BAYSIDE GIRLS SOFTBALL · 10U DIVISION · THE OFFICIAL TEAM PAPER

# The Falcons Flyer

2026 SEASON IN REVIEW · CHAMPIONSHIP EDITION · FINAL RECORD 11–3

# CHAMPIONS!

*A diving catch in center field ends it, 4–3, and the Falcons finish on top*




THE FALCONS MEET AT HOME PLATE AFTER THE FINAL OUT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME ON JUNE 6.

TOP STORY

## TWELVE GIRLS, FOURTEEN GAMES, ONE TROPHY

In March, half this team had never played a full season. In June, they were jumping on home plate. The Falcons won 11 of 14 games, beat every team in the division at least once, and took the championship from the only club that had a winning record against them.

It came down to the last pitch. Up 4–3 in the sixth with the tying run on second, Emma C. got a fly ball to deep center. Maya R. ran it down, dove, and held on. Full story on page 3.

COACH'S CORNER

## "THEY NEVER STOPPED CHEERING"

"We lost by four to the Stingrays in week three and nobody hung her head. They asked when we got to play them again. That is the whole season right there."

"Thank you to every parent who drove, scored, raked the infield and brought snacks. This paper is for you too."
*Coach Dana*

CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

**4-3**

FALCONS OVER STINGRAYS

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# MEET THE FALCONS

THE 2026 ROSTER

**2** — SS — **AVA M.**
Turned 9 double plays. Sings before every at-bat.

**4** — 2B — **LILY T.**
Did not make an error after April. Wants to be a vet.

**5** — LF — **NORA K.**
Led the team in bunt hits. Best cheer voice in the dugout.

**7** — 3B — **ISABELLA G.**
Hit .412. Wears the same lucky socks every Saturday.

**8** — RF — **HARPER D.**
Threw out two runners at first from right field.

**9** — 1B — **SOFIA L.**
Two-run double in the title game. Team RBI leader with 19.

**11** — CF — **MAYA R.**
Made The Catch. Stole 14 bases without being caught.

**12** — P — **EMMA C.**
9 wins and 71 strikeouts. Practices her windmill in the driveway.

**14** — C — **ZOE P.**
Caught every inning of the playoffs. Team captain.

**15** — P / 1B — **CHLOE B.**
Two wins, one save. Hit the first home run of the season.

**21** — OF — **RUBY S.**
First year playing. Got on base in 8 straight games.

**23** — UTIL — **ELLIE W.**
Played six positions. Keeps the scorebook when she sits.




PLAYER SPOTLIGHT · #12

## THE ACE IN THE CIRCLE

Emma C. pitched in 12 of the Falcons' 14 games and won nine of them. She struck out 71 batters and walked only 11.

Her coaches say the numbers are not the story. She asked for the ball in the championship game after throwing five innings in the semifinal a week earlier, and she got the last out with the tying run on base.

“I just try to throw it to Zoe's glove,” she said. “Zoe does the hard part.”

**9** WINS

**71** STRIKEOUTS

**11** WALKS

# SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

THE SPORTS DESK




MAYA R. LAYS OUT IN CENTER FIELD FOR THE FINAL OUT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME. THE SCOREBOARD TELLS THE REST.

## THE CATCH

Sixth inning, two outs, Falcons up 4–3, Stingrays runner on second. The ball came off the bat hard and headed for the gap in left-center. From the bleachers it looked like extra bases and a tie game.

Maya R. had other plans. She took off at the crack of the bat, covered what her coach later paced off at about forty feet, and dove. She slid across the grass with her glove up and the yellow ball in the webbing. The umpire's fist went up and the dugout emptied.

“I didn't think. I just ran,” Maya said. “Then everybody was on top of me.”




SOFIA L. DRIVES IN TWO IN THE FOURTH INNING OF THE TITLE GAME.

THE BIG HIT

### SOFIA'S DOUBLE PUTS THE FALCONS IN FRONT

The championship was tied 2–2 in the fourth when Sofia L. came up with two on. She took a strike, fouled one off, then lined the next pitch into right-center. Both runners scored, and the Falcons never trailed again.

It was her 18th and 19th runs batted in, the most on the team.

APRIL 25

### THE COMEBACK

Down 3–0 to the Stingrays after three innings, the Falcons scored four in the fifth on three walks, a bunt and a two-run single by Isabella G. Final: 4–3.

MAY 2

### THE SHUTOUT

Emma C. and Chloe B. combined to hold the Wildcats without a run, 9–0. Chloe hit the first home run of the Falcons' season.

MAY 30

### THE SEMIFINAL

Five runs in the first two innings and a clean defensive game sent the Falcons past the Hornets, 7–3, and into the final.

# BY THE NUMBERS

THE RECORD BOOK

| 11-3 | 77 | 47 | 1 |
|---|---|---|---|
| FINAL RECORD | RUNS SCORED | RUNS ALLOWED | CHAMPIONSHIP |

## SCHEDULE & RESULTS

| DATE | OPPONENT | H/A | | SCORE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mar 7 | Comets | H | W | 8–2 |
| Mar 14 | Thunder | A | W | 6–5 |
| Mar 21 | Stingrays | H | L | 3–7 |
| Mar 28 | Wildcats | A | W | 10–4 |
| Apr 4 | Hornets | H | W | 5–1 |
| Apr 11 | Comets | A | W | 7–6 |
| Apr 18 | Thunder | H | L | 2–4 |
| Apr 25 | Stingrays | A | W | 4–3 |
| May 2 | Wildcats | H | W | 9–0 |
| May 9 | Hornets | A | W | 6–2 |
| May 16 | Comets | H | L | 1–3 |
| May 23 | Thunder | A | W | 5–4 |
| May 30 | Hornets · Semifinal | H | W | 7–3 |
| Jun 6 | Stingrays · Championship | H | W | 4–3 |

A LETTER FROM THE COACH

### TO MY FALCONS

You showed up to cold March practices and hot May doubleheaders. You learned to bunt, to back each other up, and to shake hands after the three games that did not go our way.

The trophy is nice. What I will remember is the noise from our dugout when it was somebody else's turn to hit. Keep being that teammate, wherever you play next.

*Coach Dana*

## SEASON LEADERS

| CATEGORY | PLAYER | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|
| Batting average | Isabella G. | .412 |
| Runs batted in | Sofia L. | 19 |
| Stolen bases | Maya R. | 14 |
| Pitching wins | Emma C. | 9 |
| Strikeouts | Emma C. | 71 |
| Home runs | Chloe B. | 2 |

## TEAM AWARDS

| AWARD | PLAYER |
|---|---|
| Most Valuable Player | Emma C. |
| Golden Glove | Maya R. |
| Most Improved | Ruby S. |
| Team Captain | Zoe P. |
| Falcon Spirit Award | Nora K. |
| Iron Falcon (every position) | Ellie W. |

## SEASON NOTES

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|---|---|
| Record in one-run games | 5–0 |
| Record on the road | 6–0 |
| Record at home | 5–3 |
| Most runs in a game | 10, at Wildcats |
| Teams beaten | All five |

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