

BOYS BASKETBALL: 2011 SOUTHERN ARIZONA ALL-STARS

by **Andy Morales** on Mar. 22, 2011, under **Sports**

Here they are. These selections weren't as difficult as the girls picks but there was still plenty of second guessing and comparing.

Lester Medford, Tim Derksen, Shakir Smith, Joseph Monreal, Emilio Acedo.....

None of them made the All-Arizona team. You can either be shocked by that or maybe you have come to expect it.

All Medford and Derksen did was lead their team to a 29-2 record and a state championship. There were times when Derksen took the lead – especially in the state championship game where he went off for 26 points.

Part of Amphi's success was the ability of one of **Ben Hurley's** boys to take over and contribute and outplay everyone else on the court. **Tony Lillard** scored 19 points in the championship game, for instance.

But, just as Amphi has a consistent press, Medford and Derksen were the consistent leaders with a huge nod to Monreal who also lead his team to a state championship.

I listed all three as players of the year in the order I would place them.

Hurley and Nogales coach **Ricardo "Bambi" De La Riva** are my choices for coaches of the year.

Hurley devised an attack offense to go with his press and De La Riva took a small team from a small border town to Glendale and to a state title – it was a classic **"Hoosiers"** story.

CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

2A Thatcher, State Runner-Up

4A-II Amphitheater, State Champions

4A-I Nogales, State Champions

ALL-SOUTHERN ARIZONA

Players of the Year

Lester Medford, Amphitheater

Tim Derksen, Amphitheater

Joseph Monreal, Nogales

Coaches of the Year

Ben Hurley, Amphitheater

Ricardo De la Riva, Nogales

First Team

Lester Medford, Amphitheater

Tim Derksen, Amphitheater

Shakir Smith, Tucson

Emilio Acedo, Salpointe

Marc Matthews, Buena

Joseph Monreal, Nogales

Billy Morrison, Rincon

Second Team

Roland Jones, Palo Verde

Devonte Malcolm, Buena

Josh Lewis, Canyon del Oro

Colby Weaver, Salpointe

Octavio Martinez, Nogales

Brandon McEuen, Safford

Frankie Mgbolu, St. Gregory

SOUTHERN REGION

Player of the Year:

Shakir Smith, Tucson

Coach of the Year:

Dave Glasgow, Buena

First Team

Shakir Smith, Tucson

Emilio Acedo, Salpointe

Colby Weaver, Salpointe

Billy Morrison, Rincon

Marc Matthews, Buena

Devonte Malcolm, Buena

Mitch Fischer, Ironwood Ridge

Second Team

Dylan Hidalgo, Rincon

Talbott Denny, Salpointe

Merle Branch, Buena

Dominick Balsino, Mountain View

Pedro Muniz, Sunnyside

Tyler D'Amore, Ironwood Ridge

Ruben Silvas, Tucson

4A-I

Player of the Year:

Joseph Monreal, Nogales

Coach of the Year:

Ricardo De la Riva, Nogales

First Team

Joseph Monreal, Nogales

Octavio Martinez, Nogales

Josh Lewis, Canyon del Oro

Dior Ford, Sahuaro

Dimitri Chonis, Sabino

Shane Burton, Cienega

Javier Olono, Cienega

Eric Varela, Flowing Wells

Second Team

Daniel Giffin, Foothills

Cesar Solis, Nogales
Christophe Hill, Cienega
Tyler Boerup, Cienega
Ruben Galvan, Desert View
Niko Kittrell, Sahuaro
Anthony Neals, Sabino
Dre Anderson, CDO

4A-II

Players of the Year:

Lester Medford, Amphitheater
Tim Derksen, Amphitheater

Coach of the Year:

Ben Hurley, Amphitheater

First Team

Lester Medford, Amphitheater
Tim Derksen, Amphitheater
Dorian Paige, Palo Verde
Cooper Kowalski, Catalina
Kyle Dawicki, Sahuarita
Roland Jones, Palo Verde
Dominique Banks, Amphi

Second Team

Shay Ferguson, Santa Rita
Josh Mott, Sahuarita
Charles Benson, Amphi
Fred Simms, Amphi
Ryan Rodriguez, Catalina
Adrian Valencia, Douglas
Joseph Martinez, Cholla

3A

Player of the Year:

Brandon McEuen, Safford

Coach of the Year:

Troy Powell, Safford

First Team

Brandon McEuen, Safford

Torin Higgins, Safford

Josh Hart, Safford

Preston Larson, Safford

Cole Plouck, Empire

Shawn Sweeny, Empire

Alan Wetzel, Empire

2A

Player of the Year:

Mitchell Goodman, Thatcher

Coach of the Year:

Chris Cook, Thatcher

First Team

Myles Mayfield, Desert Christian

Jeremy Courtney, Pusch Ridge

Daniel McLeod, Pusch Ridge

Mitchell Goodman, Thatcher

Eric Angle, Thatcher

Jake Shaver, Willcox

Jacob Drage, Willcox

Second Team

Kjel Gudvangen, Benson

Cole George, Willcox

Tyler Vance, Pusch Ridge

John Jackson, Pusch Ridge

Koby Alva, Thatcher

Ethan Bryce, Thatcher

Ben Boice, Desert Christian

Saul Sierra, Bisbee

1A

Player of the Year:

Frankie Mgbolu, St. Gregory

Coach of the Year:

Jason Apodaca, St. Gregory

First Team

Frankie Mgbolu, St. Gregory

Nate Grobstein, St. Gregory

Matt Fox, St. Gregory

Nick Brien, Tanque Verde

Luke Herschenroeder, Tanque Verde

Second Team

Chris Atlas, Tanque Verde

James Gorman, Academy of Tucson

Adam Gonzales, St. Gregory

Jasim El-Ali, St. Gregory

David Robles, Valley Union

Andrew Corona, Duncan