

Six Metro players named all state

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An astounding six Metro boys basketball players have been named to the Iowa Newspaper Association's first team all-state teams for the 2010-11 season.

Metro athletes dominated the Class 4A squad, earning five of the eight berths. Leading the way was Jefferson senior Jarrod Uthoff, who also was selected by the INA as the [2011 Iowa Mr. Basketball](#). Uthoff led the state in scoring at a 26.2 clip and averaged more than 11 rebounds per game.

Also named to the Class 4A first team were senior Matt Bohannon and junior Marcus Paige from state champion Linn-Mar, and Washington seniors Josh Oglesby and Wes Washpun.

Marion senior Kasey Semler was a Class 3A first teamer.

Bohannon was the Most Valuable Player at the state tournament when he averaged nearly 25 points per game and, along with Paige, guided the Lions to an undefeated season. He and Paige both cranked up the offense when post players Josh Montague and Ian McBrayer went down with injuries in February. The pair combined for 60 points in a win over Jefferson, and 48 of the Lions' 56 in their state championship game win against Des Moines Hoover.

Paige led Linn-Mar in scoring with a 17.7 average that included 51 percent shooting from 3-point range. He committed in January to play college basketball at North Carolina, although he still has one season at Linn-Mar remaining.

Bohannon, who has signed to play at Northern Iowa next season, averaged 16.2 points.

Oglesby is a 6-6 guard who has signed with the Iowa Hawkeyes. He averaged 21.2 points for the Warriors and knocked down 87 3-pointers. Washpun, a flashy point guard with springs for legs, averaged 18 points. Both were responsible for the Warriors making back-to-back runs to the state tournament.

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Joining the Metro quintet on the 4A first team are junior Adam Woodbury from Sioux City East, junior Kale Abrahamson from West Des Moines Valley and senior Matt Tiby from Urbandale. Abrahamson's father, Kent, played prep basketball at Cedar Rapids Washington.

Semler was the leading scorer in Class 3A, averaging 21.2 points. He drove the Indians to their second state tournament appearance in three years.