

Buffington, Melton named all-league honorable mention



Louisburg senior Carson Buffington was named to the All-Frontier League team for the fourth consecutive season.

In a league that featured the state runner-up, the third-place finisher in Class 4A and another state tournament qualifier, the Louisburg girls basketball schedule was a difficult one.

The Frontier League provided a lot of difficult competition for the Lady Cats as they finished their season with a 10-11 record. Despite that, the league coaches recognized a pair of Louisburg players for postseason honors.

The All-Frontier League team was released earlier this week and Louisburg senior Carson Buffington and sophomore Madilyn Melton were both honorable mention selections.

"I think like most of the coaches, I would like to have had more of our players recognized and in higher positions," Louisburg coach Shawn Lowry said. "I thought we had some girls that deserved recognition based on the scope of their

work and the things they did for our team. With that said, I understand that there were a lot of really good players in our league.

“Both of these girls, along with all of their teammates, are great representatives of our program, school and community. We all couldn’t be more proud of this group of girls and we are very thankful to have shared in this journey with them.”

For Buffington, this was the fourth consecutive season that she was recognized with an all-league selection. In 21 games, Buffington was second on the team with eight points a game and also averaged seven rebounds, which led the Lady Cats, to go along with 3.2 steals a contest.

“It’s hard to express just how good Carson was for her team this year,” Lowry said. “It wasn’t just on game nights, but every day in practice with how she competed and her great leadership. She never took a day off and always led by example. Carson is one of the hardest working players that I have worked with coaching basketball – boys or girls.

“She was relentless as a player and was always the first one on the floor for a loose ball. She is fantastic example for all the younger girls in Louisburg about the level of commitment and determination that is required to

be successful on and off the court.”



Louisburg sophomore Madilyn Melton led the Lady Cats in scoring at 14 points a game and was named an all-league honorable mention.

Melton

earned her first all-league honor for the Lady Cats as the Louisburg sophomore led the team in scoring with 14 points and six rebounds per game.

“Madilyn

has committed herself and puts in a great deal of work to improve as a player for her team,” Lowry said. “Not only that, she does so many of those things we talk about when it comes to effort, character, being unselfish and she does it all with great pride. What was most impressive about Madilyn this season was her growth as a leader that she earned through her hard work and unselfishness.”

Piper

(state runner-up), Baldwin (third-place finisher) and Eudora (state qualifier)

led the league with three selections each, while Piper had two first-team selections

in Ryan Cobbins and Ali Vigil. Baldwin also had two first team honorees in

Kayla Kurtz and Macey Frost, while Eudora's Riley Hiebert was also named to the

first team.

ALL-FRONTIER LEAGUE GIRLS BASKETBALL

FIRST TEAM

Ryan Cobbins, Piper, senior

Ali Vigil, Piper, junior

Kayla Kurtz, Baldwin, senior

Riley Hiebert, Eudora, junior

Macey Frost, Baldwin, senior

SECOND TEAM

Bella Todd, Spring Hill, senior

Lauren Delker, Spring Hill, senior

Kate Ogle, Baldwin, senior

Harper Schreiner, Eudora, freshman

Evelyn Vazquez, Piper, sophomore

HONORABLE MENTION

Carson Buffington, Louisburg,
senior

Hallie Hoffine, Bonner Springs,
senior

Reagan Hiebert, Eudora, junior

Madilyn Melton, Louisburg,
sophomore

Brayden Hanf, Paola, junior

Anna Soetaert, Tonganoxie, senior