

Top players earn All-Area honors

1993 ALL-AREA BASEBALL TEAM

FIRST TEAM

P-Aaron Scheffer . . . Westland Glenn
P-Mark Rutherford . . . Liv, Churchill
P-Brian Paluk . . . Redford CC
P-Bryan Besco . . . Westland Glenn
C-Doug Hopper . . . Red, Thurston
C-Todd Bennevis . . . Westland Glenn
C-Mike Stafford . . . Phy, Canton
C-Charlie Winstel . . . Phy, Salem
C-Jeff Tapp . . . Wayne Memorial
C-Jeff Lance . . . Red, Thurston
C-Derek Besco . . . Garden City
C-Brandon Zarosley . . . Phy, Canton

SECOND TEAM

P-Newy Kher . . . Phy, Salem
P-Craig Benedict . . . Phy, Canton
P-Rick Berryman . . . Redford Union
P-Greg Nesont . . . Westland Glenn
C-Todd Bennevis . . . Liv, Churchill
C-Chris Sanchez . . . Redford CC
C-Steve Smith . . . Redford Union
C-Chad Perney . . . Garden City
C-Dennis Madden . . . Liv, Franklin
C-Ryan McEwen . . . Liv, Clarenceville
C-Jeff Gutt . . . Redford CC
C-Mark Scharnowski . . . Phy, Canton

CO-COACHES OF YEAR

Rick Berryman . . . Redford Union
Shawn McGowan . . . Redford Union

HONORABLE MENTION

Westland John Glenn: Jared Hura, Nick James, Mike Bitt, Brian Tock, Jerome Conroy, Redford Catholic: Cantello, Dave Suszka, Mike Brusseau, Aaron Baker, Brian Hicks, Eric Justice, Plymouth: Brandon Brinkley, Dave Knight, Jamie Owens, Plymouth: Ryan Carson, Chris Johnson, Redford: Thurston, Nick Werth, Pete Quinn, Redford Union: Aaron Mitchell, Carl Mahanah, Amy Karkewicz, Mike Berney, Garden City: Justin Black, Doug Diver, Jason Horton, Jason Workman, Wayne Memorial: Fred Kampman, Redford CC: Bill Romej, Livonia Churchill: Sean Schuchter, Mike Marchetti, Aaron Runkiewicz, Jason Carter, North Farmington: Jason Szepieter, Brett Blanchard, Joey Daniewski, Alex Boffi, Livonia: Harrison, Matt Cogwell, Brad Morgan, Chris Monocogoni, Farmington: Ron Salomonson, Mike Ruffe, Farmington: Harrison, Kyle Smith, Matt Woolf, Jeff O'Shea, Joe Peral, Dave Hendrich, Franklin: Josh Reynolds, Livonia Clarenceville: Carl Hollister, Leaganah Hill Westland: Eric Schube, Steve Fahn, Monty Hodges, Redford St. Agatha: Billy Zieske, Paul Perceci, Westland Union Valley Lutheran: Doug Harley, Jason Batskius, Plymouth Christian Academy: Mickey McCoy, Don House.

Westland John Glenn placed three players on the All-Observer baseball squad. The Rockets, who reached the state Class A semifinals, are represented by Aaron Scheffer, along with twin brothers Bryan and Derek Besco.

It was another benchmark year for Observers baseball teams. The 1993 campaign marked the final season for Garden City coach Bob Dropp, who retired after 28 seasons. Dropp compiled an overall record of 406-227. His 1993 team reached the 20-win plateau for the first time in his career.

Westland John Glenn finished 27-5 overall, reaching the state Class A semifinals for the second consecutive year, the third appearance for coach Norm Hoenes. The Rockets also won the Lakes Division title in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Other area league champions included Plymouth Canton (WLAFA) and Western Division (WLAFA) Redford Catholic Central (Central Division/Catholic League), Redford Thurston (Tri-District) and Redford Union (Northwest Suburban).

District champions included John Glenn, CC, Plymouth Salem, RU, Thurston (Class B) and Livonia Clarenceville (Class C).

RU, under the leadership of co-coaches of the year Rick Berryman and Shawn McGowan, was one of the area's biggest surprises in 1993.

The Panthers finished 20-16 overall before losing to Class A semifinalist Rochester Adams, 1-0, in the regional.

Berryman credits his staff, which also includes wife June and Barrie Lincourt. "She (June) is the team's statistician, scorekeeper, banking coach and bench disciplinarian and self-proclaimed Mother Theresa," said Rick Berryman, who played baseball at Eastern Michigan under Ron Ostreike from 1969-69. "The four work well together as a team. We couldn't do it without them."

