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Fast Break Notes

From Jerry Petitgoue, Executive Director

All-Star Games

The games drew crowds of over 4,000 last year. Because of the games, the WBCA was able to give \$20,000 to the following charities: Garding Against Cancer, the MACC Fund, Ronald McDonald House of Wisconsin, Hometown Heroes and Easter Seals, Camp Wawbeek and will do so again this year. Also, the Rim Rockers of the Milwaukee Bucks will perform around noon at both the girls' game on June 25th and the boys' game on the 26th. The three-point contest will be held as well as performances by the Wisconsin Association of Cheer and Pom Performers. It should be a great event to bring your kids to.

Hall of Fame Banquet

The banquet will be held on Sunday, September 28th at 1:00 p.m. at the Glacier Canyon Lodge of the Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells. Tony Bennett of Virginia is being inducted into our Hall of Fame both as a player and as a college coach. If you are interested in purchasing tickets to attend the banquet, please go to our website at www.wisbca.org to order tickets or contact Joan Petitgoue at 608.778.2524.



Fall Clinic

Our WBCA Fall Clinic will be held on October 2nd and 3rd at the JAG in Wisconsin Dells. Jon Nedelcoff and Jay Benish will announce the speakers for this event in a couple of weeks.

Priorities of the WBCA

The three most important priorities of the WBCA are the following: (1) The implementation of the shot clock in the state. 30 states have it at the present time, (2) Expanding the state tournament for all divisions. Let's have each division with 8 teams at state. (3) To maintain or lengthen contact days for basketball in the summer. A big thank you to Todd Fergot and his crew for their work on this!

Showcase-Boys and Girls

Coaches—Get the word out to your players about the WBCA Showcase events. At both the boys' and girls' sessions, your players will be coached by college coaches. That is a huge plus and that's why these showcase events will be special. If you are interested, contact Lee Rabas, Jon Nedelcoff or Jay Benish.

Computer Seeding

If I had my way, we would go back to the old way of seeding where coaches met face to face. However, it looks like computer seeding is here to stay. If this is the case, then I believe that two things have to happen: (1) Transparency (2) An appeal process which would involve 5 retired women's coaches and 5 retired men's coaches from the WBCA on a panel which involves a human element to make sure that unjust situations do not happen every year. With the computer system only, some seeds are just wrong!

Conference Championship and Coaching Awards

Did you know that every coach who is a WBCA member can receive a plaque if they win a conference championship and other honors if they reach a win milestone? To submit your information for these awards, please visit the nomination page: [WBCA Website](#)

Enjoy your Summer Coach, take some time off and do not burn yourself out. I want to thank all the coaches who sent me good wishes during my recent illness. I sincerely appreciate it.



President's Message from Randy Storlie

President's Spring Message 2025

As the school year starts to come to an end, please reflect on this past basketball season and remember all the great times and memories you have shared with your players and fellow coaches. For those of you who made a deep run into the tournament, there are even more reasons to reflex back and smile. But for those who completed the task of making it to the state tournament or maybe even taking home a ball to your community, those are memories that will last a lifetime, congratulations!

With your season complete it is time now to get summer plans underway and figure out ways to make your players and teams even better for next year. But please remember to take some time for yourself and your family as we all know that the season is long and always challenging.

The WBCA is currently still working on and making progress in a couple of different areas; 1) Shot Clock and 2) Expansion of the State Tournament. We are working with the WIAA and have made strides forward in both areas, we will keep you updated on these issues.

The WBCA just completed the All-State and All-Academic Banquet on April 27th. A couple of big events for the WBCA that are coming up will be the All-Star games, played at Just-a-Game Fieldhouse and banquets to honor those players. The Girls' All-Star games will be played on June 25th, and the Boys' will be played on June 26th. This is an outstanding event and the best in the nation for all-star games for high school students. On September 28th the WBCA will host the Hall-of-Fame banquet at the Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells. This banquet is a true pinnacle to the careers of coaches and players in the state. The Fall Clinic plans are also in the works currently, so keep an eye out for that as well.

Please enjoy the rest of the school year and thank you so much for all that you do for basketball in the state and the WBCA organization.

Sincerely,
Randy Storlie



Congratulations to this year's State Champions!

Boys Teams

Division 1 – Wisconsin Lutheran

Division 2 – Wauwatosa West

Division 3 – Milwaukee Academy of Science

Division 4 – Aquinas

Division 5 – Cochrane-Fountain City

Girls Teams

Division 1 – Kimberly

Division 2 – Wauwatosa East

Division 3 – Oostburg

Division 4 – Cuba City

Division 5 – Assumption

Xzavion Mitchell named 2025 WBCA Mr. Basketball

By Travis Wilson

Oshkosh North senior Xzavion Mitchell has been named the 2025 Mr. Basketball recipient by the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA), presented by Wisconsin Clothing Company.

Mitchell will be one of the few players ever selected First Team All-State by the WBCA all four years of high school, earning the designation in Division 2 as a freshman before receiving First Team accolades in Division 1 the last three seasons.

He is a two-time Player of the Year in the Fox Valley Association and has helped the Spartans to the Division 1 state tournament this season. The 6-7 senior averages 35 points per game on 58% shooting, and has 2,797 career points heading into the state tournament, placing him third on the all-time list. He has 979 points already this year, one of the top ten scoring seasons in state history.

Mitchell also averages a team-high 9.3 rebounds per game to go with 2.3 steals and 2.1 assists per game.

"I have been fortunate enough to coach Zay since he was in 4th grade," said Oshkosh North head coach Brad Weber. "As an assistant coach on varsity, I coached his 4th grade team. Some of the things that stood out to me then are still the same things that stand out now. His genuine care for his teammates has always been a constant. He is a great teammate and always connected with what others are feeling. The other thing that was true in 4th grade and hasn't changed in the eight years we've coached him is all he wants to do is win. There are no consolation prizes for him. If he scored a lot of points, but we lost; he is mad. If he didn't score a lot, but we won; he is happy."

Perhaps nothing epitomized that competitive spirit more than Mitchell's 47-point outburst in a sectional final against top-seeded De Pere with a state tournament berth on the line.

Mitchell appreciates the recognition, and the ability to lock in for what's still to come.

"It is an amazing honor to be named Mr. Basketball and I know the other finalists and how good they are," he said. "Honestly it was also a feeling of relief. I am glad that this was decided before our State Semifinal game. Now I can really focus on why I am here. To help my team win."

Former Oshkosh North great and NBA superstar Tyrese Haliburton left a legacy at the school that Mitchell is ready to continue.

"I am proud of how hard I worked and just the four years of growth," said Mitchell. "My favorite thing at Oshkosh North has been building the relationships with my teammates, coaches, and teachers. I am proud of who we have become as a team and how close we are."

"Zay's work ethic has been on display for everyone in our program to see," added Coach Weber. "The legacy he leaves in our program is a legacy of hard work. There is no secret as to why he is as successful as he is. He works harder than any athlete I have coached in my 26 years."

Mitchell is the first Mr. Basketball recipient from Oshkosh North High School, and will play collegiately next season at Iowa State.

The finalists for Mr. Basketball were Mitchell, Amari Allen of Ashwaubenon, Jamarion Batemon of Milwaukee Academy of Science, Gavin Gores of Cumberland, Zach Kinziger of De Pere, and Aaron Womack of Dominican.

Pewaukee's Amy Terrian named 2025 Ms. Basketball

By Travis Wilson

Pewaukee senior Amy Terrian has been named the 2025 Ms. Basketball recipient by the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA), presented by Wisconsin Clothing Company. Terrian will be one of the few players ever selected First Team All-State by the WBCA all four years of high school, earning the designation in Division 2 the last three seasons before the Pirates were elevated to D1 this year.

During her four years on varsity, Pewaukee had a record of 108-10 with four conference championships, four regional championships, three sectional championships, a pair of state runner-up finishes and the 2024 WIAA Division 2 state title, the first in program history.

Terrian burst onto the scene along with twin sister Anna as freshmen, helping the team to the state tournament while averaging 16.8 points per game. She'd go on to average 14.6, 18.4 and 14.4 points per game over the remainder of her career.

"Ultimately, Amy is a competitor," said Pewaukee head coach Jim Reuter. "She possesses a 'refuse-to-lose' attitude and mindset and leads others on her team to share that. Whatever is required by the team, she will do. She is a leader, she is articulate, and she makes others around her better. I'll never forget the lines at the Resch Center after our games at the Resch Center of little girls (and boys!) waiting to have their picture taken with Amy."

