

## 2022-23 GIRLS ALL-COMMONWEALTH BASKETBALL TEAM

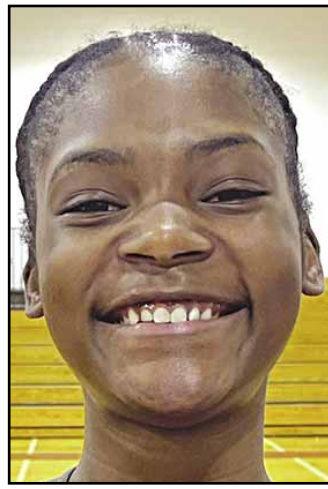
### First Team



**ELISE HOWARD**  
Pillow Aca., 5-5, junior, guard  
Averaged 9.8 points per game in making the team for the first time. Also had 3.9 rebounds and 2.2 assists a contest.



**ALANNA HODO**  
Pillow Aca., 5-7, soph., forward  
Pulled down 4.7 rebounds a game for 26-8 Lady Mustangs. Averaged 11 points and shot 50% from the field.



**AANYIAH WILLIAMS**  
J.Z. George, 5-8, junior, guard  
Stepped up her game big time this season for the 3-20 Lady Jags. Averaged 29 points a game and made all-district.



**KENNEDY JOHNSON**  
Amanda Elzy, 5-8, junior, guard  
Continues to improve each year. Averaged 15 points, 3.0 steals, 3.0 blocks and 2.0 rebounds a game for 18-10 Elzy.



**ANNA LAKEN TAYLOR**  
Carroll Aca., 5-9, junior, guard  
The all-district performer averaged 12 points, 4.0 rebounds and 4.0 assists a game for the 11-12 Lady Rebels.

### Second Team



**KARLE ALDRIDGE**  
Pillow Aca., 5-10, senior, forward  
Gave Pillow an outside threat as she made 30% from 3-point range. Averaged 5.9 points and 3.7 rebounds a game.



**MERI BRYNN REEVES**  
Carroll Aca., 5-6, senior, forward  
Reeves averaged 10 points and 7.0 rebounds a game. She was named first-team all-district.



**ZOREYA BECKWORTH**  
Amanda Elzy, 5-10, senior, center  
Averaged 10 points, 6.0 rebounds, 2.0 steals and 2.0 blocks. Named to the all-district team.



**YA'KYLA STASHER**  
Greenwood, 5-6, junior, guard  
Led the Lady Bulldogs with 5.8 points, 4.4 rebounds and 1.4 steals a game. Named all-district.



**JAKYRRA SANDIFER**  
Leflore Co., 6-3, senior, center  
The recent MDCC signee averaged 4.0 points, 5.0 blocks and 7.0 rebounds a game for the 3-19 Lady Tigers.

## 2022-23 BOYS ALL-COMMONWEALTH BASKETBALL TEAM

### First Team



**JOHN HESTON POWERS**  
Pillow Aca., 6-3, senior, forward  
Powers was selected to play in the MAIS all-star game. Averaged 15 points, 10 rebounds, 5.0 assists and 3.0 blocks.



**JAVEON SMITH**  
Greenwood, 6-1, senior, guard  
The repeat performer from last year's team led GHS with 14.8 points. 4.7 rebounds, 2.0 steals and 2.2 assists.



**NOAH BECK**  
Carroll Aca., 5-10, senior, guard  
Led the 13-8 Rebels with 20 points and 6.0 assists a game. Made all-district first team and all-tournament team.



**MARKELL JOHNSON**  
Greenwood, 6-3, junior, guard  
Averaged 12.8 points a game for the 18-10 Bulldogs. Also grabbed 4.0 rebounds and dished out 1.7 assists.

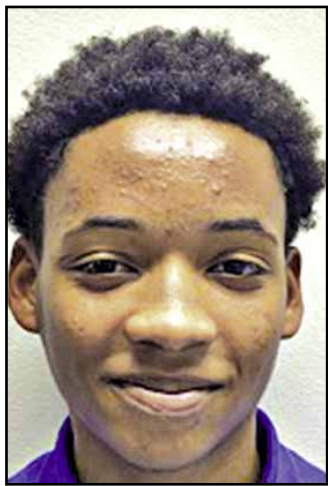


**DAMEON SANDERS**  
Delta Streets, 6-2, junior, forward  
Averaged 20 points, 11 rebounds, 1.5 assists and 1.5 steals a game for the 13-18 Lions.

### Second Team



**LADARIAN PLEASANT**  
Leflore Co., 5-11, senior, guard  
Tough defender for the 6-16 Tigers. Averaged 9.2 points, 5.1 rebounds and 3.4 assists per game.



