

FIRST TEAM

TAYLOR CONWAY F, Rowlett, Jr.

Conway earns a spot on the all-area team for the second consecutive season. The two-time 10-6A offensive player of the year teamed with Raigen Powell to form one of the most lethal one-two scoring punches in the state. Conway recorded 21 goals and a district-best 18 assists. A majority of that production came during the district slate, where she recorded 14 goals and 11 assists to put the Eagles in position to win the 10-6A title.



HADLEY MURRELL F, Prosper, Soph.

Despite an injury in the fourth district game of the season, Murrell still managed to finish as 9-6A's leading scorer with nine goals in conference play. A lethal attacker, Murrell scored an impressive 26 goals and provided five assists overall. With the ability to run at defenders, cross and finish from anywhere, Murrell will be a force to reckon with over the next couple of years.



DEVYN FLANNERY F, Lebanon Trail, Sr.

Lebanon Trail has built a solid reputation for its program in just two varsity seasons and Flannery has been one of the cornerstones. Flannery, who has signed to continue her soccer career at the University of North Texas, recorded 21 goals and 11 assists on her way to winning 9-5A most valuable player honors. Flannery tallied a pair of hat tricks during district as the Trail Blazers, a year after earning a playoff berth in their first varsity season, were in second place and still alive to win their first district 9-5A title.



CAITLYN MATTHEWS F, Flower Mound, Sr.

The Lady Jaguars found the net plenty during their unbeaten 2020 campaign, producing a district-high 44 goals in just 13 conference matchups. For all the depth to Flower Mound's weaponry, no player was involved in more goals than Matthews, who concluded her high school year with 17 goals and 15 assists for the 6-6A champions. Committed to play for Houston, Matthews was named all-district first team and all-state second team.



LANDRI TOWNSEND MF, Little Elm, Sr.

Townsend capped off a sensational high school career with a big senior season. She finished with team highs in goals (17) and assists (15), keying Little Elm's run to an official second place mark in the final 8-5A standings. Townsend and the Lady Lobos' 2020 class qualified for the playoffs in each of their four years, highlighted by a district championship and trip to the area round in 2019.



MICHELLE PAK MF, Coppell, Soph.

The Coppell sophomore shined as a youngster in the incredibly difficult 6-6A gauntlet. Pak totaled team highs in goals (17) and assists (nine), scoring or assisting on 26 of the Cowgirls' 63 scores this season. She was named the district's utility player of the year and helped Coppell boast a No. 8 state ranking by TopDrawerSoccer.com at the conclusion of the year.



ABBY SMITH MF, Flower Mound, Sr.

The Lady Jaguars were a well-oiled machine in every phase of the pitch, accruing a district-best-plus-43 goal differential in 2020. Linking the front and back lines was Smith, who produced as an attacking midfielder and a forward for Flower Mound. That talent meshed with leadership to produce a memorable campaign for Smith, who posted 16 goals and nine assists to not only help the Lady Jaguars to the top of the 6-6A standings but earn the district's MVP award as well. Bound for LSU, Smith was also named to the all-state first team.



HALEY ROBERSON D, Coppell, Sr.

Despite missing three-fourths of the district schedule, Roberson's impact was felt far and wide every single step she took on the field. In addition to her defense, Roberson had the team's fourth-most goals (eight) and its second-most assists (seven). Roberson will remain in the Metroplex for college, signing her letter of intent to play Division I soccer at North Texas.



MADISON SCHOTT D, Flower Mound, Jr.

The Lady Jaguars sported one of the top defenses in the state in 2020, surrendering just seven goals on the year with only one coming in district play. Although plenty of collaboration goes into producing a mark that emphatic, no one was tougher to crack on the Flower Mound back line than Schott, the 6-6A defensive player of the year. Routinely winning 1-on-1 battles and controlling possession in the air, Schott added three goals and an all-state selection to go along with her banner junior campaign.



AVERY BRANDT D, Independence, Jr.

