

2007 ALL-METRO: Boys Volleyball

PLAYER OF THE YEAR -- Michael Blankenbecler was a sophomore when Thomas Dale made it to the Central Region tournament final and qualified for the state tournament for the first time in 2005. The Knights were runners-up to Clover Hill then, and they were state quarterfinalists in 2006. Thomas Dale went undefeated and won its first region and state crowns this year with Blankenbecler leading the way. He contributed 406 assists, 147 kills, 118 blocks and 26 aces to the Knights' cause this season. He was the Central District, Central Region and Group AAA player of the year as well.

Blankenbecler is headed to Virginia Tech, but if he plays volleyball, it will be at the club level.

FIRST TEAM		
Pos.	Player, school	Year
Setter/outside hitter	Michael Blankenbecler, T. Dale	Senior
Outside hitter/middle	Dustin Galbraith, Freeman	Senior
Setter/outside hitter	Bradley Johnston, Thomas Dale	Junior
Outside hitter	Austin Jones, Cosby	Senior
Libero	Shane Pratt, Thomas Dale	Senior
Setter/outside hitter	Tyler Schleinkofer, Monacan	Senior
Opposite	Ben Wells, Highland Springs	Senior
SECOND TEAM		
Pos.	Player, school	Year
Middle	Dylan Cole, Hanover	Junior
Libero	Brian Fitzsimmons, Deep Run	Junior
Setter	Matt Goodwin, Hanover	Senior
Setter	Taylor Jones, Clover Hill	Senior
Outside hitter	Michael Koebel, Monacan	Senior
Outside hitter	Patrick Maloney, Deep Run	Junior
Outside hitter	Michael Tiffin, J.R. Tucker	Senior