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## WINTER SPORTS REVIEW: It was a big year for CM's Troeckler

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First-team all-state, Civic Memorial's 1,000-point club, single-season rebound leader and single-game scoring leader — those highlight the list of accomplishments for Eagles' sophomore girls' basketball player Allie Troeckler.

Troeckler's excellence on the court earned her the distinction of the AdVantage News Girls' Basketball Player of the Year.

Troeckler paced CM, averaging 21.0 points per game, 8.7 rebounds, 3.09 steals and 2.55 blocks. Her stellar play helped lead the young Eagles to a 26-7 mark and a win shy of the program's second consecutive sectional crown and second in school history.

As a freshman, Troeckler was the first player off the bench for the CM team that reached the super-sectional. She admitted it was different being the go-to-player in '14-15 for a team void of any seniors.

"Having the experience freshman year definitely made it easier being the leader this year," Troeckler said. "It was a lot different, because last year there wasn't as much pressure. I knew there were seven seniors that were ready to have my back every time. This year I knew my team had my back too, but at the beginning of the year I didn't know how much they could do, but as the year went on it got better."

Troeckler made her presence felt early, netting 44 points on Dec. 13 at home vs. Taylorville, setting the single-game scoring record for the Eagles.

She later set the single-season rebound record with 288, reaching that benchmark in the Class 3A Highland Sectional. She also now has 1,139 points in her career, good for fourth on the scoring list and putting all-time leader Katie Broadway (2,079) in her sights.

Polishing her game helped Troeckler achieve success.

"I definitely got better playing outside," she said. "Last year I was mainly the post player subbing in, but this year having to play all the positions definitely helped me to improve my outside game. I was definitely more confident. I took a lot of shots I wouldn't have been ready to take last year."

Being honored with a first-team Class 3A all-state selection cemented Troeckler as a top-tier player. She was the only sophomore chosen with a group of juniors and seniors from the northern portion of the state.

"It's really exciting," Troeckler said. "But there's no way I could have done that without my team helping get us as far as we got."

The Eagles were able to fly under the radar for much of the '14-15 season because of their youth, and Troeckler understands they will have a target on their back next season after that success. She expects it to be fun and for more success on the horizon. The entire CM lineup is set to return in '15-16.

"I'd really like to make it to state by senior year and with all the girls returning next year it's definitely a possibility," Troeckler said. "Next year will be different because we know each other more and the chemistry will be there, so it can happen because we're experienced. It's almost more fun expecting to win than going in and not knowing how good you're going to be."

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