Brandt continued to establish herself as one of the most versatile players in the region. The junior, who has committed to the University of Missouri, was named 9-5A co-defensive player of the year to lead a Knights defense that posted 11 shutouts. Brandt's contributions were not limited to one side of the field, as she was also a big part of the offensive attack, with eight goals and four assists as Independence was in the driver's seat to claim the district championship.



MAKENZIE HALL GK, McKinney Boyd, Sr.

Hall morphed in one of the best goalies in the area thanks to producing 10 shutouts, 90 saves and a .65 goals against average. As a result of her productive senior campaign, Hall was named 9-6A goalkeeper of the year, TASCOCO all-state, THSCA academic all-state, along with winning the Boyd leadership award. Next season, Hall will take her talents to The University of the Incarnate Word.



MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

RAIGEN POWELL Rowlett, Jr.

Powell has been a familiar name in area soccer circles for a number of years, having established herself as one of the top club players in the region, as well as working out with the U.S. Soccer U-16 National Team.

Powell, who has orally committed to Alabama, made the decision to play for the Eagles for the first time and to say she made an immediate impact would be a gross understatement.

Powell did not take long to emerge as one of the most dangerous scorers in the area. In her Rowlett debut, she tallied a hat trick in a 7-0 blanking of Royce City.

In the Eagles' first big test against Rockwall-Heath, the No. 3 team in the Texas Association

of Soccer Coaches Class 6A Region 2 rankings, she scored twice in a 2-2 draw and she followed that up by scoring both goals in a 2-1 win over Class 5A Region 2 No. 10 Forney.

It was just a sign of things to come, as in the 10-6A opener against Naaman Forest, Powell continued her onslaught with three goals and an assist in a 8-0 victory.

In 12 district games, Powell tallied 23 goals and seven assists as Rowlett posted a 11-1 record and was in the driver's seat to win its second district championship in the last three years.

Overall, Powell ranked among the state leaders with 38 goals and 11 assists as the Eagles compiled a 17-2-3 overall record and qualified for the playoffs for a Garland ISD-record 18th consecutive season.



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OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

EMMA SHORT Celina, Jr.

Short was named the district MVP for 9-4A champion Celina for the second year in a row after scoring 27 goals to go along with five assists – bringing her totals over the last two seasons to 49 goals and 11 assists.

The Celina star's goal-scoring prowess has come on strong in the last two seasons. She started out as a defender at both the high school and club levels, but since be-



ing moved to forward in her sophomore season because the way Celina's roster was put together, Short was been a nightmare matchup for most of the Lady Bobcats' opponents.

Lauded by those within the program for her hard work and drive to succeed, Short had to overcome several injuries the last two years and constantly sought information on ways to get back to full strength and strengthen her body. In doing so, Short – praised for her team-first mentality and positive tone set for the entire program – led Celina to one of the top marks in its region prior to the season's abrupt cancellation.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

MADELEINE STARRETT Lebanon Trail, Sr.

Starrett was a second-team all-district selection a year ago but took her game to new heights during her senior campaign, where she was named to the co-defensive player of the year.

Starrett, who signed with the University of North Texas alongside Lebanon Trail teammate Devyn Flannery, starred on both ends of the pitch.

Starrett was the leader of a Trail Blazer defense that posted seven shutouts and helped the

team outscore district opponents by a combined score of 67-15.

But Starrett did more than just defend, as she was also a key member of the Lebanon Trail offense, where she dished out 13 assists and tallied seven goals, including three off of set pieces.

Those numbers are even more impressive considering that the Frisco ISD district is arguably the toughest in the state. In the final Texas Association of Soccer Coaches Class 5A Region 2 poll, FISD made up half of the top 10 with No. 1 Independence, No. 3 Lebanon Trail, No. 4 Memorial, No. 5 Wakeland and No. 9 Liberty.

It was against this top competition that Starrett and the Trail Blazers produced some of their best efforts, as she scored twice in the first meeting against Independence and helped them to a draw in the rematch.

GOALKEEPER OF THE YEAR

LAUREN KELLETT Coppell, Sr.

Taking the place of Maddie Weber at goalie, Kellett had some large shoes to fill.

