

2007 Boys All-Bee Team

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Terrell Rankin - Sweet Home Panthers

Terrell Rankin's ascension to All-Bee MVP is a true testament of overcoming the odds.

Rankin, who earned MVP honors on 11 of the 20 ballots received and easily beat out St. Joe's John Greer, 230-115, for top honors, tore his right anterior cruciate ligament coming down after a layup in the second game of his junior year with the Sweet Home Panthers. Rankin's doctors told him it would take six to nine months to recover, but he was back four months later for limited action in the New York State Class A final against Peekskill.

Last June, he returned to the court but a month later suffered a severe high left ankle sprain in a summer league game that kept him out of action for another month. With the help of Sweet Home strength and conditioning coach Demeris Johnson, Rankin rehabbed and returned better than ever, improving his all-around game with the addition of a perimeter shot to his slashing-to-the-hoop style.

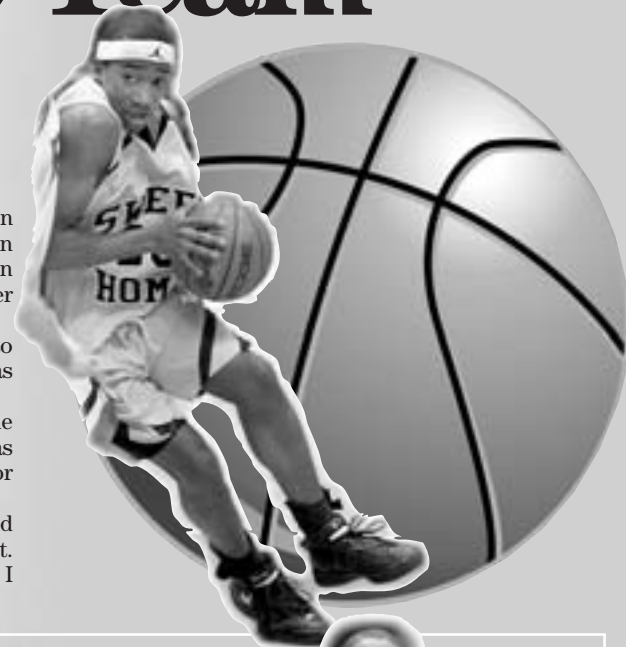
A consistent scorer throughout the season, the 6-foot-2 guard

averaged 21 points and seven rebounds and was a huge factor in Sweet Home's 19-5 record and Section VI Class AA playoff run. In Sweet Home's 57-53 Far West Regional loss against Fairport, Rankin tied for a game-high 25 points. He finished his high school career with 1,255 points.

"When I got (my knee) injured, my main focus was to get back to where I was and even better, so it just feels great to know that I was able to do it," said Rankin.

"I'm proud he had the mental toughness and drive to attack the injury head on," added Sweet Home coach Paul Schintzius. "He was determined to come back, and that shows what a player, competitor and leader he was."

Rankin was named MVP of the Ken-Ton Holiday Tournament and to the all-tournament team of the Sweet Home Tipoff tournament. He was chosen as ECIC Player of the Year and co-ECIC Division I Player of the Year.



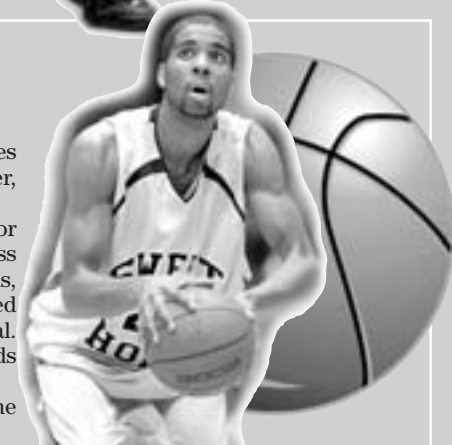
Glenroy Carr - FIRST TEAM Sweet Home Panthers

Glenroy Carr, the first player to make the first team through a write-in vote, was supposed to fill the shoes of 2006 All-Bee first teamer Daniel Joseph and be a dominant inside presence for Sweet Home. However, that never materialized on a consistent basis until the Panthers' playoff run.

Carr, whose one MVP vote was the tiebreaker that allowed him to edge out Depew's Brad Kujawa for first-team honors, thrived in the postseason at Buffalo State Sports Arena. In the Panthers' Section VI Class AA 56-34 semifinal win against Orchard Park, Carr, a 6-foot-6 senior center, recorded 20 points and 12 rebounds, and held the Quakers' Greg Michael scoreless after Michael had dominated him in two league games. He added 10 points in the section final against Niagara Falls and 11 points against Fairport in the Far West Regional.

Carr, voted by his team as most improved player the last two years, averaged 14 points and 10 rebounds per game. He was also named to the All-ECIC second team and ECIC Division I first team.

"He started off slow, but to his credit, he battled every day in practice to get better," said Sweet Home coach Paul Schintzius. "I'm really happy for him and hope he continues to improve."



