

GIRLS BASKETBALL: CM's Troeckler named AP Class 3A all-state first team

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BETHALTO – It has been seven years since The Associated Press made Katie Broadway the first all-state girls basketball player in Civic Memorial Eagles history.

That Broadway was a second-team Class 3A selection still grates on CM coach Jonathan Denney as a great injustice.

But a bit of redemption for AP voters, in Denney's view, came Thursday with the inclusion of CM sophomore Allie Troeckler to the Class 3A All-State first team.

"That's awesome," Denney said of the honor for Troeckler. "When you're speaking about Southern Illinois, it seems a lot of times great players from this area can get overlooked. This just shows how good of a player Allie is and how good she was last year as a freshman. It's good to see what she does on both ends of the floor get recognized."

Broadway averaged 24.4 points per game – a number that remains a CM record – as a senior before going on to become a 1,000-points career scorer at Illinois State. AP all-state is a select group – just five players are chosen to both first and second teams – in each class and Broadway fell into a 6-10 slot.

"That's crazy to me and I always look back to her senior year when she was one of the best around and she got second team," Denney said. "I felt like she was overlooked. This kind of makes up for it. I know Katie will be just as proud of Allie as I am."

The 5-foot-11 Troeckler, who averaged 21.0 points and 8.7 for a 26-7 Eagles squad, was the only underclassmen selected to either of the Class 3A teams. She was the fourth leading vote-getter overall.

"It is a big honor getting first team all-state, especially just being a sophomore," Troeckler said. "When a great player like Katie Broadway didn't even do it, that just goes to show that my hard work as paid off."

Troeckler's 1,139 points in two seasons already ranks No. 4 all-time at CM. It will take about a week into her junior season to rise to No. 2 after surpassing Sara Frankford (1,192) and Casey Law (1,195). Then comes the march toward Broadway's record of 2,079.

Her name will now repeatedly be preceded by all-stater, but Troeckler won't be defined by the status. "That can't be the main focus of my career from here on out," she said.

In Class 4A, Belleville West senior Shay Fluker was a second team all-state pick. Edwardsville had two players receive honorable mention recognition in freshman Rachel Pranger and sophomore Makenzie Silvey.

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