REGIONAL FINALS**. **Coach Garcia** was **upset** that the Conchs didn't get the Number 1 seed and they had to travel to play an old rival American Heritage Plantation. The crowd was overwhelming as the Conch fans dominated the bleachers. Key West scores the only run in the top of the 8th inning, and **Chloe Gilday** pitched the best game a Conch pitcher has ever thrown and dominates the Patriots. Key West holds on for a **1-0** victory and back to the State Tournament. **Coach Garcia** and the ladies load the Charter bus headed up **US 1** and **Hwy 27**. Fans cheer and wave to them as they leave the keys. What a send off. The opponent in the State's **SEMI FINALS** is Wakulla from the Pan Handle. The game is tight after two innings then lightning is in the area and the game is halted for an hour and a half, Key West couldn't regroup and **lose** a heart breaker **5-2**. Coach has his pitching staff returning and looks forward for a **third** straight trip to the States! **Meisha Hernandez** joins the **Grand Slam Club**.

Meisha Hernandez is chosen as the Monroe County Player of the Year.

Record: 19-3

24---Season 31

Coach Garcia has all of his pitching staff returning and is looking to return to the States for the third time in a row. **Scarlett Niles** is the main stick, **Chloe Gilday** and **Naveah Arnold** the arms on the hill. The season didn't open up as Coach would have liked. The ladies lose to Westminster Christian **14-0**, and **9-1**, but the **bounced back to defeat Keys Gate 3-0. Scarlett Niles smashes 3 Homeruns to lead the Conchs to a 7-2 win over** Ft. Pierce John Carroll. In game two, **Scarlett** hits her fourth homerun of the day but it isn't enough as the rams win **6-5**. Lady Conchs pound out hits and score 15 runs in routing Keys Gate **15-3**. Number 1 Eustis comes to town for a two-game set and the Ladies were hanging with them until the top of the 6th when the Conchs committed 3 errors leading to 6 unearned runs and lose **7-0**. In game two Eustis showed why they are the number 1 team winning **9-2, Scarlett Niles** goes deep for homerun number 5. In a very close game that went extra innings, the Lady Conchs score in the bottom of the ninth to beat Vero Beach **3-2**. AIE comes to town for the final two home games and senior weekend. The seniors did their job as the ladies win **3-1** in game one, but those a tough one in game two in 9 innings **5-4**. It is off to the Orange Bowl Slam Fest for four games in two days. The ladies didn't fare too well as the game with Miami Christian was cancelled, then they lose all four games in the tournament. Scores were Westminster Academy **11-3**, St. Thomas **14-1**, Riverdale **5-4**, and Western **7-0. Scarlett Niles** ties the record for most homeruns in a season with 6. In a close contest the ladies lose to Florida Christian **2-1**. The ladies end a 6-game slide and punish Palmer Trinity **14-3. Nina Manresa** joins the **Grand Slam club**. The Conchs drop a double header to Miami Christian losing **6-3 & 10-3**, this ends the regular season at **6-13**. In a packed and voracious crowd, at Sabres field, St. Brendan beats Key West **8-3** to claim the **District Championship**. The ladies qualified for the **1/4 Regionals** as the 6th seed. They will travel back to St. Brendan to play them as they are the 3 seed. In a contest that was hotly contested, the game was tied **3-3** heading into the bottom of the 7th. The Sabres were able to pull off a suicide squeeze to win the contest beating Key West **4-3**. We say goodbye to **Scarlett Niles, Chloe Gilday, Nevaeh Arnold, Lindsey Koppal, and Alexandra Rodriquez** They gave us great memories. It's on to next year.

Scarlett Niles is chosen as the Monroe County Player of the Year.

