

Player of the Year: **Chanelle Molina, Konawaena**Coach of the Year: **Todd Rickard, Lahainaluna** 

It should come as no surprise that, for a second consecutive year, Chanelle Molina headlines ScoringLive's All-Hawaii Girls Basketball Teams. The Konawaena junior was selected by the SL staff as our Player of the Year, the second straight season she has received the honor.

Molina is one of four juniors on the First Team. The others are Lahainaluna guard Cameron Fernandez, Hilo forward Alexis Pana and Roosevelt forward Keala Quinlan. Maryknoll forward Maegen Martin is the lone senior.

The 5-foot-9 Molina led Konawaena to a 28-1 overall record, including a 12-0 mark in the Big Island Island Interscholastic Federation. It was the 11th league title and sixth consecutive undefeated regular season for Konawaena, which captured its sixth Division I state championship in school history and first since 2012.

"She's definitely the best player in the state," Maryknoll coach Chico Furtado said of Molina. "She's just so poised, it almost looks like she just kind of cruises along in those games and the next thing you know, she's got 19 points, 10 rebounds. She's definitely head and shoulders above everybody else as far as what she brings to that basketball team. She makes everyone around her better and she's definitely a talented young lady."

Molina averaged 17.1 points, 8.8 rebounds, 7.1 assists and 3.1 steals per game for the season. In three state-tournament games, she averaged 20.7 points, 7.7 rebounds, 4.0 steals and 1.3 steals per game.

"I love watching that kid play," Hilo coach Ben Pana said. "She's the best player in the state, but she's so humble, she plays with respect for her opponents, the game and her teammates. She's a spectacular athlete and she's carried that program well over the last few years. She's very deserving of that honor."

The Wildcats entered the state tournament as the top seed, but were dealt arguably the toughest road to the final. Molina powered them to a 51-37 quarterfinal win over defending champion Punahou with 16 points, six rebounds and three assists. One night later — in a 54-33 win over Roosevelt — Molina went for 19 points, nine rebounds, six assists and two steals.

"In the big games she will give you the numbers, like you expect from a player like that, but what impressed me the most is how she would get the weapons they have involved in every game," Pana said. "That speaks volumes about her knowledge of the game, as far as her basketball IQ, and the kind of composure she carries herself with."

Molina, however, saved her best for last. In the state championship game against second-seeded Lahainaluna, Molina shot 11 of 17 from the field and finished with 27 points, eight rebounds, three assists and two steals. She played all but 11 of Konawaena's 96 minutes in three state-tournament games.

"I think the biggest thing was when she went out of that game for a short period of time against Lahainaluna, that Konawaena team never looked the same," Furtado said. "I know they have some talented around her, but she is the hart and soul, the head of the team, and when she got back on the court, she made it a point to make plays and score or make plays and set up her teammates."

Punahou coach Kevin Velasco went beyond the statistics, when speaking of Molina's value to the Wildcats.

"Everybody sees what she does on the court, as far as scoring, but I look at the little things and it's the leadership with her teammates that impresses me about her," Velasco said. "When they're in a tight situation and they might get flustered, she's there to make sure that they're okay, and to me, that's huge, that's bigger than her scoring. You know she's going to score and turn the switch at a certain point and take it to another level, but it's those intangibles that she has that makes her special. Her demeanor is always the same. You can never tell if things are going good or bad, because she's always consistent."

# SCORINGLIVE ALL-HAWAII TEAM 2015 - GIRLS BASKETBALL

# **DIVISION I**

### **FIRST TEAM**



Chanelle Molina Konawaena • Jr G • 5'9



Cameron Fernandez Lahainaluna • Jr G • 5'10



Alexis Pana Hilo • Jr F • 5'10



**Keala Quinlan** Roosevelt • Jr F • 5'10



Maegan Martin Maryknoll • Sr F • 5'10

#### **SECOND TEAM**



Fiamea Hafoka Lahainaluna • Jr G • 5'7



Starr Rivera Roosevelt • Sr G • 5'4



**Tyra Moe**Punahou • Jr
F • 6'1



Patria Vaimaona Kailua • Sr F • 5'8



Keleah-Aiko Koloi Lahainaluna • Jr C • 6'1

## **THIRD TEAM**

- G: Jerri Maluyo, Leilehua Sr | 5'5
- G: Cherilyn Molina, Konawaena Fr | 5'5
- F: Celena Molina, Konawaena So | 5'9
- F: Tywanna Abbott, Leilehua Jr | 5'11
- C: Jasmine Moody, Radford Sr | 6'1

# **HONORABLE MENTION**

Guards

Cami Aguinaldo (Iolani), Lindsey Bates (Konawaena), Chailey Cabalis (Hilo), Alexis Delovio (Maryknoll), Sharlei Graham-Bernisto (Hilo), Shalyn Guthier (Hilo), Kamaile Kandiah (Punahou), Sharice Kawakami (Roosevelt), Brooke Maeda (Iolani), Mikiala Maio (Kamehameha), Ciera O'Brien (Nanakuli), Aloha Salem (Konawaena), Rose Shimaoka (Kaiser), Tara Takata (Kailua), Elle Uyeda (Punahou)

## Forwards/Centers

Shantel Appleby (Mililani), Folau Hafoka (Lahainaluna), Molimau Heimuli (Farrington), Noelle Johnson (Baldwin), Vae Malufau (Punahou), Delcie Williams (Kailua)

#### Coaches that also received consideration

Bobbie Awa (Konawaena), Chico Furtado (Maryknoll), Hinano Higa (Roosevelt)