



Player of the Year: **Hugh Hogland, Iolani**

The development and growth of Hugh Hogland was parallel to the success of the Iolani boys basketball team this season.

Hogland, a 6-foot-9 junior center, was an instrumental part of the Raiders' run to their 11th state title this winter and has been selected as Scoring-Live's All-Hawaii Division I Boys Basketball Player of the Year.

The Iolani big man was a formidable presence in the paint on the defensive end yet again, but it was his improvement on the offensive end of the floor that drew the admiration of opposing coaches.

"He's probably the best passing big man in the state and his foot work and his ability to score the basketball with his back to the basket is one of the best in the state, if not the best," Kaiser coach Branden Kawazoe said.

Hogland torched the Cougars for 28 points on 12-of-18 shooting from the field in a state semifinal game.

"He's really improved his overall game over the past few years and you could even see the difference throughout this season," Kawazoe said. "He plays defense, he contests shots without fouling, he rebounds and he's the core of their defense and their rim protector. Having him on the court changes the complexion of any game and if he is aggressive on the offensive end, he can impact the game more than any player on any team."

Hogland scored double-digit points in 13 of the 15 games he played in this season. He recorded eight blocks, six rebounds, four points and two assists in a state quarterfinal win over Baldwin and two nights later went for 15 points with 10 rebounds and six blocks against Punahou in the title game. He was named the most outstanding player of the tournament.

Kamehameha coach Greg Tacon — whose team faced Hogland and the Raiders three times this season — said the gameplan was always centered around Hogland.

"I don't know if there is another player that we went up against this year that everything we did to gear up against Iolani was against Hugh — he's that dominant an offensive player and that dominant a defensive player," Tacon said. "He's a dominant big man that we don't see much in Hawaii."

Hogland is joined on the first team by his Iolani teammate, senior forward Robby Mann, as well as Kaiser's senior duo of guard Keoua Mahiko and forward Chance Kalaugher and Kamehameha senior guard Kaeler Kahana.

Coach of the Year: **Darren Matsuda, Punahou**

With a roster that included five freshmen, four sophomores and just three seniors, Punahou coach Darren Matsuda certainly had his work cut out for him this season.

Matsuda got just about all he could out of his youthful Buffanblu squad this year, guiding them to both league and state runner-up finishes.

Punahou compiled a 27-9 overall record and 9-6 mark in the Interscholastic League of Honolulu and qualified for its second straight state tournament.

"It's never easy taking a young, inexperienced team, but Darren did a great job with them and he's very deserving of the award," Kawazoe said. "He's one of the most prepared coaches, he knows his stuff and he's one of the best. His ability to get his guys to mesh and jell in the second half of the ILH season definitely shouldn't go unnoticed."

The Buffanblu were 1-4 after their first five league games, but went on to win their next five games and 11 of their final 14.

"His team made a transformation in the middle of the year," Tacon said. "In the preseason it was a bunch of talented kids jacking up 3's, but when (senior center Akahi) Troske came back and (junior center Jack-Eli) Tufono developed they made the post part of their offense the No. 1 option and I think when they did that they became more of a balanced and unselfish team."

That's easier said than done, of course, Tacon warned.

"That just doesn't happen naturally. A coach has to do that and has to emphasize that," Tacon said. "Darren did that and then on top of that to have so many young kids and to teach them at a young age to share the ball, that's hard to do."

SCORINGLIVE ALL-HAWAII TEAM 2015-16 - BOYS BASKETBALL

DIVISION I

FIRST TEAM



Kaeler Kahana
Kamehameha • Sr
G • 6'0



Robby Mann
Iolani • Sr
G • 6'1



Keoua Mahiko
Kaiser • Sr
G/F • 6'3



Chance Kalaugher
Kaiser • Sr
F • 6'5



Hugh Hogland
Iolani • Jr
F/C • 6'9

SECOND TEAM



Kekai Smith
Kalaheo • Sr
G • 6'1



Captain Whitlock
Kalaheo • Jr
G • 6'1



Alex Layi
Kalaheo • Sr
F/C • 6'3



Akahi Troske
Punahou • Sr
C • 6'6



Tristan Nichols
Saint Louis • Sr
C • 6'6

THIRD TEAM

G: Joseph Gouty, Leilehua - Sr | 5'10

G: Huthifah Abdel Jawad, McKinley - Sr | 6'0

G: Calvin Mattos, Waiakea - Jr | 5'10

G/F: Hirkley Latu, Kahuku - Sr | 6'4

F/C: Koalii Kauhi, Leilehua - Sr | 6'6

HONORABLE MENTION

Guards

Keanu Akina (Kahuku), Cole Arceneaux (Punahou), Mohan Brand (King Kekaulike), Zayne Chong (Punahou), Austin Ewing (Konawaena), Noah Ferreira (Waiakea), Liam Fitzgerald (Leilehua), Zach Gelacio (Iolani), Hayato Kamata (Maryknoll), Chris Kobayashi (Punahou), Jared Lum (Punahou), Zach Marrotte (Kailua), Jaymason Nunuha (Saint Louis), Jeremi Santos (Lahainalua), Gilbert Tapat (Pearl City), Don Thompson (King Kekaulike), Dan Villejo (McKinley), James Wilkins (Moanalua), Jayden Zarriello (Kamehameha)

Forwards/Centers

Chayce Akaka (Baldwin), Taje Akaka (Baldwin), Bradlee Anae (Kahuku), Justin Daise (Mid-Pacific), Justine Dancel (Maui), Nicholas Duran (Leilehua), Kalalani Kaaikala-Caban (Lahainaluna), Kawehe Kohatsu (Kailua), Christian Mejia (Kailua), Saige Pulu (Moanalua), Zion Shepherd (Mid-Pacific), Isaac Slade-Matautia (Saint Louis), Brian Washington (Maryknoll)

Coaches that also received consideration

Branden Kawazoe (Kaiser), Duane Omori (McKinley), Rob Pardini (Kalaheo), Dean Shimamoto (Iolani), Allan Silva (Saint Louis), Greg Tacon (Kamehameha)