

2009 All-Hillsborough team

Girls basketball



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Player of the Year | Amber Henson, So., Sickles

Why we picked her: The 6-foot-4 center simply dominated. She led a young Gryphons team that started two freshmen and sophomores and two juniors to the Class 6A region semifinals. She was the focus of every opponent's game plan and still averaged 19.2 points and 11.3 rebounds a game, not to mention 4.5 blocks, 2.5 assists and 2.4 steals. She is only a sophomore — and could well be the most highly recruited female athlete to come out of the county in recent memory.

Most impressive accomplishment: Henson scored in double figures in all 27 games this season, including a 28-point, 14-rebound, 11-block effort in a loss to Royal Palm Beach, but her greatest feat was her consistency. She tallied 22 double doubles.

Future plans: She's narrowed her college options down, with her favorites being North Carolina, Texas and Tennessee. She also wants to visit Florida and Florida State. She has offers from all five.

Did you know? Henson received her first scholarship offer the summer after her eighth-grade year — from women's basketball power Baylor.

FIRST TEAM

G Jade Givens, Jefferson, Jr.: Top player on a team that went into the Class 5A region final with a 28-1 record; was one of the county's most well-rounded players (11.1 ppg, 4.3 apg, 5.0 spg)

G Colette Eule, Tampa Catholic, Jr.: Leading scorer (19.7 ppg) on a Crusaders team that reached state for the first time; was always there for a big basket.

G Leria Jenrette, Tampa Bay Tech, Jr.: County's assist leader (8.4 a game) was the

engine of a Titans team that won districts; missed three weeks after she was stabbed in the lower back on New Year's Eve.

F Sarah Brennan, Tampa Catholic, Jr.: The 5-foot-10 forward has a great all-around game (16.6 ppg, 8.7 rpg, 3.2 spg) and was vital in the Crusaders' biggest games en route to state.

F Katie Davis, Holy Names, Sr.: County and bay area's leading scorer with 22.7 points a game.

COACH OF THE YEAR

Tom Mosca, Jefferson: Led a young Dragons team to a championship in the county's toughest district.

SECOND TEAM

G Michelle Taylor, Plant, Jr.

G Laurie Beaty, Jefferson, So.

F Shayla Wilson, Jefferson, Fr.

F Shytina Harley, East Bay, Jr.

F Deandra Davis, Armwood, Jr.

HONORABLE MENTION

Armwood: Chante Lumpkin, Corlissa Pope; Cambridge: Rachael Bode; Chamberlain: Gwen Fernandez, Arrena Houston; East Bay: Dasia Daniels; Freedom: Abby Alger; Gaither: Shanel Sweet; Hillsborough: Shalasia Hall, Jasmine Hammond; Holy Names: Selena Castillo; New-some: Dana Williams; Plant: Antoinette Wilson, Ganice Macho; Plant City: Jade Forte, Quet Shaw; Seffner Christian: Jenny Moorer; Sickles: Bre Crum; Tampa Bay Tech: Jasmine Rodriguez; Tampa Catholic: Micah Kroll; Wharton: Alyson Perkins