Record 6-15

25---Season 32

Coach Garcia adds two new coaches to his staff, legend **Randy Sterling Sr.** and **Emily Yakel**. He puts together a 24-game schedule. The ladies open the season with a 13-3 win over Palmetto. Game two is a shut out with a 10-0 win over Somerset Canyons. The ladies travel to Miami and split with the Warriors winning 2-1 in game one but lost game two of the doubleheader 11-1. School House Prep crushes the conchs 10-0. The ladies have their first home game and crush Ransom Everglades 15-0 in three innings. The ladies open a two-game series against the number 2 team in Class 4a Eustis. They lost game one 4-0. The ladies play better and show Eustis they better watchout come play-off time, but lose game two 9-7. The Conchs bounce back with a great 2-0 win over Satellite Beach. Key West keeps up the winning ways crushing Palmer Trinity 12-2. Game 2 with Palmer Trinity the Ladies lose 5-1. Playing a district opponent with Lourdes, the Conchs crush them 14-1. They travel to Sebastian River and dispose of them 10-4. John Carroll is up next for a doubleheader, and they take game one 14-3, but the ladies gain a split with a 7-6 victory in game two. The ladies play Mater Bay for the first time and score their highest run total by crushing them 20-5. Mater Bay comes to town and gets thrashed 12-0. The Conchs continue their winning ways beating the Hurricanes 16-2. School House Prep comes to town and ends the winning streak and defeats the ladies 9-0. The regular season ends with a record of **12-7**. The conchs will be the number one seed in the District Tournament. The ladies trounce Lourdes 13-3 and move on to the District Championship. The Conchs win **District Championship** number **8** as they beat the Patriots of American High by the score of 11-1. The ladies are the number **3** seed. They will play at home in the **¼ Regionals**. The Conchs drew Barron Collier and in front of a packed house at the Backyard, **Breanna Brenner** throws a two hitter with **14 K's**. She becomes the all-time **Strike-out** leader in a season and ties the record for the most K's in a game. **Shylo Sanchez**, and **Skye Sterling hit dingers** to lead Key West to a **7-1 win**. The ladies move on to the **Regional Semi's** vs Archbishop McCarthy. **Breanna Brenner** does it again throwing a three hitter with **11 K's** on the mound. **Maciee Gage** hits a 1-0 fastball over the right center field fence for a two-run blast that propels the Ladies to the **Regional Finals**. Key West wins at

McCarthy 2-1 in a pitcher's duel which saw both pitchers combine for 25 K's. It's on to American Heritage with a chance to move on to the State Tournament with a victory. Key West runs into a buzz saw at Heritage and loses in the **Regional Finals** 9-0. The final record is **16-8**. **Records** were set by **Brianna Brenner** for most strike outs in a season with **127**, and Team Strikeouts in a season of **163**. It was another fantastic season for the ladies. We say goodbye to Seniors: **Alexa Condella, Tavyn Gage, Vera Rodger, and Skye Sterling**, thank you for the memories. Coach has a young squad returning with both pitchers only sophmores, the future looks strong.

Breanna Brenner is the Monroe County Player of the Year.

26---Season 33 Coach Garcia has a twenty-one game schedule with fifteen home games. The excitement builds for this season. The ladies open the season losing to Western 12-0. The ladies split a doubleheader with Westminster Christian, winning game one 7-2, but drop game two 10-5. The conchs destroy Marathon 9-1. Winter Haven comes to town for a two-game series, and the lady conchs dominate them 14-4, and 7-0. Santa Fe comes to town and wins 11-0, but on the bright side **Brianna Brenner** becomes the **all-time strikeout queen** for the conchs. Santa Fe takes game two by the score of 8-2. The ladies bounced back in the afternoon game and beat John Carroll 5-0. It took 8 innings, but the ladies beat Naples Gulf Coast 1-0. **Brianna Brenner's 16 K's** are a new **single game record**. The ladies sweep Gulf Coast winning game two easily 10-2. Conchs crush AIE 11-0 in 5 innings. Key West keeps the win streak going beating the dolphins of Marathon 11-0 in 5 innings.

