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Sports Notes

Local athletes earn honors

Plainfield's James Hurst follows brother by bringing home Indiana coaches' award

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Plainfield senior **James Hurst**, recipient of the 2009 All-West Football Player of the Year distinction after a strong season on the offensive line, is among area players to pick up recent postseason honors from the Indiana Football Coaches Association.

The coaches picked Hurst as the 2009 Mr. Football Position Award winner for the offensive line. Hurst's brother, former Quaker and future University of North Carolina teammate **Nelson Hurst**, received the 2007 Position Award for tight end.

Hurst also is among area players named to the association's Top 50 seniors for 2009, along with Mooresville linebacker **Todd Hacker**, Avon defensive back **Taje High** and Brownsburg wide receiver **Charles Torwudzo**.

The association's All-State senior selections are Plainfield defensive lineman **Tony Hawk** and Mooresville defensive lineman **Evan Wooding** in Class 4A, plus Monrovia defensive back **Tim Connor**, defensive lineman **Jack Hadley** and running back **Austin Parks**, Cardinal Ritter linebacker **Carlos de Luna**, quarterback **Ross Hendrickson** and tight end **Nick Maled**, and Tri-West wide receiver **Brock Sellers** in 2A.

Avon wide receiver **Kendall Griffin** and Brownsburg defensive back **Torrey Nibbs** are All-State junior selections for 5A. Monrovia offensive lineman **Kurtiss Faulkenberg** and Cardinal Ritter running back **Michael Timko** are picked in 2A.

The coaches' group, Indiana High School Athletic Association and Indianapolis Colts also honored their 24-player Academic All-Star Team for 2009 on Sunday at Lucas Oil Stadium. On the team: Mooresville linebacker **James Ringer**.

More sports honors

The West Central Conference named its Coaches of the Year and all-conference teams for fall sports.

Monrovia's **Kevin Hutchins** (football) and Cascade's **Megan DeVault** (volleyball) and **David Smyth** (girls golf) received coaching awards. The All-WCC teams are:

Boys cross-country -- **Zach Earhart**, **Levi Musson** and **Matt Shepard** (Cascade).

Girls cross-country -- **Kailani Musson** (Cascade); **Hanna Spear** and **Jessica Thompson** (Monrovia).

Football -- **Zac Baldwin** and **Cody Blackburn** (Cascade); **Dalton Clements**, **Tim Connor**, **Kurtiss Faulkenberg**, **Jake Hadley**, **Garrett Johnson** and **Austin Parks** (Monrovia).

Girls golf -- **Morgan Schoch**, **Shelby Settles**, **Emily Sharp** and **Jessica Smyth** (Cascade); **Morgan**

Knieper (Monrovia).

Boys soccer -- **Avery Franklin** and **Nathen Randolph** (Cascade); **Brad Majors**, **Nick Pridemore** and **Aaron Royal** (Monrovia).

Girls soccer -- **Danielle Barnes**, **Tory Miller** and **Paxton Ott** (Cascade); **Kristina Carpenter** (Monrovia).

Volleyball -- **Jordan Hopper**, **Alyssa Suter** and **Chelsea Wichman** (Cascade); **Amber Bryant** and **Taylor Dunbar** (Monrovia).

Girls basketball

ExcelHSports.com has named its top girls basketball players for the 2009-10 season in three categories: diamonds, gold bars and silver stars. They are:

Class 4A -- Mooresville's **Maegan Callaway** and **Jama Sharp** (diamonds); Plainfield's **Julia Henson** and **Kasey Johnson** (gold bars); Avon's **Haley Austin**, **Jackie Kurbursky** and **Jill Steinmetz**, Brownsburg's **Lindsey Dall**, **Erika Lesch** and **Stephanie Mavunga**, Mooresville's **Aerial Clark** and **Bailey Wellspring**, and Plainfield's **Sarah Janssen**, **Jamie Lydick** and **Samantha Smith** (silver stars).

Class 3A -- Danville's **Taryn Collier**, **Sarah Elliott** and **Amy Kramer** (silver stars).

Class 2A -- Tri-West's **Sam Ricks** (diamond); Covenant Christian's **Micah Pollard** (gold bars); Cardinal Ritter's **Kayla Battle** and **Anita Hernandez**, Cascade's **Alex Morgan**, **Brittany Sallee** and **Alyssa Suter**, Covenant Christian's **Emma Brattain** and **LaNayah Pollard**, Monrovia's **Cassie Kaiser** and **Morgan Knieper**, and Tri-West's **Megan Bennett** (silver stars).

Etc.

Plainfield's **Jamie Lydick** has been chosen by the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame to receive the \$1,000 Richard P. Jennings scholarship. She will be recognized Dec. 29 at the City Securities Hall of Fame Classic in New Castle, where the Quakers will play Jay County in the first round. 4A No. 3 Mooresville also is in the field with the Pioneers first playing 3A No. 1 Rushville.

Plainfield graduate and Butler junior volleyball player **Jessica Wolfe** is among 14 players to be named Midwest All-Region by the American Volleyball Coaches Association for 2009. She also is a three-time All-Horizon League pick.

Former Danville football coach **Bob Copeland** completed his fourth season as an assistant coach at Ohio Northern University where the Polar Bears went 8-2 and ended the season ranked 19th in the American Football Coaches Association's Nov. 16 NCAA Division III poll.
