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Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association Newsletter

25th Annual Ohio-Kentucky All-Star Game

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THANKS TO ALL OF THE PARTNERS OF THE OHSBCA

- ◆ The OHSBCA has a Five Year Contract with the Rawlings. This new contract continues a long-standing partnership with Rawlings. Over the past 17 years, Rawlings has been an important part of our organization and the leading supporter of Ohio Basketball. They have made a tremendous commitment to the OHSBCA. Rawlings is currently the lead sponsor for the Boys & Girls Showcases and the Boys & Girls North-South All-Star Games.
- ◆ The Ohio Army National Guard for their eight years of support for our association. The OANG has provided us with giveaways for our Boys/Girls Showcase, Awards for the North-South Players/Coaches, plaques for our Coaches Scholarships, and finally plaques and pizza parties for our Top 10 Academic Teams.
- ◆ Gatorade this year provided drinks for our players/coaches in the Showcases and North-South All-Star Games for the past few years and special thanks for providing Gatorade towels to our players and coaches this year.
- ◆ Shoot-A-Way and the OHSBCA have had a strong partnership for the past 30 years. John Joseph and Troy Geiser have offered their continuous support for all these years and providing "The Gun" for all of our showcases.
- ◆ Hudl for their support for the past three years. This year the OHSBCA reached a deal to make Hudl the official video company of the our coaches association. They have a new feature for next season called Hudl assist, which will provide game statistics for coaches and players.
- ◆ Baron Rings and the Championship Rings they provided for our 2016 Hall of Fame Inductees.



OHSBCA HONORS

Congratulations **Xavier Simpson and Jensen Caretti** on being named Mr. and Ms. OHSBCA. Xavier, a senior and Michigan signee, averaged 27.2 points, 6.1 assists per game and 3.8 steals per game. Jensen, a senior and Ohio State recruit, averaged 25.1 points, 12 rebounds and 6 assists per game.

OHSBCA Player of the years:

Division I - **Jarron Cumberland** of Wilmington and **Jodi Johnson** of Wadsworth

Division II - **Drew Rackley** of John Glenn and **Byrdy Galernik** of Toledo Central Catholic

Division III - **Drew Ogletree** of Northridge and **Lexie Barrier** of Ironton

Division IV - **Houston Smith** of Africentric and **Jensen Caretti** of Hannibal River

Also congratulations to the Boys and Girls OHSBCA Coaches of the Year. In Division I **Joe Mackey (Brunswick)** and **Andy Booth (Wadsworth)**, in Division II **Matt Combs (Vinton County)** and **Tom Kontak (Oak Harbor)**, in Division III **Dave Shutt (Garaway)** and **Doug Graham (Ironton)**, and in Division IV **Russ Swartz (Mogadore)** and **Scoop Miller (Fayette)**. The Assistant Coach of the year for the boys is **Scott Walters** of Reynoldsburg and for the girls is **Terry Burke** of Avon Lake.



North-South All-Star Game Recaps

OHIO BOYS NORTH-SOUTH ALL-STAR GAMES

The 59th annual Ohio Boys North-South All-Star Basketball Games were played on Friday, April 19, 2015 at Otterbein University in Westerville, Ohio. In the Boys Division I-II, the South prevailed for win 136-111 with Nick Ward of Gahanna, Seth Towns of Northland, Ibi Watson of Pickerington Central and Jason Carter of Johnstown had a jaw-dropping performance in the Division I-II North-South all-star game Friday night at Otterbein.

Ward, a Michigan State signee who had 31 points and eight rebounds, was voted MVP. He made 15 of 18 attempts from the field. The Harvard-bound Towns added 28 points, eight rebounds and four assists on 11-of-17 shooting. He also won the dunking contest. Watson, a Michigan signee, had 20 points on 8-of-12 shooting. And Johnstown's Jason Carter, an Ohio signee, had 11 points and five rebounds.

"All the time growing up, I wondered what it would be like to play on the same court with those guys," Ward said. "We had some great chemistry. It was a great experience and a lot of fun." Towns said he was pulling for Ward to win the close MVP vote. "Nick worked really hard for his points and I'm happy for him," Towns said. "Ibi is the silent assassin. Playing together was something we always wanted to do." After Ward and Towns entered with the second wave of players at the 15-minute mark of the first half, the South went on a 21-2 run to take control. The South shot 58.9 percent from the field, including 16 of 42 three-point shots.

Sam Hickey of Toledo Whitmer led the North with 30 points.

Division III-IV game

Six players scored in double figures for the North, which used its height to pull away from the South for a 97-84 win. Maishe Dailey of Beechwood had 18 points, five rebounds and four assists and took MVP honors for the North, which had a 61-47 advantage on the boards. Houston Smith of Africentric (18 points, eight rebounds) and Max Hogue of Newark Catholic (11 points, six rebounds) led the South effort.

"They just had too many big dudes for us," said Smith, a 6-foot-5 Bethune Cookman signee. "I hit the boards hard because I had to, but it wasn't enough."

OHIO GIRLS NORTH-SOUTH ALL-STAR GAMES

The 36th annual Ohio Girls North-South All-Star Basketball Games were played on Saturday, April 19th, 2015 at Denison University in Granville, Ohio. A rule of thumb suggests that effective guard play wins all-star basketball games. The South team did nothing to dispel that notion Saturday in cruising to a 94-76 victory over the North in the Ohio Division I-II girls contest at Denison.

Although South coach Kathy Lindsey of Hilliard Bradley was torn over who should be MVP, she and other voters opted for Ashli O'Neal of Cincinnati Wyoming -- the smallest player on the floor at 5 feet 3. Despite being the team's third leading scorer with 14 points, O'Neal was a force driving to the basket, defending and even crashing the boards.

"Early on in the game, Ashli was really disrupting them on defense and was dictating the tempo of the game," Lindsey said. "Our guards did a great job penetrating and taking advantage of their athleticism. And, even though it was an all-star game, we actually tried to play a little bit of defense."

O'Neal had eight points during a 16-0 run in the second quarter.

Area players had a strong representation for the South. Eastmoor Academy's Amani Burke led all scorers with 18 points and Kelly Meade of Olen-tangy followed with 16. Anya Bingman of Circleville added 11 points and Alexa Fisher of Olen-tangy Liberty offered a strong floor game in her first game back after a knee injury.

Jodi Johnson of Wadsworth and Brandie Snow of Uniontown Lake had 15 points each for the north squad.

Division III-IV Game

Seton Hall-bound Deja Winters of Richmond Heights scored 20 points and was selected MVP after leading the North to a 74-56 victory over the South.

Winters made back-to-back three-point shots in the final 5:10 after the South had pulled to five. Flashing an array of skills, Jensen Caretti of Hannibal River -- an Ohio State signee -- led the South with 20 points. Caretti was named the Ohio School Basketball Coaches Association player of the year. Dayton-bound Jamie Peterson of West Liberty Salem added 15.

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If any Hall of Fame Inductee or any Coach of the Year Recipient who would like to purchase a ring signifying their honor, go to the [Baron Championship](#) website to purchase or call 1-866-944-4089.

[OHSBCA CLINIC SAVE THE DATE](#)

Remember that this year's clinic will be held on September 25th and 26th again at the Columbus Convention Center. Look for more information on speakers and accommodations with the Fall Issue of Hooplines and at ohiobkcoaches.com