"When I learned that I was selected as Wisconsin Ms. Basketball, I was very shocked as there is so much talent in our state, especially within the five players that were nominated," said Terrian, upon being informed of the news of her selection. "I was overwhelmed with gratitude and thankfulness knowing that I was picked

to join a list of remarkable basketball players and people. I am incredibly honored and humbled to receive this award and all the glory goes to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

Terrian holds school records for points, three-pointers, assists, rebounds, and steals.

"During my time at Pewaukee, I am most proud of building a culture that will last a lifetime and a community that loves girls basketball that is second to none," Terrian added. "I also am so proud of all my teammates and coaches that I have had the blessing to work and play with throughout my career at Pewaukee. They have helped me become the player I am today, pushed this program to new heights, and made history. Lastly, I am very proud of impacting the next generation by allowing the little girls in Pewaukee to dream a little bigger and hopefully one day they will be holding up a Ms. Basketball award."

"When she came here, we were a very good program but during her time here, she worked to bring us up to one of the state's elite programs," added Reuter.

The finalists for Ms. Basketball were Terrian, JJ Barnes of The Prairie School, Makena Christian of Hartford, Kristina Ouimette of Lakeland, and Rainey Welson of Hortonville.



WBCA Announces Boys All-State Team

Division 1 WBCA All-State

Chris Davis Jr., Sr., Sun Prairie East
Yusef Gray, Jr., West Allis Central
Amare Hereford, Jr., Beloit Memorial
Brooks Hinson, Sr., Marshfield
Cooper Jespersion, Sr., Eau Claire Memorial
Vaughn Karvala, Jr., Oregon
Zach Kinziger, Sr., De Pere
Xzavion Mitchell, Sr., Oshkosh North
Drew Murphy, Sr., Verona
Roman Thompson, Sr., Kettle Moraine
Keegan Van Kauwenberg, Sr., Kaukauna
Zavier Zens, Jr., Wisconsin Lutheran

Tyler Haney, Sr., Sun Prairie West
Marvin Haslett, Sr., Fond du Lac
Andrew Jensen, Jr., Kaukauna
Cahlil Jones, Jr., Germantown
Kager Knueppel, Soph., Wisconsin Lutheran
Kaden MacKenzie, Sr., Waunakee
Jacob Misslich, Jr., Franklin
Luka Momcilovic, Sr., Pewaukee
Riley Mueller, Sr., Hortonville
AJ Ohrmundt, Sr., Arrowhead
Trevor Polite, Sr., Homestead
Max Raimer, Sr., Sun Prairie East
Nathan Ramus, Jr., Appleton North
Landen Van Offeren, Sr., Kimberly
Michael Wilson, Jr., Madison West

Honorable Mention

Zach Froemming, Sr., Kettle Moraine
Will Garlock, Sr., Middleton
Alex Greene, Sr., Wisconsin Lutheran
Pryce Gregoire, Sr., De Pere
Elijah Griffin, Sr., Westosha Central

Division 2 WBCA All-State

Dahir Abdullahi, Sr., Greenfield
Amari Allen, Sr., Ashwaubenon
David Bolden, Sr., Nicolet
Jalen Brown, Soph., Wauwatosa West
Caden Gustafson, Jr., Waterford
Jack Kohnen, Soph., Slinger
Josh Manchester, Jr., Mount Horeb
Jaxson Moss, Sr., Racine Park
Anthony Rise, Sr., Brookfield Central
Isaiah Robinson, Sr., Racine Park
Kayden Schultz, Jr., Plymouth
Logan Zahour, Sr., Cedarburg

Honorable Mention

Carson Bauer, Sr., West Bend West
Joseph Daly, Jr., New London
Owen Geiger, Sr., Fort Atkinson
Charlie Gierl, Sr., Medford

Henry Gruetzmacher, Jr., Brookfield Central
Adam Guyette, Sr., Notre Dame
Kyle Hehli, Sr., West Salem
Myles Herro, Sr., Whitnall
Jacob Hibner, Jr., Stoughton
Devin Isaj, Sr., Greendale
Matthew Kloskey, Jr., Wauwatosa West
Ian Kowal, Jr., Onalaska
Owen Krepline, Sr., Brillion
Jack Lutz, Sr., Whitnall
Jesse Napgezsek, Sr., Wausau East
Zach Orr, Sr., Rice Lake
Andrew Rader, Sr., Notre Dame
Brayden Reinke, Soph., Mosinee
Colin Schultz, Sr., Pulaski
Logan Sipple, Sr., Shawano
Jakari Smith, Jr., Milwaukee Bradley Tech
Mason Stieber-Pinter, Sr., Greenfield
Carter Sullivan, Sr., Stoughton

Boys All-State Teams Con't.

Division 3 WBCA All-State

Jamarion Batemon, Sr., Milwaukee Academy of Science
Zach Behn, Sr., Kewaskum
AJ Bender, Sr., Lake Mills
Devin Brown, Sr., Milwaukee Academy of Science
Donovan Davis, Soph., Freedom
Javante Edwards, Sr., Carmen Northwest
LaMont Hamilton, Jr., Racine St. Catherine's
Aiden Hawkinson, Sr., Waupun
Lucas Ludlum, Sr., Platteville
Sam Pitrof, Jr., Racine Lutheran
Wes Rahn, Jr., Lakeside Lutheran
Aaron Womack, Sr., Dominican

Honorable Mention

Bryce Appel, Sr., Edgerton
Jake Burow, Jr., Lake Country Lutheran
Dan Cleary, Sr., Lake Country Lutheran
Ethan Cyra, Sr., Wrightstown
Cade Dirkse, Jr., Oostburg
Kane Donnelly, Sr., Somerset
Jack Fox, Sr., Edgerton
Logan Jerome, Sr., Elk Mound
Agape Keys Jr, Sr., Milwaukee Academy of Science
Drew Kortz, Sr., Freedom
Kyler Marks, Jr., Seymour
Jase Navis, Fr., Mauston
Logan Ramczyk, Soph., Xavier
Dustin Roach, Soph., Catholic Memorial
Jett Rogowski, Sr., Wittenberg-Birnamwood
Jordan Wagner, Sr., Kettle Moraine Lutheran
Jaren Ward, Sr., Wisconsin Dells
Carter Wollan, Sr., Amery

Division 4 WBCA All-State

Logan Becker, Jr., Aquinas
Max Breitenbach, Sr., Kohler
Matthew Buckman, Sr., Cambridge
Donovan Cowley, Jr., Roncalli
Drew Daoust, Sr., Southern Door
Gavin Gores, Sr., Cumberland
Trent Grunewald, Sr., Howards Grove
Dooney Johnson, Soph., Milwaukee Juneau
Eli Lindsey, Sr., Mineral Point
Jaxson Wendhausen, Sr., Mineral Point

Honorable Mention

Eli Achterberg, Sr., Pardeeville
Race Anvelink, Sr., Bonduel
Drew Aschliman, Jr., Mineral Point
Sam Berruecos, Sr., Westfield
Jayden Brown, Sr., Grantsburg
Drew Bruesewitz, Sr., Stratford
Broker Buschor, Jr., Darlington
Carter Cherney, Sr., Cameron
Aiden Crane, Jr., Parkview
Reagan Flickinger, Sr., Clinton
Caleb Gard, Sr., Pardeeville
Jackson Goebel, Sr., Lomira
Emmitt Huhn, Sr., St. Mary's Springs
Carter Koch, Sr., Oconto
Brenden Krueger, Sr., Pardeeville
Timmy Meltz, Sr., Ladysmith
Kenyon Miggins, Sr., Marshall
Blake Risler, Jr., Regis
Miles Schmidgall, Soph., Fall Creek
Takis Tyler, Jr., Milwaukee Juneau
Gavin Vaassen, Sr., Cuba City
Ben Wetzel, Sr., Deerfield
Zeke Zuberbuhler, Soph., Darlington

Boys All-State Teams Con't.

