BOYS FINALISTS

Ross Jenner

Collierville sophomore

Jenner had a superb regular season for a fine Dragons squad, leading the state with a 229 average. An all-metro performer in 2015, he then went on to a 19th-place finish at the state tournament, second best among local boys in Division 1.



Ben MurphySt. Repodict junio

St. Benedict junior

After finishing in second in 2015, Murphy and the Eagles came back with a vengeance this year, winning the state championship while finishing a perfect 18-0. His 202 average during the regular season was fourth-best on the team but he really impressed at state, finishing in fourth place.



Bradley Pounds

CBHS sophomore

Pounds had the best finish of any Shelby County boys bowler at the state, placing second in the Division 2 tournament to Donny Turner of Friendship Christian. During the regular season, Pounds led the Brothers with a 204 average.



Terry Salvant III

Middle College junior

A three-time all-metro choice and the only repeat finalist from last year, Salvant was the top local bowler at the Division 1 state tournament for the second straight year. He finished in eighth place while ending the regular season with a 201 average.



Jack Schaaf

St. Benedict senior

Schaaf, a repeat all-metro bowler, was another key performer for the state-champion Eagles. He averaged 206 during the regular season before coming in eighth at the state tournament.

Boys Coach of the Year

Eric Wells, St. Benedict

Wells' Eagles had another terrific campaign, winning the state championship to cap a perfect 18-0 season. Wells has now won the boys award five times (second year in a row) to go along with six girls' trophies.



BOYS TEAM

Front row (from left) — Christian Smith, Bartlett, senior; Jackson Stanley, CBHS, sophomore; Jimmy Morrow, MUS, sophomore; Terry Salvant, Middle College, junior; Jon Pham, Cordova, senior; Phillip Bay, Bartlett, senior. Middle row — Bradley Pounds, CBHS, sophomore; Jack Schaaf, St. Benedict, senior; LaDarius Brooks, Whitehaven, senior; Ross Jenner, Collierville, sophomore; Christian Smith, Harding, sophomore; Joshua Owten, Central, sophomore; Kevuntez King, Craigmont, senior; Kaleb Moses, Middle College, junior. Back row — Ben Murphy, St. Benedict, junior; Tyler Smith, Bolton, senior; Nick Agnew, St. Benedict, sophomore; Conner Nichols, St. Benedict, junior; Steven Maglothin, Brighton, senior; Anthony Lancaster, DeSoto Central, junior. Jordan Nichols, DeSoto Central, senior; Cole Neal, DeSoto Central, junior. Not pictured — Dorian Ackers, Ridgeway, sophomore; Dewayne Askew, Ridgeway, sophomore.

The winners will be announced at the BOP awards ceremony, Friday, June 10, at The Duncan-Williams Performance Hall at Germantown Performing Arts Center



Grace Becker

St. Agnes freshman

Becker played a key role for the Stars, who won their fourth state championship in 2016. She had a 161 average during the regular season before finishing in second place in the Division 2 state tournament.



Caroline Conrad

St. Agnes junior

After finishing third in the Division 2 tournament last year, Conrad took her performance to new levels in 2016 by winning the championship and helping the Stars to the team crown. A repeat finalist from last year, Conrad bowled a 183 average during the regular season.



Jada Horn

Germantown freshman

Horn had an excellent regular season for the Red Devils, posting a 197 average. She then went on to finish third in the Division 1 state tournament to make her the highest-placing competitor from Shelby County in that event.



Kerri King

St. Benedict senior

A repeat all-metro performer, King ended her high school career in style, taking third place at the Division 2 state tournament. Her efforts also helped the Eagles reach the state finals for the 14th year in a row, where they finished second to St. Agnes.



Allison Sledge

Power Center Academy senior

The first individual sport finalist in the history of her school, Sledge averaged 194 during the regular season to place 10th in the state. She then went on to finish in 27th place at the state tournament.



Girls Coach of the Year

Bill Oyler, St. Agnes

A fixture on the local prep bowling scene for many years, Oyler coached the Stars to their fourth state championship in 2016 while producing the individual winner in Caroline Conrad. It's the third coach of the year award for Oyler.



GIRLS TEAM

Front row (from left) — Kerri King, St. Benedict, senior; Jessica Dress, St. Benedict, senior; Tierra Jackson, Middle College, junior; Harley King, Brighton, junior; Emma O'Malley, St. Agnes, senior; Sydney Liddle, Bartlett, freshman; Brianna Waddell, Bartlett, sophomore; Kelsey Spitler, Bartlett, senior. Back row — Alyssa Zombirt, DeSoto Central, sophomore; Lauren Davis, St. Mary's, sophomore; Violet Durden, St. Benedict, senior; Allison Sledge, Power Center Aca., senior; Jada Horn, Germantown, freshman; Grace Becker, St. Agnes, freshman; Kristian Connolly, St. Agnes, senior; Caroline Conrad, St. Agnes, junior; Antrenisha Tyler, Craigmont, senior. Not pictured — Tierney Crutcher, Ridgeway, freshman.

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