Cardinal Neuman from Naples enters the backyard and leaves with a loss with the conchs hitting two homeruns, one a **grand slam** by **Charley Bracher** and the final score is Key West 13 Neuman 1. The conchs complete the sweep of John Neuman winning 8-2. Next up is the **Orange Bowl Tournament** where the ladies will play two doubleheaders in two days against very tough competition. In game one Kings Academy defeated the ladies 5-3. In game two, LaBelle takes down the ladies 8-5. Game three pitted Doral Academy against the ladies. The dFirebirds live up to expectations cruising past Key West 13-1. The conchs bounce back beating the Eagles of Stoneman Douglas 5-1. Lake Wales comes to town for a two-game set and takes game one 4-0. In game two Lake Wales led from start to finish winning 12-1. The ladies finish the regular season **12-9** It's now onto district play. Key West opens with Hialeah. **Brianna Brenner** throws a three-inning **No-Hitter number 20 in our history**. Key West wins 15-0. The ladies play Lourdes for the championship and win in 5 innings 12-2. They bring home the trophy. Next up is the ¼ regional here in Key West against Lourdes, it will be a whiteout. It is a 5-rung ladder to climb for a State Championship. Breanna Brenner throws another three inning **No-Hitter, number 21 in the program's history**. The ladies get 13 hits led by **Lucy Katz's** 3 singles, and **Charlie Bracher's** three run bomb to the opposite field to lead the ladies over the Bobcats of Lourdes Academy 15-0. The whiteout will continue next week as the conchs host the regional semi' finals at the backyard. Somerset Academy Pembroke Pines will come to town. The hitting and pitching dominate again as the ladies lead by **Breanna Brenner** 7 K's, 7 inning complete shut out of the Panthers. Key West has 4xbh and **Homerun Bracher** does it again, as **Charlie** hits a two-run bomb over dead center field. **Maciee Gage** has three rbi's and **Shylo Sanchez** has two hits and two walks to get on base 4 times. **Shylo sets the season record for most walks**. Key West advances to the regional final crushing Somerset 8-0. For the fourth time in the program's history, they will face American Heritage Plantation for the right to move onto the States Final 4. It was the game of the year. Just like in 2023, Key West went to Heritage for the Regional Final. The Stands are full of fans. A game that featured two great pitchers. A game that saw Heritage only get one hit, in the bottom of the 8th inning. **Breanna Brenner** pitched the game of her life and equals **Chloe Gilday's** performance in 2023. Eight innings of one hit ball with zero runs allowed, running her scoreless streak to **19, a new record**, and adding to the **team record of 9 shutouts in a season**. **Can you say 23 up, 23 down**. The ladies managed only four hits, two of them by **Shylo Sanchez**, but none bigger than **Maciee Gage's** single in the top of the eighth inning to score her sister **Lilee Gage** for the game's first run. In the bottom of the eighth, it looked like

Heritage would tie the game on a bunt play that saw the runner on second try to go home on a late throw to first base. As the throw came home, the umpire called out the Patriots runner for interference by their on deck hitter who came onto the field of play and bumped into our catcher. Their coach had to be restrained and was ejected from the game. The Patriots had a runner on first with one out. With the very next pitch, a line drive hit to shortstop **Kaleya Cervantes** for out number two and she then threw to **Lucy Katz** at first base to get the double play to end the game and propel the Conchs to the States Final Four. **Breanna Brenner** only threw 2 pitches in the inning. Conchs win, Conchs win 1-0. In that game, there were three outs by OBR(Out By Rule). With the three regional games finished, Key West scored 24 runs on 27 hits, and the pitching staff gave up 0 Runs!!! Key West will play Lake Wales in the Semifinals in Longwood chasing the dream of a State Championship, trying to climb rung number 4. Key West jumps out to a 4-0 lead but gives up three runs in the fifth, two in the sixth and one in the bottom of the seventh and loses a heartbreaker 6-5. Offensively the ladies hit the ball with **Maciee Gage** leading the way with three hits. **Breanna Brenner's** scoreless streak comes to an end at **27 Innings**. It was a game where our defense didn't play their best. With eight starters returning and a pitching staff that will be back, next year will be the year! Final Record is **17-10**. We say goodbye to our only senior **Shylo Sanchez**, who will continue her play at Miami Dade.

MONROE COUNTY PLAYER OF THE YEAR:

Tiffany Preston-94-The **very First** Fast Pitch player in our County to earn this award.