Weber, who went on to play at Clemson, was a star at Coppell. She won a 6A state title in 2015 and followed up that championship campaign with 17 shutouts in 30 games en route to a District Goalkeeper of the Year honor.

Kellett came in and immediately emerged into a star, highlighting it with a sensational senior campaign that earned her Goalie of the Year honors by Star Local Media. Kellett finished with 58 saves while her and the Cowgirls recorded shutouts in nearly half of

their games this season – nine shutouts in 19 games to be exact.

Additionally, Kellett was named the Goalie of the Year in 6-6A, lifting Coppell to a third-place finish in a loaded 6-6A that featured three nationally ranked by TopDrawerSoccer.com. Coppell was one of those three ranked teams, coming in at No. 20 in the final poll after going 5-1-1 over its final seven games of the campaign.

Kellett will take her talents to TCU next season, joining a program that has made four straight NCAA Tournament appearances – including a trip to the second round in 2018.



COACH OF THE YEAR

MISAIL TSAPOS Flower Mound

After guiding the Lady Jaguars to a Class 6A state championship in 2016, Tsapos and the program mustered just one playoff appearance over the next three seasons. But in nursing an otherwise young roster along the way, those pitfalls gave way to what had all the markings of a special 2020 season before the COVID-19 pandemic took hold.

Tsapos helped steer Flower Mound to one of the state's only

unbeaten records by the time the season abruptly concluded, staking the Lady Jaguars to a 17-0-4 mark — good for a No. 2 state and No. 4 national ranking by TopDrawerSoccer.com.

A coach who prides his system on organization, Tsapos oversaw a Flower Mound side that surrendered just one goal in a district that had as many as three others crack state and national polls as well — producing a staggering plus-43 goal differential in 6-6A action.

Tsapos was named the district's coach of the year as a result, and although he never got to see his team through to the finish line, he had as big a hand as any in the Lady Jaguars' resurgence as a state powerhouse.

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

OLIVIA HOWARD The Colony, Fr.

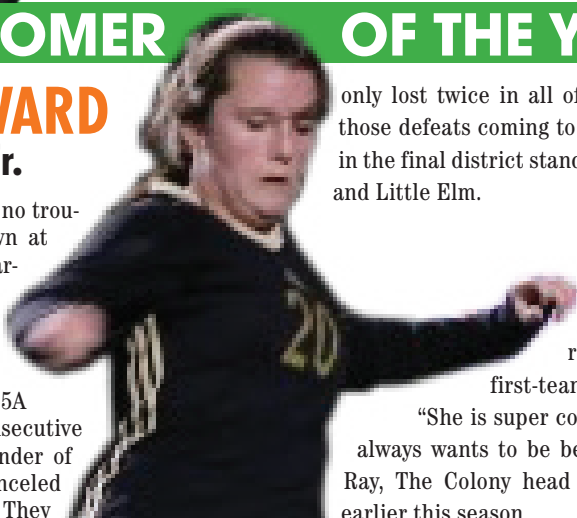
Just a freshman, Howard had no trouble making her presence known at The Colony right away at the varsity level.

Howard scored 17 goals and 12 assists on the year, helping lift the Lady Cougars to an official third-place finish in 8-5A while clinching their third consecutive playoff berth before the remainder of the season was ultimately canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. They

only lost twice in all of league play, with those defeats coming to the top two teams in the final district standings – Lake Dallas and Little Elm.

Howard also garnered the district's newcomer of the year recognition and a first-team selection.

“She is super competitive, and she always wants to be better,” said Tommy Ray, The Colony head coach, of Howard earlier this season.



SECOND TEAM

KELLY VAN GUNDY F, Marcus, Jr.

For all the accolades heaped on rival Flower Mound for its run of dominance, the Lady Marauders weren't far behind. Van Gundy was a big reason why, cementing herself as one of the top offensive weapons in the district with 19 goals and 11 assists during her junior campaign. An all-district and all-region first team selection, Van Gundy totaled 49 points for a Marcus side that rose to second place in 6-6A play and a plus-39 goal differential.



LANDRY CORBETT F, Independence, Sr.

