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Cameron Baker of the Watauga High boys' basketball team closed out his prep career on a high note as he was named to the All-District 11 team by the North Carolina Basketball Coaches Association.

Joining him on that squad was senior Chase Watson of the Avery, who was named to the All-District 12 team. Watson backboned the Vikings to 26 wins and the Class 1A Western Regional championship game where they lost to three-time state champion Winston-Salem Prep.

Baker, a senior, was a third-team selection. He backboned WHS to the sectional finals---WHS' second Sweet 16 appearance in four years, and only its third since 1970-71. The Pioneers lost to Greensboro-Page.

Baker, a two-year varsity starter, was WHS' second leading scorer and leading rebounder with a 14.7 points-per-game average (Jay Harrill led the team with a 16.9 scoring average) and 6.3 rebounds an outing. He also shot a whopping 58% from the floor.

Watson, like Baker, a third-team selection, led the Vikings in scoring (12.1) and rebounding (5.8). He was third on the team in assists (2.5) and he shot 57% from the floor, 94% from the foul line and 41% from the three-point line.

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Michael Conner of North Rowan was named the District 11 Player of the Year; Malik Moore of Asheville-Erwin was named the District 12 Player of the year. Casey Rogers, who led Freedom to the Class 3A state championship and a school-record 31 wins this past season, was named the District 10 coach of the Year.

A coach must be a member of the NCBCA for his player or players to be recognized on these teams.

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