Anne Moore-95

Melissa "Mimi" Edwards-96

Melissa "Mimi" Edwards-98

Jessica Rivera-2000

Breanna Kight-03

Sophia Ratcliff-04

Jamie Mattingly-05

Sophia Ratcliff-06

Heather Palladino-07

Jianna Hernandez-08

Lauren Wells-10

Rachael Quad-12

Kendall Snow-17

Lauren Klitenick-18

Ashley Grimanelis-19

Isabella Perez-21

Yahaira Williams-22

Miesha Hernandez-23

Scarlett Niles-24

Breanna Brenner-25

Breanna Brenner-26

CONCHS WHO HAVE MADE ALL COUNTY:

Kim Hetherington

Tiffany Preston

Gina Hernandez

Anne Moore

Debbie Barrera

Janette Rosales

Rekisha Hill

Neda Preston

Tara Blatt

Mimi Edwards

Holly Schmidt

Aileen Rowe

Jamie Mattingly

Brittney Commander

Jackie Carson

Jodi Warrem

Jessica Rivera

Ashley Spoto

Lisette Cobo

Breanna Kight

Ashley James

Nicole Barton

Tekisha Villareal

Shanni O'Keefe

Jessica Kilgore

Janessa Delgado

Sophia Ratcliff

Ashley Henriquez

Samantha Smithwick

Victoria Commander

Heather Palladino

Lindsey Yochum

Angela Rodriguez	Noelle Niblack	Mejoy McIntosh	Lauren Wells
Jianna Hernandez	Madison Disson	Kayla Reams	Kendall Galvan
Ceci Cervantes	Lauren Schoneck	Racquel Schoneck	Rachael Quad
Devin Osterhoudt	Adriana Garcia	Desire Laguna	Brooke Wood
Anjelica Greene	Angela Niles	MacKenzie Cohen	Kendall Snow
Jewels Castillo	Raylin Faatuai	Lauren Klitenick	Madison Garcia
Chloe Hartle	Ashley Grimanelis	Gracie Wood	Jade Castillo
Coral Geide	Isabella Perez	Yahaira Williams	Marina Goins
Chloe Knowles	Sabrina Ramirez	Abigail Marcinak	Ty Marie Cervantes
Savanah Delph	Chloe Gilday	Madison Gonzalez	Miesha Hernandez
Caroline Smith	Scarlet Niles	Neveah Arnold	Dharma Murray
Isabella Franco	Madelyn Perusse	Brianna Brenner	Shylo Sanchez
Alexandra Rodriguez	Tavyn Gage	Alexa Condella	Vera Rodger
Lilee Gage	Lucy Katz	Aaliyah McLeod	

CONCHS WHO RECEIVED ALL-STATE SELECTIONS:

Ann Moore-**3RD TEAM-95**
 Jessica Rivera-**3RD TEAM-01**
 Ashely Spoto-**3RD TEAM-01**
 Ashley James-**HONORABLE MENTION-01**
 Sophia Ratcliffe-**3RD TEAM-05**
 Janessa Delgado-**3RD TEAM-05**
 Jessica Kilgore-**HONORABLE MENTION-05**
 Jaime Mattingly-**HONORABLE MENTION-05**
 Racquel Schoneck-**3rd TEAM-13**
 Kendall Snow-**2nd TEAM-17**
 Ashley Grimanelis-**1st TEAM-17**
 Ashley Grimanelis-**2nd TEAM-18**
 Coral Geide-**2nd TEAM-18**
 Ashley Grimanelis-**1st TEAM-19**
 Chloe Hartle-**2nd TEAM-19**
 Yahaira Williams-**2nd TEAM-19**
 Isabella Perez-**2nd TEAM-21**

FLORIDA ATHLETIC COACHES ASSOCIATION (FACA) DISTRICT 16A PLAYER OF THE YEAR : MELISSA “MIMI” EDWARDS-98

MS. DAIRY FARMERS PLAYER OF THE YEAR THE STATE OF FLORIDA:

Isabella Perez---Runner-up Class 4A---2021

CONCHS WHO WERE SELECTED TO PLAY IN THE FACA STATE ALL-STAR GAME: (FLORIDA ATHLETIC COACHES ASSOCIATION)

Gina Hernandez-9
 Janette Rosales-95
 Tara Blatt-97
 Melissa “Mimi” Edwards-98
 Jessica Rivera-2000