Division 5 WBCA All-State

Brandon Davis, Jr., River Ridge
Ethan Kniseley, Sr., Blair-Taylor
Mac Konieczny, Jr., Columbus Catholic
Wes Kraisinger, Sr., Highland
Cameron Lipinski, Sr., Cochrane-Fountain City
Jace Paul, Sr., Alma Center Lincoln
Ayden Phillips, Sr., Almond-Bancroft
Camden Schurk, Sr., Pacelli
Cade Stasiek, Sr., Spring Valley
Aidan Uppena, Sr., Potosi
Carter Uppena, Sr., Royall
Brandon Wagner, Jr., Turtle Lake

Honorable Mention

Brynden Beck, Sr., Port Edwards
Marion Boyland, Soph., Sheboygan Lutheran
Quintin Bresette, Sr., Bayfield
Carson Burmania, Sr., Cambria-Friesland
Jesse DeBauch, Sr., Gillett
Everett Droessler, Sr., Southwestern
Porter Ehrat, Sr., Cochrane-Fountain City
Michael Esser, Sr., Highland
Lucas Glaus, Sr., Plum City/Elmwood
Cullen Jacobus, Jr., North Crawford
Aiden Keleher, Jr., Southwestern
Jacob Koon, Sr., Abundant Life
Jonah Koon, Sr., Abundant Life
Ethan LeClaire, Sr., Fall River
Nick Medema, Sr., Randolph
Mitchell Moser, Sr., Oakfield
Andrew Munson, Sr., North Crawford
Griffin Noll, Soph., Pecatonica
Devin Patrick, Sr., Palmyra-Eagle
Ty Roehm, Sr., Luck
JT Schlaefer, Jr., Assumption
Jared Schultz, Sr., Northwood
Ike Waage, Sr., Argyle
Dawson Weber, Sr., Potosi
Quinn Widiker, Jr., Webster

WBCA Announces Girls All-State Team

Division 1 WBCA All-State

Tessa Bryan, Soph., Waunakee
Makena Christian, Sr., Hartford
Madison Fitzgibbon, Sr., Homestead
Rowan Klesmit, Jr, Neenah
Maya Kovacic, Jr, Brookfield East
Raegan Krueger, Sr., Kimberly
Natalie Kussow, Jr, Arrowhead
Kate McGinnis, Sr., Kimberly
Peyton Musial, Sr., Notre Dame
Amy Terrian, Sr., Pewaukee
Anna Terrian, Sr., Pewaukee
Ava Van Vonderen, Soph., Kimberly
Rainey Welson, Sr., Hortonville

Honorable Mention

Awut Alic, Soph., Oshkosh North
Ellie Buss, Jr, Neenah
Autumn Dibb, Sr., Muskego
Haley Dulas, Soph., Kimberly
Melena Glysch, Sr., Muskego
Emily Gomez, Sr., Kettle Moraine
Danica Gosz, Sr., Germantown
Giselle Janowski, Jr, Pewaukee
Allison Jirsa, Jr, Verona
Rita Kuepper, Soph., Hartford
Melia Lemorande, Jr, Bay Port
Torie Neubauer, Sr., Appleton East
Princess Nwachukwu, Sr., Madison Memorial
Kardyn Peppler, Soph., Hortonville
Graycin Phillips, Jr, Waunakee
Kennedy Retherford, Sr., Pewaukee
Nyajuacni Riak, Fr., Madison LaFollette
Teagan Schoenecker, Jr, Oregon
Jada Seubert, Soph., Stevens Point
Ella Sweeney, Soph., Appleton East
Abby Tassoul, Jr, De Pere
Sidney Zehner, Soph., Arrowhead

Division 2 WBCA All-State

Emma Close, Jr., Wauwatosa East
Rowan Counsell, Soph., Whitefish Bay
Jordan Fenske, Sr., Waukesha West
Samantha Hafferkamp, Sr., Union Grove
Megan Johnson, Sr., West Salem
Mikaia Litza, Jr., Wauwatosa East
Anna Miller, Soph., Edgewood
Leah Nordin, Jr., Shawano
Kristina Ouimette, Sr., Lakeland
Adaline Sheplee, Jr., Rice Lake
Beanie Thompson, Soph., Edgewood
Faith Walder, Sr., West De Pere

Honorable Mention

Lydia Aalsma, Sr., Waupun
Georgia Acompanado, Sr., Pius XI Catholic
Brooklyn Birt, Sr., Menomonie
Nataya Donaldson, Jr., Beaver Dam
Ella Francois, Sr., West De Pere
Gianna Guarascio, Sr., Ashwaubenon
Ella Hamacher, Sr., Stoughton
Sarah Helm, Sr., Cedarburg
Taelyn Jirschele, Jr., Mosinee
Nayeli Kilen, Jr., Milton
Ashley Lamers, Sr., Union Grove
Serinity Metcalfe, Sr., Shorewood
Kaelyn Nommensen, Soph., Wisconsin Lutheran
Erin Schauer, Sr., Edgewood
Addison Schmidt, Soph., Rice Lake
Alahanna Simpson, Jr., La Crosse Central
Tess Wiczek, Sr., Pius XI Catholic

Girls All-State Teams Con't.

Division 3 WBCA All-State

Ady Ketterhagen, Jr., Oostburg
Kinsley Ketterhagen, Fr., Oostburg
Ava Koch, Jr., Omro
Brynn Krull, Jr., Xavier
Gracee Langer, Jr., Edgerton
Madeline Leffel, Sr., Kettle Moraine Lutheran
Makenzie Luehring, Sr., Kettle Moraine Lutheran
Tierney Madigan, Sr., Laconia
Finley Morgan, Soph., Laconia
Payton Morgan, Sr., Laconia
Addison Schlieuwe, Sr., Sheboygan Falls
Jenna Welsch, Sr., Catholic Memorial

Honorable Mention

Natalie Backhaus, Jr., Wisconsin Dells
Hanna Bultman, Jr., St. Thomas More
Tessa Czajkowski Higgins, Sr., Prairie du Chien
Alecia Dahl, Jr., Brodhead
Rianna Dye, Soph., Platteville
Melaina Granquist, Jr., Wittenberg-Birnamwood
Ameerah Grant, Sr., Brown Deer
Adahlyn Hoerl, Sr., Chilton
Claudia Jenny, Soph., Edgerton
Riley Ketterhagen, Jr., Oostburg
Aubrey Leonard, Sr., Laconia
Violet Otto, Jr., Prescott
Amya Pluess, Sr., East Troy
Tannah Radloff, Sr., Prairie du Chien
Avery Richard, Soph., Platteville
Ellie Schiszik, Sr., Elk Mound
Jaeda Turner, Sr., Milwaukee Academy of Science

Division 4 WBCA All-State

EllaMay Cooper, Soph., Regis
Samantha Davis, Jr., Aquinas
Meg Decker, Sr., The Prairie School
Anna Fronk, Sr., Bangor
Jasonya Glass-Barnes, Sr., The Prairie School
Ashley Rowe, Jr., Cuba City
Haddie Showen, Sr., Westfield
Brooke Stenklyft, Sr., Cambridge
Sydney Subke, Sr., Neillsville
Emily Vogel, Sr., Saint Mary Catholic
Ella Vosberg, Sr., Cuba City
Brooke Wellnitz, Soph., Argyle/Pecatonica

Honorable Mention

Avalyn Albrecht, Soph., Poynette
Kylie Butler, Jr., Argyle/Pecatonica
Josie Christian, Fr., Lomira
Dea Crist, Sr., Cuba City
Autumn Crowe, Soph., Saint Mary Catholic
Madi Davel, Soph., Neillsville
Toria Devoe, Jr., Belleville
Jasmin Heuer, Jr., Fall Creek
Emma Hoyt, Sr., Durand-Arkansas
Bronte Hulberg, Jr., Pardeeville
Jade Kroll, Jr., Kewaunee
Lexi Kuffel, Sr., Cameron
Laci Lindsey, Sr., Mineral Point
Sydney Loerke, Fr., Deerfield
Marissa Mehlhorn, Jr., Manitowoc Lutheran
Addisyn Viestenz, Sr., Oconto
Audrey Weier, Sr., Bonduel

Girls All-State Teams Con't.

