



Wise named AP all-stater

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Sharon Garland and Lisa Collins, who have collected their share of honors by leading Laurel County to back-to-back state championships, top this year's Associated Press girls high school all-state basketball team.

They are among seven players named to the first and second teams who will be in action this week at the girls' Sweet 16 tournament at Eastern Kentucky University.

Laurel County assistant coach Rex Fredericks, subbing for ailing head coach Roy Bowling, praised Garland and Collins in a recent interview.

"They've had a lot of success and helped us win a lot of games, although neither one does a lot of scoring," Fredericks said. "We feature a balanced offense."

Garland, a 5-foot-11 senior center, and the 5-10 Collins averaged 16.2 and 13.8 points, respectively, as the Cardi-



Lea Wise

... Lafayette's leading scorer

nals extended their winning streak to 52 games.

Collins, a junior, played guard, but was selected to a forward position by

a statewide panel of sportswriters and broadcasters.

Also named to the first team were guard Regina Carroll, who averaged 19 points per game for Russell; guard Lea Wise, who tallied 22 points a game for Region 11 champion Lexington Lafayette, and Beth Wilkerson, a 19-point scorer for Region 10 champion Paris.

Wilkerson, like Collins, was chiefly a guard, but was voted to a forward position.

All but Carroll will be in this week's tournament.

Three players named to the second all-state team also will play in Richmond — Gayle Horstman of Louisville Assumption, Marquette Craft of Clay County and Janet McNew of Louisville Butler.

Also named were Prestonsburg forward Dee Dee Music, whose 34.6-point average was tops among the 10 selectees, and Pulaski County sophomore guard Lori Hines, a 16.1 scorer.

Hines and Collins were the only non-seniors named to the two teams.

Craft averaged 9.3 points at guard for undefeated Region 13 champion Clay County.

Horstman collected 14 points per game for unbeaten Assumption, the Region 7 winner.

McNew, a 6-1 center, averaged 16 points while leading Region 6 champion Butler to the Sweet 16 for the third time in four years.



AP Girls' All-State

FIRST TEAM: Guards — Regina Carroll, Russell, 5-7, Sr, 19.0; Lea Wise, Lexington Lafayette, 5-7, Sr, 22.0; center — Sharon Garland, Laurel Co, 5-11, Sr, 16.2; forwards — Lisa Collins, Laurel Co, 5-10, Jr, 13.8; Beth Wilkerson, Paris, 5-11, Sr, 18.8

SECOND TEAM: Guards — Marquette Craft, Clay Co, 5-2, Sr, 9.3; Lori Hines, Pulaski Co, 5-4, Soph, 16.1; center — Janet McNew, Butler, 6-1, Sr, 16.0; forwards — Gayle Horstman, Lou Assumption, 5-7, Sr, 14.0; Dee Dee Music, Prestonsburg, 6-1, Sr, 34.6.

HONORABLE MENTION — Lori Edgington, Covington Holy Cross; Melanie Gross, Breathitt Co; Diane Johnson, Butler; Sandy Bolt, Casey Co; Beth Davidson, Wayne County; Shelia Sutton, Pulaski Co; Mary Bunch, Wayne Co; Sonya Lee, Shopville; Elizabeth Louthan, Laurel County; Linda Hatfield, Nancy; Sherri Ford, Ohio County; Kathy Goins, Anderson County; Marsha Thomas, Assumption; Carol Bertram, Clinton County; Donna Smith, Allen County; Jane Dyer, Warren Central; Cathy McDowell, Lawrence County; Penny Clapp, Wingo; Deana Hart, Lowes; Cindy Smith, Lowes; Jan Shelton, Mayfield; Susan Gevedon, Lowes; Melanie May, Boyd County; Michele Conley, Ashland Blazer; Mindy Boggs, Boyd County; Laura Donohoe, Ashland Holy Family; Patty Jo Hedges, Western; Sandy Kinkton, Mercy; Jackie Bearden, Dixie Heights; Sandy Woeste, Campbell County; Debbie Sparks, Lawrence County; Nancy Hornsby, Leslie County; Freda Hagan, Daviess County; Dianne Depp, Owensboro; Rosland Wells, Greenville.