Breanna Kight-03
Ashley James -04
Trish Wise-07
Heather Palladino-07
Devin Osterhoudt-13
Lauren Schoneck-13
Racquel Schoneck-13 (MVP of the South Squad)
Lauren Klitenick-18

CONCH COACH SELECTED TO COACH IN THE FACA STATE ALL-STAR GAME:

JUDD A. WISE---1996---SOUTH SQUAD ASSISTANT COACH

JASON GARCIA--2024---SOUTH SQUAD HEAD COACH

FHSAA COACH OF THE YEAR:

JASON GARCIA-CLASS 5A----2019

CONCHS WHO RECEIVED SCHOLARSHIPS TO PLAY AT COLLEGE:

KIM HETHERINGTON-Chowan
TIFFANY PRESTON-Broward Community College
MELISSA CENTONZE-Hillsborough Community College
GINA HERNANDEZ-Hillsborough Community College
ANNE MOORE-St.Thomas College.
JANETTE ROSALES-Lynn University
REKISHA HILL-Florida A & M University
DEBBIE BARRERA-St. Thomas University
HOLLY SCHMIDT-Hillsborough Community College
JACKIE CARSON-Catawba University
MIMI EDWARDS-Stetson University
JESSICA RIVERA-Catawba University
ASHLEY JAMES-Florida A & M University
JANESSA DELGADO-Hillsborough Community College
BREANNA KIGHT-Hillsborough Community College
SOPHIA RATCLIFF-Broward Community College
TRISH WISE-Darton Community College & Seminole Community College
ALICIA ARRIZOLA-Broward Community College
JIANNA HERNANDEZ-Lynn University
JEWELS CASTILLO-Tallahassee Community College
LAUREN KLITENICK-Stetson University
JADE CASTILLO-Tallahassee Community College
ASHLEY GRIMANELIS-Rollins College
ISABELLA PEREZ-F.I.U.
YAHAIIRA WILLIAMS-Newberry
MARINA GOINS-Pensacola St. College & Lynn University
MIESHA HERNANDEZ-St. Thomas Univ.
DHARMA MURRAY-USF
TY MARIE CERVANTES-Miami Dade
SCARLET NILES-Dartmouth
TAVYN GAGE-Ft. Lauderdale Univ.
SHYLO SANCHEZ-Miami Dade

CONCHS WHO WERE SELECTED TO PLAY IN THE TOURNEY SPORTS TOURNAMENT IN HAWAII:

Janessa Delgado & Samantha Smithwick-03

Jessica Kilgore & Sophia Ratcliffe-04

Ashley Henriquez & Victoria Commander-05

ALL TIME CONCHS AT THEIR POSITION:

PITCHER- Sophia Ratcliff (40), Breanna Kight (37), Melissa“Mimi Edwards (36), Breanna Brenner (26), Coral Geide (25), Lindsay Yochum (24). (No. of wins)

CATCHER-Jessica Rivera, Jessica Kilgore, Isabella Perez

FIRST BASE-Debbie Barrera

SECOND BASE-Angela Rodriguez, Jaime Mattingly, Madison Garcia

SHORT STOP-Gina Hernandez, Heather Palladino, MacKenzie Cohen, Ashley Grimanelis

THIRD BASE-Janette Rosales

OUTFIELDERS-Rekisha Hill, Tara Blatt, Brittany Commander, Ashley Henriquez, Raquel Schoneck, Angela Niles, Yahaira Williams, Scarlett Niles

DESIGNATED PLAYER-Ashley James, Lauren Wells, Lauren Klitenick

CONCHS WHO HAVE PLAYED FOR A STATE OR NATIONAL TITLE IN COLLEGE:

Breanna Kight & Janessa Delgado-HILLSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE-STATE OF FLORIDA

Sophia Ratcliff & Alicia Arrizola-BROWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE-STATE OF FLORIDA

Trish Wise- DARTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE-STATE OF GEORGIA, & SEMINOLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE-STATE OF FLORIDA

Jewels Castillo-TALLAHASSEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE-STATE OF FLORIDA

