

# BOYS' BASKETBALL ALL-STARS

SELECTED BY MIKE DYER ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM AREA COACHES



Brandon Neel (right), a 6-foot-3 senior, helped La Salle go 26-2 and win the Division I championship in his first state tournament appearance since 1996.

## DIVISION I PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**Brandon Neel, La Salle:** The senior was honorable mention all-state and second-team all-district. He scored 22 points in the state final as the Lancers defeated Columbus Northland 59-40. He scored 45 points and had eight rebounds in the state final four. He was named the most outstanding player in the tournament.



Fleming

## DIVISION I COACH OF THE YEAR

**Dan Fleming, La Salle:** He helped lead the Lancers to the state title, La Salle's first state championship since 1996.

## DIVISION I FIRST TEAM

**Semaj Christon, Winton Woods:** The senior was District 16 player of the year. He was Associated Press second-team all-district and the Fort Ancient Valley Conference West Division player of the year.

**Geovonie McKnight, Middletown:** The junior was third-team all-state and first-team all-Southwest District. He averaged 16.2 points, 5.0 rebounds, 2.6 assists and 2.0 steals.

**Michael Boyd, Lakota East:** The senior was second-team all-state, first-team all-Southwest District and the Greater Miami Conference player of the year. He averaged 11.5 points, 3.9 assists and 3.3 rebounds.

**R.J. Leppert, Lakota East:** The senior forward was third-team all-district and first-team all-GMC. He averaged 8.2 points and 4.5 rebounds.

**Charlie Byers, Moeller:** The senior was third-team

all-state and first-team all-district. He averaged 13.5 points, 3.3 rebounds, 3.1 assists and 1.7 steals.

**Alex Barlow, Moeller:** The senior was honorable mention all-state and second-team all-district. He averaged 8.9 points, 5.1 rebounds, 3.6 assists and 2.4 steals.

**Josh Lemons, La Salle:** The junior was second-team all-state and first-team all-district. He was the Greater Catholic League South division player of the year.

**Ryan Fleming, La Salle:** The senior was District 16 first-team and first-team all-GCL South.

**Aaron Thomas, Withrow:** The senior guard was first-team all-Cincinnati Metro Athletic Conference. He has signed with Florida State.

**Willie Moore, Aiken:** The junior guard was first-team all-Cincinnati Metro Athletic Conference. He averaged 14.0 points, 9.5 rebounds, 3.0 assists and 1.9 steals.

ford - Zach Baker; Mount Healthy - Derrick Floyd; Loveland - Nick Hoffman; Northwest - Melvin Hunter; Princeton - Ulysses Thomas, Jay McCants; St. Xavier - Sean Duggan; Turpin - Mitch Stevens; Walnut Hills - Isaiah Johnson; Western Brown - Dylan Dawson; Western Hills - Keavin Tyus; Winton Woods - Dennis Thomas, Dion Dearmond; Withrow - Carl Porter, Devin Williams; Woodward - Trent Donald.



Davis

## DIVISION II PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**Tony Davis, Wyoming:** The senior was District 16 player of the year and Cincinnati Hills League player of the year. He averaged 15.7 points and 7.7 rebounds.



Washington

## DIVISION III PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**Adolphus Washington, Taft:** The junior forward was the Associated Press Division III state co-player of the year and Southwest District player of the year.



Davis

## DIVISION IV PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**Max Davis, Seven Hills:** The senior was the District 16 player of the year. He was the Miami Valley Conference Scarlet division player of the year.



Neal

## DIVISION II COACH OF THE YEAR

**Brian Neal, Roger Bacon:** He was District 16 co-coach of the year and Greater Catholic League Central coach of the year as Bacon reached the regional final.



Mitchell

## DIVISION III COACH OF THE YEAR

**Mark Mitchell, Taft:** He was District 16 co-coach of the year. He led Taft to a No. 1 ranking in the Associated Press Division III regular-season state poll.



Hill

## DIVISION IV COACH OF THE YEAR

**Willie Hill, Seven Hills:** He was the District 16 coach of the year. He led Seven Hills to the district final.



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**Roger Bacon's Paul Byrd** was Greater Catholic League Central player of the year and special mention all-state.

**Jared Bryant, Roger Bacon:** The senior was Division II honorable mention all-state. He averaged 12.0 points, 7.5 rebounds and 2.1 blocks.

**Drew Hall, McNicholas:** The junior guard was Division II honorable mention all-state. He averaged 16.7 points and 5.4 rebounds.

**Jalen Billups, Schroder:** The senior center was Division III all-state. He was first-team all-Cincinnati Metro Athletic Conference.

**Orlando Berry, Taft:** The junior guard was Division III third-team all-state.

**Kevin Johnson, Summit Country Day:** The sophomore was first-team all-Miami Valley Conference Scarlet division. He averaged 14 points, four rebounds and 1.4 assists.

**Vincent Edwards, North College Hill:** The senior was first-team all-MVC Scarlet division.

**Dwayne Stanford, Taft:** The junior forward was District 16 second-team all-area.

**Nick Wake, Goshen:** The senior point guard was Division II honorable mention all-state. He was the Southern Buckeye Conference American division player of the year. He averaged 15 points and 40 percent from the 3-point line.