Corbett is one of the most decorated players in the area. She is a three-time all-district selection, including capturing 9-5A MVP honors last season and offensive player of the year during her senior campaign. Corbett, the 2019 Star Local Media MVP who has signed with the Colorado School of Mines, capped her high school career by recording 17 goals and 12 assists for the district-leading Knights.



JORDYN HERRERA F, Prosper, Soph.

Last year's 9-6A forward of the year, Herrera returned with another fantastic season – one that culminated in district MVP honors. During district play, Herrera racked up eight goals and seven assists in nine appearances, leading the district in points. Overall, Herrera totaled 11 goals and 12 assists for the year while playing wide or central forward and was a constant problem for opposing defenses.



OLIVIA HASLER F, Hebron, Sr.

For all the goal-scoring talent that 6-6A had this season, Hasler came away with one of the conference's top superlative honors in being named the district's offensive player of the year. Her body of work backed up that award, posting 11 goals and nine assists to help the Lady Hawks to a third-place tie in the league standings when the season concluded. Hasler's talents shined against the best of the best as the only player to record a goal on national juggernaut Flower Mound during district play.



AUSTYN APPLEWHITE MF, Little Elm, Jr.

Applewhite's success played a pivotal role in another playoff berth for the Lady Lobos in 2020. Applewhite scored 15 goals while dishing out 12 assists as Little Elm finished in second place in 8-5A. Her 15 goals and 12 assists were both the second highest totals on the team, only behind that of fellow all-area selection Landri Townsend.



ITZEL REYES MF, West Mesquite, Fr.

Reyes made an immediate splash during her freshman campaign, emerging as the Wranglers leading scorer as she tallied a team-high 15 goals and nine assists on her way to being named 13-5A offensive midfielder of the year. Reyes' strong, all-around play in the mid-field was a big reason that West Mesquite was in contention for its first playoff berth since 2013 and just its third in the program's 38-year history.



KARINA DE PAOLI MF, Lake Dallas, Sr.

The 8-5A MVP's versatility and leadership paved the way for the Lady Falcons during a banner 2020 season. De Paoli scored seven goals and had six assists, guiding Lake Dallas to an outright district title and its first playoff-clinched playoff berth since 2016. De Paoli signed her letter of intent to play Division I college soccer at Arkansas-Little Rock.



MOLLY MCDOUGAL D, Prosper, Soph.

Although only a sophomore, McDougal is a two-year captain for Prosper and helped them produce the most shutouts in 9-6A district play. McDougal also pitched in with two goals and three assists throughout the year while playing as a center back. Not just a solid defender, McDougal is extremely comfortable on the ball and has an exceptional passing range, which gave Prosper opponents fits.



REAGAN KEISER D, The Colony, Sr.

One of the key senior leaders for The Colony, Keiser's defensive presence and leadership provided a huge boost to the Lady Cougars all season long. The Colony allowed a mere 26 goals all season and recorded a plus-34 goal differential. Keiser was also named the 8-5A defensive player of the year, helping The Colony allow just 13 goals in 11 district contests while tallying six shutouts in those 11 games. Keiser will play collegiately at Oklahoma Christian.



ASHLEY JOHNSON D, Rowlett, Sr.

Johnson is a two-time first-team all-district honoree who was also selected as the co-defensive most valuable player during her junior campaign. Johnson, who signed with the University of Louisiana-Monroe, was one of the leaders of a formidable Eagle defensive front that helped the team post 11 shutouts, including eight in district play. Johnson also contributed to Rowlett's high-powered offense, tallying four goals and three assists as the Eagles had already clinched their 18th straight playoff appearance and were in position to win the 10-6A championship.



SYDNEY FRAZIER GK, Lake Dallas, Sr.

A four-year varsity player, Frazier concluded her high school days as a champion. Leading Lake Dallas to a district title, Frazier allowed just 18 goals in 22 games while notching 10 shutouts, meaning that 45% of opponents on the schedule failed to score. She was honored as a first-team selection in 8-5A and has signed to continue her soccer career at University of the Ozarks.