Berryman, a 22-year employee of the RU school district, teaches in self-contained learning disabilities. McGowan, a University of Michigan and Birmingham Brother Rice High product, has been the school's head football coach and physical education/computer teacher for four years.

Introducing the 1993 All-Area Baseball team as selected by the Observer sports staff.

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Bryan Besco John Glenn



Jeff Lance Thurston



Mike Stafford Canton



Charlie Winstel Salem



Jeff Tapp Wayne



Derek Besco John Glenn



Bryan Zarosley Salem



Billy Bell Garden City



Brian Paluk Redford CC



Vaughn Orlowski Thurston



Aaron Scheffer John Glenn

portedly leaning toward Henry Ford Community College, is the only repeat performer on this year's first team. He won a total of 20 games for the Rockets in three years. The right-handed pitcher went 8-2 this season with a 1.29 earned run average. He struck out 79 and walked only 14 in 73 innings, allowing just 13 earned runs. When the All-Western Lakes Activities Association pick wasn't pitching, he played the infield (first or second base). Scheffer batted .495 (51 for 103) with eight doubles and 25 RBI. He scored 30 runs.

"Aaron could play a lot of places and is an excellent fielder with a good feel for the game," Glenn coach Norm Hoenes said. "He's a pitcher in all the tough games. We're really going to miss him."

Mark Rutherford, pitcher/Infielder, Liv. Churchill: The senior right-hander, headed for Eastern Michigan University, was voted East Team MVP in the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association All-Star Game at Tiger Stadium.

Rutherford started all four years for the Rockets, winning 13 games with 149 career strikeouts. This season, Rutherford finished 6-2 with an ERA of 0.79. He struck out 63 in 53 innings and walked only 13. Often, the All-WLAFA pick batted .350 (21 for 60) with 18 runs scored. He struck out only two times.

Rutherford also showed his versatility by playing all four infield positions as well as center field. "Mark is so solid all the way around," Churchill coach Herb Osterland said. "He can do so many things. He bunts and runs, even hits left-handed. He's very easy to pitch to. I can't say enough good things about him."

Brian Paluk, pitcher/outfielder, Redford CC: The 6-foot-5 senior right-hander became the ace of Catholic Central's staff. Paluk, drafted by the Kansas City Royals in the 51st round, finished 10-3 his senior year with an ERA of 1.30. He struck out 109 in 80 1/3 innings, giving up only 15 earned runs and 33 walks.

Paluk will play basketball and baseball at Saginaw Valley State. "Brian's a good athlete and he'll do well in college," Salter said. "He came in his senior year and I'm pleased with his season. He's a good two-spot athlete who will do well in college."

"He's very coachable, listens and wants to learn."

Mike Stafford, infielder/pitcher, Plymouth: The senior switch-hitting first baseman, bound for Ohio State, hit .459 (37 for 76) with four homers and 27 RBI.

He is the son of former New York Yankees and Kansas City A's pitcher Bill Stafford, who pitched in two World Series.

Defensively, Stafford made only one error (.958 fielding percentage). As a pitcher, the Canton lefty went 6-1 with an 0.30 ERA. He struck out 47 in 47 innings, allowing only four walks and two earned runs.

"Mike is the finest first baseman over to play at Canton High School," coach Mark LaPointe said. "He's one of the most coachable players to work with."

"I've been around every Canton team but one, and in a class with Brian Stemberger, Scott Collins, John Young and Scott Kennedy, he's the best I've coached in any sport and I think he can play major league baseball some day because he's going to get bigger and stronger."

Jeff Lance, outfielder/pitcher, Red. Thurston: The junior was named second-team All-State (Class B) by the WLAFA. He started the season at shortstop, but moved to the outfield after breaking his nose.

Lance hit .411 (39 for 95) with five homers, 11 doubles and 22 RBI. He scored 33 runs and stole 17 of 17 bases. The first-team All-Area selection was the team's lead-off batter.

As a right-handed pitcher, Lance finished with an 8-3 won-loss record and a ERA of 1.45. He struck out 74 in 72 1/3 innings, while walking 25. "Jeff is just a good all-around athlete," Thurston coach Emil Majeski said. "Just outstanding as a pitcher, but his hitting may be even better."

Lance was also a first-team All-Observer pick as a wide receiver in football.

Bryan Besco, pitcher/DH, Westland Glenn: The junior left-hander was a force on the mound for the Rockets, finishing with an 8-2 mark with a 1.60 ERA. In 68 1/3 innings, Besco struck out 95 batters and walked only 20.

"Bryan's got a very good pop on the ball," Glenn coach Norm Hoenes said. "He also had a very good strikeout-to-walk ratio. He was really an outstanding pitcher, a real competitor who is just going to get better because he's such a good athlete."