Division 5 WBCA All-State

Hailee Bauer, Sr., Lourdes Academy
Eva Brooks, Sr., Lena
Izabel Durst, Jr., Barneveld
Morgan Freeman, Sr., Belmont
Reese Grimm, Sr., Pittsville
Cali Havlovitz, Sr., Wild Rose
Jorja Hofman, Sr., Oakfield
Jordyn Jaglinski, Jr., Assumption
Maddy Lange, Sr., Black Hawk
Anna Schooley, Sr., Assumption
Addison Verhagen, Sr., Sheboygan Lutheran
Jaedyn Zdroik, Soph., Pacelli

Honorable Mention

Hailey Alt, Fr., Shullsburg
Ingrid Beaumont, Sr., Green Bay N.E.W. Lutheran
Taylor Brigham, Sr., Sheboygan Lutheran
Mya Dernbach, Jr., Almond-Bancroft
Avery Glenz, Soph., Eleva-Strum
Abby Hollis, Sr., Albany/Monticello
Madelynn Medema, Soph., Randolph
Alexandria Meerstein, Sr., Green Bay N.E.W. Lutheran
Molly Olson, Jr., Albany/Monticello
Emma Peterson, Sr., Siren
Kayla Ranly, Sr., Sevastopol
Kaci Riechers, Sr., Belmont
Naomi Rikkola, Sr., Sevastopol
Delaney Ruedinger, Sr., Lourdes Academy
Taylor Russell, Sr., Shullsburg
Sarah Shaw, Sr., Assumption
Madilyn Thomson, Jr., Lena
Dalana Trumpy, Sr., Albany/Monticello
Kylee Venner, Soph., De Soto
Kendall Weiler, Sr., Owen-Withee

WBCA announces Boys and Girls Basketball Team Academic All-State honors

Boys Team Academic All-State

D1

- 1st Kettle Moraine – 3.761
- 2nd Manitowoc Lincoln – 3.692
- 3rd Brookfield East – 3.680

D2

- 1st Reedsburg – 3.856
- 2nd Plymouth – 3.833
- 3rd Notre Dame – 3.7.63

D3

- 1st Winneconne – 3.869
- 2nd Waupun – 3.783
- 3rd Amery – 3.775

D4

- 1st Oconto – 3.895
- 2nd Stratford – 3.836
- 3rd Cumberland – 3.834

D5

- 1st Rib Lake – 3.895
- 2nd Frederic – 3.872
- 3rd Gillett – 3.833

Girls Team Academic All-State

D1

- 1st Sheboygan North – 3.905
- 2nd Verona – 3.885
- 3rd Kimberly – 3.884

D2

- 1st Union Grove 3.990
- 2nd Edgewood – 3.950
- 3rd Rice Lake – 3.932

D3

- 1st Tomahawk – 3.973
- 2nd Arcadia – 3.963
- 3rd Kettle Moraine Lutheran – 3.947

D4

- 1st Westby – 3.950
- 2nd Darlington – 3.946
- 3rd Kohler – 3.928

D5

- 1st New Auburn – 3.975
- 2nd Wild Rose – 3.930
- 3rd Pittsville – 3.907



WBCA announces 2025 Boys and Girls Basketball Elite Individual Academic All-State

Boys:

Eli Achterberg, Pardeeville
Aaron Bartol, Berlin
Brynden Beck, Port Edwards
Justin Bliesner, Homestead
Maddox Cornette, Bay Port
Brennan Dempsey, Fort Atkinson
Davis Dercks, Oakfield
Jake Hansen, Wauwatosa West
Truman Lamers, Rhinelander
Jace Paul, Alma Center Lincoln
Andrew Rader, Notre Dame
Jared Schultz, Northwood
Brayden Steinbecker, Manitowoc Lincoln
Clayton Streiff, New Glarus
Michael Vanden Heuvel, Chilton

Girls:

Emma Bowden, Pittsville
Molly Deering, Badger
Danica Gosz, Germantown
Mimi Hart, Cedarburg
Payton Hayes, Badger
Madalyn Jensen, Brookfield Central
Makenzie Luehring, Kettle Moraine Lutheran
Kristina Ouimette, Lakeland Union
Amya Pluess, East Troy
Naomi Rikkola, Sevastopol
Erin Schauer, Edgewood
Magdalen Simon, Abundant Life/Saint Ambrose
Lauren Strifling, Homestead
Emily Vogel, St Mary Catholic
Olivia Witkowski, Weyauwega-Fremont
Ella Wolfe, Hudson



College Players of the Year

D1 Women's: Maddy Schreiber (UW-Green Bay)
D3 Public School Women's: Kacie Carollo (UW-Whitewater)
D3 Public School Women's Newcomer of the Year: Paige Seckar (UW-Oshkosh)
D1 Men's Co-Player of the Year: Kam Jones (Marquette)
D1 Men's Co-Player of the Year: Jon Tonje (UW-Madison)
D2 Men's Player of the Year: Marcus Tomashek (Michigan Tech)
D3 Private School Men's Player of the Year: Ryan Broeckel (Wisconsin Lutheran College)
D3 Public School Men's Player of the Year: Logan Pearson (UW-Platteville)
D3/NAIA Private Men's Newcomer of the Year: Landon Thousand (Viterbo University)
D3 Public Newcomer of the Year: Joey LaChapell (UW-Oshkosh)

* No other categories had nominations.

Coaches of the Year

High School

Boys: Ryan Walz (Wisconsin Lutheran) and Jesse Cyrus (Cochrane-Fountain City)

Girls: Dave Lepisto (Kimberly)

College

D1 Men: Greg Gard (UW-Madison)

D1 Women: Kayla Karius (UW-Green Bay)

D2 Men: None

D2 Women: Jen Conely (UW-Parkside)

D3 Men: Jeff Gard (UW-Platteville)

D3 Women: Brad Fischer (UW-Oshkosh)

D3 Men (Private School): Aaron Aanonsen (Wisconsin Lutheran College)

D3 Women (Private School): Lauren Busalacchi (Ripon College)

Junior College Men's Coach of the Year: Charles Ruffing (Bryant and Stratton College)

Junior College Women's Coach of the Year: None

Jerry Petitgoue Service Award: Mary Merg (Head Girls Coach Wauwatosa East)

Achievement Award Winners

Girls

D1 Brandon Fanning (Eau Claire Memorial)

D2 Melissa Ouimette (Lakeland)

D3 Nick Mechelke (Wittenberg-Birnamwood)

D4 Mike Behnke (Manitowoc)

D5 Alison Smaglik (Stevens Point)

Boys

D1 Steve Maselter (Sun Prairie East)

D2 Nick Roeglin (Waterford)

D3 Tom Mackey (Amery)

D4 Chris Lindert (Pardeeville)

D5 Mike Uppena (Potosi)

WBCA announces Boys All-Star Games

Boys Teams

D1 Black

Jayden Awe (Stevens Point)
Grant Chandonais (Stevens Point)
Tavian Crawford (Sun Prairie West)
Jack Ellickson (Waunakee)
Daniel Franklin IV (Oak Creek)
Tyler Haney (Sun Prairie West)
Marvin Haslett (Fond du Lac)
Cooper Jespersen (Eau Claire Memorial)
Kaden MacKenzie (Waunakee)
Wesley Mboga (Eau Claire Memorial)
Cohen Priebe (DC Everest)
Eli Selk (Waunakee)

Coaches

Tyler Selk (Waunakee)
Blake Knutson (Waunakee)
Dana MacKenzie (Waunakee)
Brandon Temperly (Platteville)

D2 Black

Dahir Abdullahi (Greenfield)
Carson Bauer (West Bend West)
Ben Forbes (McFarland)
Charlie Gierl (Medford)
Jose Gonzales (Martin Luther)
Jake Hansen (Wauwatosa West)
Preston Johnson (River Falls)
Logan Lane (South Milwaukee)
Zach Orr (Rice Lake)
Mason Stieber-Pinter (Greenfield)
Carter Sullivan (Stoughton)

Coaches

Todd Pyszora (Delavan-Darien)
Mason DeNoyer (Winnebago Lutheran)
Evan Hibbs (Delavan-Darien)

D1 White

Anthony Bull (Racine Case)
Zach Froemming (Kettle Moraine)
Alex Greene (Wisconsin Lutheran)
Asher Haas (Sussex Hamilton)
Judson Henkel (Janesville Craig)
Brooks Hinson (Marshfield)
Riley Mueller (Hortonville)
AJ Ohrmundt (Arrowhead)
Cade Prestigiaco (Appleton East)
Roman Thompson (Kettle Moraine)
Landon Van Offeren (Kimberly)

Coaches

Chris Fischer (Marshfield)
Brac Fischer (UW-Oshkosh)
Brian Fravert (Marshfield)

D2 White

Amari Allen (Ashwaubenon)
Jamison Beasely (Waterford)
David Boldon (Nicolet)
Bryce Borowicz (West De Pere)
Brennan Dempsey (Fort Atkinson)
Owen Geiger (Fort Atkinson)
Makhai Jewell (Milwaukee Lutheran)
Isaiah Lomax (Elkhorn)
Kenari Parr (Saint Thomas More)
Anthony Rise (Brookfield Central)
Colin Schultz (Pulaski)
Logan Sipple (Shawano)

Coaches

Mike Hintz (Fort Atkinson)
Brad Bestor (Kettle Moraine)
Rich Cleveland (Fort Atkinson)
Pat Miller (Fort Atkinson)

