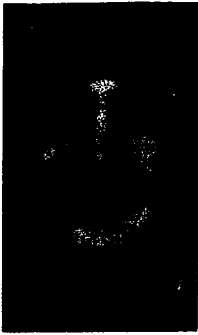




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Groves dominates All-area-volleyball squad

By JOHN BOZZO

Metro Suburban Activities Association champion Birmingham Groves dominated the second annual Observer & Eccentric All-Area volleyball team.

Groves posted a 16-3 season record in addition to a 9-1 conference mark. It was the fifth consecutive league championship for Groves.

Consequently, two Groves players received first team honors, and Audrey Cox was chosen coach of the year.

Selections in the O&E all-star squad were made by local high school volleyball coaches. Letters were sent to every varsity coach of an Oakland County high school within the Observer & Eccentric circulation area. Eight of a possible 20 coaches responded.

There was a tie in the voting, so seven instead of the usual six players were named to our first team.

Motria Ryzjy heads off the dream volleyball squad. A 5-7 senior, Ryzjy was captain of the Groves squad. Motria had a serving efficiency of 96 per cent. Groves scored 78 points on her serves.

"Motria is being recruited by many colleges to play volleyball," Cox said.

LAURIE THORSEN is another

Groves senior on the first team.

The 5-10 Thorsen was a two-year letterwinner at Groves. She made good on 91 per cent of her serves. Groves scored 58 points on her serves.

Both Ryzjy and Thorsen excelled in net play for the league champion Falcon squads, blocking opponents' shots and spiking the ball over the net.

Greater Oakland Activities League champion Andover also had two team members on the O&E first team. Karol Heidel, a senior with three varsity volleyball letters, is one of the choices.

"She is a tremendous athlete," said Andover coach Bob Hurdle. "She has great body control and is in my opinion the most consistent and best hitter in this part of the state."

Andover teammate and classmate Becky Griswold also won first team accolades. She also is a three-year letterwinner. Hurdle described Griswold as a fine defensive player who also excels as an excellent spiker.

The final three selections are from Metro Suburban Activities Association teams. Two players are from Bloomfield Hills Lahser and one from Rochester Adams.

Both the Lahser players are juniors. Coach Fred Youngman was elated about the honor and anticipates an even stronger performance from

Cindy Drukker and Margie Klux next season.

Drukker played junior varsity volleyball at Lahser last year. This season, she served the ball at an 87 per cent effectiveness and passed at an 84 per cent rate.

Spiking is Drukker's real strong point. Of 358 spiking attempts, 71 per cent were good. In addition, 21 per cent of the good spikes were kill shots, which went straight to the floor.

Klux was a varsity starter as a sophomore for Lahser. She was a tri-captain on this season's team. Klux made good on 96 per cent of her serves.

A setter on the Lahser squad, Klux does not have high spiking statistics. She did complete 84 per cent of her passes. Of 119 spiking attempts, 37 per cent were good. Of those good spikes, 47 per cent were successful dinks.

Lahser coach Fred Youngman says that both Klux and Drukker attended volleyball camp last summer. The already have joined an Amateur Athletic Union team this spring, along with Heidel and Griswold of Andover.

Linda Ban of Rochester Adams rounds off the O&E dream volleyball squad. A 5-7 senior, Ban is described by coach Ben Decker as a complete all-round player.

"She's going to play college vol-

leyball sometime," Decker said.

Ban was an all-league first team choice in the Metro Suburban Activities Association and the most valuable player on her Adams team. This was her third year on the varsity.

Ban led her teammates in spiking, blocking and serving. She was also the second best setter on the Adams squad. Her efficiency in all four categories were computed in the 90 per cent range by coach Decker.



COACH AUDREY COX
BIRMINGHAM GROVES



Rochester Adams' Linda Ban was a first-team pick on the Observer & Eccentric's All-Area volleyball team.

All-area spikers

Motria Ryzjy	Birm Groves	Senior
Laurie Thorsen	Birm. Groves	Senior
Karol Heidel	B.H. Andover	Senior
Becky Griswold	B.H. Andover	Senior
Cindy Drukker	B.H. Lahser	Junior
Margie Klux	B.H. Lahser	Junior
Linda Ban	Roch. Adams	Senior

SECOND TEAM — Leslie Fink, Southfield High; Marianne Chelovich, Kingswood; Sue Owens, Southfield-Lathrup; Diane Kraft, Andover; Sandy Humenny, Groves; Sue Keenan, Lahser

HONORABLE MENTION — Gordon, Rochester High; Edwards, Detroit Country Day School; Monahan, Lathrup; Bunting, Troy High; Dietz, Mercy; Dwinnell, Troy; Franklin, Kingswood; Jelliffe, Kingswood; Ferris, Country Day; Djuric, Country Day; Forester, Birmingham Seaholm; Miller, Groves; Susan, Adams; Hardesty, West Bloomfield; Porretta, Lahser; Russell, Lathrup; Novitsky, Adams; DeMuyt, Rochester; Schmees, Troy; Retrusna, Troy Athens; Tatters, Athens; Schmidt, West Bloomfield; Reed, West Bloomfield; Garretson, West Bloomfield; DeLock, West Bloomfield; Welsh, Farmington; Malkasian, Southfield; LaPratt, Rochester.



Birmingham Groves' volleyball team, pictured above during a match, dominated the Observer & Eccentric's 1978 All-Area team with two girls on the first team. Groves' Audrey Cox was named coach of the year.

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