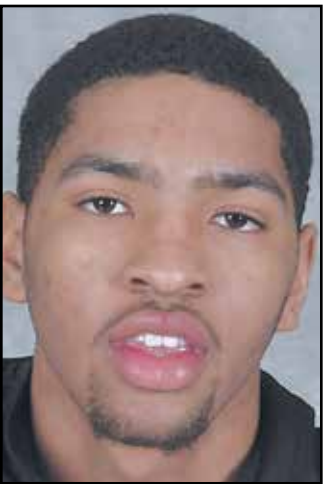




Best of the Preps

BASKETBALL

BOYS FINALISTS



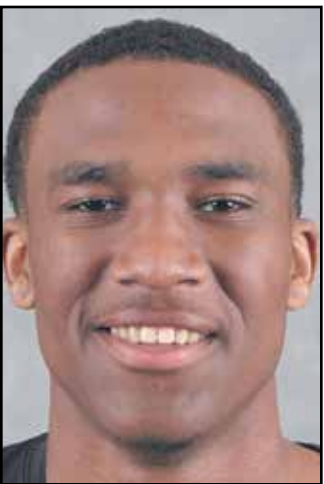
Dedric Lawson
Hamilton junior

Lawson, a junior who reclassified to the Class of 2015, closed out his stellar prep career by being named AAA Mr. Basketball, while being named a McDonald's all-American and Gatorade state player of the year. He averaged 20 points and 15 rebounds per contest and has signed with the University of Memphis.



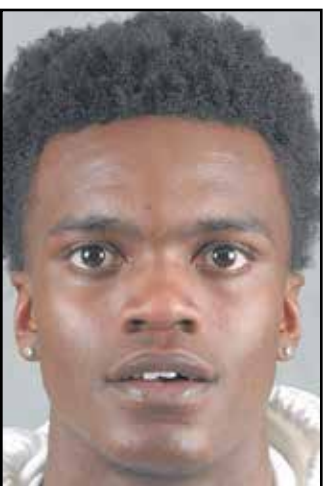
K.J. Lawson
Hamilton senior

A state champion as a freshman at East, Lawson capped his career by earning MVP honors as Hamilton won the AAA title this past season. Also a Memphis signee, he averaged 23.4 points while shooting 60 percent from the floor and 43.2 percent from 3-point range.



Jeremiah Martin
Mitchell senior

Martin swept all the awards in Class A, winning Mr. Basketball and being named tournament MVP as Mitchell won its second consecutive title. A three-year starter, he averaged 19.8 points, 5.3 rebounds and 4.8 assists. The three-time all-metro performer will join the Lawsons at Memphis next season.



LaGerald Vick
Douglass senior

A repeat finalist from last season, Vick averaged 26 points and 11 rebounds per game for the Red Devils, while being named a AA Mr. Basketball finalist for the second consecutive year. He's a two-time all-metro selection.



Justin Wertner
St. George's senior

Wertner closed his career in style, winning Division 2-A Mr. Basketball after leading the Gryphons to the state championship. The UC-Irvine signee averaged 18.4 points, 9.7 rebounds and 2.9 assists per game, while shooting 38 percent from 3-point range and 91 percent from the free-throw line.

Boys Coach of the Year
Faragi Phillips, Mitchell

Mitchell guided the Tigers to the state tournament for the fourth straight year in 2014-15 and finished with their second straight Class A state title to cap a 32-6 season. Mitchell has not lost a game in Class A for two straight seasons.



CLASS AAA BOYS TEAM

Front row (from left) — Jerry Hurt, Overton, senior; Justin Flakes, DeSoto Central, junior; Darrell Brown, Germantown, junior; Rodney Williams, Germantown, junior; Nych Smith, White Station, senior; Dillon Mitchell, White Station, junior; Parrish Hewitt, Melrose, sophomore; DeMonte Person, Kingsbury, junior; Jaylen Fisher, Bolton, junior. Middle row — Desmond Johnson, Kirby, sophomore; C.J. Chatman, Center Hill, senior; Carter Sweat, Center Hill, senior; Terriwayne White, Brighton, senior; Brett Warner, Collierville, senior; Blake Williams, Cordova, sophomore; Mark Freeman, Southwind, freshman; Alex Lomax, East, freshman; T.J. Moss, East, freshman; Justin Benton, Houston, junior; Marlon Hunter, Houston, senior. Back row — Jordan Cummings, Hamilton, senior; Darius Thompson, Central, senior; Khalil Spencer, Ridgeway, senior; Donte Dorsey, Southwind, senior; Ezell Smith, Wooddale, senior; Malik Smith, Overton, senior; Martavius Wilson, Bolton, junior; Rodgerick Brown, Cordova, freshman; Jonathan Bowlan, Bartlett, senior; Adarius Avery, Arlington, senior; Nathan Hoover, Arlington, junior; Julian Daughtry, Millington, senior; Terence Davis, Southaven, senior. Not pictured — Justin Edmond, Horn Lake, senior; Javion Hamlet, Ridgeway, junior; Dedric Lawson, Hamilton, junior; K.J. Lawson, Hamilton, senior; Eric McGill, Bartlett, senior; Jordan Williams, Whitehaven, senior.



