

## 2010-11 Times-Dispatch All-Metro boys basketball team

### Highland Springs' Threatt is T-D's boys basketball player of the year

The finish to Highland Springs' boys basketball game at Hopewell in December was vintage Jarvis Threatt. The Springers, ranked No. 1 in The Times-Dispatch Top 10 at the time, trailed the Blue Devils with mere seconds remaining in overtime and a Hopewell player at the free throw line. "I really wish it hadn't had to come down to that," Threatt said in recalling the predicament. "I told Marcel (Crump), because I knew he probably was going to get the rebound after the free throw if he missed it, to give me the ball and we'll see what happens. "Being like Kobe's (Bryant) my favorite player, the fourth quarter, crunch time, that's usually my time. I like to step up and do my thing." Crump got the rebound and fed Threatt, who let the ball fly from three steps behind half court. "I got lucky, and it went in," Threatt said. That wasn't the No. 1 highlight of the season for Threatt, a 6-foot-2 guard who is The Times-Dispatch boys basketball player of the year. That distinction goes to beating Petersburg in the Central Region tournament semifinals and earning a berth in the state Group AAA tournament. Threatt, who cast his lot with the University of Delaware during the early signing period, produced a stellar senior season. He averaged 25.7 points, 7.2 rebounds, 4.8 steals, 4.5 assists and 1.9 blocks. He was named Capital District and Central Region player of the year and was selected to the Parade All-America team. Is it any wonder why Highland Springs coach George Lancaster said, "I can't say that I have ever coached a player with the versatility of Jarvis Threatt — passing, shooting, driving, rebounding, defending, handling the pressure, plus the intangibles. "It seems as if only yesterday that he was a skinny, shy 14-year-old raining jumpers mainly because he was too small to get to the rack. He has really come a long way and took all of us with him." Threatt is the third Springer to be the T-D's player of the year. The honor went to J.J. Williams in 1992, and Brandon Rozzell shared the honor with Benedictine's Ed Davis in 2007 when both played for state championship teams. Threatt's brother, Jay, was a first-team All-Metro pick that year. Personal honors were secondary among Threatt's goals this season. "First of all, I was thinking about team honors. I wanted the state ring bad. We fell short (lost in state semis to eventual champion I.C. Norcom)," he said. Threatt always has had the ability to score. He says his greatest improvements have come with leadership — "being more vocal, getting my teammates involved, making sure, they're on the same page" — and defense. "Now, Coach Lan would say I can lock guys down. I can guard the best players." Threatt is ready to move on, but he noted that if he had to start high school all over, he'd work harder to get the state ring. He has left a lasting impression at Highland Springs. Said Lancaster, "On the ceiling of all-time great Highland Springs cagers, Jarvis is the Michelangelo."

---

## **Trey Davis**

**School:** Benedictine **Height/Year:** 6-5, senior **Position:** Wing

**The skinny:** Davis averaged 15.3 points and 6.1 rebounds while helping the Cadets win the VISAA Division I state championship. He shot 52 percent from the field for the season and was named to four all-tournament teams. Davis is headed to the University of Richmond.

**What you didn't know:** "I have to listen to the same song before every game."

## **Mike Gbinije**

**School:** Benedictine **Height/Year:** 6-7, senior **Position:** Forward

**The skinny:** Gbinije repeats as a first-team All-Metro pick. He was the Cadets' leading scorer (18.8 ppg), averaged 4.5 rebounds and shot 57 percent from the floor. He was the most outstanding player in the MAIT tournament, MVP of the Rebel Invitational and VISAA tournaments and was all-tournament three other times. Gbinije signed with Duke.

**What you didn't know:** "My favorite TV show is Robot Chicken."

## **Robert Johnson**

**School:** L.C. Bird **Height/Year:** 6-2, sophomore **Position:** Guard

**The skinny:** Johnson was the team's leading scorer (17.1 ppg) and was a driving force behind the Skyhawks' run to the state Group AAA tournament final, where they finished as the runner-up. His most telling statistic: Of his 170 field goals, 83 were 3-pointers on 49 percent shooting. He also contributed 2.7 assists, 3.9 rebounds and 1.7 steals per game.

**What you didn't know:** "I've been an honor roll student since kindergarten."

## **Frank Mason**

**School:** Petersburg **Height/Year:** 6-0, junior **Position:** Guard

**The skinny:** Mason was the Central Region's leading scorer, averaging 27.4 points. He scored 713 points, passed the 1,000-career points mark and connected on 63 3-pointers. He averaged 5 rebounds, 3.8 assists and 2.7 steals. He was named the Central District player of the year and was first-team all-region.

**What you didn't know:** "I'm outspoken."

## **SECOND TEAM**

**Name \*School \*Height \*Year \*Position**

Adheji Baru\*Steward\*6-9\*\*Sr.\*center

Pedro Berrios\*Hopewell\*6-2\*Sr.\*wing

Anthony Brown\*Monacan\*6-3\*Sr.\*forward

Jordan Burgess\*Benedictine\*6-5\*Jr.\*forward

Marcel Crump\*Highland Springs\*6-3\*Sr.\*forward

Kevin Green\*Petersburg\*6-3\*Sr.\*forward

Marvin King-Davis\*Meadowbrook\*6-6\*Sr.\*forward

Willie Mangum\*John Marshall\*6-2\*Jr.\*guard

Justin Mann\*Douglas Freeman\*5-9\*Sr.\*guard

Kris Walden\*Henrico\*6-1\*Sr.\*guard