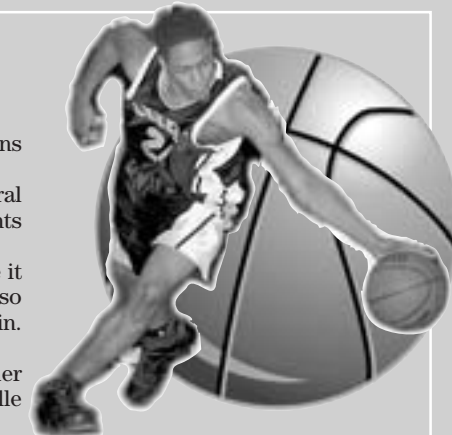
Cordell Freeman - FIRST TEAM Amherst Tigers

Cordell Freeman never received an All-Bee vote prior to this year but gave voters several reasons why he is deserving of the honor.

The 6-foot-3 senior small forward averaged 25.2 points and 11.8 rebounds in leading Amherst Central to a 16-6 record and the ECIC Division II title for the first time since 2005. He was held under 20 points once. Freeman was also chosen as ECIC II Player of the Year and to the All-ECIC first team.

He scored a career-high 34 points in the Tigers' 64-49 road win Jan. 12 at Lake Shore, then broke it two weeks later with 44, which is second all-time in school history, versus Williamsville South. He also hit a school-record seven three-pointers, grabbed nine rebounds and had four steals in the South win. He leaves as the school's sixth all-time leading scorer with 938 points.

Amherst coach Mike Chatelle said what made Freeman a great player was his ability to get other players involved. "Last year, he had a decent year, and we knew we were going to rely on him," Chatelle said. "We didn't realize how much he would give us (this season)."



Domonic Cook - FIRST TEAM St. Joe's Marauders

During the Marauders' recent run at the top of the local basketball scene, Domonic Cook has been driving the machine.

The point guard led St. Joe's high-scoring offense to 71 wins in 80 games during his three years on the team, two appearances in the Manhattan Cup finals and one championship. This year, he anchored the backcourt as the Marauders posted a 22-3 record. He had 401 points, 181 assists, 116 rebounds and 75 steals. That's a 16-point, 7.2-assist, 4.6-rebound and three-steal average.

"I believe he's the best true point guard in Western New York," St. Joe's coach Mark Simon said. "He has tremendous basketball instincts, great athletic ability and intelligence. He knows when to take over a game. He makes the team better."

A three-year starter, Cook finished with 878 points and 450 assists at St. Joe's. He is a two-time All-WNY and All-Catholics selection. His basketball career is over, as he will play football for the University at Buffalo in the fall.



Adrian Wood - FIRST TEAM Williamsville South Billies

Adrian Wood might be Williamsville South's best all-around basketball player in school history.

The 6-foot-2 senior guard finished his four-year career third in scoring (1,143) and steals (188), sixth in rebounds (369), ninth in assists (159) and tenth in made three-point attempts (60). This season, Wood finished with 416 points (18.1 per game), 123 rebounds (5.3 per game), 52 steals (2.3 per game) and 54 assists (2.34 per game).

Wood saved his best performances of the year for the Section VI playoffs. He had 18 points, five rebounds and six assists in South's 59-48 win over Hutch-Tech in the Class A1 quarterfinals and single-handedly carried the Billies past Kenmore East, 58-54, in the semifinals with 34 points.

South coach Al Monaco said Wood's leadership was felt throughout the entire basketball program.

"He made the new kids feel welcomed and the young kids a part of the program," said Monaco.

He was named to the All-ECIC and ECIC Division II first teams and voted unanimously as recipient of the ECIC II Sportsmanship Award. He was also chosen team MVP for the second consecutive year.



John Greer - FIRST TEAM St. Joe's Marauders

John Greer's high school career began as a freshman in the 2004 Manhattan Cup playoffs, which St. Joe's won. Since then, he's been the most productive Marauder, even better than his backcourt mate, Domonic Cook.

Greer led the explosive Marauders, who went 22-3 this season, with 427 points and 176 rebounds this year. He could hit jump shots from the outside and drive the lane for layups with the same amount of ease.

St. Joe's fell short of making a sixth straight appearance in the Manhattan Cup finals.

"He's got that toughness to him, he played a physical game," St. Joe's coach Mark Simon said. "For a shooting guard, he's not afraid to go inside. We're not a physical team, but he brought a toughness to us. He's a tremendous competitor."

A three-year starter, Greer finished with 1,025 points, placing him ninth on the school's all-time scoring list. He is a two-time All-WNY and All-Catholics selection.



ALL-BEE SECOND TEAM

Brad Kujawa — Depew Wildcats
Matt Brennan — Maryvale Flyers
Darryl King — Kenmore East Bulldogs
Andy Buyea — Orchard Park Quakers
Chris Jones — Depew Wildcats

HONORABLE MENTION

Dave Barnett — East Aurora
Matt Mohr — Maryvale
Tom Schiffler — Orchard Park
Brian Wallden — Williamsville East
Eric Schnirel — Sweet Home
Brooks Estarfaa — Maryvale
Ryan Young — Williamsville North
Mark Coppola — Williamsville South
Ryan Higgins — East Aurora
Garrison Gross — Cardinal O'Hara

