

Romeo's Cushingberry earns all-state honors

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Romeo senior Blake Cushingberry earned Class A All-State honors from the Associated Press, and Sag-

Boys H.S. Basketball

inaw's Draymond Green is the Associated Press Class A player of the year. Green, an All-State selection a season ago, heads the list of 10 honorees selected by a panel of Michigan sports writers and broadcasters.

Joining Green and Cushingberry

on the All-State list is Saginaw's Daniel West; Latreze Mushatt of Saginaw Arthur Hill; Jenison's Wes Trammell; JaVaughn Acree-Manuel of Lansing Sexton; LaDon-tae Henton of Lansing Eastern; Dominique Buckley of Romulus; Eric Evans of Detroit Northwestern; and Dion Sims of Orchard Lake St. Mary.

Cushingberry, bound for Oakland University, had 13 double-doubles on the season. He scored 25.4 points per game to go along with 10.9 rebounds a night. He also shot better than 50 percent from the 3-point line in helping his team to a 17-3 regular-season record.

Green averaged 20 points and 15 rebounds during the regular season. In the Class A district opener

against No. 3 Saginaw Arthur Hill, Green racked up 29 points and 15 rebounds in an 81-66 victory.

After the game, Trojans coach Lou Dawkins complimented Green by referring to him as a cow.

"We just kept milking the cow," Dawkins told The Saginaw News after the Feb. 25 game. "When Arthur Hill went to a man, we went to the cow. As long as the cow keeps giving milk, you keep milking the cow."

In the regional final against No. 10 Flint Carman-Ainsworth, Green



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had 28 points, 11 rebounds and three blocks.

West averaged 15 points, nine rebounds and seven steals for the Trojans.

Mushatt, a 6-foot-5 forward, led the Lumberjacks to an 18-2 regular-season record. He averaged 20 points and seven rebounds for a team that was ranked No. 1 before losing to Saginaw.

Trammell, headed to Grand Valley next season, averaged 18.1 points and four rebounds per game. He shot 54 percent from the field, including 41 percent from 3-point range.

Acree-Manuel, a 6-0 senior, led Sexton to an 18-2 regular season and a No. 6 ranking. He averaged

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16.2 points and nearly four assists per game.

Lansing Eastern, not known as a basketball power, had a 10-10 record behind Henton's 16.7 points and 14.7 rebounds per game. He is a freshman.

Buckley was a Mr. Basketball candidate and is headed to Iowa State next season. The 6-2 guard averaged 17.2 points and 6.4 assists and shot nearly 50 percent from 2-point range and 38 percent from behind the arc.

Evans, who signed with Duquesne, had a big season. He averaged 25 points, six rebounds and 7.6 assists.

It's the second year in a row Evans is on the All-State team.

Sims poured in 23.7 points per contest and 5.6 rebounds to lead St. Mary's to a berth in the state quarterfinals.

The Class A coach of the year is Ann Arbor Pioneer's Rex Stanczak. Pioneer is 59-10 in three years under Stanczak, including a 20-0 regular season mark in 2007-08.

Class A All-State list

The 2008 Associated Press Class A All-State basketball team as selected by Michigan sports writers and broadcasters:

Draymond Green, Saginaw, 6-7, Sr. (player of the year)

JaVaughn Acree-Manuel, Lansing Sexton, 60, Sr.

Dominique Buckley, Romulus, 6-2, Sr.

Blake Cushingberry, Romeo, 6-5, Sr.

Eric Evans, Detroit Northwestern, 5-11, Sr.

Latreze Mushatt, Saginaw Arthur Hill, 6-5, Sr.

Wes Trammell, Jenison, 6-1, Sr.

Daniel West, Saginaw, 6-1, Sr.

Dion Sims, Orchard Lake St. Mary, 6-5, Jr.

LaDontae Henton, Lansing Eastern, 6-5, Fr.

Coach of the Year: Rex Stanczak, Ann Arbor Pioneer.

SPECIAL MENTION (nominees receiving two or more votes from the 10-member panel): Charlie Woods, East Lansing; Adrian Hunter, Grand Blanc; Nate Robertson, Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Coach: Steve Hall, Detroit Northwestern.

HONORABLE MENTION (nominees receiving one or no votes from the 10-member panel): Matt Heneveld, Muskegon Mona Shores; Austin Harper, Grand Haven; Takari Churchwell, Muskegon; David Krombeen, Grandville; John Oostema, Grand Rapids Christian; Matt Johnson, Ann Arbor Pioneer; Grant Stone, Plymouth Salem; Kyle Larsen, Saline; Vonn Jones, Hartland; Darryl Stinson, Jackson; Drew Valentine, Lansing Sexton; Drew Maynard, Lake Orion; Kavon Rose, Detroit Finney; Davide Curielti, Orchard Lake St. Mary; Flenard Whitfield, Detroit King; Demetrius Ward, Detroit Pershing; Joe Simon, Marquette; Trey Ziegler, Mount Pleasant; Jay Thames, Port Huron Northern; **Nick Careri, L'Anse Creuse; Alex Marcotullio, De La Salle; Kyle Hunt, Ford; Chris Lemm, Chippewa Valley; Brandon Gouch, Roseville;** Doug Anderson, Kalamazoo Central; Jason Washburn, Battle Creek Central; Nathan Kindt, Alpena.

Coach: Dan Young, Westland John Glenn; Matt Covault, Kalamazoo Loy Norrix; Bernard Loudermill, Muskegon.