Boys Teams Con't

D3 Black

Bryce Appel (Edgerton)
Aaron Bartol (Berlin)
Evan Clausen (Baldwin-Woodville)
Dan Cleary (Lake Country Lutheran)
Amaris Hunt (Milwaukee Academy of Science)
Amare Jackson (Milwaukee Academy of Science)
Nolan Jakubek (Little Chute)
Drew Kortz (Freedom)
Lucas Lublum (Platteville)
Manning Shareef (Milwaukee School of Languages)
Jordan Wagner (Kettle Moraine Lutheran)
Carter Wollan (Amery)

Coaches

Luke Thatcher (River Valley)
Darby Blakley (River Valley)
Clinton Nemitz (Southwestern)

D4 Black

Reed Adler (Wisconsin Heights)
Sam Berruecos (Westfield)
Matthew Bonin (Roncalli)
Matthew Buckman (Cambridge)
Caleb Gard (Pardeeville)
Emmitt Hugh (Saint Mary's Springs)
Brenden Krueger (Pardeeville)
Evan Larson (Fennimore)
Andrew Lehman (Ladysmith)
Eli Lindsey (Mineral Point)
Blake Raab (Auburndale)
Grayson Totzke (Abbotsford)
Ben Wetzel (Deerfield)

Coaches

Troy Larson (Fennimore)
Shawn Dailey (Iowa-Grant)
Coby Zwiefelhofer (Fennimore)

D3 White

Braden Aprill (Kiel)
AJ Bender (Lake Mills)
Ethan Cyra (Wrightstown)
Kane Donnelly (Somerset)
Jack Fox (Edgerton)
Logan Jerome (Elk Mound)
SaVont Johnson (Adams-Friendship)
Luke Oelhafen (Xavier)
Jett Rogowski (Wittenberg-Birnamwood)
Cullen Walker (Brodhead)
Jaren Ward (Wisconsin Dells)
Olin Zellmer (Edgerton)

Coaches

Marcus Rumpff (Kiel)
Jamie Arenz (Kiel)
Jeremy Bushman (Howard's Grove)

D4 White

Race Anvelink (Bonduel)
Trey Bahr (Aquinas)
Max Breitenbach (Kohler)
Drew Bruesewitz (Stratford)
Carsen Eeg (The Prairie School)
Reagan Flickinger (Clinton)
Jackson Goebel (Lomira)
Trent Grunewald (Howards Grove)
Carter Koch (Oconto)
Kenyon Miggins (Marshall)
Jaxson Wendhausen (Mineral Point)
Zane Willadsen (Kohler)

Coaches

Brad Reinhart (Aquinas)
Matt Johnson (Aquinas)
Ryan Meyer (Holmen)

Boys Teams Con't

D5 Black

Brynden Beck (Port Edwards)
Carson Burmania (Cambria-Friesland)
Jesse DeBauch (Gillett)
Porter Ehrat (Cochrane-Fountain City)
Michael Esser (Highland)
Ethan LeClair (Fall River)
Camreon Lipinski (Cochrane-Fountain City)
Nick Medema (Randolph)
Jace Paul (Alma-Center-Lincoln)
Jared Schultz (Northwood)
Camden Schurk (Pacelli)
Masyn Wolf (Spring Valley)

Coaches

John Schurk (Pacelli)
Justin Beck (Port Edwards)
Dan Garrett (Wausau East)

D5 White

Lucas Glaus (Plum City/Elmwood)
Ethan Kenseley (Blair-Taylor)
Jacob Koon (Abundant Life)
Jonah Koon (Abundant Life)
Wes Draisinger (Highland)
Landon Lipke (Royall)
Ayden Phillips (Almond-Bancroft)
Ty Roehm (Luck)
Cade Stasiek (Spring Valley)
Aidan Uppena (Potosi)
Carter Uppena (Royall)
Dawson Weber (Potosi)

Coaches

Scott Uppena (Royall)
Mike Uppena (Potosi)
Tom Uppena (Darlington)

WBCA announces Girls All-Star Games

Girls Teams

D1 North

Addison Baumgart (Kaukauna)
Egan Bierowski (De Pere)
Jaden Ciesielczyk (De Pere)
Danica Gosz (Germantown)
Zaida Kolbeck (Marshfield)
Raegan Krueger (Kimberly)
Torie Neubauer (Appleton East)
Sophie Trimble (Menomonee Falls)
Jade Warren (Menomonee Falls)
Lindsey Weiler (Stevens Point)
Rayna Welsch (Eau Claire Memorial)

Coaches

Jeremy Boileau (De Pere)
Matt Ciesielczyk (De Pere)
Todd Bierowski (De Pere)

D1 South

Rachel Agg (Muskego)
Lola Bond (Kettle Moraine)
Te'Lisa Brown (Kenosha Bradford)
Autumn Dibb (Muskego)
Ellen Dotzler (Waunakee)
Megan Geason (Oak Creek)
Emily Gomez (Kettle Moraine)
Emily Jensen (Verona)
Olivia Neis (Oregon)
Princess Nwachukwu (Madison Memorial)
Jocelyn Tibbetts (Beloit Memorial)
Klara Tracy (Oregon)

Coach

Erik Loose (Muskego)

Girls Teams Con't

D2 North

Madisyn Berggren (West De Pere)
Brooklynn Birt (Menomonie)
Ella Francois (West De Pere)
Gianna Guarascio (Ashwaubenon)
Riley Kieffer (Marinette)
Megan McDowell (New Berlin Eisenhower)
Marissa Morgan (Grafton)
Kristina Ouimette (Lakeland)
Addy Phipps (Ashwaubenon)
Cale Quade (Lakeland)
Chloe Seymour (Marinette)
Faith Walder (West De Pere)

Coaches

Melissa Ouimette (Lakeland)
Todd McCelldoney (Lakeland)
Brad Meade (Lakeland)

D3 North

Olivia Davis (Amherst)
Morgan Halverson (Ellsworth)
Kylie Heller (Mauston)
Adahlyn Hoerl (Chilton)
Maggie Jensen (Baldwin-Woodville)
Abby Johnson (Northwestern)
Haley Jordt (Baldwin-Woodville)
Madeline Maloney (Oconto Falls)
Lucy Nichols (Somerset)
Elsah Rubis (St. Croix Central)
Ellie Schiszik (Elk Mound)
Addison Siverling (Altoona)

Coaches

Cory Lindenberg (Somerset)
Mike Holmquist (Chisago Lakes (MN))
Zach Stephens (Somerset)

D2 South

Allyson Armstrong (DeForest)
Samantha Hafferkamp (Union Grove)
Ella Hamacher (Stoughton)
Makenzie Hawk (Wauwatosa East)
Eva Herbig (Martin Luther)
Megan Johnson (West Salem)
Lauren Kojo (Milton)
Ashley Lamers (Union Grove)
Serinity Metcalfe (Shorewood)
Erin Schauer (Edgewood)
Kasey Stelpflug (Waterford)
Julia Wolf (Milton)

Coaches

Jerry Schwenn (DeForest)
Brian Luisser (DeForest)
Jason Schweitzer (DeForest)

D3 South

Jaxcyn Berntgen (Platteville)
Tessa Czajkowski Higgings (Prairie du Chien)
Madeline Leffel (Kettle Moraine Lutheran)
Makenzie Luehring (Kettle Moraine Lutheran)
Tierney Madigen (Laconia)
Payton Morgan (Laconia)
Grade Olson (Shoreland Lutheran)
Amya Pluess (East Troy)
Tannah Radloff (Prairie du Chien)
Jaeda Turner (Milwaukee Academy of Science)
Jenna Welsch (Catholic Memorial)
Elenor Wendorff (Watertown Luther Prep)

Coaches

Paula Shedivy (Prairie du Chien)
Brian Heubner (Westby)
Paul Carroll (Prairie du Chien)

Girls Teams Con't

D4 North

Chloe Auth (Durand-Arkansaw)
Carly Borst (Regis)
Mataya Eckert (Phillips)
Emma Hoyt (Durant-Arkansaw)
Lexi Kuffel (Cameron)
Lauren Littleton (Crandon)
Maddy Marten (Mondovi)
Lauren Stangel (Roncalli)
Kennedy Tumm (Fall Creek)
Addiyn Viestenz (Oconto)
Emily Vogel (St. Mary's Catholic)
Olivia Witkowski (Weyauwega-Fremont)

Coaches

Mike Eggebrecht (Phillips)
Nate Erickson (Black River Falls)
Makala Williams (Phillips)