WISE — Lafayette coach Kathy Neal felt that assuming the team leadership position gave her high-scoring senior the confidence necessary to lead her team to its state runner-up finish.

"Last year Tanya (Fogle, now at UK) was our leader," Neal said. "This year, Lea was the oldest player, so she saw she had to lead. And she played so well. She improved in every offensive statistic, but more importantly, she gave us leadership."

Wise capped a fine season (22-point average) with a state tournament that — in four games — saw her score 80 points, hand out 18 assists, and shoot a phenomenal 26-for-31 from the free-throw line. Wise averaged 82 percent from the stripe for the year.

Wise, who signed with Kentucky prior to the tourney, will benefit from staying in Lexington, according to Neal. "The hometown exposure will help her so much," Neal said, "and it's got to help UK, too."

Wise Makes Basketball More Attractive Sport

RICHMOND, Ky. — Before she had taken two steps off the Alumni Coliseum floor Thursday afternoon, Lea Wise had a TV camera in front of her face.

Then another, then another.

Then the radio guys with their microphones and the sportswriters with their note pads and pens crowded around.

An image was being born.

What Wise said as she answered question after question about Lafayette's 57-55 overtime victory over Campbell County in the opening round of the Girls State Tournament, did not matter so much as how she said it.

Her pale green eyes danced excitedly as she spoke. Her long blonde hair shifted from side-to-side. Sometimes she shrugged her shoulders shyly. Her face sparkled when she smiled.

SEVENTEEN YEARS old, 5-foot-7, a lonesome 129 pounds, Lea Wise exuded warmth, wholesomeness, beauty.

The media took notice.

Others will, too.

On a smaller scale, perhaps, Lea Wise could do for women's basketball what Laura Baugh did for women's golf and short skirts did for women's tennis.

"A lot of people expect to see big mooses when they come to a girls'

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basketball game," says Lafayette assistant coach Brent Arnold. "They're very pleasantly surprised when they see girls like Lea. There are a lot of pretty girls playing now."

That's not always been the case.

"I used to be that girls wouldn't wear their hair long or fix it up when they played," Wise says.

"And a lot of girls felt like they'd be called tomboys or that no guys would ask them out on dates if they played basketball. I know that when I was a sophomore, we had several girls quit for those reasons."

WISE SEES NO reason whatsoever for leaving her good looks on the bench when she steps on the basketball court.

"My dad gets mad at me because I spend an hour or so fixing my hair before a game," she says, laughing. "But that's how much time I spend on it before I go to school, why shouldn't I do the same before a game. I try to look my

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Lafayette's Lea Wise (14) dribbles the ball upcourt.

Lexington Herald/Frank Anderson

Male Chauvinist Has Oinked for the Last Time

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the team that has now won 57 straight games and three straight state championships, until the last quarter when they wore down and lost, 43-36.

The heart of the Lafayette team was lovely Lea Wise, the girl who could have been a beauty queen, married a rich doctor and lived happily ever after.

Yet there wasn't a girl in the tournament who played any harder than

Wise. With her mascara running, her golden hair drenched with sweat and her tawny legs raw with floor burns, Wise was a flurry on the court. She ran the Lafayette offense, making passes to her teammates better than the ones some sportswriters tried to make at her. On defense, she hustled and harassed without ceasing, never hesitating to dive on the floor when the basketball was loose.

Wise and many other girls such as Laurel County's Lisa Collins and Rachel Bruner, Butler's Patricia Johnson and Lafayette's Valerie Miller are

also proof positive that the girls who play the game are not brutes who need their chromosomes checked.

DESPITE ITS INSPIRING play, Lafayette was dealt two great injustices.

First, was its fan support, which was almost nil. In Saturday's championship game, Laurel County supporters outnumbered Lafayette's at least 10-1. It was worse in the previous rounds. Much worse.

Second, was the fact that Wise was the only Lafayette player named to the all-tournament team. Miller,

Brenda Smith and Jennifer Lewis all played very well and at least one deserved a spot on the team. Butler, which Lafayette beat in the semifinals, had two players on the team. Laurel County, which struggled to beat Lafayette in the championship game, had three.

AS A FINAL comment, I will say that Laurel County won the tournament and the last two before it because it has a superior coach — Roy Bowling. Bowling is a man.

