

Nineteen local athletes receive All-Met honors in winter sports

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Leonardtown, MD – The Washington Post released their seasonal All-Met teams, honoring the best high school winter sports athletes in the DC-Metro area. Nineteen Southern Maryland students were honored in seven different sports across all three counties.

The highest honors went to seniors Latavia Jackson (girls basketball-North Point) and Tyler Modrzejewski (boys indoor track-Chopticon). Both received first team honors in their respective sports. Gary Grant, a senior at Thomas Stone, made the Post's fourth team as the highest rated Southern Maryland boys basketball player.

Jackson is North Point's all-time leading scorer who has won three regional titles with the school. She helped her team stay undefeated in conference play this season, netting them a SMAC (Southern Maryland Athletic Conference) Championship.

In boys basketball, Grant holds his school's points record, scoring 543 points this season and grabbing 275 rebounds. Honorable mentions for boys basketball were Satchel Ball (senior, North Point) and Darius Miles (junior- St. Charles). Ball, son of head coach Jimmy Ball, scored 429 points, collected 128 rebounds and contributed 90 assists. His inter-county foe, Miles, transferred to St. Charles from Theodore Roosevelt High School this year. The junior achieved 312 points, 132 rebounds, 50 assists, 28 steals and 17 blocks, doing it all for the Spartans. Miles led the Spartans to their first ever sectional championship.

In indoor track, Modrzejewski was joined by his 4x800 relay team of Jeffery Wedding (sophomore), Dylan McMahan (sophomore), and Zachary Wedding (sophomore) as one of the area's top relay teams. The group set a new Maryland 3A State record for the 4x800, completing it in 8:04.53. Joining the boys from Chopticon were two girls from Northern High School, Claudia Dolan (senior) and Hannah Mack (sophomore). The two were a part of the school's 4xmile team that placed third at the New Balance Nationals, earning them a spot in the Post's honorable mentions.

Other All-Met honorable mentions are Ben Voelker (junior, boys swimming-Calvert) who finished second in the 100-back and 200-individual medley at the Maryland state swim meet and Pete Behrens (senior, Ice Hockey-St. Mary's Ryken). Behrens helped Ryken to the school's first MAPHL (Mid Atlantic Prep Hockey League) state championship, scoring 3 goals and an assist.

To finish out the honors, Southern Maryland had seven wrestlers included as honorable mentions by the Post. Huntingtown's Joseph Bannister-Pesce (senior, 220-pounder) and Joseph Murray (senior, 195-pounder), Ryken's Evan Eldridge (freshman, 120-pounder) and Sam Smirnoff (junior, 145-pounder), and Leonardtown's Trevor Crowley (senior, 160-pounder), John Podsednik (senior, 170-pounder), and Sean Vosburgh (junior, 120-pounder).

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