

H-DN names its all-conference hoops stars

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The Humboldt-Del Norte Conference has named its all-conference and honorable mention selections for the 2007-08 basketball season.

Under H-DN rules, each of the Big 5 and Little 4 boys and girls championship teams were entitled to have three of the eight players on the all-conference teams.

The second and third place teams each rated two spots on the all-conference teams, while the fourth and fifth place teams each were guaranteed one player.

Following this format, the Del Norte boys and McKinleyville girls had the upper hand on the Big 5 teams, while St. Bernard's dominated the Little 4 boys and girls selections.

Big 5 boys champion Del Norte placed Cliff Van Hook, Cole Lesley and Saxon Schultz on the all-conference team. The trio were joined by Eureka's Greg Allen and Trevor Hash, Arcata's Jordan Bianco and Ka-lani Robles, McKinleyville's Ren Bettendorf and Fortuna's Skylar Rice.

Van Hook and Allen were named as co-MVP.

Big 5 girls champion McKinleyville placed Sage Romberg, Chelsea Roane and Aliasha Brown on the all-conference team. Joining them were Fortuna's Shylo Wantt and Jain Tuey, Arcata's Karen Pontoni and Lydia Banks,

Eureka's Nikki Powell, and Del Norte's Lauryn Lesina.

Romberg was selected as the MVP.

Little 4 boys champion St. Bernard's landed Andrew Ayers, Nick Dalby and Matt Landing on the all-conference team.

Ferndale's Jesse Slade and Kyle Miranda joined the three Crusaders, as did Hoopa's Roman Hutt and Dion Hutt, and South Fork's Matt Anderson.

Ayers was picked as MVP.

Little 4 girls champion St. Bernard's had Michaela Redner, Amanda Malfatti and Crystal Carpenter chosen to the all-conference team. South Fork's Cara Olsen and Evi Ashenbrucker, Hoopa's Jessica Ammon and Kin-sin-ta Joseph, and Ferndale's Jodi Grinsell joined the three Crusaders.

Redner and Malfatti were named as co-MVP.

In addition to the 17 boys named to the Big 5 and Little 4 all-conference teams, 18 other players received honorable mention status, so that a combined total of 35 boys from nine teams were nominated.

For the girls, besides the 17 named to the Big 5 and Little 4 all-conference teams, 24 other players received honorable mention, so a total of 41 girls from the nine teams were named.

The Times-Standard named its all-conference (combined Big 5 and Little 4) boys and girls teams on Feb. 22.