



Deshler's Reece Davis. [PHOTOS BY DAN BUSEY/TIMESDAILY UNLESS NOTED]



Russellville's Ella Copeland. [SAMUEL CAMP/FOR THE TIMESDAILY]



Florence's Joyden Ricks.



Central's Isla Hardy.



Deshler's Kloie Nelson.



Wilson's Eric Oakley.

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2026 LARGE SCHOOL ALL-AREA GIRLS BASKETBALL

FIRST-TEAM ALL-AREA

Reece Davis, Deshler, Jr., G, 5-7

First-team Class 4A All-State and a finalist for 4A player of the year. Averaged 27.4 points and 3.3 assists. Set her career high with 46 points in a December win over Southside-Gadsden. Also had 44 in a January victory at Russellville. Her season low was 12 points in a season-ending loss to Good Hope in the Northwest Regional semifinals. Totaled 878 points this season, which ties for 20th in AHSAA history. Was an 86% free-throw shooter. Will enter her senior season with 2,726 career points. Three-time All-State. Three-time All-Area.

Ella Copeland, Russellville, Jr., G, 5-9

Third-team Class 5A All-State, just the third All-State girls player in Russellville history. Posted a 25-point average with 6.9 rebounds. Her 801 points for the season are a school record, according to the AHSAA. Scored a career-high 38 points in a January loss to Florence and had three other 30-point games. Has scored 2,126 career points, which is also a school mark, according to AHSAA records. Four-time All-Area.

Joyden Ricks, Florence, So., G, 5-8

Third-team Class 7A All-State. Finished with 18.3-point and 7.7-rebound averages in her first year with the Falcons. Set her career high with 31 points in a season-ending loss to Hillcrest-Tuscaloosa in the Northwest Regional semifinals. Has 1,372 career points and 545 career rebounds. Two-time All-Area.

Kacie Nelson, Deshler, So., G, 5-8

Second-team Class 4A All-State. Checked in with a 20.1-point average, reaching 30 points four times. Tossed in 34 and 35 points on consecutive January nights against Hatton and Decatur, respectively, setting a career high each time. Two-time All-Area.

Isla Hardy, Central, So., G, 5-7

Averaged 16.6 points and 4.2 steals after a late-season scoring surge. Scored at least 22 points in six of Central's last nine games, including a career-high 34 in a win over Sheffield. Helped the Wildcats finish with a 16-13 record for their first winning season in six years and just their second in 11. Two-time All-Area.

SECOND-TEAM ALL-AREA

Makenzie Sears, Muscle Shoals, Sr., G/F, 5-8

Averaged 20.3 points and 8.4 rebounds. Scored a season-high 36 points in a February loss at Albertville. Totaled 1,258 points and 631 rebounds in her career. Three-time All-Area. Northwest Shoals Community College volleyball signee.

Kloie Nelson, Deshler, So., G, 5-8

Was the third major threat in Deshler's lineup, finishing with a 10.8-point average. Had two 20-point games. Helped the Tigers record a 12th straight 20-win season and reach a regional for the 25th time in the format's 33 seasons.

Laila Hill, Russellville, Sr., C, 6-2

Posted averages of 9.8 points and 8.9 rebounds, shooting 60% from the field. Finished with 11 double-doubles. Helped the Golden Tigers to a 19-13 season and their most wins since finishing 21-10 in 2012. Two-time All-Area.

Ally Augustin, Loretto, Jr., G, 5-10

Averaged 15.8 points with three known 20-point games, including a high of 25 in a January win at Summertown. Scored in double figures in both of Loretto's state tournament games.

Payton Berry, Wilson, Jr., C, 5-11

Was the leading scorer on the first Wilson team to qualify for a regional. Averaged 9.9 points, one of four Warriors at 7.4 or above. Shot 57% from the field. Recorded two 20-point games.

FINAL RECORDS, TEAM AVERAGES, HONORABLE MENTION

	W	L	PF	PA	Honorable mention
Brooks	8	17	39.0	54.4	Ashanti Fuqua
Central	16	13	46.7	45.0	Jill Huffaker
Deshler	28	4	72.0	45.4	
Florence	17	16	53.2	48.5	Trinity McCroskey, Journee Hawkins
Haleyville	18	14	48.0	42.5	Kenna Turner
Hamilton	7	18	37.9	49.4	
Hatton	18	9	49.2	45.0	
Lawrence Co. (Tenn.)	16	13	52.4	42.2	Kabry Tinin
Loretto	22	11	53.6	42.5	Sophie Weathers
Muscle Shoals	9	14	54.3	57.4	Abby Pitman
Russellville	19	13	59.9	54.8	Angeleah Smith
Wilson	23	9	50.7	38.4	Anna Simone, EK Hewett, Olivia Poarch

Compiled by A. Stacy Long in consultation with area coaches. Information requested but not received from Hamilton or Hatton.

COACH OF THE YEAR

Eric Oakley, Wilson

Guided the Warriors to their first Northwest Regional berth and a second straight 20-win season, just the sixth 20-win season in school history. Wilson finished as the regional runner-up, reaching the state quarterfinals for the first time since finishing as the state runner-up in 1990. (The AHSAA's regional format began in 1994.) Oakley was also the All-Area coach of the year in 2018. In 10 seasons, Oakley has a 137-119 record.



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