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SCOTT TYLER  
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BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM



MARK THIELEKE  
ANDOVER



MITCH FERGUSON  
Andover



RICK COZAD  
ROCHESTER ADAMS



KEVIN SCHMIDT  
WEST BLOOMFIELD



GORDON GEHAB  
Brother Rice



COACH DALE RAHN  
Troy Athens

## Falcons picked for 4 events

# Groves swimmers head O&E All-Area team

By TOM BAER

Birmingham Groves, the state's second-best Class A high school swimming team, is represented on the Observer & Eccentric's 1977-78 All Area Team.

The O&E squad, which was picked recently by area coaches, represents another very successful swimming season at Groves. Coach John Wieck's Groves swimmers finished second in the state Class A swimming and diving championships with 110 points. And Groves easily won its sixth-straight Metro Suburban Association title.

When it came to the All-Area first-team selections, Groves landed men in four of the 11 events, including both relays.

Bloomfield Hills Andover and Birmingham Brother Rice, two more area swimming powerhouses, each filled two events. Birmingham Seaholm, West Bloomfield and Rochester Adams each had a swimmer picked for one event.

Groves' 200-yard medley relay (Dave MacDonald, Mark Hanson, Mark Hesskamp and Steve Schmidt) garnered first-team honors in that event with a time of 1:41.385. Seaholm's medley crew (Bill Vincent, Bob Hommel, Jon Hanson and Jack Grey) was named to the second team with a time of 1:41.535.

Another Groves swimmer, Dave Erickson, turned in a time of 1:43.74 in the 200-yard freestyle to grab first-team honors in that event. Brother Rice's Shawn Keating, who was

clocked at 1:48.412, landed on the second team.

SEAHOLM'S DAVE Hoisington dominated the competition in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 1:59.557. Groves' Scott Tyler, who was voted first-team honors in two other events, was second in the 1M with a 1:59.579.

The choice was easy in the 50-yard freestyle. Brother Rice's Gordon Gehab won the 50 at the state meet with a :21.67 clocking. Bill Dunn, of Southfield-Lathrup High, was second with a :22.16, which was good for fourth place at the state finals.

The first-team selection in diving was also easy to pick. West Bloomfield's Kevin Schmidt topped the O&E's best-times listings all winter with a point total of 304.55. Schmidt finished third in the diving competition at the state meet. Jon Howard of Seaholm was second.

Andover's Mitch Ferguson, a repeat winner along with Gehab from last year's All-Area team, landed the top spot in the 100-yard butterfly. His best time this year was :53.695 compared to a :53.61 last season. Seaholm's Hanson, who went :54.90, was second.

Rice's Gehab, the only double winner in the first-team picks and a repeater from last year along with Ferguson, earned top honors in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of :46.6, which was good for fourth place at the state meet. As in the 50 free, Lathrup's Dunn followed Gehab in the voting.

GROVES' TYLER was easily the

best swimmer in the 500-yard freestyle. He established a state record of 4:34.842 in the state finals. Kevin Coykendall of Lathrup was second best with a time of 4:54.5.

In the 100-yard backstroke, Adams' Rick Cozad, who turned in a :56.545 during the regular season, was best,

and Bloomfield Hills Lahser's Clay Mollitor was second with a :56.980.

Andover's Mark Thieleke won top honors in the 100-yard breaststroke with a best effort of 1:01.420. Seaholm's Hommel was second at 1:03.147.

Groves' 400-yard freestyle relay

(Schmidt, Karl Heck, Tyler and Erickson) won the state meet with a 3:13.061, and was another easy choice for the O&E coaches to make. Brother Rice's freestyle relay (Mike Haffey, Jim Biehl, Keating and Gehab) was runner-up with a 3:15.470.

Troy Athens' Dale Rahn was named

the Observer & Eccentric's Coach of the Year for 1977-78.

Rahn guided Athens to a 12-3 overall record and a 3-2 mark in the Metro Suburban Association. Athens, Adams and Lathrup finished in a tie for second behind Groves in the final league standings.



Birmingham Groves' Scott Tyler was an easy choice for the Observer & Eccentric's 1977-78 All-Area Swimming Team. Tyler established a state record in the 500-yard freestyle with a 4:34.842 clocking in the recent Class A state finals. He was picked for the all-area team in the 500 freestyle, and as a member of Groves' 400-yard freestyle relay.

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## Boys' swim All-Area team

**200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY** — 1. Birmingham Groves (Dave MacDonald, Mark Hanson, Mark Hesskamp, Steve Schmidt), 1:41.385; 2. Birmingham Seaholm (Bill Vincent, Bob Hommel, Jon Hanson, Jack Gray), 1:41.535.

**200-YARD FREESTYLE** — 1. Dave Erickson (Birmingham Groves), 1:43.74; 2. Shawn Keating (Birmingham Brother Rice), 1:48.412.

**200-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY** — 1. Dave Hoisington (Birmingham Seaholm), 1:59.557; 2. Scott Tyler (Birmingham Groves), 1:59.579.

**50-YARD FREESTYLE** — 1. Gordon Gehab (Birmingham Brother Rice), :21.67; 2. Bill Dunn (Southfield-Lathrup), :22.15.

**DIVING** — 1. Kevin Schmidt (West Bloomfield), 304.55 points; 2. Jon Howard (Birmingham Seaholm).

**100-YARD BUTTERFLY** — 1. Mitch Ferguson (Bloomfield Hills Andover), :53.695; 2. Jon Hanson (Birmingham Seaholm), :54.90.

**100-YARD FREESTYLE** — 1. Gordon Gehab (Birmingham Brother Rice), :46.6; 2. Bill Dunn (Southfield-Lathrup), :48.7.

**500-YARD FREESTYLE** — 1. Scott Tyler (Birmingham Groves), 4:34.842; 2. Bob Hommel (Birmingham Seaholm), 4:54.5.

**100-YARD BACKSTROKE** — 1. Rick Cozad (Rochester Adams), :56.545; 2. Clay Mollitor (Bloomfield Hills Lahser), :56.980.

**100-YARD BREASTSTROKE** — 1. Mark Thieleke (Bloomfield Hills Andover), 1:03.147.

**200-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY** — 1. Birmingham Groves (Steve Schmidt, Karl Heck, Scott Tyler, Dave Erickson), 3:13.061; 2. Birmingham Brother Rice (Mike Haffey, Jim Biehl, Shawn Keating, Gordon Gehab), 3:15.470.

**COACH OF THE YEAR** — Dale Rahn, Troy Athens High School.