D5 North

Ingrid Beaumont (Green Bay NEW Lutheran)
Eva Brooks (Lena)
Jaylyn Caldwell (Onieda Nation)
Reese Grimm (Pittsville)
Kali Heikkinen (Prentice)
Megan Hoffman (Clayton)
Alexandria Meerstein (Green Bay NEW Lutheran)
Kayla Ranly (Sevastopol)
Naomi Rikkola (Sevastopol)
Sarah Shaw (Assumption)
Addi Vollert (Assumption)
Kendall Weiler (Owen-Withee)

Coaches

Kevin Fall (Clayton)
Corey Berghammer (Prairie Farm)
Krista Amundsen (Clayton)

D4 South

Trinity Aasen (Whitehall)
Megan Bernhardt (Cambridge)
Dea Crist (Cuba City)
Maddi DeSmet (Belleville)
Anna Fronk (Bangor)
Ella Kroll (Mineral Point)
Laci Lindsey (Mineral Point)
Haddie Showen (Westfield)
Brooke Stenkyft (Cambridge)
Sydney Subke (Neillsville)
Emily Wiegman (Cuba City)
Allie Zittel (Luther)

Coaches

Don Schindler (Deerfield)
Joe Kelly (DeForest)
Kent Kelsey (Deerfield)

D5 South

Hailiee Bauer (Lourdes Academy)
Taylor Brigham (Sheboygan Lutheran)
Carmen Erickson (Hillsboro)
Gwenne Frederickson (Kickapoo)
Morgan Freeman (Belmont)
Cali Havlovitz (Wild Rose)
Abby Hollis (Albany/Monticello)
Maddy Lange (Black Hawk)
Delaney Ruedinger (Lourdes Academy)
Taylor Russell (Shullsburg)
Dalana Trumpy (Albany/Monticello)
Addy Verhagen (Sheboygan Lutheran)

Coaches

Steve Hunszicker (Cashton)
Beth Wells (Cashton)
Travis Anderson (Brookwood)

The Strength of Sitting in the Sadness

Allowing ourselves — and those we lead — to sit in the sadness isn't weakness. It's leadership. It's emotional intelligence. It's healing. It means we're human.

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South Carolina women's basketball head coach Dawn Staley's accolades as both a player and coach speak for themselves. A decorated Hall of Famer. A champion. A history-maker. She has elevated and transcended the game with her presence and excellence.

But beyond the accolades is Coach Staley's rare gift: her willingness to be a truth-teller. She uses basketball not just as a means to compete — but as a mirror, a classroom, a vehicle for life lessons. She shows up with courage, vulnerability, grace, authenticity, and a grounded sense of self that gives others permission to do the same.

Earlier this month, her South Carolina Gamecocks faced off against another storied program — the UConn Huskies, led by legendary coach Geno Auriemma — in the women's national championship game. Both programs know the glory of winning and the sting of defeat.

But this time, UConn didn't just win — they dominated. The final score: 82–59. It was one of the largest margins of victory in NCAA title game history.

And in the postgame press conference, Coach Staley didn't sugarcoat the result.

"They beat our a**," she said. No excuses. No deflection. Just honest reflection.

"Our kids gave it all they had," she added. "When you can understand why you lost — and when you've been on the other side of that three times — you understand it. You can swallow it. We lost to a very, very good basketball team that beat our a**, but they didn't make us like it. There's a difference."

Then, when asked about freshman star Joyce Edwards and how she handled the locker room afterward, Coach Staley offered a powerful leadership moment — one that applies far beyond sports: "I let her sit in her sadness. Sometimes letting them sit in their sadness is much more powerful than breaking that train of thought. But we'll talk about it. She'll express how she feels and what she needs to work on in order for her to get us back to this place."



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Dawn Staley is one of the most emotionally intelligent coaches out there.

In a world where we're often told to "move on" quickly — to suppress or bypass discomfort and not lean into the turbulence — Coach Staley reminds us that there's strength in stillness. As leaders, executives, coaches, and high performers, we're conditioned to fix, to solve, to push forward and through. But how often do we truly allow ourselves — or others — to sit in the sadness?

To sit in the disappointment. To sit in the uncertainty. To sit in the discomfort of grief—whether from loss or unmet expectations.

Too often, we run from the tough feelings. We numb the discomfort with distraction. We avoid the hard conversations — not just with our teams, but with ourselves. But real growth, real transformation, often begins when we create space for the full spectrum of emotion. Real growth lives on the other side of stillness — in the moments when we dare to feel, to reflect, and to honor what the moment is trying to teach us.

Sitting in the sadness, the disappointment, and the defeat is a deeper, sacred discovery — and often a renewed appreciation — for the moment, the craft, the people, the process, and the climb itself.

In this game called life, we're all going through something that others know nothing about. Support for mental health, emotional presence, and honest reflection shouldn't be considered luxuries — they are essential to our well-being.

Coach Staley teaches us that leadership isn't just about winning. It's about feeling it all, standing in the truth, rising up and walking forward with deeper perspective.

Allowing ourselves — and those we lead — to sit in the sadness isn't weakness. It's leadership. It's emotional intelligence. It's healing. It means we're human.

Because sometimes, the most profound clarity, growth, connection and resilience are born not from reaction — but from reflection, and from allowing stillness and silence to reveal the answers.



WBCA announces Tyler Eaton and Olivia Olson as recipients of the Legacy Leadership Award

By Travis Wilson

The Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association has announced Tyler Eaton of Hayward and Olivia Olson of Cuba City as the 2025 student recipients of the Legacy Leadership Award.

The award was established in 2019 to honor the legacy, leadership, and lives of WBCA Executive Board members John Cary (former MACC Fund director), Jerry Petitgoue (state's winningest coach & WBCA Executive Director), and David Royston (founder of JustAGame Fieldhouse) in recognition of their leadership qualities, characteristics in interpersonal relationships, and achievement as Board members.

The WBCA-MACC Fund Legacy Award will be given annually to an Executive Board member and senior student who demonstrates the exemplary qualities of Character, Courage, and Service. Joan Petitgoue of Cuba City was previously selected as the Executive Board recipient of the award this year.

The supporting information provided by the coaches of Eaton and Olson can be found below.

LEGACY LEADERSHIP AWARD: BOYS PLAYER - TYLER EATON, HAYWARD



Supporting information from Hayward coach Curtis DeCora:

Tyler is a Senior on the Hayward Hurricanes Boys Basketball team, and a three-year varsity letter winner. Tyler carries a 3.63 cumulative GPA and volunteers his free time to non-profit organizations like Fishing Has No Boundaries, an organization that provides angling opportunities for all people regardless of disability. The American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation provides events and activities for year-round healthy and active lifestyles, and Tyler volunteers for all events, including; The American Birkie which sees 12,000+ skiers each year,

and the Fat Bike Birkie which brings 5,000 riders. Tyler also volunteers at the local Stone Lake Cranberry

Festival to help set up, organize and run the annual small town harvest festival. Additionally, Tyler volunteers for the local Musky Festival and Fall Festival sponsored by the Hayward Area Chamber of Commerce.

As a kid, Tyler participated in the Local 4H chapter for 12 years, and became a team lead and liaison for the younger groups.

In a leadership capacity, Tyler is a delegate for the Youth Conservation Congress of Wisconsin which focuses on giving young people under the age of 18 a voice and instill a sense of ownership, civic pride and advocacy in these future stewards of our state's natural resources. Tyler serves on the Student Leadership team for the Northern Waters charter school while also serving on the Youth Ministries Leadership team with his church. These leadership characteristics made him a prime candidate for Team Captain with the Hayward Boys Basketball team.

As a Senior Capstone project, Tyler proposed to the school board a school trip to North Dakota State University in Fargo, North Dakota. The school trip included taking 17 students on a 4-day, 3-night trip to tour the North Dakota State University campus. The trip included getting approval from the school board to go Waterfowl Hunting. Tyler conducted various fundraising activities to cover the total cost of \$6,300 which included food, lodging, and travel for 17 students, 1 teacher and 2 chaperones. Additional activities included wildlife tracking, a youth hunt and fishing segment, and a campus tour.

Tyler also participates in wetland restoration projects, local prairie restoration, and building sustainable biking and hiking trails.

Tyler will pursue a degree in Natural Resource Management to become a Wildlife Biologist.

LEGACY LEADERSHIP AWARD: GIRLS PLAYER - OLIVIA OLSON, CUBA CITY

Supporting information from Cuba City coach Jason Derby:

If you want to know what a coach hopes their program stands for, look no further than Olivia Olson. I've had the pleasure of getting to coach and teach Olivia the last four years and believe she embodies the characteristics that the Leadership Legacy Award was created for: courage, character, and service.