COACHES RECORD:	WINS	LOSSES	TIES	%	YEARS
Jason Garcia	142	65	2	679	17-Present
6-Dist. Titles, 9-1/4 Reg., 8-Semi Reg, 5-Reg. Final, 3 State Semi Final's					
Judd A. Wise	35	40		466%	94-96 (3)
Steve Vinson-1-1/4 Regional	70	46		603%	97-01 (5)
Neil Mellies	2	13		133%	02 (1)
Gloria James-	69	39		638 %	03-06 (4)
4-1/4 Regional, 1 Semi Reg., 1-Reg Final					
David Gootee-1 Dist. Title, 1- ¼ Regional	25	26		490%	07-08 (2)
Steve Wells-2 Dist. Titles,	56	58		491%	09-13 (5)
4-1/4 Regionals, 1-Reg. Semi					
Ashley James- 3-¼ Regionals	32	40		452%	14-16 (3)
THE PROGRAM'S OVERALL RECORD :					
	431	327	2	567 %	

9 DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS: 2007, 10, 11, 19, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26

LONGEST TENURED HEAD COACH:

JASON GARCIA----10 YEARS

FORMER PLAYERS TO BECOME THE HEAD COACH:

ASHLEY JAMES

HIGHEST STATE RANKINGS: NUMBER 1 MARCH 8, 2022,--NUMBER 3 IN 2003, **NUMBER 4**, 2001
20 WIN SEASONS: 1 2003
REGULAR SEASON DISTRICT CHAMPIONS: 8 TIMES-There is no more District play.
DISTRICT CHAMPIONS: 9 TIMES
QUALIFIED FOR THE ¼ REGIONALS 22 TIMES
QUALIFIED FOR THE REGIONAL SEMI'S: 10 TIMES
QUALIFIED FOR THE REGIONAL FINALS: 6 TIMES
MADE IT TO THE STATE FINAL FOUR: 3 TIMES

COACH WITH THE MOSTS STATE PLAY-OFF APPEARANCES:
JASON GARCIA---9

THE LADY CONCHS WERE FEATURED ON COMCAST CABLE CHANNEL 56 IN 1996, ON THE FHSAA SPORTS REPORT: TOPIC: HOW THEY HANDLE TRAVEL AND KEEPING THEIR GRADES IN GOOD STANDINGS. INTERVIEWED NOELLE NIBLACK.

ALL TIME HOME RUN LEADERS:

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| 1. Lauren Wells | 11 |
| <i>Lauren Klitenick</i> | 11 |
| 2. Yahaira Williams | 9 |
| 3. Ashley Henriquez | 8 |
| Ashley Grimanelis | 8 |
| 4. Meisha Hernandez | 7 |

Three Homeruns in a Game: Ashley Henriquez---2007, Scarlett Niles---2024.

Two Homeruns in a Game: Jessica Kilgore---2005, Heather Palladino---07, Jewels Castillo---16, Lauren Klitenick---16, Marina Goins---22.

GRAND SLAMS:

Angela Rodriguez 97, Heather Palladino 2007, Jade Castillo 2018, Marina Goins 22, Miesha Hernandez 23, Nina Manresa 24, Charley Brasher 26.

PITCHERS WITH A NO HITTER: 21

MELISSA "Mimi" EDWARDS	VS MARATHON
ERICA GATES	VS MONSIGNOR PACE
MELISSA "Mimi" EDWARDS	VS HIALEAH MIAMI LAKES
BREANNA KIGHT	VS NORLAND
SOPHIA RATCLIFF	VS IMMOKALEE
SOPHIA RATCLIFF	VS IMMOKALEE
SOPHIA RATCLIFF	VS MAST ACADEMY
SOPHIA RATCLIFF	VS CORAL SHORES
LINDSAY YOCHUM	VS ST. BRENDAN
RACHAEL QUAD	VS NORLAND
RACHAEL QUAD	VS MATER ACADEMY
SAVANNAH HAWTHORNE	VS CENTRAL
SAVANNAH HAWTHORNE	VS CORAL SHORES

RACHAEL QUAD	VS MARATHON
KENDALL SNOW & DESIREE LAGUNA	VS RANSOM EVERGLADES
CHLOE HARTLE	VS JOHN CARROLL
TY CERVANTES	VS SLAM ACADEMY
CHLOE GILDAY	VS SOUTH DADE
CHLOE GILDAY	VS AMERICAN HERITAGE PLANTATION
BREANNA BRENNER	VS HIALEAH
BREANNA BRENNER	VS LOURDES ACADEMY

