



ALL-COUNTY GIRLS BASKETBALL

Player of the Year KENZIE WALKER

OAKDALE JUNIOR GUARD

■ Served as the engine for Frederick County’s top team, helping the Bears go 24-4 en route to capturing their third straight regional championship and reaching the Class 3A state semifinals. She could affect a game in numerous ways, including hitting 3s, scoring on drives, dishing off passes and grabbing steals.

■ On a team full of capable scorers, she still managed to average 10.9 points per game, and she repeatedly came through in clutch moments when the Bears needed points. She also set up her team’s other threats, finishing with 3.4 assists per game.

■ Often, Walker’s defense tended to overshadow what she did on the other end of the floor. She finished with 124 steals, breaking the team single-season record of 111 held by former star Skai Bayless.

■ Held her own on the boards against bigger players, averaging 4.5 rebounds per game.



FIRST TEAM

DANI BENNETT SENIOR GUARD MIDDLETOWN

■ Transfer from St. Maria Goretti (which closed) who immediately established herself as one of Frederick County’s top players. Led the Knights in scoring (13.4 points per game) and rebounds (8.6 per game).



OLIVIA BOLDUC SENIOR GUARD ST. JOHN’S CATHOLIC PREP

■ Another transfer from defunct St. Maria Goretti who led Frederick County in scoring (16 points per game), ranked second in the county in assists (4.5 per game) and made the county’s rebounds leaders list (6.1 per game).



ZIZI ETOLUE SOPHOMORE FORWARD URBANA

■ Her jumping ability and athleticism made her a viable weapon for an Urbana team that won the CMC Large Schools championship. Led the Hawks in scoring (13.1 points per game) and rebounding (8.8 per game).



TALIA JENKINS JUNIOR GUARD MIDDLETOWN

■ Multi-faceted weapon who was often the top focus for opposing defenses. Ranked among Frederick County leaders in points (12.4), rebounds (6.8) and assists (2.9).



KAYLEIGH LAKE SENIOR FORWARD LINGANORE

■ Tough player inside the paint for one of the top teams in Frederick County. Led the Lancers in rebounding (7.9 per game) and blocks (1.7 per game) and was their second-leading scorer with 13.7 points per game.



LAYLA MCFARLAND JUNIOR CENTER OAKDALE

■ Dominant paint presence for the county’s top team. Twice, she was the force who led the Bears over tough rival Linganore, scoring a team record-tying 30 points in one of those games. Led the Bears in scoring (12.5 per game) and rebounds (7.1 per game).



TAYLOR MORAN SENIOR GUARD-FORWARD LINGANORE

■ She led the Lancers in scoring and ranked second in that category among Frederick County players with 15.9 points per game. Also ranked second on her team in rebounds with 6.2.



JAMEIRAH THOMPSON FRESHMAN GUARD FREDERICK

■ Energetic and dangerous point guard who helped the Cadets rank as one of Frederick County’s top teams. Had team highs of 12.8 points and 3.2 assists. Was the lone freshman on the the All-CMC Large Schools first team.



BROOKE WILLIAMS JUNIOR GUARD CATOCTIN

■ Top player for a Catoctin team that went 18-7 and won the CMC Small Schools championship. Hit several clutch shots down the stretch and led the Cougars in scoring (13 points per game) and assists (2.6) while also being a force on the boards (6.1 rebounds per game).



SECOND TEAM

NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION	GRADE
TOBI ADEBAMBO	URBANA	FORWARD	JUNIOR
ADDIE BORAM	WALKERSVILLE	GUARD	SENIOR
EMMA CAREY	OAKDALE	GUARD	SENIOR
LIANA MAXWELL	LINGANORE	GUARD	FRESHMAN
ALEXIS PARKER	MIDDLETOWN	FORWARD	JUNIOR
JANE RAPE	OAKDALE	GUARD	SENIOR
SAMANTHA SHIVELY	SICP	FORWARD	SENIOR
AAYANA TEASLEY	WALKERSVILLE	FORWARD	SENIOR
KELSEY TROXELL	CATOCTIN	FORWARD	JUNIOR
MARLEE WILLIAMS	FREDERICK	GUARD	SOPHOMORE

