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Nokomis' Schneider, Litchfield's Brockmeyer earn girls all-state honors

Nokomis High School senior Ashley Schneider is an Associated Press Class 1A Girls All-State Basketball first-team selection for the second straight year.

It's actually Schneider's third straight AP all-state honor as she was a second-team selection as a sophomore.

Another player from Montgomery County, sophomore Abby Brockmeyer of Litchfield, was named to the Class 2A second team.

The all-state teams were announced Thursday.

Both classes had first and second teams of five players each, and other players received honorable mention. The teams were voted on by a statewide panel of media members, and the votes were compiled by John Radtke of the Daily Herald in Arlington Heights.

Schneider, a 5-foot-10 forward, led Nokomis to an 18-10 record against mostly Class 2A competition this season. Nokomis fell to state semifinalist Moweaqua Central A&M 49-33 in the Class 1A Moweaqua Regional title game. Central A&M also edged Nokomis 57-55 in last year's Nokomis Regional championship.

She averaged 20.3 points, 7.6 rebounds and 3.0 steals this season, when she also made 24 3-point field goals and had 24 blocked shots.

The four-year starter finished with 1,888 career points, giving her a 17.3 per-game average for four seasons. She is third on the school's all-time scoring list behind Va'Nicia Waterman (2,384) and Molly McDowell (2,203).

Nokomis coach Rachele McDowell said Schneider's versatility was one of her strengths, although injuries limited Schneider's role this season.

"We had some injuries to other girls that kept her in the post more than what we'd planned on, but it is what it is," McDowell said. "She could still work inside and score outside, too.

"She became a starter as a freshman, and she definitely became a leader for the younger kids. They looked up to her. She became a great role model."

Schneider, who ranks third in her class, has yet to make a college decision.

Brockmeyer

Brockmeyer, a 6-1 Raymond Lincolnwood sophomore who plays for the Litchfield co-op program, led the Purple Panthers to a Class 2A regional title and a 29-3 record after they fell to Athens 42-38 in the Williamsville Sectional title game.

She led the team in scoring (16.8 points a game), rebounding (11.2), blocked shots (3.8) and field goals (.480) and free throw (.739) percentage. She also hit 13 3-pointers, which was third on the team.

A two-year starter, Brockmeyer's first two points next season will put her at 1,000 for her career.

She also ranks first in her class at Lincolnwood.

"She's really worked hard, and she's got a lot more room for growth," Litchfield coach Rob Corso said. "She's pretty versatile, but next year she could really be a jack of all trades."

Brockmeyer was the only non-junior or senior among the 10 named to the Class 2A first and second teams. Leading the way was unanimous selection Khadaizha Sanders of Kankakee McNamara, a 5-6 senior who's committed to play at Rutgers.

Two other area players received Class 2A honorable mention: Buffalo Tri-City senior Beth Daniels and Athens junior Emily Nordsiek. A player must have been named on at least two ballots to receive honorable mention.

CLASS 1A FIRST TEAM

Grace Baalman, Hardin Calhoun, 6-2 So. F

Paulina Castro, Elgin Harvest Christian, 5-6 Jr. G

Ashley Schneider, Nokomis, 5-10 Sr. F

Lexi Macomber, Lanark Eastland, 6-0 Sr. F

Corrie Reiley, Prophetstown, 5-4 Sr. G

CLASS 1A SECOND TEAM

Vanessa Markert, Brown County, 6-2 Sr. C

Jayde Van Hyfte, Annawan, 6-1 Sr. F

Ryan Dooley, Moweaqua Central A&M, 5-7 Jr. G

Addison Stoller, Cissna Park, 5-10 Jr. G

Morgan Van Hyfte, Annawan, 5-11 Jr. G

CLASS 1A HONORABLE MENTION

Sydney McClintock (Illini Bluffs, 6-2 Sr. C), Kennedy Dura (Brimfield, 5-5 Jr. G), Emma Baalman (Hardin Calhoun, 6-1 Jr. F), Arieal Scott (Danville Schlarman, 5-8 Fr. G), Abby Lashmett (Winchester West Central, 5-10 Sr. C), Kylee Knox (Elgin Harvest Christian, 5-6 Sr. G), Jordan Myroth (Peoria Christian, 5-11 Jr. G), Taylor Edwards (Arcola, 5-7 Sr. F), Clare Kramer (Prophetstown, 5-9 Sr. F), Rachel Cobert (Erie, 5-10 Jr. F), Taylor Cultra (Iroquois West, 6-1 Jr. C), Allison Prestegaard (Ashton-Franklin Center, 6-4 Sr. C), Ashley Chang (Freeport Aquin, 5-6 St. G), Madison Butler (Neoga, 5-3 Sr. G).

CLASS 2A FIRST TEAM

Khadaizha Sanders Bishop McNamara 5-6 Sr. G (Unanimous)

Kendra Wilken Breese Central 6-2 Jr. C



Class 1A first team all-stater Ashley Schneider (Nokomis), left, and Class 2A second team all-stater Abby Brockmeyer.

Brittin Boyer Sullivan 5-11 Sr. F/C

Lexi Wallen Champaign St. Thomas More 6-0 Sr. F

Ellie Lehne Byron 6-2 Sr. F

CLASS 2A SECOND TEAM

Madison Greeling, Piasa Southwestern, 5-7 Jr. G

Jordi Harre, Nashville, 5-7 Sr. G

Jill Berg, Midwest Central/Delavan, 6-1 Jr. F

Megan Axcell, Knoxville, 5-11 Jr. F

Abby Brockmeyer, Litchfield/Raymond Lincolnwood, 6-1 So. C

CLASS 2A HONORABLE MENTION

Maddie Merritt (Tri-Valley, 6-0 Sr.F), Morgan Griffith (West Frankfort, 5-10 So. G/F), Maddie Versluys (Elgin Westminster Christian, 5-10 Jr. F), Layne Buzan (Monticello, 6-0 Sr. C), Destiny Smith (Monmouth-Roseville, 5-7 Jr. G), Anjella Farmer (Elmhurst IC Catholic, 6-0 Jr. F), Chelsey Crippin (Sherrard, 6-1 Sr. C), Beth Daniels (Buffalo Tri City-Sangamon Valley co-op, 6-2 Sr. C), Emily Nordsiek (Athens, 5-6 Jr. G), Emily Neuhauser (Sullivan, 5-6 Sr. G), Jill Runyon (Tremont, 5-7 Sr. G), Cali Carney (Benton, 5-9 Sr. F).

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