



JULIA SCOTT HEADLINES 2026 ROCKLAND COUNTY GIRLS BASKETBALL ALL-STARS

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ROCKLAND GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

IN WHAT WAS A HALLMARK SEASON FOR SECTION 1 GIRLS BASKETBALL, HIGHLIGHTED BY STATE CHAMPIONS ALBERTUS MAGNUS AND TAPPAN ZEE BEING AMONG THREE ROCKLAND COUNTY TEAMS TO REACH AT LEAST THE STATE SEMIFINALS, PLENTY OF HONORS AND ACCOLADES WERE EARNED. HERE, WE'LL RECOGNIZE SOME OF THE ATHLETES WHO SHINED BRIGHTEST WITH OUR 2025-26 ROCKLAND COUNTY GIRLS BASKETBALL ALL-STARS. SELECTIONS WERE MADE WITH THE GUIDANCE OF COACHES AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN TO THE SECTIONAL AWARDS, INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE AND TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

SCOTT, A SENIOR WHO PLAYS CENTER AT ALBERTUS MAGNUS HIGH SCHOOL MONTHS BEFORE THE BASKETBALL SEASON BEGAN, AS JULIA SCOTT WAS BEING CELEBRATED AFTER ANNOUNCING HER COLLEGE DECISION, THE SENIOR DISCUSSED THE AREAS OF HER GAME THAT SHE MOST WANTED TO IMPROVE BEFORE FINISHING HIGH SCHOOL. THERE WAS THE PERIMETER SHOOTING, OF COURSE, BUT PARAMOUNT WAS HER COURT VISION AND PASSING, BECOMING MORE ADEPT AT COUNTERING THE FREQUENT DOUBLE TEAMS AND FINDING TEAMMATES IN ADVANTAGEOUS POSITIONS.

AS THE SUPERSTAR APPROACHED THE ROCKLAND COUNTY SCORING RECORD IN FEBRUARY, AN ACCOMPLISHMENT THAT WOULD FURTHER CEMENT HER PLACE AMONG THE GREATEST ATHLETES THIS AREA HAS PRODUCED, SCOTT WAS QUICK TO MENTION HOW MUCH SHE HAS BENEFITED FROM THE PLAY OF POINT GUARD MADDY ZUPPE AND HOW THE TEAM SUCCESS AFFORDED HER THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHASE SUCH A MARK.

AND WHEN SHE BROKE THE RECORD ON FEB. 11, SHE SAID IT WAS A RELIEF, BECAUSE IT THEN ALLOWED HER FOCUS AND THE CONVERSATION TO SHIFT TOWARD THE REAL GOAL: HER TEAM MAKING PROGRAM HISTORY WITH A THIRD CONSECUTIVE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

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TO SHARE IT WITH HER TEAMMATES. SHE'S NEVER MADE IT ABOUT HERSELF, BUT ALWAYS WHAT WAS BEST FOR THE TEAM. "WHAT WAS BEST FOR THE TEAM, ACTUALLY, WAS SCOTT'S DECISION TO ENROLL AT ALBERTUS MAGNUS AS A FRESHMAN AND DEDICATE HERSELF TO BASKETBALL. THE RESULT WAS THE 6-FOOT-3 CENTER DEVELOPING A DEEP REPERTOIRE OF MOVES AND SAVVY, BECOMING A COVETED COLLEGE PROSPECT, AND HAVING HER TALENTS LEAD TO UNPRECEDENTED SUCCESS FOR THE FALCONS.

SCOTT AGAIN SHINED IN THE CLASS AAA PLAYOFFS AND STATE TOURNAMENT, DELIVERING ON A PROMISE SHE AND ZUPPE MADE AS FRESHMEN, THAT THE FALCONS WOULD NEVER AGAIN FALL SHORT IN THE POSTSEASON. SCOTT LED A DRAMATIC COMEBACK OVER SHAKER IN THE STATE SEMIFINALS THEN DOMINATED THE FINAL IN A ROUT OF AQUINAS INSTITUTE, GIVING ALBERTUS MAGNUS THE "THREE-PEAT" AS A FAREWELL GIFT. THE CLEMSON COMMIT AGAIN EARNED ALL-SECTION HONORS, WAS VOTED MISS BASKETBALL BY THE SECTION 1 COACHES FOR THE SECOND TIME, AND SHE IS LOHUD'S ROCKLAND COUNTY GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE SEASON.

SCOTT AVERAGED 24.3 POINTS AND 17.2 REBOUNDS PER GAME THIS SEASON. HER 2,369 POINTS ARE SEVENTH MOST IN SECTION 1 HISTORY AND SHE SET A SCHOOL RECORD WITH 1,576 REBOUNDS. SHE LED THE FALCONS TO A 25-1 PLAYOFF RECORD OVER FOUR SEASONS, PUTTING A BOW ON A BRILLIANT CAREER.