Every teenage athlete has moments where he/she is courageous. However, what's impressive about Olivia is the variety of ways she has shown courage. As a freshman, she decided to go through our captain's training. All other participants were upperclassmen, but that did not stop (or even bother) Olivia. It quickly became clear that it was not a choice made for a future résumé or social status. She wanted to lead, and she was equipped to do so. She continued as the starting varsity point guard as a freshman and worked through the ups and downs of that season with her first-year head coach (me). She remains the only freshman who has gone through captain's training for us.

Olivia's approach to basketball (and elsewhere in life) is that challenges are opportunities rather than threats. Playing the best competition, she can find is what she looks for in practices, games, and even her decision to play Division 1 in college. She has also done this in school, taking challenging AP or college-



level classes in both Science and English. These are all opportunities for her to improve rather than threats to her status as a basketball player, student, or person. While it comes naturally to her, this is courage.

One reason Olivia's leadership is unique is that she's a vocal leader. While many players lead quietly by example, Olivia stands out as a rare vocal leader. She sets the tone, holds teammates accountable, and earns their respect because of her character. They see the work she puts in every day, her unwavering passion, and, most importantly, how deeply she cares about them—win or lose.

These character traits carry over outside of basketball. One of the fun parts about teaching at the school where I coach is seeing and interacting with our kids off the court. I've gotten to see the way Olivia treats people of all social groups, ages, and statuses in our school. While the shared stories and jokes may change from person to person, the respect she has for people is consistent.

Like many high school students, Olivia has completed hundreds of service hours. The part that's special to me is the real impact of those hours. Olivia has been the subject of "Who do you want to be like when you grow up?" projects from elementary students. She is immediately swarmed with attention when our youth girls see her at any basketball event (assuming they aren't too star-struck). We've even found evidence that the real reason behind the increase in black and yellow Caitlin Clark jerseys being worn at Cuba City Elementary School is that 22 is actually Olivia Olson's number. The best part of all this is the fact that the parents of these girls also get to point out how their daughters' idol acts when she succeeds and when she fails, how she treats people the right way, how her name keeps showing up on the honor roll, and so many other qualities parents (and coaches) hope their kids grow up to have.

Last but not least, I've watched the last nine months as Olivia has recovered from a torn ACL. With one wrong step, her basketball career was put on hold. During that time, she's found new ways to lead. Sometimes, it was the major changes that were impressive. Instead of a player, she turned into a coach and cheerleader for her teammates: whichever one they needed at the time. Instead of getting an extra shooting workout in, hard work meant completing physical therapy exercises religiously. Other times, it was the complete lack of change that was special. Despite plenty of reasons to have bad days, the way Olivia treated people never changed. Her engagement and interest in practices and games never changed despite the fact that she didn't get to actually do the fun part: play. Her interest in working with our youth players never wavered. She has been on a focused mission to get healthy while still treating others well and serving those around her.

Olivia's impact on our team, school, and community is undeniable, and it will continue for years to come. It is an absolute privilege to teach, coach, and know her, and she has my highest recommendation for the WBCA Legacy Leadership Award.

WBCA announces Team Service Award

This year's Team Service Award goes to Alex Fenski. Alex is a student manager for the boys' program at Oshkosh North High School. Alex is planning on attending UW-Oshkosh in the fall and is pursuing a degree as a Media Specialist. Alex will receive a \$1,000 scholarship for his efforts. Coach Daniel Weisse nominated Alex because of his reliability as a manager. Congratulations, Alex, from the WBCA!



Expansion of the State Tournament

STATE TOURNAMENT EXPANSION

EXAMPLE SCHEDULE

Rational for expanding to 8 Teams 9 Divisions

State	Population	Schools	State Participants	Boys Teams	Girls Teams	Approximate Percentage of Teams Participating at State
Iowa	3.2 Million	352	Boys 32 Teams and Girls 40 Teams	Boys 9%	Girls 11%	
Minnesota	5.7 Million	404	Boys 32 Teams and Girls 32 Teams	Boys and Girls 8%		
Wisconsin	5.9 Million	487	Boys 20 Teams and Girls 20 Teams	Boys and Girls 4%		

COACHES SURVEY RESULTS

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Members of the WBCA and WIAA have been working on expansion of the WIAA State Tournament. The premise is that expanding the tournament gives more teams a chance to experience the state tournament along with generating more interest in the tournament itself. When doing research on area states with similar populations and demographics, it became apparent that Wisconsin's teams and players were being underrepresented. In Iowa, 9% of the boys and 11% of the girls' teams make it to state and in Minnesota 8% of boys and girls make it to the state tournament. By comparison in Wisconsin only 4% of boys' and girls' teams make it to the State Tournament.

Todd Fergot who coaches at La Crosse Central, is the WBCA Liaison on the WIAA Coaches Advisory Committee and has been a part of the process of putting the proposal together and he says, "When we started the process, really all options were on the table but as we moved further along and researched what other states were doing we eventually decided that if Iowa with 352 schools could bring 8 to state in 4 Divisions for the boys and 5 Divisions for the girls and Minnesota could do the same

with 404 schools in 4 Divisions for both girls and boys.....why couldn't we do that in Wisconsin? We currently have over 487 boys' teams and a slightly smaller number of girls teams participating in the WIAA tournament and discovered that by simply adding one Quarter Final day to the State Tournament we could largely accomplish that goal. Essentially with this proposal the State Tournament stays the same other than we would add a "Quarter Final Wednesday" and a morning session at the Kohl Center on Thursday. Once we came to a consensus on what the tournament format would look like both in Green Bay for the girls and Madison for the boys it was amazing to see things come together, from the potential sites of Quarter Final games, to the streaming service/media coverage of those games everything just seemed to fall into place. We talk all the time about doing what is best for our kids, schools and communities in our state and felt there was no way better to do that, than to expand their chance to experience the "Magic of March!"

A recent article by Steve Collins, the boys basketball coach at Madison Memorial, also created an article explaining the concept and it's benefits. You can read the article from this link: [Supporting expansion of state tournament](#).

A petition has been created to rally support for this initiative. Administrators, coaches, parents and players are encouraged to fill out this petition and make everyone's voices heard. If you or any of the aforementioned groups would like to sign the petition to expand the state tournament, please use this link: [State Expansion Petition](#).

The Benefits of a WBCA Membership for Basketball Officials

By Terry Erickson, WBCA Executive Board Member
Officials Assignor, Viterbo University Men's and Women's Basketball
Officials Assignor, Emmaus College Men's and Women's Basketball

I am often asked the question, "Why should basketball referees join the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association?" Here are two of the numerous benefits in becoming a member.

Each year, the WBCA selects a basketball official to receive the coveted "**Golden Whistle Award.**" At the August 1st Hall of Fame banquet, veteran official, Casey Eckardt received this honor. As both a High School and College Basketball Official since 1980, Casey has referred over 1,500 High School games and 10 state tournaments. He also has officiated @ the NCAA level working deep into the playoffs numerous times in his career. He continues to make significant contributions to the betterment of officiating as co-director of the Northern Wisconsin Basketball Officials Camp.

Officials that are WBCA members, and have at least 40 years of officiating experience are eligible to receive this honor. Feel free to contact me for information on the nomination process. My email is coachtce@aol.com

Another benefit of being a WBCA member is the opportunity to work the High School All Star games. Each year, the very best boys and girls players in the State of Wisconsin compete in the 5 divisions in a summer showcase.

We just completed the All-Star games at the JustaGame Fieldhouse in Wisconsin Dells. 30 referees were selected to officiate. I received numerous compliments on the quality of those officials, which is a direct reflection on the efforts and preparation of those referees that were selected.

You should know that we are committed to broaden our selection of All-Star game officials in future years. Our goal is to give referees throughout the state the unique opportunity to be part of this special event. If you have an interest, here is the process used for selecting All Star game officials.

