

Sports



Photo by Gene Keenum

Head Coach Leon McDougle hand "Athlete of the Year," Laticia Jolly, her trophy for the top honors during the Athlete Banquet, May 3.

Tri-athlete earns top honors

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Jolly knows sports. Sophomore tri-athlete Laticia Jolly has earned Bennett College's Athlete of the Year honors.

Jolly, who was the leading scorer for the Belles basketball team, gave major contribution to the volleyball team, and delivered a couple of home-runs for the softball team is well-deserving of the highest athletic recognition.

"I was really surprised," Jolly said. "But I guess hard work pays off."

Jolly has been a member of the volleyball and basketball teams since her freshman year. She has

been a dominant force and all-around player for both. This year she joined the Bennett sluggers, who had a winless season.

"I like to stay as active as possible," Jolly said. "This is a way to relieve stress."

As a scholar and athlete, Jolly is appreciated by her coaches and her peers.

Teammate Amanda Pecchioni said, "She works really hard in practice so she deserves this award."

Because Jolly will only be a junior next year, she has a few more years to offer her versatile ability to the Bennett College athletic department.

Webb nets her way to the top

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To play one sport and earn "Freshwoman Athlete of the Year," you must be pretty darn good.

At least Coach Leon McDougle and his coaching staff thought so.

Tarryn Webb, the Belles number one seed, won the honors at the 1995 Sports Banquet May 3. "I was so excited," she said. For a second I was clapping for myself."

Webb said the achievement came as a surprise. Because her winning record was not greatly favored, she said she was expecting someone else to win.

"I thought it would be someone who played more than one sport."



Photo by Valerie Weathers
Tarryn Webb

Obviously, if you excel at one, you're good enough to get substantial recognition. She did enough to earn a 5-10 record, the best on the Bennett College tennis team. Luckily, she has three years to improve her level of play.

A native of Los Angeles, Webb said, "I can't wait to get into the swing of things again."

Freshwoman Athlete of the Year has a reason to bear a smile. Out of all of the athletic teams, more than 50 percent of them are freshwomen.

"I feel like a kid at Christmas," Webb said.

The freshman got the perfect gift: Freshwoman Athlete of the Year.

Athletes recognized for excellence

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"This is your night. "We gather together for you," were the opening words of Donna Oliver, director of Teacher Education at the Bennett College Athletic Sports Banquet, on May 3.

The two prestigious awards given were "Freshwoman of the Year" to Tarryn Webb for tennis, and "Athlete of the Year" to Laticia Jolly for volleyball, softball, and basketball.

"It was okay and I was honored because it brought an end to a good season," said Jolly a biology major from Cleveland.

Other Awards:

Volleyball: "Most Valuable Player," Laticia Jolly; "Most Improved Player" Amanda Pecchioni; "Coach's Award," Tamara Adams.

Basketball: "Most Valuable Player," Laticia Jolly; "Most Improved Player," Latoya Tyrus; "Coach's Award," Dain Magodo.

Tennis: "Most Valuable Player," Tarryn Webb, Most Improved Player; Jasmine Canady, Coach's Award; Kyesha Davis.

Softball: "Most Valuable Player," Carla Ingram, Most Improved Player; Nicole Tinsley, Coach's Award; Tonya Audrey.

Track: "Most Valuable Player," Trina Byrd; "Most Improved Player," Michelle Johnson; "Coach's Award," Christina Johnson.

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