

Leading ladies

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SENIOR OF THE YEAR HOPE MULLICAN (VOLLEYBALL, SOFTBALL)

Quiet and confident is how I'd best describe Mullican.

Playing aside Fye in volleyball and Wood, the district MVP, in softball, there's an argument Mullican wouldn't be considered the best player on either team she starred on (she was all-region in volleyball and District 6AAA offensive MVP in softball). She was, however, the player you'd want to see in the middle of the action when a pivotal moment arrived.

Mullican may seem mild-mannered, but she's aggressive and assertive. Opponents looking past her usually were greeted swiftly with a tomahawk spike, or heard the ringing of the fence when she launched a pitch.

Hope will be a missed veteran from two region qualifiers this year.

HONORABLE MENTION

Sally Willmore (soccer), Abby Roller (soccer), Valeria Vargas (golf)

FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR RHEALEE JOHNSON (SOFTBALL, BASKETBALL)

When the ball was rolled out for the biggest game in the 34-year history of the WCHS softball program, it was Johnson who had it in her hand first. Coach Gooby Martin (we'll get to him soon) trusted his freshman to get the job done in the

biggest moments of the year. And, for the most part, Johnson made him look like a genius.

Johnson won me over with her talent in the softball home opener. She was playing third base and charged a perfectly placed bunt from Coffee County in the first inning. It seemed like an impossible play to make, yet Johnson came up firing and showed off a bazooka of an arm.

Shortly after, coach Martin came on the field to coach third and I asked him, "Who is the girl playing third?" He said, "That's Rhealee. She'll be here three more years."

Thank goodness.

HONORABLE MENTION

Elia Atterson (softball), Erica Cantrell (basketball), Samantha Jennings (volleyball)

MOST UNDERRATED ATHLETE ALLISON VAZQUEZ (WRESTLING)

There's a short list of athletes in Warren County history who can say they qualified twice for state tournaments. It's an even shorter list of athletes who can say they have multiple state medals.

Vazquez is on both lists.

The junior finished fourth in the state wrestling tournament in February, her second straight year making the podium. It won't be a surprise if she is back again next year, only this time her sights will be set on the top spot.

I wouldn't be surprised if she got there.



Jeffery Simmons photo

Senior Hope Mullican was the District 6AAA offensive MVP and an all-region selection in volleyball.

HONORABLE MENTION

Vargas (golf), Bri Young (volleyball, basketball, softball), MaKenna Mason (soccer, softball)

COACH OF THE YEAR GOOBY MARTIN (SOFTBALL)

This wasn't a difficult choice. When you guide your team to

the school's first-ever softball district tournament title, you also get to be the top coach on my ballot - the only one counted.

Martin is a true Warren County success story. He's everything we hope and dream athletes from here one day become. Martin grew into a star here, went on to be drafted and play professional-

ly, then returned to impart his wisdom on the next generation of athletes.

He should appear soon on another ballot - the Warren County Sports Hall of Fame.

HONORABLE MENTION

Katie Rogers (volleyball), Shea Panter (basketball), J.W. Holt (golf)

Learning the game



Jeffery Simmons photo

Lilly Burrell was one of over 50 campers who took part in this week's volleyball clinic held at Charlie Dalton Gymnasium.

COACH TOM MOORE'S PIONEER OF THE WEEK

Written by WCHS coach Tom Moore

CLAY THOMPSON

Clay is a pleasure to coach in every way. He is an attentive listener, an engaged participant and a great teammate. I could be mistaken, but I do not think I have seen Clay ever lose in a conditioning sprint. This speaks about his character. He also is able to take coaching - this is why he has improved as quarterback and as a football player since last year.

Clay is one of our quarterbacks and he has a chance to be the starter. Quarterback is a mentally demanding position. It takes confidence but also requires humility. It demands a superior work ethic. The quarterback must be dependable. And more than any other position, the quarterback must be willing to assume the blame while giving others credit. I have seen these qualities in Clay.

Clay started several games for us last year at receiver and corner and performed at a high level, especially for a freshman. I am looking forward to working with Clay this season.

SPORTS BRIEFS

MAY MANIA BASKETBALL CAMP

WCHS basketball coach Shea Panter will hold May Mania basketball camp on May 29-30 at Warren County High School. The camp is open to boys and girls who will be in K-8 grade next year. The camp will run from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. The cost is \$30 for one day, or \$50 for two days (no sibling discounts).

Each camper will need to bring a lunch. The first 75 campers to sign up will receive a basketball. Apparel and concessions will be available. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 29. For more information, contact coach Panter at panter@warrenschools.com.

WCHS FRESHMAN BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the freshman boys basketball team will be held Friday, May 25 from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the WCHS auxiliary gym. For more information, contact Chris Sullens at sullensc@warrenschools.com or Stephen Glenn at glenns@warrenschools.com.

WARREN COUNTY VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the WCMS volleyball team will be held Friday, May 18 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at WCMS gym. Tryouts for the WCHS volleyball team will be held Friday, May 25 from 1-2:30 p.m. at WCHS gym.

For more information, contact WCMS coach Kelly Clayborne at claybornek@warrenschool.com or

WCHS coach Katie Rogers at katielogers@warrenschools.com.

WCMS BASEBALL TRYOUTS

The Warren County Middle School baseball team will hold tryouts Saturday, May 26. The tryout is open to players who will be in 7-8 grade next year. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and will be

followed by a parent and player meeting at 9:30 a.m.

The tryout will be in two sessions, 10 a.m. to noon and 2-4 p.m. All players will participate in both sessions.

WCMS SOFTBALL TRYOUTS

Tryouts will be held for the WCMS softball team May 21-22 from 5-8 p.m.

Tryouts will take place on the WCHS softball field.

SECURITY FEDERAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Due to resurfacing to the McMinnville Civic Center tennis courts, the Security Federal tennis tournament has been cancelled. Tournament organizers are hopeful to continue with the Dr Pepper tennis tournament

in early August.

3-ON-3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

A 3-on-3 basketball tournament will be held at Charlie Dalton Gymnasium Saturday, June 9 beginning at 2 p.m.. The tournament is open to boys and girls grades 6-12. The event will be broken into three divisions: boys, girls and mixed. Games will last 10

minutes each.

The cost is \$20 per player per division. Registration will be held from Tuesday, May 29 until Monday, June 4.

Registration forms can be received by emailing WCHS girls coach Shea Panter at panter@warrenschools.com.

Concessions will be available at the tournament.

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