HONORABLE MENTION

Brunswick—Andie Welsh
Catoctin—Kayden Glotfelty, Olivia Hoyt, Bekah Zentz
Frederick—Cyrax Crews, Riley Kelly, Janae Morrison
Frederick Warriors—Ella Bennett, Janel Morrisey
Linganore—Sedona Brown, Bradyn MacKay, Kelsey Ryan
Middletown—Briana Lee, Kacie Phillips
Maryland School for the Deaf—Savannah Fewel, Jacqundia Fuller, Avery Penny, Ava Williamson
Oakdale—Shaylee McGlinchey, Shay Raiford, Mia Sims
St. John’s Catholic Prep—Atheena Jones
Thomas Johnson—Allahna Foreman, London Lee
Tuscarora—Kiernyn Gomez, Alana Moxley
Urbana—Ella Crawmer, Kiersten Smith, Dyanara Valenzuela-Ruz
Walkersville—Liyana Ali-Goukoye, Mia Ogg, Ciara Simms

Maryland leans into hype around freshman QB Washington

By TAYLOR LYONS
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COLLEGE PARK — Mike Locksley, entering his eighth year as Maryland football coach, has strictly prohibited freshmen from speaking to the media. But Malik Washington has reset expectations everywhere he’s gone. The first-year quarterback, who graduated from Spalding early to join the Terps this spring, was trotted out by the team after a Tuesday evening practice to a swarm of reporters taking advantage of this first-of-its-kind opportunity. Most college football programs have no such rules about limiting freshmen’s public appearances. Locksley, who adapted the policy from his former superior Nick Saban, was

old school in that way in an evolving landscape in which tradition is getting left behind. This is the latest to be discarded. Washington has a legitimate path to win Maryland’s starting quarterback job this spring and summer. Meanwhile, the Terps haven’t shied away from amplifying the excitement around their prospect. His Tuesday appearance proved he won’t be treated like an average first-year player — because they don’t view him as one. “He’s shown some maturity that you don’t see,” Locksley said. “He’s different from the typical freshman.” Why did Locksley change that policy now? “To give you a glimpse,” he said. “I know our fans want to see it, and this is part of me

changing and evolving. It’s an opportunity for me to open a door for you guys to see a small snapshot of what Malik Washington can be.” The quarterback faces immense pressure, as much as he or his coach might try to downplay it, as the face of both the Terps’ present and future. He doesn’t look or speak like most 19-year-olds, whether that’s calmly leading an offense during practice or handling stiff questions with ease. The seven quarterbacks listed on the Terps’ spring roster have one combined start in college. Justyn Martin, a former four-star recruit who threw for 179 yards across five appearances with UCLA over the past two seasons, is Washington’s primary competition for the starting job.

Locksley chose not to bring in experienced signal callers to replace outgoing transfers Billy Edwards (Wisconsin) and MJ Morris (Coastal Carolina), a potential sign of faith in the Spalding product. Washington said that Locksley told him throughout the recruiting process, which began when the quarterback was in eighth grade, that the job would be an open competition. Washington was a consensus four-star prospect and the fifth-ranked quarterback nationally in the 2025 class, according to 247 Sports. He led the Cavaliers to three consecutive Maryland Interscholastic Athletic Association A Conference championships, the first quarterback to do so and finished his high school career as the conference’s all-

time leading passer. “Getting here early allows me to prepare and make my mistakes pretty early,” Washington said. “So that way, when it comes down to crunch time, those mistakes aren’t being made.” Washington leads a dynamic 2025 recruiting class that ranks as Maryland’s best under Locksley. Five other four-star prospects will accompany Washington in College Park this fall. Then Zion Elee, the nation’s No. 2 overall player, will join them in 2026. Five-star Georgetown Prep offensive lineman Immanuel Iheanacho could follow. Washington has been vocal about his desire to bring them along. But it all starts with Washington, who will decide how these next few years unfold

and lead what Maryland and Locksley hope is a fruitful end to a lengthy rebuild. Heightened expectations bring added pressure to win, which the coach is experiencing more of now with the athletic director who hired him out of the picture. Locksley and Maryland’s aspirations rest squarely on their new quarterback. For an athletic department longing for stabilization, Washington could be that. He’s already doing things no Terps freshman has in recent seasons, starting with Tuesday’s appearance. “I typically don’t let freshmen talk for the sake of them not being prepared for managing the type of media we have,” Locksley said. “But there’s no doubt in my mind, he’s a little different.”