**Jake Overbeck, Reading:** The senior guard was Division III honorable mention all-state. He averaged 13.1 points, 5.8 rebounds and 1.3 assists.

## DIVISIONS II-IV FIRST TEAM

**Paul Byrd, Roger Bacon:** The senior was the Greater Catholic League Central player of the year. He was Division II special mention all-state. He averaged 11.6 points, 4.5 rebounds, 3.5 assists and 1.7 steals.

## DIVISIONS II-IV HONORABLE MENTION

Badin - David Korb; Bethel-Tate - Tyler Bull-ock; Cincinnati Christian - Ryan Arington; Cincinnati Country Day - Ryan Galloway, Rob Pierce; Clark Montessori - Al Upshaw, Paul Woodson; East Clinton - Clint Snow, Reed Gerber, Nate Witkemper; Fayetteville - D.J. Iles; Finneytown - Ameche Okafor; Indian Hill - Austin Trout; Lockland - DJ Wingfield; Madeira - Andrew Berintendi; Manchester -

Travis Combs, Blake Blevins; Mariemont - Taylor Sizer, Job Jennings; Middletown Madison - Matt Houser, Josh Foster; North College Hill - Greg Sevilla; Peebles - Blake Justice; Ripley - DeMarco Washington;

Roger Bacon - Jabriel Coaston; Ross - Max Mischkulnig; Seven Hills - Miles Hill, Adimu Hunter-Woodard; St. Bernard - Thomas Van Hook; Summit Country Day - Ryan Glass; Taft - Kadeem Palmer, Jamaime Freeman; Taylor - Jordan Blanton; Williamsburg - Elliot Young

# GIRLS' BASKETBALL ALL-STARS

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## DIVISION I PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**Kelsey Mitchell, Princeton:** The freshman guard averaged 19.4 points, 3.9 assists, 3.4 rebounds and 2.9 steals. She was Associated Press Division I first-team all-state. She was the District 16 player of the year and Greater Miami Conference player of the year.



Phillips

## D-I COACH OF THE YEAR

**Jill Phillips, Princeton:**

She shared AP Division I state coach of the year honors, and she was the District 16 coach of the year. The Vikings were 20-0 in the regular season.



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Only a freshman, Princeton's Kelsey Mitchell was selected first team all-state after averaging 19.4 points for the Vikings.

## DIVISION I FIRST TEAM

**Raeshawn Gaffney, Fairfield:** The junior guard averaged 26.1 points, 7.7 rebound and 4.1 steals. She was second-team all-state.

**Mackenzie Loesing, St. Ursula:** The junior guard averaged 16.4 points and 3.5 rebounds. She was special mention all-state and Girls' Greater Cincinnati League Scarlet division player of the year.

**Whitney Wyckoff, Lakota East:** The junior guard averaged 12.2 points and 4.8 rebounds. She was first-team all-GMC.

**Sarah Hunter, Mason:** The senior guard was District 15 first team and considered one of the area's best defenders. She has committed to play at Wright State.

**Jenny Burgoyne, McAuley:** The senior forward averaged 10.7 points and 6.5 rebounds. She was District 16 first team and all-GGCL Scarlet.

**Shakeira Lang, Princeton:** The senior guard averaged 11.4 points, 3.3 rebounds, 3.1 assists and 2.8 steals. She was first-team all-GMC.

**Chloe Pavlech, Sycamore:** The junior guard averaged 11.8 points, 5.4 rebounds and 2.7 assists. She is verbally committed to Maryland.

**Almesha Jones, Hughes:** The senior guard averaged 19.7 points, 6.6 assists and 5.5 steals in the regular season. She was the Cincinnati Metro Athletic Conference player of the year. She is committed to play at Morehead State.

**Logan Warye, Kings:** The senior guard was the Fort Ancient Valley Conference East division player of the year. She was District 15 first-team.

**Jonessa Moore, Mount Healthy:** The senior center averaged 15.9 points and 9.5 rebounds. She was the FAVC West Division player of the year. She is committed to play at Ball State.

## DIVISION I HONORABLE MENTION

Amelia - Kymmy Simon; Anderson - Jessica Brogan, Kara Giesting; Mackenzie Kenney; Bethel-Tate - Brooke Kennedy; Clinton-Massie - Jordanne Gambill, Sydney Brackemyre, Brooke Sargent; Colerain - Sheara Jones, Alexis Fitzpatrick, Shelly Harper; Edgewood - Maura Hackney; Glen Este - Lakin Louso; Hamilton - Dominique Singletary; Harrison - Amy Brooks, Ashley Helton; Hughes - Brielle Newton; Lakota East - Alyssa Greenkamp, Molly Blomer; Lakota West - Ronni Grandison; Lebanon - Maria Rotello; Little Miami - Sydney Mason; Mason - Brianna Glover, Kayla Mc-