**KAMRON HURT**  
Delta Streets, 5-9, soph., guard  
Second on team in scoring with 17 points a game. Also, averaged 5.0 assists, 4.0 rebounds and 3.0 steals.



**JAMES HOLMES**  
Greenwood, 6-2, junior, guard  
Was third on team with 11 points a game. The versatile Holmes grabbed 5.7 rebounds and made 1.6 steals a contest.



**PERVEONTAH STANCIL**  
Amanda Elzy, 6-3, senior, forward  
Ends campaign at Elzy averaging 11 points, 6.0 rebounds and 3.0 steals. Named to all-district team.



**BJ GREEN**  
J.Z. George, 5-11, freshman, guard  
Green ran the offense for the 5-19 Jaguars as he averaged 11.3 points, 3.4 assists and 2.5 rebounds a game.

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dedication to this program. I've had a lot of talks with Coach (Howard) Brown over the years about numerous things. I played for him, and I still think of him like a father figure."

Klines said he has one goal for this program. "The ultimate goal of any player or team is to win a state championship," he said. "That is what we are working towards. To make that run and be able to lift that trophy is why we work so hard."

Joining Klines with the Commonwealth's top honors are Pillow Academy's Avery Howard as the girls Player of the Year and Elzy's Jacoreyon Miller as the boys Player of the Year.

Howard, a 5-foot-9 junior guard/forward, led Pillow to a 26-8 overall record and a spot in the MAIS Overall Tournament, where they dropped a 63-46 decision to MRA in the first round.

Howard was a member of the All-Commonwealth first team last season. She stepped up her game this past season to become one of the leaders of the team.

"Avery started last season, as did Elise (Howard, her sister), with three seniors," said Pillow head coach Durwin Carpenter.

"Avery had a big role to play this year as one of the leaders on this team. She got in the weight room in the offseason and got stronger. The play is so physical, and the teams we face in 5A are so physical.

"Avery had her moments this season where she'd take over a game for us. She showed she could step up and get to another level."

Howard led the Lady Mustangs with 13.1 points per game as she shot 42% from the 2-point range. She also made 43 3-pointers on the

season and hit 86-of-116 free throws.

Howard pulled down 4.9 rebounds a contest, made 3.6 steals a game, dished out 2.2 assists and made 2.1 blocks.

Howard is also a member of the Pillow girls soccer team, which won the Division II state championship in the fall.

"That seems to really help her footwork and quickness," said Carpenter. "We are expecting great things from her next season. Her ball-handling has improved, and with her height, she is able to post up smaller players. She is just a good all-around player."

Miller is a 5-foot-8 point guard for the Panthers. He made the All-District 3-3A team and the All-District tournament team. He was also the MVP of the O'Bannon Christmas Tournament. Miller led Elzy with 15

points a game. He made 4.0 steals and 4.0 assists and also pulled down 3.0 rebounds a contest.

"From last year to this year, the game came to him more naturally," said Klines. "Last year was his first year to play because he didn't get to play as an eighth grader with COVID. He took on a different leap with his scoring, and his outside shot improved a whole lot. He has good speed, which he uses to run away from defenders.

"What impresses me the most about Jacoreyon is his basketball IQ. He knows the game, and he studies what other teams are doing. He gets a lot of that from his father, Corey McKinney, a former player here at Elzy. He is only going to get better."

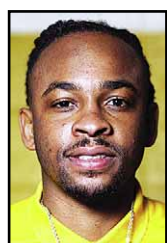
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Howard



Miller



Klines

#### BOYS HONORABLE MENTION

- Amanda Elzy**  
Caleb Brownlow, 6-0, junior, guard; Zakavion McClung, 5-7, senior, guard; Jevarion Glover, 6-5, sophomore, forward.
- Carroll Academy**  
Mathis Beck, 5-10, senior, guard.
- Delta Streets Academy**  
Kamarion Watson, 6-0, sophomore, guard; Chris Jones, 6-4, junior, forward.
- Greenwood High**  
Joseph Warren, 6-5, junior, center; Keunte Wright, 6-0, junior, guard.
- J.Z. George**  
Keyhaun Wilks, 6-4, senior, center.
- Leflore County**  
Keveunte Parker, 6-2, junior, forward.
- Pillow Academy**  
Drew Lamb, 6-1, senior, forward.

#### GIRLS HONORABLE MENTION

- Amanda Elzy**  
Evelyn Kelly, 5-4, junior, guard.
- Carroll Academy**  
Bella Carter, 5-8, junior, post; Carlie Hoover, 5-6, freshman, guard.
- Greenwood High**  
Angel Pilcher, 5-3, senior, guard.
- Leflore County**  
Antionette Holston, 5-11, sophomore, forward.
- Pillow Academy**  
Lola Harris, 5-6, junior, guard; Millie Moses, 5-7, junior, guard.