CLASS A-AA BOYS TEAM

Front row (from left) — Kylan Phillips, Mitchell, senior; Joshua Cox, Raleigh-Egypt, senior; Jordan Brown, Middle College, senior; Kendall Smith, Hillcrest, senior; Terrance Holt, Fairley, senior; Jordan Fairman, GRAD Academy, sophomore; Terrence Vaughn, Carver, senior; Courtney Forster, GRAD Academy, sophomore. Middle row — Jeremiah Martin, Mitchell, senior; LaGerald Vick, Douglass, senior; Naba Echols, Mitchell, senior; Carlos Ward, MAHS, senior; James Buchanan, Sheffield, senior; Tangelo Harris, Trezevant, senior; Dewuan Fowler, KIPP, senior; Johnny Conners, Oakhaven, senior; Teverette Cain, Craigmont, senior. Back row — D.J. Jackson, Fayette-Ware, sophomore; Antonio Reed, Douglass, junior; Mikkel Norment, Fayette-Ware, junior; Erin James, Middle College, senior; Mario Williams, Sheffield, junior; Toriano Stokes, Westwood, senior; Montavious Tabb, MLK Prep, senior; Damon Fleming, Manassas, junior; Devonte Bobo, Craigmont, senior; Tyree Beason, Washington, junior; Torreious Carwell, Washington, senior. Not pictured — Darman Brooks, City University, senior; Sylvio Pollard, Soulsville, senior; Drewshon Richardson, Northside, senior.



PRIVATE SCHOOLS BOYS TEAM

2014-15 Pepsi Best of the Preps private schools boys basketball team: Front row (from left) — Anthony Yarbrough, Harding, junior; Bailey Smith, Northpoint, senior; Mark French, Briarcrest, junior; Undra Wilson, CBHS, junior; Johnie Sanfratello, Tipton-Rosemark Aca., junior; Troy West, Harding, senior; Rashaan Benson, MHEA, senior. Middle row — Myles Littleton, Catholic, senior; Marcus Lytle, ECS, senior; Mitch Weatherford, ECS, junior; Fred Douglas, CBHS, senior; Chase Hayden, St. George's, sophomore; Will Farnsworth, MUS, senior; Ryne Dennis, St. Benedict, senior; Calvin Austin, Harding, sophomore; Jarvier Farmer, First Assembly, senior. Back row — David Nelson, MUS, junior; Will Hrubes, Briarcrest, junior; Micah Thomas, Briarcrest, junior; Shermer Chambers, Rossville Christian, sophomore; James Babb, Lausanne, sophomore; Isaiah Stokes, Lausanne, sophomore; Connor Green, St. George's, senior; Shunterio Alexander, CBHS, senior; William Douglas, CBHS, sophomore. Not pictured — Nate Vaughn, Memphis Metro, junior; Justin Wertner, St. George's, senior.

The winners will be announced at the BOP awards ceremony, which will be held Friday, June 5, at The Duncan-Williams Performance Hall at Germantown Performing Arts Center



CLASS AAA GIRLS TEAM

Front row (from left) — Ariel Williams, Whitehaven, sophomore; Jessica Jackson, Bartlett, junior; Heaven Thompson, Bolton, sophomore; Alondrea Rush, Horn Lake, senior; Stormy Green, DeSoto Central, senior; Rodneysha Martin, Horn Lake, senior; Alexis Acoff, Kirby, freshman; Mirrakohl Johnson, Arlington, senior; Taylor Lattimore, Cordova, freshman. Middle row — Emanye Robertson, White Station, senior; Breanna Cowans, Germantown, senior; Brandi Beasley, Ridgeway, junior; Oreona Brown, Ridgeway, senior; Shayna Johnson, Brighton, junior; Phenicia Howard, Munford, senior; Savanna Gaeslin, Olive Branch, junior; Myah Taylor, Olive Branch, sophomore; Mahogany Vaughn, Olive Branch, freshman; Canzis Echols, Kingsbury, junior; Miyah Barnes, Central, junior; Jaida Roper, Houston, junior. Back row — Charity Savage, Bartlett, junior; Andrea McElvaine, Wooddale, senior; Gabby Crawford, Munford, freshman; Eryn Foster, Ridgeway, senior; Kirmesha Oliver, Center Hill, junior; Destiny Gardner, Lewisburg, senior; Tori Sewell, Arlington, junior; Alexyse Thomas, Horn Lake, senior; Promise Gray, East, junior; Kyla Green, Overton, junior; Ebony Shaw, Southwind, junior. Not pictured — Astraea Moore, Southaven, junior; Lakya Parker, Bolton, junior; Tesia Thompson, Hamilton, junior; Kayla Williams, Overton, junior.



