

Big 7 All-League Teams Announced

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The Big 7 has announced the 2006-07 All League Basketball Teams. 11 male athletes and 10 female earned enough votes from league coaches to earn First Team honors this season. The undefeated league champion Holton girls and Maur Hill/Mount Academy boys teams both landed a trio of athletes on the top squad. Senior Deandra Shirmer and the junior tandem of Crista Bechard and Melissa Nelson represent the Lady Wildcats who captured their second straight undefeated championship. Meanwhile Alex Estes, Matt Minnis and Jordan Mellott ended their senior campaign for the Ravens earning top league honors and becoming the first Big 7 boys perfect team in 13 years.

The Sabetha boys also placed three athletes on the First Team including senior Kyle Compo and Howard Baumgartner, plus the only recognized sophomore Mitch Allen. Nemaha Valley, who tied for third place league honors with Hiawatha placed Patrick Schulte and Anthony Nolte on the first team, while Korie Fisher of the Redhawks, Tom Shirley of Jeff West, and Holton's Ross Whorton completes the list. Three other seniors earned Big 7 Honorable Mention including Ryan Wilga of Hiawatha, Dylan Grote of Sabetha and lone ACCHS honoree Andrew Eckert.

Besides the Holton girls trio, second place Sabetha placed Hope and Danielle Winkler on the top squad, while Nemaha Valley had Brooke Glissman and Courtney Huerter earn first team accolades. Rounding out the girls top 10 are Tara Mitchell of Royal Valley, Jill Corpstein of third place state finisher ACCHS, and Marcia Beecham from Jeff West.

Eight other athletes received enough votes from league coaches to get honorable mention include three more athletes from ACCHS. Jeni Bodenhausen, Allisha Wallisch and Mindy Eckert top the list with seniors Rhiannon Speers and Rachel Demint of Sabetha. Hiawatha was represented by Lindsey Mueller, and Cortney Brown of Royal Valley and Karli Abbey of Nemaha Valley complete the 2007 Big 7 League Basketball honors list.

Big 7 All League Boys Team

Tom Shirley, Jeff West, JR
Patrick Schulte, Nemaha Valley, JR
Korie Fischer, Hiawatha, SR
Alex Estes, MH-MA, SR
Matt Minnis, MH-MA, SR
Jordan Mellott, MH-MA, SR
Kyle Compo, Sabetha, SR
Howard Baumgartner, Sabetha, SR
Mitch Allen, Sabetha, SO
Anthony Nolte, Nemaha Valley, SR
Ross Whorton, Holton, SR

Honorable Mention

Dylan Grote, Sabetha, SR
Andrew Eckert, ACCHS, SR
Ryan Wilga, Hiawatha, SO

Big 7 All League Girls Team

Deandra Schirmer, Holton, SR
Tara Mitchell, Royal Valley, SR
Melissa Nelson, Holton, JR
Jill Corpstein, ACCHS, SR
Crista Bechard, Holton, JR
Brooke Glissman, Nemaha Valley, SR
Hope Winkler, Sabetha, SR
Danielle Winkler, Sabetha, JR

Courtney Huerter, Nemaha Valley, JR
Marcia Beecham, Jeff West, JR

Honorable Mention

Jeni Bodenhausen, ACCHS, SR
Cortney Brown, Royal Valley, JR
Rhiannon Speers, Sabetha, SR
Lindsey Mueller, Hiawatha, JR
Alisha Wallisch, ACCHS, JR
Mindy Eckert, ACCHS, SR
Karli Abbey, Nemaha Valley, JR
Rachel DeMint, Sabetha, SR