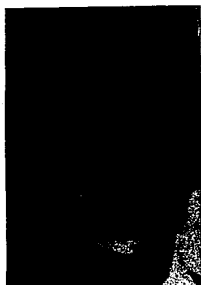


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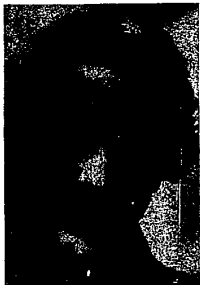
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## Groves, Mercy dominate All-Area swim team

By TOM BAER

Two high school girls' swimming powerhouses — Birmingham Groves and Farmington Our Lady of Mercy — have dominated the 1977 Observer & Eccentric's All Area Swimming Team.

The O&E squad, which was picked recently by several area coaches, represents very successful seasons at Groves and Mercy.

Coch Blake Lindsay's Groves team, the perennial champion of the Metro Suburban Association, finished third in the recent state Class A swimming and diving championships with 113 points.

Mercy's 200-yard medley relay (Sue Miller, Sue MacMillan, Therese Buton and Betsy Leahy) took first team

honors with a time of 1:57.2. Groves' relay (Karen Brink, Lisa Ashley, Candy Stone and Betsy McCarvill) was second at 1:57.3, and Andover's crew (Cathy Cashman, Robbie Mahoke, Sheryl Keopke and Gina Peters) was third at 2:00.3.

MERCY'S MACMILLAN, who is just a sophomore, made the first team in two individual events, the 200-yard individual medley and the 100-yard breaststroke.

Her IM clocking of 2:14.3, good for second place at the state finals, placed her ahead of Groves' Karen Rempal (2:18.3) and Mercy's Buton (2:20.6).

MacMillan also took second place in the breaststroke finals at the state meet with a time of 1:10.1.

Farmington High's Sally Schueler (1:12.8) and Birmingham Marian's Colleen Durs (1:15.4) finished second and third respectively on the O&E All Area team.

North Farmington's Maurine Jewell was the first-squad pick in the 200-yard freestyle with a 1:57.1 recorded during the regular season.

Kathy Krull of Rochester Adams was second at 1:58.6, and Lori Friesner of Groves was third at 2:01.3.

In the 50-yard freestyle, Groves' Krysten Ryndress, who finished fourth in the state finals with a 25.2, was the top pick. Teammate Betsy McCarvill

was second (:25.6) and Adams' Carol Strayer was third (:25.7).

Another Groves girl, Erin Smith, came up with the first-team honor in the diving event. She scored 367.30 points at the state finals and finished seventh. Amy Rogers of Birmingham Seaholm was the second-team pick with 381.60 points, and Hillary McBride of Marian was third with 383.70.

ONE OF THE three deviations from the Groves-Mercy slate was Andover's Keopke in the 100-yard butterfly. She made the first team in that event with a 1:02.3 followed by Southfield-Lathrup's Lisa Hess (1:03.6) and Farmington High's Denise McKinnon (1:05.1).

Adams' Krull topped the field in the 100-yard freestyle with her :54.6 logged in the state finals and good for third place. Groves' Rempal gained second-team honors (:54.7), and Groves' Ryndress was third (:54.9).

Groves' Friesner, who finished third in the state meet 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:15.7, was the pick for the O&E first team in that event. Cathy Rudel of Farmington Harrison and Jewell of North Farmington were next with times of 5:27.4 and 5:24.7 respectively.

In the 100-yard backstroke, Groves'

Rempal earned a place on the first team thanks to a 1:02.4 performance in the state finals. She finished fourth. Andover's Cashman (1:05.6) and Groves' Brink (1:03.7) were picked for second and third-team honors.

The first-team choice in the 400-yard freestyle relay: Groves' crew con-

sisting of Brink, McCarvill, Ryndress and Rempal. That relay finished third in the state meet with a 3:42.9.

Mercy's 400 freestyle relay (Karen Petersen, Suzy Kolon, MacMillan and Leahy) grabbed second team honors with a 3:56.6, and Farmington High's team (Schueler, Tammi Richardson,

McKinnon and Cathy Gregory) gained the third team with a 3:58.7.

Connie Mallon, who guided Rochester Adams to a second-place finish behind Groves in the Metro Suburban Association, was named the Observer & Eccentric's Coach of the Year for 1977.

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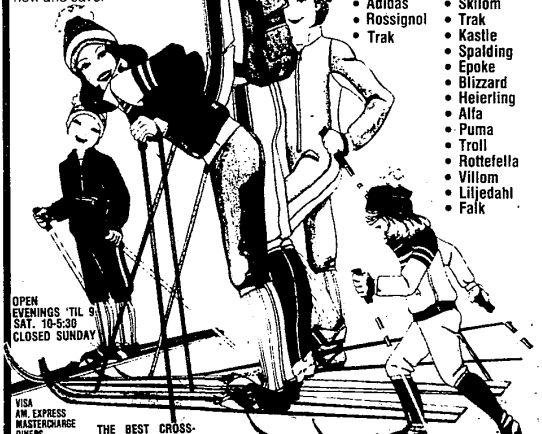
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## Adams coach honored

By MARTY BUDNER

Connie Mallon is a firm believer in setting and reaching goals.

Mallon, the girls' swim coach at Rochester Adams High School, figured at the start of this fall season that her Highlanders were among the state's top 15 teams. When the schedule concluded, and the state championship results became official, Adams proudly met the challenge and finished as 11th best in Michigan.

For her intensity in improving the Highlander program, Mallon was selected by the Observer & Eccentric as the 1977 Girls' Swim Coach of the Year.

"I couldn't believe it when my husband told me that I was chosen. I thought he was joking," said Mallon, whose team lost only one dual meet this year.

"This has been one of the most successful and rewarding swim seasons ever at Adams. The girls worked hard to achieve their goals, and Adams has never had the number of girls go to state that we had this year."

The Highlanders finished second in Metro-Suburban Athletic Association (MSAA) behind perennial champion Birmingham Groves—a team which stuck the Highlanders with their only loss this year. In splashing through the season with 12 wins, Adams qualified eight swimmers for the class-A finals at Kalamazoo.

AFTER GOING scoreless at the 1976 state finals, Adams regrouped this year to finish with 35 points—its highest point total in history. In 1974, Adams finished 14th in the state, and

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Rochester Adams' Connie Mallon.