CLASS A-AA GIRLS TEAM

Front row (from left) — Brenda Fields, Raleigh-Egypt, senior; Marnique Burton, Westwood, junior; Shernika Spencer, MASE, freshman; Shemirra Murray, Memphis Business Aca., sophomore; Andrea Willis, Trezevant, senior; Carnesia Griggs, Washington, freshman. Middle row — Joslynn Basemore, Manassas, junior; Danielle Conley, Craigmont, junior; MarQuera Carnes, Douglass, sophomore; Gazmyne Herndon, Douglass, junior; Demiya Grandberry, Mitchell, sophomore; Corlishia Howard, Oakhaven, junior; Derinisha Taylor, Mitchell, sophomore. Back row — Morgan Morris, Craigmont, junior; Shyanne Stevenson, Manassas, senior; Daja Scarlock, Craigmont, junior; Manaya Jones, Raleigh-Egypt, junior; Amber Mitchell, Northside, senior; Sky-Lynne Bright, Washington, senior; Dominique Chatman, Mitchell, junior; Octavia Moore, Carver, senior. Not pictured — Moriah Muhammad, Soulsville, senior.



PRIVATE SCHOOLS GIRLS TEAM

Front row (from left) — Bethany Berger, Tipton-Rosemark Aca., senior; Jamie Crum, MHEA, junior; Karlie Hughes, Northpoint, senior; Bailey Wilkes, MHEA, senior; Lauren Gross, Northpoint, freshman; Princess Stark, Lausanne, sophomore; Bionka Massie, First Assembly, sophomore. Middle row — Ashlyn Baker, Northpoint, sophomore; Selena Pruitt, Lausanne, sophomore; Caroline Loftin, Rossville Christian, junior; Amanda Lammey, St. Agnes, junior; Taylor Barnes, St. Benedict, junior; Elizabeth Farnsworth, Hutchison, freshman; Olivia Roberts, St. George's, senior; Gabrielle Moore, Catholic, junior. Back row — Elise Holden, Briarcrest, senior; Brynn Holden, Briarcrest, senior; Morgan Hunt, Briarcrest, sophomore; Kayli Skelton, Fayette Aca., junior; Antoinette Lewis, Harding, sophomore; Anna Horner, Harding, junior; Kaylan Pugh, St. Mary's, senior; Emily Lytle, ECS, junior; Torri Lewis, MHEA, senior.

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GIRLS FINALISTS



Brandi Beasley
Ridgeway junior

A repeat finalist, the highly-recruited point guard led Ridgeway to 26 straight wins and received mention in several national polls before losing to Arlington in the AAA sectional. A Miss Basketball finalist, Beasley averaged 16 points, 4 rebounds and 5 assists per game this year, while earning all-state honors for the third year in a row.



Torri Lewis
MHEA senior

Lewis, who will play her college ball at Ole Miss, led the Eagles to their first home school national championship while being named national player of the year. A standout since her seventh grade year, Lewis scored over 3,000 career points and averaged 16 points, 6 rebounds and 4 assists this year. MHEA went 201-31 during Lewis' time on the varsity.



Kaylan Pugh
St. Mary's senior

Pugh leaves as one of the most prolific scorers in Memphis history, notching up over 2,700 career points in her five years on the Turkeys' varsity. The Ohio State signee was named Division 2-A Miss Basketball after averaging 29.2 points, 6 rebounds, 3 assists and 4 steals per game while shooting 70 percent from the floor.



Charity Savage
Bartlett junior

An all-state and repeat all-metro selection, Savage put together a string of double-double performances late in the season to carry the underdog Panthers to a AAA state tournament bid. Using her great mix of size (6-0) and athleticism, the District 14 MVP averaged just under 20 points per game as Bartlett ended the season with a 23-11 mark.



Myah Taylor
Olive Branch sophomore

Taylor, who has already racked up numerous college offers, was named Gatorade player of the year in Mississippi after leading her team to a runner-up finish in 6A. She averaged 18.2 points and 8.3 assists while shooting 56.7 percent from the floor as Olive Branch finished 32-2.

Girls Coach of the Year
Tim Anderson, Craigmont

Anderson's Chiefs won the county, district and region championships before reaching the AA tournament, the school's first state trip in a decade. A quarterfinal loss ended their year at 27-7.



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