

Final Winter sports update

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Suffolk Player of the Year: Jamel Allen, Brentwood, 6-6, C, Sr.



(Credit: Daniel De Mato)

He didn't want his high school career to end when it did, but on a personal level, Jamel Allen authored a pretty good exit line.

He showed off his entire skill set in a Suffolk Class AA championship-game loss to Half Hollow Hills West that prevented Brentwood from making a third straight trip to Glens Falls.

How's this for a grand finale? 40 points, 11 rebounds, five blocks, four steals? Add a couple from downtown plus a crowd-pleasing steal, crossover dribble and tomahawk dunk and it's no wonder he received and accepted a scholarship offer from Iona two days later.

"It was the performance of a lifetime, the best I've ever seen," said Brentwood coach Anthony Jimenez.

Allen averaged 19.7 points and 13.3 rebounds, with 14 double-doubles. He is a sky-walker who dunks with flair and expanded his game to include improved ballhandling and three-point shooting.

He has evolved in a college-ready small forward. "They know what kind of quality player they are getting," Jimenez said.

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"Do the best job possible wherever you are. Don't be constantly looking out for the other job, because if you do a great job where you're at, things are going to happen for you. **The most important job is the one you've got, so focus on being great at that.**" Kyle Whittingham, Utah Head Football Coach