But that's the last oink you'll hear out of me.

Female Athletes

It was with some interest that I read Stu Warner's article on Lea Wise, "the Farrah Fawcett of the foul line." It is indeed heartening to learn that "a girl doesn't have to look bad to play good basketball," but I wonder whether this represents a major change in emphasis in women's sports or just a "face-lift."

I have maintained for a long time that what female basketball needs is "a few less hooks and a little more looks." I do not think, however, that we can turn the distressing trend of unattractiveness in women's basketball around as easily as Laura Baugh (remember her, the female golfer that made \$27.50 playing golf and \$600,000 doing toothpaste commercials) did for women's golf, or short skirts did for women's tennis.

What we need are rule changes. I propose the introduction of a series of aesthetic fouls which would be the equivalent of physical fouls. A proposed list might include smudged lipstick, profuse sweating, heavy thighs, and shameful untidiness. Breaking an opposing player's fingernail should result in a technical. We must realize, of course, that this will cause a resultant change in most every aspect of female basketball.

Recruiters will evaluate high school prospects on the new criteria. Does her hair have bounce? Can you see her twinkling eyes and

Columnist Finally Admits Girls Play Good Basketball

Okay, girls, you won. You've moved out of the kitchen and onto the basketball court.

This pig, a member of the male chauvinist species, is repenting.

I finally gave in and went to your tournament this week. I used to refrain from calling it the State Tournament, because that title was reserved for the boys tournament. I never referred to it as the Sweet Sixteen. Never.

But darn it, I enjoyed it.

I spent two days in Richmond, Ky., watching the Girls State Tournament — there, I said it — and enjoyed every heart-throbbing minute of it.

MAYBE YOU CAN'T slam dunk, but you've made basketball good, honest fun again.

Your emotions are so real.

When you win, you celebrate with gusto. When you lose, you cry genuine tears, which almost always dissolve into laughter.

And you play pretty good basketball.

In some cases, the basic fundamentals are still lacking, but even the worst played game I saw was never lacking for hustle.

YOUR TOURNAMENT even had a Cinderella, but the slipper was on the other foot this time.

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Instead of the underdog team being some small school out of the mountains or from down on the farm, it was Lafayette, the state's largest high school.

These city girls were as gritty as any of the country boys from places like Carr Creek, Inez, Edmonson County, et al, who made Boys State Tournaments so memorable.

Never mentioned in the same breath with teams like Laurel County, Paris, Butler and Assumption, Lafayette played three games in the final 24 hours of the tournament with its starting five on the floor for all but a total of five minutes. The Lady Generals stunned Butler in Saturday morning's semifinals, rallying from a seven-point deficit in the final four minutes when they should have been too pooped to pop in another basket.

Then in Saturday night's championship game, they led Laurel County, **(Turn to MALE, B-4)**



Lexington Herald/Christy Porter
Lea Wise looks to pass past Laurel's Lisa Collins

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Lafayette's Lea Wise Signs With Lady Kats

Staff, Wire Dispatches

Lea Wise, a 5-foot-7 guard from Lafayette High School, Tuesday became the first high school player signed to an AIAW national letter-of-intent by University of Kentucky Lady Kat coach Debbie Yow.



Lea Wise

Wise is a two-year starter at Lafayette, which has won two straight 11th Region championships. Wise and the fifth-ranked Lady Generals, 27-2, will participate in the Girls State Tournament March 21-24 in Richmond, Ky.

Wise is averaging 22 points per game and has 165 assists and holds the school record for most points and most assists. Wise is shooting 46 percent from the field and 82 percent from the free throw line.

Wise, considered one of the state's finest guards, narrowed her college choice to Kentucky and Tennessee.

"She has a tremendous pure jumper, will add quickness to the team and give us more flexibility on the fast break," said Yow. "Lea is coming in with a hard-working and dedicated attitude and a lot of potential."

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Lafayette's Wise to be a Lady Kat



Lea Wise

... Lafayette's general

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Wise is a two-year starter for 11th Region champ Lafayette. She is averaging 22 points and has 165 assists. She holds the school record for points and assists. She is shooting 46 percent from the field and 82 percent from the foul line. UK and Tennessee were her final choices.