The Boys Basketball All-Stars

Neo Franco, Attleboro

Franco was a key for Attleboro and emerged as a focal point of the offense early in the season. The junior forward's growth as a shooter and defender helped others grow for the Bombardiers, and despite not returning to the program next season (transferring to Pomfret School in Connecticut), his style of play and effect on the team will have an impact on how his teammates work on the court next season. He finished the season with 12 points per game, averaging six rebounds and three assists. "He was definitely one of our stronger players, both physically and experience-wise," Attleboro head coach Mark Houle said. "He led us on both ends of the court. Offensively, he was a threat to score any time he touched the ball. He defended at a high level. By the end of the year, he was one of those players who was predominantly on the court for close to 32 minutes."

Jaiden Outland, Attleboro

A consistent defender and scorer, Outland was a Hockomock League All-Star who added another dimension for the Bombardiers. The senior averaged 12 points per game as a well-rounded player who seldom sat on the bench for prolonged minutes. "Neo was consistent, and Jaiden was just as consistent. He was definitely a threat to score," Houle said. "Like Neo, when one was scoring the other was (picking things up on defense) and vice versa."

Jack Chabot, Bishop Feehan

Chabo was a good 1B to teammate Cooper Snead's 1A, averaging 15 points per game his senior season with a game-high of 38. Off the glass, he averaged four rebounds per game and made 31 3-pointers on a 35% shooting percentage. "Cooper and Jack, they were consistent in scoring for us," Bishop Feehan head coach Dean O'Connor said of the senior. "You could count on them every night with the potential to get into the mid-20's. Jack was an undersized guy that could score inside. He found a way to get second-chance points. He really maximized his ability."

Cooper Snead, Bishop Feehan

Snead's explosive capabilities and improvements through the offseason made the senior a tough player to stop. The senior Shamrock was just as good underneath as he was from outside, averaging 18 points per game with 61 3-pointers (39.1%). He was also Bishop Feehan's leading rebounder at six per game. "His ability to score, especially from beyond the arc, it was huge for us," O'Connor said. "It opened up other opportunities for other guys because he was getting special attention. The jump Cooper made from last year to this year, he really developed into a (scorer) at all three levels. He really diversified his game."

Kyle Mello, Dighton-Rehoboth

A senior leader for D-R on both ends of the court, the all-SCC selection averaged 13 points for D-R along with five rebounds and four assists. A do it all-type, the senior shooter paced the Falcons' offense. "He carried a lot of the scoring load," D-R head coach Bill Cuthbertson said. "He was also the primary ball handler, so he got a lot of attention from the other team."



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Bishop Feehan High senior Cooper Snead became a top scoring threat for the Shamrocks, averaging 18 points with 61 3-pointers.

Sam Golub, Foxboro

With Alex Penders' ability to move and score at will, Golub was typically one of the Warriors on the scoring end of Penders' assisting abilities. Averaging 11 points per game and shooting 36% from beyond the arc, the senior had the ability to explode offensively. He scored 40 points against Hopkinton in late December for the second-highest single-game total in school history. On top of his scoring, Golub also averaged four rebounds and two assists per game. "He gave us a second scorer," Foxboro head coach Jon Gibbs said. "Alex is tremendous, but you don't win 15 games with just one guy. Sam was our second-leading scorer and rebounder, Sam was the second guy as someone we can go to as a consistent scorer."

Alex Penders, Foxboro

Penders hit the 1K mark in scoring for the Warriors, capping his high school career with 1,026 career points as the fifth Foxboro High male to do so in school history. An all-position player who ran the point while simultaneously playing under the post, the senior made everyone on the floor aware that he was going to get the ball more often than not. But what especially made him a problem for opponents was his ability to find his teammates for the open shot. He finished the season with a Hockomock League-best 20 points per game (on 51% shooting from the field), to go with 13 rebounds a game and 21 double-doubles in 24 games. "Obviously, Alex has been invaluable to our team's success over the years," Gibbs said. "He does so many things for us on both ends of the court. With his size, his versatility, his skill level, we can use him in so many different ways. He made everyone else better. He's really unselfish, a great leader, vocal and leads by example. After four years on varsity, he knows exactly what it takes to win. Can't ask for much more."



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Attleboro High junior forward Neo Franco averaged 12 points and six rebounds per game this season for the Bombardiers.

Will Laplante, King Philip

A gritty, hard-working senior guard who anchored the scoring attack for King Philip, Laplante was hard to take off the floor at any point this season due to his ability to get to the foul line or hit from 3-point range. A quality leader in the locker room as well as on the court, Laplante was trusted in the biggest moments for the Warriors and came up big in the postseason. He capped his senior campaign averaging six points per game on 42.3% efficiency (405 total) to go with six rebounds, three assists and two steals a game. "He put the time and the work in through the offseason and it showed, especially in the playoffs," King Philip head coach Dave Destefano said. "He was kind of able to turn it on (at that point,) and that's a testament to the work he's put in. He made everyone around him better too. There were times where guys were taking him away and he opened up other opportunities for teammates."

Tommy Martorano, King Philip

Another key part to King Philip's scoring brigade, Martorano was a high-volume shooter. The Warriors' senior averaged 13 points per game, scoring 295 points this season. A player who has gained confidence over the last two seasons, Martorano shined in big spots and played with a lot of confidence for the Warriors. "Tommy kind of came out of the woodwork a little bit last year, but this year I think he really shined in some big moments," Destefano said. "The mentality of him is that he needs to understand he's a good basketball player, he can score. I think he had moments on the court where he knew that, but I think, this year, he went on the court and was very confident.

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King Philip Regional High senior Will Laplante was a tenacious presence at guard, working both ends of the court for the Warriors.

Boys Basketball All-Star Roster

Name	School	Year
Neo Franco	Attleboro	Junior
Jaiden Outland	Attleboro	Senior
Jack Chabot	Bishop Feehan	Senior
Cooper Snead	Bishop Feehan	Senior
Kyle Mello	Dighton-Rehoboth	Senior
Sam Golub	Foxboro	Senior
Alex Penders	Foxboro	Senior
Will Laplante	King Philip	Senior
Tommy Martorano	King Philip	Senior
Trevor Foley	Mansfield	Junior
Chris Hill	Mansfield	Senior
Eddie McCoy	Mansfield	Junior
Givany Carney	North Attleboro	Senior
Kevin Marinilli	Norton	Senior
Marquise Pina	Norton	Senior
Jason Andrews	Seekonk	Junior

Honorable Mention

Attleboro: Justin Hanrahan, Michael Beverly
Bishop Feehan: Dylan Capua, Jon Mignacca
Dighton-Rehoboth: Jordan Dietz
Foxboro: Ryan LeClair, Ryan Cotter
North Attleboro: Jack Munley
Norton: Brendan Scovill
Seekonk: Kevin Crowe, Jaden Arruda

Our Selections

THE BOYS BASKETBALL ALL-STAR TEAM was selected with local coaches consulted for their recommendations.



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Foxboro High often put the ball in Alex Penders' hands with the Warriors' senior eclipsing 1,000 career points in his final season.