

Colin White - 2024 Mr. Basketball of Ohio



COLIN WHITE has been named Ohio Mr. Basketball by the Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association. He finished the voting process with 81 points, while runner-up Heights Lutheran East senior Jess McGlaughlin finished with 59 points. In addition, White is only the second male basketball player to win the award four consecutive years in the state since LeBron James. "I DON'T think it was unexpected", White said. "I thought I had a good chance. I put together some solid plays and thought that would help my honor and something I'm really proud of. I want people to get to say they are Mr. Basketball. THIS is icing on the cake for him," McGlaughlin said. "He's worked so hard on this multiple times today, I think he's earned it. Northwest Ohio to see somebody, or somebody recognized on the highest stage. He's performed at the highest level in his moments. For him to get recognized as Mr. Basketball is a credit to him."

"IT'S AN INDIVIDUAL award, but it's a team award at the same time," White said. "We still have to be there and play five guys on the court, play together as a team, practice as a team. I couldn't be a star without my teammates and coaches." WHITE AND COACH MCGLAUGHLIN said the award would not have been possible without his continued improvement over the course of the four years. White has started playing since early in his freshman season, but continued to grow as a player with his hard work. "THESE YEARS have been a blur," White said. "I have improved tremendously from my freshman year and I would probably say the same thing. It's been a long four years, but four years of growth." "In my FRESHMAN year he got tired as the year went on," McGlaughlin said. "The wear and tear of college basketball got to him. It was his sophomore year that he really took a step in the right direction. He made a decision whether to continue playing football or not. When he gave up football, he really started focusing on individual skills and they increased significantly. The shooter that he is today compared to when he was a few years ago is as different as night and day. He used the extra time to his advantage. The kid is in the gym four days a week before and after school. GROWING UP WHITE envisioned his success happening on the baseball field of play - the baseball diamond. White said that he enjoyed playing baseball and was on the team before he started to grow which led to concentrating on basketball. Colin has been a member of the baseball team the past two seasons and is listed as a member of the team this spring as he begins his high school career before heading off to Ohio State to start his next chapter."



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