RECORDS: TEAM:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Game</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Career</u>	<u>Year</u>
Most Wins		20		2003
Most Losses		16		1996
Most Games		30		1996
Most Extra Inning Games		4		2023
Longest Game vs Gulliver	13 innings			2003
Most Shut outs		9		2026
		7		2004, 05
Most Consecutive Shut outs		3		2004, 26
Longest Scoreless streak by our pitchers		27 innings		2026
Lowest Era		1.95		2018
Most Strikeouts		175		2026
Most Runs scored		235		2022
Most Base on Balls given up by us		76		2017
Most Batters hit by us		27		2021
Most Wild Pitches by us			17	2017
Most Runs in an inning	19			2005
Most Runs	34			2005
Most Stolen Bases	12			1994
Most Stolen Bases		52		2023
Most Walks	10			2020
Most Walks		110		2026
Most Hit By Pitch		37		2017
Highest Batting Avg.		.353		2023
Least Strikeouts		59		2021
Most Hits	27			1997
Hits		236		2022, 23
Most Singles		179		2023
Most Doubles	6			2019, 23
Most Doubles		43		2022, 2026
Most Triples	3			2009, 10
Most Triples		12		2004, 05
Most Homeruns	5			2007
Most Homeruns		14		2007, 16
Most Xtra Base Hits	7			1995, 2005
Most Xtra Base Hits		62		2022
Most Rbi's	17			2022, 23
Most Rbi's		196		2022
<u>Team Fielding %</u>				
Highest %		.938		2023

RECORDS: INDIVIDUAL:

<u>Pitching:</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Game</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Career</u>	<u>Year</u>
Lowest Era---	min 40 inn. Chloe Hartle		1.41		2018
Lowest Era---	min. 130 inn. Chloe Hartle			1.72	2017-2020
Most Strikeouts---	Breanna Brenner	16			2026
	Melissa “Mimi” Edwards, Breanna Kight, Breanna Brenner	14			1998, 2001, 2025
Most Strikeouts---	Breanna Brenner		127		2025
Most Strikeouts---	Breanna Brenner			315	2024, 2027
	Coral Geide			215	2018-2021
Least Amount of Walks-min 40 Inn---	Chloe Gilday		10		2023
Least Amount of Walks-min. 130 Inn---	Chloe Gilday		41		2021-2024

Most Innings Thrown---	Breanna Kight	13			2003
Most Innings Thrown---	Melissa “Mimi” Edwards		142		1998
Most Innings Thrown---	Breanna Kight			425	2000-03
Longest Scoreless Streak---	Breanna Brenner		27		2026
	Lindsay Yochum	17			2007
Most Consecutive Shut-Outs---	Breanna Brenner		3		2026
Most Games Started on the Mound---	Melissa “Mimi” Edwards		23	Sophia Ratcliff	1998, 2005
Most Games Started on the Mound---	Breanna Kight			66	2000-03
Most Pitching wins---	Melissa “Mimi” Edwards		17		1998
Most Pitching wins---	Sophia Ratcliff			40	2003-06
Most No Hitters---	Sophia Ratcliff			4	2003-06

<u>Category</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Game</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Career</u>	<u>Year</u>
<u>Runs: Individual</u>					
Most Runs-----	Janessa Delgado, Yahaira Williams	5			2005, 2021
Most Runs-----	Yahaira Williams		38		2022
Most Runs-----	Yahaira Williams			91	2019-2022

Baserunning: Individual

Most Stolen Bases---	Jodi Warrem, Tara Blatt,	5	Angela Rodriquez, Quanitra Thurston	1994, 96, 98, 2001
Most Stolen Bases---	Scarlett Niles		16	2023
Most Stolen Bases---	Yahaira Williams			31
Most Walks---	Melissa “Mimi” Edwards, Angela Rodriguez	4		1995, 1996
Most Walks-----	Shylo Sanchez		22	2026
	Ashley Gimanelis	18		2017
Most Walks-----	Shylo Sanchez			44
	Yahaira Williams			39
Least Walks-----	Arianna Garcia		1	2026
Most Times Hit By Pitch---	Jennie Carson	4		1997
Most Times Hit By Pitch----	Chloe Hartle		9	2018, 19
Most Times Hit By Pitch----	Chloe Hartle			19

