

4 area players named all-Ohio

Local, wire reports

COLUMBUS — Euclid's Emmanuel Smith is the top player from the big schools and Lexington's Adam Howell and Cleveland Benedictine's Chris Leanza headline Division II of the 1999 Associated Press All-Ohio teams announced Tuesday.

Fremont Ross junior Reggie Jones earned honorable mention in Division I, Clyde senior Lucas Messer was named third team in Division II, and Chris Rygalski of Oak Harbor earned honorable mention in Division II. In Division IV, Jeremiah Diebler of Gibsonburg earned honorable mention.

Smith, a 6-foot-3 senior, averaged 28.4 points, 8.3 rebounds, 3.5 assists and 4.5 steals a game this year.

Howell, a 6-2 senior headed for Ohio U., hit for 20.2 points, 6 rebounds and 2 assists a game. He shared the Division II player of the year award with Leanza, a 6-0 senior who averages 15.5 points a game.

Boys basketball

Leanza will be on display this weekend at the 77th boys state high school championships at Value City Arena.

Leanza leads Benedictine (20-6) against Philo, with Kettering Alter (19-6) meeting Columbus Beechcroft (20-4) in the Division II semifinals Thursday night.

The coaches of the year in Division II are Dresden Tri-Valley's Rick Lewis and Troy Holtrey of Springboro. Selected as the top coaches in Division I were Shaker Heights' Bob Wonson, Nick Aloï of East Liverpool, Grove City's Ray Miller and Mike Kanney of state poll champion Celina.

Shaker Heights (24-1) and Wonson play East Liverpool (23-1) and Aloï on Friday in the state semifinals, followed by Cincinnati Moeller (19-6) against Mansfield (22-3).

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