

- PLACE A CLASSIFIED AD
- QUEENS VIRTUAL MALL
- JOBS
- REAL ESTATE
- NEWS
 - Page One
 - Northeast Queens
 - Southeast Queens
 - Western Queens
 - Sports**
 - Police/Courts
 - Community Briefs
 - Business
 - Weather
 - Latest News
- ENTERTAINMENT
 - QGuide
 - Dining Out
 - Restaurants
 - Arts Listings
 - Community Events
- OPINION
 - Editorials
 - Columnists
 - Readers Write
- SHOPPING
 - Place A Classified Ad
 - Queens Virtual Mall
 - Jobs
 - Autos
 - Real Estate
 - Public Notices
 - Home Improvement
 - Yellow Pages
- SPECIAL SECTIONS
 - Diverse Cultures of Queens 2006
- GUIDE TO QUEENS
 - Community Profiles
 - Information
 - QueensNY.com
- READER SERVICES
 - Subscribe
 - Contact Us
 - Photo Gallery
 - TimesLedger Discount Card
 - Media Kit
 - About Us
- FUN AND GAMES
 - Horoscopes
 - Crosswords
 - Classic Games

Commodores look toward next season

By Marc Raimondi
06/14/2007

[Email to a friend](#) [Post a Comment](#) [Printer-friendly](#) [View photo gallery](#)



Buy Photo Photo Gallery

Nicole Lee (1.) consoles Zoe Margulies as Alex Knese (4) looks on after Bayside's championship game loss to MSIT. The Commodores were the first girls' team since 1986 to make the PSAL Class A finals. Photo by James Messerschmidt

Angela Mohamed cried, but had no regrets.

The senior saw her Bayside softball team lose, 8-1, to Susan Wagner in the elimination bracket semifinals of the PSAL Class A city playoffs, ending her high school career.

But the Commodores' clean-up hitter and right fielder never expected to be here in the first place. Before last year, Mohamed never played softball before. Now she will continue her career at Division III SUNY Old Westbury next season.

"Last year was my first year picking up a ball and bat ever," Mohamed said.

She credits Bayside coach Steve Piorkowski with not only giving her a chance, but making her the talent she is today.

"We have an amazing coach," she said. "He could shape anybody into an amazing player."

He did just that with pitcher Nicole Marra. The junior played shortstop last season while Piorkowski taught her how to windmill. This season, that work showed immediate results: Marra was the best pitcher in Queens and led Bayside to the final four.

But after only one year of pitching, the right-hander was out of gas at the end. The Commodores fell to Tottenville two weeks ago to push them to the elimination bracket and narrowly beat DeWitt Clinton June 4 to face Wagner.

Marra struggled with her control in all three of those starts after dominating most of the season.

"Now she's just on fumes and has nothing left," Piorkowski said. "It's probably too much work."

Which is why Mohamed is not the only one looking toward next season. Marra will have a fresh arm and Bayside will return its entire starting infield, including star second baseman Danielle Brustmeyer, the only Commodores player to play travel softball.

"If we're going to have any shot at winning a city championship," Piorkowski said, "it's going to be next year."

Reach reporter Marc Raimondi by e-mail at news@timesledger.com or call 718-229-0300, Ext. 130.

[Register](#) [Log In](#)

[Print Edition](#)
[Subscribe](#)

[TimesLedger Discount Card Businesses](#)

[Contact Us](#)

[Display Ads](#)

[Classified](#)
[Place Your Own Ad](#)

The DIVERSE CULTURES of QUEENS

TimesLedger Special Section
April 13, 2006

[travelocity](#)

Save \$220 on Flight + Hotel