Most times Reaching Base---	5	Melissa “Mimi” Edwards, Brittany Commander, Janessa Delgado, Ashley Grimanelis, Alicia Arrazola, Kendall Galvan
		1995, 2004, 2005, 09, 10, 18
Best On Base %---	Yahaira Williams	.559
		2019

<u>Hitting: Individual</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Game</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Career</u>	<u>Year</u>
Highest Batting Avg.-----	Lauren Wells		.489		2010
Highest Batting Avg.-----	Yahaira Williams			.470	2019-2022

Most Hits -----Scarlett Niles	37		2023
Most Total Hits-----Yahaira Williams		93	2019-2022
Most Hits---Alicia Arrozola, Kendall Galvan	5	Jayla Digennaro, Ashley Grimalanis	2009, 10, 14, 18
Most Singles---Tara Blatt		31	1996
Janette Rosales, Scarlett Niles	29		1996, 2023
Most Doubles -----Chloe Hartle	3		2019
Most Doubles-----Yahaira Williams		12	2022
Most Doubles-----Isabella Perez		26	2019-2022
Most Triples -----Cece Cervantes	2		2009
Most Triples-----Janette Rosales, Yahaira Williams		5	1996,2022
Most Triples-----Janette Rosales, Jessica Kilgore		7	1994-96, 2003-06
Most Homeruns ---Ashley Henriquez, Scarlett Niles	3		2007, 2024
Most Homeruns---Heather Palladino, Lauren Klitenick, Scarlett Niles		6	2007, 16, 24
Most Homeruns-----Lauren Wells, Lauren Klitenick		11	2008-2010, 2015-18
Most Xtra Base Hits --- D, T, HR---Cece Cervantes	4		2009
Most Xtra Base Hits-----Yahaira Williams		22	2021
Most Xtra Base Hits-----Yahaira Williams		34	2019-22
Slugging % -----Yahaira Williams		.916%	2022
Most Rbi's -----Makayla Stansbury	8		2011
Most Rbi's-----Yahaira Williams		37	2022
Most Rbi's-----Yahaira Williams		81	2019-2022

5 HITS IN A GAME:

Alicia Arrozola-09
Kendall Galvan-10
Jayla DiGennaro-14
Ashley Grimalanis-18

4 HITS IN A GAME:

Lottie Blanco-94
Rekisha Hill-94
Gina Hernandez-94
Janette Rosales-95
Tara Blatt-96
Jackie Carson-97
Lissette Cobo-2000
Mejoy McIntosh-2000
Jessica Rivera-2001
Noelle Niblack-2001
Jianna Hernandez-2007
Kristin Babich-2007
Lauren Wells-2008
Alicia Arrazola-2008
Breanna Massiella-2008
Breanna Massiella-2009
Mikayla Stansbury-2011
Raquel Schoneck-2012
Angela Niles-2014
Angela Niles-2016
Lauren Klitenick-2018
Isabella Perez-2020
Savanna Delph-2021
Madelyn Perusse-2022
Isabella Perez-2022

.400 HITTERS IN A SEASON; Minimum 50 at bats (names could be missing due to stats missing)

1. Lauren Wells-----489—2010
2. Yahaira Williams----486---2022
3. Isabella Franco-----475---2023
4. Mackenzie Cohen---471----2015
5. Gracie Wood-----464----2019
6. Isabella Perez-----458----2022
7. Isabella Perez-----457----2021
8. Scarlett Niles-----457----2023
9. Yahaira Williams---444-----2019
- 10.Ashley Grimanelis--431-----2018
- 11.Marina Goins-----429-----2022
- 12.Angela Rodriguez---427-----1998
- 13.Yahaira Williams---417-----2021
- 14.Lauren Klitenick----415-----2018
- 15.Madelyn Perusse----403-----2023
- 16.Shylo Sanchez-----403-----2026
- 17.Tara Blatt-----400-----1996