



Penn's Camryn Buhr was named the Northern Indiana Conference Most Valuable Player for girls basketball, and Ric Mauch of South Bend St. Joseph was named the Coach of the Year for the 2015-2016 season. The NIC all-conference selections were based on a vote of conference coaches.

Mauch owns a 95-40 record in six seasons at St. Joseph. The Indians boast a 23-1 record this season, and won the NIC crown with a 12-0 mark. St. Joseph also won a Class 3-A sectional title, and advances to the regional this Saturday. St. Joe is 45-3 the past two seasons under Mauch.

Penn's Buhr (Grade 12), Clay's Mykala Baylor (12), Mishawaka's Lauren Grewe, St. Joseph's Nicole Konieczny (11), Glenn's Kyannah Stull (11) and St. Joseph's Daly Sullivan (11) were named first-team all-Northern Indiana Conference.

"A Coach of the Year Award often comes with having great families/kids that buy into the team, the time, the Spring/Summer commitment, the game-plan and sharing the ball to be a great team," Mauch said. "When egos are put aside for the team goals, it's easy to win and look like a good coach. Our assistant coaches (Applegate, Sade, Farmer, Fr. Coonan) play a huge role in chemistry, attitude, development and deserve most of the credit."

Buhr is a 6-foot-1 guard-forward who is a Lehigh University commit. She helped Penn capture a sixth consecutive sectional championship.

This season, Buhr averaged 18.6 points, 6.8 rebounds, 2.5 assists, and 3.0 steals a game. She averaged 51 percent field-goal shooting and 76 percent free-throw shooting.

Entering sectional play, Buhr ranked second in all-time scoring at Penn with 1,318 points. She is first all-time in rebounding at Penn with 641 career rebounding.

"Camryn is a special player who is a dynamic force out on the court," Penn coach Kristi Kaniewski Ulrich said. "She has a quiet warrior's mentality about her game that allows her versatility to shine through, which helps carry her team to be successful."

Baylor, a 6-foot-3 power forward/center, averaged 18.2 points and 14.1 rebounds a game for South Bend Clay. She hit 58.6 percent of her shots, and averaged 3.4 blocked shots a game.

Baylor posted 18 double-doubles this season entering sectional play, including 11 double-doubles in 12 NIC games. Baylor scored a career-32 points against Culver Academy and grabbed a career-high 23 rebounds against Marian. She is Clay's single-season rebounding leader.

“Mykala has worked and listened as well as any kid I've ever had,” Clay coach Joe Huppenthal said. “People do not realize, this has been her third coach in high school. It would've been very easy to not accept me. On that front, she has been totally awesome!!!! She is a great kid, who I believe is just starting to tap into her potential. I still think the sky is the limit for her. She has been double and triple-teamed all year, and continued to post these numbers.”

Mishawaka's Grewe, a 5-foot-7 guard, averaged 17.5 points per game, 3.6 assists, and 3.4 steals in NIC play. She surpassed the 1,000-point mark in her career.

“Lauren is an outstanding student athlete with a tremendous work ethic who leads by example,” Mishawaka coach Kevin Gradeless said. “She had a great senior season and an outstanding four years at Mishawaka High School, and we are excited to see her continue that career at Bethel College.”

Southern Methodist University recruit Nicole Konieczny, a guard, helped St. Joseph win the NIC championship and a sectional championship. She enters regional play averaging 11.5 points a game. She hit 40 percent from 3-point range. Konieczny leads the Indians with 4.2 steals a game, leads the team in charges taken, and is second in defensive rebounds with 4.2 a game.

“Nicole is our best defensive guard and draws the other team's best scorer,” Mauch said. “She also didn't play in the fourth quarter in 13 games decided after three quarters. She also played just two minutes vs Kalamazoo, which would notch the stats per game even higher.”

Glenn's Kyannah Stull, a 5-foot-4 point guard, averaged 13.9 points, 4.4 rebounds, 3.8 steals and 3.5 assists a game for the Falcons, who won the NIC South Division title.

“Kyannah is a special player on and off the floor,” Glenn coach Kyle Amor said of Stull. “She has been our starting point guard since her freshman year. As a starter, she has helped Glenn to an impressive 52-15 record. She is at 851 career points as of her last game. She is on pace to threaten the school record for points in a career. This season she has already broken our school's record for assists in a career.

“Most importantly, Kyannah is a tremendous kid,” Amor continued. “She is a straight A student. She is a positive leader. She has a “team-first” mentality. If she scored zero points but John Glenn got the win, she would be the happiest kid in the locker room. She is a great role model for all current and future Lady Falcons to look up to.”

Daly Sullivan, a guard for Saint Joseph, averages 14.0 points, 2.8 assists, 3.0 rebounds, 2.0 steals heading into regional play. She compiled her impressive statistics despite not playing in the fourth quarter of 13 games, because the Indians had the game in hand.

“Daly Sullivan is a major ball handler, point guard, who directs the ship,” Mauch said. “She leads us in scoring with her ability to drive and finish inside.”

NORTHERN INDIANA CONFERENCE

NIC Champion: South Bend St. Joseph

South Division Champion: Glenn

Girls' Basketball All-Conference Team

2015-2016

FIRST TEAM:

Camryn Buhr (12) Penn

Mykala Baylor (12) Clay

Lauren Grewe (12) Mishawaka

Daly Sullivan (11) Saint Joseph

Nicole Konieczny (11) Saint Joseph

Kyannah Stull (11) John Glenn

SECOND TEAM:

Kaitlyn Marenzi (12) Penn

Micaela Box (12) Bremen

Dayonni Phillips (12) Washington

Samantha Jankowski (11) Adams

Lindsay Kline (11) Penn

Emma Applegate (11) Saint Joseph

HONORABLE MENTION:

Claire Carlton (12) Penn

Shawntel James (12) Jimtown

Reniya Columbus (11) Adams

Tylar Roberson (11) Elkhart Central

Raegen Freitag (11) Mishawaka

Meghan Urbanski (10) Marian

COACH OF THE YEAR: Ric Mauch (St. Joseph)

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Camryn Buhr (Penn)

FINAL NIC STANDINGS 2015-16

1. Saint Joseph 12-0

2. Penn 11-1

3. Mishawaka 9-3

3. John Glenn 9-3

3. Adams 9-3

6. Washington 7-5

7. Clay 6-6

8. Marian 5-7

9. Bremen 4-8

10. Elk. Central 3-9

11. Jimtown 2-10

12. New Prairie 1-11

13. Riley 0-12