

Taylor Gantt - Randleman



The Piedmont Athletic Conference player of the year and C-T player of the year candidate averaged 11 points per game, almost five assists and a couple of steals. The highest praises for the senior guard came from opposing coaches where she was their entire focus to stop RHS during a perfect PAC record (24-3) and on the verge of a regional berth.

Tanaesha Ellison - Asheboro



This junior guard was half of Blue Comets' active backcourt tandem. Ellison, along with McDowell, were the usual benefactors of the turnovers generated when AHS attacked the ball. She hit just over 15 points per game on 42 percent shooting. In addition, she hauled in five rebounds per game and well over three assists and steals apiece each night.

Gracyn Hall - Randleman



An RHS freshman on a squad that had the best overall record of any county team. Hall was strong inside and out. She averaged over 15.2 points, hauled in over seven rebounds and shot 76 percent from the stripe. She was one of two strong first-year players, giving Gantt the leeway to pilot the offense and not having to carry the scoring load.

Heaven Maness - SW Randolph



A player of the year candidate, Southwestern Randolph's stalwart Heaven Maness averaged over 17 points in a season where she sat a lot of 4th quarters and added five steals, assists and rebounds each game while hitting 80 percent from the stripe. From her very first year, she made her mark and leaves as one of the greats from SWR.

Malea Garrison - Providence Grove



Easily the leading player for the Patriots this season, Malea Garrison was leaned on for a lot on both ends of the court. The junior led the team with nearly 17 points and attacked the glass with seven. She was also called on to defend some of the best players in the PAC and the county on all corners.

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR

In a loaded league, the Mid-Piedmont Conference player of the year, averaging a double-double on the season with nearly 21 points and almost 14 rebounds. She dealt out 22 double-doubles in 27 games this year. In addition, she hit 25 3-pointers. She was also a defensive force in the post for AHS in earning a third-place MPC finish, tied with runner up SWR. McDowell also had 26 points, tied with teammate Tanaesha Ellison in handing a dominant Cougars squad their only regular season loss not by SE Guilford. [PAUL CHURCH/THE COURIER-TRIBUNE]



COACH OF THE YEAR

Not much of a surprise. Randleman's Brandon Varner — in just his second season as a head basketball coach — led a revamped roster to a special season: An unbeaten PAC slate, a second straight winning season and PAC crown and six points shy of a 2A regional berth. RHS finished 24-3, with its only losses in The Courier-Tribune Christmas Invitational final to SWR, the PAC tournament final and its last (playoff) game. [PAUL CHURCH/THE COURIER-TRIBUNE]

Taylor Comer - Wheatmore



Simply put, she was the top scorer in Randolph County last year, though, it was obviously tough to provide it consistently. The senior gave head coach Pete Kilculen all she had for her final year. She averaged 21 points per game and pitched in 3.2 assists and added four steals.

Autumn Gentry - Trinity



A freshman may be a surprise, especially from a team that struggled. But Gentry's work and success turned heads around the county. She was the county's third-best scorer (19) with a pair of steals and a few rebounds each night. That while being the most basketball-experienced and talented player on the roster, even in her first year.

Brecken Snotherly - E. Randolph



Another Randolph County freshman stepping into an impact role. Snotherly helped lead the Wildcats to a solid third-place finish in the PAC last season thanks to 18 points per game. She made impacts all around the floor for ER, hauling in over six rebounds per game, dishing out just over three assists and a couple of steals each night as well.

Ashton Maness - SW Randolph



The junior Southwestern Randolph combo player helped out the Cougars in one of the most dominant girls seasons last year. The guard-forward was second on the team with over 12 points per game and shot a county-best 85 percent from the stripe. She also pitched in just four rebounds and three assists per game.

Natalie Beeson - Uwharrie Charter



Natalie Beeson was the junior leader of the Eagles in a record-setting season. Beeson led UCA with 14 points, hit 40 percent from the floor and over 30 percent from beyond the arc. She added nearly four steals and over four rebounds on a squad that finished third in the league and earned its first playoff win — in fact, on the road — in school history.