As a designated hitter, the All-WLAFA choice also hit .337 (28 for 83) with four homers, seven triples, 23 RBI and 27 runs scored. He also walked 18 times. Besco was also a first-team All-Area selection in football.

Derek Besco, infielder, Westland Glenn: The junior shortstop made it double trouble for opponents with his power from the right side, hitting .382 (34 for 89) with six homers, three triples, nine doubles and 30 RBI. He also scored 39 runs.

Like his twin brother Bryan, Derek was also an All-WLAFA. "He just has a tremendous arm at shortstop," Hoenes said. "Both he and

Bryan are fine athletes. Both will be real catalysts for our team next year. Derek will probably pitch next year as a starter.

Billy Bell, outfielder, Garden City: The senior left fielder was the Cougars' second leading hitter, sporting an impressive .414 average (41 for 99) with a team-high 32 RBI. He also scored a team-high 27 runs and led all GC players with 63 total bases.

"Billy hit the ball well and hit with power consistently throughout the year," GC coach Bob Dropp said. The All-Northwest Suburban League pick only committed one error all season. He threw seven runners out at second base, and one each at third and home plate.

"They tried challenging his arm for the extra base hit, he was very good defensively," Dropp said. Bell is undecided where he'll play next season.

Charlie Winstel, first baseman, Plymouth: The Salem senior was named to the East Team in the MHSQA All-Star Game where he collected two hits at Tiger Stadium.

The lanky left-hander led the Rocks with a .447 batting average (44 for 99) with one homer, six triples and six doubles. He also led the team with 25 RBI and scored 21 runs.

"He's a real clutch hitter and the pressure never got to him in the big games," Salem coach John Grovin said. "He's just good up there and his line drives."

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Vaughn Orlowski, catcher, Red. Thurston: The senior catcher batted third in the Eagles' lineup where he hit .367 (33 for 90) with four homers and 26 RBI en route to All-Tri-River League accolades.

He was one reason why Thurston won 19 games. The Eagles also captured the Tri-River League and Class B district championship titles before losing in the regional final to Harper Woods District Dams.

As a junior, Orloski batted over .400. Orloski also excelled as a receiver before the plate. "I don't think many were able to steal bases on him, just an outstanding defensive catcher," Thurston coach Emil Majeski said.

Jeff Tapp, infielder, Wayne: Made All-Wolverine A and All-District teams as a senior, batting .509 (59 for 59) with two homers, four triples and three doubles. The No. 2 hitter and second baseman added 27 runs and 13 RBI.

The 5-foot, 145-pound Tapp, despite missing three games with a leg injury, led the team and the area in on-base percentage. Defensively, Tapp boasted a fielding percentage of .937 with 34 putouts and 40 assists with five errors.

"He's one of the better double-play pivots among all college players. Wayne coach Jim Chromowski said. "He has quick hands, quick feet, good speed and range. He can play on the college level."

Tapp also excelled in the classroom, finishing with a 3.2 grade-point average. Bryan Zarosley, outfielder, Plymouth: The senior center fielder hit .396 (34 for 86) in the No. 2 spot in the lineup. The All-WLAFA pick scored a team-high 26 runs. Zarosley also clubbed a pair of homers to go along with six doubles and two triples.

"Bryan is the best drag bunter I've had since Brian Rudolph," Salem coach John Grovin said. "There's only one way to describe him - speed. He's got it both offensively and defensively."

"He gets to base easily (that) the average center fielder can't get close to. He made a great catch in every park against the Western Division teams in our (WLAFA) league."

SWIMMING

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(Wednesday, June 20, at Piedmont) Piemonte: Single winners: Andre Comenari (8-under), 25 yr, 25:22; 25 feet, 21:00.

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Double winners: Devin Hopper (11-12), 50 free, 42:53; 50 free, 27:17; Andrea Shamer, (6-under), 25 back, 42:66; 25 free, 38:85.

Single winners: Mark Bennevis (9-10), 25 breast, 23:61; Todd Bennevis (11-12), 50 yr, 38:28; Ashley Kneller (8-under), 25 free, 37:11; Mark Runk (8-under), 25 free, 24:38; Stephen Scano (15-16), 100 free, 1:04:52.

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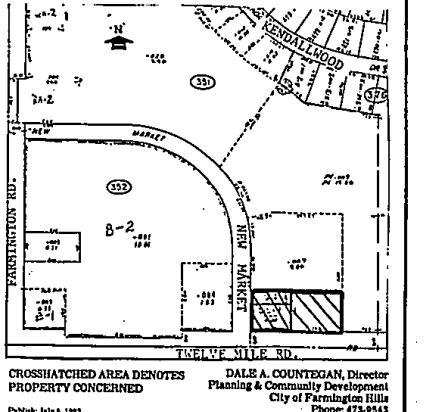
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