

Bird's Taja Cole named McDonald's All-American



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Bird's Taja Cole (5) turns the corner during state high school playoffs at Old Dominion University, Friday, March 1, 2013.

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Taja Cole, a senior basketball star for L.C. Bird, was named a participant in the McDonald's All-American game. Her selection was announced on ESPNU.

Cole was one of 24 players chosen nationwide for the prestigious game. It will be at 6:30 p.m. on April 1 in Chicago and will air live on ESPNU. Cole averages 21 points, fourth-most in the area, and is committed to Louisville.

"I've dreamed about it since I was a child growing

up, it is just something I have always wanted to do." said Cole. "I achieved a goal but I don't want to stop here, I got more goals that I plan to accomplish.

"I am proud, I made it, I worked hard for it.

"First I want to win a state championship, high school is first, and then I want to win a national championship."

The McDonald's All-American girls game is in its 14th season.

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