

Willey Is Only DHS Cager Named On NWOL First Team

Larry Willey is the lone Defiance High representative on the Northwest Ohio League's 1953-54 all-star basketball team.

The 6-5 junior was chosen along with Rog Shepard, 6-3, Montpelier, jr.; Ken Beilharz, Liberty Center, 6-0, sr.; Bennie Beck, 6-0, Montpelier, sr., and Jim Bernicke, 5-11, Napoleon, sr.

Second-team choices were Jack Fauster and Bob Cameron, Defiance; Cecil Murry, Wauseon; Al Benjamin, Montpelier, and Keith Smith, Bryan.

Honorable mention went to Jim Ebersole and Jerry Voight of Bryan.

Selections were made by the NWOL coaches.

Other all-star cage teams in the area, also selected by the coaches, are as follows:

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linta, 5-11, jr.; Merlyn Gebers, Ridgeville, 6-1, sr.; Dick Rohrs, Hamler, 6-2, sr.; Vic Gerrero, Florida, 5-7, sr.

Second team—Gene Dillon, Hamler; Frank Hogrefe, Deshler; Rog Trenkamp, Deshler; Rog Miller, Ridgeville; Verne Tussing, Deshler.

Honorable mention—Norm Cramer, Holgate; Dick Botjer, Hamler; Vic Otte, Ridgeville; Ed Long, McClure.

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First team—Dave Graber, Stryker, 6-0, jr.; Jim Pettit, Pioneer, 5-10, sr.; Joe Eicher, Stryker, 6-0, jr.; Larry Strausberger, Edon, 6-2, jr.; Walt Keller, Edon, 5-8, jr.

Second team—Hal Whetro, Kunkle; Phil Fix, Pioneer; Ed Wirick, Alvordton; Lewis Stantz, Kunkle; Tom Bernarth, West Unity.

Honorable mention—Ted Jewell, Edgerton; Len Kuney, Alvordton;

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