



ALL-COUNTY GIRLS BASKETBALL

Co-Player of the Year MAKAYLA DANIELS

FREDERICK SENIOR GUARD

■ She leaves Frederick High as one of the most accomplished players in Frederick County girls basketball history. The Cadets became the first county team, boys or girls, to win three straight MPSSAA state titles, and Daniels was the driving force behind all three of those crowns. In the state title game, she had 26 points, seven rebounds, six steals and three assists to lead Frederick to a 58-44 win over Baltimore Polytechnic. Her 3-pointer with 3:26 left was the dagger, giving the Cadets their first double-digit lead. A fitting way to end a uniquely stellar career.

■ With deadly drives to the hoop, a strong jumper and the speed and ballhandling ability to run fast breaks with ease, Daniels averaged a county-best 21.4 points a game. Unfortunately for opponents, she was more than just a scorer. She was the driving force for Frederick's devastating pressure defense, averaging 4.2 steals a game. She also averaged 2.9 assists and 4.7 rebounds a game.

■ She'll continue her career at Arkansas. She barely missed scoring 2,000 points in her high school career, finishing with 1,983, and was named Ms. Maryland Basketball — the state's top girls player — by the Maryland Basketball Coaches Association.



Co-Player of the Year

SAYLOR POFFENBARGER

MIDDLETOWN SOPHOMORE GUARD

■ Poffenbarger showed why she's been drawing interest from a slew of Division I programs, including some of the nation's best. She was the versatile cornerstone who led the Knights to the Class 2A state championship game for the first time since 2013. Being 6-foot-2, she routinely blocked shots and scored on power moves and drives. But she also knocked down 3s, several of them well beyond the arc, dished out alert passes and handled the ball with point-guard dependability.

■ She ranked No. 2 on the county scoring leaders list, averaging 21 points a game. She was one of the county's top rebounders with 12 a game, and she ranked high on the assists leaders list with 3.4 a game. Also blocked 3.6 shots a game and averaged 2.5 steals a game.

■ Poffenbarger's performance in the state tournament showcased her array of skills. In a win over Queen Anne's in the state semis, she had 22 points, 10 rebounds, four blocks and four assists. And in the final, which the Knights lost 44-39 to River Hill, she had 27 points (including five 3s) and 14 rebounds.



FIRST TEAM

ROSE BUBAKAR SOPHOMORE FORWARD FREDERICK

■ With her jumping ability and toughness inside the paint, she was a vital weapon for the state champion Cadets. She was Frederick's second-leading scorer (15.4 ppg) and top rebounder (8.4 rpg). In the state semis, she had game highs of 27 points and 13 rebounds.

KAYLA COOPER JUNIOR FORWARD-GUARD ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC PREP

■ Put up 10 double-doubles in the tough IAAM A conference. She was the Vikings' top rebounder and one of the county's best, with 12 boards a game, and she was their second-leading scorer with 15 points per game.

BRI FORBES SENIOR GUARD THOMAS JOHNSON

■ West Point-bound point guard who helped the Patriots enjoy a turnaround season. She had a knack for hitting timely 3s and feeding teammates. Ranked high on the county assists leaders list with 5.2 a game and averaged 10.5 points a game.

ANNA LEMASTER JUNIOR GUARD ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC PREP

■ A multi-faceted player who has already committed to the University of Dayton. She led the Vikings in scoring (17.5 ppg) and assists (4 apg). She was also third in rebounds with 5 a game.

BRIANNA WALKER SENIOR GUARD OAKDALE

■ Her versatility was a key ingredient for one of the county's top teams. She led the Bears in scoring (11.9 ppg) and steals (3.8 spg) and was also one of their top rebounders (6.5 rpg) and distributors (2.9 apg). Will continue her career at Division II Alderson-Broadus.



SECOND TEAM

| Pos. | Name | School | Grade |
|------|-----------------|--------------|--------|
| G | MAKAALA AMBUSH | TUSCARORA | SENIOR |
| G | EVE BERNARDONI | WALKERSVILLE | SENIOR |
| F | MILCA BAROU | TUSCARORA | JUNIOR |
| G | SAM FOSTER | OAKDALE | JUNIOR |
| G | KENDAL HAGGERTY | URBANA | SENIOR |
| G | TIANA JACKSON | OAKDALE | SENIOR |
| F | CASSIDY PERRY | MSD | SENIOR |
| F | DAYSHA REID | TJ | SENIOR |
| G | FIONA ROWAN | LINGANORE | SENIOR |
| F | JULIE WALLACE | WALKERSVILLE | SENIOR |

HONORABLE MENTION

Brunswick—Daisy Gardner, Alexis Stone
Catoctin—Melanie Topper, Raegan Smith, Emma Wivell
Frederick—Jalynn Montgomery, Rhiana Hall
Frederick Warriors—Julianna Passarelli, Ella Bennett
Linganore—Shay Arneson, Taylor Ferguson
Middletown—Meghan Shipley, Melanie Pick
MSD—Rajena Guettler, Crystal Salit
New Life—Claire Socash
Oakdale—Aubrey Austin, Sami Hardesty
St. John's Catholic Prep—Sarah Yoda, Tori Geitner
Thomas Johnson—Shawn Jones
Tuscarora—Chandler Stewart
Urbana—Emma McCaskill, Paige Clausen, Hannah Orens
Walkersville—Megan Allen, Chidera Ogwulu, Maggie Molnar

Short Takes

from wire reports

Lakers plan to interview Lue, Williams and Howard this week

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Lakers received permission to interview Miami assistant coach Juwan Howard and plan to interview Howard, Tyronn Lue and Monty Williams this week, according to people familiar with their plan but not authorized to speak publicly.

