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HIGH SCHOOL FIELD HOCKEY: Copeland and Pennell lead the way on our All-Prep team

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It was another banner year among the prep schools in the area as Peddie claimed another state title in a thriller over Lawrenceville. The Big Red made a triumphant return to the Mercer County Tournament, and Pennington and Princeton Day earned key state tourney wins.

Now it is time to recognize those who have been selected to the 2011 All-Trentonian Prep team.

Maddie Copeland (Peddie) – Senior – Offensive Player of the Year – It seemed the bigger the game, the more Copeland turned up her game. An elite player, Copeland is headed to Princeton next season. She tallied 40 goals and 12 assists this season. Copeland is one of the most talented players in recent memory in the area.

Taylor Pennell (Peddie) – Senior – Midfielder of the Year – Over the last four years, goalkeeper might be the only position on the field Pennell hasn't played. No matter her position, however, she has always excelled. Pennell has such a sense of the game and what needs to be done, it is truly amazing.

Nikki Rivera (Lawrenceville) – Senior – Defender of the Year – Rivera brought so much energy to the field that it was difficult for most teams to contain her. She would be all over the field chasing down every loose ball and usually found a way to get things headed in the right direction for the Big Red.

Sarah Trigg (Princeton Day) – Junior – Goalie of the Year – The Panthers were a young team this season and having Trigg guarding the cage certainly was a confidence boost. Trigg has been steadily improving and had a stellar season in front of the cage.

Annie Horsley (Pennington) – Sophomore – Forward – Respected greatly by opposing coaches, Horsley was instrumental in keeping the Red Raiders improving. A steady player on the front line or in the midfield having Horsley for the next two years will keep Pennington in the hunt for a state title.

Andrea Jenkins (Princeton Day) – Sophomore – Forward – Over the years the name Jenkins at Princeton Day has brought plenty of smiles and Andrea is no different. Jenkins possesses great speed and her skill level makes her very difficult to contain.

Francesca Bello (Hun) – Junior – Forward – A player who brings a lot of energy to the field, Bella could be counted on to be around the cage when the Raiders needed a goal. Bella is a competent stick handler and one who plays with a lot of confidence.

Ani Hallowell (Stuart) – Senior – Midfield – It was a transition year at Stuart with a lot of young players, and Hallowell was the perfect player and leader to help bridge the gap.

Eliza Becker (Lawrenceville) – Senior – Midfield – One of the most skilled and determined players in the area, Becker was a factor all over the field for the Big Red.

Alex Kane (Hun) – Sophomore – Midfield – A lot of what Kane does on the field doesn't always show up on the statistics page. She is a gifted player who controlled a lot of what the Raiders wanted to do on the field.

Becca Hetrick (Peddie) – Junior – Midfield – A very savvy player, Hetrick always seems to be in the right place at the right time. She was a perfect complement to the other Falcon players and has a knack for finding the open player.

Lauren Apuzzi (Hun) – Senior – Defense – It was a good season for Apuzzi, who is a hard worker and one that her teammates can count upon. Whether it is stopping an opponents run or getting the Raiders transition game going, Apuzzi was in the middle of it.

Carly Ozarowski (Princeton Day) – Senior – Defense – Ozarowski was a staunch defender for the Panthers and one who never backed down from a challenge. She could be counted on to be wherever she was needed on the field.

Alli Treese (Peddie) and **Lisa Ewanchyna (Lawrenceville) Co-Prep Coaches of the Year – At season's end, Peddie and Lawrenceville were the two best teams, and a double-overtime Prep A final proved that.** Treese guided Peddie to another successful season and another Prep A title. The Falcons could play the toughest schedule in the state. **Ewanchyna and her Lawrenceville team made a triumphant return to the Mercer County Tournament. The two are very deserving of this honor.**

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