WHAT IS ALL-DISTRICT?

Every year, between Thanksgiving and Christmas, All-District teams in football, volleyball, team tennis, and cross country begin to appear in local and regional newspapers. The general public rarely knows exactly what the team is, and how it is selected. Several of the most often asked questions include:

Is the All-District team really a team at all? No. The team is merely a list of the best players, by position, that participate in the same district (Frisco ISD is in District 9-AAAA). They don’t actually play a game against anyone.

Who conducts the All-District meeting? The District Champion of that sport calls the meeting, and the head coaches from each school in the district attend.

How is the All-District team chosen? The head coaches nominate players and vote to determine who earns 1st, 2nd, and honorable mention.

How does a coach determine whom he/she nominates? Many factors go into a nomination. Some of which are: how that athlete performed in district play, minutes played during the season, statistics, work ethic, attitude, how that athlete is looked upon by opposing coaches, and the subjective opinion of the coach who is nominating.

Do Frisco ISD coaches vote on Frisco ISD players? No. Frisco ISD coaches can nominate Frisco ISD players, but must vote only for players who play for the other schools in our district.

In nominating Frisco ISD players, do coaches often include statistics to back up their nomination? Seldom. Most of the coaches from other district schools know who the good players are in the district. After all, they prepared to play against them each week.

How much discussion or debate occurs during the selection process? It depends on the sport, and who is in charge of the meeting. Normally there is little discussion. Coaches generally come prepared and have done their homework on all their opponents.

How are the votes tallied? It is usually done by secret ballot.

What is the difference between 1st Team, 2nd Team, and honorable mention? The top vote-getters are on the 1st Team, the next most vote-getters are on 2nd team, and finally the next most are on honorable mention.

If a player earns superlative recognition (M.V.P., Best Hitter, Defensive Player of the Year), does that mean they made the All-District Team? Yes. Anyone who earned a superlative honor is automatically on the All-District Team.

If a player makes All-District in 2004, are they a shoe-in to make it again in 2005? Definitely not. What happens this year, has no affect on what happens next year.

If you put a pencil to it, the more successful your team is, the more players from that team will be selected to the All-District Team. I hope that this article has shed some light on the subject of the “All-District Team”.

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