- Current member of the WBCA
- Registered WIAA official
- Experience/knowledge of the 3-person crew system
- At least 5 years of basketball officiating experience
- Sectional assignment experience
- Recommendations from Conference Commissioners/Assignors/WBCA members
- Geographic rotation system throughout the state
- Displaying a level of fitness commensurate with good floor coverage
- Level of assignments worked during the recent season

I hope these benefits will stimulate your interest in signing up and becoming a WBCA member for the 2021-22 school year. Information can be found @ www.wisbca.org

Upcoming WBCA Events

- **June Slam (Girls):** June 12th-13th Appleton (Champions Center)
- **June Jam (Boys):** June 20th-22nd Appleton (Champions Center)
- **Girls' All-Star Games:** June 25th Wisconsin Dells (JustaGame Fieldhouse)
- **Boys' All-Star Games:** June 26th Wisconsin Dells (JustaGame Fieldhouse)
- **Jerry Petitgoue Invite (Girls):** Tuesday, July 15th Wisconsin Dells (JustaGame Fieldhouse)
- **Jerry Petitgoue Invite (Boys):** Wednesday, July 16th Wisconsin Dells (JustaGame Fieldhouse); 3 game guarantee; play-sit-play-sit-play format; \$275/team; contact Jeff Boos for more information (jboos@sunprairieschools.org) or register here: [Jerry Petitgoue Boys Invitation Sign Up](#)
- **Hall of Fame Banquet:** September 28th Wisconsin Dells (Wilderness Resort); Noon, cocktails; 1:00 dinner with program to follow; Adults \$50, Kids (under 10) \$15; ticket order deadline Sunday, September 22nd

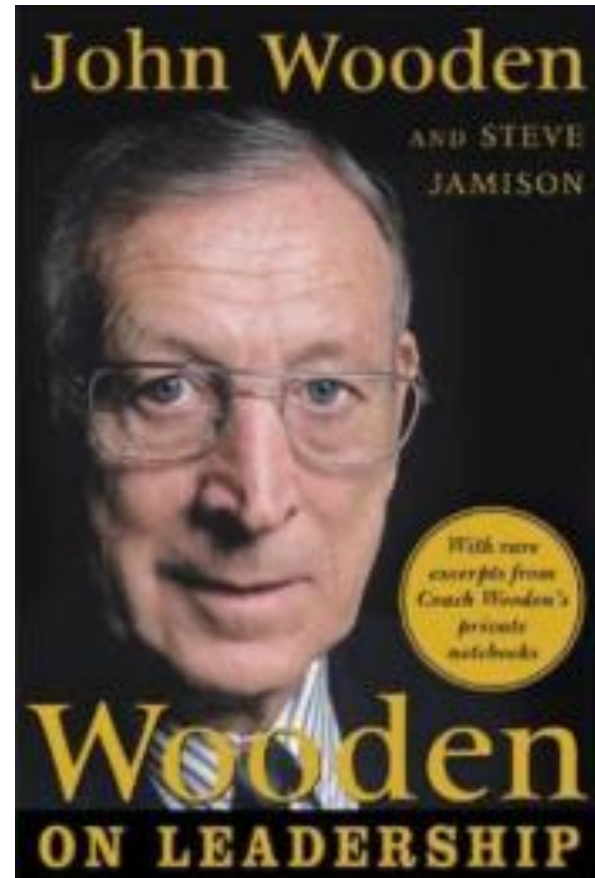
Book Bits

By Jake Erbentraut

Wooden on Leadership by John Wooden and Steve Jamison

This book is based on Coach Wooden's philosophy and highlights his Pyramid of Success along with leadership philosophy that can be developed and learned skill, not being a natural ability. Below are some excerpts from the book.

- Reputation is what others perceive you as being, and their opinion may be right or wrong. Character, however, is what you really are, and nobody truly knows that but you. But you are what matters most.
- "One of his strongest assets as a leader was his patience." – Kareem Abdul-Jabbar said of Wooden.
- What's right is often the most difficult decision a leader is forced to make, and a strong leader must expect some in the organization to resist and even be angered by your judgment and decision. That's just one of the many things that makes leadership, at times, a solitary profession. You are the person charged with making the final, tough choices, while everybody else has the option of sitting on the sidelines, complaining about it.
- I never wanted to seem out of control. I worked hard to avoid ever looking riled up or dejected. I consciously paid attention to my posture and wanted it to be the same in a preseason game as in a national championship game.
- My policy of making sure that players who didn't receive much attention were consistently recognized – made to feel valued – was actually tabulated during an independent study done many years ago that measured the amount of praise I gave out during practice. It showed that individuals in lesser roles received compliments, support, and acknowledgment – praise – at a much higher rate than so-called superstars. That was exactly my intention.
- These are little things that are neither unimportant nor incidental. And when I identified a detail that seemed relevant, I took care of it, because our team would benefit. To me, this is less about being a perfectionist and more about having a determination to be seeking improvement constantly, to always be looking for a better way of doing things.
- Make each day your masterpiece



Hello coaches, below please find summer improvement opportunities for your players courtesy of our partner college programs. Please consider sharing this information with your athletes.

UW-Platteville Women's Basketball

“Basic Skills” Youth Camp (6/16 – 6/17, 9-4pm)

For those entering grades 2-8, \$130

High School ID Camp (6/18, 9-12pm)

For those entering grades 9-12, \$65

Advanced Instruction/Elite Camp (7/30, 10:30-2:30pm)

For those entering grades 10-12, as well as graduating seniors, \$80



Link for any of the camps:

<https://letsGOPioneers.com/sports/wbkb/Camps>

UW-Stevens Point Women's Basketball

2025 Camps

Registration Now

Open: app.campdoc.com/register/uwstevenspoint

June 18th-20th: Overnight Camp (Grades 4th-10th)

Cost: \$315 Overnight (Includes jersey, lodging, meals); \$280

Commuter (Includes jersey, lunch/dinner)

July 16th: Shooting Camp (Grades 3rd-12th)

Cost: \$80 (Includes T-shirt and lunch)



July 30th: Elite Camp (Grades 9 and up + college transfers)

Cost: \$75 (Includes jersey and lunch)

UW-Eau Claire Men's Basketball

UW-Eau Claire men's basketball is thrilled to offer a variety of development opportunities for youth players of all ages throughout the Summer of 2025.

Camp options include a 3-Day Fundamental Camp (grades 1–4), an Advanced Fundamental Camp (grades 5–8), and specialty day camps focused on Shooting (grades 3–9) and Scoring (grades 3–9). Each camp is tailored towards player skill development and various games and competitions, with pricing ranging from \$40 to \$375 per camp. More information can be found on our camps at this link:

<https://blugolds.com/sports/2023/7/20/boys-basketball-camps-clinics.aspx>



UW-Whitewater Women's Basketball

The Warhawk Women's Basketball team has a selection of camps choices for this upcoming summer! These camps are a great way to work on your game and learn the fundamental skills of the game including rebounding, ball handling, passing, and shooting technique from the Women's Basketball team and coaching staff. Our Fundamental 1 Camp runs from June 13th – June 15th, 2025, for ages 10-13. The Fundamental 2 Camp is June 15th – June 17th, 2025, for ages 12-18. The Elite Camp will be held from July 31st – August 1st, 2025, for ages 14-18. All camps are located at the Williams Center on the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater's campus.



Registration Link: <https://www.uww.edu/ce/camps/athletic/basketball/bball-girls?path=wbball>

UW-Whitewater

Men's Basketball

UW-Whitewater offers several overnight basketball events for boys of ALL skill levels entering grades 4-12. Each camp also features league games, 5v5 tournaments, 3v3 tournaments and shooting challenges/contests. Find the camp that's right for you!



June 22-24: Offensive Skills Camp

June 26-28: Fundamentals & Scoring Camp

July 20-22: Shooting Camp (Video Session included)

Elite Camp

This camp is designed for high school-aged prospective student-athletes and college transfers who want to play college basketball. Campers will experience an exciting and high-level competitive environment while gaining valuable insight into the expectations and demands of a collegiate men's basketball program. This event is available to participants entering grades 9 up to and including college transfers (ages 14-18+) at the time of the event.

June 12: Elite Camp (9:00 AM-4:30 PM)

Madison College Men's Basketball

2025 Madison College Boy's Basketball Camp (Youth boys entering grades 4-8)

Madison College is hosting their 2025 Boys Basketball Camp on three consecutive days in July. The mornings-only camp will provide an excellent environment for individuals to learn new basketball skills and techniques, focusing on the skill development of each player as it covers all aspects of basketball fundamentals.



Registration Link - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/madison-college-boys-basketball-camp-2025-registration-1113137096019?aff=oddtcreator>

Madison College Women's Basketball

Join us for the 2025 Madison College Women's Basketball All-Skills Camp on Monday, August 11 from 9 AM to 12 PM! Open to girls entering grades 8–12, this one-day camp focuses on individual skill development, covering all aspects of basketball fundamentals. Campers will receive hands-on instruction from experienced Madison College women's players including Head Basketball Coach Angel Whetstone and longtime assistant coach Mike Mayfield. Held at the H. Douglas Redsten Gymnasium, this camp offers high-quality instruction, a great facility, and personalized attention for just \$100.



<https://madisoncollegeathletics.com/news/2025/3/7/camps-clinics-2025-madison-college-womens-basketball-all-skills-camp.aspx>

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