Dowell; McAuley - Kaitlyn Gerrety, Melissa Scherpenberg, Malia Hess; Mercy - Kelley Wiegman; Milford - Morgan Wolcott; Monroe - Reagan Reece; Mount Notre Dame - Kathryn Reynolds; Oak Hills - Danni Scholl; Princeton - Neschelle Williams; Ross - Kaitlyn Pennkamp; Seton - Katie Phillips; Sycamore - Ashley Schaefer; Talawanda - Lydia Dysart; Taylor - Christina Dilley; Turpin - Mariah Gador, Ashley Long; Ursuline - Morgan Donovan, Ellie Greiner; Walnut Hills - Alyx Ingram; Wilmington - Amina Affini, Savannah Hooper; Winton Woods - Chanel Stokes, Shaqueia Stokes; Wyoming - Hailee Schlager



McKee

## DIVISION II PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**Nikki McKee, Wyoming:** The senior guard averaged 23.8 points, 8.1 rebounds, 5.0 steals and 2.3 assists. She was the AP Division II state co-player of the year.



Malott

## DIVISION III PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**Ally Malott, Madison:** The senior forward, a Dayton recruit, was the Gatorade Ohio player of the year and was chosen for the McDonald's All-American Game.



Williams

## DIVISION IV PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**Brittany Williams, Summit Country Day:** The senior forward averaged 17 points and 9 rebounds and was the District 16 player of the year.



Rogers

## DIVISION II COACH OF THE YEAR

**Scott Rogers, Indian Hill:** He led the Braves to a 21-2 record. Indian Hill was district runner-up.



Cropper

## DIVISION III COACH OF THE YEAR

**Bernie Cropper, Georgetown:** He led Georgetown to a regional appearance, beating Middletown Madison for the district title. Georgetown went 20-0 in the regular season.



Simmons

## DIVISION IV COACH OF THE YEAR

**Beth Simmons, Summit Country Day:** She was the District 16 coach of the year. Summit Country Day went 16-6 and was a sectional semifinalist.

## DIVISIONS II-IV FIRST TEAM

**Shelby Sheets, Fayetteville:** The senior guard was Division III first-team all-Southwest District. She averaged 23.1 points, 5.8 assists and 5.0 steals during the regular season.

**Nicole Bell, Indian Hill:** The junior guard was Division II second-team all-state. She averaged 19.7 points, 4.9 assists, 4.1 steals and 3.9 rebounds. She has verbally committed to Ball State.

**Kelsey Matthews, Indian Hill:** The senior guard was Division II honorable mention all-state. She averaged 13.9 points, 4.7 assists, 4.1 steals and 3.9 rebounds.

**Stephanie Krusling, McNicholas:** The senior guard was the Girls' Greater Cincinnati League Grey Central player of the year. She was District second-team.

**Kirsten Grant, Georgetown:** The senior was the Southern Buckeye Conference National player of the year. She helped lead Georgetown to an

undefeated regular season.

**Teasha Bennett, Lockland:** The senior point guard was Miami Valley Conference Gray player of the year. She averaged 14.8 points, 7.0 rebounds and 7.0 steals during the regular season.

**Kara Gerbus, Badin:** The junior forward averaged 14.5 points, 5.9 rebounds, 3.2 steals and 1.3 assists. She was Division III first-team all-state and all-GGCL Grey Central.

**Morgan Prescott, CHCA:** The junior forward/center averaged 15.5 points, 20.3 rebounds, 4.1 steals and 1.9 blocks during the regular season. She was District 16 Division III second-team.

**Inez Stewart, Finneytown:** The junior center averaged 18.4 points and 21.4 rebounds during the regular season. She was District 16 Division II first-team.

**Tess Jenike, Bethel-Tate:** The senior guard was Division II honorable mention all-state. She was the Southern Buckeye Conference American player of the year. She averaged 16.0 points and 6.1 rebounds during the regular season.

## DIVISIONS II-IV HONORABLE MENTION

Aiken - Sheyante Robinson; Badin - Abby Fritsch, Morgan Pater; Blanchester - Tori Richardson; Chelsea Wisniewski; Cincinnati Country Day - Cassie Saachs, Ricci Snell; Clark Montessori - Morgan Carter; Clermont Northeastern - Alexis Schmidt; East Clinton - Bri Knisley; Fayetteville - Makayla Rosselot, Desiree Dutro; Fenwick - Chelsea Farrell, Melanie Monahan; Finneytown - Lela Colvin; Georgetown - Casey Carter; Goshen - Kel-

si Steele; Indian Hill - Sarah Arington; Lockland - Destinee Maynard; Madeira - Lane Frayer, Anne Gulick; McNicholas - Amanda Conrad; Middletown Madison - Rachel Blevins, Brittany Shields; New Richmond - Reno Frayne; North College Hill - Kalin Williams; Norwood - Natalie Stoeppel; Reading - Taylor Courtney; Ripley - Kelsey Carpenter, Niya Royal, Sadie Grisham; Roger Bacon - Malika Ashe; Seven Hills - Lauren Weems; St. Bernard - Allie Edwards; Wyoming - Hailee Schlager.