Howard was part of the Fab Five at Michigan where he and Lakers general manager Rob Pelinka were college teammates. He is also reportedly planning to interview with the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Williams is an assistant coach with the Philadelphia 76ers, who are playing the Brooklyn Nets in the first round of the playoffs. Pelinka plans to travel to meet with Williams this week. The series has a two-day break between Games 2 and 3 that is likely when that meeting will occur, but travel plans are still in flux.

Lue, who was fired by the Cavaliers in October, has long been considered the front-runner for the job if the Lakers fired Luke Walton. Lue coached LeBron James in Cleveland and became the head coach in January 2016, a few months before the Cavaliers won Cleveland's first pro sports championship in half a century.

LSU reinstates Wade after meeting over recruiting questions

BATON ROUGE, La. — LSU athletic director Joe Alleva said the university is reinstating recently suspended basketball coach Will Wade

Alleva said that during a meeting Friday with LSU and NCAA officials, Wade "answered all questions and denied any wrongdoing in connection with recently reported allegations of irregularities in college basketball recruiting."

Alleva said, "Wade's explanations and clarifications offered during the meeting, absent actual evidence of misconduct, satisfy his contractual obligation to LSU."

LSU was having one of the better seasons in program history under the 36-year-old Wade when he was suspended indefinitely. His punishment came on the heels of a Yahoo report about leaked excerpts of an FBI wiretap that captured Wade speaking with a person connected funneling illegal payments to the families of college basketball recruits.

It was not clear from the leaked transcripts whether Wade in fact violated NCAA rules or if Smart knew about the offer.

Onwuasor ready to lead Ravens' 'new breed'

BALTIMORE — Ravens linebacker Patrick Onwuasor communicated almost daily with veterans such as Terrell Suggs and C.J. Mosley ever since he arrived in Baltimore in 2016. So, it's no surprise that he still talks to them even though both of his former teammates signed with other teams during free agency.

Suggs, the seven-time Pro Bowl performer who played 16 seasons in Baltimore, left behind a similar message for Onwuasor.

Mike Preston The Baltimore Sun

"It is going to hurt us a little bit," Onwuasor said. "Those guys were the leaders from the first day, but [Suggs] said it is time for the new breed, that it's time for us to start our own legacy and carry on the tradition of playing great defense here."

Onwuasor, 26, appears ready to accept the mantle. He has been working out four or five times a week running hills, gaining mobility and lifting weights. A year ago, he finished fourth on the team with 59 tackles and 5½ sacks while starting 12 of 16 games at weakside linebacker. He got off to a slow start, but finished strong with 4½ sacks in the last six games, including one in the playoffs.

With Mosley signing a five-year, \$85 million contract with the New York Jets last month, the Ravens might move the 6-foot, 227-pound Onwuasor to middle linebacker. He filled in for an injured Mosley for nearly two games last season.

So far, though, Onwuasor hasn't heard a word.

"I want to know what you have heard," Onwuasor said laughing. "All I know is that [defensive coordinator Don 'Wink' Martindale] is going to put me in the best position to make plays and help this team. Whatever he wants and asks I will do."

When Onwuasor filled in for Mos-



Associated Press file photo

Ravens linebacker Patrick Onwuasor filled in for C.J. Mosley last year, getting two starts. But more starts are likely in Onwuasor's future.

ley last year, he had never played in the middle. Only three years ago, he was a safety playing for Portland State, and the Ravens decided to move him to linebacker when he signed as an undrafted free agent.

As Mosley's replacement, Onwuasor had eight tackles against the Cincinnati Bengals in Week 2 and only three a week later against the Denver Broncos.

"In that first game, I would try to run through certain gaps but kept getting cut off by the tight end," Onwuasor said. "After talking to C.J., he told me that would happen a lot and it would take time, but I just had to learn the game. Even after this season, I still have to work on recognition, being able to quickly determine what plays are going to be run in certain formations."

"But I started to feel more comfortable at the end of the season, when I just played and reacted. Now I have to become a leader because guys like Siz and C.J were our leaders for so long."

If you are around Onwuasor, you can sense he wants this role. He appears willing to learn and is determined. He is a hard worker who is confident, yet humble. Some have said he is aloof, but he is just quiet and soft-spoken.

About a week ago, he became a father for the first time to Patrick Onwuasor III.

"Some people have asked, 'Did I cry?'" Onwuasor said. "I haven't cried yet, but eventually I will, especially with the stuff I've been through."

In July 2013 while he was a sophomore at Arizona, Onwuasor was arrested on charges that included possession of a handgun and marijuana. He eventually transferred to Portland State, but there was a time when he thought his playing career was over.

The worst part was calling home to tell his mom he had to leave school.

"She was devastated and hurt, but she never turned her back on me," Onwuasor said. "At that point, I thought football was over. A lot of people never get a second chance. It was a wake-up call for me. The blessing is now that I get to teach and work with my son about staying out of trouble and what it takes. Sometimes you have to step back and watch God make his magic."

Onwuasor was born on the bad side of Inglewood, California. How bad?

"A lot of people never get out," he said.

But he seems to be the type of player who manages to beat the odds. The percentages weren't in his favor to play college football again after the problems at Arizona, much less to make it to the NFL. Few players make it in the league as undrafted rookie free agents, and even less actually become starters, especially when learning a new position.

Now, Onwuasor is close to the prototypical inside linebacker. They aren't always big and bulky like they used to be, where they basically clogged up everything in the middle. They are speed guys who are able to run sideline to sideline.

Only now, he has a chance to become a leader on a defense and with a franchise that has been one of the best in the NFL over the past decade.