

Bentley, Pitts named to all-state team

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RICHMOND -- Senior Shay Bentley of Manchester and junior Jazmin Pitts of Cosby yesterday were the only area players named to the Group AAA all-state girls basketball teams, both earning second-team honors.

Sugar Rodgers of King's Fork was named the player of the year by sports writers from around the state. Rodgers, also a McDonald's All-American, averaged 28 points to lead Hampton Roads in scoring for the second consecutive season, and finished with 2,274 career points.

Sandra Sawyer, who guided Lake Taylor to the state semifinals using a lineup that featured four sophomores and one junior, was selected as the Group AAA coach of the year.

Joining Rodgers on the first team were fellow seniors Tierra Ruffin-Pratt of T.C. Williams, a four-time honoree and last year's top player, and Danni Jackson of Forest Park. Princess Anne teammates Samisha Powell, a junior, and sophomore Elizabeth Williams, completed the team.

Ruffin-Pratt, 6-0, averaged 18.5 points, 14.5 rebounds, 4.5 blocks and 3 assists. She scored more than 2,400 career points and led her team to a 24-5 record. She also was co-most valuable player of the McDonald's All-American game with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Jackson, just 5-3, averaged 23.3 points in leading the Bruins to a 22-5 record and the state quarterfinals. She finished with 1,819 career points and had 34 as Princess Anne beat Oakton 71-61 in the state championship game. She had 11 of those in the critical last 4:07.

Williams, 6-3, averaged 13.1 points, 11.1 rebounds and 6.7 blocks for the state champions. She had five triple-doubles, and had 17 points and 10 rebounds in the championship game.

The second team also included seniors Tiffany Davis of Hampton and Erin McGartlin of Oakton, whose team's only loss in 31 games came in the title game, and juniors Myisha Goodwin of Edison and Tracy King of Mount Vernon.

## GROUP AAA GIRLS

**FIRST TEAM:** Sugar Rodgers, King's Fork, 5-10, senior; Tierra Ruffin-Pratt, T.C. Williams, 6-0, senior; Elizabeth Williams, Princess Anne, 6-3, sophomore; Danni Jackson, Forest Park, 5-3, senior; Samisha Powell, Princess Anne, 5-8, junior.

**SECOND TEAM:** Myisha Goodwin, Edison, 5-5, junior; **Jazmin Pitts, Cosby, 6-1, junior** ; Tiffany Davis, Hampton, 5-9, senior; Tracy King, Mount Vernon, 5-10, junior; **Shay Bentley, Manchester, 5-9, senior** ; Erin McGartlin, Oakton, 5-8, senior.

**PLAYER OF THE YEAR:** Sugar Rodgers, King's Fork

**COACH OF THE YEAR:** Sandra Sawyer, Lake Taylor